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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

ON Saturday, May 9th, Lady Fraser and I attended the St. Dunstan's Reunion at Windsor. There were ninety-six St. Dunstaners present, mainly from Kent, Surrey, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, and, together with wives, escorts and members of the staff, the company numbered over two hundred.

This was a most successful gathering and I should judge that it was greatly enjoyed by all who were present.

St. Dunstan's Reunions are a feature of our corporate life and I attach very great importance to them for many reasons. For instance, they are an occasion when old friends can meet and swap stories about the past and about matters of common interest. They provide an outing and a pleasant change from the daily routine. Members of the Headquarters Welfare Staff, and representatives of the various departments are present, and there is, therefore, an opportunity for St. Dunstaners to have an interview with those who are concerned with their affairs and to have outstanding questions dealt with.

Finally, they are an opportunity for St. Dunstan's officials to meet a cross section of St. Dunstaners, to learn how they are getting on and to deal with matters of general and individual concern.

Thus the Reunions have both a social and a business value, and contribute materially to the *esprit de corps* of our Society and to the smooth working of our administration.

Wherever possible, a Member of the Council attends and this is advantageous both to St. Dunstaners and to the Council, as a means of keeping in touch.

I am always struck by, and at first thought, somewhat disappointed by the fact that a number of St. Dunstaners do not come. Whereas ninety-six turned up at the Windsor Reunion, there were about one hundred and sixty who are in the area and were invited. Some of these were, of course, enjoying a holiday at Ovingdean; others are ill, but there remains a number who might have been present but were not.

I make no criticism of them, for doubtless there are many good reasons, but it would add greatly to the value and importance of the Reunions if all who can do so would come. There is not only the pleasure you may get out of the Reunion yourself, but also the pleasure you give to those who want to meet you, and beyond what I have said earlier, there is also the very real value to St. Dunstan's Headquarters officials to meet as large and representative a group as possible.

I know from my own experience how tempting it is to stay at home and not to turn out and make a journey if it can be avoided, but I do urge upon my friends to give this matter serious thought, for I believe that once the effort has been made it will be well rewarded, and that a visit to the Reunion will be a pleasure, both at the time and in retrospect.

At Windsor, I was accompanied by Colonel M. F. Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O., a Member of

St. Dunstan's Council, who will be going to one or two Reunions and who had come with me for the first time as a Council Member to learn the ropes.

Colonel Ansell is well-known to St. Dunstaners as a broadcasting personality in connection with the International Horse Show and the Horse of the Year Show which he so successfully organises. His story is worth restating, because it is a very remarkable one. Before the Second War, he was himself a member of the British Show Jumping team and was one of our leading international horsemen. On the outbreak of war, while commanding a cavalry regiment, he was blinded and taken prisoner, and I well remember when he was repatriated and came to St. Dunstan's to discuss his future with me. His passionate interest in the horse made him determined to devote himself to this subject. I remember telling him that it was an unlikely career for a blind man, but I proved to be wrong.

In a few years he became the leading figure in this sphere in Britain, and reorganised the horse jumping and other horse societies, and virtually "put the horse back on its feet." He is now the leading authority and has been more responsible than any other person for the success of the British Show Jumping team in the Olympic and other international contests.

These activities reflect his persistence and his ability and it is not surprising that he has been appointed Colonel of his own Regiment, the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

Colonel Ansell, in a brief acknowledgment of the warm welcome he was given, said that it was an honour to be a member of the Council of St. Dunstan's—"the finest Society of its kind in the world."

Mr. George Eustace proposed a vote of thanks to St. Dunstan's.

I have devoted this note to the Windsor Reunion, not because it is in itself any more important than any of the others, but because it is the first I have attended this year, and because I want to reinforce what Mr. Hopewell said in his admirable article in March, about the importance of our Reunions.

FRASER OF LONSDALE.

