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Since our last issue appeared the principal events of the Winter Season have been decided, and the Track Season run part of its course.

The accomplishment which must command our attention above all other matters, and merits our sincerest congratulation, is that of our walkers in winning the R.W.A. 10 Miles "Junior" Championship, R.W.A. 20 Miles Championship and R.W.A. 50 Kilos. Championship. No other club has ever at any time won all three championships; and to do so in the space of three months is almost miraculous. This record of success is one that may never again be approached by any club, and we most heartily congratulate and thank the members of the winning teams.

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The performance of Colin Sutton in appearing in all three championship teams is one that may never be equalled. He was sixth in the "Junior," fourth in the 20 Miles Championship, and fifth in the 50 Kilos' Championship—a trio of performances that reflect the greatest credit on Colin's conscientious training and determined efforts to help the Club to a treble victory.

Others deserving our congratulations are Fred Bentley, who was placed second in both 20 Miles and 50 Kilos. events; and to Joe Coleman and Len Coleman, who dead-heated in the "Junior" Championship for first place.

It is interesting to note that as a result of the Winter season's activities, all five trophies which the Road Walking Association offer for competition (the "National" Shield, "Garnet" Cup, "Horlick" Cup, "Nijmegen" Shield and "Berman" Cup) are in the possession of the Belgrave Harriers!

Our runners have not won Championships, but have certainly maintained the high standard they have set themselves in recent years. The "Southern" was lost by a single point; and we claimed third position in both the "National" and the Brighton Relay—all performances of real merit! Our record of being placed in the English Cross-Country Championship for six consecutive years is one of which we are very proud, and one we hope to add to for many years to come.

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The track season has opened well, many successes being recorded. We are particularly pleased with our success at Reading in our first attempt to gain the "Evening Gazette" Trophy; and at the success of our walkers in the Inter-Club Scratch Walks.

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It is proposed to close the "W. A. Rice Memorial Trophy" subscription list at the end of the month, and those who have not done so, and would like to be associated with the idea, are asked to get in touch with Mr. A. A. Harley at once.

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Our Hon. Treasurer has Club ties, vests, etc., and would be pleased to supply you upon request. He also awaits a few outstanding subscriptions, and if you have been remiss in this, your prompt attention would be appreciated.

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Please note that our worthy President and Hon. Secretary has changed his address (see page 1); and see that you make a note of this to avoid delays in correspondence.

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Our Club gave better support than any other to the A.A.A. 10 Miles Run and 7 Miles Walking Championships held on April 23rd, and our boys were very prominent. In the Walk J. G. Coleman finished third, the first Englishman to finish, L. J. Coleman was fifth and D. E. Brown seventh. In the Run, A. W. Penny was third, C. T. Carter fourth, and S. T. Ring twelfth, all inside first-class standard time.

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Although held on the same day as the Brighton Relay, our Dinner-Dance, held at Gatti's Adelaide Restaurant, was well attended and a distinct success. Our thanks are due to A. E. Taylor for making all the necessary arrangements.

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Fred Bentley did well to improve upon record in the Police Barking—Southend Championship; and we congratulate him upon being selected to represent England in France on June 19th.

## The Club 10 Miles Road Walk Championship.

This Club Championship for the "R. Murphy" Shield was held on January 29th, when we also entertained the Metropolitan Police and Surrey A.C. in an inter-club event. Right from the start Belgrave led, followed by a batch, many of whom, whilst unyielding in their allegiance to the Club, become "the enemy" also on two or three occasions a year.

Harry Churcher maintained his excellent form and proved that the ten miles distance is not beyond him, in winning this championship for the first time by nearly two minutes from "Junior" Joe Coleman, with Percy Wright third. Then came many of our younger walkers consolidating their claims to places in the Club "Junior" team a few weeks later. Right well did they do so; and this race, as apparently do all races these days, once again showed the strength of Belgrave.

It was very pleasing to see such a fine field out. Handicap awards went to R. F. Elson, A. H. Bridger and E. C. Heather; and a glance at the appended result will show that our walkers meant "business" on this last Saturday in January.

### RESULTS.

1	H. G. Churcher ...	B.	80 52	...	Scr.	...	80 52
2	J. G. Coleman ...	B.	82 39	...	2 0	...	89 39
3	P. G. Wright ...	B.	83 26	...	2 30	...	80 56
4	L. J. Coleman ...	B.	83 50	...	3 0	...	80 50
5	R. F. Elson ...	B.	83 24	...	2 30	...	81 54
6	C. F. Sutton ...	B.	84 31	...	5 25	...	79 6
7	E. C. Heather ...	B.	86 28	...	6 30	...	79 58
8	W. A. Treacher...	B.	87 12	...	1 45	...	85 27
9	A. H. Bridger ...	B.	87 14	...	8 0	...	79 14
10	F. Rickards ...	P. & B.	87 39	...	4 0	...	83 39
11	J. C. Bidgood ...	P. & B.	88 36	...	6 15	...	82 21
13	S. C. Roberts ...	P. & B.	88 56	...	8 0	...	80 56
14	G. S. Doubleday...	B.	89 5	...	9 0	...	89 5
15	W. H. Snell ...	B.	89 32	...	8 25	...	81 7
17	J. E. Field ...	B.	89 42	...	7 10	...	82 32
21	J. Ogilvie ...	B.	91 29	...	8 45	...	82 44
22	H. E. Thaxter ...	P. & B.	91 37	...	8 45	...	82 52
26	E. G. Cornish ...	B.	92 53	...	10 15	...	82 41
27	A. A. Harley ...	B.	92 41	...	8 0	...	85 41
29	R. Martin ...	P. & B.	94 26	...	5 20	...	89 6
31	S. Goold ...	P. & B.	95 22	...	—	...	—
43	W. F. Brunning	B.	104 0	...	14 0	...	90 0

### TEAM PLACINGS.

Belgrave H.—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 21, 25, 26 ...	163 pts.
Met. Police W.C.—10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28 ...	302 pts.

## Open Walks.

Let the results of the London Transport and Valentines S.C. Open Walks speak for themselves. Five in the first six at Bel-  
lingham and 12 in 28 places. No need to enquire which club  
won the scratch team race!

### RESULTS.

#### LONDON TRANSPORT (T.C.) S. & A.A. OPEN WALK.

1	H. G. Churcher ...	A.	56 10	...	Scr.	...	56 10
2	F. J. Redman	Met. W.C.	57 38	...	50	...	56 48
3	J. G. Coleman ...	A.	57 49	...	2 0	...	55 49
4	P. G. Wright ...	A.	58 12	...	1 50	...	56 22
5	L. J. Coleman ...	A.	58 26	...	2 30	...	55 56
6	C. F. Sutton ...	A.	58 38	...	2 30	...	56 8
13	D. E. Brown ...	A.	60 30	...	2 40	...	57 59
14	W. A. Treacher ...	I.	60 55	...	2 10	...	58 45
15	R. F. Elson ...	A.	61 2	...	4 30	...	56 32
16	J. C. Bidgood ...	B.	61 6	...	5 0	...	56 6
25	A. H. Bridger ...	B.	62 18	...	6 40	...	55 38
26	E. C. Heather ...	A.	62 27	...	5 0	...	57 27
28	S. C. Roberts ...	B.	62 30	...	7 10	...	55 20
39	G. S. Doubleday ...	B.	63 55	...	8 20	...	55 35
41	J. Ogilvie ...	B.	64 20	...	7 50	...	56 30
51	E. G. Cornish ...	B.	66 13	...	9 20	...	56 53
54	A. A. Harley ...	I.	66 23	...	7 10	...	59 13
58	B. H. Clark ...	B.	66 49	...	7 49	...	59 0
75	W. G. True ...	B.	68 30	...	10 20	...	58 10
98	W. F. Brunning ...	I.	73 2	...	10 30	...	62 32

115 finished.

#### SCRATCH TEAM RESULT.

1	Belgrave H. "A" (1, 2, 3, 4)	...	...	...	...	10 pts.
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#### HANDICAP TEAM RESULT.

						m. s.
1	Enfield A.C.	...	...	...	...	222 5
2	Belgrave H. "B" (Bidgood, Bridger, Doubleday, Roberts)	...	...	...	...	222 39
3	Cambridge H.	...	...	...	...	224 1
4	Belgrave H. "A"	...	...	...	...	224 3

14 teams closed in.

#### VALENTINES S.C. 10 MILES WALK.

1	H. G. Churcher	Bel. A.	74 45	...	Scr.	...	74 45
2	L. G. Coleman	Bel. A.	75 56	...	2 0	...	73 56
7	L. J. Coleman ...	Bel. A.	78 22	...	3 0	...	75 22
8	C. E. Churcher	Bel. A.	78 33	...	3 10	...	75 33
13	J. C. Bidgood	Bel. A.	80 2	...	6 0	...	74 2
15	E. C. Heather	Bel. A.	80 17	...	6 30	...	73 47
22	A. H. Bridger ...	Bel. B.	81 11	...	7 20	...	73 51
23	R. F. Elson	Bel. B.	81 33	...	5 20	...	76 13
27	A. F. Readman	Bel. B.	81 56	...	6 10	...	75 46
29	S. C. Roberts	Bel. B.	82 16	...	8 0	...	74 16
30	W. H. Snell	Bel. B.	82 24	...	8 10	...	74 14
38	H. E. Thaxter	Bel. B.	83 16	...	9 30	...	73 46
44	A. A. Harley	Bel. B.	84 14	...	9 30	...	74 44
47	G. S. Doubleday	Bel. B.	84 26	...	9 0	...	75 26
54	E. G. Cornish	Bel. B.	85 48	...	11 30	...	74 18
64	B. H. Clark	Bel. B.	87 2	...	9 10	...	77 52

119 finished.

