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EDITORIAL

A FEW weeks ago Sir Ian Fraser, with Lady Fraser, left for a visit to South Africa on private business. They travelled by sea and it was their intention to return that way, but the announcement of the date of the General Election caused them hurriedly to change their plans. The sea passage was cancelled and they flew home, Sir Ian being in his office for one day only before leaving again for the north of England.

The redistribution of Parliamentary seats has meant the disappearance of Sir Ian's old constituency of Lonsdale. The new division of Morecambe and Lonsdale has come into being and it was to attend his adoption meeting as Conservative candidate for this new constituency that Sir Ian went north. He will not return to London until after Polling Day, February 23rd. When he returns, we hope to have a Note from him about his visit to South Africa, a country which has seen many changes in the past eighteen months. In the meantime, St. Dunstaners everywhere, whatever their political opinions, will wish him luck, knowing that the interests of ex-Servicemen generally, and of blind people in particular, will be well served by Sir Ian, whether in or outside Parliament.

Mr. Fred Martin, C.B.E.

It is a sad coincidence that, at this time, we have to record the death of Mr. Fred Martin, C.B.E., the first blind man to enter Parliament since Henry Fawcett, the Postmaster-General, represented Brighton in the years 1865 to 1884.

Losing his sight in the First World War while serving with the Gordon Highlanders, Mr. Martin came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1918. After a distinguished career as a journalist, he entered the House of Commons in 1922 as Liberal Member for East Aberdeenshire. He held the seat for two years, losing it to Mr. Robert Boothby, and although he contested three other elections, he was not successful. Throughout the years, however, he has been a prominent figure in the public life of Aberdeenshire. He received the C.B.E. in 1942 for his services, and his last honour came last May when he was elected Convener of the County.

The Marquess of Aberdeen, Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, headed the mourners at his funeral, and many representatives of Church and political organisations and professions joined in the last tribute to our old friend. We echo the words of the Rev. James Cordiner, who, in prayer, offered thanks for Mr. Martin's long record of service to county and country. "A man of indomitable courage and versatility, a man who provided courageous leadership and wise counsel, and was richly endowed with talents which he used freely and honourably."

Blind Man Honoured

A blind man who also was once a Member of Parliament was awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year Honours for his public work. He was Mr. Herbert Quin, F.C.S., Chairman of the Belfast Hospitals Management Committee, and who at one time was an M.P. in the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

On the Air

On January 28th, Tommy Gaygan repeated his walking success of last month by beating Archie Brown again, this time over a distance of five miles. Archie had held his unbeaten record for 25 years.

Champion and ex-champion went after the race to Broadcasting House with Mr. Bill Harris, their handicapper, and millions of people listening to "In Town Tonight" heard Archie describe the afternoon's race as the hardest he had ever had. John Ellison summed up when he said, "All I can say is that it's a terrific achievement by all the St. Dunstaners who took part." Congratulations, Tommy and Archie.

Deaf-Blind Watch Fund

St. Dunstaners will, I am sure, be delighted to know that as the result of the note I put in the December issue of the REVIEW, I have received a further £49 18s. which brings the total subscribed to date to £582 12s.

St. Dunstaners have already supplied 104 watches to the civilian deaf-blind, and the further amount subscribed will enable me to purchase a further seven watches.

W. ASKEW.

Mrs. Dacre

Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, wife of Air Commodore Dacre, ex-Commandant of the Ovingdean Training Centre, and sister of Sir Ian Fraser, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace. Mrs. Dacre is known to many St. Dunstaners, particularly those in the Brighton area, who will hear of her appointment with interest and pleasure.

Grandfathers

D. McCarthy, Fordingbridge; L. Calvert, Ormskirk, twin grand-daughters; S. Sephton, St. Helens (his daughter in Texas, U.S.A., has had a daughter); A. Wright, Liverpool.

