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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

NEARLY forty years ago I was given the task of designing and building what was then called the After-Care Department of St. Dunstan's. This was the forerunner of the present Welfare Department and its function then, as now, was to give continuing advice and assistance to St. Dunstaners for the rest of their lives.

An essential part of the plan was that someone should go from St. Dunstan's to the St. Dunstaner at his home or place of work from time to time to see how he was getting on. These people were called After-Care Visitors, and were mainly women. I remember amongst early names, Miss Dorothy Ayre, Sister Goodey, Miss Gough, Miss Martha Wood, Mrs. Dunphy and Miss Hester Pease.

The Visitor is still an important member of St. Dunstan's staff and last week I attended a Conference of Welfare Visitors, as they are now called, at Headquarters. A splendid group of eleven women who, between them, cover the whole country and ensure a regular visit as well as emergency visits when they are required. They bring with them information about St. Dunstan's affairs upon which our advice or assistance may be welcome or valued. They also, I am sure, frequently have a good gossip about old times and mutual friends.

These contacts between St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners, together with those that are made at Reunions and at Ovingdean and Pearson House, tend to keep our family together and, apart from their practical value, contribute towards *esprit de corps*. I like to think that St. Dunstaners everywhere want to call themselves St. Dunstaners and to feel that they are all members of one loyal, strong and friendly movement; as the old hymn puts it, "All one body we."

We discussed work, Talking Books, radios and hobbies, areas, housing and a hundred and one other matters of daily interest to most St. Dunstaners. We wondered why some St. Dunstaners did not take advantage of the splendidly interesting and varied holiday and convalescent periods that are now available at Ovingdean, and all kinds of answers were given, including, "Too old to travel"; "Can't leave the wife"; "Brighton air is too strong for me"; "I can't walk up the hill there," and so on. I do not believe that these reasons, though sincerely given, are wholly valid. On the contrary, I believe that almost any St. Dunstaner who paid a visit to Ovingdean would enjoy it so much that he would go again. Moreover, I think his wife would be so delighted when he came back so fit and well that she would wish him to go again, and it might not be a bad thing for her to have a little bit of a change and a rest for a fortnight, for St. Dunstaners' wives have much to do looking after troublesome husbands, including me. I would much like to hear from individual St. Dunstaners who have perhaps given some of the reasons I have mentioned here, because I would like to argue the matter out with them in correspondence.

We owe a great deal to the staff of St. Dunstan's who have, ever since the beginning, given so much more to us all than duty required, and I place the service rendered by Welfare Visitors very high on the list.

IAN FRASER.

The Royal Tournament and Trooping the Colour Ceremony

A few complimentary tickets for the Royal Tournament and Trooping the Colour Ceremony are usually presented to St. Dunstan's and I shall be pleased to receive applications from any men who wish to attend this year, should tickets again be forthcoming. As usual, if there are more applications than tickets, we will hold a ballot and notify everyone concerned nearer the time.

Both these events usually take place in the middle of the week.

C. D. WILLS.

The Queen Mother Meets St. Dunstaners in Australia

Representing blinded ex-servicemen, St. Dunstaners P. J. Lynch, A. F. McConnell, and R. Archer and their wives were present at the State Reception, held in the Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne, and were presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Reunions, 1958

| Date | Reunion |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Saturday, 29th March. | WINDSOR. |
| Wednesday, 16th April. | EDINBURGH. |
| Friday, 18th April. | NEWCASTLE. |
| Saturday, 19th April. | LEEDS. |
| Friday, 2nd May. | MAIDSTONE. |
| Thursday, 8th May. | BELFAST. |
| Friday, 9th May. | DUBLIN. |
| Saturday, 17th May. | LUTON. |
| Saturday, 31st May. | BRISTOL. |
| Tuesday, 3rd June. | PLYMOUTH. |
| Saturday, 7th June. | BOURNEMOUTH. |
| Wednesday, 18th June. | BLACKPOOL. |
| Friday, 20th June. | CHESTER. |
| Saturday, 21st June. | MANCHESTER. |
| Saturday, 28th June. | CARDIFF. |
| Wednesday, 2nd July. | IPSWICH. |
| Friday, 4th July. | NOTTINGHAM. |
| Saturday, 5th July. | BIRMINGHAM. |
| Wednesday, 1st October. | BRIGHTON. |
| Friday, 3rd October. | LONDON. |

(Brighton and London will be evening functions).

