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Sir Ian Fraser Visits Canadian War-Blinded

“IN spite of her economic difficulties, Britain has made a remarkable recovery from the exhaustion of war,” said Sir Ian Fraser, speaking at a reception in his honour at Baker Hall, Toronto, residence for Canadian war-blinded who are in training at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Britain was looking after her war veterans on a far more generous scale than after the First Great War, said Sir Ian. Approximately one thousand men and women of the British armed forces, blinded on war service, had passed through or were under training at St. Dunstan's. Eighty per cent. of them were successfully placed in a position to earn a living.

“In Britain we have learned, as a result of the experience of two wars, and with the aid of enlightened employers and sympathetic trades unions, that almost every lightly disabled person, a great majority of the seriously disabled, and even a large proportion of the disabled in the highest degree, can be trained and fully employed. Idleness is bad for anybody, but it is a desperate condition for a disabled person. It is not enough to grant an adequate or even a generous pension; in my opinion, no expenditure of money or effort is too great if, as a result, you can give back the independence to a man or woman who has been blinded or crippled in the country's service.

“From all that I have learned and seen during my present and previous visits to this country,” went on Sir Ian, “the Canadian National Institute for the Blind has developed a remarkable nation-wide service for the blind. They have good systems for caring for the blind in Britain, and in other Dominions, but I do not know of any which is better than the Canadian.”

Apart from its good work in the field of employment, social service, field service, home teaching and library service, the C.N.I.B. had touched the imagination of government and people, who took a new view of the capabilities of blind persons, asserted Sir Ian. He appealed to the public authorities, private employers, churches and voluntary agencies to look around them and see what blind persons were in their midst and to give them jobs, paid or voluntary. It should be the duty, he said, of every group of seeing persons to find employment, occupation and interest for blind men and women. They would be surprised to find that though they would start out with the good intention of doing a good turn to their blind neighbour, they would gain more than they gave, for the blind persons, if properly chosen, would prove to be amongst the most capable.

It was a pleasure to him and to Lady Fraser to renew the many friendships made during the period of the two wars with Canadian veterans who, after being blinded in the European theatre, had come to St. Dunstan's as their guests. Many older men had been their friends for thirty years, and there were over sixty from the Second Great War who

had passed through St. Dunstan's and undergone preliminary training before returning to Canada. He hoped that in all ex-servicemen's organisations, including the Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War-Blinded, the older generation and the new would mix together on level terms, forgetting the difference of age, determined only to work together to contribute what they could to their country's well-being.

The proudest boast of St. Dunstan's was that young men educated there during and after the First Great War had gone all over the world taking the gospel of St. Dunstan's with them, and had thereby lightened the darkness of millions of our fellow citizens throughout the Commonwealth. There was no more outstanding example of this than in the case of Col. E. A. Baker, O.B.E., M.C., Sir Ian said. He, and a group of young Canadians, had, with the help of Mr. L. M. Wood, C.B.E., Lady Kemp, and others, established in Canada an organisation of which they could all be proud—the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Sir Ian expressed his great pleasure at visiting Baker Hall, and offered his thanks to Miss Elsinore Burns, Convener of Baker Hall, and her Committee, and to others who had welcomed himself and Lady Fraser, including particularly Mr. Bill Dies and Capt. F. J. L. Woodcock, representatives of the blinded servicemen of the two wars.

Sir Ian and Lady Fraser stayed late into the night talking with their old friends, and brought and are taking many personal messages home. Amongst those present were:—

First War St. Dunstaners—

E. A. Baker	W. C. Dies	N. Topping	C. Purkis
L. B. Barnum	G. Hutcheon	A. G. Viets	H. Turner
A. J. Cooper	W. Lamont	W. L. Williamson	
A. Foster	R. C. Robertson	W. Oxenham	

Second War St. Dunstaners—

John Doucet	Harry Coyle	John Reid	George Wilson
Larry Bartlett	Azade Frigault	Elmer Terrill	Gordon Buchanan
Jack Bollenback	Jimmie Hunter	Lloyd Tomczak	F. J. L. Woodcock

Canadian V.A.D.s, World War I—

Miss Elsinore Burns	Mrs. Gorman	Miss Clara Sutherland	
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Canadian V.A.D.s, World War II—

Morna Barclay	Eleanor Johnson	Mary Mackay	Ursula Osler
Gladys Prior	Margaret Blackmore	Helena Campbell	Celia Proctor
Verna Johnson			

Christmas Cards

Before he left for America, we asked Sir Ian for his views about the sending of Christmas cards this year. He said: "Last year we thought the world was getting back to normal, and we thought the resumption of the habit of sending Christmas cards was a nice gesture. But the situation has changed and is now worse than ever, and it is almost a duty, and certainly common sense, to cut out Christmas cards. So my wife and I are not going to send any at all, and we recommend all our friends to cut it out also."

Physiotherapy

Congratulations to T. Niccol, D. Coupe, and H. Briggs, who were successful in the Chartered Society's examinations, and are now qualified physiotherapists.

Your Will

The response to the note in the March REVIEW urging St. Dunstaners to make their wills has been most satisfactory—over 130 men having accepted our offer of advice. There must, however, be many more who for one reason or another have not yet made their wills, and as omission to do so may result in additional worry and expense to the relatives left behind, St. Dunstaners should, without further delay, seriously consider taking advantage of our offer of assistance.

