

# ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

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## Princess Elizabeth's Gifts

AMONG the wedding gifts to Princess Elizabeth was one of a sum of money which Her Royal Highness graciously decided to devote to the purchase of a Guide Dog for a blinded ex-Serviceman. Captain N. Liakhoff, Director of the famous Guide Dog Training Centre at Leamington, was consulted, and on February 11th, at Buckingham Palace, ex-Sergt. Dan Pretorius, formerly of the South African Training Corps, who has just completed his physiotherapy training at St. Dunstan's, was presented by Her Royal Highness with a sable coloured Alsatian, "Nell."

Dan and Mrs. Pretorius return to South Africa on February 26th, taking Nell with them. She will be the first trained guide dog to work in South Africa. Our best wishes will go with them.

Princess Elizabeth has also sent to St. Dunstan's a cheque for £36, which she has received as a wedding gift from the citizens of Grahamstown, South Africa. It was sent with her best wishes.

## Northgate House

On Thursday, January 22nd, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Saunders, Air Member for Personnel, and Member of the Air Council, visited Northgate House, Rottingdean, and formally opened it as St. Dunstan's Children's Holiday Home. He unveiled a plaque, which read:—

"Northgate House, Rottingdean. St. Dunstan's Children's Holiday and Convalescent Home, opened by Air Marshal Sir Hugh Saunders, K.B.E., C.B., M.C., D.F.C., M.M., on January 22nd, 1948. This Home has been endowed by a fund generously raised in the year 1946 by the Royal Air Force."

Sir Hugh Saunders expressed the pleasure and satisfaction it gave the R.A.F. to have been the means of making such a gift towards the work of St. Dunstan's.

The Home is already in use and there were a number of small guests present to greet Sir Hugh and Lady Saunders. Their obvious happiness and delight in their surroundings could not have expressed better the usefulness of this generous gift of the R.A.F. to St. Dunstan's men.

## Decorations

In the November issue of the REVIEW, St. Dunstaners of both wars who had been decorated for gallantry, or who had received any other military or civilian awards, or the relatives of St. Dunstaners who had died, were asked to send in their names so that appropriate honours boards might be compiled, to be placed at the Training Centre, Ovingdean, and in London.

A number of names have already come in, but if there are any still to come they should be sent to Mr. Askew's office before March 31st, that is, before Easter.

### Pension Allowances for Adopted Children

The Minister of Pensions has now agreed that, as from the first pay-day in February, his Ministry will recognise for Pension purposes a legally adopted child, irrespective of the date of adoption by the disabled man, and a step-child, irrespective of the date on which the disabled man married the child's mother.

If any St. Dunstaner has a legally adopted child, or is maintaining a step-child and is not already receiving an Allowance from the Ministry of Pensions for that child, he should send full details to Mr. Rice, at Headquarters, in order that the necessary application may be made to the Ministry.

W. ASKEW.

### General Service Medal (Palestinian Service)

The Government have decided to recognise the hardships and dangers which have accompanied duty in Palestine subsequent to the war by the award of the two current General Service Medals, each with the appropriate clasp for service in Palestine and the waters adjoining, since September 27th, 1945.

The general service qualification for the Army is entry into operations in Palestine whilst on the posted strength of a Unit for one day or more, and for the Royal Navy the qualification is a total of twenty-eight days in ships employed on the Palestine patrol against illegal immigration.

The award for serving soldiers or sailors will be dealt with through the normal Service channels. Soldiers released or transferred to the Army Reserve and legatees or the next of kin of those deceased must apply to the Officer I-C Records of the Regiment or Corps in which the last period of Army Service was rendered.

The manufacture and the issue of the Medals and Clasps will be undertaken when circumstances permit. The ribbon will be issued as soon as supplies become available.

### 92nd General Hospital, Naples

Colonel Rycroft wants to arrange a reunion for all new war St. Dunstaners who were with him in the 92nd General Hospital, Eye Section, at Naples.

Will those who would be interested in such a Reunion send in their names to H. W. (Bunny) Greatrex, Kumasi, Long-hill Road, Ovingdean, Sussex.