Dance

St. Dunstaners in the London area may like to know that a Dance is being held at St. Pancras Town Hall, Euston Road, N.W. on Friday, April 25th, from 7 p.m. to midnight. The Dance is to help replenish the St. Dunstan's Lee-on-Solent Camp Fund.

Tickets are available at 5s. each from D. Deacon, Esq., "George IV," 28 Portugal Street, London, W.C. (HOP 6757) or from Mrs. Spurway, The Vicarage, Holmwood, Dorking (Dorking 73191).

We know already that quite a number of St. Dunstaners and their wives will be attending, as well as friends who help with the Camp. The Camp Committee hope that others living in London will also be able to come.

A large number of valuable prizes are being given for the draw.

Joining the Army of To-day

"May I say how thoroughly I agree with Sir Ian. Not that I am a warmonger; I have seen too much of war to be that, but I do believe that, on the lowest plane, service in any of the Armed Forces is a life of adventure and comradeship; on the highest plane it can be a crusade for Peace and Freedom." BILL MOON, *Harrogate*.

"I believe that a period in the Armed Forces is good for boy and girl; I have watched timid youngsters of both sexes come into the Army; I have been literally amazed in training depot days, to watch those youngsters go out alert, and full of good hopes and intentions, three to five weeks later." MAUREEN LEES, *Birkenhead*.

"The only answer to Sir Ian's question re our attitude to recruitment for the Forces must be found in John's letter asking 'What do we think.' And will the REVIEW give space to what we think?"

"I have eight grandsons and I thank God that before they reach the present calling-up age, conscription, nicely called National Service, will have been abolished. That is, of course, providing that clear thinking has averted the threat of atomic war. We are, I think, the last people to act as recruiting agents, even though we were the bob a day volunteers in the 'Last Great War for civilisation'."

A. F. RADFORD, *Castle Cary*.

London Club Notes

St. Dunstan's Twelve Mile Handicap Walk and Match with the Metropolitan Police Saturday, 8th February, 1958

| Order of Finish | Club | Time | H'p Allowance | H'p Time in H'p | Pos |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1. | R. J. Hopper | Met. P. 110-07 | — | — | — |
| 2. | P. A. Ansell | Met. P. 111-13 | — | — | — |
| 3. | C. Williamson | St. D's 112-40 | 3-20 | 109-20 | 1 |
| 4. | J. Robinson | Met. P. 114-56 | — | — | — |
| 5. | W. Miller | St. D's 115-25 | Scr. | 115-25 | 4 |
| 6. | J. Clifton | Met. P. 118-32 | — | — | — |
| 7. | R. McAttee | Met. P. 119-07 | — | — | — |
| 8. | A. Brown | St. D's 119-27 | 5-30 | 113-57 | 2 |
| 9. | G. Hewitt | St. D's 119-42 | 4-30 | 115-12 | 3 |
| 10. | C. Stafford | St. D's 136-05 | 15-00 | 121-05 | 5 |

Match Result:
Metropolitan Police 20 points
St. Dunstan's 35 points

1958 Derby Sweepstake

The Derby will be run on Wednesday, June 4th, and we invite applications from St. Dunstaners and St. Dunstan's trainees for tickets in our own Sweepstake. *No other person may enter.*

Please read the following rules carefully.

Tickets are 2s. 6d. each and application for them should be made as soon as possible and will be received up to the first post on **Wednesday, May 21st**. Every application must bear the name and address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required and must be sent to the Editor, St. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, 1 South Audley Street, London, W.1. Postal orders should be made payable to St. Dunstan's and crossed. St. Dunstaners are advised to send postal orders or cheques and *not* loose money unless it is registered. *Tickets will be issued consecutively.*

The total money subscribed, less the cost of printing and postage, will be distributed as follows:—

50% to the holder of the ticket drawing the winning horse;

20% to the holder of the ticket drawing the second horse;

10% to the holder of the ticket drawing the third horse;

20% to be divided equally among those drawing a horse which actually starts in the race.

