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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

I WONDER how many of our 1914-1918 war men ever dreamed in their training days that in time to come it would no longer be, "St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park," but "St. Dunstan's throughout the world"?

Good does occasionally come out of evil. The First World War brought in its wake great grief, loss and destruction, but it also brought about the foundation of St. Dunstan's, and the return of its young blinded soldiers to New Zealand, Australia, Canada and South Africa undoubtedly set in train what one might call a revolution in the blind world.

There had, of course, been excellent local agencies for the blind in most of these countries but with the return of these men a new gospel was spread and to-day national organisation covers them all and the standard of welfare for blind people in all parts of the Commonwealth is high indeed. This, I am sure, is a direct result of the teaching of St. Dunstan's and of the new light which it shed upon the training and care of blind people.

And it is not only in the countries of the Commonwealth that the spirit of St. Dunstan's has shown itself. Its methods have been admired and copied by countries in all parts of the world.

In two World Wars, in addition to the blinded men of the Commonwealth who came either to St. Dunstan's in England, or to our present counterparts overseas, we have been glad to welcome blinded men from France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Poland and the United States, and, indeed, a representative number from countries as far apart metaphorically as Eire, Jugoslavia, Esthonia and Persia. They did not all remain to become full St. Dunstaners but they did live among us for a while, learning the lessons we learnt, and becoming in the process, cheerful, confident and independent. I hear from many of these men from time to time and they tell me that apart from benefiting from their stay with us, they have been able to spread the St. Dunstan's spirit and pass on many of the lessons they learned to others in their own countries. Our comrades in the Commonwealth and in all the countries I have mentioned have contributed in no small measure to making the name of St. Dunstan's an honoured one throughout the world.

We are always glad when we have the opportunity of welcoming back to St. Dunstan's our friends from overseas and such an opportunity presented itself during the past month when we had the pleasure of meeting St. Dunstaners from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa, who have been in London for a Commonwealth Conference.

It was also a great pleasure to meet, during the past month, members of the Belgian organisation for the war-blinded and their devoted leader and Vice-President, Major Georges Delvaux, who were on a two-day visit to this country.

I am bad at languages, as most Britons are, and I was full of admiration—and perhaps a little bit jealous—when Paul Nuyens, at a dinner at which I welcomed the Belgians, translated the speeches into the three languages of English, French and Flemish with great fluency, and when at the luncheon at the House of Commons which ended the Commonwealth Conference, Danie Pretorius, whose mother tongue is, of course, Afrikaans, replied to the toast of “The Guests” in polished English.

FRASER OF LONSDALE.

Canadian St. Dunstan Honoured

Captain Edwin A. Baker, St. Dunstan and Managing Director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, is the first recipient of the Helen Keller International Award for outstanding service to the blind. The award was instituted on Miss Keller's 80th birthday and the presentation—a bronze statuette on an ebony pedestal—was made to Captain Baker on June 27th.

His many friends at St. Dunstan's will congratulate Eddie Baker upon this signal honour.

The Rev. Geoffrey Treglown

The Rev. Geoffrey Treglown, M.B.E., who served as a Methodist Army Chaplain in the last war, has now entered the Church of England. He was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Bristol in Bristol Cathedral on Trinity Sunday. He has begun work as Assistant Curate in the Parish of Christchurch, Hanham, in the Bristol diocese.

In a statement to the Press, Mr. Treglown said recently: “My main reason for becoming an Anglican is the worship of the Prayer Book, which I have used privately for many years. I have felt bound in the end to enter the Church whose worship I love, and in which the Sacraments play so central a part. At the same time, I am deeply grateful to Methodism for the theological training I received years ago, and for the fellowship I have enjoyed with Methodists and still do enjoy. I shall continue to pray and work for the reunion of the Methodist Church with the Church of England.”

Retirements

Arthur Hazel, of Merton Park, retired last month after thirty-five years with the North Thames Gas Board.

A farewell gift of a dinner service was made to him on behalf of his colleagues

by the local manager at Walham Green, Mr. G. W. Sutherland.

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M. (Micky) Burran, of London, W.1, retired on July 1st from his post as telephone operator at Earl Fitzwilliam's London Office. With the exception of the war years, when he was loaned to St. Dunstan's in Regent's Park, Micky had worked at the Earl's house continuously since November, 1922. The office has now been closed. Mr. and Mrs. Burran are leaving for the United States on August 11th for a three-month visit to their family there.

