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Sir Ian Fraser—'Flu

There are no Chairman's Notes this month. Sir Ian has been suffering from a severe attack of influenza which has lasted for some time. As a result he had to cancel all his engagements for more than a week.

As we go to press we are glad to report that Sir Ian is back at work again.

Pensions Minister Presents Car to St. Dunstaners

Last month Sir Ian referred in his Notes to the allocation by the Ministry of Pensions of a few free motor cars to severely disabled men, including a small number for St. Dunstaners.

The Minister of Pensions, the Rt. Hon. H. A. Marquand, chose W. H. Harding, of Finsbury Park, to be the first St. Dunstaner recipient, and on February 9th Mr. Marquand personally presented to our St. Dunstaner a Morris Minor car, the first of the model on the road.

Sir Ian Fraser was to have been at the ceremony to express the thanks of St. Dunstaners to Mr. Marquand for the special concession and for his own personal interest, but the doctor would not allow him to leave the house. Sir Ian had, however, already thanked Mr. Marquand in the House of Commons.

It was a happy ceremony. Mr. A. Mackay represented Sir Ian and there were also present other representatives of the Ministry of Pensions and Mr. S. G. Wilson, Managing Director of Messrs. Pawson & Leaf, with

whom Bill Harding has worked as a telephone operator for thirty years. During the little ceremony, Mr. Wilson presented him with a travelling rug as a token of his firm's high appreciation of his services. (Bill lost a leg and two fingers, as well as his sight, in the First World War.)

Mrs. Harding will drive her husband's car, which carried with it also a cheque towards the first quarter's upkeep expenses.

To the Runcton Hall House Party, 1948

On Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buckle called at Runcton Hall and presented, on our behalf, the signed letter, a book and a lovely bouquet of red carnations and blue irises. Mrs. Scott was delighted and deeply appreciated this expression of our gratitude.

JIM ELLIS.

(This note was, unfortunately, just too late for the January REVIEW).

Briefly

W. E. Young, of Rowlands Gill, has won a silver cup for singing in a contest arranged by a number of R.A.O.B. Lodges in Northumberland and Durham.

Geoff. Preston has been made President of Addlestone Branch of the British Legion, and Col. M. P. Ansell, President of the Bideford Branch.

George Reed is now Chairman of the Weybridge Branch of Toc H. In a window dressing competition at Weybridge his display received an "honourable mention."

LONDON CLUB NEWS

At the first Central Committee Meeting, P. Ashton was elected Chairman and the following Sub-Committees have been appointed:—

BRIDGE: F. Rhodes, H. Gover, N. Downs.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES: F. G. Fleming, R. Edwards, F. Dickerson.

OUTDOOR SPORTS: T. Gaygan, H. Cook, M. Burns.

INSTITUTE OF MAGICIANS represented by A. Wiltshire.

So we look to these gentlemen to supply us with Fun, Sport and Mystery.

Bridge

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Dunstan's Bridge Club was held at Headquarters on February 5th when, in the absence of Sir Ian Fraser, the chair was taken by Mr. C. D. Wills, recently appointed Chief Accountant of St. Dunstan's.

Each member will have a copy of the Minutes of the meeting and a programme of the year's fixtures.

FRANK A. RHODES (*Capt.*)

Indoor Sports and Amusements

A special fund has been provided to award prizes which will be known as the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Prizes. These events will take place annually and will cover Outdoor Sports and Indoor Games and Amusements.

My immediate concern is the Indoor Section which will include Whist, Crib, Dominoes, Darts, Chess and Dancing.

All members interested in any of the above events please write to me: Tiny Fleming, London Club, Headquarters, 191 Marylebone Road, N.W.1. Details of competitions will be announced in this column at a later date.

Watch this column for future announcements.

Outdoor Sports

Walking. The first post-war Road-walking Race will take place at Birmingham on May 7th. Distance, seven miles. Entries must be sent in at once to T. Gaygan at the Club, who will supply full particulars, trainers and escorts, so get some training in and let's see if we cannot turn a good team out.

