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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

BLIND people receive many kindnesses and favours from the sighted whether as a community or as individuals. The free wireless licence, a special arrangement to facilitate voting, and the railway travel concession, are notable. We cannot and, I am sure, do not expect everything free, nor would it be justifiable for any administration to multiply concessions to the blinded without considering their extension to others such as the paralysed and the deaf. The three concessions I have mentioned are, however, particularly applicable to the blind, and there is, I think, a good argument for them in equity and common sense.

There is no reason that I can see why nationalised industry should give away more than free enterprise, for somebody has got to foot the bill in either case, and in the end I think the economists would tell us that it is always the consumer or the taxpayer who pays. Sometimes, indeed, it is easier to obtain a concession from a private person than from a municipality, a great corporation or the State itself, because the former is free to act on his own initiative without having to consider wider social implications and precedents. Nevertheless, the change of ownership and management of British railways offers an opportunity for making a bid for an improvement in the railway concession for which we have had to thank the old railway companies for a generation.

There is a new rule—I think it is a very bad one—which prevents a private Member of Parliament from asking Parliamentary questions about the management of our nationalised industries and I was refused permission to put down a question on this matter. Accordingly, I have addressed a letter to the Minister of Transport which I now publish, and I shall ask him to let me publish his reply. Here is the text of my letter:—

DEAR BARNES,

31st March, 1948.

Would you consider, now that the railways have been nationalised, improving the concession for railway travel for blind persons? The companies have for the past twenty-five years or so allowed a concession whereby a sighted escort travelling with a blind person on a business journey may travel free.

There are two ways in which the concession could be improved. First of all, many blind persons feel the concession might be extended to the blind person himself so that he gets the two fares for the cost of one if he travels with an escort, but travels free if he goes alone. Those who go alone are not very numerous, but they do include men who go regularly to work from the suburbs of our great cities.

The other way in which the concession could be improved would be by removing the business journey limitation. At present, the blind person has to apply to St. Dunstan's if he is a blinded ex-Serviceman, or to the National Institute for the Blind if he is a civilian,

or to certain other authorities for a form which, when filled in and presented at the Booking Office, entitles him to a free ticket for his guide on a business journey. A business journey is fairly well and quite narrowly defined as a result of the practice of the past years and the goodwill of the railway companies. The limitation is, however, tightly drawn and does not permit a blind person to visit relations, go for a holiday, attend an Agricultural Show, etc.

For your information, I enclose copies of a cable which I have sent to responsible authorities in the blind world in the United States and in the Dominions, and their replies.

From these you will see that in Australia and New Zealand both the concessions I have mentioned are granted to blinded ex-Servicemen, whilst in Canada and the United States the second concession, namely, that of allowing all journeys at half cost, is granted, whilst the South African goes further than the British in many respects.

No doubt, in considering this concession, you will be asking yourself what other group in the community may make a claim for a travel concession. I would submit that there is a good reason for picking out blind people for a special concession, namely, that it is extremely difficult for them to travel alone and impossible for the majority, so that almost every journey undertaken so lightly and so easily by the ordinary person has to be organised and arranged and an escort provided. Even if the escort receives a free ticket, the blind person is put to the expense of double incidental expenses, double meals, etc.

It is, I suggest, in the community's interest that its blind people, in spite of their handicap, should be aided to go to work and to enjoy a full and, as far as possible, normal life.

You may also consider that a blind citizen who normally pays the same taxes as any other is unable to enjoy the fruits of many of them, such as the beauties of open spaces, parks, and so on.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) IAN FRASER.

THE RT. HON. A. BARNES, M.P.,
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London, W.1.

