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CLUB NOTES.

Our small contingent in the A.A.A. Championships fared well. In the two miles walking event A. L. Fletcher was fourth and standard medals for beating 15 mins were gained also by R. D. McMullen, who still adds to his lengthy list of achievements, and J. G. Scammell, who thus becomes ineligible for our R.W.A. junior team.

In the Southern district championships A. L. Fletcher was second in the two miles walk and G. Powell gained second place in the javelin throw George Powell had previously won the Surrey County Javelin Championship.

Our own Championships are being held on August 4th (next Saturday) and there are standard medals to be gained by those who cannot win the Club's trophies.

The Surrey Walking Club annual open walk to Brighton takes place on Saturday, September 8th Those cyclists who wish to attend our team should inform the Hon. Sec., walking section. We were winners of this race last year, and are looking forward to another victory We hope, too, for an individual winner. T. W. Green was second last year.

At the Printing Trades Sports held at Herne Hill, our runners 'lifted' the "Jockey" Cup. This is our first open team win on the track, and since this success we have gained a second in a similar race and a second in a scratch relay.

The brilliance of our winter socials was fully sustained at the summer outing, reported in this number, and we are looking forward to another such jolly party.

THE OUTING TO BOX HILL.

As per instructions I turned up at Clapham Junction to time on Sunday, 15th July, and got rather anxious when I found very, very few Belgravians about. However, between strap-hanging

and viewing a strange and beautiful country, I had no time for anxiety, and when I alighted at Box Hill Station, I was delighted to find there were about 30 others of our party by the train. Up the Hill we went, some of us slower than others, under a cloudless sky with the sun's rays beating down. The surroundings were beautiful, the company cheery, so the ascent was a jolly affair. Liquid revivers at the summit put us back into top gear and we presently came on Messrs. Gas, Light and Coke having a "knock-up," using a stout club, a tennis ball, and some London Olympiades as retrievers. It was mid-day and the base-ballers gave over to another shift, whilst they donned their coats and went off for refreshment. Under the trees, sitting back-to-back at lunch in the shade, looking out over the sweltering green turf with its active figures dodging here and there, and with more distant trees in many different shades of green waving in the breeze and sunshine to form a background, it was a pleasant sight.

A straight game, i.e., sans females, between the Belgrave Giants and the Belgrave Red Socks was the big turn on the afternoon's bill, introducing as a special feature, a long-suffering "rotten umpire" in our President, and Lammy as a "pro." barracker (although the credit should be given not so much to him as the "oiling" he put in beforehand). Babe Rut cut down, in the person of A. E. Macher, rotten pitchers, balloon-needing strikers and basket wanting catchers provided the rest of the amusement.

Leith Hill, Devil's Dyke and many other land-marks could be picked out from the crest of our Hill and intervening miles of fairest English countryside charmed the eye. Some went walks (not many). The quiet, the smell of wood and the brown leaves which covered the ground through the little woodland, made sauntering peaceful.

Tea-time came and 69 of us sat facing each other across the table. You can imagine the laughing and talking that went on, the pretty innocent tea-drinking competitions between boys and girls (that's one at somebody!) and the good humour on all sides. I think it was two of Tranmer's children who gave us some funny fisticuffs.

Among the features of an excellent tea the home-grown lettuce deserves special mention, whilst the clatter of large empty plates and the way the big teapots darted about, testified to healthy appetites and good fare.

We were glad to find refreshing cold water for a sluice after tea. The accommodation was very good. A cricket match was played 'twixt ladies and gentlemen in the evening, and "slow stuff" was barred. Thrills there were when ladies flogged the bowling, thrills, too, when the fair ones took the wickets. Having worked themselves up, the girls, with a little male assistance (somewhat flat) let off steam in the form of "Nebraska," "Tired

Hands" and the like. Presently rumours of the last train spread about, and we toddled off in little groups. Down the hill we went, negotiating the steepes with a giggle and a laugh and a helping hand, to sink down at last on a comfortable seat in the train—home and "Good-night!"

Many thanks to those enthusiasts, principally Mr. A. E. Macher, who were responsible for the outing. We had a jolly good time.

INTER-CLUB RELAY COMPETITION AT CROYDON.

Croydon Harriers were most unfortunate in having wretched weather on the occasion of their evening Meeting, but in spite of the rain a start was determined upon. Racing was rather risky owing to the slippery nature of the turf and our boys could do no better than finish third in both sprint races.

