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My Dear Bels,

In thanking you most cordially for electing me to a position so honourable as the Presidency of the Belgrave Harriers, I would like to tender additional thanks to you for giving me such a galaxy of enthusiastic, conscientious and industrious officers to perform all the necessary duties. Tried and capable fellow-workers fill every position, and consequently I am confident that with their co-operation the prestige of the Club will not only be upheld during the coming year, but that successes will be achieved, surpassing any yet recorded by the Club.

We have progressed so steadily and persistently for some years past, that the impetus worked up must assuredly soon be sufficient to urge us away in front of all our rivals. We have athletes of proved ability and of wonderful promise, at all distances, in both our running and walking sections; whilst our field events section has progressed out of all knowledge during the past twelve months, and now threatens to rival its elder brothers.

But, chief of all, the team spirit pervades the minds of our members increasingly, as the years roll by. During almost 20 happy years of membership I have always had many club-mates who consistently placed the club before "self," and to whom individual honours were of small value when compared with team-wins and team-championships. The "Belgravian" and all the club officers are intent on fostering this spirit, and I am sure that the percentage of such whole-hearted Club members is higher now than ever. And it is this, more than anything, that assures me of the continuance of our rising fortune.

J. B. BELCHAMBER,

*President, Belgrave Harriers.*

## THE NOVICE RACES.

On the first day of the Winter season we held a Three Miles Run and a Three Miles Walk for novices and First and Second Class Medals were awarded to those competitors attaining the times previously fixed by the Committee.

The races resulted as follows :—

**Three-Mile Run.**—F. J. Summerfield (17.45) 1, A. E. Taylor (17.48) 2, R. J. Evans (18.9) 3, W. Hazael-Harrison (18.16) 4, S. Bungay (18.35) 5, A. Jordan (18.50) 6.

**Three-Mile Walk.**—E. C. Heather (27.7) 1, W. Snell (27.8) 2, J. McCarthy (27.11) 3, J. O'Connell (27.36) 4, E. A. Duffett (27.38) 5, J. Davies (28.5) 6, F. H. Walker (28.45) 7.

Heather did well to beat Snell, previously known better as a sprinter, but now showing considerable promise as a walker, in the last few strides; McCarthy finished strongly in third position and Ernie Duffett's debut as a walker (for one week only!) excited much comment, to say the least!

Summerfield showed up well in the run to beat a newcomer to the Club, A. E. Taylor, by a few seconds, and both should do well in future races.

## THE OPENING WALK.

Our first event of the Winter season—the usual 5 miles Handicap with the competitors going off in advance of the scratch man, according to their handicap allowance—attracted 28 starters. This is a record entry for this particular event and it is to be hoped that it is the forerunner of a record season. Despite our large field, several familiar faces were missing, notably Tommy Green (who was winning the Manchester—Blackpool Walk the same afternoon), Fred Rickards, H. F. King, J. F. King, J. G. Scamell, J. C. Bidgood, P. Khlopin, R. C. Hillier, F. E. Bentley and several others. Circumstances prevented them from competing in the handicap, but their assistance will be forthcoming during the season, and there is no doubt that in numbers and performance the season we have just commenced should eclipse even those of the past.

It was found impossible to use our old course on the roads across Wimbledon Common, which are in a disgraceful condition, and so we planned a new course, consisting of a lap of a portion of the Common at the start and finish, the middle section being over our now familiar Coombe Hill—Cambridge Road—Pepys Hill circuit. Jack Thomas, closely followed by A. Martin, started first and soon the rest of the competitors were chasing our veteran members. The eventual winner was Charlie Churcher, thus scoring in his first Club race. Bert Field, apparently very fit from his excellent "Brighton" performance, finished second; and Harry Churcher accomplished the actual fastest time and was placed third.

Of the newcomers, D. E. Brown impressed in his first race as likely to do very well in the future; whilst Heather and McCarthy were both responsible for creditable performances. The full result is appended and, considering that the race took place on the second Saturday of the season, before our walkers could hope to be anywhere near fit, it may be considered very satisfactory. We congratulate the Churcher brothers upon being so prominently placed in their first race with us, and look forward to the time when they will be helping our teams to gain further honours.