### National Insurance Retirement Pensions

Under the first set of regulations issued by the Minister of National Insurance, all those Old Age Pensioners who are at present in receipt of the Retirement Pension of 26s. a week will be entitled, on the 5th July next, the date when the Insurance Act comes into full operation, to an additional 16s. a week if they have living with them a dependent wife who is under the age of sixty.

Until further regulations have been made it is not known whether those St. Dunstaners who are in receipt of the Retirement Pension and are already in receipt of an Allowance for their wives from the Ministry of Pensions will be entitled to the full 16s. from the Ministry of National Insurance, or whether there will, because of the overlapping, be some reduction in the 16s. or in the Allowance from the Ministry of Pensions.

Those St. Dunstaners, however, who are now receiving the 26s. a week Retirement Pension and have a dependent wife under the age of sixty, should submit claims for the additional 16s. a week on Form TS. 2, obtainable from the Office of the Local Assistance Board. Those St. Dunstaners who are in receipt of the Retirement Pension of 26s. a week and have a dependent wife over the age of sixty will be already receiving the 16s. and should not apply.

If a St. Dunstaner has any difficulty in completing the Form, or is in need of advice, he should write to Mr. Rice, at Headquarters, with full details. W. ASKEW.

### The Reader's Digest

The staff of the Reader's Digest Association in London are most generously collecting a sum of money to provide copies of the braille edition of the "Digest" for a number of St. Dunstaners during the next few months.

Only a very limited number of copies will become available from time to time, but St. Dunstaners who would be interested in receiving it are invited to send in their names to the Editor, at Park Crescent, so that they can take their place on the waiting list.

### Tandem Wanted

D. Groves is most anxious to have a tandem. If anyone can help, please write to him, c/o G. Bilcliffe, 261 Rectory Road, Little Thurrock.

### Here and There

Stan Fowler, of East Beeston, has been in the news lately. The *Nottingham Journal* of December 10th wrote: "Local press men met 27-year-old Stanley Fowler, of 38 Queen's Road, East Beeston, who has proved as quick at his job as a sighted man. Working at a lathe, Stanley shapes the ends of 3,000 brake levers a day." A month later Margaret Lockwood, the famous film star, visited Raleigh Industries and had a special word for Stanley.

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At his suggestion, a special tool was made by our Industrial Training Officer for J. Davies, of Darwen, in his work for I.C.I. Plastics. Now Davies has been awarded £5 for the idea and the firm is having similar tools made for their other employees.

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G. H. Shallcross, of Manley, near Chester, has a shop and cafe which he opened up last June. He has one and a quarter acres planted with fruit trees, and he will be selling the fruit, and also tomatoes and chrysanthemums from his large greenhouse. He would very much like to welcome fellow St. Dunstaners at his cafe, which is known as The Teashop, Moulsworth, near Chester. It is in delightful country.

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Joe Daly, of Liverpool, recently re-trained for plastic press work. A *Liverpool Echo* reporter found him at work at his bench and gave him a good "write-up," which included a tribute from Joe's foreman: "I would not be without him," he said. "His cheery spirit infects us all."

### Placements

A. Grogan, in a tobacco, confectionery and grocery business at Leeds; H. Pye, as odd-job man at the Greyhound Stadium, Preston; S. Doy, as a capstan operator with the Southern Railway Works, Ashford; W. Filby, of Streatham, as a capstan operator with Messrs. Bryan's Aeroequipment Co., Ltd., Mitcham; F. Jones, on assembly with the Austin Motor Co., Ltd., Birmingham; J. Roylance, making canvas sacks for Messrs. Carr & Nicholls, Ltd., Atherton; R. Homewood, in a tobacco, confectionery and stationery business at Lee; B. G. Inman's job with Dufay-Chromes, Ltd., is examining in the Roll Film Department and not spool-winding, as reported in the December Review.

### Ration Books at West House

Owing to the new Ministry of Food regulations, it is necessary for any St. Dunstaner staying at West House, Brighton, for three to six nights to produce a ration book from which must be taken three bread units and four points.