No prize won in the Sweepstake will be paid to any person other than the person to whom the winning ticket was sold.

The Draw will take place at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, May 29th, and all those drawing horses will be notified.

The Sutton Club

In spite of very bad weather, our Club Meeting on March 8th had nearly a 100% attendance. Mrs. Spurway gave us the good news that she had found facilities for outdoor games during the summer months, and perhaps for swimming as well. At the meeting names were given to our President, Lady Onslow, of those members who, with their families, want to come on our trip to Bognor on Saturday, July 12th. There will be two coaches, one starting at Kingston and coming through to Sutton, the other starting from Croydon and then on to Sutton. There they will join up and travel together to Mr. and Mrs. Spurway's home at Holmwood, near Dorking, where we have a kind invitation to stop for refreshments en route to Bognor. We leave Bognor at about 5.30, returning to Holmwood for a little get-together before departing for home. If any members who were not at the meeting wish to come on this trip, will they please let me know as soon as possible because of booking the coaches.

We regret that there will not be a meeting in April (the Adult School is closing for Easter). Our next meeting will be on May 3rd.

We all wish Miss Stevens a speedy recovery. We missed her very much at our last meeting.

TED DUDLEY.

Drummer Downs

A number of St. Dunstaners have expressed a desire to show in some practical form their appreciation of the help that Drummer Downs, who retired from the Appeals Department a short while ago, has given to them and to many other St. Dunstaners over the years.

Would St. Dunstaners wishing to subscribe to a fund for "Drummer" send their contributions to Mr. Lloyds, at 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

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H. Crabtree, of Wood Green, and H. Selby, of Patcham, have made a good recovery from their recent illnesses, we are glad to report. Both write and say how much they appreciate the care and nursing they have received at Ovingdean and the help and encouragement given to their wives.

Letter to The Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

Do others who have Talking Books find that their pleasure is increased, or otherwise, by the reader using dialect or accent to suit the characters in the book?

At the moment I am reading "Red-gauntlet," by Sir Walter Scott, and can truthfully say I haven't been able to understand much of the book so far because of the use of the broad Scottish brogue!

Apart from this, a reader does not always give a true accent and I find it infuriating to hear a Midlander with a Northern accent, and a Devon man with a Cockney! As we all know, dialect alters from one town to another, even from one village to the next, especially here in the North.

I would like the reader to read in his normal voice so that I can hear, and understand, every word, and so get the fullest possible enjoyment out of the book. Does anyone else feel as I do?

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) MARGARET STANWAY.

Manchester Club Notes

A New Meeting Place

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on February 14th, 1958, at Red Cross House, Pendleton. Appointments for 1958 were made as follows: *President*: Mr. A. Clarke; *Chairman*: Mr. W. Bramley; *Vice-Chairman*: Mr. G. L. Edwards; *Hon. Treasurer*: Mr. W. McCarthy; *Hon. Secretary*: Mr. J. Shaw.

The Statement of Accounts for the year 1957 was submitted and approved, and showed the Club to be financially sound.

It was agreed that the membership subscription should remain at five shillings for the year 1958.

One big question that has occupied the minds of faithful and regular attending members, especially since 1954, has been that of the suitability of the present Headquarters of the Club at Red Cross House, Pendleton. Here the accommodation is quite satisfactory and we have been given every facility, but we don't appear to be able to attract some St. Dunstaners to Pendleton, and we believe that this may be largely due to the difficulties of having to change buses in order to get to Red Cross House.

In 1954 a postal canvass of St. Dunstaners in the Manchester area was under-

taken and it showed that several men were prepared to become members if the meeting place was near the centre of the City, and since then, many enquiries have been made with a view to securing a convenient meeting place.

