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ONWARD !

About the years 1923—1924 we began to consider that we had a chance of annexing the Surrey Cross-country Championship. Up to that time our runners had performed creditably in championship events, without attaining any conspicuous success, and it was necessary to look back to 1904, when the Club was third in the South of the Thames "Senior," for a feat worthy of mention when athletic prowess was discussed. Our walkers were beginning to bring the Club into prominence by their "Junior" Championship wins in 1920 and 1922 and their placings in the "Senior" Championships of 1922 and 1923, culminating in the first Club win in 1924.

Our growing number of enthusiastic members, combined with a competent, painstaking set of officials, under the virile leadership of the late "Bob" Ricketts, inspired all connected with the Club with the belief that we should not have long to wait before cross-country honours came our way. And so it proved, for in 1925 came our first win in the Surrey race, and that evening there was joy and enthusiasm, expressive of the attained ideal, in "The King's Head," at Epsom, and the "Pickett" Cup circled the gathering many times.

The pristine glory of this first win can never be repeated; and it is no exaggeration to say, without belittling our opponents, or detracting from the merit of our men's performances, that the once eagerly-sought, keenly desired, win in the Surrey race

has become common-place, with our seven successes in nine years. Yesterday's dreams, hopes and unattained ideals have become to-day's accepted facts—foundations upon which we hope to build higher—certainties almost, which occasion great surprise should our confidence prove to be ill-founded. This gradual change of attitude, from doubt to certitude, from diffident hope to unbounded confidence, is universal; and, like Alexander of old, we yearn for new worlds to conquer.

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After our initial Surrey Championship, ambition soared, and the passing of the years gave us our first "South of the Thames Senior" win, our placings in "Southern," "National," Brighton Relay, and numerous other events. However, having regard to our peculiar geographical position, we had always speculated upon the chances of our runners securing both Surrey and Middlesex titles in one afternoon. The nebulous ideas of such a double triumph seemed, in those far-off days of 1926 and 1927, fantastic—incapable of fruition. We had our hopes, of course, and the determination to work for these ends, no matter how far away fulfilment seemed to be. And now, once again, the passage of time has brought its reward for past endeavours, and on January 13th, 1934, we had the satisfaction of providing the members of the winning teams in both Surrey and Middlesex championships; and the individual winners of both events, in A. W. Penny and A. Allum respectively. Our congratulations and thanks go out to all who contributed to our dual success! More detailed descriptions appear elsewhere in this issue.

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"Belgrave Harriers Set up County Championship Record"; "Belgrave Show Their Heels"; Unprecedented Feat"; "Belgrave's Four Championships." Such were the headings which appeared in the National Press. It was certainly a heartening sight to see the two trophies—the "Pickett" Cup and the "Daily Telegraph" Cup—on show at the Club Dance on the evening of the Championships; and to find the merit of the performances forcing its way into the columns of the Daily Press, which seems so often (to admittedly prejudiced persons like ourselves) to exist for the purpose of excluding athletic news—so thoroughly do they succeed in doing so.

So passes another phase in our history, and fortunately our lads are not content to rest on their laurels; to lay on their oars; but are eager to be on . . . on . . .

Eyes are now fixed on the "Southern" and "National" titles, in the same way that once the lesser championships commanded our attention, and provided the incentive to train, and to strive.

That our success will be as sure is beyond doubt, given the same will to win and co-operative spirit which have always permeated our activities. That these attributes exist as strongly as ever are apparent to anyone taking a peep into the Club dressing room, and so it remains only for the ordinary Club member to do his share.

He can attend the "Southern" Championships at Taplow on February 24th, and possibly the "National" Championship at Himley Park, Dudley, on March 10th, to encourage our men, and play a small part in the creation of the new history which we hope our runners will bring about. Our General Hon. Secretary will be pleased to supply full details of the travelling arrangements when they become available.

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We have written of the will-to-win, and the excellent team spirit existing. Does the ability also exist? A prophet must always take risks and so I answer "Yes"—knowing the risk I run of being proved wrong is not a great one. The "National" may elude us this time—our aims have not always been achieved in one year—but we may be assured of a "best yet" performance, with three Internationals in our team striving for their Club and further representative selection, backed by others no less keen.

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If "ballyhoo" formed part of Athletics, as it does some less favoured sports, we could weave wonderful tales of the Midget Manager who guides the destinies of our potential team members, from their two glasses of hot water and 120 deep breaths in the morning, to the evening run and bed at 10 p.m. in the evening. We could dilate at length on the Monthly Schedule (copyright) whose appearance is more eagerly awaited than that of the "Belgravian." This is amateur jealousy, of course! We could tell the tale of the young hopeful who quoted the aforesaid Schedule: "No stodgy puddings," etc., in the privacy of his home—and then dodged a pretty saucepan deftly tossed sonwards by an irate mother, unused to such remarks regarding her cooking, and demanding to know, "Who is this Footer person?" If hook or by crook publicity was our objective, we could repeat the ominous rumour that the whole affair has been financed by the undertaking profession, on a commission basis. We could tell of busy B's round the honey-pot (B stands for Belgravian, of course!); of secret elixirs compounded of orange juice and olive oil . . . but, hush, there are spies at the gates; and many matters more. But it is not our intention to sink to the level of the usual Boxing, Football and Film Fan Gossip (who could imagine a Footer fan Club, or be interested in Harry Shields' size in boots?) and so I'll resist the temptation (between ourselves, I'm rather good at this temptation-resisting

business! and conclude by reiterating the injunction to all Club members to go along to the "Southern" and "National" and cheer on our team.

