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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

MIDDLE-aged St. Dunstaners have children of military age, some of whom are serving in the Armed Forces. Younger St. Dunstaners are only just emerging from the last war and settling down to business and family life.

All must view the events of the past few months with sadness and anxiety. As I write, Mr. Attlee, Britain's Prime Minister, is in the U.S.A. where, whether we agree with his politics or not, he speaks for Britain. We will all wish him good fortune.

St. Dunstaners have seen enough of war and its consequences to work and pray for peace as fervently as any. But if war comes, they will carry on and do their duty in manufacturing, commercial or professional work, on the farm, or in business, and those who have retired or who are so disabled that they cannot take an active part will also serve by their example and steadfastness.

We at Headquarters are thinking and planning for any emergency, and, whatever happens, we will do what we can for our world-wide family.

This is not to say that I regard war as inevitable, or even probable, but it is certainly possible, and I feel that confidence will be encouraged by the knowledge that we are facing unpleasant issues and not shirking them.

Christmas

But at this time let us turn aside from the anxieties of the world and think of the Christmas message of Goodwill and Hope.

My wife and I think of all our friends throughout the world who have shared a common experience and have a common link in the great family of St. Dunstan's, and we will, on Christmas Day, drink your health and, come what may, wish you luck and as large a share of happiness as is vouchsafed to any, and may the New Year bring us unity and peace.

IAN FRASER.

Sir Arthur Pearson

In Memoriam

On Sunday, December 10th, services were held at Ovingdean and at West House to the beloved memory of our Founder, Sir Arthur Pearson, BART., G.B.E., who died in 1921. Sir Neville Pearson, our President, read the Lessons at both Services, which were conducted by the Reverend Dennis Pettit, himself a St. Dunstaner.

Lady (Arthur) Pearson was unable to be present owing to an indisposition. Lady Neville Pearson accompanied her husband to both Services.

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At Blackpool, on the morning of December 9th, the anniversary of Sir Arthur's death, a short Memorial Service was held in the Lounge, and a number of St. Dunstaners were also present at a service at Holy Trinity Church the following day, when the Vicar paid tribute from the pulpit to Sir Arthur's memory.

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On the morning of December 9th, Colonel Eric Ball, Senior Member of St. Dunstan's Council, placed a wreath on the grave in Hampstead Cemetery. With him were Messrs. Drummer Downs, W. Miller, and B. Quigley, escorted by Corporal Major J. Dawkins.

St. Dunstaners who would like to do so are invited to send their subscriptions of not more than one shilling towards the wreath, to Mr. Askew.

St. Dunstaner Elected an Alderman

Our congratulations to Captain J. A. D. Cochrane-Barnett, who has been elected an Alderman of the West Sussex County Council. Captain Cochrane-Barnett is well known for his public work in West Sussex and for blind people in the County.

Gardening Success

J. Wood, of Grange-over-Sands, gained two first, three seconds, a third, a fourth, a silver challenge trophy and a silver cup at the local Chrysanthemum Show this year.

Christmas Competition

A very happy Christmas to all St. Dunstaners. We want to make it merrier by offering a prize of one guinea for the solution to the following puzzle. Readers of "Nuggets" will be quite familiar with this type of teaser and we hope it will be equally acceptable to REVIEW readers (St. Dunstaners only, of course).

First the puzzle is given, then a clue. You are asked to re-arrange the letters of the puzzle and find the correct word.

1. FIRED HEN HACK. Clue: This be blowed!
2. ENTIRE CHINA. Clue: Handed down.
3. SIR GARTER. Clue: Ties knots!
4. DON'T BAN CAR. Clue: But this is banned.
5. PA GRANDSON. Clue: Also has roots.

Closing date: January 11th. Entries to the Editor, please, at 1 South Audley Street, London, W.1. Mark your envelopes "Competition." The first correct entry opened after the closing date wins the prize.

Tandem Cycling

Are there any St. Dunstaners who cycle, and who would be interested in forming a tandem cycling club, or joining a local club? If so, Jack Dawkins, at Headquarters, would be very glad to hear from them.

Thirty Years Ago

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

"The holiday for the men in training at St. Dunstan's will last from December 17th, 1920, to January 7th, 1921, which is longer than usual to allow of the moving of the whole of the organisation across the Park to our new and permanent headquarters, where work will be commenced next term. Our new address there will be 'Headquarters of St. Dunstan's Work, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, N.W.1.'

