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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

THE overcoming of the handicap of blindness is first of all a spiritual or psychological affair; there must be the will to win. But there are also mechanical aids, the best known of which are, of course, Braille in all its forms, the typewriter, radio and the talking book. Double disabilities, such as the loss of a limb or limbs or hearing in addition to blindness, present problems of their own and we do what we can to help to meet them. Thus we have watches for all St. Dunstaners and special watches for the helpless. Even a typewriter and a telephone switchboard that a helpless man can operate. Only a few days ago a partially deaf St. Dunstaner asked me if the new tape talking book could be adapted so that he could hear it; at present he finds the scratch on the disc records is exaggerated by his hearing aid so that it is too noisy to be comfortable to listen to. This problem is being looked at in the hope that a solution for the partially deaf may be found.

Then there are industrial jobs in which some adaptation of a machine or the addition of some indicator or instrument or safety device makes it possible for a St. Dunstaner to do a job which would otherwise be out of his reach. I myself was instrumental long years ago in devising a meter which the masseur of that day could read so that he would know what electric current was passing through his patient when he was applying medical electricity.

It is certainly true that inventions, adaptations and gadgets have been a very important department of St. Dunstan's work and that they have contributed much to the employment, occupation and comfort of many St. Dunstaners.

During the Second War I wanted help in this field and it was almost impossible to get a skilled tool-maker or mechanic or engineer, because they were all in the Services or employed in munitions. I was at a loss until I thought of an idea, and pursuing it, I went to Roehampton Hospital to see if I could find a wounded or slightly disabled man who could come and work for us.

I asked the Medical Superintendent if there was such a fellow in the wards and they told me of a man who was in bed at the time surrounded by radio sets, watches, bracelets, and all kinds of objects belonging to patients, nurses and even the hospital itself. He had made himself into a kind of "repair workshop" and was kept busy all day. I went over to talk to him and said, "Are you a watchmaker by trade?" He said, "no," but he was getting along all right with them. I thought, here is the kind of man I want who can turn his hand to anything and is ingenious and keen and inventive.

The man was Peter Nye and as soon as he was well enough to leave hospital, he came to St. Dunstan's and has been with us ever since, studying the problems of inventions and

gadgets especially for the doubly disabled. There is no mechanical or electrical problem related to blindness which he has not had a hand in and he has made a most valuable contribution to the art and science of beating blindness. During his evening hours, he has gone back to Technical College to study engineering and, within the last few months, has passed his final examinations for Associate Membership of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, a most creditable performance.

Alas, most naturally, he now wants to go out into the commercial world before he is too old, and has been appointed to a senior post as Mechanical Engineer in the Experimental Department of a large firm in Coventry. I much regret this—as will all St. Dunstaners, many of whom were close friends of Peter Nye—but, nevertheless, he goes with my blessing and good wishes, in which I am sure all will join me.

The work of the Department will go on under the little Workshop Committee of which Air Commodore Dacre is Chairman, and will mainly be done by Mr. Nye's assistant, Mr. Norman French.

FRASER OF LONSDALE.

### The London Reunion

The London Reunion was held on Friday, October 2nd, in the Windsor Banqueting Room at Lyons' Coventry Street Corner House. Lord Fraser was not able to attend owing to the fact that he was taking part in the General Election campaign.

The Reunion was presided over by our President, Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., who was accompanied by Lady Pearson, and Sir Neville's sister, Mrs. T. Aitken, and her husband, were also present. Mrs. Aitken will be remembered by many of our older men as Mrs. Lipscombe.

About 120 St. Dunstaners were present and before dinner Miss Vera Kemmish presented a bouquet of red roses to Lady Pearson on their behalf.

After dinner Sir Neville welcomed the guests in a short but jovial speech, and Mr. Willis then talked about the work of Welfare during the past year. Mr. A. Carrick and Mr. D. Fleisig replied on behalf of those present, thanking St. Dunstan's for all it does, in very moving speeches.

