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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

I was pleased to read in last month's REVIEW that two Second War St. Dunstaners had been elected to positions as Branch Officials in the British Legion. There are, of course, many others of both generations whom we read about from time to time taking an active part. This is a good public service which I commend to St. Dunstaners; they can give help where it is needed and they will themselves gain friends and interest. They can also lend a hand in furthering the British Legion's national pensions campaign which should win the active support of every disabled ex-Serviceman.

This campaign has not attained its main objective, which is a rise in the basic rate, but there have been valuable by-products, notably in the raising of the unemployability allowance and in a warmer attitude on the part of the Ministry towards individual claims.

Within the last month, I have attended three Area Conferences of the British Legion, namely, London, the Midlands and the North West. Judging by the resolutions passed and the speeches made, the campaign has the unanimous support of the rank and file of the Legion and we shall, no doubt, hear more about it at the Annual Conference at Whitsun. Meantime, it has become a national campaign for ten other societies for ex-Servicemen have joined us. A further move will be made shortly when a deputation representing these national societies will wait on the Minister of Pensions to press the case on him. A most valuable debate took place in the House of Lords on December 9th and a further debate will probably take place in the Commons within the next few weeks.

The Government have so far refused a rise in the basic rate or even the more modest suggestion that a Select Committee should be set up but the ex-Service world will not take "no" for an answer and the campaign will go on.

While criticism of the Government on this matter is inevitable, we confine it to the campaign itself, for the ex-Service organisations are composed of men of all political parties and we are attacking the Government on our own purely domestic issue and not on any political ground. So far as St. Dunstan's is concerned, we support the British Legion campaign whole-heartedly, and Mr. Askew goes to the national meeting to represent us. Meantime, as I said in a brief word of welcome to the Minister of Pensions, the Rt. Hon. Hilary Marquand, when he visited Ovingdean recently, there is a wide field in which we welcome the co-operation of his department whose officials, medical and administrative, do their best for us within the terms of the policy that is laid down for them.

I cannot forecast results, but it frequently takes a long time to bring a campaign to a successful conclusion. Let us remember in this connection our experience during the war when although we lost many battles, the struggle ended in victory for our cause. Within

the next twelve or fifteen months, there must be a General Election; that is a time when all politicians are rightly more sensitive than ever about public opinion, so we must make sure that the widest possible public support for our claims is encouraged and mobilised.

IAN FRASER.

Minister of Pensions Visits St. Dunstan's

On February 23rd, the Minister of Pensions, the Rt. Hon. H. A. Marquand, visited St. Dunstan's Training Centre at Ovingdean. Mr. Marquand, who was accompanied by Mrs. Marquand, closely inspected every feature of our Training Centre and at the conclusion of his tour expressed his tremendous admiration for the work which he had seen and for our "lovely, modern, airy building."

Mr. Marquand was accompanied on his tour of the building by our President, Sir Neville Pearson, Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, Mr. Askew, Commandant Fawcett and Matron Pain. The Minister's party included, in addition to Mrs. Marquand, Dr. F. T. Rees, Deputy Director-General of Medical Services, Dr. R. Guy Buxton, Medical Officer responsible for Welfare, Mr. Hervey Rhodes, D.F.C., M.P., the Minister's Parliamentary Private Secretary, and Mr. A. O. Woodgate, O.B.E., the Minister's Private Secretary.

Mr. Marquand has since written to Sir Ian expressing his pleasure at his visit "of which I will retain very happy recollections," and conveying his thanks to all those who had made his visit such an interesting and pleasant one.

Ray "Has a Go"

Ray Sherriff and his wife took part in Wilfred Pickles' popular show, "Have a Go," which came from Hemel Hempstead, on February 23rd. They told how they met at Church Stretton when Edith, his wife, was an escort there. To everybody's delight, and particularly to Wilfred Pickles, who said it gave him more pleasure than any he had presented before, Ray and his wife also won the "jack-pot."

