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THE LONG CANE AT ST. DUNSTAN'S

This month in his Chairman's Notes, Lord Fraser deals with the experimental course held at Ovingdean recently on the use of the long cane technique for mobility. On this page and on our front and back covers we reproduce some photographs taken during a whole day spent in Brighton and Rottingdean, accompanying Mr. Stanley Suterko and St. Dunstaners on typical training walks.

The pictures were not posed, each incident was photographed as it happened, with the aim of making a true record of the various aspects of this method of getting about.

COVER PICTURE:
Charles Campkin, physiotherapist at Pearson House arrives there after a walk which took him through the busy and narrow pavements of Kemp Town.

Left: Mr. Suterko coaches Josef Loska in the method of detecting kerbs. Despite severe restriction of the use of his only hand with limited grip, Josef is a very successful trainee.

Below: Josef Loska steps out along a busy pavement. The long cane reaches well ahead thus giving early warning of obstacles. The picture also shows another pedestrian avoiding Joseph just as she would avoid any sighted walker moving rapidly towards her.



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Long Cane Technique

From time to time I have referred to the problem of walking about alone—one of the two most important and most intractable of those which blind people strive to overcome, the other problem, being that of reading. In order to assist St. Dunstaners to solve their mobility problems, we have, for very many years enabled those wishing to become Guide Dog owners to undergo the required month's training at one of the training centres administered by the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Some four years ago, St. Dunstan's sponsored the development of an entirely new ultrasonic guidance device which has now reached the production engineered stage, and is undergoing systematic scientific evaluation under the aegis of our Scientific Committee. This development formed the subject of an article by our Director of Research, Mr. Richard Dufton, A.M.I.Mech.E., which was printed in the St. Dunstan's Review last February.

There is a third method of tackling the mobility problem, first thought out in the United States as part of the rehabilitation of blinded ex-servicemen, which has long since been advanced to an efficient workable method of travel for use by the blind in America. The Long Cane technique, as it is called, makes use of a cane (the American word for what we call a walking stick) somewhat longer than the ordinary cane used by sighted people. The cane is of aluminium alloy construction with a solid nylon tip and a small crook handle. It is held on the shaft near the handle in a special rubber grip—similar to that fitted to golf clubs. The cane is between 3ft. 9in. and 4ft. 6in. in length to suit the height of the user and, roughly speaking, the cane, if held vertically alongside the user's body with its tip on the floor, would reach up to the breastbone.

In use the long cane is held steady in one hand, in the centre of the chest, and is swept with a rhythmic motion from side to side ahead of the user as he walks along, the tip of the cane lightly tapping the ground in front of each foot in turn before every step forward is taken. If correctly used, the method will ensure that the surface of the ground is continually, although superficially, investigated before any part of it is trodden on by the user. Not only should the irregularities of the surface be felt but also to some extent the nature of the terrain. Obstructions in the path of the walker will be discovered in time to prevent trouble.

Visits to U.S.A.

St. Dunstan's Secretary, Mr. A. D. Lloyds, visited the main United States' mobility training centre early in 1964 and obtained a favourable impression of the degree of freedom given to blind persons using the long cane technique and of the greater speed in walking. Subsequently, we arranged with our St. Dunstaner, Mr. Walter Thornton, to obtain leave of absence from his employers and undergo a month's course in the use of the long cane. One week was spent at the Blind Rehabilitation Centre of the Veteran Administration Hospital, Hines, Illinois, followed by three weeks at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. This was in April/May, 1965. On his return to the United Kingdom, Mr. Thornton reported that the long cane gave a high degree of safety and increased relaxation in use. Additional advantages were that the system could be learnt quickly, that it gave full play to the use of other senses, e.g. touch and hearing and "the sense of obstacle" and was suitable for blind persons of all ages, in varying states of health, and having additional disabilities such as deafness.

Our next step was to arrange for Mr. Stanley Suterko, Assistant Director of Mobility and Orientation, West Michigan University, to come over to England and instruct a few selected St. Dunstaners for a period of four weeks in August/September in the use of the long cane at Ovingdean, at which he was assisted by Mr. Thornton. Although one month is considered too short a period of time to formulate any lasting conclusions the

experiment, nevertheless, indicated that men who already get about well with an ordinary stick, can be given increased mobility once the long cane technique has been acquired.

The R.N.I.B. has made a similar experiment at their Home of Recovery at Torquay, and at the Heathersett Vocational Assessment Centre, Reigate.

I propose personally to meet the St. Dunstaners who undertook this course of training and question them closely as to its real or potential value. We shall then make up our minds whether it is worth while taking this matter further, and I have written this note by way of an interim report on an interesting experiment.

CAPTAIN M. C. ROBINSON, M.B.E., LL.D.

From time to time we have mentioned various St. Dunstaners in the *Review* who have obtained University awards both at home and abroad. Whilst in Canada recently I heard of another which should, I feel, go on record; namely, that Captain Merrill Robinson, of British Columbia, had conferred upon him the Degree of Doctor of Laws at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. The citation included the following phrases:—

"He can look back upon a quarter-century . . . of constant effort . . . not only to aid handicapped people, but to win for the community the great services that the handicapped have within their power to contribute."