A very happy social evening followed.

### Physiotherapy Conference

St. Dunstan's physiotherapists held their annual Conference at Ovingdean during the week-end of October 10th. The programme included a series of lectures and demonstrations. The Committee was elected as follows:—

W. Shea (Chairman); M. Burns, J. D. Calder, G. Cock, J. J. Fulling, J. Legge, W. G. Morris, A. C. Poynton, J. D. Purcell, F. J. Ripley, W. T. Scott, C. J. Stafford.

Lord Fraser presided at the luncheon. He said: "St. Dunstan's physiotherapists are among the best in the world and set a splendid example of self-reliance and success."

### The Muffled Drums Meet Again

There is no need to refer to the weather. We all know what it has been like, and we received the same kind of warm welcome when we arrived at Ovingdean for our Autumn Reunion, where we met many old and new friends amongst the staff.

Our old comrade, Joe, had been very ill indeed during the summer, but old soldiers never die and Joe proved this when, a day or two before the reunion was to start, he made his appearance in the Lounge in a "chariot."

Joe was not able to accompany us when we spent an enjoyable day trip to the Isle of Wight but, as he said, he was with us in spirit, and we brought him our spirits home!

We are indebted to Air Commodore G. Dacre and Group Captain Lewis, who arranged a deep-sea fishing expedition from Newhaven in a splendid little launch, on which, at sea, we picnicked.

Wally Thomas got the first catch, and a really fine mackerel too—the largest I have ever seen. Not long after that, both Cliff Stockwell and Bell got a catch, but all I got was a pain in the neck!

Joe came with us to Pearson House on the Sunday, where Matron Avison provided a very enjoyable afternoon and tea.

We were pleased to meet again Mr. Wills, Miss Midgley and Miss Rogers for tea and discussions on the Monday afternoon before our dinner at Stroud's in the evening where, although he had on this occasion to retain his seat, Joe once more delivered his customary speech in which he thanked St. Dunstan's and our many friends for once more getting us together for a really good reunion. G.F.

### London Club Notes

*Bridge*.—A party of twelve members of the St. Dunstan's Bridge Club left London on the 12th September for their annual visit to Harrogate. It was a week of interest, excitement and entertainment. Interesting from the fact that when we arrived in Harrogate, Flower Arrangement Week was on, and everywhere you looked you saw masses of flowers. It was a wonderful sight. Exciting because of the keen competition in all the matches we played, especially in the St. Dunstan's Cup. This was an open event for teams of four, in which the various clubs in and around Harrogate took part. I am, therefore, delighted to say that this event was won by H. Gover's team—Messrs. Gover, Nuyens, Carpenter and Cook, with fourteen points, the other two St. Dunstan's teams sharing second place with ten points each—a most fitting climax to our 21st birthday celebrations.

Entertaining it certainly was. The people of Harrogate were fine. They organised two bridge drives especially for us, with refreshments to suit all tastes. We played three duplicate matches during the week, one against I.C.I. which we lost, and the other two against the Pannal and Oakdale clubs. I am glad to say we were successful in the last two matches.

Friday night ended our week in Harrogate and on this occasion we invited members from the various clubs we have visited to come to our "At Home." This is a special bridge drive arranged as a farewell party with refreshments, and all the prizes are made by our men. The competition is keen as everyone wants to get something made by one of our boys.

It really was a wonderful week and our thanks are due to Mr. Willis for his very fine organising; everything went off without a hitch. He is to be congratulated.

And now, in closing, if you want to have a week full of enjoyment, good food and good company, go to Harrogate.

G. P. BROWN

### Well Done!

At the General Election, M. Burns, of Westcliff-on-Sea, fought unsuccessfully as the Liberal candidate for the Putney Division of Wandsworth, but doubled the Liberal poll of 1950 (the seat was not contested in 1955).