Mr. Rice, at Headquarters, will give advice on the subject and will, where necessary, prepare a simple will for signature. St. Dunstan's will, if desired, act as trustees without any charge to the St. Dunstaner or to his family.

Government Children's Allowance

As it does not appear to be generally known, I should like to call the attention of all St. Dunstaners to the fact that although the Children's Allowance granted by the Government ordinarily terminates when the child attains the age of 16 years, the Allowance may, at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions, be extended where the child:—

- Is a student or an apprentice; or
- Is incapable of self support by reason of an infirmity which arose before the child attained the age limit.

If any St. Dunstaner wishes to take advantage of the extended Allowance he should notify his Area Superintendent approximately one month before the child reaches the age of 16 years, in order that the necessary form of application may be completed and forwarded to the Ministry.

W. ASKEW.

Reunions

Since we last went to press, Reunions have been held at Wolverhampton (July 5th), Lincoln (July 10th), Leeds (July 12th), Newcastle (July 14th), and Edinburgh (August 5th). At Lincoln, the Mayor, Councillor H. H. C. Kerry, welcomed the guests and Captain J. F. Richardson represented the county branch of the British Legion. Major the Rt. Hon. J. Milner, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, and an old British Legion friend of St. Dunstan's, welcomed the visitors at Leeds (he represents S.E. Leeds in Parliament). At Newcastle, Captain W. Appleby, member of the National Council of the Legion and a member of our own Executive Council, presided. Another British Legion guest here was Mr. J. T. Cuthbertson, also a member of the Legion Executive Council. Brigadier General R. M. Dudgeon, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., J.P., President of the Edinburgh Western Branch of the British Legion in Scotland, spoke at the Edinburgh luncheon.

On the Road

Bill Wrigley, one of our handless men, became the proprietor of a motor coach business on August 14th, when his first coach was handed over to him by Lieut.-Col. Eric Ball, Senior Member of St. Dunstan's Council. His coach service will operate in the Manchester area and his brother-in-law will act as his driver.

Links With Australia

If any St. Dunstaner remembers George Smith, who worked as an orderly at the Bungalow and then at Cornwall Terrace from June, 1920, until April, 1923, he will be interested to hear that we recently heard from him in Victoria, Australia. He tells us that he went out there in 1923 on the word of Jim Brown, of Nuneaton, and, in fact, went to his brother. He married there and has two boys, one 21 and the other 18.

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E. H. North (who has just moved to 79 Greenway Road, Taunton), says that while he and four other St. Dunstaners were at the Westbury Camp, they went into a hotel bar where their escorts got into conversation with a holiday maker and his wife, who were touring the country. He showed great interest in their party and asked if they had ever heard of a St. Dunstaner named Hardy. F. Aubrey did recall him—he knew him in 1917. "Well," said the stranger, "I was the man who brought him in after he was wounded."

The St. Dunstaner is an Australian—H. Hardy, of Adelaide.

Thirty Years Ago

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

"The St. Dunstan's Rag-Time Band had to come out and show what it could do, for a lot had been heard about it.

"It surpassed expectation.

"The programme opened with Sousa's stirring march, 'Under the Double Eagle.' The analytical note by the band conductor stated that the eagle was double 'because our friends over the water can never resist the opportunity to go one better than anybody else.'

"Item 2 was a symphonic poem, entitled 'Yaaka Hula Hickey Dula.'

"The 'Liberty Bell' March gave Alphonse Van Den Bosch an opportunity of displaying his skill on the cornet in introducing the pianissimo motif, which was seized upon, beaten and worried by the whole band in full blast. Drummer Down's skill on the big drum calls for special mention, for his double staccato 'pom-pom' to denote the nearing of the finale could not be excelled."

Physiotherapy Conference

On August 30th, St. Dunstan's physiotherapists and student physiotherapists met at the Training Centre, Ovingdean, for their Annual Conference. Dr. F. S. Cooksey, O.B.E., representing the Minister of Health, and Mrs. E. Chadwick Bates were guests of honour. At the Conference Dr. Cooksey talked to the gathering about the scope for physiotherapists under the new National Health Service plan. Mrs. Chadwick Bates received a great reception when she, with Dr. Cooksey, replied to the toast of "Our Guests," proposed by W. T. Scott. Mr. W. G. Askew presided at the luncheon and at part of the business conference, and he responded to the toast, "St. Dunstan's, coupled with the name of its Secretary, Mr. Askew," which was proposed by S. C. Tarry. Tremendous applause followed the last toast—"Our Hosts—the Commandant and Matron Pain," which Fred Ripley proposed.

During the meeting the following cables were read:—

To Sir Ian Fraser, New York:—

"Greetings and best wishes from your physiotherapists at Ovingdean on occasion of your first half century." (This was a reference to Sir Ian's 50th birthday, which he celebrated that day.)

From Sir Ian Fraser, New York:—

"I send my greetings to all physiotherapists assembled at your Annual Conference at Ovingdean. St. Dunstaners of both generations have done extremely well in this profession and I congratulate you all and wish you the best of luck."—FRASER.

From Mr. Alfred Mace, Australia:—

"Best wishes for successful and happy meeting. My thoughts are with you."—MACE.

To Mr. Mace, Australia:—

"All old friends thank you for cable and send best wishes. All missed you and thought of you."—TARRY, Ovingdean.

It was a great regret to Mr. Percy L. Way that his health prevented him from seeing all his old friends; he sent a message of good wishes to the meeting.

