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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Well Done, Archie!

A RCHIE Brown is fifty-nine. He is a St. Dunstaner who has very slight guiding sight and the other day he walked 105 miles in just under twenty-four hours. His friend, Fred Duff, a London policeman and keen amateur walker, strode beside him from London to Brighton and back. When Archie wandered a little to right or left, as was sometimes inevitable, a touch of the hand or a word set him right. The strain on both was exceptional, but they both finished in good shape.

So Archie and Fred became Centurions—members of one of the most exclusive clubs in the world, men who have walked 100 miles within twenty-four hours. And Archie becomes its first blind member. Bravo, Archie! Your power to stick it out, your fitness, your skill, and your smile do you credit.

Archie Brown is a physiotherapist living in Cricklewood. I hope his prowess will do his practice good. He certainly deserves it.

Mr. Askew's Presentation

The fund for a presentation to Mr. Askew is going strong. Soon we shall have the overseas contributions in and we will then consult Mr. Askew as to what he would like as a gift to remind him of his life's work for St. Dunstan's.

We think it a good idea to make the presentation at the London Reunion on September 23rd because this is the occasion on which the largest number of St. Dunstaners can be present. We will invite one man, to be chosen by ballot, from each of the Welfare Visitors' areas to come, so as to ensure a token representation of the whole country, including Scotland, Wales and Ireland. I am sorry that many who would like to be there cannot, but this is the best we can do and I can see no other way without unfairness or great organisation and expense, which would not, I think, be right and would not, I am sure, please Mr. Askew.

The Television Licence

The Government have adopted my Bill to reduce a Television licence from £3 to £2 for a family in which there is a blind person. The Bill has had a second reading and in all probability will be the law of the land by the time you read this. Many St. Dunstaners wrote to me about this, and I said I would look into the matter.

St. Dunstan's, the Royal National Institute for the Blind, and the British Wireless for the Blind Fund think it would not be reasonable to ask any Government to give us free T.V. licences. After all, television is not necessary for the blind themselves, and it is a plainly visual art. But the introduction of the combined licence for T.V. and Sound at the inclusive figure of £3 effectively deprived the blind person of the advantage which he had hitherto enjoyed of having a Sound radio licence free. The Bill gives the Postmaster-General power he did not have before to charge a blind person a lower rate than an ordinary listener-viewer and I understand that the charge will be £2. Members of Parliament of all parties supported the Bill, and I thanked the Government and Parliament on behalf of my blind friends. Thus the Act of 1926, which I introduced so long ago, is brought up to date. It is nice to think that Parliament is not too busy to attend to a matter so small as this and affecting so few citizens.

IAN FRASER.

Councillor Godfrey Robinson

We offer sincere congratulations to Mr. Godfrey Robinson, C.B.E., M.C., of North Ferriby, who has been elected to Hull City Council at a bye-election by a substantial majority. Mr. Robinson, who is a Member of St. Dunstan's Council and Chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, was Sheriff of the City and County of Kingston-upon-Hull for the year 1941-42.

Rotary

W. G. Roy Ward, of Maidenhead, who is a horticulturist, has been elected to Maidenhead Rotary Club.

News of Other St. Dunstaners

Councillor Charles Cooper asked the Worthing Town Council to grant free use of deck chairs and cheap admission to Corporation entertainments and free admission to the Pier to the blind of the town. The Chairman of the appropriate Committee said that if a formal request was made they would consider it.

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After a nationwide ballot, Jock Macfarlane has been elected to the Working Party Committee of the Civil Service Union representing all telephonists, blind and sighted.

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H. W. Greatrex, of Peacehaven, has been re-elected to the Parish Council and made Chairman for the fourth year in succession.

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Charles Stafford, of King's Langley, was this year appointed physiotherapist to the women competitors at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

Peter Harris, of Ovingdean, was the author of a page article in the magazine, "The Lady"; it was in a series "Women at Work," and was entitled "The St. Dunstan's V.A.D."

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T. Wood, of Grange-over-Sands, took part in "Gardener's Question Time" when it was broadcast on May 20th. He put a question to the panel and later was congratulated by Freddy Grisewood, the Chairman, on his reputation as an expert exhibitor and grower of prize chrysanthemums and vegetables.

