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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

HOW many St. Dunstaners, I wonder, share my experience with regard to new activities? Most men and women, especially when they are getting older, live according to some set pattern or, to put it more bluntly, get into a bit of a rut and some special initiative or will-power is required to take on something new. This, no doubt, applies in most matters affecting one's working life, but it is also true of leisure occupations and hobbies. Most people find it hard to fill their leisure time usefully, and this is especially true when you retire. All that I have said about people generally is even more true of the blind, because it is so much more difficult to do everything if you do not see and therefore harder still to do new things.

Nevertheless, I think we should try. The fact that we cannot do many things to entertain ourselves should, I suggest, make us concentrate upon what we can do and learn from each other's failures and successes. One of my failures, which I deeply deplore, is that I have so far failed to learn chess. I cannot imagine a more ideal game for blind people, especially if you can become good enough to visualise the board.

When I was blinded as a young man I had never cared for cards and had never played bridge. The Bridge group at St. Dunstan's did not exist and there was no one to urge me on, and it was some years before, noticing that some other blind people were enjoying a game, I thought I would have a go. Even then I hesitated, partly because I felt that I would make a fool of myself and do it badly, or fumble with the cards, or forget what had been played, or what was in the dummy, and partly out of sheer inertia or laziness. However, one day the opportunity occurred with one or two kindly people to put up with my beginner's blunders, and, to cut a long story short, I learned a new pastime which has given me hours of pleasure during the last thirty-five years.

Although I have had invitations to fish under most agreeable circumstances during the past forty years since I have been blind, and although there are two good fishing rivers in my present constituency where I have been Member for sixteen years, it is only in the last five years that I have become an angler. This hesitation has also been due to factors similar to those I have mentioned, and I now blame myself for having missed many years of sport and interest. Angling, like every other human pursuit, is not only attractive for itself but because of the companionship and argument and tall stories that it evokes. Whether it is sea fishing or coarse fishing, or trout or salmon fishing, there is nothing in blindness itself to prevent the pursuit of the sport. One needs a companion in the boat or on the bank, of course, though not necessarily for every minute of the time. But one can learn to put on the bait, or tie on the fly, to kill the fish and take him off the hook, and to keep one's tackle in good shape, as well as many of the tricks that are necessary for success.

Often the sun or the wind, the flow of the current, or the edge of the river bank will tell you your direction for casting and since a large part of most kinds of fishing is a matter of touch, there are aspects of the art at which the blind angler can become very adept.

From time to time I hear from St. Dunstaners who pursue various forms of angling and I should like to hear more.

IAN FRASER.

### St. Dunstan's Success at Legion Exhibition

Peter Harry, a St. Dunstan's trainee, won first prize (a silver cup) in the special class for disabled ex-servicemen at the County of Sussex British Legion and Women's Section Hobbies and Handicrafts Exhibition, held in Brighton on April 28th. Peter's exhibit, which was a woven stole in white silk with a silver thread running through it, was also judged the best exhibit in the Show, for which he received a further cash prize of £5. There were nearly 900 entries in the Competition, which was open to all members of the British Legion and the Women's Section in Sussex, their families and their friends resident in the County. There were twenty exhibits from St. Dunstan's.

The well-known writer, Godfrey Winn, was to have been present but he was ill and so his dog, "Mr. Sponge," accepted a gift for his master. This was a silk evening scarf woven by a St. Dunstaner, and was presented by Malcolm Jarman, another St. Dunstan's trainee, who made a delightful short speech.

Mrs. G. B. Dacre, J.P., President of the British Legion Sussex County Committee, was Chairman of the Combined Committee organising the Exhibition, and Major Gilbert Cohen, Chairman of the British Legion, Southern Area, presented the prizes.

### Derby Sweepstake

The Derby Sweepstake has now closed, and the draw will be made at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, May 31st. All those drawing a horse will be notified by letter the following day. The result of the draw will be displayed on the notice board at the London Club and at Ovingdean and West House.

The Derby will be run on Wednesday, June 6th, and the result of the Sweepstake will appear in full in the June issue of the REVIEW.

### Mr. F. G. Richardson

On April 21st one of St. Dunstan's lecturers, Mr. F. G. Richardson, of Lancing, retired after thirty-one years' service.

Fred Richardson came to St. Dunstan's in August, 1923, and two years later became one of our appeals representatives, under Mr. Ernest Kessell.