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Gwen Obern scored a great success at a Concert at the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, on August 23rd, where she was the soloist. The Mayor was present, and the Press. The *Western Mail* said: "Miss Obern obviously delighted her audience. Her soprano voice of unusual sweetness was produced with impressive ease and effect."

Miss Oliphant's Camp

The first post-war camp for men of the South-West was held at Westbury in July. Arrangements had been made for the campers to be housed in Army huts at Boreham, but "squatters" decided otherwise. However, the Army came to the rescue and provided alternative accommodation at short notice.

The camp was a big success. A willing band of helpers with a fleet of cars met them at the station and throughout the week placed themselves at the disposal of the organisers. The camp programme included an "At Home" to outside friends, a social gathering in the Victoria Theatre, a reception to the campers at the Sergeants' Mess at the School of Infantry, Warminster, a car trip to Bristol, taking in a visit to Wills' tobacco factory, a smoking concert by the Warminster Branch of the British Legion, and another by Warminster R.A.O.B., a grand Sports Day at the invitation of the Warminster Police and Royal Artillery Association during which each man was presented with a walking stick from the ex-Gunners; and a visit to the Empire Flying School, Hullavington. A large company gathered at the Victoria Theatre, Westbury, on the final Wednesday evening, when the campers held their own party and entertained friends who had given so much hospitality. R. Sampson expressed everyone's thanks for a most enjoyable camp.

South African News

After E. Denny, of Pretoria, had made an appeal to the Government of South Africa, the Defence Department is now sending commemorative brooches to the parents of men who lost their lives in the war, as well as to the wives. Denny lost two sons in the services—Leslie, who died just before the war, and Richard, who lost his life while serving with the Pretoria Highlanders.

Letter to the Editor

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

DEAR SIR,

I see in the REVIEW for July that G. Greenwood, of Enfield, has this year become a great-grandfather.

I have outstripped him in that respect, as I have fifteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pontypridd.

Yours faithfully,

A. W. MORRIS.

Tembani Reunion

Welcome to Mrs. Bates

Another St. Dunstan's Reunion took place on the 25th July, at the Café Royal, only on this occasion it was more than a reunion, for those assembled had come from all parts of the country to welcome Mrs. Chadwick-Bates, the guest of honour and Secretary of St. Dunstan's, South Africa.

There is so much to be said when old friends meet again after three or four years that it took several attempts before we were all ushered in to dinner.

It was Jim Ellis who had the privilege of proposing the toast of "Tembani," coupled with the name of Mrs. Chadwick-Bates. He said that to those present the mention of Tembani would always call to mind a host of happy recollections. There were smiles when he mentioned one or two names and incidents, such as the "eyewash" they had received in the dispensary. Although there was no memorial tablet to show that Tembani had been a St. Dunstan's training home, nevertheless he knew that an inscription was carried in the hearts of all who had been there, "a glorious tribute of praise and gratitude" to the scores of people who came from Capetown and all parts of South Africa to offer their skill and talent and their willing help "to show us the way to a new life."

Mrs. Chadwick-Bates, he said, was the only person in the world who could have gathered together such a staff and brought such a happy atmosphere into Tembani and whose charming personality radiated kindness and sympathy, strength and fortitude. She taught men and staff alike the "Spirit of St. Dunstan's" and the spirit of good fellowship. So we drank to the memory of Tembani, and to Mrs. Chadwick-Bates—her health and happiness!

Replying to the toast, Mrs. Chadwick-Bates thanked everyone for the affectionate and sincere welcome which had been accorded her. In speaking of those who were unable to be present she read a letter of good wishes from our old friend, Bill Cunningham. Tembani, she said, was just another unit in the wonderful organisation of St. Dunstan's, and she was most proud to have been associated with the work that was done there. She gave thanks to the South African St. Dunstan's Committee and spoke words of high praise for all who had made Tembani possible. The rousing

applause which followed her speech was a spontaneous expression of the deep affection which we all feel for her.

Danie Pretorius proposed the toast to St. Dunstan's everywhere, coupled with the name of Sir Clutha Mackenzie; Sir Clutha, who was another guest of honour, might easily be called a St. Dunstan's Ambassador. Danie, an Afrikaaner, put to shame many of us Britishers with his knowledge of British history when he quoted from one of William Pitt's speeches, "Our Empire, bound by bonds as light as the atmosphere which separates us, but which nevertheless are as strong as bands of steel," and went on to speak of St. Dunstan's big contribution towards these Empire loyalties. In paying tribute to Sir Clutha, he spoke of the magnificent work which he had done for the blind communities of New Zealand, India and China. In telling us of his experiences in India and China, Sir Clutha spoke of the great co-operation he had received from Sir Ian and St. Dunstan's Headquarters, but his short speech left us feeling that we could have listened much longer to this very interesting subject.

Sir Ian made the final speech of the evening, and his words more than endorsed all the tributes paid to Mrs. Chadwick-Bates and Sir Clutha, and he again expressed St. Dunstan's gratitude to South Africa for all that its people had done for British blinded Servicemen, and all British troops who had the good fortune to put in at South African ports. Sir Ian said that the hospitality was so lavish that it was a wonder that we settled down to do any work, but as proof that we did our share, he read out two more successful examination results to add to the many other successes which had gone before.

Sir Ian had taken this opportunity of bringing together five members of the Staff who had known and worked with Mrs. Chadwick-Bates and St. Dunstan's since its foundation. These were Lady Fraser, Matron Pain, Miss Coultate, Miss Goole and Mr. Kessell.

