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## WAR PENSIONS

### The Campaign Continues

**S**PEAKING at the London Reunion of St. Dunstan's men at the Seymour Hall on Monday, November 8th, Sir Ian Fraser said:

"The national War Pensions campaign, initiated by the British Legion and supported by ex-Servicemen's and women's societies, including St. Dunstan's, will continue. These societies have always been, and are now, strictly non-political and they have no motive whatever except to bring their demand for a Select Committee to enquire into War Pensions to a successful conclusion.

"That campaign started at the Legion Conference last Whitsun when some 2,000 delegates from all parts of the country decided that we press the question of increasing the basic pension.

"The war-time coalition government took a very important step forward in giving a claimant for a pension the benefit of the doubt and placing the onus of proof to a large extent upon the Ministry, instead of upon the unfortunate individual. They also introduced the unemployability allowance which, though it benefited only a few disabled men, was greatly appreciated.

"The present Government has introduced valuable reforms, including, in particular, the marriage allowance for all disabled persons, and a substantial increase in the unemployability, the attendance and the hardship allowance. St. Dunstaners are amongst those who have benefited considerably from these improvements and we express our thanks.

"Nevertheless we demand a Select Committee to hear our case because even now the majority of the totally disabled are unemployable and even with their full pension and allowances, all but a handful receive substantially less than the average wage of to-day, and because 650,000 partial pensioners are being compensated at rates scarcely higher than those which were fixed thirty years ago. It is not fair to accuse the Legion of party politics because the Government has refused the Select Committee. If the doctrine is accepted that any organisation which presses a claim against any government is playing party politics, the only way out is for all organisations of citizens to be controlled or to remain dumb. This is not the method which appeals to free Britons. (Applause).

"Public opinion is mounting in our favour. The newspapers are friendly. Many M.P.s of all parties are committed to our support. Many others want to support us. Now is the very moment when we must not get cold feet but must go on. It is not our fault if some M.P.s are in a jam and try to create party prejudice. Governments have been known before to change their minds, as for example, when we forced the war-time coalition to introduce valuable reforms; and it may well happen again if we have faith and courage. ('Hear, Hear!'). If we quit now because we are afraid of the crack of a whip or because we do not feel strong enough to meet criticism, we shall be letting our comrades down.

"This is a movement of the Legion and of ex-Service people and of no-one else. I appeal to every disabled ex-Serviceman—and there are 750,000 of them—to join the Legion."

### The London Reunion

November 8th and the Seymour Hall, familiar voices and friendly greetings, good things to eat and drink—in fact, all the ingredients for a St. Dunstan's reunion.

Sir Neville Pearson, our President, took advantage of the first interval to welcome the guests. St. Dunstan's Reunions, he said, were always grand affairs. That was one of the best things about St. Dunstan's. Nice things were always happening. Sir Neville went on: "Sometimes we think of our organisation as a whole, and sometimes it has a personal nature, and I could not help thinking of the personal side last Saturday when I was the Chairman's guest at the British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. It was a fine thing to hear him reading those words which have stirred our emotions for the past twenty-five years and will continue to do so for a great many years to come. . . . 'We will remember them.'"

With them tonight, said Sir Neville, were Lady Pearson, Lady Fraser, Colonel Eric Ball, and many other old friends who were meeting each other again, and he wished everyone a merry evening and a very happy Christmas.

When the applause had died down, Sir Ian rose to speak. He referred first to the British Legion pensions campaign and this is reported fully on page 1 of this REVIEW. Sir Ian went on: "Some two years ago, in this building, Mr. Churchill was good enough to present me with a cheque on your behalf and I told you that it would be devoted to buying some silver. Since then my wife and daughter have said that they wanted a portrait of me also—goodness known why! (Laughter). Well, they have got it, and I hope they like it, and since you gave it to me, I thought that you would like to see it and your wives to tell you about it. I want to say to you and to all other St. Dunstaners, 'Thank you very much indeed for your gift, of which this portrait is the token.'"