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And yet I hardly like to finish without some further mention of the Schedule (copyright) which our Captain has compiled from the wealth of his experience, and committed to paper for the benefit of his club-mates. Undoubtedly the tendency of the average athlete is to undertrain; and to proceed in disjointed fashion rather than progressively, with a definite object in view. Such a schedule as our runners now have should be of great assistance, and the next few weeks should prove its value.

Knowing the eagerness with which the appearance of the Monthly Schedule (copyright!) is awaited, and anticipating the success of the training system shortly to be demonstrated (the success, not the system) we have, with considerable business acumen, managed at enormous expense (fabulous to the extent of being unreal!) obtained reproduction rights in Mr. Footer's forthcoming writings.

We understand he is at present at work on a treatise entitled "How to Increase Your Height by 6 to 8 Inches in Three Weeks. No Drugs"; to be followed at a later date by another epoch-making journalistic achievement, "Red Noses. How to Abolish Them—by a Sufferer."

We contemplate so many expressions of congratulation upon this amazing piece of modern journalistic enterprise, that we are seriously considering requisitioning, for private use, from the same H.E.F.-ty pen, a monograph entitled, "Blushing. Its Cause and Cure."

Bye, bye, kiddies. That's all for to-day!

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Incidentally, we would like to make it quite clear that the newspaper heading quoted above—"Unprecedented Feat"—refers to our men generally, and not in particular in Harry Shields.

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Another event worthy of your patronage is the R.W.A. Junior Championship at Southgate, on March 3rd. Further details appear in the Walking Notes.

With last year's winning team no longer eligible, we can hardly hope to win again so soon; but undoubtedly our walkers will show up well, and with that little bit of luck which is so essential, might give the "favourites" a shock. Our team should certainly claim a place and withstand the strong challenge that is certain to come from all directions; for a race such as this attracts clubs from all over the country.

At our last Social, held on January 27th, the Honours Badges were awarded to those who have qualified since the inception of the scheme.

The Club Executive recommend that the badge be worn on the front centre of the Club vest, on the gold band. In this way uniformity will be secured, the badge shown off to the best advantage, and the credit which always comes when a band of athletes are neatly clad, in uniform style, will re-act to the benefit of the Club.

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A member who possesses copies of "The Belgravian" since the first numbers, edited by W. H. Hare, desires to have these suitably bound, and suggests that if there are other members similarly desirous of having the Club journal bound in permanent form, it might be possible to arrange a more attractive price if several get together. If this is of interest to any other members, will they please let the Hon. Editor know?

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The Hon. Editor is still anxiously awaiting news of the various books on Athletics, which are held by various members. Please advise him at once if you have one in your possession.

H. S. LATTER.

It is with very great sorrow that we have to record the death of H. S. Latter ("Jim"), one of the most promising walkers we have had in recent years. During his 3½ years with the Club he had made dozens of friends by means of his pleasing personality, his whole-hearted entry into all Club social affairs, and his enthusiastic support of our racing activities, both on road and track.

Although not 21 years of age, he had already distinguished himself by winning the "Belgrave" Open Seven Miles handicap, and London Fire Brigade S.C. 2 miles event—two of the most important events held in the South. His fifth position in the Polytechnic H. Invitation Team Walk at the White City last June, comprising the pick of Southern track walkers, is still very fresh in our memories; and his fine performance was largely responsible for the Club's win on that occasion.

It is little short of tragic that we should be robbed so prematurely of such a splendid young sportsman; and we extend to our late Club-mate's parents, sisters and friends our very profound sympathy in their sad bereavement.

We are happy to welcome the following to membership and to them we extend our very best wishes for long and successful athletic careers They are S. G. O'Donnell, G. H. Boddington, W. G. Jacobs, W. J. Dawson, F. W. Nash, R. F. Wiles, R. H. Groves, W. A. Treacher, S. A. Neal.

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If you want a Club tie to wear at the coming Championships, see our Hon. Treasurer, or write him at the address appearing on page 1. Price 2/6.

He can also supply vests, and is very anxious to receive those outstanding subscriptions.

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THE BOXING DAY HANDICAPS.

Rain tried hard to spoil this annual fixture, but I think it will take an earthquake to upset this meeting of ours. In the sprints it is very pleasing to note how well the Juniors are shaping; they had things pretty well their own way in the final. Tom Scrimshaw, off 4 yards, our half-mile track International, tried a turn of sprinting, and very nearly caught Bennett off 10 yards, a proof that he is keeping himself fit during the close season. In the final, B. L. Bone ran very well to get up off 4 yards to win in $12\frac{1}{2}$ secs. A. Mewes was second off 7, and A. Dyke third off 7 yards.

In the two miles event we had our three other Internationals out, and what a fine race this was! Arthur Penny, who from the place of honour, scratch, won in the fast time of 9 min. 47 sec. and put up a marvellous performance. There seems no stopping Arthur nowadays, and good luck to him; May he carry on and win, not only the National, but International as well! Allum, who finished second off 25 yards, seems to be getting right back to his best form. He put in a tremendous effort down the straight, but Penny was running too strongly to be worried by it, and finished about 15 yards to the good.

Harry Shields, still a junior in years, was third off 85 yards. Harry is undoubtedly a Champion of the future, he has the right spirit and fights all the way. J. E. Flower was 4th and R. Patience 5th. Patience is to be congratulated on this very good performance, as he had been on Guard duty throughout the preceding night.

The Three Miles Walk Handicap resulted in a win for Reg. Elson in good style. Don Brown and E. C. Heather fought out second place down the finishing straight, but as was to be expected the virtual scratch man, Brown, prevailed.

RESULT.

