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The Hon. Secretary's Commentaries.

Every member will endorse the Vote of Thanks which was accorded to W. L. Bayliss at the Annual General Meeting, when he announced his retirement from the office of Honorary Secretary. It was framed in the following terms, proposed by W. H. Hare :—

"That this meeting place on record its very grateful thanks and appreciation for the services rendered to the Belgrave Harriers by Mr. W. L. Bayliss as the Hon. Sec. during the past eleven years. His unflinching efforts to further the development and welfare of the Club in all its activities have materially assisted in the acquisition of every Road and Cross Country Team Honour in the Athletic World. In addition, his services have been of the greatest assistance in obtaining the leasehold of our own Headquarters. We feel that no Hon. Secretary has retired with as great a measure of satisfaction of service rendered to our Club and we both congratulate and thank most heartily Wally Bayliss for his sterling efforts on our behalf."

A. A. Harley said that such a proposition required no seconder but was rather the expression of feeling of every member present, and upon formally placing the motion before the meeting it was received and passed with acclamation.

As President of the Club for the third successive year, we are assured that there will be no diminution in his interest, or in his labours on the Club's behalf. His experience gained in close upon twenty years' membership of the Club will still be ours to draw upon, and his enthusiasm for all aspects of the Club's activities will remain an example to all members.

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We note from the Press that a Wimbledon Athletic Club has been formed, and shall watch its progress with interest. Naturally,

we take the broad view and welcome any new organisation likely to bring newcomers into the ranks of Athletics, and extend the influence of our sport among a new section of the public.

We must confess, however, to some slight annoyance at reading the "blurb" which appeared in one of our national papers and accompanied the announcement of the formation of the new club. From this it would appear that Wimbledon has only been known hitherto in sporting circles by reason of its association with Lawn Tennis. No doubt the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club and Wimbledon F.C., to name only two sporting bodies, would be inclined to dispute this; and we certainly think we have some claim to have brought some small Athletic distinction to the Borough of Wimbledon. For many years now we have been privileged to train at Wimbledon, and it would be no exaggeration to say that the Cross-country and Road Walking titles we have gained have been won, in part, on the Common and roads of Wimbledon, in advance of the Championship events.

On nineteen occasions we have promoted an Open Walk at Wimbledon, attracting an average entry of 200 walkers. Last season we invited French athletes to Wimbledon for the first time ever, as far as we know, and the Mayor and members of the Corporation honoured us by officiating at these events and congratulated the Club upon its efforts for Athletics.

We are minor property owners and ratepayers in Wimbledon, and our quarters have been at the disposal of the Wimbledon "Keep Fit" movement and other sporting organisations—and yet we are told that Athletics is an unknown sport in Wimbledon!

So much for Press reports. We are content to carry on in a placid way, doing what we can for athletes and Athletics, wherever we can, achieving Championship honours or failing honourably to do so; and leave the verdict to those who have an intimate knowledge of all the facts, and ignore the inaccurate vapourings of ill-informed hearsay.

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Congratulations to C. W. Redgrave and F. H. C. White upon their recent marriages. We wish both these popular members many years of happiness.

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The appearance in the recent Lord Mayor's Show of the winning team in the R.W.A. 20 Miles Championship and the Hon. Secretary—representing Road Walking—was an honour to the Club. These five members paraded in Club track suits in the Athletics section of the National Fitness Campaign pageant, which was the central motif of this year's Show.

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Harry Churcher is again showing his heels to all other walkers. We congratulate him upon the excellence of his form, and trust

he will be equally successful in the races still to come. Our teams are also pre-eminent at the moment, and we confidently anticipate that their series of successes will continue.

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Our runners are training steadily and showing up well in inter-club events, and are certain to give a good account of themselves when the Championship season arrives. Every club member hopes the team will be free of injury and indisposition during the coming months, and successfully bid for the English Cross-country Championship next March, to be held near Manchester.

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All members should now have their Winter Handbook containing Winter fixtures and Rules. Anyone who has not received his copy should get into touch with the Hon. Secretary.

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39, Roxborough Avenue,
Isleworth, Mx.

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I trespass on your space to wish you the Best of Luck with "The Belgravian," and plenty of support from all members in the position to which you have been appointed by the Committee?

It was in April, 1929, that I succeeded Ben Knifton as Hon. Editor, and during the intervening years I have had the pleasure of presenting 59 issues to an increasing membership, and have had the honour of recording Belgrave victories in practically every team championship and race of any importance. I trust it will be your good fortune to continue to record success after success, and to give written expression to the wonderful spirit within the Club that has created these successes and the good-fellowship which is so real to all of us.

In conclusion, I should like to thank all who have co-operated with me during the past nine years in my Editorial efforts, particularly F. R. Webb and E. A. Duffett, two stalwarts who have always given me invaluable support. I am sure that we may expect many fine "Belgravians" under your direction, and that we shall all eagerly await each quarter the results of your labours.

And so, good editing!

Sincerely yours,

A. A. HARLEY.

From The Hon. Editor.

Having been appointed by the Committee to be Editor of your magazine, I feel that I would like to write a few words in my first issue.

I write "your Magazine" because it is your magazine, written about you and for you, and it is by no means an unimportant

phase of the Club's activities with which I must confess a little pride in being associated. I don't think that any other athletic club can lay claim to a publication of the size of "The Belgravian." However, being what we are (if you don't know that, I will ask you to turn to the letter from A. A. Harley, in which he sums the Club up in a few well-chosen and appropriate words), the publication of this organ possesses the fullest justification.

With the aim of placing on record the performances of all sections of the Club, I have obtained the willing co-operation of the sectional officials, who will produce their reports and views. This, of course, does not bar any member from submitting articles—in fact, they will be most welcome, for then it will be *you* writing *your* magazine, and I know articles by someone who was on the spot have a wide appeal amongst the Club fellows.

My predecessor, A. A. Harley, will still contribute in the form of "General Honorary Secretary's Notes," and it is hoped he will continue that popular feature "Ten Years Back." This is greatly appreciated by our newer and younger members.

In conclusion, I might add that any suggestion or criticism will be very gratefully received. With the co-operation of the Club officials, to whom I must again record my deepest appreciation, I have the greatest hope of attaining in some measure the high standard set up by my predecessors.

The Annual General Meeting.

Belgrave Hall, 27th Sept., 1938.

The President, W. L. Bayliss, presided, 46 members being present, the smallness in numbers being due to the crisis.

The Hon. Secretary read the notice convening the meeting. The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary then reported on the past year's activities. He commented on the good form of the cross-country teams, the improvement shown in Field Events and on the Track, and the exceptionally successful year enjoyed by the walkers. He hoped that the International situation, then menacing, would clear, and that the Club would again have a most successful year. This was accepted with acclamation.

J. R. McKay (Hon. Auditor) read a written report of the accounts, the Hon. Treasurer having sent a letter regretting his absence. The reports were adopted on the proposal of F. G. Thomson, L. G. Bennett seconding.

On behalf of the Committee, A. A. Harley proposed that J. R. McKay and T. Cotton be elected Life Members. He outlined the exceptionally good services that both these members had rendered the Club over a number of years. This proposal, when put by the President, was carried unanimously.

The proposal by J. R. McKay that W. L. Bayliss should again be President was adopted with acclamation.