Talking Books

I have heard good reports of the new Talking Book model. St. Dunstaners seem particularly pleased with the lifting device and the extra volume. A meeting of the Sound Recording Board of Directors was held at my office recently. The Committee was able to report that in spite of many difficulties, the Decca Company was maintaining a steady supply of Electric A.C. machines and that one hundred and ten St. Dunstaners who wanted to exchange their old clockwork models for an electric A.C. machine had now done so. This only leaves fifty-nine who need either D.C. or battery models. I thought at first that this was due to the fact that many more houses have been equipped with electricity; this is certainly quite true, but of course, a very high percentage originally bought the clockwork model because it was cheaper and portable. Nevertheless, the figures are interesting.

Horace Kerr tells me that he has now started on the waiting list for new machines and it is hoped that the first hundred will be supplied within the next two months.

IAN FRASER.

Placements

L. F. Coles, Leytonstone, in a tobacconist's business, etc.; C. Fone, of Edmonton, in a tobacco and stationery business; R. Freer, of Ilfracombe, in a tobacco, confectionery and stationery business, including a library; D. Jennings, of Market Harborough, as a telephonist with the Harborough Construction Company; D. W. Smith, of Worcester, as a telephonist

with the Ministry of Labour; C. E. Tibbitt, with Messrs. Lines Brothers, Morden, on assembly. A. Cavanagh, operating a handless loom at the Remploy Factory, Salford; W. Carthy, of Rainworth, near Mansfield, in a tobacco, confectionery, etc., business; A. Parslow, Battersea, in a tobacco and confectionery business; C. Womack, with the Imperial Typewriter Co., Ltd., Leicester, on a small power press.

Removal to New Headquarters

We have to announce that the removal to our new Headquarters will take place on April 29th and 30th and May 1st, and St. Dunstaners are requested to refrain from calling at or telephoning to Park Crescent or Snow Hill on these three days unless the matter is urgent. The address of the new Headquarters is 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1, and the entrance to it is at the side of the building in Harcourt Street. The telephone number is Paddington 5021 and the telegraphic address is Endunstani, Phone, London.

The Marylebone Road building is 1,200 yards going west from Baker Street and within 500 yards of Edgware Road. There is an entrance to the Edgware Road (Metropolitan and Inner Circle) Station in Marylebone Road immediately opposite the building, and all St. Dunstaners are warned that in view of the fast-moving traffic in Marylebone Road they and their escorts should use the two Belisha crossings by the station. The nearest station on the Bakerloo Line is Marylebone.

The building has five floors and a sub-basement, and there is a lift. The various Departments will be accommodated as follows and the Head of Department is shown in brackets:—

Ground or Entrance Floor

Joinery Department (Mr. George).

Boot Department (Mr. Durrant).

There will also be a Dispensary on this floor and the rooms in the north wing will be utilised as a Club for men living in and around London and men passing through London. The Club will not be available until early June, and full information in regard to it will be included in the next issue of the REVIEW.

Sub-Basement

Basket Department (Mr. White).

Despatch Department (Mr. Mustchin).
General Storage.

First Floor

General Welfare Department (Mr. Mackay), including
Northern Area Superintendent (Miss Wilson);

Southern Area Superintendent (Miss Outing, who is now taking the place of Miss Webster, who is being transferred to other work).

Industrial Department (Mr. Owens), including

Telephony (Miss MacDiarmid);
Shops (Mr. Beeforth).
Home Industries Accounts (Mr. Ovenden).

Shop Accounts (Mr. Christopher).
General Welfare Accounts (Miss Sailing).
Men's Supplies Dept.—*i.e.*, Wireless, Typewriters, Cards, Dominoes, etc. (Mr. Kerr).

Second Floor

Home Industries Department—*i.e.*, Boots, Mats, Wool Rugs, Baskets, Joinery, Netting (Mr. Bennett).

Secretary's Department (Mr. Askew and Mr. Lloyds, Assistant Secretary).

Chief Accountant's Department (Mr. Wills, who has been newly appointed to take the place of the late Mr. Grant).

Third Floor

Wool Rug and Netting Department (Mr. Doughty).

