

*Miss Walter*

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

"I would encourage any blinded soldier who has let his braille slip to take it up again. The effort is really worth while and the reward that it brings of pleasure and independent occupation is worth working for."

I wrote those words in the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW in June, 1932, addressing myself to the men of World War I. I had said much the same thing before in conversation and at informal gatherings, for it was a theme I could not repeat too often. It is particularly appropriate now when our younger members are looking back over a similar number of years to their training days at Church Stretton and Ovingdean.

Many of the First War men, including myself did our ordinary braille lessons at St. Dunstan's, passed our Tests, and then neglected and forgot all about it for many years, possibly because we were idle or busy, or because we didn't like it. Perhaps this was a psychological reflection of our attitude to blindness itself. We hated blindness and therefore we hated braille. However, we gradually got over this and realised how important it was, and I for one, and I know of many others, did take the trouble later to learn it properly and become fluent readers.

It strikes me that now is the time for Second War St. Dunstaners to do the same. How many, I wonder, passed their Tests at Church Stretton and have hardly touched a braille book since?

I am quite certain that nothing will bring them such a good reward in the next ten, twenty or thirty years than to make the effort—and it really is an effort—that is required to become fluent readers. I was very glad to see that my old friend, Tommy Rogers, who was for many years a braille teacher, joined forces with me last month and strongly advised all his old pupils to "invest in braille," as he put it.

For more than ten years, Arthur Pearson Prizes from the Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund have been given for Braille Reading Tests, but we have come to the conclusion that these prizes are not sufficient now. The value of money has depreciated since they were first awarded and bearing this in mind, the Council at a recent meeting decided to increase the prizes for the Tests as follows:

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| Preliminary Test | ... | £2 0s. 0d. |
| Advanced Test    | ... | £5 0s. 0d. |
| Senior Test      | ... | £8 0s. 0d. |

I would urge all St. Dunstaners, but particularly the younger ones, to think seriously about polishing up their braille, and if they would like to enter for the cash prizes that are available to them, to apply to Mr. Wills as soon as they think they are ready. But having

passed their Tests, let them on no account let up, as so many of the First War men were apt to do, to their great regret now.

Those who have lost their braille may like to be reminded of the many magazines available to them through St. Dunstan's—all free of charge. A complete list of braille publications follows this article and I would especially commend St. Dunstan's own magazine, *Nuggets*, which is printed in interline braille and therefore is particularly suitable for the man who is not quite as rapid as he was, or who finds it difficult to master his braille anyway.

One last word. There is a wealth of reading for the brailist at the National Library for the Blind. Again, the service is free to St. Dunstaners. Just send your name to Men's Supplies Department and it will be passed on to the Library. You will then have a list of the many books available. There are also certain books available from the R.N.I.B., the Scottish Braille Society, and the Moon Society, which we are glad to purchase if any St. Dunstaners wish to receive them.

IAN FRASER.

### Braille Publications

Here is a full list of Braille publications, all of which can be ordered through Men's Supplies Department.

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*Bible Reading Fellowship; Braille Mail; Braille Mirror (American); Braille Monitor (previously American All Story Magazine); Channels of Blessing; Chess Quarterly; Daily Notes on Scripture Union Portions; Extracts From The Law Notes; Family Doctor; Gleanings; Hampstead Magazine; Home Help; Hora Jocunda; The Horizon; Jewish Braille Review (American); Journal of Physiotherapy; Listener; Madam; National News Letter; Musical Magazine; New Beacon; New Statesman and Nation; News Summary; Nuggets; On the Edge of the Etherick (American); Panda; Physiotherapy Journal; Progress Announcement Supplement; Radio Times; Rainbow; Readers' Digest; St. Dunstan's Review; S.P.G. Braille News (Missionary News); Science Journal; Sporting Record (Weekly); Sports Report (Monthly); Theological Times; Thistle; Viewpoint; World Christian Digest (Quarterly); World Digest; Cricket Fixtures.*

### Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. C. Singleton, of Worthing, June 25th. Warmest congratulations.

