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EDITORIAL

Reception at St. James's Palace

As all St. Dunstaners will know, Her Majesty the Queen, our Patron, will be attending a gathering of St. Dunstaners which is to be held at St. James's Palace during the afternoon of Friday, 26th March. The rooms at the Palace will allow three hundred St. Dunstaners to attend, together with their wives or escorts, and the reception will be representative of our people living in all parts of the country, together with six St. Dunstaners from overseas. Invitations will be by ballot, and those who are successful can expect to hear from Headquarters by 30th January.

The 26th March is the actual date fifty years ago when the first group of soldiers blinded in the First World War moved to the house known as "St. Dunstan's," in Regents Park, and Lord Fraser is certain that all St. Dunstaners will be delighted to know that Her Majesty the Queen will be honouring us with her presence on this 50th Anniversary occasion.

Gift from the Queen

Our readers will be glad to know that the Queen has again been graciously pleased to make a Christmas donation to St. Dunstan's.

New Year's Honours

Knighthoods have been conferred by the Queen in the New Year's Honours List on two men who have been prominent in voluntary work for the blind over a period of many years.

Mr. T. H. Tylor, M.A., B.C.L., has been a member of the Council of St. Dunstan's since 1962, in which year he was elected Chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, on whose Executive Council he has served since 1925. Mr. Tylor is a Fellow and Tutor in Law at Balliol College, Oxford.

Alderman N. Garrow, O.B.E., J.P., has been associated for many years with the North Regional Association for the Blind, of which he is a past Chairman. He has served on the Executive Council of the Royal National Institute for the Blind since 1938, and is the Senior Committee Chairman.

If I May Share

Two years after the publication of "Flame in the Dark," his first book of verse, there appeared last November, Lieutenant Anthony Naumann's second book, "If I May Share," published by Collins at 12s. 6d.

Our St. Dunstaner was serving with the 10th Battalion The Rifle Brigade—part of

Blade Force, an advance striking group—when he was severely wounded during the North African landings in November, 1942, just three months after his twenty-first birthday.

On his return to England he received rehabilitation and training at Church Stretton, and he now lives at Rudgwick, in Sussex.

"Tearjerker," one of the thirty poems in "If I May Share," is reproduced below.

For Alison Byford

Tears your trump card,
Trickling translucent down
The promise of a pretty nose,
So sopping wet, so very lachrymose.
Yes, tears your trump card,
And how you squeeze them
From those gentian eyes.
While tugging at the heart
They talk of anger,
Sob insupportable annoyance,
Seldom signalling the straight sorrow
Of grazed knee, bruised forehead, bleeding
hand.

They tear the biased maternal heart,
But I, being unsympathetic male,
Unmindful of any natal cord,
Just calculate what made them start.
They your open secret weapon,
Simultaneously your proof of wounding,
A hit or miss tell-tale of sorrow;
But should tomorrow you fall and howl,
I'll pick you up by scruff of tiny shirt,
Brush the dirt from off your knees,
Wipe with my clean handkerchief your
piping eyes,
And genuinely sympathise
About that step which tripped you up.
But if tomorrow you turn on the taps,
And I hear those tears shout curses as they
course,
I'll shut you either out or in,
Turning my deaf ear to your din,
And wait for your salty stamping to subside.

Personal

I should like to thank all St. Dunstaners who sent me greeting cards this Christmas. They were so numerous that I am afraid I cannot reply to them individually and so, instead, send my thanks and best wishes through the REVIEW.

DR. O'HARA.

Miss Mary E. Stevens has asked me to thank all those kind friends, St. Dunstaners, and their widows, who have thought of her this Christmas and sent cards, calendars and letters. She hopes to be able to answer letters personally. In her letter she says:

"It really was lovely to hear from so many and it brought back such very happy memories of days which have gone and hard to believe will not come again."

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I have been overwhelmed and very touched at receiving so many lovely Christmas cards and I should like to thank all St. Dunstaners and their wives most sincerely for sending them to me.

May I wish all of you peace and good health during 1965, and hope to see you all down here for your holidays.

JEAN BLACKFORD,
Matron, Ovingdean.

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All of us here in Northern Area wish to thank all those who sent beautiful Christmas Cards and Calendars and warm greetings at Christmas time. We, in turn, hope that all of you had a very happy Christmas and send our best wishes for Health and Happiness throughout 1965.

M. A. MIDGLEY,
Northern Area Superintendent.

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Once again it is my pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of several hundred Christmas Cards and Calendars which have been sent to me from St. Dunstaners and their families. We have also received cards from a number of widows who like to retain this annual link with Headquarters. In addition, may I add a word of thanks on behalf of our Welfare Visitors (including our retired visitors) all of whom have received Christmas greetings from so many St. Dunstaners and their families that it may be impossible to acknowledge each greeting individually.

On behalf of the Southern Area Welfare Visitors and the office team, may I express to you all our sincere appreciation for your kind thoughts which are warmly reciprocated. We give a special thought, too, to all St. Dunstaners and their families who unfortunately do not enjoy good health and hope that 1965 will bring them renewed strength. Happy New Year to you all.

