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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Double Handicap

ON another page will be found reports of the Handless Reunion and the Deaf-Blind Reunion, both of which took place recently at Ovingdean.

We have tried in various ways over many years to reduce the frustrations and difficulties which double handicaps must cause. For the handless, gadgets of all kinds have been provided, more particularly adaptations to the Talking Book, wireless set, etc., to enable them to be operated; also aids for eating, drinking, shaving and so on. For the deaf, we have perhaps been less successful because the problem is essentially so difficult of solution. No doubt braille is the greatest comfort to those deaf-blind men who can use it and we have therefore encouraged this in every way. For example, I carry on a considerable correspondence with some of my deaf-blind friends in Braille. We have also asked as many members of the staff as possible to learn the manual language and I am glad to say that they and a number of St. Dunstaners have also mastered it so that they may talk to their deaf colleagues when they meet them in our Homes or at Reunions: this has made a very real contribution and is deeply appreciated.

I would like to place on record that St. Dunstan's will always welcome any suggestions from doubly handicapped men or from their friends as to any directions in which further technical help may be given.

Those of us who have had but one handicap to trouble us have the greatest admiration for our comrades who have to put up with two or more.

The Engine Named "St. Dunstan's"

Just over twenty-five years ago—on April 17th, 1937—at a little ceremony at Euston Station, it was my pleasure and privilege to name a new L.M.S. railway engine, "St. Dunstan's." There were a number of St. Dunstaners present on that occasion who formed a guard of honour and later were able to examine the brass nameplates in the form of St. Dunstan's badge which had been set up on either side of the engine.

That same locomotive has now been withdrawn from service and broken up and the two nameplates, beautifully polished and re-painted, have been offered to St. Dunstan's by the London Midland Region of British Railways and we have most gladly accepted them. One will be placed over the front door at Headquarters.

Built in 1930, the "St. Dunstan's" engine had been used on express passenger trains from Crewe to North Wales, Liverpool, Manchester and North West England, and had run a

total mileage between 1930 and August, 1961, of 1,266,776 miles. This type of engine had been called the "Baby Scot" since it was a smaller edition of the "Royal Scot" engine, then the largest passenger locomotive on the system. Mechanically minded St. Dunstaners might like to know the principal dimensions:

Cylinders (3)	18 ins. x 26 ins.	<i>Weight in Working Order:</i>
Boiler pressure	200 lbs. per sq. in.	80 tons 15 cwt. <i>engine</i>
Driving wheels	6 ft. 9 in. diameter	42 tons 14 cwt. <i>tender</i>
Heating surface	1,735 sq. ft.	Length over buffers, 62 ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
Tractive effort	26,520 lbs.	

When I christened the engine I thanked the porters and train crews of the railways for the kindly personal service which they had always given to blind people. As we all know, that help has continued over the years and now I am glad again to have this opportunity of expressing on behalf of all St. Dunstaners our appreciation of their friendly services, and to thank British Railways for their thoughtful gesture.

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Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Service

The 41st anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Pearson, Bt., C.B.E., Founder of St. Dunstan's, is on Sunday, December 9th, and to commemorate this, a Service will be held at Ovingdean in the Chapel at 11.30 a.m. At the Service there will be a Dedication of Banners, presented to St. Dunstan's by an American friend, by the Lord Bishop of Chichester, who will also give an Address. The Lesson will be read by our President, Sir Neville Pearson, and the Service conducted by the Reverend W. J. Taylor.

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On the morning of Saturday, December 8th, a party of St. Dunstaners will leave Headquarters for Hampstead Cemetery where a wreath will be placed upon Sir Arthur's grave.

Subscriptions of not more than one shilling towards the wreath should be sent to Mr. Lloyds at 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

Remembrance Day, 1962

A number of St. Dunstaners were present at the Cenotaph on Sunday, November 11th. Lord Fraser was also present at the parade.

St. Dunstaners also took part in the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, November 10th, which Lord and Lady Fraser also attended.

The Bristol Reunion

The last of the 1962 Provincial Reunions, having been postponed owing to the smallpox outbreak in South Wales in April, was held at the Grand Spa Hotel, Bristol, on Saturday, 27th October.

Lord Fraser, accompanied by Lady Fraser, presided at the luncheon which was attended by no less than 56 St. Dunstaners from South Wales and the surrounding counties. Guests included Miss F. Lloyd, Miss D. Oliphant and Mrs. P. Robertson-Glasgow, who has recently revived the annual party for local St. Dunstaners at Hinton Charterhouse.

