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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

I HAVE just recovered from more than a week in bed with influenza. When I wasn't asleep I spent much of my time reading braille and listening to one thing and another.

Thirty years ago I read braille so badly that I could not have enjoyed it and there was no talking book and no radio. Looking back I must have been very much at a loose end if ever I was ill in bed, which I do not particularly remember.

Of course I learnt braille at St. Dunstan's in 1916-17 but I didn't like it and didn't become very good at it, and it was not until the Second War broke out that I felt that I must get better at it if only to set an example to the younger generation. I worked very hard at it for a few weeks and was surprised to find that I could double and even treble my speed of reading. In the Second War I have no doubt we taught braille better than in the First and gave it more emphasis. Nevertheless there may be some Second War men now in the 40's and 50's who have not kept it up. I urge them most strongly to exercise some self-discipline in this matter and give themselves some regular practice or perhaps even have a regular lesson when they go to Brighton for a holiday or convalescence. Nothing will reward them better as they get older.

I listened a little to the talking book and was delighted with the recordings and the readers.

### All the listeners are 'blind'

#### B.B.C.'s interest

Normally I do not listen much to radio except the news, etc. when I am dressing in the morning, but during my week in bed I listened a good deal. I confirmed a conclusion I had earlier come to that you get much better value out of radio if you study the programmes in the morning and choose what you are going to listen to. The Programme Parade at 7.10 and 8.10 in the morning is a great help in this connection and so are the short interpositions after the weather forecast, etc. when they tell you about certain features that will be on the Light or the Home Service or the Third Programme.

In November last I wrote to *THE TIMES* newspaper saying:

"The wireless is the blind man's newspaper, theatre and magazine and, above all, his friend. At this time when official committees are considering broadcasting generally, I earnestly hope that the value of sound broadcasting to the 100,000 blind persons and a much larger number who do not see very well will not be overlooked."

It occurs to me that it might not be a bad idea to consider whether there are any features about broadcasting which specially appeal to us as blind persons so that if there are, we may concert with the R.N.I.B. and together make representations to the B.B.C. or to the Broad-

casting Committee which is considering the future of the Service; indeed, the Secretary General of the R.N.I.B., Mr. J. C. Colligan, and I have recently been talking over a tentative enquiry made by the B.B.C. as to whether the blind world would like to be included among those special interests which have a little programme of their own periodically in Network 3.

Apart from the question of the special interest of the blind world and its news and comment, I am somewhat doubtful whether there is any special thing we blind people would like from broadcasting, for we must remember that sound broadcasting is appreciated entirely by the ear—indeed, it might have been invented for the blind.

However, here are a few random jottings as to my own likes and dislikes, set down not because my opinion is of any more value than anyone else's but just in order to start a correspondence and perhaps raise an argument. Thereby we may see if there is any trend of opinion amongst St. Dunstaners which is worthwhile taking note of.

On the whole I don't like music and it makes me cross when the two or even three programmes are all playing music so that there is no spoken word for me to listen to.

I seldom listen to television except when my grandchildren are in the house when I am compelled to. I am sure the programmes are wonderful for their purpose but they don't suit me and the thing that annoys me most is that there must always be music as a kind of background. I often wonder why the modern generation in their films and their television must have music in the railway train, in an aeroplane, even on top of a Welsh mountain or in a bedroom scene. I think it an intrusion, and incidentally it stops me hearing the words as clearly as I would like to.

I like the news, the talks, and the plays best of all and especially Saturday Night Theatre. I think the producers and actors are extremely clever at putting across a scene using only words and sounds.

There is a little programme called "Today's Papers" which usually occurs at 7.35 and 8.35 a.m. and tells me the main points dealt with by all the leading newspapers. I wish this was longer and I would like it to be at a fixed time. Sometimes its timing varies and I miss it.

I should like some talks on bridge which suited me as a family bridge player; I find the present bridge programmes above my head for I am not so good as the St. Dunstan's Club players.

Please write to the Editor and say what you like and dislike and we will see if there is any common ground amongst us all.

FRASER.

### Reunion Programme, 1961

The date of the WINDSOR Reunion has been changed from Saturday, July 1st, to **Saturday, July 8th, 1961**, at the White Hart Hotel.

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Dr. the Rt. Hon. Charles Hill, M.P., a member of the Cabinet, who sits for Luton, and who is a personal friend of Lord Fraser's, will be the Guest of Honour at the LUTON Reunion on Saturday, May 13th, at the George Hotel.

