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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

The Coronation

AS I write, members of our staff are mailing a Coronation gift to every St. Dunstaner all over the world. The Australian and New Zealand gifts have gone, the South African gifts follow, then the Canadian, and those for the Home Country will be despatched at the end of the month. The gift is only of nominal monetary value, namely five shillings, but it is a newly minted silver crown piece, the first of the new Reign. It is packed in a small transparent plastic box and is being sent in an envelope bearing St. Dunstan's badge with appropriate wording printed in two colours.

The "obverse" or head side of the crown bears the effigy of the Queen on horseback in the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief, Grenadier Guards. Her Majesty's figure faces to the left—the opposite direction to that of the profile on the ordinary coinage. The Queen is shown riding side-saddle. On either side of the figure are crowns above the inscription, E II R.

The inscription on the obverse is: ELIZABETH II. DEI. GRATIA. BRITT. OMN. REGINA. FIDEL. DEFENSOR, and, between two roses, the value—five shillings. The edge of the coin carries the inscription, FAITH AND TRUTH I WILL BEAR UNTO YOU. These words are from the oath of homage in the Coronation Service.

The reverse of the crown piece has in its centre a crown around which are the four quarterings of the Royal Arms, each contained in a shield. In the intervening spaces there are a double rose, a thistle, a sprig of shamrock, and a leek.

I hope the sentimental value of this little gift will be widely appreciated. I shall certainly keep mine as a treasured souvenir and pass it on to my heir.

A party of seventy, composed mainly of St. Dunstaners accompanied by a few members of the staff who will act as guides and commentators, will be present on the route of the Coronation Procession and four St. Dunstaners will be in Westminster Abbey—Mr. T. Milligan and Lieut. Colonel M. P. Ansell, C.B., D.S.O., representing the United Kingdom; Captain F. J. L. Woodcock, representing Canada, and Mr. Patrick Joseph Lynch, C.B.E., representing Australia. I shall also be in the Abbey in my capacity as a Member of Parliament, and I am sure we shall all feel that in taking part in the ceremony, we shall be expressing the loyalty and affection for Her Majesty the Queen of all St. Dunstaners everywhere.

CORONATION

June 2nd, 1953

Her Majesty

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Patron of St. Dunstan's



Our many Reunions have been regarded as Coronation parties and a small souvenir has also been given to every St. Dunstan's wife in the form of a little Irish linen handkerchief with a lace border contrived of many small crowns.

The Crown is a symbol of Commonwealth and Empire embodied in the person of a young Queen and it will, I know, be the fervent prayer of all that her reign may be happy and glorious.

IAN FRASER.

St. Dunstaners Attending the Coronation

The following St. Dunstaners have been successful in the ballot which took place for positions on the Coronation route. Since the original ballot took place, some of those lucky in the draw have withdrawn, and so their places have been taken by reserves, also balloted for.

BARLOW, J.	Sheffield
BEARD, R. G.	Winnersh
BROWN, J. R.	Nuneaton
BURLEY, E. J.	Stithians
BUTTERY, F.	Normanton-on-Stour
CAMPBELL, R. P.	Tweedmouth
CARNELL, W. C.	Bampton
CARTER, T. A.	Haughton-le-Skerne
CHEAL, T. H.	Salford, Somerset
CONLIN, P.	Brentford
COSTELLO, M.	Jaywick
CULL, F. W.	Derby
DEMBENSKI, A. A.	Cheltenham
DOWNS, S.	West House, Brighton
EDWARDS, W.	Brighton
ETHERINGTON, G. E.	Windlesham
EVANS, A. C.	Newport, Mon.
GAME, F. A.	Chislehurst
GARRITY, P.	Patcham
GRANSBY, H.	Perivale
GRIFFEE, F.	Bristol
HILLS, C.	Ramsgate
HUMPHREY, J.	Londonderry
ILLINGWORTH, J. T.	Moreton, Wirral
JAMES, F.	Hove
JEROME, S. K.	Harwell
JOLLY, G. A.	Blackpool
JORDAN, G. M.	Hove
KENT, T.	Chelmsford
LAMBOURNE, J. E.	Bletchley
LEES, Mrs.	Birkenhead
LEWIS, D.	Gwaun-cae-Gurwen
MCCARTHY, W.	Stretford, Manchester
MILNER, T.	Liverpool
MOORLEY, T. H.	Derby
NORTH, T.	Walsall
OLLIER, L. E.	Bury
PALLANZA, C.	Edgware
PRINCE, G. A.	Newcastle-on-Tyne
QUIGLEY, B.	Potto
REED, W.	Barry
RUSSELL, S.	Gorton, Manchester
SCOTT, W. T.	Streatham
SHAVE, R. W.	Osmington
SHAW, J.	Ashton-in-Makerfield

SMART, G.	Oving
SPRING, P.	Chessington
STAFFORD, C. J.	King's Langley
TAYLOR, J. S.	Doncaster
THORNTON, W.	Birmingham
TRIGGS, J.	Ashford
WALKER, C. J.	Holloway
WARIN, F.	East Rainton
WILLIAMS, T. A.	Sheringham
WOOD, W. C.	Southsea
WRIGLEY, W.	Droylesden, Manchester

Wireless for the Blind Fund

On the 15th May, Sir Ian Fraser's Christmas Appeal for the Wireless for the Blind Fund had reached the sum of £34,600. Possibly another £1,000 or £1,500 may be expected to come in. This will enable the Fund, together with certain legacies which are now coming in, to meet in full the aim to provide every blind person in Britain who has not got one with a wireless set this year. Subject to manufacturing and distribution difficulties, it is believed that practically all blind people will have their sets before the Coronation.