120 Yards Handicap.—Heat Winners: A. Mewes (7); A. M. Dyke.

(7); J. S. Williams (5); B. L. Bone (4); L. C. Bennett (10). Final:
 1 Bone, 2 Mewes, 3 Dyke. Time 12½ sec.
2 Miles Handicap.—1 A. W. Penny (Scr.); 2 A. Allum (25); 3 H. W. Shields (85). Time 9 min. 47 sec.
3 Miles Walk Handicap.—1 R. F. Elson (260); 2 D. E. Brown (80); 3 E. C. Heather (360).

BELGRAVE H.

v. METROPOLITAN POLICE A.A.

December 23rd.—Race with Metropolitan Police over our five-mile course. The Police outnumbered us for this race, but scoring ten aside, we scored a comfortable victory. The most interesting part about this race was the forward running of the three brothers "Patience," who finished in the first four places, A. Patience being just beaten for third place after a desperate finish. These members are a decided asset to the club's running strength, and what is even more important, they have the right club spirit.

C. Penny and J. C. Smith ran very well to finish in the 7th and 8th position respectively. We finished our scoring 10 in 17.

Times and positions of our men appended.

RESULT.

1. R. Patience	31 25	15. A. Lindsey	34 25
2. D. Patience	31 37	17. S. T. Ring	34 34
4. A. Patience	32 8	18. F. G. Ford	34 35
6. N. Dewberry	32 55	25. R. G. Hillier.....	35 35
7. C. Penny	33 0	27. A. W. Jannaway.....	35 55
8. J. C. Smith	33 14	28. T. J. Flower.....	36 18
9. W. G. Webb.....	33 16	29. H. J. Fletcher.....	36 47
14. C. E. Brockwell	34 7	33. E. Pierce	37 31

TEAM SCORES.

1. Belgrave H. (1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17) ...	83 pts.
2. M.P.A.A. (3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20) ...	127 pts.

CLUB JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

December 30th.—Set aside for our first Junior Cross Country Championship. Although the entry was disappointing, what we lacked in quantity was made up in quality. H. Shields jumped into the lead early on and gradually increased it to the end and became the Belgrave's first Junior C.C. Champion. Well done, Harry! The second man home was Saunders, a runner who will bring credit to his club in the near future; and D. Martin was third, another runner with a very promising future.

Result and times appended.

RESULT.

1. H. Shields	29 48	5. G. Chantler	32 54
2. E. Saunders	30 34	6. E. Pointer	34 16
3. D. Martin	31 34	7. E. Pierce	34 53
4. A. T. Jordan	32 27		

W. L. Bayliss writes of our seventh win in

THE SURREY COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP AT EPSOM on 13th JAN., 1934.

On a glorious day for Cross-country running we set off for Epsom, very hopeful of a further victory, despite the fact that many of our good men have Middlesex qualifications and therefore are not eligible to run in this race. These Middlesex members (banded together under the title of Cadogan A.C.) were competing in the Middlesex County Championship and also hoping to achieve honours. Thus our Cross Country men were divided on this occasion, but you will read of the performance of our Middlesex men elsewhere.

I thought Penny the outstanding individual, as he is running right into last year's form, but was not too sure of Footer, who has been troubled with a cold. We all knew, of course, that Bert would put up a fair show, and consequently hoped for the best.

The first view I had of the runners was when they had covered the first mile. Penny was in the lead with Weatherill, the South London Harrier, and our hopes were soon raised when we saw Footer lying 6th, followed by Carter 8th, and Abberton 10th. Our other men were at this time not doing too well, for Rice and Walker were in the 30's. They were, however, closely followed by Robertshaw, Mitchell and Cecil Penny.

At 3 miles Penny was 100 yards in front of Weatherill, and Footer had come up to 3rd place, about 80 yards behind Weatherill. Both Carter and Abberton were running well and each had picked up a place. All the rest of the team had moved up and things looked rosy for us.

At 4½ miles Penny was still going as strong as ever and we saw then that Footer was doing his utmost to catch Weatherill. Carter and Abberton were going very well, and Walker and Rice held the 32nd and 33rd position with Robertshaw and W. Mitchell in close attendance. Nothing short of a catastrophe could stop us winning now.

Penny won a very fine race, and Footer must have put in some very hard work to have overhauled Weatherill and finish second. Our other scoring men were Carter, Abberton, Rice and Walker, comprising a team that well deserved their victory. ...

Perhaps "Footer's Training Schedule" is beginning to bear fruit already! We all hope so.

RESULT.

1	1	A. W. Penny.....	53	37	29	28	C. Penny	58	53
2	2	H. E. Footer	54	1	30	29	W. Mitchell	59	28
7	7	F. Abberton	56	54	36	34	A. Robertshaw	59	37
7	7	C. T. Carter.....	56	54	48	45	A. Lindsey	60	37
18	17	F. A. Walker.....	57	50	60	57	N. Dewberry	61	25
22	21	W. A. Rice	58	10	75	71	S. T. Ring.....	63	5

TEAM SCORES.

1. Belgrave H.	56 pts.	4. Mitcham A.C.	194 pts.
2. Surrey A.C.	143 pts.	5. Herne Hill H.	214 pts.
3. Ranelagh H.	150 pts.	6. Epsom H.	237 pts.

Our Hon. Secretary has described the very fine win by our runners in the Surrey Championship. Here follows an account of how our members fared in the Middlesex event—by "A Cad."

The Middlesex County authorities had decided to hold their championship once again from the Northolt Aerodrome; and the senior event was preceded by a junior race, for those under 21 years of age, over five miles. Our only runner in this race was F. W. Nash and he finished in the first half of the race and shows promise of development. H. W. Shields, winner of the Junior event last year, and E. Saunders were both eligible for this, but had decided to assist the Senior team in their quest for championship honours.