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While at Brighton recently, W. A. Bramson, of Northampton, looked around for a present for his motor-cyclist son and decided on a crash helmet. The night that he had his present, Edward went out wearing it for the first time. Swerving to avoid a turning car, he hit a grass verge and was thrown into a ditch. His head struck a wooden post which snapped on the helmet. His only other injuries were cuts. There is no doubt that his father's gift probably saved his life.

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At the 15th public meeting held for St. Dunstan's in South Norwood, Commandant Fawcett gave a talk on our work with the deaf-blind. The Hon. Organiser, Miss Mary Jameson, M.B.E., writes: "Mr. George Fallowfield exhibited model-boat making and Mr. Wally Thomas stool-making. Both addressed the audience. Mr. Derek McCulloch ("Uncle Mac") was the guest speaker . . . I would like to say that Mr. Fallowfield and Mr. Thomas were simply wonderful."

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As in past years, there will be no REVIEW for August.

London Club Notes

Walking

Archie—The Hero

On Friday evening, July 1st, Archie Brown, accompanied by our very good friend and police escort, Fred Duff, set out on the longest and toughest walking race in the world—the 104 miles London to Brighton and back.

In ideal weather conditions, Archie and Fred cheerfully strode from Coulsdon to Westminster, then turned about and set off on the second leg of their journey—the famous London to Brighton road.

At Streatham Common they were joined by Mr. Shuter in his car, ably assisted by Chas. Harrison, who were to look after feeding and comforts, etc. Thus complete, this gallant little band continued throughout the night and the following day.

Only one minor incident occurred; that was whilst on the road to Brighton, at Coulsdon again. After about 30 miles Fred had a little discomfort so he changed his shoes and socks and continued on the way quite happily.

The night passed on and, with an occasional cup of hot coffee and rum to keep out the chill of the morning, Archie and Fred arrived at the Aquarium, Brighton, at 8.8 a.m. There they turned about again to wend their weary way back to Coulsdon.

All was well up to now, but soon Archie began to feel a blister developing; a word to Mr. Shuter and the blister was soon under control.

On they went and then, after several more miles, both Archie and Fred began to feel tired. When they reached Crawley they announced that they would only do the 100 miles needed to become Centurions. This disappointed their supporters somewhat, but no one complained; after all, to walk 100 miles non-stop was quite a feat. However, as they got nearer to the finish they both rallied, and they raced past the 100 mark in 22 hrs. 12 min. 7 secs., and on to the 104 mile finishing post in 23 hrs. 16 mins. 58 secs. So well did they finish that they stole the limelight from the other competitors, and Archie was publicly announced the Hero of the Race.

They fully deserved the applause that they received, and many, many congratulations.

Archie is the first St. Dunstaner to walk this distance, and is our first Centurion.

W. M.

Archie Says—

I am happy to have become a Centurion, but must not forget the great debt of gratitude I owe to my escorts and attendants.

Fred Duff, dear old Fred, stayed with me for the 104½ miles. He was a competitor as well as my guide. Cyril Yatscombe, who followed by car all night and attended us, got into singlet and shorts at Brighton and walked with us back to Coulsdon. Mr. Fred Shuter, in his car, supplied our food and drink and, with Charles Harrison's help, looked after me all through the walk. Mrs. Shuter is an expert at preparing an athlete's food—chicken a speciality. Mr. Shuter and Mr. Harrison have attended me on all my Brighton walks. Fred's attendant, Dave, also kept a watchful eye on us all through the race. Never could any walker be better attended.

My old friend and trainer of many years ago, Arthur Winter, Centurion, must have known that I would be feeling a little jaded at 90 miles, for at this point he met me, took off his coat, and, walking ten miles or more, gave me a wonderful pep talk. He was so successful that by the time I reached the 100 mark, all sense of fatigue had passed.

Another old friend, Bill Harris, Centurion, and my first Brighton escort, was the official at the 100 check-point. His voice telling me I had become a Centurion greatly thrilled me, and both Fred and I walked happily on to the finish.

I will always remember the help and encouragement from Charles and Jane Williamson, who, with my wife, followed the walk and handed us many drinks, etc.

With all this wonderful help and encouragement, all I had to do was WALK.

ARCHIE BROWN.

Bridge

On Saturday, June 11th, a Bridge Drive was held at Headquarters, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Our hostess was that good friend of St. Dunstan's over so many years, Miss Nesta Morrah. During the war, and in spite of air raids, she never failed to come to the Lodge and assist in preparing tea on our bridge afternoons, and her appearance was always a great pleasure to us all.