### Ruby Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Williams, of Llandaff North, Cardiff, June 25th; and Mr. and Mrs. C. Greaves, of Sheffield, July 4th. Many congratulations.

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Advocate A. H. Simcocks, of Ballasalla, Isle of Man, who is a Member of the Manx Bar and Member of the House of Keys, has been appointed to the Governor's Executive Council.

### In Parliament

When the House of Commons was discussing the general question of pensions on July 7th, Sir Ian Fraser reminded the Minister that there were two allowances which had never been raised. One was the 10s. paid to a disabled ex-serviceman's wife, which had remained at that figure since 1919. The other was the £1 a week which a very seriously disabled man receiving an unemployability allowance was allowed to earn as pocket money, or as payment for work which was in the nature of rehabilitation, for it was better that he should have something to do rather than have nothing to do at all. "That sum ought to be raised," said Sir Ian, "It has remained at £1 a week for a long time now."

### If We See (for St. Dunstan's)

(The following lines were sent to the Appeals Department by a subscriber.)

*If every time we said, "I see," we thought  
of those who cannot;*

*If whenever in the dark, we sought*

*The light switch, we remembered*

*Those to whom not it nor day brings light;*

*If seeing some lovely thing—*

*A pretty girl, a sunset, stars at night—*

*Which brought our senses pleasure and delight*

*And made life richer—*

*If we then remembered those who gave their sight*

*That we might live,*

*St. Dunstan's would not beg, but claim of right*

*All we could give.* LEONARD DOWNES.

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As in past years, there will be no REVIEW for the month of August.

### Stop Press

A St. Dunstan's team will take part in the bridge programme on Tuesday, September 23rd at 6.45 p.m. on Network 3.

### London Club Notes

*Bridge.* On Saturday, 28th June, 1958, twenty members of the Bridge Section, comprising five teams of four, played a 20-board Duplicate Match against the members of the L.C.C.B.A. at 16 Berkeley Street, W.1. The teams were as follows:

*No. 1 team:* Messrs. Armstrong, Douglas, Webster and Henry.

*No. 2 team:* Messrs. Jolly, Bishop, Ingrey and Bulman.

*No. 3 team:* Messrs. Gover, Nuyens, Winter and Thompson.

*No. 4 team:* Messrs. Jackson, Cook, Crabtree and Matthewman.

*No. 5 team:* Messrs. Rhodes, Walsh, Kelk and Kirkbright.

Some very interesting hands were keenly contested. The results of the St. Dunstan's teams were:

*Winners:* No. 2 team; *Second:* No. 1 team; *Third:* No. 3 team; *Fourth:* No. 5 team; *Fifth:* No. 4 team.

Mr. S. Webster passed a vote of thanks to our hosts who make this annual fixture one of our outstanding events.

Mrs. F. Pitt Reynolds kindly presented the medals to our team who won the London Business Houses League for the 1957-58 season.

G.P.B./W.B.

To mark the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the London Club an outing was arranged to Bognor on Sunday, June 29th. Everyone was on time and a punctual start was made in glorious sunshine. After an enjoyable drive we arrived at our destination at 12.15 to find a wonderful lunch awaiting us, after which members and their escorts dispersed to stroll or sit along the front. We returned to the restaurant at 5 o'clock to a wonderful tea. We then made our way to the coach for the homeward journey. The music was provided by the usual trio, Messrs. Ollington, Harding and Hancock. The whole company sang with gusto to the many songs and choruses played.

Mr. Crabtree proposed a vote of thanks to our worthy Chairman, Mr. Sammy Webster, and to our organiser, Mr. Bob Willis.

Everyone was unanimous in saying it was a wonderful day, grand food, grand day and jolly good company.

Now Londoners, what about *joining the London Club* and enjoy yourself with us?

W. H. HARDING.

### National Federation of the Blind

Fred Ripley, of Leatherhead, is the Public Relations Officer for the National Federation of the Blind and he has sent us a report of the recent Annual Conference of the Federation, extracts from which are printed below:

In addition to Mr. Ripley and Mr. A. Scott, from Belfast, Mr. David Bell, of Edinburgh was also among the delegates present.