Pos'n	Name	H'cap	Time	All'ce	Time	Pos'n
1.	C. E. Churcher	...	36 55	4 40	41 35	5
2.	A. H. Field	...	37 21	5 45	43 6	10
3.	H. G. Churcher	...	37 27	1 20	38 47	1
4.	J. N. Thomas	...	38 31	9 10	47 41	26
5.	C. H. Speechley	...	38 48	3 30	42 18	6
6.	D. E. Brown	...	38 50	6 40	45 30	22
7.	A. H. East	...	38 55	5 30	44 25	18
8.	E. Saunders	...	38 58	2 20	41 18	3
9.	A. A. Harley	...	39 7	3 45	42 52	8
10.	H. E. Larman	...	39 11	4 45	43 56	14
11.	S. T. Ring	...	39 21	4 50	44 11	16
12.	F. W. Thorn	...	39 30	1 50	41 20	4
13.	A. L. Fletcher	...	39 33	Ser.	39 33	2
14.	W. G. Dodkin	...	39 40	3 50	43 30	*11
15.	L. Storey	...	39 45	3 10	42 55	9
16.	R. F. Elson	...	39 47	3 35	43 42	13
17.	E. A. Jackman	...	40 5	5 5	45 10	21
18.	H. S. Latter	...	40 13	4 15	44 28	19
19.	E. C. Heather	...	40 18	5 55	46 13	23
20.	J. McCarthy	...	40 23	6 20	46 43	25
21.	J. E. Field	...	40 35	2 15	42 50	7
22.	J. Cade	...	40 49	3 15	44 4	15
23.	C. W. Redgrave	...	41 49	3 25	44 14	17
24.	A. Martin	...	41 1	9 0	50 1	28
25.	S. T. Ball	...	41 5	7 0	48 5	27
26.	J. Rathbone	...	41 42	3 15	44 57	20
27.	F. H. Elson	...	42 30	1 0	43 30	*11
28.	L. F. Bailey	...	43 0	3 15	46 15	24

### THE THREE MILES ROAD RACE.

I am annoyed with Footer and Penny. When I put in print such a statement as "It is now Club history how Penny set up such a record that neither he, nor anyone else, can ever hope to equal," I don't anticipate its contradiction on the first possible occasion. And that is exactly what these two did on Saturday, October 3rd.

In writing this account I hardly know what to say. Perhaps two tables will be more eloquent—

TABLE I.

Year	Name	Time
1924	A. E. Elliott	15 min. 9 sec.
1928	H. S. H. Cook	15 min. 0 sec.

(H. E. Footer and W. A. Rice also beat 15.09).

1929	S. H. Warboys	...	...	...	14 min. 55 sec.
	(J. E. Flower did 14.59).				
1930	A. W. Penny	...	...	...	14 min. 28 sec.
	(A. Allum and S. H. Warboys did 14.45).				
1931	H. E. Footer	...	...	...	14 min. 23 sec.
	(A. W. Penny did 14.24).				

TABLE II.

Showing the number of runners to beat 15.00.

1929	2 (S. H. Warboys, J. E. Flower).
1930	3 (A. W. Penny, S. H. Warboys, A. Allum).
1931	5 (H. E. Footer, A. W. Penny, J. E. Flower, C. T. Carter, S. H. Warboys).

The most outstanding conclusion from the above summaries is the rapid improvement of our runners in the last two years. Of course, road running is by no means the same as cross-country running, but, nevertheless, those who put up good times in a road race usually perform creditably over the plough. Now, in 1930 and 1931 we were placed in the Southern. In view of the tables above, am I too optimistic in thinking that we shall be first in 1932? Allum, Penny, Footer and Warboys are all capable of getting in the first dozen.

To return to the road race. The weather was perfect and quite a good proportion of the 39 who started had been in training several weeks for this event. These two facts, plus the general improvement of the running that is so evident, account for the excellent performances. As already stated, five runners beat fifteen minutes, and no less than nine others beat sixteen minutes, scratch time, and only seven men took more than 17 minutes, scratch time.

As usual in this handicap the veteran G. Tyrer went off first, but this year he was off form and was caught fairly quickly. For a long time S.G.B. Wilson was in the lead, and it was only in the last half-mile that Hazel-Harrison and Miller went past him. The former has a typical road-running action, a very economical one, and this enabled him to run throughout the race at an even pace sufficient to give him first place in the handicap. It was Footer's fault that Miller finished only third, for Footer has no respect for reputations or records. From the beginning he started sprinting his way through; when he could sprint no longer he started running through, and when he had run himself out he commenced to fight his way through. I remember his passing me half-way round. As he came by I first caught sight of a chin which soon was followed by a face, determined and relentless, the face that Footer wears when racing, dancing and attending A.G.M.'s. When Footer combines fitness with this

well-known desperate determination of his, records are bound to go, and so Footer now holds the course record until next year, when Allum or Penny will probably set up a new one. I am prepared for anything now!