It must be said that we went to Northolt in an optimistic mood; but it would have required a super-optimist to have expected such an easy and convincing win. From the start our lads took up prominent positions, and at the end of the first lap, approximately half-way, we had nine men in the first twenty-five. This, in a field of 181 starters, was wonderful work, and there was no question about the direction in which the championship would go. So the finish came, with our boys following one another in rapid succession.

Throughout the race Arthur Allum had been prominent and our International justified our confidence in his return to form by winning the County title for the third time. Barnes, of Enfield, and Hennessey, the Ealing and R.A.F. runner, were with Arthur at the end of three miles, with L. F. Humphris fifty yards in the rear. Over the second lap, however, Humphris managed to reduce the lead and upon entering the finishing field was about twenty yards behind Allum. Arthur slowed when entering the funnel and Humphris came up with a last-minute rush, the official difference being given as one-fifth of a second. There is a moral here for all our runners: Run right through to the narrow part of the funnel where the timekeepers stand, and discs are distributed, or a few valuable places may be lost!

Our next man in was last year's Junior champion, Harry Shields, who excelled himself in finishing sixth, and scoring four for team purposes. Grand running, Harry! Two members of other clubs came by, then Jack Flower. Another seven seconds

elapse, one stranger passes, and R. J. Patience finishes full of running! Edwards, of Ealing, and Adams, of the Poly., pass by and Alf. Taylor is in, scoring 11 points to the team total. Almost on his heels in Dan Patience, and the team of six is complete. But the splendid running of our men is by no means finished, for A. Patience (17), S. H. Warboys (21), E. Saunders (22) are in faster than the words can be written! Next comes F. R. Webb (42), J. C. Smith (74) and C. E. Brockwell (91) to complete our twelve.

When everyone did so well it is difficult to single out individuals for special mention, but common justice compels us to congratulate Allum upon his third Middlesex championship, and Shields upon a really splendid achievement. Alf Taylor showed his best running to date; and the form of our Patience friends impressed everyone present. Warboys ran quite well to find himself only eighth man home, and Ted Saunders showed up very well for one still a junior. Smith and Brockwell completed our twelve in impressive style, our last man being placed 91st of 181 starters!

To finish our scoring six in fifteen, and nine men in twenty-two, tells its own tale, and brought forth the congratulations of all present. Perhaps we may sympathise a little with A. Patience, S. H. Warboys and E. Saunders, who ran so well without gaining a place in the team, but they shared in the pleasure of the others, and the joys which team-racing brings. As a further indication of our twelve's running, I should like to point out that our *twelve* men totalled 314 points, whereas the *six* men of both Enfield A.C. and St. Mary's H.H. (who tied for 9th place of the 16 competing teams) scored 413 pts. each!

It was very gratifying to our boys to win "The Daily Telegraph Cup" at the first time of asking; and if I may be allowed to end on a personal note, as one who took many "kicks" when we first attempted to secure the right to compete as a team, my "kick" forthcoming on this occasion was of a very different sort! May next year's race find our men equally prominent and successful.

RESULT.

Act. Team		m. s.		Act. Team		m. s.	
Pos.	Pos.			Pos.	Pos.		
1	1	A. Allum	31 32	—	17	A. Patience	— —
6	4	H. W. Shields...	32 5	—	21	S. H. Warboys...	— —
9	6	J. E. Flower ...	32 20	—	22	E. Saunders.....	— —
11	8	R. J. Patience...	32 36	—	42	F. R. Webb.....	— —
14	11	A. E. Taylor.....	32 39	—	74	J. C. Smith.....	— —
—	15	D. Patience	— —	—	91	C. E. Brockwell—	— —

TEAM SCORES.

1. Cadogan A.C. ...	45 pts.	4. Ealing H. ...	210 pts.
2. Polytechnic H.	108 pts.	5. Thames Valley H.	239 pts.
3. Queen's Park H.	188 pts.	6. Highgate H. ...	264 pts.

From the times recorded, it would appear the course was short.

Fred H. White gives, in black and white, his impressions of the

TEN MILES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The race on January 27th, for the "Macher" Shield, held by Bert Footer, had been enthusiastically awaited since the Surrey and Middlesex Championships. The afternoon was perfect and 26 runners lined up for the start.

On leaving the starting field, the runners were bunched together, with Penny, Flower and Carter making the pace. At the Windmill, however, we had a surprise, for Penny had opened up a gap of 100 yards. He was followed by Allum and Footer together, with Carter, Shields, Flower, Patiences A. and R., and Rice in that order. There was little change as the runners crossed the Golf Links at the start of the second lap, but Alf Taylor and Syd Warboys had moved up slightly.

Eventually came the finish, with Arthur Penny recording very fast time. Bert Footer followed, having run his inevitable fast second lap, and Arthur Allum took third place.

