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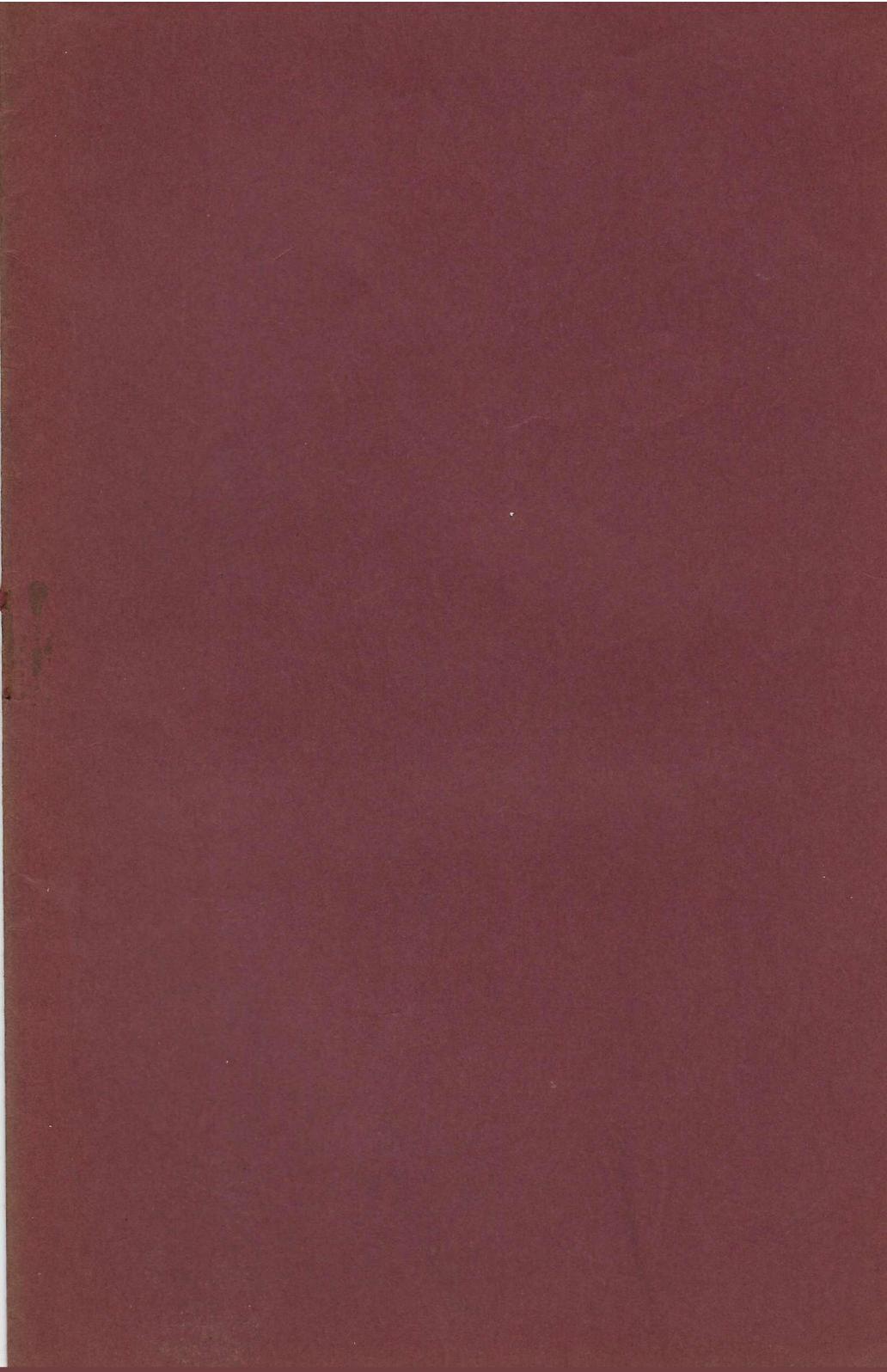
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In our last issue we referred to the approach of Spring and its effect on certain of our members. Now comes the news that E. A. Duffett, a dual-officer of the Club, has taken on a third duty—that of Husband—without the necessity of re-election. All Belgravians will join together in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Duffett the best of luck and every happiness in their married life.