A whole week's ration must, of course, be given up by anyone staying seven nights or more.

The above regulations also apply to anyone staying at 8 Park Crescent.

ALEX. MACKAY.

### Dialling Telephone Numbers

Walter Thornton, of Birmingham, sends us a further hint on readjustment:—

Practice in using all four fingers to find the required space will result in quicker and more efficient dialling. Placing the little finger of the right hand in the space for "1" brings the index finger immediately into the space for "4." The little finger placed in the space for "0" brings the index finger into the space for "7." Numbers "5" and "6" are obtained by sliding into the next space. For the numbers "1" to "3," and "0" to "8," use the first, first two, or first three fingers, according to the number required.

### Grandfather

J. C. Owen, of Liverpool.

### Thirty Years Ago

From "St. Dunstan's Review," February, 1918:

"Owing to the growth in the number of men who have left St. Dunstan's and have started work on their own, and in order to bring the staffs of the Settlement and After-Care Department in closer touch with each other, the latter has been moved to new offices in the grounds of the Hostel. New buildings have been put up near the Settlement offices, and from here all the work connected with the distribution of raw materials and purchase of finished articles from the men will be done.

The shop in Great Portland Street and its branches will continue to sell those goods which cannot be disposed of locally.

The move to St. Dunstan's marks another step in the history of the After-Care Department, which is destined to play such a large part in the future lives of the men who have lost their sight in this great struggle."

### Concert and Theatre Tickets

Many St. Dunstaners, especially those living in the London area, will have been given tickets for concerts, theatres, etc., made available to St. Dunstan's through the kindness of outside organisations or individual members of the public.

It has been brought to my notice that, unfortunately, on many occasions St. Dunstaners have, in fact, been unable to use their tickets personally, and have passed them on to sighted relatives or friends. I fully realise that this is done to save wasting the tickets. It makes a very poor impression on the donors, however, who in most cases are present at the performance in question, when they find that practically none of the seats concerned are occupied by St. Dunstaners.

These tickets are given to St. Dunstan's for use by our blinded ex-Service men and women and their escorts only, and donors naturally feel we are abusing their generosity when such an event as I have just mentioned occurs. As a result, several people have ceased to give us tickets though they have been in the habit of regularly doing so in the past. In other instances, we have received quite understandable complaints.

In order to avoid such unfortunate situations in the future, I shall be grateful if St. Dunstaners will only accept tickets if they really intend to use them. Finally, should they, owing to unforeseen circumstances, not be able to attend the performance in question, return the tickets to the Welfare Department at Headquarters or, if time does not permit that, get in touch with us by telephone, when we will arrange for the seats to be filled by other St. Dunstaners.

ALEX. MACKAY,  
Welfare Superintendent.

### Holiday Camp

I think there is every hope of having a holiday week with the Navy at Lee-on-Solent. I have not yet got any date, but July in former years has suited the Navy best.

I should like to have a meeting of Campers to discuss plans at my Club, 28 Cavendish Square (Private Room) and suggest meeting at 2.30—tea 4 o'clock, one day during week April 5th to 10th.

AVIS SPURWAY.

### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to the following upon their anniversaries:

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cheal, Saltford, June 6th, 1947; Mr. and Mrs. T. North, Cannock, January 24th; Mr. and Mrs. T. Meredith, Wroxall, February 3rd.

### Young St. Dunstaners

Sgt. Donald Wardle, Spratton, has been transferred from Educational Section, R.A.C., to R.A.E.C. proper. He is only 19.

Arthur Condon, Basingstoke, is now a Pilot Officer in the A.T.C. His brother, Derek, is a Flight Lieut. in the R.A.F.

### Marriage

K. Sheila Shave, Osmington, on December 27th, to Ernest Taylor.

### Odd Ode

(being a lament received by Mr. Doughty)

Oh, Mr. Doughty, I am a fool,  
I've been and gone and broke my tool,  
My wife to me said "Now you'll catch it,  
You've bin and gone and broke your ratchet.  
You've served the thing too blessed rough,  
It's gone on strike, it's had enough.  
It's had too many ins and outs,  
Ups and downs and roundabouts,  
Until red-hot you've made the hook  
Slip in and out like a blooming spook.  
Cooling it off in the water-bucket!  
No wonder the poor thing had to chuck it."