### Chess

We had a very happy Chess Week-end this year; everything went smoothly, the handicap worked out well and there were few adjudications. We had a new contestant in Claude Lightfoot, who, although starting to learn chess only last winter, won two games out of four, a really fine performance by a physically handicapped man with such little knowledge of the rudiments of the game. Congratulations Claude, and good luck in the future. J. B. Campbell has been knocking at the door for several years and achieved his ambition with four clear wins. George Fallowfield and Paul Walker were jointly second with three points each. "Kirki" was fourth with 2½ points. When the latter stops giving away his Queen, he may become champion.

Mr. R. W. Bonham, M.A., of Worcester College for the Blind, came to us again, and his demonstrations of openings and answering of players' questions were very helpful and will bear fruit.

Miss Carlton was at hand through all sessions as usual, and it is due to her efforts that things went so smoothly.

Matron presented the prizes with a charming little speech and "the Boys" showed their appreciation by presenting Miss Carlton and Mrs. Bonham with a box of chocolates each. Paul Walker did the honours with a racy little speech.

Our thanks are due as usual to the boys of Varndean Grammar School for their help.

We were sorry to learn that Jock Scott was in hospital for an operation and trust that he will soon recover and be with us again next year in good health and in good form.

We hope that new players will come along in the future; we can assure them a hearty welcome and all possible help. By the way, there is a book on Chess in the Braille Library, kindly presented by Joe Culshaw.

CHARLIE KELK.

### Brighton Walk

On a recent holiday at Ovingdean, E. Grant, of Glossop, used a pedometer and discovered that during the fortnight he walked fifty-six miles. Can anyone beat this?

Incidentally, our St. Dunstaner has been a blood donor twenty-five times and is to be awarded a Silver Badge.

### Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I read the Chairman's Notes in the REVIEW with interest, especially his remarks about wireless.

I believe it is best to pick out the items that interest one, and not weary yourself with other matters; otherwise it would get stale. I agree with the Chairman that the seven and eight o'clock news and weather items, winding up with the headlines in the newspapers, is a good start for the day. I also like the talks on any programme and I follow "What Do You Know?" the children's "Top of the Form," and all the quizzes there are. I listen to the sport and best of all the Test Matches, with the ball-by-ball delivery programme.

I do not listen to the musical programmes as I am troubled with a great deal of headache and I find the music jars my nerves if it is on too long.

With regard to braille reading, I am self-taught and can read pretty quickly, but I am no reader aloud, but as I read I can see, as it were, whatever I am reading being enacted as if it were a play. Thus I get quite a kick out of any interesting book.

I think the *Intelligence Digest* should be a good monthly to have, and if Mr. Wills will put my name down for it I should be obliged.

Yours sincerely,

Southwick.

W. BURGIN.

DEAR EDITOR,

I agree with the Chairman that the five minutes programme at 7.35 and 8.35 a.m. on the Home Service, containing extracts from to-day's papers is most useful. It keeps me in touch with opinion and gives me a swift view of the day's newspapers.

I also agree with the Chairman that it would be better still if this feature lasted for ten minutes.

In view of Lord Fraser's interest in this matter and previous association with the B.B.C., I suggest that he asks them to make it ten minutes.

Yours truly,

Farnham, Surrey.

W. G. T. PEMBERTON.

DEAR EDITOR,

I was interested to read in the recent issue of the REVIEW the letter from Mr. Bargery. I have been a licensed radio amateur for just over a year and find that as a hobby, this essentially blind method of communication has much to commend it as a hobby.

Not the least of its recommendations is the friendly and helpful attitude of mind of the fraternity as a whole, especially to both technical and practical problems.

Should any reader be interested in cost, the licence, once qualified, costs £2 per annum, and one can get on the air for as little as £10, or pay as much as £750 for one receiver.

I find that as a hobby one can fill in the odd ten minutes, or if time allows, play with it all day and night. There will always be someone on one or other of the amateur wave bands happy to have a natter either on 'phone or with the morse key.

