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For Men and Women Blinded on War Service

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### WAR PENSIONS IMPROVEMENTS

#### Special Allowances Benefit Many St. Dunstaners

ON Monday, November 19th, Sir Ian Fraser, M.P., asked the Minister of Pensions "whether he has now reviewed war pensions provisions relating to the most seriously disabled cases."

THE MINISTER OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL INSURANCE (*Mr. John Boyd Carpenter*):

Yes, Sir. The Government have been considering the position of the older war pensioners with a serious disablement—borne by most of them since the 1914-18 war—and have decided to introduce a new allowance for the war disablement pensioners who are aged 65 or over and whose assessment is 40 per cent. or more. The allowance will be at rates ranging between 5s. and 15s. a week, according to the degree of disablement.

The Government have also decided to give some further help to the most seriously disabled war pensioners. In order to do this, the existing rate for the comforts allowance will be increased from 10s. to 20s. a week. We also propose to extend eligibility for comforts allowance at the present rate of 10s. to war pensioners at present not receiving it, but in receipt of either unemployability supplement or constant attendance allowance.

The cost of all these changes will be about £1.6 million in a full year. The necessary amendments will be made in the Royal Warrants, and it is intended to bring all these improvements, full details of which I am circulating in the Official Report, into operation on the first pay-day in February, 1957.

In a supplementary question Sir Ian Fraser asked the Minister "whether he is aware that the extension of these special allowances to new and wider categories of disabled men will be very widely welcomed by the British Legion, the British Legion in Scotland, the Royal Air Forces Association, St. Dunstan's and other Societies which have recently made representations, among other things, in this sense. Could he say how many disabled ex-servicemen he thinks will benefit?"

*Mr. Boyd Carpenter*: I am grateful to my hon. Friend for the earlier part of his supplementary question.

In reply to the latter part, the allowance at age 65 for disabilities in excess of 40 per cent. will, it is calculated, affect 55,000 war pensioners. The doubling of the existing comforts allowance will benefit about 8,000, and the extension of the comforts allowance at the lower rate will benefit about 13,000

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A study of St. Dunstan's records shows that approximately one quarter of all St. Dunstaners are 65 years of age or over and will therefore receive the special age allowance of 15s. a week. Those St. Dunstaners now receiving a comforts allowance of 10s. a week will receive an additional 10s. and many other St. Dunstaners who have not hitherto received a comforts allowance at all will now receive 10s. a week.

The representatives of the British Legion and BLESMA and other societies have been advocating improvements on these lines for some years and I referred to them in my speech at the Annual Conference of the British Legion and again in the House of Commons on the 30th July.

I congratulate the societies concerned on this success.

It remains the British Legion's policy to ask that during the lifetime of the present Parliament the basic rate of war pension shall be raised to 90s. a week for the 100 per cent. man with appropriate increases for lesser disabilities and for widows.

The Ministry tell me that an explanation as to how to obtain the age allowance will be sent as soon as possible to all concerned but if any St. Dunstaners are in difficulties they should write to Mr. Rice at 1, South Audley Street, or go and have a word with Mr. Banks if they are at Ovingdean.

No application will be necessary for the increase of the new comforts allowance.

IAN FRASER.

### Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Service

On Sunday, December 9th, the 35th Anniversary of the death of our Founder, Sir Arthur Pearson, a Memorial Service will be held at the Ovingdean Chapel at 11.30 a.m. St. Dunstan's Padre, the Rev. W. J. Taylor, will conduct the Service and our President, Sir Neville Pearson, will read the Lesson. The Bishop of Chichester will give the Address and later will dedicate eight windows which have been placed in the Chapel.

On the morning of Saturday, December 8th, a party of St. Dunstaners will go from Headquarters to Hampstead Cemetery where a wreath will be placed upon Sir Arthur's grave.

Subscriptions of not more than one shilling towards the wreath should be sent to Mr. Lloyds, at 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

### Remembrance Day, 1956

St. Dunstaners took part in War Memorial Services all over the country on November 11th and at the Cenotaph in Whitehall more than a thousand ex-servicemen and women of both wars and all arms, led by Sir Ian Fraser, paraded, including twenty-six St. Dunstaners.