W. L. Bayliss announced his retirement from the position of Gen. Hon. Secretary after eleven years, in which he had served the Club to the best of his ability, and seen the Club victorious in every Cross-Country and Road Walking Championship. He now thought that another member should carry on in this office, and announced that the Committee had considered the matter and that A. A. Harley was willing to allow his name to go forward on the assurance that he would receive the fullest co-operation. E. A. Duffett formally proposed and A. W. Penny seconded that A. A. Harley should be General Hon. Secretary, and the motion was adopted accordingly.

The other officials were then elected as they appear in the new Handbook.

The captaincies show a few changes. Bert Footer takes charge over the country again. He will be helped by Arthur Penny and Bert Lindsay. This is a new post for the latter. His steady running, knowledge of the courses and popularity should enable him to fill this post successfully.

If versatility is the essence of a Track Captain, then we could have made no better choice than Frank Webb, whose experience and knowledge of our track runners should enable him to carry the Club on to further honours. He will have the co-operation of our new Field Event Captain, Charlie Jones, who is only a shade less than he is in versatility.

From these deliberations I am sure that we will face the coming season with well justified optimism.

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The Hon. Treasurer reports that a few subscriptions remain outstanding. He wishes to remind members—especially the newer ones who, perhaps, are not fully acquainted with this matter, that the Club's financial year ended on September 10th, and that subscriptions for 1938—9 became due from that date.

So if you receive a reminder from him, please make an effort and help him to balance our budget. His name and address appear on the first page. He is also the person to apply to for vests, ties and badges.

The Three Miles Road Race.

1st October, 1938.

This year a different course was used. Instead of going out to the Windmill and home via that rough road across the Common and through the village, a lap of the hills was done. The actual times of the runners would suggest that the course is a little longer than the old one.

Our old friend, George Still, started first, the last to start was Arthur Penny, who, although not on the scratch mark, gave proof of his fitness by clocking 15 mins. 5 secs. to record the

fastest time. A. W. Jerman give us a good performance, being second fastest.

The first to arrive was Lionel Penny, who was followed home by our promising junior, N. C. Shrubbs. Then came our old friend, Bert Lindsey, to whom this race must have seemed like a sprint after his marathon efforts. Bert Smith was fourth. No doubt this will urge him on in his next handicap to gain those few seconds and so gain a place.

Lionel's win was, no doubt, a great satisfaction to Arthur, whose years of experience, and his proven ability, enable him to give much useful brotherly advice.

As regards the result as a whole, well, nobody can really expect fast times from everybody; some are fit, whilst others use this race as a loosener for the more serious work to come.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name.	H'cap	Time.	Start.	Act.	Fast			
					Time.	Act.			
1	L. Penny	...	13 17	...	2 30	...	15 47	...	10
2	N. C. Shrubbs	...	13 24	...	2 25	...	15 49	...	11
3	A. S. Lindsey	...	13 35	...	2 45	...	16 20	...	12
4	A. Smith	...	13 41	...	2 40	...	16 21	...	13
5	A. W. Jerman	...	13 56	...	1 20	...	15 16	...	2
6	W. Timberlake	...	14 0	...	3 15	...	17 15	...	27
7	L. Marchant	...	14 2	...	2 25	...	16 27	...	15
8	T. F. Morrell	...	14 5	...	1 40	...	15 45	...	9
9	J. R. Shotter	...	14 6	...	2 50	...	16 56	...	22
10	G. Still	...	14 10	...	5 0	...	19 10	...	31
11	J. Daly	...	14 11	...	2 35	...	16 46	...	18
12	J. A. W. Kemp	...	14 12	...	1 10	...	15 22	...	4
13	A. E. Taylor	...	14 14	...	1 20	...	15 34	...	5
14	W. F. Merryman	...	14 15	...	2 20	...	16 35	...	17
15	H. W. Shields	...	14 21	...	1 15	...	15 36	...	6
16	T. Cotton	...	14 23	...	2 45	...	17 8	...	25
17	F. S. Bradnum	...	14 24	...	2 45	...	17 9	...	25
18	S. T. Ring	...	14 26	...	1 15	...	15 41	...	7
19	A. W. Penny	...	14 40	...	0 25	...	15 5	...	1
20	W. Hewitt	...	14 44	...	1 0	...	15 44	...	8
21	F. G. White	...	14 46	...	2 5	...	16 51	...	20
22	H. E. Footer	...	14 47	...	0 30	...	15 17	...	3
23	R. W. Johnson	...	14 48	...	2 15	...	17 3	...	23
24	F. R. Webb	...	14 59	...	1 25	...	16 24	...	14
25	S. Jarlett	...	14 59	...	1 55	...	16 54	...	21
26	H. W. Cornish	...	15 4	...	2 50	...	17 54	...	29
27	H. S. H. Cook	...	15 8	...	1 25	...	16 33	...	16
28	A. T. A. Jordan	...	15 10	...	1 40	...	16 50	...	19
29	E. J. Selby	...	15 27	...	1 40	...	17 7	...	24
30	G. Murdock	...	15 58	...	1 25	...	17 23	...	28
31	R. J. Powell	...	16 21	...	1 50	...	18 11	...	30

Novice Races.

These races were open to both Belgrave and unattached novices and were both held on the road over three miles.

They were instrumental in bringing us new members, which is, after all, the object of them. Many of the competitors gave

useful performances, which they will soon be improving on if they are given the necessary encouragement and training. It is now up to them, for they have now only to report to their respective captains or vice-captains.

We welcome them to the Club and wish them every success in their future races.

Run v. Ealing H.—15th October.

By F. A. WALKER.

Our first cross-country race of the season was against Ealing H. from their headquarters, the Ballot Box, Perivale.

The team we sent was a strong one—good enough to win a “National”—if all were fit! The course was a fairly fast one. The Ealing fellows got away very fast at the start, having about a dozen men in the lead for the first three-quarters of a mile. After that they faded away one by one, then our lads had a “social” run amongst themselves.

About two miles out we came across a miniature Everest which we had to climb, and what a climb! A. R. Shaw was the first man home, closely followed by six more Bels.; then two Ealing lads came in to split up the rest of our boys from the leaders. As we had the next five home we ran out easy winners.

RESULTS.

		m. s.				m. s.	
1	A. R. Shaw ...	B.H.	28 52	9	L. F. Edwards...	E.H.	29 20
2	A. W. Penny ...	B.H.	28 53	10	R. W. Tobin ...	B.H.	29 31
3	D. Patience ...	B.H.	28 54	11	J. C. Smart ...	B.H.	29 38
4	H. E. Footer ...	B.H.	28 55	12	C. T. Carter ...	B.H.	29 39
5	H. W. Shields ...	B.H.	29 5	13	F. R. Webb ...	B.H.	29 45
6	A. E. Taylor ...	B.H.	29 14	15	S. T. Ring... ..	B.H.	30 15
7	F. A. Walker ...	B.H.	29 15	16	H. G. Verney ...	B.H.	30 22
8	A. J. Blayney ...	E.H.	29 19				

TEAM SCORES (Varsity Scoring).

Belgrave H. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10) ...	...	...	38 pts.
Ealing H. (8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16) ...	...	...	98 pts.

Match v. London University A.C.

On Saturday, October 22nd, at Wimbledon, we entertained the members of the London University A.C. to a race over our 5 miles course. They were using this fixture as a trial for their runners, while we had our club sealed handicap in conjunction, so that a field of about 85 turned out.

As most of our seniors were running they naturally soon went to the front, and eventually a small bunch of 3 runners drew away from the rest of the field. These were Arthur Penny, Bert Footer and Dan Patience. In the run home Arthur just beat Bert, with Dan third.

We then had 10 more more “Bels” before the first London man, who was Alonzo, a member of the Blackheath Harriers.

