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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

ST. DUNSTAN'S and the blind world generally mourn the loss of three good friends. Senior in age and service, Captain Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., passed away on June 21st at the age of eighty-four. Since he lost his sight in action in the Boer War in 1900, his life had been devoted to the service of blind people. Two acts of extreme bravery won him the award of the Victoria Cross, but the second act—the defence of a post with twelve men against 150 Boers—cost him his sight. He joined the Council of the National Institute for the Blind in 1901 and became its chairman in 1921, a position which he held until 1944, when ill-health forced him to resign. During the 1914-18 war, he visited wounded men in hospital in France. I remember as I lay in hospital being told that a blind V.C. was coming to visit me, perhaps to write letters for me. As it happened, I did not meet him then, as I was moved on, but the thought remained with me that if this blind man could write letters, there might be other useful things which I, too, could do. Many young blinded soldiers owed their first incentive to Captain Towse. I met him later at Portland Place and for many years we served together on various committees. He became a Vice-President of St. Dunstan's in 1946 and was a national vice-president of the British Legion. We salute the passing of a gallant soldier and comrade.

Mr. Ernest Kessell, C.B.E., died in Guy's Hospital on June 30th. He was eighty years of age. Mr. Kessell was the life-long friend and assistant of Sir Arthur Pearson. They worked together as young men on the "Daily Express" which Sir Arthur founded, and "E. K." was one of the small band of people who were Sir Arthur's helpers and advisors in the founding of St. Dunstan's. No-one was more closely identified with Sir Arthur's business and philanthropic activities than Mr. Kessell. He was Treasurer of St. Dunstan's for eighteen years and throughout his life directed Pearson's Fresh Air Fund, retiring only a short time ago. When he celebrated his eightieth birthday in February, Queen Mary was among those who sent him good wishes. "E. K." received the C.B.E. from H.M. King George V. in 1929 for his services to blind people and to little children, but his friends will remember him also for his unfailing kindness and thought for the happiness of others which made him so beloved in whatever sphere his work took him. Sir Neville Pearson, our President, Lady Fraser, Mr. Askew, Miss Coultate and Miss Marshall attended the funeral.

News has reached us from South Africa of the death on June 27th of Advocate R. W. Bowen, M.P., who came to St. Dunstan's in 1918. "Mike" Bowen was wounded at Ypres and after coming to St. Dunstan's, he studied law at Cambridge and was called to the Bar in 1920. He returned to South Africa two years later to begin a most distinguished career. He was a successful barrister at Cape Town, where he became known as a friend of the coloured people, and he conducted some important cases on behalf of South African natives. In 1929 he was elected to the South African Parliament, representing Green Point, Cape Peninsula, and he has held this seat ever since; he was returned unopposed at the recent

General Election, but at one election was returned with the second biggest majority in the Union. He was President of the National Council for the Blind in South Africa, and in 1943 was Grand President of the Sons of England, an old-established patriotic society with widespread influence in the Union.

"Mike" Bowen was a most outstanding St. Dunstaner whose gallant spirit and work for those less fortunate won him the admiration and respect of all sections of the South African community.

#### Medals and Decorations

Towards the end of last year I asked all St. Dunstaners who had been decorated for war or civilian services to send in their names to me so that a permanent record might be compiled and displayed on panels at the new Headquarters and at Ovingdean. The response has been a good one, but I do not think the record is yet complete. In the printed REVIEW this month is a supplement showing the decorations of which we have a record, in the form in which they will appear on the panels. This list is only a proof. Please study it carefully and if you know of any omission or mistake in it, send me a corrected entry as soon as possible and in any case not later than August 31st. The next-of-kin of any St. Dunstaner who was decorated and who has died should also confirm that his details are correct.