—And a Come-back

Bill Harding, of London, N.4, retired from his job as a telephone operator some years ago. At the end of May there was an urgent call for him to go back and help them out—and he went!

Bank Statements in Braille

In future, blind customers of Lloyds Bank will receive on request a braille transcript of their current account statement in addition to their normal statement sheet.

This new service has been developed by the bank in close co-operation with the R.N.I.B.

Initially the transcripts will be prepared by the Institute on normal braille sheets and arrangements have been made by the Bank to ensure the secrecy of its customers' affairs.

Grandfathers

H. Ollington, of London, S.W.18 (Anne has given birth to a son); another grandson for J. R. Smith, of Handsworth Wood; W. E. Brookes, of Southampton, has become a grandfather for the tenth time (Mrs. Donald Brookes, who has just had a daughter, will be remembered as Miss Arnold, V.A.D.), she now has a boy and a girl; A. Keegan, of Cork, the twenty-fourth grandchild; J. Lawson of Stretton, Warrington, now has a grandson.

An Open Letter

DEAR ST. DUNSTANER,

The following article refers to the St. Dunstan's Bridge Club (London Section), but I hope that even if you are not interested in the game, you will carry on reading. It may be possible for you to pass the information on to some of your friends who do not read the REVIEW. For those who are interested, do not let distance worry you. We have men attending from places as far afield as Maidenhead, Southend and Northampton, and many outlying districts of London, so get in touch with G. P. Brown at Headquarters if you would like further information.

The first six months of this year has been a busy time; eight matches have been played against visiting teams and the score at the end of the period reads—five wins to the visitors and three to St. Dunstaners.

As captain, I am very well satisfied with the results. Two of the matches we lost were less than 300 points so you will see the games were pretty keen. We have many more matches arranged for the next six months. Next on the list we have three Bridge Drives. I should like to mention here that each man plays with a sighted partner and the numbers attending are usually around forty. One Bridge Drive is sponsored by Miss Hensley who presents the prizes and also a very nice tea, greatly appreciated by the men. Interest is kept alive by inter-League competitions for a Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Cup; for this competition the pairs are drawn out of the hat and you carry on until you have played each pair.

June 18th was a big day for St. Dunstan's bridge players. We had as our guests members of the London Bridge Club, many of whom have represented Britain in international matches, and five teams of four came along, many of whose voices are well known to listeners on the B.B.C. (Bridge on the Air). Forty players took part in the match. On the St. Dunstan's side the winners were Messrs. Nuyens, Gover, Thompson and Winter, the runners-up being Messrs Crabtree, Armstrong, Webster and Brown.

Now, friends, I hope that you will agree the programme outlined above, considering the fact that we only meet on Saturday afternoons, is a very busy one but, mark

you, not too busy to accept and help any new members who would like to join us. New members are badly wanted so please try and make the effort. I am sure you will not regret it. I can thoroughly recommend the refreshments provided by Mrs. Willis, wife of Bob Willis, the Club Steward, who is always willing and ready to help all members.

G. P. BROWN,
Captain.

A Memorable Holiday

In a most interesting letter to Lord Fraser, Leonard Arnold, of Poole, writes:

“Since my retirement in 1952, with the exception of a delightful fortnight at Ovingdean, we have not had a holiday. During my working career, my wife and I went abroad on several occasions because I found that visiting the Continent was one of the best methods of keeping my mind alert and putting me on a par with the sighted community.

“The one country we had not visited but had dreamed about so often, was Greece. We had read much, for we are interested in archaeology and history, and had often imagined the joy of exploring the Acropolis at Athens, and now this has been accomplished. It is marvellous to realise that the reality was even greater than the dream.

“After Athens came Rhodes, where we browsed in the old Turkish town, visiting Byzantine churches and mosques, and spent some happy hours with the ghosts of the Knight Templars in the Grand Masters Lodge.

“Then came the climax of our trip, Crete, and to us Crete meant Knossos. We had read what we could find on this subject but when, at last, we were actually in the excavations and reconstructions that the genius of Evans had uncovered, our breath was literally taken away. This amazing Palace of the Double Oxen, which once may have housed a thousand people, was almost beyond belief. To think that such work should have been accomplished nine to six thousand years B.C. seemed almost impossible.”