Gymnasium. I am glad to be able to tell you that the times have been altered to 5.30 to 7.15 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Mayfair

Gymnasium, 204 Great Portland Street, W.1, so now perhaps more fellows will be able to attend and do some health-giving "jerks."

Swimming will start on May 2nd at the Marylebone Baths, Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. More details in a later issue.

Rowing. The boats on the lake at Regent's Park will be placed at our disposal again this year. T. GAYGAN.

Magic

A Magic Concert (conjuring, ventriloquism, etc.) will be held at St. Dunstan's Headquarters on Monday, February 28th. Curtain up, 7.45 p.m.

The performance will be given by the tutors of the St. Dunstan's Section of the Institute of Magicians.

Owing to the seating accommodation being limited, it is only possible to admit one escort with each St. Dunstaner.

A. J. WILTSHIRE.

General

A Debating Society is in process of formation and we are looking forward to some interesting play-readings, so we look to you fellows to come along and support your Club. P. ASHTON.

Birmingham Sports Club

The first post-war Annual Walk—distance about seven miles—will be held on Saturday, May 7th. There will be a Team Race and Individual Race for Totally Blind and S.S. Fifteen entries have already been received.

Will any St. Dunstaners wanting to enter please send me their names as soon as possible. Nobody has had much training so do come along and have a go to get walking started. Escorts will be provided for the Walk.

AVIS SPURWAY,

Holmwood Vicarage,

Nr. Dorking, Surrey.

Placements

S. Edgar, as telephone operator with the Middlesex Executive Council, London, N.W.1.; Alan Hold, as a piano-tuner with Messrs. Godfrey & Co., Ltd., Yeovil.

FOR SALE

B.S.A. all-gents' Tandem, 1938 model. Perfect running condition; hub brakes, new tyres (not crepe). Good-looking machine, black with British markings; chrome handlebars, cream mudguards. Easily controlled by lady taking front seat. Well cared-for and overhauled. Price £25, carriage paid up to 10s.—L. Copeland, 9 Beminster Road, Winton, Bournemouth.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I have read Sir Ian's remarks contained in this month's issue of the REVIEW with great interest.

For my part, an old St. Dunstaner, I am quite content, in fact proud, to remain a St. Dunstaner within our own family of war blinded men and women. As Sir Ian suggests, we have nothing to gain by amalgamation in any shape or form.

A limited degree of co-operation is desirable with such organisations as the British Legion, Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association, etc., but definitely no form of absorption for us of St. Dunstan's; it can only mean virtual extinction as a family which so far had gained the admiration of the whole world.

We have no question of efficiency or service, and above all, no politics.

There is only one St. Dunstan's, created by the genius of his day, Sir Arthur Pearson, and successfully carried on by Sir Ian Fraser. I think most St. Dunstaners will agree we have everything to lose by handing ourselves over to a mammoth organisation.

Yours sincerely,

Folkestone. F. C. S. HILLING.

DEAR EDITOR,

I most heartily endorse Sir Ian Fraser's opinion in last month's REVIEW as to the merging of St. Dunstan's with other organisations existing for the benefit of disabled ex-Servicemen and their dependants, and to add my support to that of John Mudge in the current issue. Loss of individuality and the splendid treatment we now receive would inevitably result under what would become an impersonal and soulless combination, under which more money is likely to be wasted than saved.

Also, too much power would be vested in a few officials, which is most undesirable and even dangerous.

Yours sincerely,

Bournemouth. ARTHUR T. BROOKS.

National News-Letter

DEAR EDITOR,

I was interested to see the letter from Charles McIntosh on the subject of the poor paper for the braille "National News-Letter," as for weeks I have felt the same. Thinking it must have been my imagination

I did not write to you. Some weeks my copy is almost unreadable.

Yours sincerely,

Cheltenham. S. GOBOURN.

