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EDITORIAL

DURING the past month, three books of special interest to ex-Servicemen and women have been published. The first to appear was *Count Your Blessings*, by Sir Brunel Cohen, a member of St. Dunstan's Council, who himself was severely disabled in the First World War. The book is Sir Brunel's life story. Next came *The Official History of the British Legion*, by Mr. Graham Wootton, and the third is a book which has been edited by Sir Ian Fraser, entitled *The Conquest of Disability*. In it is described the way in which disabled men and women in all walks of life and in all parts of the world have overcome grievous handicaps. All three books will be reviewed in forthcoming issues of the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.

The *British Legion History*, which is so appropriately published at this time, has a foreword by Sir Ian, from which we take the following extracts:—

“It seems to me that the Nation, and indeed the Commonwealth, owes a great deal to the British Legion for providing an example of unity where there might have been conflict, and that the British Legion owes a great deal to its Founders, many of whom are still living, but who have had no part in the writing of this book. Many, like myself, who were too young to do more than join the Legion when it was founded, and many others who came in after the Second War, will, I trust, gain much from this book by way of inspiration and example. I certainly did, and I was intrigued by the astute manoeuvres of the men who made the Legion out of so many diverse elements, driven forward as they were by zeal and faith. I was interested, too, in the sense the author gives us of the authenticity of his work based upon diligent research, and in the way he sets the Legion and the streams of thought that were fused in its creation into the general pattern of the period.

“The book necessarily tells of the activities of a few individuals, but it reflects the labour of many still living who served in the Branches or on National or other Councils during the past thirty-five years. Thousands of them did their best at the cost of leisure, and often health, to encourage and help their former shipmates and comrades in arms.

“I am told that the present membership of the British Legion, which, together with the Women's Section, exceeds a million, is composed as to about 60 per cent. of persons who served in the Second War and afterwards. There could, I think, be no greater commendation of its work than that a Society founded in one generation should continue to appeal to another in wholly altered circumstances, and that both should work together, sharing the membership and, increasingly, the leadership for the good of all.

"Our Founders taught us that the power of the Legion to help the ex-Service community by its direct benevolence as well as by its advocacy would be proportioned to its concern for the nation as a whole, and I am glad to think that this is still its attitude in balancing its own claims against those of other sections of the community. In a world where materialistic considerations and political rivalries play a large part, it is well for a people to have in its midst a group of men and women who place service high amongst the virtues, and who continue in times of peace to be guided by the fellow feeling and the sense of duty which are amongst the few good things emphasised by the experience of war."

The London Reunion

The London Reunion was held, again most successfully, at the Windsor Rooms, Coventry Street Corner House, on Friday, September 21st.

Sir Neville Pearson, our President, who was accompanied by Lady Pearson, welcomed the guests.

Sir Ian Fraser, who with Lady Fraser was in South Africa on business, sent a message of greeting and good wishes to all those present at the Reunion.

Sixty-three Years Married

Our warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Marsden, of Blackburn, who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on September 2nd.

Golden Wedding

Many congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. G. Worgan, of Woolaston, nr. Lydney, on their golden wedding (October 20th); unhappily, Mrs. Woolaston is in hospital.

Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. W. Watkinson, of Croston, near Preston, August 29th. Congratulations.

Physiotherapists in Conference

St. Dunstan's physiotherapists held their annual Conference at Ovingdean during the week-end of October 5th-7th. Sir Ian and Lady Fraser were present on the Saturday.

The programme included demonstrations of apparatus and equipment, lectures and discussion. One of the principal speakers was Mr. W. E. Tucker, C.V.O., M.B.E., F.R.C.S. Mr. Tucker was a prisoner-of-war in Germany at the time the main body of St. Dunstaners was there, and it was due to his interest and early instruction in physiotherapy that Jimmy Legge was encouraged to follow this profession when he returned home.

Those members of the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee due to retire were re-elected, as also was N. McLeod Steel as its Chairman.

From All Quarters

A boat made by our deaf St. Dunstaner, George Fallowfield, was one of the many on show at the recent Fourth International Exhibition at Olympia.

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G. H. Richards, of Birch Park, Manchester, and Mrs. Richards, were invited guests at the 3rd Centenary celebrations of the Grenadier Guards, held in Manchester early in October. They included a service at Manchester Cathedral, a reception given by the Lord Mayor, and a grand concert at the Free Trade Hall.

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G. Fisk, of Colchester, exhibited some baskets at a recent Rose Show and learned later that the Princess Royal had bought one to give to the Duchess of Gloucester for her birthday, to use in the garden.