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E. Grant, of Glossop, was asked to represent the town's blind people when a Garden for the Blind was opened in one of the parks recently.

St. Dunstan's Commonwealth Conference

As we reported last month, St. Dunstaners representing our affiliated or associated organisations in the Commonwealth countries have been meeting in London this month to discuss training, settlement, after-care, war pensions, organisation and other matters of mutual interest.

The Conference was held from July 4th—8th and on the evening of the opening day, the delegates attended a reception given at their home by Lord and Lady Fraser.

Lord Fraser was Chairman of the Conference and he and Lady Fraser were present at practically all the meetings. During the week, sessions were devoted to the whole field of employment of St. Dunstaners—in open industry, telephony, physiotherapy, country life, etc., or in home occupations or executive posts, and the various problems concerning training and placement in the various countries were fully discussed. Another session was devoted to a discussion upon appliances and aids for the blind. There was also a demonstration of the devices which St. Dunstan's Research Department has invented and developed, particularly for those with additional disabilities. The subject of after-care occupied a full session.

A day was spent at Brighton where the delegates made a tour of the Training Centre and where they were able to meet several St. Dunstaners at Ovingdean and at Pearson House.

On the Wednesday evening, they visited Hampton Court and attended dinner as the guests of Sir Neville and Lady Pearson.

Another visit was to the headquarters of the Royal National Institute for the Blind where the delegates were welcomed by the Secretary-General, Mr. J. C. Colligan, and later toured the School of Physiotherapy and the Sound Recording Studios.

Amongst the various functions arranged during the week was a luncheon at the House of Commons where the principal guest was the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, the Rt. Hon. John Boyd-Carpenter, M.P. The delegates also attended the annual Garden Party and Sports Day at Ovingdean on July 9th.

Liverpool Club Notes

On Saturday, June 11th, the Club members went on their Annual Summer Outing. This year it was to Fleetwood and Blackpool. Leaving our headquarters at 10 a.m., we picked up some of our members who live on the outskirts and even farther; one lives in the wilds of Maghull where I believe they are now civilised and take English money (no prizes for guessing who this is).

We then proceeded through the country lanes to Longdon, where light refreshments could be had (a teetotaler's joint, I heard some chaps say). On again through Preston until we met the sea at Cleveleys and along the coast to Fleetwood, where I believe one can buy fish.

We arrived at the "Marine Hall" in nice time for dinner, where the boys wrestled with large legs of chicken—some were lucky and got breast.

After dinner and a wash and brush up, we had an hour or so to enjoy the briny and the breezes; some strolled along the Prom.; others not so robust rested in the quiet of "Ye Old Tavern."

About three o'clock, we set out along the front to Blackpool and its delights. Alighting at the Casino (not a pub) the Pleasure Beach next door provided plenty of fun and amusements. Tea was served at the Casino and we were very glad to meet our old friend of "Concord" days, Miss B. Vaughan-Davies; being so close to the Home of happier days must have caused a bit of nostalgia in some of us. Leaving Blackpool just after seven, a call was made for the usual mouth-wash at the "Rose and Crown" at Hoole; I noticed that Pierpoint who used to "hang" around there had vanished; we did not stay long enough to see his ghost.

We arrived home in Liverpool again around ten o'clock after a very enjoyable and pleasant outing.

I am sure there must be some St. Dunstaners who would also enjoy these pleasant outings and our Christmas party. They would find good friends and companions in our Club, which meets every other Saturday afternoon at three o'clock at the British Legion rooms in Hardman Street.

J. BLAKELY.

Visit of Belgian War-Blinded

On Tuesday, June 21st, a party of war-blinded Belgians—members of l'Oeuvre des Aveugles de Guerre de S.M. la Reine Elisabeth—arrived in this country for a two-day visit.

They were welcomed at Dover by Lord and Lady Fraser of Lonsdale and entertained by them to dinner at the Dover Stage Hotel, where the guests included the Mayor of Dover, Alderman Mrs. Dorothy Bushell, and her husband, Alderman A. E. Bushell; the Town Clerk, Mr. James A. Johnson; M. Ch. Beaupré, Counsellor at the Belgian Embassy and Mme de Beaupré; Mr. A. D. Lloyds and other officials of St. Dunstan's.