The second London man was none other than our own Junior Captain, H. M. Quackenbos.

For the purpose of team scoring we deleted all our seniors, and this made W. E. Lucas—who was actually 7th in the race—first home, with G. Murdock and Tom Morrell next.

We were easy winners on points, but trust our opponents enjoyed their run over our course.

Our club handicap was won by A. T. Harper, who finished 20th in the actual race, and with 4-20 start he returned a net time of 27m. 27s. M. F. Edwards was second, his net time being 27m. 32s. Third place was taken by A. E. Smith, whose net time was 27m. 40s.

We were pleased to see our prospective South of Thames Junior teams running well to the fore, and a newcomer in V. L. Green showed promising form. He comes to us from the Portsmouth A.C. and we hope he will enjoy his membership with the "Bels."

Jimmy Kemp also displayed good form and we hope that he will retain it throughout the season, as so often Jimmy begins the season well and then fails to make our teams when the real "tests" come along. It was also good to see George Still "still going strong" (no pun), and even at his time of life he managed to beat a few of the young' uns.

A full result giving club placings in both scratch race and handicap is appended.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Pos. in Hcp.
1	A. W. Penny ...	29 40	0 15	29 25	31
2	H. E. Footer ...	29 41	—	—	...
3	D. Patience ...	29 47	0 45	29 2	23
4	J. A. W. Kemp ...	30 13	1 50	28 23	8
5	J. C. Smart ...	30 23	1 15	29 8	26
6	H. W. Shields ...	30 24	2 0	28 24	9
7	W. E. Lucas ...	30 27	1 45	28 42	18
8	A. R. Shaw ...	30 52	2 0	28 52	22
9	A. E. Taylor ...	31 0	2 15	28 45	19†
10	G. Murdock ...	31 15	2 45	28 30	11†
11	C. T. Carter ...	31 15	0 45	30 30	41
12	T. F. Morrell ...	31 15	3 10	28 5	4
13	H. G. Verney ...	31 17	1 15	30 2	35
15	A. Allum ...	31 34	—	—	...
16	H. M. Quackenbos ...	31 40	—	—	...
18	V. L. Green ...	31 47	2 30	29 17	28†
20	A. T. Harper ...	31 47	4 20	27 27	1
21	M. F. Edwards ...	31 47	4 15	27 32	2
22	A. S. Lindsey ...	31 54	3 40	28 14	7
23	A. Smith ...	31 55	4 15	27 40	3
24	S. Jarlett ...	31 58	3 45	28 13	6
26	W. E. Beard ...	32 11	4 0	28 11	5
27	N. C. Shrubbs ...	32 11	3 30	28 41	17
28	W. H. Rispin ...	32 15	3 40	28 35	14†
29	F. R. Webb ...	32 20	3 0	29 20	30
32	R. Boyden ...	32 26	4 0	28 26	10
33	R. W. Tobin ...	32 27	2 15	30 12	38

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Pos. in Hcp.
34	L. Penny ...	32 27	3 20	29 7	25
35	R. W. Johnson ...	32 36	3 45	28 51	21
37	A. Patience ...	32 47	3 0	29 47	33
38	E. H. Herbert ...	32 59	3 25	29 34	32
39	W. F. Merryman ...	33 0	4 15	28 45	19†
40	A. H. Orton ...	33 4	3 50	29 14	27
47	R. G. Michael ...	33 24	3 15	30 9	37
48	F. S. Bradnum... ..	33 35	5 0	28 35	14†
49	J. Daly ...	33 37	5 0	28 37	16
51	T. Cotton ...	33 46	5 15	28 31	13
52	J. F. Appleby ...	33 49	3 45	30 4	36
62	T. Pritchard ...	34 33	5 30	29 3	24
64	J. R. Shotter ...	34 47	5 30	29 17	28†
66	A. T. A. Jordan ...	34 56	3 40	31 16	45
68	R. J. Powell ...	35 15	4 0	31 15	44
70	V. H. Piddington ...	35 31	5 30	30 1	34
74	R. G. Griffin ...	35 58	5 45	30 13	39
75	H. W. Cornish... ..	35 58	5 30	30 28	40
77	W. Timberlake ...	36 20	5 15	31 5	43
80	G. Still ...	37 0	8 30	28 30	11†
83	G. C. Hewett ...	37 28	6 30	30 58	42

† Denotes a dead-heat.

Match v. T.V.H. and Ashcombe-St. George's A.C. October 29th.

By A. S. LINDSEY.

The fact that over 30 of the Bels. travelled to Cranford for this fixture shows that it is still as popular as ever.

There was an extra interest in the race, as a scheme by the Cross-country Captain, whereby an "A" team man took charge of two prospective "South of the Thames" juniors for the purpose of team packing and keeping an even pace throughout the race was tried out.

From the finishing positions of many Juniors, it can be seen that the scheme had a good deal of success. Especially in the case of Rispin, who ran strongly all the way to finish in the first dozen.

Owing to some "A" men not turning out, Footer had more than his share of men to take along. At one stage of the race he looked like a pocket size standard-bearer going into action, surrounded by a high wall of stalwarts.

The five and a half miles course was a two lap one, mainly flat grassland with about three-quarters of a mile of woods.

Ashcombe led the field home with the first three men, but were third in the team race, nine a side scoring.

Although our "A" men were concentrating on getting their charges along they all packed well and we enjoyed a big margin win.

Nutty Penny gained a medal given by the home club for being the first scoring man of the visiting teams.

RESULTS.

		m. s.				m. s.					
1	Towndrow	...	...	A	32 2	26	Webb, F.	...	...	B	34 15
2	Shirley	...	...	A	32 20	27	Lindsey	...	...	B	34 24
3	Bumsted	...	...	A	32 31	28	Walker	...	...	B	34 24
4	Penny, A.	...	...	B	32 53	29	Johnson	...	...	B	34 37
5	Phipps	...	...	T	32 57	30	Shields	...	...	B	34 40
6	Lucas	...	...	B	32 57	31	Edwards	...	...	B	34 43
10	Carter	...	...	B	33 35	32	Boyden	...	...	B	34 44
11	Rispin	...	...	B	33 35	34	Tobin	...	...	B	35 4
12	Morrell	...	...	B	33 42	36	Michael	...	...	B	35 19
14	Shaw	...	...	B	33 44	35	Smith	...	...	B	35 18
15	Patience	...	...	B	33 45	37	Stride	...	...	B	35 26
17	Beard	...	...	B	33 47	39	Merryman	...	...	B	35 41
18	Taylor	...	...	B	33 47	42	Orton	...	...	B	36 26
19	Green	...	...	B	33 48	44	Penny, C.	...	...	B	36 32
20	Allum	...	...	B	33 48	45	Daly	...	...	B	36 39
21	Footer	...	...	B	33 49	46	Appleby	...	...	B	36 45
22	Penny, L.	...	...	B	33 49	48	White, F. C.	...	...	B	38 15
23	Harper	...	...	B	33 52	51	Timberlake	...	...	B	40 49
24	Jarlett	...	...	B	34 3	52	Hewett, G. C.	...	...	B	40 49

TEAM SCORES.

Belgrave H. (4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17) ...	82 pts.
T.V.H. (5, 7, 8, 9, 16, 33, 40, 43, 47 ...)	208 pts.
Ashcombe-St. G. (1, 2, 3, 25, 41, 49, 53, 38, 54 ...)	266 pts.

Scoring 9 aside.

Match v. Aldershot Command—Nov. 5th.

BY UBIQUITOR.

