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A Message from The Queen

"I am sincerely grateful for your message. Please assure all those for whom you speak that I deeply value their kindness and sympathy.

ELIZABETH R."

With these words, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II acknowledged a telegram which had been sent by our President, Sir Neville Pearson, in which he said:

"The Council and all members of St. Dunstan's throughout your Empire offer to Your Majesty their loyalty, devotion and deep sympathy at the tragic passing of their Sovereign and Patron."

Telegrams were also sent to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and Queen Mary expressing the deep sympathy of all St. Dunstaners.

King George VI

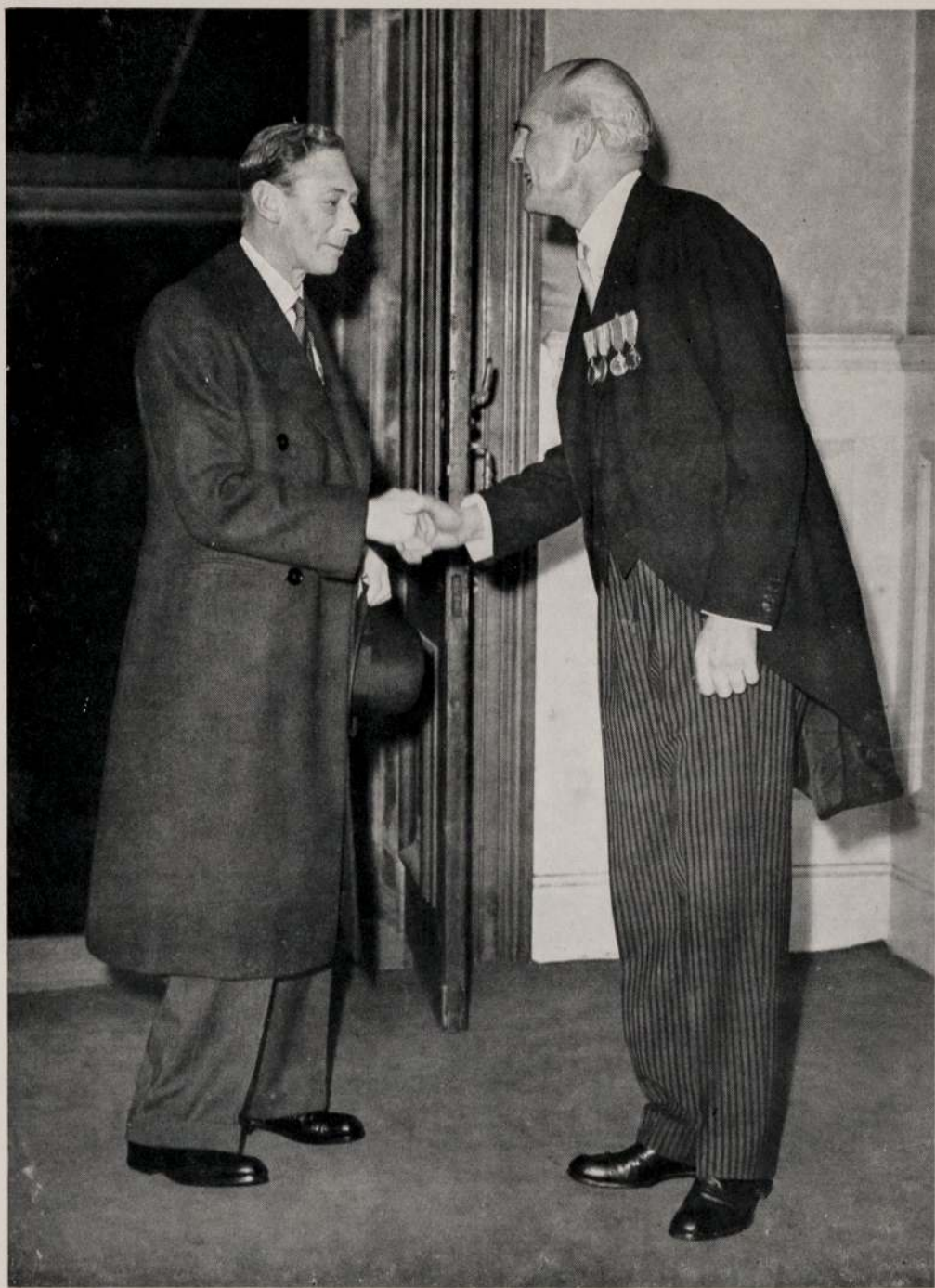
By IAN FRASER

I have just heard Mr. Churchill's broadcast. He praised the late King, comforted the Queen Mother, and welcomed the new Queen in phrases so rare and with eloquence so moving that one may well be tempted to ask what more can be said. But he was speaking for a whole people perhaps for all time, and it is the duty of humble writers to say what they can for representative sections.

King George VI was a sailor, a soldier, and an airman, not merely by virtue of his office, but also by training. Service men admired his knowledge of their craft and his high sense of duty. Ex-Service men admired his understanding of their problems, and the disabled were warmed by his compassion and his example.

King George conquered his disabilities of shyness and moderate health, and in suffering he bore himself with a dignity and courage which were exemplary. As Patron of the British Legion, Patron of St. Dunstan's and benefactor of many ex-Service causes, the late King gained not merely admiration but affection.

In recent years, since I have been President of the British Legion, it has been my duty and my honour to sit with the King and Queen in the Royal Box at the Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall. During the spectacular



His Late Majesty King George VI, Patron of the British Legion and Patron of St. Dunstan's, is received by Sir Ian Fraser at the British Legion Festival of Remembrance in London on November 6th, 1948

