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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

It's Nice to Hear of Old Friends

MY wife and I had an avalanche of Christmas cards from St. Dunstaners, friends of St. Dunstan's and others. Every part of the British Isles was represented and I call to mind greetings from Honolulu, Ottawa, Auckland, Melbourne and Port Elizabeth. Every card conjures up a memory of a person and a place and perhaps of an incident or something we did together or something we had in common perhaps ten, twenty or even forty years ago.

The Honolulu card was from Harris Turner, an old Canadian St. Dunstaner, and it reminded me of the fact that he and I played bridge together twenty or thirty years ago in a yacht somewhere off Vancouver Island. We were fog-bound and having no braille cards with us, I painfully made a pack with a skewer from the galley.

The card from Port Elizabeth reminded me of a very new St. Dunstaner, Miss Iris de Reuck, whom I only met two or three years ago and she told me that she was now an amateur radio transmitter on 20 and 40 metre bands. This is a fine hobby for St. Dunstaners and I think we ought to have a complete list of those who practise it all over the world. If they will write to the Editor, we will print names, addresses and call signs in the REVIEW in two or three months' time.

We cannot answer all the individual messages which accompanied our Christmas cards but we thank the senders from our hearts.

New Matron of St. Dunstan's

In March next Miss Frances Ramshaw retires from the post of Matron of St. Dunstan's and Mrs. N. J. Blackford has been appointed to take her place. Miss Ramshaw has reached retiring age after twenty years of service for St. Dunstan's from her early days as a braille teacher at Church Stretton to the present time, and when she leaves, warm tributes will be paid to her for her notable work.

Mrs. Blackford will come to Ovingdean in the middle of February to work under Miss Ramshaw for a time to learn about our ways, and she will then take over the Matron's duties about the middle of March.

The vacancy was advertised so that applications could be made by persons at present working for St. Dunstan's and from a wider field.

Early last year in anticipation of this matter, St. Dunstan's Council appointed a Sub-

Committee consisting of Sir Neville Pearson as its Chairman, Lady Fraser, Colonel M. P. Ansell, Mr. D. G. Hopewell and myself, *ex officio*, with Mr. A. D. Lloyds as Secretary, to select and recommend a new Matron. The Committee have unanimously chosen Mrs. Blackford.

During the war Mrs. Blackford was a member of the W.A.A.F. in which she rose to the rank of Squadron Officer and held a Staff appointment. Thereafter she was married for several years and then widowed, and for a few years has been engaged in hospital administration where she gained experience as an Almoner and in other capacities.

We wish Mrs. Blackford the best of luck in her very important post and we feel confident that the Commandant, Mr. L. Fawcett, the members of the staff, and all St. Dunstaners who reside at or visit Ovingdean from time to time will give her a warm welcome and every help.

Mr. J. C. Colligan, C.B.E.

I congratulate Mr. J. C. Colligan, O.B.E., Secretary General of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, on being promoted to Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours List.

Mr. Colligan is the chief permanent officer of the Institute and as such, a leading figure in the blind world. He has done much over many years to promote co-operation and understanding between societies of and for the blind and St. Dunstan's has benefited directly from his work.

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Personal

A very sincere "thank you" to all St. Dunstaners and their wives who have sent me such attractive Christmas cards; the words they contain are a mark of friendship which I so value. You know that I should like to write to each one but as this is not possible, I send you my very best wishes, hoping that the New Year will bring you much happiness and good health, also to your families.

MATRON RAMSHAW.

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I have received so many lovely Christmas cards and I would like to thank all St. Dunstaners most sincerely for them. I appreciate your kind thought so much. I wish you all a year of much happiness.

MATRON AVISON.

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I should like to thank all St. Dunstaners who sent me Christmas cards. I am so sorry that I cannot reply personally as I received so many but I reciprocate most heartily their good wishes and hope that they will all keep well in 1963.

Dr. O'HARA.