In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, bringing the warm thanks of St. Dunstan's men and St. Dunstan's Council, as well as his personal thanks, Sir Ian Fraser wrote:

"Thirty-one years is the greater part of a working life, and you will no doubt, both of you, look back upon your labours with satisfaction and pleasure, as we do. I have always thought that you and your colleagues have made a very real contribution, not only to the financial strength of St. Dunstan's, but also to the good repute in which our name is held throughout the country.

"I have often read reports about your work, and paragraphs in the newspapers about your speeches, and feel that you have done your work not only in a warm-hearted and human way, but also most effectively; I also realise to the full how much Mrs. Richardson has done to help you and prosper the name of St. Dunstan's.

"We all send you both the very best of good wishes in your retirement."

### A New Book by Helen Keller

The story of Miss Helen Keller is known all over the world. In her new book, "Teacher," she tells the story of her life-long friendship with Anne Sullivan Macy, who miraculously taught a deaf, dumb and blind little girl to speak and to understand. "Teacher," as Helen Keller always called her, by love, patience and understanding led her little pupil gradually into a life as near normal as it was possible for her to lead. Anne Macy herself suffered from failing sight and for the last few years of her life was totally blind. She died in 1935. Helen Keller's book is a record of incredible courage, faith and love.

### London Club Notes

#### Bridge

The London County Contract Bridge Association have repeated their kind invitation this year to send five teams of four on Saturday, June 16th. Will members please make up their fours and send in their names to Mr. Bob Willis not later than June 7th. If more than twenty names are received, there will be a ballot.

Congratulations to our member, C. R. Bulman, who has been elected President of the Beckenham Bridge Club, as well as being made Chairman of Committee for the second year in succession.

JOCK BROWN.

#### Walking

##### Twelve Miles *v.* Metropolitan Police

Regent's Park, March 24th

St. Dunstan's was at full strength for their annual 12 miles race and match with Metropolitan Police.

The weather was good and the walking likewise, especially the last mile in which Jim Holding (Metropolitan Police) and Billy Miller (St. Dunstan's) fought to the finish. Both returned the same time, though Jim took first place only by inches from Billy. Archie Brown finished strongly in third position.

The St. Dunstan's sealed handicap was won by B. Miller, with A. Brown second and Stan Tutton third. Metropolitan Police won the match by 50 points to 56.

Order of Finish	Actual Time	Allow.	H'cap.	H'cap. Post.
1*P.C. Holding ...	111-52			
2†W. Miller ...	111-52	Scr.	111-52	1
3†A. Brown ...	116-47	1-30	115-17	2
4*P.C. Reid ...	117-38			
5†C. Williamson ...	120-52	2-00	118-52	5
6*P.C. Place ...	123-10			
7*P.C. Grice ...	123-28			
8*P.C. Young ...	125-28			
9*P.C. Dillon ...	127-55			
10†L. Dennis ...	128-15	8-00	120-15	7
11.†S. Tutton ...	128-19	9-30	118-49	3
12†C. Stafford ...	130-12	10-00	120-12	6
13†T. Gaygan ...	130-42	7-30	123-12	8
14†A. Bradley ...	134-50	16-00	118-50	4
15*P.C. Smith ...	134-50			

\*Metropolitan Police; †St. Dunstan's.  
Result of Match: 1st, Metropolitan Police, 50 points.  
2nd, St. Dunstan's, 56 points.

##### Five Miles *v.* Bowring Athletic

Tuesday, April 24th

We took an early opportunity to hold the first of our evening meetings on the introduction of Summer Time with our five miles race against Bowring Athletic.

There was some very fine walking over the eight laps of the Inner Circle, with

Mr. Green, of Bowring, setting up a new Bowring record.

St. Dunstan's were a little slow off the mark, and realizing that they were being left behind, quickly rallied and began to make up lost ground. Billy Miller managed to get in amongst the leaders and finished third.

A handicap was held and this was won by B. Miller. Archie Brown was second and Chas. Williamson third. The prizes were very kindly donated by Bowring, who won the team event. Result: Bowring A.C., 24 points; St. Dunstan's, 31 points.

Order of Finish	Actual Time	Allow.	H'cap.	H'cap. Post.
1*Gum ...	41-14			
2*Comber ...	42-07			
3†Miller ...	42-51	Scr.	42-51	1
4*Culver ...	44-24			
5†Williamson ...	44-46	30 sec.	44-16	2
6†Brown ...	45-50	50 sec.	45-00	3
7*Howse ...	49-03			
8†Gaygan ...	49-10	2-50	46-20	4
9†Bradley ...	51-58	5-30	46-28	5
10*Evans ...	52-00			

\*Bowring A.C.; †St. Dunstan's.  
Result of Match: 1st Bowring A.C., 24 points.  
2nd, St. Dunstan's, 31 points.