"The workshops in the grounds have been so designed with a view to their becoming stores when training of blinded soldiers is completed, so that we have, in this new situation, a most convenient and well-arranged establishment from which the business of 'after-care' will be permanently carried on."

London Club Notes

A merry Christmas and a prosperous, happy New Year to members, escorts, helpers and sportsmen everywhere.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Headquarters on January 5th, at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped that all will make a special effort to attend. The main items on the agenda are Chairman's report on the past year and election of new committee members.

The Club will be closed from December 22nd to 28th inclusive.

Bridge.—We opened our month with an enjoyable week-end at Ovingdean, where we played off the competition for teams of four in the Pearson Memorial Trophy. The Cup was won by Bruce Ingrey's team, with Jimmy Owen's team runners-up. Congratulations to the winners. Our Bridge Drive was won by Messrs. W. Collins and F. King. Messrs. H. Gover and H. Cook were second and third place was taken by Messrs. G. Jolly and J. Symonds. We wish to thank Miss Hands for great help in making the whole week-end such a great success.

We had a very nice win over the Midland Bank on November 11th; this was a very good match. Jock Henry brought his team up on the following Saturday and scored a signal success, on which we congratulate him. Finally, Mr. Armstrong brought a team of four and we defeated them also. I should now like to make a special mention of our team playing in the London Business Houses League, and to say what a splendid show they are putting up. They have not yet lost a point—more power to the elbow. J. MUIR.

Indoor Section.—The old year is going out with one round of almost continuous activity in the Club.

The week ending November 19th saw the finals of the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Prize Competitions; they were played off at Ovingdean. Play throughout was very keen and of a particularly high standard. Results:—

Crib—

Winner, F. Rhodes, London.
Runner-up, B. Edwards, Ovingdean.

Dominoes—

Winner, J. Walsh, Ovingdean.
Runner-up, Maxie, Ovingdean.

Darts, T.B.—

Winner, T. Rogers, Ovingdean.
Runner-up, G. Killingbeck, Ovingdean.

Darts, S.S.—

Winner, P. Cashmore, Birmingham.
Runner-up, P. Manning, West House.

Darts—

Team, London.

The Commandant presented fifty cigarettes to the highest individual score at darts:

T.B.—A. Wright, 92.

S.S.—P. Cashmore, 128.

Many thanks to Commandant, Matron and Sportsmaster Jack Jarrold for their splendid co-operation, especially the latter, who really did work like a Trojan.

I have received one or two suggestions regarding Draughts and Chess. We shall be only too pleased to undertake the inclusion of these, or any other games, providing we can get sufficient support.

Any member interested? Please let me hear from you.

TINY FLEMING.

Outdoor Section.—The next Walking Race will be from the Inner Circle, Regent's Park, at 2.30 p.m., on January 27th, 1951. Six miles Handicap.

On November 18th there was a five mile race and match with the Polytechnic Juniors. Chief Superintendent W. Batson acted as starter and presented the prizes, and we were honoured to welcome His Worship the Mayor of St. Pancras. A very successful afternoon's sport was enjoyed. Full results will appear in the January issue.

T. GAYGAN.

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Magic.—During 1950, the members of St. Dunstan's Section of the Institute of Magicians have certainly excelled themselves by the performances they have given in Greater London. These were recognised not only in the local newspapers but in the general Press. Great credit goes to Madame Zomah and her band of magicians, who teach us every Monday night.

Any St. Dunstaner who would like to pay us a visit at Headquarters on Monday evenings, at 7.30, would be greatly welcomed.

A. J. WILTSHIRE.

Bridge Club A.G.M.

The Bridge Club held its 13th annual general meeting on December 9th. The chair was taken by Mr. Mackay, with the record number of nineteen members present. The committee was enlarged to five and was elected as follows: H. Gover (Captain-Secretary), S. Webster (Treasurer), N. Downs, R. Coles, and J. Brown.

London Reunion

November 29th saw another London Reunion at the Seymour Hall. The big hall was not perhaps quite as full as usual, but it was a most comfortable, happy crowd. The band of the Royal Horse Guards (The Blues) played for the dancers, and Jack Dawkins was the hard-working M.C.