Replying to a vote of thanks most eloquently proposed by Mr. S. Gobourn, Cheltenham, in which he paid tribute to Lord Fraser's forty years' work for St. Dunstan's, the Chairman replied:

"At this, our last Reunion of the year, I send a message of thanks to all those who attended Reunions throughout the country this year for the votes of thanks which they passed and which were conveyed to me.

My wife and I deeply appreciated the good wishes of our many St. Dunstan's friends."

Retirement

C. A. Hancock, of West Drayton, has retired from his firm, Tricos, after fifteen years' service there as a packer. His workmates gave him an inscribed braille wrist watch and the company sent him a letter of thanks and good wishes, to which we add our own.

The Ilkley Bridge Contest

From the *Sunday Telegraph*, November 4th: "Probably the oldest post-war bridge congress is the one which is held annually at Ilkley in aid of St. Dunstan's. Last week-end the congress celebrated its 16th anniversary at the Craiglands Hotel.

Originally the idea of the Ilkley committee for St. Dunstan's, the venture was an immediate success and has increased steadily in popularity under the respective chairmanships of two well-known Yorkshire personalities, the late George Nelson and Geoffrey Fell.

The congress started in 1946 when about 80 players attended, mainly from Yorkshire, and St. Dunstan's received £77. Last year the various competitions attracted more than 500 entries from all over Britain and the eventual donation to St. Dunstan's was £1,000.

One of the highlights of the week-end is the visit of a team of blind bridge players representing St. Dunstan's. Using braille cards, the players enter for all the major events and this year two of the team, Charles Gover and Paul Nuyens, won an open pairs event and finished ninth out of 84 in the championship pairs. From an entry which contained at least 10 international players, this was a remarkable feat of concentration and memory."

R. A. PRIDAY.

In Parliament

Speaking in the House of Lords on November 1st in the debate on the Address in reply to the Queen's Speech, Lord Fraser said:

"There is a line in the gracious Speech which mentions the war pensioners, whose interests have been a care of mine for many years. I rejoice at that and I thank Her Majesty's Government for having inserted that line. What they have said is that during the year they will be considering the raising of pensions for ex-civil servants, ex-military persons, and they say that the war pensioners will also have their case taken into account. I only want to express my gratitude for that and to say that there is a case, which I will not make now, but which can be elaborated and will be put before Ministers by the British Legion, the Royal Air Force Association, St. Dunstan's and other societies who co-operate in this matter, and I hope Ministers

will listen to this case and, before the year is out, will have dealt with it.

I will just remind the House there are three-quarters of a million war pensioners. Some 24,000 of them die each year; the account which the taxpayer has to meet on their behalf is falling. Therefore it would be possible this year, as it was two or three years ago, to bring their pensions into line with the rise in the cost of living that has taken place, without imposing a harsh burden on the Treasury. The Ministry of Labour has just made a survey of the standard of living—not the cost of living, but the standard of living—in the homes of Britain, and has published the report, which shows that in the average home in Britain 13s. 6d. a week more was spent last year than in the previous year. The standard of living has risen by that amount. It is the Government's policy to see to it that war pensioners enjoy not only changes in the cost of living but also changes in the standard of living which are enjoyed by the people as a whole."

Cardiff Club Notes

The Annual General Meeting of the Cardiff Club was held at the Headquarters of the British Legion, on Saturday, November 3rd. The following officers were elected for the next twelve months: *Chairman*: J. Caple. *Secretary*: A. C. Evans. *Treasurer*: H. Pople. *Committee Member*: D. Williams.

Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Lucocq were elected to look after refreshments.

Having disposed of the business side of the Club, we went on to enjoy our usual monthly meeting, and to play dominoes, cards and darts, and after tea, a few games of housey.

The next monthly meeting will be held on December 8th instead of the 1st of the month, that being the day for our Christmas Dinner at the Bristol Hotel.

We will always be pleased to welcome new members to our Club. We can assure them of a very pleasant afternoon.

A. C. EVANS,
Secretary.

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Anthony Naumann, whose book of poems, "Flame in the Dark," was published on November 12th, was interviewed on BBC television that evening in the programme, "Town and Around."