Queen Mary

The following has been received from the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace:—

"I have received the Queen's commands to thank St. Dunstan's on Her Majesty's behalf for the beautiful flowers so kindly sent as a tribute of respect and affection to the memory of Her late Majesty Queen Mary. The Queen and the Royal Family are deeply touched by this tribute.

(Signed) SCARBOROUGH,
April, 1953. Lord Chamberlain.

Derby Sweepstake

The draw for the Derby Sweepstake (which has now closed), will be made at the London Club on the evening of Friday, May 29th.

All those drawing a horse will be notified by letter.

London Club Notes

Indoor Section.—By the time these notes are published, the six weeks' Sir Arthur Pearson Whist aggregate competition will be completed. The closing date for the Sir Arthur Pearson games competition (Cribbage, Darts and Dominoes) was April 11th, and all is ready for Round 1. June 13th is the time limit for the first round.
W. BISHOP.

Bridge Notes.—On March 28th the Club played against the Civil Service and I regret to say we were defeated. On April 11th we won our match against the Inland Revenue, and on April 15th against the Blue Circle, believe it or not, we recorded another win. We were unsuccessful in a match against Mount Pleasant on April 28th.

On April 25th we had a very successful Bridge Drive in the Club. S. WEBSTER.

Outdoor Section.—On April 11th we invited His Worship the Mayor of Croydon to start our annual 15 mile Walk from South Croydon to Keston and back, and do us the honour of presenting the prizes. The day could not have been better and the start was made in glorious sunshine.

The field set off at a moderate pace, A. Brown, C. Williamson, W. Miller and T. Gaygan all bunched together at the first two miles. By the time we had gone 3 miles, the field was well spread out and at the half-way stage, A. Brown had got a commanding lead of nearly half a mile, with W. Miller second, C. Williamson third and the rest finding it hard going. W. Miller soon began to fall back and was displaced by C. Williamson at 8 miles.

The race was won by A. Brown—2 hrs. 28 mins. Second, C. Williamson, 2 hrs. 29 mins. Third, W. Miller, 2 hrs. 36 mins. Congratulations to D. Fleisig for winning the Handicap—an excellent performance on his first 15 mile. C. Williamson took 2nd Handicap and A. Brown 3rd Handicap. A. Brown again won the S.S. Points Cup. S. Tutton won the T.B. Points Cup, and C. Williamson won the Dr. Bridges Cup for the first T.B. man home. A. Brown and C. Williamson were the only two to break the time standard of 2 hrs. 35 mins. for the course.

Many thanks to Surrey Walking Club for the use of their Headquarters and to Mrs. Miller for providing the refreshments.

On Tuesday, April 14th, we had a 5 mile

race with the "Pearl" and Heath Insurance Offices. Considering this followed a hard 15, all are to be congratulated on putting up such a good performance.

Again D. Fleisig won the Handicap, a regular pot-hunter, this man. We won the team race by taking 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th places respectively by W. Miller, C. Williamson, A. Brown and S. Tutton.

We are still looking forward to seeing new faces. Start training now for next season, starting September 26th (approx.) with a two mile track race. Come along and enjoy the thrill of bursting blisters!

W. M. and C. W.

St. Dunstan's 15 Mile Walk

From the Stag and Hounds, Croydon.

Order of Finish	Time	H'cap			H'cap		
		All'nce	Time	Pos'n	All'nce	Time	Pos'n
		h	m	s	h	m	s
1. A. Brown	2 28 19	Scr.	2	28	18	3	
2. C. Williamson	2 29 35	2	10	2	27	25	2
3. W. Miller	2 36 51	Scr.	2	36	51	7	
4. T. Gaygan	2 41 46	1	30	2	41	46	8
5. S. Tutton	2 44 45	11	50	2	32	55	6
6. C. Stafford	2 50 54	20	35	2	30	19	4
7. L. Dennis	2 54 42	22	20	2	32	22	5
8. D. Fleisig	2 55 44	31	20	2	24	24	1

Winner of the Dr. Chittenden Bridges Cup for the first totally blind man; C. Williamson.

Winners of the Aggregate Points Cup:—

T.B. Section; S. Tutton, 115 points.

S.S. Section; A. Brown, 117 points.

Winners of Scratch Medals:—

1st A. Brown.

2nd C. Williamson.

3rd W. Miller.

Winners of Standard Time Medals (2h. 35m.):—

A. Brown. C. Williamson.

Five Mile Walking Match

St. Dunstan's, Pearl Assurance Co.,
C. E. Heath & Co.

Order of Finish	Club	Time	H'cp		
			All.	Time.	Pos.
Comp.		m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	
1. Thompson	Pearl	41-48	10	43-48	3
2. Miller	St. D's	43-58	10	43-48	3
3. Dyter	Pearl	44-09	—	—	—
4. Williamson	St. D's	44-27	20	44-07	4
5. Brown	St. D's	45-03	Scr.	45-03	6
6. Tutton	St. D's	47-23	2-33	44-33	5
7. Nicholas	Pearl	47-41	—	—	—
8. Bradley	St. D's	47-59	5-20	42-39	2
9. Cornes	Pearl	50-15	—	—	—
10. Fleisig	St. D's	50-17	8-10	42-07	1
11. Ash	C.E.H.	52-18	—	—	—
12. Carrol	C.E.H.	52-28	—	—	—
13. Snell	C.E.H.	53-04	—	—	—
14. Meek	C.E.H.	53-04	—	—	—
15. Stratford	C.E.H.	54-49	—	—	—

Match Result:

St. Dunstan's 2, 4, 5, 6, 17 points.

