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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

At a meeting of the Executive Council of St. Dunstan's, held on May 7th, 1948, it was proposed by Captain Appleby, seconded by Sir Neville Pearson, and unanimously resolved "That the Council places on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Air Commodore Dacre, C.B.E., D.S.O., to St. Dunstan's as Commandant of the Training Centre at Church Stretton, and later at Ovingdean, during the period April 22nd, 1944, to May 15th, 1948, and for his exceptional contribution to the work in carrying out the re-organisation and modernisation of the training system, the re-opening of St. Dunstan's at Ovingdean, the planning of the trainees' career and settlement services, and the supervision of St. Dunstan's special work for the doubly handicapped and of inventions and research."

In these terms the Council of St. Dunstan's paid their tribute to Air Commodore Dacre, who came to us for the three years' appointment but, at our request, stayed for four, and was more largely responsible than any other person for the organisation of St. Dunstan's re-education and training during the second world war. The Commandant brought to his work much service experience and great administrative gifts, and leaves us with a smoothly running organisation. There have been unexpectedly large numbers coming to St. Dunstan's since the war ended, so that Ovingdean is still full, and nineteen Australians will be on the way shortly to join us for the Autumn Term. Training will thus go on actively for another year or two, and on a diminishing scale for some time, but the constructive work of building up the organisation, introducing new occupations, finding new staff and new methods has been done.

Mrs. Dacre, too, contributed much to St. Dunstan's, helping her husband and using their house near the Training Centre for much charming entertainment; she also initiated the scheme to lend St. Dunstaners' brides wedding frocks and veils, and I am glad to say she will carry this on. Air Commodore Dacre, too, will continue his connection with St. Dunstan's, for he has kindly volunteered to remain chairman of our Experimental Workshop Committee and to act as liaison between this Committee and our Scientific Committee.

I should like to place on record my personal thanks to the retiring Commandant and his wife for the extremely able services they have rendered to St. Dunstan's, and I am sure that the organisation as a whole and particularly those who went through their period of training during his term of office would join in expressing their appreciation and wishing them both the best of good luck.

Miss Oliphant

Miss Oliphant, the After-Care Visitor for the West of England for the last thirteen years, has left the service of St. Dunstan's, owing to staff re-organisation, and her place has been

taken by Miss Webster, who has for the past two years, been the Southern Area Superintendent in the Welfare Department. I have received many charming letters regarding Miss Oliphant's leaving, saying what wonderful work she did for our men and their families in the West Country. I express, on behalf of St. Dunstan's as a whole, and particularly the West Country men, our sincere thanks to Miss Oliphant and our best wishes for the future.

Club at New Headquarters

We are glad to say that the rooms which have been set aside for the Club will be ready on May 31st. The Club will be situated on the entrance floor, and consists of three fairly large rooms (all inter-communicating) with two smaller rooms and a small Club kitchen, from which tea, coffee, cakes, etc., can be served at reasonable prices. We propose that the Club shall be open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays. It will, of course, be primarily used by men living within a radius of, say, ten miles of Marylebone Road, but all St. Dunstaners, wherever they may live, will always be welcome when passing through London.

The Club is intended to make available a place in which St. Dunstaners can meet each other and join in Club life, including whist drives, bridge, dominoes, etc., and at which arrangements can be made for swimming and any other activity in which St. Dunstaners may be interested. It is thought that the men would like to organise and run the Club themselves through the medium of a Committee, with possibly sub-Committees for the various interests, and different nights and rooms can be set aside for particular interests. It would, we think, be an advantage if a member of Headquarters staff could sit on the Committee to help and advise, and it would obviously also be an advantage if the personnel of the Committee were restricted to men living within, say, a ten mile radius, who would be comparatively regular in their attendance.

Mr. Willis, who has been appointed Manager of the Club, resides at the new Headquarters, as he is also responsible for the care of the building. He will be in regular attendance on all Club nights, and Mr. Dawkins will also devote a considerable part of his time to Club activities and a V.A.D. will be appointed to help. In addition, we shall, I am sure, continue to have a band of devoted voluntary helpers in the same way as we used to have in pre-war days.

