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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

DURING the recent Election, a local newspaper which has a very keen instinct for finding controversial copy, published a photograph taken from the front of the platform at my eve-of-poll meeting. The photograph showed a pillar of the Party scratching his ear, a well-known alderman blowing his nose, a popular councillor yawning, and a couple of other important local people apparently asleep. The personalities I have described are fictional rather than actual so that I may avoid libel action from my powerful constituents, but they are illustrative of what the picture showed.

Happily, it was not I who was speaking at the time but a very gallant supporter whose job it was to keep going until I arrived from another meeting.

This reminds us how important it is if you sit on a platform for the purpose of supporting a cause, to enjoy the honour and approve the cause, or at any rate to look as if you are doing so.

It reminds me, in particular, of the outstanding self-sacrifice and signal service rendered by my wife, for during forty meetings, at which I made practically the same speech every time, she sat on the platform apparently enjoying every word as if she had never heard it before, laughing at my poor jokes and applauding the powerful arguments as they came out one by one.

The experience of making the same speech forty times is not only most exhausting, but most unusual; one finds it hard to stay awake oneself. As a relief from the monotony, one tries the effect of changing the order or the emphasis or of throwing a fly over a real or imaginary opponent to see if he will rise to it, in the hope of introducing a bit of novelty or a new view. Never have I been so impressed by the old adage that a prophet is not without honour save in his own country as when I went to ten other constituencies and found that the same speech seemed to be made twice as well and to go down four times better or a quarter as badly.

A sore throat tests the voice terribly at election time, but I found some relief by relying on a trick I have learned from long experience, namely, to emphasise the consonants which do not use the larynx so much and add greatly to intelligibility.

I am left with the reflection that we all talk a good deal of nonsense at election time, but that it is a better way of changing our rulers than that used in Hitler's Germany, South America, or some day, perhaps, behind the Iron Curtain.

Since I last wrote I have not only fought an election but have spent twenty days in South Africa attending to my private business. While there I met a number of St. Dunstaners as I passed through the big centres and gave them our best wishes and have brought back theirs. Apart from this brief interlude, two rides on a Basuto pony, and one game of bridge, I did nothing but work at very high pressure and for very long hours, so that it was something of a relief to get into an aeroplane where nobody could bother you and fly back for the election.

Unfortunately, however, our plane was delayed at Lydda for twenty-seven hours owing to a deficient magneto. If ever any reader is offered a job at Lydda at double his present pay, he should think twice before accepting it. I do not recommend this place, though I am bound to say that the British Charge d'Affaires and his wife took us to his home at Tel Aviv, and an American Air Attaché offered to fly us to Cyprus or Athens. I am sure Cyprus or Athens would have been preferable to Lydda, but I was due to fight an election in Morecambe and Lonsdale so that his generous impulse had to go unrewarded. In retrospect, I take a kinder view of Lydda now, which goes to show that if you are a happy sort of chap or perhaps just an ordinary chap, you tend to remember the jokes and the fun rather than the heat and sweat; isn't this lucky?

IAN FRASER.

"Have a Go" Broadcast

The recording of a special St. Dunstan's London Club programme of Wilfred Pickles' "Have a Go," was made at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, on 21st November, when the audience of 500 comprised London and District St. Dunstaners, a party from Ovingdean, and members of the staff. Those taking part in the programme were all St. Dunstaners, and the transmission date of the recording—the actual broadcast—will be on 19th December in the Light Programme from 9.30-10 p.m.

The General Election

Sir Ian Returned Again

St. Dunstaners all over the country, whatever their political party, will congratulate Sir Ian Fraser upon his re-election to Parliament as Conservative Member for Morecambe and Lonsdale. Sir Ian not only increased his previous majority by 2,206 but secured the greatest majority in the history of the constituency.