Then dancing began again to the music of the band of the Royal Horse Guards (The Blues); and those who did not dance made their way round the hall (or to the bar) to meet old friends while others went to the end of the hall where Sir Ian's portrait, by Mr. E. B. Seago, R.B.A., was on view.

### The Chairman's and Appeals Offices Move

As foreshadowed in the REVIEW some months ago, the Chairman's and Appeals Offices, including the Publicity Department, have now been transferred from 9-11 Park Crescent to 1 South Audley Street, W.1. All correspondence for the Chairman, Appeals and Publicity Departments, including letters for the Editor of ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW and NUGGETS, should from now on be sent to 1 South Audley Street, London, W.1. (Telephone: Grosvenor 4946). The Council and Committee Board Rooms are also housed in this building.

No. 8 Park Crescent remains as a hostel for the time being for St. Dunstaners passing through London and No. 12 Park Crescent as a hostel for physiotherapy students.

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With the closing down of 9-11 Park Crescent, we lose the services of Mrs. F. M. Kemp, who for twenty-four years has been manageress of St. Dunstan's Canteen and who now retires. Members of the staff at Park Crescent and at 191 Marylebone Road, as well as a number of St. Dunstaners who had often used the Canteen, expressed their great appreciation of Mrs. Kemp's long service by a presentation, and many other St. Dunstaners in all parts of the country who have lunched from time to time in the Canteen on their way through London will join with us in sending her our thanks for her very efficient and devoted service in the past and our good wishes to her for the future.

### Memorial Service to Sir Arthur Pearson

The Memorial Service to Sir Arthur Pearson will be held in the Chapel of the Ovingdean Home at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, December 5th.

On the morning of December 9th, the anniversary of Sir Arthur's death, a deputation of St. Dunstaners will proceed to Hampstead Cemetery from Headquarters to place a wreath upon Sir Arthur's grave. Subscriptions of not more than one shilling towards the wreath should be sent to Mr. Askew at Headquarters.

### Silver Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. F. Berisford, Stoke-on-Trent, August 25th; Mr. and Mrs. K. Howes, Montrose, September 19th. Congratulations.

### Talking Book Library The October Crop of Books

This month three more books have come into circulation. The romantically inclined have little to please them in this batch, which consists of one travel, "Leaves in the Wind," one biography, "John Hilton," and one book of short stories, "First Love and other Stories."

"Leaves in the Wind," by Henry Baerlein, read by Alvar Liddell, is well recorded and pleasantly read. As the name suggests, the author is one of the leaves and, unless I skipped some pages, the wind took him anywhere between Mexico and Eastern Europe in what seems to be a rather frolicsome spirit. The author's anecdotes are witty and gay and my only criticism is that of the lay mind as opposed to the literary mind—there are too many quotations. Apt, maybe, but apt to be tiring.

"John Hilton," by Edna Nixon, read by Duncan Carse, is well read and recorded, and I judge it to be a fine biography, which is high praise, since I find generally that such affairs are too long. Of course, the name was a household word before and during the war. He was a Bolton man and the only thing he didn't do was to play for the Wanderers. It is a story of a wise and sympathetic heart and it serves to renew one's ideals.

"First Love and other Stories," by Viola Meynell, read by Richard Wessell, is well read and recorded, but the Talking Book is a bad medium for such a collection. The average reader would not sit down and wade through any old cartload of short stories. On records, the only chance of selection is for the reader to know that the yarn he wants begins on the 77th groove of Side 7, otherwise plough on. Some of the stories are good, but, if I remember rightly, the majority leave one in mid-air. Whatever you do—don't attempt to read the book straight through. The author wouldn't like it!!

Tune in to 33 for the best results.

NELSON.

### For Sale

TWIN PRAM, as good as new but for a little chromium. £9. Cost double. J. Lee, 45 Jackson Avenue, Gledhow, Leeds.

### Truro Reunion

The last Reunion of the year took place at Truro on October 29th, when St. Dunstaners from Devon and Cornwall met at the Red Lion Hotel.