P. J. ROGERS,
Southern Area Superintendent.

Letters to the Editor

There has been a quick response to Mr. Horace Kerr's suggestion (REVIEW, December, 1964) that, on the occasion of our Golden Jubilee, St. Dunstaners should subscribe to a fund for a permanent memorial marking their gratitude to the public.

Points from letters received are published below:—

Personally, the scheme will receive my full support, but I would suggest Sir Arthur Pearson's name should be coupled with that of St. Dunstan's. This idea will indeed provide us St. Dunstaners with a splendid opportunity to show our appreciation for the wonderful kindness and generosity shown to us by the public since St. Dunstan's foundation fifty years ago.

J. R. DAVIES,
Llandyssul.

I feel that this would not only be to the public but as a permanent memorial to our Founder to whom we all owe so much. My suggestion would be either to endow a bed in a Children's Hospital or, if sufficient money is subscribed, to provide a scholarship for a blind child.

The amount that would, I think, be fair, is a maximum of 30s.

GEORGE EUSTACE,
Tolworth.

I think it is very thoughtful of Mr. Kerr. If this project does emerge, both my wife and I would be only too happy to add our contribution to the Fund.

C. HOBBS,
Kingsbury, N.W.9.

You ask for suggestions and mine is that we endeavour to collect enough money to invest in Trustee Stock which would bring in an income of £100, or, if possible, £150 per annum, to be allocated as supplement to a scholarship won by a blind person to a University.

Brighton, having been so good to us during the past fifty years, I suggest that Sussex would be an appropriate University where this grant could be tenable.

LEONARD ARNOLD,
Peole.

I do not agree with H. V. Kerr's suggestion. To me it is kicking a gift horse in the mouth.

In my opinion St. Dunstan's men have shown their appreciation to the public by their achievements in the past and will continue to do so in the future. For instance, my old friend, Sid Tarry, has been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen twice in the last ten years for devotion to public duty.

J. MACFARLANE, B.E.M.,
Shoreham-by-Sea.

Mr. Christopher McDonald

The marriage took place at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, on December 11th, of Christopher McDonald, eldest grandson of Lord and Lady Fraser, to Miss Athalie Murray MacGregor.

Lord and Lady Fraser travelled from England to attend the wedding, and the parents of the bridegroom, Mr. Anthony and the Hon. Jean McDonald, flew from Singapore.

Miss Wendy Solomon

We have heard with deep regret of the death in hospital on December 7th, of Miss Wendy Solomon, after a short illness. Many First War St. Dunstaners will remember Miss Solomon as a car helper at regattas, sports days, walks, etc., in the 1930's, and she also willingly placed herself at St. Dunstan's disposal at the outbreak of the Second World War, when help was needed in London.

Grandfathers

F. T. Morgan, of Redlands, Bristol (his daughter-in-law gave birth to a daughter in April, 1964); J. McDonald, of Oldham (for the forty-first time!); J. Chell, of Eastbourne (his daughter-in-law, Pauline, gave birth to a little girl on November 20th, the baby's name is Sara); W. J. A. Edwards, of Kemp Town, Brighton (his step-daughter Maureen, has given birth to a boy, Stephen James. This is his second grandchild).

Great Grandfathers

J. Donnelly, of Aylesbury (for the second time).

Marriage

COPELAND—DANCE.—On 19th December, L. Copeland, of Reading, was married to Mrs. Gladys Mary Dance.

Silver Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jolly, of West Harrow, celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on October 28th last.

Mr. and Mrs. Redford, of East Molesey, celebrated their Silver Wedding on December 23rd, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Matthews, of Mitcham Surrey, celebrated their Silver Wedding on December 29th, 1964.

Warmest congratulations to you all.

Golden Wedding

Very many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Sayers, of Birchington, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on December 26th.

Road Race Walker

St. Dunstan's race walkers will join us in congratulating George Hewett on the award of another trophy to add to those he obtained during his six year walking career, which, on medical advice, ended with his retirement two years ago.

Members of Brighton Athletic Club, through their secretary, Mr. Harry Tyler, have presented him with a plaque with this inscription:

"George C. P. Hewett. The oldest athlete ever to successfully take up road race walking—at 58 years."

The presentation was made after an annual six-mile Boxing Day walking race in Brighton—an event in which George has competed several times.

For Sale

One 4ft. sprung wooden bedstead with wooden panels head and foot. Also available, two sprung mattresses, depth 2½in. and 5in. Would also consider exchanging bed for another bedstead 3ft. 6in. or 3ft. If interested please write direct to the widow of our late St. Dunstan, Mr. W. G. Swannell—Mrs. Swannell, 1 Council Houses Great Kimble, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Naval Camp, Lee-on-Solent

The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. Ariel, has again very kindly invited fifty St. Dunstaners to spend eight days as guests of the Royal Navy at the special annual camp held at Lee-on-Solent during the period Friday, 13th, to Saturday, 21st August. Applications, please, to Mrs. Spurway, The Vicarage, Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey.