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All of us here in Northern Area office at Headquarters would like to send our very

grateful thanks to the large number of St. Dunstaners who sent us greetings at Christmas. We had such a profusion of cards that it would be impossible to answer them all individually, so we hope that you will accept our very best wishes to you all for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

M. A. MIDGLEY,
Area Superintendent (North).

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Every December our offices at Headquarters have a "new look" of gaiety, and the spirit of Christmas goodwill is shared with you all. In thanking St. Dunstaners and their families for their Christmas and New Year greeting cards and gifts may we send, through the REVIEW, our sincere good wishes for a happy year in 1963. Our Southern Area Welfare Visitors have also received several hundred greeting cards and I know the Visitors will wish me to include their personal thanks as well as to say it is their intention to thank everyone personally, either by letter or when they make their next visit to your home.

A Happy New Year to you all.

P. J. ROGERS,
Area Superintendent (South).

Grandfathers

W. Shotter, of Ilford; W. Webb, of Great Houghton, Northants.; A. Stanbridge, of Felixstowe (a daughter for Mrs. J. Parry).

London Club Notes

Important Notice

The London Club will in future not be open on Tuesdays, but on Thursdays only from two o'clock onwards.

The Saturday afternoon opening remains as before.

Bridge

Friday evening, November 23rd, saw some thirty members of St. Dunstan's Bridge Club gathered together for the Annual General Meeting under the chairmanship of the Commandant. G. P. Brown opened the Meeting with an account of the year's activities. It was generally agreed that the programme had been a very full and entertaining one. The election of the new Committee was next and the following members were re-elected: G. P. Brown (Captain); S. Webster (Treasurer); with J. Fleming, F. Jackson and H. Gover.

Several points were raised during the evening and after discussion were handed over to the Committee to deal with. One, in particular, I would like to mention—the proposal by H. Gover to hold a dinner in 1963, the 25th anniversary of the Club.

The winners of the League Competition (London Section) for the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Cup were Messrs. W. Bishop and F. Winter. The runners-up were Messrs. L. Douglas and F. Jackson.

After a vote of thanks to the retiring Committee for the good work they had done during the year, and to the chairman, Commandant Fawcett, the meeting closed.

The Congress

Saturday morning saw the players seated ready to commence battle, Commandant opened the proceedings with a word of welcome to the ladies and gentlemen who had given up their week-end to act as markers and wished us all "Good Luck." From then on, Mr. A. E. Fields took over, assisted by Mr. C. Stokes, and without any doubt at all, these two gentlemen did a wonderful job. The whole week-end was a great success. The winners of the competitions are given below.

Our Congress programme was as follows: On Saturday morning, the eliminating round for the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Cup (pairs), the final being played on Sunday morning. On Saturday afternoon the Teams of Four event for the Sir Arthur

Pearson Memorial Cup; on Sunday morning a Bridge Drive for those who were unlucky in the No. 1 event, and on Sunday afternoon, the Drummer Downs Cup.

A wonderful week-end was brought to a close with Matron Ramshaw presenting the prizes to the winners and thanking all those who had helped to make it such a success. G. P. Brown then presented Matron with a bouquet on behalf of the members of the Bridge Club.

RESULTS

Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Cup (Pairs).

1st H. Gover and P. Nuyens.

2nd W. Bishop and R. Freer.

3rd Miss B. Simons and Mrs. V. Formstone.

Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Cup (Fours).

1st A. Caldwell and M. Delaney.

F. Rhodes and E. Carpenter.

2nd F. Matthewman and J. Simmons.

S. Webster and L. Douglas.

3rd T. Roden and J. C. Owen.

G. C. Andrews and F. Winter.

Drummer Downs Cup.

C. Kelk and L. Douglas.

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Our Christmas Bridge Drive was a very enjoyable one; Mr. H. D. Rice presented the prizes to the winners.

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Our 1963 programme of fixtures has now been printed and I shall be very glad indeed to send a copy to anyone who is interested. I hope that some of our younger St. Dunstaners who play bridge will give the Club a try. As a telephone operator on a busy board, I have always found that a quiet game of bridge offered the relaxation that I needed. To the onlooker, bridge may seem to be complicated. This is not so, and you will find when you have played several games that the idea will soon come to you.

St. Dunstan's Bridge Club has at the moment forty members but I would like to see this number greatly increased. Our Chairman has suggested a special Bridge Week-end for newcomers to the game. I would like to add that if any St. Dunstaner, of either sex, in or near London would like to learn bridge and would get in touch with me at the London Club, I am certain I can arrange a special session for them any Saturday afternoon.

G.P.B.

