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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

*Cape Town, February 6th.*

WHEREVER you go in South Africa, St. Dunstan's is well known and respected, and in most places there is a St. Dunstaner who contributes to our good report. In Maseru, the small capital of Basutoland, there is an active St. Dunstan's Committee, Mrs. Arrowsmith, the wife of the Resident Commissioner, being the Chairman. In Johannesburg there is a vigorous Committee under the presidency of Mrs. G. H. Beatty, with Mrs. Cade as Chairman and Mrs. Marshall as Secretary.

I was brought up and went to school in Johannesburg more than fifty years ago, and it was an honour to me, as well as to St. Dunstan's, that I was invited by the Mayor to open a Herb Garden for the Blind in one of Johannesburg's squares. A distinguished audience was present, including the Administrator, the Mayor and Council, and officials of various societies for the blind. This garden is a symbol of the interest taken in their blind brothers and sisters by the citizens of Johannesburg and should be an encouragement to the blind as well as to those who work for them, and a spur to Government, local authorities and private persons to help blind people in various ways.

After the opening, a number of St. Dunstaners and their families who were present met us in a room set aside for the purpose, so that we had a small reunion. Danie Pretorius and R. V. G. French represented the physiotherapists; C. L. Minaar, D. Watkins and F. H. Venables the telephone operators, and L. Higgo has a fruit and vegetable shop called in Afrikaans by the charming name of a "winkel." J. G. du Preez and "Pops" Marais were there also. Pops is an ardent radio fan. He has his own transmitter and told me that on 40 metres wave length he had communicated with an amateur in North America. St. Dunstaners in the United Kingdom, of whom there are at least two or three with transmitters, should try to make radio contact with Pops. "I do not feel I am blind when I am talking to one of my amateur friends," said Pops, "because neither of us can see the other."

In Cape Town, which is the headquarters of St. Dunstan's in South Africa, I had conferences with Sir Donald Mackenzie Kennedy, the Chairman, and Mr. Askew, who is out here on an advisory mission for the benefit of St. Dunstan's, London, and St. Dunstan's, South Africa, and attended a Board Meeting at which we discussed many matters of mutual interest. In the evening all St. Dunstaners in the Cape Peninsula came to meet us at a reception. Amongst those we met were Jimmy Ellis, who is still going strong as propagandist, Michael Norman, who continues as Padre of his new church, the building of which has



now been completed, and Tom Hart, who carries on an established physiotherapy practice. He hopes to come to England this year to learn the latest treatments and to see the newest gadgets.

My family business in the Orange Free State, Basutoland and the Transvaal is, I am glad to say, flourishing, and I even discovered slight improvements in the tensions which have made South Africa an uneasy place in recent years.

I tried to get two days' fishing for big game fish, but two expeditions my friends had planned came to nothing because half a gale was blowing from the south-east. If you are a fisherman you will know that it is always too hot or too cold, too rough or too smooth, too bright or too dull or the wrong time of the year to catch a fish. It is always better the day before you arrive or the day after you have left—like Ruth Draper's garden! But no doubt this is the reason why, when you do get a fish, you think you are the hell of a fellow.

I have already recovered fully from my operation and when we arrive in England on February 24th, after a further fortnight at sea, I shall no doubt be fit not only for my strenuous life at home, but even for what then remains of the cruel English winter. Lady Fraser is also very well indeed and we send our best wishes to all St. Dunstaners.

IAN FRASER.

### Complimentary Tickets

As many St. Dunstaners are no doubt aware, we do usually receive a few Complimentary Tickets for the Royal Tournament and the Trooping of the Colour Ceremony, and I shall be happy to receive applications from any men who wish to attend these functions if we are fortunate enough to secure tickets again this year. As is our usual practice, if there are more applications than tickets, we will hold a ballot and notify everybody concerned nearer the time. Both these functions usually take place mid-week.

C. D. WILLS,  
Welfare Superintendent.

### Deaf-Blind Watch Fund

Mr. A. D. Lloyds, who is Honorary Treasurer of the above Fund, informs us that as a result of Mr. Askew's notice in the November REVIEW, the excellent sum of £42 13s. 8d. has been subscribed, and this has been sent to the National Deaf-Blind Helpers' League for them to purchase the watches.

Mr. Lloyds asks us to say how very grateful he is to all those who have subscribed so generously towards this Fund.