parts of the programme when contingents of the Armed Forces would perform, they used to describe the scene to me in a running commentary, and the King would show an extraordinarily detailed knowledge of the various units and uniforms which were displayed before us. The King liked to see ex-Service men wearing their medals and he always wore his own and his British Legion badge on these occasions. The King and Queen would ask about the British Legion, its strength, the results of Poppy Day, how far the young men of the Second War were joining, how we were getting on at St. Dunstan's, and whether the men blinded in the Second War were doing as well in their training as the older generation.

For one who had to bear the great burden of affairs of state, and of many states, these may seem to be small matters, but they interested the King and showed his ready sympathy with the things that touched the everyday lives of ordinary men and women. King George was the friend of all, but I should not be claiming too much if I were to say that he had a very warm place in his heart for all who had served in the Armed Forces of the Crown, and especially for those who had been disabled in that service. In that sense his passing has deprived us not merely of a great King and a kind man, but also of a friend.

St. Dunstaners, more than most, need and appreciate the strength and confidence that comes from a sensitive wife and family, and we express to the Queen Mother our admiration of her part in sustaining the great burden which the late King had to bear and our deep sympathy with her in her personal loss.

St. Dunstan's Pays Its Respects

Led by our Chairman, a group of St. Dunstaners representing all ages and Units drawn from Ovingdean, West House and London, with members of the staff as escorts, visited Westminster Hall on February 14th and filed past the coffin of the late King George VI to pay their respects to his memory. They could picture the scene which they had heard described on the wireless, and the silence, broken only by the rattle of accoutrements as the Guardsmen, Gentlemen-at-Arms and Yeomen changed watches, was deeply moving.

Our Wreath

A beautiful wreath of poppies, in the form of St. Dunstan's badge, was sent to Windsor Castle for the funeral of His Late Majesty. It bore these words: "From St. Dunstan's in affectionate memory from blinded soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Empire."

Messages From Overseas

A message of sympathy with St. Dunstan's upon the death of our King and Patron, has been sent to Sir Ian Fraser by M. Izaac, Commandant, and M. Amblard, Secrétaire Général, of the Union des Aveugles de Guerre, Paris.