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I seem to think there is Government legislation afoot to stop the use of car horns unless in an emergency. Like most of us who get about a lot, I feel certain that many will agree that the use of the horn is not by any means extensive and hardly worth legislation to stop its use. But the other day it did occur to me that from the point of view of many blind and blinded persons, this may fall as a definite disadvantage, not only from the safety point of view but from a friendly point of view. Many of my friends and acquaintances hoot at me on their horns when passing and I acknowledge, and this is a means of contact which would otherwise be impossible.

It may be a small point but I wonder how many of you may feel that this bit of legislation is not only unnecessary but also, from the point of view of many like us, a deprivation of a means of salutation and friendship from passing friends in this ever increasingly mobile age, when we still foot-slog on?

Yours sincerely,
P. B. BAKER,
St. Austell.

DEAR EDITOR,

A few weeks ago when walking through a country town with some friends, I heard the clip clop of hoofs coming along the road and I said to one of my friends, "Isn't it lovely to hear the sound of a horse in these days of everlasting motor traffic?" You can imagine my surprise when my friend laughingly replied, "That's not a horse, Arthur, it's a lady wearing stiletto-heeled shoes."

It just shows how wrong we fellows can be. I really must be more careful next time. Would you call this "horse sense?"

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR LOVERIDGE,
Warehorne, Kent.

DEAR EDITOR,

The article in last month's REVIEW about the revival of rowing for the blind recalled an incident which occurred when my eldest son was 14 years old.

We had a sailing dinghy which we kept anchored in the harbour about half a mile across the bay from our cottage.

The boy had been sailing and pulled his boat on to the beach beside the cottage;

it had been a lovely morning but by lunch time there were evident signs of fog. Knowing how quickly these summer time coastal fogs develop, my husband and son quickly put to sea to row over to the harbour. The sea was very calm and flowing without a sound; very soon it was obliterated by a thick white substance which muffled all sound.

Usually it takes fifteen minutes to row over to the harbour so I was quite convinced they would reach there before the fog fell. The next hour passed and no-one returned. With mounting panic I walked on to the beach—walking, I hoped, in the direction of the harbour—and very soon, to my surprise, I reached it only to find no boat, no son, no husband.

By this time I was nearly hysterical, imagining the boy losing all sense of direction and rowing out to sea. I imagined his fear on realising he was lost and didn't know which way to go. At this point I heard the soft splash of oars and the familiar creak of rowlocks. There before my eyes appeared the dinghy with crew quite safe.

"Wherever have you been?" I snapped, relief overcoming anxiety, to which they casually replied that they'd been thirsty, and went back to the cottage for a drink. "Do you realise you've been gone for an hour and I've been frantic with worry. How did you find your way?" "That was easy," said the boy, "Dad guided me across. I rowed and he leaned over the back with the boat-hook and kept measuring the depth of the water. If it came above his hands we pulled in towards the beach. Also, Dad could hear the water breaking on the sand so we knew which way we were going."

Of course, I should have realised that my husband doesn't panic. I should have remembered he was once a crack oarsman. There's lots of things I *should* have remembered but somehow didn't. Will I ever learn?

Yours, grey-hairedly,
(Mrs.) D. THOMPSON,
Gateshead.

Wanted

A St. Dunstaner wishes to buy two ladies' bicycles for his daughters. Good condition essential. Please send details, including price required, to Mr. C. D. Wills, at Headquarters.

The Handless Reunion

The Handless Reunion was held at Ovingdean during the week-end beginning October 11th. A feature of this Reunion-Conference is always the exchange of much information concerning the special devices developed by our Research Department to help our doubly handicapped friends.

An excellent programme of entertainment was provided, including dinner at the Dudley Hotel, Hove, on Monday, October 15th, when Lord Fraser presided. Lord Fraser said: "There has been much public discussion recently on the question of disability through which, on one side, there has been a tendency to regard severe disability as 'almost insurmountable.' You show, by your everyday lives, that there are many apparently formidable obstacles which with courage, forethought and ingenuity, can be overcome."

The Deaf Reunion

The Muffled Drums Meet Again

The Muffled Drums rolled once more on the 1st November at Ovingdean when a very good dinner was enjoyed with our President, Sir Neville Pearson. We were pleased, too, to have with us on this occasion Lady Onslow. Sir Neville entertained us with some good stories after dinner and one of the Drums rolled out our thanks to Sir Neville and Lady Onslow whilst our old comrade, Joe, thanked Matron, Commandant and staff.