The winners of the Drive were: 1st, F. Winter and P. Nuyens; 2nd, J. Douglass and R. Wylie; 3rd, S. Webster and H. Cook; 4th, J. Fleming and Roy Armstrong. Congratulations to all.

In reply to the vote of thanks, Miss Morrah said there had been such an overwhelming welcome given to her on her return from New Zealand that a small reward was permissible.

Our thanks to Bob Willis who, as usual, did his part as M.C. so splendidly.

On June 18th the London County Contract Bridge Association again invited twenty members of St. Dunstan's Bridge Club to their headquarters for a match, and tea to follow. It was another of those afternoons full of pleasant meetings and happenings which all enjoyed. Congratulations to the winning team who, incidentally, were the runners-up the previous year. They were: W. Bishop, H. Crabtree, B. Ingrej and C. Bulman, while the runners-up on this occasion were H. Cook, F. Jackson, B. Giffard and Jock Wylie. Our very sincere thanks to our hosts for such an enjoyable afternoon. Also thanks to our old friend, Jack Armstrong, who came along and helped us in his usual kind way.

Congratulations and good wishes to our member, Roy Armstrong, who is getting married on July 9th. "DRUMMER."

Dance

Please note that there will be a dance at Trevelyan Hall, Westminster, during October. Details and date to be announced.

A. SPURWAY.

Calling All Chums

This is to wish you all a good journey down to Ovingdean on August 15th, and hoping to find you all fit, fine and dandy and ready for the road!

By arrangement with Ovingdean, there will be a meeting in the Winter Garden of all Chums at 6.30 p.m. on the day of your arrival (15th), when we shall have a talk on the plans for the tour. You will all receive your passports and steamer tickets at this meeting.

The most important question to be discussed will deal with currency, because Chums will have to have entered in their passports the amount of currency, travellers' cheques, etc., they are taking with them. I have arranged with my Bank to meet all you boys and girls on a day to be fixed, and you will be issued with French and Belgian currency in exchange for your cheques or cash, to any amount you may require up to £100 a head. (The morning for this

parade will be when St. Dunstan's coach is available to take you all to the Bank.)

There will be much to discuss, so I do hope that all the Chums going to France will make it convenient to be present at our first reunion on the 15th, at 6.30 p.m.

You will find below a revised programme of our tour.

Revised Programme

AUGUST

Sunday, 21st. 7.15 a.m.—Leave Ovingdean for Dover. Embark 11.30; Sail 12.25. Arrive Dunkirk 4.15 (16.15). (Cup of tea before leaving ship). Leave Dunkirk about 5.30 en route for Ypres; stop at Poperinghe to have a look at the original Toc H (Talbot House), then on to Ypres and Menin Gate, and on to Courtrai, Hotel du Nord, for dinner and to bed down for the night.

Monday, 22nd. 9 a.m.—Board coach for Mons. First call: the War Memorial. Place wreath of poppies. Lunch at Continental Hotel, Mons, after which proceed to Brussels and lay wreath at War Memorial there. Then, maybe, a cup of tea with the British Legion; tour of the Capital and back to Valenciennes for dinner at the Grand Hotel, where we shall bed down for the night.

Tuesday, 23rd. 9 a.m.—Board coach and cruise through battlefields *via* Cambrai to St. Quentin, where we shall lunch at the Hotel Moderne. After a look round the Market, proceed to Paris for dinner at the Hotel Ferry, Boulevard Jules-Ferry. After dinner boys and girls will be free to do as they like.

Wednesday, 24th. (Paris).—Place a wreath at the Arc de Triomphe, which will be our first objective for the day. Then tour of Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees, etc. Lunch at Hotel Ferry. In the afternoon a peep at Fontainebleau and Versailles. Possibility of meeting members of the British Legion for a "cuppa." (All these details are intended for Chums who might have friends on the Continent, to give them an opportunity of making contacts).

Thursday, 25th. 6.15 a.m.—Leave Paris for Dunkirk, where we embark for Dover, and should be back at Ovingdean at approximately 9.30 p.m.

Anyone feeling a little nervous about the sea trip, please remember that Dr. Nick will be there with his medicine chest, because in the case of sea-sickness prevention is better than cure!

ALAN NICHOLS, *Chum-Chair*.

Grandfathers

F. Cunliffe, of Eccleston; H. L. Dickinson, of Southport; H. Marsden, of Alderholt. And another grand-child for Joe Daly, of Liverpool, F. Green, of Sunderland, and S. Loram, of Brixham.