The sealed handicap showed that the scratch mark need not be an insuperable handicap, for Penny took first prize. Brockwell showed improved form and well deserved second prize, and Alf Taylor again showed some very good running and claimed third position. The result is appended:

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Actual Time	Start	H'cap Time	Pos. in H'cap
1.	A. W. Penny	57 9	Scr.	57 9	1
2.	H. E. Footer	57 31	Scr.	57 31	4
3.	A. Allum	58 22	0 30	57 52	8
4.	C. T. Carter	59 50	2 0	57 50	6†
5.	H. W. Shields	60 5	2 15	57 50	6†
6.	W. A. Rice	61 2	3 30	57 32	5
7.	A. E. Taylor	61 11	3 45	57 26	3
8.	A. Patience	61 55	3 30	58 25	9
9.	R. Patience	62 0	2 45	59 15	15
10.	J. E. Flower	62 5	2 30	59 35	16
11.	F. A. Walker	62 8	3 30	58 38	10
12.	A. R. Shaw	62 14	3 0	59 14	14
13.	S. H. Warboys	63 27	2 30	60 57	21
14.	C. W. Tame	63 36	4 45	58 51	11†
15.	C. H. E. Penny	63 41	4 30	59 11	13
16.	C. E. Brockwell	63 49	6 30	57 19	2
17.	J. C. Smith	64 6	5 15	58 51	11†
18.	E. G. Saunders	64 39	4—0	60 39	20
19.	S. T. Ring	65 0	4 30	60 30	17†
20.	H. J. Fletcher	65 7	4 30	60 37	19
21.	A. S. Lindsey	65 45	5 15	60 30	17†
22.	A. W. Jannaway	71 7	10 0	61 7	22

† Dead Heat.

Alf. Miller (Don't you know me any more?)—former athlete, stroller, man-about-town—reports on—

THE "SOUTH OF THE THAMES."

Held at Cobham (Surrey) on February 10th, this event proved to be a very fine race to watch, and to us Belgravians it had a fairly satisfactory ending, particularly having regard to the fact that a great number of our men are not eligible for this event, by reason of past performances in the "Southern" and "National" Championships. It is rather difficult to describe a cross-country race throughout its entirety and one can only make a short summing-up and the competitors' own words after the race suffice.

Before a fine crowd (largely augmented by the "locals") the runners lined up, and after two false starts (a failing I always attributed to Horse Racing!) the competitors got away; although, in strict fairness to our boys, I personally do not think they got away as well as they might have done. Even the two "snaky" ones of the team could not wriggle to the fore!

After circling the large field in which they had started, the runners then went out into the country for the first part of their journey and, to quote one competitor, "that's where we found it." It was very gratifying to see the "Bels" all up in the first half of the field, with "Our Harry" leading them along; the actual leader being L/Cpl. Frankham (Kent Champion) who, no doubt about it, looked all over a winner, and certainly the small local boys up in the trees had decided he was, if one can judge by their shouts and cries to him! After what I considered a short time of waiting, the leaders came into view entering the field on the far side, once more to encircle it and so out again for the second trip. Frankham was still in the lead, which he kept throughout, running very smoothly. He was followed by Edwards (Navy), Powell, the Oxford Blue, in the colours of Thames H. and H., Tommy Marchant (Horsham B.S.) and Townsend (Westbury). Harry Shields was lying 11th at this stage, with Alf. Taylor two places further back, the rest of the boys being spread out a little by this time. The "going" was over a great deal of plough and the competitors certainly showed signs of a "drubbing" over the rough stuff, and it was here that places were won and lost.

The leaders at the finish were very much the same as at the half-way stage, except that Powell had worked into second place and an old rival in Stansbury (Ranelagh H.) had got up from round the first fifteen to finish 5th.

It was hard to say at first how the "Bels" had fared, our first six seeming to be well apart, but when the result was announced we found that Third Team honours had fallen to us, and once

again the South's premier Athletic Club had proved its worth!

Hard luck to F R. Webb on not getting in the first six "Bels." I believe he had quite a duel with our worthy Social Hon. Sec., who just got there. Congratulations to all the Team members for so ably supporting "Our Junior Harry," who led them home. All twelve may be considered to have run creditably in a field of 241 runners, our score for the full complement being 813 points. True, this was not good enough to win the "Sir J. Colman" Cup awarded for the lowest aggregate of points for a complete team of twelve—the 2nd Batt. The Buffs monopolised the "first" awards by taking this also—but our total would have taken the trophy on most occasions.

And now we look ahead to the "Southern" and with our team in great fettle and led by the "Three Musketeers" (Penny, Footer and Allum) we need fear no team. The Services teams will see that, with all their vast contingent to draw upon, they have nothing on the "Bels" when it comes to team spirit! Remember, supporters and others, on February 24th the cry is "Up the Bels."

RESULT.

1. L/Cpl. Frankham	m. s.	64. W. A. Rice
(2nd Buffs)	38 52	77. F. R. Webb
13. H. W. Shields		81. E. Saunders
17. A. E. Taylor		93. S. T. Ring
33. F. A. Walker		107. J. C. Smith
36. C. Penny		118. A. S. Lindsey
40. C. W. Tame		134. C. E. Brockwell

TEAM SCORES.

1. 2nd Batt. The Buffs	pts.	7. South London H. ...	pts.
(Shorncliffe)	73	8. Dartford H. ...	329
2. Westbury Harriers ...	116	9. Thames H. & H. ...	342
3. Belgrave Harriers ...	203	10. Yorks & Lancs. Regt.	391
4. Royal Navy & R.M.		(Portsmouth)	454
(Portsmouth)	227	11. Mitcham A.C. ...	463
5. Ranelagh H. ...	276	12. Epsom Harriers ...	486
6. Reading A.C. ...	300		

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS.

February 24th.—This is an important date for Belgrave. The Southern C.C.C Championship is to be run at Taplow. We have been placed in the event three times and it is about time we won it. Now, all you Belgravians who possibly can, turn up and give our team some encouragement! It helps a lot! We have got a splendid team and a wonderful chance of winning.

March 10th.—National C.C. Championship day. This race is being held in the Midlands next year. Our team is eager to test itself against the mighty Birchfield H. I, personally, have a lot of confidence in our team and although it is asking a lot, I think, with a little luck, we might bring the National Title down South,

so whoever can manage to get along with the team do so. At any rate you can be sure of an exciting afternoon.