DEAR EDITOR,

I definitely agree with the remarks of Charles McIntosh about the "National News-Letter" and sincerely hope that paper of a much better quality will be used in the very near future.

Anything that can be done to effect the desired improvement as early as possible will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

St. Budeaux, Plymouth. C. BLACKETT.

DEAR EDITOR,

In your last issue Charles McIntosh comments on the "National News-Letter." I fully agree with what he says for it is the only paper that I have ever found difficult to read—it has almost beaten me at times.

Yours sincerely,

Shrewsbury. W. PRICE.

DEAR EDITOR,

With reference to the criticism by Mr. Charles McIntosh in your January issue of the paper used for the braille edition of the "National News-Letter" and his opinion that this periodical ought to be embossed on paper equally good in quality to that used in other braille magazines, may I point out that the paper used for the "National News-Letter" is similar in quality to that used in eighteen other braille periodicals published by the National Institute for the Blind. The quality is not up to pre-war standard but is the best we have been able to obtain under the Paper Control for use in braille periodicals.

We have received from time to time a few criticisms similar to those of Mr. McIntosh, but they have generally been in respect of different periodicals; that is to say, one reader will ask us why we do not use such good paper in the "Braille Radio Times" as in "Progress"; and another will ask why the quality of the paper in "Progress" is inferior to that in the "Braille Radio Times." Of the paper used in some periodicals, for example, "Nuggets," we have received no complaints at all.

I can only conclude, therefore, that the sharpness of the embossed dots is damaged in certain copies of our periodicals by the pressure of heavy parcels or otherwise

during transit. With your correspondent, I give all credit to the postal workers for their extreme care in handling braille packages, but there are obviously many circumstances which are beyond their control, and I do not see how anyone can exempt such circumstances from being the cause of damage to the dots. Nevertheless, whatever the cause, we are fully conscious of the comparative inferiority of the paper we are obliged to use in our periodicals, and shall better its quality directly we are permitted to do so. In view of the forthcoming relaxation of the Paper Control, I may safely add that this general improvement should take place at a not too distant date.

Yours very truly,
J. DE LA MARE ROWLEY,
General Editor,
National Institute for the Blind.

Three Hates

DEAR EDITOR,

Fallowfield's hymn of hate following Floyd's nail-head crack will be echoed in the hearts of many other visitors to West House.

We hate loud-voiced discussion that takes place in a certain top-floor ward till 1 a.m. We hate the bandying of bawdy stories and jokes when men's wives are present. We hate the loud-voiced monopolisation of private conversations. We hate those who stand in groups and "direct" blind men how to avoid them. But above all the "Hates" we would all hate not to be able to come back once a year and mix and play dominoes and dance and chew the fat with others of the same hate group.

Faithfully yours,
Castle Cary. THE MAD HATER.

Funny—But True

One very foggy night an old lady asked me to take her across a rather wide crossing. On arriving safely, she said: "Thank you, young man. You might want someone to help you one day."

Nottingham. G. SWINDELL.

Great-Grandfather

Frazer Reynolds, of Gloucester.

Grandfathers

W. A. Bramson, Bromley (twice in three months); C. B. Baker, Enfield; C. Firth, Heswall; A. W. Hurrell, Kenley.

West House Notes

We welcomed Sir Neville and Lady Pearson to our New Year's party which followed the Christmas nautical theme. Hence all the guests sported various types of sea-going head-gear, most of which were designed and made by our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor. We danced to Percy Vorley's Band (always so much appreciated) and the novelty dances and competitions were admirably compered by Mr. Bertie Bassett.

One of the highlights of the party was a nautical head-dress competition, which was judged by Lady Pearson. First prize went R. Collins. Hiscock, McFarlane and Tiny Northcott also had prizes. The sick ward lads also entered into the spirit of the thing and there the first prize went to F. Reynolds, the second to T. Miles and the third to J. Keville.

A romantic note was introduced during the evening by the announcement of the engagement of St. Dunstan G. Kilsby and Miss Westwood, an old friend of West House. Good luck to them both.

