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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Royal Visit

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh are honouring St. Dunstan's by visiting our establishment at Ovingdean on the morning of Monday, July 16th.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness arrive at Ovingdean at 11.45 a.m. and leave at 12.05 p.m. to attend a series of engagements in the district.

The Queen will be met by Sir Neville Pearson, our President, and a reception party, and will proceed to the lounge where she has been graciously pleased to indicate that she will give a brief address which will be relayed to the building and to the sick wards at Pearson House.

The folding doors between the lounge and the dining room will be thrown back, making one big room in which there will be as many seats as possible for those who are in residence at the time at Ovingdean, those who are able to come up from Pearson House and Port Hall, and some members of the staff.

There will be a few hundred seats so that it is hoped there will be room for a substantial number of St. Dunstaners and their wives who live in Brighton and district. On the other hand, it is impossible to say that everyone can be accommodated. Accordingly the following procedure will be observed, namely: after the residents and staff of Ovingdean, Pearson House and Port Hall have been accommodated, St. Dunstaners and their wives from Brighton and district will be found seats so far as they go. If there are more persons than seats, places will, if possible, be found along the route which it is hoped the Royal Party will take. It is essential that St. Dunstaners and wives in the district should arrive by 11.15 a.m. at the latest.

St. Dunstaners may rest assured that we shall do the best we can to give all who can come an opportunity of being present and hearing the Queen within the limits which the accommodation will allow. We hope to provide all St. Dunstaners and their escorts with a buffet lunch afterwards.

To assist in the seating and catering arrangements, it is essential that you inform the Commandant at Ovingdean before Tuesday, July 10th, of your intention to be present and if you require lunch. You should also indicate if your wife or escort will be accompanying you.

A full report of the visit will be given in the July REVIEW, together with the Queen's speech.

I know that St. Dunstaners all over the world will rejoice in and feel deeply honoured by this visit from Her Majesty, who is our Patron, and His Royal Highness.

FRASER.

Her Majesty's Official Birthday

On June 2nd, the Queen's Official Birthday, the following telegram was sent to Her Majesty by Lord Fraser:
Her Majesty the Queen, Buckingham Palace:

I have the honour to wish Your Majesty many happy returns of the day on behalf of St. Dunstan's men and women throughout the Commonwealth.

FRASER OF LONSDALE.

The following message was received in reply:

Lord Fraser of Lonsdale, St. Dunstan's:

I send you and the men and women of St. Dunstan's throughout the Commonwealth my sincere thanks for your kind message on the celebration of my Birthday.

ELIZABETH R.

Honoured by The Queen

Our warmest congratulations to S. C. Tarry, of Clapham, who received the award of Officer of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) in the Birthday Honours. Mr. Tarry, one of our best known physiotherapists, has been Chairman of Wandsworth and Battersea War Pensions Committee for many years.

Also honoured was our Belfast St. Dunstan, H. C. McCrea, who was awarded the British Empire Medal for his services with the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance. Mr. McCrea has been a telephonist since 1943. Our good wishes and congratulations are sent to him.

St. Dunstan Wins Top Award

Our warmest congratulations to Tommy McKay, of Brighton, who was the winner of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Shield at the National Handicrafts and Art Competition. The Shield is awarded for "the most outstanding achievement having regard to the limitations and difficulties imposed by the pensioner's disability."

Tommy's exhibit was a clock in an oak case which he built to his own design, incorporating sliding book-ends.

The presentation of the Shield was made by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, the Rt. Hon. John Boyd Carpenter, on May 23rd, at Thames House, South Millbank.

Bristol Reunion

St. Dunstaners in South Wales and the Bristol area will be glad to hear that the Reunion, which was unfortunately cancelled owing to the outbreak of smallpox in the area last April, will now be held at the Grand Spa Hotel, Clifton, on Saturday, October 27th, at 12.30 p.m., for 1 p.m. lunch. Lord Fraser will preside.

C. D. WILLS.

First Shot

War Pensions in Parliament

In the House of Lords on Wednesday, May 23rd, Lord Fraser said that war pensions did not reflect the cost of living or the standard of living; the Index had risen by seven points. There were many signs of increasing prosperity and disabled men should share it. "This is a shot—perhaps a first shot—in a campaign which might develop over the next year or two for better war pensions," he said. Not a shot in anger, for Mr. Boyd Carpenter had done his best, but a warning shot asking the Government for a major reform next year or at least in this Parliament.