The Committee considered a report by a deputation which had visited the Wellington Hotel, 6A Nicholas Croft, Manchester 4, and the important question of moving our meeting place was discussed from every aspect.

Having regard to all the facts, the Club, at a meeting held on February 28th, decided to transfer its meeting place to the private Club Room at the Wellington Hotel, after giving one month's notice to terminate our arrangement with the Red Cross Society.

The present members of the Club sincerely hope that this carefully considered decision to give up our present headquarters will make it easier for very many St. Dunstaners to become members and attend meetings at the new meeting place, which is situated near the end of High Street, five minutes' walk from Piccadilly, and is also quite easily approached from other directions.

It is provisionally arranged that Club meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays in each month, at 6.45 p.m.

It is hoped that this report will interest all St. Dunstaners in the Manchester area, and so as to save correspondence, will all intending members please come along to the Wellington Hotel on the days and at the time stated. The first meeting in April will be on the 2nd.

If there are any enquiries regarding this matter, please write to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Shaw, 12 St. Oswald's Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan.

J. SHAW.

Grandfathers

Canon W. G. Speight, of Oakham (his eldest daughter, Joan, has had a son at Kampala, Uganda); a second grandson for J. Griffiths, of Woodingdean, Brighton; J. W. Roylancs, of Atherton, near Manchester (for the tenth time); H. A. Davies, of Sandbach (the sixteenth grand-child); J. Boyd, of Brighton (the first grandson after two grand-daughters).

Pro Bono Tempus

Now the days of the Dark Eyed Ones were diverse; there were those of many years who did sit around and talk; and some did sit around and think; and there were those whose time was spent just sitting around.

There were those whose time was spent in placing the tablets upon the tables, crying the while, "Fives up," and "Knocking," and an exultant cry of "Chips," and the gathering took place of coins.

Some did take themselves to the Crystal Hall upon the topmost floor of the great Palace, and did talk wistfully about "Honours," and two this and three of that, and although they dealt in Spades, they toiled not, and with Clubs, they smote not, with Diamonds they were not rich, and betwixt times with the Hearts they were sad, for the mysterious fourth one could not be found. Now these whose time was spent with the little pieces of parchment did talk much at all times of the games, even the games of ancient history, and did fight again the battles of pasteboard.

There are those of the younger Dark Eyed Ones whose hours are spent in "Amour Arduus," whose whole time is spent either talking upon the wires or hastening by the transport to meet the love of the moment at the Aquarium.

At times the Leader of the Great Palace and the Leader of the Handmaidens did give festive gatherings within the Hall, and the fair ladies of the area did come and did step a lively measure with many, and did foregather, at the interval, at the upper floor to eat and drink and hear tales of ancient whim.

Now at these Monday night gatherings it was the wont of one handmaiden, Mrs. Mac, to give each man a number and during a certain measure, halt the music, and cry a number. This doth happen thrice each Monday and the holders of the number shall have a gift, also his escort.

Now upon the forenoon of Tuesdays, some dozen or such number of Dark Eyed Ones sally forth during the longer days to St. Ann's Gardens, and when the sun was low in the heavens, to the King Alfred, and did at these places for nigh two hours speed upon its way the Wood, and it was not at all times that Jack was all right,

for these Bowlers of Wood did grow exceedingly clever, learning of Bias, and Weight, and Legs.

For these speeders of Wood did hearken unto the Elders who did come so faithfully to coach and guide them, and suffer much torment when some Dark Eyed One did that which he was not told. For these Dark Eyed Ones did uphold the honour of all the Dark Eyed Ones by going forth to meet those with sight and battle upon the Green, and did keep their end up most well. For it did greatly please the others and the Dark Eyed Ones did get asked back again and again, even to Woking, to Seaford, and even to Rottingdean.

Now also there are those who did foregather but once per moon within the Halls of the Palace and did struggle most earnestly at Domino, at Whist, at Crib, and Darts, for each year these men, known as the Tribe of Brighton Club, did strive to win one of the prizes which each year were given.