Continuing in the nautical manner, beer and hot sausages were served in the galley during the interval. As midnight approached, Daddy Read came on deck dressed as Old Father Time, and very magnificent he looked, but of course he had to be thrown overboard to make way for 1949, who tripped on in the shape of a fairy. This fairy was none other than our ex-Commando, young Ernie Deaville, who caused much mirth especially when he did his little dance.

"Does Professionalism spoil sport?" was the topic for debate on January 9th. This was followed by a musical concert arranged by Miss Molyneux, which was thoroughly appreciated.

On January 16th we were entertained by the Young People of Union Church, who presented "Off the Rails." Miss K. Ashford (ex-V.A.D., West House) was one of the artistes.

On January 24th we all very regretfully said goodbye to nine of the sick ward boys who have been transferred to Ovingdean. They were Daddy Heyes, H. Russell, T. Miles, J. Keville, G. Morecroft, F. Hines, E. Hindle, J. Symonds and Dickie Tooth. They are now well settled in a very bright airy ward and various members of the staff have been to visit them since they have been at Ovingdean.

Princess Eugenie of Greece

Princess Eugenie of Greece, who will be well remembered by the men of Tembani, came to see Sir Ian Fraser in London recently for advice as to the care of Greek blinded soldiers, of whom, she said, there were about one hundred and fifty; so far, very little had been done for them. Although it was not possible for St. Dunstan's to take financial responsibility for the welfare of Greek blinded soldiers, Sir Ian gave the Princess the best advice he could. He also gave her a sample of our new braille machines which are attracting so much attention, and a quarter-hour striking watch of the type which we originally designed for our handless men before we developed the watch which strikes every minute. This will serve as a model which, no doubt, Greek craftsmen will be able to copy. The Princess was very interested in the Talking Book, but Sir Ian explained that the Talking Book machine itself was useless without a most complex and costly organisation for making and handling the records.

If there was a young Greek blinded in the recent war who was capable of becoming a leader or the head of an organisation for the welfare of Greek blinded ex-servicemen, Sir Ian offered to have him over here for a time and show him the various aspects of St. Dunstan's.

Later Princess Eugenie was a most welcome visitor at the Training Centre at Ovingdean, where she spent several hours inspecting the various departments and meeting the trainees.

Ovingdean Notes

Dormitory I has been converted into Ward I and we are happy to have with us St. Dunstaners from West House Sick Bay, with Nurse Harvey.

On Saturday, January 10th, still in a holiday spirit, a party of trainees set out to spend the afternoon and evening at Rustington, and were entertained by a very fine pantomime followed by a dance. More entertainment has been arranged for Sundays this term. On the 7th, Mr. Wier gave a gramophone recital from his very fine selection of records, and since then there has been a quiz, a play-reading and a brains trust, which have been most successful and much appreciated by the "stay-at-homes."

Mr. Cheeseman's Buffet Dance took place on January 27th at the Arlington. He arranged for Miss Doreen Dean, soprano, Mr. Tom Jones, baritone, and Mr. Edward King, accompanist, to entertain, and their presence greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The debate, on January 10th, "that women are abject slaves to fashion," was extremely amusing, but no personal remarks were made! The voting was against the motion and it was pointed out that men are also followers of fashion. We ourselves have been able to provide two excellent lectures this month. "Dingle" Bell gave a very interesting talk on the intelligence of animals, and on January 20th, Commandant gave an account of a Naval encounter off Madagascar, which was most entertaining and interesting. It revealed an aspect of a theatre of war of which most people have heard little.

On January 26th, the Ovingdean Darts Team entertained members of the Fletching British Legion in the Music Hut, where darts and cribbage were also played.

Shooting. In the knock-out competition this month in which fifty-one entered, E. Crook was the winner with 43 points and J. W. Mahony the runner-up with 42 points.