Family News

Inspired by the loyal service of his Father's Guide Dog, Dorcas, John, the fourteen year old son of our St. Dunstan, Douglas Cashmore, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, began two years ago to raise money for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

In 1963 he raised £72 13s. 1d. through the sale of Christmas Cards, diaries, pens, ashtrays and tea-cloths, but last year he did better still. Through a Jumble Sale held in his front room, and other activities, he raised no less than £137 4s. 9d.

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Mrs. Nelson, wife of H. Nelson, of Bakewell, has recently been honoured for long service to the National Savings Movement, and was presented with a forty-five year long service medal. The presentation was made by the regional representative of the National Savings Committee at a dinner held in Bakewell.

Amendment

In the October, 1964, REVIEW, we mentioned that Michael Underwood, son of W. Underwood, of Starlings, King's Road, Alton, Hampshire, gained his B.Sc. at Leicester University. This was a misprint, and should have read that he gained his B.Sc. at the University College, London. We apologise for this error.

Incidentally, Michael is now attending Keele University, where he is working as a research student, and studying for his Ph.D.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy is sent to the following:

CHELL.—To J. Chell, of Eastbourne, whose mother passed away in her sleep on December 14th. Her death was unexpected.

BROOKE.—T. J. L. Brooke, of Bournemouth, whose wife died on January 4th in the Royal Victorian Hospital, Shelley Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth. She had been in poor health for some time and recently her health had given cause for anxiety, but her death came quite suddenly.

CASHMORE.—To D. E. Cashmore, of Birmingham, whose mother died on December 15th, 1964.

CULLEY.—To B. Culley, of Caterham, whose mother died in Cheltenham at the end of November, 1964. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Culley.

SHEA.—To W. F. Shea, of Brampton, Huntingdonshire, whose mother died in November, 1964.

Marriages of Sons and Daughters

On December 19th, 1964, Irene Davies to Gerald Evans, of Flint.

On December 26th, 1964, Mary Bernadette Burrows to John McNicholls, of Cheadle.

On December 26th, 1964, at St. Michael's and All Angels, Paulsgrove, Patricia Barrett to Barrie Vowles.

From All Quarters

A. Alexander, of Moordown, Bournemouth, came second out of sixteen competitors in the recent "Wessex Singing Festival."

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A. E. Hill, of Bothenhampton, Dorset, has gained a 1st prize for tomatoes, and a 1st prize for runner beans at the Bridport Show in October.

St. Dunstan's Bridge Club

The Committee of the St. Dunstan's Bridge Club would like to convey to all members their best wishes for the New Year. May 1965 be a very prosperous one and provide many good games of bridge.

Great enthusiasm has been shown by the response to our letter regarding the individual competition. So far we have received twelve acceptances for each area, Brighton and London. Should anyone who has, as yet, not returned his card wish to take part, would he please contact H. Gover or S. Webster at Brighton, or myself at Headquarters, immediately.

The first match for the Brighton competition will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, January 30th, while the first in London will take place on Saturday, February 6th.

PAUL NUYENS.

Welfare Weekends at Ovingdean 1965

The following programme of Welfare Weekends and Special Fortnights at Ovingdean has been arranged for 1965, and we promise all who attend a most enjoyable time.

Weekends:

Bridge Beginners: February 26th to 1st March.

Chess Beginners: March 5th to 8th.

Domino: August 6th to 9th.

Deaf: September 9th to 14th.

Handless: October 7th to 12th.

Bridge: November 12th to 15th.

Chess: November 19th to 22nd.

Special Fortnights:

1915-1917 } April 24th to May 8th.
1940-1942 }

Far East Prisoners of War: May 22nd to June 5th.

1918-1920 } July 3rd to 17th.
1943-1945 }

1921-1925 } July 24th to August 7th.
1946-1948 }

1926-1939 } August 14th to 28th.
1940-1964 }

C. D. WILLS.

Ovingdean Notes—January, 1965

At this time of year it is traditional to remember old friends, and we at Ovingdean have been delighted to receive so many Greetings cards from St. Dunstaners and ex-Staff from far and wide. It has indeed served to remind us what a large family St. Dunstan's is! Our thanks to you all and our very best wishes for the New Year ahead.

As you know, the Chapel Collections taken at Ovingdean are normally distributed to Charity at the time of Christmas, and in 1964 there was a total amount of £86. Donations have been sent to the following:—

Brighton and Hove Girls' Orphanage, £15.
 Turner Home, Brighton, £15.
 St. Matthew's Church Comforts Fund, £15.
 St. Wulfran's Vicar's Fund, £15.
 Chichester Cathedral Repairs Fund, £25.
 St. Wulfran's is the lovely little Church at Ovingdean Village, and one of the few Saxon Churches remaining today. Many of you will possibly know of the Special Appeal made recently for funds to help with essential repairs to Chichester Cathedral to preserve it. The walls are tilting outwards and, within a period of years, the roof will cave in, unless there are some immediate and extensive repairs undertaken without delay. The Mother Church of Sussex for nearly a thousand years, the Cathedral is one of the most beautiful buildings in Britain, with fine stone and wood carvings—an example of our heritage it would be sad to lose.