#### Men's Supplies

On June 30th, Horace Kerr relinquished control of Men's Supplies, for which he has been responsible for the last three years. At his own request he takes over a tobacco and confectionery shop at Ilford, Essex. His place will be taken by J. E. Cooper, of Wallington, who came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1947, after being a prisoner of war in Hong Kong. Since 1921, Horace Kerr has served St. Dunstan's, first as telephone operator, then in the Talking Book Department. During the war years he did valuable work for the Appeals Department. When the department of Men's Supplies was formed, he took control and he has done excellent work in the difficult job, particularly in these days of shortages, of supplying men with wireless sets, watches, typewriters, braille, etc., as well as being responsible for maintenance. We are very sorry indeed to lose him and we wish him every success in his new venture; we welcome his successor to our staff and wish him the best of luck.

#### Our Deaf-Blind Friends

Towards the end of September, we are holding a special Reunion at West House for deaf St. Dunstaners.

I am very glad of this opportunity of bringing together our deafened comrades to discuss their difficulties. St. Dunstaners generally will agree that we must do everything we can to lighten the burden of those of our number who suffer a double handicap.

St. Dunstaners themselves can help very much by learning the hand language so that when one of our friends is at one of our Homes, he may have a number of people to talk to. Those of us who enjoy the Talking Book and wireless can realise how much we would miss if we were cut off from them.

IAN FRASER.

#### Zofia Ksiazek

We have heard with great pleasure that our Polish friend, Zofia Ksiazek, was married on July 11th to Mr. W. Bregula, a violinist of the Radio Symphony Orchestra. She and her husband will live in Warsaw, and in September Zofia begins permanent work in the Warsaw Radio Theatre.

Telling Sir Ian her news, Zofia wrote: "For the wedding reception we shall have one English guest, a lady, who is staying here with her Polish husband. She is from London. I am so glad she will come, for speaking to her I shall think I am in St. Dunstan's. I shall think of you all, wishing you all to be as happy as I shall be that day. God bless you and all St. Dunstan's."

#### War Pensions

On Friday, July 9th, Sir Ian Fraser opened a campaign for improved war pensions in a speech in the House of Commons.

Many reports in the newspapers, and leading articles, testified that the House was moved by his plea and the Minister in his reply said that this was a matter which would have to be discussed with other Ministers, but he would consider all that had been said very sympathetically.

We are glad to be able to enclose with this REVIEW a reprint of the report of the proceedings in the House of Commons which contains the full text of Sir Ian's speech and the Minister's reply.

#### Reunions

On June 23rd, reunions were resumed with the Reading meeting where the Mayoress, Mrs. Kersley, welcomed the guests, and Mr. J. E. Woodward, Chairman of Berkshire British Legion, was also present. On the 28th, men living in the Birmingham and Midlands area were greeted by the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Bradbeer, who was accompanied by Mrs. Bradbeer. Mr. W. F. Brazener, J.P., Chairman of Birmingham County Council of the British Legion, was another guest. The Bedford meeting was at Dujohn's Cafe three days later.

#### Brighton

On July 5th, a Reunion of men in the Brighton area was held at the King Alfred Restaurant, Hove.

Addressing the gathering, Sir Ian Fraser said: The National Insurance and National Health schemes came into force that day. Provisional regulations showed that disabled men and women would not get the full benefits as well as their pensions. They were not satisfied with this and were pressing the Government, in and out of the House of Commons, to adopt a principle that he who paid a full contribution should receive a full benefit. (Applause).

From now on, doctoring, nursing and medicine were free to all. St. Dunstaners and their families should take full advantage of this service locally. There was a very natural tendency at Brighton for local St. Dunstaners and their families to look to one or other of our Homes for medical advice. We were not staffed for such a purpose, for the medical services there were only adequate for those in the Home at the time. Nor was the Headquarters medical service available for ordinary day-to-day doctoring. Nevertheless, St. Dunstan's medical service would continue where we wanted advice as to a man's fitness or ill-health, and for exceptional cases.

Colonel C. H. Madden, Hove resident and member of the National Executive of the British Legion, moved a vote of thanks to Sir Ian Fraser.

P. Vorley, with Miss Bowers' Boots' Café Orchestra, played dance music during the afternoon, adding to everyone's enjoyment.

#### The Rev. Bryant Crane

The Rev. Bryant F. F. Crane, Chaplain at St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, is to preach at Westminster Abbey on Sunday, September 12th, at 6.30 p.m.