A Record?

With two sons, two daughters, twenty-nine grand-children and three great-grand-children, H. Colley, of Ventnor, Isle of Wight, wonders if his family of forty-eight strong is a record.

The Australian Flood Relief Fund

The cheque subscribed by St. Dunstaners towards the Australian Flood Relief Fund was handed to the Hon. Sir Thomas White, High Commissioner for Australia, at Australia House, on June 25th. The presentation was made by Messrs. H. Crabtree and Alec Fisher, at whose suggestion the St. Dunstan's fund had been started. His Excellency writes:—

"Perhaps it is needless to say that I was very touched indeed to find such sympathy extended from men who have endured so much themselves, and been deprived of one of the great assets of life; and that they should extend such practical aid to people so far away in a time of trouble. Such thought and generosity from men who have suffered in their country's cause and then so successfully defied their disabilities should be an example to all of us who are more fortunate.

Their help, too, coming from ex-Servicemen who have done so much for the Commonwealth and Empire, shows how much we are of one family, and that what affects one of us affects us all.

Australians, I am glad to say, have a similar outlook in this case, and were happy to assist during floods and with parcels previously and in other ways, and with their comradeship in a common cause during world wars. It will be most heartwarming to all Australians to know what St. Dunstan's has done.

Your Mr. Gordon Fisher and Mr. Crabtree, both of whom had such long service in war and suffered disability of blindness near its termination, spoke cheerfully and sympathetically, and made little of the kind act in this case.

Sir Ian Fraser is well-known to me, and I know the great work he has done for St. Dunstan's over many years, and it is a matter of great happiness to blinded Australian soldiers that each and everyone of them has been in touch with this famous institution which, through its wonderful technique and instruction, and the companionship and comradeship of its inmates, has enabled them to pass through courses and make enduring friendships with their British brothers. It has opened a way to happiness and success in their lives.

We will always remember the kindness and thought and sympathy of St. Dunstan's in this subscription to Australian Flood Relief, as well as remembering your two

deputies who came to Australia House and so impressed us by their character and their cordiality.

I shall be writing to the Prime Minister letting him know of this, and already the Australian press has reports and photographs of the occasion.

Yours sincerely,
THOMAS WHITE."

Reunions

The June meetings began with the Manchester Reunion on the 9th, presided over by Mr. D. G. Hopewell, member of St. Dunstan's Council. In spite of the railway strike, some sixty St. Dunstaners were present. Liverpool, too, was little affected by the strike when its Reunion took place two days later. Mr. Hopewell again presided, as he also did at the Irish meetings at Belfast and Dublin, which, though much smaller, of course, were equally successful.

The High Sheriff was present at the Belfast meeting and the Lord Mayor attended the Dublin Reunion.

Capt. E. O. Humphries, Chairman of the British Legion, Southern Ireland, was another guest at Dublin.

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From Ireland to Scotland. A small but happy gathering met at Edinburgh on July 6th. Then followed Newcastle on July 8th, Harrogate on the 9th, and the postponed Chester meeting on July 14th. At all of these Northern meetings, including the large Birmingham Reunion on July 16th, Mr. Hopewell presided.

And now there only remain the two meetings in the South of England—the London Reunion on September 23rd, and the Brighton meeting, now confirmed for Wednesday, September 28th.

Placements

E. Jordan, on assembly work with Messrs. Armstrong Patents, Ltd., Beverley, E. Yorkshire (this is a provisional engagement for he is a trained telephonist); K. M. Chubb, on a single-purpose machine, with the Farnborough Engineering Co., Ltd., Farnborough.

Gold Medallist

E. J. Carpenter, of Kings Langley, who already holds the bronze and silver medals of the Imperial Society, has been awarded his Gold Medal for Old Time Dancing. He believes he is the first blind person to do so.

Back from Down Under

"Jock" Ingram of Maidenhead, is back in this country after a long visit to Australia and New Zealand. He writes:—

"On reaching Fremantle on the way out we had a cable from McConnell, welcoming us to Australia, and saying he would come aboard at Melbourne. On the morning of December 6th, the *Orcades* arrived at Melbourne and soon after lunch Mr. and Mrs. McConnell came on board and we all went off to the Blind Soldiers' Club. Then Mrs. Tragent came along and took us sight-seeing and then back to her house for tea. When Dudley Tragent came home, about six, we all went out to dinner, returning later to their house, where we met Mr. and Mrs. Watson and Billy Clifton. We had a good old chat about the old days. All these men were at the College with me and I had not met them since they left. Next day we took the train to McConnell's home, and after lunch went to a Bowling Club, where a number of Australian blinded soldiers were playing in glorious sunshine. I was amazed at the expert way our St. Dunstan's friends play bowls.