And so the hook just left its haft,  
I groped about and felt so daft  
And I was filled with mute despair,  
Searched here and there and everywhere,  
Under the table, under the chairs,  
In a mousehole under the stairs,  
Under the lino, under the couch,  
With aching back, I had to crouch  
But couldn't find the blessed thing.  
Oh death, oh death, where was thy sting?

And then my hand fell on the rug,  
There I found it, lying snug.  
So that is why I am a fool,  
I have the canvas and the wool,  
So please send me a thingamebob,  
Give me the tool and I'll finish the job.

E. H. NORTH ("Gen.")

Mr. Doughty, moved to tears  
Hastily makes up arrears  
By sending "Gen" a nice new tool.  
(Editor says "Gen's no ninny,  
His odd ode's won him a guinea.")

### Miracle Man of Netherby

(This article was sent to us by the Australian News and Information Bureau. It was accompanied by some splendid photographs.)

A blind World War I veteran, whose Scottish relations are Hereditary Standard Bearers to the English Royal Family, is considered one of Australia's best-known breeders and judges of Shorthorn cattle.

He is Mr. J. T. Scrymgeour, of the Netherby Stud Farm, Warwick, Queensland, who can tell the finer points of a Shorthorn by running his hands over it. He can even tell the colour of an animal by the feel of the hair, and until a few years ago he judged regularly at agricultural shows.

"Netherby," where Mr. Scrymgeour lives with his wife and one of his two daughters, comprises 300 acres of rich, heavy black soil, carrying luxuriant growth of trefoil and other pasture.

The Scottish branch of the family, the Scrymgeour-Wedderburns, after protracted legal proceedings, established their right to carry the Royal Standard, as Hereditary Standard Bearers of Scotland, at the Coronation of the present King, George VI.

Mr. W. T. Scrymgeour, J. T. Scrymgeour's father, went to New Zealand in 1862, and after gaining experience as a pastoralist with relatives, he bought the Oamaru Te Akitarawa Station, at Canterbury, carrying 22,000 sheep. Later he brought his family to Australia, where they lived at Goondiwindi, Queensland.

Young Scrymgeour was educated at Canterbury Agricultural College and Dunedin University, in New Zealand, and had just begun his show ring career in Australia when World War I broke out. He joined the Queensland Light Horse and went to Palestine as a Trooper in the 2nd Light Horse Regiment, Australian Imperial Forces.

In Palestine he was one of a band of fifty Australians isolated on a knoll by a German counter-attack launched to help the Turks. He was shot in the right eye and in the ankle, and lay helpless for fourteen hours before he was rescued.

In England he was trained at St. Dunstan's and, true to his name (Scrymgeour means "good fighter"), he returned to Australia eager to take up where he had

left off, married a Queensland girl whose war work had earned her the title of "Australia's first woman taxi driver," and settled at Netherby in 1921.

Starting out with a few plain stock, Mr. Scrymgeour gradually built up a select herd of Shorthorns, and became one of Australia's most consistent and successful breeders and exhibitors. His Shorthorn bull, Netherby Royal Challenge, won 70 first prizes, one second, one third, and 14 championships.

Mr. Scrymgeour knows the geography of "Netherby" as well as he knows the processes of his own mind in judging cattle. He takes part in all the routine work about the farm, finding his way to various yards by following a series of overhead wires, from which running ropes hang to guide him. He mixes feed for the cattle and can groom a horse. He types many of his own business letters.

The title of Hereditary Royal Standard Bearer was granted to the family in the eleventh or twelfth centuries, when Malcolm III or Alexander I of Scotland honoured Sir Alexander Carron as a reward for his bravery. Sir Alexander changed the family name to Scrymgeour. A Scrymgeour carried the Royal Standard of Scotland at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314.

NORMAN BARTLETT.

