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In the International cross-country championship decided at Baldoyle Racecourse, Dublin, Arthur Allum finished ninth in the actual race and was the sixth Englishman to score. Thus England scored a very easy win and we are proud to have supplied one of the victorious team. Well run, Arthur!

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The Summer Season opened very auspiciously for us at Gravesend, where A. Allum won the Two Miles race and our team was second. Other successes were the double win of A. H. Shannon in the sprints, C. Cook's win in the Veteran's 100 yards, E. H. Jarvis's victory in the 440 yards handicap and the third of H. E. Larman in the Walk.

If our successes continue at this rate there will be little left for other Clubs.

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It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend the Annual Club Dinner, particulars of which appear elsewhere.

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WITH THE WALKERS.

Our walkers have not been too busy, in the racing sense, during the past month. The shorter distance men are resting prior to resuming on the track, whilst the longer distance walkers are training steadily for the big event of the year—the National Championship—when we hope to regain our title.

This Championship will take place on May 9th, at Enfield, and every Club man should make an effort to attend and cheer on our team. A few cheers are wonderfully refreshing in the course of a twenty miles race, and it is hoped that our walkers will have no cause for complaint in this direction. So, turn up in your hundreds, and do a little towards bringing the National Shield back to the South. Enfield Town station is conveniently reached from Liverpool Street station and cheap return fares are available.

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The Surrey County Championship—always an unlucky race for us—again lived up to its reputation when held over Mitcham Common on March 21st.

Fletcher, the County champion, and Thorn, both suffered disqualification and this put paid to our hopes of winning the championship for the first time. Field walked well to finish fifth and our eventual team placing was third.

RESULT.

		<i>m. s.</i>			<i>m. s.</i>
1. W. T. Chilton	S.W.C	78 30	17. J. H. Graygoss	...	86 54
5. J. E. Field	...	81 11	22. A. H. Field	...	89 33
12. W. G. Dodkin	...	83 23	24. H. E. Larman	...	94 5
14. R. G. Hillier	...	85 40			

TEAM SCORES.

1. Surrey W.C. ... 18 pts.
2. London Vidarians W.C. 24 pts.
3. Belgrave Harriers ... 48 pts.

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On the same day as the County championships were being held in London, we defended "The Bishop of Birmingham's Cup" over a twenty miles course on the outskirts of Birmingham. Tommy Green won the individual race—incidentally his first win in an Open 20 Miles race—and our four men finished in the first ten places and yet we were only second. Derby W.C., by splendid walking, finished 2, 3, 4, 5, and so took the Cup from us. Birmingham W.C. finished nine men in the first twenty; and these two examples of packing give an idea of what we shall be up against in the National Championship. However, our men will have trained on by May 9th, and a stern struggle may be expected.

RESULT.

		<i>h. m. s.</i>			<i>h. m. s.</i>
1. T. W. Green	...	2 40 56	10. J. Rathbone	...	2 52 49
6. H. F. King	...	2 46 4	— T. W. Salmon	...	3 12 35
7. J. F. King	...	2 49 5			

TEAM SCORES.

1. Derby W.C.	14 pts.
2. Belgrave H.	24 pts.
3. Birmingham W.C.	44 pts.

On Easter Monday, Tommy Green broke the record (made by himself last year) for the Sunderland—Darlington course (32½ miles) by nearly seven minutes. This augurs well for the attempt on the 50 miles record which we are promoting on June 8th, in Battersea Park. Three approved timekeepers have promised their assistance, and I hope to give detailed information in our May issue.

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Attention is drawn to the 2 miles track handicap on Saturday, May 2nd, and at the evening meetings detailed in "Forthcoming Events." Entries (1/-) should be sent to me at least seven days before the event.

It is hoped that there will be a good contingent of walkers present at our Annual Dinner on May 2nd (details elsewhere), and tickets may be had from Bill Rice.

A. A. HARLEY, *Walking Hon. Secretary*,
44 Rosebury Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

THE NATIONAL CROSS-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

On March 14th, our team made its way to Wickstead Park, Kettering, for the cross-country race of the year—the National Championship. Our team hardly hoped to improve upon last year's sixth position, in view of the strength of the entry, and eventually our six totalled fifteen points more than last year, and were placed ninth—a creditable performance in a field of 37 teams comprising the strongest clubs in the country.