Grandfathers

S. Waddington, of Beeston, Notts., at the early age of 42; A. J. Coleman, of Northampton; J. Greaves, of Oldham; A. Morris, Pontypridd; and J. B. Hart, of Cardiff, whose little grandchild arrived on September 16th. We much regret the delay in reporting this.

When You Vote

Within the next few months, county council elections, borough council elections, and urban and district council elections will be held all over the country.

St. Dunstaners are once again reminded that under the Blind Voters Act, which was introduced into Parliament by Sir Ian Fraser, a blind voter may either

(a) Take to the polling booth a companion, who may be any other person having a vote in the constituency or ward, or his or her father, mother, wife or husband, brother or sister, son or daughter, such persons being 21 years of age, to mark the ballot paper; or

(b) Ask the presiding officer to mark the ballot paper in the presence of representatives of the candidates, as was the case before the law came into force in 1934.

If the blind person wishes to use the first method, he must tell the presiding officer that he is blind and that he has brought a companion to mark his paper. The companion must then fill in and sign a simple declaration which will be given to him by the presiding officer. This declaration merely states whom the companion is, and that he will keep his knowledge of the vote secret.

Portrait of Sir Ian Fraser

Many requests have been received from St. Dunstaners for a printed reproduction of the portrait painted by Mr. Edward Seago, R.A., and presented to Sir Ian Fraser on his anniversary of twenty-five years as Chairman of St. Dunstan's.

The "Illustrated London News" have produced a reproduction of the portrait and copies are being sent to all St. Dunstaners.

Nellie Wallace

Nellie Wallace, the comedienne, left £8,439, to be divided equally between St. Dunstan's, the Royal Cancer Hospital and the R.S.P.C.A.

Club News

London

Our Club at Headquarters is well patronised but we would like to see more new-war St. Dunstaners attending. They will find a welcome, and willing helpers to cater for their entertainment.

Indoor Sports and Amusements

1. A Get-Together Dance will be held at the Chelsea Town Hall, Chenil Galleries, on Friday, April 1st. Dancing 7.30 to 11 p.m. to our own Ernie Cookson's Band. Spot prizes, fully licensed bar, refreshments. Admission 2s. 6d. Within three minutes of Sloane Square station. Buses 11, 19, 22 pass the door. Tickets will be sent on application. A real chance to practise for forthcoming Dance competitions.

2. Closing date for Darts and Dominoes is March 30th.

The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Prize competitions are in the nature of All-England affairs.

It would be appreciated if any would-be entrant for any competition would contact the nearest Club or House which he would then represent.

Any member who is not within a reasonable distance of any Club or House please send their entries to "Tiny" Fleming. All competitions are annual affairs, trophies being retained by successful House or Club for twelve months. The actual winner will, of course, retain the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Prize as his own property.

A Darts League is being formed (partners), St. Dunstaner and escort (lady). Entries as soon as possible please—we want to get cracking.

A darts team from the Club visited the Peterborough Arms, Fulham, on Friday, March 4th, at the invitation of the Shell Wharfe Social Club and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. Our team lost a very close match by two games to one, A. Wiltshire equalling the highest score of the evening by getting a ton (100).

Amateur Dramatics. We should like to receive the name of any member who is interested. If numbers warrant, we will endeavour to carry it through.

Outdoor Sports

A General Sports Day will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at the Alperton Lane Sports Ground, Wembley, when there will be events for wives and children as well as

St. Dunstaners, and special events for the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Trophies.

There will be a *Swimming Gala*, at the Marylebone Baths on September 23rd, with races for the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Trophies. Don't forget, swimming starts on May 2nd. Bring your own costumes.

It is also hoped to hold a *Regatta* at Marlow in July with double sculls and single sculls, so will oarsmen get together. Boats will be available for training on the lake at Regent's Park.