Food Parcels from Australia

As many of you already know, during the past few weeks two more food parcels have been despatched to every St. Dunstaner in their own homes through the generosity of the patrons and staff of Hoyts Theatres, Ltd., Sydney. Unfortunately, unbeknown to us, the majority of these parcels did not show the full name and address of the donors. For the sake of those St. Dunstaners who have not yet been able to write a letter of thanks to these kind folk, I give the full address below:—

Hoyts Theatres, Ltd., and Patrons,
600 George Street, Sydney, New South
Wales, Australia.

A. MACKAY.

Thirty Years Ago

From the "St. Dunstan's Review," February 1920:—

"In December, Captain Russell Roberts delighted his audience with a comparative sketch of colonising methods—British, French, German and Portuguese. He concluded with his experience of being clawed by a lion, with thrills and applause in his audience, but not envy!

"The whole address was of such exceptional interest that it ought to be printed as hors d'oeuvres to a book on 'Twelve Years' Big Game Hunting.'"

And from an article on "Running the London Tubes"—

"Amongst the underground developments which may be looked for as soon as conditions permit are the electrification of the Central London extension to Ealing, the enlargement of the original Tube—the City and South London Railway—with a link between Camden Town and Euston, connecting it to the Hampstead line, giving a direct route from Golders Green to the City and the extension of the Golders Green tube to Hendon."

Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. S. Kelly, Leytonstone, February 14th. Congratulations.

London Club Notes

January 28th proved a cold day, but in spite of a strong east wind and hard frost saw a good crowd of walkers and supporters at Regent's Park for the 5-mile race. A fast and interesting race developed from the start. An early breakaway by Pat Cryan and Tommy Gaygan, followed closely by Archie Brown, caused a hot pace to develop, with C. Williamson in close attendance. At the end of the second lap of the Inner Circle, Archie passed Cryan and in this order they turned on to the Outer Circle with Tommy about 25 yards in front, the field 40 yards behind. The pace and positions were maintained until the Inner Circle was reached for the final lap. Here Archie made a few yards on Tommy, but the steady pace of the latter enabled him to hold the lead and win by 38 seconds. C. Williamson had by this time decided to have a go, but Pat Cryan just managed to keep his nose in front. The whole standard of walking and times shows a wonderful effort on the part of all, and the support of escorts exceeded all expectations. We shall need all your support on March 11th for the all-England Championship. Good luck to the Brighton boys who lifted another pot. After the race Archie and Tommy were rushed off to Broadcasting House to appear in "In Town Tonight," but all others returned to the club for refreshments served by Miss Ibbetson and her willing helpers. Then Commodore D. M. L. Neame, D.S.O., R.N., presented the prizes. The speech of welcome and appreciation by Alf Bradley was a masterly effort, especially the little story illustrating sportsmanship; this latter is the spirit underlying the outdoor section, and is developing well. So if you wish to get your share of this spirit, come along to the Inner Circle any Tuesday evening about 6.30 for training. We are pleased to hear that four members have been accepted by the Polytechnic Harriers as hon. members, so that they are using the Regent Street Headquarters of this Club for additional training. P. ASHTON.

Bridge Notes

January has not been a very eventful month owing to the fact that one match had to be cancelled and also that the finals of the knock-out competition dragged on into February. But we did score one

victory against Mr. Crane's team. The idea of the committee, however, is to concentrate on the under-nines and to have more instructional games. This exclusive bridge match affects so very few in the club owing to the habit of only playing eight in a team, that wherever possible we shall try to make it twelve, so as to include more of the members in competitive bridge. We are hoping to have the draw for the new knock-out competition out in February and try and get it over by Christmas. Would members try and make an effort to help the beginners and give them a chance to learn in the easy way?

We thank Mr. Askew for getting the ventilation of the big room put in hand so speedily.

We wish Chalky White every success when he takes up his new job in New Zealand, and a good journey. J. M.

Indoor Section

The Club is now getting into its stride for the second full year, and I would like to put forward a programme which the Committee hopes will receive the full support of all members.