The Belgian party was led by Major Georges Delvaux, Vice-President of the Belgian organisation for the war-blinded, in the last-minute absence of its President, Baron de Kerchove Borluut, Secretary to Her Majesty the Queen, who was detained on official duties.

In his speech of welcome, Lord Fraser said that the second blinded man to be admitted to St. Dunstan's was a Belgian, C. Verbrugge. He came in March, 1915, but later returned to Belgium (unfortunately he was not well enough to be with them that night). The last to come from that war was Paul Nuyens, who had remained in this country to become a most active member of St. Dunstan's and one of our leading bridge players.

Lord Fraser also recalled his meeting some thirty years ago with King Albert of the Belgians and Queen Elisabeth, with whom he and Lady Fraser had had the honour of skating on a number of occasions.

The Mayor, welcoming the visitors, recalled the work of rebuilding which Belgian craftsmen carried out in Dover immediately after the Second World War.

Major Delvaux, on behalf of the guests, thanked the Mayor and Lord Fraser for their warm welcome. He remembered his own visit to this country in 1920 when, unfortunately, Sir Arthur Pearson was ill and Lord Fraser himself was not in London, but he was most cordially received and learned very much during his short visit of the work of St. Dunstan's. Upon his return to Belgium, Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth, appointed him Director of the Institute at Boitsfort to undertake the re-education of Belgian blinded soldiers. In

1915, his old friend, Paul Nuyens, became his secretary, writing most of his letters dictated on the dictaphone, and two years later came to St. Dunstan's to learn English and shorthand. "He is with us tonight and I will now ask him to express on our behalf our deep feelings of gratitude to Lord Fraser and present to him this souvenir—a diploma of gratitude, in a pigskin cover, together with a photograph of all those of our war-blinded who attended last year the 40th anniversary of Queen Elisabeth's patronage of the work she created. On this photograph Her Majesty has written personally, 'Lord Fraser of Lonsdale. My grateful thanks. Elisabeth.'"

Then followed the presentation, which in turn was followed by the presentation of bouquets to the Mayor and Lady Fraser.

Major Delvaux concluded his speech:

"Long live Queen Elizabeth of England.

"Long live Lord and Lady Fraser.

"Long live our English comrades.

"I ask our Belgian boys to show their appreciation in the usual way."

Our Belgian friends then gave the "Triple Bon"—a three-stroke handclap which, strangely enough, is a handclap familiar to the people of Dover who know it as "Kentish Fire."

All the speeches throughout the evening were translated rapidly into French, Flemish and English by Paul Nuyens, who also acted as interpreter the following day when the Belgians travelled by coach to St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, and spent a happy day there, inspecting the building and meeting St. Dunstaners. They were given a warm welcome by Commandant and Matron, to whom they presented a bouquet.

Lord Fraser has since received a letter from Major Delvaux expressing the deep appreciation of all his party of the wonderful reception they received at Dover and at Ovingdean.

Briefly

The delegates to St. Dunstan's Commonwealth Conference, with their wives, attended the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, July 14th, by special invitation.

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Lord and Lady Fraser were present at the Sports Day at Ovingdean on July 9th, and paid visits to the Home and Pearson House.

Golden Weddings

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Chatfield, of Brighton, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on June 26th, and also to Mr. and Mrs. S. Doel, of Henfield, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on June 30th.

Married Forty-seven Years

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bolton, of Belvedere, Kent, who celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on July 6th—Mrs. Bolton's birthday.

Ruby Weddings

Congratulations, too, to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wishart, of West Stanley, Co. Durham, whose Ruby Wedding was on June 26th, and to Mr. and Mrs. G. Nuttall, of Flixton, Manchester, whose 40th anniversary was on June 28th.

Reunion Report

Exeter

For the first time for several years, we returned to Exeter for our West Country Reunion this year and Lord and Lady Fraser were present at the Rougemont Hotel on Friday, June 17th, to welcome nearly forty St. Dunstaners and their wives and escorts.

St. Dunstaners had come from as far away as South Cornwall in glorious weather and enjoyed an extremely pleasant get-together with old friends and our Chairman.

Bournemouth

Some fifty St. Dunstaners assembled at the Grand Hotel, Bournemouth, the next day to meet Lieut. General Sir Brian Horrocks and a number of visiting staff and staff from Headquarters, as well as a St. Dunstaner from the Commonwealth, Mr. J. E. May, who is Assistant Director of the New Zealand Institute for the Blind, and Mrs. May.