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Paul Nuyens, a Belgian and a St. Dunstaner, writes: "I would like to express

to my British comrades and friends my deepest sympathy with the great loss they have sustained by the sudden death of their beloved King and Sovereign."

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Messages have also been received from many other St. Dunstaners at home and overseas.

Thirty Years Ago

From "St. Dunstan's Review," February, 1922 :-

"The visit of the Press with a great number of famous sportsmen was the outstanding event in November sports. We had with us such men as R. H. Spooner, E. G. Hayes, G. N. Foster, P. F. Warner, the famous Corinthian captain, C. Wreford Brown, J. G. Cock, of Chelsea, George Duncan and J. H. Taylor of golf fame, D. L. A. Jephson, F. B. Wilson, Joe Binks the well-known mile champion, and many others. . . ."

And this appeared over the signature of "Ian Fraser":—

"With this issue of ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, I very regretfully relinquish the Editorship of the little House Magazine, every issue of which I have been responsible for since 1917 . . ."

Acknowledgment

The photograph of King George VI with Sir Ian Fraser which is enclosed in this issue of the "Review" is reprinted by the courtesy of the "Sunday Graphic."

London Club Notes

The London Club held its Annual General Meeting on January 18th. The Chairman's Report and the Balance Sheet were received favourably and approved unanimously. Mr. Askew then took the Chair, and the new members of the Committee were elected. Following this, a number of proposals were put forward for the forthcoming year, and these were duly noted to be passed on for consideration.

The Committee for the ensuing year is as follows: Messrs. P. Ashton (Chairman), J. Mudge (Vice-Chairman) *Bridge Section*: S. Webster, H. Gover; *Outdoor Section*: T. Gaygan, C. Stafford; *Indoor Section*: C. J. Walker.

P. ASHTON.

Bridge

The Bridge Section played three matches during January. Against the Air Ministry we lost by 2,500 and against Mr. Armstrong's team we lost by 3,400, but we won by 3,300 against the G.P.O. Our two teams in the London Business Houses League have progressed as follows:

JOCK BROWN'S TEAM:—

Played 6, won 2, drawn 1, lost 3.

PAUL NUYENS' TEAM:—

Played 6, won 3, drawn 1, lost 2.

There are nine sections of this League and our two teams are in different sections.

H. GOVER.

Indoor Section

In response to the feeling of members at the Annual General Meeting, the Club is arranging for a dance to be held at the Victory Club, near Marble Arch, on Friday, March 28th. Ron Bell and his Orchestra will play. Tickets, which will be 2s. 6d. each, can be obtained at the Club.

The Committee hope that the Club will support this dance, as it is being run at the request of the majority of the members who were present at the meeting.

We have quite a number of Darts and Cribbage matches coming on in the near future, both at home and away, and we hope for the support of club members for these events in order that St. Dunstan's Club shall put up a good show, whatever the opposition.

C. J. WALKER.

Outdoor Section

The 7-mile All England championship walk took place on January 26th, and, although the morning promised snow, by

the time the race started the sun shone, but there was a keen bite to the wind. The field moved off to a sharp pace, and a most interesting and well fought-out contest developed. T. Gaygan, W. Miller and C. Williamson kept that order until about a mile and a half from home, when Gaygan was retired, and Miller went on to win in faultless style and so becomes the S.S. Champion. C. Williamson, the first T.B. man home, now becomes the champion for that Section. In the meantime, a duel was being fought out between Bradley, Cryan and Tutton, each in turn getting his nose in front. So finished an excellent race.

Air Commodore G. Bentley Dacre, C.B.E., D.S.O., acted as starter and later presented the prizes. We were pleased to welcome him to our Club.

Training night is Tuesday, 6.15 p.m., Holme House, Bedford College, Regent's Park. We are now well supplied with escorts, so any new men who can turn out will be welcomed.