### Lady (Arthur) Pearson Remembrance Service

On Sunday, April 26th, Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., and Lady Pearson, and Mrs. Wyndham Gary, attended at St. Dunstan's Chapel, Ovingdean, when a service was held in remembrance of Sir Neville's mother, the late Lady (Arthur) Pearson, D.B.E.

The service was conducted by St. Dunstan's Padre, the Rev. W. J. Taylor.

Sir Neville prefaced the reading of the Lesson by saying that, on going through his mother's papers, he found that she had kept a number of the Order papers for the Service which is held each year in December in memory of Sir Arthur Pearson. He felt that on this occasion, as an Act of Remembrance, he would like to read one of these Lessons which she had loved so much.

### Derby Sweepstake

The Derby Sweepstake is now closed. The Draw will take place at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, May 28th. All those drawing a horse will be notified by post.

### Room for Thought

With summer just around the corner, I am sure that many of you are thinking of holidays and wondering where to go or what to do. I hope this short article will help you to make up your minds.

I know that many of you have spent a holiday at Ovingdean, but I know there are many who, like myself, have never paid it a visit. I had thought many times of the appeal our Chairman, Lord Fraser, made in a recent issue of the REVIEW to the older St. Dunstaners, to make up their minds and visit Ovingdean. I made the effort and spent a glorious week at Easter, and I must say it was one of the happiest holidays my wife and I had ever spent. I can assure you that a warm welcome awaits you from Matron and her wonderful staff, who do all in their power to make you happy and comfortable. Another pleasure I got from my visit, was that I met chaps whom I had not met for nearly forty years. I also made many new friends whom I hope to meet again later in the year, for I was so happy that I decided to book another holiday as soon as I could. Do try and pay a visit. I assure you that you will not regret it.

W. H. HARDING.

### London Club Notes

*Bridge.*—Another reminder that the Harrogate Week will be held this year from September 12th—19th. If you have not already given your name to Mr. Willis, please do so at once.

A reminder, too, that St. Dunstan's Bridge Congress will take place during the week-end of Saturday, November 14th. Entries for the Teams of Four and Pairs events for the Sir Arthur Pearson Cup, should be sent to Mr. Willis at the Club.

The final results of the London Business Houses League matches have now come in. Our team did not do quite so well as usual. Of their ten matches they won two, drew two and lost six. They were fifth in their section.

G.P.B.

### The Braille Tests

During the past fifteen months the following St. Dunstaners have passed their Braille tests:

*Preliminary Tests.* A. Boardman, R. Hamilton, H. Buckley, A. Craigie, L. Halliday, W. Yarwood.

*Writing Tests.* A. Boardman and R. Hamilton.

*Advanced (Interpoint) Tests.* G. A. Richardson, J. Humphrey, J. Mudge, R. C. Jones.

*Senior Tests.* P. Dent and L. White.

In the ten years since 1948, only fifty St. Dunstaners in all have reached the standard required to pass the Senior Braille Reading Test, and this number includes three women St. Dunstaners. Bearing in mind the ratio of women to men St. Dunstaners, can it be that the ladies are more industrious in this sphere at any rate?

### Chess Week-end

The Chess Week-end at Ovingdean this year has been arranged from Friday, October 2nd, to Monday, October 5th (nights inclusive), and I shall, as usual, be writing to all those St. Dunstaners on my Chess list nearer the time. If there are any other men who would like to join in the Chess Tournament I shall be very pleased to hear from them.

C. D. WILLS.

### From All Quarters

Charles Cooper, of Worthing, has again been elected Vice-Chairman of the Worthing Divisional Conservative Association and Chairman of the Local Government Committee. Mr. Cooper has also been returned unopposed in the Borough Council election.

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We reported last month that J. A. Pecket, of Manchester, had emigrated to Australia. This was an error. Only his mother and sister left.

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Geoff. Preston, recently of Addlestone and now of Woking, Surrey, says that he is taking part, in a small way, in the dollar export drive. After thirteen years making crossword puzzles, he now has a weekly one appearing in a Canadian publication. The only English-speaking country that has not published his puzzles is the U.S.A.