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A surprise, and most welcome, visitor to the Birmingham Club meeting on October 14th was Miss Berry, one-time V.A.D.

### Dance

A St. Dunstan's Dance will be held on *Friday, December 7th*, from 7.30—11 p.m., at the Trevelyan Hall, St. Anne's Lane, Great Peter Street, off Great Smith Street, Westminster.

Tickets, 3s. single, 5s. double, from Miss Hoare, Flat 4, 9 The Paragon, Blackheath, S.E.3. Tel. (office hours) Reliance 1084, (home) Lee Green 7591.

Miss Hoare will arrange transport to the Hall from Victoria and Waterloo if you give her notice of arrival time. Please write by December 2nd, as it is necessary to know numbers for catering in good time.

A. SPURWAY.

### Mr. Nigel Pearson

Mr. Nigel Arthur Pearson, only son of Sir Neville Pearson and of the late the Hon. Mrs. C. W. Hordern, and grandson of our Founder, the late Sir Arthur Pearson, was married on Saturday, October 27th, to Lady Frances Elizabeth Ann Hay, youngest daughter of the Marquess of Tweeddale, and of the late Marchioness of Tweeddale. The marriage took place at St. Mary's, Haddington, East Lothian, Scotland.

On behalf of the Council and of St. Dunstan's men, a telegram was sent by Sir Ian Fraser expressing best wishes to the bride and bridegroom for their future happiness, and among the wedding presents was a St. Dunstan's rug, which was sent as a gift from St. Dunstan's men.

## London Club Notes

### Bridge Section

Cheerful messages from Drummer Downs at Ovingdean show that he is still making good progress, and greatly looking forward to meeting many old friends at the Bridge Week-end this month. In the meantime, Jock Brown has been carrying on the work of organising matches, etc. Blue Circle (our old friend, Bob Gellatly's team) were the last visitors and we scored a win.

The London Business Houses team has begun its series and the record so far is won one, drawn one, lost one.

### Outdoor Section

#### Walking

#### Five Miles, Regent's Park, October 20th

With two of our members on the sick list there were only six, the minimum number required to hold a race, able to take part in the first of the London Club races on October 20th.

It was a really fine afternoon for walking and Mr. Willis acted as starter. Billy Miller had a nasty cold, and had he not built up a fair lead in the early stages of the race he may have had to be content to finish amid field for a change; for Chas. Williamson walked very well indeed, and was definitely catching Billy up at the finish. Archie Brown was also going great guns, and hotly in pursuit of Charles.

Alf Bradley came next, closely followed by Stan Tutton, with Charles Stafford doing the strong man stuff, pushing everyone else along.

Charles Williamson won the sealed handicap by a mere two seconds from Archie Brown; only two handicap prizes were awarded.

W. M.

Order of Finish	Act. Time	H'cp. All	H'cp. Time	Pos'n
1. W. Miller ...	46-19	Sc.	46-19	6
2. C. Williamson	47-13	2-50	44-23	1
3. A. Brown ...	47-28	2-30	44-58	2
4. A. Bradley ...	48-32	3-30	45-02	4
5. S. Tutton ...	49-59	5-00	44-59	3
6. C. Stafford ...	51-45	5-30	46-15	5

### Brighton Club

To all Brightonians—The Annual General Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Winter Garden, St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, on Thursday, 13th December, at 7 p.m., to be followed by games.

All St. Dunstaners in the Brighton area are welcome.

FRANK A. RHODES.

## Fishing News

In the Dover Three Day Boat Festival at the end of September, that veteran fisherman, Tom Daborn, of Bexleyheath, was runner-up in the three days' aggregate. During the course of the three days he weighed in the heaviest bag of cod, for which he received the Challenge Cup, and the heaviest fish. His prizes, in addition to the Cup, included a pair of sheets, a folding coffee table and a bottle of rum punch. It was, he says, his best effort so far this year.