### West House Notes

After such a programme at Christmas, it was just bound to happen! The holiday crowds left us and West House has seemed unnaturally quiet this month. Of course, we have had our usual rounds of dominoes and darts, and have made the most of the good shows running in Brighton, but apart from this, news is very sadly lacking for January.

The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the Dinner and Dance given at the Royal Pavilion by the Southdown and Brighton and Hove Omnibus Companies. This was a really grand evening, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

The 28th found a few of us making our way to Plumpton for the races, but in the main the weather has been as wet and miserable here as in other parts of the country, and so we have been "stay-at-homes" on the whole.

### Ovingdean Notes

The Spring term has started with the usual "Sunny South" weather of gales and rain, and an anchor would be a practical piece of personal equipment. A steady flow of new trainees has joined us, with more to come.

An official opening took place on January 22nd of the St. Dunstaners' Children's Holiday and Convalescent Home, Northgate House, Rottingdean.

It was a pleasure to have with us Miss Petsangouraki, who comes from Greece, and is returning to set up a Blind School in her own country. She has spent a fortnight at Ovingdean, learning what she can about the Training Centre and how it functions.

Colonel Cafferata, of the Palestine Police Force, visited us on January 15th to give a very interesting and enlightening talk on affairs in that country. It was a great disappointment when Major Tufton Beamish, M.P., had to cancel his lecture, "Behind the Iron Curtain," owing to a debate in the House of Commons.

The "1914-1918 Club" have formed a Debating Society, which will meet each fortnight. Their first debate, "Do Cosmetics Enhance Women's Beauty?" caused much amusement. Gruesome and exaggerated pictures were painted of eye-black streaking down faces in the rain. The majority were against the use of cosmetics, which was undoubtedly an economically sound conclusion.

At the play-reading this month of "Mystery at Green Fingers," by J. B. Priestley, we were glad to welcome again the members of St. Mark's Choir, who took male parts. Another popular innovation on Sunday evenings is a gramophone recital, held in the Discussion Room.

Mr. Cheeseman, of London, gave a dance at the Savoy Restaurant on January 22nd. On this occasion he invited a number of patients from the Hospital at East Grinstead, and our Escort Sister, Miss Heap, provided partners for those who danced and companions for the "lookers-on." Mr. F. Barlow entertained with songs and stories.

The Southdown Motor Company invited a number of St. Dunstaners of both wars to a dance at the Aquarium Restaurant. The trainees were delighted to accept their hospitality on this occasion, as they were

unable to attend the outing arranged for them last summer.

The enthusiasm for darts is spreading in Ovingdean, and the Staff have produced Darts Teams to compete with the Trainees. Needless to say, the trainees are always the victors, but we now have an idea of the private lives of some members of the staff!

### Test Results

**Preliminary.**—S. Fletcher, R. Cameron, S. Edgar, G. Holland, J. Clyde.

**Advanced.**—G. Fallowfield, J. Carney, J. Clyde.

**Writing.**—E. Bedford, R. Cole, T. Rosewarne, J. Perfect, S. Stark, C. Wood, J. G. DuPreez, G. Jakins, J. Carney.

**Typing.**—W. Rutledge, L. Faulkner, F. Spierling, H. Pye, F. Gresson, J. Coleman, J. Palmer, F. Taylor, W. Orange, F. Fullbrook.

### Letter to the Editor

#### American "Reader's Digest"

DEAR SIR,

The *Reader's Digest* is now available on Talking Book records and I should like to know how many fellow St. Dunstaners with Talking Books are desirous of having this periodical circulated. If there is a sufficient response, perhaps St. Dunstan's would make the necessary arrangements for us to have the *Reader's Digest* on records. If anything should come of this suggestion, I must emphasise that each recipient would be expected to give this book priority and pass on to the next on the rota; if the magazine hangs about too long, much of its value will be nullified.

Yours sincerely,

London, N.W.10. FRANK A. RHODES.