St. Dunstaners interested in joining the Federation should get in touch with Mr. Ripley.

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This year's Annual Conference of the National Federation of the Blind was held in Edinburgh on June 7th and 8th.

Most of us had travelled to Scotland overnight at the end of a busy week, and an occasional display of frayed nerves or sleepy apathy might reasonably have been expected, yet this was in fact a notably good-tempered conference, and the prevailing mood of debate was anything but apathetic. For this we owe a good deal to the lively personality of Mr. A. Scott, a St. Dunstaner from Belfast, whose eloquent, good-humoured pugnacity left members in no doubt about the views of Northern Ireland on a wide range of topics.

There were a number of hardy annuals on an agenda which offered a taste of everything, from unattainable dreams to shrewd points of practical policy. On paper, the 49 resolutions may not have looked inspiring, and it is a tribute to the wise chairmanship of the Federation's President, Mr. J. F. Wilson, that this impression did not persist. He managed to keep things moving briskly, while at the same time insisting that even the most timid or obscure speaker should get a fair hearing.

There were one or two surprising decisions, but on the whole there was more of reason than dramatic tension about our discussions. Greater efforts to secure an income-tax concession for the blind are urged and the Ministry of Health is to be asked whether the status of home workers can be redefined so that the burden of National Insurance contributions at the self-employed rate may be shared by the employing agency.

Edinburgh will certainly be rated one of the Federation's happiest conferences.

HARRY BOOTH.

### Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I wonder how many St. Dunstaners have still got their original watch? I am still using the watch I received from the late Sir Arthur Pearson when I was in hospital. It still keeps remarkably good time. I got it in 1916. I wonder if this is a record?

Yours sincerely,

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E. M. BROCKIE.

### Manchester Club Notes

Members of the Manchester Club, along with wives and escorts, had the pleasure of a visit to the Railway Hotel, Pleasington, on Saturday, 4th July, and for this outing we were favoured with sunshine and all that goes to make up an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

On arrival, our party was welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Hindle, of the Railway Hotel, and by members of their Darts team, and very soon we were joined by our St. Dunstaner, Bob Britton, who has been so instrumental in making these visits possible over the past five or six years.

"Tea is served"—only those who have experienced taking tea at this rendezvous can fully appreciate the substance and meaning of the kind of welcome we visiting St. Dunstaners receive. For this, we are most grateful to the ladies who devote their time and skill in seeing that what is served is, as far as possible, "home-made," and of the best. The fruit salad which rounded off the meal was made complete by the ice cream prepared and given by Mrs. Britton.

In the interval following tea, there was an opportunity to take some fresh air before commencing the evening games, which resulted in a draw at Darts—five games all—and a win at Dominoes—three games to two. One needs hardly mention that games played on such occasions do rouse special enthusiasm. Thus, whilst the men chatted and played, the ladies sang and chatted and the evening seemed to pass quickly.

Prior to leaving for homes, Mr. Herbert Frost tendered our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hindle, our hosts; to the members of their Darts team for the good spirit in which the games were played; and to all those who had helped in any way to provide such a splendid welcome and an enjoyable time.

J. SHAW, *Hon. Secretary.*

### The Reunions

The first of the West Country Reunions was at Bristol on May 31st. It was presided over by Mr. Donald Hopewell, a member of our Council, who is already well-known among our West Country St. Dunstaners, and we were very pleased to welcome Mr. Lloyds to this meeting for the first time.

The Plymouth meeting was on June 3rd, and Mr. Wills presided over a small but happy gathering.

Bournemouth, on June 7th, was naturally a much larger Reunion. Our President, Sir Neville Pearson, *bt.*, presided. We were glad to see our old friend, Mrs. Giorgi, who is no longer able to get around to as many Reunions as she used to.

Mr. Hopewell presided at Blackpool on June 18th, and it proved to be a very hectic affair indeed. Al Read, in person, supported by Charlie Clitheroe, provided a most enjoyable afternoon's entertainment, and Mr. Hopewell thanked the artists on behalf of all our St. Dunstaners for giving us their very limited time to entertain us.