On the afternoon of the hottest November day for 97 years, forty starters raced across the well manured sports fields of the Aldershot Command and it is slightly to be regretted that only ten were Belgrave Harriers. In the opening rush black vests were well to the fore, but when the runners turned down Golf Lane, Frank Webb jumped to the lead to remind us that once he could show us the way round. But that was before the advent of youngsters like Arthur Penny & Co. It was here the runners picked up the famous "Aldershot horse" that acts as guide, and Jerman went ahead and collected a short lead all to himself.

The field was very bunched, with black shirts (vests, I mean) all over the place. After about a mile, Jerman fell back and Kemp led a tight pack for a while along a road, until Charlie Smart decided that the road was obviously made for speed, and speeded. Jimmy Kemp thought it over and decided to help him along, so he moved up as well, but for the next couple of miles could not make up his mind whether he was running with Charlie Smart in the lead, or with Hutchings of the Command or even whether he was definitely third. But at half-way these three had a sixty yard lead from Dan. Patience, followed by a nasty black patch. Then came Arthur Penny in a sweater, trying to "kill" a cold and looking like a grease spot. Tobin had caught Frank Webb and they were

having a regular argument, because Tobin could run uphill and no one can catch Frank going down, and the course was full of short, sharp ups and downs with a real pull here and there. Behind were Syd Ring and Verney, who was just settling down, Jerman and good-natured Alex Patience, who took upon himself the thankless task of being last man in the team.

With about a mile to go the first three were fighting a ding-dong battle for the lead, when Dan. Patience evidently thought that someone should show how to run—and passed the lot! Hutchings hung on best and was rewarded with a second place. Kemp and Smart came in “all friendly like.” Then there was a black outlook, slightly lightened by by Arthur’s white sweater. Then, fortunately, Bels. showed they also could pack. With Verney running through to 11th, Ring pipping Tobin and Webb for 12th, Tobin (13) doing the dirty on Webb (14) (a real Knifey finish), Jerman (17), and Alex Patience (19) beating the last scoring Command man.

All 10 men scored, and we won by the sporting margin of 6 points, 102—108, and admitted over an eggs and bacon tea that the race was good. The tea was very good and the sight of a sweat-covered and lathered horse gave a satisfaction not ordinarily enjoyed after racing.

RESULTS.

	m.	s.		m.	s.				
1 D. Patience	32	53	12 Ring. S. T.	...	...	34	29
2 W. Hutchings (A.C.)	32	58	13 Tobin, R. W.	...	...	34	31
3 Kemp. J. A. W.	33	4	14 Webb, F. R.	...	...	34	33
4 Smart, J.C.	33	4	17 Jerman, A. W.	...	...	35	18
8 Penny, A. W.	33	49	19 Patience, A.	...	...	35	30
11 Verney, H. G.	34	21					
Belgrave H. (1, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19)						102	pts.
Aldershot Command (2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 20)						108	pts.

South of Thames Junior Race.

On the 12th November the South of Thames C.C. Association held their annual Junior Team race at Dartford. 34 teams faced the starter, and four of these were representing the “Bels.”

There was a field of 243 runners and they made a fine sight streaming across the country. Unfortunately our “A” team were drawn on the extreme outside, and owing to the spectators encroaching at the start they found themselves badly away. Bill Lucas soon worked his way into the first half-dozen runners, but the others were always fighting hard to get through the large field.

It was a course of three laps, and as this included a fairly steep hill, it was not exactly an easy run, but a good feature from our point of view was that practically all our men gained ground each lap. This was especially noticeable in the final lap, but unfortunately their fine efforts proved to be in vain.

We had 7 runners in the first 31 home in the race, and when it will be seen that Herne Hill Harriers won the team race with their fourth man scoring 34th, it must be wondered why we had no team placed in the first three.

Well, it all resolved upon that very ticklish question, "team selection." As stated, we had four teams entered and our "B" team beat the "A" while E. H. Herbert, who was actually in the "C" team, finished 27th and beat all but two of the "A" team.

All the talking in the world will not alter the result now, but to put the matter frankly, it was a question of two of our "A" team men, namely, V. L. Green and Tom Morrell, "blowing out" while our "B" team actually ran above all their previous form and so put the "cat among the pigeons."

Whatever the team result, we can console ourselves with the fact that our Juniors proved themselves the best of any other club, and as most of them are young in years, as they grow older and gain more experience we can look forward to the future of our senior teams with every confidence.

Below you will find the result in detail, and we have put the runners in team order with their actual positions and times beside them.

RESULT.

"A" TEAM.

Posn.	Name.	m. s.	Posn.	Name.	m. s.
5	W. E. Lucas ...	31 23	52	A. S. Lindsey ...	32 57
20	G. Murdock ...	32 10	58	M. F. Edwards ...	33 19
43	V. L. Green ...	32 50	62	A. Smith ...	33 26
46	A. T. Harper ...	32 53			

"B" TEAM.

18	S. Jarlett ...	32 7	56	R. W. Johnson ...	33 15
23	W. E. Beard ...	32 17	67	R. Boyden ...	33 32
29	W. H. Rispin ...	32 24	95	R. G. Michael ...	34 17
31	N. C. Shrubb ...	32 30	101	L. Penny ...	34 26

"C" TEAM.

27	E. H. Herbert ...	32 30	131	F. S. Bradnum ...	35 4
92	W. F. Merryman ...	34 12	137	J. Daly ...	35 9
128	A. H. Orton ...	34 57	149	F. G. White ...	35 25

"D" TEAM.

132	R. J. Powell ...	35 5	180	R. G. Griffin ...	37 20
166	W. Timberlake ...	36 16	199	H. W. Cornish ...	37 59

TEAM POSITIONS.

1	Herne Hill H. (7, 9, 14, 34)	...	...	...	64 pts.
2	Maidenhead A.C. (3, 17, 25, 28)	...	...	...	73 pts.
3	Surrey A.C. (8, 22, 24, 26)	...	...	...	80 pts.
4	Belgrave H. "B" (18, 23, 29, 31)	...	...	...	101 pts.
7	Belgrave H. "A" (5, 20, 43, 46)	...	...	...	114 pts.
19	Belgrave H. "C" (27, 92, 128, 131)	...	...	...	378 pts.
29	Belgrave H. "D" (132, 166, 180, 199)	...	...	...	677 pts.

Match v. Cambridge University Hare and Hounds. November 19th.

By HARRY SHIELDS.

It was a pity that for this new and attractive fixture only 7 men, with Harry Parker as team manager, could manage to make the journey.

However, it was a cheerful party that met on Liverpool Street Station and caught the train to Cambridge, where they were met and escorted to the University's headquarters on the bank of the River Cam.

The course consisted of one $7\frac{1}{2}$ mile lap containing about 3 miles of plough and two hills and as can be well imagined, was a good testing course.

Getting off to a very fast start, the Cambridge men for the first mile were predominant but after settling down Dan Patience went up with the leaders whilst Tom Carter, Alf Shaw and Harry Shields also occupied prominent positions.

The plough, however, soon proved the fitness of the Cambridge men—enabling them to run out easy winners as shown below.

The result, however, is far from discouraging, bearing in mind the time of the year, the far heavier defeats that Cambridge have inflicted on other teams, and the fact that we were far below full strength.

Dan Patience's running against D. C. Chamberlain, admittedly one of the fittest men in England, bore the mark of International honours to come.

Tom Carter shows a gradual return to form, whilst the running of Herbert and Quackenbos, both of whom have done very little training, was very creditable and points to them being very useful team members in the New Year.