March 24th.—Five Mile Road Handicap. This race has a great bearing on the selection of the Brighton Relay Team, so all who wish to make this team must turn out for this race. Don't forget the Handicap in conjunction. Give your entries to Wally Bayliss as soon as you like!

WITH THE WALKERS.

On December 30th we visited Imber Court for a match *versus* Metropolitan Police A.A. over their seven miles course. Unfortunately, our numbers were on the small side, the Police team out-numbering us and including six Belgravians; and it was decided to score eight aside.

From the start Brown, Speechley, Martin, Bentley, Harley and Bentley led in a bunch, gradually spreading out as the race progressed. Brown showed his usual good form in winning, and Speechley maintained the improvement he has shown this season. Martin once again led the Police home, with another of our Police members, Fred Bentley, on his heels.

The eventual result gave the M.P.A.A a win by six points, thus exactly reversing the result at Wimbledon. With seven aside, victory would have been ours, but our "middle" strength was lacking, and so our hosts gained a well-deserved win. These contests are always characterised by keenness and good sportsmanship and the M.P.A.A. Hon. Secretary (alias J. C. Bidgood) is deserving of congratulation upon the numbers and ability of the men he has induced to turn out. There! I always did return good for evil!

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. D. E. Brown	B	54 15	18. P-c. Rycroft	P	61 49
2. C. H. Speechley.....	B	54 12	19. P-c. Hamilton	P	62 9
3. P-c. Martin	P	54 29	20. P-c. Roffey	P	62 16
4. P-c. Bentley	5	54 32	21. P-c. Sapwell	P	63 16
5. A. A. Harley	B	56 12	22. F. E. Eborall.....	B	63 17
6. P-c. Vanlint	P	56 27	23. P-s. White	P	63 26
7. P-s. Bidgood	P	56 30	24. P-c. Harris	P	64 26
8. P-c. Phipps	P	56 33	25. P-c. Boddington ...	P	64 27
9. R. F. Elson	B	56 36	26. P-c. Manners	P	65 2
10. E. Saunders	B	56 55	27. P-c. Towers	P	65 21
11. P-c. Nash	P	58 5	28. D. J. Heath	B	66 23
12. E. C. Heather	B	58 8	29. P-c. Brougham	P	66 30
13. A. H. Field	B	58 43	30. P-c. Gillam	P	67 19
14. P-c. Oliver	P	59 1	31. R. Burgess	B	67 55
15. P-c. Buxton	P	60 40	32. P-c. Jessup	P	73 52
16. P-c. Toogood	P	61 25	33. P-c. Staines	P	74 17
17. D. Willis	P	61 40			

TEAM SCORES.

1. M.P.A.A.—3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15	68 pts.
2. Belgrave H.—1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 22	74 pts.

CLUB 10 MILES WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The race for the "R. Murphy" Shield was down for decision on January 27th, and, by way of a change, the Clerk of the Weather was kind to us, the conditions being more or less ideal.

Once again we had with us our old friend "Dick" Murphy, the donor of the Shield, and it was he who sent the field of 21 off to battle for the honours. In the absence of Len Fletcher and Harold King—both past holders—it seemed that Tommy Green would have no difficulty in retaining the title, but we saw Frank Elson turning out once more in a Club Championship; although, to be perfectly candid, we did not expect great things from him.

Green, Frank Elson and Brown were bunched from the start and were moving along together at a fine pace when the three-mile mark was reached. Soon after this Brown had an attack of stomach trouble and was forced to retire at about half-distance, leaving Frank and Tommy well away from the rest of the field. Next in order were Harry Churcher and our Junior Champion, Charlie Speechley, complete with smile.

With two miles to go the two leaders were still together, but Elson was finding the pace a bit too much for him, and Tommy drew away over the last mile to win by 58 secs.

R. Martin, who was compelled to walk the first half of the distance at a rather steady pace, owing to cramp, walked splendidly over the last few miles and is to be congratulated upon gaining third place in such a race as our 10 miles Championship.

It was very pleasing to see Frank Elson getting back to his old form, and I think that he surprised us all with such a determined effort, which succeeded in winning for him the first prize in the Sealed Handicap.

Charlie Churcher was the winner of the second prize and showed an improvement of over two minutes on his last performance over the same course; Heather walked well and, by improving on last year's time by nearly four minutes, has shown us that we can expect better things from him in the near future.

I rather expected a fast time from Charlie Speechley, especially as he was showing up well at the half distance, but an attack of cramp soon put paid to my expectations. Alf Harley never seemed to be extending himself (no Editor's Note, please!) and, as one of our members remarked, he looked just like a commercial traveller in a hurry; nothing more, or less. Still, joking apart, this Walking Sec. of our's appears to be a good thing for the twenty miles.

The "R. Murphy" Shield was first put up for competition in 1915 and the race was to have been held at "The Spencer Arms," Barnes. Dick Murphy tells us that only five people turned up,

including officials, competitors and spectators. The race was abandoned—snow was a foot deep!