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H. Goodley, of Diss, won a first prize and a third prize for tulips and hyacinths at the Annual Spring Show.

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A. H. Clark, of Newton Abbott, has received a presentation Clock from the Western Region, British Railways, in commemoration of forty-five years with the railway. He is still working, but is due for retirement in 1960.

### Ruby Weddings

Many congratulations to the following upon their Ruby Weddings:

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hodgman, of Sutton, Surrey, April 21st; Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams, of Birmingham (Mr. Williams is now at Pearson House), April 24th; Mr. and Mrs. J. Kempster, of Hemel Hempstead, May 1st; and Mr. and Mrs. W. Tremble, of Knaresborough, May 17th.

### Grandfathers

J. H. Hawkins, of Sidcup (Beryl has had a son); A. C. Scott, of Belfast (a daughter for Barbara). W. W. Watson, of How Mill, near Carlisle (another granddaughter); B. C. Nobbs, of Purbrook (another grandson); W. McCarthy, Davyhulme, Manchester, whose fifteenth grandchild—a boy—was born in Sydney, Australia, on May 4th.

### Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

My husband was on the steps outside, cutting our hedge, when two people passed. The man said to his wife, "Fancy anyone getting on steps with so much traffic up and down." His wife replied, "He's a St. Dunstan's man." "Well," her husband said, "only a b.f. who couldn't see would do a thing like that."

My husband came in laughing and said, "Well, I've often wondered what I am—now I know!"

Yours sincerely,

Wimborne. (Mrs.) W. BURTONSHAW.

DEAR EDITOR,

May I be permitted to say I fully agree with all Peter Piper said, especially his illustration of the use of Braille besides mere reading, for I too, have made full use of Braille in connection with both my work and hobbies and still have measurements and details I put down in Braille over thirty years ago.

As to family work or hobby interfering with one's Braille, stuff and rubbish. I doubt if there is a man with rougher hands than Joe Jordan, as a result of years of mat-making and gardening, yet it is not long since he took a handkerchief, folded it, laid it over his book, and read through it in the Lounge at Ovingdean—and fast, too!

Yours sincerely,

Southwick. GEORGE FALLOWFIELD.

### Manchester Club Notes

On Saturday, May 9th, our Club members and their wives left Manchester by coach in the afternoon on our annual outing to Pleasington, near Blackburn.

After a pleasant journey we were welcomed, on arrival, by our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Hindle, of the Railway Hotel, our St. Dunstaner friend, Bob Britton, and others.

The weather matched the warmth of the reception given to us, and we were able to look around the quiet village set in most beautiful surroundings before we sat down to tea at 5.50, a meal which we have come to regard as the traditional "feast" served at Pleasington.

After tea, we had a short break, strolling in the fresh air and mixing with our friends, prior to assembling for games of darts and dominoes, losing by one game at darts and winning all games but one in dominoes.

All played in the usual friendly spirit, and finished in good time, leaving the rest of the evening for full enjoyment of friendly games and a sing-song, led, for the most part, by our songstress, Mrs. Sam Russell.

A special word of thanks is due to Mrs. Bob Britton, who provided the very lovely cakes, pastries and ices for the tea and to Bob Russell for being a perfect host from start to finish.

In the absence of our Chairman, Mr. W. Bramley, our thanks were expressed by Mr. H. Frost, Vice-Chairman, to all those who had contributed to what was described as one of the very best occasions when we had been guests at Pleasington.

JIM SHAW,  
Secretary.

### Liverpool Club Notes

The Annual General Meeting of the Liverpool Club was held on Saturday, March 21st. In the absence of the President, Capt. E. Holloway, the Chairman opened the meeting with an expression of thanks to all members for their whole-hearted support, and also had a special word of thanks for the ladies for the valuable services they rendered in providing refreshments throughout the year, and in connection with the games, etc. He also expressed, on behalf of the members, a sincere appreciation of the invaluable help so willingly given by Mr. Harry Formstone in arranging our various competitions and assisting in every way possible.