A Tribute to Gwennie

Gwennie Obern sang at the Remembrance Festival at the well-known Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, before a great audience. Mr. J. C. Whitmarsh, of Swansea, who was a member of that audience, has sent the following letter to Sir Ian Fraser:

"I feel sure I voice the feelings of all who were there that the very generous applause for her three solos was not from sentiment or pity for disability, but a loving joy to hear such lovely and feeling singing; what a wonderful triumph over adversity on her part; what a glorious tribute for St. Dunstan's for all the care and attention it must have bestowed upon her . . . I felt I had to write and salute her and all St. Dunstaners and the wonderful work of this fine organisation."

Road Crossings at Headquarters

The two Belisha crossings by the Marylebone Road entrance to Edgware Road (Metropolitan and Inner Circle) Station have been abolished and St. Dunstaners and their escorts using this entrance when visiting Headquarters are advised that they should now turn right on leaving the station and continue to the junction of Chapel Street and Marylebone Road, where two crossings of the new "zebra" type have been established; Headquarters building is then to the left and on the opposite side of Harcourt Street a few yards away.

Matron Pain

The Chairman, in his Notes in the October issue of the REVIEW, referred to the forthcoming retirement of Miss Dorothy Pain as Matron of St. Dunstan's, and many St. Dunstaners have expressed a wish to subscribe to a presentation to her.

Mr. Askew has offered to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund, and St. Dunstaners who desire to associate themselves with the presentation should send their subscriptions to him at 1 South Audley Street, London, W.1.

Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Services

On the morning of December 8th, a party of St. Dunstaners will go to Hampstead Cemetery from Headquarters to place a wreath upon Sir Arthur's grave. Subscriptions of not more than one shilling towards the wreath should be sent to Mr. Askew, at 1 South Audley Street.

Services will this year be held on Sunday, December 9th, at Ovingdean Chapel (11.30 a.m.) and at West House, Brighton (5 p.m.). Sir Neville Pearson and Sir Ian Fraser will attend both Services.

We shall be pleased to see any St. Dunstaner who can get along to either Service.

London Club Notes

The Annual General Meeting of the London Club will be held on January 18th, 1952, at 7.30 p.m., at the Club.

Bridge

St. Dunstan's Bridge Club held their 4th Bridge Congress at Ovingdean on November 3rd and 4th, and Mr. A. E. Field came with us from London to act as our Tournament Director, and an excellent job he made of the whole week-end.

There were two principal events. The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Cup (teams of four) was won by Messrs. Gover, Nuyens, Owen and Simmons, and the runners-up were Messrs. Caldwell, Delany and Fisher and Blodwyn. The other event (pairs), for the Sir Arthur Pearson Cup, was won by Gover and Nuyens, with Winter and Thompson as runners-up. In the pairs Bridge Drive on Saturday morning the prizes went to Messrs. Miller, Rhodes, Gover, Nuyens, Fleming, Winter, Wylie and Thompson.

Another Bridge Drive was held on Sunday morning for those not in the final of the "Pairs" Cup, and the winners this time were Blodwyn and Messrs. Fisher, Cook, Jackson, Rhodes, Miller, Clare and Wiltshire. Our old friend, Drummer, is not allowed to play cards these days by doctor's orders.

Drummer sat by one of the tables and nobody knew better than he at the end of the session which contracts should have been made or lost.

At 6 p.m. on Sunday our Tournament Director announced the winners and Matron Pain presented the prizes, after which Drummer thanked Matron and the staff for their efforts on our behalf, and then presented Matron with some flowers.

H. GOVER.

Indoor Section

On October 26th we had a visit from the Thames River Police, who brought a party of officers and their wives.

Cribbage, dominoes and darts were played, and the club team put up a good show; our visitors were delighted with the evening's entertainment. Whilst St. Dunstaners were playing against the men in blue, our wives were also pairing up for Whist with the ladies of the police.

Everyone was occupied and a pleasant evening was spent by one and all.

CHARLES J. WALKER.
(Indoor Section).

Outdoor Section

The Five Miles handicap was held on October 20th. The weather, which had been unsettled, brightened up for the duration of the race. Mr. Lloyds, Deputy Secretary of St. Dunstan's, was the starter and an interested spectator of a very fine race, only seven minutes covering the nine competitors; this would have been less had Pat Cryan been training more regularly.