In the two miles relay (4 x 880) our first man, W. Williams, soon gained a comfortable lead which saved any bunching at the sharp bends so far as our team was concerned. We ultimately won this event by about 50 yards and T. Scrimshaw, one of our promising juniors, must be congratulated upon his fine half.

In the Mile team race Jack Flower made all the running and with the other three Belgrave men in close attendance all the way, we caused a sensation by filling the first four positions, the finest performance ever seen in this event.

The points gained on the evening were . 100 yds , 2; 300yds , 2; 880yds., 4; 1 mile, 4.

NORTH v. SOUTH.

On June 27th we made an attempt to decide who have the greater strength in the Club; members North of the Thames, or those on the South side of the river. The events, 7 in number, resulted in a win for the North by 4 to 3, but neither side will regard this as a final test of superiority. A hurdles race would have either put the South on level terms or proved the North undoubted victors, and must be included next time. An optimist has suggested a four-cornered match in future between Middlesex, Surrey, Kent and Essex.

The team managers—A. A. Harley for the North and E. A. Duffett for the South—scraped together the best material and times were satisfactory. The South began with an easy win in the 4 x 100yds. race, but they possess the more experienced sprinters. The best halves in the 2 miles event appeared to be those of Scrimshaw (N) and Duffett (S). The latter found it difficult to gain much on the younger runner, and J. A. Jones (N) was too good for W. Rice (S) to catch on the last stage.

The North could muster only five in the walk. The South would always win, but the North should have narrowed the margin with a better turn-out.

The London Olympiades walked in splendid style, but some of the efforts down the finishing straight were hardly graceful.

We were treated to smart running in the 2 miles—H. S. H. Cook went out on his own, but was overhauled with a lap to go. The result was close, a difference of four points. In the Junior medley, the North were the faster team, but the Seniors were more evenly matched.

Never has the standard of running been so high in the Club, and we are anticipating new Club records in our Championship. Here are the results—

400 Yards Relay, 4 x 100yds—1 (South), A. H. Shannon, L. C. Smith, G. R. Maryon, M. E. Odell, 2 (North) A. J. Ford, A. G. Wallington, H. S. Arms, A. A. Lander. Time 42 4-5s

2 Mile Relay, 4 x 880yds—1 (North), T. J. Flower, J. E. Flower, T. H. Scrimshaw, J. A. Jones, 2 (South) W. H. Williams, W. C. Bates, E. A. Duffett, W. Rice. Time 8m 40 3-5s

2 Mile Walk, 4 a side to score—1, A. L. Fletcher, S, 14m. 40s.; 2, R. D. McMullen, S, 15m 5s; 3, J. B. Carne, S, 15m. 32s; 4, F. Elson, N, 15m 51s, 5, V. J. Peacock, N, 15m 52s., 6, B. J. T. Knifton, N, 15m 54s, 7, J. E. Field, S, 16m 1s, 8, J. Rathbone, N, 16m 16s.; 9, A. W. Godfrey, S, 16m. 20s, 10, J. J. Crichton, S, 16m 22s, 11, W. Dodkin, S, 16m 24s; 12, A. H. East, S, 17m 2s., 13, A. H. Field, S, 17m 33s, 14, C. Redgrave, N, 17m. 59s 1st Team (South), 1, 2, 3, 7—13, 2nd Team (North), 4, 5, 6, 8—23

1200 Yards Relay, 4 x 300yds—1 (North), W. H. Musgrove, H. S. Arms, H. Titherley, A. J. Ford, 2 (South), G. R. Maryon, L. C. Smith, W. H. Williams, M. E. Odell. Time 2m. 21s

1 Mile Handicap, Members of the London Olympiades—1, Miss A. Saunders, 225yds., 2, Miss P. Gordon, 395 yds, 3, D. M. Dangal, 165 yds. Time 8m 6 4-5s.