Should one's wife become sufficiently interested, she too, can take the exams. and become licensed, and needless to say, very popular on the air.

In conclusion I can assure anyone who takes up this hobby of an absorbingly interesting pastime which will also very much increase his circle of friends.

Yours sincerely,

Bexhill-on-Sea.

A. C. POINTON.

### Yet Another "Ham"

Congratulations to John Martin, of London, W.11, who has just passed his examinations and tests for an Amateur Radio licence.

He hopes to be on the air in the near future, but in the meantime he would like to get in touch with any other enthusiastic "hams" by post. His address is 53 Pembridge Villas, Notting Hill Gate, London, W. 11.

### Free "Health Service" for Guide Dogs

What amounts virtually to a free "health service" for guide dogs has been made possible by two offers put forward to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. The first offer—from the British Veterinary Association—was for free examination every six months by any of its members of all registered guide dogs. The second offer—from the firm of Boots, the chemists—is for medicines and goods that are the subject of a veterinary surgeon's prescription for the treatment of a registered guide dog to be supplied free in any of the company's 1,300 branches.

Administrative details for the chemists' scheme are being worked out and guide dog owners all over the country are being informed.

### From All Quarters

At the last meeting of the National Association of Parish Councils of England and Wales, H. W. Greatrex, of Peacehaven, was appointed to the National Council's Local Government Committee.

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W. Griffiths, of Blackburn, sang in the Baritone Class at the Southport Musical Festival and came fourth with 82 marks—three marks lower than the winner.

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N. Russell, of Leicester, is a member of the House Committee of the Braunstone Avenue Community Centre, which has a large range of cultural and other activities.

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A film featuring Sir Laurence Olivier and Miss Thora Hird is being made at Morecambe and the other day, Peter, the collie dog belonging to W. C. Carlton, was filmed as he was being exercised by Mrs. Carlton on the Promenade. He was paid one shilling for his services!

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Tommy McKay, of Brighton, winner of a bronze plaque at the 7th International Handicrafts Exhibition, was described last month as handless. This was, of course, an error. Tommy suffers from a double disability, but in fact he has an injured leg and hand.

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J. R. Burton, of Portchester, and his wife still get great pleasure from their Peter Pan Club activities. It is a club for the "over sixties." They visit various organisations and give concerts and last month were at Arundel and Locksheath among other places.

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A. E. Kett, of Norwich, has become a great-uncle. His niece, who keeps house for him, gave birth to a son, Colin Neil, on September 1st.

### Pigeon Fancier

S. Allott, of Hornsea, near Hull, is a great pigeon fancier. He has about two hundred birds and in the past few months has won a silver cup for young birds flying from Welwyn Garden City (146 miles), a second prize for birds flying from Huntingdon (110 miles), a third for birds homing from Lewes (210 miles) and an additional fourth prize for birds from Welwyn Garden City.

### Canadian Letter

Major Edward A. Dunlop, O.B.E., G.M., of Toronto, who will be well remembered by many who were at Church Stretton, is Executive Director of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, and in a letter to Lord Fraser he writes:

"A very active and interesting autumn and winter lie ahead. The operations of the Society are expanding rapidly.

"Next year marks the 100th Anniversary of my Regiment, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, and I am Deputy General Chairman of the responsible Committee. One hundred years would be a tender age for a British regiment, but we are the first Canadian regiment to have a centenary. The regiment's present establishment comprises three battalions and a depot, the first battalion being with our NATO forces in Germany, the second in Calgary and the third in Toronto. As you can imagine, there is much to be planned, co-ordinated and financed."

### St. Dunstan's Physiotherapists at Paris Conference

Eleven St. Dunstaners, with Mr. Priestley, attended the Third International Physical Therapy Conference in Paris between September 6th—12th. Three, with three members of the R.N.I.B., gave a very impressive two hours' demonstration of the latest methods of physical therapy, including ultra-violet light, short wave diathermy, and electrical treatment and exercise therapy, as part of the official programme of the Conference. Over one hundred people attended the demonstrations from thirty-five countries represented at the Conference.