Pearl Assurance 1, 3, 7, 9, 20 points.

C. E. Heath & Co. 11, 12, 13, 14, 50 points.

Handicap Prize kindly presented by C. E. Heath & Co.

Presentation to Mr. Mackay

There was a happy ceremony at the London Club on Tuesday evening, April 21st, when Mr. Mackay was presented with the gifts subscribed for by St. Dunstaners all over the country upon his retirement as Welfare Superintendent.

Mr. A. D. Lloyds, Deputy Secretary, said the London Club was an appropriate place to make such a presentation, since it enabled as many men as possible to attend. Mr. Lloyds then asked Mr. Percy Ashton, President of the London Club, to make the presentation.

In a model speech, Percy wished Mr. and Mrs. Mackay great happiness and success in the future, and then handed to Mr. Mackay a Parker Pen and Pencil set. The gift was inscribed:—

"Alex Mackay, from his friends at St. Dunstan's, 1952."

At the same time, he gave him an envelope containing a cheque for the remainder of the monies subscribed.

Mr. Mackay received a warm welcome when he rose to reply. He said that the first thing he would do with the pen was to endorse the cheque. The second would be to write a cheque for the gifts which he intended to buy with the amount it represented. Although he had spoken to St. Dunstaners in every part of the United Kingdom, he had never spoken to so many at one time in London. To think, he said, of so many "rogues" under one roof! (Laughter). But Mr. Mackay was serious when he said that his relations with St. Dunstan's men had always been of the happiest. No one could have wished for better friends. He was deeply sorry to leave them, but the help and experience they had given him would, he felt, be of tremendous value to him in the work he was shortly to take up among the blind of East Africa.

After Mr. Bert Crabtree had spoken "as a St. Dunstaner who was also a member of the staff," the meeting broke up and St. Dunstaners went to give Mr. and Mrs. Mackay their personal good wishes before going on to the usual evening's whist.

Mr. Mackay Writes—

Dear St. Dunstaners

I am asking the Editor to spare me a few lines in the REVIEW to say thanks to all my St. Dunstaner friends who contributed

towards the gift presented to me by Mr. Percy Ashton on April 21st. I am delighted with the Parker Pen and Pencil, and the cheque is already earmarked to purchase travelling cases for my journey to East Africa.

I have been appointed to the administrative staff of the British Empire Society for the Blind, and will be leaving England to set up an office in Kampala, Uganda, at the end of the summer. I am looking forward eagerly to my new job, and as blindness in East Africa is a staggering problem, I know I will be kept fully occupied. I only hope that I shall be able to do something, even in a small way, to relieve the untold suffering caused by blindness in that part of the Empire.

My wife joins me in sending our kindest regards and very best wishes to all St. Dunstaners and their wives. You will often be in our thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

ALEX MACKAY.

Liverpool Club

Saturday, April 18th, was the day of our Annual General Meeting, and we had proof of the unfailing interest by a good attendance of members. There was a touch of sadness added to the proceedings by the marked absence of our late Hon. Treasurer, Alex Wright. Out of respect and affection the meeting observed a minute's silence. Afterwards the Chairman delivered his report of the Club year and expressed much satisfaction. The business of re-electing a Committee was a simple affair for the Club as a whole decided that for the main part the same Committee would serve for the coming year, namely:—

President, Captain Halloway; Chairman, J. C. Owen; Vice-Chairman, A. Lincoln; Secretary, T. Milner; Assistant Secretary, G. Ellis; Treasurer, T. Kinder; Rest of Committee: E. Cooper, J. Blakely, H. Matthews.

The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks which loses nothing in sincerity by its annual repetition. The ladies of the Club were thanked warmly for the unselfish help and encouragement during the past twelve months.

"FRISBY."

St. Dunstan's Holiday Camp

Royal Barracks, Lee-on-Solent, Gosport, Hants. Friday, August 7th, to Saturday, August 15th. Camp fee, 25s. All fares over £1 paid.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

Issue . . . controversial? Comparisons are . . .? Sister . . . Why not? Down for a fortnight . . . not good at connecting voice with names. What then? Is it to be "Hi, Miss?" or "Hither, wench"? Oh no, Mr. Ellis! What the Dickens! Pray let us have something that jingles!

Yours truly,

West Wickham, Kent. S. F. PRIDEAUX.

DEAR EDITOR,

Why "Sister"? The answer is simple. We were taught that mode of address and the usage of same to-day is simply the result of our training. G. Ellis states that "for a person to be addressed as sister, she should have special qualifications and undergone special training, acquired special skills, and able to shoulder responsibilities." That does apply to nursing sisters, but has he not heard of other "sisters"? What about Sisters of Mercy? In my family there are seven girls younger than myself and each, on the day of her arrival, was called "sister," and they are still called "sister." They each arrived untrained, unskilled, and unable to take any responsibilities. Immediately a V.A.D. entered St. Dunstan's in the old days she was addressed as "Sister," and, with we fellows of the 1914 vintage, I think she will remain "Sister" to the end of the chapter. Has anyone any objections?

Yours sincerely,

Thetford.

B. A. HAMILTON.

P.S.—I am pleased to note that there are now odd ones of the 1939 men who are now beginning to sit up and take notice, and to ask the "whys and wherefores" of the activities of St. Dunstan's. Keep it up, Ellis, and get your friends to do likewise. It will one day be you alone who will have to carry the torch, and when the time comes for you to hand it on, I trust you will do so with as much pride as we old 'uns now have in handing it on.—B.A.H.