Our greatest hopes, however, were vested in Arthur Allum's ability to gain a prominent position in the individual race, and our belief in his prowess was fully justified by the result. In the first mile Arthur led, at four miles he was sixth, at seven miles he had dropped back to eighth, and recovered to finish fifth. This wonderful running—the best performance yet by a Belgrave man in this race—deservedly resulted in Arthur being selected to represent England in the International cross-country race in Ireland. Our congratulations and thanks go out to Allum for the honour conferred upon our Champion and his Club.

Arthur was the first Southerner to finish, which enhances his feat.

Our other men ran well, without calling for particular mention; and we must congratulate our Southern rivals, South London Harriers, upon being placed second, and showing us that it can be done. If our team can show the same improvement by next season as Arthur Allum has shown this year, it will be done.

RESULT.

1.	J. H. Potts (Saltwell H.)	...	...	...	...	57	16	4-5
2.	J. Winfield (Derby and Cty. H.)	...	...	...	...	57	18	
3.	R. R. Sutherland (Birchfield H.)	...	...	...	...	57	38	
4.	E. Harper (Hallamshire H.)	...	...	...	...	57	55	
5.	A. Allum (Belgrave H.)	...	...	...	...	58	0	
36.	S. H. Warboys	do.	...	...	...	60	45	
46.	A. W. Penny	do.	...	...	...	61	18	
67.	H. E. Footer	do.	...	...	...	---	---
83.	W. G. Webb	do.	...	...	...	---	---
93.	J. E. Flower	do.	...	...	...	---	---
113.	E. A. Duffett	do.	...	...	...	---	---
165.	C. T. Carter	do.	...	...	...	---	---

TEAM SCORES.

	pts.		pts.
1. Birchfield H.	104	6. Sheffield United H.	267
2. South London H.	193	7. Surrey A.C.	277
3. Salford H.	201	8. Bury A.C.	301
4. Tipton H.	211	9. Belgrave H.	329
5. Hallamshire H.	235	10. Polytechnic H.	444

MATCH v. OLD EMANUEL A.C. AND THE COLLEGE OF ST. MARK AND ST. JOHN.

Whilst our first team were away competing in the National Championship at Kettering, our reserve team entertained Old Emanuel A.C., with whom we had a pleasant fixture last Summer, and the College of St. Mark and St. John. It was intended that this contest should be a three-cornered one, but as our guests turned up short in numbers, they combined to run against us.

Our five miles course was used and Joe Flower won from A. Kench, who was running for Old Emanuel A.C., and is, of course, a members of our Club. Another member, W. Lowden, was to be found in the St. Mark's team. George Still ran prominently for a man whose best running was done thirty years ago; and the final scoring gave us a win, as shown below. It is hoped that this fixture will be renewed next year.

RESULT.

		m.	s.			m.	s.		
1.	T. J. Flower	B.H.	27	24	15.	C. Law	B.H.	30	42
2.	A. Kench	O.E.	27	25	16.	D. A. Sloper	B.H.	30	43
3.	N. Palmer	O.E.	27	51	17.	R. Wenhem	St. M.	30	43

4. A. Godfrey ...	O.E.	27	51	18. A. Traquair ...	B.H.	30	43
5. N. Dewberry	B.H.	28	23	19. J. Woodley ...	B.H.	30	45
6. H. J. Fletcher	B.H.	28	50	20. — Peel ...	St. M.	30	55
7. S. R. Chorley	B.H.	29	0	21. — Opptout ...	St. M.	31	9
8. W. S. Mitchell	B.H.	29	4	22. S. P. Brand ...	B.H.	31	15
9. R. Martin ...	B.H.	30	3	23. R. Elson ...	B.H.	31	39
10. G. Still ...	B.H.	30	22	24. L. E. Fletcher	B.H.	32	22
11. — Mortimer	St. M.	30	23	25. C. J. Davis ...	B.H.	32	52
12. — Edwards	St. M.	30	31	26. K. Freestone...	B.H.	33	11
13. W. A. Carnie	B.H.	30	37	27. — Rowlands...	St. M.	33	25
14. W. Lowden...	St. M.	30	40	28. L. Hansford ...	O.E.	34	11

TEAM SCORES.