#### Letter to the Editor

THE EDITOR, DEAR SIR,

#### Travel Concessions for the Blind

When Sir Ian came into our Bridge tea half-hour three months ago, I brought up the subject of *free* travel for the blind. I and my friends, and I am sure everyone, have been delighted with the way he has corroborated what we already knew—namely, that our Dominions' treatment of the blind in this way was much more generous. I have read the reply of the Transport Commission—but don't let that put you off, Sir Ian, or any of us. Now the ball is rolling, keep it rolling. If these Transport people won't move further, can't we peg away in another direction?

I suggest that we take the REVIEW for May and show our M.P.s, and thus get a hundred or more members to move at once on our behalf. This voucher which we used to get so easily during the war, and now with so much difficulty, is only difficult in London, where the main blind organisations exist, and they are afraid to do anything wrong. Outside London, blind people go to their societies and get vouchers much more easily, therefore the whole thing is weak. Most north country towns, for instance, give blind people a free pass on local transport, and they then pay for an escort, if any, but in London you pay for yourself and the escort is free, which is *not* the same.

Yours sincerely,

Leigh-on-Sea.

H. GOVER.

#### Thirty Years Ago

From the "St. Dunstan's Review," July, 1918:

"On July 23rd, Capt. Ian Fraser, who so ably and successfully superintends our After Care arrangements, and who, as I think you all know, was totally blinded at the Battle of the Somme, just two years ago, is marrying Miss Mace, a Commandant of St. Dunstan's. Miss Mace has been of untold assistance to me since my sight failed, and I am extremely happy in the thought that her marriage does not mean that she will be dissociated in the future from the work which she has done so much to help. I am quite sure that all St. Dunstaners, both past and present, will join with me in wishing Capt. Fraser and Miss Mace every possible happiness in their married life."

—Sir ARTHUR PEARSON, writing in "Notes by the Chief."

### St. Dunstan's Club Notes

Following the General Meeting of St. Dunstaners in London, fully reported in our last issue, the Committee has had two meetings to further the interest of the Club. It will be remembered that the following were elected to the Committee:

Messrs. P. Ashton, G. Eustace, F. Rhodes, T. Gaygan, and P. Owens; P. Owens was subsequently elected to the Chair. We have been fortunate in having the advice and services of Mr. W. G. Askew acting in an ex-officio capacity on both occasions.

The activities of the Club have been broadly divided into three categories:

1. Bridge.
2. All other indoor entertainments, including whist drives, darts, dominoes, chess, etc.
3. Outdoor entertainments, including rowing, walking, swimming, etc. The possibility of bowls is being investigated.

The following sub-committees have been elected to investigate and pursue the activities of their own particular department:

1. Bridge: Frank Rhodes, Drummer Downs, Charlie Gover.
  2. Outdoor Sports: Tommy Gaygan, Vivian Kennard, J. M. Steel.
  3. Indoor Entertainments: Percy Ashton, George Piper, Alfred Wiltshire.
- These sub-committees are anxious to contact all St. Dunstaners who are interested in their particular department. St. Dunstaners who are interested in a particular form of sport or activity should contact one of the members of that committee for, as it will be appreciated, they are anxious to find out as soon as possible the numbers we shall have to cater for in the future social evenings.

A suggestion box has been fitted just inside the Entrance Hall for suggestions from St. Dunstaners to prosper the work of the Club.

You will remember that the Club is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5 o'clock until 10 o'clock, and on Saturday from 2 o'clock until 10 o'clock. May I remind all St. Dunstaners that the Club will be closed for the month of August. At present it has been arranged that the following activities will be held in the Club on the days stated:—

- Monday - Institute of Magicians.  
Tuesday - Whist Drive.

Thursday - Domino Drive.

Saturday - Bridge.

It will be appreciated that on these particular evenings, other activities of the Club are still going on, so if your particular interest should not be in dominoes, for example, all the other facilities will be available.

On Tuesday, June 29th, twenty-eight people sat down to an enjoyable evening playing whist, and it is hoped to go from strength to strength as the weeks progress, in this direction.