At the Chester Reunion on June 20th, the British Legion was represented by Mr. T. F. Lister, who is also a member of our Council, and who presided, and Mr. W. J. Bennett, County Secretary. Everyone was sorry to hear that it was to be Miss Newall's last Reunion, as she had decided to resign for health reasons at the end of the month.

A member of the Council who had not previously met our Lancashire lads, Mr. Alan Pitt Robbins, presided at our Manchester Reunion on June 21st, and it was grand to see old friends like Miss Betty Vaughan Davies and Miss E. G. Doel again.

Our Welsh St. Dunstaners also met a member of the Council for the first time when the Ven. Archdeacon F. Darrell Bunt presided at Cardiff on June 28th. Mr. Ottaway and Miss Lloyd, neither looking a day older, were both welcome guests.

The Ipswich meeting was on July 2nd. Sir Ian and Lady Fraser attended and Major-General R. D. Inskip, Chairman of St. Dunstan's Ipswich committee, and Mrs. Inskip, were also present.

Addressing the gathering, Sir Ian said, "Ipswich was the home of my family before they went to South Africa in the 1870s." Sir Ian paid a tribute to the Welfare Department. "In the last 40 years since we founded the old After-Care

### Birmingham Club

Outing to Stratford-on-Avon,  
June 15th, 1958

This year our excursion was blessed with beautiful weather and the members, members' wives and children, and former members' widows turned up well to enjoy a happy day at Stratford.

The Alexandra Musical Society provided transport with their usual generosity and two comfortable coaches conveyed parties from Walsall or Birmingham headquarters.

After a pleasant steamer trip and a few sports in the meadow, we went to the Stratford British Legion for tea. The welcome and the hospitality from these friends seems undiminished each year, although the trouble in providing a lavish "spread" for such a party (this year there were 52 adults and 19 children) on a hot afternoon must be quite exhausting.

A former secretary of the Birmingham Club, Miss M. Chadwick, was unfortunately not able to meet us this year but sent cigarettes for the men. The children received sweets and prizes through the generosity of Miss Wheeler and Mrs. Cope and a good time was had by all.

This day will certainly leave a happy memory for all who were there.

### Presentation to Drummer Downs

At the London Club on Thursday, July 17th, a presentation was made to Drummer Downs by Mr. S. Webster, supported by Mr. R. Young, on behalf of his many St. Dunstaner friends.

The presentation, which took the form of a striking clock and a cheque, was a tribute to Drummer's help and comradeship over many years, and of his personal example of cheerfulness in face of his own handicap.

Drummer replying, made a very modest and apt speech of thanks.

### Sutton Club

Dear Friends,

My wife and I wish to thank you for your good wishes and wonderful surprise on our 11th anniversary.

We were pleased to think we would be spending it at a Club meeting but had not anticipated such spontaneous enthusiasm from you all.

Yours very sincerely,

A. C. MITCHELL (Mitch).

Department it has developed enormously in the services that it renders to St. Dunstan's," he said. Mrs. Inskip presented the prizes.

Although the management of the George Hotel, Nottingham, thought it rather cruel to make our St. Dunstaners dance, a very happy reunion was held there on July 4th with Sir Neville Pearson presiding. The catering was really excellent and the dining room beautifully arranged.

St. Dunstaners attending the Birmingham Reunion on July 5th, were deeply disappointed to learn from Mr. Wills that Lieut.-General Sir Brian Horrocks would be unable to preside through illness, but he had sent the following message: "I am deeply distressed to have let you down at the last moment but am in bed under the doctor who refuses me permission to travel, and he is much more frightening than any general under whom I have ever served." A telegram was despatched to Sir Brian from all at the Reunion wishing him a speedy recovery.

### From All Quarters

George Shed, of Burgess Hill, has had further success with his pigeon racing. One of his birds has won a cup in a race from Seaton, Devon, to Burgess Hill, and he has also won a second prize and two fourths with other birds. His schoolboy son has also recently won a first and a second prize with his birds.