The handicap was a great surprise, owing to Stan Tutton's remarkable improvement; this should encourage new recruits to our section, as it is only by regular training, with capable and patient escorts, that benefit and enjoyment can be obtained from this form of exercise, so do not forget Tuesday evening, The Holme House, Bedford College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park.

Owing to clashes with Open Club fixtures, our own programme has been revised, the new dates being:

Dec. 1—Regent's Park, 6 miles.
Jan. 26—Regent's Park, 7 miles.
Feb. 23—Regent's Park, 10 miles.
Mar. 22—Regent's Park, 12 miles.
Apr. 19—Wembley, 15 miles.

5 Miles Handicap Results

Order of finish	Hep. pos.	Hep. time	Hep.	Total
1. T. Gaygan	7	44.25	scr.	44.25
2. C. Williamson	4	43.47	1.00	44.47
3. W. Miller	2	43.33	2.05	45.38
4. A. Brown	6	44.24	2.10	46.34
5. A. Bradley	4	43.47	3.50	47.37
6. T. Denmead	8	45.37	3.55	49.32
7. S. Tutton	1	40.48	9.35	50.23
8. C. Stafford	3	43.42	6.50	50.32
9. P. Cryan	9	46.24	5.10	51.34

Handicap Points position

S. Tutton	20 points	A. Brown	15 points
W. Miller	19 "	T. Gaygan	14 "
C. Stafford	18 "	T. Denmead	13 "
C. Williamson	17 "	P. Cryan	12 "
A. Bradley	17 "		

We hope that all walkers will turn out for December 1st, so send in your entries at once. Will all provincial clubs send in their entries for the All England Championship by Christmas to the London Club.

T. GAYGAN.

Author

H. T. Norton Christal, who is a master at King William's College, Isle of Man, is the author of a booklet, "Rugby Football for Young Schoolboys," which has just been published. Mr. Christal was himself an outstanding centre three-quarter for Burton-on-Trent, and a county player.

St. Dunstan's (S.A.) Review

Another copy of St. Dunstan's Review, South Africa, has arrived and from it we are glad to find news of old friends.

Bob Owen has arrived in Pietermaritzburg to take up an appointment in the Physiotherapy Department of Grays Hospital.

Jim Ellis writes on "Artificial Eyes," and Bill Riley on "A Blind Date." There is also an article on "Hints and Tips." It is anonymous but do we perceive the hidden hand of Jim Ellis here also?

Here are some extracts:—

Most St. Dunstaners, whatever their occupation, like to be able to indulge in some form of handicraft. Most men like pottering about, repairing the kitchen chair, or fixing a wobbly shelf. Having only one hand, I have wrestled for a long time with the problem of knocking in a nail. I have tried the usual method; I have tried all sorts of dodges, such as holding the nail upright and in the correct place by means of a blob of plasticine, and now I have just had a brain-wave which has solved this problem for me for all time.

I have two perfect squares of fairly hard steel measuring about one and a quarter inches square by a quarter-inch thick, and they are both highly magnetised. I think they come from some component part of a wireless loudspeaker. I place the nail against the edge of one of these metal plates where it is held in position. There is an added advantage, for not only does the magnet support the nail but, because the plate is perfectly square all round, by standing the nail in a corner made by putting the two plates alongside each other, or alternatively, by standing the nail against one of the corner edges, it ensures that the nail is perfectly upright and square. When positioning a large nail this square magnet can be stood on its edge with the nail stuck to its vertical edge. I should imagine that almost any firm of electrical engineers could supply such magnetised plates.

I have found the use of strong rubber elastic invaluable in fixing up useful little gadgets. For instance, a rubber band fitting fairly tightly over about a yard of curtain rod makes a very handy measuring stick. Even with only one hand it is quite easy to push this band up and down the rod when making a comparative measurement, where it stays firmly in place until it is again shifted.