Sir Ian and Lady Fraser had intended to be present, but urgent pensions matters at the House of Commons prevented this and Mr. Percy Barton, Chairman of the Cornwall British Legion, deputised for Sir Ian. Mr. D. W. Ferguson was also present, representing Headquarters.

A message of greetings and thanks to Sir Ian for all he was doing for St. Dunstan's and the ex-Service community was sent from the meeting.

### Masonic

Will any St. Dunstaner who is a member of the Masonic Craft please communicate with the Industrial Department, St. Dunstan's, 191 Marylebone Road, W.1, putting "Mason" in the bottom left-hand corner of the envelope.

### R.A.O.B.

After nineteen years as a member of the R.A.O.B., R. K. Lowrie, of Portslade, was raised on November 8th to the Third Degree, Knight Order of Merit.

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Bro. S. C. Loram, I.P.P.C.P., presided at the Silver Jubilee Dinner of the Brixham, Dartmouth and South Hams Provincial Grand Lodge. He has been a Buffalo for twenty-nine years.

### Thirty Years Ago

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

"Though the actual details of Peace will not be complete for some time to come, the signing of the Armistice and the cessation of hostilities mean the end of the terrific struggle in which you men of St. Dunstan's have played so tremendous a part.

"To the men who have left St. Dunstan's, the men who are still here, and the men who are yet to come, I say: 'Stick to your guns, hang on to your defences; repulse this spiritual foe when he attacks with gloom and misgivings; attack him with persistent courage and cheerful determination, and 'down him' as you and those who fought with you 'downed' the physical foe whom you have vanquished. . . . Carry our banner high.'"

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON.

### London Club Notes

The Club Committee was very encouraged at the successful Dance held at the Great Cumberland Hall, Bryanston Street, Marble Arch, when approximately two hundred people had a most enjoyable evening dancing to Ernie Cookson's band. The present proposal is to run another similar function at the same place on Thursday, December 16th.

A very happy and successful evening was held in the Club rooms on Monday, October 18th, when a show in the magic arts was put on by St. Dunstaners who are members of the Institute of Magicians. This event marked their first anniversary into the Institute.

It is not practicable at this present time to run a small gym at Headquarters. However, members who are anxious to enjoy this form of exercise are cordially invited to attend a fully-equipped gymnasium at 240 Great Portland Street, on Tuesday evenings from 5.30 until 6.30.

We have been very successful in obtaining quotas of cigarettes from leading manufacturers and these are now on sale in the Club.

There will be a General Meeting of St. Dunstaners on Friday, January 7th, at Headquarters, to discuss matters appertaining to the Club and to go into the question of the election of a certain percentage of new members to the Club Committee.

### Other News

E. L. Bugbee, of Harefield, on November 8th unveiled the Memorial at Harefield to the men who lost their lives in the 1939-45 war. He had known most of them personally.

The ceremony was broadcast on Radio Normandie after the broadcast of the ceremony at the Cenotaph.

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R. Paterson, of Thirsk, was pictured with his guide dog in a most interesting general article on "Dogs for the Blind" in *The Leader* on October 16th.

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J. W. Simpson, of Leeds, plays in the dominoes tournaments at the British Legion Club in which Ernest Russell takes such a prominent part. Simpson made a presentation to the 1st West York. Memorial Fund on October 30th at Fulford Barracks when the Club was entertained there.

### Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I have been very glad to notice in recent numbers of our magazine that space has been devoted to deaf St. Dunstaners and their particular additional difficulties, and particularly glad that this indicates that greater efforts are being made to help them to face up to and solve these difficulties. It is to be hoped that all St. Dunstaners fortunate still to possess good hearing will respond to our Chairman's appeal to us to learn the manual alphabet and in this connection we have a good example set by our President, Sir Neville, who was recently described to me by a deaf St. Dunstaner as "the best hand talker I have met."