Institute of Magicians

On February 28th the Tutors to the St. Dunstan's Section of the Institute of Magicians gave an astounding performance of conjuring, ventriloquism, etc. We are sure they excelled themselves knowing full well that there were a number of lynx-eyed and plastic-eyed critics in the audience. We would welcome more St. Dunstaners to this section, where they will find it all most entertaining.

General

On March 29th there will be a play-reading arranged by M. Burns at the Club, 6.30 to 7.30. The play will be "Dark Brown." It will be followed by the usual Whist Drive.

Birmingham

The Birmingham Club flourishes. Quite a number of the younger men are turning up regularly and our average attendance is increasing. The Swimming Section is a great success and the Birmingham Leander Swimming Club is most hospitable and a great help. Leslie Fensome is to be congratulated on learning to swim in five lessons.

We held two Christmas parties, one for the children of members and the other a Dance and Social to which we invited a number of our very good friends of the Red Cross, V.T.S., Limbless Club, Ex-Captives, etc.

We extend a hearty invitation to all Birmingham and district men to join us. Second Sunday in the month is our Club Day. We meet at Red Cross Headquarters, 16 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

The closing date for entries for the Seven-Mile Walk on May 7th is Thursday, April 7th. They should be sent to Mrs. Spurway. We want just three more entries from the North of England to make up a team. Come on, the North!

Monty Brooke

Many of our St. Dunstaners will remember Monty Brooke in the Sports Section many years ago, and will hear with regret that he has had to retire from St. Dunstan's service as a result of ill-health. Several St. Dunstaners have said they would like to join in a tribute to Monty. If any of his old St. Dunstaner friends would like to do so, Mr. Askew has kindly consented to act as hon. treasurer and subscriptions can be sent to him.

Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

With the large wave of crime spreading over the country among young people, I decided to try to do something about it, and suggested to the local Padre a Club for local boys and girls. Father Manning started the first Girls' Club which has been a success, but it was the Boys' Club which was the problem—how to build without money or permits. Well, the Vincent de Paul, a brotherhood which looks after the poor and sick, irrespective of sect or colour, set to work with the help of the British Legion and now we have two rooms for our Boys' Club. But here is where the boys of St. Dunstan's come in. Will you turn your cupboards out and help by sending old sports gear, or unwanted indoor games, or even old clothes? Or if you haven't anything, will you send a sixpenny P.O. to Father Manning and crossed? If things are too good to give away, tell me how much you want for them and I will refund the carriage. I have just heard from Father Manning that there is to be a "Darby and Joan" Club for the Aged, so you see, boys and girls, how I need your help.

Please do your best for the kiddies and the old folks.

The best of luck and health to you all, from your old pal,

Little Tufnell, DICKIE DUNN.
Witten Road, Canvey Island, Bentfleet.

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We have received letters from W. Robbins, of Bournemouth, and W. Kerr, of Edinburgh, supporting C. McIntosh's remarks on the quality of the braille paper of the "National News Letter." Mr. J. de la Mare Rowley, General Editor of the National Institute for the Blind, answered this criticism last month.

West House Notes

Unfortunately, most of our visitors at the moment are recuperating after a bout of bronchitis or 'flu, but nevertheless they are still the same happy crowd. We have had quite sunny weather and this has been an excuse for the racing fans to get away to an early start at Plumpton on the 21st and for an enjoyable drive to Alfriston on the 25th. Indeed, it was warm enough for some of the boys to sit on the sea-front; even Daddy Reynolds, who saw his 82nd birthday on the 7th of the month, ventured forth to do some sunbathing.

The Black Lion, Patcham, has seen quite a lot of our lads this month. The South-down and Brighton District Omnibus Company held their Annual Dinner and Dance there on the 4th, and as usual their efforts were so much appreciated by the boys.

Then again, on the 18th, the British Legion, Burgess Hill Branch, invited four of our men to their Annual Dinner. Our boys seem to have a tremendous capacity for enjoying themselves and their hosts are always so hospitable.