Now these of the Tribe did have many good times together and did sally forth for one day to see the Great Horse Race for what is known as the Blue Riband, even to many known as the "Derby"; also did they go out unto Rustington, for tea and games, and each year unto the Feasting Hall of Brighton to the Annual Dinner, and so hence we cry, in all good faith, "Pro Bono Tempus."

JOHN A. MUDGE.

Ruby Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. A. Palfrey, of Barry, Glamorgan, February 9th; Mr. and Mrs. S. Russell, of Girton, Manchester, February 28th. Congratulations.

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H. Watford, of Cudham, near Sevenoaks, and Mrs. Watford, have just organised their yearly whist drive in aid of St. Dunstan's which, as the local newspaper says, "has become an annual highlight for the village's winter programme."

This year £50 was raised and Mr. and Mrs. Watford made the trip to Ovingdean on March 12th to hand this sum to Mr. Jock Boyd, Appeals Representative.

Talking Book Library

Lot Three

The five books condensed here are all extremely earworthy without being either bloodcurdling or too unexciting.

"Greenmantle," by John Buchan, reader Eric Gillett, is a Hannay, Blenkiron, Arbutnot, Peter Pienaar adventure in Turkey during the First World War. Hannay and Peter cross Germany as pro-German Boers and make their hair-raising way to meet the others in Constantinople. They uncover a conspiracy to bind the Arabs to the German cause and finish up in No Man's Land between Turks and Russians. *Cat. No. 88 (a re-make).*

"The Last Days of Pompeii," by Lord Lytton, reader Donald Bissett, is an exciting reconstruction of the last few months of events in Pompeii prior to the volcanic eruption that overwhelmed it. Hero and heroine are both Greeks, and the villain Arbaces, an Egyptian. There are feasts, gladiators and general decadence through which the Greeks and a blind slave girl shine brightly. Finally the sport in the arena is in full swing when the volcano goes up. Never a dull moment! *Cat. No. 251 (a re-make).*

"An Episode of Sparrows," by Rumer Godden, reader Stephen Jack, is a warm, sympathetic, human tale of children in a London back street. A little girl decides to make a garden on a small derelict plot near the church and, having enslaved a local boy gang-leader, she induces him to cart soil in a bucket from one of the big houses in the square. The two ladies who occupy the house become indignant, the children are caught, and when all is known all is eventually forgiven. Ladies will particularly enjoy this touching little story. *Cat. No. 72.*

"Alexandre Dumas," by André Maurois, reader Peter Fettes, is the biography of a man larger than life who wrote stories of the same calibre. Son of one of Napoleon's generals, he lived in stirring times and made an industry of story writing. He had to fight lawsuits brought against him by his collaborators, but he survived and squandered nearly all he made by magnificent living and generosity. *Cat. No. 73.*

"The Green Isle of the Great Deep," by N. M. Gunn, reader Stephen Jack, is a fascinating allegory. A highland shepherd takes Art, a boy, salmon poaching, both

fall in and at the bottom of the pool find a green paradise which, when they discover it to be under totalitarian control, they proceed to upset to the best of their ability. The shepherd survives a gruelling brain-wash but Art is hardly captured before they both come to. *Cat. No. 146.* NELSON.

Ovingdean Notes

St. Dunstaners from all over the country, most particularly those living in Sussex, will learn with the deepest regret, we know, of the sudden death of Mr. Howard Finlay during this month. He had been the Secretary of the Brighton, Hove and District Grocers' Association since Miss Beatrice Morley's retirement in December, 1950. His funeral, which took place on Saturday, March 15th, was attended by a representative number of St. Dunstan's men, together with Commandant and some of the Brighton Homes Staff.

To Mrs. Finlay and her family we extend our sincere sympathy. We at St. Dunstan's have lost a good friend, energetic and enthusiastic always. We shall remember him particularly at this year's Summer Outing, the arrangements for which he had announced so proudly at the Christmas Party in December last . . . a visit to Arundel and the Castle.