An excellent tea wound up a pleasant afternoon with a sincere hope from all that this enjoyable fixture will be long continued.

RESULTS.

	Team	m.	s.		Team	m.	s.
1 D. C. Chamberlain	C	44	50	8 A. R. Shaw ...	B	46	45
2 D. Patience ...	B	45	13	9 L. J. Batten ...	C	46	55
3 P. W. Coggins ...	C	45	40	10 H. W. Shields ...	B	47	20
4 B. A. Bearley ...	C	45	42	11 C. R. Stevenson ...	C	48	7
5 T. C. Carter ...	B	45	45	12 L. W. Herbert ...	B	48	15
6 S. L. Dorman ...	C	45	47	15 A. F. Mitchell ...	B	49	41
7 A. D. Waldon-Jones	C	46	21	17 H. M. Quackenbos	B	51	23
Cambridge U. (1, 3, 4, 5, 7, '9)...	...	...	...	...	...	30	pts.
Belgrave H. (2, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15)	...	...	...	...	...	52	pts.

In Terrorem.

There is a feeling among the younger members of the Cross-country Section of the Club, that once the South of Thames Junior race is over their season has finished.

This is a fatal mistake. For instance, when you are transferred from one class at school, or one department at business, to another—can you sit back and take things easy? No! You have to jump to it! To concentrate, to study, and work hard to maintain that position.

Therefore, to those of you who aspire to become potential track champions, don't slacken off now, or those joints will become rusty again. Keep fit! Keep training and you'll find, as the season progresses, you will desire to go faster and further than any previous years over the country.

All of you can safely race at least once a month over seven miles up to February, and then indulge in some long steady spins before reverting to the track, as no serious work on the track can be done until the light evenings come round, which is time enough to think about speed work, etc.

Give yourself a proper preparation—get stamina—which means strength of limb, muscular development of stomach—and wind—that is, lung capacity, using the chest to its utmost, all of which hard running over the country enforces you to do whether you want to or not.

Don't forget that your time and facilities for training are limited, whereas when the time arrives for serious work, the Service and University type of athlete can train for hours nearly every afternoon in the best conditions, while you rush your training through in those brief few hours of the evening.

Study the records. you will find that many track champions have also shone over the country—Sydney Wooderson and Reg. Thomas are two such—and remember that strength and speed make the champion every time.

Some of you can make it! Who is it going to be? Those who have come off or those who this time have failed? You all have an equal chance, but it will require "guts."

So to it, you fellows!

H. E. F.

Ten Years Back.

Let us have a peep at the happenings of ten years ago. Our Gazette of this time records the results of one of the triangular matches between Ashcombe A.C., Thames Valley H. and ourselves, held at Feltham. We were successful with 77 points, to 275 of Ashcombe and 276 of T.V.H. Percy Bicknell, of the

Valley, was the individual winner, followed by Cohen (Ashcombe) and Mick Pyer (Belgrave).

Three weeks later a similar fixture was held at Wimbledon over a five miles course, and ninety runners finished. First man home was Cohen (Ashcombe) with Footer (Belgrave) second, and J. E. Flower (Belgrave) third. Once again we had an easy win in the team race, and the sealed handicap was won by S. Drake (3m. 15s.) with H. E. Footer (15sec.) second.

Belgrave entered four teams in the South of the Thames Junior race held at Epsom, and our "A" team gained an easy win. It consisted of W. W. S. Mitchell (2), A. Penny (3), A. Allum (4), and W. A. Rice (13), and our enthusiasm was high.

The first Open Walk of the season, promoted by the R.W.A. attracted 231 starters and we were successful in winning the scratch team race and "Berman" Cup. The Belgrave Open Walk had 246 entrants, and the scratch team race resulted in a dead heat between Herne Hill Harriers and ourselves with 41 points each. Our team consisted of T. W. Green, J. G. Scammell, R. D. McMullen and F. H. Elson

The Club Junior Walking Championship for the "Horwood" Cup was won by Frank Elson, J. E. Field and J. Rathbone finishing second and third. The Seven Miles Cross-country Championship for the "Backstaffe" Shield was won by E. A. Duffett, with A. Allum and W. G. Webb in the minor positions.

These were the happenings of ten years ago!

Forthcoming Fixtures.

The half-way stage of the Winter season has already been reached, although the big races have yet to come. This, of course, is as it should be; for with the gradual strengthening process, our runners should now be approaching that stage when they feel fit to take on all and sundry. The only possible snag is that with all the races taking place in the New Year, it is a question of the "cracks" indulging in races almost every other week.

Only the very fittest can expect to stand up to this strain, and so it is essential to do the long steady training, which although at times may seem irksome, is the only way to reach the front rank of runners in the cross-country world.

As a break from all this country training, we have on Boxing Day morning, at Battersea Park Track, a club track meeting

starting at 11 a.m. There are three events, all on handicap lines, these being : 120 yards, 2 miles Run, 3 miles Walk.

These are usual races at this meeting, which is very old-standing, and we must judge by the entries we receive as to whether our members still wish this meeting to continue.

It may seem strange to some that we have a sprint event at this time of the year, but we have several sprinters out every Saturday from Wimbledon, and these men at any rate must be in a fair state of fitness.

As to the other races, I am sure most of our distance men will welcome the break to shorter distances, and although they may be a little lacking in speed, remember it is a question of everyone being in the same "boat," so don't forget to enter and come along and enjoy yourselves on the "morning after the night before."

After the holiday period is over we get back to our cross-country fixtures, and on December 31st we have the pleasure of welcoming the Junior members of the Blackheath H. and Old Croydonians H. This should give our junior members a chance of measuring their chances in regard to the coming Junior Championships, and I trust we shall have a good turn-out for this race.

On January 7th we have the County Senior Championships, and the Surrey race is being held from the quarters of the Ranelagh H. at Petersham. This should prove a good cross-country course, and I look to our men to reverse their position with the Mitcham boys of last season. Now that the latter's Welsh members have acquired a residential qualification, it will be seen that our lads are faced with stiff proposition, more especially as our forces have to be split in these County races.

Our members who run for the Cadogan A.C., in the Middlesex race proved to be winners last season, and we trust they will carry on the good work, and, on his present form, Dan Patience should go very near for individual honours.

On January 14th we are staging the Surrey County Junior Championship from the "Belgrave Hall" at Wimbledon. Our 5 miles course will be used, and on their own "midden" I hope our juniors will succeed in carrying off team honours; while in E. H. Herbert we have a youngster who should trouble the best in the race.

I would like to ask as many old members as possible who are free on this day to come along and give us a hand in staging this race, as many pointsmen will be needed, owing to the ban on laying a paper trail over the Common.

On January 28th we are holding the Club 10 miles C.C. Championship at Wimbledon, while this season we are also holding the Club 5 miles Junior Championship on the same day. These will be two separate races, our 5 miles course being used in each case, with the Juniors doing one lap and the Seniors two.

In conjunction with the senior race we shall have a Club sealed handicap, so I hope that all our members will support this race, as no matter what their position in the race, they should all stand a chance for the handicap (at least, this is what the Handicapper says).

On February 11th there will be held the South of Thames 7 Miles C.C. Championship, and the venue for this will be Camberley. It is intended to use the R.M.C. quarters for dressing accommodation, so that all the runners should have no grouses in this respect, although this is not always the case with cross-country races.

Then on 25th February we have the Southern Counties C.C. Championships at Apsley. This is near Hemel Hempstead and the palatial quarters of Messrs. John Dickinson & Co. Ltd., will be used to house the hundreds of competitors.