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Our old friend, Ernest Russell, of Leeds, on October 7th took part in his first fishing competition. It was fished at Newton-on-Ouse, near York, and, he says "with borrowed tackle, some good advice and plenty of beginner's luck, I managed to win the competition with a total catch of 21lb. 1¾oz." Mr. Russell received a cup which he holds for twelve months.

Congratulations, to both.

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St. Dunstaners will remember Sir Ian Fraser's fishing bet with Colonel "Mike" Ansell. The season is now over and Colonel Ansell has won. The score—Colonel Ansell, 5 salmon; Sir Ian Fraser, 2, and Sir Ian has paid over £1.

### "We Had to Laugh"

St. Dunstaners are always willing to tell a joke against themselves. C. E. Temperton won't mind, we are sure, if we quote from a recent letter of his to Headquarters. He writes:—

"We thoroughly enjoyed our stay in Ovingdean. It was lovely and we are already looking forward to our next one in 1957. I always feel wide awake in Brighton. I get about five hours' sleep and feel as fresh as a daisy. I don't look like one, you know, at least, I hope I don't.

"I must tell you this. T. Cooper and I came out of the bedroom and walked up the corridor arm in arm. We arrived at the lift and stood talking. After a long time, Tommy said 'The lift is a long time coming, Charlie.' I replied, 'Yes, it is.' We went on talking then I said, 'I think you had better ring again.' He said, 'I haven't rung yet. I thought you had.' We had to laugh."

[The Editor would like to hear your story. There will be 10s. 6d. for each one used.]

### Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I listened with interest about those independent blinded men who find their way about without escort. Mr. Radford's letter contradicts itself. He talks of independence and, at the end of his letter, he says he does not know what he will do when his dog packs up, so therefore he is dependent on his dog taking him around.

Now with regard to those men who get around alone, in my opinion they are not clever but foolhardy, and what I say about them is—get someone to take you about. The risk is not worth it and sooner or later you will be unlucky. It is better to be safe than sorry, if you have a chance to be sorry.

Yours sincerely,

E. B. OXBOROUGH,  
Great Yarmouth.

DEAR EDITOR,

Has any St. Dunstaner, I wonder, shared my experience of reading Braille in his dreams, getting along quite well for three or four lines, and then being annoyed to find that the Braille tails off into meaningless signs or words that make no sense? When this last happened to me I made matters worse by beginning to think of writing this letter, and so my night's rest was further curtailed. I had better get this off before it happens again.

Talking of Braille reminds me of a book I read about Helen Keller who, when a student, is said to have read Braille so assiduously that her finger bled. I don't know whether this was an American exaggeration, but I *do* know that if I try to read Braille too long my fingers become numb, especially when the weather is cold, and then I can't make out what the beastly little dots mean.

I wonder whether others have found, like me, that it is difficult to find a comfortable position for a Braille book when sitting lazily on what the Americans call an "over-stuffed" chair, especially when the cat insists upon sharing one's knees. I have found that by placing a board across the two arms of the chair with sufficient depth to hold the book, I can manage much better, to say nothing of the extra comfort for pussy.

Yours sincerely,

S. A. CHAMBERS,  
Northfield, Birmingham.

DEAR EDITOR,

I have heard it said that when one is dreaming, one sees only black and white. That is wrong. In all my dreams I see colour and colours just as they ought to be. Last night I had a dream that I met quite a lot of my old pals. They were all in khaki and so was I. I saw the green grass, the sky, trees, and a black and white dog with a lovely meaty pork chop (one does queer things in a dream; I was hungry and took the chop from the dog and ate it. It tasted lovely!).

If ever I am dreaming and it happens not to be a nice dream, or a nightmare, I can either say to myself in the dream that I am only dreaming, or tell myself that I am blind and that's that!

Yours sincerely,  
CHARLES E. TEMPERTON,  
Hull.