### Boundary between Northern and Southern Areas

St. Dunstaners are asked to note that a change in the boundary between the Northern Area, supervised by Miss M. A. Midgley and the Southern Area, supervised by Miss P. J. Rogers, has become necessary owing

to the increasing numbers living in the Southern Counties.

From April 1st, 1961, the new boundary follows the northern bank of the Thames Estuary, through Tilbury, then along the southern boundary of the East Anglian area, that is approximately through Dagenham, Chigwell, Enfield, Barnet and Watford, thence across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire to Great Malvern, following the northern boundary of Herefordshire and across Wales to Aberystwyth.

This has entailed the transfer of the East Anglian territory, visited by Miss M. Meyer, to the Northern Area and all those St. Dunstaners living in Herefordshire, Monmouthshire and South Wales to the Southern Area, but the latter will continue to be visited by Miss B. R. Blebta.

C. D. WILLS.

### London Club Notes

*Bridge*.—Heartiest congratulations to our London Business Houses team which for the second successive year finished head of their Section, thus automatically qualifying for a higher division next year. Of their ten matches they won six, drew one and lost three. In the play-off for the Wellcome Cup they were unsuccessful, Shell-Mex repeating their win of last year. In twelve years St. Dunstan's team have been champions of their Section five times.

The team all through the season has been Messrs. F. Bulman, H. Gover, P. Nuyens (captain), F. Winter, C. F. Thompson and R. Freer.

*Reminders*.—The *Harrogate Week*—September 16th to 23rd. *St. Dunstan's Bridge Congress, Ovingdean*—Week-end of Friday, November 17th.

Entries for both events to be sent to Mr. Bob Willis as soon as possible please.

G.P.B.

### The Derby Sweepstake

You are reminded that the closing date of the Derby Sweepstake is **Wednesday, May 17th**. Every application for tickets, which are 2s. 6d. each, must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. The name and full address of the sender together with the number of tickets required, must be sent, with the stamped addressed envelope, to the Editor at 1 South Audley Street, London, W.1.

The Draw will take place at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, May 25th. All those drawing a horse will be notified by post.

### Masonic

J. Swales, of Saltburn-by-the-sea, has been appointed an Officer of Supreme Grand Chapter, in Royal Arch Freemasonry.

### R.A.O.B.

Extract from the *R.A.O.B. Journal*:—

"An unique occasion occurred in the Minden Rose Lodge recently when Bro. W. Lowings, Past Grand Chamberlain, initiated Reggie Goding. Both these Brethren are St. Dunstaners and both served in the Royal Fusiliers, one in the First War and the other in the Second."

### War Disablement Pensions

With the exception of the new Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance which the Ministry of Pensions have had some difficulty in defining and a small number of the 80% and 90% assessment cases, where the Ministry have not yet been able to decide on the appropriate award of Constant Attendance Allowance, the improvements announced by the Minister of Pensions in November 1960 have, it is believed, all been effected and put into payment. If there is any St. Dunstaner who has not been notified of his increased award, will he please write to Mr. H. D. Rice at 1 South Audley Street.

We asked the Ministry to explain in more detail the new Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance, and how they proposed that it should be paid, and the following is an extract from their reply:—

"The basic conditions for the award of the new allowance are that the pensioner is receiving constant attendance allowance at a rate of 60/- a week or more and that he is in the opinion of the Minister ordinarily employed in a gainful occupation. The allowance, being an occupational allowance, is not normally payable when a pensioner is not working and in particular the pension Instruments provide that it shall not be paid when a pensioner is eligible for an award of unemployment supplement nor when he is in receipt of sickness benefit, injury benefit or retirement pension.

This means that whenever a pensioner receiving the allowance commences to receive one of these overlapping benefits, the allowance has to be withdrawn for the appropriate period. It was realised that this might involve difficulties of administration and it has therefore been decided that the allowance will be paid separately from the main pension. It will be paid generally at monthly intervals in arrears (the pensioner may opt for weekly or 13-weekly payments if he prefers). Before any payment is issued—and these payments will be made locally by War Pensions Offices—it will be necessary to ascertain whether or not during the appropriate period the pensioner has been in receipt of an overlapping benefit. This will be done firstly by an automatic notification from the National Insurance Office when benefit is paid to such a pensioner, and secondly, pensioners are asked to notify their War Pensions Office when in fact they do cease work for any reason. It is hoped in this way to secure a contemporaneous adjustment of the allowance on account of overlapping benefits."