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We welcome the following new members this month : J. Quirk, J. J. M. Pyer, J. W. Rolfe, E. V. H. Jones, E. H. Parker, N. Z. Skolarikioles, N. R. Sherma, H. V. Hoving, R. A. Roberts, A. T. H. Power, H. A. Girling, W. G. H. Jacobs, J. C. Wills, S. Georogakis, H. G. Hall, W. E. Lane, W. Lowden, R. H. Rutter, S. S. Shepheard, H. F. Brindley, E. P. Roach, W. Kinkaid.

With trust that their association with the Club will be a long and happy one.

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Our Walking Secretary is anxious to know the name of the runner who would prove an acquisition to the Walking Section. Apparently the success of Crichton, Dodkin and, lately, Khlopin, is causing him to look round for new blood, and he is once again casting envious eyes on the running ranks.

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Who is the walker that would make a good runner? All of them.

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A. J. Ford is to be congratulated upon gaining second place in the 440yds. Race at the Public Schools Championships. The race was won in 53 2-5 seconds and Ford was beaten by a yard.

Our team did well to be placed second in the two-miles team race at Blackheath on April 20th. Surrey A.C. won with 17 points, we were second with 23 points and Herne Hill Harriers third with 30 points. The race, in which fifteen Clubs started teams, was won by G. E. Constable, Surrey A.C., in 9m. 49 4-5s., with Jack Flower, our three-mile champion, second, eighteen yards behind—an excellent performance. Joe Flower was placed ninth, Ernie Duffett twelfth, with Allum close behind. At the same meeting Fred Port was placed second in the 100 yards handicap off 8½yds.

ON THE BRIGHTON ROAD, APRIL 6th.

No one would dispute the fact that the London to Brighton Relay is now one of the "Classics" in the athletic world, for among the twenty teams who faced the starter at Westminster on April 6th were Birchfield Harriers, the National Cross Country Champions; Hallamshire Harriers, who held that honour in 1927; South London Harriers, Southern Cross Country Champions; Cymbran Harriers, Welsh C.C. Champions; and other clubs with fine records in this and other team races. In spite of all this array of talent, many of us expected the "Bels." to come into the limelight, but even the most optimistic were surprised at the splendid running which kept them in the "placings" so long.

As usual, a private 'bus was engaged to provide a dressing room where all our team could be together, so fostering the team spirit in a way which was not possible if each man travelled in the official coach with the men from other clubs who were to run over the same stage. The top of the 'bus was used as a grandstand for the club supporters, and as the day turned out fine this accommodation was in great demand.

Jack Flower had been selected to run the first stage for us, and so we left him at Westminster, while the 'bus went off to the first change-over at Clapham Common. After a short wait the runners came into sight with F. Quinn, Birchfield, leading by about 80 yards, followed by Rason, Brighton; and Cook, Polytechnic H; with C. A. Frith, Hallamshire H.; and our man a few yards behind. Although we have had a man 5th at this point before, Jack's time, 24 mins. 11 secs., beats the Club's previous best by 24 secs. A very fine run.

T. J. Flower took over from his brother and after picking up Jack the 'bus moved off to Mitcham, with all of us feeling very pleased with our good start.

We passed the runners one by one until we came to a little bunch consisting of the representatives of Hallamshire H.; Surrey A.C., Aldershot Command A.C., and our own man, "T.J.", with only one runner, in the person of J. E. Webster, in front

of them, and needless to say we paid our respects to Joe Flower as we passed. Webster gradually dropped back and the Hallamshire and Belgrave men passed him together. The first runner to arrive at Mitcham was C. Griffiths, of Hallamshire, who returned fastest time, and to the great surprise of many onlookers he was followed only 12 seconds later by Flower, who had put up a remarkable performance, doing second fastest time and beating the club record by nearly two minutes. The Surrey A.C. were next to arrive, closely followed by the Aldershot Command A.C.

A. E. Smith, who has run the third stage for us each of the three previous years, again carried our colours over the next stretch. By the time the runners arrived at Purley, F. Light, by a magnificent piece of running, had placed Birchfield in the lead once more, with a margin of over half a minute, incidentally beating the record for that stage by five seconds. The Hallamshire Harriers were now second, Aldershot Command A.C. third, and ourselves fourth, with Surrey A.C., Tipton H., Herne Hill H., and South London H., following in that order.