Christmas Competition Result

The correct solution to last month's quadruple acrostic was as follows:

P a R a P e T
A v A r I c E
N u G g E t S
G r E a S e S

We are awarding three prizes of five guineas each and first out of the hat for them were W. V. Chitty, of Hove; B. J. Fryer, of Wallington, Surrey; and J. S. Hodgson, of Fotheringhay, Peterborough.

Mr. Fred Duff

St. Dunstan's walkers will hear with real regret that Fred Duff who has for many years acted as an escort in their walks, has been told by surgeons at the Middlesex Hospital that he must not race-walk any more. X-rays have shown that the ball and socket of his right hip is worn out. Mr. Duff writes: "I was so looking forward to helping Roy Mendham from Chadwell Heath to prepare for the London to Brighton and back next July. We had planned to do a 30-40 mile stroll every three weeks for the next two months then to increase to around 50 miles the following two months. Now for me as well as for Roy this has to happen. I would have so loved to prepare him to be the third St. Dunstan's walker to become a Centurion (to cover 100 miles inside 24 hours). The first St. Dunstan's Centurion, Archie Brown, was an effort I shall always be proud of. We became Centurions together after many hours and miles of strolling, including all-night strolls. Then we had Les Dennis whom I had a hand in getting "home" at his first attempt. Up to yesterday I was still looking forward to many more happy outings. However, even though I will no longer be able to do escorting I will do all in my power to try to find other escorts for training."

All our walkers will send their sympathy to Mr. Duff in this hard blow.

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When Mrs. A. H. H. Brown, of Cambridge, helped to organise a Concert in aid of the Parents' Association—and very successful it was—our St. Dunstaner was the compère, and an excellent one.

Round the Clubs

Cardiff

Our Christmas Party held on December 1st, at the Bristol and South Wales Hotel was a very small one owing to the sudden illness of two of our members and the absence of our Secretary, Mr. Bert Evans, who was at Ovingdean.

Miss Newbold, our Welfare Visitor, was our guest of honour.

After an enjoyable "Christmas" dinner, we drank a toast to Her Majesty followed by a toast to "Absent Friends."

The surprise appearance of a beautiful iced cake caused a great deal of hilarity. This was a birthday cake which was cut in honour of our very dear and oldest member, Mr. Tom Selby who was 85 years of age on December 2nd.

May I, on behalf of our Club members, wish all friends and staff at Marylebone Road, Pearson House and Ovingdean, a Happy New Year.

A. J. CAPLE,
Chairman.

Brighton

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Thursday, December 13th, 1962, when twenty-six St. Dunstaners, with their escorts, were present.

This was a memorable occasion for the Club; as Mrs. Dacre had kindly and graciously accepted the Presidency, her first initiation was to occupy the chair for the A.G.M.

After the reports and statements had been made by the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer, and adopted, we proceeded with the election of officers for 1963. There being no fresh nominations, F. A. Rhodes was elected Chairman, J. Walch, Vice-Chairman, supported by Messrs. H. Edwicker, T. Kirk and A. Martin.

After our President had presented the Sir Arthur Pearson Prizes, "Ethel" (Miss Whiteman) presented her with flowers and Mr. J. Walch presented flowers to Matron Ramshaw.

F. A. RHODES,
Chairman.

Liverpool

The Liverpool Club has suffered a great loss with the death of Captain Holloway who was President of the Club since its commencement. Words cannot express how deeply we shall feel the loss of our

Talking Book Library

January, 1963. Discs only.

Recording on tape preoccupies our recording studios at this transitional time, hence in my little backwater of mere discs, releases for the Library must perforce be a trickle now, eventually fading away to nothing. That does not mean the books I have to lay before you are less readable than the nasty tapeworms which are ousting all my beautiful records. 'Nuff sentiment, here are the books taking this column into its 15th year I think.