It is a pity that so many did not start in this race. The reason given by many was that they did not want to start racing so soon in the season. This may be legitimate when made by those who are expected to be at their best for the Southern and National. It will be noticed, however, that with the exception of Allum, who had not completely recovered from his injury, all our team men turned out. Without wishing to give offence, I should like to warn Belgravians against cultivating that superior aloofness from racing that is being encouraged so much by some authorities nowadays. Last year in this event a Club champion was sporting enough to finish, although he was last, and this year our captain was in the last three.

L.E.F.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Start	H'cap Time
1.	W. Hazael-Harrison ...	15 56	2 05	13 51
2.	H. E. Footer ...	14 23	0 30	13 53
3.	A. E. Miller ...	15 53	1 55	13 58
4.	S. B. G. Wilson... ..	16 46	2 45	14 01
5.	D. A. Sloper ...	16 13	2 10	14 03
6.	A. S. Cole ...	16 20	2 15	14 05
7.	C. T. Carter ...	14 49	0 40	14 09
8.	A. Robertshaw ...	15 10	1 00	14 10
9.	A. E. Taylor ...	15 55	1 45	14 10
10.	F. J. Summerfield ...	15 53	1 40	14 13
11.	J. E. Flower ...	14 40	0 25	14 15
12.	R. J. Evans ...	16 22	2 00	14 22
13.	A. W. Penny ...	14 24	Ser.	14 24
14.	P. J. Donnelly ...	17 14	2 40	14 34
15.	T. J. Flower ...	15 04	0 25	14 39
16.	S. H. Warboys ...	14 54	0 15	14 39
17.	H. W. Shields ...	16 14	1 30	14 44
18.	W. F. Goodman ...	17 26	2 35	14 51
19.	F. R. Webb ...	15 31	0 40	14 51
20.	F. G. White ...	17 48	2 55	14 53
21.	F. Walker ...	15 57	1 00	14 57
22.	S. Drake ...	16 50	1 50	15 00
23.	E. A. Duffett ...	15 46	0 40	15 06
24.	S. Garland ...	16 41	1 35	15 06
25.	R. G. Goldsworthy ...	16 55	1 45	15 10
26.	W. J. French ...	16 41	1 30	15 11
27.	C. W. G. Law ...	17 29	2 10	15 19
28.	L. E. Fletcher ...	17 42	2 20	15 22
29.	R. G. Michael ...	16 43	1 10	15 33
30.	J. G. Flatt ...	17 17	1 40	15 37
31.	W. G. Webb ...	16 18	0 35	15 43
32.	F. W. Jude ...	16 58	0 40	16 18
33.	G. Tyrer ...	21 29	5 00	16 29

43 started.

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On the evening of October 3rd, after the customary running and walking handicaps had been decided, we sat down to tea, which was to be followed by one of our very popular Social evenings. Tea finished, dancing held sway until the *pièce de resistance* was announced. For weeks it had been rumoured that we were to be entertained by one of the fairest troupes of feminine dancers that had ever embraced the Terpsichorean art—that we were to be charmed as Belgrave Harriers had never been charmed before—that it was a show we should remember years after senility had claimed us—a memory to cherish when one's grandchildren left one alone to ponder over the past. The "secret" had been whispered from ear to ear until it seemed everyone's sole desire to have a front seat and a good view. Our Social Hon. Secretary, with a laudable desire to prevent untoward incidents in the presence of such a talented collection of artistes, had, during the preceding week, extracted a promise from one of our more exuberant members, not to applaud too vociferously during the presentation! And so it was with a keen sense of anticipation, and in a mood of suppressed excitement, that we heard the formal announcement: "The Nonsuch Girls will now entertain you."

Six figures with Egyptian-styled head-dresses and shrouded in blankets, entered the Hall; and it was soon obvious that only two of the party were "genuine ladies," the other four being Tom Scrimshaw, Frank Webb, Len Rollins and Bert Footer!

The "real ladies," our friends the Misses Parsons, of the L.O.'s, tried valiantly to instil some idea of grace into the "Neverwere Girls," but their's was an impossible task!

Our four could have given Nervo and Knox a start and a beating, and for unrestrained irresponsibility they could not have been excelled. They were about about as graceful as a herd of elephants stampeding before a jungle fire; and as a spectacle—well! Epstein should have been there to perpetuate it in stone, to be called "Girls Dancing" or "Souls in Torment"—whichever way you happen to view his art.

And so this acrobatic orgy—this frenzy of anything but dancing—continued. If the grace and delicacy usually associated with dancing were missing, the "Neverwillbee Girls" made up for its absence by their realism and strength of purpose. The realistic way in which one of the four appeared to grind the face of Bertina (née Footer) into the flooring created a great impression, which was obvious on Bert's forehead for many days afterwards!