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W. Abbs, of Fakenham, took three first prizes and three "Commended" at the Blind Gardeners' Show at Norwich, all for vegetables.

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The *Daily Herald* of September 15th had a write-up and photograph of Charles Shallcross, in which his shop was described as "the tidiest shop in the country."

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T. Taylor, of Farington, near Preston, has had a number of engagements to preach at services held in connection with the Workington Methodist Circuit.

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The last street collection for the aged blind in which Percy Norris, of Australia, takes such an interest, and for which he broadcasts radio appeals, realised £1,988.

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D. S. Elrod, of Sheffield, was asked by the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association to take part in the making of a film at Leamington Spa with his guide dog, Diana.

London Club Notes

Now that autumn is with us and winter is just around the corner, outdoor pursuits for most of us at any rate will not be possible, except, of course, road walking, and here may I remind you that should any of you desire to participate in this invigorating and undoubted health-giving pastime, you should contact Bill Miller at 191 Marylebone Road; and for the remainder of you, may I suggest you come along and spend a few leisure hours at the Club.

The Club is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5-10 p.m., and on Saturday from 2 until 10 p.m. Any one living in the London area will be very welcome. There are organised whist drives on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and a domino drive on Thursdays, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Also we can offer you a good variety of refreshments, so please come along. We also run competitions for the "Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial" trophies, including whist, bridge, cribbage, dominoes and darts (S.S. and T.B.). Good luck to you all.

SAM WEBSTER, *Chairman*.

Bridge

First a reminder that the St. Dunstan's Bridge Congress will be held at Ovingdean during the week-end of Friday, November 16th.

Those who have not yet sent in their names should do so at once, to Mr. Bob Willis, at Headquarters. JOCK BROWN.

Harrogate Bridge Week.—A party of seven from our Bridge Club made the trip for the Harrogate Bridge Week this year. They were Cook, Jolly, Rhodes, Winter, Thompson, Nuyens and Gover. Bob Willis came again with us and was indeed very useful and made very pleasant company.

We actually only played three matches this year and won only one of them. This was against the I.C.I. and was a new club for us to tackle. We had our usual outing with Frank Noakes on Thursday to the Chequers, which was a very pleasant day, visiting the stables in the afternoon. On Friday evening we held our usual "At Home" at the Dirlton, and prizes made by St. Dunstan's men were given to the winners. We had twelve tables, which was very satisfactory. Bob acted as our M.C. A word of thanks to all clubs and to everybody who had helped to make the week a success was given by H. Gover and replied to by Frank Noakes. H. G.

Indoor Section

On September 24th the Club were invited to take a darts team to play a ladies' team at the "Duke of York," Brentford.

A good number turned out to support this meeting, and we travelled by coach from the Club to Brentford. We had a very enjoyable evening, and were given a good evening's entertainment by the ladies of Brentford. As regards the darts, we played two games, winning one and losing the other, so honours were even.

After that the evening finished up with a song and dance, and then home and, for some of us, a long ride to get there, but it was a jolly good evening's fun and I do thank the members who supported me in this venture, and shared with me the pleasures of the evening.

C. J. WALKER.

Outdoor Section

The Walking Section started the new season with its Annual Two Miles Race, sponsored by Highgate Harriers, on September 22nd.

Naturally, after nearly four months' rest, almost everyone was badly out of training; even the London to Brighton walkers found two miles quite a trial.

In the absence of any new members, Stan Tutton, with the biggest handicap allowance, was the first to start, and taking advantage of his allowance, built up a commanding lead, which he held on to to the finish. Les. Dennis also started the season off well by finishing second, and Chas. Stafford a good third. They received their prizes immediately after the race from His Worship the Mayor of St. Pancras.

W. M.

Order of Finish	Time	H'cp. All.	Act. Time
1. S. Tutton	... 17.14	2.55	20.09
2. L. Dennis	... 17.34	1.25	18.59
3. C. Stafford	... 17.46	2.25	20.11
4. A. Brown	... 18.07	.35	18.42
5. W. Miller	... 18.17	Scr.	18.17
6. C. Williamson	... 18.18	.55	19.13
7. A. Bradley	—did not finish.		

Forthcoming Walks

Nov. 17—6 miles.
Dec. 15—7 miles.
Jan. 19—10 miles.
Mar. 2—12 miles.
,, 23—7 miles Championship.
Apr. 13—15 miles.
May 22—London to Brighton.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

Regarding the subject, forgetting one is blind.