At about half-past nine, Mr. Mackay introduced Sir Neville Pearson, our President, who was present with Lady Pearson. Sir Neville, who was greeted with applause, said the London Reunion was always one of the happiest occasions. Everyone would regret that this year Sir Ian was not able to be present as he was in bed with influenza, but Lady Fraser was there. There were contingents also from all the outposts—Commandant Fawcett, Matron Pain, Matron Davies—and another from Headquarters, headed by Mr. Askew. Another very old friend was there, too, Colonel Ball (loud applause). He had said that this reunion was always a happy occasion, but there was another reason that night for pleasure. That was a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Banks. They all knew the work Mr. Banks had done for them for so long. He knew it would be the hope of everyone that his friendship with them in the past would be carried into the future—a future which he hoped would be extremely good. Sir Neville then called on Mr. Horace Manning, as a typical St. Dunstaner for thirty-three years, to make the presentation. Horace said that the gift of a radio set and cheque, which he was going to hand to Mr. Banks, was not just from London, but from men all over the British Isles. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Banks, on their behalf, good luck, good health, and good listening.

When Mr. Banks came forward to reply, he had a royal reception. Mr. Banks said that during the past thirty-three years he had made many friends among St. Dunstan's men. It was not, however, until he

had decided to end his bachelordom that he had any real idea of their feelings towards him. To many his wife was no stranger, and with her backing he hoped to be working for them for some time yet, though not for another thirty-three years (applause and laughter).

Then it was "on with the dance." When at last eleven o'clock drew near and the ranks were thinning, the general verdict was "A jolly good show—thanks, everybody."

College Reunion

The first College Reunion took place at the Trafalgar Restaurant, Northumberland Avenue, on Saturday, November 25th, 1950. Assembling time was fixed for 12.30 p.m., and the prompt arrival of the Collegians, together with their respective wives or escorts, must have gladdened the hearts of the very efficient and painstaking organisers. The presence of so many V.A.D.s and Sisters added enormously to the success of this first venture.

Outside, London was at its gloomiest; a thick fog, overhanging the city, chilled to the very marrow. But inside Trafalgar there was radiance, there was joy, and there was warmth, which dispersed the mist from the clouded memories of some thirty years ago. Returning memories resolved into a magician's wand, obliterating the intervening years. We were once again in the College lounge, with its variety of activities; there were excursions to the "quiet lounge," to the dispensary, to the linen room, and to the lake. The College spirit was aglow again; there was laughter, kindness, companionship, sympathy, encouragement and, of course, the playful leg-pull. Unfortunately, but inevitably, the spell spent its force and at 4.30 p.m. the Collegians had perforce to wend their divers ways through the gloomy fog, but with firm intent to come again in the not too distant future.

The Reunion was the inspiration of those indefatigable people known to Collegians as Nurses "Lloyd" and "Dusty" Miller, and Messrs. Jacko and Scottie, the last named controlling the proceedings. It is a pleasure and an honour to express on behalf of all present our deep sense of gratitude and profound appreciation.

And, of course, there will be further reunions!

Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

On taking over command of the N.D.B.H.L. (stands for "Never Daunted but Hellishly Loaded"), almost the first letter I received was from St. Dunstan's, and it contained yet one more of the grand cheques which our League has had during the past five years, for the purchase of braille watches for deaf-blind people.

I thought I'd look up the record, for this is one of the most practical and useful forms of help that we receive.

During the five years, 113 deaf-blind people have received watches from St. Dunstan's. When the Fund was first operated, we could not obtain watches ourselves, so that, instead of cash, St. Dunstan's sent us the watches from their own stock—74 of them. Since then we have received a total of £254 18s. 1d. Calculating a watch at about £6 12s. 6d., this works out at well over £700 sent by St. Dunstan's men and women as the result of a suggestion made by Mr. Ottaway on his retirement. That's pretty good going, I think. In order to make the help even more widely distributed, the recipient of a watch is asked to agree that when he no longer needs it (we all go aloft some day) it is returnable and will then be allocated to another deaf-blind person. There is no discrimination. Any deaf-blind person, inside or outside the League, is eligible. We try to allocate according to the urgency of the need, however.

I am extremely happy in having this chance of saying "Thank you, very much," to all the boys and girls who have responded so generously. I myself am as blind as a bat and as deaf as any adder that ever added, and I can tell you that there is no more useful bit of equipment for a deaf-blind person than a sound braille watch.