"The Dam Busters," by Paul Brickhill, readers Wallace Greenslade and Peter J. Reynolds, is rather more comprehensive than the title suggests. Admittedly the cracking of the German dams was an ambitious task calling for, besides modified bombers and magnified bombs, a special squadron of hand-picked bomber crews trained relentlessly down to the last boring detail. Thenceforward every delicate precision enterprise was foisted upon this supertrained squadron of ever changing personnel. A most fascinating account of high-g geared unobtrusive discipline. *Cat. No. 886.*

"Enter the Saint," by Leslie Charteris, reader Robert Gladwell, is the usual thrilling romp with the Saint disrupting a considerable portion of the Underworld in his semi-respectable way and emerging, as always, with considerable profit to himself. Highly altruistic is the incorrigible Saint! *Cat. No. 304.*

"Find the Innocent," by Roy Vickers, reader John de Manio, starts with the murder of a tycoon in his office. The story then revolves around three employees on holiday in a nearby lockhouse, his wife and another girl, her cousin. One of the three seems guilty and each covers up for the others during the police enquiry. In addition there's a mystery about one of the wife's rings and financial complications between the woman under the tycoon's will. You try and sort it out! *Cat. No. 273.*

"Grandma Went to Russia," by Antonia Ridge, reader Derek McCulloch, is a very cosmopolitan kind of history of a family. Since Grandma is a governess in Czarist Russia and marries a Russian the family roots and traditions are there. A son is educated in England and the struggle of his children and himself in England and in

Captain. He was loved and admired by all who knew him. He set a splendid example with his cheerfulness and courage; he was always ready to help the Club in any way he could.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Holloway in her sad bereavement. We shall always remember the gallant gentleman who was our President.

V. FORMSTONE.

Staff Retirements

Miss V. M. Radford and Miss M. A. Daly retired from St. Dunstan's service at Christmas.

Miss Radford joined the Appeals Department in January, 1928. In February, 1949, she was transferred to the Welfare Department at Marylebone Road where she subsequently became responsible for the Addressograph and Braille Publications, and also acted as relief telephonist. Her quiet and equable temperament made her one of the most popular members at Headquarters.

Miss Daly joined St. Dunstan's in June, 1936, as a member of the Records Department. For many years now she has had complete charge of that Department. As well as being a well-known and well-liked member of the staff, she was also known to many St. Dunstaners in the North of England who met her when "Northern Area" office was evacuated to Blackpool during the war.

To "Rad" and "Daly" go our warmest good wishes for many happy years of retirement.

Family News

We have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Cook of Mapperley's son-in-law at the age of 35. He was their eldest daughter's husband, he also leaves a thirteen-year old son.

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The news has also reached us of the death of Mrs. H. Jacklin, widow of our late St. Dunstaner, of Patcham, Brighton.

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Joan Lewis, Mitcham, is now a State Registered Nurse.

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Marriages of Sons and Daughters

On November 24th, Christine Laffy, Bradford, to Malcolm Lambert.

France is the main theme of the book. The main connecting thread is the Easter tradition instituted primarily by Grandma but, I fancy, in reality borrowed from Russia. *Cat. No. 291.*

Also released:—

"No Tears for Tomorrow," by Phyllis Mannin, reader John de Manio. *Cat. No. 275.*

NELSON.

From All Quarters

F. Barratt, who has a small café in West Ham, also takes a great deal of interest in public affairs and has twice stood as a candidate in West Ham Borough Council elections. Although he has not so far been elected, he has increased his number of votes quite considerably.

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W. A. L. Purves, of Bristol, who specialises in weaving, is breaking his own rule of never weaving more than two pieces to the same design. Captain Purves (Royal Horse Artillery), attended a Battery Reunion at Colchester some time ago and as a result he is making scarves in the Battery colours. A regular soldier, he has the distinction of having been a pilot also, flying Auster artillery observation aircraft.

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Lord and Lady Fraser visited Brighton at Christmas, going to Pearson House on Christmas Eve and to a service in the Chapel, and the Christmas present gathering at Ovingdean afterwards.

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When the Thomas à Becket Hotel, Worthing, raised a sum of £250 in ten months to train a guide dog, C. W. W. Cooper, ex-councillor, was pictured in the *Worthing Herald* handing the cheque to the Mayor—"a tremendous achievement," Mr. Cooper described their effort.

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E. Miller, of Leamington Spa, took first and second prizes with his tomatoes at the local Flower Show.