### Butlin's Holiday Camps

Messrs. Butlin's have very kindly advised us that they are still offering the same privilege to blind people during their early and late season, i.e., £1 reduction off the normal tariff for the disabled person himself (or herself) and £1 reduction for the person sharing the chalet—husband, wife or escort.

### Mr. H. Bennett

Several St. Dunstaners have expressed a wish to subscribe to a presentation to Mr. Bennett, who, as was mentioned in last month's REVIEW, retired at the end of January.

Mr. Lloyds has agreed to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund, and St. Dunstaners who desire to associate themselves with the presentation should send their subscriptions to him at 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

### Another Fishing Rod

Last year we mentioned a fishing rod that had been given to St. Dunstan's. Now Sir Ian has another one. It is a 9ft. cane rod of American design, suitable only for trout or sea trout fishing.

It is an old rod, probably 10 or 15 years old, and slightly "soft," as old-fashioned rods often are, which means that it will not cast a line a long way but is somewhat easier for short casts.

The rings were rusty but Sir Ian has had new ones fitted and he would be very pleased to pass the rod on to a true trout fisherman if he knew to whom it would be most useful.

Will those who are interested write to the Editor and if the choice is not obvious, we will ballot for the rod as we did for the last one.

### Placement

J. H. Brown, of Derker, Oldham, as a capstan lathe operator with Messrs. G. Orme & Co., of Oldham.

### London Club Notes

#### Bridge

The Harrogate Week will be held this year from September 8th-15th. Arrangements have been made to accommodate our party at the Dirlton Hotel, Ripon Road, and the terms per day will be 25s. 6d. inclusive.

As we must make our reservations at the hotel as soon as possible, will all members who would like to join the party and who have not already sent in their names to me, do so as soon as possible, and in any case not later than March 31st.

Congratulations to our team in the London Business Houses League, which up to the time of going to press has played ten matches and won eight of them. They have two more matches to play.

DRUMMER DOWNS.

### Golden Wedding

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. Eaton, of Southwick, whose Golden Wedding was on February 4th. They received hosts of good wishes, flowers and cards. There were two iced cakes and "Dru" made another cake, which was taken to the Evergreen Club (for old age pensioners) to celebrate the double event of another couple's diamond wedding and their own golden wedding.

### Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Etherington, of Windlesham. Congratulations.

### Forty-six Years

Mr. and Mrs. F. Collinge, of Blackpool, celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on February 5th.

### Young St. Dunstaners

The son of L. Jackson, of Heswall, has been elected to Beddington Council.

From Davyhulme, Manchester, Mrs. McCarthy tells us that their youngest daughter and her family arrived in Canada on Christmas Day, and the next sister, with her family, left on February 10th. The two sisters will live near each other in Toronto.

Also emigrating are Nora Firth (Meols, Wirral), and her family, who sail for Australia on March 6th.

Martin Dunkley, Feltham, who was ten last month, has passed the London College of Music examination (Junior) for piano-forte playing. He scored 87 marks out of a possible 100 and a "First Class."

### Empire Builder or—

To anybody who, like me, grew up amongst people who used to be called "little Englanders," to whom the name and all the works of Cecil Rhodes were alike anathema, I recommend a book available in Braille called "Rhodes," by Sarah Gertrude Millin.

An amazing and fascinating story of how Boer farmland became the great diamond and gold producing industries, and thousands of acres were added to the British Empire almost by what seems a wave of the hand. No attempt is made to white-wash the hero. He is painted, like Cromwell, "wart and all," but despite the undoubted blemishes in the portrait, I was left with the impression of a great man, for whom I could not feel anything but a sneaking regard and sympathy. There must have been many of the same opinion in the country, for he was obviously a national idol in the nineties.

This narrative gives one an inkling of the background to attitudes, and points of view, which are shaping events in South Africa to-day. I have a personal link with those not so distant happenings, because I have a friend—we nicknamed him "The Sheriff" in Toc H—who served in the Mashonaland Mounted Police and took part in the Matabele War, the Jameson Raid, and the Boer War. I wish he were still alive that I might talk over with him his recollections.

S. A. CHAMBERS.

### Holiday Accommodation

Mrs. Paddy Doyle, of "Harlington," Great Preston Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, offers comfortable holiday accommodation. Moderate terms, bed and breakfast. Please apply early for summer season.

### Grandfathers

John Alton, of Melbourne, Australia. (His eldest daughter had a little girl on December 3rd).