I invite men to visit the Club during the week commencing May 31st, and to attend a meeting there at 6.30 p.m. on June 8th, when the matter can be fully discussed and the first Committee elected. St. Dunstaners willing to serve on the Committee can be proposed and seconded at the meeting and elections can be made by a show of hands.

St. Dunstaners will be gratified to know that part of a generous gift made by the Royal Air Force has been, with the consent of the Air Council, earmarked for equipping and maintaining the Club, and that Mr. Willis, the Club Manager, saw long service with the R.A.F.

IAN FRASER.

Their Majesties' Silver Wedding

The following telegram was sent to Their Majesties on the occasion of their Silver Wedding:—

"St. Dunstan's Council and blinded officers and men throughout the Empire send loyal greetings and congratulations to Your Majesties."

NEVILLE PEARSON, *President*.

and the following reply was received:—

President, St. Dunstan's:—

"Please convey the sincere thanks of the King and Queen to the Council, officers and men of St. Dunstan's for their kind and loyal message on the occasion of Their Majesties' Silver Wedding."

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Masonic

Freemason St. Dunstaners who were at Church Stretton during 1942-5 may be interested to know that Mr. C. E. Beaufoy, more familiarly known as "Grandpa," is to be elected as a Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, at the June meeting of the Provincial Lodge of Kent. Mr. Beaufoy is a Past Master of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, 199, Dover, and he joined the Lodge in 1902.

Derby Sweepstake

The draw for the Derby Sweepstake, which closed on May 21st, will take place at No. 12 Park Crescent on Tuesday, June 1st. All drawing horses will be notified by letter the following day.

British Legion Conference

Sir Ian Fraser was returned unopposed as National President of the British Legion at the Whitsuntide Conference.

In his address, the President said: "Inflation hurts all and especially the man or woman living on a small income, and the pensioner, but our disabled comrades have already been left behind in the inflation spiral and something must be done for them. All who suffer disability, even minor disabilities, find that they become harder to bear as they get older. I would like to see a rise in the basic rate," he said, and called for a national campaign to be pressed in Parliament and the constituencies.

The Conference demanded £4 10s. a week minimum for those disabled in the highest degree.

Resolutions were passed calling attention to the unemployment of disabled men and women, and to the fact that thousands of young men who had married since they returned from the war could not get homes.

Ernest Russell, a St. Dunstan's telephone operator, representing the West Riding of Yorkshire, moved a resolution asking the Government to declare that telephone operating was a designated occupation for the disabled. It should be kept for them and for no one else, he said. This was carried.

Ex-Prisoners of War Meet

Lord Normanby's Reunion

At the beginning of April, Lord Normanby gave a very happy little Reunion dinner party at the Café Royal, Regent Street, to nearly twenty St. Dunstaners and their escorts. These St. Dunstaners were prisoners of war with Lord Normanby in Germany, and it was a fine opportunity for them all to get together and revive old friendships.

Lord Normanby learnt braille himself in order that he might teach it to our men while they were still in the prison camp, and at this dinner party he presented a silver cigarette case to all those who had passed his braille reading test in Germany.

Mr. Mackay, General Welfare Superintendent, was also present to meet the guests.

Lord Normanby is now a member of the Executive Council of St. Dunstan's.