It will be appreciated that the success of a club depends upon its members turning up and backing its activities. One good sign at this present time is that almost every evening, new faces are coming along and it augurs well for the future success of the Club.

This column in the REVIEW has been allocated for the use of the Club, and it is hoped that we shall be able to give you considerable warning of the events that are coming off, so that you will be able to make an early booking for the dates and activities you desire to participate in.

G. P. OWENS, *Chairman, St. Dunstan's Club.*

### Parcels from Johannesburg

Two thousand one hundred and sixty parcels of food are being distributed to St. Dunstaners in this country from the Johannesburg Committee of the Food Parcels for Britain Fund. The gift arose from a conversation between Sir Ian Fraser and the Mayor of Johannesburg when Sir Ian was in that City this year. Sir Ian suggested that it would be greatly appreciated if a parcel was sent to each St. Dunstaner from the people of Johannesburg, which was Sir Ian's childhood home. The Committee gladly agreed and the parcels are now being distributed.

### Cambridge Successes

Our warmest congratulations to K. H. C. McIntyre, who has secured an Honours Degree (B.A., Second Class), at Cambridge University, (he was previously a B.A. of Africa), and to Michael Norman and T. Horsfield, who have also obtained their Honours Degree, Second Class, at the University. ★ ★ ★

Miss Sophie Tucker, the well-known singer, who is now on a visit to this country, has sent a cheque for £50 towards our funds "with her very best wishes."

### A Magical Concert

On Wednesday, June 10th, at the Tarpots Hall, Benfleet, before a crowded audience, two St. Dunstaners—both members of the Institute of Magicians trained and tutored by the Institute at their special Magic Class for St. Dunstaners on Monday evenings at Headquarters—gave an excellent performance at a Variety Concert.

"Smudger" Smith walked on the stage with all the assurance of a veteran performer, showed two empty glasses free of preparation, which were placed upon a borrowed book. The book and glasses were then inverted but to the surprise of the onlookers the glasses did not fall to the ground. The effect was repeated, this time two silk handkerchiefs were placed—one in each glass—and again the glasses and book were inverted. The uncanny effect of the glasses refusing to fall to the ground was repeated and while the book and glasses were still in the upside-down position, "Smudger" deliberately extracted the silks from the glass. The glasses and book were then returned to the upright position and everything was examined and found free from any preparation.

For his second effect, Magician Smudger Smith showed an empty envelope, a yard of silk ribbon and a pair of scissors. Snipping off the end of the envelope, he proceeded to thread the ribbon through the envelope, both ends being in full view of the audience. Taking up the scissors he deliberately cut through the envelope and ribbon, showing unmistakably the two severed halves of the envelope. Applying the magic formula, "Abracadabra," the envelope, now in two halves, was withdrawn from the ribbon, which to the astonishment of the packed hall was completely restored.

Smudger's final offering was with a piece of pleated paper. By clever manipulation he made over fifty clever designs to a running commentary of humorous patter. He retired to prolonged applause after occupying the stage for twenty minutes.

Rees Warren, the other Magician, won round after round of applause with his programme of magic which was flawless from start to finish.

Showing a small silver plated box about 4in. by 2in., to be unmistakably empty, by some magical power he cheerfully produced one at a time, six silk handkerchiefs.

A large wooden block was threaded on

a length of cord. Two members of the audience each held an end—yet the block was released visibly without any covering of the block, without even the smallest "clue" being given away.

So the baffling performance went on and not a single member of the closely watching audience could give an explanation as to how the various effects were brought about.

For his last item, he showed three very large cards, two Jacks and a Queen. They were each placed in a small wooden stand, the centres of the stands being cut out showing the middle of each card. The stands were interchanged with each other and the audience were asked to "find the lady." They failed completely, although the Magician was able to "spot her" every time without fail.

Twenty minutes of thoroughly enjoyable entertainment.

Well done, Smudger Smith and Rees Warren—both splendid fellows and each one a real credit to both the Institute of Magicians and St. Dunstan's.

OSCAR OSWALD.