Belgrave H.—1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15	...	...	...	74 pts.
Old Emanuel A.C. ...	...	...	2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 14.	
The College of St. Mark & St. John			17, 20, 21...	104 pts.

FIVE MILES ROAD HANDICAP.

The usual end-of-the-season road handicap was held on March 28th and also acted as a trial for selecting the London to Brighton Relay Race team. In the absence of Arthur Allum on International duty in Dublin, Penny and Warboys shared the post of honour.

The course was a little over five miles in length and on the re-appearance of the runners, Penny was seen to be leading, followed by Jack Flower. A surprise was caused by the prominent position (5th) occupied by Alfred Kench, one of our younger runners whose promise has been commented upon from time to time in these columns. Another to show up well was C. Mains, a comparative newcomer and Kent County runner, who finished seventh. Mains, who arrived late, was forced to run to St. John's Hall from the station and arrived in a distressed condition. His running under this handicap must be considered satisfactory.

Carter again showed that he is a distinct acquisition, and his forward running gained him second prize in the handicap. Alec Traquair upheld the tradition of the "long markers" by taking first prize in the handicap, whilst third prize went to A. Kench.

RESULT.

Pos'n	Name	All'ce	Actual Time	H'cay Time	H'cap Pos'n
1.	A. W. Penny ...	Ser.	30 16	30 16	15
2.	J. E. Flower ...	0 30	30 25	29 55	8
3.	S. H. Warboys ...	Ser.	30 45	30 45	18
4.	T. J. Flower ...	1 0	31 14	30 14	14
5.	A. Kench ...	2 0	31 18	29 18	3
6.	C. T. Carter ...	2 15	31 25	29 10	2
7.	C. Mains ...	1 30	31 26	29 56	10
8.	E. A. Duffett ...	1 45	31 29	29 44	6
9.	N. Dewberry ...	2 15	31 52	29 37	4
10.	A. E. Smith ...	2 0	31 58	29 58	11

11.	A. Robertshaw	...	...	2	15	...	32	24	...	30	9	...	13
12.	W. S. Mitchell	...	...	1	0	...	32	52	...	31	52	...	29
13.	S. Chorley	...	...	3	0	...	32	55	...	29	55	...	8
14.	W. L. Bayliss	...	...	2	30	...	33	22	...	30	52	...	20
15.	A. H. Traquair	...	...	5	30	...	34	8	...	28	38	...	1
16.	S. Brand	...	...	4	30	...	34	12	...	29	42	...	5
17.	A. C. Canard	...	...	2	45	...	34	36	...	31	51	...	28
18.	C. H. Penny	...	...	3	30	...	35	0	...	31	30	...	24
19.	C. Lancaster	...	...	3	30	...	35	5	...	31	35	...	26
20.	R. Freestone	...	...	4	0	...	35	28	...	31	28	...	23
21.	H. Harrison	...	...	5	30	...	35	35	...	30	5	...	12
22.	J. Woodley	...	...	4	0	...	35	36	...	31	36	...	27
23.	L. E. Fletcher	...	...	6	0	...	35	44	...	29	44	...	6
24.	P. A. Sandie	...	...	3	30	...	35	48	...	32	18	...	30
25.	D. A. Sloper	...	...	5	30	...	36	1	...	30	31	...	16
26.	C. J. Davis	...	...	4	30	...	36	2	...	31	32	...	25
27.	R. F. Elson	...	...	5	30	...	36	21	...	30	51	...	19
28.	W. Dallimore	...	...	5	30	...	36	34	...	31	4	...	21
29.	G. Still	...	...	6	45	...	37	21	...	30	36	...	17
30.	A. H. East	...	...	7	30	...	38	46	...	31	16	...	22
31.	H. Freestone	...	...	4	15	...	39	25	...	35	10	...	32
32.	C. W. Boud	...	...	6	45	...	39	53	...	33	8	...	31

THE BRIGHTON RELAY.