The following St. Dunstaners attended: Messrs. G. A. Brown, of Cricklewood; J. D. Calder, of Coventry; H. Davis, of Stratford-on-Avon; J. Delaney, of Taunton; J. Humphrey, of Belfast; A. Puttnam, of Beverley; E. Rowe, of Minehead; W. T. Scott, of Streatham; W. Shea, of Huntingdon; C. J. Stafford, of King's Langley; and R. Theobald, of Ipswich.

### Grandfathers

J. Shread, of King's Lynn; H. Wordsworth, of Gainsborough; H. E. Hill, of Devizes (another grandson); R. Chandler, of Richmond, Yorkshire (the 17th grandchild); and W. E. Bunn, of Prittlewell, and A. Dembenski, of Cheltenham, who are grandfathers for the eighth time.

## Talking Book Library

### Releases in the Rain

Two travel, two autobiography, one biography and one adventure are the general headings of this month's selection of books. Further details:—

"The Three Hostages," by John Buchan, reader Robert Gladwell, portrays the invincible Richard Hannay beset by a tremendous power of hypnosis in the person of a suave international crook. After many thrilling incidents Hannay, plus the forces of law and order, frustrate the hypnotic spell, and there is a savoury served up at the end to satisfy any with ideas of poetic justice. *Cat. No. 544.*

"A Rose for Winter," by Laurie Lee, reader Robin Holmes, conceals in its title the fogless attractions of south Spain for one's off-season holiday consideration. Excellent, informative, and providing a temptation to which the wealthy and wise should succumb. Go to bed early and winter in Spain! *Cat. No. 46.*

"Rhodes," by Sarah G. Millin, reader Duncan Carse, is a reasonably objective biography of the greatest practical peace seeker of this era, whose main idea throughout his life was that every acre added to the British Empire was another step towards making war in the world quite impossible. He himself appreciated that his methods of achieving his ends would hardly bear scrutiny, nevertheless he pursued his anguished course until an early death wrote *finis* to his massive project. *Cat. No. 65.*

"A Pattern of Islands," by Arthur Grimble, reader Robin Holmes, is an autobiography casting more light on the Gilbert and Ellice group of islands than on the author. From the humblest civil servant in the group to the top of the ladder must of necessity cover quite a span of years. The author got to know and be accepted by the people of his administration. Interesting, fascinating, and exciting anecdote, plus many others in touching or humorous vein strew his pages. *Cat. No. 515.*

"A Traveller in Rome," by H. V. Morton, reader Duncan Carse, is a meaty and informative guide to the Eternal City, which anyone taking a quick flip to Rome should avoid to prevent the great disappointment at having too little time to sample

most of the seductive treasures laid out most interestingly in this volume. *Cat. No. 563.*

"Seven Years in Tibet," by Heinrich Harrer, reader Eric Gillett, begins at the outbreak of war in an internment camp in India from which the author escapes and manages to reach Lhasa, where he works for, and is accepted by, Tibetans. *Cat. No. 69.*

Also released:—

"My Memories of Six Reigns," by H.R.H. Princess Marie Louise, reader Alvar Lidell. *Cat. No. 540.*

"NELSON."

### Our Gardeners Do Well

At Norfolk Blind Gardeners' Horticultural Show, H. F. Goodley, of Diss, took seven prizes—a first and six seconds—for his vegetables and flowers. Incidentally, our St. Dunstaner was a guest of Wilfred and Mabel Pickles when they were recording the Diss "Have a Go" programme, when he received ten shillings as a tribute for being the oldest soldier in the Norfolk Regiment.

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A. Watford, of Cudham, Sevenoaks, gained two first prizes in the local Flower Show for his beetroot and runner beans.

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In recent Garden Shows, S. Purvis, of Seghill, won a second prize and a number of other prizes.