DEAR EDITOR,

George Ellis says that the title "Sister" must be embarrassing to the ladies, and is mostly used by the old St. Dunstaners of the First World War. It is equally embarrassing to the older men of the 1914 war to be consistently referred to and addressed by some of these youngsters as "Daddy" and "Pop" in tones that suggest they are "has-beens." I should like to register the

fact that the title of "Sister" conveys all the dignity which apparently Mr. Ellis thinks should be reserved for the actual hospital sisters. When I came to St. Dunstan's from hospital in both Manchester and London, I was told that I should address all the V.A.D.s, several of whom were titled ladies and some were "Mrs.," as "Sister." It was many months before I was acquainted by their voices with Sisters who were both married and titled ladies. We men of the 1914-1918 war were deeply appreciative, and still are, of the privilege of calling these ladies by the traditional and affectionate word "Sister." I know that many of the callow youths of to-day are following the G.I. technique of addressing all the younger generation of the opposite sex as "Sister," and in this modern age, where titles and ranks are largely being de-bunked, the words "Brother" and "Sister" have become something more than the family relationship or the hospital title. As long as St. Dunstan's is St. Dunstan's and not a "Rehabilitation Centre for Visually Defectives" that some seem to think is a preferable title, and as long as I am privileged to spend a holiday there no lady will feel embarrassed when I address her in the traditional form as "Sister."

Yours sincerely,

Castle Cary.

A. J. RADFORD.

DEAR EDITOR,

Regarding Mr. George Ellis's remarks as to calling any "female" member of St. Dunstan's staff "Sister." He thinks his observations will make little impression. Well, they have made a very deep impression on me, because I happen to be one of the men of the 1914-18 War, and I happen to have experienced some of the original "happy family" spirit and comradeship which any way existed until the Second World War ended. I never found any lady embarrassed at being addressed as "Sister," she might be embarrassed if addressed as "Miss" when she was "Mrs.," or *vice versa*. It is a St. Dunstan's tradition to address any of the ladies of the staff as "Sister"; even the "Spat Brigade" do this!

Yours faithfully,

Haywards Heath.

JACK YOUNG.

DEAR EDITOR,

I am afraid my comrade, George Ellis, is treading on very dangerous ground

(from an arguing point of view) when he tries to pin down almost *any* word in the English language to a particular meaning. Fifty years ago one could perhaps say that this word meant this or that word meant that, but not so to-day (thanks to the G.I.s.).

I think that most of our boys look on the V.A.D.s as sisters in relationship in much the same way as many St. Dunstaners address each other as "Brother," as I myself do.

I believe the term "Sister" was given to the nursing profession by Florence Nightingale on a religious sense, as in the church every human being is referred to as "brother" or "sister." The term Sister, a nurse, or orderly, were later used in hospital to denote rank, much the same as in the army (to which she was attached) private, corporal and sergeant are used.

Yours faithfully,
Edgware. CYRIL PALLANZA.

DEAR EDITOR,

George Ellis suspects that his observations regarding the use of the term "Sister" will make little impression on St. Dunstaners, and does not wish to make a major issue of this, but I suspect that the majority of St. Dunstaners would be at a loss for an alternative means of addressing the female staff who live and move with the men at Ovingdean.

It may be fairly easy for one who has spent a lot of time at Ovingdean to identify even the sound of the footsteps of any particular V.A.D., and much easier to identify her voice at a distance, but it might easily happen that there might be a "Sister" at the other end of the settee or quite near, and she, whoever she was, would answer the call.

With few exceptions, the 1914-1918 St. Dunstaners are just casual visitors to Ovingdean, and they cannot be expected to know whether the female member of the staff is Mrs. or Miss, and the position is still more difficult when surnames are concerned.

I'm sure that the majority of St. Dunstaners are conscious of the correct use of the title in its hospital sense, but the word has a wider application, and I feel that there would have to be a representative conference of St. Dunstaners if it was necessary to decide on an alternative "general title"

which would suit the men and at the same time not embarrass the female members of the staff.

If a dictionary definition of the word "Sister" will set George's mind at rest, the following may be quoted: "A woman of the same faith; a female of the same society, convent, abbey, etc., a female of the same kind or nature; to be near to."

Surely our female staff are of the same society in serving us, and also very near to us, and there seems to be ample justification for the continued use of the term.

Yours sincerely,
Ashton-in-Makerfield. JIM SHAW.
DEAR EDITOR,

I think we should all agree with Sir Ian on the question of the reproduction of Hansard in braille. Such extensive reporting would only be read by, as he says, a handful of people. For the rest of us, such reporting as "To-day in Parliament" and the many discussions that take place on the radio, give us all the parliamentary news we require—perhaps more than we like.

Whether the reader on the Talking Book should read, or to some extent act the part, I think depends very much on the book and the reader. One can agree heartily with Sir Ian that the intrusion of the reader can sometimes be very objectionable, but the Texan accent in "The Yearling" positively makes the book; and I suggest that "London Belongs to Me," which I believe was read by Lionel Gamlin, is far better for the way in which it is read. The remarkable acting of the various people in this makes the book live, whereas when I had it read to me, the London character did not come out nearly as clearly as it does in the Talking Book.

Yours sincerely,
Temple Guiting, Glos. JOHN A. ORIEL.

DEAR EDITOR,

Please, why are the "dear girls" never mentioned in the speeches at the Reunions? It is always "The Men of St. Dunstan's" (with a capital M), or the wives, or the staff, or the waitresses, but never are the words "The Girls of St. Dunstan's" ever uttered.