He had instituted an enquiry which showed that only Canada of the major British countries had kept up with increasing standards of living.

Lord Kenwood urged the Treasury to be generous. Viscount Bridgman said, "We should go forth into battle about war pensions," adding that we should not forget the widows.

Lord Denham, replying for the Ministry, said that Lord Fraser's considerations were very much in the minds of Her Majesty's Government. Comparisons with other countries were difficult as fringe benefits had to be taken into account. He concluded, "We will continue to do our duty."

Lord Fraser had tabled a report made for St. Dunstan's by Miss D. C. Paige, of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, regarding the comparative value of pensions for war blinded in certain Commonwealth countries and in South Africa, and has sent copies to St. Dunstan's organisations and affiliations in the various countries.

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The Report mentioned above emphasises the difficulty of comparing pensions as between one country and another as the rate and pattern of pensions and allowances and the extra benefits available in the various

St. Dunstaners in Stock Exchange London to Brighton Walk

Many congratulations to J. L. Dennis and Roy Mendham who finished fifteenth and twenty-third respectively in the Stock Exchange London to Brighton Walk, on May 26th. Les Dennis's time was 10 hrs. 2 mins. and Roy, who was competing for the first time, finished in 10 hrs. 38 mins., a magnificent effort. There were 71 starters. Our walkers received tremendous applause later at the reception.

Look Out for This

Tommy Rogers, of Huddersfield, is having a script broadcast in the B.B.C. "Silver Lining" programme on Tuesday, August 21st.

Sutton Club Notes

We missed Mrs. Spurway and Miss Stevens at our last meeting.

The games are going ahead as anticipated under the supervision of Mr. Dow. We have started bowls with George Jenrick as Captain. The bowls season is from May to September and we are trying to get in as many games as possible. So if you would like to play, please come along. You will be most welcome.

P. SPRING,
Committee Member.

Brighton Station-master Retires

Mr. H. S. Tanner, Station-master at Brighton for six years, retired last month. The Chairman has sent the following letter to Mr. Tanner:

DEAR MR. TANNER,

On the occasion of your retirement I write to tell you how grateful is the Council of St. Dunstan's for the many kindnesses you have shown to our men on their journeys to and from Brighton during your term of office as Station-master.

We are indebted to you and to many members of your Staff for their consideration and help.

I have no doubt that I am expressing the views of many hundreds of St. Dunstaners when I add their thanks to this formal expression of our appreciation. With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,
FRASER OF LONSDALE.

countries differ considerably; the cost of living is higher in one country than it is in another and the standard of living—which, is not the same thing as the cost of living—also varies from one country to another, but nevertheless an approximate comparison can be made and the findings can be briefly stated as follows:

What Miss Paige did was to work out the average pensions for all the countries and to turn these average pensions into United Kingdom currency by taking the official exchange rate. She then adjusted the figures for price differences—the cost of living—so that the result would show the purchasing power of the Pensions for each country in British prices—and then further adjusted the figures for price and income differences so that it could be seen how generous each country was to its Pensioners within the framework of the general standard of living of that country. Thus there are three different sets of figures.

The *average pension* taken at the official exchange rate, is higher for Canada, Australia and New Zealand than that for the United Kingdom. For South Africa the overall average is lower.

Adjusted for price differences, the position is much the same. South Africa is still below, the other three countries are well above the United Kingdom but, *adjusted for price and living standard differences*, whilst the Canadian pension is much the most generous, the average U.K. pension is only a little below the Australian pension, is a little above the New Zealand pension, and is a great deal better than the South African pension.

Including the 1961 pension increase, the British pensioner has had in recent years a larger total rise in real income than the wage earner, but because of the original low rate of pension, the pensioner has only just started to catch up. Canada is the only country that has kept the pensioner's position in step with that of the wage earner's income. Australia and New Zealand have made substantial increases to keep in step with the rising cost of living but have not given their pensioners a proportionate share in the rising prosperity of their two countries.

Ovingdean Sports Day

Ovingdean Sports Day will be held on Saturday, July 21st, at 2.30 p.m., in the grounds. We hope that as many local St. Dunstaners as possible will come along with their escorts.