There will be two races, the Senior race over 10 miles and the Junior race over 5 miles. At this stage of the season we can only hope for the best, but we have the men and if "Dame Fortune" will only smile on us for once, I am sure we can come out on top. I trust that Pat Parker will be at his peak by then, and with Art Penny, Bert Footer, Dan Patience and Tom Carter, to mention just a few, surely we are justified in feeling confident that we shall regain this championship, which we last held in 1934.

We come then to the English C.C. Championship which will this year be held in the North, the venue chosen being at Worsley, near Manchester. As usual with these Northern venues, I expect the course to be a tough one, and I hope that as many of our supporters who can spare the time to make the journey will do so. Our boys will need all the vocal encouragement that they can possibly get.

So make a note of this date, March 11th, and do your utmost to travel up to Manchester with our boys. No doubt a special train will run from London, and full details of this will be given at a later date.

All entries and enquiries to—

E. A. DUFFETT, Running Hon. Sec.,

76, Greenside Road, W. Croydon.

Field Events.

By W. H. J. SUTTON.

The evening training at Wimbledon on Wednesdays is going strong, averaging about fourteen members each session. The Club has purchased a medicine ball, two gym. mats, a High Jump bar, and a twelve-pound shot, and Alf Taylor has made a hurdle for indoor training. Under the training of F. Stampfl, the session starts with a one and a half miles warm-up round the Common, then about thirty minutes' strenuous exercises, followed by Hop-step-and-jump and High jumping, and instruction in the different technique for each event.

Another Field Events match against the Metropolitan Police at Battersea Park on Boxing Day has been arranged. T. C. Jones, the Field Events Captain, will notify the men selected for the teams. The events are Discus, Javelin and Shot.

The complete S.A.A.L. results now issued show that we have obtained 24 out of 69 of the first three places in the 23 events held, showing our individual performances, as well as team results, to be among the best.

S. Jones has won the Harry Wright Shield for his excellent performance in the Shot—39ft. 1in. It is possible that the rules governing this competition will be rearranged to be based on the Finnish table of calculation which was used for the Olympic Decathlon.

Enquiries to T. C. JONES, 31, Broomwood Road, S.W.11.

With The Juniors.

By H. M. QUACKENBOS.

So far this season very satisfactory form has been shewn by our cross-country men, and Beard, Shrubbs and Herbert deserve special mention for their good running in the South of the Thames Junior

Of the various junior championships our chances seem most favourable in the Surrey. We have a potentially strong four, including Boyden, in addition to the three above, and it will be surprising if we can't win the title, especially as the race will be held over familiar country from Belgrave Hall. The Southern Junior team will be weakened because Herbert and

Boyden will be too old, but fortunately Edwards and Bradnum come in here.

Lomas, Marchant and Scarfe represented us in the Surrey Youths' race and finished in position 21, 22 and 23. The first-named is a very keen newcomer who will do very well when he matures.

Now for a word about the Track (and Field) season, which should have been mentioned in the last issue but wasn't, and on whom the blame rests only I know. Anyhow it was a most successful season and, if memory serves me, we won every match except one. The most gratifying thing, however, was the enthusiasm shown and at a match at Richmond, so many men turned up that they all could not be given a run, although would-be half-milers turned out in the sprint relay.

Turner, Scott, Bowers and Shepherd formed a sprint relay team which was placed in both Southern and A.A.A. Junior Championships. Turner and Scott have both been close to 10.5 sec., while Shepherd has beaten 24sec. in the furlong and does a good quarter as well. Knight always runs a strong race in this latter event and with perseverance and a more relaxed style he should soon be doing about 53 seconds. In the half, Mumford, Marchant and Shrubbs have all been running about 2min. 8 sec. and Reynolds hasn't been far behind. In the mile Bradnum has beaten 4min. 45sec. and has gained another standard medal in the A.A.A. junior steeplechase.

Lastly, our two Field Events men, Butcher and Holloway, have been joined by a talented recruit, Harvey, who at the age of thirteen has jumped 4ft. 11in. Dunford and Cooper have both tried long jumping, with some success, but our star in this event, Peverell, had the misfortune to break his ankle early in the season.

Enquiries, etc., to 54 Eaton Terrace, S.W.1.

5 Miles Handicap (Walk).

1st October, 1938.

The field for this was not as large as it might be, as most of our Police stalwarts were unable to turn out.

The limit man, W. Brunning, started off up Lauriston Road, followed by the rest at varying intervals. A slight alteration was made in the course and this new course will be used in future

aces and training spins. Instead of turning left at Woodhayes Road, keep straight on along Ernle Road. This road bends to the left and joins Copse Hill; turn right and proceed as usual. This route shortens the course slightly.

Brunning kept in front until Cambridge Road, when Charlie Speechley and Eddie Heather went into the lead. At the top of the hill Harry Churcher went in front and went on to win by over half a minute. This performance shows us that Harry means business in the coming "opens."

Harry Thaxter and Charlie Speechley had a ding-dong battle down Lauriston Road for second place, Thaxter gaining the verdict by a very small margin.

RESULT.

				H'cap	Time.	Allce.	Act.	Time.	
1	H. G. Churcher	...	...	...	36 22	...	Ser.	...	36 22
2	H. E. Thaxter	...	...	...	36 50	...	5 5	...	41 55
3	C. H. Speechley	...	...	...	36 51	...	5 30	...	42 21
4	E. C. Heather	...	...	...	37 29	...	4 50	...	42 19
5	G. S. Doubleday	...	...	...	37 30	...	5 25	...	42 55
6	C. F. Sutton	...	...	...	37 50	...	1 25	...	39 15
7	R. F. Elson	...	...	...	38 7	...	2 15	...	39 22
8	W. H. Snell	...	...	...	38 10	...	6 10	...	44 20
9	F. H. Elson	...	...	...	38 20	...	5 0	...	43 20
10	A. H. East	...	...	...	38 25	...	3 0	...	41 25
11	W. Holman	...	...	...	38 27	...	5 10	...	43 37
12	A. E. Elliott	...	...	...	38 34	...	3 20	...	41 54
13	W. G. True	...	...	...	38 50	...	6 0	...	44 50
14	J. G. Coleman	...	...	...	38 54	...	0 10	...	39 4
15	W. F. Brunning	...	...	...	39 3	...	9 10	...	48 13
16	A. A. Harley	...	...	...	39 15	...	5 10	...	44 25
17	C. E. Churcher	...	...	...	39 15	...	0 50	...	40 5
18	L. J. Coleman	...	...	...	39 40	...	1 45	...	41 25
19	A. H. Bridger...	...	...	...	39 50	...	3 45	...	43 35

Match v. M.P.A.A.

This was held on Saturday, 15th October, over the usual course at Imber Court. Once again we found many of our own men walking against us; not that this detracts from the keenness of the racing, for the Police have a very strong team, especially in those vital middle and end placings.