"I ask you, Mr. Chancellor, in the name of our University and of our community, to confer the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, and to honour thereby competence and kindness, leadership and lofty vision, in the person of our fellow citizen, Merrill Chapman Robinson".

Fraser of Lonsdale

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S POST BAG

W. Chas. Taplin, Trowbridge, Wilts., writes:

Although I went to St. Dunstan's in 1916 I was not able, because of my age, to commence training as a physiotherapist until 1918. The preliminary studies were made in a temporary building in the grounds of "The House". I remember a war artist coming and painting a picture of us in one of the classrooms. At rare intervals over the years this memory has recurred.

In this, our Jubilee year, I fell to wondering if the picture still existed, and if so, where? L. Howell, of Haywards Heath, with whom I went to St. Dunstan's, and who has been a tried and true friend ever since, suggested it might be found at the Imperial War Museum. Following this suggestion my wife and I visited this museum while in London for the reception at St. James's Palace. The officials were most helpful, saying they vaguely remembered such a painting, but that it was not then on view, adding that it might be among the great number in store. Further, they offered to put the query before the

officer concerned, who was not then in the building. Only a few days elapsed before I received from Mr. W. F. Mayes, F.S.A., Scot., F.M.A., keeper of the Art Department, a letter and rough pen sketch. He informed me that the painting he had in mind is now at the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum (the drawing was from a photograph of it still at the I.W.M.). Mr. Mayes suggested that I should write to Dr. J. W. Barber-Lomax, Administrative Officer at the W.H.M.M. In reply to my letter, Dr. Barber-Lomax telephoned me here in Wiltshire stating that the painting would be put on view for us at any time we cared to arrange. A day was fixed, and my wife and I were received by a Mr. Laine who showed us the picture entitled "St. Dunstan's Hostel". "The Massage School: An Anatomy Lesson", painted by J. Hodgson Lobley and dated 1919.

At sixty-six I look vastly different from the youth in the painting, but the likeness is unmistakable. Upon learning we had not a photograph of the painting, Mr.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S POST BAG—*continued*

Laine said he would have one taken for us. In due course we received not only a sizeable photograph in black and white, but also a coloured transparency. My wife and I cannot speak too highly or with sufficient gratitude of the courtesy and effort of all who helped in this quest.

In the foreground three of us are shown with a tutor in Red Cross uniform (possibly Mrs. Frank Brighurst), seated round a human skeleton. In the background are three other students, one in uniform—most likely a colonial. Unfortunately, after this lapse of time, I cannot remember the names of any of my fellow students present and portrayed in this oil painting.

After leaving the building, Mr. Laine asked if we would like to see the Duke of Wellington's "Blind Man's Watch". He conducted us to a room housing the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary exhibition, "Medical". From a glass case which he had unlocked, Mr. Laine took a watch to which was attached by a piece of string a small stone with a hole in it. The watch is of gold and from the front is like any other pocket watch used by a sighted person. On the back is an unprotected, sturdy green enamelled hand. Around the perimeter of the watch are raised dots at five-minute intervals. This timepiece the Duke of Wellington used on his campaigns during the hours of darkness.

Harris Turner, of Victoria, British Columbia, writes:—

. . . I am not sure I am here for a couple of days ago my wife, Alice, came into the room where I was cheerfully doing nothing and briskly remarked: 'Your time has come'. I pictured her with a dagger in her fist, and did not blame her very much for I could appreciate the fact that she had lived with me for well nigh forty-eight years, but it turned out that what she was carrying was a Braille clock, ticking away with devilish speed.

It is to thank St. Dunstan's for this clock that I'm writing you, for it seems to be a good clock, resembling myself in many respects with its strong hands, open face, tireless energy and well-oiled works. It is a fine present and an appropriate memento of the anniversary of the founding of St. Dunstan's fifty years ago, and to me, always a clock-watcher and a time-server, it is particularly cherishable. Please accept my sincere thanks.

It was fine to meet you again during the brief periods between the reading of the minutes and the amendments to the constitution, and to have the opportunity of talking to Lady Fraser for as long a time as it takes the minute hand of the St. Dunstan's clock to move from 2.11 to 2.12. For a moment or two I was with you on a TV programme, and congratulate you on the way in which you and the announcer skirted the vexed South African racial question.

It was pleasant, too, to participate in the little Martini picnic with you at Robbie's place in Qualicum, and to hear of the noteworthy piscatorial exploits of your wife, and, in a minor way, of yours.

I thought the Reunion was a considerable success.

Great Grandson for Lord Fraser

Lord and Lady Fraser have had good news from South Africa: on 28th September, 1965, at Port Elizabeth, a son was born to Athalie (*née* Murray MacGregor), wife of their grandson, Christopher McDonald. Christopher's parents are at present in Singapore, where his father, Mr. A. E. McDonald, is an Assistant Judge Advocate General.

The baby is to be christened Andrew Sinclair Fraser.

Lord and Lady Fraser hope to visit South Africa in January, 1966.

TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS NEAR HEADQUARTERS

Due to the construction of a flyover between the Harrow Road and Marylebone Road, a number of traffic diversions are planned for the vicinity of our Headquarters building.