April 11th—the day appointed for the London to Brighton Relay—now one of the most popular sporting events in the South—proved to be a very fine day with glorious sunshine; and was in distinct contrast to the weather we have had to endure on some past occasions. Our 'bus arrived at Westminster at 10-15 a.m., and was soon transformed into a combined dressing-room and moving grandstand. Posters in Club colours invoked "Up the Bels." and the claret and gold rosettes, ties and scarves (not forgetting the beret of our Running Hon. Secretary's wife!) gave our 'bus a very colourful appearance. Several bells also made their presence known, and if it had been possible to transform the energy used by the ringers into running power, we should have been in Brighton before the other teams reached Crawley! Our 'bus left Westminster shortly after 10-30 a.m. and we made for Clapham Common, where Jack Flower, our first man, would hand on to Alfred Kench.

Eventually the runners came into sight and it was seen that we had made a very good start, for Jack was lying fourth. He had run very well indeed and was only four seconds outside last year's record for this stretch of 4 miles 176 yards. South London H. led at this point.

Kench carried on and quickly found that he was running in the highest class. In fact, his first appearance for the Club in an important race took the form of an "ordeal by fire," but he performed quite creditably. He lost places to men many years his senior and of far greater experience, but none surpassed him for plucky running.

And so he arrived at Mitcham, still fighting gallantly and almost "all-in," in the tenth position, but well within striking distance of those in front, now led by Tipton H., due to a fine run by their International, T. Kay.

Duffett now ran for us, and for the greater part of the stretch ran neck and neck with an old friend and member of our Club, Harold Wills, of the Herne Hill Harriers. Our man picked up three opponents but had to sacrifice two positions and so handed over ninth. There was still very little in the race, although Birchfield H. had now taken the lead and, as was afterwards proved, were not to be headed again.

We were far from dismayed at our position, for our best men were still to run, and those in front of us were spread out at intervals of twenty or thirty yards.

This looked like helping Arthur Allum to smash the record for the fourth stage, and to bring us up to second or third position. This he would assuredly have done, but for an unfortunate recurrence of ankle trouble, sustained in the International race in Ireland. He had covered $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles and picked up four positions when his ankle gave way, and from this point it was a case of gritting teeth and struggling on in pain. Two of those he had passed earlier managed to repass Arthur in the last ten yards and so we were now seventh. Arthur had to be carried to the 'bus, for he was unable to put his foot to the ground after finishing the run, and later, Dr. H. B. Stallard prescribed a month's rest.

Despite this accident, Allum had accomplished very fast time compared with other runners over the stretch, and but for this unfortunate occurrence we should have been on the heels of the leaders. However, it is all part of the race, and we wish Arthur a speedy recovery and quick return to the form which has made him one of the most talked-of runners during the past season.

Sid Warboys carried on for us over the fifth stage, and here most Clubs had placed their best man, but Sid pegged back the Hallamshire and Surrey A.C. men and handed over fifth. We were now led by :—

			h.	m.	s.
1—	Birchfield H.	...	2	21	38
2—	South London H.	...	2	23	31
3—	Tipton H.	...	2	23	43
4—	Highgate H.	...	2	24	12
5—	Belgrave H.	...	2	24	26

Joe Flower carried on the good work, overhauling the Highgate and Tipton representatives and bringing us up to third position.

Joe's run was a very fine one and a Club record for this stage. Behind, R. H. Thomas, the A.A.A. and Air Force Champion, running for Surrey A.C., succeeded in gaining thirteen seconds on us, but Flower's time was the second best over this stage.

Bert Footer ran next and although he ran faster than any other Belgrave man has done in the past over this stretch, he was forced to surrender places to Tipton H. and Surrey A.C. Langley, another R.A.F. runner competing for Surrey A.C., ran exceptionally well and took his Club up to third position.

Thus, we were fifth when Arthur Penny took over and this remained our position to the end. Penny put up his usual good show and at the conclusion of his run we were only 24 seconds behind South London H., and were over three minutes ahead of Hallamshire H., who were sixth. We were now less than two minutes behind Birchfield H.