The financial statement of the Club's accounts was then read out and unanimously agreed to. This was followed by the election of officers, which resulted as follows: *President*: Capt. E. Holloway; *Chairman*: W. Simpson; *Vice-Chairman*: E. Cooper; *Treasurer*: J. Blakely; *Secretary*: T. Milner.

Our first summer outing takes place on Saturday, May 30th, and will be to Llandudno. The Committee invite St. Dunstaners resident in the Merseyside area to come along and join in the activities of the Club.

*Meetings*: April 25th, May 9th, and fortnightly afterwards.

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Our late St. Dunstaner, A. C. Holland, of Wirral, left four children—two sons and two daughters—and not two sons only as reported.

### Sic transit gloria mundi

#### An Emperor Rides By

It was a glorious morning in May, 1910, when I stood on the pavement of the Friedrichstrasse in Berlin, in the company of many others, awaiting the return of the troops from the great Review that had taken place on the Tempelhof Feld on the outskirts of the city. The troops were to march down the long narrow Friedrichstrasse which crosses the city from east to west, traversing on the way the famous Unter den Linden.

The crowds were quiet but expectant as they awaited the arrival of the parade which had the Kaiser at its head.

Suddenly the strains of martial music were heard and presently the leading columns were in sight, marching in broad lines, goose-stepping as they passed. Then there was a splash of colour as there appeared companies of the Frederick the Great Grenadiers, clad in the picturesque uniforms of long ago; powdered wigs on their heads and wearing a head-dress similar to a bishop's mitre. More and more marching troops and then came a lonely figure on horseback, his features set and stern, the famous moustache pointing upwards as so often depicted by cartoonists of the period. The Kaiser, as of course he was, wore a light cream uniform, on his breast and back burnished steel breastplates. On his shoulders were large epaulettes of gold lace. His head-dress was a steel helmet which was oval at the top and came down well over his neck and shoulders. On the summit of the helmet there was a large eagle with outspread wings and head, and body outstretched as though preparing to attack its prey. The crowd was quiet but respectful as their monarch rode by, but I saw one incident which rather shocked me, and I think indicated the almost divine relationship felt by some Germans towards their Kaiser, although I had seen cartoons in some of the well-known and respectable magazines lampooning the Kaiser, which would not have been permitted about our King in the English press.

The incident I mentioned occurred as the Kaiser passed the spot where I was standing. A man was leaning out of an upper window on the opposite side of the street, waving a handkerchief; suddenly he stopped dead, in the act of waving,

horror on his face . . . the Kaiser had caught his eye.

A few months later, I saw the troops returning from another Review, but this time the crowds were in holiday mood and relaxed, for the reviewing officer was their favourite, the Crown Prince—"Little Willie."

As the Crown Prince appeared, riding a charger, the people shouted and cheered, obviously delighted. As he rode along, the Crown Prince waved and smiled and seemed to enjoy himself immensely. He wore the uniform of the Death's Head Hussars, his cap bore, on the front, the huge skull and crossbones, which, because of their dead white colour, stood out prominently, giving the smiling face below an almost sinister appearance.

I wonder how many of the spectators who watched those Royal occasions thought that within ten years the Kaiser would have been toppled from his throne, and that his dynasty would have disappeared for ever. I didn't.

Ah well! . . . so pass the glories of the world.

DUNCAN MCALPIN.

### Sutton Club Notes

The Club meeting was held on Saturday, April 25th, and although it was such a bad afternoon, as regards the weather, it was very well attended.

Final arrangements are being made for the Club's outing to Littlehampton on Saturday, June 27th. All members will be notified between now and the June meeting where they will be picked up.

TED DUDLEY,  
Chairman.

### Passing Thoughts

*Of wath avails the doctor's skill  
If the patient isn't ill,  
When, alas, our radiant prime  
Is undermined by Father Time,  
When hearing, sight and dulcet voice  
Leave us naught but Hobson's Choice.*

*When the patient isn't ill  
Of what avails the doctor's pill  
Could her elixir but reverse  
The horrid trend towards the hearse  
Then gladly would we pay her bill  
And leave her something in our will.*

S. A. CHAMBERS.

### Talking Book Library May Discoveries

Discoveries because, having just moved house, I have lit upon a mislaid batch of released books which, I might add, has done nothing to relieve my already considerable flat spin.