One of our recent "finds," Arthur Allum, now took over and succeeded in doing third fastest time, handing over fourth at Mersham only 5 seconds behind Surrey. Birchfield were still in the lead, but less than a minute ahead of us. The fifth team, Aldershot Command, were nearly a minute behind us.

W. S. Mitchell took us along to the "Chequers," Horley (which is about $26\frac{1}{2}$ miles from London, or about half the journey) and here we found that Beman had knocked a second off the record and Birchfield was still leading Hallamshire, with the "Bels." 3rd (one place gained), Surrey A.C. 4th, and Tipton H. 5th.

We were now nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes ahead of our previous best and better placed than we had ever been at this point, nor was our placing due to lack of opposition for behind us, besides those already mentioned, were such prominent clubs as Herne Hill H., South London H., and Highgate H.

Mitchell's time was the 6th fastest for his stage, but his performance is better than would be thought at first glance, for among his rivals over this stretch were Beman, Harper, Holden of Tipton H.; Johnston, Herne Hill H.; Bignall, Highgate H.; and Oddie, S.L.H.; all of whom are "internationals."

Our next man was Mick Pyer, who had only recently recommenced training, and although he had run well on his last one or two outings, we were still doubtful about what he would do. However, he returned 6th fastest time and although he dropped one place, he did not lose much ground.

The following stage finished at Handcross, and Wally Bayliss, our popular Hon. Sec., handed over still in fourth place, but the

Aldershot Command A.C., Herne Hill H. and Highgate H. were beginning to close on us.

From here, A. Penny started off on one of the longest stretches, and when he arrived at Hickstead the first four places were still unchanged. Surrey A.C. had now got away from us with a minute and half lead, and Herne Hill were close on our heels. Stubbs, of S.L.H., made fastest time, and brought his club up to eighth place.

Over the last but one relay (the penultimate, as Mr. Hare would say) which is the hardest of them all, our colours were carried by Bert Footer, who had unfortunately turned up that morning feeling and looking very "groggy". On arrival at Dale Hill we were disappointed to find that Bert had been unable to find his best form, and handed over lying sixth, but the fourth club, Herne Hill, were less than 160 yards ahead of him. The Hallamshire runner, C. Fisher, had, by doing the fastest time over this stretch, brought his club to within 25yds. of Birchfield, who were still leading.

E. A. Duffett was our last runner, and he had to surrender one place to the S.L.H. representative before reaching Brighton, so dropping into seventh place.

The Hallamshire Harrier, Sullivan, caught Sidaway, of Birchfield, in the first mile and, with three miles to go, went away to win by 21 seconds, in the slowest time since 1925.

The poor time of the winners was due to a cold head wind which was experienced most of the way, slowing up all the teams, as can be seen by referring to last year's result, in which no less than 15 teams beat five hours, while this year only 9 had that distinction. The motor traffic, too, was responsible for some of the delay.

Out of sixteen clubs who also competed last year, only one improved on its time, while, except for ourselves, who were 11 seconds slower, all the others were from four to nine minutes longer over the journey. Our nearness to the winners, $7\frac{1}{4}$ minutes, as against 14 minutes last year, speaks volumes for the way in which our team acquitted itself.

The fine performance of our team, which raised them from 12th place in 1928 to 7th this year, was rewarded by the set of medals given for the most improved club, and their forward running, especially in the early stages of the race, brought home to the spectators and other competitors the fact that the Belgrave Harriers are now a club to be reckoned with.

Meanwhile, the proceedings were enlivened on the road by the friendly rivalry between our supporters and those of Herne Hill Harriers, which manifested itself in an exchange of taunts, banter and mascots, and later by an attack and counter-attack

on the King's highway. Sloper, Traquair and Strange deserve honourable mention for their defence of our 'bus in the face of odds.

Upon arrival in Brighton both teams and supporters enjoyed well-earned teas, and the return journey started at 6-30 p.m. London was eventually reached and all agreed that they had spent a most enjoyable day and one which will not be easily forgotten.