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Ovingdean Sports and Garden Party will be held this year on Saturday, June 21st, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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A large audience was present in the Winter Garden, on Sunday, March 16th, for a play-reading at which the well-known stage stars, Kay Hammond and John Clements, took the parts they had originally performed on the London stage. The play was "The Happy Marriage," by John Clements. Mr. John Salew was instrumental in persuading Miss Hammond and Mr. Clements to come along to St. Dunstan's and we were all more than delighted when they promised this would not be their last visit. We shall much look forward to them coming again.

For Sale

Rolls Razor, Imperial Model, in case complete, as new—17s. 6d.

Remington Countour 6 Electric Razor in case complete, as new, adjustable voltage, adaptor plugs, brush—£5. Apply: Mudge, 26 Lustrells Vale, Saltdean.

From All Quarters

John Triggs, of Ashford, was rescued by his 23-year old son, Peter, when fire broke out following an explosion in his workshop. Our St. Dunstaner, we are glad to report, is now recovering from the burns and shock resulting from the fire.

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Eric Ashby and Herbert Greasley, both of Coventry, featured prominently in the local press last month. One headline ran, "Two fine men set an example." They are both on engineering work—Herbert with his pre-war firm, Morris Motors, and Eric with British Thomson Houston.

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Dick Taylor, of Fordhouses, is also on engineering work and he and his job were given publicity in the *Wolverhampton Express and Star* on March 5th. He also had worked for his firm before the last war.

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In a letter to the Appeals Department, members of the Harwich Branch, Royal Artillery Association, send greetings and good wishes for the future to all St. Dunstan's artillerymen.

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Gerry Breerton travelled 1,200 miles in a fortnight to appear in concerts in aid of the Lord Mayor of Manchester's "Manchester United Munich Disaster Fund." All those who died were known to him personally and he, like all the other artists, gave his services voluntarily.

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Air Commodore G. Bentley Dacre, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., R.A.F. (retd.), has been appointed Honorary Air Commodore of the County of Sussex Fighter Control Unit, Eastbourne, and the County of Sussex Radar Reporting Unit, Brighton. Air Commodore Dacre was awarded the Royal Aero Club Pilot's Certificate No. 162 in 1911, and was the first British airman to sink an enemy ship by torpedo dropped from a plane. His St. Dunstan's friends will congratulate him upon his interesting new appointments.

Marriage

CHUBB.—On February 22nd, K. Chubb, late of Basingstoke, and now re-training.

Births

BOUGHTON.—On February 24th, to the wife of F. Boughton, of Silverstone, a daughter.

FILBY.—On March 1st, to the wife of W. E. Filby, of Streatham, a son—Colin.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out this month to the following:

BOWEN.—To H. Bowen, of Haverfordwest, whose wife died on February 26th.

DONCASTER.—To F. Doncaster, of Canonbury, N.1, whose brother died on March 16th. Our St. Dunstaner lost another brother only thirteen months ago.

JORDAN.—To S. J. Jordan, of Luston, near Leominster, whose wife died on March 9th.

MORRIS.—To W. G. Morris, of Southbourne, whose father has very recently died.

NOBLE.—To R. Noble, of Middlesbrough, who lost his sister at the end of last year.

PALMER.—To H. Palmer, of West Hartlepool, whose brother died at Pocklington in January. Our St. Dunstaner lives with another brother to whom our sympathy also goes.

ROSE.—To G. W. Rose, of Pontefract, whose son was killed in a pit accident on February 15th.

Family News

Neil Richmond (Harrogate) has won the Music Prize at Ripon Grammar School for the third time. Neil, whose father is dead, is at present studying at the St. John's Teachers' Training College, York.

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Sheila Read (Weybridge) has passed Grade I Theory of Music with Honours and a prize.

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Top of their forms at the Christmas examinations—David and Peter McDermott of Davyhulme, Manchester.

Marriages of Sons and Daughters

Doris Cunliffe, Eccleston, to Robert Alan Blundell on March 1st.

Joan Brougham, Liverpool, to Melville Mayers, on March 1st.

Ada Peacock, Stokesley, to Arthur Featherston, on March 15th.