Reunions Again

Reunions have begun. At Leicester, on April 9th, the Lord Mayor (Councillor J. N. Frears), welcomed the guests, with the Lady Mayoress, and the Chairman of the Leicestershire and Rutland British Legion Council, Mr. George V. Briggs, who was a welcome visitor last year, was again present. Portsmouth's Lord Mayor, Councillor F. Miles, J.P., who attended with the Lady Mayoress, presided at Kimbell's Café, Southsea, on April 20th, and the British Legion was represented by Lt.-Col. H. V. Young, County Vice-President. The Bournemouth meeting was at Bobby's Restaurant, on the 22nd, and the guests were welcomed by the Mayor, Councillor J. W. Moore, J.P., Brigadier General A. J. F. Eden, County Vice-President of the British Legion, was also a guest. At Norwich, on May 4th, the Lord Mayor, Alderman W. G. Cutbush, presided, with the Lady Mayoress, and Legion representatives were Mr. G. W. Barnard, Hon. Secretary, Norfolk Branch, and Mr. W. J. Burman, Vice-Chairman, Norfolk County Committee. On May 6th men from Colchester and the surrounding districts met at Wright's Restaurant, where they were welcomed by the Mayor, Councillor Leonard E. Dansie, J.P., with whom was the Mayoress, and the guests included Mr. C. H. Harris, Chairman, Essex County British Legion, and Mr. G. B. Herbert, Vice-Chairman of the Colchester Branch. Mr. A. Mackay has attended all meetings.

Mr. Game

We must apologise for a most stupid error which crept into our last issue. In the note of the removal to the new Headquarters, Mr. Game's name was given twice as "Mr. Cane." This should, of course, have been "Mr. Game," and the last paragraph should have read:—

"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. Game, should be sent to No. 191 Marylebone Road."

Thirty Years Ago

From "St. Dunstan's Review," May, 1918:—
Bill: "This blinkin' sea's orful!"

'Arry: "O, I dunno. It's nice to see froth on somethink these days!"—*Punch*.

Railway Concessions

Sir Ian Fraser has received the following reply from the British Transport Commission with regard to increasing railway facilities for the blind. Sir Ian's letter to the Minister of Transport was printed in last month's REVIEW.

British Transport Commission,
55 Broadway, S.W.1.

DEAR SIR IAN FRASER,

In the absence of my Chairman on business, I am replying on his behalf to the letter you sent to the Minister of Transport on March 31st.

The Railway Executive have considered the case you have put forward, noting in particular the information which you have been good enough to furnish regarding facilities afforded to blind persons in the Dominions and the United States. It is, of course, always possible to argue that more should be done by various public institutions to assist blind and otherwise disabled persons, and I can assure you that the Commission are very conscious of the effect of these people's disabilities when it comes to their travelling on any part of our system. The very wide concessions already allowed to blind persons reflect this feeling, and they do, in fact, considerably exceed the facilities available to other disabled persons. If the question of further facilities to blind persons were to be considered, we should undoubtedly have to enlarge the concessions available to others unable to enjoy normal life and mobility.

There is, moreover, the over-riding consideration that the railways, in the face of rising costs, must maintain their revenue, and there is no provision whereby we can suffer considerable reductions in revenue by making concessions in particular meritorious cases and recoup the loss from other classes of traveller.

A number of representations have recently been made to extend your people's fare concessions to journeys for holiday purposes and for visits to Blind Holiday or Convalescent Homes, but I am afraid that, in the circumstances described, these have to be answered in the same way—that it is much regretted that the present arrangements cannot be extended in this manner at the present time.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) I. L. HENDERSON.

Sir Ian has received a letter on the same subject from T. Floyd, of Teignmouth, who puts forward the case of a sighted escort accompanying a blind person on a journey, say, to a holiday home, who does not necessarily wish to remain at the destination town. In this case, there is the fare for the journey back and a further fare when the escort goes to fetch the blind person at the end of the holiday. Any travel warrant, therefore, Floyd says, would have to include a ticket for the escort to make the extra journey also. He ends: "As far as blinded ex-Servicemen are concerned, it is, in my

opinion, clearly an obligation upon the State to bear the cost of travelling companions' fares, as part of compensation for disablement sustained while serving the State."

B.B.C. Programmes— A Suggestion

Sir Ian Fraser recently received a letter from Miss Hodge, a Home Teacher in Reading, suggesting that the B.B.C. should each day broadcast especially for the blind a short programme of extracts from the daily Press. Sir Ian put forward this suggestion to Sir William Haley, Director-General of the B.B.C. Sir William Haley, in his reply, agreed that blind listeners have an exceptional claim to consideration, but he added: "I think the overwhelming difficulty about the proposal for an additional news programme is that of space. The ordinary news bulletin, which lasts for fifteen minutes, admittedly deals only with what may be called headline news, and the object of the present proposal is, presumably, to cover all the less important news for which space is found in an ordinary newspaper. Unless such a bulletin were to be merely trivial, I do not see how it could cover the ground. A supplement to the main news bulletin is, of course, to be found now in the Radio News Reel at seven o'clock in the Light Programme, and I should think that this must be of considerable interest to blind listeners."