Rounds of applause greeted the final act; while strong men wept in silent mirth, and an encore was demanded.

"Ben-Hur" was announced, and in came Footer, stripped to the waist (not looking in the least like a girl), borne by a human

chariot. The chariot had not progressed very far before Footer decided to change his character, and emulated "Humpty-Dumpty" and "had a great fall"! More applause!

Eventually it was possible to continue with *real* dancing, to the strains of the band which had been engaged; and later to listen to the excellent entertainment of the Brothers Gay and Billy Williams.

It was very pleasing to see so many of our new members and their friends entering into the spirit of these Club Socials, which do so much to engender the Club spirit among our members. At 11 o'clock this very successful Social had to be brought to a close and the number of enquiries as to the next date was sufficient guarantee that all had enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

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By the way, I had almost forgotten to give the cream of the joke! The previously-mentioned member who, with a look of sweet innocence, had promised our Social Hon. Secretary to be on his best behaviour during the performance of the dancing girls, proved to be one of the "Nonsuch Girls" himself! Imagine the feelings of our worthy Social organiser, who had even engaged a special dressing-room for the use of "the dancers from London," when familiar friends in unfamiliar garb presented themselves! Who would be a Belgrave Hon. Secretary?

And now a word to our four unrepentant masqueraders, who had been at great pains to blacken their eyelids and carmine their lips to give a voluptuous appearance. Next time, if there is one, spend a little time in moulding the leg muscles to accord with feminine fashion, and invest a little money in peroxide, or one of the proprietary articles which shout from the newspaper columns that they are able to remove superfluous hair in a few seconds!

A.A.H.

### SOCIAL FIXTURES.

Owing to Wandsworth Town Hall being needed for General Election purposes on October 28th, the date fixed for our first Dance of the season, we were compelled to cancel our booking of the Hall and abandon this Dance.

The Dance fixed for December 9th at the same hall will take place as arranged, and all who are able to do so are asked to attend. Tickets may be had from:—

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

### THE ILFORD RELAY RACE.

On Saturday, October 17th, we had a team entered for the Ilford Relay Race on the road, the course comprising 10 laps of about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles, around an area known as Gordon Fields. There was an entry of eight teams, and the "Bels" proved to be the ultimate winners, beating the course record held by Ilford A.C.

by nearly 7 minutes! The day was somewhat dull and inclined to rain, with a troublesome wind, which was noticed when the runners came to the new arterial road, where there was open land on either side.

The first stage was taken by T. C. Carter, for the "Bels," who ran a good race; handing over second, behind Burrige (Poly.), who clocked 19 min., Carter doing 19 min. 17 sec. Frank Webb took the next relay and kept us in second position despite a fine effort of Griffiths (North London H.) half a mile from home. With a fine run of 19 min. 18 sec. Sid. Warboys took us into first place, this distance being shorter than Sid. usually likes. From this relay to the end the Club were supreme, going further ahead at each stage; Dewberry, Joe and Jack Flower and Robertshaw, in the order, all running their course in fine style, Jack Flower doing third fastest time for us. W. H. Gross's (Ilford) record of 18 min. 50 sec. was all but broken by Footer who, with a grand effort of 19 min., equalled Burridges' (Poly. H.) time. The ninth relay was taken by Penny, who also ran a good stage in 19 min. 1 sec. Oh! that second! Arthur Allum took tenth relay for us and it was pleasing to see that his ankle trouble had improved to the extent of his doing 19 min. 31sec. He said later in the dressing room, "Gee! only 19 min. 31 sec.; blooming slow!" That's the worst of these Internationals, they can't go slow!

The brighter side came when the boys were assembled (complete with self-appointed trainers) to be filmed for the Astoria Circuit Cinemas. So, not content with being the best runners, they now aspire to be leading men to Greta Garbo!

Altogether a great day and our congratulations are due to the team for its good work, the times shown being very good when we consider that our men had to make all their own running, except, perhaps, over the first two stages.

A.E.M.

#### RESULT.

1. Belgrave Harriers ... 3hrs. 15min. 51sec
2. Polytechnic H. ... 3hrs. 21min. 34sec.
3. Southend and Cty. H.... 3hrs. 22min. 22sec.

8 teams competed in the race.

Previous Course Record—3hrs. 22min. 26sec.