Derby Sweepstake Result

There was a slight reduction on the number of tickets sold this year—3,179 against the record-breaking 3,333 last year. After deducting £6 12s. 6d. for printing and sundry expenses, a sum of £390 15s. 0d. was left to be divided as prize money in accordance with the published rules. The result was:

1st, LARKSPUR.

M. DELANEY, Taunton (3117),
£195 7s. 6d.

2nd, ARCOR.

C. MILLS, Sittingbourne (0952)
£78 3s. 0d.

3rd, LE CANTILIEN.

J. VINCENT, Maidenhead (3154)
£39 1s. 6d.

Each of the following twenty-three ticket-holders received £3 8s. 0d. since their horses actually started in the race:

Changing Times, C. Cooper, Worthing (0739); Crossen, A. Rowe, Burslem (2363); Escort, C. J. Pennells, Brighton (2934); Hethersett, H. Pople, Cardiff (0818); High Noon, J. Legge, Bristol (3060); King Canute II, E. H. Edwicker, Saltdean (1027); Miralgo, C. Dunlin, York (0593); Pavot, J. Nicol, Hull (1644); Persian Fantasy, A. G. Fisher, Glasgow (2811); Pindaric, R. C. Botly, Surbiton (0890); Prince d'Amour, M. Burran, London, W.1 (2674); Ribobo, G. Holland, Newton Abbott (2411); River Chanter, E. Strand, Pearson House (0208); Romancero, J. Dixon, Watford (1276); Romulus, T. Milligan, London, W.8 (1134); Sebring, E. A. Green, Whittlesey (1700); Silver Cloud, F. Berisford, Newcastle, Staffs. (1954); Song of Pan, F. W. Spenceley, Herne Bay (1093); Spartan General, G. Rosling, West Meon (0992); Tannhills, T. Roden, Wembley (3120); Triborough, S. A. Belsham, Broadway, Worcs. (1857); Valentine, H. A. Knopp, Worksop (0834); Young Lochinvar, E. Tatton, Twigworth (1632).

Those who drew non-runners and therefore did not qualify for a prize were M.

Burran, London, W1, *By Jupiter* (2673); E. Varley, Sheldon, Birmingham, *Hillary* (1769) and *Tropical Sky* (1765) who was doubly unlucky.

The Field was drawn by A. Bennett, Dover (2892).

The Draw was made at the London Club on Thursday, May 31st, by St. Dunstaners G. P. Brown and R. Fullard, with Mr. Bob Willis supervising the proceedings and in the presence of a number of Club members and their friends, and the Editor.

Lord Fraser at Chatham Blind Work Award

Over the Whitsun week-end while thousands were fighting for a place in the sun around our coast, the National Federation of the Blind was "playing it cool" indoors at Chatham. It was their Annual Delegate Conference and the Medway Branch was their host.

The highlight of the Conference was the dinner which was enhanced by the presence of many distinguished guests, the principal being Lord and Lady Fraser.

The Federation had invited our Chairman to honour him with the presentation of the Grimshaw Memorial Trophy, which is awarded annually to persons who have given outstanding services to the blind.

Vernon Grimshaw was a founder member of the Federation and Honorary Secretary until his death in 1958. Appropriately the trophy is a bronze bust of Louis Braille with a silver collar around the base bearing the names of recipients, our Chairman being the third. There is no need to tell St. Dunstaners of all the work he has done for the blind.

Dr. Anthony de Silva, President of the Federation, when presenting the award, spoke of Lord Fraser's close links with the Federation and how St. Dunstan's, in co-operation with the Federation and the London School of Economics, are negotiating to compile a directory of work being done by the professional blind.

Lord Fraser, thanking Dr. de Silva, said he continued to follow the progress of the Federation through its magazine, "Viewpoint." He praised the Federation for its resourcefulness in bringing problems of the blind to the notice of officialdom. He wished them every success with such items as a request to the

B.B.C. to enlarge the programme, "From To-day's Papers," approaching the Royal National Institute for the Blind and the Post Office for a braille S.T.D. directory, and the resolution stressing the importance of handwritten braille as the schools increase their use of braille writing machines.

Discussing the progress of the blind in open employment, he said that there were nearly 1,000 blind telephonists in the United Kingdom, including 130 St. Dunstaners, and there were more jobs than operators. Parliament, local authorities, employers and trade unionists had treated the blind well, recognising their ability instead of emphasising their disability. There was, however, much to be done further to improve the lot of the blind.