C. H. Hills, of Bowral, New South Wales, Australia, a granddaughter.

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When Braintree snooker players visited Long Melford Ex-Service and Working Men's Club for their final, Roland Mayner came with them to meet his old St. Dunstan's friend, Arthur Clover, with whom he had trained years ago.



### Manchester Club Notes

On Friday, February 10th, our Club met in party atmosphere, and instead of playing the usual Competition games, members and their wives were entertained to an excellent tea, prepared and tastefully served by our enthusiastic lady officials—Mrs. Dunphy, Miss Hill and Mrs. Lang.

This was the occasion for the presentation of the cups and prizes in connection with the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Competitions for 1955.

Miss Doel, our Welfare Visitor, very kindly consented to make the presentations to the winners. This was possible in all games except Dominoes, in which case the last four have to play off.

The presentations came immediately after tea to the following, the name of the first prize-winner being followed by the runner-up in each case.

*Darts, T.B.:* Jim Blakeley, A. Clarke.

*Darts, S.S.:* W. McCarthy, W. Bramley.

*Cribbage:* S. Russell, W. Bentley.

The Cups went to the first-named in each case.

In Dominoes the last four to play off are: S. Heys, H. Abraham, W. McCarthy, S. Russell.

In the Ladies' Section the prizes are given by the Club. The winners and runners-up were:—

*Darts:* Mrs. A. Collier, Mrs. W. McCarthy.

*Dominoes:* Mrs. A. Collier, Mrs. S. Russell.

*Cards:* Mrs. A. Collier, Mrs. W. Bentley.

Miss Doel expressed her pleasure in making the presentations, and spoke of the keen enthusiasm of the whole company in Club matters. She suitably congratulated the winners and wished the Club continued success.

With still some time to spare, the company indulged in party games, under the direction of Mrs. Lang and to music provided at the piano by Mr. Charles Clarke—"Nobby" Clarke's son, who has helped us financially on several occasions.

The Chairman expressed sincere thanks to the ladies who had made the evening such a success, and to Miss Doel for her interest and co-operation in Club matters, and for individual help at all times.

"MANCUNIAN."

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In 1955, W. H. Collins, of Blackpool, collected in a box on his sideboard £30 for the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

### Gardens for the Blind in South Africa

On January 25th, Sir Ian Fraser opened the Attwell Garden for the Blind in Plein Square, Johannesburg. A number of St. Dunstaners and their wives were present at the ceremony, which was attended by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Dr. Nicoll, the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Leslie V. Hurd, as well as Reef Mayors and Mayoresses and Johannesburg City Councillors.

At the entrance to the garden is a large gate, and on the pillars on either side is a cast bronze plaque bearing Sir Ian's name as the opener. Sir Ian said he was very honoured that he had been asked to open the garden and the Mayor, in reply, said: "This is not the first time that your name has been seen in Johannesburg; there are two streets called Fraser Street, one where your father and his family lived when you were a little boy, and the other where he had his office; and the name of your two uncles is on the tall building in Commissioner Street, which is the Transvaal headquarters of your family's business."

The bronze plaque is in duplicate, so that one may be in English and the other in Afrikaans—both are official languages. All Acts of Parliament, all notices, all stamps and coins are printed or inscribed in both languages.

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It was a great disappointment to E. Denny, of Pretoria, that the car taking him to Johannesburg for the opening by Sir Ian Fraser of the Garden for the Blind broke down on the way.

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A similar Garden for the Blind was recently opened in Cape Town and many listeners to the Home Service may have heard our St. Dunstaner, the Rev. Michael Norman, answering questions about it in a recent lunch-time broadcast from the B.B.C. It was, of course, a recording of an interview given in Cape Town.

### Speaking to Australia

D. Livingstone, of Mauchline, Ayrshire, was 80 on February 5th and his daughter, May, telephoned him from Melbourne, Australia, to wish him a happy birthday. Mrs. Livingstone too spoke to May for a minute. Reception was perfect, and the experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all of them.

### Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

Three years ago, Wally Ruddock died here (at Ovingdean) and left me his walking stick, the stick that had helped him to take me and others to the "Star" for a drink and a chat during the war years, when we met at Blackpool.

To-day there is only Joe Jordan and myself left of the original men who met for the first Deaf Reunion of 1932, and when I am making my short journeys alone, this walking stick brings back many memories of the old days.