SCRATCH TEAM RACE.

1 Belgrave H.—1, 2, 7, 8 ... .. 18 pts.

HANDICAP TEAM RACE.

								m. s.
1	Belgrave H. "B"	...	...	...	...	...	...	296 7
2	Belgrave H. "A"	...	...	...	...	...	...	296 30
3	Surrey A.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	297 34

16 teams closed in.

## The R.W.A. "Junior" Championship.

By P. G. WRIGHT.

Beautiful weather and our own club red hot favourites. it was not surprising a large number of supporters travelled Hampstead way for the National "Junior" 10 Miles Championship.

Held from the headquarters of the holders, Metropolitan W.C., we had every hope of supplying both team and individual winners. Right from the start the Coleman brothers went to the front, and began to open up a big lead. At first Heaney, of Lancashire W.C., endeavoured to go with them, but he was well short of the necessary pace. Jim Fisher the big Surrey walker, got to within thirty yards at eight miles, but his effort began to tell and he dropped back. Joe with his "I'm his big brother" smile; and Len (not so small brother, look!) came in together on their own. (Work it out!—Ed.). It was a brilliant performance. Len has been walking less than two years, but Joe has now been at the game several seasons. Only hard work and a terrific keenness could have secured Joe the joint title, as he is not a natural walker in physique.

Our third man to finish, Colin Sutton, walked through fast towards the end, after being well behind at the beginning of the race. He was closely followed by Reg. Elson, the team returning a new record score of 16 points.

Eddie Heather was well to the front at the start, but went back as his early pace began to tell. Bridger will be a big asset next year, as should "Marathon Doub," who surprised everyone with a brilliant performance. Sympathy must be extended to Roberts who after a hectic taxi ride to arrive on time, suffered disqualification.

The second team's performance in finishing so well up (5th) was a delight to everyone, and I feel sure that the Bels. can view next year's race with eager anticipation, especially when one remembers that we shall be strengthened by Bert Clayton, our Eastleigh walker. What odds individual and team honours two years running?

RESULT.

		m.	s.			m.	s.
1	J. G. Coleman...A.	80	14 3-5	31	H. E. Thaxter .....	B.	87 20
1	L. J. Coleman...A.	80	14 3-5	42	E. G. Cornish.....	B.	89 12
3	M. J. Fisher ...S.W.C.	80	43	52	G. H. Boddington ...	B.	90 20
6	C. F. Sutton .....	A.	81 58	55	C. H. Speechley .....	B.	90 57
7	R. F. Elson .....	A.	82 22	61	B. H. Clark.....	B.	91 16
14	A. H. Bridger .....	A.	84 7	97	S. R. Mable .....	B.	94 42
22	E. C. Heather.....	A.	86 0	104	W. G. True .....	B.	95 52
24	G. S. Doubleday ....	B.	86 22				
39	W. H. Snell .....	A.	87 14	127 finished.			

TEAM PLACINGS.

1	Belgrave H. (A) (1½, 1½, 6, 7) ... ..	16 pts. (Record)
2	Surrey W.C. (3, 10, 14, 17)...	44 pts.
3	Enfield A.C. (4, 12, 25, 41) ... ..	82 pts.
4	Surrey A.C. (23, 28, 30, 32)...	113 pts.
5	Belgrave H. (B) (22, 27) 37, 47) ... ..	133 pts.
6	Sheffield United H. (18, 38, 45, 46) ... ..	147 pts.
pts.		
7	Highgate H. ... ..	166
8	Leicester W.C. ... ..	172
9	Sussex W. & A.C. ... ..	175
10	Polytechnic H. ... ..	185
11	Metropolitan W.C. ... ..	186
12	Woodford Green A.C. ... ..	200
13	Suffolk R.W.A. ... ..	225
14	Surrey W.C. B. ... ..	249
15	Cambridge H. ... ..	265
16	Godiva H. ... ..	298
17	Valentines S.C. ... ..	310
18	London Vidarians W.C. ... ..	354
19	Surrey W.C. (C) ... ..	424
20	London Transport (T.C.) S.A.A. ... ..	429

Match v. Surrey Walking Club.

The week following the "Junior" we tried conclusions with our S.W.C. friends, over their Banstead and back course (11½ miles) and scored a win with ten walking aside. Joe Coleman again distinguished himself by winning easily, with plenty in hand, only to find he was but a few seconds outside record for the course. Sound team work gave us a good win over the Surrey W.C., whom we are always glad to meet, and always glad to beat; for then we know we have indeed accomplished a good performance.

RESULT.

		h.	m.	s.			h.	m.	s.
1	J. G. Coleman .....	1	34	21	8	J. C. Bidgood .....	1	39	47
2	M. J. Fisher (S.W.C.)	1	35	19	9	A. H. Bridger .....	1	39	49
3	Christie-Murray (S.W.C.)	1	36	34	12	A. Readman .....	1	40	53
4	C. F. Sutton.....	1	36	54	13	J. E. Field .....	1	41	23
5	L. Woodcock (S.W.C.)	1	37	32	14	P. G. Wright.....	1	43	18
6	C. E. Churcher .....	1	38	58	15	J. E. Rutland.....	1	43	18
7	L. J. Coleman .....	1	39	39	23	W. H. Snell .....	1	47	15

TEAM SCORES (scoring 10 aside).

1	Belgrave H. ....	89 pts.	2	Surrey W.C. ....	121 pts.
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## The County Walk Championships.

The Surrey race was held from our quarters at Wimbledon, and although we approached this race with greater confidence than ever before, in the expectation of winning a championship that had hitherto eluded us, the Judges almost won, only 20 of the 34 starters finishing! Harry Churcher suffered disqualification when in possession of a comfortable lead at  $8\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and brother Charlie also failed to finish. Fortunately, Joe Coleman was there to win the individual championship, with Len second and, with the assistance of Don Brown and Jack Field, the team trophy was ours for the first time. Now we have it after years of trying, we hope to retain the title for some years.

1. Belgrave Harriers (1, 2, 6, 9) ... 18 pts.
2. Surrey W.C. (3, 4, 7, 8) ... .. 22 pts.

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On the same day the Middlesex Championship was held from Enfield West over an undulating course. Percy Wright held the lead for some miles but eventually was challenged by H. H. Whitlock, who went on to win from our man by 19 seconds. The team race was keenly fought out between Cadogan A.C., comprised of Belgrave Harriers possessing Middlesex qualifications, and the holders, Metropolitan W.C. The holders retained their title, scoring 27 points to the 32 of Cadogan. Colin Sutton finished fifth, but was not eligible for team competition this year (this also applies to J. C. Bidgood) and the absence of W. A. Treacher made an undoubted difference. Next season our boys hope to annex this title. This year's team to take second medals was: P. G. Wright, F. E. Bentley, A. Readman, R. F. Elson.

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Congratulations to Alan Bridger upon winning the Kent 10 miles title. We expect him to be in a winning "Junior" team next year.

## The Club 20 Miles Walk Championship.

The race to decide who should hold the "R.W. Ricketts" Shield and match event versus Metropolitan Police, attracted a good entry. As usual, there were many retirements. The Club Championship found a new holder, Colin Sutton being first man home. He walked with both power and speed, and although a very tired man towards the finish, he lasted home and showed that we have another first-class distance walker in our ranks. Jack Bidgood gave his usual sound display in second place, and Charlie Churcher, the holder, finished third. Of the younger walkers, Jack Rutland and Reg Elson both gave sound performances. Rutland would have done even better if he had not been in the lead early on, and when experience brings more know-

ledge of even pace, we may expect an outstanding performance from him. Bentley and Rickards were among those who retired, but we are always assured of a first-rate performance from these two loyal team men when the National Championship comes along. The handicap prize went to Sutton with 9 min. 30 sec. allowance, Bob Readman and Syd Roberts taking the minor placings.

RESULT.

1	C. F. Sutton	...	B.	2	48	38	...	9	30	...	2	39	8	...	1
2	J. C. Bidgood	P. & B.	2	52	9	...	2	0	...	2	50	9	...	...	
3	C. E. Churcher	B.	2	52	34	...	Scr.	...	2	52	34	...	...	...	
4	A. Readman	P. & B.	2	53	4	...	9	30	...	2	43	34	...	2	
5	S. C. Roberts	P. & B.	3	3	30	...	17	30	...	2	46	0	...	3	
6	R. F. Elson	...	B.	3	4	10	...	15	0	...	2	49	10	...	
7	J. E. Rutland	...	B.	3	5	23	...	7	30	...	2	57	53	...	
8	J. E. Field	...	B.	3	5	29	...	15	30	...	2	49	10	...	
9	R. Martin	P. & B.	3	8	18	...	15	0	...	2	53	18	...	...	
10	P.c. W. Guy	...	P.	3	10	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
11	P.c. Curling	...	P.	3	10	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
12	H. E. Thaxter	P. & B.	3	10	44	...	22	30	...	2	48	14	...	...	
13	P.c. Aylen	...	P	3	11	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
14	P.c. Gooding	...	P.	3	11	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
15	G. H. Boddington	...	P. & B.	3	12	4	...	22	39	...	2	49	34	...	
16	P.c. Kent	...	P.	3	13	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
17	P.s. Price	...	...	3	15	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
18	P.c. Tyzack	...	P.	3	16	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
19	P.c. Saunders	...	P.	3	17	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
20	S. Goold	...	P. & B.	3	17	47	...	22	0	...	2	55	47	...	
21	P.c. Vanlint	...	P.	3	18	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
22	P.c. Challons	...	P.	3	19	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
23	E. G. Cornish	...	B.	3	21	30	...	22	30	...	2	59	0	...	
24	P.c. Grice	...	P.	3	22	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
25	W. Hamilton	...	P.	3	25	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
26	P.c. Borer	...	P.	3	26	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
27	P.c. Smith	...	P.	3	27	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
28	P.c. Holdstock	...	P.	3	29	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

TEAM SCORES.