Friday found us early on our way to London where we visited the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. This had been arranged by Colonel Ansell with Colonel J. Miller, Crown Equerry. We were most interested in the royal coaches, the harness and the horses.

We then went along to the Houses of Parliament where we were entertained to lunch in the House of Commons by Lord and Lady Fraser. Here we were joined by Colonel Ansell and Sir Brunel Cohen who lost both legs in the 1914-1918 war, and who as an M.P. did so much for the disabled and others. After our Chairman, Colonel Ansell, and Sir Brunel Cohen had spoken, one of the Drums rolled again our appreciation and thanks.

On Saturday morning we had a special meeting and owing to the nature of the business, we held this at the "White Horse," Rottingdean. Joe took the chair and a drink

too. Sunday found us being entertained to tea at Pearson House by Matron Avison and her staff which we all enjoyed. Another enjoyable tea-party was held on Monday afternoon with Mr. C. Wills, Miss P. J. Rogers and Mr. Norman French and in the evening we all went to Stroods for our Farewell Dinner. Here the Commandant spoke and said how pleased he was to have us around him and what pleasure we brought to him and his staff. Then the Drums rolled out again and Joe delivered his customary speech thanking St. Dunstan's for once more providing us with such a fine Reunion.

Then the Drums went rolling home.
THE DRUM MAJOR.

Shooting Competitions

Handless Reunion Shooting Competition

At the Handless Reunion in October, a Shooting Competition was again held. Results were as follows:—

	First Five	Second Five
D. Bell	17	42
W. Wrigley	21	38
W. Griffiths	24	36
R. Brett	24	31
E. Higgs	16	30
E. Miller	14	30
C. Kelk	8	30
R. Slade	17	30
J. Majkut	23	29
W. Lethbridge	27	28
J. Loska	21	27
R. Vincent	11	27
G. Obern (Mrs.)	15	24
S. Southwell	9	24
W. Richardson	13	17
T. Gaygan	13	17

Four direct bulls were scored during the Competition by J. Majkut (2 bulls), R. Slade and D. Bell (1 bull each).

The Competition winner was David Bell with W. Wrigley second and W. Griffiths third. This is the second time David has won the Competition and he was warmly congratulated on this achievement.

St. Dunstan's v. Southdown Motors

When a Rifle Team from Southdown Motors visited Ovingdean recently, they succeeded in beating St. Dunstan's team by 59 points. Team scores: St. Dunstan's, 111 points; Southdown, 170. The best individual scores were attained by J. Vine (Southdown) with 41 out of a possible 50 and P. Stubbs (St. Dunstan's) with 31 out of a possible 50.

From All Quarters

Paul Baker, physiotherapist at St. Austell, Cornwall, has been appointed President of the local branch of the British Legion. His election took place on the twentieth anniversary of the battle of El Alamein, in which he took part.

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R. Goding, of Winchester, and T. Bice, of Southbourne, both St. Dunstan's trained telephonists, have joined their local Civil defence units as telephone operators.

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H. Frost, of Manchester, is on the Parents' Committee of the local Scout Group and is also helping with a youth club.

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F. Steventon, of Lisburn, Co. Antrim, laid the wreath at the Belfast Cenotaph on November 11th.

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H. A. Dakin, of Blackpool, recently appeared in a Sheila Buxton show on B.B.C. television sitting as a guest at a table in a cabaret show.

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More gardening successes. Three prizes for S. Purvis, of Seghill, Northumberland, for his leeks (not quite so successful this year but still very good). For F. Mills, of Tavistock, a first for geraniums and a second for tomatoes at the Tavistock Show (Blind Section); and more high awards for F. C. Fulbrook, of Edgware, for his chrysanthemums. Mr. Fulbrook, who is a specialist in this class, took two first prizes and the Smallholder Championship bronze medal for the best Exhibition Chrysanthemum (Members' Class); the "Mollison Way" Coronation Trophy for two large Exhibition Chrysanthemums (Japs); and the Warden Tankard for the best Exhibit (any variety) at the Edgware and District Chrysanthemum Show.

A St. Dunstan's Tiepin?

J. Delaney, of Taunton, asks if St. Dunstan's will produce a tie-pin composed of a small St. Dunstan's badge.

We already have an ordinary-sized badge with a pin instead of the old buttonhole type of back.