First, there will be the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Prize competitions—darts, dominoes, crib and dancing—details of these will be published in this column and will be sent to all houses and member clubs. For the London club there will be a whist drive on the second Saturday in each month at 7 o'clock in addition to our usual Tuesday drive. Dancing lessons each Thursday proposed from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Modern dancing, darts matches, crib and dominoe tournaments are being arranged with other clubs and I am also getting into touch with notable personages for the purpose of arranging talks, lectures, etc. A trip to the Derby, perhaps another ladies' outing, rambles, etc. If anyone has further suggestions please let us have them.

Special Notice.—Founder's Day Dance. This will be held at Chelsea Town Hall on Friday, March 24th. Admission 2s. 6d. Bar, light refreshments. Spot prizes, lucky ticket numbers. Tickets by post or at the door. As its name implies, this is to commemorate the opening of St. Dunstan's by our Chief, the late Sir Arthur Pearson, so please come if you possibly can.

Have we any member who can play the piano-accordion? If so, we can make

use of such a member in our small but growing concert party. We have just given a show at St. Alban's Hall, Fulham. Everything was provided through the generosity of local tradesmen; the Rev. C. C. Higgs kindly lent us the Hall. As a result we raised £25 for Club funds.

Congratulations to the following winners of the dance competitions at Chelsea Town Hall on January 13th:—

St. Dunstaners' Events: Mr. E. H. Carpenter, Old Time Waltz; Mr. H. Foster, Fox Trot; Mr. Foster was also the runner-up in the Open Quick Step competition.

Our best thanks to Bob Henderson and Eileen Henshall, the well known dancers, for so kindly coming along and judging the events for us. F. G. FLEMING.

Outdoor Section

Well, the Annual General Meeting has been held and here I am again to give you the latest news about the Outdoor Sports section.

Walking.—Once again there was a record entry for the 5-mile race held on January 28th at Regent's Park. Mr. W. J. Harris did his usual good job with the handicapping and we would like to thank him, the Judges, the escorts and everyone else concerned for making this an excellent afternoon's sport. You will find the times, etc., of this race given opposite. On March 11th the individual championship 7-mile race will be held at Regent's Park, London, for the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial prizes, which are silver cups and prizes value £5—one each for the T.B. and S.S. Section. Handicap prizes will also be given to the runners-up in both sections. All entries should be sent to me at the Club by March 5th. This race is for the All-England Championship.

Running.—Several boys have suggested that we should start a section for running. Will any boys interested send their names in to me and if there are sufficient entries we will do our best to get escorts, etc.

Gymnasium.—The gymnasium is still open to all who wish to attend on a Thursday evening from 4 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

Sports Day.—Do you want a Sports Day this year? If so, let us have your suggestions as to date and place. T. G.

Zomah

February 19th will be the second anniversary of the death of the late president of the Institute of Magicians, Alfred Zomah.

I, on behalf of our St. Dunstan's magicians, offer the following tribute:

*Z stands for Zomah, who mystified the world,
O for Ovarions when the curtains were unfurled,
M stands for Magic, which gave him reputed fame,*

And A for his Artists who will reverence his name,

H stands for Happiness, which to St. Dunstan's he subscribed, and to members of his Institute endows the spirit he imbibed.

ALF WILTSHIRE.

Five-Mile Walk

S.S. Section	Actual Time	H'cap All'nce	H'cap Pos'n	Scratch Pos'n
A. Brown ...	42.25	Scr.	6	2
P. Cryan ...	42.43	0.50	3	3
A. Bradley ...	47.34	7.00	1	5
F. Barrett ...	48.17	6.30	2	6
W. Scott ...	49.13	7.00	4	7
J. Lynch ...	54.34	10.15	5	10

T.B. Section	Actual Time	H'cap All'nce	H'cap Pos'n	Scratch Pos'n
T. Gaygan ...	41.47	Scr.	4	1
C. Williamson ...	42.43½	1.15	3	4
E. Hailes ...	51.35	10.30	2	8
C. Stafford ...	51.50	11.40	1	9
F. Dickerson ...	57.32	13.20	5	11

PRIZE-WINNERS

S.S. Section—
First: A. Bradley.
Second: F. Barrett.
Fastest Loser's Prize: A. Brown.