### Placements

C. Bargery, of Hornsey, in a shop; D. Grimes, as telephonist with Messrs. Caffyn's, Ltd., Eastbourne; W. E. Bignell, of Worthing, as an assembler with Messrs. Rawlplugs, Ltd., Mill Hill; C. J. Pennells, as gauger and checker with Messrs. Allen West and Co., Brighton; S. Wolkowicz, of Birmingham, as capstan operator with Messrs. Chamberlain and Hookham, Ltd.

### News from South Africa

We have heard with regret from our South African St. Dunstaner, E. Denny, of Pretoria, that Mrs. Holmes, who has done such good work for St. Dunstan's since 1915, has lost her sight. At present she is living with her son, a sugar planter, in Zululand.

The good wishes of all St. Dunstaners in South Africa will go out to Mrs. Holmes.

### Mr. Herbert-Cæsari's Concert

On June 17th, Mr. E. Herbert-Cæsari and his pupils gave a most enjoyable musical concert at the Armitage Hall, National Institute for the Blind, by kind permission of Mr. Jarvis, Assistant Secretary. The performance was greatly appreciated by the St. Dunstaners and their escorts who were able to be present.

### Ovingdean Notes

Now that the British Isles have been made more accessible to overseas visitors, Ovingdean has been very honoured to receive many foreigners who are interested in Blind Welfare. On June 4th Dr. and Mme. Dolanski visited Ovingdean with their interpreter. Dr. Dolanski, who is blind himself, is the President of the Polish Federation of Blind Workers; he was greatly impressed by the work of St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners. Another distinguished blind visitor was Dr. Haas, who is the secretary for the only Dutch Society for "blind intellectuals"—the Association for the Professional Blind in Holland.

We were very pleased to have with us again for a few days, Sir Clutha Mackenzie. He was particularly interested in the possibility of transcribing Braille in Iranian.

We have been extremely fortunate in having many interesting lecturers at Ovingdean this month. On June 9th, Dr. Swinton, a senior guide and lecturer at the Natural History Museum, gave a talk on "The Origin of Life." Mr. Jarvis, from the C.O.I., gave an explanatory talk on the new National Health and Insurance Scheme, and Mr. Wadsworth, from the Intelligence department of the Midland Bank Head Office, came down on June 7th, the subject of his lecture was "Why Should We Save?"

The "'14-'18 Club" (The Bow and Arrow Club!) is still very active, and on June 2nd were the guests of the Brighton Grocers' Association; a very enjoyable trip was made to Eastbourne after lunch. Tea was waiting on arrival, which was followed by dancing and games; then on June 16th Major Brittain gave an interesting lecture on "Prison Reform."

The shocking weather has not marred the entertainment this month which started with the big event of Derby Day, which, in spite of the losses, was most enjoyable.

The mid-term dance took place on June 21st, with plenty of prizes and novelty events, the most amusing of which was a "pub crawl." During his dance at the Arlington, Mr. Cheeseman (of London) was presented by Joe Carney with a leather week-end bag and a table lamp, which were a token of the appreciation of the trainees for all the good times he has given to St. Dunstaners. Two very enjoyable visits were made to the Comus Club in Saltdean. The first, on Sunday, June 27th,

when the St. Dunstan's Choir—the soloists were Jack Cook, Joe Ormond and "Killie"—entertained a large and appreciative audience. The following evening a quiz team from Ovingdean successfully competed against a Comus Club team.

The members of the Darts Club have many enjoyable evenings in the games against clubs in and around Brighton, but the one which will live the longest in their memory is the recent visit to the Deaf and Dumb Social Club at Dyke Road. Their genial chairman, the Rev. N. Williams, B.Sc., introduced the "opponents." Each game was keenly contested, and our team eventually won the match by seven games to two. During the interval, refreshments were served, and it was a great pleasure for our team to have spent an evening in the company of a section of the community of whom the general public know little, and probably have no conception of how its members spend their leisure hours.

The sports fans were very fortunate to have the "News of the World" Sports Team to give a talk on June 8th. In the return shooting match against the Crawley Senior Scouts at Ovingdean, the Crawley Scouts won by 225 points to 220.