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Joe Humphrey, of Belfast, won the Speakers' Cup (Round Table) at Bangor, Co. Down. His subject was, "Referred Pain."

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Mrs. McGuire, whose marriage to our St. Dunstaner was announced last month, will be better known to St. Dunstaners as Mrs. Carter—one of our kind helpers at Ovingdean and not a V.A.D. as described in the notice.

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Address of St. Dunstan's Camp will be: St. Dunstan's Camp, H.M.S. Daedalus, Lee-on-Solent. Will wives and friends please note.

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On July 23rd, Sir Ian and Lady Fraser celebrated the 40th anniversary of their wedding.

### Grandfathers

C. Eighteen, of Reading; H. H. Langton, of Bottesford.

### Talking Book Library

#### Browsing for High Summer

Here are the outlines of eight books and three titles also released, to bring the library up-to-date before the holiday month sets in or out.

"In the Steps of the Master," by H. V. Morton, reader John Webster, journeys through Palestine, Egypt, and Syria, pausing to create and breathe in the atmosphere of the places visited by Christ. Read side-by-side with the Gospels it may help to illuminate some of the incidents, but, quite apart from that, the author has produced a soothing atmosphere and an interesting circuit. *Cat. No. 49.*

"Stranger in Spain," by H. V. Morton, reader Jack de Manio, is more or less a full and fascinating guide to central and North West Spain, with a great deal of satisfying illustration in the form of historical anecdote. *Cat. No. 166.*

"Great Contemporaries," by Winston Churchill, reader Alvar Lidell, covers a multitude of great political figures of the first half of this century as seen through the eyes of the greatest of them all. As one might expect, style, restraint, and magnanimity typify this excellent volume. *Cat. No. 144.*

"South Riding," by Winifred Holtby, reader Stephen Jack, is the Yorkshire classic of a progressive schoolmistress and a penniless squire (wife in mental home) with one wilful little daughter. A story of local government intrigue supported by many individual human characters, gay, sad, and positively poignant. The stage set some 30-35 years ago. *Cat. No. 156.*

"The Broken Road," by A. E. W. Mason, reader Adrian Waller, is an Anglo-Indian story in which the road, half-built by an ill-fated engineer in a princely state of remote North India, acts as a magnet to his son who dedicates himself to complete the work. The princeling, close friend of the son, turns sour on the "Western whites," and ensues a bloody campaign with a reasonable outcome. *Cat. No. 371.*

"The Life of Samuel Johnson," by James Boswell, reader Eric Gillett, is a classic portrayal of the Grand Cham of literature which is enjoyable only to someone in good spirits. The only picture I get of this book is of Boswell as a lapdog sniffing hungrily and inquisitively at every utterance of the monstrous old genius. Without Boswell,

Dr. Johnson was fine material for a biography and, even with Boswell, that much is apparent here. *Cat. No. 185.*

"Sundry Creditors," by Nigel Balchin, reader Laidman Browne, concerns mainly the Board of Management of a none-too-prosperous industrial firm in the days of post-war shortages. The attempts of the Managing Director, a misguided character, to obtain sole control are successfully thwarted by his more responsible colleagues and, at the same time as the management struggle is on, one of the factory hands he-mans the managing director's daughter off her feet. *Cat. No. 85.*

"Dacre's Fold," by Margaret Brash, reader Derek McCulloch, is a neglected farm with a cloth mill adjacent, housing a pretty, young deserted wife and her stricken old father-in-law. The errant husband, dedicated to wine and women, has a plantation in Malaya where he induces his double, a slightly younger cousin, to do most of the work until terrorists wreck the place. Seriously injured, the sober cousin is shanghaied home by the husband and blackmailed into impersonating that worthy. Avoiding the pretty wife's bed the sober cousin puts both farm and mill back on their feet after two year's hard work. Hubby then returns claiming everything. If you are not interested I had best say no more, but I assure you the rest is entertaining. *Cat. No. 618.*

Also released: "The Royal Box," by F. Parkinson Keyes, reader Stephen Jack. *Cat. No. 167.* "Poison in the Pen," by Patricia Wentworth, reader Eric Gillett. *Cat. No. 708.* "Famous Trials," edited by H. Hodge, reader Franklin Engelmann. *Cat. No. 34.* NELSON.