"I do not think that broadcasting is really a suitable medium for minor news of the kind which finds its way into the less conspicuous columns of the newspapers."

Braille Reading Tests

Elementary.—F. Broomfield, T. Milligan.

Advanced.—T. Milligan.

Senior.—T. Milligan, R. J. Vine, J. G. Holmes, L. Arnold, J. Macfarlane, G. P. Brown, G. D. Warden, W. T. Scott, R. Rhodes, A. Cartwright, A. Bradley, F. Collingwood.

Holiday Camp

Lee-on-Solent Holiday Camp, Friday, August 6th-13th. Camp fee of £1, payable in camp; fares over 15s. refunded. Closing date for entries, June 30th.

AVIS SPURWAY,
Holmwood Vicarage, Dorking.

Easter Sunday at Northgate House

It was a perfect Easter Sunday morning. We quickly washed and dressed ourselves and went to the nursery to await the bell that told us breakfast was ready. When grace had been said, we sat down and ate our porridge, afterwards, to our surprise, we each had a coloured egg—some had red ones, others green.

After breakfast the young ones went into the nursery, while the others prepared for church. After the lovely service we walked home by the undercliff, sometimes we stopped for a little while and played on the beach. Then we walked quietly home, through the village to Northgate House, where we washed ourselves and brushed our hair ready for dinner.

Dinner consisted of roast lamb, baked potatoes, greens and gravy, followed by a fruit salad. After dinner we went upstairs for an hour's rest. At 2.30 we got up and tidied our hair.

After a beautiful car ride we picked primroses in the woods. We had a lovely time. After a while we sat down to eat our cakes and drink our grapefruit.

We hurried home to prepare for tea, which consisted of cold meat and salad, followed by cakes. After tea we either played in the garden or sat and read in the nursery until it was time for our baths. After which we went to bed, where we immediately fell to sleep, feeling very tired but extremely happy.

PAMELA HODGMAN,
(Aged 14).

Grandfathers

A. Bennett, Dover; H. Bowen, Treine, Pembrokeshire; T. E. Gidney, Morden (to a Leap Year Day baby).

"Whereas I Was Blind"— a Norwegian Translation

With the permission of Sir Ian Fraser and the publishers, "Whereas I Was Blind" is to be translated into Norwegian and sold for the benefit of the organisation for the blind in Norway.

Blackpool Notes

Blackpool notes begin with a cloudy item—quite a butter-milky one. It has been freely stated in the Press that Blackpool St. Dunstan's received tickets for the Cup Final. This is a mis-statement; no tickets were received. G. A. Jolly certainly did attend the Final, escorted by Miss Davies (the linen room sister), but the tickets which they used were privately acquired, Jolly being the lucky recipient each year of two tickets for the Cup Final. So that's that. Now let us peep over the tiny cloud.

On April 9th Sir Ian and Lady Fraser paid us a visit which lasted above three hours. They lunched with us in the dining room. Then came Sir Ian's talk, followed by his personal contacts with the men. Matron interpreted Sir Ian's talk to Joe Jordan by manual signs; Joe appreciated this very much. A praiseworthy action, too, on the part of Sister Barnett, minor. She, mounted, and with a guiding rein hitched to Joe's mount, cantered with him along the Blackpool sands. Plucky Joe. Valiant Sister.

Now another thrill. Joe Walch's daughter, Joan, was married, on April 24th, to R. Osborne (new war). Joe came to Blackpool after—don't ask me why—and everybody in the Annexe had a glass of port—on Joe. We wished the happy couple "all the best," congratulated Joe, and have high hopes for the future. If any other St. Dunstaner has either a son or a daughter marrying (either will suit us), then do please call at Wimbourne Place.