We know we are very much in the minority, but we make our presence heard and felt as much, if not more, than all the "dear boys" put together.

Up the Girls! Yours sincerely,
Morecambe. MARGARET STANWAY.

On The Air

Peggy Pilon is to broadcast on the Home Service on May 27th, as present arrangements stand.

A. Scott, of Belfast, has made a recording in Belfast, but as we go to press it is not yet known when it will go on the air.

In a programme on the Home Service on April 28th, called "An English Journey," our handless St. Dunstaner, E. ("Ted") Miller, who is a guide at Warwick Castle, told Celia Johnson—and listeners—of one of the wonderful paintings there.

South African News

From that admirable little magazine, "The St. Dunstan's (S.A.) Review," we learn of George Wagner's engagement and marriage to a fellow-passenger, Mrs. Lola Clifton, on his arrival from England.

Another engagement is that of James Crawford to Miss Ivy Patterson.

A recent arrival to South Africa is the Rev. Michael Norman. On New Year's Eve, Mr. Norman spoke in a radio programme called "New Year's Resolutions."

The Municipal Elections

Congratulations to Charles Cooper who has been re-elected to Worthing Town Council with a majority of one thousand over his opponents.

It was a disappointment to A. Adams, of Balby, Doncaster, that for economy reasons the Ward which he had hoped to contest as a Liberal candidate was cancelled.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, of Southwick, who celebrated their golden wedding on April 19th.

Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. George Lund, West Hartlepool, February 17th.

Ruby Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ridley, East Finchley, May 4th.

Grandfathers

J. Kennedy, of Barnhill by Dundee, a grand-daughter on January 31st and a grand-son on March 7th; E. J. Blundell, of Eton; J. Lambourne, of Bletchley; J. Lovell, of Gloucester; G. Wishart, West Stanley; L. Price, Manor Park.

The Final at Last

I think I am the first deaf St. Dunstaner to go to the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley, and, I think, being the first deaf man to enter St. Dunstan's and a keen follower of the game, it was fitting too. What an amazing day to be sure I was at Ovingdean for the deaf reunion, but met my wife at Brighton station, and the journey to Charing Cross was just normal, but there we ran right into it! You must realise my wife has been taking me to football for 30 years, and she too was realising a 30 years' ambition. The platform became more crammed when a train came, someone spotted my badge, "Coom on lad," he said, as he assisted me into the train and, like a lot of sardines in a very warm tin, we journeyed to Wembley. But they were a good-humoured lot. I found a lot of kindness when I wanted a gentlemen's cloakroom, and many a man put his mouth to my ear and I felt a hot breath as he shouted to me. But not knowing what team he supported I just shook hands and said "good luck," and was pushed back to where my wife awaited me.

My wife settled down to describe fully the whole scene, starting from the Royal Box and going round the stadium to the cameramen and film machines, and all the radio and television equipment. She then described Mr. Attlee arriving, with Mrs. Attlee, and a few minutes later Lord Woolton and other celebrities, and then the Queen and the Duke and the Princess.

The game itself was broadcast and in the newspapers. Nevertheless, the dramatic way in which it started, with Lofthouse, the Bolton centre, scoring in two minutes, and the thrilling way it ended, with that splendid run of Stanley Matthews, and the final goal a minute from the end, stamps the game as the best we ever went to, and we have seen some, I can tell you.

GEORGE FALLOWFIELD.

Chess

Will all St. Dunstaners interested in a Chess Week-end at Ovingdean please drop a line to Mr. C. D. Wills, General Welfare Superintendent, at Headquarters. If there is sufficient support for such a function it is proposed to hold a Chess Week-end from Friday, November 27th, to Monday, 30th.

From All Quarters

From the Annual Report of the Institution of Chemical Engineers: "The Osborne Reynolds Medal for 1952 was awarded to Mr. J. A. Oriol, C.B.E., M.C., in recognition of his many services to the Institution, and especially as Chairman of the Nomination Committee."

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On April 25th, J. R. Brown, of Nuneaton, attended the Reunion in Bury of his old regiment, the Lancashire Fusiliers. The next day he was on church parade, and at the march past of the Memorial marking the first landing at the Dardanelles. Our St. Dunstaner, who first began soldiering in 1906, was in that landing, so that it was a meeting of many old friends.

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Maureen Lees has been elected a member of the newly-formed Cheshire Weavers' Guild.

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Coronation celebrations are giving J. S. Hodgson, of Fotheringay, near Peterborough, a very busy time, as he is responsible for the arrangements, the flood-lighting, and a supper for the entire village. Mr. Hodgson has just been sworn in as People's Church Warden for the tenth consecutive year.

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L. Faulkner, of Northwich, recently completed twenty years with his firm and, with other employees, was entertained by them and given a braille wristlet watch.

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The name of the National Institute for the Blind, which was granted a Royal Charter in 1949, has now been changed to the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

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Speaking at the opening of a handicrafts and fancy fare exhibition at Rottingdean in aid of the R.N.I.B., Mr. W. T. Curtis-Willson said that in Brighton they had a very proud tradition of service to the blind. He pleaded for the continuance of voluntary aid. The exhibition was opened by Mr. George Robey. Air Commodore G. B. Dacre was chairman.

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One of the keenest supporters at Wembley for the England and Scottish international match was Bill Wrigley, one of our handless lads. One of Bill's coaches took thirty-two Droylsden Soccer fans to London.