During the evening we had some delightful songs from our own Beryl Sleight.

We felt that St. Dunstan's was proud of Tembani, and that Tembani was proud to have been the South African Unit of St. Dunstan's, playing its part in adding to the achievements and traditions of St. Dunstan's everywhere.

Blackpool Notes

These notes cover the summer months of June, July and August, during which period the Home has been full of holiday "boys," enjoying the beautiful weather and bracing atmosphere of Blackpool.

On June 15th Miss Howarth, with her Octet and two vocalists, gave an enjoyable concert to a large and appreciative audience. On Sunday, July 6th, we were the guests of the Blackpool British Legion, which placed a coach at our disposal for a lovely day trip to Ulverston and the Lake District. The occasion was the Dedication of a Standard of the newly formed Crake Valley Branch of the Legion, and Sir Ian and Lady Fraser were present at this function, with a cheery word for each member of the St. Dunstan's party. An invitation came from the stewards at Haydock Park for a party of twelve to visit the races on July 11th, and a very enjoyable day was spent. The V.A.D. in charge was most successful in placing her bets, as she returned winning the huge amount of 3s. 10½d.

On Monday, July 28th, we had a visit from Wilfred Pickles, who selected one man to appear in each show of his Quiz, "Have a Go," at the Blackpool Palace of Variety. This was good publicity. The Bank Holiday party and dance was up to the usual standard, and everyone spent an enjoyable evening. The manager of the Opera House extended an invitation to the House to attend the summer show, "Every Time You Laugh," on August 28th, and the unanimous opinion was that it was an excellent show. Several coach trips have been made during the summer, and the high spot has been the fortnightly trips to the Isle of Man, which have been thoroughly enjoyed, notwithstanding the fact that a few were unfortunately seasick.

As I write these notes the Home has closed for the summer vacation, and is in the hands of workmen, but it will re-open early in October, all spick and span, and ready to welcome its guests for the winter season.

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"Bunny" Greatrex, a first-class swimmer and before the war secretary of the local Swimming Association, presented the prizes at a Gala sponsored by the Penzance Swimming Association and Water Polo Club on August 12th.

Young St. Dunstaners

Marriages

Kenneth Brookes (Sheffield) to Miss Betty Norman, on July 5th.

Muriel Oldfield (Sheffield) on August 30th, to Mr. Frank Ollerenshaw.

Thomas Campbell to Miss Betty Lilian Constable, on July 26th, at Tonbridge.

John Benson (Boroughbridge) on August 30th, to Miss Hawkrige.

Freda Nancarrow (Newquay), on May 24th, to Mr. W. Pettifor.

Sam Jennings, Heaton, Bradford, on August 16th, to Miss Kathleen Sheriff.

Violet Milliss (Sevenoaks), on September 13th, to Mr. Donald Wade.

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Esme Swanston, Lockerbie, who graduated M.A. at Edinburgh last year, received the Diploma in Education at Edinburgh University graduation ceremonies in July.

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Rhona Scott-Pearey has been awarded a county major scholarship and commences next term at Girton College.

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I've Got a Poem, Mr. Editor! Being the possible reflections of a Blind Husband

Who leaves the brooms on the stairs

So I fall mawares?

Who leaves doors all a-jar,

Can't make money go far?

Who uses my typewriter, then makes a song,

Just because I want my talking book on?

Who moves round the furniture, grumbles and nags,

Never has time to read paper or mags?

Drops forks and spoons and a saucepan or two,

Treats the crocks roughly and breaks quite a few?

Who loses my letters, forgets to darn socks,

Smacks all the children and gives me bad shocks,

Turns me round sharply till I'm in a fog?

Who is it that plagues me? The wife? No, THE DOG!

Who watches my footsteps lest I should fall?

Who reads to me when my blindness doth pall?

Who talks to me, walks with me, cooks for me,

sews,

Washes, irons, queens, yet has time for my woes?

Helps me fight dragons, calms all my fears,

Nurses in sickness, is steadfast through years.

Cares for my children, smooths away strife,

Who is my companion? The Dog? No, THE WIFE.

K. M. BEAUFOY.

A Cryptic Competition

Geoff Preston, of Chiswick, is an expert at compiling crossword puzzles. You know the sort of clues. "Ice-cream for one." Answer: Cornet Solo. Or perhaps an anagram—the same letters, rearranged, making a different word or words.

We thought some of our readers might like to try their hand at solving some of these puzzles, and we asked him if he would supply us with some clues. He did, and we print them below. We offer a prize of one guinea to the St. Dunstaner sending in a correct solution, or nearest correct solution. The closing date is Monday, October 13th. In the event of more than one correct solution being received, the prize will go to the first one opened.

On another page there is an article by Geoff Preston on this particular form of puzzle which he has developed so successfully. Read it; then, as he says, "Go in and win."

Solutions should be sent to the Editor at 9-11 Park Crescent.

Subtle Clues

(The number of letters in each word is given in brackets)

1. Ice-cream for one? (6, 5.)
2. Support for privacy. (7, 3.)
3. To the power of two. (4, 7.)
4. Corps (as you might say). (7, 4.)
5. A grave situation. (8.)
6. Another grave situation. (6.)
7. In which the commander is supreme. (5.)
8. Exasperated inclinations which start quarrels on their way. (9.)
9. It has the makings of a decent pie. (9.)
10. What the shopkeeper did for the customer with the five shilling piece. (5, 3, 5.)