Only a small number of St. Dunstaners are involved, but it is hoped that now the Ministry have devised a method of paying the allowance there will be no delay in notifying the men concerned, and in giving the necessary instructions to the local War Pensions Offices.

### Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

When I was at St. Dunstan's Annexe at Blackheath in 1917, among the visitors who used to take the men out for walks was a Mrs. Green, and she invited me to her home to meet her husband who was an archaeologist, and whose house was packed tight with innumerable objects of ancient Egypt and many other places. Mr. Green handed me to feel a little model of a God which was once next to the body of an ancient Pharaoh of Egypt. Archaeology has always fascinated me so I had a whale of a time.

Just before I left he put a small coin into my hand saying, "I think you might like to have this coin to keep, for on one side of it is the figure of Bishop Dunstan, wearing his mitre and holding his crozier—St. Dunstan as we now call him. You being a St. Dunstaner will have in this coin something that was once the property of St. Dunstan."

Some years before this, Mr. Green had had to go to Glastonbury Abbey, or rather the ruins of it, as some of these were becoming unsafe and had to be taken down. At times like these, archaeologists are always present in case anything of interest turns up. Digging was carried out where it was considered the altar had been and various things were found and among them this coin and perhaps others. The coin is a little larger than a sixpence and may be made of bronze. I asked how was it that Bishop Dunstan had his own coinage and I was told that it was quite the usual thing in those days for people of importance or holding high positions to have their own coinage.

Yours sincerely,  
F. J. HARRIS.  
*Thorrington, Essex.*

DEAR EDITOR,

I was very interested to read about Les Dennis's "walking machine" in last month's REVIEW.

This, I am sure, must be what every St. Dunstaner has been waiting for. Walking is a natural exercise and we "boys" get far too little of it. Now that the evenings are getting longer, what better than to go for a long walk and to get "physically" tired, and that lovely feeling of "falling" into bed, thoroughly tired and ready for eight hours of natural sleep.

But one has to remember that although our wives are willing to take us out, they have probably had a hard day and just want to "get their feet up." The children have got their homework to do and maybe your pals aren't available just when you want them, and being blind rather takes away your independence, doesn't it? Yes! I know you can take your stick and pod-pod down the road but one cannot relax this way; you always have to be alert for the unexpected. So what does one do? Sit in an armchair, listen to the talking book or the wireless and—get fat?

But what if one had a "walking machine"? He could go for a "walk" by himself, walk for hours if he so wished, get thoroughly tired and keep fit at the same time. The machine wouldn't say, "In a minute," or "Sorry, can't make it tonight." It would always be there, like the man on the talking book.

As a physiotherapist, I can see great possibilities for such a machine in every hospital. When I think of the number of times I have had to walk or even crawl behind a patient, trying to find out why he isn't walking correctly, or holding a child to teach it to walk, I wish I had this machine now, for one needs two pairs of arms on such occasions. Yes sir! This machine seems just the job. Could you give us more details about it; how big is it? Is it in production? How much?

Yours sincerely,  
J. INNESS.

*Dewsbury.*

(The frame of the machine is 5 ft. 6 in. long by 18 in. wide. It is not in production yet but when it is, full details will be given in the "REVIEW." In the meantime, we wish Les Dennis the best of luck in his enterprise.—Ed.)

### Mr. Leslie Pinder, M.B.E.

On Tuesday, March 28th, the Directors of the Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind gave a dinner in honour of Mr. Leslie S. Pinder, M.B.E. Mr. Godfrey Robinson, Chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, presided and Lord Fraser proposed a Toast of—"Mr. Pinder, the Guest of Honour." Others paid tribute to the man who more than any other had been responsible for the technical development and the administration of the talking book, including the new tape version.

### From All Quarters

After eleven very pleasant years as a tutor in an Adult Residential College, Coleg Harlech, in one of the finest areas of North Wales, John Davies is now Senior Tutor there.

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W. B. Riley, of Midgley, Yorkshire, has just returned with Mrs. Riley from a world cruise. They made their 65-day trip in a Dutch motor vessel, Willem Ruys. In the course of their journey they visited Egypt and saw the Pyramids and the Sphinx, Ceylon, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Peru. Miami Beach, Florida, was their next port of call, then on to Bermuda and then back home. The "*Halifax Weekly Courier*" gave them a front page story.