The first of these, which is now in operation, diverts westbound traffic on the Marylebone Road (i.e. traffic coming from Euston and Baker Street) down a minor road and then along Harcourt Street past the entrance to our building, rejoining the Marylebone Road again at its junction with Harcourt Street. A "zebra" crossing has been installed across Harcourt Street outside our main entrance, and all St. Dunstaners are advised to use this.

The transport authorities tell us that this diversion will be in force for about three months, after which traffic will again proceed along the Marylebone Road as usual for three months, after which the diversion will come into operation again.

Now and again cars and buses are bound to stop momentarily outside our building owing to traffic congestion, but St. Dunstaners should not take a "short cut" and get off there, but wait until it reaches the request stop in Marylebone Road, and then walk back to the pedestrian crossing. The bus stops are not, at the moment, being altered.

In the spring of next year there will be a diversion of eastbound traffic proceeding from the Edgware Road direction towards Baker Street and Euston, and information about this will appear in a later *Review*.

St. Dunstan's One Mile Walk Highgate Harriers Ground

25th September, 1965

	Handicap time	Actual time
J. Simpson	8.45	8.45
		scratch
B. Miller	8.47	9.07
R. Young	8.50	10.45
B. Clayton	8.55	10.45
R. Mendham	9.16	9.16
		scratch
M. Tetley	9.23	9.48
S. Tutton	9.30	10.40
F. Barratt	9.45	10.25
E. Cookson	9.46	12.06

THE RETIREMENT OF MR. R. WILLIS, M.B.E.

It is always sad to come to the parting of ways and St. Dunstaners and Staff at Headquarters will feel the loss of a cheerful personality when they say "Goodbye" to Mr. Bob Willis on his retirement this month.

Mr. Willis joined St. Dunstan's in May, 1946, and was in charge of Arundel Lodge, Brighton until it closed in September, 1947.

He came to London when the Headquarters at 191 Marylebone Road opened in 1948 and started the London Club on the 1st June of that year.

Before joining St. Dunstan's, Mr. Willis served for 26 years in the R.A.F. He was Mentioned in Despatches in June, 1942, for distinguished services in the Western Desert, and again in 1944 whilst serving in Bomber Command. He was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire on 1st January, 1945, for services in Bomber Command.

All at Headquarters, both St. Dunstaners and Staff, will join in wishing Bob and Tryphena Willis the best of luck and happiness in their retirement.

Members of the London Club are subscribing towards a presentation for Bob Willis on his retirement and if any former members and any other St. Dunstaners would like to join us will they please send their subscription to Mr. A. D. Lloyds at Headquarters.

W. BISHOP,

Chairman, St. Dunstan's London Club.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR THE WAR BLINDED

Lord Fraser was a guest of honour at the dinner marking the Scottish National Institution for the War Blinded's fiftieth anniversary at Linburn, Midlothian, on 17th September. This was one of the largest ever gatherings of the Scottish war blinded and, in addition to Lord Fraser, speeches were made by Mr. John G. Osborne, Chairman of the Scottish National Institution for the War Blinded; Admiral Sir Peter Reid, President of the British Legion, Scotland; Lord Haig and Lord Haddington, Vice-Presidents of the Scottish National Institution.

Lord Fraser said:

"Scotland can be very proud of the way they have looked after their blinded soldiers, sailors and airmen, and the Scottish National Institution of the War Blinded is to be congratulated upon the work they have done for fifty years.

"Broadly speaking, St. Dunstan's has cared for virtually all the war blinded persons in England, Wales and Ireland and the rest of the Commonwealth, and Newington House and Linburn have cared for the Scots. A high degree of co-operation and friendliness exists between our two organisations. Between us we have helped many thousands of men and a few women to conquer blindness.

"A distinctive characteristic of the Scottish method has been the establishment of the famous blind ex-servicemen's village and workshop at Linburn but, apart from this variation, our methods have been similar and our objects the same—namely, to teach men how to be blind and to work and play and be happy.

"A few Scots, mainly those who live outside Scotland itself, have been to St. Dunstan's. Every Scot will know, as I do, that there are more Scotsmen outside Scotland than in it: I have met Scottish blinded men all over the world, and they are thriving."

Mr. John G. Osborne, Chairman of the Scottish National Institution for the War Blinded, broke away from the official Toast List to propose "St. Dunstan's and Lord Fraser". He said: "The first note I should like to strike is a personal one. How very honoured we are to have Lord Fraser and his other half, Lady Fraser, here with us tonight. As you all know, he is outstanding in many capa-

bilities, but with two only are we concerned tonight. Firstly, as the disabled ex-servicemen's Champion; he it is, with his personality has brought sufficient pressure to bear on the Ministries of successive governments to make the lot of the disabled ex-serviceman better than in any other country, with the possible exception of the U.S.A.

"Secondly, for close on 50 years now, he, along with the late Sir Arthur Pearson, and latterly Sir Neville Pearson, has been not only the guiding light but the searchlight of St. Dunstan's—searching out from his own darkness to make the world so much lighter for so many others. And what a name he has made for St. Dunstan's, which just happened to be the name of the first house taken over for the war blinded.