When the time comes, pals, why not leave your stick to an old friend? If you have not an old one, there are plenty of young ones and your stick will still be helping a St. Dunstaner.

Yours sincerely,

G. FALLOWFIELD.

DEAR EDITOR,

S. A. Chambers's introspective article was very interesting but he definitely missed the true point of Chirgwin's famous song, "I am but a poor blind boy, once my mother's pride and joy," was not a cheap sentiment, and the closing line is "They love me, yes, they love me because I'm blind." The true moral of the song is contained in the message that "though I never saw the light, nor the stars they call so bright, still my heart is filled with joy, because they love me, yes, they love me because I'm blind."

We of St. Dunstan's know nothing of that sense of extreme loss. We have seen the light, the stars and the world. Many like me have, as I sometimes say, seen it all, for I have climbed the Rockies, ridden the vast prairies, crossed the oceans in war and peace, calm and storm. The "poor" blind man to whom Tommy Rogers referred, was indeed poor in that he had probably been like Chirgwin's boy, without knowledge of even the meaning of light, stars and vast distances, and great adventures. I sometimes feel that we St. Dunstaners, although we may have achieved victory over our various and varying handicaps through the wonderful training and even more generous feeling of After-Care security, are inclined to become unconsciously exhibitionists.

Lack of sight, after years of perfect vision and years of travel and experience, can

become a blessing that inspires that deeper concentration which in turn develops the sixth sense, and also the seventh sense of spiritual inspiration. We have had sight and have had it taken away, and I at least have found an ability to read and understand what I read, and find comfort and perhaps consolation in the wonderful Scriptures.

People do not like us because we can follow normal occupations without sight, or because we are clever in getting about or able to keep up to date and express ourselves. They love us only when, as Chirgwin says, "Our hearts are full of joy," and in that I have found the civilian blind who were born blind or blind from childhood have us beat all ways. To them what we do and learned with effort comes naturally, and even though we live to be as old as Methuselah and may even surpass them in skill, we shall never be able to appreciate what it means never to have seen the light, nor those stars we know are so bright, and when pity is akin to love, we can pity and love without emphasising the reason for or extent of our own disability.

Faithfully yours,

Castle Cary.

A. J. RADFORD.

DEAR EDITOR,

As there were only seven replies to the suggestion made to hold the fourth College Reunion, it has been decided to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being.

Yours sincerely,

Streatham.

W. T. SCOTT.

### We hear that—

W. R. Freeman, of Hanham, near Bristol, won the Silver Cup and Banksian Medal for the best exhibit in Bristol and District Chrysanthemum Show, and at the Hanham Show he won the Blue Ribbon for the best exhibit of tomatoes. Altogether during the 1955 season he won nineteen firsts, seven seconds and five third prizes.

At the Bristol Show Mrs. Freeman won the Silver Cup for the best Floral Art Display.

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Another keen grower, E. West, of Egham, gained second and third prizes with his chrysanthemums at the Egham Show in November.



### News from Overseas

Writing on November 28th last, C. H. Hills, of Bowral, N.S.W., Australia, says:

"I am sorry to say I have not typed a letter for over two years, and am therefore quite a little rusty. That goes for the machine as well, still the same old No. 7 Remington St. Dunstan's gave me early in 1916, when I left the old school. . . ."

Following on St. Dunstan's experiments, the Repatriation War Blind Welfare Committee has succeeded in placing several lads in industry, mainly process workers and telephone operators, and even messengers, and according to all accounts they seem to be giving every satisfaction."

(Our St. Dunstaner need not have apologised for his typing. In spite of his "rustiness" and the fact that his hands are so accustomed to much rough work, gardening, fencing and concreting, the letter was very nearly perfectly written.—ED.).

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Telling us of his son, Peter's, success, Cecil Herdson, of Auckland, New Zealand, writes: "I am using a gadget I constructed some years ago (my hurdy-gurdy). I use it when feeling too lazy to type." Peter has recently completed his first professional examination and is now B.Med.Science. He has just turned 23 and at 19 qualified as a Member of the Pharmaceutical Society.

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N. F. Nolde, who emigrated to Australia in 1952, is forging ahead, and has just moved to a very much larger house.

He has had a full year as President of the British Ex-Service Legion of Australia and has attended many official functions in that capacity. The highlights were the Anzac Day march and the reception given by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne to Lord Home, the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations. He writes: "Anzac Day March was a very proud day for me; accompanied by my Secretary I had the honour of leading almost a thousand men and women along the route to the Shrine of Remembrance. This is always a great occasion in Melbourne and is equivalent to Remembrance Day in England. As you can imagine, my chest expanded quite a few inches."