Mr. J. Wells, M.P. for Maidstone, proposed the toast to the Federation; Dr. Henry Heath, a London member, was one of the after-dinner speakers.

Introducing Alex Scott, a St. Dunstaner from Northern Ireland, Dr. de Silva said his brogue would reveal from whence he came. Alex said what a pleasure it was to have "The Boss" as a guest of the Federation. Only four St. Dunstaners were members of the Federation and he commended other St. Dunstaners to join their local branches and help fight for equality of opportunity in the sighted world.

Anyone interested in joining the National Federation for the Blind should contact the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Bedwell, 237 Bellingham Road, Catford, S.E.6.

DAVID BELL.

Ruby Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. F. Mears, of Nottingham, April 15th; Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, of South Harrow, June 1st; Mr. and Mrs. A. King, of Bridlington, June 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hughes, of Cwngwrach, also on June 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cheal, Saltford, nr. Bristol, June 6th. Many congratulations.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations, too, to the following who are celebrating their Silver Wedding:

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stafford, of Kings Langley, June 12th; Mr. and Mrs. S. Brooks, of Welwyn Garden City, June 19th.

Cardiff Club Notes

The annual outing of the Cardiff Club took place on Saturday, May 26th.

The weather was not in keeping with the time of the year, still it was our day out and we made up our minds to have a good time. With the exception of two, all our members and their wives or escorts were present. The two missing were Arthur Wheeler and Dick Jones. The former was prevented by his serious illness but he is now making progress and we hope he will again be with us soon. Dick Jones was unable to come owing to his little girl being in hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

We all met at the Pier Head, Cardiff, where we caught the 9.30 pleasure boat for Weston, Somerset. We were about one hour on the water. When we got on the Old Pier, Weston, and came on to the sea front, we were not sure whether it was March or May. Still, lunch was at 1.15 so we made our way to the Grand Atlantic Hotel.

The lunch was enjoyed by everyone and as we had a room to ourselves, we were able to do what would not be possible in a public dining room.

Our chairman, Jack Caple, proposed the toast—The Queen—to which we responded in true style. After lunch we had a few words from Jack, thanking the treasurer and secretary for their part in organising the outing. We were told by the secretary that we were to welcome a new member at our next meeting. The chairman pointed out that he would be on holiday at Brighton then, but appealed to members to see that he was made to feel one of us.

Before tea those who wished could go and have a run round Weston, some went on the New Pier, others went shopping, but all were back in their places by 5 o'clock for tea which was again much enjoyed.

After tea, we had another look round, bought a few presents, then off to catch our boat, arriving back in Cardiff at 9.30. So concluded another Annual Club Outing.

A. C. EVANS, *Hon. Secretary.*

Grandfathers

W. T. Fitzgerald, of Newcastle-on-Tyne; E. J. Squires, of Ringwood; E. Hardbottle, of Barnsley (two grandchildren now); K. Ward, of Winchester (the fourth); H. C. Ollington, of Crookham, near Fleet (the fourth); A. Clarke, of Blackpool (the sixth); and G. Weldrick, of Hull (sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren).

Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I feel I must take up the *champer* on behalf of our *tatties*. Behind the Tartan Curtain, we Scots take a pride in our seed potatoes. The Scottish Department of Agriculture and Fisheries issue a stock seed certificate to all growers of Scottish seed potatoes and the crop *must* meet with the requirements of the Department. Experts examine the crop, which is first tackled by rogues who weed out odd strains; inspectors then examine the field for blight, health of the shaw, and virility of tubers.

If approved, lifting begins, the crop is riddled for size; those that don't pass this test go as wares or pig food. Once passed, each consignment, however small, must carry its stock seed certificate with all relevant data.

Any purchaser in receipt of a dud lot should immediately return the certificate and details of complaint to the Scottish Department, where the complaint will be investigated.

It is possible that Uncle Tom bought what purport to be Scottish seed potatoes from an unreliable source; if no certificate is attached, then he has been told a fairy story and the trader is jumping on the pipe band wagon.

Has the garden soil been analysed recently? Perhaps it is infected or sour—especially after his potatoes have dry rot!