And now to look back on Christmas . . . the programme of entertainments here started off with the Staff Show on Christmas Eve which played to a packed house and a most appreciative audience and set the mood for the jollity of the other festivities to follow. Christmas presents were distributed in the Lounge the following morning, and after port had been served everyone went into the attractively decorated Dining-Room for Christmas Dinner. As usual, we had a Fancy Dress Ball on Boxing Day and this year there were more competitors for prizes, which added to the fun and made things more difficult for the judges. The prizewinners were:—

Class 1, Composite—

- 1st, Messrs. North, Daniels and Robinson as "Emergency Ward 10."
- 2nd, Mrs. McLachlan and Mrs. Cole (V.A.D. Staff) as "Senor and Senorita."
- 3rd, Mrs. Randall and Miss Smith (V.A.D. Staff) as "Christmas Trees."
- 4th, Port Hall Girls (6) as "M6 Motorway."

Class 2, Most Attractive Costume—

- 1st, Miss Vincent (V.A.D. Staff) as "Eliza Doolittle."
- 2nd, Miss White (V.A.D. Staff) as "The Clown."

Class 3, Most Topical Costume—

- 1st, T. McKay as "Chiming Clocks."
- 2nd, C. Cooke as "Seven Draws."
- 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. P. Bargery as "Radio Hams."

On Sunday, December 27th, we had a Carol Service led by the Choir of St. Matthew's Church, and on the following evening there was a welcome return visit by Miss Thomas's Concert Party and members of the Worthing Police Choir with another enjoyable Show. From then until New Year's Eve the days sped by until the Old Year tottered out at midnight when hot punch was served and there was a break in the dancing and cabaret and everyone wished everyone else a "Happy New Year" and so we all arrived into 1965.

With the coming of the New Year, we lose the services of one member of the V.A.D. Staff who has been at Ovingdean since 1950—Miss V. DeFaye—who reached retiring age. She will be much missed, and already several St. Dunstaners have expressed the wish to subscribe to a presentation to her, and Commandant at Ovingdean will be pleased to receive any contributions, as soon as possible.

Finally, as this month is the time for resolutions, make a note to get your name down early for items of interest to take place at Ovingdean during the coming year, Chess, Bridge or Sports, or all three.

Details are announced in this REVIEW regarding the dates of the Bridge and Chess Instructional weekends. On page 10 you will find the bridge hands which are published in advance so they may be discussed and analysed, so bring them with you.

All arrangements for these weekends will be made from Ovingdean, so please write now to Matron Blackford if you wish to attend.

It is hoped to run the Sports Weekend in June, but the exact details of this event will be given in next month's REVIEW.

Nuffield Talking Book Library

Additional tape titles in both fiction and non-fiction will be published in the February issue of the REVIEW.

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*Wise is he who comes what may
 Draws his courage from a bygone day.*

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*When there is nothing to be said some silly
 fellow always says it.*

Sutton Club Notes

The Club's Annual Party started with a swing around a well filled table of all sorts of goodies, and for this we are indebted to all our Ladies, though we were held up from clearing the tables while George Emmerson started on a round of second helpings, and Ted Dudley released his belt by a couple of notches.

Miss Rogers, our guest of honour, added to our enjoyment with a very friendly speech in which she expressed her pleasure at being there, after, as the Vicar said, the third time of asking. We thank you, Miss Rogers, and your friend, Miss Smith, for coming among the rabble.

Miss de Burlett has promised to be a good girl, and to try and get along more often, and we shall be very pleased to see her, if and when she is able.

Our dear friend Mrs. Spurway concluded the speeches.

Miss Rogers than presented the Sir Arthur Pearson prizes, and others, for events won throughout the past year.

Through the good offices of Miss Hoare we once again listened to an excellent concert given by the Variety Artists of Great Britain.

And so to all our lady friends, to Alf Shaw, to all our guests, and to the Knights of St. George, thank you, thank you very much from all members of the Sutton Club.

Odd shoes! Well, I thought it was fancy dress!

REG. NEWTON.

Cardiff Club Notes

The first Club meeting of 1965 took place on Saturday, January 2nd, but only five members and their wives were present. Quite a few members were unable to attend owing to bad colds, etc., and we wish these members a quick recovery and hope to see them all at our next meeting.

The report of our December meeting was not published in the REVIEW, so we should like to mention in this report the winners of the Dominoes and Cribbage play-offs.

Winners at Dominoes:

Mr. A. Wheeler and Mr. H. Pople.

Winners at Cribbage:

Mr. R. Parsons and Mrs. Lewis.

The Chairman and members would like to wish all St. Dunstaners and their families sincere good wishes for 1965.

D. STOTT.

Midland Club Notes

Our meeting, which was held on Sunday, January 10th, was rather a quiet one, only eleven members being present. A number of our regular members did not attend owing to illness of one sort or another, including our Chairman, Mr. L. Kibbler, who is convalescing at present at Ovingdean after an operation on Christmas Eve. All members wish him a speedy recovery.

The next event on our club calendar is a Social Evening. This is to be held at the King's Arms, Harborne, on Saturday, February 6th, commencing at 7 p.m. A buffet meal and a concert have been arranged.