### Laying Test

#### Report for third month from December 8th, 1947, to January 4th, 1948

Position	Name	Test Score
1	Clarke, T. ... ..	278
2	Chaffin, Albert ... ..	227
3	MacIntosh, Charles ... ..	224
4	Fisher, T. M. ... ..	209
5	Jarvis, A. ... ..	180
6	Woodcock, W. J. ... ..	175
7	Holmes, Percy ... ..	170
8	Jackson, G. C. ... ..	168
9	Smith, W. Alan ... ..	109
10	Gregory, T. ....	58

### St. Dunstan's Bridge Club

There have been many interesting events during the past two or three months in connection with the Bridge Club, the chief of these being the Christmas Bridge Drive at Headquarters. There was an excellent attendance and the prizes were of a seasonable kind. There was a first-class tea and all present were generous in their appreciation of a most pleasant afternoon.

The League Championship continues to be interesting, and it is hoped that the winners will be known before the Annual General Meeting. Several duplicate matches have been played.

The Annual General Meeting takes place on Saturday, February 28th, at 2.15 p.m., and all St. Dunstaners who are in any way interested in Bridge are very cordially welcomed to the meeting.

R. P. C.

### Mr. W. R. Grant

St. Dunstaners will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. W. R. Grant, Chief Accountant at St. Dunstan's since November, 1940, although his close association with us began at the end of the 1914-1918 war, when he frequently visited us as an auditor. His death occurred very suddenly on January 20th.

St. Dunstan's was represented at the funeral by Mr. W. G. Askew, Mr. A. D. Lloyds, Mr. W. Berry, and Miss Holland. Among the wreaths were those from Sir Ian and Lady Fraser and St. Dunstan's.

### Marriages

CASWELL.—On February 14th, J. Caswell, of Reading, to Miss Vera Wadham.

COLE—CADE.—On February 14th, S. Cole, of Swansea, to Elizabeth Cade. The bride and bridegroom are both 70.

LEGGE—PAYNE.—On January 31st, J. Legge, of Bristol, to Miss Doris Payne.

RIPLEY—CHEW.—On January 24th, F. Ripley, of Leatherhead, to Miss Chew.

STENT—MANNING.—On February 14th, E. L. Stent, of Liverpool, to Miss Manning.

### Death

DANIELS.—Our deep sympathy is extended to E. Daniels, of Norwich, whose wife passed away on February 8th, after a long illness.

### Spring

*While bards all praise the joys of Spring  
And love and every blessed thing*

*That isn't on the ration,  
And I in minor vein who sing  
Would fain my stint of tribute bring  
And not be out of fashion.*

*When plunged in depths of wintry gloom  
With threats of economic doom  
And atom chaos pending,*

*We long for earth to burst her tomb  
To see the snowdrop's fragile bloom  
And know that winter's ending,*

*We catch the smell of new-turned earth,  
Thus horticulture had its birth*

*In a garden known as Eden.  
Had man but known the worth  
Of saying "No" with gentle mirth  
When offered fruit forbidden.*

*Full soon the birds from distant shores  
Returning to our fields and moors*

*Will charm us with their warbling,  
We'll revel in the out-of-doors  
And even welcome our in-laws  
Or rent collectors calling.*

*And when the buds have split their sheath,  
The bits and pieces underneath  
Will deck the land with beauty.*

*Although we feel the north wind's teeth,  
And friends subscribing for our wreath,  
We'll try and do our duty.*

*'Tis said that young men's thoughts of love  
In springtime turn and with the dove*

*They do a spot of wooing,  
Men of riper years remove  
Themselves and wiser prove*

*When they see trouble brewing,  
The passing of spring chickens rare  
Which once enhanced our bill of fare,  
Nostalgic thoughts evoke.*

*The kippers we in lieu prepare  
Have bones in millions, I declare  
Enough to choke a bloke.*

*For custom's sake I must allude  
To skipping lambs, that will intrude  
Upon my springtime ditty.*

*'Twould mar the picture and be rude  
A hint of mint sauce to include  
And that would be a pity.*

*A word unto the critic wise,  
Beware how you my verse despise,  
I write to make you merry.*

*I shall not get the Nobel prize,  
Perhaps a pair of big black eyes,  
Or else a loud raspberry.*

—S. A. CHAMBERS.