"Soon after we got to New Zealand I got in touch with Donald McPhee, who gave us a great welcome, and invited my wife and I to the reunion of the New Zealand Blind Association, which is held every three years. We were delighted to accept. We shall never forget the great welcome we had from all present. Mr. and Mrs. Macintosh invited us to stay with them. Macintosh was in the same class as me and we had not met since 1920. I also met another College friend in Ralph May, and Mrs. May, whom I knew in the old days as Miss Pearce. During our last week, Donald McPhee invited us to a farewell party at his house. Donald had invited about twenty people, including a Jim May whom I believe you have corresponded with. What an enjoyable evening we had! What grand memories we have of meeting old friends and making new ones.

We had a family reunion on Christmas Day at our married son's place and it was grand meeting our two grandchildren. I could not believe it was Christmas because it was so warm and sunny."

The Late Archdeacon E. N. Sharpe

A Memorial to the late Archdeacon Ernest N. Sharpe is to be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury in St. Faith's Chapel in the Crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, July 27th, at 6 p.m.

The Ven. Archdeacon Sharpe, as Rector of the Church of Holy Trinity, St. Marylebone, in the First World War, was well known to many St. Dunstaners and officiated at many marriages and christenings. He became our Honorary Chaplain and when, in 1930, he was appointed Archdeacon of London, he became a member of our Council. He died on January 20th, 1949.

Young St. Dunstaners

Charles Durkin's son has been on a test flight to Tokyo and has now passed out as a 1st Engineer Officer.

Norman Lloyds, Cardiff, has passed his Associated Royal Institute of Chemistry examination.

Neil McEwan, Hull, represented Hull in the Yorkshire Grammar School Sports Meeting in June.

Harvey Smith, Birmingham, secured 100% marks in his Higher Maths' examination and was top boy out of 150. He has just been to Cambridge for a two weeks' course.

Paul Crabtree, Leeds, has passed the examination of the Royal Horticultural Society.

Patricia Lee, Wakefield, has passed her Grade I Greek Dancing examination with honours.

Jean Jolly, West Harrow, passed an elocution examination for her Gold Badge with credit.

Marriages

On June 4th, Billie Coleman, Carshalton.

Marriage

ARMSTRONG—GRIMSHAW—On July 9th, Roy Armstrong, of Leytonstone, to Miss Kathleen Grimshaw.

Births

GAYGAN.—On June 24th, to Audrey, wife of Tommy Gaygan, of North Harrow, a daughter—Susan Mary.

WESTBY.—On June 17th, to the wife of H. Westby, of Burnage, Manchester, a daughter—Jean Mary.

Liverpool Club Notes

On Sunday, June 19th, we had our annual outing; this year it was to that pleasure ground of the north, Blackpool. Leaving Liverpool in fairly good weather, we proceeded to Longton, where we stopped for morning coffee, etc., then on to Fleetwood, where we had dinner at the Marine Cafe on the Promenade. After that we proceeded to Blackpool, where everybody was free to enjoy themselves in their own way. As the rendezvous for tea was at the South Shore, my escort and I strolled down Wimborne Place and had a fit of nostalgia when we gazed at the Concord and the Bourne; they both reminded us of many happy days.

We were sorry we did not have the pleasure of calling on Miss Vaughan Davies at St. Annes, but I was told she was roaming the pine forests of Norway; we trust she had a very pleasant holiday.

Some of our younger St. Dunstaners gave the stall-holders at Pleasureland quite a shock by their prowess in winning prizes; some of them prepared to pay them to go away and one man turned Violet in the face at a lady St. Dunstaner who had a bag full of prizes.

As a slight drizzle, accompanied by a sea mist, set in, we were glad to leave the concerts on the pier and to stroll back to tea. The remark was heard, "What, chicken again!" We ate so much chicken at dinner and tea I am sure we looked like them; some of us older men might have been taken for boiling fowls, though.

After tea, as the weather was not too good, we decided to wend our way home *via* Longton, where we had a jolly time at "Ye Old Anchor," having an hour or so of melody and wine.