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to the following upon their anniversaries:—

Mr. and Mrs. E. Woodward, Eaton Bray, July 8th; Mr. and Mrs. J. McNicholls, Manchester, August 5th; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holland, Heswall, August 19th; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Richards, Birch Park, Manchester, August 19th; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hurrell, Kenley, September 9th; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dolby, September 16th; Mr. and Mrs. W. Christian, Isle of Man, October 15th.

West House Notes

With abundant sunshine and a variety of entertainment, both out of doors and in the house, the past two months have been ideal for the scores of holiday makers who found their way to West House. Early in July we had a visit from some of the stars of "High Tide," now running in Brighton, together with some artists from the Grand Theatre. It was a highly amusing afternoon with contributions from Florence Desmond, Arthur Askey, "Stinker" Murdoch, Eddie Gray, and many others. They played to a packed and appreciative audience.

We made the most of the fine weather, and most days parties set out for picnics or the beach. Two bus loads of St. Dunstaners were entertained by the local bus company, and on this occasion there was a picnic on the river and, later, a farmhouse tea. Darts, dominoes, and the "Racing Game," in addition to theatres, cinemas, etc., occupied us during the evenings.

At the end of July, and on August 1st, parties set off for Goodwood Races. We visited Lewes Races on August 13th and 14th, Goodwood again on August 23rd, and on the 5th, 6th and 7th went to Brighton Races.

West House was completely packed for the August week-end. On Saturday afternoon we invited local St. Dunstaners to a Whist and Domino Tournament.

Prizes were won by the following:

Dominoes.—Local St. Dunstaners: 1st, Ethel Whiteman; 2nd, G. Fallowfield; 3rd, T. Campbell. Men at West House: 1st, M. Delaney; 2nd, E. Howe; 3rd, A. Northcott.

Whist.—Local St. Dunstaners: 1st Gentleman, A. Gadd; 1st Lady, Miss Whiteman; 2nd Lady, Mrs. Abbey. West House: 1st Gentleman, R. Hurrell. Booby Prize: S. Milner and Mrs. Wiltshire.

Later that evening we were entertained by the Commandant and his team of "experts" with "Twenty Questions." The team consisted of Miss Milner, Sister Chaddock, Orderly Wright and A. Wiltshire.

On Sunday, August 3rd, there was a Treasure Hunt and Picnic. Arriving back, dusty and tired, we found the prize-winners were Miss Capel and A. Paulson, of Manchester. The day was by no means over, however, for we had yet to enter into the

spirit of a party in the Lounge, which was arranged by Sisters Melbourne and Chaddock.

August Bank Holiday—Sports Day at West House. Winners of events were as follows:—

Egg and Spoon Race—E. Deauville.

Ladies' Sack Race—Miss Popple.

Putting the Shot—Mike Delaney, 20ft. 3in.

Catching the Train—E. Darnell and partner.

Babies and Suckling Race—A. Wiltshire.

Tug-o'-War—Smith, Cottrell, Rickard, Mowtill.

After returning from the races at Lewes on August 14th, we had a visit from the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton and Tommy Farr. It was an interesting evening, and we are looking forward to other sportsmen's visits in the near future.

Another Sports Day, arranged by Commandant, Matron, Cpl.-Major Dawkins, Miss Morris, Jock Boyd, House Steward Mason, Orderly Wright, and the Lounge Staff took place on August 15th, and on this occasion local St. Dunstaners had been invited to take part. We were disappointed at the small number of entries received from the locals, and hope they will turn up in larger numbers next time. Prizes were won by the following:—

Egg and Spoon Race—P. Garrity and Mrs. Garrity.

Putting the Shot—Mike Delaney, 29ft.

Catching the Train—E. Darnell and Miss Morris.

Children's Egg and Spoon—F. Taylor, Jo' Farr and Valerie Mason.

Ladies' Sack Race—Miss Fallowfield.

Bell Race—Joe Carney.

Ladies' Cardboard Race—Miss Cockshott.

Children's Sack Race—Michael Mason, Francis Taylor and Roy Martin.

Sucklings' Race—Arthur King, Jock Boyd and H. Roberts.

Children's Cardboard Race—Keith Evans.

Medicine Ball—Freddie Winter.

Three-Legged Race—E. Darnell and Miss Cockshott.

Beauty Contest—S. Pike and Sister Melbourne (judged by Mrs. Farr).

On August 20th a party of men went to Bexhill to play whist, at the invitation of

Miss Osborne, who, during the past two years, has collected £200 in sixpenny whist drive tickets. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

An evening's boxing was enjoyed by a small party from West House, with Commandant and Orderly Wright acting as escorts. Tickets were made available by Billy Sinclair, to whom we should like to express our thanks.

A new soloist at our Chapel Service on the 31st was Alan Dudney, choirboy and soloist from Bath Abbey, and one whom we hope will come again soon.

As September arrived we were still able to sit outside in the garden, under gaily coloured umbrellas, and the beach parties still set out every day.

Bridge and Chess enthusiasts will be pleased to hear that arrangements have been made for a Bridge Week—end from November 7th—10th, and a Chess Week—end from November 14th—17th, at West House. It is hoped that local bridge and chess clubs will co-operate to make these week-ends a success.

Those St. Dunstaners who bemoaned the loss of the Quiet Lounge when we had to use it for more ground floor beds will no doubt be glad to hear that the new Quiet Lounge is now well on the way to completion.