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Michael Barstow writes: "I wonder if St. Dunstan's would be interested to hear of my swimming activities. A few years ago I joined the Board of Trade Swimming Club and have been doing the Royal Life Saving Society's tests. In 1959 I obtained the Bronze Medallion, and last year a bar to the Bronze Medallion; then the Bronze Cross and ultimately the Award of Merit. Some people do these while at school but I like to think there is some merit in achieving them as a grandfather!"

### Staff Retirements

St. Dunstan's loses two members of the staff this month on account of retirement. They are Mrs. R. Bovis, whom everyone knows better as Miss Sally Sailing, and Mr. E. George.

Miss Sailing has been with St. Dunstan's for more than forty-two years. She joined the Accounts Department in July, 1918, and became secretary to Mr. S. W. Fobbs, who was then our Accountant, and from 1943 onwards has been Accounts Supervisor in the Welfare Department.

Mr. George came to us in April, 1934. His early duties were as Store-keeper in the Joinery Department but he has been in charge of this Department, including the visiting of St. Dunstaners in their homes, since November, 1948.

Their many friends on the staff, and indeed throughout St. Dunstan's, will join with us in wishing Miss Sailing and Mr. George many happy years of retirement.

Mr. George's place on the staff is being taken by Mr. D. H. Patterson.

### The Southdown Summer Outing

The Summer Outing organised by the Southdown and Brighton, Hove and District Bus Companies is to take place this year on Monday, June 5th.

### The Sutton Club

At our meeting on March 25th, George Jenrick was voted in Deputy Chairman. The retiring Deputy Chairman, Bobby Dow, has kindly volunteered to carry on the arrangement of the games and under his good supervision, things are going very well. We have also extended our games to include more prizewinners at the end of the year.

We are still hoping Mrs. Spurway will be successful in obtaining the use of a bowling green so that we may be able to include bowls in our tournament.

New members are always welcome and information may be obtained from me at CROYDON 3066.

G. JENRICK.

### Great-Grandfather

W. J. Roden, of Chorley, (for the third time).

### Grandfathers

G. Dunwoodie, of Newcastle upon Tyne; H. T. Coates, of New Longton; (the fourth grand-child); V. H. Frampton, of Welling, (his son and daughter-in-law in Canada have had a son); P. Sheridan, of Wishaw, (their thirty-fourth grand-child); G. B. Swanston, of Edinburgh, (his daughter, Esme, who lives in Sweden, now has a baby daughter); C. Eighteen, of Reading.

### Marriages of Sons and Daughters

On April 1st, Ronald Green, Whittlesay, near Peterborough, to Miss Patricia Anne Pearce.

### Miss E. B. Mason

Early St. Dunstaners will hear with deep regret of the death of Miss E. B. Mason, a V.A.D. from 1918 to 1936. Writing to tell us of this, Tom Floyd, of Teignmouth in Devon, says: "Sister Mason commenced her service with St. Dunstan's at the Bungalow, but she will also be remembered by very many St. Dunstaners who stayed at West House between the wars, being ever cheerful and helpful."

Miss Mason has one surviving sister who lives at Haytor, Devon.

## Talking Book Library

## April in Wembley

Once again six books are released this month and, though varied, they are all of a muchness with no outstanding highlights.

"Queen of the Castle," by Jane Lane, reader Robert Gladwell, is the piteous story of Mary, Queen of Scots, from her transfer to Fotheringhay until the day of her execution. In parts the wriggings of the young Church of England in its attempt to justify theologically this blatant murder of a young woman, behind whom all the forces of Roman Catholicism rallied threateningly, becomes rather tedious. At the time political expediency demanded Mary's life and in reality the Church had little to do with the sequence of events. All it boiled down to was that one or more of Elizabeth's ministers had to trick her into signing Mary's Death Warrant. *Cat. No. 140.*

"The Rainbow Comes and Goes," by Lady Diana Cooper, reader Nicolette Bernard, is, in case the name fails to ring a bell, an autobiography by the wife of Duff Cooper, one of the Eden rebels in the thirties and later ambassador in Paris. A pleasant piece of writing beginning in the good old spacious days and more than holding its own ploughing into this cramped modern era. *Cat. No. 598.*

"Made for Man," by A. P. Herbert, reader Stephen Jack, is a story of the pushing of a Bill adjusting the Divorce Laws through the House, with a human interest story concerning a successful fake suicide running parallel. *Cat. No. 384.*

"Soondar Mooni," by E. O. Shebbeare, reader Derek McCulloch, tells various exploits and incidents in the life of a reliable young elephant from birth to maturity. *Cat. No. 250.*

"How Different from Us," by Josephine Kamm, reader Derek McCulloch, outlines the lives of two famous original headmistresses of North London and of Cheltenham. *Cat. No. 613.*

"Greek Fire," by Winston Graham, reader P. J. Reynolds, concerns an American in Athens mixed up in a web of political intrigue and assassination. Communist treachery and blackmail bedevil the whole political scene but with the help of an able and comely wench our man survives to tell his story. *Cat. No. 125.* NELSON.