Lady Jessica Forres held a most successful birthday party at her Regent's Park home on the 9th; it was a double event as both Mark Sheridan and Lady Forres have birthdays in February. Mark, then, was the guest of honour and four of the staff and eight other men went up to town. It really was a happy gathering and everyone was delighted to meet and be entertained by Jack Warner and his musical friend, Mr. R. Alderson.

St. Valentine's Night was not overlooked and on the 14th the Lounge was duly decorated with hearts and other appropriate emblems. The dance was a great success and some novel games were organised by our new Catering Officer, Miss Galloway.

Thirty Years Ago

From the "St. Dunstan's Review," March, 1919:

"Miss Ella Shields and Alfredo were included in the programme of the concert which was held at the House on February 27th. The former created great enthusiasm by singing some of her old favourites, amongst which was "Gilbert the Filbert." The latter gave a wonderful exhibition of violin playing."

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Swanton, Lockerbie, January 9th; Mr. and Mrs. E. Garthwaite, Rotherham, February 23rd; Mr. and Mrs. J. Peel, Wibsey, March 10th.

Talking Book Library

Fruitful February

The four books released in the second month of this year of "sweet" abundance are an interesting batch, consisting of "The Art of Adventure," "Nanking Road," "In a Glass Darkly," and "Without a Dream."

"The Art of Adventure," by Eric Linklater, read Franklin Engleman, is a collection of stories of the author's wartime journeys, and his reflections and encounters on those trips. Pleasantly written, well read and recorded.

"Nanking Road," by Vicki Baum, read Richard Wessell, is a pre-war best-seller. The book starts at the dropping of the first bomb on the International Settlement, Shanghai. Nine fatal casualties were caused and the author proceeds to show the life each has led. All very real and no punches noticeably pulled. Good in all respects.

"In a Glass Darkly," by S. L. Fanu, read Duncan Carse, is as "creepy as 'ell." The talking book is most suitable for this supernatural stuff. I practically scared myself stiff with this one. The question is, "Can a blind man see ghosts?" It is a good one of its kind, but avoid it if you have a tricky heart.

"Without a Dream," by Michael Dawson, read Richard Wessell, is a somewhat misleading title. "John Carson—Special Agent," might serve better. Of course, in the Peninsular War, the Spanish guerrillas had to be organised and with a little luck, love and seamanship, John Carson, naval lieutenant, defies all the Frenchmen in Spain without Jock or Snowy. Others than Mr. Morrison can and will enjoy this offering.

Don't forget to change the needle!

NELSON.

Country Life

Owing to the falling-off in the number of men who desire and are suitable for Country Life settlement, the Training Farm at South Mimms will close down after Easter. Alternative arrangements for individual cases will be made with Plumpton Agricultural College.

To All Campers

A meeting to discuss plans for summer camps will be held at St. Dunstan's Club, 191 Marylebone Road, on Thursday, April 7th, at 7 p.m. Let me know if you can come because of catering.

Our invitation to the Royal Navy Barracks, Lee-on-Solent, Gosport, Hants, has just come—Friday, August 5th to Saturday, August 13th—entries as soon as possible, please. This fixture is so popular and the Navy such wonderful hosts that it is unlikely that there will be enough beds to go round.

It is, therefore, good to be able to announce another invitation—from the Royal Air Force, to spend a week at Shawbury, near Shrewsbury, provided the Barracks are completed. There seems every chance of this. The date will be Friday, July 8th to Saturday, July 16th. I hope this Camp will appeal to men who trained at Church Stretton and to anyone who likes rowing. Being in the north it should suit men from that area better than Hampshire. Only 35 beds available. If you are interested, write to me at once.

Holmwood Vicarage, AVIS SPURWAY.
Dorking.

Presentation to Miss Oliphant

On February 24th, at a little gathering at the Berkeley Cafe, Bristol, Miss D. J. Oliphant was presented with a cheque on her retirement as Welfare Visitor for the West of England and, at one time, South Wales.