T.B. Section—
First: C. Stafford.
Fastest Loser's Prize: T. Gaygan.

POINTS POSITION

S.S. Section	Points	T.B. Section	Points
A. G. Bradley	11	T. Gaygan	13
J. L. Lynch	7	C. Williamson	10
W. Miller	7	C. Stafford	6
W. T. Scott	5	C. Cookson	5
A. Brown	4	C. Hailes	4
H. M. Steel	1	F. Dickerson	1
		M. Burns	1

Birmingham Club

Our Christmas Party at the British Red Cross headquarters, Highfield Road, was a grand do, some sixty or seventy people being present. Instead of having a collection towards expenses this year we decided to send the money to the Deaf-Blind Association, and £3 17s. 6d. went to them with our good wishes.

In January we were entertained at Walsall by the Walsall Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Society and a wonderful afternoon it was. We were welcomed by the Mayor and Councillors and nothing was spared to make our visit most happy and enjoyable. Thank you, Walsall.

Talking Book Library

Since there is but one book to comment on, I feel that I might explain my reading method. Unlike yourselves I do not have the advantage of starting at the beginning of each book and reading it through; it is lucky for me if any one book is read completely in three months and at the same time I am reading twenty or twenty-five others, starting in the middle, working to the end, and finally finishing up triumphantly on page the first. You will understand, perhaps, why sometimes my comments are short, and excuse me a little if my remarks are sometimes a trifle unfair. However, this column is but a rough guide, so follow it and "you can't go wrong."

The only release this month is "Autobiography," by Neville Cardus, read Eric Gillett. This is the life story of one of the world's leading writers on cricket, in which the author states that his sports writings were a sideline and that he was more interested in whether the flute or the oboe dropped a stitch in the 7th bar of the 3rd movement than whether first or second slip dropped that sitter in the Test Match. Although I know less than nothing about music, this man's sideline writing is very workmanlike and I'm willing to believe that his main line, music criticism, is superb. The book is interesting but the lapse from cricket to music, whilst interesting to many people, leaves me chilly and somewhat disappointed.

Better luck next month!

NELSON.

To Music-Lovers

A friend of St. Dunstan's has offered the gift of an American organ to any real music-lover who would like it. It is in an attractive light oak case and is about 4ft. by 2ft.

If any St. Dunstaner has a real interest in the American organ and would like further details, Mr. Mackay would be glad to hear from him.

Briefly

Jimmie Ellis and Mrs. Ellis, with Linda Mary, sailed for South Africa on January 18th. Our good wishes go with them in their new life.

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T. McKay, of Edinburgh, has received his Ministry of Pensions car.

Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

While some of us dislike using white sticks, many do so. Do you think it would be appreciated if white sticks for totally blind persons, St. Dunstaners and civilians, were made? The majority, I think, prefer crook handles, but some could be made just straight with top knobs. In either case each stick to be equipped with some sort of small electric bell (batteries would be very cheap and last for months). Then, when one of us needed assistance, pressure on the bell-push would tell a passer-by what was needed.

Of course, the bell-push would need to be protected against giving an unwanted ring through the stick touching a wall or gate, but I feel sure some bright spark could invent some suitable contrivance.

Yours faithfully, ALAN McELLIGOTT.

DEAR EDITOR,

Would you please print this in your next REVIEW. I am a daughter of a St. Dunstaner and my brother and I spent Christmas at Northgate House, Rottingdean. I would like the boys and girls to know its a lovely holiday home, we had lots of games and outings, to the cliffs and pictures and pantomimes. Matron and all the staff are very nice people. We are looking forward to the summer when we hope to go again.

Yours sincerely,

Weybridge.

M. P. S. REED.

P.S.—We also thank Matron and staff and Santa Clause for our lovely Xmas presents.