Placements

C. Bargery, on inspection work with Wolseley Motors, Ltd., Birmingham; J. L. Edwards, on assembly with the G.E.C. Telephone Works, Coventry; J. T. Jones, as a drill operator with Messrs. Boxall and Collins, Ifield; W. Veness, of Brighton, as a capstan operator with Messrs. T. W. Barfoot & Son, Seaford; R. Craddock, as a telephone operator in the office of the Borough Treasurer, Warrington; G. R. Bickley, a tobacco, news and stationery business, Leicester; C. Brennan, a tobacco and confectionery business, St. John's Wood; E. W. Dudley, a tobacco, confectionery, newsagent's, etc., business in Cardiff; and L. R. Page, a tobacco and confectionery business at Hove.

Grandfathers

Bob Black, of Denton, near Manchester; W. H. Harding, of Finsbury Park; G. Fallowfield, of Southwick; W. Stamp, of Keelby, Lines.; R. Scrimgour, Middlesbrough; F. E. Chapple, of Bush Hill Park; C. Durkin, of York.

Ovingdean Notes

It was a pleasure to receive Major Huskisson and members of the Westminster Appeals Committee at Ovingdean during the month of July. Many St. Dunstaners have enjoyed the hospitality of Simpson's Club, which has been initiated by Major Huskisson.

Mr. S. H. Smith, Chairman, and Mr. C. A. Payne, Secretary of the Aylesbury Fund for War-blinded, have also visited us with a small party formally to hand over the magnificent equipment in the Dental Centre at Ovingdean, which was entirely supplied by the generosity of this fund.

Many trainees left us at the end of Summer Term, and amongst those journeying to other countries was Ahmed Abdulla el Essia, who is returning to the Sudan to be set up with a handless man's loom. We wish each one the very best of luck, and many happy reunions.

On Sunday, July 27th, St. Dunstan's Mixed Choir, led by H. Davies, gave great pleasure to an appreciative audience. The programme was well balanced and included songs for full choir, male voices and solos. "Who's dat a-calling," one of three items arranged by J. McLeod Steel, was of particular charm. Miss P. Hunter, V.A.D., read two of her own humorous monologues, recounting the adventures of two mythical trainees; Janet Clark, daughter of one of the choir, presented a bouquet to Mrs. Clark, the accompanist, to whom was given a sincere vote of thanks.

Our End of Term Dance was held on Monday, July 28th, instead of the usual concert. Despite the heat there was a full house, the lounge presenting a very gay appearance with everyone in carnival hats. A floor show during the interval, starting with St. Dunstan's Band, was a great success. Beryl Sleigh sang two choruses in her delightful way, and Tiny Brown, dressed as a V.A.D., and Ron Smith as a new trainee, caused much amusement. Bob Cameron at the piano chose Debussy's charming "Clair de Lune."

The Annual Sports Meeting was held on Roedean Sports Ground (by kind permission of the Headmistress of Roedean) on Saturday, July 19th, with every success. There was keen competition, the individual trophy being won by Alan Somervell for the second year in succession, with 16 points, Norman Daniels being runner-up

with 14 points, and J. (Polly) Botha third, with 12 points. The House Trophy was taken by Northgate House, also for the second year in succession. Result:—

Northgate House	42 points.
London	35½ points.
Ovingdean	6½ points.

Ovingdean's last Knock-out Darts Tournament has been played and the results are:—

Totally Blind—Winner, R. Craddock.
Runner-up, J. Walsh.

Semi-sighted—Winner, S. Gimber.
Runner-up, H. Mitchell.

The "14—18 Club" ended the term's activities with a visit from members of the local police force, who formed themselves into a Police Brains Trust; with Mr. Carter as Question Master, they well and truly answered questions submitted by our trainees. All at Ovingdean were invited to attend, and a very amusing and interesting hour was spent learning the art of how to make crime pay!!

Solving Semi-Cryptic Crosswords

In the first place it is best to eliminate from one's mind the idea of guesswork. Give the maker of the puzzle credit for being reasonably logical, with just a reservation to allow for far-fetchedness.

Remember that the majority of clues are entirely literal, although they may not appear so. It is up to the solver to read the clue in the manner in which it is intended to be punctuated, since lack of punctuation is an essential part of crypticism. There is always a word or phrase in a clue which is the core, and careful analytical reading will produce such core, directing the mind to a pinpoint of concentration in lieu of the wide generality of the whole clue. Some people run through a puzzle and pick out the obvious plurals, thus securing the help of several s's before attempting to solve. This can be a help, but sometimes it is misleading, for besides other plural endings there are collective nouns. Anagrams can be sorted out methodically by trying various common endings or beginnings until the right one appears, when the word will automatically fall into shape. The hidden anagram is seldom difficult to trace, because the sense of its context only occasionally sounds convincing.

Go in and win—but for heaven's sake don't guess—gambling is illegal. G.A.P.

From the Chairman's Post Bag

St. Dunstaners whose sons and daughters are still in the Forces will be interested in the authoritative letter from the Secretary of State for War, which the Chairman has received recently on the subject of demobilisation:

DEAR SIR IAN,

You wrote to me on the 2nd July asking the length of time a man has to serve in the Army at present. You also wish to have the latest dates for the release of Age and Service Groups.

Men who are being called up in 1947 will probably serve for two years, and this period will be gradually reduced as the time approaches for the National Service Bill to take effect. This is due to come into operation on the 1st January, 1949, and it is unlikely that we shall reach the period of one year's service before that date.