Further to the proposed Sports Day for September 18th, as published in the previous issue of the REVIEW, the closing date has been extended until September 1st. Will those who are interested please forward their names immediately, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

#### Raffle

Trainees in Ovingdean are running a Raffle to help the Battle of Britain Week in Brighton in aid of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. The prizes include a wool rug (4ft. by 2ft.), a leather handbag, table lamp, hand-woven white silk scarf, bottles of gin and whisky, a miniature grandfather clock, shopping baskets, etc.

Tickets (to be sold at sixpence each) are in books of twenty at a cost of 10s. If any St. Dunstaner would like to take a book, will he please write at once to Matron Pain at St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, Brighton. The draw will take place on September 18th.

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Jan Lasowski's little daughter, Anna Irene, was baptised on June 15th. Writing from Moselle, France, Jan says twenty-two persons came; he expected only five. One fetched cake, another a bottle of whisky, another a chicken. "I was surprised," he writes; "they wanted to show me their gratitude and friendship."

### West House Notes

The month started well with the Grocers' outing to Eastbourne on June 2nd. Men, wives and escorts left West House in the afternoon for the Winter Garden, where a wonderful tea awaited them. This was followed by dancing and competitions, during which time beer was handed round. The party eventually broke up and everyone agreed that the drive home along the coast road was a perfect end to a most enjoyable afternoon.

On the 4th, we were given sixty seats for men and escorts to attend the dress rehearsal of the new show, "Limelight," at the Imperial. Then June 5th, and the eagerly-awaited Derby Day, which found West House in a state of excitement and anticipation. Fifty men and ten members of the staff clambered into the buses at 9.30 a.m. and set off in high spirits. It was a lovely sunny day, which helped to cheer those who were not as lucky as they might have been with the horses. An excellent lunch was provided by the Catering Officer.

The racing fans were again in their element with Lewes Races on the 7th and 8th, and Brighton Races on the 9th and 10th. The weather on the whole was kind during these four days, and although we set off in a minor cloudburst on the Thursday, it did not last long and the sun was soon shining.

We were delighted to welcome Canon Speight to West House on the 19th for lunch and a chat with the men, and again on Sunday, the 20th, when he gave the address at our Chapel Service, assisted by the Rev. Taylor and the soloist, Michael Mason.

Among the most popular of the month's entertainments were the outings to Barcombe Mills. The bus could have been filled twice over on each occasion and everyone seemed to enjoy everything from the very beginning—the drive there, the excellent tea provided by Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and even the uncertainty of being rowed up the river by anything but a competent oarsman! But when Miss Chaddock and Ted Hall ran aground and went halfway up a bank, it only added to the fun. Barcombe Mills has only to be mentioned for a queue to form outside the Lounge Office of men anxious to have their names first on the list for the next trip.

On the afternoon of June 25th, Sir Ian paid us a short but welcome visit. He

spoke to the men while they were having tea and was able to clear up a few points on the new Insurance scheme. We were only sorry that Lady Fraser was unable to accompany Sir Ian.

On July 31st there is to be a Whist and Domino Drive at West House at 8.15 p.m. Would those wishing to attend please write either to Matron or to the Lounge Sister as we are not issuing written invitations.

#### From the Chairman's Post-bag

"I am keeping quite fit and very busy. We get our eggs and bacon for breakfast; we are able to kill our own pig when we have signed a great number of forms, but it is worth the trouble and we must keep smiling—that is my motto—and I have much to be thankful for."

Northampton.

G. CHAPMAN.

"I wish also to thank you for the efforts you have been making on our behalf with the Ministry of Transport for more railway concessions for us, and to say how disappointed I am over the refusal to grant any, also the reasons for not granting any. I note that Mr. Henderson refers in his letter to the very wide concessions already allowed to blind and disabled persons and that it would be a considerable loss to revenue to grant any more concessions. I wonder how much bigger the revenue would be in a year's time if they did not grant so much free travel to their employees."