"Your Chairman sits on the St. Dunstan's board, but cannot attend their meetings as often as he would like. We have their representative, Mr. Hopewell, on ours, and always welcome his cheery appearance and worthwhile suggestions. St. Dunstan's, with their specialised knowledge, look after our physiotherapists on our behalf, and all we do in return is to teach them how to play bowls and, dare I mention it, teach them to drink Scotch Whisky, but I hope never in excess, and we remember each other affectionately at Christmas."

Post Early for Christmas !

Would St. Dunstaners who would like to submit articles, poems, photographs, puzzles, etc., for the Christmas issue of the *Review* please post them off as soon as possible after reading this to the Editor.

PHYSIOTHERAPY CONFERENCE 1965

Any ordinary observer attending the Annual Conference of St. Dunstan's Physiotherapists is left with two over-riding impressions, these are the smooth and efficient conduct of the weekend business under the arrangements made by the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee, and the warm hospitality provided by the Commandant, Matron and Staff at Ovingdean. This year's Conference was held between the 1st and 3rd October, with Mr. Norman Perry as Chairman, and 80 physiotherapists attended.

After the Annual General Meeting on Saturday morning there was a formal lecture by Mr. R. H. Young, F.R.C.S., on "Surgery in Low Back Conditions" and, in the afternoon, lectures by Dr. W. Davison, M.R.C.P., on "Geriatrics" and Mr. F. Preastner, M.C.S.P., on "Manipulative Treatment in Low Back Conditions". Lord Fraser presided at the Luncheon, and the guests included Mr. Young, Dr. Davison and Mr. Jack Rose, Secretary of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists.

Last year a panel discussion, introduced by selected physiotherapists was held for the first time, and this very successful part of the programme was repeated in 1965 on Sunday morning. Mr. Ron Ettridge spoke on special problems connected with injuries sustained in professional football; Mr. Fred Ripley on lawn tennis injuries; and Mr. James McGinnis on knee injuries and their treatment.

After each of the three St. Dunstaners had briefly introduced his subject, there followed questions from the floor and a general discussion which brought out interesting and sometimes contrasting points of view.

Entertainment provided by the staff included a dance on Saturday evening. The weather was sunny and mild, which appears to be another set feature of the weekend Conference, at any rate, in recent years.

THANKS

We have been asked by the Escorts to publish the following message of thanks to the Commandant, Matron and Staff of St. Dunstan's at Ovingdean and Pearson House:—

"A very big THANK YOU for the wonderful time you gave the Escorts on 1st October, and for the delightful and useful memento each received."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From Ray Sheriff of Gloucester

Whilst serving with the 3rd Parachute Battalion during the rather disastrous air-landing operation, "Battle of Arnhem", Holland, 1944, I was blinded, plus other minor abrasions, which resulted in my being taken prisoner by the Germans. Finally, I came to rest at a Dutch Eye Hospital in Utrecht. There I lapsed into long spells of complete oblivion, with only brief moments of wakefulness. During the latter, I heard the voice of an English speaking lady and also the patter of an infant's feet moving from bed to bed throughout the small ward. The lady approached my bed and, sitting the child near me, said, "This is my baby boy, James, aged five," and, placing my hand upon his head, "He has lovely blond curls down to his shoulders".

During the passing of time such a vague and seemingly unimportant happening had long since escaped the realms of war time memories until the incident was revived, when a friend, who is employed at the local Gentleman's Outfitters telephoned me. He told me he had been discussing the Battle of Arnhem with a Dutch customer, and my name was mentioned. The Dutchman felt sure it rang a familiar bell in his memory. A meeting was arranged, and when we met he remarked, "Do you remember in Utrecht eye hospital, a little boy sitting upon your bed and you stroking his curls—well—I'm, that little boy".

Wee James Breuning, of twenty-one years ago, is now six feet tall, blond hair, but no curls, twenty-six years old and a student in Gloucester.

Since then we have spent many enjoyable evenings together talking of the war years and Holland in particular.

CHESS

Our Chess Weekend at Ovingdean this year is from Friday, 19th, to Sunday, 21st November.

The first round of the Tournament will start at approximately 7 p.m. on the Friday evening, and the last round on Sunday morning.

A hearty invitation is extended to all our regular players and to others who are not so experienced at the game.

The draw ensures that the stronger players are drawn against each other, so that newcomers all play against men of their own standard.

Please book your accommodation at Ovingdean as soon as possible. Bookings should be done through the London Headquarters.

CHARLIE KELK,
Captain.

Midland Club Notes

The Annual General Meeting of this Club was held on Sunday, 10th October.

All the present Committee Members, with the exception of Mr. E. Varley, the treasurer, were returned for another year. Our new Treasurer is Mr. G. Bilcliff. Mr. Varley had to stand down owing to ill health. We all thank him sincerely for all the work that he had put in on our behalf as treasurer over the past two years.

Several other things were discussed, one of which was a Christmas Party for adults. It is hoped to hold this event on the first Saturday in December.

Tea was arranged for us this month by Mrs. D. Faulkner and everyone enjoyed it very much, and Mrs. Faulkner was warmly thanked in the usual manner.

Two new members were welcomed to our Club, Mr. M. Linacre and Mr. W. Cotham, we sincerely hope that they will come to further meetings and also that other new members will join our ranks.