Shooting matches have been arranged this month with the following results:—

	Points
Harrington Rifle Club	225
St. Dunstan's	228
Brighton and Hove Constabulary	225
St. Dunstan's	216

Test Results

for December, 1948, and January, 1949:

Preliminary—D. Beattie (Australian), J. Ormond, R. Briggs.

Writing—V. Reeves.

Senior—S. McCheyne, P. S. Sumner.

Typing—E. Eagle (Australian), J. Slee, J. Blakeley, S. Minter, K. Farrar (Australian) W. Fitzgerald, J. S. Davies, R. Borrie (Australian), L. Loach, W. Jones (Australian), H. Duxbury, G. Smart, G. Emerson.

Australian News

In a letter to Sir Ian, T. H. Ward, of Brisbane, writes: "My daughter was married on January 8th. My elder boy has two children, a boy and a girl, so now we have only one son at home." He recently flew to Adelaide and saw Alan Marshall.

Blackpool Notes

The time has come—the Walrus said—the time to get our news into the pages of the REVIEW.

We are frequently asked why the Blackpool Home is so seldom mentioned in despatches. The explanation is that all news should reach the Editor not later than the sixth of the month. That date comes round so quickly we are—unlike good Scouts—not prepared.

If not too late we should like you to know that the Festive Season at the Blackpool Home was spent mainly eating, drinking and making merry.

It was late when our own party got under way owing to the delay caused by some of the staff being called upon to visit the Bourne Hotel to judge their fancy dresses. However we made up for that by dancing until well after midnight. We had a party on the evening of Boxing Day, during which the "Pearly King" arrived with his piano accordion and led a march round the house. It was odd that the "Pearly King" should remind us of Father Christmas—and Father Christmas of our good friend Billy Parnell—or was it?

On Tuesday to the Grand Theatre as the guests of the Soroptimists, to see "Captain Brassbound's Conversion," an excellent show enjoyed by all. On Wednesday a party went to a dance at the Dean Street Hall, and Thursday to the Palace of Variety.

We had the usual party to end the Old and greet the New Years. After midnight the "first footers" were Tommy Milner and Billy Pratt, representing northern and southern areas, but we are still wondering if young Arfur Dakin, son of a local St. Dunstaner, did not beat them to it in his anxiety to get in from the chilly night.

We are now making more contacts with local hotels and organisations and have enjoyed happy hours as the guests of Seaford Hotel on January 4th, St. George's Hotel on January 7th, and the Ministry of Pensions at the Baronial Hall on Jan. 20th. At each of these we had dinner and dance with plenty of liquid refreshments to suit all palates. All three promise to be annual affairs—joys to anticipate and to remind us of the good old days of our youth.

Many will be pleased to know that Mrs. Malone has sent a photograph of the Memorial Picture now in West House chapel—Memorial to our beloved late Matrons. When suitably framed it will be

hung in the lounge. Unfortunately the Home is too small for us to have a chapel, but we manage to have very beautiful services of Remembrance in the lounge on such special occasions as Armistice Day—November 11th—and December 9th. WALRUS.

Talking Book Library

January Jottings

After last month's full bag, as might have been expected, there are but two additions this time. One of the two, "The Use of History," I find very difficult to categorise, but suggest that it is very nearly in the text-book category. The other one, "Cook and the Opening of the Pacific," is a good straightforward biography.

"Cook and the Opening of the Pacific," by J. A. Williams, read Duncan Carse, is an interesting story of the great navigator from boyhood until death. The prejudices he had to overcome to get his discovery ships built as he judged fitting, give the intriguing eighteenth-century background to the story. It is a good book and easy to read.

"The Use of History," by A. L. Rowse, read Richard Wessell, is not a book I can recommend to the average reader, because I believe that ninety per cent. of readers would find it unintelligible. Unless one is conversant with the historians of the last 200 years and, in addition, knows the policies and weaknesses of each one of them, then the first half of the book flies as high over one's head as it did over mine. Undoubtedly, history has a use, in fact several, but the language of this book successfully covers them up as far as I am concerned. My warning is simply avoid this book unless you wish for highly concentrated reading. Hmm! I wonder! The Use of History—Cromwell, who dealt ruthlessly with the Irish challenge, might be a good thing for the Grand National. NELSON.