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Last month a concert was given in aid of St. Dunstan's by Messrs. Reuben Gaunt and Sons, Ltd., at which several Yorkshire St. Dunstaners were present. Ernest Russell made a speech of thanks, and presentations were made of articles made by St. Dunstaners.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I am wondering if the enclosed press cutting might be of interest to readers of our REVIEW. I had a try at ski-ing two years ago, and although I never graduated from the gentle nursery slopes, I had a wonderful time and felt very fit indeed after the holiday. No doubt, my guiding vision was of some help, but even so, I can thoroughly recommend a winter sports holiday to my fellow St. Dunstaners. If ski-ing does not attract, there is always ice skating and wonderful walks and mountain railway trips with sun thrown in for good measure.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT R. G. LLOYD,

Bournemouth.

(The cutting Mr. Lloyd enclosed with his letter was an illustrated article from the *Ski-ing News Magazine*, published in America. It began, "Physical handicaps don't keep Norwegians from their national sport, ski-ing. With diligence and proper training, even the blind are achieving the ultimate in Nordic pleasures—trail ski-ing alone through the mountains. At Beitostlen in Valdres they are taught the fundamentals of ski-ing by sighted instructors, including former Olympic champion Haakon Brusveen." The accompanying photographs showed skiers being guided along the right course by means of portable radios attached to posts, an instructor demonstrating the use of poles, another showing skiers how to ride the "T-bar lift" and when to release the bar on reaching the top, and a group of skiers learning the importance of rhythm and falling correctly).

DEAR EDITOR,

After reading the Editorial in the *Braille Library Bulletin* (an N.L.B. Northern Branch publication), for December, 1962, I had a thought to write and ask you to publish an extract from the Editor's remarks. Up to eighteen months ago I was unaware such a helpful book for braille readers was available (I had never seen it mentioned in the REVIEW or in a list of braille publications). It was Wally Thomas who brought the book to my notice and it is quite probable that many of my colleagues in St. Dunstan's do not know about the *Braille Library Bulletin*. Here is an extract from the Editor's remarks:

"A number of you reading this issue will be receiving it for the first time.

The object of the "Bulletin," as of its predecessor, the *Northern Library Bulletin*, which began publication in 1948, is primarily to provide an up-to-date catalogue of additions to stock, fully annotated with short notes on each book. The "Bulletin" also serves as a link between the Library and its readers,

There are twice as many subscribers in the area served by the Northern Branch, where, of course, the "Bulletin" has been in circulation for thirteen years. As there are about twice as many readers in the area served by the Library's Headquarters, it is reasonable to suppose that subscribers in that area should be four times as many as at present. . . . We are convinced that many more readers would subscribe to the "Bulletin" if they knew something about it. The next issue, due to be published in February, will contain a complete *List of Additions* to Stock during the year, 1962.

I have found the "Bulletin" an invaluable publication and I shall always be grateful to Wally for bringing it to my notice.

Yours very sincerely,

H. POLLITT,

Farnworth, nr. Bolton.

(The "Bulletin" is issued six times a year and if any Braille Library reader would like to receive copies for an experimental period of one year and will write to Men's Supplies, at Headquarters, Mr. Christopher will arrange this. ED.)

Books to Read or Avoid

"A. E. Housman (*A Divided Life*)," by George L. Watson.

"*Second Movement*," the second part of Spike Hughes' autobiography.

The first of these books is a study of the work and character of A. E. Housman, the author of a book of poetry, "A Shropshire Lad," who was a university don, born and educated at Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. It is a book which would appeal to those of a literary turn of mind.

The other book deals with the life of Spike Hughes from the age of twenty-one up to the forties. It would appeal to anyone interested in jazz, dance bands and their leaders, and show business generally. It is not my kind of music but parts of the book are not without interest even to me.

S. A. CHAMBERS,

Birmingham.

Ovingdean Notes

A Christmas "Cracker Jack"

The staff, from our Commandant and Matron Ramshaw to the bogeys in the engine-room, came to us with ready hands and a warm heart. Our deep thanks go to them. No day was empty of incident.

A coach ride to Fontwell Park Races for the "braves" on December 22nd; the Staff Concert in the Lounge on Christmas Eve, which was a topline show ably compered by our "Comm.," who sprinkled his announcements with jolly anecdotes, to the great amusement of the "shoe-horn" packed audience. A repeat performance please! Lord and Lady Fraser were with us and Lord Fraser addressed us.