##### Five Miles *v.* C. E. Heath & Co.

Tuesday, May 1st

This was the second of our Tuesday evening races, and should have been a three-cornered affair but the Pearl Assurance team never arrived, and so it was a straightforward contest between St. Dunstan's and C. E. Heath & Co.

Both teams were so evenly matched that only points decided the first result, and this could have gone either way had the leading pair parted company.

All in all, it was a very quiet and friendly race, with St. Dunstan's just taking the deciding point.

A single handicap prize, kindly given by Heath's, was won by Alf. Bradley. Result: St. Dunstan's, 17½ points; C. E. Heath and Co., 18½ points.

Order of Finish	Actual Time	Allow.	H'cap.	H'cap. Post.
1†Miller ...	44-44	Scr.	44-44	3
2*Heath's ...	44-44			
3†Brown ...	47-48	2-20	45-28	4
4*Turner ...	48-26			
5†Gaygan ...	48-46	5-30	43-16	2
6*Taylor ...	49-49			
7*Rackett ...	49-59			
8†Bradley ...	50-07	8-00	42-07	1
9*Rayment ...	54-41			
10*Mills ...	54-41			

\*C. E. Heath & Co.; †St. Dunstan's.  
Result of Match: 1st, St. Dunstan's, 17½ points.  
C. E. Heath & Co., 18½ points.

### London Transport Sports 16 Miles

Once again London Transport are sending out to St. Dunstaners an invitation to their Sports and Gala, which will include a two mile walk for St. Dunstan's, on July 8th.

As last year, a special 'bus will be laid on to pick up and return to Victoria any St. Dunstaner and his wife and family or friends who wish to attend.

Full details will be available later, so make a note of the date.

W.M.

### Rehabilitation of the Blind A European Seminar

From April 23rd to May 4th, the Royal National Institute for the Blind and St. Dunstan's acted as hosts to a Seminar on the Rehabilitation of the Blind, which was sponsored by the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind and the World Veterans' Federation. Eighteen nations were represented. Mr. A. D. Lloyds attended on behalf of St. Dunstan's. Mr. Askew was also present at some of the meetings, and on the afternoon of the opening day, Sir Ian Fraser gave an address on "Social Adjustment." The Seminar gave us the opportunity of welcoming two St. Dunstaners from overseas—Colonel E. A. Baker, who is President of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, and Mr. Eric Boulter, its Secretary.

A visit to Ovingdean was included in the very full programme arranged for the delegates.

### David Bell's Important Appointment

David Bell, of Edinburgh, one of our handless St. Dunstaners, has been appointed by the Ministry of Labour and National Service to fill a vacancy on the non-industrial section of the Edinburgh Disablement Advisory Committee.

David, it will be remembered, graduated from Edinburgh University as M.A. in July, 1952, and as Bachelor of Commerce in 1955. He has held many public appointments and has numerous cultural and sporting interests.

### Chess

A. B. Hill, of Bristol, has won the Best Game Prize in the Postal Chess Championship for 1954-55. This Championship is run by the Sports and Social Council of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, which operates throughout the United Kingdom.

### Reunions

The 1956 Reunions began with the meeting at Bournemouth on April 7th. All went off extremely well. Mr. D. G. Hopewell, Member of St. Dunstan's Council, presided, and during the afternoon our St. Dunstaner, B. Glover, of Purbrook, introduced his Hammond organ and played popular music.

The Plymouth Reunion, on April 11th, was tiny by comparison, but was a most pleasant little meeting for men from Cornwall and South Devon. Mr. Wills, Miss Outing and Miss Webster were the hosts.

On April 14th a very successful meeting was held at Bristol. There was a good attendance in spite of very bad weather. Our President, Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., welcomed the guests, and Lady Pearson was also present.

At Manchester, on May 3rd, Mr. T. F. Lister, C.B.E., a member of St. Dunstan's Council and a prominent member of the British Legion, presided, while Mr. Hopewell represented the Council at the Chester Reunion the following day.

Sir Neville Pearson presided at the big Liverpool meeting on May 5th, again accompanied by Lady Pearson.

On May 9th we came south to Canterbury, and Mr. Hopewell was the principal guest and speaker, as he also was at Guildford on May 12th.