Wouldn't it depend upon where one was, who with, what one was talking about, or what one was doing?

I learnt braille, typewriting and basket-making in St. Dunstan's so have no idea of doing such things able to see or hear, but when I'm carving a model boat I notice I cannot step back to look at my work. A french polisher before joining up, I cannot see when polishing a model.

I learnt sculling in St. Dunstan's so don't know what it is like to scull when one is able to see and hear. I have never heard wireless so mention of it doesn't trouble me, but mention of a concert does.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE FALLOWFIELD, *Southwick.*

DEAR EDITOR,

Sir Ian's remarks praising the abilities of "Bob" Read, Tommy Milligan and W. Thornton should serve to stimulate the younger totally-blind St. Dunstaners to greater efforts to secure independence of action. Many of us old-timers remember the remarkable feats of independence displayed by a few of the First War young men, who somehow gave the impression of almost contempt for their disability and the armchair wallahs waiting for a boy scout or escort. "Liverpool Robbie," who ran down the centre of the Bungalow corridor, and that platoon of new "contemptibles" who were nightly seen without escorts or escorting each other to "local" places of refreshment and relaxation as far afield as Camden Town, the Edgware Road, etc. At home, however, it is a different matter, and I for one find that increasing age requires increasing effort to assert the independence. One wants increasing home activity as a sort of excuse for not going out, and it is easy to register excuses. Here in the country, where the grass verge is your only guide, and no sound of passing pedestrians to guide, one can become very nervous of travelling alone, with cars, motor-bikes and coaches whirling past. Weather permitting, I travel many miles each week and am well known by most of the regular 'bus and coach drivers, but when I go to town—Brighton, Bristol, Plymouth or London, where I once lived and got about fairly well—I am just stuck.

I believe we all have the sixth and the seventh sense of keener perception and ability to mentally visualise our immediate surroundings, but I often wonder what it is that has made sight seem superfluous in some miracle men. I read in "Reader's Digest" of the New York blind man who never carries a stick, never asks for an escort, but travels every day to his work via the crowded trains, walks about the huge building where he works and never collides. Independence is a wonderful thing, and I enjoy my own freedom of action, but it can get monotonous. A companion who is not just an escort makes the miles slip by. My dog is now ten years old and beginning to enjoy a snooze in the sun more than a long walk, and when he packs up I wonder where my independence will be.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. RADFORD, *Castle Cary.*

How to Word a Letter

Sir Clutha Mackenzie, a St. Dunstaner who is at present pioneering a service for the blind in Uganda, sends us the following enthusiastic, if amusing, letter from an African Chief, whom he had congratulated on being honoured in Her Majesty's Birthday list:—

"I am intoxicated with the greatest pleasure to have received your most delightful letter in which your congratulate me upon the honour which has been awarded to me. I have learnt from the compass of your lines that your thankful words have come from the very bottom of your heart.

I remember I some day met you in Fort Portal."

My Friend

*I found a friend who gave me sight,
And turned my darkness into light,
Who guides my steps with human care,
His life and eyes will share.*

*He taught me blindness could be won
Without the aid of light or sun,
He gave me confidence once more,
And took the bitterness from war.*

*He asks so little but knows so much,
And so responds to the slightest touch,
God grant that we may still to blend,
My faithful dog, My noble friend.*

RON SMITH,

Seaford.

The Deaf-Blind Reunion

Through the REVIEW I would like to thank Matron Ramshaw, Miss Carlton and Miss Dagnall and all Welfare Staff for a wonderful Reunion on September 13th-18th. When the deaf boys meet there is always some surprise for us. We had a wonderful day out to France. With Mr. Moore, Frank and George, we were in good hands. I found Boulogne just the same as it was in 1915—the same old cobble stones and that hill we marched up with full pack. We returned very tired but very happy. Next we went to Horton Hall Farm. We had our photographs taken with Mr. Jordan on horse-back. He was in great form and enjoyed himself. Then came the final dinner. We were very pleased to have Dr. O'Hara and Mr. Willis with us.

We missed a lot of happy faces with the V.A.D.s leaving, but thanks to all the staff, old and new, at Ovingdean and also West House for a wonderful time. All good times come to an end, but at St. Dunstan's they come around again.

W. BELL, *Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

Miss Auriel Smith writes :—

Dear Everybody,

I find it very difficult in a short letter to express my gratitude for the magnificent present which I have received from you all in my area.