Here are some of the culprits:—

"The Night-Comers," by Eric Ambler, reader Eric Gillett, has Indonesia for its setting. It is a clear yarn of a confused attempt by rebels to take over the government in good old South American style. A young white pilot and employees of an engineering firm are involved in the fracas with no intention of taking part in it. Altogether a sinister piece of tragi-comedy. *Cat. No. 449.*

"The Lighthearted Quest," by Ann Bridge, reader Stephen Jack, moves from Scotland to Morocco. A girl looking for her missing brother finds a trail leading to danger and excitement and tenuous threads of Arab intrigue. A wee bit smuggling and a gallant ship's mate add spice to this well-garnished dish. *Cat. No. 377.*

"Fiametta," by Anne Duffield, reader Arthur Bush, again is a sister searching for her brother, this time on a pleasant Italian island. A menacing background to a holiday atmosphere is admirably conveyed. Someone more interesting than a brother rather deflects her but the whole business is sorted out eventually in a somewhat startling way. *Cat. No. 354.*

"Gentian Hill," by Elizabeth Goudge, reader Stephen Jack, is a book I warm to. Set in Devon during the Napoleonic Wars, it concerns an orphan girl cared for by farmer foster parents, a boy deserter from the Navy, and the legend of Torquay Abbey for the most part. Delightful weaving around these salient features produces a longish book that is not long enough. *Cat. No. 352.*

"Amberwell," by D. E. Stevenson, reader Derek McCulloch, is the story of a lovely house in Scotland and its inmates. Covering some forty years in the lives of half-a-dozen differing people, the book covers quite a range of emotion and experience with never a let up in the interest quality. *Cat. No. 351.*

"Venture to the Interior," by Laurens van der Post, reader Derek McCulloch, is the story of an exhausting trek into the

mountains of Rhodesia. This South African is steeped in the magic of Africa and his book is well worth reading. *Cat. No. 355.*

"Our Village To-day," by S. P. B. Mais, reader Robin Holmes, is a fascinating study of Oxfordshire villages. *Cat. No. 300.*

"The Litmore Snatch," by Henry Wade, reader Arthur Bush, is an exciting tale of the recovering of a kidnapped ten year old. The tension and suspense is well maintained during the careful routine investigations. Towards the end there is quite a twist which quickens the interest. *Cat. No. 369.*

"NELSON."

The Catalogue No. of "Talking to Animals," should be 486 and not 786 as reported last month.

### Dead, But We Won't Lie Down

We take the following from the April, 1959, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW (South Africa).

"In addition to its official title of St. Dunstan's, our organisation is often referred to by journalists in newspaper articles, and by people making speeches, in such glowing terms as the House of Hope, or as an "Exclusive Club." St. Dunstan's has also been likened to being something of a mixture of a Technical Training College, a Welfare Society, and even something of a University.

Consequently it came as a great shock to all of us at Howard Centre here in Pinelands, when we actually received a telegram which was addressed as follows:—

"St. Dunstan's, Hardwood Cemetery, Pinelands."

But never fear; in spite of this decidedly premature address, St. Dunstan's Headquarters will continue to be very much alive as long as there is a blinded ex-service man or woman living in South Africa.

We are quite relieved that wreaths and other floral tributes did not accompany the above telegram.

In bringing this amusing little titbit to your notice, we lay ourselves open for a spate of caustic comments. Nevertheless we will take that chance!

Please remember that "Old Soldiers never Die," and we shall take a lively exception if we receive any correspondence addressed to the "Dead Letter Office."

### Family News

Gerald Fisher (Glasgow), is taking part in the "What Do You Know?" (Brains of Britain competition), which takes place on the Light Programme each Thursday evening. He won the first round in March and the second round on May 21st. He now goes into the third round, being one of the two representing Scotland in the competition.