### A Canadian Reunion Next Year

Captain F. J. L. Woodcock, National After-Care Officer for War-Blinded (Canadian National Institute for the Blind), writes:

"The Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded is holding a Reunion from June 16th to 22nd, inclusive, in 1957, with headquarters in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. Our various committees are already working on the many phases of the week's get-together. There are a few of our far distant members here who plan to continue on to the British Isles for a holiday after the reunion. They are members who reside about as far west of Toronto as we are from the British Isles. There may be Canadians in England planning a vacation in Canada who would like to attend the reunion during the said vacation period, and we would appreciate hearing from any of this group."

### Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

Referring to certain correspondence in the REVIEW.

I recall the story of the Frenchman of years ago who complained of the difficulties of the English language, saying "Ziz English. You say when two trains come together, eet is ze collision, but when two babies come together, eet is twins!"

Yours sincerely,

JOHN MUDGE.

DEAR EDITOR,

I was very interested to read Sir Ian's comments on "Noise" and the replies in the April issue of the REVIEW.

To those of us who travel about extensively on our own, I think the noise of traffic in towns and a strong wind in less populated areas are the most disturbing factors in our movements out of doors. As for noises indoors, taps not turned off in the home and the new-fangled coffee machines are, to me, a source of intense annoyance.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK A. RHODES.

DEAR EDITOR,

Some time ago, a blind girl writing to me, after telling me what she regarded as beautiful, added "But I don't expect a deaf-blind person has any idea of beauty or ever gave the subject any consideration." Now this got me thinking of our invalids and bed-ridden, and so we find ourselves wondering what other blind men regard as beautiful, particularly *our* men.

Yours sincerely,

G. FALLOWFIELD.

[Would any St. Dunstaner like to take up this interesting point?—ED.]

### Sticking To It

Margaret Stanway, of Morecambe, writes:

"I must tell you something that caused my daughter Pat and I such a lot of amusement this morning. I decided the toilet seat needed painting last night, so did the underneath part first, so that it would dry by this morning (I used a quick-drying varnish paint). Unfortunately I must have got some blobs of paint on the actual seat, which didn't dry quickly at all. Of course, you can imagine what happened! To add insult to injury, I did not have any turps., and the only thing I could think of to get this black paint off was scouring powder. It isn't off yet, and will have to wear off."

### From Mr. Harry Bennett

DEAR ST. DUNSTANERS,

I would like to thank those who so generously contributed to the delightful silver cigarette case—suitably inscribed—which was presented to me on your behalf by Mr. Webster, the Chairman of the London Club, on the evening of April 19th.

I chose to have a cigarette case because it is a very personal present, and one I shall have with me every day as a constant reminder of friendly associations.

My connection with St. Dunstan's has been a very happy one for thirty-three years, and I shall certainly enjoy a lot of satisfaction from it in the years to come.

My retirement has provided the opportunity for my wife and myself to have a long holiday in Canada. We sail from Liverpool on the Cunarder *Ivernia*, on May 9th, to Montreal, and after spending a few days there with friends, we carry on for just short of 3,000 miles across Canada to Vancouver, where we shall be met by my daughter—who has now a family of four little girls, complete with husband, of course.

I am assured that Vancouver is a fisherman's paradise, and a friend of my family is a keen fisherman who has a 20ft. motor cabin launch and promises me some good sport. I have done a fair amount of fishing over many years and I wonder whether Sir Ian will have to look to his laurels.

We get back to England towards the end of September to continue at home the enjoyment and interest of my retirement, which has been well planned during the last four years.

Please accept my sincere and best wishes for your future, with good health and contentment.

Again, with many thanks for your thoughtfulness to me.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

HARRY BENNETT.

P.S.—May I be allowed to incorporate in this letter my thanks to those members of the staff whom I have not been able to thank personally and who contributed to the wonderful gold wrist watch which was presented to me on my retirement.

I am delighted with it and again it is a constant reminder of the many friendships I have enjoyed.—H.B.

### From All Quarters

John Oriel presided at the annual meeting of the Institution of Chemical Engineers in London, on April 23rd. His war and personal record brought him a reference in the London Diary of the *Evening Standard* and the forthrightness of his address an approving "leader" in the *Daily Express* the following day. Mr. Oriel is President of the Institution of Chemical Engineers.

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At the first meeting of the Grade Committee of the Civil Service Union for sighted and blind telephonists, Jock Macfarlane was elected Chairman.

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R. Wood, of London, N.W.9, has passed the Civil Service Shorthand Proficiency Test.