Talking Book Library

Outlandish October

"The Golden Salamander" is outlandish in a geographical sense, with a French North African setting. The other book released this month, "Michael's Wife," is plain, unadulterated psychiatry, which might be read as comedy, tragedy, a bit of both, or simply dismissed as utter "bull." Both books make averagely good reading, but the second is as much an acquired taste as "country gin." Now to make a brave attempt at a few details:—

"The Golden Salamander," by V. Canning, reader Lionel Marson, concerns a small town in French North Africa, at which a cargo of art treasures, on their way out to Italy during the war, was washed up and salvaged. The man sent out by a London museum to repack the boodle and supervise its transportation to London runs foul of a well-organised gun-running gang. Everything is packed and ready to go, and the Englishman, having a day to spare, is invited to a colossal shoot. He hates it when the majority of the guns treat him as the quarry, and thereafter follows tense excitement. *Une jolie fille* co-stars with this professorial Hannay. Undoubtedly this is the gem of the two!

"Michael's Wife," by Gilbert Frankau, reader Lionel Marson, is a yarn of two egos, Michael, an ex-soldier and columnist, and Frances, his wife, whose nerves break down under the London blitz. A gifted psychiatrist, a medico who has been struck off the rolls, brings about a great cure over a long period of time, which completely exhausts Michael. Eventually Michael realises he too should see a "trick cyclist," but rather than face it he chooses to cure himself. I choose the last of my four alternatives given above to describe this book, but it certainly has its merits.

Excuse my vulgar volubility!

"NELSON."

Birmingham Club

There was a very good attendance at the Club meeting on October 14th, when the opportunity was taken of making a presentation to Miss Gough—a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a fireside chair. Messrs. Shakespeare, New and Kibbler were among those who spoke.

Ovingdean Notes

Two debates were held at Ovingdean during October, and were well attended.

The general interest in the General Election was as keen as in 1950, and again similar arrangements were put in hand for the local candidates to visit the Centre and give an election talk. This time it was a fight between Labour and Conservative, as there was no Liberal candidate. Both talks were very well attended, and there were many questions put to both Mr. Lewis Cohen (Labour) and Mr. Howard Johnson (Conservative) by the audience. On polling day work was carried out to the accompaniment of the B.B.C. election results, and when we heard of the re-election to Parliament of Sir Ian Fraser, a telegram of congratulations was sent to him.

Mr. Howard Johnson, who was re-elected a Member of Parliament for our constituency here, expressed the hope at the time of his election talk at Ovingdean, that he might again be able to come to the Centre when the election was all over, and we are hoping that he will be able to do this.

Our other visitors to Ovingdean during the month were the Mayor and Mayoress of Worthing (Councillor and Mrs. Frampton). They showed an interest as great as the previous Mayor (Alderman Green) who visited us during his term of office. Later in the month we received another party of girls from the Bedewell School, Eastbourne. This school has for some time now been bringing a party of girls to visit the Training Centre each term, and on almost each occasion they have come they have been extremely kind, and brought along parcels of fruit and chocolates for the sick St. Dunstaners. We have particularly appreciated this kind gesture, knowing how much it must have meant to these schoolgirls to part with some of their precious sweets ration.

At the beginning of November, the Sussex Handicraft Exhibition was held at the Corn Exchange, Brighton, in aid of the East Sussex Association for the Care of Cripples. St. Dunstan's, in common with the N.I.B. and many other Associations in Brighton, organised a display and stall, and, in addition, two third prizes for weaving exhibits were won by two St. Dunstaners. They were R. J. Williams (scarf) and J. Robson (curtains).

Legion War Pensions Campaign Opens

Sir Ian Fraser, speaking at the first public meeting of the British Legion national war pensions campaign, at Leeds, on November 19th, said:—

"There are many ex-Servicemen's widows who get less from the Ministry of Pensions for the loss of their bread-winner than destitute women get from National Assistance.

"Out of a total of 706,000 war pensioners—about half from each war—the Ministry of Pensions has in recent years dealt reasonably by 41,000.

"These are the most severely disabled whose compensation has been raised by special allowances until, in some cases, it is about double what it was before the war. For the rest, however, rises varying from 12½ per cent. to 75 per cent. have been made, and we consider this grossly inadequate. We claim that all the partial pensioners should also have had their compensation adjusted to the present deteriorated value of the pound.