His sister, Christine, with eight other girls from her college, will dance in the T.V. "Top Town" programme, Aberdeen v. Leeds.

Patricia Stanway, Morecambe, got 83 marks out of a possible 100, in the Lieder Class at Morecambe Musical Festival. She was only four marks below the winner.

E. Hindley, Salford (his father was our late St. Dunstan, E. Hindley), is a keen Rugger player. His school team have won the final of the Salford District Cup, each player receiving a medal.

Susan Womack, of Leicester, has received her bronze medal for dancing.

Pamela Carlton, Morecambe, took first prize at a recent Pony Club competition for riding.

Valerie Shread, King's Lynn, has passed her State Registered Nurse examination.

Another bronze medallist for ballroom dancing—Sandra Evans, Derby.

### Marriage

TAYLOR—CAVANAGH.—On May 7th, H. Taylor, late of Bournemouth, to Mrs. Cavanagh, widow of our St. Dunstan, W. Cavanagh. They will live in Patcham.

### Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:—

COMAN.—To A. E. Coman, of Dunswell, near Hull, whose wife died suddenly on May 11th.

SUMMERS.—To P. Summers, of Hamilton, in the sudden death, at Rothesay, on May 9th, of his eldest daughter.

### Mrs. Richardson

St. Dunstaners everywhere will sympathise with F. G. Richardson, of Lancing, in the loss of his wife.

Mrs. Richardson was not only the wife of a St. Dunstan, she was one of the earliest helpers on the Appeals side. It was in 1924 that Mr. Ernest Kessel discovered that she had been an Alexandra Rose Day organiser since 1911, and she and her husband became Flag Day organisers for St. Dunstan's, and together they contributed greatly to our financial strength. Later, Mr. Richardson became one of our lecturers, and his wife was still his constant guide and companion.

He retired three years ago, after 31 years' service, and it is sad that these years have been marred by periods of illness suffered by his wife. They had moved into a flat in Brighton only three months before her death.

### "In Memory" (continued from page 8)

#### Private Charles Williams, 2nd/1st Welsh Fusiliers

We record with deep regret the death of Charles Williams, late of Wrexham. He was 75. He was an old soldier—he had enlisted in March, 1903, and he was wounded at Armentières in December, 1914, and came to us the following year.

He trained as a basket-maker and was an excellent craftsman. He became a permanent resident at Pearson House in 1954 (he had preferred to keep his own home as long as possible).

He was a bachelor and leaves a sister to whom we extend our very sincere sympathy. He was extremely popular at Pearson House and his unfailingly cheerful personality will be greatly missed.

Some forty St. Dunstaners in the Brighton area, members of the staff and friends attended the funeral.

#### Private Edward Sutton Tomlin, Labour Corps

With deep regret we record the death of E. S. Tomlin, of Barking. He was within a few weeks of 72.

His service was from March, 1916, until March, 1919. It was not until December, 1952, that he came to St. Dunstan's. Owing to his age he did not take training and just over a year ago his health began to deteriorate. He became seriously ill at the beginning of the year and he died on April 24th.

Our deep sympathy goes to his widow and grown up family.

#### Gunner William John James, 285/90th H.A.A., Royal Artillery

It is with deep regret that we record the death of W. J. James, of Banstead. He was 52. He enlisted in January, 1941, and came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1944. He trained at woodwork, basket-making and wool rugs and was still doing basket-work at the time of his death, which took place suddenly on April 17th.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

## "In Memory"

### Corporal William Arthur Biggs, B.E.M., *Royal Army Veterinary Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of W. A. Biggs, for many years of Leicester, but of recent years at Pearson House. He was 81.

Enlisting in April, 1916, he was discharged from the Army in 1919, and came to us two years later. He had had a boot-polish maker's business and he carried on with this until 1927, when he took a course in netting. For very many years he was a wonderful helper for our Appeals Department, in connection with the Working Men's Clubs in Leicester and he is still affectionately remembered there. He was awarded the B.E.M. in August, 1948. In all he had raised some £20,000 for our organisation.