### National Library for the Blind E. W. Austin Memorial Competition

The 27th E. W. Austin Memorial Reading Competition will be held at the National Library for the Blind on Saturday, May 12th.

Unseen passages will be read and prizes awarded for fluency, ease of diction and general expression. (Should the entries in any class be very limited, prizes will be only awarded if merited.) The sections of interest to St. Dunstaners are:

Class A. Advanced readers in competition for the Blanesburgh Cup.

Class B. Other readers in competition for the Stuart Memorial Cup.

Class C. Readers who have learnt to read Braille since the age of 16 and who do not feel competent to enter the more advanced classes. This class will be divided into:

1. Readers who lost their sight before 1938.
2. Readers who have lost their sight since 1938.

*Open Competition:* A special competition open to all readers eligible to enter Classes A and B and to all previous winners of the Open, Medal and Classes A, B and C for the reading of a passage from the Brontes.

*Deaf-Blind Readers:* Open to blind readers of Braille who are also deaf.

Intending competitors should send their names to the Secretary, National Library for the Blind, 35 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1, not later than Tuesday, 1st May, 1956, stating in which class they wish to enter.

### Flight of Life

*Oh lovely bird, so weak and frail,  
Winging across the skies of life;  
Battling against the roughest gale,  
Plunging swift through pain and strife.  
You are the bird of my desires,  
The winged messenger of my wishes,  
You are the zest that never tires,  
The anxious seeker of mental riches.  
Lovely bird, be careful please  
Whilst rising on a breath of praise;  
Your small wings go not hard and freeze  
When cold contempt its voice doth raise.  
Be careful, too, of birds of prey  
In case they hunt you, lovely bird;  
And leave you ere the set of day,  
Where breathless voice shall not be heard.  
When passing thro' the sands of time  
Be careful, bird that never tires,  
And soar up high, oh hope of mine  
Above Gehenna's raging fires.  
Should you gain the Styx divide,  
Do not cross, oh bird, but wait;  
For I would fain have thee beside  
When I reach the golden gate.*

M. VINCENT ALDRIDGE.

### Births

BURNS—On January 23rd, to the wife of M. Burns, of Westcliff-on-Sea, a son—Alistair Duncan.

WILLIAMS—On January 14th, to the wife of Chris. Williams, of Beckenham, a son—Adrian John.

### Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:—

BENTLEY—To W. Bentley, of Gorton, Manchester, and Mrs. Bentley, who have lost a grandchild.

CARLTON—To W. C. Carlton, of Morecambe, and his sister, Mrs. J. McDermott, of Davyhulme, Manchester (wife of our St. Dunstaner), who have lost their father.

DAVIDSON—To J. Davidson, of West House, who has recently lost his sister, Mrs. Sloan.

DAVIES—To J. H. V. Davies, of Braunton, near Barnstaple, and Mrs. Davies, in the loss of Mrs. Davies' mother, to whom both were devoted.

HOYLE—To Cliff Hoyle, of Chadderton, whose mother has died very suddenly.

ROSEWARNE—To T. H. Rosewarne, of Denton, Manchester, whose father has recently died.

SHAVE—To R. Shave, of Osmington, who lost his mother at the end of 1955.

STERNO—To A. Sterno, of Bath, whose wife died on January 19th after a long period of ill-health.

WILLIAMS—To T. A. Williams, of Sheringham, whose wife died on February 17th after a long illness.

### Mr. R. J. Williams

We deeply regret that the relatives of the late R. J. Williams were given as "a brother and sister." Our St. Dunstaner left two brothers and two sisters, and our deep sympathy is extended to them, and in particular to his eldest brother, Mr. Ernest A. Williams, with whom he lived until he retired, and who himself was in hospital at the time of his brother's death.

### Mr. W. Shakspeare

Mr. R. T. Cooling writes:—

"Bill Shakspeare will certainly be missed. The great number affected by his death was illustrated by the attendance at his funeral.

Since I had the privilege of knowing the Birmingham Club members (soon after 1914) Bill Shakspeare has always been one, if not the most prominent of members. Although physically not built for prominence in our sports, he was a very noticeable trier and popular for his enthusiasm and determination. Mentally he was alert and sound, a tower of strength in our management. He was a natural choice to represent our Club, not because he was a fluent speaker, but because his obvious sincerity and calm reasoning made him a respected advocate for any cause. He has been on the Committee of the Club practically continuously, and won the esteem and affection of young and old."