I have noticed on dominoes nights at West House that when a deaf St. Dunstaner is among a table of four players, he is usually only told the ends when it is his turn to play, which puts him at a disadvantage because he does not know what the other three players have laid, and so he cannot keep a check on the numbers still to come, or know who, if any, has "knocked," and so he cannot make the best use of his own dominoes. I have discussed this disadvantage with one or two of our deaf comrades and there is a feeling that this difficulty could be overcome by the deaf player being allowed to feel the ends after each dominoe has been laid, thus obtaining as much information upon the progress of the game as do the players with good hearing; and it is claimed that this would not delay the game in any way, in fact, rather the reverse, as by keeping in touch with every move, the deaf player would be able to decide more quickly what he himself ought to play when his turn came. I have no doubt that some other deaf St. Dunstaners may have different ideas of solving this particular problem, and may like to express their views, but whether or not this idea which I have passed on be decided upon, there seems no reason why something should not be settled to even up the game for the deaf player, so that it could be crystallised into a definite rule, and all markers at dominoes tables advised accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Teignmouth THOMAS FLOYD.

(Other letters on page 6).

### West House Notes

The most outstanding event in October was the debate held on the 17th, which proved to be a great success due to the help given by G. W. Killingbeck in forming a committee consisting of Alfred Cooke, Eddie Gray, Tommy Tuxford and George Taylor. After the proposer and opposer had spoken for seven minutes each and the seconds had had their say, the time-keeper, Mr. Webster, gave a warning buzz and the debate was thrown open. "That horse-racing should be abolished" was the subject under discussion and this, of course, was rather tricky for the racing fans at West House. Feelings ran rather high at times, which made for a riotous, but most enjoyable, session. Needless to say, the motion was defeated, the result being two for and twelve against.

On the 2nd, we were all very pleased to welcome members of the Toc H Club to an enjoyable domino evening. We were so glad that Harry Russell was well enough to get up for the game and even more delighted that he carried off a prize.

Mr. Bee Mason paid us a visit on the 3rd, and told us about his thrilling experiences in Bolivia.

During the month we had our usual whist and domino drives. One of the most enjoyable of these was on the 7th, when our friends from Bexhill, with their organiser, Miss Osborne, came over for a whist drive. The ladies' prize went to the Misses Hemmings and Osborne, and the gentlemen's to Percy Bolton and Tommy Tuxford.

Although very late in the season, on the 8th we were able to have a coach ride out to Poynings, where in the lovely autumn sunshine, a Treasure Hunt took place. Much excitement was caused in the village and some of the inhabitants must have been rather dumbfounded when they were asked for such things as rabbits' tails, old boots, the name of the oldest inhabitant, etc. However, no doubt they enjoyed it as much as the fifty-nine who actually took part. A. Cartwright and Mrs. Payne were the clever pair who managed to produce ten out of the twelve articles asked for.

Our most popular outings this year were those to Barcombe Mills, and we made one or two more farewell appearances there in October. These outings give unlimited scope to the boys, being reminiscent of boating on the Regent's Park lake in the

old days. Miss Shee is always the life and soul of the party, causing much mirth paddling her own canoe in her own way with improvised oars.

We were very glad to have Canon Speight with us again when he conducted the Chapel Service on Sunday, the 10th.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, which was held on Sunday, October 3rd, was so well attended that quite a number had to be content with sitting in the Chapel yard. We had many wonderful gifts and as there was a surplus after distributing to the Sick Ward, it was agreed by the men that the retired Nursing Sisters at the Howard Cottages should have their share of the good things. One of the visitors likened the effect of the colours in the Chapel to a beautiful oil painting. Orderly Howe and Miss Winder, with the help of Mrs. Field, Miss Pooley and H. Clevitt, were responsible for the decorating.

Sir Neville Pearson came down to read the Lesson, and this was a great pleasure to the men as he and Lady Pearson spoke to all the permanents and holiday men individually, and Sir Neville met many old friends.