All the men serving on the 31st December, 1946, will be released according to the age and length of service scheme before the end of 1948, that is to say, before any men called up in 1947. We also hope to release all the men who were called up before the 1st January, 1944, before the end of this year.

Men called up after that date must continue to serve to enable us to release men with even longer service. You will appreciate that during this interim period of the reduction of the Army to a peacetime basis it is inevitable that some men should have to serve longer than others.

We hope to start releasing men in Age and Service Group 61 by the 31st December, but so far only the dates for the release of Groups up to and including 58 have been announced. These are as follows:—

- Group 53—26th June to 8th July.
- 54—9th July to 26th July.
- 55—27th July to 10th August.
- 56—11th August to 21st August.
- 57—22nd August to 12th September.
- 58—13th September to 30th September.

Yours sincerely, (Sgd.) CORVEDALE,
Parliamentary Private Secretary.

Test Results

Avenue Road

Preliminary Reading—Vincent Docton,
Roy Ward, John Davies.

Interpoint.—George Mortimer.

The House behind the High Wall

A house behind a high wall and a pond nearby. What better excuse for a tour of inspection than the merest inkling that "just around the corner" in Rottingdean could be found a house in which Rudyard Kipling once lived. How to get there was a minor headache but, once there, how would we know the house? By the high wall and a nearby pond to be sure.

Was it not true that Kipling had wished for peaceful seclusion in this house, and had he not, eventually, had to leave it because of the curious eyes of the trippers, who used to climb on top of the high wall and peer inquisitively at him, whilst he sought to write in what he had fondly hoped to be the seclusion of an old-world garden? Was inspiration to be found by feeling that high wall, or was it just once more a case of idle curiosity?

A venture across the main Brighton road under maybe the friendly and watchful eyes of a policeman who knew us. A leisurely cup of coffee at the Creamery, that present-day rendezvous of St. Dunstaners on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and then the search.

A second crossing over the main road, walking along the main street of Rottingdean. Dodging passers-by, who probably wondered what on earth we meant by bumping into them, with only a hurried "Sorry, we didn't see you." Past unseen houses and shops, down curbs, across narrow roads, and then the corner. What lay around the corner? Were we to find the house, the walled garden and the nearby pond? Not we on that bright Sunday morning.

But, later, the elusive house was located. Across the road was the round pond, and facing that the old stone-built church. Nearby a house with a walled garden. Sure, it was the same wall we had found and passed that previous October morning. But, what was this? No plaque to denote that once R. K. lived here. Nary a sign of his occupation. Just a house, a garden—all that remained unchanged. The name of the house? No longer is it known by R. K.'s title. Now it is "The Elms."

But one likes to imagine that in the quiet garden the spirit of Kim hovers, and to visualise that down this quiet, old-fashioned street once walked two men—Rudyard Kipling and Burne-Jones. And so we

leave in peace the renamed house and pause awhile in the quiet old churchyard, and listen to a V.A.D. reading the inscriptions on the tablets denoting, too, that once Burne-Jones lived and had died here.

MAUREEN V. LEES.

c/o The Cassel Hospital,
Ash Hall, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

St. Dunstaner's Model Exhibited

One of the most admired exhibits at the recent Model Engineering Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall, London, was a double sculling skiff, made by G. Fallowfield, of Southwick. The exhibit caused much interest in the Press, and the B.B.C. included it in a television of the Exhibition.

For his exhibit, Fallowfield was awarded a Diploma and a cash voucher prize.

There was an interesting sequel on September 6th, when our St. Dunstaner gave a lecture and demonstration at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Brighton, upon the way a blind craftsman works. Taking various tools with him, his work was carefully explained, mainly in the manual alphabet, to the many people, both hearing and deaf, who were present. The demonstration took over three hours, and deaf people from all parts of Sussex were present. The audience included many skilled craftsmen and mechanics. Even these had no idea that the blind could work so accurately, and there was great admiration for the training of St. Dunstan's, of which Fallowfield is so splendid an example.

A Thing of Clay

*"Man in our image let us make,"
In the beginning God did say.
A thing of clay created He,
Placing it in a garden fair,
Saying, "O Man, do now thy share
That earth a paradise may be."
But glancing round, that precious pair
See in the garden all they need.
Says Eve to Adam, "Come, let's feed
On knowledge and from God be freed.
Why work for Him? Why should we care?"
"Yes, why indeed!" the moderns shout,
"We rule the earth, the sea, the sky.
On eagle's wings let's mount on high
And plumb the depths before we die,
But as for God, just leave Him out."
But God, all knowing, still doth say,
"Man in our image let us make."*

A. B. HILL.

Bristol.

Births

BAKER.—On July 18th, to the wife of D. Baker, of Shrewsbury, a son—Stuart Robin.

DEAR.—On July 19th, to the wife of J. Dear, of Caernarvon, a daughter—Olive Ann.

FITZPATRICK.—On August 2nd, to the wife of B. Fitzpatrick, of Barrow-in-Furness, a son—Edward Allan.

HAMILTON.—On August 17th, to the wife of J. Hamilton, of Nottingham, a daughter—Susan Margaret.

MILLER.—On July 23rd, to the wife of E. Miller, of Southfields, a daughter—Susan Edwina.

ROBINSON.—On July 9th, to the wife of L. Robinson, of Doncaster, a son.

SHONFIELD.—On September 1st, to the wife of J. Shonfield, of Reading, a son—Michael.

Marriages

DANIEL—BARNARD.—On August 9th, Norman Daniel, of Montreal, to Miss Betty Barnard, at Romford.