Another great gift came to us from the Leicester Brewery—per W. Biggs, a barrel of beer, and it received a very hearty welcome. Times here have been very pleasant; many old pals are still kicking around. Joe Walch, Joe Clare, Bert Taylor, Sankey, Taff Williams, Markwick, and many more are getting nearer to Methuselah's age, but still mustering. Past events augur well for those spending their vacation here this summer. The stalls along the Front are beginning to preen themselves; gay colours are going up all around; Matron Davies and the Sisters are stropping their wits and swotting over the book of wisecracks—and you'll get them in abundance, while the unfinished cats have now reduced their size to around four to six inches.

So—Come down and see us some time.
W. E. B.

Ovingdean Notes

We have welcomed to Ovingdean this month Mr. H. Carlesater, a Swedish Welfare Officer, who intends to publish an article on St. Dunstan's when he returns to his own country, and also a Norwegian basket instructor who is blind, Mr. Heian.

Mr. Mugford gave a most interesting talk on April 1st on his experiences while serving with the Federation of British Industries.

On April 3rd, the Belvedere Sports Club invited a number of trainees and their partners to a dance at Hove Town Hall. There were various competitions during the evening, and Ted Brown did exceedingly well in winning a Crooning Competition! The outstanding dance of this month was given by the Sussex Masonic Lodges at the Royal Pavilion on April 14th. All St. Dunstaners from West House and Ovingdean were invited. Dancing followed an excellent dinner and concert.

The efficient partnership of Les White as Musical Organiser and our "Killie" as driving force brought about the very enjoyable sing-songs throughout the term, culminating in a show on April 7th. This Concert was the entirely unofficial work of trainees and staff thrown together in overtime. Not only did rousing choruses, sea-shanties and the perennial favourites carry the programme with a swing, but several young soloists made a successful debut. Our stalwarts, Sid Kitson and Joe Walch delighted us and it was good to see Tommy Rogers as young as ever at his clubs. An original sketch by "Television" (!) of life on a desert island was produced under incredible difficulties. At its close the Company's appreciation of Miss Winifred Putt, Matron's Secretary, was shown in a little token presentation.

The Rifle Range is a popular recreation. On April 13th a match took place between St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, and a team from Brighton Telephones. St. Dunstan's won by 225 points to 211; the highest scores of the evening were attained by F. Ralph, St. Dunstan's, and H. Munford, Brighton Telephones, both scoring 47 out of a possible 50. D. Richardson and C. Campkin followed with 45 and L. Davis, 42.

A match the following evening, between St. Dunstan's Blind Instructors and Trainees resulted in a win for the trainees by 202 points to 194. Results:—

Instructors			
K. Gatrell	...	...	46 out of possible 50
F. Ralph	...	...	45 " 50
L. Davis	...	...	43 " 50
G. Killingbeck	...	...	18 " 50
Trainees			
D. Richardson	...	...	46 out of possible 50
C. Campkin	...	...	44 " 50
S. Brooks	...	...	42 " 50
H. Langton	...	...	40 " 50
R. Slade	...	...	30 " 50

A large number of the senior staff are included in those leaving at the end of this term, amongst whom are Mr. I. F. Anderson, Miss M. M. Mortimer, O.B.E., and Miss M. Wheaton, as well as a flow-out of many trainees who will be going to their jobs. We wish them all good fortune.

Presentation to Commandant

Men and staff at Ovingdean filled the Music Room on the evening of Thursday, May 13th, to attend a party on the invitation of Sir Ian Fraser, to say goodbye to Air Commodore Dacre, retiring Commandant, and Mrs. Dacre.

They drank a toast, wishing them good health and good luck, and rounded it off with "For they are Jolly Good Fellows."

Sir Ian Fraser handed the Commandant a silver cigarette box, inscribed "Presented to Air Commodore G. B. Dacre, C.B.E., D.S.O., by St. Dunstan's, in appreciation of his services as Commandant, 1944-1948," and said this conveyed the thanks of the Council and of men and staff for the able and devoted work he had done.