2 Mile Team Run, 5 a side to score—1, W. G. Webb, N, 9m 56s, 2, W. Rice, S, 9m. 58s, 3, A. D. Pyer, S, 10m., 4, J. E. Flower, N, 10m. 5s, 5, H. S. H. Cook, N, 10m. 11s.; 6, H. Bruce, S, 10m 13s, 7, T. J. Flower, N, 10m. 16s; 8, A. E. Smith, S, 10m 17s; 9, P. N. Khlopun, N, 10m 41s; 10, A. Robertshaw, N, 10m 44s. and A. G. Jones, S, 10m. 44s., 12, S. Drake, N, 11m 4s., 13, J. A. Andrews, N, 11m 11s.; 14, R. J. Hearn, N, 11m. 12s; 15, L. E. Fletcher, N, 11m 38s, 16, A. Jannaway, S, 11m 40s 1st Team (North), 1, 4, 5, 7, 9—26, 2nd Team (South), 2, 3, 6, 8, 11—30

1 Mile Junior Medley Relay (under 19), 880, 220, 220, 440yds—1 (North), T. H. Scrimshaw, A. A. Lander, V. L. Pemberton, W. Gould, 2 (South) T. F. Morrell, A. H. Shannon, L. W. White, T. C. Jones. Time 3m 53 1-5s

1 Mile Medley Relay, 880, 220, 220, 440yds.—1 (South), J. Harris, L. C. Smith, M. E. Odell, G. R. Maryon, 2 (North), H. Titherley, W. H. Musgrove, A. J. Ford, J. A. Jones. Time 3m 48s.

RESULT OF MATCH—North, 4; South, 3.

CLUB 3 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Our first race for the "Griffin" Cup was the chief event in the evening's programme on June 20th, and the meeting proved

to be more interesting than any that had preceded it. Fine weather enabled the runners to show their best form and we saw "at home" a repetition of the excellent performances which our boys have been putting up on other tracks.

The big event was remarkable for the way in which the brothers Flower "managed" the race between them from start to finish.

The field of 14 was composed of well-seasoned stalwarts, more familiar to us in those sporty runs over country in the winter, and we felt sure of seeing a dour fight.

In the burst away A. G. Jones was in front, but before the lap was out J. E. and T. J. Flower had each made the running with Duffett and Khlopin at their heels. T. J., the elder brother, was setting the pace for his junior and the pair were followed at one mile by Duffett, Webb, Pyer, Rice and Bayliss in 5m. 1s. Having done his job—a five-minute mile—T. J. fell out, and, after "pushing" the pace a bit, Wally Bayliss did likewise. P. Khlopin had dropped back.

Not content to leave the race to J. E. Flower, Pyer led at 2 miles in 10m 16s, but the former persisted in leading again. With a lap to go Pyer challenged the leader, with the result that Flower, Duffett and Pyer in that order drew away from Rice and Webb.

With two hundred yards to go, it seemed to be a race between Flower and Duffett, who was about four yards behind, but when the latter made his effort Flower was running too strongly for the second man to gain even a yard.

The winner, who set his own pace for the last 2 miles, has not been seen to better advantage this season. He proved himself a worthy winner of the championship and should do very well in the career he is beginning.

Other events were equally full of interest. In the half-mile handicap T. H. Scrimshaw, still a junior, ran splendidly to follow up his victory in the last club "half" in faster time.

V. J. Peacock won the walk easily, but H. J. Fletcher kept his lead until the last lap. The scratch man, A. L. Fletcher, was fifth in his best time of 14m. 25s and walking fairly, too.

The quarter was a "hot 'un." Shades of Duncley! how they ran! A half-yard separated J. A. Jones and Titherley, while Nobby Clark and Maryon were prominent.

3 Mile Club Championship (First Competition for Griffin Cup, presented by W. Griffin, Esq.), Time Standard 16m 30s—1, J. E. Flower, 15m 21s; 2, E. A. Duffett, 3, A. D. Pyer, 4, W. G. Webb; 5, W. Rice; 6, A. E. Smith, 7, P. N. Khlopin, 8, A. G. Jones.

100 Yards Handicap—Heat 1: 1, A. H. Shannon, 10yds.; 2, H. Titherley, 7½; 10 1-5s. Heat 2: 1, W. E. Cheeseman, 10, 2, R. W. Best, 17; 10 2-5s. Heat 3: T. J. Purdy, 6; 2, C. Eeles, 17, 10 2-5s.