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J. R. Brown, of Nuneaton, attended the annual reunion of his regiment on April 22nd, and the next day paraded at the memorial to the Lancashire Fusiliers who fell at the Dardanelles. He and nineteen other survivors of the landing headed the procession. Later our St. Dunstaner met other old comrades who had soldiered with him from 1906 until 1915, when he was wounded.

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Although not quite so successful with his leeks as in previous years, owing to the late dates of the shows, S. Purvis, of Seghill, still took prizes in the shape of a canteen of cutlery and a grandmother clock.

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A Drew, of Moston, Manchester, won first prize for his indoor bulbs in a competition organised by Manchester and Salford Society for the Blind. His show of hyacinths was particularly fine.

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J. Halsall, of Southport, is singing in a contest at Manchester on May 26th.

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W. Sherwood, of Trimley St. Mary, near Ipswich, lost a very dear friend as a result of the accident at the gas works at Felixstowe in February.

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Dixon B. Elrod, of Sheffield, was pictured in the local paper last month with his lovely Labrador guide dog, Dianna. He takes her with him when he lectures for St. Dunstan's and calls her "A St. Dunstan's Service!"

### St. Dunstan's Clubs

In the March issue of the REVIEW, Sir Ian included a note about St. Dunstan's Clubs, and made a brief reference to the constitution of these Clubs, and to the activities they undertake.

May I assume the position of "publicity agent" for all our Clubs, and declare at the outset that we members of the Clubs in the provinces—and in this matter I think I may quite safely write on behalf of the members of the London Club—are very grateful to our Chairman for expressing his interest in the work of the Clubs, and for emphasising to all St. Dunstaners the common purposes which each of the Clubs endeavour to pursue. I am certain that we who are members of a St. Dunstan's Club, and especially those of us who now serve, or have served, as officials or as members of Club Committees, appreciate very much the publicity which Sir Ian has given to our organisations, and more particularly we are pleased that such a strong urge was made to those who have not already joined one of our Clubs to do so now if a Club operates within reasonable travelling distance of one's home.

I feel that scores of St. Dunstaners will support me in my efforts to follow up the publicity lead given by our Chairman. The subject is "alive" in the minds of readers of the REVIEW, and we who regard the functions of St. Dunstan's as attractive and important should make every effort to bring into our circles those who, with a little effort, could very well attend at Club gatherings.

All St. Dunstaners have been informed that Clubs are situated in London, Birmingham, Brighton, Cardiff, Liverpool and Manchester. It should be remembered that each of these centres is willing to accept any St. Dunstaner as a member, and especially do the Clubs appeal to all St. Dunstaners living within ten or fifteen miles of their meeting place to make every effort to attend at Club gatherings whenever good health and circumstances will permit.

Of course, we are aware that some First War men may sometimes feel it a bit beyond them to get down to a Club, but you may be assured that once you are there you are with your colleagues and you can enjoy the usual warmth and friendliness of a St. Dunstan's gathering.

Also at the Club our wives and escorts

meet and participate in their own arranged activities, and many of them look forward to assisting as games markers or as guides in and around the premises, and in preparing and serving of refreshments. They also share the "spices" of Club membership.

Perhaps I should include a special appeal to the men of the Second War, because so many of them are employed in industry, and may be prevented from attending our Clubs because of their work. I would, however, press my appeal to them because the Clubs which meet during the week do so at a time of the evening which enables members to have a welcome wash and change, knowing that refreshments are served at the Club. As for the Clubs meeting on Saturdays, they, too, have in mind that workers usually need a wash and change of clothes, and they arrange their meetings at an appropriate time. The day of the week and the times of meetings are normally suited to the big majority of the members.

Only a nominal membership subscription is payable and this entitles every member to participate in the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Competitions and in other competitions arranged by the Club for which attractive prizes and cups are allocated.

But what of entertainment, you may ask. Well, the Clubs do not fail here. Apart from the great interest in the Competition games, every Club has its round of outings, and there are parties at the Club, with particular emphasis on the Christmas Party. There are also invitations from generous friends outside the Clubs. These are extremely attractive functions which often draw a bigger attendance than the average Club gathering, and are an incentive to Club membership.

Like many St. Dunstaners, I am a member of other Clubs, but apart from the fact that I could, if I wished, go to one or another on any evening during the week, I am quite sure that none of these clubs offer so much varied attraction to me as the St. Dunstan's Club which I attend, and I travel about eighteen miles in each direction to be present and to help in every way possible.

I hope every sighted reader of this contribution to the REVIEW will be at pains to read it to a listening St. Dunstaner, and that they, and readers of the braille copy, will ponder carefully on the information given, and will answer this appeal by joining the nearest available Club.