### Mr. W. H. Foxon

Mr. J. Noble, Acting Hon. Secretary of the Old Contemptibles Association, Leicester Branch, writes:—

"We in Leicester have followed with very deep interest the course of events in connection with our old friend and comrade, the late Chum Foxon.

We are much heartened by the many kindnesses and attention he received during his stay with you, and also by the splendid way in which his interment was carried out.

It is the very special wish of the Branch that I should convey to you and your staff our deep appreciation of the way our departed Chum was looked after by all of you during his last days, and thank you so very, very much for all you have done.

"It is very nice to know that a friend of ours should be so happily found amongst such good friends as all of you in Brighton have proved yourselves to be."

### Mr. T. H. Panton

We have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. T. H. Panton, who was a Technical Visitor in the Mats Section of the Stores Department from 1919 until his retirement in 1946. Mr. Panton collapsed and died on Sunday, January 22nd.

Mr. D. W. Ferguson represented St. Dunstan's at the funeral.



## “In Memory”

### Private Michael John Printie, *1st Royal Irish Rifles*

We record with deep regret the death of M. J. Printie, of Edinburgh, which occurred at his home on January 31st.

Enlisting on September 3rd, 1914, he was blinded on the Somme and also suffered a very badly damaged hand. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1917 and had a shop for some time, but he was for many years a telephonist. His health had not been good for a very long time and he had had to take life very quietly.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and children; his eldest son is himself ill.

### Sergeant James Richard Hopkins, *King's Royal Rifle Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the death, on January 25th, of J. R. Hopkins, of Llanelly.

A former Customs Office clerk, he enlisted immediately on the outbreak of the 1914 war. He was severely gassed during his service in France, and was discharged in June, 1919, but it was not until 1950 that he came to us. He suffered greatly as a result of the gassing and his death occurred after years of illness at his home, devotedly nursed by his wife.

To Mrs. Hopkins and his family our deep sympathy is offered.

### Gunner John S. Whitelam, *Royal Field Artillery*

We record with deep regret the death of J. S. Whitelam, of Westcliff-on-Sea. He was 57.

Discharged from the Service in September, 1917, he came to St. Dunstan's the following year and trained as a masseur. He continued in the profession of physiotherapy until 1952, when he was forced to give up owing to his failing health. He died on January 25th.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Whitelam and his family.

### Private Frederick Robert Ventham, *Labour Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of F. H. Ventham, of Gravesend. He was 74.

He served in the Army until 1919, but did not come to St. Dunstan's until January, 1952, when his age and state of health made training out of the question.

A single man, he was well known at West House, where he spent holidays from time to time, but his home was with his sister-in-law, to whom our very sincere sympathy is extended.

### Corporal James Henry Parker, M.M., *Devon Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of J. H. Parker, a permanent resident at West House. He was 60.

He was severely wounded in France in 1918 and when he came to St. Dunstan's in October, 1934, his health forbade any training and he was for many years in the Star and Garter Home at Richmond. Last year he went to Ovingdean and later became a permanent resident at West House but his health was deteriorating rapidly and he died on February 4th.

The funeral service took place at Brighton Cemetery and he was laid to rest with his comrades in St. Dunstan's own plot. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and the Last Post was sounded.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and two sons.

### First Class Plumber Leslie James Maker, *Royal Navy*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of L. J. Maker, of Plymouth, at the age of forty-two. He was discharged from the Royal Navy in March, 1948, and came within our border-line benefits in January, 1955, becoming a full St. Dunstaner in September of last year.

He trained in weaving and netting and was working until his sudden death on January 9th.

He leaves a widow, to whom our deep sympathy is offered.

### O. Deary, J. Charters, G. Mouritz and F. Strongman, *Australian Forces.*

We have heard with deep regret from Mr. McConnell that the following Australian St. Dunstaners have died. O. Deary, of Victoria, J. Charters, of Sydney, New South Wales, G. Mouritz, of Mount Albert, Victoria, and F. Strongman, of Prospect, South Australia.

Mr. Strongman was keenly interested in the affairs of blinded soldiers and was a delegate from South Australia to Conferences.

Our deep sympathy is extended to their relatives.