DEAR EDITOR,

Over a long period, we have had many articles and letters in the REVIEW about "blindness." Many of the writers don't speak on blindness objectively, but as a personal problem. There is one Somerset correspondent in particular whose letters I can identify long before I have finished reading them. These letters, always in the first person, are in no way helpful to anyone.

The subject of blindness is not interesting to sighted people, and should be of less and less interest to us, now we are so familiar with it and trained to live normal lives. One cannot fully discuss the subject in a letter and to write a book about blindness would be a sheer waste of time, when there are more important things to do in life.

The fact that many blind people are efficient and accomplished is proof that the handicap, and I realise that blindness is a handicap, can be overcome. Again, one does not lose the sense of beauty when one loses physical sight. On the contrary, I would venture to suggest that a blind person becomes more sensitive to the "unseen" beauties of life. The senses are only extensions of the brain, that is the important factor. As Shakespeare put it, "It is the mind that enricheth the body."

If a blind person is physically fit and his other senses are intact, what is there to make a fuss about? Let's get on with the job of living, or would you rather be a fish?

Yours sincerely,  
H. POLLITT, Farmworth.

### Deaf-Blind Watch Fund

Many St. Dunstaners have taken an interest over the years in this little fund, which was started in 1945 by Mr. Ottaway, and whose object is to supply Braille watches to the civilian deaf-blind. Since that date nearly £900 has been subscribed, almost entirely by St. Dunstaners, and forwarded to the National Deaf-Blind Helpers' League.

The League has always been most grateful for the practical help which St. Dunstaners have given and which has been the means of enabling very many deaf-blind persons to be supplied with a watch. They tell me, however, that there are still a number of their members who have no watch; the cost of these is now £4 5s. 6d., and they do give real pleasure to our deaf-blind friends.

Should any St. Dunstaner wish to contribute to the Fund this year I shall be happy to receive their donations.

A. D. LLOYDS, *Hon. Treasurer.*

### Manchester Club Notes

With the end of the holiday period, the Club is back to regular meetings, and competition games are almost completed.

We have to record our sincere thanks to Mrs. Jackson, of Levenshulme, for her kind invitation to her annual party on the 17th October. At this party, as usual, we joined with disabled members of BLESMA and a group of civilian blind persons.

On November 7th we gathered around the tables at the Wellington Hotel, Manchester, to participate in a hot-pot supper, which was followed by an impromptu concert. Our guests included Miss Everitt (Welfare Visitor), Miss E. G. Doel (recently Welfare Visitor), Mr. Charlie Clarke, who has been so kind and very generous to the Club, and Mrs. Jackson. This party was intended to take the place of the trip to the Blackpool Home at Armistice time. The function was enjoyed by the thirty people who attended.

J. SHAW, *Secretary.*

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Three large pages, well illustrated, in the magazine, "Teamwork," published by the Nuffield Organisation, were devoted in June to Bert Greasley, of Coventry, and his guide dog, Rufus, to illustrate the splendid work of training guide dogs. Bert is an operative in the firm's Engines Branch.

DEAR EDITOR,

During the recent Physiotherapy Conference at Ovingdean, it was very pleasant to meet other St. Dunstan's members of Round Table. I met Paddy Humphries, Tiny Poynton and Jimmy Delaney, now an ex-Tabler, on account of his advanced years.

For some time I have thought it would be a good idea if those of us who are Tablers could know of each other. Perhaps even it might be possible for some of us to get together at a Round Table National Conference. I was interested to find that the others shared my feelings in this connection.

Could we have a register of any St. Dunstaner Tablers? It would be interesting to hear their views on these suggestions.

Yours sincerely,  
LESLIE A. WEBBER,  
Tenkesbury.

[The Editor would be glad to publish the names of St. Dunstaners who are Tablers if they will send them to 1 South Audley Street, W.1.]