The weather at the Bournemouth Reunion was quite perfect. After lunch, following a most interesting speech of welcome by Sir Brian, many guests assembled on the Hotel lawns to enjoy the sunshine as well as a pleasant chat with friends and old acquaintances.

Canterbury

A few days later, Lord and Lady Fraser travelled down to Kent to meet thirty-five St. Dunstaners at the County Hotel, Canterbury. The Meeting on June 21st was a very happy one and during the

afternoon Lady Fraser presented prizes for the lucky draw.

St. Dunstaners were particularly pleased to welcome two very old friends in the persons of Miss Woolrych and Miss Betty Hay.

Ipswich

Our President, Sir Neville Pearson, presided over the get-together of nearly fifty St. Dunstaners at the Great White Horse Hotel, Ipswich, on July 14th.

Fortunately, the weather, which had for several days been extremely doubtful, cleared up and the meeting was a very happy and successful one.

Sir Neville chatted with many old friends and presented the prizes for the lucky numbers drawn during the afternoon.

Luton

Some twenty-eight St. Dunstaners from the counties north of London were welcomed to the Luton Reunion at the George Hotel on July 16th by Colonel M. P. Ansell.

In his speech after lunch, Colonel Ansell gave an interesting description of his work in connection with the Royal International Horse Show and told St. Dunstaners what to expect from the various teams competing in the events. Several St. Dunstaners were keenly interested in horses and horsemanship and were very pleased to have the opportunity of meeting so well-known a horseman.

During the afternoon Squire Brooks entertained the guests with his guitar, accompanied on the piano by Dai Edwards, both leading the visitors in a sing-song which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

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Mrs. Cornwell, wife of St. Dunstaner C. H. Cornwell, of Rottingdean, has presented Lord and Lady Fraser with a most beautiful piece of tapestry in petit point which depicts Lord Fraser's coat-of-arms. Air Commodore Dacre, whose hobby is fine cabinet work, is making a stool for which the tapestry will form the seat. Lord and Lady Fraser have invited Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell to lunch with them at the House of Lords to express their thanks for this very beautiful gift, which they will treasure for themselves and their family afterwards.

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As in past years, there will be no REVIEW in August.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I very much enjoyed Frank Rhodes' account of the visit to Edinburgh but fear he is under a misapprehension regarding the late Earl Haig having founded the British Legion.

I was one of eleven men who met under the chairmanship of Mr. George Humm at the Sun Hotel, Sun Street, Hitchin, in the summer of 1918 and formed a local branch of a Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors. We had a blue ivy leaf for a badge with "D.S.S." on it and later a cafe and club in the market place. In September of the same year, I became a member of the Comrades of the Great War, who had a round badge with a Union Jack in the centre. In 1920, Mr. Lister, of the former organisation, wrote to other ex-servicemen's organisations (there being three or four others) and asked them to get together to send six representatives to meet at the United Services' Institution. Earl Haig was invited to attend and the legless M.P., Captain (now Sir) Brunel Cohen, was one of the Officers' representatives. There were other meetings and the upshot was the amalgamation of four of the ex-Servicemen's organisations forming the British Legion. Earl Haig was elected President and held the position till he died. Mr. Lister was first Chairman and Sir Brunel Cohen, Treasurer, a post he held for twenty-five years.

Yours sincerely,

G. FALLOWFIELD,
Southwick.

DEAR EDITOR,

As it appears unlikely that you will receive any other account of the fourth College Annexe Reunion, I take it upon myself to let you have a few details.

Within a stone's throw of the old place, "Toddles" is Warden of Hanover Lodge, which is now used as a hostel for the students of Bedford College. With the kind permission of the authorities of the College, "Toddles" enlisted a band of helpers to entertain us to lunch and tea. About thirty men with wives and escorts were present and several V.A.D.'s who had helped us on our way in the good old days. We were very pleased to welcome Lady Fraser, who joined us for lunch.

It was on our home ground. At the end of the Lodge garden was the Canal Bridge that was an escape route from Braille, Boots, Mats and Baskets to St. John's Wood, which meant different kinds of freedom. The Canal Bridge led to the British Stores, Edgware Road, Primrose Hill or even to Lords. Across the road from the Lodge was that tranquil lake that has been the scene of so many keen contests and "canoedlings." With such an environment it was easy to recall the memories. Even Bo-Peep's donkey joined us.