Arriving home at 10.15, tired and happy, we all are looking forward to the next outing, which may be about September.

All St. Dunstaners on Merseyside are welcome to join the Club, which meets every other Saturday afternoon at the British Legion Hall in Leece Street, at 3 o'clock.

"SWANEE."

Ruby Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Grogan, of Leeds, married forty years on June 4th.

Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. E. Myles, of Teddington, July 20th. Congratulations.

Hearts are Chumps

"Mr. Brookes? *The* Mr. Brookes? Oh, I am delighted. Those brilliant thoughts of yours."

"What brilliant thoughts?" I asked, my head buzzing. "Oh, you aren't getting away with that one," she said with a delicious little laugh that wreathed around me like a warm caress. "Come and talk with me."

We drank tea beneath a big umbrella on Brighton beach. Why a beautiful woman was delighted to meet me would have taxed Solomon's wisdom to solve.

"I adore that wonderful truth you wrote," she resumed in dulcet tones. "The purifying power of a good woman's strictures is, to a man's soul, as a bar of soap to a chimney sweep."

"I have never been guilty of such—"

"Don't demean yourself," she whispered sweetly. "I know what you are going to say, but don't. You can be so satirical, and that would be acutely embarrassing. I do so want our friendship to develop."

I felt pleasantly stunned. She let her ungloved hand rest on mine and my heart missed a beat. The silence was profound. Only the diapason of the breakers on Brighton's stony strand broke the silence.

Many times she came to see me, and the meetings were tormentingly brief; when she left I was invariably desolate and low spirited. How I looked forward to those few gossamer hours of love. I knew that I had the mastery to claim her for myself, because I had inspired the flame of her love. The world was all sunshine and deep blue skies. We were roused to a high pitch of passion in which I found ecstasy in the delights of dalliance. Again she sat beside me, the while she hypnotised me with the inweaving charm of her chitter-chatter. I pressed her hand gently. She snuggled closer to me. My heart was in a pounding whirl as I drew her close to me.

"Loosen your grip on my hand," said a firm, kindly voice. "I am Dr. Watson. You must lie very still and be very quiet. You have had a heart attack."

W. E. BROOKES.

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Talking Book Library June Joiners

The five books released this month are rather devoid of highlights, and they appeal to me only as "second line" reading. However, here is the rough guide to help facilitate your personal choice:—

"Dizzy," by Hesketh Pearson, reader Eric Gillett, is a biography of Disraeli both interesting and illuminating, as is the rule when this author undertakes a biography. Dizzy had to use lots of tricks and oratory to become P.M., but he never looked back once he set his chosen course. An interesting and fortunate life! (*Cat. No. 927*).

"Smallbone Deceased," by Michael Gilbert, reader Derek McCulloch, is a detective story and thriller combined. Lawyer's office—body in deed-box—police investigation—and parallel enquiry undertaken by an amateur detective, solicitor in the firm. Another sudden death, then the police beat the amateur to the climax by a short head. Fair enough! (*Cat. No. 928*).

"The Remarkable Young Man," by Cecil Roberts, reader Robin Holmes, alludes to an artist named Severn who nursed John Keats as he died in Rome. Severn on an art scholarship in Rome, achieved fame by his nearness to Keats and so acquired a patron or two of great local influence. His struggle to become independent of his main patron makes his life a bit complicated, but he manages to have his cake and eat it. An informative period piece! (*Cat. No. 929*).

"The Loved and Envied," by Enid Bagnold, reader Peter Bond, begins among a sophisticated circle of old 'uns in Paris. The West Indies and England provide the background for Lady Maclean, the main character, and France, Italy and the U.S.A. for some of the others. The book is more entertaining than this makes it appear, as each character has a story. (*Cat. No. 930*).

"The Gods are A'thirst," by Anatole France, reader Norman Shelley, depicts a poor struggling artist in a blood-stained Paris during the early days of the revolution. He is elected a jurymen and his rapid deterioration to sub-humanity is a pitiful spectacle and La Guillotine makes the inevitable end. The misery, wretchedness, viciousness and general distrust prevalent in Paris are brilliantly portrayed, and the book is rich in characters. (*Cat. No. 932*).

May I suggest No. 1 for the specialist and Nos. 2 and 5 for general readers?

"NELSON."