This matter is submitted in the interests

of St. Dunstan's Clubs generally, and I do not anticipate being reproached for taking advantage of the opportunity "livened" by Sir Ian Fraser's Notes in the REVIEW. We have been told that Club activities are part of the general scheme of welfare work, and we are encouraged substantially by Headquarters. At the Manchester Reunion recently, reference was made by Mr. Wills to the good work done by the Clubs, and as a mark of appreciation, and for the first time, the Club Chairman and his wife were given honoured places at the "head table." I sincerely hope that this may become an established practice wherever a Club exists, and that all St. Dunstaners will become "club-minded."

JIM SHAW, Chairman, Manchester Club.

### Miss M. M. Davies

Miss M. M. Davies, who has been our Welfare Visitor for Wales and the Border Counties for the past four years, has given up her appointment to marry Mr. A. Cartwright, of Cardiff, on June 4th next.

We thank Miss Davies for her work for St. Dunstan's, and wish them both every happiness for the future.

### The Comparison

*My heart was sad as I looked down and saw below  
me o'er the town  
A pall of smoke which blocked the sun; ah me,  
this curtain was by progress hung.  
But up on Pennine's winding way, in air washed  
clean by hermes spray,  
The heart grows light, the spirits gay, for progress  
here has had no say.  
Down in the town, 'midst traffic's roar, people  
go scurrying or wait in fear,  
Hoping their crossing won't end on a bier, 'cause  
progress is honking, cross if you dare.  
But strolling on Pennine's grass-paved aisle, in  
peace serene and sweet sunshine,  
People may tarry or rest awhile, since progress on  
Pennine is stripped of its guile.  
Night in the town, but the struggle goes on,  
criminal and paragon, the weak and the strong,  
All worship Cræsus in the same tongue, with  
Progress usurping the alchemist's song.  
But Pennine's wealth is from nature caught,  
treasures which spill from the heavenly vault,  
Free to all, but by none possessed, though progress  
is seeking the vault's conquest.  
Now Pennine has shed its mantle of gold, and,  
for the night, in silver is clothed,  
So I must return to the Juggernaut's gold, since  
progress is calling and won't go unsold.*

T. ROGERS.

### Brighton Club Notes

It is with regret that I have to report the deaths of two stalwart members, Messrs. Bamber and Reddish. They will indeed be missed.

Will those interested in bowls please note that we meet every Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock on the Greens, St. Ann's Well Gardens, Hove.

Also please note that the Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

All seats in the Club Derby coach have been taken. FRANK A. RHODES, *Secretary*.

### Ruby Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Sheppard, of Hove, May 16th and to Mr. and Mrs. H. Abraham, of Ardwick, Manchester (married forty years on April 10th); and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Goodley, of Pulham Market, whose anniversary was on May 18th.

### Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. Eccleston, of Leigh, Lancashire, May 2nd. Congratulations.

### Great Grandfather

Joseph Healey, of Manchester.

### Grandfathers

R. G. Field, of Potters Bar; R. J. Kittle, of Ilford; E. T. Hughes, of Cwmgwrach; C. Temperton, of Hull; J. Wishart, of West Stanley (a daughter last December for Lillian); A. Needham, of Swindon, the first grand-daughter; A. Turrell, of Clacton-on-Sea (two recent grand-children, a boy and a girl); W. Judd, of Hillingdon (another grand-daughter).

### It's Your Down, Professor

- D for the game I love to hate.  
 O stands for old—the required mental state.  
 M for the moron whose game is meat and drink.  
 I for his intelligence in which there surely is a kink.  
 N for nasty tempers when someone calls out chips.  
 O for the oaths snarled from three pairs of lips.  
 E for the excitement when I see in the REVIEW  
 S Some day, some time, quite soon perhaps,  
 The game's declared taboo.

GEORGE ELLIS.

[What game would you like to see abolished! What is your favourite sporting "hate?" Suggestions and reasons welcomed, but make them as brief as possible, please.—ED.] ★ ★ ★

### Births

CRAIG—To the wife of Stuart Craig, of Wembley, a son—Andrew. (Stuart is a New Zealand trainee).

GALWAY—To the wife of F. Galway, of Sandbach, on April 25th, a daughter—Allison Jane.

HOPKINS—To the wife of N. Hopkins, of Cardiff, on April 22nd, a son.

SWAIN—To the wife of H. Swain, of Kettering, on February 13th, a daughter—Eileen Mary.