It was grand to hear that real live squeak from down-under (now recorded on tape). It was supposed to come to the Old Country for some sort of Conference, but we know that the ghosts had commanded it to attend to report progress from the outposts of the Empire we had sacrificed so much to maintain. There was even an opportunity to reflect upon the changes of the modern world and our dim reactions to the hurly-burly of traffic and television. The ghosts joined in and pointed the way. They told us quite definitely that the transistor must be exploited to comfort us in our old age.

It was after six o'clock before the last of us left and the cupboard door was shut. The phantoms had had a good day. Well, not quite, you see; some of us found our way out again, went down to the Volunteer, round the Outer Circle and swore (with the parrot!) that there would be another airing and that "we will remember them."

Yours sincerely,

W. T. SCOTT,
Streatham.

From All Quarters

J. W. Evans, of York, who was severely injured when the troopship *Lancastria* was sunk in 1940 off St. Nazaire, took part in the annual pilgrimage to the Cenotaph last month by the survivors of the sinking, when four thousand men died with the ship. Our St. Dunstaner, with Lieut. Col. T. F. Goodwin, D.S.O., had the honour of laying the wreath on the Cenotaph to the memory of their comrades who lost their lives.

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J. Cowan, of Boreham Wood, has been elected Secretary of the social section of the local branch of the British Legion.

G. A. Millen, of Birchington, has just completed an order for eight large mats for the Winter Gardens at Margate, these being renewals for those he supplied some twenty years ago.

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C. Roach, of Darlington, has been appointed Secretary to the local Social Club for the Blind—he was Vice-Chairman last year.

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A. Scott, of Belfast, has been appointed to the Executive Council of the Federation for the Blind.

Talking Book Library

Holiday Selection

Autobiography, biography, romance and thriller categorise the four books under the spot-light this month.

"Come Hither, Nurse," by Jane Grant, reader Rosemary Matthews, gives a full outline of the joys and terrors throughout the period of hospital training of a young nurse. The wretchedness and inevitable romances are played down, and the whole book is interesting, amusing and to young girls aspiring to train as nurses, only a trifle scaring. *Cat. No. 459.*

"A Portrait of Lord Nelson," by Oliver Warner, reader Alvar Lidell, is exactly what the title states. The book deals more with the man himself than with his famous historical triumphs. I trust there are many readers like myself who find anything to do with Lord Nelson an inexhaustible source of entertainment and, yes, of a kind of awe too. *Cat. No. 463.*

"Sugar Candy Cottage," by Elizabeth Cadell, reader Marjorie Anderson, is the romantic book of the month. A daughter breaking away from a possessive socialite of a mother, and discovering in the struggle for her personal freedom what a pitiful and tortured being her mother was. In a nutshell the mother was an utter bitch, but I'm far too much of a gentleman to say so. Many amusing and sympathetic characters around the fringes of the story allow the sugar not to be too over-shadowed by the vitriol. *Cat. No. 462.*

Also released:

"4.50 from Paddington," by Agatha Christie, reader Peter Fettes. *Cat. No. 460.*

NELSON.

Family News

Alan Leigh, Warrington, has gained his B.Sc. degree, Second Class, at Liverpool University.

Christine Carney, Dunstable, has been awarded a silver cup by the local Red Cross as the Best Cadet of the Year. Christine keeps it for a year.

Sheila Read, Maybridge, who is already doing well in her Royal School of Music examination, has passed Grade II of the Royal Academy of Dancing.

A very young dancer indeed is little Hilary Forster, Leeds, who at only six and a half, has passed her Preliminary Ballet examination with distinction. The only other two children to pass with distinction were nine.

Nine-year old Stephen Perfect, Roker, Sunderland, has gained a Swimming Certificate for which normally only boys in the Higher School may qualify.

Lucinda Rutledge, Belfast, has passed her final examinations and is now a qualified Primary School Teacher. She is continuing her music studies so that she can teach music at a Secondary School.

Tony Smith, Wembley Park, has won his Middlesex Junior County Cricket Cap. Tony is now a Civil Servant, but his passion is music and he is at present on a three months' engagement with Aberystwyth Corporation Resident Orchestra.

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We hear with regret that Mrs. H. Olpin, the widow of our late St. Dunstan, H. Olpin, died on June 7th.