Personally, and on behalf of all our folks, I wish St. Dunstaners all the luck there is and a very happy Christmas.

Yours very sincerely,

A. R. SCULTHORPE,

General Secretary.

National Deaf-Blind Helpers' League.

Placement

J. Ormond as a capstan operator with Messrs. R. H. Corbett & Co., Burgess Hill.

"No Arms and the Man"

A party of St. Dunstaners from the London Club paid a visit to a Club in Kennington recently, and were there amazed by the ability of an unarmed man. This young man, aged 29 years, was born without arms, his shoulders being unformed.

Our first introduction to him was when he, sitting among the guests present, casually lifted his foot above his table and lifted his beer mug by the handle.

But our interest was certainly aroused when the M.C. announced that we were to be entertained by an armless pianist. Our young friend mounted the stage, and seating himself upon a table slightly higher than the keyboard, proceeded to play with his socked feet. It was not a bashing exhibition, but really clever vamping. He used his toes to strike chords, not slowly but well above the standard of many party entertainers who think they are good. We heard "Silver Dollar," "The Harry Lime Theme," "My Foolish Heart," etc. He gave us tune, time and twiddly bits.

When he had concluded, a fellow St. Dunstaner, a physiotherapist, and myself, were allowed to examine the feet. They were perfectly normal, with great freedom of ankles, knees and hips. It was a little amusing to find a watch upon his right ankle, but, of course, it was the right place.

We chatted with him and learned that shaving, hair brushing, and feeding was quite easy to him, as was the putting on of collar and tie and doing up of buttons.

I personally was also interested to see his sense of balance. Whilst we examined the foot, he stood with no tremor and chatted whilst standing one-legged.

Our chat was brought to a close when he had to return to the piano to accompany a comedian in his songs.

JOHN MUDGE.

Tottenham, N.17.

To A Travelling Salesman

In Durham, she was Peggy,

In Manchester, Elaine,

In Glasgow, she was Maggie,

In Devonshire, just Jane,

But in London she was Phyllis,

The cutest of the bunch,

But down in his expenses sheet

They were Petrol, Oil, and Lunch.

J. A. M.

Brighton Notes

Another year is growing old, but what a busy month November has been for us at Brighton.

At Ovingdean on Monday afternoon, November 7th, there came a sudden telephone message from the Sergeant-at-Arms at the House of Commons, offering us five tickets for admission the next day. Speedy arrangements brought an excited party to St. Stephen's Entrance on the 8th, just as "Big Ben" struck two o'clock. A thrilling half-hour was spent by the visitors absorbing the tradition of the House, and then, before the traditional cry of "Hats off, Strangers," the ever kind officials had placed our group close to where the Speaker's procession would pass.

In the newly completed Chamber, upholstered in grey-green leather, our comfortable gallery seats faced the Government benches below, and were provided with "soft speakers" concealed in the panelling, thus enabling every tone of the speakers to be heard with clarity.

It was a day those who attended will long remember.

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From debates in the House of Commons to debates in our house is a far cry, but the popularity of the Debating Group is growing, and we have had several visiting Debating Societies and have really been put on our mettle! For example, there was an extremely lively and well attended debate when Christ's Hospital boys visited us on November 23rd. We proposed "That to spare the rod is to spoil the child," when the voting went against the motion. Again, on the occasion of our visit to Lancing College, when the students there proposed "That the older generation is to blame for the short comings of the younger generation," and were defeated, we enjoyed another very pleasant evening.

The Annual Entertainment arranged in accordance with the bequest of the late Mrs. Pittman took place towards the end of November. A dinner, given at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, was followed by attending either the Theatre Royal or the Brighton Hippodrome. The party was made up from local St. Dunstan residents and the men from Ovingdean and West House. Each man took his own escort. In all the party numbered almost 300 people,

and the whole evening seemed to have been enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Cheesman, who continues year after year to be such a good friend to St. Dunstaners at the Training Centre, gave another dance at the Arlington Hotel, and further entertainment was provided by an invitation from the Bull Frogs Club, Brighton.

As it will be almost Christmas by the time this appears in print, we should like to take this opportunity of wishing all REVIEW readers, ex-trainees, ex-holiday men, and those who have yet to visit Ovingdean, a very Happy Christmas and brighter New Year.