Forthcoming Walks:

February 23rd—10 miles.

March 22nd—12 miles.

April 19th—15 miles.

Total Aggregate Points to date

S. Tutton	...	...	...	53 points
W. Miller	...	...	...	52 "
C. Stafford	...	...	...	52 "
P. J. Cryan	...	...	...	50 "
A. Brown	...	...	...	49 "
C. Williamson	...	...	...	48½ "
A. G. Bradley	...	...	...	45½ "
T. Denmead	...	...	...	40 "
T. Gaygan	...	...	...	30 "

St. Dunstan's 7 mile Walk Regent's Park, January 26th

	Actual time	H'cap all.	H'cap time	Psn. in H'cap
W. Miller	61.44	1.55	59.49	2
C. Williamson	63.08	.50	62.18	5
A. Brown	64.37	3.05	61.32	3
A. Bradley	67.04	5.30	61.34	4
P. Cryan	68.17	9.25	58.52	1
S. Tutton	69.04	6.30	62.34	8
C. Stafford	69.26	7.05	62.21	6
T. Denmead	70.28	7.55	62.33	7

Prize-winners:

Sir Arthur Pearson Trophy—

T.B., C. Williamson.

S.S., W. Miller.

Handicap 1st, P. Cryan.

2nd, W. Miller.

3rd, A. Brown.

Style Prize: W. Miller.

Handicapper and Timekeeper: W. J. Harris.

The Pensions Campaign

Although Parliament was naturally concerned with the Chancellor's grave financial statement, nevertheless there were no less than five Questions to the Minister of Pensions on the Order Paper on the opening day, arising, undoubtedly, from the British Legion campaign for higher pensions.

When Members asked the Minister when he would make a statement and drew attention to the fall in the value of the pound, Sir Ian Fraser intervened to ask:

"Will my right hon. Friend and the Chancellor of the Exchequer receive a deputation from the British Legion in this matter before a final decision is made?"

Mr. Amery replied:—

"I cannot speak for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but I can assure my hon. Friend that I am always glad to receive a delegation from the British Legion."

Speaking in the main Financial Debate, Sir Ian said:—

"It should not be assumed that because we support the Chancellor's proposals so far as they were disclosed in yesterday's speech, we do not have in mind some of the claims which will be made upon him and which we hope he will find the money to meet when he comes to balance up his year's accounts and produce his Budget. There is an outstanding claim, so often presented to this House, and to be presented again, that the pensions of some three quarters of a million men—victims of two world wars—should be adjusted to the present rate of money values."

Wait for the Budget

Sir Ian Fraser told a group of new St. Dunstaners: "You must wait for the Budget on March 4th to hear whether there is to be any immediate change in war pensions; the national finances are not strong, but the British Legion and St. Dunstan's are doing their best to persuade Parliament and the Government that an improvement in the basic rate is long overdue."

Sir Ian and Lady Fraser visited Brighton on February 13th to inspect the work at Ovingdean and West House.

Even Then

"There be two things that grieve my heart; and the third maketh me angry; a man of war that suffereth poverty."

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Talking Book Library

January Jabber

Six average length volumes constitute the first batch of 1952 releases.

"Royal Flush," by Margaret Irwin, reader Jack De Manio, is an historical novel dealing with the five children of Charles I. Minette, the youngest of the five, is the central figure, but, like most ladies appearing in history, her life was in the main a wretched existence. Readable if you like the period.

"Rebecca," by Daphne du Maurier, reader Jean Metcalfe, is a modern classic. A common or garden romance behind which lies the "perfect crime." All narrated so simply and sweetly by a lonely, pathetic, girl-wife. The first record impressed me as the best literature I have read, although such things may be a matter of mood to a large extent.

"A Wreath of Roses," by Elizabeth Taylor, reader Stephen Jack, impressed me so little that my summary can hardly do more than say it is a "woman only" book concerning an elderly spinster artist, her cottage, her incipient rheumatism, and her very humdrum friends. Ladies maybe, chaps—take cover!