D. E. CASHMORE,
Hon. Secretary.

Sutton Club Notes

On Saturday, 4th September, our good friend, Diane Hoare, once more invited our Club over to her home at Blackheath, and a good time was enjoyed by one and all.

After tea we were entertained by two young lads on their guitars. They sang folk music and also "rock and roll".

Many thanks again to you and your band of willing helpers for making our afternoon so enjoyable.

I am sorry to say that our last two meetings were more quiet than usual, but that was owing to the holidays. Now that they are all over we are getting settled down for the winter. We are well on the way with the Sir Arthur Pearson games.

It would be nice to see some new faces coming to the Club in the next year. If anyone is interested about the dates of our meetings, please get in touch with Ted Dudley at Croydon 0596.

R. Dow.

Cardiff Club Notes

The meeting of the above Club was held on Saturday, 2nd October, and this meeting was the first one since July, so there was plenty to talk about when we all met.

Two of our very active members—Mr. and Mrs. H. Pople, have left Cardiff to reside at Ross-on-Wye, and it is a very big personal loss to the Club and their many friends that they have left Cardiff after so many years. To them both we wish every happiness and hope that they will visit the Club any time they are in Cardiff.

The men played their usual game of Dominoes and Crib, and the winners were as follows:—

Dominoes, Rufus Jones and Charles Durkin.

Crib, Reg Parsons.

After tea we played our usual game of Bingo, and so ended another enjoyable Club get-together.

D. STOTT,
Secretary.

NELSON'S COLUMN

October Nap

I am not a tipster. There just happen to be five books to outline.

"The Little Dogs Laughed" by Margaret Boyce Drew, reader Judith Whale, is, strangely enough, an interesting human story of miniature poodle breeding. It all began with a gift of a tiny poodle which through much doggy tragedy and owner despair, led to many awards in the show ring. Finally, an uproarious court case makes the title valid. A cockatoo enlivens proceedings all along and, for me, steals every scene in which it takes part.

"Summer Saga" by Robin Bryans, reader Alvar Liddell, is an amateur ornithologist's visit to Iceland which just fails to convey the majesty of the primeval nature of much of the island. I found the book informative, but maybe the soaking rain washed out the magic this same author brought to bear on Madeira.

"Don't Print my Name Upside Down" by Michael Green, reader Michael Aspel, is dedicated to "The Lads", whoever they may be. The writer starts as a cub reporter on the Bagford Monitor in the North or Midlands, and thereafter the whole eleven tracks become farce. This account of news getting is a wee bit too much for me, and the petty shifts and general meanness must upset anyone who has encountered dedicated journalists. Good entertaining fun, but satirical in essence.

"Coronel and the Falklands" by G. Bennett, reader David Broomfield, is an account of defeat followed by victory in the Royal Navy of 1914. No matter how technical the post mortem over the commanders' good and bad moves, the defeat was rash and the victory was sheer luck. All commanders concerned in either battle were as gallant as they come, and the German Admiral Graf Spee perished only 25 years later in the River Plate. Exhilarating stuff, just my cup of tea.

"Mons" by John Terraine, reader Anthony Parker, is, more or less, a parallel on land to the previous book. How much easier it is to put down on paper in orderly fashion afterwards what, at the time it actually occurred, was a confused mass of mixed-up units, friends and foes, all in an indistinguishable hotch-potch. Undoubtedly there was heroism on both sides, and just as surely there was an equal amount of its very reverse. Inevitably, the 16 tracks of this book have to be very sketchy and too much material comes from commanders and too little from regimental sources. It is interesting overall and starts and stops in its proper place.

Well done, Joffre! *Vive l'entente!*

FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS

The sad death of his wife prompted Jack Radford to write to the *Review* recalling fifty years of wonderful memories and happiness.

This year—fifty years to the day they first met in London on 26th March, 1915—they attended the Reception given at St. James's Palace celebrating St. Dunstan's fiftieth anniversary.

Jack said in his letter, "We would not have celebrated our Golden Wedding until 29th June, 1967, but we certainly had a Golden Jubilee."

Another coincidence Mr. Radford recalls is that he returned from the United States to England to join up in the First World War on the S.S. St. Dunstan—one of the ships of the Saint Steamship Line.

TEACHERS MARRY

Ronald Lomas, son of the late J. Lomas, of Walthamstow, has passed his finals at the Teacher's Training College. He and his wife, formerly Miss Jill Walker—they were married in August last—are now both teachers in Harlow.

CORRECTION

We apologise for an error in the addresses of Club Secretaries in the September *Review*. The Secretary for Liverpool is, of course, Mrs. Violet Formstone, 154 Pitville Avenue, Mossley Hill, Liverpool 13, and *not* J. Blakely, who is the Hon. Treasurer.

BRIDGE NOTES

The eighth Individual Match, London Section, was played on Saturday, 9th October, and the results are as follows:—

- H. Meleson and G. Andrews, 53;
- E. Carpenter and Partner, 53;
- P. Nuyens and F. Jackson, 47;
- H. Kerr and W. Bishop, 39;
- R. Freer and W. Scott, 37;
- F. Matthewman and G. Brown, 35;
- R. Bickley and R. Fullard, 27.