The cheque will provide me with a wonderful hen house and wire run for my "feathered family" in Westmorland, and will constantly remind me of you all.

I am sure you will realise how sad I am to leave St. Dunstan's. It has been a very happy time.

Sometimes the journeys have been cold and difficult, but the warm-hearted welcome which has greeted me on arrival leaves many happy memories.

A great big thank you, and best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

AURIEL M. SMITH.

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Sir Ian and Lady Fraser will be At Home on B.B.C. television from 7.35-8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31st. Sir Ian is also to be a member of the B.B.C. Television Brains Trust at 4.15-5 p.m. on the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday, November 11th.

Cold Thoughts

At this time of year, with the passing of summer, our thoughts turn towards pleasant things, such as Christmas or cosy evenings by the fireside. At the same time, the prudent St. Dunstaner ought perhaps to consider the question of plumbing. This is not exactly a romantic subject, but if a little thought and planning is given to it before the onset of the really cold weather, a great deal of inconvenience can be avoided.

One of the first things a St. Dunstaner should do is to obtain the assistance of a sighted friend with a practical turn of mind. If he can be persuaded to spend an hour or two in the house, a good deal can be learned about guarding oneself against some at least of the more obvious dangers.

To start with, one should find out where the pipe from the watermain in the street enters the house. In this position there should be a tap-like gadget, technically known as a "stop valve." Should a burst or an overflow be experienced at any time, this stop valve must be shut off so that no more water may cascade over the furniture, but if there is a boiler at the back of the sitting-room grate, or an independent boiler in the kitchen, it is necessary first of all to drain the hot water system. When the stop valve has been closed, it should be tested by the simple expedient of turning on the cold tap over the sink. Provided the water has ceased to run, everything is in order. If it still runs, or comes out in dribbles, a new washer is needed at the stop valve. This is important, as otherwise, in an emergency, it would be impossible to turn off the water completely.

Having found the stop valve, one should then ask one's friend to trace the run of the cold water pipe in the house. Probably it will go straight to the tap over the sink and then continue up one of the walls into the W.C. and bathroom. Normally it is not possible to lag pipes in these positions, but during cold spells, some extra heating in the kitchen and bathroom will go a long way towards preventing bursts. Having arrived in the bathroom and examined the course of the cold pipe, it will be found that it disappears into the roof space. St. Dunstaners should not really venture any further, but should politely ask their friends to go up into the roof space and tell them whether or not the cold water pipe has been

lagged. Other points to note here are the presence of some sort of protection to the cold water tank itself, and whether or not there is a space between the main walls and the eaves with daylight showing between the tiles or slates. If the friend can then be persuaded to wrap some hessian around the cold water pipes and to fill up the space between the main walls and eaves with sacking or other cloth, one can feel hopeful that the cold weather will not bring about frozen pipes. In addition, if the cold water tank can be properly protected by a rather more substantial lagging, and the larger signs of daylight coming through the slates obscured, even better protection will be afforded. When lagging pipes, extra layers of covering should be provided to pipes which run near the eaves and to any caute bends.

Should the worst happen and a burst occur, the furniture may be damaged. It is wise to take out a Comprehensive Insurance Policy to cover this risk. Advice on this can be given by the Estate Department.

PETER MATTHEWS.

Liverpool Club Notes

On Saturday, September 8th, the Club had its annual summer outing. This time it was to that picturesque little spot in Wales, Bettws-y-coed, and Llandudno. We left Liverpool in warm sunshine (a rarity this year) and proceeded via the Mersey Tunnel through the Cheshire Countryside, on to Wales via Hawarden, stopping at a quaint country inn for elevenses, on again over the moors which were ablaze with purple heather to Bettws-y-coed, arriving just in time for dinner, which was served at the Waterloo Hotel.

After everyone had done justice to an excellent repast, the coach took the ladies of the party up to the famous "Swallow Falls," which were in full spate, the boys remaining in the hotel lounge, which was much safer.

The coach having collected us on its return, we then went on to Llandudno, where the afternoon was free for all to enjoy themselves as they wished. The day being hot and sunny, many wended their way to the Happy Valley, the attraction being the outdoor concert, which was well patronised. Walking back to tea along the promenade we stopped to feed the seagulls with biscuits; the birds are used to visitors

and swoop down to take food from your hands.

An excellent tea was served, after which we proceeded on our way home via the coast route—Colwyn Bay, Abergele, St. Asaph, etc. A pleasant hour was spent at the usual "milk bar" (?) for liquid refreshments and to try out our voices to see if the Welsh air had improved them. Leaving Shotton for home at 9 p.m., we duly arrived at the Pier Head at 10 o'clock, where the party broke up after what was voted to be one of the best outings we have had.