Matron Ramshaw had perforce to adopt a "will-o-the-wisp-y" role. She was always very graciously ready to go everywhere and to help. The white-coated orderlies, the V.A.D.'s, the Greys, the Pinkies, the Blueys—were fluttering around like a myriad butterflies.

The dining-room on Christmas Day, when set for the Christmas dinner, presented a scene worthy of the palette and brush of an old master. Picture mentally a vast expanse of snow-white napery, studded with the glitter of the glassware and the sheen of the cutlery, with the soft coloured lighting faintly tinting everything.

In addition to the foregoing pleasures there were whist tournaments, domino tournaments, the Theatre Royal and the Hippodrome visits and a very enjoyable quieter evening on Sunday, December 30th, when Sister Macdonald gave us a gramophone recital, with Matron Ramshaw sitting out the two hours with us.

The drives had to be cancelled because of the heavy snowfalls but a resourceful band of V.A.D.'s put in "Housey-housey" to fill the gap. Though the weather was doing its snowiest it did not chill the spirit of the staff, male and female. They are a fine band of worthwhile people, and we all say to them, "Thank you very much."

Came New Year's Eve with a Gala Dance and the grand finale. Thus closed one of the hardest battles between the staff and the weather, and the staff won. To the drivers of our mobile "crystal palaces"—Harry, Jack and Felix—many thanks.

"BROOKIE."

"Sister Goodey"

Older St. Dunstaners will hear with the deepest regret of the death on December 27th, of Mrs. F. C. Coates, better known to them as "Sister Goodey."

Sister Goodey came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1917, and was a Dispensary Sister for some time, then, for twenty years, Welfare Visitor for part of the London Area and Home Counties. She married our St. Dunstaner, F. C. Coates, in April, 1931. She retired from St. Dunstan's for reasons of health in January, 1945.

She had been ill for some time and our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Coates in his sad loss.

Mr. William Hollis Cocker, C.M.G.

We have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. William Hollis Cocker, C.M.G., Director of New Zealand St. Dunstan's since 1955. Mr. James E. May writes: "The work carried out by Mr. Cocker during the past seven years has made a great contribution to the work of St. Dunstan's and to the lives of many of its members. Himself a blinded man (his wife was killed and he himself lost his sight in a motor accident in 1951), his personal example was an inspiration and reflected determination and courage which earned him the respect of all the blinded ex-servicemen for whom he worked."

Mr. Cocker, who was President and Chancellor of Auckland University for 23 years, was 66.

Miss Gertrude Campbell

St. Dunstaners will hear with deep regret of the death on December 19th, of Miss Gertrude Campbell, a regular escort at Ovingdean since 1946. Miss Campbell was a very valued helper, particularly with our deaf St. Dunstaners in whom she took a great interest, and her loss will be greatly felt.

Mr. A. J. Fitzjohn

It is also with deep regret that we have to record the death of another of our helpers at Brighton, Mr. A. J. Fitzjohn, who had been an escort for over thirty years. Life-President of the British Legion, Brighton Branch, until two years ago when ill-health compelled him to retire, he was also a founder member of Toc H in Brighton, and President of the Toc H Club

for Civilian Blind. He had been in failing health for some time and he passed away very peacefully on November 18th. The Rev. W. J. Taylor officiated at the funeral service which was attended by many friends from St. Dunstan's, Toc H and the British Legion.

Lee-on-Solent Camp

By kind invitation of the Royal Navy, the Lee-on-Solent Camp will be held this year from Friday, August 23rd, to Saturday, August 31st. Please send your entries along as soon as you like. Camp fee: £2. Fares over the first £1, repaid.

AVIS SPURWAY,
The Vicarage, Holmwood, Dorking.

Silver Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Moorley, of Chaddesden, Christmas Day; Mr. and Mrs. P. Wood, of Hyde, Cheshire, December 27th; F. Simonds, of Sholing, Southampton, January 1st. Congratulations, all.

Births

SIMPSON.—In December, to the wife of J. A. Simpson, of Hemel Hempstead, their sixth daughter.

SMITH.—On December 13th, to the wife of D. W. Smith, of Worcester, a daughter.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy is sent to the following:—

BENTLEY.—To F. L. Bentley, of Birmingham, whose mother died on January 8th after having been ill for only a few days.