HARROGATE BRIDGE WEEK

Twelve St. Dunstaners this year made our visit to Harrogate for the Bridge Week.

Our Party included Violet Formstone, G. Brown, E. Carpenter, M. Delaney, R. Freer, R. Fullard, H. Gover, B. Ingrey, C. Kelk, P. Nuyens, F. Rhodes and A. Smith.

It was indeed a very happy party with Wallie Ling again acting very efficiently as our escort. Mrs. Gover also came as escort to Violet.

We had a grand welcome on arrival, being met by a number of good friends at the Station, including Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson and Norman Green.

We played our teams of four at Campbell's Club on Sunday evening for the St. Dunstan's Trophy, and Violet's team was second.

We also visited Oakdale, Knaresborough and the I.C.I. where we had a very nice welcome and won two of these matches.

On the Thursday, Alfred Hopkinson gave us a delightful day out and lunch.

We finished the week with an "At Home" and Bridge Drive on Friday evening at an Hotel, the prizes made by St. Dunstaners, were very much appreciated by the winners.

H. GOVER.

SEA RESCUE

Robert, aged fifteen, son of our St. Dunstaner, L. Thompson, of Gateshead, together with a friend, went into a rough sea at Beadnell Bay, Durham, to rescue two men who had got into difficulties whilst swimming recently.

The boys brought the men ashore, saving the life of one of them but, unfortunately, the other man died in hospital.

A Police spokesman said: "The boys were very brave as the sea was rough at the time".

GARDEN NEWS

We are very pleased to hear from Mr. Robinson of more successes in the garden world.

F. Fulbrook, of Edgware, has received the following prizes at the Stanmore and District Chrysanthemum Show—three second prizes and two third prizes.

B. Parker, Nr. Grantham, Lincs., went in for the Castle Bytham Garden and Allotment Association Show and won the first prize for white eggs, first prize for cabbages and two prizes for onions.

St. Dunstan's was represented at the Annual Farnborough Horticultural Show by P. Webberley, who won a third prize for his runner beans.

FREE GIFT

J. J. Morgan is offering the gift of an Estey Organ. It is in good condition and has 14 stops, a mirror and is 6ft. in height. It originally came from the Estey Organ Co., Brattleboro, U.S.A. Will anyone interested please get in touch with J. J. Morgan at 555 Whitton Avenue West, Greenford, Middlesex.

Carpentry Award

Our St. Dunstaner, H. Meleson, following his retirement as a shopkeeper took a hobby joinery course at Ovingdean. Recently he contributed 18 pieces to an exhibition organised for the Jewish Blind Week, held at Stamford Hill, London and obtained a "Highly Commended" Certificate for his exhibits in the Carpentry Section.

Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind

Additional Tape Titles—FICTION

Cat. No.		<i>Playing Time Hours approx.</i>
883	HARTLEY, L. P.—THE GO-BETWEEN (1953) Read by Gabriel Woolf. Study of a sensitive boy involved in an adult tragedy he cannot comprehend and which gives him a mistrust of life.	10½
891	HUXLEY, ELSPETH—A MAN FROM NOWHERE (1964) Read by Corbett Woodall. A man, determined to avenge his wife's death, seeks his scapegoat, a Cabinet Minister. The following events lead to unforeseen tragedy.	11½
892	SNOW, C. P.—THE NEW MEN (1954) Read by Eric Gillett. A novel dealing with the development of the atom bomb in England, the feelings of the scientists and the reactions of the politicians.	10
885	DICKENS, CHARLES—THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP (1841) Read by George Hagan. Among the notable characters in this book are Dick Swiveller, the Marchioness, Mrs. Jarley and her waxworks, Quilp the Dwarf and Little Nell.	25½
NON-FICTION		
886	BELL, ADRIAN—SILVER LEY (1932). <i>Sequel to Cat. No. 547</i> Read by Stephen Jack.	8
887	BELL, ADRIAN—THE CHERRY TREE (1932). <i>Sequel to the above</i> Read by Stephen Jack. These two books continue the story of life in rural Suffolk and contain vivid descriptions of the country scene.	8
890	CRAIG, THURLOW—THE UP-COUNTRY YEAR BOOK (1964) Read by Roy Williamson. An account of life on a Welsh farm during the year 1962-3.	6½
882	JACKSON, STANLEY—THE SAVOY (1964) Read by David Geary. Describes the organisation of this great hotel, its superb food and service, and the personalities of famous guests past and present.	11½
893	NEALE, J. E.—QUEEN ELIZABETH (1934) Read by Eric Gillett. This life of the first Queen Elizabeth shows the complex character of the woman herself against a background of the troubled yet magnificent period of her reign.	16½
888	TUCHMAN, BARBARA W.—AUGUST, 1914 (1962) Read by David Broomfield. The events that led to the outbreak of World War I and the first two months of conflict, concluding with the Battle of the Marne.	20½

FAMILY NEWS

Marriages

ABRAHAM—RICHARDS.—On 22nd September, 1965, S. J. Abraham, of Liverpool, to Miss Gwen Richards, of Liverpool.

LLOYD—MARTIN.—On 9th October, 1965, W. C. Lloyd, of Llanelly, to Miss Mary Martin, of Llanelly.