Before deciding whether to produce a new, small tie-pin, the Welfare Department would welcome opinions from St. Dunstaners to show whether a sufficient number would be required to warrant manufacture.

Mrs. H. C. Irvine

St. Dunstaners everywhere will learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. H. C. Irvine. Mrs. Irvine died on October 25th after a long illness. She was 62.

Formerly Katharine Paterson, "Sister Pat," as she was known to us all, came to St. Dunstan's just after the First World War as Sports Sister to help with the rowing on Regent's Park lake, and it was there that she met Hugh Irvine, an Oxford rowing man and a voluntary coach for us. They were married in June, 1926.

Sister Pat joined us after the Second War, acting as Matron of one of our houses, "Battlefield," at Church Stretton, from 1941 until 1946.

The funeral took place at Chester on October 30th and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Robinson, of Northwich, represented St. Dunstan's.

Lord Fraser writes: "Many St. Dunstaners of both World Wars are grateful to Sister Pat for having guided and helped them in their early steps towards their new lives in darkness; they will remember her with deep affection and mourn her loss."

Mr. F. H. Edwards

We have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. F. H. Edwards, a Poultry Visitor for thirty-two years until his retirement in 1951. Mr. Edwards, who joined our King's Langley Farm in 1919 and later became Northern Poultry Visitor, died on October 17th after an operation. He was 77 and had been ill only two days, although he had been totally blind for some time. He lived with his sister of 80, who is also blind.

The funeral took place at Terrington, York. All the villagers came to pay their last tribute and also among those present were Mrs. E. M. King, our Welfare Visitor, and our old friends, the Misses Pease.

David McLaren, of Stockton-on-Tees, writes:

"Mr. Edwards was a true friend and welcome visitor to all St. Dunstan's poultry farmers in Scotland and Northern England, and they will be much distressed to hear the sad news of his death. His was a life of true service and his visits always made us more cheerful and hopeful, particularly when we were experiencing a period of misfortune in chick rearing or egg production."

Charles Thompson

W. Collins, of Bognor Regis, writes:

"They only fade away"—the final line of a marching song used extensively during the 1914-1918 war. It was foot-slogging for the poor old infantryman so the use of a song served its purpose.

Now 1914 St. Dunstaners are fading away and we who are still marching along the road remember many old friends who have left us. I, for my part, and I venture to think many more like myself, on receipt of the REVIEW turn to the "In Memory" section for the first reading and with some feeling of uncertainty and a measure of apprehension, start to read the names of St. Dunstaners who have left us. These monthly lists cannot fail to bring a sadness to somebody who remembers the friendship of days gone by as a name appears of a comrade gone ahead.

So I write to pay a tribute to my friend, Charles Thompson, of Windsor. I have been looking forward to meeting him this month at the Bridge Congress but this is now impossible. Charlie, who was well known to many of the old brigade, was a great lover of bridge and I was privileged to partner him in many games at Headquarters. I think that a good idea of anybody's character is to watch how he loses at cards and, in a minor way, how he also wins. Charles was a good loser. He was a true Cockney; having a brand of humour peculiar to Cockneys, he saw humour everywhere. His modest manner and lack of ego endeared him to us all and I feel a sense of loss at his passing."

Family News

Their friends will hear with deep regret that Mrs. Audrey Gaygan has lost her father. He was Mr. Edward Jackson, J.P., a well-known Shrewsbury resident. He died while on holiday at Fleetwood, at the age of 75.

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Ian Ward, son of Roy Ward, of St. Leonard's-on-Sea, has passed his Final Bar examinations and will be called to the Bar by the Middle Temple on November 27th. Mr. Roy Ward's other son, Gordon, is also now reading for the Bar.

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Daphne Rutledge, Belfast, has passed her final nursing examinations and is now S.R.N.

Sixteen years old Judith Robinson, daughter of our Canadian St. Dunstaner W. M. Robinson, of Northwich, Cheshire, was presented to the Princess Royal at the Girl Guides Senior Branch Rally in London on November 4th. One Land, one Sea and one Air Ranger and one cadet representing the four sections were chosen to be presented and Judith was chosen to represent the Air Rangers.

Marriages of Sons and Daughters.

On August 31st, Gladys Foster, Co. Tyrone, to Charles Todd.

Barbara Meleson, Hendon, N.W.4, on October 28th, to Phillip Preston.

Anthony Brooks, Littlehampton, on October 20th, to Anne Christie.