He lost his wife in 1950 and five years later he entered Pearson House. Our deep sympathy is extended to his three sons and two daughters.

### Bombardier William Henry Collins, *Royal Field Artillery*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of W. H. Collins, of Blackpool, at the age of 71. He had enlisted as early as March, 1907, and was wounded in June, 1915. He came to St. Dunstan's in May, 1916, where he trained as a mat-maker and poultry farmer. He followed both occupations in the south of England, but later gave up his poultry keeping. In 1947, he moved to Blackpool and still carried on his excellent mat-making. Ill-health compelled him to give up working in 1952. He had been in failing health for some considerable time and his death, on May 12th in hospital, was not unexpected.

Our deep sympathy is sent to his widow and the children of his previous marriages.

### Private F. M. Duignan (Michael Cassidy), *13th Middlesex Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of F. M. Duignan, of Bray, Co. Wicklow. He was 79. Enlisting as Michael Cassidy in May, 1916, he served until August, 1918, and came to St. Dunstan's the following year. In 1924, he went to the West Indies on propaganda work for St. Dunstan's and later made several other trips abroad, notably to France and Gibraltar. During his time at St. Dunstan's, he was a keen walker, and was the winner of the first St. Dunstan's London to Brighton Walk, in October, 1922.

In 1927 he acquired a shop in Liverpool and in 1931 moved to Dublin, where he opened a billiard hall and hair-dressing business. He gave this up in 1954 owing to ill-health.

Our deep sympathy goes to his sister in her loss.

### Gunner George Goldthorpe, *Royal Field Artillery*

We record with deep regret the death of G. Goldthorpe, of Conisborough, Doncaster, at the age of 70. He had enlisted in November, 1914, and was discharged in May, 1917, but did not come to St. Dunstan's until July, 1953, when he trained in basketry for local sales. Ill-health compelled him to give this up about a year ago. Although he had been in poor health for some considerable time, his death came unexpectedly.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

### Private Joseph James Knights, *1st Cambridgeshire Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of J. J. Knights, of Romford, at the age of 63. He served from August, 1916, until May, 1918, and came to us the same month. He trained first in joinery, which he did until 1935, when he became a telephonist and he was still employed as a telephonist at the time of his death in hospital, on April 12th. He was held in high esteem by his firm, Messrs. Charles Allen's.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Knights and her son and daughter.

### Private Daniel McCarthy, *6th K.O.R.L.*

With deep regret we record the death of D. McCarthy, of Fordingbridge. He was 66. He enlisted in September, 1914, and upon his discharge in 1915, he came to St. Dunstan's when he trained first on mat making and boot repairing, which crafts he carried on until the 1930's when he changed to poultry keeping. He was working as a poultry farmer up to the time of his death which took place suddenly on May 3rd.

We send our deep sympathy to Mrs. McCarthy and her son.

### Able Seaman William Lowry Redhead, *63rd Royal Naval Volunteer Service*

With deep regret we record the death of W. L. Redhead of Newcastle on Tyne. He was 65. He served as an Able Seaman from July, 1915, until November, 1918, when he came to St. Dunstan's. He trained in boot repairing and mat making and had a small boot shop for some years. His health had been poor for a long time, and since February he had been in hospital, where he died on April 23rd. To his family our deep sympathy is extended.

### Grenadier Edgar Richard Smith, *Grenadier Guards*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of E. R. Smith, of West Bournemouth at the age of 68. His service had been from 1915 until early 1919, but it was not until 1943 that he came to St. Dunstan's. He trained first as a boot repairer, but in 1944 took over a tobacconist's and confectioner's shop. He left this four years later to go to Southall, but returned to Bournemouth. After a serious operation last year, he spent a period of convalescence at Pearson House. He had to enter hospital again in April, where he died on the 16th.

He leaves a widow and grown up family to whom our deep sympathy goes.

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