"Sea and Sardinia," by D. H. Lawrence, reader Robert Gladwell, is very dated, and it is rather unfair to the author to record this one of his many works. Palermo by ship to Sardinia, bus and train through the island, across to the mainland and back to Palermo via Naples. Frankly I was bored.

"Murdering Mr. Velfrage," by Roy Vickers, reader Lionel Marson, is an amusing mystery thriller. The hero during the first action is under the influence of an overdose of quinine, and he only finds out as the story develops that his misty dreams were the truth. The real crooks use this dimness to try and pin a murder rap on the hero. Two very fetching girls fill out the programme, and the reading is enjoyable.

"Days without Sunset," by D. Batchelor, reader Alvar Liddell, suits my personal taste admirably. Cricket, the 1938 and 1948 Australian Test Series and two cricketing yarns, then Olympic Games, 1948, after which a little boxing and horse-racing round the book off nicely. Like it?

Don't miss Rebecca!

NELSON

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

Let us adopt Dunstan as our Patron Saint by all means. Let us share him with the Goldsmiths' Company, by all means. Alfred Noyes' lines are beautiful indeed. They are extremely appropriate.

But surely the house in Regent's Park was called St. Dunstan's before it was acquired for the training and recuperation of blinded soldiers of the 1914-18 war? If this is so, our name, as an institution, is merely accidental. Again, if this is so, our assumption of adoption of the patronage of an ingenious fellow who was Archbishop of Canterbury a thousand years ago is a myth. Let us be fair about this matter. The activities of our organisation are known the world over. Each one of us is proud to have shared in its creation. It's historic. Let us thank our lucky stars that there was such a lovely house in Regent's Park. Let us be thankful, if you like, that the name of that house was St. Dunstan's. If this is so, it would be unfortunate to allow the familiarity of the name to give the impression that that ingenious fellow, who knew how many quarts there were in a pint pot, had anything to do with our creation.

Yours sincerely,

W. T. SCOTT.

Streatham.

Correction

A. J. Radford, of Castle Cary, would like to correct a wrong impression which may have been conveyed in his pensions letter last month. Owing to lack of space it was not possible to print also a Press extract which accompanied his letter, and which would have explained the reference more fully. Our St. Dunstaner intended to imply that the new Government will not seek to excuse themselves on the score of national economy from pursuing the campaign for higher pensions when the late Government was in power. His excellent letters to the Press are supporting the campaign.

C. Pallanza, of Edgware, is another who is helping the pensions campaign by means of letters to the Press. He took up the challenge in the *Edgware, Mill Hill and Kingsbury Times*.

Placement

R. A. Fullard, as a shorthand typist at the Treasury, Great George Street, London, S.W.1.

In My Travels

Whilst travelling to work as a telephonist, every day I have met quite a number of people.

The other morning a gentleman who boarded my bus sat next to me and started a conversation, during which I remarked I was a St. Dunstaner.

He then told me that way back in 1900 he started as a messenger boy to the late Sir Arthur Pearson, our Founder, in his newspaper business. He said: "My father was a first-class printer who worked for Sir Arthur, and was able to get me the job as messenger. I travelled to Crewe when Sir Arthur started printing newspapers in the North. What a fine boss and gentleman he was," and he recalled how his daughter used to take him to his office in an old-fashioned cab.

I told him how we in St. Dunstan's still honour the memory of our Founder's death every year by placing a wreath on his grave, and holding a memorial service in Brighton. "It has done me a lot of good," he said, "to think that Sir Arthur has brought so much happiness and goodwill to so many."

To me this was, I think, the most interesting journey I have ever made, and I was sorry when he said "I must get off here."

G. EUSTACE.

A Record?

E. Stevenson, of Whitehawk, Brighton, and his two brothers have just met for the first time in fifty years, and, to complete a double, when his son John finishes his National Service and comes home this month, there will be a reunion of his three sons for the first time in twelve years.