Any St. Dunstaner who lives within the area of the Midland Club and who would like to attend this function, is quite free to do so; you will be made quite welcome. All regular members have been notified by post of this event, and if there is anyone else wishing to come along please give me a ring at Selly Oak 1432 any evening after six o'clock. I shall be only too pleased to give you all particulars.

There will not be a regular club meeting in February at the British Legion, the next meeting there will be on the second Sunday in March. We shall then be starting another domino knock-out competition. We shall also be starting a darts competition.

If you have not yet attended any of our club meetings, please come along and give it a try, you will be made very welcome. We should also be very happy to see any of our old members who have stopped coming along to meetings. Please come along and give us your support, it is only one Sunday in a month.

D. E. CASHMORE.

Brighton Club Notes

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, held on Thursday, December 10th, there were thirty-one St. Dunstaners present, plus wives and escorts.

Our President, Mrs. Dacre, took charge of the proceedings which ensured everything being done in the right style and everybody being kept under control.

The reports of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, having been approved, the next item on the Agenda was the election of officers. As there were no new nominations it was proposed and seconded that the existing Committee be re-elected en

bloc, i.e. Frank A. Rhodes, *Chairman*: Tim Kirk, *Vice-Chairman*: supported by H. Edwicker, R. Fearnley and A. Martin.

Mrs. Dacre then presented the Sir Arthur Pearson prizes as follows:

Whist—1st, P. Holmes; 2nd, R. Giffard; 3rd, R. Downs.

Dominoes Aggregate—1st, Miss E. Whiteman and T. Walton, joint holders; 2nd, H. Edwicker.

Darts A Section—1st, R. Fearnley; 2nd, S. Webster.

Cribbage—1st, F. James; 2nd, R. Giffard.

Flowers were presented to Mrs. Dacre, by Mrs. T. Ashe, and Matron Blackford.

FRANK A. RHODES,
Chairman.

Birmingham Club Notes

There was quite a good attendance at the Christmas meeting held on December 13th, despite quite a few of the members being unable to come owing to sickness. After a chat among ourselves, we were invited to sit down to an excellent tea, and food was in abundance. We wish to thank all those concerned for providing such a lovely tea.

After tea there was the presentation of the tankards for a domino competition run over the past months. First prize, a Pint Silver Tankard, going to Mr. Castle (1st War), and second to Mr. Southall (2nd War). There were also two Half Pint Tankards, going to Messrs. Cook and Faulkner for reaching the semi-finals. There was also excitement among the St. Dunstan's younger children, seven in all, who each received a present from the Club.

For the last hour competitions were run, darts, bagatelle, etc., so that some St. Dunstaners had a little more in their pockets than they had had before, thanks to the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund.

Once again another year has passed, and we look forward to an even more prosperous year for the Club in 1965.

Best wishes, Good Health, and Happiness to all for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,
W. D. FAULKNER.

Ovingdean Lament

Imagine next year on the landings!
Forty perms with forty clocks.
Forty different chimes to wake you,
Bid you rise, put on your socks.

'Twill be fine if they're all right boys,
But imagine if they're not.
Hear each man defend his timepiece
Swear it's right, smack on the dot!
Ding dong, ding dong, up the passage,
When you're on your way to shave,
Ding dong, ding dong, after dinner
When it's sleep you badly crave.
Ding dong listening to the Archers,
Even hear them in your bath.
Someone tells a doubtful story,
Ding dong chime and spoil the laugh.
Comes the night you're late for supper,
What excuse can you invent?
Tell Miss Scott "You're ding dong sorry,
And you ding dong well repent."
In the street a stranger asks you,
"Can you please tell me the time?"
In reply you glibly tell him
That it's ding dong ding past nine.
Still no doubt we will survive it,
Each man free to mute his chime.
But tell me, have you heard the rumour?
Cuckoo clocks 'twill be next time!

FRANK HICKS.

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bottle of sherry in a raffle, and Don, our Scottish friend, found a bottle of whisky, another a bottle of beer, so a few friends came to my cabin and we saw the night out!

"Before breakfast our Australian St. Dunstaner, Mr. Archer, came aboard to 'officially' welcome us with his wife, who was a V.A.D. at the college and could talk to me.

"Before I forget, do any old pals remember a V.A.D. at Cheltenham named Miss Roberts? She's a widow now, and was going out to join a daughter in Sidney, and she had much to say to me on the voyage.

"Soon my daughter Joan came with her hubby and four of the grandchildren I have out here, we had our breakfast while they made a tour of the ship, we were quickly through the customs and in a car with our luggage in a van behind us, and once through Melbourne were travelling, I can tell you! We are sixty miles from the docks, but they talk of miles out here like we do of yards. Now we have much to do and learn, meanwhile I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy new year, and Miss Wilson joins me in this."