Heat 4: 1 H W East 17½, 2, J S. Williams, 10, 10 2-5s Heat 5:
 1, C: Boud, 10, 2, J C Clark, 9, 10 1-5s. Final 1, H Titherley, 2,
 A. H Shannon, 3, H W East Time 10 1-5s Won by inches.
 880 Yards Handicap—1, T. H Scrimshaw, 40 yds., 2, T. F Morrell,
 70yds, 3, W G Millett, 80yds. Time 1m 59 4-5s Won easily
 1 Mile Scratch Novice Walk—1, R. G. Hillier. Time 8m 12s
 220 Yards Veterans' Handicap—1, W. Bedford, 22yds, 2, R. W.
 Best, 15½yds; 3 W. Brown, 16yds Time 25 1-5s.
 440 Yards Handicap—Heat 1 1, W. L. Humhries, 40yds, 2, H.
 Titherley, 15, 3, J A Jones, 21; 50 4-5s. Heat 2. 1, J. C. Clark, 35;
 2, G. R Maryon, 14; 3, A J. Barr, 32; 52s Final: 1, J A Jones;
 2, H. Titherley; 3, J C Clark Time 50s Won by inches
 2 Mile Walk Handicap—1, V. J. Peacock, 310, 2, H. J Fletcher, 530;
 3, W. C. Dodkin, 390. Time 14 3-5s Won easily

* SPORTS JOTTINGS By "Observer."

With some of the recent County Championships being decided on grass tracks, it raises the question of whether the standard times in these races should be the same as if they were on cinders. For instance, in the Surrey mile the standard was 4-40, and the winner was the only one to get inside it; no doubt if this had been on cinders the times recorded would have been improved and so given the unplaced competitors some chance of securing a standard medal. Surrey have for the past three years decided their championships on grass, and although the fact that they do not have to give any medals causes the County Committee great satisfaction, which I can quite understand, to my mind they should either hold their championships on a cinder track or else alter their standards, and by so doing give the competitors a fair chance.

New ground was broken by the fixture between North and South, and I should also like to see one or two relay races between teams composed of first class Club members; the distance could be the usual one of a mile and the race in the form of a handicap. Teams could either be selected by individual members, as they are now in respect of open relays, or else by the Club Committee; as to prizes a small entry fee for each team would enable say two sets of prizes to be given. One realizes that our fixture list is well crowded as it is, but I should certainly like to see this event on the Club programme if room could be found for it. A fixture of this description would prove most exciting, while providing a good race to watch, and also enlightening us as to the Club's prospects in open relays.

With the Club Championships being decided shortly, I would like to impress upon all intending competitors the necessity of an early entry, and what is more to the point, making sure that your entry is properly handed in. We had an instance of a well-known member being unable to compete last year owing to

this cause; the holders are of course automatically entered, but other members should not take it for granted that they will be entered on the off-chance, as I can assure them that this will not be so. I am also very pleased to see that the Committee are taking a firm stand in the case of members who are in arrears, extenuating circumstances omitted, and are debarring them from competing. This is as it should be, as it is not fair to members who do pay their subs. that these others should perhaps secure a Club medal to which they have no right.

This being the holiday season and with my readers wanting something interesting to read on their way down to the Sunny South or Peckham Rye, as the case may be, I am going to give my usual comments on Club members, my next three being:—

W. L. Bayliss, our Club Sec., known to the community at large as Wally, a fine fellow, and one who if I commented on his good points, well—so I'll just content myself with saying I hope we shall see him in office for the next umpteen years. Belgravians needs have no fear as to the status of the Club all the time Wally is in charge, on that I can assure them. Well built, he runs consistently well on track and country, a no mean feat when one considers the very little time he gets for training. Competes mostly in halves and miles, although being a useful man in team races over longer distances. No new members need feel out in the cold when Wally is around, he is always ready to give advice, and no better proof of his popularity could be given than that displayed by members and officials of others Clubs, who all describe him as "one of the best."

H. L. Rollins, the boy with the "Marcelle Wave," and one who is in great demand by the fair sex at our Club dances. Has a nice style, also nice marks, in open handicaps I mean, and should win before very long; just that little extra effort in the last 220 yards and he will be there. Has won a few Club handicaps, and is also a regular attender at cross-country fixtures. Has lately forsaken the Park to train with our school at the Duke of York's, a very hot one, too, I might say, so shall expect him to make a stir in opens in the near future.

W. G. Webb, the mystery man, the question being where he finds his pace with so little effort being expended. A runner who prefers distance work, he is a comparative newcomer and competed with great distinction on the country last season, and bids fair to do likewise on the track. He is an ideal member, being very enthusiastic, a great point, I must say, with most Belgravians, and has secured success already in Club handicaps and will doubtless do so in Club Championships. A fine natural runner, he is liable to do great things, and moreover is in no danger of having to take a size larger in hats, being a most modest and unassuming fellow.