Harry Perrett was in the chair and presented the cheque on behalf of all St. Dunstaners in the West Country and South Wales. The luncheon was attended by a representative St. Dunstaner from each of the counties in the West except Cornwall, which was not able to send a representative in view of the long journey in uncertain weather. South Wales was represented by A. J. Caple, of Cardiff, and many men living in Bristol and its environs were also present.

Each of the county representatives paid tribute to Miss Oliphant's work and Mr. A. Mackay spoke on behalf of St. Dunstan's Headquarters. A telegram of good wishes was received from Mr. Ottaway with whom Miss Oliphant worked for many years, and Mrs. Caple spoke very charmingly on behalf of the ladies present.

Ovingdean Notes

We were very pleased to welcome the Minister of Pensions, the Rt. Hon. H. A. Marquand, and Mrs. Marquand and members of the Ministry of Pensions staff to Ovingdean on February 23rd, and let them see what St. Dunstaners were doing.

On February 2nd, Wing Commander Curtis-Willson gave a most interesting and enlightening talk on "Behind the scenes in a Newspaper Office," which makes one much more appreciative of one's daily paper. Dr. Swinton, from the Natural History Section of the British Museum, visited us again on February 17th to give another talk, this time on "Apes and Man"; there was a record attendance and his next lecture is much looked forward to. Ted Bullen, an Australian trainee, gave a very entertaining lecture on "Discovering Gold"—from practical experiences.

The debate on February 7th that "It is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all," was ably moved by "Dingle" Bell, and seconded by Miss Carlton, and opposed by Miss McAndrew, who was supported by Commandant; this was most amusing, and the majority voted for the motion.

The Southdown Omnibus Company gave their Annual Dinner and Dance on February 3rd at the Black Lion Hotel, Patcham. After a very good dinner, the chairs and tables were quickly removed and dancing took place until late in the evening.

Another visit to Rustington on February 12th was greatly enjoyed. Once again the local inhabitants acted as hosts and invited the men to tea in their homes, and later in the evening everyone met at the Village Hall for a dance.

Mr. Cheesman, from London, gave one of his ever-popular monthly Buffet Dances at the Arlington Hotel on the 17th.

Shooting

There were fifty-five entries for this month's knock-out competition, which was won by Kel Gatrell, who scored 45 against his opponent, Jim Griffiths' 40 in the final. The monthly Inter-Dormitory competition was won by Dormitory 5, who scored 186 points against Dormitory 4's 185 in the final. During this month's competitions, Steve Minter put up a fine record by firing five shots in 39 seconds and scoring 49 points out of a possible 50.

Darts

On Wednesday, February 23rd, a party from the N.I.B., Hastings, with two or three St. Dunstaners from Hastings, was entertained by the Ovingdean Darts team. Darts, dominoes and cribbage were played and Ovingdean won. The evening was a great success and we look forward to further visits from our N.I.B. friends. Matron Pain was with us, welcoming all the visitors personally. Credit is due to Albert Dobson, who has done and is doing a great deal to help the N.I.B. organise similar evenings.

The Totally Blind competition (knock-out), with 16 entrants, was won by "Rosie" Roswarne, with Bill Gray as runner-up. The S.S. competition had 22 entrants and was won by George Emerson with Harold Dickinson as runner-up.

Test Results

Typing.—Squadron-Leader A. F. Bell, W. Gray (Australian), E. Bullen (Australian), T. Charlesworth (Australian), A. Shepherd, C. Fraser, J. Griffiths, G. Clarkson, P. Appleby.

Moon.—A. Young.

Preliminary.—G. Jacobs.

Senior.—J. Clyde.

Retirement of Major Cowley

Every St. Dunstaner who has travelled to the North knows Major C. J. Cowley, Station-master at Crewe Station for many years. Major Cowley recently retired and on February 10th, Sir Francis Joseph made a presentation to him which he had organised by subscription and which carried with it deep appreciation of Major Cowley's years of service.