To Uncle Tom Cobby and all, remember, *caveat emptor*—buyer beware.

Yours sincerely,

ANGUS McMURPHY,
Edinburgh.

DEAR EDITOR,

While agreeing with "Brookie," I was here at Ovingdean four months last year and have been three so far owing to my wife being in hospital, so have plenty of experience of this place. I would like to pay a small tribute to our faithful orderlies. He awakens me with a cup of tea and, knowing I cannot hear the wind or rain, tells me what the weather is like. I open a door. He is there and knows I cannot hear the men chatting as they stand shaving, so steers me to a bathroom. He avoids as many unpleasant incidents in the corridors as he can and knows it is easy for us deaf chaps to move articles about on our locker and cause one to knock another on the floor

and being deaf, not hear it drop. But he keeps his eye skinned for us. He is there at night in the dining room to grasp my arm and find me a chair for my "nightcap," and finally takes me to the stairs.

I take off my hat to Fred, Tom, Len and the rest of the orderlies and feel sure other doubly handicapped men will join me.

Yours sincerely,

G. FALLOWFIELD,
Southwick.

DEAR EDITOR,

It is a great feeling to realise that we have St. Dunstan's to care for us. Without them we would be drifting like a rudderless ship on the dangerous and uncharted seas of life.

Yours sincerely,

BERT PRIEST,
Tipton, Staffs.

Birmingham Club

June 3rd was the annual outing of the Birmingham Club. Fifty-five St. Dunstaners, their wives and families, set forth in two coaches at ten o'clock in lovely sunshine from the Red Cross Headquarters, Highfield Road, for a tour of the Cotswolds. We arrived at Bourton-on-the-Water at twelve for lunch in an old-fashioned tea room. Lunch being given full justice, we had a short time to go round and enjoy this lovely old-fashioned village. Joining the coaches again, we had a further run through to the Vale of Evesham for tea at the Riverside tea room. Most of the party enjoyed a quiet rest by the river. Boarding the coaches again, we made our way home, arriving about eight o'clock.

We give a hearty welcome to the new St. Dunstaners who have recently joined our Club and assure them this is only one of the many such outings they will enjoy.

Our thanks to Miss Streets, Mr. Shakespeare and Mr. Cooling.

E. VARLEY.

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman Harry White took office as Mayor of Stalybridge on May 28th. Harry became Councillor in 1946 and Alderman four years ago. We wish him a most successful year of office. It was in support of Alderman White's claim to sit on the Bench as a magistrate that Lord Fraser spoke in the House of Lords on June 7th, (see opposite page).

Blindness and Justices of the Peace

In the House of Lords on Thursday, June 7th, Lord Fraser asked Her Majesty's Government whether further consideration can be given to the question of whether, in appointing Justices of the Peace—blindness—although taken into account along with other considerations—is not of itself a bar to appointment.

The Lord Chancellor (Viscount Kilmuir): The question whether blindness should be a bar to appointment as a justice of the peace was considered by the Royal Commission on Justices of the Peace which was appointed in 1946, and before which Lord Fraser of Lonsdale gave evidence. The Royal Commission, after paying tribute to the great achievements of blind persons in many fields, came to the conclusion that in the administration of justice, sight is essential, and they recommended unanimously that

"No person who is blind ought to be appointed a justice or, if he is already a justice, ought to continue to sit."

My predecessors, Lord Jowitt and Lord Simonds, gave careful consideration to these recommendations, and both of them accepted the arguments advanced by the Royal Commission. I myself have given prolonged and anxious thought to this question, and I have found myself in complete agreement with my two predecessors. Much as we all sympathise with Lord Fraser's point of view, I am afraid that I must tell him that I know of no fresh evidence which would lead me to alter the clear conclusion which I have reached in accepting the Royal Commission's recommendations, which I believe are in the best interests of the administration of justice as a whole.

Lord Fraser: While thanking my noble and learned friend for his courteous and sympathetic reply, may I put a hypothetical case to him? Suppose there is a blind man in middle age who has been a successful mayor or chairman of a rural district council who has enjoyed a year's *ex officio* office as a J.P.—he may even, perhaps have been a solicitor, and suppose he has a great public reputation for judgment and justice and is in every respect an eligible person. Might it not be better to appoint him a justice than some local Colonel Blimp? Will my noble and learned friend consider whether blindness of itself should be an

absolute bar, or whether, as my question suggests, it should be fairly taken into consideration along with every other disability, such as deafness, stupidity, prejudice and political bias?