Scoring 5 aside	...	...	...	Bel. H. 25 pts., M.P.W.C. 30 pts.
Scoring 6 aside	...	...	...	Bel. H. 48 pts., M.P.W.C. 41 pts.

Bentley, Rickards, Snell, Harley, and Doubleday retired (and others).

### Colchester to Ipswich.

A good party of Belgrave walkers took advantage of the courtesy of the Metropolitan Police W.C. to share in the coach which they had arranged; to visit the Eastern Counties and take part in the annual 17 miles walk.

From the start (where we were glad to see K. N. Wood, now resident at Colchester) our walkers went to the front and team honours were always safe in our keeping. A strong head wind all the way caused much inconvenience, but did not prevent Colin Sutton from winning in record time. He was closely followed by Bob Readman, who was also placed second in the sealed handi-

cap. Third to finish was Jack Bidgood, and our team was completed by Captain Charlie Churcher in fifth position, and we had six in nine.

Joe Coleman made his first attempt at a distance race, and was prominent for several miles, but lack of preparation for this distance (a week after the A.A.A. 7 Miles Championship) caused him to fall back towards the end. However, it is certain that he is capable of a really first-class performance in the longer races; and we expect him to be as prominent at 20 miles in a year or so's time as he has proved himself this season in the shorter events. Harry Thaxter did well to finish 12th—our eighth man!

Had either Coleman or Rutland been declared as a "B" team man, we should have taken another set of awards, but we must not be too greedy!

#### RESULT.

		h. m. s.				h. m. s.	
1	C. F. Sutton ... A.	2	22 3	11	S. C. Roberts ... B.	2	35 9
2	A. Readman ... A.	2	22 55	12	H. E. Thaxter ... B.	2	35 21
3	J. C. Bidgood ... A.	2	24 55	24	A. A. Harley ... B.	2	41 55
5	C. E. Churcher ... A.	2	27 38	27	W. H. Snell ... B.	2	42 48
8	J. E. Rutland ... A.	2	31 10	31	G. H. Boddington B.	2	47 20
9	J. G. Coleman ... A.	2	32 22				

#### TEAM SCORES.

1	Belgrave H. "A" ...	11 pts.	3	Surrey A.C. ...	66 pts.
2	Surrey W.C. ...	49 pts.	4	Belgrave H. "B" ...	79 pts.

## The R.W.A. 20 Miles Championship.

May 14th, 1938, was a great day for the Club, for we regained, in decisive manner, the Championship which we last held in 1929. In the eight intervening years we have gained second place three times, and third medals on three occasions; so our win was all the sweeter on this second Saturday in May.

And now as to the manner of our fifth Championship win at this distance. The race, held from Cape End, Birmingham, started in slight rain, which persisted for some time but did not prove any great inconvenience.

At five miles Surrey W.C. and Leicester W.C. were both ahead of us in points, but the race had only just begun. At ten miles our men were picking up valuable points, and now we held a slight lead from Leicester and S.W.C. At 13 miles H. W. Whitlock was disqualified, and J. Hopkins, of Lancashire W.C., led, followed by our Fred Bentley. Colin Sutton was fourth, and we had several men between tenth and twentieth positions. The scoring was now: Belgrave 25 pts., Surrey W.C. 38 pts., Leicester 50 pts.

Over the last five miles of the race, Leicester tried hard to get on terms with our boys, but without effect. Jack Bidgood and Fred Rickards showed their experience of previous tussles, and relentlessly carried through, holding off all challengers, and even picking up a few points.

So came the end, with our scoring four finishing in the first nine positions, giving a total of 23 points—a Club “best.” This was generally acknowledged to be one of the finest team efforts in the history of the Championship, and our walkers deserve our thanks and heartiest congratulations. Leicester W.C., with 34 points, were a worthy second team. Their low score was six points better than when they dead-heated for the title last year, and much higher scores have frequently won the championship. Third came our Surrey Walking Club friends with 55 points, relegated from the very high standard they have set themselves in recent years, but we may be sure that they will come again.

Of those other than the scoring team, Charlie Churcher and Bob Readman were always handy, ready to make a really big effort if called upon. Jack Rutland and Joe Coleman, both taking part in their first “National,” performed creditably and gained experience, which will probably take them into the first 20 placings another year.

The efforts of our team of eight gained for the Club the “Nijmegen” Shield, which is presented to the first team to finish its complete team of eight. Well done! We have previously only won this Shield once—in 1933.

Our “B” team may also be considered to have done well in finishing tenth, and beating the first choice of such clubs as Woodford Green A.C., Metropolitan W.C., Derbyshire S.C., London Vidarians W.C., Highgate H. and others.

Bob Martin, Syd Roberts and Harry Thaxter even beat our eighth “A” team man.

Altogether, we look back with profound satisfaction on this Championship Day. A special word of praise is due to Fred Bentley on his second position, and to Colin Sutton on finishing fourth, and thereby winning his Club Honours Badge. We are glad to hold again the “National” Shield and the “Nijmegen” Shield, in addition to the “Garnett” Cup, which the “Juniors” won with a record score two months earlier.

As ever, the obligations of the Champions are to defend—to withstand the challengers—and next season we hope to do this successfully.

RESULT.

		h.	m.	s.
1	J. Hopkins (Lancs. W.C.)	2	49	10
2	F. E. Bentley (Bel. H. "A")	2	50	44
3	T. L. Johnson (Leics. W.C.)	2	51	55
4	C. F. Sutton (Bel. H. "A")	2	54	12
8	J. C. Bidgood (Bel. H. "A")	2	56	2
9	F. Rickards (Bel. H. "A")	2	56	59
19	C. E. Churcher (Bel. H. "A")	3	0	54
21	A. Readman (Bel. H. "A")	3	1	14
36	J. E. Rutland (Bel. H. "A")	3	6	25
44	R. Martin (Bel. H. "B")	3	9	57
46	S. C. Roberts (Bel. H. "B")	3	10	51
51	H. E. Thaxter (Bel. H. "B")	3	11	44
53	J. G. Coleman (Bel. H. "A")	3	11	54
65	G. H. Boddington (Bel. H. "B")	3	14	2
76	A. A. Harley (Bel. H. "B")	3	18	41
84	W. H. Snell (Bel. H. "B")	3	20	21
87	B. H. Clark (Bel. H. "B")	3	20	31

115 were timed in.

TEAM RESULT.

	pts.		pts.
1 Belgrave H. (2, 4, 8, 9)	23	10 Belgrave H. "B"	296
2 Leicester W.C. (3, 7, 11, 13)	34	11 Woodford Green A.C.	211
3 Surrey W.C. (10, 12, 15, 18)	55	12 Metropolitan W.C.	234
4 Sheffield United H.	93	13 Godiva H.	254
5 Lancashire W.C.	112	14 Derbyshire S.C.	258
6 Enfield A.C.	136	15 London Vidarians W.C.	262
7 Polytechnic H.	146	16 Surrey W.C. "B"	274
8 Birmingham W.C.	166	17 Highgate H.	299
9 Surrey A.C.	171	18 Royal Sutton Cold. A.C.	343

"Nijmegen" Shield: Belgrave H.

## The R.W.A. 50 Kilos. Championship.

The crowning effort of the season, and our third Championship win, took place at Bradford on Whit Monday. Five men—F. E. Bentley, C. F. Sutton, F. Rickards, R. Martin and A. Readman—represented us over this most difficult course of 31 1-8 miles, and all finished, bringing further distinction to the Club.

A team victory was always assured, for our men were prominent from the start. Both Bentley and Sutton led the field at one time or another, and Rickards was always in the first ten placings.

The great feature of the race was the tussle which developed between the Olympic champion and our Fred Bentley. With the possibility of International selection for the European Games next September to spur them on, both men gave of their best. Eventually Whitlock's superior knowledge of the course, over which he has won many races, prevailed and enabled him to beat Fred by something under 100 yards. Both men had hard races and showed excellent form, and England should have no

cause for complaint if these two do duty for her at Paris on September 4th.

Colin Sutton walked splendidly once again to finish fifth. What a wonderful season he has had! Fred Rickards, a few seconds later, in sixth place, completed our team. Fred, at the age of 39, is in his 24th season of walking, and still he remains one of the best in the country. His sportsmanship, too, is second to none, and we are glad to have such a man as a Life Member of the Club and as a member of our teams. We are sure he is good for many more years yet, and we are indeed grateful to him for his assistance and the spirit he has helped to instil among our younger walkers.

Three championships in one season has, at times, seemed an almost unattainable ideal; but now it has been accomplished.