Another handless St. Dunstaner, Dicky Brett, was featured in the *Daily Dispatch* of Manchester, of April 25th, when he, with Joe Walsh, had travelled from Brighton to play darts with local St. Dunstaners at the United Veterans' Club, Bolton.

Leslie Webber is now Chairman of Tewkesbury Round Table. There are two relatives of St. Dunstaners in this Club—John Law, the elder son of A. V. Law, of Pensax, Stockton, and Gerald Coopey, son-in-law of F. Stew, of Shuthonger.

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D. Owen, of Rhos-on-Sea, won third prize for hyacinths in the Colwyn Bay Horticulture Society Show.

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Doug Cashmore gave away the prizes at a Selly Oak whist drive last month and made a good speech.

The Reunions

The Manchester Reunion on April 16th was a "grand do." How these Lancashire lads and lasses can enjoy themselves! Over seventy St. Dunstaners were present to meet Lady Fraser and Mr. D. G. Hopewell, who is a member of our Executive Council. Miss Vaughan-Davies and Mrs. Dunphy were also among those who attended.

The Colchester party at the Red Lion Hotel on April 22nd was a smaller but very happy "family" affair. Like the Norwich meeting the following day, it was organised by Miss Hester Pease, assisted by Miss Hensley. Mr. Hopewell was a popular guest at Norwich, too, as he was at Doncaster two days later. Sir Ian and Lady Fraser had hoped to attend, but much to their regret they were unable to do so. Sir Ian sent the following message, which was read at the Reunion. "After a very bad week in the House of Commons, I caught a cold and cannot come. Lady Fraser and I are very disappointed, but send you all our best wishes."

As we went to press the two Liverpool meetings took place on Friday and Saturday, the 8th and 9th of May. Lady Fraser attended the Friday meeting, with Mr. T. F. Lister, C.B.E., the first Chairman of the British Legion and a new member of St. Dunstan's Council. Mr. D. G. Hopewell was present on the Saturday and the other guests of honour were Major D. L. Charters, F.R.C.S., and Mrs. Charters

I Remember . . .

During the last war we had a number of police drafted here who were unfamiliar with the place. I was returning home one night, or rather early one morning, after performing a ceremony in Winchester. I was in evening kit with my regalia case in my hand. On the way I had to pass a very well-known Cable Works, the entrance of which was guarded by huge iron gates, through which lorries constantly passed. On reaching these I always feel along them to make sure that they are closed in case a lorry shoots out. I was cautiously feeling my way across when a hand was clapped on my shoulder and a voice said "We are Police Officers. What are you doing here and what have you got in that case?" I proceeded to explain but although I produced my identity card, they insisted that I should go to the station with them. It was about one-thirty, and I did not feel very happy. I gave them my address and said that the Superintendent of Police knew me. After a whispered conversation they decided to come home with me. They did so and were not satisfied until I put my key in the door.

I got my own back about a week later. I was returning home and had passed the Police Station some quarter of a mile since when a burly figure bumped into me. There was a heavy raid on at the time and, after apologising to me, he asked me where the Police Station was. I thought that perhaps it was some poor bloke whose house had been bombed and, taking him by the arm, led him back and pushed him into the doors of the Station, whereupon he thanked me, saying that he had only been drafted there that day and has lost his way. I told him that a St. Dunstaner had shown him the way and left him speechless with exertion and surprise. BILL LOWINGS.

Coronation Carnival Dance

On Coronation Night (Tuesday, 3rd June) there will be a Carnival Dance held in the Lounge at Ovingdean from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. After the dance transport will be arranged to Brighton Aquarium, etc.

Local St. Dunstaners will be welcome to the dance but they must apply to Ovingdean not later than Friday, 29th May, for a ticket for the Dance. Admission will be by ticket only.

Ovingdean Notes

On 22nd April, Mr. Hugh Burnett of the Far Eastern Service of the B.B.C. visited Ovingdean to make preliminary arrangements to do a feature programme about St. Dunstan's in an English programme of the Far Eastern Service. At the beginning of this month recordings were made of interviews with Mr. William Deeds, M.P., chatting to several St. Dunstaners about themselves. Those interviewed were four from World War 1 (J. Walsh, now teaching Braille at Ovingdean, K. Gattrell—Telephonist at Ovingdean, J. Mahony—Physiotherapist at Ovingdean and W. Dunn of Canvey Island) and two from World War II now training at Ovingdean (P. Harris and Dorothy Phillippo). We are hoping that Mr. Burnett may be able to let us all hear the final recorded programme after it has been broadcast in "London calling Asia."

From one form of entertainment to another—this time from the world of Variety. Tessie O'Shea, appearing at the Brighton Hippodrome this week, made a welcome personal visit to Ovingdean and brought along with her one or two other artists also appearing in the stage show. Numerous photographs were taken, including one, which appeared later in the "Brighton Argus" of Joe Walton balancing Tessie on his knee—it is just possible to see Joe's wide grin!!

Sports Day—Ovingdean

As previously announced Sports Day will be held at Ovingdean on Saturday, 11th July, commencing at 2.30 p.m. We hope to have many entries from the Clubs and individual St. Dunstaners.

The main items will be as in previous years, but if you would like to have a complete list please drop a note to Miss Guilbert at Ovingdean. Then decide upon the races you are going to enter and see that your name reaches Mr. Jarrold *not later than 30th June*.

Sussex St. Dunstaners will be receiving invitations individually later, but we are hoping that any St. Dunstaner who knows he will be down this way at the time, but not staying in the Home, will apply as early as possible for a Tea Ticket by writing to Miss Guilbert.