THE INTERNATIONAL WALKS IN HOLLAND.

On paper it looks quite easy for trained long-distance walkers to do thirty-four miles a day for four days in succession, with a daily time limit of eleven hours. It would be unwise, however, to talk of such easiness to any of the forty men who comprised the English team; for it is difficult to imagine a more gruelling affair than the marches of 17th to 20th July, 1928.

In the past these long-distance walks in Holland have been confined to the Dutch, but this year they were made open to all countries, partly by way of compensation for the dropping of walking contests from the Olympic Games. The British Road Walking Association eagerly accepted the invitation to send over a team to Holland. No doubt they appreciated the propaganda value of participation in such a test, and they took considerable trouble over the organisation of the visit and with the composition of the team. Most of the team of forty were well-known walkers from all over the country, and included such stars as W. F. Baker, F. Holt and T. W. Green. There were four Centurions and nearly all have competed in the Brighton race. Only one or two in the party could possibly be called passengers.

Things started very well on Sunday, July 15th, with a dinner at the Great Eastern Hotel. The R.W.A. officials made complimentary speeches to each other and the rank and file began to mix up and become friendly. The journey to Holland followed immediately and was very comfortable. We arrived at The Hook in the early morning and then boarded a train for Nijmegen with hopes in the direction of a good breakfast. This was not forthcoming; nor was lunch, when we had arrived at Nijmegen Barracks at noon. The team was now becoming restless and at 1 o'clock some sort of meal—it certainly was not lunch—was provided for us at the Barracks, which were to house us for the next five or six days.

Many of the British team were old soldiers and could easily adapt themselves to the discomfort and poor food, but what nearly beat us when we started walking the next day was the extreme roughness of the roads. Miles and miles of cobbles were followed by miles of cart-tracks across fields. This first day we were inclined to "cut it up" and show the foreigners what British walking was like. Naturally the price to be paid for this vanity was the acquisition of blisters. All the team did not suffer, but one of those who did was a sturdy Centurion who could hardly be termed a tenderfoot.

It was on our return that we realised that one of the R.W.A. officials was not exclusive nor afraid of work. This official was a Mr. F. G. Thompson. During the walk he was rushing about supplying drinks and generally helping us on and giving us encouragement. In the evening, apparently forgetting that he

was one of the élite governing body, he spent his time with us attending to our blisters and slaving to make us comfortable. At first the members of the team were asking each other who he was, and then anyone wanting anything began to sing out for Mr. Thompson. Very soon he was "Tommy" to everyone. Incidentally, he was ably assisted by A. H. G. Pope, the A.A.A. Champion. These two went over as trainers and worked like niggers for us; which can hardly be said of the many other R.W.A. officials who went to Holland, presumably to drive around seeing the sights. At the finish of one of our four walks they did not even trouble to put in an appearance. We were called each morning about 3 a.m. by the tireless "Tommy," who then looked over our feet and sent us down to breakfast at 4 a.m. At a quarter to five we had weighed anchor and were under way, and from the second day on this was a very painful business indeed for those with bad feet.

Somehow or other we all finished each day. On the second day one of the Northerners needed helping along. On the third day the present writer was a casualty and managed to get back in time, although at half-way his Captain thought things were hopeless. The last day two men had sprained their ankles, one was almost delirious with lumbago and two others in addition had to be helped on account of a liberal supply of blisters. The writer of these notes was walking fairly strongly this day because of a charming young Dutch girl who cycled alongside him for many miles and raised his mind to more romantic things than tired and blistered feet. Then at last it was all over.

It is understood that we surprised the Dutch by finishing every day without anyone having dropped out, and there is no doubt that the large crowds enjoyed our singing. Whether they would have done so if they had known the words of our army songs is doubtful.

En route we gained favourable impressions of Holland. Prosperity is rampant. Holland seems to have no poor. Everything and everyone are bright and fresh. And still being young—in spite of the four days of torture—we could not help admiring the exceptional good looks of the Dutch girls. Some of us talk of spending a holiday in the Netherlands soon. But no walking!
L.E.F.

WALKING NEWS.