"In Memory"

Private Henry Abraham, *Cheshire Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of H. Abraham, of Ardwick, Manchester. He was 71. He was an old soldier—he served with the regiment from October 1907, until December, 1915, but it was not until March, 1952, that he came to St. Dunstan's and his age and state of health then prevented any training.

At the time of his death, he was President of the Manchester Club and he and his wife were among its keenest supporters.

To Mrs. Abraham and her two sons our deep sympathy is sent.

Private William Sharman Buckle, *Labour Corps*

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of W. S. Buckle, of Pearson House, late of Bury St. Edmunds. He was 76.

Discharged from the Army in March, 1919, he came to us in March, 1938, where he trained in wool rug-making. He followed this craft only as a hobby, however, for his poor health made serious work impossible. After the death of his wife he became a permanent resident at St. Dunstan's and he died at Pearson House on January 25th.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his brother.

Private Patrick Campbell, *1st Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Patrick Campbell, of Cricklewood, at the early age of 37. Paddy joined the Army in 1938. Two years later he was blinded in Belgium as the result of a shell explosion, was evacuated at Dinkirk and came straight to St. Dunstan's. He was one of our first Second War lads and will be remembered by many at Church Stretton.

He trained first in joinery and rug-making, then he entered industry and remained there until 1947. A year later he took a shop but later again entered industry until June, 1957, when his health broke down. In December he went into hospital, then to Pearson House, where he died on February 3rd.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Campbell and eleven year old Patrick.

Private Frederick V. Hesketh, *1st Canadian Mounted Rifle Brigade*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of F. V. Hesketh, of Hove, at the age of 69. When he came to St. Dunstan's in March, 1919, he trained as a netter and mat-maker. He continued with this work until 1951, but many years previously had turned with greater interest to his gardening and poultry-keeping. He lost his wife in September, 1945, and eight years later he married Miss Henshaw, a V.A.D. at Ovingdean. In April of last year his health began to fail and towards the end of the year his condition became serious. He was admitted to hospital but was discharged on January 7th and he died at his home on January 18th.

His St. Dunstaner friends at Ovingdean were represented at the funeral by Mr. W. Brislane, and Mr. Frank Rhodes represented the Brighton Club.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Hesketh.

Private Charles Peach, *Royal East Kent Regiment (The Buffs)*

We record with deep regret the death of C. Peach, of Redcar, at the age of 60. He served with The Buffs from August, 1914, until February, 1923, and came to St. Dunstan's two years later. Until 1931 he was a basket-maker but was then settled as a poultry farmer. During the last war he was employed in a factory and later returned to netting and basket-work for the Stores. Latterly, however, his health had been very poor and he was forced to give up.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his family.

Private Robert Robertson, *9th Black Watch*

With deep regret we record the sudden death of R. Robertson, of Edinburgh; he was 63. Enlisting in May, 1915, he was wounded in August, 1916, at Martinpunch, suffering severe damage to his left hand in addition to his blindness. He came to St. Dunstan's in June, 1918.

In April last year he had a serious illness but made such a good recovery that he was able to visit Brighton as recently as last September.

Our deep sympathy is offered to his sister and family.

Private George Henry Maher, *Labour Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of G. H. Maher, of Westcliff-on-sea, at the age of 65. When he came to St. Dunstan's in 1919 he trained as a boot-repairer and mat-maker but had concentrated rather more on the latter. Last autumn he went for a long convalescent break to Ovingdean, but after Christmas his condition deteriorated and he died there on January 29th.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his family.

Flying Officer Harry P. Devenport, *Royal Air Force*

With deep regret and shock we have learned of the death of Harry Devenport, who was tragically drowned while swimming in Perth soon after arriving in Western Australia to take up an appointment as physiotherapist at a local hospital.

Harry was at St. Dunstan's in 1944.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Beryl, his wife, and to her two children.

Major S. Bogicevic, *Royal Yugoslav Army*

His many friends will also deeply regret to learn of the death of S. (Steve) Bogicevic, of New Malden, as the result of a road accident. He, too, will be remembered by those who were at St. Dunstan's at the end of the last war.

We send our deep sympathy to Mrs. Bogicevic and her children.

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