Our thanks are due to all who have helped in this accomplishment. It is not given to all to score for the Club, or even represent the Club; but to the many who have contributed their quota, to those who have given encouragement and helped things along, we express our thanks.

#### RESULT.

		h. m. s.			h. m. s.
1	H. H. Whitlock		6	F. Rickards ...B.H.	4 55 35
	Met. W.C.	4 43 11-5	26	R. Martin .....B.H.	5 21 21
2	F. E. Bentley ...B.H.	4 43 25	29	A. Readman ...B.H.	5 24 47
5	C. F. Sutton.....B.H.	4 46 38			

#### TEAM SCORES.

1	Belgrave H.—2, 5, 6...	13 pts.	3	Lancashire W.C.	... 59 pts.
2	Leicester W.C.—3, 7, 18	28 pts.			

### With the Walkers.

As mentioned elsewhere, our last few months' activities have largely consisted of successes and still more successes. Everyone has done something towards these achievements, and with several promising walkers showing improvement, we hope to carry on in the winning way. At the height of success it is always as well to consider the future—the future is dependent upon the influx of the right type of new member.

Given an average physique and the intention to persevere and overcome the initial difficulties which come to all of us, we can almost guarantee some measure of success. We trust all members will do their best to introduce new talent, and here we would remind everyone of our One Mile Walk for unattached novices (entry free) on July 20th.

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We have won the "Junior" Championship in 1920, 1922, 1930, 1933, 1936 and 1938. The 20 Miles title has been ours in 1924,

1925, 1928, 1929 and again this year; and we have held the "Horlick" Cup for the 50 kilos. Championship in 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1938.

We are the only Club to have held all three Championships; and now we are proud to have improved even upon this by taking all three titles *in one season*.

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A feature of the season has been the success of some of our walkers who have previously tried themselves out at other branches of sport. Thus both of the Colemans had been in the running ranks for some years. Doubleday is another to have changed over and shows great promise; while in Colin Sutton we have one who has competed with some distinction in cycling road races. Maybe there are others who could turn to walking and make a success of it, as have many of our stalwarts in the past.

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A team, unfortunately far from our strongest, competed in the "Leicester Mercury" 20 Miles Walk. Fred Rickards was 4th (2hr. 53min. 20sec.), Rutland 10th (3hr. 1min. 4sec.), Sutton 13th (3hr. 3min. 10sec.), and Doubleday 42nd. Our team placing was 5th. Next season we hope to arrange for a stronger team to travel and score our first win in this race.

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All walkers should have the Summer fixture lists and it should not be necessary to detail the future events here. We would draw particular attention, however, to the Club Championship to be held at Tooting Bec Track on Saturday, July 30th.

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All entries for Club events and requests for information to—  
A. A. HARLEY, 39, Roxborough Avenue, Isleworth, Mx.

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ADDITIONAL FIXTURE.—We have accepted an invitation from Surrey Walking Club to take part in a Three Miles race at Tooting Bec Track, on Wednesday, July 6th, at 8 p.m. This is to be an "all-to-score" affair, and it is hoped that all our members, from the fastest to the slowest, will support the event.

## Field Events.

Under the able captaincy of Bill Sutton, our Field Events men are once again giving a good account of themselves. In Southern Amateur Athletic League events, with thirteen events decided, we have scored 148 points out of a possible 156. S. Jones, C.

Melchior, F. E. Norman, G. H. Powell, H. M. Quackenbos, S. C. Botwright and W. H. Sutton have represented us in these events.

H. M. Quackenbos showed his versatility by winning the King's College Javelin Championship with a throw of 135ft. 8½in., securing second place in the High Jump, and taking third place in the London University Championship Pole Vault with a jump of 10 ft.

On February 13th we were engaged in another match versus Metropolitan Police, at Imber Court. We fielded the same team as on Boxing Day. S. Jones was victorious for us in the Shot Putt with 37ft. 9½in., beating Grigg, of the Police by nearly a foot, with Sutton a close third. Melchior was our third man with 32ft. 5in., and we won the event by a margin of one point.

In the Javelin Throw, Finneron (throwing for the Police) beat Melchior by two feet. George Powell beat Grigg for third place, and S. Jones was our third man in fifth position. We again won the event by 11 to 10.

In the Discus Throw, first three places went to Police representatives. Sutton (98ft. 3in.), S. Jones (95ft. 5in.) and Melchior (85ft. 3in.) were our trio, and we lost by 28 pts. to 35 pts.

Another similar competition was held on March 20th and results are given hereunder. We won the Shot Putt 11 pts. to 10; lost the Javelin 9 pts. to 12, and the Discus 26 pts. to 37.

#### DISCUS.

		Feb. 13th	Mar. 20th
		ft. ins.	ft. ins.
Grigg .....	M.P.	112 7	128 9¼
Jones .....	B.H.	95 5	98 3½
Munro .....	M.P.	111 9	—
Sutton .....	B.H.	98 3	103 8¼
Ramsden .....	M.P.	110 8	116 1½
Melchior .....	B.H.	85 3	91 7
Powell .....	B.H.	72 5	—
May .....	B.H.	68 3	—
McLennan .....	M.P.	—	100 4¼
Meredith .....	M.P.	—	103 9
Jackson .....	B.H.	—	72 4½
Glashier .....	M.P.	—	111 2

#### JAVELIN.

Finneron...M.P. & B.H.	145 3	—
Melchior .....	B.H.	143 0 137 11
Grigg .....	M.P.	134 5 132 4
Powell.....	B.H.	135 0 —
Masson .....	M.P.	121 9 —
Jones .....	B.H.	126 5 111 2
Quackenbos .....	B.H.	116 9 124 1
Jackson .....	B.H.	116 0 110 0
Fleming .....	M.P.	— 124 8
Glashier .....	M.P.	— 134 9

SHOT PUTT.

Jones .....	B.H.	37	9½	38	1½
Grigg .....	M.P.	37	0½	37	11½
Sutton .....	B.H.	36	8¾	37	0½
McLennon .....	M.P.	35	5½	34	7¾
Melchior .....	B.H.	32	5	32	1
Munro .....	M.P.	35	3½	—	—
May .....	B.H.	27	5	—	—
Masson .....	M.P.	—	—	35	5¾
Jackson .....	B.H.	—	—	27	5½

We should like to see more members showing an interest in the various field events and can assure them of a welcome and assistance should they decide to do so. It would give great satisfaction to know that we had 25 men keen on each event; and if only we can have quantity, quality will come. We already have many sound performers but should like to add to their numbers and produce an A.A.A. champion.

All enquiries to W. H. SUTTON, 33, Tintern Road, S.W.4.

Club 10 Miles C.C. Championship.

Held on January 29th, our annual race for the "Macher" Shield attracted a field of 30 runners, and included four English Internationals. We were all pleased to see Jim Ginty out again, although being short of training he did not attempt too much.

The race proved a fine struggle throughout, and Arthur Penny ran very well to narrowly beat Bert Footer, with Tom Carter a fair distance away in third place.

L. W. Herbert's forward running gained him first place in the handicap with Harry Shields second, and Rod Patience third.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Hcp. Pos.
1	A. W. Penny ... ..	58 27	... 0 5	... 58 22	... 8
2	H. E. Footer ... ..	58 35	... 0 45	... 57 50	... 6
3	C. T. Carter ... ..	59 17	... 1 30	... 57 47	... 5
4	L. J. Cohen ... ..	59 42	... 1 45	... 57 57	... 7
5	H. W. Shields ... ..	60 4	... 3 0	... 57 4	... 2
6	D. Patience ... ..	60 24	... 1 0	... 59 24	... 13
7	J. Ginty ... ..	60 34	... Scr.	... 60 34	... 20
8	R. Patience ... ..	60 34	... 3 15	... 57 19	... 3
9	L. W. Herbert ... ..	60 46	... 4 15	... 56 31	... 1
10	F. A. W. Kemp ... ..	61 36	... 2 45	... 58 51	... 10f
11	F. A. Walker ... ..	61 40	... 4 15	... 57 25	... 4
12	S. T. Ring... ..	62 21	... 3 30	... 58 51	... 10f
13	G. Murdock ... ..	62 24	... 3 45	... 58 39	... 9
14	J. E. Flower ... ..	63 31	... 3 30	... 60 1	... 18
15	R. G. Michael ... ..	64 14	... 5 15	... 58 59	... 12
16	K. N. Wood ... ..	64 26	... 4 30	... 59 56	... 16f

17	A. E. Taylor	...	...	...	65	5	...	2	30	...	62	35	...	25
18	T. F. Morrell	...	...	...	65	9	...	5	30	...	59	39	...	14
19	A. Patience	...	...	...	65	22	...	3	45	...	61	37	...	23
20	A. F. Mitchell	...	...	...	66	0	...	4	30	...	61	30	...	22
21	A. S. Lindsey	...	...	...	66	41	...	6	45	...	59	56	...	16†
22	R. W. Johnson	...	...	...	66	51	...	5	45	...	61	6	...	21
23	A. Smith	...	...	...	67	21	...	7	30	...	59	51	...	15
24	R. Boyden	...	...	...	68	32	...	6	45	...	61	47	...	24
25	H. S. H. Cook	...	...	...	70	15	...	4	45	...	65	30	...	28
26	A. T. A. Jordan	...	...	...	70	15	...	5	45	...	64	30	...	26
27	F. G. Ford	...	...	...	72	36	...	7	30	...	65	6	...	27
28	W. G. Webb	...	...	...	72	36	...	5	30	...	67	6	...	29
29	J. D. Holloway	...	...	...	76	23	...	7	15	...	69	8	...	30
30	G. Still	...	...	...	76	30	...	16	0	...	60	30	...	19

† Dead Heat.