### The Horizon

*My mind, to me, is a gallery,  
Filled with scenes which I hold dear,  
Garnered and painted in patterns clear  
By Nature's brush on memory's sphere.*

*Have I not seen the dawn arise,  
To sweep the darkness from the sky  
And with the song-bird on its nest  
Greet the day which God had blest?*

*Have I not watched the ploughman strong,  
Cutting his furrows straight and long,  
Like earthen ropes on which birds throng,  
Robbing the soil to feed their young?*

*Oh, the joy of that field I knew,  
Each spring o'erspread with a carpet blue  
Sprinkled and washed by the morning dew,  
Renewing each day its heavenly hue.*

*Have I not seen green turned to gold,  
On Sussex Downs, or Yorkshire fold,  
Dreamed of the oaks in Kent's fair Weald,  
Then pondered the magic that hides in a seed.*

*Have I not felt the soft rain beat  
On upturned face in summer heat,  
Watched day fade into twilight retreat  
Ere night unfurled its star-lit shield.*

*Life cannot weary, or yet lose its glow  
When lived by the truths which nature bestows,  
Simple philosophy, but oh! how it grows  
When lamps artificial in life burn low.*

T. ROGERS.

### Behind the T.V. Scenes

For six or more hours of every day, the B.B.C. entertains viewers with its variety of programmes—all requiring much advanced planning and split-second timing, of which the general public can have little conception.

Certainly Sir Ian and Lady Fraser had no idea of the preparation needed until the B.B.C. invaded their home recently.

But to start at the beginning we must go back to early July, when the first outline of the programme was discussed and some "outdoor" shots taken in the garden. There followed several conferences and checking of facts and figures. Then, a day before the actual transmission, the "invasion" of St. John's Lodge began in real earnest with engineers laying their cables, preparing the lighting, and fixing other equipment. More than five hundred yards of cable had to be laid to transmit the programme, and the value of the basic units was estimated at £75,000. The actual mobile control van, the nerve centre of the whole programme, from which the producer directs the cameras, cost £50,000, and each of the three cameras used were worth £5,000.

In the transmission of this particular programme there were, too, many more headaches for the producer and his staff than are usual, for at the last moment the unit which was to have transmitted the programme was required to "stand by" for any developments over the Middle East crisis, which had flared up that morning, and another unit had to be brought up hurriedly from Bristol to take over. And when all was at last ready and the principal players were alerted with that ever anxious command "Stand by . . . one minute to go," a team of twenty-nine, including the production staff, camera men, sound engineers, vision control operators, electricians, a lighting engineer, a planning engineer, a maintenance engineer, a Post Office engineer, and riggers were at the ready to play their part in making yet another T.V. programme.

Twenty-five minutes later, Richard Dimbleby had thanked Sir Ian and Lady Fraser for being hosts to millions of viewers, and before producer Humphrey Fisher could reach the warmth of St. John's Lodge to conduct a post-mortem on all that had gone before, men were disconnecting cables and cameras—another job over.

And two hours later Sir Ian's home was back to normal again.

### From All Quarters

J. S. Taylor, of Doncaster, is giving a great deal of his spare time helping to get a local Civilian Blind Centre started.

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Ron Phillips, of Southwick, has just erected a fence to his front garden and there was great excitement on October 11th when a description and pictures of him appeared in the evening paper.

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At 70 years of age, Frank Cooley, of Langley, has won his silver medal for old time dancing. He already had the bronze medal.

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W. Watkinson, of Croston, near Preston, is famed as the local domino champion. Judging by the number of prizes he has won he deserves his reputation.

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On August 31st A. T. Brooks, of Bournemouth, retired from the staff of Lloyds Bank after 35 years' service. High tribute was paid to him by the Manager when, in the presence of the whole staff of the branch, he presented our St. Dunstaner with a dinner service on behalf of the management. He particularly spoke of the great affection which "Brookie" had inspired among his colleagues. Tribute was also paid to Mrs. Brooks—and to her skill as a cook (she presented a large iced cake to the staff). A long report appeared in the Bank's magazine "The Dark Horse."

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A. W. Hurrell, of Kenley, who retired (officially) two years ago, never has an idle moment. He has just made a bureau for his wife from an old cupboard, in addition to many other joinery articles, to say nothing of the one hundred and one jobs in the garden. In fact, he says he cannot find time to do all he wants to do. What are other St. Dunstaners doing in their retirement?