Traveller

Mr. George Fallowfield visits Australia

Our St. Dunstaner, George Fallowfield, accompanied by Miss Marjorie Wilson, formerly V.A.D. at Ovingdean, left Southampton on November 29th, on board S.S. "Himalaya," P. & O. Line, to visit his married daughter in Australia. He sends his thanks to all, including Commandant, the Matrons of Pearson House and Ovingdean, V.A.D.'s and ex-V.A.D.'s, old pals and their wives, and the Chess Club, who have been kind enough to send him letters, cards or telegrams with good wishes for the trip.

The following are extracts from George's letters:

"We found a pile of telegrams awaiting us at the ship, and a naval officer I met at Lee-on-Solent years ago who knows the Staff Captain, came also to see us off. We have a ship's newspaper and after breakfast this is read to me and we get down to which entertainments we will take part in. There's plenty of chess going on, and I have entered for the knock-out contest. Others are finding ways and means to play me chess . . . We were dancing until 2.30 a.m. yesterday, and it's grand when one feels the floor coming up from behind and your partner slides off the roof—or so it seems. I get plenty of good walks besides the indoor games. It's six times round the cabin on the Prom Deck for a mile."

His next letter, dated December 30th, is written from his daughter's home in Victoria.

"Now that we have hit 'Down Under' properly I can tell you all we had a roaring time from the word 'Go.' A Hostess had learnt the manual and the day after we sailed there was a muster of Chess players and 18 came, and I had the luck to meet a Mr. Summers who had played our old friend Mr. Bonham and other blind Chess internationals, and could talk to me. My next game was with a young Scot from Glasgow who learnt the manual from Miss Wilson while I decided my moves. He proved to be a fine friend throughout the voyage, but within a week there were seven men and more women able to talk to me, and only one took to block letters. Each day brought somebody else who had learnt, or polished up their manual.

"Meanwhile, I should not have known I was on a ship had it not been for the vibration of the engines. We sailed so smoothly, and on Wednesday morning Miss Wilson rose at 6.30 to go up and see Gibraltar through a telescope!

"After two cold days we hit real sunshine and stood on deck at 2 a.m. as Miss Wilson described the movement of ships outside Port Said, and later that day found us sitting in deck chairs gliding along the Canal.

"We did not find Bombay the gorgeous city of the East one imagines when reading books, but Miss Wilson went ashore at Aden, which is a lively port with much trade in oil.

"We had a fine day ashore at Singapore, which is a thriving and very friendly place and, after shopping in the morning, we began to walk back to the dock.

"I'm having a taxi if it costs me five quid," I said, for it was very hot. 'O.K., it's coming,' said Miss Wilson, and imagine my surprise when she drew me on to a rickshaw! The afternoon was a coach tour when we visited rubber plantations, orchid gardens, a mosque, etc. A fourteen-year-old girl had learnt the manual and taught two friends and now 40 Malayan Scouts came aboard for the Jamboree in Melbourne and were not to be outdone by Girl Guides! I had a really delightful Christmas morning with these early teenagers and the questions they asked me. I had with me a five-volume book, but what with Chess every day, swimming, dancing and plenty of people ready for a chat, I only read twenty-seven pages in the first three weeks.

"WELCOME TO WEST AUSTRALIA' it said at Freemantle in huge white letters as we moved nearer and nearer to the quay. The crowd there cheered, banners were hoisted with the name of friends or relations, 'Welcome to the Jones's', etc., and excitement grew high as friends or relations identified each other. At last we docked, our destination was Melbourne, but we had a taste of an Australian welcome here. After the excitement had died down we went ashore, changed our money and boarded a bus for Perth which is a lovely place, and one wished for more time there. We were soon off again, but it was dark when we reached Melbourne. After a while on deck we went in and got a shock when told the bars were closed as pubs shut at 6 p.m. here, but Miss Wilson had won a

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HANDS FOR THE BRIDGE INSTRUCTIONAL WEEKEND

Hand No. 1, North

S. A 10 7 2
H. 10 4
D. A 6 3
C. K 8 5 3

Hand No. 1, South

S. K 6 3
H. A 3 2
D. Q J 10 5
C. A 4 2
Three No Trump
West leads H.K.

Hand No. 4, North

S. J 5 3
H. A Q 6 5 2
D. 4 3
C. 8 7 3

Hand No. 4, South

S. A K 6 2
H. 4 3
D. A Q 7 5
C. A K 5
Three No Trump
West leads C.4.

Hand No. 7, North

S. 9 5
H. 5 2
D. A 7 3 2
C. A K 8 6 2

Hand No. 7, South

S. A 2
H. A 10 8 4
D. K Q J 9 5
C. 7 5
Five Diamonds
West leads S.K.

Hand No. 2 North

S. 8 6
H. A Q 7 2
D. A K 9 3
C. 9 7 2

Hand No. 2, South

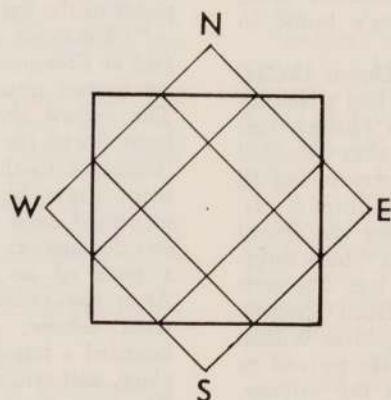
S. A K
H. K 6
D. Q 8 2
C. Q J 10 8 6 3
Three No Trump
West leads S.Q.