Matron Vaughan-Davies was invited by Sir Francis to be present at the ceremony. She accepted, and found herself the only woman present in a gathering of some fifty men. However, as she told her hearers in a very happy little speech, she was there as the representative of hundreds of men—St. Dunstan's men of both wars who at one time or another had passed through Major Cowley's hands, and who had received un-failing kindness from him over many years.

St. Dunstaners everywhere will wish Major Cowley good luck and happiness in his retirement.

Placement

J. Clyde, as telephone operator with the South Eastern Electricity Board, Epsom.

Food Parcels

We shall shortly be receiving a number of gift food parcels from the Buenos Aires Committee in the Argentine and arrangements will be made for one parcel to be sent to every St. Dunstaner living in his own home, lodgings, etc. We shall not have sufficient to send to men who are at the Training Centre or in one of our Homes or Hostels, but it is felt that these St. Dunstaners already benefit from many gifts sent to our Establishments as a whole. No definite date can be given for the arrival of these parcels but we hope that they will all be distributed during the Spring.

ALEX. MACKAY,

Welfare Superintendent.

"E. W. Austin" Memorial Reading Competition

We have received from the National Library for the Blind particulars of the above Reading Competition to be held at the Library on Saturday, May 21st. The Adult Section includes three Classes: (a) Advanced readers in competition for the "Blanesburgh" Cup; (b) Other readers; and (c) Readers who have learnt to read braille after the age of 16 and do not feel competent to enter in Classes A and B. Unseen passages will be read and prizes awarded for fluency, ease of diction and general expression.

Intending competitors should send in their names to the Secretary, National Library for the Blind, 35 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1, not later than Tuesday, May 10th. St. Dunstaners and particularly beginners in braille, will be especially welcome to the competition.

Briefly

T. A. Barton, of Scalby, Scarborough, a dog-breeder, has won three more Cups with one of his bitches.

S. Tutton, of Hawthorn, who is doing well at his bench, had his photograph in the *Western Mail* recently when a member of the Government visited the factory.

Young St. Dunstaners

Margaret Joan Stobie, South Africa, has secured a double-first in English and Psychology at Maritzburg University and is to be Acting Professor of Psychology at the University whilst the Professor is on six months' leave. She is not yet 21.

Marriages

Jean McDonald, Glasgow, to Mr. W. S. McNicholl.

Evelyn Stibbles, Pitlochry, on March 5th, to Mr. George May.

Last November, John Morris, West Gorton, Manchester.

Births

CONSTABLE.—On February 17th, to the wife of L. P. H. J. Constable, of Sidcup, a daughter—Ann Rossalind.

COWAN.—On March 1st, to the wife of J. Cowan, of Leicester, a son—Stuart Ian.

EVANS.—On February 11th, to the wife of R. Evans, of Newbury, a son—David Robert.

HEWETT.—On December 16th, to the wife of G. Hewett, of Saltdean Mount, a son—Michael George.

LEGG.—On March 4th, to the wife of J. Legge, of Bristol, a son—Ian James.

O'REILLY.—On February 10th, to the wife of T. O'Reilly, of Blackburn, a daughter.

PERFECT.—On February 12th, to the wife of J. Perfect, of Sunderland, a son—David Maxwell.

ROAKE.—On March 1st, to the wife of G. Roake, of Catford, a daughter—Janet Elaine.

WHYTE.—On February 25th, to the wife of F. Whyte, of Motherwell, a daughter—Ann.

WIGGLESWORTH.—On February 17th, to the wife of A. Wigglesworth, of Bradford, a daughter.

Marriages

COOK.—On January 1st, C. Cook, of Kingston-on-Thames.

HAMILTON—JOHNSON.—On February 14th, B. Hamilton, of Theford, to Miss Johnson.

KEY—POWELL.—On January 29th, A. Key, of Brighton, to Mrs. Grace Isabella Powell.

STOCKWELL.—On December 18th, C. Stockwell, of Brighton.