Good Enough!

In a letter to Headquarters, J. H. Smith, of Birmingham, told of the following amusing conversation between his daughter and five-year-old grand-daughter, Gillian.

Gillian: "Mummy, why doesn't Grandpa drive the car?"

Mother: "Because Grandpa has only got one eye."

That evening at bedtime, in her prayers.

Gillian: "God bless Grandpa and take care of him—he's only got one eye, you know."

The next evening.

Gillian: "God bless Grandpa and make him better."

Mother: "But Grandpa isn't ill, dear."

Gillian (without moving her hands): "Oh God, don't bother about blessing Grandpa!"

Births

CONSTABLE.—On July 4th, to the wife of Les Constable, of Havant, a daughter—Mary Elizabeth.

ROWE.—On June 15th, to the wife of H. E. (Eric) Rowe, of Minchhead, their sixth child, a son—Mark Alaric.

LANGLEY.—To the wife of J. Langley, of Erdington, Birmingham, on May 5th, a daughter—Hazel.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:

BAYER.—To H. Bayer, of Walthamstow, who lost his wife on June 22nd. Mrs. Bayer had been ill for a week.

BATES.—To E. Bates, of Clacton-on-sea, whose brother has died suddenly.

BUNTING.—To M. Bunting, of Sudbury, Suffolk, whose brother-in-law died on June 9th. Our St. Dunstaner lives with his sister.

EVANS.—To A. C. Evans, of Newport, Mon., whose only brother died very suddenly at his work on June 23rd.

JOLLY.—To A. Jolly, of Fulham, whose sister died early in June.

KEMPSTER.—To S. Kempster, of Aylesbury, whose wife died on July 1st. Mrs. Kempster was getting over an operation when she fell and broke a leg. She

was admitted to hospital but she died there. Mr. and Mrs. Kempster had celebrated their Ruby Wedding only a few weeks earlier.

LAWSON.—To J. W. Lawson, of Stretton, near Warrington, whose mother died on June 8th.

LYTTLE.—To G. Lyttle, of Keady, Co. Armagh, in the loss of a dear nephew on June 24th.

MORGAN.—To A. Morgan, of York, whose father died on July 13th after a long illness.

PECKETT.—To J. A. Peckett, of Gorton, Manchester, whose sister-in-law has recently died very suddenly leaving two small children.

PELL.—To G. Pell, of Hove, who lost his wife on June 13th.

WALKER.—To H. Walker, of Amptill, whose son-in-law has died after a long illness. Our St. Dunstaner had lived with his daughter and her husband.

Personal

Our St. Dunstaner, H. C. Bayer, would like to express his sincere thanks to everyone at Headquarters and Ovingdean for the kindness shown to him during his wife's illness and death. The messages of sympathy have been overwhelming. His only consolation is that Mrs. Bayer passed away very peacefully.

"In Memory" (continued from page 10)

Private Harry Randall, 13th London Regiment

It is with deep regret that we record the death of H. Randall, of Hove, at the age of 61.

Enlisting in April, 1914, he came to St. Dunstan's in May, 1916. He trained in joinery, specialising in picture frames and trays, and for over ten years he worked at his craft and built up a steady business. In 1929 he moved to a private house, still working at his trade but also adding netting and basket-making and he continued at this work until his retirement in 1953. Even after his retirement, he continued in a limited way to make baskets and was active up to his last illness. He died on July 3rd.

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

Driver Robert Wylie, Royal Field Artillery

We record with deep regret the death of R. Wylie, of Bromley, Kent; he was 63.

He had served with the R.F.A. from October, 1914, until March, 1919, and came to St. Dunstan's almost immediately. He trained as a boot repairer, netter and mat-maker and from 1921 until 1926, he carried on a shop in Scotland, covering these occupations. His health forced him to give up for three years, but in 1929 it improved and he moved to Kent where he continued with netting. His hobby was making dog-leads, and he was a keen bridge player and enthusiastic member of the Bridge Club. His death was a shock to members of the Club with whom he had been playing the evening before his death. His St. Dunstaner friends, W. Bishop and P. Nuyens, were present at the funeral. Mrs. Willis was also present.

Carl Rasmussen, Australian Forces

We have heard with great regret of the death of Carl Rasmussen, of Victoria, Australia. He died on May 11th, four days after his 85th birthday.