### A Review of the Winter Season's Final Events.

On February 5th we met the Metropolitan Police and the Royal Navy at Imber Court, over a six miles course. L. W. Herbert continued his good running by winning with Syd Ring and Jack Flower in the next two positions. Scoring 12 aside, the points were—Belgrave H. 151, R.N. & R.M. 274, Met. Police 394.

The following week was the day of the South of Thames C.C. Championship, which was held at Cobham. We were not too optimistic, but hoped for the best, but with L. W. Herbert having knee trouble early in the race and falling right back, our team was eventually placed 7th out of an entry of 23 teams. Our scoring six and their positions were: G. Murdock 32, K. N. Wood 37, R. W. Tobin 45, R. G. Michael 50, R. W. Johnson 84, T. F. Morrell 106.

February 26th was Southern Counties day at Ascot and the Junior race was first on the "card." Our team was placed 7th and as 23 teams competed, our juniors can be said to have done well. They finished as follows: E. H. Herbert 19, W. E. Beard 34, M. F. Edwards 43, R. Boyden 50.

In the Senior race we suffered a disappointment in that we failed to win the title by the narrow margin of one point. The race was won and lost in the finishing straight, as Pat Parker lost two valuable places here. Our sixth man was also a little too far back to ensure success, but we were all pleased at the fine fight our boys had made. Our scoring six and individual positions are given: A. W. Penny 8, L. J. Cohen 13, C. T. Carter 16, J. Parker 19, H. W. Shields 23, H. G. Verney 37. Team scores resulted thus: Mitcham A.C. 115 pts., Belgrave H. 116 pts., Surrey A.C. 219, South London H. 221. 29 teams competed, and our team of twelve men won the "Odling-Smee" trophy awarded to the first Surrey club to finish a complete team; so that we can say that here was one honour that Mitcham did not win!

"National" day at Reading, and after our fine show in the "Southern" we were at last hoping to "do" something. It was a very fast course, mainly grass land with no severe hills, and the weather being fine, the field swept along at a good pace, with Pat Parker up with the front bunch. Art Penny, and Les Cohen were also there with Tom Carter dogging their heels and after the first big lap things looked very rosy. The second time round, however, Les Cohen was seen to have fallen right back and eventually retired with stomach trouble, and Pat had also dropped from the leaders.

Jack Holden, of Tipton, was now in front and barring accidents looked all over the winner. Never faltering he came round for the final lap and running in splendid style he recorded his first "National" triumph after 10 years of trying.

Mitcham were also now in front of Birchfield in the team race and the four Welsh members of their scoring six all ran well to assist Thorogood and Brickwood in gaining team honours.

We had dropped well back, but on the final scores being taken found that we had gained third place, due in the main to the forward running of our first three scoring men. Pat Parker is to be congratulated on his fine showing, which gained him another International vest. Our six and their placings were: J. Parker 7, A. W. Penny 13, C. T. Carter 18, S. T. Ring 50, H. W. Shields 52, D. Patience 59. The team scores resulted: Mitcham A.C. 91, Birchfield H. 116, Belgrave H. 199, Sutton H. 244, Salford H. 250, South London H. 313.

On March 19th the "Round Ilford" Road Relay Race was held and as usual we entered two teams in this event. Charlie Smart went first for our "A" team and up against Palmer, the Southern champion, he ran extremely well to hand over about 30 yards behind the leader. Tom Carter went next and gave us the lead, which Jimmy Kemp lost, Cohen regained and L. W. Herbert kept, for Harry Verney to go away on his leg with about 150 yards over the Mitcham runner. Then came what was for us a serious misfortune, as Harry was wrongly directed at one of the turns; and by the time he had returned to the proper road the Mitcham man, who, strangely enough, had kept to the proper road, was in the lead. Shields set about his man in fine style and gained much ground, and then Ring took us into the lead once again. This was handed over to Bill Lucas, who was brought into the "A" team owing to Pat Parker's non-arrival. He had to give ground to Ivor Brown, who ran very strongly; and Brickwood, for Mitcham, went off well in front of Arthur Penny. The latter gained on his man slightly but was never near enough to threaten danger.

We thus suffered another defeat to our close rivals, but in view of what happened we have every right to consider our team rather unlucky.

May 7th was the day of the London to Brighton Relay race, which nowadays starts from Mitcham. The date was a very unsuitable one, coming as it did right at the start of the track season, and we hope the promoters will take steps to rectify this in future years.

We had a very good team and with luck smiling on us for once we hoped to be the first team into Brighton, thus repeating our trio of wins in 1934/5/6.

Tom Carter went first and in a very "hot" field handed over 6th. L. W. Herbert then went off and caught and passed two opponents, and then got on to the Mitcham man's shoulder. Then came disaster, for he was suddenly taken bad and could only manage to struggle along to hand over before collapsing.

This left Harry Verney in 9th position but running like one possessed—Harry passed all but two of his rivals and handed over to Charlie Smart in 3rd place. His was a record-breaking effort, as it well deserved to be, and Charlie emulated his performance by doing record time over his course, although not gaining any places.

Syd Ring went next and kept his position, and then Bill Lucas did likewise and gained slightly on the leaders. Actually, when he handed over to Arthur Penny we were 58 seconds behind. With a six miles stretch to traverse, we hoped to see Arthur doing "things", but he lost ground on Palmer and Bourton, the two leaders.

Harry Shields plugged away on the 8th stage, and then Les Cohen went off in determined fashion and pulled back a little more ground.

This left Pat Parker to do the final stage of just over 3 miles and it was seen that our hopes of catching either Mitcham or Birchfield were hopeless, Pat being 3 min. 19 secs. behind Brickwood, and 46 secs. behind J. T. Richards, who was reputed to be Birchfield's best man. Our man went off, however, in a "do-or-die" effort and simply eating up the ground, he ran until, to use his own words, "I caught sight of someone." Imagine our surprise when, after Brickwood had finished in comfortable fashion at the "Aquarium," we saw Pat coming along behind the Birchfield man. He was straining every effort to catch his rival, but the finishing post was too near, and Richards just lasted home by a bare 5 yards margin.

Parker's time was a record for his stage and will remain for some time and it was certainly a great pity that Pat was not sent off nearer the leaders, as on his form anything may have been possible.

Fortune has certainly not smiled on us this season, but with that typical "Belgrave" spirit I am sure our boys will make every effort to turn the tables on their conquerors when next season comes round.

## The Five Miles Road Race.

By "Ubiquitor."

The 9th April was dull but not particularly cold and 27 starters went off at the usual fast pace. Parker, who last year acted as pace-maker from start to finish and won easily, was not amongst the starters, but J. C. Smart deputised very ably. When they reached the far corner, Smart led Cohen by a yard with Carter and Verney just behind, followed by Arthur Penny, Harry Shields, Jerman, Herbert, Ring, Taylor, Frank Webb and Lucas.

The second lap took its toll, Smart being the first to crack and the "fast pack" became much more bunched in consequence. Arthur Penny had taken his training run position of pack leader with Tom Carter and Cohen on his shoulders. Smart ran behind with Verney, Ring and Herbert completing the bunch. Jerman was running exceedingly well just behind with Lucas 20 yards in the rear.

Off the Common, past the Church and down the hill past the Hospital this pack slowly began to open, first one, then another falling back. Jerman was left first. Lucas, running an excellent race, about the same distance behind the leaders, passed first Jerman, then Harry Shields and Syd Ring. The leaders at this time were Penny, Verney, Cohen, Carter and Herbert. No change was made until well into Cambridge Road, when the tenth man had only about 100 yards to make up on the leaders, but here the pace—and distance—began to tell, and the leaders began to go away. Nevertheless, up the first half of the hill eight men were in sight (about 100 yards). Penny was leading with Herbert giving him the fright of his life on his shoulder. Verney was ten yards behind, and Carter and Cohen together another ten yards back.

Back on the Common, Herbert was still going stride for stride with Penny, a magnificent performance. But along the far side Penny, being too old in experience for Herbert, piled on the pace till Herbert dropped back just before the Memorial, and when Penny turned into the home straight he had a lead of fifty yards, and won easily (although by only a narrow margin) in a really hard and gruelling race, the time constituting a new record for the course.

Herbert, in following so hard on Penny, had shot his bolt and was beaten in by Verney, who held on tenaciously to the end.

There were two items of great interest about the race: firstly, that the first 9 finished inside seventy seconds, which, in view of the excellent time, was a good omen for the "Brighton" on May 7th. Secondly, a tribute must be paid to the excellent work of the Hon. Handicapper, who not only got the first twenty in a few seconds, but produced no less than four "ties," one being for second place.

The final results are below, and pay tribute to nearly every name in the list.

#### RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Hcp. Pos.
1	A. W. Penny ... ..	29 23	0 15	29 8	15
2	H. G. Verney ... ..	29 35	1 0	28 25	7
3	L. J. Cohen ... ..	29 40	9 30	29 10	16†
4	L. W. Herbert... ..	29 41	1 0	28 41	9
5	C. T. Carter ... ..	29 48	9 45	29 3	13
6	J. C. Smart ... ..	29 53	1 15	28 38	8
7	W. E. Lucas ... ..	30 12	2 0	28 12	1
8	S. T. Ring ... ..	30 22	1 30	28 52	12
9	H. H. Shields ... ..	30 35	1 45	28 50	11
10	A. W. Jerman ... ..	31 7	2 50	28 17	2†
11	H. S. H. Cook ... ..	31 15	2 45	28 30	5†
12	F. R. Webb ... ..	31 30	3 0	28 39	5†
13	A. E. Taylor ... ..	31 30	2 15	29 15	19
14	E. H. Herbert ... ..	31 55	3 30	28 25	4
15	R. Stride, Jnr. ... ..	32 15	2 30	29 45	22
16	A. R. Shaw ... ..	32 21	2 0	30 21	26
17	R. Boyden ... ..	32 32	4 15	28 17	2†
18	R. W. Tobin ... ..	32 43	2 30	30 13	25
19	F. Tame ... ..	32 59	3 45	29 14	18
20	A. T. A. Jordan ... ..	33 6	3 45	29 21	20
21	W. F. Merryman ... ..	33 34	4 30	29 4	14
22	L. Penny ... ..	34 10	5 0	29 10	16†
23	J. Daly ... ..	34 16	5 30	28 46	10
24	N. R. Dewberry ... ..	34 34	4 30	30 4	23†
25	T. Cotton ... ..	35 19	5 15	30 4	23†
26	T. Pritchard ... ..	37 32	5 30	32 2	2
27	G. Still ... ..	37 41	8 15	29 26	21

† Dead Heat.

### Match v. London A.C.

On May 4th we visited the White City Stadium and engaged in a triangular match with the London A.C. and 1st Bn. Worcestershire Regt. We had a very enjoyable evening's sport and the final result was very close and very satisfying so far as we were concerned.

In the 100 yards we only gained 1 point and that was by Stan. Blunden filling 4th place. A better result was seen in the 220 yards and with Tom Wiley being 2nd, and S. Lyons 3rd, we picked up 5 pts. here. The 440 yards saw S. Jarlett (perhaps better known as S. Garland, who has changed his name owing to family reasons) ran a very fine race to win this event for us. He fought off Borlase, of the L.A.C., in fine style and proved a surprise winner.

Alby Bird was an easy winner of the 880 yards in what was rather slow time, but here we lacked a second runner and so lost a chance of picking up useful points. The 1 Mile saw the two Belgrave men, R. G. Michael and F. H. C. White, finish an easy 1st and 2nd, but this was rather discounted by the result of the 3 miles. Here J. F. Bain scored a victory for the L.A.C. by beating Arthur Allum, although the latter showed he is far from being a spent force.

In the one field event F. E. Norman, a new member, showed useful form by clearing 20 ft. 11 ins. to finish second to Kiralfy of the L.A.C.

The final points were: L.A.C. 29, Belgrave H. 28, Worcestershire Regt. 13, and considering the earliness of the season we were, as stated previously, very satisfied with the result.

### Inter-Club Relays at Battersea Park.

On May 11th we had the first club meeting of the season at Battersea Park Track. This was, incidentally, in a very bad state, due mainly to lack of attention and we trust that before the season is much older the L.C.C. will have taken steps to remedy the trouble. On the programme was the first of the series of four contests for the Inter-Club Relay Shield, of which we are the holders, and also three club handicaps.

In the 4 x 100 yards we started, as we hope to finish, by winning this event, our runners being Tom Wiley, Les Bennett, F. W. Pritchard and Stan Blunden. The 4 x 880 yards came next and with Mitcham putting their best man first against Frank Webb, the latter did well to finish about 20 yards behind his opponent. Freddy White went next and, running in fine style, he easily overhauled his man and took us into the lead. Syd Jarlett strode round to keep our advantage and sent Alby Bird off with a winning margin, which the Mitcham man did not attempt to cut down.

The 4 x 300 yards was another win for the "Bels" and here F. W. Pritchard, A. S. Blunden, T. D. Wiley and H. E. Pack proved much too strong for their rivals.

Then came the final event, the 1 mile Team Race, and this proved the closest race of the evening. R. Thorogood, the A.A.A. 2 Mile Indoor Champion, was the individual winner, with Bill Lucas a good second. Then we had Dick Michael 4th, Harry Shields 5th, and Arthur Allum 9th. We won the team race by scoring 20 points to Micham's A.C.'s 22, a narrow margin but a winning one.

The final points for the evening were : Belgrave H. 16, Mitcham A.C. 11, Croydon H. 6, Epsom H. 6.

We had 10 entries for the Junior, under 19, 220 yards handicap and the winner proved to be R. Dunford, who made good use of his mark to beat G. H. Knight, with a newcomer in J. A. W. Scott in 3rd place. We have some very useful runners in our Junior ranks and with careful and regular training they should prove useful assets to our senior sides as they grow older.

The Javelin Throw handicap was won by L. Jackson, who is our field events vice-captain. Ben May was second, with F. J. Skelley gaining third place on his first appearance in this class of event.

In the 2 Miles Walk, Don Brown made a welcome return to form by winning off 75 yards. L. J. Coleman was second, with Joe Coleman third, so that it was in fact a back-markers' race. The whole field, however, were very close at the finish, and I am sure the Handicapper was satisfied at the result.

#### RESULTS.

**4 x 100 Yards Relay.**—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Croydon H.; 3, Mitcham A.C.; 4, Epsom H.

**4 x 300 Yards Relay.**—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Croydon H.; 4, Epsom H.

**4 x 880 Yards Relay.**—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Epsom H.; 4, Croydon H.

**1 Mile Team Race.**—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Epsom H. Croydon H. did not start.

**220 Yards Junior Handicap.**—1, R. Dunford (16); 2, G. H. Knight (10); 3, J. A. W. Scott (3).

**2 Miles Walk Handicap.**—1, D. E. Brown (75); 2, L. J. Coleman (125); 3, J. G. Coleman (45).

**Javelin Throw Handicap.**—1, L. Jackson (50ft.); 2, B. C. May (75ft.); 3, F. J. Skelley (60ft.).

### Junior Match v. Poly. H. and Ponders End A.C.

The Juniors paid a visit to Paddington Track on May 12th to take part in a triangular match with the Polytechnic H. and Ponders End A.C. In the 100 yards R. S. Turner gave us first blood.

by winning, and J. A. W. Scott was 3rd. Turner's time was the same as that of the senior race on the same programme, so that Roy must have felt well pleased with his effort.

In the 880 yards N. C. Shrubbs and F. S. Bradnum finished 2nd and 3rd, thus scoring more points for our team. Then R. B. Shepherd was 3rd in the 440, and in the final event, the 1 Mile Medley Relay, our team composed of L. Marchant, (880), N. C. Shrubbs (440), J. A. W. Scott (220), R. S. Turner (220), finished an easy first; and the final points for the Junior match were: Belgrave H. 12, Poly. H. 7, Ponders End A.C. 5.

### Trophy Contest at Drayton Green Track.

On May 14th we participated in a four-cornered contest for the "Gordon Stewart" Trophy, our opponents being the home club, Ealing Harriers, Reading A.C. and Ashcombe-St. George's A.C.

In the 100 yards final Tom Wiley was placed second, and then in the 1 Mile Bill Lucas won in handsome style and, with Harry Shields gaining 3rd place and Tom Morrell 6th, all our runners in this race scored points to put us in the lead.

The 880 yards was won by Alby Bird, with Dick Michael second. They had a ding-dong struggle which took them well away from their field. In the 220 yards final Stan Blunden finished 2nd, and we then had the 2 Miles team race in which our team was Alf Taylor 3rd, Art Allum 4th, and Dick Tobin 7th. This was not good enough to beat the Reading boys, who scored 1, 2 and 5. A. J. Hughes was the individual winner, his time being a shade over 10 minutes.

For the final event, the 1 Mile Medley Relay, Bill Lucas sportingly turned out again to run the half-mile stage and he showed his fitness by giving us a winning lead. Eddie Pack did the quarter but did not extend himself, and the Ealing man gained slightly, but Les Bennett and Alec Mewes, our two sprinters, kept our lead to win a good race.

The final points for the trophy—a very fine cup presented this year for the first time, and we thank the Ealing Harriers for giving us the opportunity of being the first holders of it—were: Belgrave H. 42, Reading A.C. 25, Ealing H. 22, Ashcombe-St. George's A.C. 13.

#### RESULTS.

**100 Yards.**—1, S. J. Pearse (E); 2, T. D. Wiley (B); 3, A. S. Powell (R). Time 10.4 secs.

**1 Mile.**—1, W. E. Lucas (B); 2, A. Bain (R); 3, H. W. Shields (B). Time 4 min. 38 sec.

**880 Yards.**—1, A. A. Bird (B); 2, R. G. Michael (B); 3, R. W. Hollis (A). Time 2 min. 4 sec.

**220 Yards.**—1, A. T. Liffen (A); 2, A. S. Blunden (B); 3, A. S. Powell (R). Time 23.3 sec.

**2 Miles Team.**—1, Reading A.C. (8); 2, Belgrave H. (14); 3, Ealing H. Time 10 min. 1 sec.

**1 Mile Relay.**—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Ealing H.; 3, Reading A.C. Time 3 min. 51 sec.

## Match v. Middlesex County and Poly. H.

We had a very interesting meeting at Battersea Park on May 21st, when our visitors in a Senior match were the Polytechnic H., and a selected team representing the Middlesex County A.A.A.