### Marriage

MCGUIRE—DAMERALL—On May 3rd, at Brighton, J. McGuire, of West House, to Mrs. Damerall.

### Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:—

ANDERSON—To A. Anderson, of Letham, Angus, Scotland (our Canadian St. Dunstaner), whose wife died on May 7th.

BIRD—To H. J. Bird, of Clacton-on-Sea, who suffered the grievous loss of two brothers within a few days at Easter, and has now received the news of his sister-in-law's death.

HATHERLEY—To A. Hatherley, of Beesands, who lost his father last September.

HOLLAND—To A. J. Holland, of West House, whose only brother died on April 27th.

KIFT—To E. J. Kift, of West Norwood, who has lost his brother.

POTTER—To H. Potter, of Hastings, who has lost his nephew, aged twenty-one.

RONES—To R. C. A. Rones, of Cardiff, whose father died in March, after great suffering.

ROSE—To G. W. Rose, of Pontefract, whose mother has recently died. She was a great-great-grandmother.

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We have only just heard that Whaley Austin, of Ontario, Canada, lost his wife a year or so ago, and we send him our very sincere sympathy. Last year our St. Dunstaner himself had a serious operation from which, we are very glad to hear, he has made a rapid recovery.

### Ovingdean Notes

Delegates to the International Conference on the Rehabilitation of the Blind, and representatives from the National Council of Nurses (Ophthalmic Branch) both visited St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, on April 25th.

The former group were received at the Centre in the morning. Experts in blind rehabilitation from some 18 different European countries, many of them blind, they were greeted by the Commandant, who gave an introductory lecture on the work of this organisation. Afterwards they divided into four groups to tour the building and workshops. Particular interest was shown in the industrial section, where Mr. Owens was available to answer questions, and also in the telephone school.

After luncheon the delegates listened to a talk by an American visitor on the work being done in the field of blind welfare in the United States, and after forming into discussion groups they were later able to pose questions to St. Dunstan's senior officials. Earlier in the week, Sir Ian had entertained the delegates to dinner at the House of Commons. The delegates to the second Conference were also shown all departments of the Centre. Their particular interest lay in the planning of the building and in the occupational therapy rather than in the various type of settlements for which our beneficiaries are trained, but they expressed their interest in all they saw here and said they felt the visit helped them enormously in their work in the various hospitals dealing with ophthalmic cases.

*Shooting Competitions*—For the monthly Knock-out Competition in April there were 18 entrants. The winner was Collis Walters, who beat Alf Dodgson by 65 points to 50 out of a possible 100.

This was the first competition since using the new 25 yard target instead of the 50 yard previously in use. This means, of course, that the target is much smaller and therefore requires far more accuracy and concentration. This point was indeed proved on May 1st, when we had a team of 8 members of the Brighton Police Force visit us at Ovingdean for a match which was won by the St. Dunstan's team with a total of 238 points to 217 out of a possible 400. The Police remarked how much more difficult it is now with the new target in comparison with the old one in use on the occasion of their last visit when, incidentally, they had beaten our team. The best shots during the

match were registered by Bill Wild and Bob Osborne, of the St. Dunstan's team, who both scored 42 points each out of a possible 50.

*Garden Party and Sports Day*—With training numbers now down very considerably, we are looking this year to local St. Dunstaners and those holidaying with us at the time of the Sports for a record number of entries. As last year, there will be a number of garden party competitions, in addition to the usual field events. So make a note of the date, everyone—Saturday, July 21st, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Mr. Jarrold will give details on request concerning the field events and Miss Guilbert will deal with tea tickets.

### WEST HOUSE

The deaf-blind St. Dunstaners who were at Ovingdean for their Reunion visited West House on Monday morning, 23rd April, to present Miss Arnold, Lounge Sister, leaving soon to get married, with an ash tray in the form of a ship's wheel. The presentation was made by S. Jordan, of Leominster. Miss Arnold also received a cheque on behalf of the St. Dunstaners at West House, with which she intends to buy two fireside chairs, and she also was given a dinner service from Staff at West House and a few members of the Staff at Headquarters and Ovingdean.

### Sir Ian Fraser on "Gambling"

When the Lotteries and Gaming Bill was debated in Parliament last month, Sir Ian Fraser revealed that he had a bet with a colleague that he would catch more salmon than he will between now and the end of September. He himself had a flutter from time to time. "Life is made up of taking chances and I think it adds to the spice of life to put a bob on the Derby, or take a ticket in the local raffle for a cake or a turkey at Christmas time."