CHADWICK.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Chadwick, of St. Helens, in the loss of their son on December 20th.

COATES.—To F. C. Coates, of Orpington, whose wife died in hospital on December 27th.

DAKIN.—To H. A. Dakin, of Blackpool, whose brother died on December 23rd.

EDWARDS.—To G. L. Edwards, of Davy-hulme, Manchester, who lost his mother on December 29th.

HAYLOCK.—To J. Haylock, of Great Chesterford, whose brother has died at the age of 91.

PRIEST.—To G. B. Priest, of Birmingham, whose wife died on Christmas Day after much suffering.

"In Memory"

Driver Harry William Bayley, Royal Horse Artillery, Royal Field Artillery and Merchant Navy

We record with deep regret the death of H. W. Bayley, of Mitcham. He was 76.

He served in the Artillery throughout the First World War being discharged in February, 1919. Later he enlisted in the Merchant Navy and during the Second World War he was torpedoed. He came to St. Dunstan's only last April when his age and poor health ruled out any training but in the summer he went to Ovingdean for a holiday and thoroughly enjoyed it. He returned there for Christmas but was taken ill shortly afterwards; he died at Ovingdean on January 6th.

He lived with his sister-in-law and a nephew, to whom we send our sincere sympathy.

Private Percy Cashmore, 3rd Royal Warwickshire Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death at Pearson House of P. Cashmore at the age of 71.

He was a regular soldier when the First World War broke out—he had enlisted in 1911—and he was wounded at Ypres in 1914. When he came to St. Dunstan's in 1917, he trained as a boot repairer and mat-maker, and carried on both these occupations until the outbreak of the Second World War. In 1943 he entered industry to help the war effort and he carried on until 1948. He became a permanent resident at Pearson House in 1955, having previously lived in Birmingham. Although he had not been in very good health of late, his death was sudden and unexpected.

He was a widower and our deep sympathy is sent to his family.

Charles Thomas (James) Francis, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death of J. Francis, of Hastings at the age of 83.

He served from April, 1915, until August, 1917, and he came to St. Dunstan's the following year, becoming a mat-maker and netter. He continued with mat-making until the early 1940's and for some years previously had done mat demonstration work in the windows of one of Hastings' large stores. His wife died in 1959 since when he has been cared for by his daughter, Mrs. James, and he lived with her and her husband and family. He had been in failing health for some time and just before Christmas he was admitted to the Royal Sussex County Hospital where he died on January 9th.

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

Gunner William Hedley Harrison Graham, Royal Field Artillery

With deep regret we record the death on January 13th of W. H. H. Graham, a resident at Pearson House. He was 67.

His war service was from 1918 to 1919 but he only came to St. Dunstan's in December, 1960. His health was indifferent and he soon became a permanent resident at Pearson House but his death was sudden and unexpected.

We send an expression of sincere sympathy to his relatives.

Corporal William Ivor Hullock, Royal Air Force

We have to record with deep regret the untimely death on January 11th of W. I. Hullock, of Rhuddlan, near Rhyll; he was only 41.

He served from 1940 until 1946 in the Royal Air Force, re-enlisting for a further two years in 1948. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1959 but his health by then was very poor indeed and because of this, training was precluded.

We send an expression of our very deep sympathy to his young widow and her infant son.

Captain Ernest Halloway, Merchant Navy

We record with deep regret the death of Captain Ernest Halloway, of Liverpool, at the age of 82. "Skipper" Halloway had a long sea-going career in the Merchant Navy and served in both World Wars. He was seriously wounded and blinded in April, 1941, when his ship was engaged by a German raider and he was taken prisoner. Both in camp with Lord Normanby and the blinded prisoners, until his repatriation in 1943, and at Church Stretton, he was an outstanding and much loved figure who was an example to his younger friends. Later, he undertook voluntary work for the blind, serving on various committees including the Liverpool Workshops for the Blind, the School for the Blind, Wavertree, and as a co-opted member of the Bootle Town Council Blind Welfare Committee. He also transcribed books into braille for the National Library for the Blind. He was a most popular President of the Liverpool St. Dunstan's Club.

He had been seriously ill for some time before his death in hospital on December 9th. He leaves a widow to whom we send our deep sympathy.