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George Shed, who is one of our second war shop-keepers, has, as a hobby, racing pigeons. This season, as a member of the Sussex Pigeon Fanciers Club, he has won one first prize, two seconds and two thirds.

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At the local flower show on November 8th, J. Wood, of Grange-over-Sands, was awarded two first prizes, one second and three thirds for his chrysanthemums.

### Family News

George Fallowfield, Junior, who is a senior motor mechanic and driver in the Royal Air Force, and a regular serving man, was in the Egyptian engagement from the beginning.

Major Frank Woodrow (Alderbury) has returned from Malaya. He is in R.E.M.E.

Janet Stafford, King's Langley, has been awarded the bronze medal for drama by the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

Our sympathy is offered to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Strutt, whose husband has died, and to Mrs. A. H. Kay (Letchworth) who has lost her sister.

Little Joy Cope (Stoke-on-Trent), who is only 3½, appeared in a ballet and tap dancing display at Queen's Hall, Burslem.

Leslie, the little daughter of R. J. Vowles, of Portsmouth, has won seven medals for dancing this year—two gold, two silver and three bronze. With her two year old sister, Julie, she also took part in a mannequin display recently.

### Sons' and Daughters' Marriages

Mary Patricia Long (Ballincollig), on October 27th, to Michael Fitzgerald.

### Ruby Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Back, of Shaldon, November 11th; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bocking, of Morecambe, November 25th.

### Grandfathers

S. Robinson, of Cookstown (a grandson). A grandson, too, for F. Crabtree, of Leeds.

### Miss Jessie Brett

Early St. Dunstaners will hear with deep regret of the death of Miss Jessie Brett who was a V.A.D. at the Bungalow during and after the 1914-1918 war. She died at Bexhill early in November. Our sympathy is offered to her sister, Miss M. Brett, who herself was a V.A.D. and later Assistant Matron at Cornwall Terrace.

### Miss Edith Davis

We have also heard with deep regret of the death of Miss Edith Davis who for many years was an escort and helper, in particular at the meetings of the Bridge Club during the last war. She died on November 16th after a long illness, and our sympathy is extended to her two sisters, one of whom, Mrs. Helen Davis, will be known to members of the London Club.

Wally Thomas writes:

### George Ellis

I first met George Ellis five years ago. During the course of our conversation, George said "I have an idea for brightening up the 'REVIEW'." He carried on to say "It's quite simple really. You know these first war fellows still have the old fighting blood in 'em. All I need do is write a short article which will slightly annoy 'em, then you will see some fierce letters in the 'REVIEW'." As every reader of the "REVIEW" knows, George did write his articles and the fierce letters followed. It certainly brightened the "REVIEW." Sparks flew in all directions. Insults were hurled at George. He wasn't upset about it. On the contrary, he was amused for his plan was working wonderfully well.

I am a totally deaf-blind St. Dunstaner. I owe George a great debt of gratitude. He knew I was interested in sport and current affairs. Each week, he wrote me an eight page (both sides) Braille letter, conveying all sorts of news which he had gathered from the radio and other sources.

George struggled desperately against ill-health for years. A short time ago he was taken gravely ill. During this period he kept saying "I must write to Wally." For days he fumbled helplessly and tragically at his Braille writing machine, attempting the impossible. He was still possessed with the sincere desire to help, but at this stage not possessed with the ability of doing it. He was taken to hospital and there he died on November 5th, at the young age of 34. A grand fellow, a great pal, who will be sadly missed by many.

A. G. Emerson writes:

During the course of my short life I have come across quite a few grand chaps, but never have I met one half as grand as George.

He was always in pain, but also ready for a laugh, and had more inside than anybody I now know. All this and a lot more adds up and makes George, and I am very honoured to say that "He was my pal."

### Births

FOYLE.—On November 4th, to the wife of S. Foyle, of Bedford, a son.