The fishing bet is between Sir Ian and Colonel "Mike" Ansell, and at present the score is, we hear: Sir Ian 2, Colonel Ansell 3. ★ ★ ★

During Maureen Lees' recent illness, she had helped the craft class of Lower Bebington Townswomen's Guild, all sighted members. Recently she was invited to a party there, only to find that it was to be their opportunity to present her with a travel hand-bag, a wallet and a Paisley headsquare as a token of their appreciation of her help.

## "In Memory"

### Private Evan David Evans, 1-4 Welsh Regiment

It is with deep regret that we record the death of E. D. Evans, late of Carmarthen, who has been living for some time at West House.

He had served with his regiment from 1912 to 1916, and he came to St. Dunstan's in March, 1917, where he trained first as a boot repairer and then as a clogger.

A widower, he had lived with his daughters until September last year, when he went to West House. He had been ill there for a considerable time.

The funeral took place at Carmarthen.

Our very sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

### Corporal George Barnhurst Coles, 5th Bt. Lincolnshire Regiment

We record with deep regret the death of G. B. Coles, of Gainsborough.

He served with his regiment from September 1st, 1914, until October, 1915, and came to St. Dunstan's in August of that year. He trained as a poultry farmer but for a very long time now he has been ill and he died in the hospital where he had been a patient for many months.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his sisters.

### Sergeant Wilfred Archbutt Thompson, M.M., 10th East Yorkshire Regt.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of W. A. Thompson, of Hull.

He was a prisoner of war during the First World War, serving from 1914 until 1919, but it was not until 1952 that he came to us, when he was already a sick man. He died in hospital on April 28th after a long illness.

He leaves a widow and children to whom our very sincere sympathy is offered.

### Private William McCombie, 23rd Middlesex Regiment

We record with deep regret the death of W. McCombie, of Wood Green, London, which occurred on April 8th at the age of sixty-four.

He came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1919, and trained in mat-making, at which he worked for some years. Later he took a shop and he was running this at the time of his death.

He was unmarried, and lived with a brother and sister, to whom our deep sympathy is extended.

### Sapper Harold Arthur Ellwood, Royal Engineers

It is with deep regret that we record the death of H. A. Ellwood, of Harrow. He was sixty-seven.

He did not come to us until January this year, although he served in the First World War, losing an eye. Some years ago the sight of his remaining eye failed, but when he came to St. Dunstan's the state of his health prevented him taking any training. On April 17th he was admitted to hospital and he died three days later.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family, to whom we express our deep sympathy.

### Private Cyril John Robert Reddish, 4th Yorks. and Lancs. Regiment

With deep regret we record the death of C. J. R. Reddish, of Brighton. He was fifty-six.

He came to St. Dunstan's in February, 1918, and was first a mat-maker and then a basket-maker. His health, however, had been failing for some years and in February of this year he was admitted to the Sick Ward at Ovingdean, where he died on April 21st.

He was a widower and our sincere sympathy is extended to his two sisters.

### R. J. Radcliffe, Canadian Forces

We have heard with deep regret from Captain F. J. L. Woodcock that R. J. Radcliffe, who was with us in 1942, after being wounded in action in Normandy, died very suddenly on December 20th, 1955.

While he was at St. Dunstan's he trained in braille, typewriting and woodwork, and was a very popular and fine personality. He was a single man when he left for Canada and we have not heard that he married.

## Young St. Dunstaners

Gerald Horner (Holmfirth), has passed a wireless (radar) examination.

Margaret Green (Whittlesey) has been successful in passing a music examination.

Going to pass a music examination one day is Anne Maree Wigglesworth, Shipley, who, at six months, is already trying to play the mouth organ. We are told that she makes different notes by sucking and blowing in the approved style and dances up and down in her father's arms to her own tune!

Gail and Hazel Barber, of York (their daddy died in May, 1954) are doing well. Hazel has won a free book of 52 tickets for being the child who has shown most pro-

gress in swimming this year, and Gail has been chosen for her school to sing at a big Ilkley concert.

When Peter Theobald, of Ipswich, was with a Boy Scouts' detachment, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh visited his school. The Duke stopped to speak to Peter.

## Marriages

The son of A. S. Emerson, of Clacton, on March 3rd.

At Easter, Raymond Burgin, Southwick, to Miss Pamela Dymott.

Agnes Kennedy, Barnhill by Dundee, on March 31st, to Charles Barnet.

Joseph Daly, Liverpool, to Miss Patricia Crosby.