C. Mains, a young man of twenty, running his first race for us, did very well over what is, perhaps, the most difficult stage of the lot, involving, as it does, the gradual ascent of the South Downs, culminating in the climb of Dale Hill. Only once has a Belgrave man beaten Mains' time over this stage, and that was Footer, last year, when running at his best. Mains is, therefore, deserving of our congratulations upon a fine performance, and has shown that we have another runner of class to strengthen our teams. He gained 19 seconds upon Tipton Harriers and increased our lead over the sixth club to over $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. Well run!

C. T. Carter, one of our first-year runners, was entrusted with the last stage, and as the two International runners, E. Harper (Hallamshire H.) and H. Bignall (Highgate H.) were over three and a half minutes behind, there was little to worry about. So we finished fifth, a creditable performance and one which confirms our high position among Southern Clubs.

Actually, our time was seventeen seconds slower than last year, but comparisons of time from year to year may be very deceptive, owing to change of conditions, winds, etc.

The last stage proved very exciting, for here it was that South London H. beat Surrey A.C. for second place, eventually finishing 33 seconds behind Birchfield H. The race as a whole was most exciting for there were continual changes of position between second and sixth place in the second half of the race and never before has the race been so open. For our part, we derive much satisfaction from the result, for the gap between the winning club and ourselves is gradually decreasing. This year, Surrey A.C. and Tipton H. greatly improved and beat us, while Hallam-

shire H. on this occasion finished behind us. Next year we may well be fighting out the lead with South London Harriers. Time will show.

Some words of praise are due to our reserves, who continued to train conscientiously up to the day of the race in order that they might give of their best if called upon. This is just another little indication of the team spirit which is carrying us forward, and we thank them.

After tea, our bus started on the return journey, the bell-ringers still busy, and dusk falling. Eventually London and off home, conscious of a good running performance, a fine day's outing, and wondering if next year's race would see our team gaining first medals; and, if so, how many people would be deafened by our bell-ringing "fans" on the homeward journey? Surely questions would be asked in Parliament about it and . . . Well, time will show.

RESULT.

Relay	Distance mils. yds.	Name	Time m. s.	
1 ... 4	176 ...	J. E. Flower ...	21 54 ...	C.R.
2 ... 5	176 ...	A. Kench ...	28 25	
3 ... 5	856 ...	E. A. Duffett ...	30 59	
4 ... 5	1232 ...	A. Allum ...	30 52	
5 ... 6	352 ...	S. H. Warboys ...	32 16	
6 ... 5	176 ...	T. J. Flower ...	27 33 ...	C.R.
7 ... 4	704 ...	H. E. Footer ...	25 43 ...	C.R.
8 ... 6	218 ...	A. W. Penny ...	31 47	
9 ... 5	486 ...	C. Mains ...	29 5	
10 ... 6	904 ...	C. T. Carter ...	34 53	

C.R.—Club Record.

TEAM PLACINGS.

	h. m. s.		h. m. s.
1. Birchfield H. ...	4 48 58	7. Highgate H. ...	4 55 21
2. South London H. ...	4 49 31	8. Aldershot Com. A.C.	4 56 30
3. Surrey A.C. ...	4 49 41	9. Herne Hill H. ...	4 57 43
4. Tipton H. ...	4 51 15	10. Polytechnic H. ...	4 58 59
5. Belgrave H. ...	4 53 27	11. Cwmbran H. ...	4 59 13
6. Hallamshire H. ...	4 54 13	12. Horsham Blue	
		Star H.	5 1 6

FIELD EVENTS.

All field events men should now be out training seriously, for representatives will be required for the L.A.C. Match, the "Kinnaird Trophy" Competition, and the various Southern Amateur Athletic League events. J. E. Mackie and G. H. Powell are always pleased to advise newcomers to this branch of athletics.

It has been decided that in future it will not be necessary for competitors to take part in all four field events, as hitherto, in the "Harry Wright Shield" Competition. Attention is drawn to the Long Jump Handicap included in our opening programme of May 2nd, and a good entry is anticipated.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

We have now arranged our Summer programme and Club-fixture cards will be sent to all members as soon as possible.