Our Juniors were also entertaining the junior teams from the Poly. Harriers and Thames Valley H.

We started well in the senior match and Ted Gray caused a surprise by beating the R.A.F. runner, B. Giles, in the 100 yards. The time was slow, due mainly to the rough track, but conditions were the same for everybody and our man is to be congratulated on his good running. In the 880 yards Alby Bird met his "bogey man," A. D. G. White, who was running for Middlesex; and once again Alby had to be content with second place.

Brown walked well to beat E. A. Staker, with Percy Wright gaining third place. Eddie Pack ran for us in the 449 yards, and as befits the holder of the Middlesex County title, he won this event; with Syd Jarlett scoring a point for 4th place.

A. V. Reeve showed a return to form in winning the 1 Mile for the Poly., but Bill Lucas ran a fine race in beating B. S. Cornish for second place. Then came the final event in the senior match, this being the 220 yards, and although Stan Blunden ran well to finish a close third we were unlucky in the fact that Ted Gray had to stop near the finishing post owing to straining a muscle. As results proved, another point gained in this race and we would have finished winners instead of tying with Middlesex at 39 points all.

The Junior match was composed of relay and team events and in the 4 x 110 yards the Poly boys were 1st, with our lads beating Thames Valley for second place. The 880 yards team race was won by Poly. with 13 pts., to T.V.H.'s 16, and Bel.'s 17. The individual winner was J. Bavage, of T.V.H., and L. Marchant and N. C. Shrubbs ran well for us in being 3rd and 4th. Unfortunately F. S. Bradnum had an off-day in being 10th, otherwise we might have pushed the winners more.

The 4 x 220 yards saw the first Thames Valley man give his team a winning lead and the Poly. beat us for second place. Our boys showed that they are badly in need of baton changing practice—a fault which is even displayed by international sides—but if our lads get together they should soon weld themselves into a useful combination.

The senior match also included several field events and here our men did quite well, considering the strong opposition. In the Shot Putt our new member, L. J. Worrad, took 3rd place and in the Javelin Throw, C. A. Melchior gained a similar position for the club.

Also on this programme we had two S.A.A.L. events and we made a good start towards regaining our place in the 1st division, from which we were relegated last season. In the 4 x 220 yards we finished second to the Victoria Park boys and here again faulty baton changing was noticeable. The 3 Miles Team resulted in a very easy win for our team, who finished: J. C. Smart (2), L. J. Cohen (3), S. T. Ring (4) and D. Patience (5). The only runner to beat them was R. F. Towndrow, of Ashcombe-St. Georges, who followed up his good performances over the country by displaying a fine turn of speed in this race. Thus from the two events we scored 11 points out of a possible 12, and a continuance of this form will keep us at the head of the table.

There were two club handicaps at this meeting and in the 100 yards the winner of the final was F. J. Skelley, with F. E. Norman beating S. Lyons and thus reversing the heat form. F. W. Pritchard was unlucky in the fact that after qualifying for the final he had to participate in the S.A.A.L. relay which, owing to necessary alteration in the programme, immediately preceded the final. There was a good field for the 880 yards race, but unfortunately for them the race was a gift for the winner, W. T. Piggott, off 75 yards. He is a newcomer to the club ranks, but is a runner of much promise and we hope he will repeat this form, although off a much reduced mark. Alf Orton was second and here is a runner with possibilities, but at the moment his style is all against him, but it should not be too late for him to alter this defect. Dick Tobin kept among the prize-winners by gaining third place in a close finish; the field being well together, with the exception of the winner, who was out on his own.

#### SENIOR MATCH.

**100 Yards.**—1, E. Gray (B); 2, B. Giles (M); 3, J. F. Gibbon (P).  
Time 10.7 sec.

**220 Yards.**—1, S. W. Cannell (M); 2, J. Vandenburg (P); 3, A. S. Blunden (B). Time 23.3 sec.

**440 Yards.**—1, H. E. Pack (B); 2, A. W. Spiers (M); 3, J. Borlase (M). Time 52 sec.

**880 Yards.**—1, A. D. G. White (M); 2, A. A. Bird (B); 3, M. Carr (P). Time 2 min. 3 sec.

**1 Mile.**—1, A. V. Reeve (P); 2, W. E. Lucas (B); 3, B. S. Cornish (M). Time 4 min. 28 sec.

**Shot Putt.**—1, A. L. Milligan (M); 2, A. Rosser (P); 3, L. J. Worrad (B).

**Javelin Throw.**—1, R. E. Jeal (P); 2, G. L. Edwards (M); 3, C. A. Melchior (B).

**Long Jump.**—1, H. F. Nicholls (M); 2, F. E. Norman (B); 3, F. H. Latham (P).

**Discus Throw.**—1, A. L. Milligan (M); 2, L. J. Worrad (B); R. E. Jeal (P).

**2 Miles Walk.**—1, D. E. Brown (B); 2, E. A. Staker (M); 3, P. G. Wright (B).

#### JUNIOR MATCH.

**4 x 110 Yards.**—1, Polytechnic H.; 2, Belgrave H.; 3, Thames Valley H.

**4 x 220 Yards.**—1, Thames Valley H.; 2, Polytechnic H.; 3, Belgrave H.

**880 Yards Team.**—1, Polytechnic H.; 2, Thames Valley H.; 3, Belgrave H.

#### S.A.A.L. (DIV. 2).

**4 x 220 Yards.**—1, Victoria Park H.; 2, Belgrave H.; 3, Ashcombe-St. George's A.C.; 4, Ilford A.C.; 5, North London H.; 6, Reading A.C.

**3 Miles Team.**—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Ashcombe-St. George's A.C.; 3, Reading A.C.; 4, Victoria Park H. (Ilford did not close in and North London H. did not start).

#### CLUB HANDICAPS.

**100 Yards.**—Heat 1, F. J. Skelley (5); Heat 2, L. G. Bennett (7), Heat 3, S. Lyons (6); Heat 4, F. W. Pritchard (6). Two fastest seconds: F. E. Norman (7), S. Jarlett (7). Final: 1, Skelley (2); 2, Norman; 3, Lyons. Time 10.2 secs.

**880 Yards.**—1, W. T. Pigott (75); 2, A. H. Orton (72); 3, R. W. Tobin (68). Time 1 min. 57 sec.

### Match v. Old Tiffinians A.C.

On May 25th we journeyed to Kingston to meet the Old Tiffinians A.C. and the Old Emanuel A.C. in a series of events on the Tiffin School ground.

In the 100 yards we secured 2nd and 3rd places, through Les Bennett and J. C. Bright. The winner was Rampton, of the Old Tiffinians, a very promising sprinter. Les Bennett turned the tables on him in the 220 yards, and Bright was again 3rd.

There was rather a surprise win in the 880 yards as Burnham, of the "Tiffs," dashed ahead at the bell and Harry Shields was unable to catch him. Alf Orton was third, but with the scoring 5, 3, 1, it will be seen that it was almost essential to have first places in order to keep ahead.

The 440 yards found a similar result in that Baker scored a win for the home side; and we filled the minor places with N.C. Shrubbs and D. E. Broom. The latter reminds one very much of J. C. Cooper Clark, who some of our older members will remember before he left us to go to Canada.

In the 1 Mile the Old Tiffinians had D. G. Redstone, who is a really fine miler, and he won in easy fashion from Alf Taylor and Tommy Morrell.

We scored a win in the Shot Putt, our Field Event Captain, Bill Sutton, doing 33ft. 10½in., which was too good for the opposition.

Thus with three events to go the score was: Belgrave 27, Old Tiffinians 27, but as two of these were the High and Long Jump and, moreover, we had to field Frank Webb in the High Jump (in which he did well to gain third place) we were soon behind, as Charlie Jones could only get second place in the Long Jump.

The last race was the 1 Mile Relay and with Redstone doing the half-mile stage, Harry Shields did well to finish about 10 yards down. Frank Webb did the 440—it really is astonishing how versatile Frank can be!—and then G. K. Talbot, and Stan Blunden ran the 220 stage, but at the finish we were still 5 yards behind the leaders.

This made the final score: Old Tiffinians A.C. 43 pts., Belgrave H. 34 pts., Old Emanuel A.C. 4 pts. The latter side have only just re-formed and were weakly represented, although we were glad to see J. R. Shotter, who is a member of our own club, running for them.

After the racing we had supper in the School, and so ended a very pleasant and enjoyable evening, for which we thank our hosts.

## “Evening Gazette” Trophy Contest.

We competed in this contest for the first time, the venue being Palmer Park, Reading. The holders of the Shield were the Achilles Club and it was not with any high hopes of success that we made the journey. Owing to other fixtures clashing, we were deprived of the services of some of our best men, but so well did the others rise to the occasion that their absence was not seriously felt.

The first trophy event was the 5 laps Steeplechase and in this Tom Carter ran a fine race to credit us with first place. His was also a very plucky effort, as he was badly “spiked” at the first water jump, and after the race he had to be taken to hospital to have the wound dressed. A. A. Robertson, the English International, chased Tom home, but he lost ground each lap at the water jump, which was a very stiff one.

In the 880 yards Alby Bird easily qualified for the final, with MacCabe of the L.A.C., as also did A. D. G. White, of the T.V.H., and M. A. Melford, of the Achilles, and that old stalwart, M. Carr, of the Poly. The decider was a grand race; and after a hectic struggle MacCabe beat White by inches, with Bird about 5 yards away, third.