No.	RESULT.				
	Time Actual	All'ce H'cap	Time H'cap	Time H'cap	Pos'n H'cap
1.	T. W. Green	81 25 ...	Scr. ...	81 25 ...	9
2.	F. H. Elson	82 23 ...	5 20 ...	77 3 ...	1
3.	R. Martin	84 27 ...	5 30 ...	78 57 ...	3
4.	C. E. Churcher	84 45 ...	6 45 ...	78 0 ...	2
5.	R. F. Elson	86 0 ...	5 20 ...	80 40 ...	7
6.	J. C. Bidgood	86 5 ...	5 0 ...	81 5 ...	8
7.	E. Saunders	86 30 ...	6 10 ...	80 20 ...	6
8.	A. A. Harley	87 7 ...	4 30 ...	81 37 ...	11
9.	A. H. Field	87 50 ...	6 10 ...	81 40 ...	10
10.	C. H. Speechley	88 6 ...	3 30 ...	84 36 ...	12
11.	E. C. Heather	88 31 ...	8 45 ...	79 1 ...	5
12.	W. H. Snell	94 1 ...	15 0 ...	79 1 ...	4
13.	D. J. Heath	107 15 ...	16 30 ...	90 45 ...	13
14.	G. H. Boddington	109 6 ...	14 0 ...	95 6 ...	14

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The Annual Boxing Day Race—Godstone and back, 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles—did not seem to make a great appeal to our walkers, and only four entered. Of these Green, who had been suffering from a severe cold consequent upon the Eastleigh walk, was short of training and decided to attempt the shorter distance of ten miles at Birmingham, which he won.

This left three starters and of these Khlopın soon retired. Martin led the field at the turn and eventually finished sixth in 2 hrs. 44 min. 31 sec.—a splendid first performance over this course, and distance. Ted Saunders finished 13th (2 hr. 53 min. 21 sec.)—a sound walk.

Despite the travelling difficulties encountered on Boxing Day, and the rather more obvious handicap the festival season imposes, it should be possible for us to enter a much larger number, and it to be hoped that this will be the case when another "Godstone" comes round.

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We entered two teams in the L.C.C. Tramways S. and A.A. open 7 miles race on February 3rd, and W. A. Treacher made his debut in our colours, as an individual.

Disqualifications were many, as always appears to be the case on this course, (fast and slow, not forgetting those in between) coming under the judge's ban. Don Brown led our men home, and Reg. Elson showed good form in finishing ninth, and drawing our attention to his prospects of finishing well up in the "Junior."

Our boys took third team handicap awards and the positions and times of our men are appended.

RESULTS.

Pos.	Name		Actual Time	All'ce	H'cap Time
1.	J. F. Johnson (Enfield A.C.)	...	55 16	Ser.	55 16
6.	D. E. Brown	A ...	57 53	3 0	54 53
9.	R. F. Elson	A ...	58 17	4 40	53 37
15.	H. G. Churcher	B ...	58 59	1 20	57 39
18.	C. H. Speechley	A ...	59 31	3 40	55 51
24.	C. E. Churcher	A ...	60 12	4 0	56 12
29.	A. A. Harley	B ...	60 40	3 30	57 10
38.	G. H. Salter	B ...	62 34	5 40	56 54
68.	A. G. White	B ...	66 10	11 30	54 40
74.	D. Willis	B ...	66 51	7 50	59 1
95.	G. H. Boddington	B ...	70 14	8 0	62 14
96.	F. W. Chandler	B ...	70 21	7 40	61 41
97.	D. J. Heath	B ...	70 34	7 40	62 54

TEAM SCORES.

1.	Metropolitan W.C.	216 12
2.	S.W.C. (A)	218 46
3.	Belgrave H. (A) (C. Churcher, R. Elson, C. Speechley)	
12.	Belgrave H. (B)	

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The R.W.A. "Junior" Championship takes place on March 3rd, at 3-30 p.m., over 10 miles, from St. Andrew's Church Schools, Chase Road, Southgate. The Schools are within three minutes' walk of Southgate Station on the Piccadilly Tube line, and it is hoped that there will be a number of Belgrave supporters on the course.

Our team will not disgrace our splendid record in this race, and although it is, perhaps, too much to expect another win to follow on last year's, our walkers have a definite chance of a place, in spite of the strong opposition forthcoming from other Metropolitan clubs, not forgetting the Midland and Northern teams. In Martin, Speechley, R. Elson, C. Churcher and the others, we have worthy representatives, and we wish our eight "All the Best!" and hope we shall have a large crowd to cheer them on.

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A fortnight later our forces are split, some of our walkers competing in the Surrey Championship at Mitcham Common; and others in the Middlesex race from Enfield.

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The County Championships have an added significance this year, for the following week, Surrey, Essex, Middlesex, and possibly Sussex, meet in a match over ten miles from the quarters of the London Vidarians at Mitcham. The teams to represent the various counties will be chosen from the individual county results, and there should be several of our men earning their County vests. This is the first opportunity road walkers have had of representing their county, and if the initial fixture is the success it deserves to be, it will probably become an annual event.

It is proposed to institute an Inter-Club Walking League during the Summer months, and we have decided to support the idea. The programme will be confined to road walks, possibly two races at 4, 6 and 8 miles; four aside to score, but upwards to twelve men per club to be allowed to start.

Details are necessarily lacking at the moment, but further particulars will be given as early as possible.

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Our twenty-milers are about to commence the really arduous part of their training, which is so necessary if we are to bring the Championship to Belgrave again. We have a potential team capable of beating all-comers, but more of this later.

All enquiries to A. A. HARLEY,

39 Roxburgh Avenue, Isleworth, Mx.

SOCIAL.

An enjoyable Social evening was held on January 27th at Wimbledon, and another successful Dance took place at the Queensberry Hall on January 13th.

The last of this season's series of Dances takes place at the "Queensberry Hall" on March 3rd, and it is hoped that it will surpass even those that have gone before. So note the date, March 3rd, and if you haven't received any tickets, let Bill Rice have a card stating your requirements. You'll have a reply by return of post, and the evening will be all the more enjoyable for a sight of your smiling face, and those of your friends.

Here's the address: W. A. RICE, 36 Ascalon Street, S.W.8.

THE BELGRAVE BUILDING FUND.

Having now reached the end of the second year of the operations of the Belgrave Building Fund, it will be opportune to take a survey of what has been achieved.