The Lord Chancellor, in reply, recalled the reasons that were given by the Royal Commission. First, it was necessary that a magistrate should be able to read documents and examine plans. If he cannot do this he cannot attest documents and, more important, he cannot form an independent opinion based on the examination of plans and documents or on a comparison of handwritings. Secondly, it was most important that a witness's demeanour should be observed. Such observation, to be wholly reliable, must depend on sight as well as hearing.

He felt bound to accept these conclusions.

Have You Got 'em on the List?

A couple of books in braille which I have found eminently readable are these:

"The Blue Field," by John Moore. This is one of a series of books on life in a Cotswold village. Mr. Moore draws a picture of the strongly-marked village characters and the company at the local which makes one wonder why any of us choose to live in big towns.

"Daughter of the Desert," is a life of Gertrude Bell, by Josephine Stamp. This is a brief account of the life of a remarkable woman who, in days when women of her class were not expected to go anywhere without a chaperon, made daring mountaineering exploits, roamed all over the Arabian deserts, was no mean archaeologist, and made friends with many Arab tribes whose language she spoke, so that she became of great value to the British administration during and after the First World War.

S. A. CHAMBERS.

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Maureen Lees (awarded a Certificate of Merit for a nylon bath mat in the Ministry of Pensions Competition) had a stall showing her own and other St. Dunstaners' work at the Cheshire Agricultural Show on June 6th and 7th. She is having a similar display at Lower Bebington on Saturday, August 25th, and on another Saturday in August, one at Bromborough Pool. Any visiting St. Dunstaners would be very welcome.

Reunions

A mild, rather unsettled day dawned at Exeter on Thursday, 12th April, but it did not detract from the pleasure enjoyed by 30 St. Dunstaners and their wives or escorts who assembled at the Rougemont Hotel for the annual Reunion. The Reverend Darrell Bunt presided and our old friend, Mrs. C. B. Hollins, helped Miss Webster with the competitions.

Colonel Ansell thoroughly enjoyed his first Canterbury Reunion, where he presided on Wednesday, 2nd May, at the County Hotel. Among the St. Dunstaners he met were several who are engaged in market gardening and horticulture and the relative merits of different types of fertiliser were well aired over several pint pots. Three new St. Dunstaners were welcomed to their first Reunion, Messrs. W. H. Chesters, G. Hermitage and E. L. Quickenden, and Miss Woolrych, Mrs. Giorgi and George White were popular guests.

The first of the Northern Reunions was presided over by Mr. Donald Hopewell at the Savoy Hotel, Blackpool, on Wednesday, 9th May, and 42 St. Dunstaners were present. Guests included our old friends, Mrs. Waddington, and Miss Maddison and Mr. Wildblood from Lewis's. Miss Doel, Miss Vaughan Davies, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Buckley, retired members of staff, were also present.

A telegram from each of the above Reunions was sent to Lord Fraser, thanking him for devoting 40 years to the Chairmanship of St. Dunstan's, wishing both Lady Fraser and himself many more happy years at the helm.

Lord Fraser, accompanied by Lady Fraser, presided over a Reunion of 34 St. Dunstaners at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester on Friday, 11th May. A special toast in their honour was proposed by Alfred Allen, who thanked Lord Fraser for the great service he had rendered to St. Dunstaners, and to all ex-Servicemen, during the past 40 years. Old friends present included Mrs. Eaton and Mr. Ferguson. A greetings telegram wishing all present a very happy Reunion was received from Mrs. Dunphy.

The Manchester Reunion was held at the Grand Hotel, on Saturday, 19th May, and Mr. Alan Pitt Robbins presided over a party of 52 St. Dunstaners. Guests included Miss Doel and Miss Vaughan Davies and other old friends present were

Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Harris. Mr. Pitt Robbins proposed a toast to Lord and Lady Fraser, suggesting that a telegram of thanks should be sent to them, which received vociferous applause. No fewer than 5 new St. Dunstaners were attending their first Reunion in the persons of A. Walker, J. Walker, J. T. Kerr, J. Ashmore and E. Jinks.