### National Laying Test

Position	Name	Final Result	Test Score
1	Fisher, T. M.	...	1202
2	Chaffin, Albert	...	1170
3	Clarke, T.	...	1163
4	Woodcock, W. J.	...	1132
5	Jackson, G. C.	...	1097
6	Holmes, Percy	...	1053
7	MacIntosh, C.	...	986
8	Smith, W. Alan	...	679
9	Jarvis, A.	...	665
10	Gregory, T.	...	474

Prizes will be awarded as follows:—

**First Position.**—St. Dunstan's Cup and Cash Prize. P.A.G.B. prize of £3.—T. M. FISHER.

**Second Position.**—Medal and Cash Prize. Jacobs and Spearman Cup for best individual bird.—A. CHAFFIN.

**Third Position.**—Medal and Cash Prize. Winter Medal.—T. CLARKE.

P.A.G.B. prize of £2; W. Bradley prize of £2.—P. HOLMES.

### Placements

J. Carney as a telephonist with the Empire Rubber Company (Dunstable). M. Hackett, as an assembler with Messrs. C.V.A., Ltd., Brighton.

## Ovingdean Notes

The activities of the Autumn Term are once more in full swing and on Saturday, October 2nd, the Rustington Red Cross Society and British Legion invited a party of trainees to spend the afternoon and evening as their guests. When the party arrived at Rustington they were introduced to their hosts and hostesses and taken in small groups to tea at different houses in the village. After tea, they all assembled in the Village Hall where an impromptu concert was held, followed by a delicious supper.

On October 7th, Mr. Wadsworth from the Intelligence Department of the Midland Bank visited Ovingdean once more to give a most interesting lecture on "Supply and Demand." Mr. Swinton (from the Natural History Museum) came on October 21st to continue his excellent talk on "The Origin and Development of Life."

The debates organised by the Debating Society this month, "That unlimited freedom of the Press is desirable," and "That all able-bodied men should work irrespective of vested income," both called for much odd discussion and argument and helped to sharpen wits.

A monthly Rifle Shooting competition between the Blind Staff and Dormitories takes place at Ovingdean with four persons in each team. The members of the winning team each receive 5s. plus a small cup for the team, as a monthly trophy. The winning team for this month was Dormitory 5, with 10 points; Dormitory 4 (Australians) second with 9 points. In all, there are seven teams which leaves 21 matches to be fixed. The Ovingdean Rifle Team were also fortunate in winning three matches against sighted clubs. Results:

		Points
Oct. 12th	Newhaven Rifle Club ...	210
	Ovingdean ...	218
Oct. 19th	King's Royal Rifle Club ...	169
	Ovingdean ...	210
Oct. 26th	R.A.F. Association ...	137
	Ovingdean ...	186

The Darts players are still very keen and on Saturday, October 30th, another knock-out competition was completed with the following result:

### Totally Blind:

Winner, George Tidd; Runner-up, Bill Fitzgerald.

### Slight Sight:

Winner, John Wilson; Runner-up, Alf Carpenter.

## TEST RESULTS

**Typing.**—T. Baker (Australian), J. McGregor (Australian), A. Hartill, A. Ryan (Australian), V. Davies.

**Writing.**—E. Gaiger, S. Bakhradnia.

**Advanced.**—A. Pointon, W. Street.

**Moon.**—E. Oxborough.

**Preliminary.**—R. Green.

**Senior.**—D. J. McLoughlin.

## Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I suggest that our badges should all be of the pin kind. Mine is often picked up and given me after stooping to pump up tyres, and it cannot be put into jackets that have no buttonhole nor raincoats when buttoned to the neck. One often wants the badge outside when waiting to be met by someone.

I see Jock is about to complete his 25th year with his firm. I raise my hat to him and to others. Who holds the other records? Who has kept a shop the longest, carried on at the same job such as baskets, mats, etc.?

Re electric razors. Wouldn't these be very useful to the one-armed St. Dunstaner? [Yes, one or two of our one-armed men do use the electric razor, and one or two handless men also.—ED.]

I was telling a V.A.D. about a series of articles run some years ago in the *Daily Sketch* in which celebrities told of the ten things they hated most. "Now," said the V.A.D., "if the REVIEW asked our men to send along the three things they hated most, we should learn quite a lot."