I am wondering how many members will recall the introduction of the Fund as it appeared in the "Belgravian" of January, 1932, for when I read again and consider the result of 2 years' efforts it does seem that the idea has not appealed to the masses. Why? I could enumerate several reasons, but possibly no good purpose will result from their publication. It is better, I think, to face the position without recrimination.

That the object of the Fund is sound is, I think, generally agreed. For who does not appreciate the fact that for the Belgrave Harriers to have their own Headquarters is both a desirable asset and a very necessity if we are to achieve the proud distinction in the athletic world for which we are striving and heading?

I suppose that it is generally recognised that at no other period

of the Country's history have so many of its inhabitants been or becoming house owners. Take a glance at any of your newspapers each week-end and survey the mass of advertisements, with their sometimes lavish display of the advantages of up-to-date house ownership. Whatever may be the extravagant wording of some, there is no doubting that with discrimination the vast majority of advantages are both very attractive and real.

Now, cannot the same arguments in favour of house purchase be advanced in favour of Club Headquarters purchase?

I will not dwell on the "spacious dressing rooms," the "abundance of baths and hot water," the "facilities for recreation and training," the "social gatherings," the "facilities for visitors and refreshment." If they are stressed too greatly we may cause discontent.

Now, why cannot we have all these things? Simply because we have not the funds? That is so. And yet, we would have the necessary finance if only *every* member would not spend their half-pennies.

It is now 5 years since I discontinued spending a half-penny and retaining all coins of that denomination that came into my possession. I have collected 2,102, equal in value to £4-7-7.

Let me now quote from my letter published in the "Belgravian" of January, 1932.

"Now, I am one of approximately 600 members of the Club and if I can collect 240 half-pennies in 12 months then surely 300 members can do likewise.

"You will have observed that 240 is less than my average rate of collection and that 300 members represents only one half of our total. I have allowed generously for disinterested members and also the fact that possibly my average rate of collection is rather high. Personally, I don't think that it is.

"However, 300 members each collecting 240 coins of small value (but equal to 10/- in bulk) each year will amount to £150. In three years, exclusive of a small sum in interest, this will amount to £450.

"We would then be in a position to consider seriously our Club premises. For illustration, say that suitable premises can be found valued at £2,000. Any Building Society will accept £400 as a first deposit. This leaves £1,600 on mortgage. Spread over 20 years, repayment of £8-15-0 per annum for each £100 borrowed equals £140 per annum."

Since that appeared in print the rate of interest has now been reduced by roughly 1 per cent., with the result that a mortgage of £1,600 requires, on a 20-year basis, £128/-16-0 repayment per annum. From our estimated income of £150 per annum we shall thus have an approximate surplus of £21-0-0 as part payment of rates and other costs.

There are further difficulties, it is agreed, but they are not impossible to overcome.

Now at the end of 2 years our Building Fund is by no means as large as we had hoped. The largest subscription is Frank Elson's Football Competition and without this the Fund would be rather a poor affair. The total amount subscribed to date is £141 - 2 - 11, roughly a half of the estimated amount required in the period covered.

Can we increase our supporters? Surely with a little effort we can help towards the attainment of an ideal. In 3 years' time we celebrate our Jubilee, 1887—1937. Could we not make that year a real Jubilee by the acquisition of our own Headquarters? What effort or suggestion can you make?

I must reserve space for a promised list of all subscribers and would ask any members who have a card which does not agree with these figures to return to me for checking or adjustment.

W. H. HARE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

CONTRIBUTORS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
F. Allen	5	0		A. Harley (Senr.)...	1	0	8
T. H. Askew	18	7		W. Holman	12	8	
J. W. Attwood	9	9		E. Jarvis	10	3½	
J. G. Barratt	5	0		S. L. King	1	1	9
R. Barsby	2	0		B. J. T. Knifton	2	6	
W. L. Bayliss	2	16	8	C. W. Law	1	5½	
E. L. Bayliss	7	6½		B. May	5	7	
J. B. Belchamber	3	0	6½	A. E. Miller	13	3½	
C. Boud	1	0	0	A. F. Mitchell	2	6	
R. Burgess	3	0		T. F. Morrell	9	2½	
C. T. Carter	18	7		K. B. O'Kell	16	11½	
G. E. Chaffin	6	6		V. J. Peacock	1	10	0
J. G. Coleman	10	7½		A. W. Penny	2	17	7
L. J. Coleman	6	5		C. Poulter	12	3½	
T. Cotton	1	18	5	C. W. Redgrave	18	5½	
Dance	7	16	0	A. Robertshaw	5	4	
N. R. Dewberry	8	0		H. Robertshaw			10
S. Drake	5	9½		H. L. Rollins	13	6	
E. A. Duffett	13	7½		E. Saunders	4	0	
Capt. Ellison				H. Roy	7	10	
and R. Freestone	7	3½		D. Sloper	3	6	
F. H. and R. H. Elson	14	3		W. H. Snell	1	10	
H. Evans	1	0	0	F. R. Tamplin	2	6	
J. G. Flatt	1	0	10	A. E. Taylor	19	11	
J. E. Flower	7	4½		F. G. Thomson	2	12	1½
T. J. Flower	7	4½		A. O. Tookey	5	0	
Football Competition				J. Tosh	7	0	
per F. H. Elson	81	8	9½	F. R. Webb	1	5	2
H. E. Footter	1	3	6	W. G. Webb	1	15	1
A. R. Godfrey	7	10		J. S. Williams	3	3	
W. F. Goodman	8	3½		Interest	3	8	1
E. Gordon	2	0	0				
W. H. Hare	4	7	7				
A. A. Harley	1	18	5				
				Total	£142	12	11