### Family News

Captain Robin Harris (Ripon), of the 14th/20th King's Hussars, attached to the Aden Protectorate Levies, has been awarded the Military Cross for his inspiring conduct in action with an armoured car squadron in Aden.

Sheila Read, Weybridge, has passed her Grade I. Practical with the Royal Schools, and was also successful at Staines and Ashford Musical Festival, where she took part in a piano duet.

Helen Thompson, Gateshead, won a first prize at the recent local Gymkhana.

### Personal

*From Horsham*

Just a little space to say "Thank You" for all the very numerous enquiries about me when I was so ill. It is impossible for me to answer them all and this is the first time I have tried to contact anyone.

Thank you all for your wonderful gifts of flowers, fruits and other gifts. It's quite marvellous to me to realise that I was so well liked.

Above all, thank you for your prayers, all of you—I am sure that they carried me through.

Thanks also to the Brighton Club's Sisterhood, which did not leave me alone one visiting night.

So, till we meet again, keep praying for me.

MILLIE RICHARDSON.

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The new address of Mrs. H. W. Kirby, whose husband's death is reported in this issue, is Ilex Cottage, The Street, East Preston, Sussex. Many friends will only have their Banstead address which they left a few weeks ago.

### Ovingdean Sports, 1958

Another most enjoyable Sports Day was held at Ovingdean on Saturday, June 21st.

Sir Ian Fraser, who was accompanied by Lady Fraser, gave away the prizes and in a short speech, thanked Mr. Fawcett, the Commandant, Miss Ramshaw, Marton, Mr. Jarrold, the Catering Staff, and all others, including the local Boy Scouts, who had helped to make the Sports Day such a success.

"This is a splendid St. Dunstan's party," he said, "especially for the children."

### "In Memory"—continued

*Gunner Isaac Davidson, 20th Trench Mortar Battalion, Royal Field Artillery*

With deep regret we record the death of I. Davidson, of Audenshaw, Manchester. He was 72. He served from his enlistment in June, 1915, until August, 1916. He had been wounded on the Somme the previous month and he entered St. Dunstan's almost immediately. He had been in extremely poor health for very many years and consequently was not able to follow any occupation. Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Davidson and her family.

*Lance Corporal Alfred Edward Bowling, 2nd Battalion Welch Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of A. E. Bowling, of Fulham, S.W.6, at the age of 70. He served in the First World War but it was not until April, 1954, that he came to St. Dunstan's, and his age then prevented him undertaking any training.

With Mrs. Bowling he had returned from a holiday at Hastings on July 3rd; he was taken ill only a week later and he died in hospital on July 14th.

To Mrs. Bowling and her family our deep sympathy is sent.

### Births

COOPER.—On June 19th, to the wife of K. Cooper, of Addlestone, Weybridge, a daughter—Denise June.

HIGGS.—On June 2nd, to the wife of E. G. Higgs, of Dollis Hill, a son—Edwin Clive.

NOLDE.—On May 31st, to the wife of Norman Nolde, of Moorabbin, Victoria, Australia, a son—Peter Sharland.

SHEEHAN.—On June 23rd, to the wife of P. Sheehan, of Leyton, E.10, a third son—Colin Henry.

### Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out this month to the following:

HILL.—T. W. H. Hill, of Acton, W.4, and Mrs. Hill, in the loss of a dear son-in-law.

JONES.—To R. Jones, of Swansea, who lost his mother on June 25th.

### Presentations

Sammy Webster, of Forest Hill, is a telephonist and he has just completed forty years' of continual service with his firm, the Lutterworth Press (U.S.C.L.). To mark the occasion, on July 22nd a presentation was made to him of a cheque in lieu of the gold watch normally given. With the cheque was a braille inscribed card:

SAMUEL H. WEBSTER

*In appreciation of 40 years' loyal and conscientious service with the Society*

U.S.C.L.