"In our view the war pension should continue to be regarded as compensation for loss of bodily function rather than as a payment subject to an employability or needs test.

"The disabled man is happiest when working, and it discourages him to feel that the more he does for himself to overcome his disability the less he gets from the State.

"The Legion claims that the basic pension should be doubled."

R.A.O.B.

On Tuesday, October 16th, the Brethren of the Star of the East and Queen Alexandra Lodges made a presentation of an R.A.O.B. brooch and silk scarf to Mrs. Dixon, who is well known to many St. Dunstaners, as a mark of appreciation and esteem for the untiring and unselfish devotion given to Brother James Jackson, R.O.H., P.P.K.C., over the past eleven years; a service which has enabled Brother Jackson, who is also a St. Dunstaner, to attend both Lodges and other functions regularly.

The Officers of this Lodge, and also of the Queen Alexandra Lodge (which meets at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings at the Prince George Inn, Trafalgar Street, Brighton) extend a warm welcome to any St. Dunstaners who may be Members of the Order.

W. R. DIXON, *Secretary*.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

Re the handicap of blindness and deafness—there's nothing so bad but what might have been worse. We might have lost sense of smell and taste, and what a shock if someone says we are drinking lemonade instead of cider!

Yours etc.,
"DAISY" BELL.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

DEAR EDITOR,

In view of the splendid stand taken by the British Legion on the question of disablement pensions, I think it is the duty of all St. Dunstaners to write to their M.P.s asking for their support, no matter what their party. I am doing so and I think that we should make all of them aware of our position. This supplementary allowance which is subject to a means test is not fair. Pension or compensation for total disablement should bear some relation to loss sustained, and £2 5s. per week is not adequate and is certainly not commensurate with the vastly increased earning power to-day. The man who is doing my job in civilian life is getting £18 per week (I was an art colour printer when I was called to the Colours).

Now what about it, chaps? Let's make a united effort.

Yours faithfully,
W. LOWINGS.

Blackpool Notes

Before the Blackpool Home closed on September 13th for the usual break, a party of St. Dunstaners, with wives and escorts, went for a drive to view the famous Blackpool illuminations. "Another lovely memory," summed up one St. Dunstaner, W. Jordan, who is deaf as well as blind.

When the Home reopened on October 15th, and as there were a number of new men and new escorts, there was a drive for tea at Scorton, returning by way of the Boot and Shoe, and through the illuminations.

I have had a number of enquiries about my elephants. It all began many years ago when Percy Holmes presented me with one. That one has now become two hundred and sixty and they have come, many of them from St. Dunstaners, from all corners of the globe. They have even been mentioned twice in the Press! I treasure these not as elephants but as personal reminders of the people who sent them.

B. V-D.

News from all Quarters

On Wednesday, October 31st, Mr. Askew went to Buckingham Palace, where he was invested with the Insignia of the Order of C.B.E. by the Duke of Gloucester, acting for His Majesty the King.

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Her Majesty the Queen spoke to J. Laffey, of Idle, when she visited the Regimental Old Comrades' Association of the Duke of York's Light Infantry at Strensall Camp, Yorkshire.

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Our St. Dunstaner, H. H. Burnett, of Enfield, is a blood donor and he has been awarded the gold badge which is only awarded to those who have given fifty donations and over.

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Canon Walter Gilbert Speight, until recently at Tinnevelly, has been appointed Vicar of Braunston in Rutlandshire.

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A. W. Back, of Shaldon, won second prize for a No. 3 mat at the Show of the Bristol Guild of Blind Gardeners.

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W. C. Carlton, of Morecambe, has successfully shown his collie dog at the local Show.

Remembrance, 1951

St. Dunstaners were among the vast audiences at the Royal Albert Hall on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, November 10th, for the Festival of Remembrance. Sir Ian Fraser, President of the Legion, received Her Majesty the Queen and Princess Margaret at the evening ceremony.