Signalman Noel Hartley, Royal Corps of Signals

With deep regret we have to record the death on December 6th of Noel Hartley, of York, at the early age of 44.

He served in the Royal Corps of Signals from 1939 to 1940 and was admitted to our benefits only as recently as 1961. He was already employed at Messrs. Rowntree's, York, when he came to us and after a period of training at Ovingdean, he returned to his firm. He was never in good health, however, and ten days prior to his death, he had been urgently admitted to hospital. He had seemed to be making excellent progress but he had a sudden relapse.

We send an expression of very deep sympathy to Mrs. Hartley and her two small children.

"In Memory" (continued)

Private Gilbert Johnson, 22nd Manchester Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home on December 11th of Gilbert Johnson, of Manchester. He was 69.

He served in the First World War from 1917 until 1918 being wounded at Ypres and he came to St. Dunstan's immediately.

He trained in basket-making and in addition to this occupation, he had a business which he was able to carry on until the outbreak of the Second War. After 1940 he concentrated on basket and rug-making until declining health compelled him to give them up. He had been in poor health latterly but his death was nevertheless sudden and unexpected.

We send our very sincere sympathy to his widow.

Driver Albert Leslie Leheup, Royal Army Service Corps

It is with deep regret that we record the death at the age of 68 of A. L. Leheup, of Surbiton.

Although he served from November, 1914, until his discharge in 1918, he did not come to St. Dunstan's until October, 1958, when, owing to his age, he did not undertake training. He was, however, able to visit Ovingdean on two occasions but in 1961 his health began to fail, gradually deteriorating until he became quite seriously ill during the past few months. He was admitted to Surbiton Hospital on December 15th and he died there the following day.

He leaves a widow and grown up family to whom our deep sympathy goes.

Rifleman John Walter Mahony, London Victoria Rifles

We have to record with very deep regret the death of J. W. Mahony, of Woodingdean, Brighton, at the age of 68.

He served in the First World War until 1916; he was wounded on the Somme and he came to St. Dunstan's at once. At first he intended to take a business but eventually he did netting and poultry keeping on a small scale. Later he trained as a masseur, first taking a private practice then becoming physiotherapist at Church Stretton and at Ovingdean. He retired from the Ovingdean post in 1958 but still continued some private work until his deteriorating health forced him to give up completely. He died suddenly on January 7th.

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

Sergeant Joseph Selby, 2nd Royal Scottish Fusiliers

It is with deep regret that we record the death of J. Selby, of Larkfield, Kent. He was 75.

A regular soldier—he enlisted in February, 1909—he served in the First World War until he was wounded in 1915, when he came immediately to St. Dunstan's. He trained as a poultry-keeper and in mat making and he continued with both occupations, especially with his poultry. Mrs. Selby died last September and after her death, his health, which had not been good for some time, deteriorated. He entered hospital where he died on January 7th.

Our deep sympathy is sent to his two daughters, one of whom is married. Nora, who is single, had cared for her parents for many years.

Private Albert William Tebbutt, Royal Field Artillery

We record with deep regret the death at his home on January 10th of A. W. Tebbutt, of Nottingham. He was 74.

His war service was from 1914 until 1919 and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1923. He trained in mat-making and netting and continued with these crafts until 1955 when ill-health compelled him to give up. He had not been fit throughout the past winter months but his death was nevertheless sudden and unexpected.

He leaves a widow and grown up family to whom our deep sympathy goes.

Private Herbert Horace Wells, 2/6th Manchester Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on December 26th last of H. H. Wells, of Aylestone, Leicester. He was 80.

He served with his regiment from 1916 until he was wounded at Ypres in 1918 when he came at once to St. Dunstan's. He trained as a shorthand typist and worked with the then National Institute for the Blind in Leicester for some years. He was dogged by ill-health, however, and he became very seriously ill a month ago.

He was a widower and we send sincere sympathy to his relatives.

Sergeant Thomas McDonough, 1st King's Liverpool Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death on January 9th of T. McDonough, of Birmingham. He was 76.

He served in the First World War and after his discharge was a policeman with the Birmingham City Parks, but in 1937, his sight failed and he was admitted to St. Dunstan's benefits. He had indifferent health for many years but he was taken seriously ill in September of last year. He died during a stay at Peason House.

Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. McDonough and her family.