Birth

BULBROOK.—On October 24th, to the wife of G. E. Bulbrook, of Portadown, Northern Ireland, a son—Robert James.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:

BOWEN.—To G. Bowen, of Chalfont St. Giles, whose brother died on October 7th. For many years a member of the Shropshire Imperial Yeomanry, Captain John Bowen enlisted at the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war and went to France with the Household Cavalry Brigade, being severely wounded at Mons. He was a very active member of the Old Contemptibles Association and other wartime organisations.

CORK.—To W. F. Cork, of Rhodes Minnis, whose wife died on April 20th. We ask Mr. Cork to accept our apologies for this delayed notice.

KNOPP.—To H. A. Knopp, of Worksop, whose brother has recently died.

MUNRO.—To D. S. Munro, of Aberdeen, in the loss of his wife on November 8th.

ROBINSON.—To L. Robinson, of Ovingdean, whose father died on October 25th.

Great-Grandfathers

R. White, of King's Lynn (he wonders if, at the age of 63, he is the youngest great-grandfather in St. Dunstan's); H. Chadwick, of St. Helens, for the fourth time.

"In Memory"

Private Samuel Doell, *Royal Army Medical Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the death on November 6th of Sam Doell, of Henfield, Sussex. He would have been 83 at the end of next month.

He enlisted in December, 1914, and was discharged from the Army in April, 1917. It was not until February, 1953, that he came to St. Dunstan's. Owing to his age he did not undertake training, but he always found great pleasure in his two hobbies, his wireless and his garden. Mr. and Mrs. Doell were a very devoted couple and in June, 1960, they celebrated their Golden Wedding. Towards the end of October it was necessary for him to be admitted to hospital. Upon his discharge he was taken to Pearson House where he died shortly afterwards.

Our deep sympathy is sent to Mrs. Doell in her great loss.

Private David Gray, *Black Watch Regiment*

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on October 18th of David Gray, of St. Albans. He was 69.

He served with the Black Watch from 1914 to 1916, being wounded at Bray. He came immediately to St. Dunstan's and trained as a physiotherapist. He had been ill for some time but his death came quite suddenly. He was a keen bridge player and he will be missed by his friends at the Ovingdean Congress, which he regularly attended.

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

Private Bertram Cecil Nobbs, *Hampshire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of B. C. Nobbs, of Purbrook, Hampshire, at the age of 69.

He served during the First World War from 1916 but only came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1953, when his age and poor health ruled out any training. His condition had gradually deteriorated and we knew that he was seriously ill. He passed away on October 24th.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family who live near and our deep sympathy is sent to them in their loss.

Private Thomas Noon, *Liverpool Regiment*

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on October 29th of T. Noon, of Manchester. He was 86.

He served in the First World War from February, 1916, until June of the same year. He was the victim of a mustard gas attack and thirty-three years later—in 1949—he was admitted to St. Dunstan's, but unfortunately his age ruled out any training.

To Mrs. Noon and the other members of his family we send an expression of our sincere sympathy.

Private John Alphonso Thompson, *Labour Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the death at the age of 71 of J. A. Thompson, a resident at Pearson House.

He enlisted in May, 1917, and served until February, 1920, being admitted to St. Dunstan's two years later. He trained on wool rugs and netting work but owing to his poor health, was not able to undertake full-time training. He was then living at Woodingdean and he continued to work at his hobbies until the death of Mrs. Thompson in 1960, when he became a resident at Pearson House. On October 25th he was admitted to Brighton General Hospital but died there on the same day.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Page, his wife's sister, and her husband, who were his only remaining relatives.

Grandfathers

F. Duxbury, of Liverpool; W. Millward, of High Wycombe, (their son's wife has given birth to twins making them grandparents for the twenty-fifth time); W. Bramson, of Brighton, (the tenth grandchild); and another grandchild for C. Temperton, of Hull, (Clariss has had a daughter).

Golden Wedding

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Morgan, of Tredegar, South Wales, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on October 26th.

Ruby Weddings

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. B. Bentley, of Stoke-on-Trent, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Cornwell, of Rottingdean. Both couples celebrated their Ruby Wedding on October 28th.

Brighton Club Notes

NOTE:—The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Winter Garden, Ovingdean, at 7 p.m. on *Thursday, December 13th*, to be followed by whist and dominoes.

Every St. Dunstaner, with an escort, is cordially invited.

FRANK A. RHODES.