Mr. Doughty (The Technical Superintendent for Home Industries).

Telephone Switchboard (Mr. Crabtree).
Kitchen and Staff Canteen.

Fourth Floor

Estate, Housing and Insurance Department (Mr. Lale).

Settlement Department (Mr. Matthews).
Physiotherapy Department (Mr. Smyth).

Country Life Department (Mr. Ferguson).

We pointed out in a previous issue of the REVIEW that the Chairman's Office, the Appeals and Publicity Departments, and Mr. Rice's office would, at a later date, be moving to No. 1 South Audley Street, W.1. This move will not, however, occur until the early autumn, so in the meantime, these offices will remain at Park Crescent. Notice will be given when this move will take place. The telephone number at Park Crescent will continue to be Welbeck 7921, and the telegraphic address will be Saindun, Phone, London.

We also stated that the Mat Department under Mr. Cane would remain at Raglan Street, Kentish Town. The mat makers are informed that whilst they should send their mats to Crown Place, all orders for raw materials and all correspondence with Mr. Cane should be sent to No. 191 Marylebone Road.

Joiners, Basket Makers and Wool Rug Makers, sending articles to St. Dunstan's for sale, should address them to No. 191 Marylebone Road on and after April 24th.

May we repeat a warning to all St. Dunstaners to take particular care at the Marylebone Road crossing which will be unfamiliar to them.

National Insurance

St. Dunstaners will have heard over the radio and from the newspapers a great deal about the new National Insurance Act which comes into full operation on July 5th next, and will be wondering how they are affected personally by the Scheme.

The Minister of National Insurance has still to make a number of regulations under the Act, and until these regulations are made it is not possible to give a clear picture of how St. Dunstaners will be affected. It may be a convenience, however, if we set out below the main benefits to be received under the Act and the contributions which will have to be made under the various classes:—

CLASSES OF INSURED PERSONS

CLASS 1—Employed persons, that is all persons who work under a contract of service for salary, wages or other remuneration, such as telephonists, factory workers, shorthand typists, etc.

CLASS 2—Self-employed persons, that is all persons who are gainfully occupied in work on their own account such as shopkeepers, farmers, physiotherapists, etc.

CLASS 3—Non-employed persons, that is everyone who does not come under Class 1 or Class 2.

NOTE: It has not yet been decided by the Minister whether men engaged in rug making, basket making, or other home crafts will be insured under Class 2 or Class 3.

BENEFITS

There is a wide range of cash benefits but not every insured person will rank for every one of these benefits. The benefit afforded to each Class of insured person is shown below:—

	Unem- ployment	Sick- ness	Retire- ment	Widows' Benefits	Mater- nity	Death Grant
Class 1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Class 2	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Class 3	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Guardians' Benefit may be payable to anyone

WEEKLY RATES OF BENEFIT

	Insured Person	wife	1st Child of School age	Relative Depen- dant or person caring for In- sured's child*
Unemployment	26/-	16/-	7/6	16/-
Sickness	26/-	16/-	7/6	16/-
Retirement	26/-	16/-	7/6	nil

*Payable only where no Allowance for Wife in issue

Widows

36/- for 13 weeks plus 7/6 for first child, at the end of the 13 weeks 33/6 for a widow and child or 26/- for a childless widow over 50 or incapable of self-support.

Maternity

£4 in respect of each child born and either 36/- a week for 13 weeks for an employed or self-employed woman or £1 a week for 4 weeks for any other woman.

Guardian

12/- weekly to anyone whose family includes an orphan child whose father or mother was insured.

Death

18 years of age and over—£20; 6 years and under 18 years—£15; 3 years and under 6 years—£10; under 3 years—£6.