Twelve a side scoring was decided upon. Right from the start the claret and gold went to the front. Harry Churcher was soon on his own and he won easily, breaking the record for the course by a fair margin. He was well supported by the rest and we won comfortably by scoring 105 points to their 195.

			m. s.				m. s.
1	H. G. Churcher...	B	50 52	13	A. Readman	P & B	58 57
2	C. F. Sutton ...	B	51 57	14	G. S. Doubleday...	B	59 09
3	J. G. Coleman ...	B	54 49	16	A. Bridger ...	B	59 26
4	R. F. Elson ...	B	56 56	17	B. Clark ...	P & B	59 41
5	L. J. Coleman ...	B	57 23	18	R. Martin ...	P & B	60 06
6	H. E. Thaxter	P & B	57 24	19	S. Goold ...	P & B	60 11
7	A. E. Elliott ...	B	57 45	20	W. H. Snell ...	B	60 13
8	R. B. Harris ...	MP	58 09	26	G. Boddington	P & B	63 03
9	S. C. Roberts	P & B	58 12	28	F. Jarvis ...	P & B	63 20
10	F. H. Elson ...	B	58 22	36	W. Brunning ...	B	66 16
11	C. Speechley ...	B	58 26	43	W. Little ...	B	74 00
12	P. G. Wright ...	B	58 40				

The Highgate "Open."

With our four scoring men in the first seven positions, we registered a win in the first "open" in no uncertain manner.

Harry Churcher continued his unbeaten record of last season, to win by fifteen seconds from Vic Stone (Poly.). Both these men strayed off the course at three miles; as our man was leading he went further off than his rival. On regaining the course, Harry was a few yards to the bad; these he made up and won as stated.

One interesting feature of the race was the performance of the R.A.F. (Halton) team. Making their debut in "opens," they provided the winner of the individual handicap (who finished 8th) and took second place in the team handicap. Perhaps their success will prompt other sections of the forces to encourage road-walking. Their progress will be watched with interest by all.

We were pleased to see our old friend Bert Field competing. He had come down from Birmingham with the Dunlop W.C.

Our teams were unsuccessful in the handicap, perhaps that's just as well, for if we monopolise the handicaps, we shall soon all be on scratch!

RESULTS.

		Act. Time.		Allce.		H'cap Time.	
1	H. G. Churcher	...	...	A	...	52 1	...
4	J. G. Coleman	...	...	A	...	54 48	...
6	C. E. Churcher	...	...	A	...	56 10	...
7	C. F. Sutton	...	...	A	...	56 38	...
15	J. E. Rutland	...	...	A	...	57 29	...
18	H. G. Clayton	...	...	1	...	57 54	...
25	P. G. Wright	...	...	A	...	58 39	...
31	A. H. Bridger	...	...	A	...	59 35	...
39	C. H. Speechley	...	...	B	...	60 3	...

					Act. Time.		Allee.	Hep. Time
40	S. C. Roberts	...	...	B	60 9	...	6 30	53 39
41	G. S. Doubleday	...	...	B	60 9	...	8 0	52 9
50	W. H. Holman	...	...	B	60 51	...	7 30	53 21
52	A. Readman	...	...	I	61 11	...	4 10	57 1
55	S. Goold	...	...	B	61 22	...	6 0	55 22
61	A. A. Harley	...	...	I	61 48	...	7 40	54 8
63	F. H. Elson	...	...	I	61 55	...	4 30	57 2
79	W. H. Snell	...	...	B	63 11	...	6 20	56 51
103	W. G. True	...	...	B	68 40	...	12 40	56 40
134	W. F. Brunning	B	64 59	...	10 20	54 39

148 finished.

SCRATCH TEAM.

1	Belgrave H. (1, 4, 6, 7)	18 pts.
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HANDICAP TEAM.

1	Surrey A.C.	205m. 55s.
2	Royal Air Force, Halton	208m. 19s.
3	Woodford Green A.C.	208m. 30s.
9	Belgrave H. "B"	...	...	...	...	212m. 42s.
10	Belgrave H. "A"	...	...	...	...	213m. 14s.

Winner of Handicap : W. A. Webster (R.A.F., Halton), 7m. 30s.

G. S. Doubleday received special prize.

The Enfield "Open"—12th November.

Our run of success in "opens" was continued in the Enfield "Open" race.

Harry Churcher led the field home to win comfortably from Joe Coleman. Colin Sutton and Percy Wright completed our team in fifth and sixth positions. Charlie Churcher was hot on Percy's heels in seventh position—it seems that to be in one of our winning teams in an "open," you must make sure of your place by getting in the first four. Hard luck, Charlie!

Leicester W.C. deservedly gained second place. The third place went to our "B" team, which, as far as the scoring went, consisted of "Juniors" Eddie Heather, Syd Roberts, Charlie Speechley and Harry Thaxter. This certainly augurs well for the "Junior" next March.

Frank Elson deserves our congratulations on the way he is fighting to attain the speed which he had a few years back.

We were again unsuccessful in the handicap.

RESULTS.

				H'cap	Time.	Allee.	Act.	Time.
1	H. G. Churcher	...	...	A	54 5	...	Scr.	54 5
2	J. G. Coleman	...	...	A	55 54	...	1 20	54 33
5	C. F. Sutton	...	...	A	56 48	...	1 30	55 18
6	P. G. Wright	...	...	A	56 54	...	1 30	55 24
7	C. E. Churcher	...	...	A	57 0	...	2 0	55 0
11	E. C. Heather	...	...	B	57 58	...	4 50	53 8
13	J. E. Rutland	...	...	A	58 6	...	3 0	55 6
14	W. A. Treacher	...	...	A	58 14	...	2 20	55 54
18	H. G. Clayton	...	...	A	58 35	...	2 30	56 5
27	S. C. Roberts	...	...	B	60 0	...	6 30	53 36
29	C. H. Speechlely	...	...	B	60 6	...	6 30	53 36
32	H. E. Thaxter	...	...	B	60 17	...	7 30	52 47
36	R. F. Elson	...	...	B	60 42	...	3 30	57 13
37	F. H. Elson	...	...	I	60 47	...	5 0	55 47
39	A. H. Bridger	...	...	B	60 55	...	6 10	54 45
41	A. Readman	...	...	I	61 12	...	4 10	57 2
43	S. Goold	...	...	B	61 23	...	6 30	54 53
51	G. S. Doubleday	...	...	B	61 51	...	8 0	53 51
54	W. H. Snell	...	...	B	62 10	...	6 20	55 50
82	W. G. True	...	...	B	64 39	...	10 20	54 19
125	W. F. Brunning	...	...	I	68 29	...	13 0	55 29

142 finished.

SCRATCH TEAM RACE.

1	Belgrave Harriers A	14 pts.	3	Belgrave H. B
2	Leicester W.C.			

HANDICAP TEAM RACE.

1	London Trams S.C.	208m. 35s.	6	Belgrave H. "B"	213m. 1s.
3	Cambridge H.	210m. 3s.	14	Belgrave H. "A"	218m. 44s.
3	Enfield A.C.	210m. 39s.			

With The Walkers.

The Road season has started well for us and gives us hopes that we shall again win all the Open 7 and 10 miles scratch team races. Numbers, too, are good, and it is gratifying to see that even if our first four men home were eliminated, we should still have men prominent enough to challenge, and even win, team honours.

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Harry Churcher has found his form, and may well repeat last year's record when he won every "7" and "10" in the London area. We hope he will crown his athletic career by winning the A.A.A. 7 miles title next April, and so become the first Belgrave man to win an A.A.A. Championship.

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Our strength at the moment is shown in the Enfield A.C. Open race result, where it will be seen that our Captain, Charlie Churcher, finished seventh and yet did not score in the winning

team. We finished nine walkers in the first eighteen places, and our "B" team was placed third in the scratch team race.

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To be strong and successful now is very pleasing, but how shall we be placed in a few years' time? All the indications are that we have among our young walkers many who will do extremely well in a few years' time, but we would again emphasize the necessity of introducing and training new walkers.