It may sound as if we are asking for all arrangements to be made very early but it does so help with catering, etc., to be able to accurately estimate numbers attending.

Talking Book Library

April Appreciation

There is no room for the "cackle" this month because six "hosses" claim the right of way.

"Queen Elizabeth," by J. Neale, reader Arthur Bush, is no romantic fairy tale but a fair account of the terrifying odds faced by our first superb Elizabeth and of her triumphs achieved invariably at great personal grief. Even though historical biography leaves you cold, this must provide interest simply to compare Elizabethan Era I with our Elizabethan Era.

"Strafford," by C. Wedgwood, reader Gordon Little, among other things, was the only man who might have averted the Civil War. This version of the life of Thomas Wentworth, Lord Strafford, makes him the main prop of Charles I, who seems not to grasp the fact, until too late, that he needed a prop of any kind other than Divine Right. Strafford must have been of fine calibre for, as Viceroy of Ireland, he managed to straighten out its corrupt and tangled administration as never before. He was tried and executed by the Parliamentarians as the most dangerous man on the other side.

"Just as it Happened," by Newman Flower, reader Norman Shelley, is a delightfully informal volume of interview and anecdote during the long and interesting career of a publisher. A book to dip into again and again and thoroughly enjoy. Many familiar names such as Lily Langtry, Mr. Asquith, and many more of such varied interests appear in interviews. A pleasant and restful book written by one who knows good writing, read by one who knows all about reading, and recorded by our own painstaking studio staff.

"God So Loved the World," by Elizabeth Goudge, reader Alvar Liddell, appeals to me most strongly as an excellent, delicate book on the Life of Christ. I know many people hate the idea of such a subject in novel form, but I will give my right hand if any take offence at this fine work.

"Desperate Voyage," by John Caldwell, reader Arthur Bush, is an epic of extreme foolishness, matched by a somewhat awe-inspiring courage. Object—Panama to Sydney in a 29-footer single-handed with no sailing experience. Wrecked and repaired—through the heart of a hurricane, starvation and thirst—to final wreck and

success. It makes the Kon Tiki Expedition a simple pleasure cruise and is a humdinger when the preliminary rashness fades out. Written by an amateur maybe, but that only makes it the more convincing.

"Arms and the Men," by Ian Hay, reader David Lloyd James, traces the British Army, men and weapons, from Charles II to the present day. It is informative and full of interest, and there are more incidents than statistics incorporated.

This month includes, I believe, the best set of books it has been my pleasure to put before you, but I cannot choose the "pick of the month" with any conviction. Over to you—

"NELSON."

From the Chairman's Post-Bag

The following is an extract from a letter recently received by Sir Ian Fraser:

"A year, or perhaps a little more, after I was blinded on munitions, my father and I went for the last time to the Manchester eye surgeon. We were told my case was hopeless. In the time before our train left, we went to a training institution for the blind. We walked up to the door. Before we knocked I felt a sudden strange feeling that we were doing the wrong thing. I said "Don't knock." We came away without knocking. Shortly after that a jeweller, named Mr. Sam Leighton, a well known personage who was keenly interested in the work of St. Dunstan's, recommended me to get into touch with Sir Arthur Pearson. I did so and am still blessing the day. I think God had a hand in guiding me to Sir Arthur Pearson and St. Dunstan's."

Lancaster.

T. TILL.

Placements

B. C. Hughes, on gauging work with Messrs. Willmot Breedon, Limited, Tyseley, Birmingham; H. Croyman, as a shop-keeper (tobacco and confectionery) at Sydenham.

Ladies Only?

Mrs. Maureen Lees suggests that since our girls have such varied interests and have acquired such skill in them, hints could be passed on to each other by means of the REVIEW. This is a good idea and the Editor will welcome such tips. Perhaps they won't only be of interest to our girl St. Dunstaners.

Young St. Dunstaners

Margaret Frampton (Higham's Park), has passed her final examinations and is now a State Registered Nurse.

Alan Leigh (Warrington) was a prize-winner in a "Sunday Chronicle" Painting Competition.

Nora Bithell (Chester) has passed with merit the First Steps Examination (Trinity College) for music.

Marriages

Andrew Murphy, Glasgow, on April 17th, to Miss Ellen Dorwood Aitken.

Maureen Robinson (Scarborough) to F. Dixon.

Jack Roylance (Atherton) on March 14th to Miss Eileen Fleming.

Albert Kennedy (Barnhill by Dundee), on March 6th, to Miss Elizabeth Barnett.

Dorothy Maskell (Hunmanby) on March 21st, to William Gray.

Thomas Brougham, Speke, Liverpool, on February 28th, to Miss Sheila Pratt.

For Sale

A blind friend of our St. Dunstaner, W. T. Scott, of Streatham, has for sale a three-wheeled side by side cycle, with independent pedalling, synchronised three-speed gear and Mini-Motor attached. It is in good running order with one new back tyre and the other two in good condition. The motor has done under 400 miles and has been decarbonised.

The machine is very suitable for a blind person and his or her guide. The owner's wife has on one occasion taken out a deaf-blind friend and signalled to him by tapping his arm. The price asked is £30 for machine and motor complete. These machines, incidentally, are no longer made.

The Editor, who has seen a photograph of the machine, will be glad to put St. Dunstaners interested in touch with "Scotty's" friend.

Wanted—

A Moon Book on Gardening

In the days of Church Stretton a book on Gardening was published in Moon for St. Dunstaners. Has any St. Dunstaner still got a copy, and, if so, would he be willing to lend it to another St. Dunstaner? Mr. S. Jones, Men's Supplies, would be very glad indeed to hear.