Silver Weddings

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Carr, of High Wycombe, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on August 19th, 1965.

Silver Weddings—continued

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Josey, of Windsor, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 1st October, 1965.

Very sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. King of Southend-on-Sea, on their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 28th September, 1965.

Golden Wedding

Very many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hibbert, of New Malden, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 19th September, 1965.

FAMILY NEWS—continued

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:—

F. W. Bell, of Wallasey, on the arrival of a grand-daughter on the 29th July, 1965.

A. L. Curnow, of Bexley Heath, when his daughter gave birth to a daughter—Caroline Lewis.

G. Eustace, of Tolworth, when his daughter gave birth to a son on 7th August, 1965. The baby's name is Michael David.

G. H. Jenrick, of Wallington, when his daughter gave birth to a daughter, Karen Jean, on 15th August. This is his first grandchild.

H. McCartney, of Belfast, on the arrival of a second grand-daughter, born at the end of August, 1965.

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The only grand-daughter of J. E. Batty, of Killamarsh, near Sheffield, was married on 2nd October, 1965.

Deaths

We send our very sincere sympathy to the following:—

L. R. Brown, of Kempston, whose father died recently.

H. V. Frampton, of Welling, whose wife died on 16th September, 1965. He is now staying with his daughter and her husband at Eltham.

Deaths—continued

J. C. Owen, of Liverpool, whose wife died on 11th October after a great deal of suffering.

A. J. Radford, of Castle Cary, on the death of his wife on 17th September at the Bristol Royal Infirmary.

Many St. Dunstaners, especially those who were at the Training Centre during the late 1940's, will be sorry to learn of the death recently of Bob Spurgeon, the engineer who so capably dealt with breakdowns in training equipment and special aids for the additionally disabled.

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J. W. Lawson, of Warrington, has recently been presented with a gold Braille watch on completing 25 years' service with his firm, Thames Board Mills. He has spent 23 years of this as a telephonist with them.

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Congratulations to J. R. McKinlay's grandson, Donald McKinlay, who has gained a scholarship to the Norwich University and has gone up to the University this term.

In Memory

Sydney Allott, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment

It is with deep regret we have to record the death at his home on 9th October, 1965, of Sidney Allott, of Hornsea, Yorks. He was 67 years of age.

He served in the 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, from 1916 to 1919, and was a Prisoner of War in Germany. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1955. On account of his poor health he did not undertake occupational training. He did, however, enjoy holidays at Brighton from time to time. He had been gravely ill for some time.

To his widow and family we send our sympathy on their sad loss.

In Memory—continued

Walter Buckle, Middlesex Regiment

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Walter Buckle at Pearson House on the 10th September, 1965. He was aged 71 years of age.

He served in the Middlesex Regiment from 1915 to 1919 and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1921.

He trained as a basket maker and continued most successfully with this work up to 1957 when his wife died after a very short illness. He spent the remainder of his life as a resident at our Homes.

Our sympathy goes to all members of his family.

J. T. Cook, 9th Northumberland Fusiliers

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death in hospital on the 30th September of J. T. Cook, of Pulborough, at the age of 70.

His loss of sight was due to mustard gas in the First War, and in 1947 he came to St. Dunstan's, where he trained as a joiner. His wife died in 1949 and since that time he has lived with his daughter. Recently, he went into hospital for a serious operation, from which he appeared to be making a good recovery, but he collapsed and died very suddenly.

Jack Cook was a regular visitor to Ovingdean, where he will be much missed by many friends. To his daughter and married son we send an expression of our deep sympathy in their loss.

F. Hume Crowe, Leinster Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home of F. Hume Crowe, of Norwich at the age of 69.

"Paddy" Crowe became a St. Dunstaner in 1918, but did not start serious training until 1926. Having qualified as a physiotherapist, he lived for many years in Bedford Park and did hospital work and had a private practice. Three years after the death of his first wife, he remarried in 1957 and went to live in Norwich, where he continued in physiotherapy.

His death on the 13th October was sudden and unexpected, and we send our deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

Tom Dickinson, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

We have to record with deep regret the death of Tom Dickinson on 23rd September, 1965. He was 72 years old.

He served in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry from 1914 to 1915, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1928. He trained in bootmaking, mats and basket work, and continued in these occupations until 1942 when he went into industry. He worked in industry until 1960 when his health began to fail. A little later his wife died, and since then his sons, who are both married, looked after him.

To his two sons and their wives we send our sincere sympathy.

D. G. Henley Luck, 2nd Artists' Rifles

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death at his home on September 15th of Donald Henley Luck, of St. Agnes, Cornwall, at the age of 65.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1920 and, after completing his training, practised for many years as a physiotherapist in Kent. He was often troubled with ill-health and, in 1958, he moved to Cornwall, where he practised for a time, but retired completely some three years ago.

To his widow and only daughter, who is at present living in Australia, we send our deepest sympathy.

Timothy Parrish, 2nd Bedfordshires

With very deep regret we have to record the death on 21st September, 1965, of Timothy Parrish, of Thrapston, Northants. He was aged 84 years.

He served in the 2nd Bedfordshires from 1914 to 1917, being wounded at Ypres, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1917. He carried on the occupation of farmer for many years, until ill health and increasing age compelled him to give this up. His wife pre-deceased him in 1963.