Ovingdean Notes

At last the summer seems to have arrived, not only according to the calendar! The drives, always a most popular inclusion in the holiday programmes, have been sought after more and more. In addition to visiting the many places already well known to St. Dunstaners, the Roebuck Hotel, Forest Row, was visited for the first time. This hotel is in a lovely setting and the village is situated in a valley on one of the northern slopes of Ashdown Forest Ridge, a most enjoyable drive from Brighton.

On Wednesday, June 29th, the Annual Outing arranged by the employees of the Southdown and Brighton & Hove 'Bus Companies, took place, and this was followed within a few days by the Summer Outing of the Grocers' Association. Both these events are always very popular and our thanks go to the Organising Committees concerned. The Busmen's Outing was, as usual, held at Midhurst, but the Grocers' Association this year took a special train for the outing to Southampton. Mr. Finlay, their Secretary, has unfortunately been in hospital, and all the arrangements were very kindly taken over by Mrs. Finlay, to whom we extend our thanks and send our best wishes to her husband for a complete and speedy recovery to good health.

A number of excellent concerts have been held at Ovingdean recently. One, on June 12th, was arranged through St. Dunstaners Margaret Paterson and George Eustace, when Josef Cetner (violinist), Sydney Allen (baritone), Victor Johnson (entertainer) and Gladys Jarman (pianiste) were given an enthusiastic welcome on the occasion of their first visit. In the early part of July we were fortunate to have a delightful concert given here by the London Orpheus Choir.

Our Sports and Garden Party was held on Saturday, July 10th. Numbers attending were not quite as high as in previous years, but those who came along seemed to enjoy themselves. The weather was certainly in our favour, for after a very wet Friday the sun shone for us all day on Saturday.

Sports Results:

Medicine Ball: 1, J. Fulling, 36ft.; D. Parmenter, 32ft.; 3, J. Blakeley, 30ft.
Sack Race: 1, A. Lane; 2, A. Hobson.
Sack Race (Open): 1, F. Haith; 2, Miss P. Johnson (Staff).
Three-Legged Race: 1, A. Lane, 2, G. Fallowfield, 3, E. Earnshaw.
70 yards T.B.: 1, S. Craig; 2, H. Northgreaves; 3, J. Blakely.
70 yards S.S.: 1, J. Fulling, 2, P. Holmes; 3, G. Fallowfield.
Wheelbarrow Race: 1, G. Fallowfield; 2, A. Hobson.

August Bank Holiday Week-end

Local St. Dunstaners' attention is drawn to the following two items on the Week-end Programme, to which they are cordially invited:—

Saturday, 30th July—

Whist Drive and Domino Tournament, Winter Garden, 8 p.m.

Monday, August 1st—

Dance in Lounge from 8—11 p.m.

Mrs. Froom

We have recently learned from Mrs. C. Wilson, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, of the death of her sister, Mrs. Froom. Older St. Dunstaners may remember this lady, who had worked for a number of years during the 1914-18 war on behalf of St. Dunstan's and used to come with her friends to give Sunday evening concerts at Regent's Park from time to time. Mrs. Froom died on July 4th at the great age of 91 years. A letter of sympathy has been sent to her family.

Billy Anderson

Charles Kelk writes:—

"We were all deeply shocked and distressed to hear of the sudden death of our friend, Billy Anderson. To those in residence at Ovingdean at the time it was particularly so, as on the previous evening Billy had turned up at the Sunday evening concert and had been in his usual good spirits. Many of us knew that he had recently become engaged to be married, and I was about to send a letter of congratulations to him and his fiancée.

"Billy had received his injuries very early in life; in fact, while still a boy, but the deprivation of sight and hands had not warped his nature. He faced up to life calmly and bravely and, which is to be more

admired, in an unostentatious manner. I did not see as much of Billy as I should have liked. I was looking forward to seeing more of him in the future. But what I did see compelled my admiration and respect, for I am one of the few who can really appreciate what he had achieved in his own quiet way.

"The passing of Billy is a loss to us all, but to those near and dear to him the sudden blow must have been almost overwhelming. Our sympathy goes out to his mother and to the lady who was prepared to share her life with him."

Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to the following:—

ANDERSON.—To G. Anderson, of Brighton, whose sister has died. The sad news reached our St. Dunstaner just as he was leaving for his holiday.

BRITTON.—To R. Britton, of Blackburn, who lost his mother on June 10th. She was 88.

BURT.—To J. H. Burt, of Southampton, whose wife died on June 17th.

CLAY.—To V. A. Clay, of Nottingham, whose wife died very suddenly on July 12th.