RATES OF CONTRIBUTION

Class 1 (Employed)

	Employee	Employer	Total Stamp
Men	4/11	4/2	9/1
Women	3/10	3/3	7/1
Boys (under 18)	2/10½	2/5½	5/4
Girls (under 18)	2/4	1/11	4/3

These rates include small contributions (4d. a week in the case of men) under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, which takes the place of the Workmen's Compensation Acts so far as fresh accidents are concerned. The benefits under this Act are payable in cases of personal injury caused by accidents arising out of and in the course of the person's employment, and the benefits to be received are almost identical with those given to a Private Soldier disabled on War Service. The existing Workmen's Compensation cases will continue to be paid at the old rates, but beneficiaries may be entitled to the Unemployability Supplement and/or Constant Attendance Allowance.

Class 2 (Self-employed)

MEN, 6/2; WOMEN, 5/1; BOYS (under 18 years), 3/7; GIRLS (under 18 years), 3/1.

Class 3 (Non-employed)

MEN, 4/8; WOMEN, 3/8; BOYS (under 18 years), 2/9; GIRLS (under 18 years), 2/3.

RETIREMENT PENSION

This pension is payable on retirement from regular employment to an insured man on reaching 65 years of age and to his wife on her reaching 60 years of age.

The wife cannot receive the separate pension of 16/- a week on her husband's insurance until the husband qualifies and she reaches the age of 60, but when the husband has qualified he can claim a dependant's allowance of the same amount in respect of his wife pending her reaching 60 years of age. A woman, married or single, is entitled to a pension of 26/- a week at 60 years of age in respect of her own insurance.

A pensioner can draw the pension and still undertake work from which he earns 20/- a week or less. Where the earnings exceed 20/- weekly the amount by which the weekly earnings exceed 20/- will be deducted from the retirement pension.

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS Persons already insured

Persons already covered by National Health, Pensions and Unemployment Insurance and persons insured for one or more of those purposes will on the operation of the new Scheme be given credit for their present insurance record, and their prospective right to benefit, by reason of their present insurance, will be ensured on conditions to be laid down in regulations to be made by the Minister. In the same way, persons on benefit at the date of the coming into force of the new Act, or with a right to benefit at that date, will be given the corresponding benefit under the new Act, but again subject to any modifications set out in the Minister's regulations.

Persons insured for the first time under the new Act

Persons insured for the first time must make the specified contributions under the new scheme to qualify for the various benefits. A person insured for the first time under the new Act must complete ten years' insurance before qualifying for a retirement pension. A person reaching pension age before completing the ten years' insurance may elect:

- (i) To continue contributions until the ten years' insurance is completed and thereon qualify for retirement pension, at the full rate, or
- (ii) Reclaim with interest the part of his contributions allocated to retirement pension and have no further claim for a retirement pension.

NOTE: In surrendering the pension claim the insured should remember that he also surrenders his wife's claim to retirement pension on his insurance.

The above shows the general position, but St. Dunstaners will wish to know how they are affected personally and here we are up against the very real difficulty that the Minister has not yet made the regulations which will cover the majority of our men; for instance, we do not know how the Government propose to deal with persons who are in receipt of a Disability Pension at the rate of 100% or less and whether they will ask St. Dunstaners in receipt of the "Unemployable" Supplement to contribute, and if so in which particular class. We also do not know how the Government will deal with overlapping benefits; for instance, whether they will give the full Wife's and Child's Allowances from Insurance funds in addition to the full Wife's and Children's Allowances received from the Ministry of Pensions, or whether if a St. Dunstaner is injured during the course of his employment he will be entitled to the full pension and allowances payable under the Industrial Injuries Act in addition to the Pension and Allowances he receives from the Ministry of Pensions. All we can say at the moment is that when the regulations are published we will let St. Dunstaners know without delay through the medium of the REVIEW. In the meantime, the Government ask that every adult person should be registered under the Scheme, and therefore all St. Dunstaners who are not insured under the present Health or Pensions Insurance and will be under the age of 65 (men) or 60 (women) on July 5th, should obtain Form CF.6 from any Post Office, Employment Exchange or National Insurance Office, should complete the form in the necessary detail and should send or take it to their nearest Employment Exchange as soon as possible.