"I don't think much of the suggestion made by Miss Hodge to have a special news broadcast in the B.B.C. for the blind. At the present time we are getting eight news bulletins a day on most days of the week of news of a general character, equally interesting to most sighted and blind alike in most parts of the country; then there is the more local news broadcast by the Regions immediately after the 6 o'clock news. I am afraid if they attempt to broadcast a special bulletin, it would have to be of a local character on the lines of a local newspaper, and to do this effectively would need a lot more broadcasting stations; a special local news bulletin broadcast for Lancashire would not be very interesting for Yorkshire listeners, and much less further south. A similar suggestion was made in 'Progress' some time ago and did not lead to anywhere except for someone else's suggestion that the blind should take a share in actual broadcasting."

Oldham.

J. A. BOCKING.

## " In Memory "

Private Alfred James Hornsby, *West Riding Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of A. J. Hornsby, of Sheffield.

He served from February, 1916, until March, 1917. He was wounded in France and came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1919. He received training in boot and clog repairing, but for years he has been a very sick man. His son was killed in action during the recent war and from that time he had been in hospital, where he passed away on June 21st.

We extend our deep sympathy to his wife and family.

### Births

BRETT.—On June 25th, to the wife of R. Brett, of Brighton, a son—David Richard.

DOUGLAS.—On June 21st, to the wife of J. L. Douglas, of Barking, a son—Frank Leslie.

EDWARDS.—On June 22nd, to the wife of J. L. Edwards, of Coventry, a son.

HIGGS.—On June 23rd, to the wife of E. Higgs, of Bradford, a daughter—Valerie Jean.

MCCONNELL.—On June 12th, R. D. McConnell, of Bangor, Co. Down, a son—Alan Robert.

MCINTYRE.—On July 1st, to the wife of K. H. C. McIntyre, of South Africa, now at Cambridge, a daughter—Fiona MacDonald.

SINGLETON.—On June 18th, to the wife of A. Singleton, of Skegness, a daughter.

WEBBER.—On July 2nd, to the wife of L. Webber, of Uxbridge, a son—Peter Richard Hallam. This is the grandchild of the late W. J. Hallam, one of the first twelve men admitted to St. Dunstan's.

### Deaths

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

MCHEYNE.—To S. McHeyne, of Manchester, whose mother, with whom he lived, passed away on June 30th.

SARGEANT.—To W. Sargeant, of Cheriton, now in training, who lost his wife on July 2nd.

### Marriages

FULBROOK—SULLIVAN.—On June 18th, F. C. W. Fulbrook, of Penge, to Miss Margaret Sullivan.

GRESSON—PALUMBO.—On July 3rd, F. Gresson, in training at The Grange, South Mimms, to Miss M. Palumbo.

MOONEY—LUTTRELL.—On June 19th, J. J. Mooney, to Miss Luttrell (amended notice).

YOUNG—JOHNSTONE.—On July 3rd, Robert Young, of Berwick-on-Tweed, to Miss Ruby F. Johnstone ("Fairy of Brighton") at Ovingdean Church.

### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Bush, February 11th, 1947; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rushton, Cullercoats, June 23rd.

### Young St. Dunstaners

Paul Loveridge, the youngest son of A. Loveridge, of Harrow, has won a scholarship to University College School, Hampstead. His brother David is already there. The three sons and daughter of our St. Dunstaner have thus all won scholarships.

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Edward Thompson, Spoutborough, who is attending Durham University, has been awarded a full travelling scholarship, which entitles him to a month at a University on the Austrian and Swiss Border, followed by a week's sightseeing.

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Jeanette Shields, Leigh-on-Sea, has won a scholarship to Westcliff High School.

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Geoffrey Pearce (Hendon) has been awarded a scholarship to Christ's College, Finchley.

### Marriages:

William Healey, Bradford, Manchester, on June 26th.

Nora Firth, Heswall, on September 6th last, to Stanley Higgins; Lucy Firth, on June 19th, to Thomas C. Johnson; and Stanley Firth, on July 13th, to Miss Sheila Wood.

### Births:

J. C. Glasspool had a son on June 20th.

Dennis Campbell had a daughter on June 5th.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Capstick had a daughter on May 17th at Toronto, Canada. Within the last year, the Capsticks have had one great-grandson, one grandson and two granddaughters added to the family circle.

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As in past years, there will be no REVIEW for the month of August.