1918—1958

The inscription was also in script so that Mrs. Webster could appreciate the tribute to her husband.

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On July 21st, G. P. (Jock) Brown, of Twickenham, was presented with a gold watch on completing twenty-one years as a telephonist with his firm.

## "In Memory"

### Private Reginald Fitzgerald, *Royal Army Medical Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of R. Fitzgerald, of Halifax. He was 69.

He was a regular soldier—he had enlisted in August, 1906—and he came to us in 1917 soon after he had been wounded at Bapaume.

He trained as a masseur and carried on his work as a physiotherapist at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax, and in private practice, up to the time of his death.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Fitzgerald, who is herself a physiotherapist, and who had helped him in his private practice.

### Private Charles Hills, *10th West Yorkshire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of C. Hills, of Ramsgate, at the age of 69.

He came to St. Dunstan's in October, 1917; he trained as a mat-maker and continued with this work up to the time of his death. He was one of our best craftsmen.

He went to Ovingdean for a holiday on June 9th but was taken ill three weeks later. He was admitted to Bevendean Hospital, where he died on July 1st.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his widow and family.

### Private Herbert William Kirby, *2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of H. W. Kirby, of East Preston, near Worthing, but who until recently had lived at Banstead. He was 64.

He was one of our very first St. Dunstaners, coming to us on March 22nd, 1915. He trained as a masseur and continued with his work as a physiotherapist until his retirement in April of last year. He had been only a fortnight in his new bungalow at East Preston, and he died very suddenly on Saturday, July 5th.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Kirby and her two sons.

### Private George William Rose, *King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry*

With deep regret we record the death of G. W. Rose, of Pontefract, at the age of 66.

He served from September, 1914, until November, 1917, but did not come to St. Dunstan's until September, 1949, when his health prevented him taking any serious training. He did, however, make string bags for us.

He had been in very poor health for some considerable time and he died on June 28th.

He was a widower and our deep sympathy is sent to his family.

### Lance-Bombadier Harry Gordon Russell, *Royal Engineers, transferred to Royal Artillery*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of H. G. Russell, of Patcham, Brighton. He was 51.

He was discharged from the Service in 1945, but did not come to us until May, 1955. He was then too ill to undertake training. His home was at Kingston but he later moved to Patcham. In December last, he was admitted to Ovingdean. His condition gradually deteriorated and he was transferred to Pearson House, where he died on June 21st.

He leaves a wife and widowed mother, to whom our deep sympathy is sent.

### Lance Corporal Cecil Hubert Smith, *25th Northumberland Fusiliers*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of C. H. Smith, of Bury St. Edmunds, at the age of 69.

He was wounded at Cambrai and came to St. Dunstan's in March, 1918. He trained as a mat-maker and he carried on his craft, with the addition sometimes of a little netting, right up to the time of his death.

He had spent a holiday at Ovingdean and returned home on Monday, June 30th; he died in the early hours of the following day.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Smith and her family.

### A. G. Eitner, *South African Forces*

It is with deep regret that we have heard from South Africa of the death of A. G. Eitner, on May 28th after a long illness. He had served in the 1914-1819 war and was in his 67th year.

He leaves a widow and two small children, to whom our deep sympathy is sent.

### Wing Commander Frank Bernard Howard Hayward, *A.F.C., Royal Air Force*

It is with deep regret we record the death of F. B. "Bill" Howard Hayward, of Bexhill-on-Sea, who served with the Royal Air Force from 1929 to 1946. He died at Pearson House on June 22nd, after many years' illness. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1951; subsequently he stayed at Ovingdean and Pearson House on a number of occasions and will be remembered by many who met him there.

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

### Captain Cyril Victor Lewis Montgomery, *Royal Army Service Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of C. V. L. Montgomery ("Monty"), who died very suddenly at his home at Slinfold on July 9th.

He was in the Regular Army and came to St. Dunstan's in 1949; later he was a successful poultry farmer. He, too, was known to many St. Dunstaners at Ovingdean, who will all regret his loss.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Montgomery and her married son.

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