[A good idea—all hates welcomed.—ED.]

Yours sincerely, G. FALLOWFIELD.

DEAR EDITOR,

I thought you might care to know that on October 5th, I organised a Concert at Saron Congregational Church, near Merthyr in aid of the Merthyr Tydfil and Mid-Wales Institution for the Blind. The artistes included Gwen Obern, blind soprano, Jack Lewis, blind tenor, and Reginald Foort, F.R.C.O., the celebrated B.B.C. organist.

It really was a grand evening. The church was packed and everyone thoroughly enjoyed Miss Obern's singing. I have watched her career with great interest ever since she came to you. Mr. Foort was charmed with her renderings. I wish her well and hope to engage her again in the near future.

I myself being a blind man, fully appreciate the noble work which St. Dunstan's is doing for those who have lost their sight.

Yours in the service of the blind,

A. E. FISHER, *Financial Organiser.*

## St. Dunstan's Night of Magic

On Monday, October 17th, at 191 Marylebone Road, the St. Dunstan's Section of the Institute of Magicians held their first semi-public Concert before a crowded and enthusiastic audience.

The occasion was the celebration of the late President Zomah's inauguration of this section—just twelve months ago—and the evening was voted by artists and audience alike as an unqualified success.

The large room which serves for the weekly "instruction class in magic" was fitted with an excellent portable stage complete with stage curtains and promptly at 7.30 the curtains parted to introduce the first artist, Mr. Rees Warren—billed on the programme as The Welsh Wizard. To a fast-running accompaniment of humorous patter, the delighted audience enjoyed his offering of an empty vase being suspended by a single length of rope threaded in the neck, a very fine card trick, the secret of which the audience was blandly told was worth £1. Then a small empty metal box was demonstrated, which on command, repeatedly became full of silk handkerchiefs. Trick after trick followed. It was a first-class show, revealing great credit to Rees Warren and to his tutor, Mr. Fred Willis.

The curtains opened to introduce the next artist, Mr. C. A. Luker, pupil of lady magicienne, Ethelbertine, whose programme consisted of a number of large silk squares which mysteriously became knotted and unknotted at his will. A length of rope was shown, cut in two, and miraculously joined together without any covering. Then, six playing cards, three cards discarded, but on counting the remainder were found to number six. This was repeated four times, but although the audience was left with the impression there was a "catch" in it, just where that "catch" lay, they couldn't fathom! Another trick, another, and the curtains descended to rapturous applause.

Then "Tiny" Fleming held the audience with his splendid rendering of "Asleep in the Deep," and as an encore in response to the repeated demands of the audience, "Friend o' Mine." A welcome interlude in a magical entertainment.

The last artist to appear was Mr. A. J. Wiltshire, tutored personally by the late President Zomah of the Institute of

Magicians. Assisted by Mrs. Wiltshire, he showed two slates, front and back. With a piece of chalk he wrote a prediction on one of the slates, placed them together, and left them in full view on the table. A book of riddles was given to a member of the audience who chose one, and on asking his volunteer assistant what riddle was chosen, the magician took up the two slates which had never left the audience's view and parting them, showed, written in chalk, right across one slate, an amusing and correct answer to the riddle.

A volunteer was then invited on the platform and given a pack of cards to shuffle. From this pack the helper was asked to select and pocket any one card of his own choice. Then the magician himself selected a card from a pack he shuffled himself, and strange as it may seem, both cards when shown to the audience were exactly the same!

The reception he received showed how his offering was enjoyed.

Unfortunately "Smudger" Smith was prevented from appearing owing to the illness of his younger son.

Madame Zomah spoke from the stage, thanking the artists and the audience for a wonderful evening and tracing the history of the formation of St. Dunstan's Section of the Institute of Magicians from an idea born in the brain of our late President, Zomah, to the present time.

Mr. John Bradbury, of the Institute of Magicians, ably accompanied the artists on the piano. OSCAR OSWALD, *Hon. Sec.*

## Northgate House

I am just one of the hundreds who want to go back to Northgate House, for we find there a very real spirit of peace and happiness.