## Tales of Ind

## The Beauty Spots

I arrived at the headquarters and base of the Waziristan Field Force on December 31st, 1921, after crossing the Indus over a bridge of boats, and was posted to Ladha, the last and largest of the chain of posts or camps along the lines of communications on the bed of a nearly dry river. After nearly a week on horseback or camel, and sometimes marching, I arrived at Ladha—a large tented perimeter camp and strongly held by about seven thousand troops, including a battalion of British infantry, a Machine Gun Company and a Pack-Mule Corps, to which I was posted.

In those days there were no organised concert parties, etc., for the troops; we had to provide our own amusement. When I arrived at Ladha a theatre consisting of a bamboo frame covered by tarpaulins for shelter was being prepared for a production of "Aladdin." The stage, I should mention, was built up of earth. The opening night arrived and the regimental band provided the music and it was a great success. The next day a misfortune occurred, for one of the chorus of "lovelies," the "Beauty Spots," had to go that night to a picket on duty, and "she" had no understudy. I was asked to take the place of the missing "lovely." Reluctantly I agreed. I hurriedly sought the help of the Indian vet. of the Mule Corps, who made me a really beautiful wig out of tow. It was blonde and a mass of curls, and with the application of rouge and powder, I looked a perfect type of feminine beauty as favoured in the Orient—and to complete the picture I was plump, for no beauty is perfect to the oriental mind unless she is plump.

Well, the show started and my appearance caused murmurs of admiration from the audience. But pride went before a fall. Each Beauty Spot had her beau, and my beau and I were dancing facing the audience, moving sideways towards the wings, when suddenly we were lying on our backs in the snow outside, our legs waving aimlessly in full view of the delighted audience, who thought it was all part of the act. Soon after I noticed the Brigade Major trying to attract my attention. I went over to him and he whispered, "Go to your lines immediately; some Masuds are hiding among the mules." Dressed as I was, I

## Harry Hammett

Tommy North writes:

"It was a terrible blow to me when I received a letter from Mrs. Hammett telling me of the sudden death of her husband. It will be strange to me when I go to the camp at Lee-on-Solent or Westbury and Harry not there.

Harry was so kind to me. When there was nothing on at the camp, he would always take me out for a walk—always together. I shall never forget what a true friend I had in him."

## Personal

DEAR ST. DUNSTANERS,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed so generously towards the cheque which Matron presented to me on the eve of my retirement. I was very touched by it indeed. I appreciate the good wishes that went with it, also the card which so many of you had signed. I am going to buy something that I will always have, to remind me of the happy years I spent among you all at St. Dunstan's.

Once again very many thanks. I won't say goodbye as I hope to be in Brighton in the near future and will come and see you.

PAT WORRALL.

## Lord Fraser Praises Private Enterprise in Generosity

Laying the foundation stone of a new Social Centre for the Blind at Hemel Hempstead on Sunday, March 26th—the forty-sixth anniversary of the founding of St. Dunstan's—Lord Fraser said:

"Happily the Welfare State has not killed voluntary philanthropy. Generous people give legacies and donations to national and local societies and I hope they will continue. The purely local society in county or town brings personal help to the blind near their homes and comforts them and relieves loneliness.

While it is St. Dunstan's belief that the blind should be encouraged to take their place in everyday life and to work alongside sighted people to the extent of their capabilities, we also know the value of a get-together of folk with similar disabilities. Much of the value of St. Dunstan's training is in the handing on of the experience of war-blinded men who have gone before."

hurried outside and found some Indian N.C.O.s waiting for me. With a loaded revolver in one hand and a sword in the other, I hurried with the men to the mule lines, but there was no sign of the intruders; but I sometimes wonder what the reaction of the tribesmen would have been to the beautiful blonde plump houri in their midst.