Second College Reunion

The second College Reunion is to be held at the Criterion Restaurant, entrance in Lower Regent Street, on Saturday, April 26th. 12 for 1 o'clock to 5.30. Tickets 10s. 6d. each. Apply to Hon. Treasurer, W. T. Scott, 46 Leigham Avenue, Streatham. *Tel.*: Streatham 6524.

Well Walked

Charles Williamson, with a handicap allowance of fourteen minutes, won the Warlingham Cup event organised by Surrey Walking Club, on January 21st. It was over a course of ten miles.

Draw in Aid of Camp Fund

The table lamp presented by W. Birchall was won by J. Muir.

Holiday Camp—Morecambe

You will remember that last year the Middleton Tower Holiday Camp, Ltd., of Middleton Sands, near Morecambe, Lancs., very generously gave a free holiday to twenty-five St. Dunstaners and their wives. The Directors of the Camp have very kindly agreed to repeat the offer this year.

The date suggested is the week commencing Saturday, May 24th, and twenty-five chalets will be made available as before. The holiday will be completely free, except that those taking part will be required to meet the cost of return train fares from their home town to Morecambe. Arrangements will be made by the Camp for St. Dunstaners and their wives to be met at the station and conveyed to the chalets.

Please let me know without fail by *Wednesday, March 19th*, if you wish to join this holiday party. It may well be that we will receive more than twenty-five applications, and if this is so it will be necessary to hold a ballot. Priority, of course, will be given to St. Dunstaners who have not already enjoyed the hospitality of the Middleton Tower Holiday Camp.

A. MACKAY,
Welfare Superintendent.

To Old Hibernians and Members of the Duke of York's Royal Military School

Any St. Dunstaners who used to be members of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, or were Hibernians, are invited to contact either Detective Inspector Nixon, Wapping Police Station, London, E. 1 (Telephone Royal 1116), or A. E. McCarthy, Esq. (Secretary, Old Boys' Association), 29 East Mearn Road, Dulwich, London, S.E.21 (Telephone Gipsy Hill 1414), if they would like to get in touch with any of their old comrades.

There are various groups of "Old Boys" throughout the United Kingdom who organise a number of functions during the year, such as dinners, outings, etc. They would gladly welcome any St. Dunstaner "Old Boy" and are willing to arrange escorts, if necessary.

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Roy Borrie, of Victoria, Australia, sends good wishes to all St. Dunstaners. He says he is happily settled in his home workshop and cannot cope with all his basket orders.

Ovingdean Notes

We said farewell to several trainees at the end of last term, and many will, by this time, have settled down in their new jobs. We send them our best wishes now.

The Spring Term commenced on January 8th, and a number of new St. Dunstaners came to Ovingdean during the month. Amongst the new arrivals came Stuart Craig, a young New Zealander who was wounded in Korea, serving with the New Zealand Forces, and also two South African St. Dunstaners, Ken Branson and George Wagner—all recently arrived in this country.

Entertainments have been plentiful and varied so far this term. We were extremely fortunate in having Mr. Tom Jenkins and Mr. Jack Byfield, both well known as broadcasters, come along on January 16th to give a Concert, which was well attended and much appreciated. We are all looking forward to their promised return visit.

Very early in the month we welcomed a group of Overseas Students, who visited the Training Centre. They were young people studying various subjects and at various Colleges throughout the country, and there were many nationalities represented. The visit was arranged in conjunction with the British Council, and the students were deeply interested in all they saw here. One, a young man from Persia, made a little speech in the Lounge before the group left for London, and said how much they had all appreciated the arrangements made for them. Writing from London after the visit, Miss Hubbard, who was in charge of the party, said as most of the students had come from countries which do nothing to train blind people, they were most impressed with the work being done at St. Dunstan's.