One of the attractive features of St. Dunstan's, Sir Ian continued, was that, wherever you went, in almost every town and village in this country and overseas, there were St. Dunstaners or St. Dunstan's connections. Air Commodore Dacre had a large family all over the world who would remember their training during his term of office and would remain his firm friends.

Air Commodore Dacre, replying, said he thanked the Chairman and Council for the cigarette box, which he would always value. He thanked the men and staff alike for their loyalty and support. He had been very happy at St. Dunstan's, and it has been an honour to work for an organisation which had such a wonderful spirit. In his future activities, which would be associated with the air, in which element he had spent his life, he would always remember St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners. He wished them au revoir.

West House Notes

On Sunday, April 4th, an undenominational hour of community hymn singing and a simple service was provided by the brethren of the R.A.O.B. under the Grand Lodge of England. Members from all parts of Sussex, and their wives, attended.

The Ovingdean boys gave a concert in their music hut on the 7th, to which Matron and representatives from West House were invited. They enjoyed it so much that a special request was made for them to put on a "repeat" performance at West House on the 13th. The cast arrived in time for a game of dominoes and supper with our men before they retired to get ready for the concert. It was a really excellent show.

West House was almost completely deserted on the night of the 14th, as nearly every man went to the Annual Masonic Dinner in the Pavilion. The variety concert which followed was arranged and compèred by Jack Sullivan. Many prizes were presented for novelty numbers, meanwhile there was a running buffet, but needless to say, no prizes were needed to induce anyone to partake of the delicious "eats." Speeches were made by the Mayor of Brighton, the Mayor of Hove, Air Commodore Dacre, and Mr. Fawcett, and a vote of thanks on behalf of the men of West House was given by Jock Boyd.

We were "all aboard" in the conservatory for a pleasure cruise with members of the Animal Clinic on April 15th, who presented a non-stop revue. Our thanks to the cast for producing a well-dressed, light-hearted show.

The Toc H Blind Club came along on the 17th to tea and a Domino Tournament, which was won by St. Dunstan's.

On the 23rd we received an invitation from the R.N.O.C.A. to a dance at Princes Ballroom, which was much enjoyed.

We would like especially to mention Sid Kitson, from Ovingdean, for his delightful solo at our chapel service on April 25th.

Robert Carr and his Company gave us a most enjoyable evening on the 29th, when he presented two mystery plays.

Austin is getting busy arranging his tours for the summer. He has thought out nine different routes of varying length to beauty spots and places of historical interest. The first of these outings was arranged for May 14th, and from then we are hoping to be able to arrange two or three a week.

In the News

From the "Tatler":

"I have news from South Africa, this time from the musical world, about that courageous and plucky singer, Beryl Sleigh, who though blinded in one of the London blitzes continues her musical career. She has recently been on a concert tour in South Africa, where she was a tremendous success and was given a wonderful reception when she made her first appearance in Cape Town. The South Africans were greatly impressed with her lovely contralto voice and perfect diction. She then went on to Johannesburg, where she sang with the Johannesburg City Orchestra; here again she had a rapturous reception. From here she went on to sing at Durban.

During this tour, Miss Sleigh, who was accompanied by her friend and accompanist, Miss Dorene Furness, made many broadcasts, including a fifteen-minute song recital.

With her return to England I know everyone will wish her every success in her forthcoming engagements and her musical career."

Beryl Sleigh frequently helps St. Dunstan's by singing at efforts in aid of our organisation and will in future undertake speaking engagements as well.

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Placements

G. R. Bickley, in a shop at Bexley; S. S. Brooks, of Welwyn, on assembly with Murphy Radio; P. Campbell, in a shop in London, S.W.17; A. Curnow, in a shop at Bexleyheath; L. Faulkner, Northwich, on assembly with I.C.I.; S. Fletcher, in a shop at Tooting; R. Holmes, Croydon, as an upholsterer with Messrs. Howard Price, Ltd.; B. Lewandowski and A. Puzdrowski as capstan operators with Messrs. Chamberlain & Hookham, Birmingham; J. J. Palmer, Leicester, on inspection work with Messrs. Armstrong Siddeley Motors; G. Reed, in a shop at Weybridge; T. Rosewarne as a drilling operator with the Cumbria Tool Co., Workington; J. Swan, in the shop at Leicester previously run by G. R. Bickley.