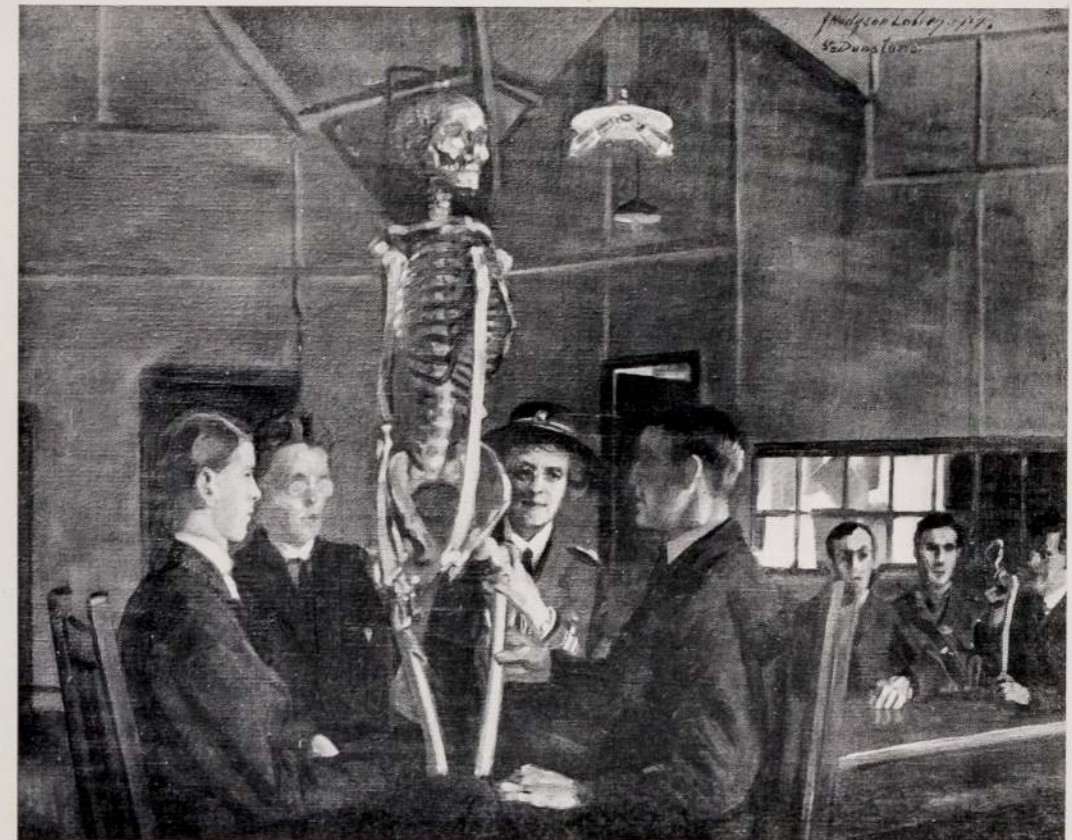
To his niece, Miss Parrish, and the members of his family, we send an expression of sincere sympathy.

Samuel W. Williams, Royal Air Force

We have to record with deep regret the death at Pearson House, where he was staying for convalescence, on the 12th September, 1965, of Samuel W. Williams, of Warrington, Lancs. He was aged 81 years. He served in the R.A.F. from 1916 to 1918, and came to St. Dunstan's in 1925.

He trained as a mat maker and did this work for our Stores for a number of years, until 1932 when he became a shopkeeper. He gave up the shop, however, after a couple of years, and continued with his mat making. He went to Ovingdean on holiday, but was taken ill while staying there and moved to Pearson House. He was ill for some weeks, but his death was, nevertheless, sudden and unexpected.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family, to whom we send our sincere sympathy.



PHYSIOTHERAPY, 1919. This is a photograph of a painting entitled "St. Dunstan's Hostel". "The Massage School—an Anatomy Lesson". It was painted by a war artist, J. Hodgson Lobley. Its existence in the Wellcome Historical Medicine Museum was discovered by Charles Taplin, of Trowbridge, whose letter to the Chairman describing his search appears on another page.

Charles is the young man on the left of the group in the foreground. He thinks the tutor was possibly Mrs. Frank Brighurst, but cannot remember who were his fellow students. It would be interesting to hear from any of our readers who remember this picture being painted or who recognise the other St. Dunstaners shown.

PHYSIOTHERAPY, 1965. The 1965 Physiotherapy Conference was held from the 1st to 3rd October at Ovingdean. Part of the programme each year is a display and demonstration of new equipment. Our picture shows Charles Williamson examining a piece of electronic equipment with representatives of the manufacturers.



THE LONG CANE

"Steps-down" drill: Having detected the top step, Vivian Kennard checks the depth of the step before descending. His long cane will enable him to touch two steps in front of him as he goes, giving early warning of the bottom step.



Doug Parmenter stops as his cane finds a typical pavement obstacle. The picture also shows how a relaxed hold enables the user to avoid possible damage to the cane or to the hazard located.



In busy areas the outside of the pavement is often clearer. Charles Campkin demonstrates the use of the kerb as a reference—the long cane is well suited to this technique.