GAYGAN—JACKSON.—On July 9th, at Brighton, Tommy R. Gaygan to Miss Audrey Jackson.

HODGSON—BURGESS.—On August 13th, R. B. (Buller) Hodgson, to Mrs. Burgess. They left for South Africa on August 28th, with Daniel Watkins and Mrs. Watkins.

JONES—HUGHES.—On August 29th, A. J. Jones, of Oldham, to Miss Elizabeth Hughes. They will live in North Wales.

MADGWICK—JONES.—On September 8th, Frank Madgwick, of Bamfurlong, to Miss Doris Mary Jones, of Whittington, Shropshire.

MCINTYRE—DOUGLAS-SHARP.—On September 6th, Ken McIntyre, South Africa, to Miss Wilhelmina Douglas-Sharp.

McAVOY—HOUGHTON.—On August 20th, J. McAvoy, of Mauchline, Ayrshire, to Miss Ethel Houghton.

STRUTT.—On August 2nd, G. L. Strutt, of Sheffield.

Death

TANNER.—We extend our deepest sympathy to A. B. Tanner, of St. Ives, whose wife passed away on July 17th.

Prizewinners

Maureen Lees and Geoff. Preston receive a guinea each for their contributions to the REVIEW this month.

" In Memory "

Private Sydney Oxborough, *4th Scottish Rifles*

We record with deep regret the death on July 6th of S. Oxborough, of Manchester. After service with his regiment from December, 1914, until November, 1916, he was admitted to St. Dunstan's in May, 1921. He was trained as a poultry farmer and mat-maker, but when he lost his sight on the Somme he also received such other severe injuries to his arm that he was not able to continue with any strenuous work for any length of time. Paralysis, too, developed later, which confined him to his chair. For long periods he was a permanent resident at one or other of our Homes, but in 1929 he married and lived at Bury St. Edmunds until the death of his wife last year. He returned to West House, where he met Miss George. They were married, but he died before he was completely settled in his new home. Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Oxborough and his children.

Private Thomas Gavaghan, *Royal Irish Fusiliers*

With deep regret we record the death of T. Gavaghan, of Ireland. He enlisted at the outbreak of war in 1914 and was wounded in France in August, 1917, when he lost his sight as well as receiving injuries to his chest and arms. He proved a very apt pupil, learning mat-making, but his health was not good, and in 1921 he was admitted to hospital, where he remained until his death. He was a single man, and our sympathy is extended to his relatives.

Private Daniel Lynch, *Royal Munster Fusiliers*

With deep regret we record the death of another Irish St. Dunstan, D. Lynch, of Cork City, who served from August 17th, 1914, until May, 1915. He was blinded at Givenchy in January, 1915, and he came to us very shortly afterwards, but his very poor health prevented any serious training. For many years he lived a quiet life and he passed away in his sleep on July 25th. St. Dunstan's was represented at the funeral by D. Driscoll, of Cork. He was a widower. Our sympathy is extended to his relatives.

Private George Phillips, *Northants Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of G. Phillips, of Croydon, who came to St. Dunstan's in 1925. He trained in basket-making but later became a shop-keeper, and he carried on with this until he became ill at the end of last year. His health did not improve, and he passed away at his home on June 30th. Our deep sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Private Duncan Maclean, *11th Royal Scots*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of D. Maclean, of Brimpton, Reading. When war broke out in 1914 he had already served in the Army for some years. He went to France and was wounded in 1915, at Ypres, and he came to St. Dunstan's in February, 1916. He trained as a basket-maker and netter, but later took up poultry-farming. He was a very keen Church worker and was well known as a local preacher—some St. Dunstaners will remember him taking the service on one occasion at Church S retton. His health recently had not been good, and to his great regret he had had to give up this work. He passed away on August 17th, and our deep sympathy is extended to his wife and daughter.

Martin Jordan, *Machine Gun Corps*

With deep regret we record the death, on July 7th, of M. Jordan, of Bellerby, near Layburn. Leaving the Army in December, 1918, he did not come to us until 1933. He was then still a young man but very far from fit. He was never able to be trained in any strenuous work and he led a quiet life, spending long periods at our Convalescent Home. He was finally admitted to West House in April of this year, and he passed away there. He was buried in St. Dunstan's Section of the Cemetery at Brighton. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife and children.

Pioneer John Vernon, *Royal Engineers*

We record with deep regret the death of J. Vernon, at one time of Rugeley, but who, for many years, had been a permanent resident at our Homes. He died at West House on July 5th.

He served with the Army from September, 1915, until July, 1917, and came to St. Dunstan's in June, 1920. He trained as a boot repairer, but in recent years, and before he came to us as a permanent resident, he had only been able to do light occupational work.

He was laid to rest in the Cemetery at Brighton, near his St. Dunstan's comrades.

We extend deep sympathy to his relatives.

Private John Duff, *9th Black Watch*

We record with deep regret the death of J. Duff, of Blackpool. Enlisting in Scotland in October, 1914, he was wounded in France in September of the following year and came to St. Dunstan's in October, 1916. He was trained in boot-repairing, mat-making and basket-making, and proved an excellent workman of great independence.

His death on July 7th occurred very suddenly in the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool. He was buried at Marton Cemetery, quite near his home, and Matron Vaughan Davies, accompanied by St. Dunstaners J. Bullock and T. Dickinson (who were in training with him) and G. Piper, attended the funeral.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Duff.