Tobacco Growing in England

Last month we mentioned A. Hamlett's success with tobacco growing, and we invited our St. Dunstaner to let us have an article on this most interesting subject. He was too modest to write one himself, but he sent us some notes by Mr. Eric Troward, F.R.H.S., which we shall be very glad indeed to send to other St. Dunstaners who may be thinking of taking up tobacco growing.

Mr. Hamlett adds: "Any St. Dunstaner intending to grow tobacco should get the American tobacco seed, which gives a leaf about 22in. by 14in. During my 1948 season I grew 15½lbs., which is quite smokeable when two ounces is mixed with one ounce of shop tobacco. I am sure many other St. Dunstaners would be interested and could be equally successful."

Ovingdean Notes

Our trainees returned to Ovingdean for the spring term on January 6th.

So far this term the Debating Society has met twice. The first time was to debate "That money is the root of all evil," at which they came to the conclusion that it was not! Secondly, they debated, on January 23rd, "That Public Opinion governs the country," and again the opposition won the vote!

Speaking of votes, we have been taking a lively interest down here at the forthcoming General Election and arrangements have been made for each of the candidates for this constituency (it will be a three-cornered fight) to come along and address a meeting in this building. The Liberal candidate has already visited us and the Labour and Conservative candidates will be coming early next month. After that it is up to each of us!

Only one visiting lecturer this month, Mr. Williams, who came along to tell us something of Sussex customs and superstitions. This was particularly interesting to those of us who know little of this county.

Our amusements have included the usual Darts matches, both home and away. Our Monday night dances for the trainees and the ones on Friday nights for holiday men have been continued this term. In Brighton itself we have been able to attend some fine plays and concerts.

An opportunity of a life-time occurred for many of us, when on Monday, January 30th, through the kindness of the Brighton Committee of Jewish Community, a party of our men were invited to attend the concert given by Yehudi Menuhin at the Dome, Brighton. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the entire programme.

Mr. Cheeseman provided another party for our men at the "Arlington," Brighton, and although the numbers who went were smaller than in the past everyone had a good time.

A team from Ovingdean went to London on January 28th to compete in the St. Dunstan's Walking Race.

Knock-out Competitions

Shooting.—There were 39 entries and during the competition there was some excellent shooting, some of the scores being as high as 49 out of 50.

In the Semi-Finals J. Walch beat K. Gattrell and W. Chitty beat J. Boyd.

In the Finals J. Walch beat W. Chitty, and the scores were 48 with 2 pluses to 48 with 1 plus.

Darts.—Totally Blind: F. Ralph beat W. Phillips in the final.

Semi-Sighted: T. Woods beat B. Dunkley.

Test Results

The following are test results for the month of January:—

Preliminary: D. Wesley, M. Potts.

Advanced: B. H. Briggs.

Writing: D. Alexopoulos (Greek).

Mr. Harry Legge

Many St. Dunstaners of World War I will learn with distress of the death of Harry Legge, for many years an Orderly at West House, Brighton.

He had been very seriously ill during the past three or four years and much of that time was spent in hospital, although he did, for a short while, return to West House staff.

The funeral service on Wednesday, February 8th, was attended by Commandant Fawcett, Matron Pain, and a number of St. Dunstaners and staff who had known Harry Legge over the years since 1923. There were many wreaths including one from Headquarters, from Ovingdean, from men and staff at Ovingdean who had known him at West House, and from many other friends. He is buried in the Bear Road Cemetery, Brighton, close to the St. Dunstan's section. He will be remembered with affection by many.

Young St. Dunstaners

Margaret Cornwell, Rottingdean, has been made Night Sister Superintendent at the "Star and Garter" Hospital, Richmond—and she is only 23.

Cyril Relf, Slough, who is 20, has been promoted to Leading Writer with the Royal Navy.

Donald Wardle (Northampton) has passed in Inter B.Sc. examination at the University of London. He is 21.

Marriage

Eileen Kinder, Liverpool, on September 6th, to Mr. J. Birrell.