The children wake up with the birds and are ready to climb out from under their gay patchwork quilts the moment the rising bell goes. A little later, a troop of children, of all shapes and sizes, are making their way down to the sea.

Northgate House seems to me as if it has never belonged to anybody but the children of St. Dunstaners. They are so much a part of it. They come and they go and they give something of themselves while they are there to make the house what it is, and they take something away when they go, something I feel sure they will always treasure. E. S.

## "In Memory"

### Private John Thomas Duffy, 12th Staffordshire Regiment

With deep regret we record the death of J. T. Duffy, of Leeds.

Although his sight was damaged during his service from February, 1916, to February, 1917, he did not come to us until 1922. From the outset his health had prevented him doing heavy work, but he liked to occupy his time in light wool rug-making or netting, and until his death was sending in orders as usual. Although he was a very sick man, he had been looking forward to another visit to Blackpool, but he passed peacefully away on September 30th, fortified with the rites of the Church.

He had not been able to come to our last Reunion, but officials visited him at his home to give him a little celebration—to his great pleasure. He was 74.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades was sent for the funeral.

He leaves a widow and family to whom we extend deep sympathy.

### Corporal J. Marriott, Royal Engineers

It is with deep regret that we record also the death of J. Marriott, of Birmingham.

He enlisted in April, 1915, and was discharged in December, 1920, having been wounded two years before, but he did not come to us until October, 1921. He trained as a basket maker and netter; then in poultry farming on a small scale, and at one time made some interesting experiments with the extensive growing of mushrooms. For some time, however, his health has been poor, and he has spent his time with members of his family. He was taken ill and passed away in hospital after only a few days.

Among the flowers was a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's friends.

Our sympathy is extended to the members of his family.

### Births

DALTON.—On November 11th, to the wife of J. Dalton, of Stockton-on-Tees, a son—Terence.

ELLIS.—On October 28th, to the wife of G. W. Ellis, of St. Helens, a son.

POTTAGE.—On October 20th, to the wife of J. Pottage, of Perth, Australia, a daughter.

RAHIM.—On October 16th, to the wife of A. Rahim, of Hove, a son—Alexander Graham.

SWAIN.—On October 9th, to the wife of H. Swain, of Kettering, a son.

WILSON.—On October 19th, to the wife of R. G. Wilson, of South Mimms, a daughter—Ann.

### Deaths

We extend our sincere sympathy to the following:—

DOWNS.—To Drummer N. Downs, whose wife passed away on November 7th.

MECKIN.—To H. Meckin, of Workington, who lost his wife on November 4th.

MCINNES.—To D. McInnes, of Eastleigh, whose wife died suddenly on October 16th.

SHARPE.—To W. Sharpe, of Kirkstall, Leeds, and Mrs. Sharpe, who lost their daughter, Cynthia, on November 13th.

### Marriage

BELL—HICKSON.—On October 11th, Sgt.-Major J. E. Bell, of Acton, to Miss Margaret Josephine Hickson.

### Grandfathers

A. J. Radford, Castle Cary—two more grandchildren. His daughter, Eveline, had a son on September 19th, and Elizabeth also had a son on October 1st. A. W. Ballard Nottingham, a grandson. L. Jackson, Heswall, twin grandchildren.

### Great-Grandfather

S. J. Jordan, of Luston.

### Young St. Dunstaners

Michael Caldwell, Anglesey, has graduated with an Honours Degree.

Mavis Hazel has taken her L.R.A.M. for piano playing, and in the annual examinations was awarded a Certificate of Merit. She is only nineteen.

Norman Lloyd, Cardiff, has passed his Inter-B.Sc. examination and is now studying for the Finals.

Roy Appleyard has been awarded a bronze medallion for proficiency in life-saving.

Elizabeth Owen, Rhos-on-Sea, has passed her S.C.M. examination.

### Marriages

Derek Arthur Blundell, on August 14th, to Beryl Gibbs.

Ronald Plunkett, St. Leonard's, to Miss Edna Walker.