Times, etc., follow—

Stage	Distance	Runner	Pos'n	Time	
1	4m 1056yds	J E Flower	5	24m 11s	(5th fastest) C.R.
2	4m 1056yds.	T. J. Flower	2	24m 38s	(2nd fastest) C.R.
3	5m 856yds	A E Smith	4	30m 55s.	(10th fastest)
4	5m 1232yds	A. Allum	4	31m 2s	(3rd fastest) C.R.
5	6m 352yds	W S Mitchell	3	33m 17s	(6th fastest) C.R.
6	5m 176yds	A D Pyer	4	28m. 41s	(6th fastest)
7	4m 704yds	W L Bayliss	4	26m 9s	(13th fastest)
8.	6m 218yds	A W. Pennv	4	32m 36s	(9th fastest)
9	5m 486yds	H E Footer	6	30m 18s	(11th fastest)
10.	6m. 904yds	E A Duffett	7	34m 5s	(13th fastest)

CR—Club Record

TEAM PLACINGS

	h	m	s		h.	m	s.
1. Hallamshire H	4	48	37	11 Cwmbran Harriers			
2. Birchfield H.	4	48	58	(Newport)	5	1	1
3. Surrey A.C.	4	51	19	12 Highgate H	5	1	12
4. Herne Hill H	4	54	39	13. Wycombe Phoenix	5	2	20
5. Aldershot Command				14 Hampstead H	5	2	48
A.C.	4	55	7	15. Slough A.C.	5	5	27
6. South London H. ...	4	55	41	16 Horsham BS H	5	5	33
7 Belgrave H.	4	55	52	17 Ilford A.C	5	9	11
8. Tipton H	4	57	22	18. Mitcham A.C	5	10	50
9 Polytechnic H	4	58	55	19 Cambridge H.	5	11	7
10 Brighton and C H	5	0	46	20 Mary Ward A.C.	5	14	29

S.L.K.

WITH THE WALKERS.

On April 6th, the Metropolitan Walking Club promoted a seven miles race from their headquarters at Highgate Village. For once our walkers had a blank day, but the younger school performed well over a severe rough course. Saunders showed great improvement, but J. E. Field and A H East were off colour. Paul Khlopin put up a fine first performance to finish in 65 min 14 sec. He obviously lacked experience, but the fine spirit of determination shown should help him to go a long way if he decides to keep to walking. C. W Hyde, the A.A.A Champion, was rightly ruled out in trying to make up lost ground too quickly, but in spite of this Enfield A.C. were successful in winning the scratch team race.

		RESULT		Allowance	Handicap	
		Actual Time			Time	Pos'n
		m	s	m. s.	m. s.	
1.	L G Sandy ..	53	56 4/5			
2.	A A Webb	55	46			
3	A Hurst	56	15			
5.	F H Elson ..	57	12	3 0	54 12	8
14	E Saunders	58	41	5 0	53 41	4
21.	J E Field	59	39	3 20	56 19	
32	W G Dodkin	60	45	5 30	55 15	
53	A H East	62	41	4 40	58 1	
66	A H Field ..	64	15	7 20	56 55	
71	P N Khlopın	65	14	6 20	58 54	
75	R F Elson	65	38	6 30	59 8	

TEAM POSITIONS

1	Enfield A C	90 Pts
2	Highgate H	123 "
3	Belgrave F	129 "

On the same afternoon Tommy Green again showed his paces when representing the Railways against the Metropolitan Police in a ten-mile race, winning in the good time of 76 mins. 38 secs. In spite of Green winning, however, the Police team, which included Rathbone, gained the day, scoring 113 points to the Railway's 187, twelve a side scoring.

A week later Tommy won the Railways Ten Mile Road Walking Championship in 79 mins 1 sec., and his section won the team championship.

It is hoped that he will surpass himself in the National Championship.

O. HORWOOD, *Hon. Walking Secretary.*

THE TWENTY MILES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The race for the Club Championship of 20 miles, which carries with it the R. W. Ricketts Shield, was held at Wimbledon on April 20th. A rather strong and cold wind was blowing, but otherwise the conditions were favourable. Despite the absence through illness of Fred Rickards, a triple holder of the trophy and a prominent scoring member of the teams that won us the R. W. A. Championships at Derby and Leicester, and also of Harold King, a member of our last two National teams, we had the satisfactory, although not record, field of 14 starters. Twelve completed the journey, however, and this figure is the highest since the race was instituted in 1923.