FOR SALE

BLACK AND SILVER ALSATIAN DOG, two years and four months old, house trained, grand guard and burglar-proof. Twenty-four champions to his credit. Grand-parents won championship of America. Splendid pedigree and registered with the Kennel Club. Orders also taken for puppies.—A. Worlidge (Registered Kennel Club Breeder), 410 Edgware Road, W.2.

Old Contemptibles

C. E. Bolton, of Bexley Heath, points out that all Old Contemptibles landed in France between August 4th and November 22nd (not the 23rd). We thank him for the correction; this still leaves in all those St. Dunstaners who sent in their names.

He says that he himself was taken prisoner on August 27th and repatriated in February, 1915, which accounts for the delay in his arrival at St. Dunstan's, but he still was among the first twelve at St. Dunstan's.

Other names to be added to the list are Messrs. E. A. Alexander, Parkstone; W. J. Berry, Belfast; J. Lomas, Walthamstow, (who had served from 1905 until 1913 when he was placed on the Army Reserve); G. J. Smith, Leicester (served from June, 1904 to June, 1912, then rejoined on August 5th, 1914); and A. H. W. James, Margate.

Other fine Army records have come to light, not necessarily of Old Contemptibles. C. T. Condon served from December 16th, 1899, during the South African War, to December 15th, 1911, and rejoined again early in 1915. He landed in France three weeks later and was invalided out in July, 1916. On March 30th, 1937, he was blinded while working on munitions.

J. R. Burton, Portchester, who says he was a "near miss" to being an Old Contemptible, joined the D.C.L.I. in July, 1911, and was drafted to Hong Kong in September, 1913. On August 4th, 1914, they were mobilised for active service. One hundred and fifty men of the regiment volunteered to act as marines on board H.M.S. Triumph, the ship being short-handed on her complement. For this the regiment was nicknamed the "Prince of Wales' Own Marines"—it being the first time that men from the Army had served with the Royal Navy on board a warship for active service. The regiment arrived in France in December, 1914.

G. J. Smith, Leicester, writes: "I was fairly well known at St. Dunstan's by the name of 'Dusty.' All Guardsmen the name of Smith are called that, or were in my time. I got together a football team called the 'Dustonians,' and we won the Cup. I wonder how many of that team are left?"

How many, indeed? And how many other St. Dunstaners, asks W. Woodrow, of derby, fought in the South African War?

Births

BANKS.—On February 2nd, to the wife of J. H. Banks, Cricklewood, a son—Robert Brian.

BEATTIE.—On December 17th, to the wife of J. Beattie, of Mobberley, Cheshire, a son—John Franklin.

BLACKMORE.—On November 23rd, to the wife of F. P. Blackmore, of Cardiff, a daughter—Nerys.

GRIFFITHS.—On January 22nd, to the wife of J. H. Griffiths, of Coventry, a daughter—Frances Lillian.

McNAMARA.—On February 1st, to the wife of S. McNamara, of Dublin, a daughter.

SIMPSON.—On January 13th, to the wife of A. Simpson, of Doncaster, a son—Malcolm Arthur.

STANLEY.—On December 16th, to the wife of G. Stanley, of Market Harborough, a daughter—Julia Anne.

Death

BIGGS.—Our deep sympathy goes out to W. A. Biggs, of Leicester, whose wife died on February 11th. She had been an invalid for many years.

Marriages

MARR—McHUGH.—On January 14th, E. Marr, of Blackburn, to Miss Evelyn McHugh.

SCROGGIE—INGRAM.—On January 2nd, W. S. Scroggie, of Dundee, to Miss Barbara Ingram.

Blackpool Notes

January produced its most seasonable weather for us when we set out on Sunday, January 1st, for a coach drive round the Fylde to Bleasdale, but in spite of this it proved to be a grand outing.

On January 6th there was a wonderful party at the Seaford Hotel, with dinner, dancing and entertainments, and on the 23rd we were the guests of the Round Table of Queen's Hydro, South Shore. We joined members of BLESMA, and it proved to be a real joy night. After dinner, Mr. P. Deschamps, chairman of directors of the Hydro, generously presented BLESMA with a croquet set, a bowls set and a twelve months' subscription to six evening, morning and Sunday newspapers, and Matron Vaughan Davies, on behalf of St. Dunstaners, received two lovely easy chairs and two rugs. It was a grand night, with every possible service, including transport laid on.