From learning to sport! At the risk of causing our readers to shiver, we should like to tell everyone interested—and we hope this year there will be more than ever—that Sports Day is to be held at the Training Centre during July (on a Saturday). The exact date will be announced as soon as possible. In the meantime, what about getting some teams together?

Shooting

The first Tournament this term was won by No. 5 Team, consisting of Messrs. C. Redford, H. Webster and J. Walton. They won five out of six matches, this gave them a total of 835 points out of a possible 900.

Births

BRIGHT.—On February 9th, to the wife of B. Bright, of Birmingham, a daughter.

BROWN.—On January 26th, to the wife of L. R. Brown, of Stoke Fleming, near Dartmouth, a son—David Michael.

EAGLE.—On December 19th, to the wife of C. E. Eagle, of Victoria, Australia, a daughter.

EVANS.—On December 2nd, to the wife of T. Evans, of Lloc, near Holywell, a son—Adrian Dunstan.

PHILLIPS.—On February 6th, to the wife of R. Phillips, of Shoreham-by-Sea, a daughter—Prudence Phoebe.

THOMAS.—On December 20th, to the wife of Wally Thomas, of Southampton, a son—Barry.

Marriage

STEPHENSON—FARMER.—On December 15th, at Reading, William Norman Stephenson, to Miss Dorothy Ethel Daisy Farmer.

Deaths

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

BELL.—To Barbara Bell, of Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, whose father has recently died.

COLES.—To G. B. Coles, of Gainsborough, in the loss of his wife.

COLLYER.—To T. Collyer, of Barnet, whose wife passed away on February 9th.

JONES.—To H. Jones, of Watford, in the loss of his wife on January 16th.

"In Memory"

Private William Harley Smith, Royal Field Artillery

We record with deep regret the death of W. H. Smith, of Cadlington, Oxfordshire. Although he was discharged from the Army in January, 1919, he did not come to us until September, 1949. He was then sixty-one and his state of health prevented any training. He unfortunately grew progressively worse and he died on February 6th, leaving a widow and three grown-up children, to whom our deep sympathy is extended.

Sergeant Joseph Ryan, Royal Army Service Corps

With deep regret we record the death of J. Ryan, of London, E.7, at the age of eighty-four. After his service in the 1914-1918 war, he came to us in September, 1938, and trained in wool rugs and netting. He had been in failing health, however, for a long time and he died at his home after a long illness.

There was a Requiem Mass at St. Anthony's Church and the many beautiful wreaths included Sir Ian's poppy wreath from his St. Dunstan's friends.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his daughter who cared for him for so long.

Private John Dockery, Australian Imperial Forces

With deep regret we record the death at his home in Ireland of John Dockery, of Kilkenny. Emigrating to Australia as a young man, he enlisted with the Australian Imperial Forces at the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war. He saw service on the Continent, at the Dardanelles, and again in France, and it was here that he received the wounds which resulted in his blindness. After training with us in 1929 he lived for a time at Brighton, but later settled in a small farm in Ireland and he carried on happily here right up to the time of his very sudden death on January 27th.

The funeral took place at St. Kieran's Cemetery following Office and Requiem Mass. We extend our deep sympathy to his wife and son.

MARTIN.—To B. Martin, of Bray, Co. Wicklow, whose mother passed away on January 23rd. She was 90 years old.

REED.—To J. H. Reed, of Grays, whose wife died suddenly on January 26th.

THOMAS.—To Wally Thomas, of Southampton, who lost his father on February 2nd.

Miss F. L. Collins

Early St. Dunstaners will hear with regret of the death in Switzerland of Miss F. L. Collins, who was a braille teacher first at Regent's Park, and later at West House, Brighton. Miss Collins was the sister of the late Mrs. Cooke Smith, who also taught braille at Regent's Park. Our St. Dunstaner, T. Floyd, sends us this news.