The 440 yards saw S. Jarlett run well to qualify in the fastest heat; and he confirmed this running by being placed second in the final to his heat winner, W. H. Hammond, of Highgate.

Then came the 1 Mile and the result of this race was the same as the previous Saturday at our own meeting. A. V. Reeve, of the Poly., once again beat Bill Lucas into second place, but as the time was 4 min. 25 sec., and Frank Close finished third, I think Lucas has every reason to be pleased at his fine running.

Up to now the weather had kept fine after a very wet morning, but just as the Three-milers were getting to their marks it came down in torrents. There was also quite a wind blowing, and the runners were soon soaked to the skin. Charlie Smart adopted his usual forcing tactics and took the field along at a good pace. With a mile to go Furze, of the Poly, went ahead; with McIntyre, of Achilles, and Smart next, while H. R. Reid, of Surrey A.C. was also running very strongly. Over the last lap Furze had a winning lead; but Reid came through with a strong burst to gain second place. Harry Verney had also run a good race and was just beaten by an old team mate in Kibble, of Birchfield. Our

third man was Syd Ring, who was quite a fair way back, but when they had totalled up the points the result was: Belgrave H. 33, Surrey A.C. 35, Highgate H. 38

Thus it will be seen that we had scored points in nearly each event and so to our surprise we found ourselves well to the fore in the battle for the trophy. Ted Gray said he thought he would have a go in the Long Jump which took place in the pouring rain; and by doing 20ft. 2in. he tied for 4th place, and so gained what proved a most valuable half a point.

Also on the programme was a 10 miles Road race in which Bert Footer made a welcome re-appearance and he led our team into second place in the team race. Bert was 4th man home in the individual race, which was won by R. P. Keay, of S.L.H. Herne Hill H. won the team race with 8 pts. as against our team's 13, whose actual positions were: H. E. Footer 4, F. A. Walker 5, and A. F. Mitchell 7.

The S.A.A.L. 4 x 440 yards was also down for decision and we had to ask Jarlett and Gray to turn out once more for the Club, together with Dick Michael and Frank Webb. This meant that Syd Jarlett had done three 440's in one afternoon and Ted Gray had competed in the 100 yards, Long Jump, and then a 440 yards stage in the relay. Ted went first and gave us a lead which Frank Webb lost although fighting hard over a distance to which he is unaccustomed. Jarlett gained on his man, and then Michael got on to his opponent's shoulder only to be beaten down the finishing straight. The Victoria Park H. were the winners with ourselves second, Reading A.C. 3rd, and Ashcombe-St. Georges A.C. 4th. Ilford A.C. and North London H. did not start and it does seem as if the question of travelling in the lower divisions is a serious drawback. Personally, I think that if the divisions were geographically arranged with no question of 1st and 2nd Divisions etc., the league would be a better success than it is at the moment.

After the racing all the athletes were entertained to Tea by the Reading A.C., and the Mayor presented the Shield and medals. Amidst loud cheering (and here our supporters made themselves heard!—we had two coaches to make the journey down) the result was given out: Belgrave H. 16½ pts., Highgate H. 16, London A.C. 14, Surrey 9, Achilles Club 8, Reading A.C. 7. We thus won the trophy at the first time of competing by the narrow margin of ½ point and to the Highgate boys we say better luck next time!

## Forthcoming Events.

We are now at the half-way stages of our Track season and so far results have been very encouraging; let us hope that we shall finish on the same high note. I append hereunder a list of events in which our club members will be interested, many of them actively. As regards our own club meetings at Battersea Park, I will not enumerate the events, as you should all have received your fixture cards and can refer to them for exact details.

June 22nd (Wed.).—Battersea Park. Club meeting with 3 miles Track Championship for the "Griffin" Cup. Make a note of inviting your friends to take part in the two Novice races—100 Yards and 1 Mile run.

June 25th (Sat.).—Chatham. Southern Senior Track and Field Event Championships.

June 28th (Tues.).—Richmond. We have a Junior match v. Thames Valley H., Poly H. and Thames Valley County School.

June 29th (Wed.).—Charlton Park. Senior Match v. Cambridge Harriers.

July 2nd (Sat.).—Eltham. Ravensbourne Meeting incl. 4 x 1 Mile "Victory" Relay and Open events.

July 2nd (Sat.).—Southfields. As last year we are having an evening match with the Kensington Argyll A.C. and there is an 880 yards Handicap for our members.

July 6th (Wed.).—Tooting. We have a Junior match v. Herne Hill H. and Mitcham A.C., also our seniors will engage Herne Hill in a field events match.

July 7th (Thurs.).—Norbury. We have a "B" Team fixture with the London Assoc. Electric S.A. This should give some of those who do not run in the Inter-Club Relays a chance of representing the club.

July 9th (Sat.).—White City. A.A.A. Junior Championships. Ponders End.—Open meeting incl. 3 Miles Team race and 1 Mile Relay, also Southern Counties 4 x 110 Yards.

Woking.—Open meeting incl. 1. Mile Relay.

Bexley Heath.—Open meeting incl. 1 Mile Handicap Relay.

July 13th (Wed.).—Epsom.—Inter-Club Relays v. Croydon H., Epsom H. and Mitcham A.C. I hope our lads will turn up in full strength at this away fixture and so ensure success.

July 15th and 16th.—White City. A.A.A. Championships. All members considered equal to gaining standard will be entered by the club and we hope to meet with even better success than last year.

July 18th (Mon.).—Merton Park. We have a match with the Old Rutlishians, who have some very useful members in their ranks.

July 20th (Wed.).—Battersea Park. We are entertaining the Milocarian A.C., of which A. W. Sweeney and D. O. Finlay are members. Also the Southgate H., who have some equally famous performers, in a series of match events. Our Juniors will also engage the Hercules A.C., Croydon H. and Mitcham A.C.

July 21st (Thurs.).—Wimbledon Stadium. In connection with the Town's celebrations they have asked our club to put on some athletic events, and we have arranged for our members to compete in a 2 Miles race on this evening. There will also be a 1 Mile Relay and the novelty of competing at this venue, which is usually associated with the "dogs" and dirt track racing, should attract our members in large numbers.

July 23rd (Sat.).—Birmingham. We are again making the journey to Perry Barr, the home of the famous Birchfield Harriers, to defend our half-share in the present ownership of the "Waddilove" Trophy. I hope we shall turn out an even stronger team than last year and so make our winning margin an undisputed one.

Weadstone.—Kodak Meeting incl. 1 Mile Hcp. Relay.

Cranleigh.—Open Meeting incl. 1 Mile Relay.

July 27th (Wed.).—Mitcham. The final Inter-Club Relay meeting and I hope our supporters will come along to give our boys a shout. Knowledge of Welsh is not essential, although some of our boys wish they could speak it.

Tooting.—On the same evening our Juniors are meeting the Hercules A.C. on another track in the same vicinity.

July 30th (Sat.).—Tooting. The day of our Club Championships. We had to fix Tooting, owing to clashing of dates at Battersea, but in view of the deplorable condition of the latter track many of our members are viewing the change with pleasure. Study the club's time standards for each event and remember you never know what you can do until you are pushed to it. There are also standard medals awarded in the field events and Bill Sutton will be pleased to assist any intending entrants.

Aug. 1st (Mon.).—Bank Holiday, and there are the usual crop of meetings but our members may be interested in the one at Chiswick which includes a 1 Mile Relay, also a 10 Miles Road Race, or at Oxted, where they have a 1 Mile Relay and a 7 Miles Road race.

Aug. 6th. (Sat.).—White City. The City Police Meeting. I hope our members will keep Eddie Pack busy by giving him a bumper entry. They include a 2 Miles Relay at this meeting, which is on handicap lines.

Aug. 10th (Wed.).—Battersea Park. Our final track meeting. I hope our members will turn out in good numbers for the season's wind-up. We are renewing the 300 Yards race—a distance which was once very popular with our members.

Aug. 13th (Sat.).—Herne Hill. The B.W.S.A. Championships. These events are open to all who are members of Trade Unions, Leagues of Youth, etc., of which there must be many in our own club. There are events at all distances from 100 Yards to 1 Mile, 3 Miles and 10 Miles Run and 10 Miles Walk.

Aug. 15th (Mon.).—Tooting. We have the last event in the S.A.A.L., Div. 2, this being the 1 Mile Medley Relay. I hope we shall not have too many members on holiday as this race may be the deciding factor in who goes up into the 1st Division.

Aug. 20th (Sat.).—Imber Court. We have a match versus the Metropolitan Police A.C. and two other clubs are also joining in to oppose the very strong Police team.

Motspur Park.—On the same day the A.A.A. 4 x 440 is being held at the Blackheath meeting, which includes Open events and a 3 Miles Team race.

White City.—The Fire Brigade hold their annual meeting with the usual open events.

I hope the above will prove of value to many club members. It may help them to make a note of these meetings in their diary and it is rather unfortunate that there are so many clashings on the same dates. This has been happening for many seasons past and surely it is time the governing body took steps to prevent such clashes, which are all to the athletes' detriment. A fixture meeting arranged early in the season would help clear the air so far as the various promoters are concerned.

If any members would like further particulars relating to any of the above meetings, I shall be pleased to assist them.

All entries for Club races to be sent to—

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