The Editor Regrets—or Doesn't

You can't write? Rubbish! Of course you can; and it is the easiest thing possible to give up. I gave it up 181 times. The snag is you must know something about it before you can give it up. Can I help you?

Keep a carbon copy of everything you write. Your local paper is your tutor. Write to the Editor, postcards please. Let it be dialectical discussion. You may write 50 words and get 15 published and they will contain what you meant to say. Compare these words with what you wrote. This will teach you how to "boil down" your writing. Paste all your rejection slips on to a wall of your study.

Grammatical writing is necessary; punctuation is indispensable. You must be able to "puncture" what you write to let some of the wind out. Use adverbial phrasing to make your characters live. String your words together effectively. Don't be slipshod.

A short story is a one-act play. A novel is a one-act play with a cycle pump attached.

Writing for adults meets much opposition. Writing for juveniles is a good market for those who have collected a heap of rejection slips! And know something about the game. You'll get there sometimes. Always remember that G.B.S. wrote for nine years and never earned a penny piece. If you go beyond that—well give it up, because you will be very, very old and shuffling by the time you have gathered enough shekels to permit you to walk down the street, "All airs and graces, correct easy paces, hat at an angle and smoking a nutty cigar," to buy "The Writers' and Artists' Year Book!"

BROOKIE.

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A. E. Snook, of Barnstaple, last month celebrated the 50th anniversary of his enlistment. He joined the Royal Artillery on May 20th, 1912, as a trumpeter, at the age of fourteen. He ended his successful Army career as a Quartermaster Sergeant.

Family News

Jack Loram, Brixham, is now a Lieutenant Commander, Royal Navy. He is serving as Senior Officer on *H.M.S. Jufair* at Bahrein. He has asked for this to be reported in the REVIEW because he would like to meet and help any relatives of St. Dunstaners who may be in or passing through Bahrein in the course of their duties in H.M. Forces.

Paul Taylor, Farrington, was Junior Cross Country Champion of his school this year.

Mary McCartney, Belfast, recently won a medal for history in a competition run by the schools. Mary had to tell stories of certain Saints, first in Irish, then in English.

Peter McDermott, Davyhulme, Manchester, has received the prize for being the best student of his year at his College.

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We have heard with regret that Mrs. Reed, the widow of our St. Dunstaner, W. Reed, of Barry, who died two years ago, passed away on May 23rd.

Marriages of Sons and Daughters

Bryan Albertella, Hastings, on May 19th, to Miss Marion Daws.

Betty Priest, Tipton, on May 5th, to Frederick W. Hutchins, of Spring Vale, Maine, U.S.A.

GOVER—COMER.—On May 31st, at Brighton. H. Gover, of Leigh-on-sea, to Mrs. Edris Comer. Paul Nuyens was best man.

GRIFFITHS—MORAN.—On May 26th, W. Griffiths, of Blackburn, to Mrs. Moran.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy is sent to the following:

BRIGHT.—To A. G. Bright, of Blackpool, on the sudden death of his son.

ELROD.—To D. Elrod, of Sheffield, and Mrs. Elrod, in the loss of a very dear grandson.

EDWARDS.—To Dorothy Edwards, of Yeovil, whose father has recently died after a short illness.

GRAY.—To D. Gray, of St. Albans, in the loss, in May, of his elder brother. Mr. and Mrs. Gray suffered a further bereavement in the loss of their newly-born grandchild.

HAINSWORTH.—To C. Hainsworth, of Marske-by-the-sea, Yorkshire, on the sudden death of his wife on June 3rd.

McKAY.—To T. McKay, of Brighton, whose mother died suddenly on May 9th. She had come from Edinburgh to stay with Tommy and Mrs. McKay for a few days and she was found dead in bed, a great shock to them both.

MOORE.—To S. J. Moore, of London, S.E.7, whose wife died on June 1st, after a long illness.

NORTHWOOD.—To L. Northwood, of Plympton, whose sister, who was only forty, has recently died. She had been ill for about a year.

RILEY.—To W. B. Riley, of Halifax, whose mother died on May 30th.

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Corporal William George Stock, Gloucestershire Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death on June 5th of W. G. Stock, of Weston-super-Mare. He was 68.