Our Christmas party will be held this year on December 1st, particulars of which will be given later.

JOSEPH BLAKELY,
Chairman.

Chess

We have just had our 1956 Chess Weekend at Ovingdean, and have a new champion in Bill Hodder. He has been very near to winning the Cup in the last three years, had kept in good practice, and was very keen to do his best this year. Our hearty congratulations, Bill. Jack Campbell had the same match points as Hodder—3½ out of 4—but under the Sonnen-Berger system the trophy went to Hodder on the narrow margin of half a point. Kirkbright had not touched a chess board since last year's event, yet he took third prize with a total of three points. Our old pal, George Fallowfield, had 2½ points and so took the fourth prize, but in one game he overlooked a stalemate when in an overwhelming position. It should have been three points, George.

Our friend, R. W. Bonham, who is now the British Blind Champion, was at hand to help wherever possible, and played eight of our men simultaneously, winning all games outright, but he admits that he met some tough opposition on several boards. Campbell and Hodder both missed winning chances and the former scorned a certain draw and went all out for a win, but it did not quite come off. This is the stuff of which Jack Campbell is made.

The general standard of play was higher than it has been before, and St. Dunstan's must certainly be represented in next year's Blind Championship, which takes place at Plymouth.

The boys of Brighton, Hove and Sussex Grammar School helped us on the Saturday and Varndean School on Sunday. They

operated the clocks and scored the games, and made themselves generally useful.

Commandant and Matron gave us their support and the latter presented the prizes in her usual charming manner. As usual Miss Carlton was at hand at all times, seeing that everything went as smoothly as possible. The players showed their appreciation by presenting both Miss Carlton and Mrs. Bonham with a bouquet each. A good time was had by all, including your humble servant.

CHARLIE KELK.

Family News

The parents of J. Horton, of Barnsley, celebrated their golden wedding on October 6th. His grandparents also reached their golden wedding.

Another fine old couple are the parents of E. Laker, of Haverhill. His father is now 92 and his mother 82.

Our sympathy to Mrs. F. Jeanmonod, of London, S.E., whose mother died very suddenly a few days before the London Reunion, and to Mrs. Alan Reynolds, of Shrewsbury, whose father has died. Mrs. E. Lake, of Scarborough, has also recently suffered the loss of her father.

Brian Rogers, Kingsbridge, has passed, second class, the examination of the City and Guilds.

Pamela Carlton, Morecambe, has passed for the scholarship and is now adding swimming to her accomplishments.

Tony Martin (Lovedean) has passed out as a Boy-Sergeant, and is now to join his regiment in Germany. Tony has won the All Boys' High Jump Championship, a Champion Badge, and the Silver Medal for the Athlete of the Year. His parents knew nothing at all about these successes until the Passing Out presentations, when they were told by his Colonel.

Christopher Lawlor, Leamore, has become engaged to Miss Joyce Haycock, of Bloxwich.

Christine Carney, Dunstable, has passed Grade II music examination.

The small grand-daughter of H. A. T. Pearce, of Leighton Buzzard, has won the Baby Bronze Medal and been highly commended for tap dancing.

Sons' and Daughters' Marriages

Sidney Cox, Egham, on July 28th, to Miss Audrey Dickenson, and Sheila Cox, Egham, on September 8th, to Alfred Jezeph.

Keith Brown, Nuneaton, on September 1st, to Miss Maureen Jones.

Mary Lucocq, Llandaff North, to John Hemingway, on October 6th.

Charles Wilkinson, Hull, on September 1st, to Miss Jean Marshall.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Mears, of Chilwell, Nottingham, was married to First Lieutenant Gordon Hewson, Pilot Officer, Fleet Air Arm, on August 25th, by special licence, at Attenborough Church. The reception was held at the Bothe Hotel, Sawley, in Derbyshire.

The daughter of H. C. Hoare, of Brighton, was married on September 29th.

On September 14th, Joyce, daughter of Frank Braithwaite, of Guildford, married George Williams, and on October 9th Mr. Braithwaite gave a cocktail party at the Savoy Hotel, at which Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, Mr. Tom Milligan, Mr. Robert Young, Miss Carlton and Miss Cree were among those present.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Spencer, of Gillingham, was married on June 20th.