Relay	Name	Time	Pos.	Relay	Name	Time	Pos.
1.	C. T. Carter.....	19 17	2	6.	J. E. Flower.....	19 08	1
2.	F. R. Webb.....	20 03	2	7.	A. Robertshaw.....	20 15	1
3.	S. H. Warboys.....	19 18	1	8.	H. E. Footer.....	19 00	1
4.	N. R. Dewberry.....	20 23	1	9.	A. W. Penny .....	19 01	1
5.	T. J. Flower.....	19 55	1	10.	A. Allum.....	19 31	1

Fastest Lap Time—19.00 by H. E. Footer & H. E. Burrige (Poly H.).

#### MATCH v. EALING HARRIERS.

Whilst our "selected" were competing in the Round Ilford Relay, we entertained Ealing Harriers at Wimbledon. Scoring 15 a side, we ran out fairly easy winners, as the appended result

shows, but our sporting visitors had the satisfaction of supplying the first man home in L. F. Edwards. Our better packing, six in the first eight, for example, gave us the advantage; and we look forward to another interesting run with Ealing H. over their course on November 28th.

#### RESULT.

		m. s.				m. s.	
1.	L. F. Edwards	B.H.	30 41	18.	H. C. Sutton.....	E.H.	32 55
2.	F. Tame .....	B.H.	30 43	19.	J. Byrnes.....	E.H.	33 19
3.	W. G. Webb.....	B.H.	31 5	20.	T. E. Saunders...	E.H.	33 21
4.	C. Box .....	E.H.	31 20	21.	F. A. Sandell....	B.H.	33 24
5.	A. E. Smith.....	B.H.	31 25	22.	E. H. Lee.....	B.H.	33 24
6.	H. J. Fletcher ...	B.H.	31 27	23.	R. Goldworthy	B.H.	33 38
7.	D. A. Sloper.....	B.H.	31 38	24.	R. C. Anciaune...	E.H.	33 43
8.	F. Walker .....	B.H.	31 49	25.	W. H. Eastman...	B.H.	33 51
9.	R. Gardner .....	E.H.	31 58	26.	C. Moore.....	E.H.	34 1
10.	H. Still .....	E.H.	31 59	27.	S. Garland .....	B.H.	34 5
11.	K. B. O'Kell.....	B.H.	32 7	28.	B. E. Partridge..	E.H.	34 6
12.	R. W. Martin.....	B.H.	32 19	29.	S. B. G. Wilson...	B.H.	34 10
13.	A. E. Taylor.....	B.H.	32 21	30.	R. Freestone ...	B.H.	34 42
14.	W. S. Mitchell ...	B.H.	32 29	31.	A. J. Alcock.....	E.H.	35 1
15.	H. G. Peterson...	E.H.	32 36	32.	C. Bicknell .....	E.H.	35 7
16.	V. Peterson .....	E.H.	32 43	33.	F. Monk .....	E.H.	35 17
17.	F. J. Summer- field...B.H.		32 45	34.	L. Merdellon.....	E.H.	36 4

#### TEAM SCORES.

	pts.
Belgrave H.—2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 21, 22, 23, 25 ...	189
Ealing H.—1, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24, 26, 28, 31, 32, 33 ...	286

### THE NEW CLUB.

The anomalous position in which those members of the Club with a Middlesex qualification have found themselves on the day of the County Team Championships—that of onlooker, or competitor for individual honours—has in the past been somewhat ironical, inasmuch that amongst those individual competitors and onlookers there has been the nucleus of a team capable, it has been thought, of putting up a creditable performance in any County Championship.

Past performances by individual members, in the cross-country championships particularly, have not only warranted this thought but have enlivened the thoughts and activities of observant club officials (not exclusively our own) to almost unlimited hopes and possibilities. This, perhaps, is not to be wondered at, since to a club whose team is just missing honours, possibly because of its tail being too weak to wag, the sight of a number of individual entrants from a club which is precluded from affiliation to the Middlesex County must appear somewhat galling; especially when it is remembered that those individual entrants might have been helping that club to victory by virtue of second-claim membership.

Whatever may be pros. and cons. of second-claim membership, the opinions of the Middlesex members may be reflected in the fact that they have, hitherto, generally elected to run as individuals.

This order of things, we learn, may now be changed, and in the forthcoming County Championships we shall, in all probability, see the Middlesex members of the club represented in their county event as a team.

This change has come about by the formation of a club registered in the name of "The Bells Amateur Athletic Club." Founded specifically for the purpose of enabling members of the Belgrave Harriers, with a Middlesex County qualification, to compete in Middlesex County team championships (running and walking), membership of the club is open to such members only. That is to say, an applicant for membership *must* have a Middlesex County qualification and *must be a first-claim member of the Belgrave Harriers.*

The Club will participate in *Middlesex County team championships only*; and, we learn, it will be considered contrary to the spirit of the rules of the club for any member of the club to compete in any open or individual event other than in the name of his first-claim club.