## "In Memory"

### Lance Corporal John Thomas Johnson, *North Staffordshire Regt.*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of J. T. Johnson, of Whitemoor, near Congleton. He served from September, 1914, until December, 1918. When he came to us, three years later, his health was already very bad, and all through the years he has only been able to do the lightest occupation. He visited West House last year for one of his periodic breaks, but after three months, although he was very ill indeed, he felt he would like to go home. He passed away in hospital on Christmas Day, to which he had been admitted a few hours earlier. In spite of continued ill-health, he had a grand sense of humour, and he was a great favourite at our Homes.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades was sent for the funeral. He was a widower, and we extend our sympathy to his family.

### Lance Corporal Albert Charles Rodgers, *Royal Engineers*

With deep regret we record the death of A. C. Rodgers, of Wrexham, on January 1st. Enlisting in April, 1915, he was discharged in October, 1916, and came to us two months later. He trained as a boot repairer and for a long time carried on this work, although of late he had led a quiet life. His death was quite unexpected. Arrangements had been made for him to join his friend, Jock Waddell, at West House, when we received the news of his death. He had been ill only a brief time.

A wreath from Sir Ian and his St. Dunstan's comrades was sent, and our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

### Private William Davies, *North Staffordshire Regt.*

We record with deep regret the death of W. Davies, of Blockley. A regular soldier before the 1914-18 war—he had enlisted in 1903—he was wounded in January, 1915, and was discharged the same year. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1922. His head wound not only caused his loss of sight, but severely damaged his health, and he led a very quiet life, only doing a little poultry, and later, a little wool rug work. He gradually became a very sick man, and he passed away on January 6th.

A wreath was sent from Sir Ian and his comrades. He leaves a wife and family, to whom we offer our deep sympathy.

### Private James Forbes Macpherson, *Seaforth Highlanders*

With deep regret we record the death of J. F. Macpherson, of Windsor. Enlisting in 1914, he was seriously wounded on the Somme in 1916, and was discharged from the Army two years later. He did not, however, come to St. Dunstan's until 1936. Some years before, he and his wife had settled in Canada, but he returned to this country in 1936. He trained at St. Dunstan's and became one of our shop-keepers. He had been ill for some time with heart trouble, and he passed away at his home on January 21st.

A wreath from St. Dunstan's was sent for the funeral, and a St. Dunstaner, C. Singleton, was among those present. A piper from the Scots Guards played Lovat's "Lament" and "Flowers of the Forest."

We extend our deep sympathy to his widow and family. His eldest son, Jim, was killed while serving with the R.A.F.

### Private Robert Alexander Barbour, *42nd Canadians*

With deep regret we record the death of R. A. Barbour, of Brighton, another Canadian who settled in this country after the war.

Wounded in France the day before Armistice Day, 1918, he came to St. Dunstan's in 1919, where he trained in netting and basket-making. He returned to Canada after training, but came back to England soon afterwards.

He had only been ill for a few days before his death on February 7th.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades was among the flowers. Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and two daughters.

## Births

**JUNER.**—On August 1st, to the wife of D. Juner, of New Parks, Leicestershire, a daughter—Madeline Irene.

**LAWTON.**—On January 21st, to the wife of M. Lawton, of East Ham, a daughter—Maria Ann.

**LYNCH.**—On December 20th, to the wife of Joseph Lynch, of Murrumbidgee, Victoria, Australia, a son.

**SIMMONS.**—On February 2nd, to the wife of T. Simmons, of Ramsgate, a son—Peter John.

**STANLEY.**—On January 8th, to the wife of G. Stanley, of Patcham, a son—David.

**WATERWORTH.**—On February 7th, to the wife of G. Waterworth, of Coventry, a son—Raymond.

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Mrs. Violet Carter, wife of Nick Carter, gave birth to a son, Timothy Joseph Nicholas, on December 14th, 1947.

Mrs. Carter was weaving teacher at Church Stretton and Ovingdean.

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Mrs. Rodgers, of Wrexham, thanks her husband's many friends for their messages and tributes, which have been such a comfort to her in her sorrow.