Hand No. 5, North

S. K Q 2
H. 8 7 5 2
D. 4 3
C. J 10 8 7

Hand No. 5, South

S. A J 5 4 3
H. A Q 3
D. A Q 7
C. A 9
Four Spades
West leads S.3.



Hand No. 3, North

S. K 6 5 2
H. A Q 5 2
D. K 3
C. 7 5 3

Hand No. 3, South

S. A 4 3
H. 4 3
D. A 7 4 2
C. A K Q 8
Three No Trump
West leads D.Q.

Hand No. 6, North

S. A J 8 6
H. 4 2
D. A 7 3
C. A Q J 10

Hand No. 6, South

S. Q 10 7 5 2
H. K 6 5 3
D. Q J 2
C. K
Four Spades
West leads D.8.

Hand No. 8, North

S. Q J 10 7
H. A K 4
D. A 4 2
C. K J 4

Hand No. 8, South

S. Q J 10 7
H. 7 3
D. K 6 3
C. A 10 7
Six Spades
West leads H.Q.

"In Memory"

Alfred Adams, 1/5 West Yorkshire Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home of Alfred Adams, 26 Duncan Avenue, Norbreck, Blackpool, Lancashire, on Tuesday, December 15th, aged 76 years. He served in the 1/5 West Yorkshire Regiment from 1917 to 1918, being wounded in France, and then being taken Prisoner of War. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1918, and trained in wool rugs and boot repairing, and he carried on these occupations for some considerable time.

He recently removed from Doncaster to Blackpool and took great pleasure in his garden and greenhouse. His wife pre-deceased him by only six weeks, and to his only son we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

William Atherton, Seaforth Highlanders

We have to record with deep regret the sudden death at his home on Wednesday, December 16th, of William Atherton, 40 Wheatfield Road, Cronton, Widnes, Lancashire, aged 58 years. He served in the Seaforth Highlanders from 1940 to 1944 and spent a year as a Prisoner of War in Germany.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1944 and trained for industry and was in fact employed until 1958, when ill health compelled him to give up work. He leaves a widow to whom we send an expression of most sincere sympathy.

Bertram Bright, Royal Warwickshire Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the sudden death at his home on Tuesday, December 22nd, 1964, of Bertram E. W. Bright, of 421 City Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. He was 44 years old. He served in the 8th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment from 1939 to 1944. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1941 while still being a Prisoner of War, and began his training in telephony in 1944.

He carried on work as a telephonist until quite recently when ill health compelled him to give it up. To his widow and family we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

Daniel Charles Rex Cole, Royal Navy

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home on December 27th, 1964, of Daniel Charles Rex Cole, of 58 Falfield Road, Lower Tuffley, Gloucester, aged 64 years.

He served in the Royal Navy, being a regular sailor, and his period of service was from 1914 to 1946. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1946, and was settled in a shop and was happy in this occupation until he fell ill about a year ago.

He took a very keen interest in ballroom dancing, of which he was quite a notable exponent. To his wife and grown-up family we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

Charles Henry Cook, M.M., Royal Field Artillery

We record with deepest regret the death of C. H. Cook, M.M., of 125 Fulbourne Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17, at the age of 74. He served in the Royal Field Artillery from 1914 until 1919, and in 1926 he was admitted to St. Dunstan's.

He trained as a joiner and carried on very successfully in this occupation until the Second World War when he went into a factory. During the period of the war he worked in various factories doing a variety of work and then retired from industrial work in 1955. Since then he has done wool rugs and netting and has had a full and active life until a year or so back when his health began to deteriorate, but after a convalescent holiday at Pearson House last year he was very much better. He was taken ill quite suddenly on January 11th and admitted to hospital where he died on January 12th.

We send an expression of our most sincere sympathy to his widow and also to his married daughter in South Africa.

Wilfred Hall, Royal Field Artillery

We have only just had news of the death on Thursday, December 17th, 1964, of Wilfred Hall, of 23 Markland Street, Hyde, Cheshire, aged 72 years.

He served as a S/Sgt. in the Royal Field Artillery from 1914 to 1919, but was only made a St. Dunstanian in October of last year, when he was in very poor health. He was very active in his local British Legion and had been Vice-President of his Branch. To his widow and members of the family we send an expression of sincere sympathy.

Edwin George Palmer, Royal Artillery

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death at Pearson House of Edwin George Palmer, of 11 Terrace Row, West Street, Poole, Dorset, on December 13th, 1964, aged 62 years.

He served in the Royal Artillery Regiment from 1933 to 1943. After being trained at St. Dunstan's he worked successfully in industry until October, 1959, when he entered hospital for a leg operation. Since then his health has deteriorated and he was admitted to Pearson House in July, 1963.

He leaves a widow and a son to whom our very sincere sympathy is sent.