The formation of such a club such as is now founded has been, on and off, the topic of discussion within the club over recent years; but for divers reasons it has not until now matured. Now that it is in being, we sincerely wish it every success and trust that in the sphere of its activities it will honour well the name which it bears, the significance of which cannot fail to be appreciated in the present world of athletics.

All enquiries to the Hon. Secretary,

W. G. WEBB, 11 Birchwood Road, S.W.17.

### THE "BELGRAVE" POINTS SCHEME.

Introduced September 24th, 1931. Adopted by Belgrave Harriers Committee on October 1st, 1931, and put into operation by Belgrave Harriers on October 3rd, 1931.

Before giving all details of the above scheme, there are two observations I should like to make.

During the period the scheme was in process of construction, I was anticipating it being put into practice next May. However, your Committee, seeing extra benefits and attractions to members, decided to put it into operation at once, and so Cross-Country Runners and Road Walkers are now competing for the extra facilities available.

The second concerns my friend, David Bramley, to whom I am very much indebted for his suggestions and figures, which contributed to make the scheme so comprehensive.

### OBJECT OF SCHEME.

The Club's chief interest is the encouragement of Athletics, and it is to our young promising members that we look for our future success and fame. Therefore, we desire to attract and interest our persevering novices and offer them a little reward should they not have the good fortune to get amongst the first three prize winners during the season.

Equally so will all those members who continually enter in Club events and fail to "get up," derive the same consolation. To attain this object the Club are awarding points to the men who finish in the 4th, 5th and 6th position in Club handicaps. The present prize arrangements will not be affected. Prizes won under the additional scheme will be presented at the end of the season.

### RULES OF THE SCHEME.

1. Scheme applicable to Club Handicaps only.
2. A prize winner (1st three in Club handicaps) is immediately disqualified.
3. A member cannot win two prizes under this scheme—one prize only.
4. Races will be "grouped" and points can only be scored in own group. Different Group scores cannot be amalgamated.
5. Club Championship placings do not count in scheme, or disqualify.
6. Prizes awarded as follows:—

1st prize	Value if runner scores	...	240 pts.
2nd	"	"	120 pts.
3rd	"	"	60 pts.

### HOW THE SCHEME WORKS.

The Committee are allocating 420 points for competition to each group. After much experimenting on various figures and percentage basis, we found the figures 240 our most satisfactory "constant" to base the points for competition. Now refer to rule 4.

In grouping races we will count all the 100's and 75 yards Group "A," all 220, 300 and 440 yards Group "B," 880 yards Group "C," Field Events Group "D," Miles Group "E," Walks Group "F." To determine the points necessary for each group we divide the number of race in each Group into 240. Example: If there are six races in a group during the season, your result is 40. That gives the points for 4th position. Now, we reduce in the same ration as awards, viz., 4—2—1. So for your 5th position the points will be 20 and for the 6th position 10. In cases where a decimal result is found, we make the number up to even figures, as in the case of 7 events in a group. Here your actual points are 34.28, 17.14 and 8.57. Ratio the same, but we make these 36, 18 and 9 to eliminate decimals. You will see, if a man gets 4th in all the events in his group, he scores 240 points; if he gets 5th, 120 points, and if he ran 6th in each race he would score 60 points.

#### DETAILS (Example : Group of 6 races).

Under the scheme it is possible in each group for three different combinations to succeed. As above, three men would win all the points and prizes. Alternatives are 3 at 120 points and 1 at 60 points, or 7 at 60 points. For your own interest, write down 6 columns of figures : 40, 20, 10 and cross out, as imaginary positions are won in a race, and you will get the above combinations.

In cases where the group number of races is not 6, the points may not all be absorbed in these combinations. These revert to the Club. If a man gets 4th, 5th and 6th he will score 90 points, and the next race he wins. Under rule 2 he is eliminated and forfeits his points. So you see the scheme is practically an insurance against not winning a prize—one of its many attractions. The points forfeited are presented back to the club, as they cannot be allocated to anyone else. It is possible for nearly all the points in each group to be won and then forfeited by men who run up into the first three positions during the season.

One of the attractive points of the scheme is the "flexibility" of the scoring. It is governed entirely by the men themselves. With perseverance and a moderate amount of pluck in racing, a man will find himself among the scoring fairly consistently. Also, the Club are "competitors" for the points.