He enlisted at the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war but did not come to St. Dunstan's until November, 1961. Owing to his age then, and the state of his health, he did not enter the Training Centre, but early in May he went for a convalescent holiday to Pearson House. It was realised then that his condition was serious and his wife remained in Brighton to be near her husband. His condition deteriorated and he died at Pearson House on June 5th.

Our deep sympathy is sent to Mrs. Stock and her family.

Private Richard Wenlock, 2nd Scots Guards

With deep regret we record the death of R. Wenlock, of Carshalton, Surrey, but who had for many years been a patient in a Kent hospital. He died there on June 11th, at the age of 72.

He was an old soldier—he had enlisted in 1909—and he was officially discharged from the Army in September, 1917, although he had already come to St. Dunstan's the previous year. For a while he was a poultry farmer but later he took up basket-making and this he carried on until May, 1934, when he was admitted as a war service patient to Chartham Hospital, where he remained until his death.

He leaves a widow and two sons to whom our deep sympathy goes.

“In Memory”

Private John William Abbs, *8th Bn. Norfolk Regiment*

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home on May 22nd, of J. W. Abbs, of Stibbard, Fakenham. He was 67.

He served with his regiment from 1915 to 1916 and he came to St. Dunstan's that same year. He trained in boot-repairing and mat-making and carried on these occupations for many years. Latterly his health had not been good but he remained continually cheerful.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his sister with whom he made his home.

Private George Armistead, *Royal Flying Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the death on May 7th, of G. Armistead, of North Holmwood, Surrey, at the age of 67.

He had served in the First World War from 1916 until 1918 but came to St. Dunstan's in July, 1946. About four years ago he lost his second wife and was left with one little girl, Doreen, who is now thirteen.

Doreen has now been placed with foster parents who are old friends of her parents.

We send our deep sympathy to Doreen in her great loss, and to his sister in Southport.

Chief Petty Officer Frank Eric Buttery, *Royal Navy*

We have to record with deep regret the death in Norfolk of F. E. Buttery, of Normanton on Soar, Leicestershire. He was 56.

He had served with the Royal Navy from 1924 until 1947. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1949 when he trained in industry but ill-health compelled him to give up work two years ago.

He was staying with friends in Norfolk when he sustained a serious accident from which he did not recover.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Buttery in her loss.

Sergeant Herbert Crabtree, *The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death at Pearson House of H. Crabtree, of Ovingdean, but for many years of North London. He was 67.

Bert Crabtree came from a military family in Bacup, Lancashire, and he himself enlisted in April, 1908. He was severely gassed in the First World War and he received his discharge in March, 1919. Fourteen years later—in October, 1933—he came to St. Dunstan's where he trained as a telephonist and later became operator at St. Dunstan's Headquarters, where he remained until his retirement in May, 1960. The following year he and Mrs. Crabtree moved to Ovingdean but his health, which had not been good during the last few years of his working life, began to deteriorate. He entered hospital and on his discharge went to Pearson House. Again he had to return to hospital, but on June 2nd he was discharged again back to Pearson House where he died two days later.

Bert was for many years a member of the London Club and a founder-member of the Bridge Club. He was also an excellent swimmer and was well-known in his home town, Bacup, for his exhibitions of swimming there in aid of St. Dunstan's.

Our deep sympathy is sent to Mrs. Crabtree and to the other members of his family.

William Benjamin Lowes, *Royal Engineers*

We have to record with deep regret the death of W. B. Lowes, of Hornsey, N.8. He was 87 and he died at his home on June 13th.

He had served from 1916 until December, 1918, but he did not come to us until April of this year when he was in his 87th year. He had been bedridden for some time and had been nursed devotedly by his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Smith.

Our deep sympathy is sent to Mrs. Smith and to the other members of his family.

Private Thomas Milner, *18th King's Liverpool Regiment*

It is with deepest regret that we have to record the sudden death on June 4th of T. Milner, of Maghull, Liverpool, at the age of 65.

Tommy Milner served from 1914 until 1916, being wounded at Marcourt, and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1916. For over forty years he worked for the Royal National Institute for the Blind at Liverpool, retiring only on January 1st of this year. His death occurred very suddenly at Dover just as he was returning from holiday in Italy.

Tommy was the popular Honorary Secretary of the Liverpool Club and known to hundreds of other St. Dunstaners in all parts of the country, and all will mourn the passing of a good comrade.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his widow and the members of the family.

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