On 11th July the Club promoted a friendly team contest at Battersea Park track. This was in the form of 4 level races at 1, 2, 3 and 5 miles, in which each Club was to start 2 competitors for every event, with the proviso, however, that no one was to represent his Club at more than one distance. Points were allotted in accordance with the finishing positions of the whole of the 8 starters, and thus the final scores were representative of

the all-round strength of the various teams competing. There were no prizes, the incentive of helping one's team being deemed of itself sufficient. This was our third annual meeting of its kind. The scheme was originated by our late President, and by reason of its thoroughness in fostering the team spirit, it is truly typical of all the work he did for us.

Before the racing commenced our prospects were none too rosy, with A. L. Fletcher and F. H. Elson on holidays, T. W. Green in Holland with the English team in the "Endurance Test," and J. G. Scammell unavoidably absent; our team did not appear to be invincible. However, we had R. D. McMullen and our other performers were all sound team men.

Of the four races, three provided keen struggles between the placed men; but one, the 3 miles, was won by H. W. Glover, of the Ashcombe A.C., by a big margin. Ashcombe A.C. has also provided two other individual winners in W. C. Bayliss and C. C. Bonnett, but the backing up that these three received was not sufficient to make their Club team winners.

The event of the evening was undoubtedly the 5 miles race. Here A. A. Webb, of the Polytechnic Harriers, last year's winner, and Bob McMullen, cutting out a fast pace, soon had the field strung out and, for the greater part, in difficulties. Side by side they walked, always widening the gap between themselves and every other competitor; until at the bell, Webb put in a fine burst of speed and succeeded in shaking off his older opponent, to win by 10 seconds. It was not alone the keenness of the race, but also the stylish walking of both that made this event the outstanding feature of a fine evening's sport. A word of praise, however, is also due regarding the fine style shown by H. W. Glover and C. C. Bonnett.

In the 3 miles race a welcome reappearance was made by M. Davis, of the Polytechnic Harriers, who is over from America on holiday. Our readers will remember that Charlie Speechley reported having met him in the States a few months ago. He has walked well in America, but could not reproduce his best form here.

L. Stewart, of the London Vidarians W.C., the R.W.A. Champion, walked for his Club in the 5 miles race, but he appeared to experience trouble in one foot early on in the race, and he eventually retired at 3½ miles. Here are the full results:—

1 Mile—W. C. Bayliss, Ashcombe A.C., 7m 15s, 1; G. Ore, L. Vidarians, 7.24, 2; H. W. Snow, S.W.C., 7.30, 3. Points: Ashcombe A.C., 18, Belgrave H. 15, Essex Beagles 9, London Vidarians 16, Poly. H. 7, Surrey W.C. 6. J. E. Field and Stringer competed for B.H.

2 Miles—C. C. Bonnett, Ash. A.C., 15m. 7s., 1; B. J. Knifton, Bel. H., 15.20, 2; H. W. Kemp, S.W.C., 15-25, 3. Points: Ash. 18, Bel 18, Essex B. 5, London Vid 17, Poly. 7, Surrey 10. V. J. Peacock 2nd for B.H.

3 Miles—H. W. Glover, Ash. A.C., 22m. 30s., 1; J. B. Carne, Bel. H., 23.35, 2; M. Davis, Poly H., 23.44, 3. Points: Ash. A.C. 18, Bel.

H. 18, Essex B. 5, London Vid. 17, Poly 13, Surrey 6. J Cade 2nd for B.H.

5 Miles—A. A Webb Poly H., 39m. 34s, 1, R. D McMullen, Bel. H., 39.44, 2, P. W. Collier, L.V., 40 38, 3. Points. Ash 10, Bel. 20, Essex B. 8, London Vid. 10, Poly 17, Surrey 7. J Rathbone 2nd for B.H.

Final Positions—Points Belgrave H., 71, 1; Ashcombe A.C., 64, 2; London Vidarians, 60, 3, Poly H., 44, 4, Surrey W.C., 33, 5; Essex Beagles, 27, 6

J.J.B.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Even though we have paid little attention to field events we have, willy-nilly, a champion in G. H. Powell, who is as sad over our neglect as most of us would be if running went out of fashion. Why don't the less prominent of our runners try field events? asks he. Reader, you may be a potential champion at the pole jump, javelin, shot or discus. Why not have a go? Get the Hon Secretary to put you in touch with G. H. Powell and perhaps we shall be able to form a section complete with apparatus and officers, to take its place with the running and walking sections. Furthermore, our champion himself offers personal tuition in throwing the javelin to those who want to try. Here is an opportunity! He says that with a little practice and study he guarantees proficiency for 70% of us. Here is hope for you, disappointed runner. Come on, Bels., lead the way and produce a crowd of javelin throwers.

