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EVENING CONCERT AT HORSHAM
FOR ST DUNSTAN'S HOSTEL

Nearly one thousand tickets were sold for the evening concert held on Thursday in aid of St. Dunstan's Hostel for our blinded soldiers and sailors. The heavy rain of Sunday and Monday was followed by brilliant summer weather and the Manor House grounds (kindly lent by Mrs. Padwick) were in delightful condition. Everything favoured a most deserving event, and great success was achieved. The large audience represented a wide district, and included Lady Pearson, who herself undertaken the musical arrangements of these concerts by blind musicians. Held under the auspices of the Horsham Urban District Council War Charities Committee, the local arrangements for the concert were left in the capable hands of Mr. E. E. Lawrence, JP. An excellent stage, bedecked with plants and flags, was erected on the tennis lawn, with a fine background of pines, and the sound carried splendidly. The piano was kindly lent by Mrs. Pomroy Sainsbury, and the accompanist was Miss Dorothy Capon.

In the course of the concert Mr. Avalon Collard (Director) gave an able address on the work of our blinded soldiers and sailors at St. Dunstan's Hostel. The latest return showed there were no fewer than 406 blinded soldiers and sailors at St. Dunstan's and annexes. The number who had passed through and were now set up in some useful occupation was 220 whilst 110 men were still in hospital waiting to come to St. Dunstan's. Only 40 men had passed through and failed, owing to ill health.

Mr. Collard said that all expenses in connection with these concerts were borne by the National Institute of the Blind, so that all proceeds went to St. Dunstan's. Sir Arthur and Lady Pearson keenly appreciated the kindness and enthusiasm of all at Horsham on this occasion, and thanks were especially due to Mr. Lawrence, who had been so good as to be their honorary secretary.