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At this early date it is impossible to form any accurate opinion of our chances in the R.W.A. "Junior" Championship, to be held next March in the Manchester area. It is certain, however, that we shall have a worthy team, and one which may well gain our second successive win. Clayton, Heather, Roberts, Thaxter, Doubleday, Bridger, Goold, Elliott, East, Snell and others have great potentialities, and with conscientious, steady training, we may expect a team which will represent the Club with credit.

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Walkers are reminded of the Club Junior Championship at 7 miles for the "Horwood" Cup, open to all Club members possessing the R.W.A. "Junior" qualifications. This will take place on December 17th, and a sealed handicap will be held in conjunction. This event has been postponed a week from the date originally planned, December 10th.

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A three miles Walk handicap will be included in the Boxing Day meeting to be held at Battersea Park. Entries have been poor in recent years, and unless numbers improve, this race may disappear from our programme.

Those with a "distance" interest will be competing in the Godstone and back race (18½ miles) on Boxing Day. Full particulars may be had from the Walk Hon. Secretary.

In the New Year we have the Ashcombe-St. George's A.C. Open 7 miles race on January 21st. The "Berman" Cup, which we hold, will be awarded to the winning scratch team.

The following Saturday we hold the Club 10 miles Championship, and in conjunction with this event will be a sealed handicap and match *versus* Metropolitan Police W.C. and Surrey A.C.

The third successive Saturday's racing will find us at Bellingham, participating in the Open race promoted by the London Tram and Trolley Bus S.A.

On February 18th we shall compete in the Valentine's S.C. Open 10 miles race from their quarters at Chadwell Heath. A fortnight later follows the Junior Championship at 10 miles at Manchester.

All entries and requests for information should be addressed to— A. A. HARLEY, 39, Roxborough Avenue, Isleworth, Mx.

Stop Press News.

As we go to press so comes the Club's Open Walk. Harry Churcher recorded another win, in a new record time. Our teams were first and second in the scratch race, whilst we also provided the winning team in the Handicap Team Race. A full and detailed report will appear in the next issue.

The Sprinters And The Future.

By L. G. BENNETT.

It is with great pleasure that, on entering into my twelfth season with the Club, I can look forward with so much confidence and optimism, so far as the Sprinters are concerned.

The confidence in this section, which I expressed in a 1937 Magazine was not, in view of last year's results, in any way over-optimistic. I really must congratulate every man who represented the Club in 1938, also those who entered the handicaps and put up such good and enthusiastic showings.

The spirit existing in the Sprinting Section is enthusiastic to a degree, and this has been shown by the keen competition to gain places in the teams.

Now a word or two regarding last season's results.

First of all the Sprinters gained maximum points in the Inter-Club Relay matches. This is, I think, the first time this has been accomplished by Belgrave. The times were remarkably good and justified the large margins by which the Club won each race.

Next, a weakened team entered the Southern Counties Sprint Championships. True, the Club were lucky to reach the final, but here we finished fourth, with inches separating us from second and third positions, after having drawn lane, one which was waterlogged after heavy rain. As our first attempt this was a fine effort. Congratulations to Messrs. Skelley, Mewes, Pritchard and Blunden, who formed the team. (Congratulations also to Skelley on having his shorts passed by a Southern A.A.A. representative!).

Remarkable results were obtained in open relay races. The sprinters all did their part, showing what fine Club-men they are.

I must have a croak about Cadogan A.C. In the Middlesex County Championships four sprinters—Botwright, Wiley, Pritchard and yours truly, Bennett—entered and all gained County Standards. Botwright and Wiley also gained Southern Standards. These two, not forgetting Pack, were chosen to represent Middlesex County.

The junior sprinters have shown a great improvement in ability and enthusiasm, and I do welcome most warmly those who have now reached the senior stage. You are the members who, by your example, strict training, and keenness will help to keep the Club at the top of the tree in athletics for many years to come. Your responsibilities are heavy.

Well, let us look at the lessons we have learned during the past season. First of all, we must train strictly, regularly and with enthusiasm if we want to gain places in the Club teams. Secondly, we must all indulge in baton-changing practice. At the end of the year the teams had improved a great deal, but not enough.

Now, I must pass on to Winter training. Here I recommend you to come over to Belgrave Hall every Saturday between 2-45 and 3 p.m. The sprinters have a special pack and a short cross-country run is enjoyed by all. This is one of the finest ways in which a sprinter can keep fit during the Winter. I have encouraged cross-country running for sprinters for several seasons past, and now *the famous coach to the Club, Herr. F. Stampfl, has given his endorsement to this.*

Sprinters may also make use of Herr Stampfl's services if they go to Belgrave Hall on Wednesdays at 7-15 p.m. Ordinary road training facilities are also available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the "Rising Sun" at 7-15 p.m. This Winter training has proved very useful to the following members, who ran so well last season: S. Botwright, S. Blunden, T. Wiley, A. Mewes, W. Timberlake, F. Simmonds, "Tubby" Smith, Laing, Reynolds and many others.

Come over next Saturday and enjoy the good-fellowship which is fostered so much on these runs. To new members, I say that if I can be of any assistance to you, please write and let me know.

Here's wishing you the best of luck, and I hope that you will all attend our Socials and Dances, which are announced elsewhere.

L. G. BENNETT, 30, Applegarth Road, W.14.

This And That.

Any member desiring a Club track suit (as worn in the Lord Mayor's Show) can obtain one from W. E. Buck, 87, Bell Lane, Hendon, N.W.4, price 18/6. Please give chest and length of leg measurements.

For any further particulars please apply to Ted Stimpson.

Bert Footer's recent appearance with a black eye has, after delicate enquiries, been accounted for by his getting in the way of a cricket ball, and is not serious. Please do not lose hope for the National—remember what Nelson did with only one eye!

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Ginger (Len) Coleman is having an enforced rest from walking (much against his will) as he has his arm in a sling, due to a fracture.

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The Amateur Athletic Association are again giving a short course of Winter lectures at the Polytechnic, 309, Regent Street, W.1, at 7 p.m., on the following dates:—

Friday, 2nd Dec.—“Medical Aspects of Athletics,” by J. E. Lovelock.

Friday, 9th Dec.—“Athletics in 1938,” by H. M. Abrahams.

Friday, 6th Jan., 1939.—“Cross-Country Running,” by C. A. J. Emery. “Walking,” by H. H. Whitlock.

There is no charge for admission and no tickets are required.

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The A.A.A. are also running a course in Field Events at City of London School, January 18th to March 15th, 1939. For further details apply to the Hon. Secretary, or Field Events Captain.

Winter Training.

This is essentially for, but not confined to, track and field events men, whose Winter training is usually restricted.

The Club has engaged Herr Stampfl to conduct an exercise class at Belgrave Hall on Wednesdays at 7-30 p.m. The exercises are designed not only for keeping fit, but to educate oneself to achieve greater athletic efficiency.

Herr Stampfl, although he has been in this country only a short while, has established himself as a coach of the first rank. Having been a champion in recent years, he is well acquainted with the modern ideas for training. He is himself popular with those with whom he has been in contact, and those who have attended his classes were soon affected with his enthusiasm, and attend regularly. He will be unable to attend after January, but the Hall will be open on Wednesdays for the exercises to be continued until the evenings permit the normal outdoor summer training.

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Reservations should be made as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment, to the Social Hon. Secretary, T. F. Morrell, 3, Florian Road, Putney, S.W.12.

BELGRAVIANS AND FRIENDS CORDIALLY INVITED.

Your attention is also drawn to our other Social Events, particulars of which can be seen in the last edition of the "Belgravian" or in the Handbook.