He was a widower (his wife died only last September) and our very sincere sympathy is extended to his daughter, Mrs. Northeast, and to his other relatives.

"In Memory"

Lance Corporal Charles Arthur Blanks, *Lincolnshire Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of C. A. Blanks, of Cambridge. He was 70.

He had served in the First World War, enlisting in August, 1914, and being discharged two years later, but he did not come to St. Dunstan's until March, 1952, when his age and the state of his health ruled out any question of training. Since 1955, his health deteriorated and he passed away at his home on June 5th.

Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. Blanks in her loss.

Sapper Arthur Budden, *Royal Engineers*

We record with deep regret the death of A. Budden, of London, S.E.17. He was 75.

He enlisted at the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war and was discharged in 1919, but he did not come to us until 1950, when his age and poor health prevented him from taking any training. The local Council recently moved Mr. and Mrs. Budden so that they could be near their family and friends and for a little while he seemed a little better. On May 12th, however, he was admitted to hospital with pneumonia and he died a fortnight later.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Budden and her family, a large and devoted one. She has ten married children.

Private Henry Eaton Hill, *1st Wiltshire Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of H. E. Hill, of Devizes, at the age of 72, one of the small group of men who were at the house in Bayswater Road while St. Dunstan's was being got ready.

Enlisting in August 1914, he was blinded very shortly afterwards and he came to us on February 19th, 1915.

He trained in handicrafts and after a few years took up mat-making seriously. He gave this up in 1937 but resumed again two years later. Back-yard poultry was also a great interest with him.

He died on June 8th, leaving a widow and grown-up family, to whom our deep sympathy is sent. Mrs. Hill is now living with a married daughter.

Rifleman George Healey, *21st Bn. King's Royal Rifles*

With deep regret we record the death of G. Healey, of Leeds. He was 71.

Wounded near Fleurbaey in 1916, he came to St. Dunstan's in November of that year. He trained as a shorthand typist and worked with the Ministry of Pensions from 1919 until his retirement in 1956—a splendid record which was recognised by the award of the Coronation Medal in 1953.

His death was sudden and unexpected, and we send deep sympathy to his widow and two daughters.

Sergeant Samuel Marshall Brydson, *Royal Scottish Fusiliers*

We record with deep regret the death of S. M. Brydson, of Gateside-of-Trench, Dumfries, at the age of 74.

Enlisting in August, 1914, he was wounded five times at Cambrai and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1919. He trained in boot-repairing but local trade was not good and in 1924 he retrained in mat-making and netting. He carried on all these crafts for our Stores until 1947, when his poor health compelled him at last to give up.

He lost his wife in 1953 and he had since been living with his sister-in-law. We offer our sincere sympathy to her, and to the other members of his family.

Private Tom William Collyer, *2nd Royal Scots Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of T. W. Collyer, of New Barnet. He would have been 74 on August 4th.

He was an old soldier—he had enlisted in 1906—and he came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1917, where he trained in boot-repairing and mat-making. He preferred the latter and he worked at this craft until 1928. From 1941 he was employed in the packing room at St. Dunstan's Stores at Raglan Street, and he remained there until his retirement in August, 1951. He lost his wife the following year and since then he has been cared for by his daughter. His health had begun to deteriorate towards the end of 1957, but he was a frequent visitor to the London Club where he took an active part in all its activities. He was admitted to hospital last month but he died there on July 13th, following an operation.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his son and daughter.

Private Charles George Stanley Oliver, *2nd/7th Hampshire Regiment*

With deep regret we have to record the very sudden death on July 19th of the Rev. Stanley Oliver, Rector of All Saints' Church, Wrabness, Essex. He was 68.

He saw service in the First World War but did not come to St. Dunstan's until April, 1948. A year later he began his Theological studies at Clifton Theological College, Bristol, and on May 20th, 1951, he was ordained as a Deacon. Unhappily, Mrs. Oliver died only a few months before his ordination. In June, 1952, Mr. Oliver was ordained as a priest of the Church of England and after serving as Assistant at Eltham Parish Church, he was granted the living at Wrabness in 1958. He had been ill in January this year but had recuperated at Ovingdean, and he was, in fact, at the Ipswich Reunion on July 14th. Since the death of Mrs. Oliver, Mr. Oliver had been looked after by his housekeeper, Mrs. Waite, and Mrs. Waite's son, who acted as his escort.

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