Silver Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Burtenshaw, West Moors, April 25th.

" In Memory "

Private James Fay, 8th Hussars

With deep regret we record the death of Jimmy Fay, who has, for so many years, been a permanent resident of our Brighton Home.

After serving during the first World War, he came to us in November 1920, but he was never strong enough for heavy work, owing to his poor health. He died at West House on April 8th, but, at his express wish, he was taken to his home for burial. A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's colleagues was among the many flowers.

Our sympathy is extended to his relatives.

Sergeant John L. Jarmay, Royal Army Service Corps

It is with deep regret that we record the death of J. L. Jarmay, of Malpas, Cheshire, who has been with us for only a very short time. He was transferred from Chester Military Hospital, where he had been for some considerable time after his war service, to West House. He was then a very sick man, but he enjoyed his stay. He was taken to the Sussex County Hospital, but a few hours afterwards he died there.

A wreath was sent for the funeral from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades. He was buried from his own home, and the coffin was covered with a Union Jack when it left Brighton. Men employed on his farm drew him on a farm cart, as is customary in his family.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his mother and fiancée.

Private James Rendell, Oxford and Bucks Regt.

With deep regret we record the death of J. Rendell, of Tiverton, who came to St. Dunstan's in 1921, where he trained as a poultry farmer.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades was sent for the funeral.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Private Robert Usher, 7th Durham Light Infantry

With deep regret we record the death of R. Usher, of Sunderland.

He enlisted on September 1st, 1914, receiving his discharge in July, 1918. He was a prisoner of war in Germany for two years, and he was blinded there as the result of an explosion. He came to St. Dunstan's in October, 1918, and became first a boot repairer and mat-maker, and later a shop keeper.

He had recently only been able to do very light work, as gassing had left him a very sick man. He died at his home on March 28th.

A poppy wreath from St. Dunstan's was sent for the funeral, and among his old comrades present was Frank Green, who trained at St. Dunstan's with him.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Usher and his family.

Alexander Dewar Kelley, Australian Forces

We have heard with regret from Elmer Glew that our Australian St. Dunstaner, A. Kelley, passed away some time ago. No other details are available.

Births

BARTON.—On April 16th, to the wife of S. Barton, of Liverpool, a daughter.

COLLINGWOOD.—On April 22nd, to the wife of F. Collingwood, of Leek, a daughter—Patricia.

EVANS.—On April 13th, to the wife of T. Evans, of Holywell, a daughter—Anwen Victoria.

HERBERT.—On April 27th, to the wife of R. Herbert, of Bracknell, a son—Clyde Leonard John.

MITCHELL.—On April 20th, to the wife of A. C. Mitchell, of Southall, a daughter—Susan Dorothy.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:—

HAMILTON.—To Ben Hamilton, of Thetford, whose wife passed away in hospital on April 26th.

JONES.—To Vere Jones, of Northwich, whose brother died on March 18th. He

had always lived with Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and he and our St. Dunstaner had served together in the same regiment.

STRUTT.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Strutt, of Sheffield, whose baby was born on April 9th, but died at birth.

Marriages

BURNETT—FEAST.—On April 26th, W. Burnett to Miss Phyllis Feast, of Brighton.

MOONEY—SULLIVAN.—On May 19th, J. J. Mooney, to Miss Sullivan.

OSBORNE—WALCH.—On April 24th, R. Osborne, to Joan Walch (daughter of our St. Dunstaner).

PHILLIPS—HAYNES.—On April 24th, Ron Phillips, late of London and now of Shoreham, to Miss Phoebe Haynes, V.A.D.

SHEPHERD—CROMARTY.—On May 8th, G. W. R. Shepherd, of Bayswater, to Miss June Cromarty.

ROAKE—OFFEN.—On March 28th, G. Roake, now of Catford, to Miss Lily Offen.