Prospective crowd-leader, G. H. POWELL,

Southern Counties Javelin Champion, 1926.
Surrey County Javelin Champion, 1928.

RECENT SUCCESSES.

T J Purdy (8½yds.) won the 100yds. open at V. Divn. Sports at Herne Hill in quick response to our invitation to "Hurry up!" F. L. G. Buckingham was 2nd in the ½-mile Championship of the 47th and 56th Divn. Terriers, whilst A. D. Pyer was 1st home in the London Terriers 3 miles Team Race

Bowen-Cox won his heat in the 440 yds. L.B.H. Championship. C T. Pollard has been very active. He was 3rd in the Bucks. County 220yds. Championship, won the 220yds Championship of the Metropolitan Police A.A., and was 2nd in their 100yds. Championship. In other police events, he was first from the scratch mark in the 100yds., 220yds. and 120 yds. hurdles at M. Divn. Sports, and 2nd in the long jump with 20ft. lin. He followed this with a 3rd and then a 2nd at 220yds. in the P. and Z. Divn. Sports respectively.

Other busy policemen are:—

A. H. Macklin was 3rd in the 100yds. and second in the 220yds. at M. Divn. Sports.

J. H. Parritt, 1st in the 100yds. and 3rd in the 220yds. at the West End Police Sports and 2nd in the 220yds. at P. Divn. Sports.

B Fleming was 2nd in putting-the-shot at N. Divn. Sports and D. McDonald won the police mile walk at the West End Meeting.

F. G. Fairchild at S. Divn Sports was 2nd in the 100yds. and at N. Divn. Meeting he was 2nd in both the 100yds and 220yds.

So much for policemen, but at N. Divn Sports J. A. Jones was 3rd in the 440yds. open off 24yds, T. J. Flower (80yds) was 3rd in the short limit handicap, and we were second in the 1 mile scratch relay, the team being W. H. Williams, A. J. Ford, E. J. Jones and T. J. Purdy

J. H. Lee, at the Office of Works Sports, was 1st in the mile and 3rd in the half-mile.

R. Williams at the R. Divn Sports was 2nd in the veterans' 150yds., R. W. Best being 3rd.

J. Cooper-Clark won another open half-mile off 41yds. at the British Legion Sports, Arundel.

S. Drake, at the Y M C A Sports, was 3rd in the mile.

A. E. Smith was 2nd off 130yds. in the Gas Light & Coke Co.'s 2 miles handicap.

At Luton we were 2nd to Highgate H. in the 2 miles team race, W. Rice, A. D. Pyer and W. G. Web scoring for us.

Our 'Jockey' Cup team scorers were E. A. Duffett, W. G. Webb and A. D. Pyer.

E. J. Jones, H. Titherley, T. H. Scrimshaw and T. J. Purdy appear to be a quartette from which we should get every ounce effort, and they made it to win the 1 mile relay handicap off 40yds at X Divn Sports in 3m. 49½s

At Chiswick General Sports M. A. Gray was 1st in the mile off 150yds. Time 4m. 17 2-5s.

At Paxman's, Colchester, A. F. Spendlove (170yds) won the mile walk in 6m. 59 3-5s.

J. G. Scammell was 2nd in a fast 2 miles open walk at the Tramways Sports, Leyton, and 2nd off scratch in the G.L. & C. Co. 1 mile handicap.

A. J. Ford was 2nd in the 220yds. open handicap at X Divn. Sports.

E. A. Duffett won a scratch mile open to Croydon and district at the 4th Batt. Queen's Royal Regt. Sports.

Finally R. D. McMullen, not content with winning the Wand-gas mile walk from scratch, was 2nd in the mile run.

Entries are wanted for August 16th (Thursday), when the annual inter-club scratch races and handicaps are to be decided at Richmond athletic ground. Events are 100yds., 2 miles team race, 440yds., 1 mile relay and handicaps at 100yds, 1 mile, and 2 miles walk.

Entries close August 11th, for Surrey Junior Championships—100, 440 and 880yds. at Mitcham.