That was my first and final appearance as a Beauty Spot but the nickname I earned of Bashful Bertha the Bouncing Bint from Beersheba lasted much longer.

DUNCAN McALPIN.

## National Library for the Blind

We have received details of the 32nd E. W. Austin Memorial Reading Competition, which will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. Of interest to St. Dunstaners are the following classes:

*Sturme-Wyman Challenge and Medal Competition* (open only to previous winners of the Open and Medal Classes). **Readers entering for this class may not enter other classes.**

*Class A.* Advanced readers in competition for the Blanesburgh Cup.

*Class B.* Other readers in competition for the Stuart Memorial Cup.

*Class C.* Readers who have lost their sight since 1939 and who have learnt to read Braille since the age of 16 (and who do not feel competent to enter the more advanced classes), in competition for the Lady Buckmaster Cup.

*Open Competition.* A special competition open to all readers eligible to enter Classes A and B and to all previous winners of Classes A, B and C, for a reading from the letters and longer works of John Keats.

*Class D.* Moon.

*Class E.* Deaf-Blind Readers.

As usual, unseen passages will be read and prizes awarded for fluency, ease of diction and general expression. (Should entries in any class be very limited, prizes will be awarded only if merited.)

Intending competitors should send their names to the Secretary, National Library for the Blind, 35 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1, *not later than Friday, 26th May, 1961*, stating in which class they wish to enter.

(The last two articles have already appeared in the *Braille Review*; lack of space prevented their appearing in the printed edition).

## "In Memory"

### Private Harold Leo Dickinson, *North Lancashire Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death in hospital of H. L. Dickinson, of Southport. He was 65.

He served from 1915 until 1919 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1947 when he trained in basket-making and rug-making, carrying on these occupations right up to the time of his death. He had been in poor health for some time but was admitted to hospital only a week before his death which was very sudden and unexpected.

Our deep sympathy is offered to Mrs. Dickinson and her family.

### Gunner Henry Alexander Hammett, *Royal Field Artillery*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of H. A. Hammett, of Carterton, Oxford. He died on March 17th, a fortnight before his seventy-first birthday.

When the First War broke out, he was already serving—he had enlisted in March, 1914; he was discharged in January, 1918, and came to St. Dunstan's immediately. He trained in poultry-farming and basket-work and carried on these occupations for some time but later concentrated only on poultry. His health had been indifferent for some time but his death was quite sudden.

To Mrs. Hammett and her family we send our sincere sympathy.

### Lance Corporal William Palmer Harby, *Corps of Royal Military Police*

With deep regret we record the death of W. P. Harby, of Betchworth, Sussex. He was 57.

He enlisted at the outbreak of the 1939-45 War and served until January, 1947. He had however been admitted to the benefits of St. Dunstan's a few months before this. He trained as a telephonist and this work he continued right up to the time of his death. He had a serious illness last year but we thought he was making good progress. All seemed to be going well but he died very suddenly on March 21st.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Harby who as Miss Pat Smylic was a V.A.D. at Ovingdean, and to his daughter by his previous marriage.

### Lieutenant Arthur H. Tuppen, *1/7th London Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death on March 30th of Arthur Tuppen, of Denmead, near Portsmouth, at the age of 67. He had suffered from poor health but his death was sudden and unexpected.

He came to St. Dunstan's early in 1919 and trained chiefly in carpentry, running his own business of picture framing, etc. which he gave up only a short time ago. He had just enjoyed a holiday at Ovingdean and had had four happy days at home again when he suddenly collapsed and died.

We send our deep sympathy to Mrs. Tuppen and her daughter.

### Births

BOOTH.—On March 13th, to the wife of P. Booth, of Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, a son—David.

HUMPHREYS.—On April 10th, to the wife of E. Humphreys, of Bloxwich, a daughter—Hazel Julie.

### Deaths

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the following:

ABBEY.—To H. Abbey of Enfield, in the loss of a brother at the age of 69.

BEATTIE.—To J. Beattie, of Mobberly, whose father died early in February at the age of 84.

BLUNDELL.—To E. J. Blundell, of Windsor, whose eldest sister died in Wales at the beginning of March.

DAKIN.—To H. A. Dakin, of Blackpool, whose wife died on March 28th after a long illness.

MARKWICK.—To W. Markwick, of Brighton, whose wife died in hospital on April 1st.

### Ruby Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. W. Higgins, of Congleton, April 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Snook, of Barnstaple, March 26th.

Many congratulations.