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Harry Perkins, of Edgware, won the Cup again this year for garden produce, having out of ten entries, five firsts, a second and a third prize. Mrs. Perkins also won a cup on the domestic side.

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In his first year on his garden at Thorpe, Egham, Reg. Page was persuaded by a neighbour to enter some of his blooms in the Chertsey and District Horticultural Society's Show. He did so, with the following result: First prize in the Open Class for Dahlias; First prize, Members' Class, Dahlias; Second prize, Chrysanthemums; and two Certificates of Merit (Open Class and Members' Class) for the Best Blooms in the Show.

### Braille Test

*Senior Braille Test.* In August last, T. D. Donnelly, of Aldridge, Staffs.

## "We Will Remember Them"

It was very hot in Paris during the week of the International Congress of Physiotherapy. After the process of registration, our St. Dunstan's party drew to one side in the entrance hall of the wonderful new UNESCO building. Our rendezvous was at 5 o'clock. We were an exhausted party, most of us having flown over that day. We all had had our baptism of noise of the no-speed-limit traffic on the cobblestones of Paris. Mr. Priestley, our representative, had had a very tiring day getting through the Customs and dealing with the intricacies of French organisation. His car was chock-a-block with equipment for our demonstration at the Congress. He had also brought with him a large cardboard box containing a poppy wreath and it was our intention to place it on the tomb at L'Arc de Triomphe. We thought that such an opportunity might not occur again for such a party of St. Dunstaners to perform this act of homage.

After consultation among ourselves, it was decided that Archie Brown, his wife and myself should represent the party. It would have been extremely difficult for us all to have gone, bearing in mind the state of the traffic. A little apprehensive, we relieved Mr. Priestley of the big cardboard box and the three of us risked our lives in getting a taxi. With my little bit of French, I asked the driver to put us down by a gendarme at the Arc de Triomphe. This he did and we hurriedly cut the wreath free from the box and put the box behind the enclosure. By this time a large crowd had gathered. We did not realise at the time that the Rekindling Ceremony took place at 6 o'clock. I showed the gendarme our programme of the Congress and explained to him who we were. He hastily found the person in charge. It was then five minutes to six. We were led right up under the Arch and he placed us just behind a contingent that was already drawn up with its massive token of flowers, with the instruction to us . . . "ne bougez pas." We had arrived at the Tomb of France's Unknown Warrior at the very moment of the Rekindling of the Flame. Before we left the UNESCO building, we had written on the card accompanying the wreath, "ST. DUNSTAN'S—WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. 1914-18. 1939-1945."

The drummer gave a resounding roll, the trumpeter blew his call. There was a pause. The leader of the bemedalled men in front of us placed their tribute and led his men away. Mrs. Brown, Archie and I went forward. It was an awe-inspiring moment for us. Our poppy wreath was placed on the shrine. We paused for a moment and were led away to the Book of Remembrance. We felt greatly honoured when asked to sign our names. It flashed through my mind that it was not by accident that two of the College chums of 1918 should have been drawn together in this manner at such a time.

How we got away from the Arch is another story. Suffice it to say that on the following day Mr. Priestley told us how he had gone along and found that the wreath had been given a place of honour at the head of the Tomb, and that the other tributes had been beautifully arranged about it. One could not help thinking that only a week before, the Presidents of France and of the United States of America had performed a similar Act of Homage.

W. T. SCOTT.

### Mrs. Howard

Mrs. Howard, a member of the Stores Department, retired at her own request in August after thirty years' service with St. Dunstan's. As Miss Garrod, Mrs. Howard will be remembered by many of our older St. Dunstaners to whom she taught netting, and they will join with her friends on the staff in wishing her happiness in the future.