Births

LEGGE.—On May 8th, to the wife of J. Legge, of Bristol, a son—Alistair Simon.

Marriages

JESSUP—MILLIGAN.—On May 9th, at Brighton, G. Jessup to Mrs. Cyrilla Margaret Milligan.

COOPER.—On April 25th, K. Cooper, of Eastbourne.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:—

BEE.—To D. Bee, of Bolton, whose mother, with whom he lived, has died.

CLARKE.—To T. E. Clarke, of Worthing, whose wife died on April 24th.

DUGDALE.—To Norman Dugdale, of Moston, Manchester, whose father has recently died.

HUMPHREYS.—To E. J. Humphreys, of Surbiton, whose wife died on April 21st.

MARR.—To E. Marr, of Blackburn, who lost his mother on March 5th.

PARKER.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parker, of Cowley, Oxford, in the loss of their baby grandson (incorrectly reported in the March REVIEW as their son.)

PRINTIE.—To R. Printie, of Edinburgh, in his double bereavement. His sister died in February at the age of 64, and his brother died in the same month at the age of 40.

REASON.—To F. R. G. Reason, of Bothenhampton, near Bridport, who lost his father on April 6th.

STAMPER.—To T. D. Stamper, of Addlestone, and his wife, whose 22-year-old grandson was drowned when a cargo boat to Scotland capsized and all on board lost their lives. The lad lived with Mr. and Mrs. Stamper for many years.

Mrs. T. E. Clarke

Mrs. T. E. Clarke, of Worthing, whose death is reported above, will be better known to St. Dunstaners' as Miss Drury.

Miss Drury was a Red Cross worker during the First World War and will be remembered as one of St. Dunstan's loyal helpers of that time, giving her services freely as reader and braille teacher.

" In Memory "

Private John Abruzzese Bruce, 1st King's Own Scottish Borderers

With deep regret we record the death of J. A. Bruce, of Huntingdon, which occurred in hospital on April 15th. He would have been 53 on the 10th of this month.

He came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1919, and trained in mat-making. For many years he worked at this but transferred to string bags a little time before he gave up work two years ago. He had had many spells of ill-health but it was hoped that he was improving. He was admitted to hospital a few days before his death and died following an operation.

Cremation took place on April 18th and the service was attended by a St. Dunstaner, Mr. W. Shea, and Mrs. Shea. Mrs. Wakelin was also present.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his widow.

Private Albion John Foster, Labour Corps

We record with deep regret the death of A. J. Foster, of Hastings. He was seventy-five.

When he came to St. Dunstan's in February, 1925, he trained in mat-making, but his health prevented him working at this for long. He then transferred to netting. He had been in poor health for some considerable time and he died in hospital, to which he had been admitted a short time before.

He leaves a widow to whom our very sincere sympathy is extended.

Corporal Andrew Isaac, 1/3 Highland Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

It is with deep regret that we record the death of A. Isaac, of Glasgow.

He served with his regiment from August, 1914, until October of the following year, but it was not until 1926 that he entered St. Dunstan's. He trained in mat-making and boot-repairing but for a very long time now, as a result of his age and health, his life has been a very quiet one.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his family, and in particular to Winnie, his daughter, who has only recently married. It was after her wedding that her father was taken ill and died at his home on April 18th.

Stoker Petty Officer Theodore Alexander Leopold Probitts, Royal Navy

With deep regret we record the death of T. A. L. Probitts, of Middle Barton, which occurred on April 20th as the result of a tragic accident.

When he came to St. Dunstan's in February, 1950, his health forbade any form of training. Since 1940 he had been an invalid and unable to walk. He had been in the habit of lighting his cigarette from a small paraffin lamp by his wheel chair. While his wife was away for a short while, the lamp apparently fell, and although the fire was out when Mrs. Probitts returned, her husband had suffered severe injuries and shock, and died in hospital shortly afterwards.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Probitts and her grown-up family in their sad loss.

Private Alexander Wright, Royal Flying Corps

It is with deep regret that we record the death of A. Wright, of Wavertree, Liverpool.

He served throughout the 1914-1918 war but it was not until 1948 that he came to St. Dunstan's. He was already settled in business and he carried on with this until a few months before his death. He had a serious operation in hospital but was home for a day or two before he died on April 4th.

At the funeral the coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and among the large gathering of mourners at the Service were his St. Dunstan's comrades, Messrs. Ingham, Holland, Jackson, Blakeley and Jackman. At the cremation at Anfield, and representing St. Dunstan's Liverpool Club, were Captain Halloway (Chairman) and Messrs. Milner, Lincoln, Mathews, Dickenson, Halsall and Shayler.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Wright and her family, and to members of the Liverpool Club who mourn a good comrade.

Fireman Frederick Champniss, Royal Navy

With deep regret we record the death of Frederick Champniss, of Hove, at the age of sixty-four.

He lost his sight while serving on the troopship, S.S. *Mimelonka*, and he came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1915. He was a basket-maker for some time and later had a smallholding, from which he retired some two years ago.

Wreaths from his Brighton friends, and a poppy wreath from Sir Ian Fraser were sent for the funeral at the Downs Crematorium on April 10th.

He was twice married and our sincere sympathy goes to his widow and small daughter, and to his grown-up family.

Mr. Patrick Condon

We very much regret that in the list of those attending the funeral of our late St. Dunstaner, Dennis Driscoll, of Cork,

Mrs. P. Condon's name was given last month as the widow of a St. Dunstaner, instead of the wife. Pat, his friends will be very glad to know, is very much alive.