On the morning of Remembrance Sunday, a party of St. Dunstaners with their escorts, who included Mr. Mackay and Mr. Lale, marched to the Cenotaph with other ex-Service organisations, headed by the British Legion; a wreath was laid on behalf of the war-blinded Service men and women of the Empire.

At Blackpool a service of Remembrance was conducted at the Home by the Rev. C. N. Wardle-Harpur; Matron Vaughan-Davies had previously placed a cross of Remembrance on the graves of St. Dunstaners in Blackpool cemeteries.

St. Dunstaners from West House and Ovingdean joined in the march to the cenotaph at Brighton, where a wreath was placed from St. Dunstan's men throughout the world.

Fun with the Draught and Chess Boards

While you are waiting for somebody to turn up to give you a game, why not try one or both of these exercises?

The first is for the Draughts player. Place eight draughts on the board in such a way that no two are on the same line either vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

The second is for the Chess player. Place a knight on the board and ultimately move to every square in the correct manner of the knight move, no square to be occupied twice. It will be advisable to have a supply of "markers" ready, such as buttons for the sunken and folded match-sticks for the raised squares. One good point is that you can drop it and take up again some other time; if you do this make sure that the markers stay put, just leave the knight standing where you left off.

There are many ways of doing it; can you find one way?

No doubt other St. Dunstaners may know of similar exercises that will give pleasure and interest to others; send them in!

H. A. HAMMETT.

National Egg Laying Tests

Result of Final Period of 12 weeks, 1951

	Test Score
1. Jackson, G. C.	1228
2. Holmes, P.	1184
3. Clarke, T.	1180
4. Gregory, T. D.	1116
5. Jarvis, A.	1098
6. Woodcock, W. J.	1081
7. Smith, W. Alan	826
8. Taylor, T.	750
Average per bird, 204.99	

The hen house average for St. Dunstan's Section is 201.5, compared with 197.3 for the whole test.

Prize Presentation

1st position—

G. C. Jackson, Cup, silver gilt medal, £5.

2nd position and P.A.G.B. 2nd—

P. Holmes, Silver medal, £3 and £2.

3rd position and P.A.G.B. 1st—

T. Clarke, Bronze medal, £2 and £3.

Winter period—

W. J. Woodcock, Silver Medal.

Best Individual—

A. Jarvis, Cup.

Walter Bradley—

T. D. Gregory, £2.

Births

BRIGGS.—on November 2nd, to the wife of H. Briggs, of Birkdale, near Southport, a daughter—Elizabeth Jane.

MENDHAM.—On October 21st, to the wife of Roy Mendham, of Buckhurst Hill, a daughter.

OSTLE.—On October 17th, to the wife of I. Ostle, of Cockermonth, a daughter—Christine Judith.

ROWE.—On October 10th, to the wife of Eric Rowe, of Minehead, a second son—Stephen Michael.

WILLIAMS (*nee* GOULD).—On October 20th, to Eileen Williams (*nee* Gould), a son—Terence.

Marriages

PREECE—AUSTIN.—In October, Ralph Preece, of Romford, to Miss Joyce Austin.

TYBINSKI—GRZYL.—Micheal Tybinski, of Ipswich, to Miss Maria Grzyl.

Grandfathers

E. M. Brockie, of Torphins; H. Maher, London, S.E.1.

Young St. Dunstaners

Joyce Watson (Manor Park) has received her Grade 7 certificate from the Royal School of Music.

Alan Leigh has been awarded a scholarship to Warrington Botelior Grammar School.

David Hughes (Selsdon) did well in the School Certificate examination, passing in six subjects.

John Floyd has gained a 2nd Class General B.A. with a special qualification in German at Exeter University.

Stanley Loram has qualified as Professor of English at the Naval College in Athens. He was recently presented to the King of the Hellenes.

J. Shread's son is now a fully qualified electrical engineer, having obtained his final National Certificate.

Marriages

On Easter Saturday, Leonard Bush to Miss Mary Brooke.

On October 20th, Margaret Dakin to Kenneth Jackson.