NATIONAL LAYING TEST

Report for the Third Period of four weeks—December 6th, 1948, to January 2nd, 1949:

Position	Name	Test Score
1	Bagwell, Philip	259
2	Webb, William	223
3	Gregory, T. D.	206
4	Young, W. E.	180
5	Woodcock, W. J.	162
6	Chaffin, Albert	157
7	MacIntosh, Charles	153
8	Jarvis, Albert	152
9	Holmes, Percy	140
10	Clarke, T.	120
11	Smith, W. Alan	81
12	Carpenter, E. H.	80

Average per bird to date, 28.07

Obituary

Miss Marion Pearson

It is with deep regret that we have learnt this month of the deaths of three old friends whose connection with St. Dunstan's dated from the 1918 days.

Miss Marion Pearson, sister of our Founder, Sir Arthur Pearson, died on January 23rd. Miss Pearson had always shown the keenest interest in her brother's work for war-blinded Servicemen and when West House was opened in 1918, she became its first Matron; her strong personality will be well remembered by St. Dunstaners of those days. Miss Pearson retired from St. Dunstan's in the early 1920s owing to ill-health, and for many years she made her home at Brighton, where she still followed the activities of St. Dunstaners with the greatest interest and pleasure. Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., our President, represented St. Dunstan's at the funeral at the Downs Crematorium, and there were present also Lady Pearson, Lady Fraser, Matron Pain and Mr. Askew, and a number of St. Dunstaners who had known Miss Pearson at West House.

The Ven. E. N. Sharpe

The Ven. E. N. Sharpe died on January 20th at the age of eighty-one. As Rector of the Church of Holy Trinity, St. Marylebone, he became known to many St. Dunstaners and officiated at scores of marriages and christenings. He became our Honorary Chaplain and when, in 1930, he was appointed Archdeacon of London, an office he was to hold for seventeen years, his interest in St. Dunstan's continued. At our invitation he joined our Executive Council and regularly attended its meetings.

Lady (Arthur) Pearson, Sir Neville and Lady Pearson, and Mr. Askew were present at a Memorial Service which was held at St. Paul's Cathedral on February 4th.

Mr. Maurice Macauley

Irish St. Dunstaners in particular will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. Maurice Macauley, brother of Mr. Norman Macauley. Maurice Macauley was our After-Care Representative in Ireland for a number of years, and his likeable personality endeared him to all the Irishmen with whom he came in contact. When, in 1925, he decided to take up law, we took our leave of him with regret. His brother, Norman, however, took over from him,

and it is to him now that we offer our sincerest sympathy in his sorrow. St. Dunstan's was represented at the funeral by a number of Northern Ireland men who had known him, and a wreath "in affectionate remembrance and appreciation" was sent from the Irish ex-Servicemen of St. Dunstan's and from the Chairman and Council.

Births

LITTLE.—On January 29th, to the wife of A. Little, of Brampton (trainee), a daughter—Margaret Elaine.

ORANGE.—On January 13th, to the wife of W. Orange, of Leeds, a son—Keith James.

THOMAS.—On November 13th, to the wife of W. Thomas, of Saltdean, a daughter—Marilyn.

WATKINS.—On January 23rd, to the wife of D. Watkins (South African), of Aston Clinton, a son—John Andrew.

Marriages

BOND—STOPPS.—On January 1st, W. G. Bond, of Ontario, to Miss Sybil Stopps.

MCGOCHAN—DAVISON.—On October 25th, D. McGoohan, of Watford, to Miss Mary Davison.

PYE—OLDHAM.—On December 24th, H. Pye, of Preston, to Miss Joan Oldham.

ROSLAIGH (ROSENBERG)—WOLOZYNSKA.—On January 27th, in Sydney, New South Wales, Dr. Ludwik Roslaigh (Rosenberg) to Dr. Pelagia Wolozynska.