Great-Grandfather

B. F. Jones, of Greenwich.

Grandfathers

A. Palfrey, South Wales; A. G. Bright, Blackpool; W. Flowers, Birmingham; W. C. Scott, Winsford; H. Potts, Harrogate.

Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sneddon, St. Leonards-on-Sea, January 15th.

"Readers' Digest" Wanted

Can any reader supply me with copies of the "Reader's Digest" for the months April to September, 1951, inclusive?—A. J. Radford, Tor View, Castle Cary, Som.

"In Memory"

Sergeant Ernest George Cox, *Worcestershire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of E. G. Cox, of Coventry, whose service with his regiment dated from August, 1914 until November, 1918. It was not, however, until June, 1948, that he came under the care of St. Dunstan's, and his health then was such that training was out of the question. He had borne his long illness with courage and cheerfulness, and our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Cox who had nursed him devotedly for so many years.

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

Private Ernest Elliott, *Royal Fusiliers*

With deep regret we record the death of E. Elliott, of London, N.13, who served with the Royal Fusiliers until March, 1919. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in September, 1950, but his sad state of health ruled out any possibility of training. Recently his condition had deteriorated and he passed away in hospital on February 4th.

A poppy wreath from Sir Ian was sent for the funeral.
He leaves a widow to whom our deep sympathy is extended.

Private Patrick Goldspink, *Suffolk Regiment*

With deepest regret we record the death of Partick Goldspink, of Yarnton, Oxfordshire. He was forty-six.

A regular soldier before the war—he enlisted in December, 1935—he came to us in September of last year, but the grievous state of his health made training impossible. He suffered great additional handicaps which he bore most bravely. He had spent long periods at Ovingdean and West House, and it was at West House that he died on February 6th.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his widow and step-children.

Sergeant Robert Zacheus Hurrell, *Kings' Royal Rifles*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of R. Z. Hurrell, of Groby, Leicester, a regular soldier who had served with his regiment from October, 1906 until February, 1919.

He came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1936, and he was then a very sick man; his health and his sight had been damaged as a result of mustard gas. For a number of years he was only able to carry on with the lightest of occupations, but he was unfailingly cheerful. His death occurred at his home on January 13th.

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

We extend our very sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

A.B. Arthur Jones, *Royal Naval Detachment*

We record with deep regret the death of A. Jones, of West Hove, at the age of fifty-five.

He was discharged from the Service in April, 1915, having enlisted as a bugler when he was only 17½. He was wounded at Gallipoli in 1915, but by his own wish did not come to St. Dunstan's until May, 1928. His health did not permit him to do any other work than a little netting, and for a long time now he had been very ill. He died in hospital on January 19th.

The wreaths sent for the funeral included one of poppies from the Chairman and his St. Dunstan's friends.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Jones in her loss.

Fire Watcher Richard Millett, *Civil Defence*

With deep regret we record the death of R. Millett, of Salford, whose sight failed as a result of his services in the recent war. He came to us in April, 1942, and at first it was hoped that he could continue with his old firm, but his health worsened and after a number of periods in hospital, he died at his home on December 12th.

Sir Ian's wreath was among the flowers at the funeral.

Our very sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Sergeant William James Nolan, *2nd South Lancs. Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of W. J. Nolan, of Hinstock, near Market Drayton, at his home on January 2nd.

As a boy of 17, he saw service in the Boer War.

Enlisting at the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war, he was wounded at Givenchy in October, 1915, and came to St. Dunstan's the following year. He trained as a poultry farmer and mat maker, and worked at this latter occupation right up to the time of his death, although he had been in poor health for many years.

During his service in France, he was mentioned in despatches and recommended for the Meritorious Service Medal, and to his great amusement he received this only a few months ago.

He was a popular and well-loved figure in his village, and the many flowers at his funeral included one of poppies from Sir Ian.

He leaves a widow, whom he married nearly fifty years ago, four sons and four daughters, to whom we extend our deep sympathy.