William Henry Rutland, Royal Navy

We have to record with deep regret the death of William Henry Rutland of 32 Berryfield Road, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, on December 1st, 1964, aged 79 years. He served in the Royal Navy from 1904 to 1941. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1944, and was a keen gardener. His health had not been good for the last year or so, but his death was nevertheless unexpected.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rutland and the other members of his family.

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John Stibbles, *9th Black Watch Regiment*

We have to record with deep regret the death at Pearson House on Saturday, December 19th, 1964, of John Stibbles, 1 Rie Achan, Pitlochry, Perthshire, Scotland, aged 71 years. He served in the 9th Black Watch Regiment from 1915 to 1918, and was wounded at Arras during the Great War. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1918, when he trained as a basket maker and he was able to carry on this occupation for many years, in fact he was still making them this Summer, when ill-health compelled him to give up. He was staying temporarily at Pearson House while his wife was having an operation, and his death after a brief illness was sudden and came as a shock to his many friends.

To his wife and grown-up married family we send expressions of very sincere sympathy.

Albert Wilson Sutton, *2nd Q.R.W.S. Regiment*

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home after a short illness, on Boxing Day, 1964, of Albert Wilson Sutton, aged 80 years, of "Netherleys," Parkside, Madeley, Crewe, Cheshire. He served in the 2nd Q.R.W.S. Regiment from 1915 to 1917 and was wounded at the Battle of Beaumont Hamel in 1916. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1917 and was trained as a poultry keeper, which occupation he was able to continue until quite recently when, on account of his age, he was unable to be as active as formerly.

To his wife and grown-up family we send an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Samuel Mark Usher, *Royal Fusiliers*

With deep regret we record the death of S. M. Usher, of 59 Kenilworth Road, Fleet, Hampshire, on December 24th at Pearson House. He was very nearly eighty-three years old.

He served in the Royal Fusiliers from 1916 to 1917. In 1917 he was admitted to St. Dunstan's and was trained in mat making, and he carried on with this work until 1936 when he changed over to do wool rugs. During the Second War he again changed his occupation and did camouflage netting.

Our deepest sympathy is sent to Mrs. Usher in her loss so soon after their Golden Wedding, and also to his daughter.

Edwin Watts, *Cheshire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death in Hospital after a prolonged illness of Edwin Watts, of 107 Highfield Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Cheshire, on January 1st, 1965, at 68 years of age.

He served in the Cheshire Regiment from 1915 to 1919. He was the victim of a Mustard Gas attack and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1943.

He trained in wool rugs and netting, and he carried on both these occupations until ill-health compelled him to give them up. His wife died two years ago, and we send to his grown-up family an expression of our most sincere sympathy.

Albert Ernest Richards, *2nd Btn. Australian Imperial Forces*

The death is deeply regretted of A. E. Richards, of Randwick, New South Wales, Australia. He was 66.

Enlisting with the 2nd Btn. A.I.F. in August, 1915, he was discharged in November, 1919.

Our deep sympathy goes to his widow and her family.

Virginius Hamilton Stephen, *13th Btn. Australian Imperial Forces*

We have also heard with deep regret of another Australian St. Dunstaner, V. H. Stephen, of Lidcomb, New South Wales. He was 71.

His First War service was from August, 1915, until July, 1918. He was wounded in August, 1917. He leaves a widow and grown-up family to whom our deep sympathy goes.

Thomas Ebenezer Phelps, *Canadian Expeditionary Force*

With deep regret we have to record the death on November 22nd last, of T. E. Phelps, of 432 West 38th Avenue, Vancouver 15, British Columbia, in the Shaughnessy Military Hospital, Vancouver. He was 69 years old.

He enlisted in November, 1914, and served as a Sergeant with the 27th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He was wounded at Vimy Ridge in 1916, and was discharged from the Services in March, 1918. He came to St. Dunstan's in November, 1924, for training in boot repairing, netting, Braille, and typing, and returned to Canada in July, 1926.

To his widow and son, James, we send an expression of our most sincere sympathy.

Harry Howard King-Scott, *New Zealand Artillery*

We have to record with deep regret the death of Harry Howard King-Scott, of No. 1 R.D., Putaruru, New Zealand, on August 16th, at the age of 63.

He enlisted in September, 1941, and served with the New Zealand Artillery until January, 1944.

He was a widower, and to his family we send an expression of our very sincere sympathy.

William Raymond Saunders, *2nd Battalion O.R.B.*

We record with deep regret the death of W. R. Saunders, of 26 Bellona Street, Dunedin, New Zealand, on September 24th, 1964, at the age of 70 years.

He served with the 2nd O.R.B. from November, 1916, until February, 1919.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his widow.

Charles W. S. Van Blerk, *4th South African Infantry*

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death on July 19th, 1964, of Charles W. S. Van Blerk, of 80 Scott Road, Observatory, Cape Town, South Africa. He was 73 years old.

He served with the 4th South African Infantry from 1915 to March, 1918. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in September, 1919, and came to England for training in basket making and netting, returning to South Africa in April, 1912, to continue with these occupations. He had fallen and broken his hip last February, and had been practically bedridden since.

He leaves a widow to whom this expression of our very sincere sympathy is sent.