Death

GIBBINS.—Our deep sympathy goes out to T. L. Gibbins, of Kineton, Warwickshire, whose wife passed away on January 7th.

“ In Memory ”

Driver James McAlonan, *Royal Army Service Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of J. McAlonan, of Blackpool, who served from February, 1916, to September, 1917. He had been wounded in 1916, as a result of which he lost his sight and his health also was greatly impaired, and for a considerable number of years he had been more or less a permanent resident at one of our Homes as a chair case.

On July 19th he expressed a wish to go to his own home for a change. This he did, and we were actually arranging for him to return to the Sick Ward, Ovingdean, when his death occurred unexpectedly on January 25th.

He was buried at Carleton Cemetery, Blackpool, in a little plot set aside for St. Dunstaners, and a wreath from Sir Ian and his St. Dunstan's friends was among the many flowers. Matron Vaughan Davies accompanied J. Treby to represent St. Dunstan's.

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

Private Thomas Bowen, *Royal Army Medical Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of T. Bowen, of Llanelly.

His Army service was from January, 1915, until May, 1916—he lost his sight as a result of service in the Dardanelles—and he came to us in November, 1919, where, although he was then a sick man, he endeavoured to master boot-repairing, mat-making and netting. For many years, however, he was not able to do more than work in the netting room. His death occurred quite suddenly on January 31st.

A wreath was sent for the funeral from the Chairman and his St. Dunstan's comrades, and a fellow St. Dunstaner, D. O. Evans, of Llansamlet, attended the funeral.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his widow and her family.

Private Jeffrey Joseph Gillibrand, *Lancashire Fusiliers*

We record with deep regret the death of J. Gillibrand, of Pendleton, Manchester.

He lost his sight in France in April, 1917, and came to us in November of the same year. He trained with us in poultry-farming and mat-making. He proved to be a first class worker at the latter occupation and he continued with this for some time, in spite of ill health, but eventually he was obliged to be content with a little light work from the netting room. Even so, during the war, he was determined to do his bit and he took a job in a local factory, but many times he had to give up owing to his health. He carried on, however, right to the end, but a bad attack of asthma and bronchitis led to his sudden death at his home on February 13th.

Among the many flowers at the funeral was a poppy wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades, and a wreath from members of the Manchester Sports Club. Mrs. Dunphy, Mrs. Lang, of the Manchester Sports Club, and Mrs. Birley, wife of our St. Dunstaner, were present at the funeral.

He rested in St. Sebastian Priory Church where Requiem Mass was said.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Gillibrand, who is herself ill.

Private Edmund Arthur Kenneth Trehearne, *10th Royal Fusiliers*

We record with deep regret the death of a St. Dunstaner, E. A. K. Trehearne, of Chipstead, who, although he served in the 1914-18 war, did not come to us until 1942, his sight having only then failed as a result of gassing in France. He went to Church Stretton and the home crafts he learnt there gave him considerable pleasure in his later years.

He died at the home of his sister, with whom he lived, and our deep sympathy is extended to her in her loss.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his friends at St. Dunstan's was among the flowers at the funeral.

New Zealander's Loss

We have heard with deep regret from J. McGuone, of Wellington, New Zealand, that he lost his wife in tragic circumstances on December 13th. She fell backwards as she was going upstairs, breaking the neck of her thigh-bone, and she died six weeks later.

Our St. Dunstaner's daughter is married and away, and he now has someone house-keeping for him, but as he says, it is hard to start off with strangers after all these years.

We send him our deep sympathy.

Bishop Nickson

St. Dunstaners who were at Church Stretton will hear with deep regret that Bishop Nickson died on February 23rd at the age of 84. Many who were at our Training Centre in the war years will remember his generous and kindly interest in their welfare, and the blinded officers who were his neighbours at Battlefield will particularly mourn his passing.

Mrs. Irvine, who was Matron at Battlefield, represented St. Dunstan's at the funeral.