We have endeavoured to give St. Dunstaners all the information on the subject which is available at the present time, and although it is appreciated a number of men will have their individual problems which will require to be solved, it will be a great help if they refrain from writing to Headquarters until the Minister's regulations have been published and we know the answers to the various conundrums.

H. D. RICE.

TANDEM WANTED

If any St. Dunstaner wishes to dispose of his tandem, the Editor would be glad to hear from him.

Ovingdean Notes

The Chairman has issued an invitation to men and staff at Ovingdean to join him at a brief reception, where a drink and sandwiches will be served, at 5.30 on Thursday, May 13th, to say goodbye and thank-you to Air Commodore Dacre, retiring Commandant, and to welcome Mr. L. Fawcett, at present in charge of West House, who will take over the additional duties of Commandant at Ovingdean.

Air Commodore Dacre's term of office was for three years to see the training through, but was extended for a further year.

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Life is full of varied interests here. Besides darts, dominoes, concerts and theatres on alternate Monday evenings, spirited debates not only sharpen wits but deepen and widen thoughts. On the debate, "That Education should not be compulsory," it was agreed that whilst school attendance should certainly be compulsory, real education in the wider sense of a life-long comprehensive experience naturally couldn't be. On other subjects it was agreed "That we are all dishonest," because our standard is too high to maintain without occasional lapses!—and that the "over-fifties" are still needed in responsible positions.

There have been several very enjoyable dances, amongst them one held by the Brighton and Hove Branch of Toc H. The Royal Alexandra Hospital invited a number of trainees to a dance given by the nurses on St. Patrick's Night, which was a huge success.

Since this was the first occasion on which Easter had fallen during the Spring Term, it was rather a problem to arrange entertainment. However, on Easter Saturday, two coaches conveyed racegoers to Plumpton Races. Although there were no big wins (or losses), everyone enjoyed the afternoon immensely. On Easter Monday, a number of trainees joined West House in their "Scounge Hunt" outing to Poynings. The winning team from Ovingdean caused much amusement at the Dance in the evening by producing some of the "spoils" of the hunt.

We were very pleased to have Col. G. I. Davys here once more to give us an interesting talk on his experiences of the quaint

customs, dress and (unwashed!) habits of Tibet. Col. Davys was at one time District Commissioner in Tibet.

On Tuesday, March 30th, the Ovingdean Rifle Team had a match against the Southwick Rifle Club, the result of which was a win for St. Dunstan's with 197 points against 164 out of a possible 250. The best shots of the evening were Dickie Richardson and Kel Gattrel, who both scored 47 out of a possible 50. Their nearest rival was Mr. Gooding of Southwick, who scored 41. St. Dunstaners' individual scores were as follows:

D. Richardson	47	points	out	of	50
K. Gattrel	...	47	"	"	50
J. Walch	...	38	"	"	50
R. Pringle	...	34	"	"	50
G. Killingbeck	...	31	"	"	50

D. Richardson in a practice shoot scored ten bulls with ten shots. This is the first "possible" that has been scored on the range.

Test Results

Writing Test.—J. Clyde.

Typing Test.—E. Marr, A. Needham, G. Jacobs.

Senior Test.—A. Caldwell, W. Leonard.

News in Brief

W. Burnett, of Gateshead, was well reported in the *Newcastle Journal* recently.

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Also in the news—Mel Clements and Percy Blackmore, of Newport, who were featured in the *Western Mail* with pictures of them at work on the bench.

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W. Robinson, of Grantham, presented the prizes at several St. Dunstan's functions at the R.A.F. Station at Cranwell.

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E. D. Evans, of Caermarthen, won a second and third prize at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show for his vegetables, and a second at the Caermarthen Show.