To put the scheme in a nutshell, the Club says, "Here are 420 points for each group; take what you can, and what you leave we receive back with many thanks."

It will be seen that the scheme will call for more intense competition, because once a man has scored he will naturally endeavour to increase his total; it is also anticipated that increased entries will materialise and members be encouraged to keep in training right up to the end of season.

#### GENERAL COMMENTS.

Points scored will not incur any handicap penalty.

Prizes will be the same value as awarded in our Club events.

Points scored at each Club meeting, and totals as accumulated, will be published in the "Gazette" each month.

During the winter season there are 6 running and 5 walking events.

For the runs the points are 40, 20 and 10, and for the walks 48, 24 and 12 for 4th, 5th and 6th positions respectively.

In the opening walk 2 members who were 4th and 5th, viz. : J. N. Thomas and C. H. Speechley, are typical examples of Club stalwarts who are recompensed by the scheme. If Thomas gets 6th in the next handicap he will score 60 points and be assured of at least a 3rd prize and have three more opportunities of increasing his total.

If you have a friend who thinks he cannot run or throw a javelin, tell him about the Belgrave scheme, which may encourage him!

Very few organisations cater for their members as Belgrave do and we claim to be the first Club in England to make awards to the first six men in our competitions; therefore induce your pal to join Belgrave.

The scheme, being very original, will only be proved after a season's trial, when adjustments or an increase of awards may be advantageous.

Any comments, criticisms or suggestions for improving the scheme will be very welcome and receive the immediate attention of the Committee.

Any questions of particular interest will be published and answered in the next issue of the "Gazette."

K. B. O'KELL.

### WITH THE WALKERS.

In our last issue some incorrect information was given regarding the past performances of our worthy President, Mr. J. B. Belchamber, and we now hasten to rectify this, and also enlarge upon other details given in our last number.

Jimmy was second in the London to Brighton and back (104 miles) race in 1921 (not 1926, as stated last month) and the winner of the race was E. C. Horton, the 12 hours' record holder. Only two of our President's performances in the Brighton Walk were quoted in our previous issue, and we now append a full list of his placings in this historic event, which illustrate his wonderful consistency:—

September, 1920—3rd.

September, 1922—4th.

May, 1923—4th.

September, 1923—5th.

September, 1924—4th.

This is indeed a very fine record, and Jimmy also found time to be placed third in the A.A.A. 7 Miles Championship of 1920; and to win the first Sussex Road Walking Championship in 1923.

It will be seen that our President has set a very high standard for us to live up to and we should all be glad to attain the same level of consistency and performance.

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It is now possible to give the placings and times of all our men to finish in the London—Brighton Walk, on September 12th.

They are as follows:—

				h.	m.	s.
1.	T. W. Green	...	...	8	5	43
15.	R. C. Hillier	...	...	9	1	14

20.	A. H. Field	...	...	9 10 23
39.	A. G. White	...	...	9 28 19
53.	P. Khlopin	...	...	9 49 41
67.	J. N. Thomas	...	...	10 9 2
73.	A. Martin	...	...	10 17 20
74.	G. H. Laurie	...	...	10 17 25
78.	C. A. Wattam	...	...	10 29 17
96.	S. T. Ball	...	...	11 18 6
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We are very glad to see Bob McMullen out again and hope he will soon attain some of his former skill, which caused him to be looked upon as one of the best walkers in the country.

It is very gratifying to see so many new faces in the walking ranks, many of whom show distinct promise. The novices of to-day are the champions of a few years hence and we can never have too many. Any reader having a friend thinking of taking up walking as a sport would be well advised to persuade him to start now, when we have such a fine crowd of beginners.

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The five events to form the Walking Group in "The Belgrave Points Scheme," as explained elsewhere, are as follows:—

Oct. 3—5 Miles Handicap (already decided).

Nov. 28—Belgrave Open 7 Miles Race.

Dec. 26—3 Miles Handicap.

Jan. 30—Sealed Handicap in 10 Miles Championship.

April 23—Sealed Handicap in 20 Miles Championship.

Points will be awarded to the 4th, 5th and 6th men in the above events, with the exception of our Club Open event (Nov. 28th), when the points will be allocated to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Club men on handicap time, irrespective of any team or individual award which might be gained in the Open race.

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Our Twelfth Annual Open Walk, over the usual 7 miles course, will be held on November 28th, when it is hoped that every active walker will enter. Last season our event attracted the largest entry of any race in the country, with the possible exception of Championship events, and we are eager to surpass even this. Five Belgrave teams competed last year (probably another record for an Open event) and it would be a fine achievement to improve upon this. Belgrave men are asked to let the Hon. Secretary have their entries before the official closing date, in order to facilitate matters.