For those who live near enough to Brighton to consider "dropping in" on us over the Christmas holidays, here are a few details of the main items of the programme at Ovingdean:—

Christmas Eve—8 p.m., Pantomime, by Staff.

Christmas Day—8 p.m., Evening Social.

Boxing Day—8.30 to 11.30 p.m., Gala Dance (Fancy Dress Optional).

Friday, 29th—8 to 10 p.m., Dance.

Saturday, 30th—8 p.m., Whist Drive and Domino Tournament.

Sunday, 31st—8 p.m. to 12.15 a.m., Social and Concert Evening.

Monday, January 1st, 1951—8.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., New Year Dance.

We shall look forward to welcoming as many St. Dunstaners as possible who find they are able to join us on any of the above occasions, or, of course, at any time.

Sir Neville Pearson Opens West House

How very pleasant it was to welcome so many old friends and acquaintances to West House on Tuesday, December 5th, when our official re-opening by Sir Neville Pearson, and house-warming party took place.

The house was looking at its best and was beautifully decorated with many delightful flowers. For these flowers, incidentally, we have to thank Mr. Dyson, of the Brighton Parks Committee.

It was right and fitting that the house which has seen so many ceremonies and parties in the past should have such a truly representative gathering on this occasion. Apart from the representatives of the Good Companions, there were members of the different organisations in Brighton who have

given assistance to St. Dunstan's in the past. Sir Neville, who was accompanied by Lady Pearson and Colonel Ball, spoke for all St. Dunstaners when he said in his speech of welcome to the guests that St. Dunstan's had never been lacking in good friends, and none had been better than those of this town.

Sir Neville revealed that West House was built a century ago, and was at first a residence of the then Marquess of Abergavenny. It was bought by the Federation of Grocers' Associations, and presented to his father, the late Sir Arthur Pearson, Founder of St. Dunstan's, in 1918. Once it was suggested that the old house should be closed down because it was old-fashioned. Now, after its reconstruction on modern lines, they were able to look at it with pride.

After tea, the guests were free to make a tour of the garden and the building, or to sit and chat amongst themselves and their St. Dunstan's friends.

Amongst those present were Mr. Askew, Mr. Lloyds and Mr. Mackay, representing Headquarters, Matron Davies from Blackpool, Commandant from Ovingdean (Matron Pain was unable to attend, as she was away on leave), Mr. L. Banks, Air Commodore and Mrs. Dacre, and Mrs. M. Ouseley.

Test Results

Typewriting.—J. Walbrugh (South African), C. Redford.

Braille Writing.—W. Flowers.

Advanced (Interpoint) Braille Reading.—C. Fraser, G. Ellis.

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Other News

Ex-Trooper Rufus Shaw, M.M., of Burnley had the honour of taking part in the guard of honour at Chester on December 5th, when the King inspected the 1st Royal Dragoons. His Majesty shook hands with Trooper Shaw, noticed his St. Dunstan's badge, and chatted for a few minutes.

Tommy North came to London on November 11th, with members of the Fellowship of the Services, and in the short time he was in town, he visited the Cenotaph, was taken by a Member of Parliament to the House of Commons, had a dinner at a Corner House, followed by a Concert, and as their train did not leave London until one o'clock in the morning, he reached home again at five.

Blackpool

sends good wishes to all St. Dunstaners for a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Young St. Dunstaners

Marjorie Shaw, Oldham, has been awarded the Silver Medal of the London College of Music, with the high standard of 92 marks out of a possible 100. She has previously won three prizes in the College examinations.

Desmond Jackson, Ashford, Kent, is now in the R.A.F. and is a Cadet Pilot. He has so far passed all his examinations.

Marriages

Alan Irvine, Maryhill, Glasgow, on December 8th, to Miss Agnes Baillie; John Martin, Bray, on November 23rd, to Miss Annie Mann.

Grandfather

A. J. Radford, of Castle Cary (a son for his daughter, Bessie).

Monty Brooke

St. Dunstaners of the first war will hear with the deepest regret of the death of Monty Brooke.

Ill-health had forced him, in 1949, to retire at a very early age, but St. Dunstan's was his life and he never seemed really to have left us.

Monty knew for many years that he was not a fit man. In the recent war, rejected by the three Services, he joined the Auxiliary Fire Service, and served with them through the air raids, including the big fires of London, until an accident put an end to any further activity.