Thanks

W. H. Collins, of Blackpool, writes:—"With reference to my collecting box for the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals which only had one halfpenny in it on my arrival at Brighton, I would like to thank all the boys and many others who responded to the cause to the sum of £6 16s. 2d., which was a very remarkable effort in the short time. I am most grateful."

Grandfathers

H. Hurst, of Great Longstone; H. Langton, of Bottisford; S. Allcott, of Hornsea, Yorkshire; F. P. Fishwick, of St. Helens; J. W. Fletcher, of Bæston, Notts; H. Tweed, of Newmarket (Janette Elaine, born in the U.S.A.); T. Callaghan, of Woodbridge (another grand-daughter).

Births

WHITCOMBE—On October 4th, to the wife of J. Whitcombe, of Chandlers Ford, a son—Anthony John.

Marriages

JONES—ELMS—On September 28th, R. Jones, of Fforest Fach, Swansea, to Miss Elms, at Brighton.

LOWNDES—ROBINSON—On September 29th, Nellie Lowndes to Mr. Roy Robinson.

" In Memory "

Private Sidney Herbert Causton, *Royal West Kent Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of S. H. Causton, of Norwich. He was 79. He served in the First World War and was wounded at Vimy Ridge. He had been the oldest man in the Company to go overseas. It was not until January, 1952, that he came to St. Dunstan's and his health and age prevented him taking up any training.

He was a widower and our deep sympathy goes out to his son and his daughter, Mrs. Brenda Pearson.

Private Patrick Coffey, *Royal Army Ordnance Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of P. Coffey, of Chadderton. He served both in the First and Second World Wars, but it was not until 1955 that he came to St. Dunstan's, when he was already a sick man and therefore unable to undertake training.

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

Private John Robert Harkness, *17th Northumberland Fusiliers*

We record with deep regret the death of J. R. Harkness, of Grays, Essex, at the age of 70. Discharged from the Army in May, 1919, he came to St. Dunstan's in 1924 and trained as a basket-maker. He carried on this work until after the last war, when he took up netting. He had been in poor health for some time and was recently admitted to hospital, where he died on October 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Read, of Grays, were among those who attended the funeral on October 18th. To his wife and family our very deep sympathy is offered.

Sergeant Ernest Kirkland, *King's Liverpool Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of E. Kirkland, of New Longton, near Preston. He died suddenly in hospital on October 14th.

Although he was wounded and lost his sight as a result of service in the First World War, he did not come to us until 1952. He became a poultry farmer, but of late years had taken life fairly easily, not being a fit man. His death after only three days in hospital nevertheless came as a shock to us.

He leaves a widow to whom our deep sympathy is extended.

Auxiliary Coast Guardsman Albert Edwin Hatherley, *Auxiliary Coast Guards*

We record with deep regret the death, on October 4th, of A. E. Hatherley, of Beesands, near Kingsbridge, Devon. He was 58.

In 1942, while on South Coast watch, he was wounded by a bomb explosion during an air raid. He was discharged from the Service and came to St. Dunstan's in May, 1943. He did not, however, train, but made small nets of tarred string for floats on crab pots. Rug-making was also a craft which he picked up easily.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and daughter.

Private Walter Moorcroft, *1st Labour Battalion*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of W. Moorcroft, of Wavertree, Liverpool. He saw service from August, 1914, until August, 1917, and two years later came to St. Dunstan's. For some years he had been in business, but his failing health had forced him to take life very quietly, doing a little occupational hobby only. He had been ill in hospital for some considerable time and he died there on October 15th.

To Mrs. Moorcroft our deep sympathy is sent.

Lance Corporal Herbert Albert Wagg, *1st Norfolk Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of H. A. Wagg, of Dersingham. He was 71. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in April, 1917, and trained as a poultry-farmer and mat-maker, but he gave this up in 1923. His health had been bad for a considerable time before he was admitted to West House in September, 1954. On October 9th he was transferred to hospital and he died there on October 15th. He leaves a widow and two grown-up children, to whom our very sincere sympathy is extended.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:—

BRETT—To E. J. Brett, of Aldershot, who lost his wife on September 13th.

KEMPSTER—To J. Kempster, of Hemel Hempstead, who has lost a brother.

POWER—To G. Power, of Filton, Bristol, whose younger brother has recently died.

MCCANN—To T. McCann, of Kirby Cross, Essex, whose sister has died in Ireland. At her request, our St. Dunstaner had gone to Ireland to visit her, but she died while he was there.

DONNELLY—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Donnelly, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, whose eldest son died very suddenly on October 14th. He was only 39 and leaves a wife and four children.