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L. Jackson, of Heswall, and his wife are immersed in British Legion work. Jackson, besides his Legion activities, finds time to lecture for St. Dunstan's.

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John Straughton is a switchboard operator with the United Steel Companies, and in their Works Bulletin recently there was a magnificent half-page photograph of John at his board. This was followed later by a long story in the *Lancashire Daily Post*.

West House Notes

First of all this month we should like to express our thanks to Jack Sullivan for another of his Concerts. A delightful programme was provided and the inclusion of Arthur Askey and the Western Brothers, who came straight from the stage of the Hippodrome to West House and then had to return for another show, was very much appreciated.

A full and varied programme was arranged for Easter week-end and we were again a very full house. The week-end began with a Variety Show arranged by Mr. Windo Martin and friends, and this got us into the holiday spirit.

On Thursday afternoon we welcomed some of our local St. Dunstaners to West House for a Domino and Whist Drive.

Saturday morning saw us setting out for a day at the Races and, this time some of us teamed up with some of the Ovingdean boys. We came back a little weary and dusty, but, most of us, quite ready for the party in the Lounge that evening.

We are now the proud possessors of a really handsome stage which is erected in the Conservatory as and when required. All the work on this, and it has been very considerable, has been carried out by L. J. Austin (Transport), and it is largely due to his work before Easter that we were able to put on the Staff Show which we called "Spring Fever."

We had a packed house on Sunday evening and a most appreciative audience. Apart from one or two minor "technical hitches," the Show went off with a swing and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves—including those taking part. Little things which happened behind stage, such as an over-anxious dresser starting to change "Prim's" costume when she still had to return to the stage, were jokes which, unfortunately, could not be shared with the audience—but they all added to the merriment of the evening. Those taking part were Mesdames Arnold, Chaddock, Harvey, Holland, Morgan, Pocock, Tizzard, Cox and Guilbert, and Orderlies Webster, Graves, Lower and Ball, and H. A. Mason and, of course, Commandant. In addition to acting as Stage Manager, L. J. Austin took part in the show and the co-producers were Miss Guilbert and Miss Cox. Mrs. Gay Evans, already well known to some of our men, came along to act as pianist.

A vote of thanks to the staff was expressed by Frank Rhodes.

Services were held in the little Chapel, beautifully decorated with spring flowers—Miss Winder and Orderly Howes were responsible for the artistic arrangement of yellow daffodils, blue iris and deep pink tulips. These flowers were sent as an Easter gift by our friends from the Retired Nurses' Home at Roedean. Some lovely arum lilies were also given to us by St. Dunstaner H. Clevitt. The Service on Easter Sunday was taken by the Rev. C. Jarvis and we welcomed as our soloist, for the first time, Dick Slaughter.

The monthly Communion, conducted by the Rev. Taylor, was also very well attended.

The holiday week-end finished with a special Treasure Hunt during Monday afternoon, and a dance in the evening.

The following morning we said goodbye to many of our friends as the workers went back to their jobs, fortified, we hope, by an enjoyable short holiday at West House.

Derby Sweepstake, 1948

Once again we invite applications for tickets in the REVIEW's own Derby Sweepstake which is open only to St. Dunstaners and St. Dunstan's trainees.

Tickets will again be 2s. 6d. each and applications for them can be made at once and will be received up to the first post on **Friday, May 21st**. Every application must bear the name and address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required, and must be sent to the Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, 9-11 Park Crescent, London, W.1. Postal orders should be made payable to St. Dunstan's and crossed. St. Dunstaners are advised to send postal orders or cheques and not loose money unless it is registered.

The total amount of the money subscribed, after the cost of printing and postage has been deducted, will be distributed as follows:

- 50% to the holder of the ticket drawing the winning horse.
- 20% to the holder of the ticket drawing the second horse.
- 10% to the holder of the ticket drawing the third horse.
- 20% to be divided equally among those drawing a horse which actually starts in the race.