On May 2nd we are holding our opening meeting at Battersea Park Track, at 3 p.m. We have an Inter-Club match v. the London Athletic Club, on the same lines as last year, and the teams to represent our Club in the various events will be selected by the Committee.

There will be the following Handicaps for Club members: 100 yards, 300 yards, 880 yards, 2 Miles Walk, and Long Jump. Also we are staging the Southern Amateur Athletic League 3 Miles Team race (4 to run and count) and as this league embraces the pick of the Southern Clubs the race will be an event worth watching.

We are also having a 1 Mile scratch run for Novices only, Unattached and also open to Belgrave H. Any Club novices who might wish to enter this event, will they please give their names to me. Also, if you know of any Unattached men who wish to compete kindly ask them to get in touch with me, and oblige.

Entries for the above events should be sent in as early as you can, entry fee 1/- each event, no reduction for quantity.

May 9th we have an Inter-Club contest v. Faling Harriers, Slough A.C. and Ashcombe A.C., on the former's ground at

West Ealing. Team men will be advised in due course re travelling arrangements, etc.

On May 11th will be held the S.A.A.L. High Jump contest at the Surrey A.C., meeting in Battersea Park.

Also during May we are holding two further meetings at Battersea Park, one on May 13th, which will be an Inter-Club Relay contest between Croydon H., Mitcham A.C., Epsom H. and ourselves. Club Handicaps for the night are a 220 yards for Juniors under 19 years of age, 2 miles Walk and the Javelin.

Then on the 29th we have a Club Handicap night, as follows : 100 yards (under 19), 100 yards (Veterans, over 40), 100 yards, 220 yards, 880 yards, 1 Mile, 2 Miles Walk, and Putting the Shot. There will also be a 100 yards scratch race for Unattached Novices only for "News of the World" medals. Entry to this event is free, so please advise your friends to come along and compete. Entries from Aberdeen are welcomed.

May is also a busy month as regards Open Fixtures. On the 16th is the Geneva meeting at Stamford Bridge, which includes a 2 Miles Team race, a 1 Mile Medley Relay, and a 13 Miles Road race, also there are Handicaps at all distances.

On the 23rd, also at the Bridge, the S.A.A.L. 4 x 440 yards and 4 x 880 yards contests will be held in connection with the L.A.C. meeting. We are hoping to improve on our last year's position in the League and can only do this by the co-operation of our members in turning out to assist the Club in these races.

May 27th there will be held at Finsbury Park Track the S.A.A.L. Long Jump contest in connection with the Highgate H. meeting.

In the Southern Amateur Athletic League events points will be scored, 6 for a win down to 1 point for sixth place. This will also apply to the Field events in which 3 men from each club compete with 2 to score, with the exception of the Hurdles race which will be a relay between teams of two. The Field events, however, will form a separate competition, as distinct from the track events.

It will be seen from the above that our men will have plenty of competition to keep them busy during this month and all members, young and old, should now be out training at Battersea Park Track.

Club nights are Tuesday and Thursday and any new members who are doubtful as to their procedure should get in touch with our Club Captain, W. G. Webb, who is always in attendance at the track on these nights.

We have further encouraged our Juniors by putting on an additional handicap event for them, besides which we are again holding the Junior Inter-Club Relay contest v. Croydon H., Epsom H. and Mitcham A.C.

It is to the Junior strength of our club that we look for continued success for the "Bels." and judging by members like W. A. Fox, G. H. Pamment, S. Garland and F. H. C. White, to mention just a few, we shall not be disappointed in this respect.

All enquiries to E. A. DUFFETT, *Running Hon. Sec.*,

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SOCIAL.

The only Social fixture close upon us is THE ANNUAL DINNER at Carr's Restaurant, Victoria, on May 2nd.

In the afternoon we have our match v. L.A.C. and handicap programme in Battersea Park and it is hoped that we shall see all those faces again in the evening, and others as well.

Carr's Restaurant is situated over the "Windsor Castle," Victoria, and is easily accessible from all parts of London. An excellent dinner and very fine entertainment is already assured, so don't delay but write off for your tickets (6/- each) to-day to

W. A. RICE, 36 Ascalon Street, S.W.8.