Drummer Downs writes: "The untiring energy, unselfishness and affection which he bestowed upon all those who had lost their sight will always be one of our happiest memories. I can remember Monty first appearing at the College when about fifteen years of age, and the manner and kindness towards his sightless friends was a lesson to even the toughest."

Mr. G. Zipfel travelled from London to Pontypool to represent St. Dunstan's at the funeral ceremony. Among the flowers was a poppy wreath from Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, and his colleagues on the staff, a wreath from Drummer Downs and some blinded soldier colleagues, and another from the Staff Association, of which Monty was chairman and member for many years.

"In Memory"

Rifleman Thomas Waldin, 8th Rifle Brigade

It is with deep regret that we record the death of T. Waldin, of Winchester, which occurred at his home on November 10th. He was fifty-four.

When the first World War broke out, he joined the Rifle Brigade, and was blinded at Ypres the following year. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1916 where he trained in boot-repairing, but later took a shop which he managed most successfully until as recently as August last, when ill-health forced him to retire.

Tom married Miss Benwell while training at St. Dunstan's, but since her death seven years ago his mother-in-law has looked after him. He leaves a daughter and three sons, two of whom are in Canada, and our deep sympathy is extended to them and to Mrs. Benwell.

The funeral service was at Stanmore Free Church, where he has been a member for many years. Messrs. W. Lowings and J. Sherratt represented St. Dunstan's, and a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser was among the many flowers.

Private Edward Hindle, Royal Scots

With deep regret we record the death of E. Hindle, a St. Dunstaner of the recent war.

He served with his regiment from June, 1940, until August, 1942, but when he came to us five years later, although he was still a young man, his health was sadly undermined. Practically all the time he was with us he was a resident at our Homes, and his death took place at West House on November 14th.

A wreath from the Chairman and his St. Dunstan's friends was sent for the funeral, which took place at his home.

He leaves a widow and little son, to whom our deep sympathy goes out.

Private Alfred J. Cole, Royal Army Service Corps

We record with deep regret the death of A. J. Cole, of Southampton, after a long illness. He was sixty-six.

Serving from May, 1915, until April, 1919, he was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1927 and trained as a mat-maker and poultry-keeper. During the war, however, he did good work in a factory.

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

He leaves a widow and five grown-up children—four sons and a daughter—to whom our sincere sympathy is extended.

Private Albert Impey, Royal Army Service Corps

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Albert Impey, of Dunstable, at the age of seventy-eight.

Wounded in France in May, 1915, he came to us the following year. He trained in mat-making and carried on with this for some time, but he had been ill for a considerable period and he passed away on November 29th.

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

Our deep sympathy is extended to his wife and two grown-up children.

Private Frederick Matthews, Royal Army Medical Corps

We record with deep regret the death of F. Matthews, of Totnes, Devon.

Enlisting in October, 1915, he was discharged from the Service in August, 1919, but while serving in France he was wounded in the head, and later severely gassed. After a long period of convalescence he was sent to Russia. It was as a result of the delayed action of the mustard gas that he came to St. Dunstan's nearly thirty years later—in July, 1948. His health was then far too poor to allow him to receive any training, for he had suffered continually from bronchial asthma as well as blindness.

There was a poppy wreath from Sir Ian Fraser among the flowers at the funeral.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Matthews.

Births

MCDONOUGH.—On November 15th, to the wife of J. McDonough, of Clifden, County Galway, a daughter—Kathleen Ann.

MCINTYRE.—On October 8th, to the wife of K. H. C. McIntyre, of Durban, a daughter—Alison McDonald.

WARD.—On November 7th, to the wife of K. Ward, of St. Leonards, a son—Ronald Frank.

Marriages

MARTIN—PATON-WATSON.—On November 9th, J. H. Martin, of Cricklewood, to Mrs. Margaret Paton-Watson, of Blackpool.

PIKE—SMITH.—On December 1st, C. Pike, of Chesterfield, to Mrs. Florence E. Smith.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out this month to the following:—

DONNELLY.—To J. Donnelly, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, whose father died on November 11th, after a short illness. He was seventy-nine.

LLOYD.—To A. Lloyd, of Accrington, who lost his wife on December 1st.

MARSDEN.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Marsden, of Blackburn, whose daughter, Mrs. Ethel Horan, has died after a very long illness.