DUXBURY.—To H. Duxbury, of Manchester, whose mother passed away on June 23rd.

FITZGERALD.—To W. Fitzgerald, of Newcastle, whose father has recently died.

JONES.—To F. L. Jones, of Northfield, Birmingham, whose mother died recently after only three days' illness.

LUCAS.—To J. Lucas, of Water Orton, Birmingham, whose only brother has died suddenly at the early age of 48. He leaves a wife and five children.

MCCARTNEY.—To H. McCartney, of Belfast, and Mrs. McCartney, whose little daughter, Maureen, died on June 21st. She was only four months old.

OSTLE.—To I. Ostle, of Cockermouth, whose father died on June 21st. He had been ill for a long time.

RAINE.—To W. Raine, of Maldon, Essex, whose wife died on July 10th.

"In Memory"

Private John Hollinrake, *Royal Army Service Corps*

We record with deep regret the death of J. Hollinrake, of Haslingden, who came to us in March, 1919, his wounds at Ypres causing loss of sight and severe facial injuries. He trained as a craftsman, but his love was for joinery and this gave him great pleasure right up to the time of his illness. He was admitted to West House a short time ago and he died there on July 15th.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

Private Bertie Robinson, *17th West Yorkshire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of B. Robinson, of Scarborough.

He, too, was wounded at Ypres and came to us in December, 1916. He trained as a poultry farmer but for some time had been able only to do light work. The death of his wife was a great shock to him. He had just spent a holiday at Brighton and was to have gone to live with his daughter in a few days.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Maureen.

Private William Bland, *Labour Corps*

We record with deep regret the death of W. Bland, of Dagenham, at the age of sixty-nine.

He had only been admitted to St. Dunstan's in November, 1954, although he had served in the First World War and was discharged in November, 1918. His poor health prevented him undertaking any training when he came to us; he gradually became worse and he died on June 22nd, leaving a widow and grown-up family, to whom our very deep sympathy is extended.

Corporal Walter Barnes, *Royal Field Artillery*

It is with deep regret that we record the death, on July 5th, of Walter Barnes, a resident at West House.

He was an old soldier, having enlisted in 1907, and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1916, his sight having failed as a result of his service in France. He trained as a poultry-farmer as well as in other crafts, but for a long time he had been a sick man. His wife's death in 1952 had been a great blow to him and he had gone rapidly downhill.

Our sympathy goes out to his son and daughter-in-law.

Sergeant Michael Edward Horan, *6th Connaught Rangers*

With deep regret we record the death of M. E. Horan.

Enlisting in 1916, he was wounded in France two years later and came to us, where he trained as a telephonist. He worked here for some years but just before the last war he went to Ireland and remained there for several years. His health was never good and he was admitted to West House a year or so ago, where he died on June 15th.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his relatives, and particularly to Mrs. Una Howley, his niece, who cared for him for a number of years.

Donald McInnes, *Royal Navy*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of D. McInnes. He had reached the age of 86.

Trained as a poultry farmer when he came to us in December, 1931, he continued with this work until the death of his wife in 1948, when he was admitted to West House. He had been in failing health for some time and he passed away there on June 27th.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his relatives.

Private Arthur Frederick Lenderyou, *9th Bedfordshire Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of A. F. Lenderyou, of Southend-on-Sea. He was sixty-two.

He came to us in 1916, shortly after his discharge from the Service, and he trained as a basket-maker. He continued with this work for some years, then had a shop, but later he gave this up and went back to basketry. His health had not been good for some time and he was admitted to hospital, where he died on June 24th.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to his family.

Private William A. Muggeridge, *18th London Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of W. A. Muggeridge, of Southampton.

Discharged from the Army in 1919, he came to St. Dunstan's in April, 1926, and became a shopkeeper. He gave this up in 1930 and worked at joinery for some years, but his health had been deteriorating for some time and on May 5th he was admitted to hospital where he died on July 2nd. He was sixty.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his relatives.

William Edward Arthur Muller, *2nd South African Infantry*

We have heard with deep regret of the death of W. E. A. Muller, of Mafeking, Cape Town, South Africa.

Wounded in France in October, 1918, he was under St. Dunstan's care from November of that year until October, 1920, when he returned to South Africa after training as a poultry farmer. He had, however, been semi-retired for some years now. During the war his son was a prisoner-of-war in Italy and we were able to keep in touch with him for our St. Dunstaner.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Muller and her son.