A large crowd of Belgrave supporters would also be very welcome on November 28th, so make a note of the date.

All enquiries to A. A. HARLEY,  
39 Roxburgh Avenue, Isleworth, Mx.

## FUTURE WALKING FIXTURES.

*November 14th.* Enfield A.C. Open Walk. We shall be represented in this event and hope to meet with our usual amount of success therein.

*November 28th.* Our own Open Walk at Wimbledon. Some comments on this walk are included in our Walking Notes, but I should like to reiterate two points: (1) It is hoped every active Belgravian walker will enter; (2) Send in your entries a few days before the official closing date and so help the poor Secretary. The usual special prize will be awarded to the first Belgrave Harrier not gaining any other award, and readers are reminded that this is one of the events included in the "Belgrave Points Scheme," details of which appear elsewhere.

*December 5th.* As the date fixed by the Surrey Walking Club for their annual Banstead Walk clashed with that chosen by Enfield A.C. for their Open event, we have had to arrange an alternative fixture with the "Swastika" bearers this year. It will take place on the above date from "The Blue Anchor," South Croydon, and take the form of a race over their Croydon to Wickham and back course, approximately nine miles. It is hoped that all our walkers will support this fixture as it is on an "all-to-score" basis.

*December 12th.* The same comment applies to this date when we meet the Metropolitan Police A.A. over their course at Imber Court. Our runners also have a fixture at Imber Court on this day, and it is hoped that a good number will stop to tea and the dance which follows in the M.P.A.A.'s well-appointed quarters.

*December 19th.* The Junior Seven Miles Championship for the "O. Horwood" Cup (Holder, F. W. Thorn) will be held on this day at Wimbledon, with the usual sealed handicap in conjunction. A good race should be witnessed this year to see who shall hold the trophy for the ensuing year, and the minor placings should also be keenly contested, and give us an idea of our Junior prospects.

*December 26th.* Boxing Day. The usual Three Miles Handicap will take place in Battersea Park.

Our distance men will be tackling the "Godstone" course (18 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles) with, it is hoped, the same success as last year.

All enquiries, entries, or requests for further information should be addressed to the Walking Hon. Secretary.

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES.

The Cross Country season is now getting into its stride, and so far the attendances at Wimbledon have been well up to standard. I only hope that our away fixtures will be as well supported.

A pleasing feature has been the numbers and also the promise of our Junior members, and on the form displayed it looks as if we are in for a good season. Keep it up, boys, and I can see us even yet winning the Southern, a task which bristles with difficulties in view of the formidable opposition which we have to encounter.

On November 7th we entertain our old friends and rivals, namely, Croydon Harriers, Mitcham A.C. and Epsom Harriers, to a social run, followed by a still more social evening.

November 14th sees the first of the Open Cross Country races in which our Club is interested. This is the South of Thames "Junior" race, which will be held at Epsom Downs, as in previous years. The term Junior applies only to ability and not to age, and we hope to enter as many teams as possible. Teams are composed of eight men to run, with four to score.

On November 21st we have, at Wimbledon, the second of the Inter-Club races, over 5 miles, between Thames Valley H., Ashcombe A.C. and ourselves. A Sealed Handicap open to all Club members will be decided in conjunction with this race, and entries should be handed or sent to me at once.

The 28th is the day of the Club Open Walk to be held at Wimbledon, and in consequence of the large entry received and our restricted dressing accommodation, I should like it to be understood that no runners will be allowed out from St. John's Hall on this day.

We have instead arranged for two away fixtures to be held and the members can please themselves which of the two they can best support. One is a 5 miles race with our friends the Ealing Harriers, at Hanwell, and I may say that all members can be sure of a good time after the race with our sporting opponents. The other fixture is with the Cobham A.C. at Cobham, and in view of the limited strength of this club, I should like if possible for most of our Junior members to support this fixture. Both of the above venues are easily accessible and I trust we shall have a good muster of the "Bels." at each one.

In view of the Surrey Youths 3 miles Cross Country race which is to be held at Wimbledon on December 5th, our Juniors under 18 years of age, and with a Surrey qualification, could not do better than have a run at Cobham, where they will meet opponents of their own ability and age. Anyone who is eligible for this race and would like to run, if they will kindly hand me their name for the purpose of making up our team, I shall be greatly obliged.

All entries and enquiries to E. A. DUFFETT, *Running Hon. Sec.*,  
1 Raymead Avenue, Thornton Heath.