"In Memory"

Private Dennis Horgan, Royal Munster Fusiliers

With deep regret we record the death of D. Horgan, of Cork, who served from September 16th, 1913, until June, 1921, but did not come to us until 1938. He was not strong and his health would not permit him to undertake training. He had been seriously ill for the past year and he passed away at his home on January 13th.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's friends was laid on the grave, and among those present at the funeral were Messrs. D. Driscoll, A. Keegan, P. Condon, D. Morrison and T. Twoomey, and Mrs. Kenny.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

Private Frank Summerfield, 1st Northants. Regiment

It is with deep regret that we record the death of F. Summerfield, of Northampton.

He was wounded at Ypres in November, 1914, and came to us in the following year. He trained in mat-making although he did little of it later. He led a quiet, happy life with his niece, Mrs. Webster, and her husband.

Among the flowers at the funeral was a poppy wreath from the Chairman and his St. Dunstan's friends. A Union Jack covered the coffin.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Webster who cared for him for so long.

Gunner Robert Gifford, Royal Garrison Artillery

We record with deep regret the death of R. Gifford, of Midlothian.

After two years' service, he was discharged from the Army in September, 1917, having been wounded in France the previous April. He came to us in October of that year and trained as a poultry farmer. He interested himself, however, in business and had led an independent life for some years. He suffered considerable illness, but at his request he went to West House when he had recovered, and had a happy holiday there. A short time ago he was taken ill and removed to a nursing home in Edinburgh, where he passed away. The funeral took place at Warriston Crematorium, a wreath from Sir Ian being among the flowers.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his sister in her great loss.

Private John Baldwin, 19th Cheshire Regiment

We record with deep regret the death of J. Baldwin, of Wigan.

He was wounded in June, 1917, and came to us shortly afterwards. As well as the loss of his sight, his right hand was also very badly injured. He trained as a mat maker and boot repairer and worked hard, despite the handicap of his damaged hand. His health was never good, however, and he spent long periods in hospital. His death, however, as very unexpected and occurred at the home of his sister.

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

His only relative was his sister, who had cared for him devotedly, and our deep sympathy goes out to her.

Private Frederick William Bull, Leicester Royal Defence Corps

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death on January 23rd at his home at Weston-super-Mare, of F. W. Bull. He was 74. He served from April, 1915, until April, 1917, and entered St. Dunstan's in 1925 where he trained in wool-rugs and netting.

Since January, 1946, he had been confined to his home following a seizure which left him almost completely paralysed on one side, but he bore this suffering with great fortitude. On January 16th of this year he had a further seizure, which proved fatal.

The funeral service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Weston-super-Mare, was conducted by the Vicar (Preb. J. E. S. Harrison). A representative of the R.A.O.B. attended the funeral and a wreath from our Chairman was among the flowers.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Bull and her three daughters.

Private Richard Tooth, Strathcona's Horse (Canada)

With deep regret we record the death of R. Tooth, which occurred at our Ovingdean Home on January 25th.

He came to St. Dunstan's in April, 1929, his sight having failed as the result of gas many years before. He trained in basket-making, but he had been ill for a long time. He entered our Brighton Home early in 1948 as a semi-permanent resident, and he passed away in the Sick Ward at Ovingdean.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and her three children.

Lance-Corporal John Edward Scally, Lancashire Fusiliers

We record with deep regret the death of J. E. Scally, of Corringham, which took place after a long illness on January 27th. He was 58.

Wounded at Guillemont in December, 1916, he came to St. Dunstan's the following year and trained in boot repairing. His sight then improved and he left us, but was re-admitted in 1930 when he took over a small poultry holding.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser was among the flowers.

He leaves a widow and one child, to whom our deep sympathy is extended.