NOLAN.—On November 4th, to the wife of J. Nolan, of Acton, W.3, a daughter.

JENSEN.—On November 11th, to the wife of E. Jensen, of Perivale, a son—Michael Ian.

## "In Memory"

**Private William T. Coleman, 24th County of London (T.F.) Regt.**

We record with deep regret the death of W. T. Coleman, of Carshalton, at the age of 66. Discharged from the Army in June, 1917, he came to St. Dunstan's towards the end of 1934. He trained as a netter and continued with this work until 1951, when ill-health forced him to give up. He leaves a widow and a grown-up son, to whom our very sincere sympathy is offered.

**Private Michael Costello, 1st Newfoundland Regt.**

With deep regret we record the death of M. Costello, of Clacton-on-Sea. He was 64. Wounded at the Battle of the Somme in 1916, he came to St. Dunstan's the following year and many men of those early days will remember him. Like many of our Colonial St. Dunstaners of those days, he was a great sportsman and particularly a good oarsman. He trained as a smallholder, and continued with this for some years. In September of this year he was taken ill, later going to Ovingdean for convalescence. Then he entered hospital and on his discharge was transferred to West House, where he died on November 12th. Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Costello.

**Private George Dawson, 1/6 Suffolk Regt.**

We record with deep regret the death of G. Dawson, of Carlton, near Newmarket, who died in hospital on November 8th. He was 64. He too, came to St. Dunstan's in 1917. He trained first as a basket-maker but later took over a smallholding, and he had carried this on for a long time, although his health had been poor for some years. He was taken seriously ill in August and was admitted to hospital, where he had a leg amputated. After a brief spell at home he went back to hospital, where he died soon afterwards. He leaves a widow and grown-up son to whom we offer our deep sympathy.

**A.C.2 George Wesley Ellis, Royal Air Force**

It is with deep regret that we record the death of George Ellis, of Liverpool, at the early age of 34. He served with the Royal Air Force from 1941 until 1943, and when he came to St. Dunstan's trained first as a telephonist. Handicapped, however, as he always was by bad health, he turned later to journalism. He was never happier than when he was writing, and he had many articles accepted in the national press and elsewhere. His letters to the REVIEW will long be remembered. Our St. Dunstaner, Violet Formstone, was among those who attended the funeral. To Mrs. Ellis and her little son and daughter we send our deep sympathy.

**Private William Henry Neal, Munster Fusiliers**

We record with deep regret the death of W. H. Neal, of Bampton, Oxford. He was 72. He was discharged from the Army in January, 1919, but it was not until January, 1948, that he came to us, when his age and the state of his health prevented him undertaking any training. He had been in failing health for some time and he died on October 27th. To his sister and nephew our sincere sympathy is extended.

### Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:—

**HAROLD**—To T. Harold, of Romford, Essex, whose father died on October 18th.

**HURRELL**—To A. Hurrell, of Kenley, Surrey, whose sister has died in hospital after a short illness.

**KEMPSTER**—To J. Kempster, of Hemel Hempstead, who has suffered a further loss in the death of his sister. His brother had died only four weeks previously.

**MANNERS**—To M. Manners, of Bridgend, who has lost his father.

**NESBIT**—To A. Nesbit, of Maidenhead, whose sister died in Ireland on November 4th.

**THOMAS**—To L. Thomas, of Rawdon, who has suffered the loss of his mother.

**WHITE**—To R. White, of King's Lynn, whose daughter, Eileen, died in a hospital in Melbourne, Australia, on July 16th. She was only 29.

**WHYTE**—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whyte, of Gainsborough, whose baby daughter, Katherine Patricia, born on October 18th, lived only three days.

We have heard with regret that Mrs. M. E. Fourie, widow of our late St. Dunstaner, P. M. Fourie, of Pretoria, died on August 4th.

Owing to the last minute news of the Pensions increases, we regret that it has not been possible to include in the printed REVIEW the notices of the three books mentioned in last month's REVIEW. They are, however, in the Braille edition and will appear next month in the printed issue. ED.