On August 18th, Sylvia Ashe to Antony Duffield.

Silver Wedding

Mrs. and Mrs. T. Gregory, of Worthing, near Basingstoke, November 1st. Congratulations.

“ In Memory ”

Pioneer Dennis Power, *Royal Engineers*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Dennis Power, of Brixton. He was seventy-one. He was discharged from the Army in February, 1917, but he did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1929, when he trained in basket-making. He was a most conscientious craftsman and it was only because of his ill-health that he reluctantly gave up.

The funeral took place at Camberwell and a wreath of poppies from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades was among the flowers.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

Private George Brooks, *2nd Borderers*

With deep regret we record the sudden death at Blackpool of George Brooks, of Haywards Heath, at the age of fifty-nine.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1916, immediately upon his discharge from the Army, when he trained in rugs and mat-making, but for some years now had been a shopkeeper.

He died very suddenly on November 7th while on a visit to Blackpool.

The funeral took place at Carleton Cemetery, Blackpool. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and among the many wreaths were those from the Blackpool Home and from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades. After the ceremony the mourners returned to the Blackpool Home.

He leaves a widow and grown-up daughter to whom our very sincere sympathy is extended.

Private Robert Damerall, *Labour Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of Robert Damerall, of Brighton, a St. Dunstanian who came to us only in October, 1950, although he had served in the first World War.

Owing to his age and health, he did no training but became a resident at West House, and left in June of this year upon his marriage. He became very ill, however, and returned to St. Dunstan's, where he died on October 11th.

The funeral took place from St. Dunstan's and many of Bob's friends attended. A wreath from Sir Ian was among the many flowers.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Damerall in her sad loss after such brief happiness.

Private Edward Penny, *Essex Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of E. Penny, of Hove. He was nearly fifty-three.

He was discharged from the Service in January, 1919, but did not come under St. Dunstan's care until July, 1947. He was trained as a basket-maker but his health prevented him from doing a great deal of work. His condition steadily grew worse and he passed away on November 9th.

Wreaths from his Brighton friends, and from Sir Ian Fraser, were among the flowers at the funeral, at which Ovingdean was represented by Miss. Taylor.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Penny.

Sydney Weston, *South Staffordshire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of S. Weston, of Walsall.

Although he suffered as the result of gassing received in the first World War, he did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1948. He was unable to receive training on account of his health, and before his death, on September 19th he had given up his job many months before. Although he was only with us for a short time, he had made many friends among St. Dunstanians in his area, and Messrs. G. T. Shaw and T. North were among those attending the funeral. A wreath from the Chairman was among the flowers.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his wife.

Private George James, *6th Leicestershire Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of G. James, of Barrow-upon-Soar.

Enlisting on October 25th, 1916, he was wounded in France the following year and came to us in April, 1918, where he trained as a poultry farmer and mat-maker. He carried on as a poultry farmer right up to the time of his admission to hospital, where he died on October 7th.

Among the flowers at the funeral was a wreath of poppies from Sir Ian and his St. Dunstan's friends.

We extend our deep sympathy to his sister, who has been with him since he was four years old, and to his niece who lived with him.

Gunner Frank Shaw Weedall, *Royal Field Artillery*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of F. S. Weedall, of Liverpool.

He enlisted in April, 1915, and was discharged in 1917, but he did not come to us with damaged sight until 1926. He was trained as a joiner and carried on this work for a great number of years. For some time before his death, however, he had been at our Blackpool and Brighton Homes, and in hospital. He passed away at his own home on October 24th.

A wreath from the Chairman was among the flowers at the funeral.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his family.

Regimental Sergeant Major W. Farnell, *D.C.M., 14th Canadians*

We have just heard, with deep regret, of the death some months ago of W. Farnell, of Toronto, Canada. He was wounded at Cambrai in 1918 and came to us in December of that year. He trained as a joiner and netter and later had a business in Canada. He visited England in 1922. He took a keen interest in Canadian local government affairs but news of him in recent years had been very scant.

Our very sincere sympathy goes out to his widow.