### Summer Lament

*Oh, how I miss at summer's height  
The merry songs that used to fill  
The days of Spring for our delight  
But now the feathered choir is still.*

*The garden's charm is sadly shorn  
When winged songsters cease their lays,  
The wood seems silent and forlorn  
Throughout the sun-baked summer days.*

*Save that the faithful wren remains,  
By cheerful solo to repay  
For lack of those concerted strains  
That used to mark the lengthening day.*

*And yet I know e're autumn's sped  
The thrush's call I'll hear again,  
The robin, too, with vestment red,  
Like bo'sun pipe his shrill refrain.*

S. A. CHAMBERS.

## "In Memory"

**Gunner George Henry Matthews, Royal Garrison Artillery**

We have to record with deep regret the death of G. H. Matthews, of Haydock, St. Helens, at the age of 65.

He served with his regiment from November, 1915, until November, 1916, and he came to St. Dunstan's in August of the following year. He trained in boot repairing and mat-making and had a very successful boot-repairing and clog-making business until 1946. He also helped his wife with a drapery business. He had enjoyed quite good health until September of this year. He died on October 5th.

We send an expression of our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Matthews and her daughter, and to his other relatives.

**Writer Frederick William Wilkins, Royal Navy**

It is with deep regret that we record the death, on September 7th, of F. W. Wilkins, of Southsea. He was within a month of his 72nd birthday.

He had served in the Royal Navy since he was fifteen years old—he enlisted in 1902—until his discharge in June, 1918. He did not, however, come to St. Dunstan's until September, 1950. He had lived alone until then but two years later his health deteriorated and he came very frequently to Ovingdean. He was taken ill whilst at Brighton in January, 1959, and was admitted to hospital for a serious operation. On leaving hospital he entered Pearson House where he remained until his death.

He leaves no family, but our deep sympathy goes out to his lifelong friend, Miss Stoneham, who cared for him for so many years.

**Private James Robert Brown, 1st Lancashire Fusiliers**

With deep regret we have to announce the death of J. R. Brown, of Nuneaton. He died suddenly on October 9th at the age of 72.

He served with his regiment from December, 1914, until July, 1915, being wounded in May of that year at the Dardenelles. He entered St. Dunstan's in July, 1915, and trained in basket-making. He carried on his craft until only two years ago when age and ill-health forced him to give up.

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

### Family News

We have heard with regret that Mrs. Parker, widow of T. Parker, of Kilkenny, died in September.

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John Humphrey Richardson, Skegness, son of our St. Dunstaner who died in 1953, was on Sunday, September 20th, ordained Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Lewes in Ardingly College Chapel and will serve in the Parish of St. Barnabas, Bexhill-on-Sea.

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Mildred Horner, Holmfirth, has passed the Royal Society of Arts Intermediate examinations in Typing and Secretarial Duties.

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Fifteen year old Philip Josey, Windsor, has attained his College of Preceptors' certificate, having passed in all seven subjects. He hopes to become a draughtsman.

### Marriages of Sons and Daughters

On August 22nd, at Carmarthen, Arthur Pople to Vivienne Lodge.

On September 19th, Alban Joseph Westby, Manchester, to Patricia Ellen Stamp, at Chard, Somerset.

On September 19th, Geoffrey James Middleton, Willerby, near Hull, to Margaret Elizabeth Swaine.

On September 26th, Maureen Patricia Eighteen, Reading, to Terence Heath.

### Births

FREEMAN.—On September 22nd, to the wife of D. J. Freeman, of Wyken, Coventry, a son—Stephen John.

### Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:

BARGER.—To P. C. Bargery, of Grays, whose father died in June.

PAGE.—To Lewis Reginald Page, of Thorpe, Egham, who lost his father in June.

### Golden Wedding

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brooker, of Worthing, who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on July 31st.

### Ruby Weddings

Celebrating Ruby Weddings are Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson, of Grantham, August 8th; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Thompson, of Hertford, September 20th; and Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor, of Stanway, near Colchester, September 22nd.

Congratulations to them all.

### Silver Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carney, of Dunstable, October 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott, of Belfast, October 17th. Congratulations.