"In Memory"

Private John Brockerton, 10th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

With deep regret we record the death of J. Brockerton, of Coleraine.

After losing his sight in France during the 1914-1918 war, he came to St. Dunstan's, where he trained as a poultry farmer and mat-maker, and he carried on these occupations for many years, only giving up mat-making in 1937. He was a most cheerful and lovable personality and his passing is keenly mourned by a host of friends.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser was sent for the funeral and Mr. N. S. Macauley represented St. Dunstan's. Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and family. Mr. and Mrs. Brockerton celebrated their golden wedding on December 31st last.

A.B. Harry Pilsbury, Royal Naval Division

It is with deep regret that we record the death of H. A. Pilsbury, of Loughborough, which occurred suddenly on March 11th.

Enlisting in July, 1917, he was wounded in France in 1918, when in addition to his loss of sight, he also had his right leg amputated. He was trained as a telephonist but did not take up a position, preferring to follow his own interests.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife and son who, fortunately, has just left the Services.

Private Edward Brownfoot, 2nd Hampshire Regt.

With deep regret we record the death of E. Brownfoot, of Renfrew.

He served from October, 1914, and was wounded in France in April, 1918, and he came to us the following November. He was trained first as a poultry farmer and later as a telephonist, and he continued with this work for many years, in spite of indifferent health. For some considerable time he had not been able to work and there were long periods when he was in hospital and at our Homes. He expressed a strong desire to go to his own home and he died there on March 10th.

Miss Wood Social Visitor, represented St. Dunstan's at the funeral, and a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades was among the flowers.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Brownfoot.

Gordon Kellie Stobie, 9th South African Infantry

We have heard with deep regret from Mrs. Chadwick Bates that G. K. Stobie, of Cape Town, died on November 9th, 1947. This South African St. Dunstaner came to us in 1917. Training as a masseur, he practised in this capacity and as a chiropractic until the time of his death, which was most unexpected.

Our sympathy is extended to his family.

J. Wallace Green (Canadian Forces)

The news has only just reached us from Canada of the death of J. Wallace Green, of Ottawa, which occurred as far back as 1941. This St. Dunstaner was blinded at Port Arthur and came to St. Dunstan's in August, 1918. He began his training as a masseur here, and completed it at Pearson Hall, securing a higher percentage of marks than any other student at McGill University in one part of his examinations.

He took the keenest interest in his profession, although for some years before his death we had received little news of him.

Mrs. Ashworth wishes to thank St. Dunstan's, staff and friends for the great kindness shown to her in her sad bereavement. Their letters of sympathy have been a help, and the regard in which her late husband was held, an inspiration.

Births

ANDROLIA.—On March 30th, to the wife of A. Androlia, of Walsall, a son.

COONEY.—On February 22nd, to the wife of J. Cooney, of Worthing, a daughter—Josephine Mary.

FAULKNER.—On February 11th, to the wife of W. D. Faulkner, of Smethwick, a daughter—Peggy Anne.

FLEISIG.—On February 26th, to the wife of D. Fleisig, of Orpington, a son—Trevor Derek.

NEWALL.—On February 12th, to the wife of H. Newall, of Manchester, a daughter—Maureen Elizabeth.

A Record?

With the birth of his sixth child, Captain J. M. O. Barstow wonders whether he holds the record, among officers of both wars, for the highest number of children.

Marriages

GRANSBY—SHERIDAN.—On March 27th, H. G. Gransby, of Hillingdon, to Miss Winifred Sheridan.

ROAKE.—On March 28th, G. Roake, of Peckham.

Silver Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Peacey, of New Southgate (March 31st).

Grandfathers

A. T. Brooks, of Bournemouth, E. D. Evans, of Caermarthen, R. Gunson, of Dewsbury, and, for the tenth time, J. Lavell, of Hereford!

Great-Grandfather

A. Morris, of Pontypridd.