"In Gratitude"

*By no means of poetic mind,
Some words I'll strive to find,
In thankfulness to those so kind,
Who work to give us peace of mind.*

*They work by day, they work by night,
To help us fight and see the light,
And in the future dawning bright,
We'll start again with new delight.*

*So with our strength and souls renewed,
We shall not ever be subdued
By anxious thought and brooding mood,
And in our thoughtful hearts imbued,
Give thanks to those who played their part,
To give us all another start.*

TREVOR BAKER,

St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean.

“ In Memory ”

Sapper John Hastings, *Royal Engineers*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of J. Hastings, of Rhyl.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1926, and although he was not able to do a great deal of any kind of work, suffering greatly from rheumatism, he was keenly interested in basket-making and wool rugs, and he managed to do a certain amount of work right up to the end of 1947. He had, however, been ill for some time before his death, which occurred at his home on December 23rd.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's friends was among the flowers at the funeral. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family and to Mrs. Walton who nursed him in his last illness.

Driver Henry Hayes, *Royal Field Artillery*

With deep regret we announce the death of H. Hayes, of Ballincollig, Co. Cork.

His Army service began in August, 1914. He was wounded at Armentieres as a result of which he lost his sight and his left arm, and he came to us in August, 1915. Although he was not able to undertake really heavy work he was interested always in poultry-keeping and netting, and he carried on with the latter, in spite of poor health, right up to November last.

The funeral took place at St. Finbarr's Cemetery, P. Long, of Ballincollig, representing St. Dunstan's. The great affection in which he was held was shown by the large attendance at the funeral, everyone in the village attending to pay their tribute.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Hayes and her family.

Gunner William Last, *Royal Garrison Artillery*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of W. Last, of Crynant, Neath.

After he had lost his sight at Malta, he entered St. Dunstan's in 1919 and trained as a mat-maker. He proved a very quick and energetic worker and was interested also in a little poultry-keeping.

For a number of years before his death, he could not attempt any heavy work, and he passed away in the West Glamorgan Hospital on January 12th after much suffering.

A wreath from the Chairman and his St. Dunstan's comrades was among the many flowers.

He leaves a widow and family to whom our sincere sympathy is extended.

Private Arthur Massey, *2nd Scottish Borderers*

We have heard with deep regret of the death of A. Massey, of Reading.

He was discharged from the Army in 1915, but it was not until eleven years later that he came to St. Dunstan's, where he trained as a mat-maker. For a long time he had suffered very poor health. He was admitted to West House, but he passed away there on February 9th.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades was among the many flowers at the funeral.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his widow and grown-up family.

Private Frederick Pullen, *5th King's Hussars*

We have to record with deep regret the death of F. Pullen, of Old Woking.

This fine old soldier enlisted in August, 1905, and served mainly in Africa and India before the First World War, in which he was gassed and blown up. He was discharged from the Army in 1919 and came to St. Dunstan's in November, 1933, and was trained as a poultry farmer, but he had been ill for a long while and he passed away on January 30th.

Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Pullen and her family.

Private James Philip Smith, *Royal Defence Corps*

With deep regret we have to announce the death of J. P. Smith, of Enfield.

He was discharged from the Army in 1919, but did not come under our care until 1938, when he was trained as a basket-maker. He had, however, been in failing health for some time, due to the after-effects of gas-poisoning and other causes. He was very plucky in trying to disregard his handicaps and was working at his baskets until a week before his death, which occurred on February 10th.

C. P. Baker, of Enfield, a St. Dunstan's friend, was present at the funeral. Sir Ian's wreath of poppies was on the coffin.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his widow and daughter.

Death

DAVIES.—Our deep sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. J. Davies, of Wrexham, whose daughter, Daisy, died on February 1st.

Dick Barton

Duncan Carse, well known to all Talking Book readers, is the B.B.C.'s new “ Dick Barton.”