We were unfortunately compelled to choose a fresh course this year on account of the bad state of the roads on Wimbledon Common. This is distinctly a misfortune since the performances put up by four members who have not raced previously at this distance were undoubtedly quite exceptional, and we are consequently

unable to make such comparisons as are necessary if we would arrive at a thoroughly trustworthy estimate of the respective values of these.

Profiting by the lesson of last year's race, in which a slower start resulted in the return of faster times than usual, the field went off at a rate they would do well to again set for themselves in the coming National Championship. On the completion of the first circuit (about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles) Green and Cooper were ahead, closely followed by McMullen, Rathbone and Field, in that order. At $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles these places were unchanged, but Green and Cooper were a little farther away. At 8 miles, Cooper and Green were together having covered the distance in about 70 minutes. Field was now lying 3rd. At 14 miles Field had caught Green, whilst McMullen had come up and was only a few yards behind. George Cooper had fallen back, but was a good 4th. Going out for the last lap, Field took a slight lead, but at 16 miles Green went by him and away, to win finally by a quarter of a mile. McMullen was rather more than this distance behind Field. Knifton and Saunders were both making a lot of lost ground in the last lap, the former, indeed, almost caught Cooper.

Another to do well was Paul Khlopin, who but a month ago was running over the country and on the road. He had previously participated in only one walking race, which was at 7 miles. Yet despite this fact and a not altogether unexpected too-fast start, he completed the course in the promising time of 3 hrs 10 mins. 21 secs, so he should soon prove himself a great acquisition to the walking section.

I am inclined to think that the improvised course was at least half a mile short of the stipulated distance, but in view of the fact that this race is not the end for which our walkers are training—that being next month's team championship—and that, moreover, a fair proportion of the field were young athletes, this was an error on the right side.

In the handicap the pendulum swung in no uncertain manner, and the back-markers, who took all the prizes in last year's race, were well out of it. Field was expected to prove the best of the newcomers and was handicapped accordingly. Considering that one who has never raced more than 10 miles and who has not beaten A.A.A. standard time at 7 miles is performing very meritoriously if he touches the R.W.A. 1st class standard at his first attempt, I handicapped Field so that such a performance should return a nett time equal to Fred Rickard's record for our course. As he walked so well that over a full course he would probably have beaten this standard by about 6 minutes, and as Knifton

and Saunders both shewed that they, too, may confidently attempt the task of beating it in the near future, these three took the handicap prizes. But the back-markers in this race will rejoice that among our younger members there is such certain promise of a strong Belgrave team for future National Championships

Field's action when travelling at the pace required for a race of this distance is seemingly an effortless one, and although he is frailly built, he shewed less sign of fatigue after this race than after many of those at 7 and 10 miles in which he has done such sterling work for the club during the past two winters.

Tommy Green, who has won our 10 miles championship twice and our London-Brighton once, is to be congratulated upon getting his name on all of our long-distance trophies. The even pace he maintained during this race was surely as near to the precision of clockwork as can be hoped for in weak and variable humanity. He did not vary 30 seconds over the three large laps.

	Name	FULL RESULT		Handicap	
		Allowance	Time	Time	Pos'n
1	T W Green	Scr.	2 52 33	2 52 33	8
2	J E Field	15 30	2 54 59	2 39 29	1
3	R. D. McMullen	0 30	2 58 27	2 57 57	11
4	E G Cooper	Scr.	2 59.12	2 59 12	12
5	B J T Knifton	16 0	2 59 59	2 43 59	2
6.	E Saunders	17 0	3 2 26	2 45 26	3
7.	J Rathbone	11 30	3 3 16	2 51 46	7
8	S A Manning	12 30	3 3 52	2 51 22	5
9	C H Speechley	18 30	3 10 4	2 51 34	6
10	P N. Khlopun	21 0	3 10 21	2 49 21	4
11	J N Thomas	28 0	3 22 37	2 54 37	9
12.	A Martin	28 0	3 23 29	2 57 29	10

Before leaving this subject there is one other matter which calls for the immediate attention of our distance walkers. Our very old friend, Mr. W. F. May, of the London Vidarians, and an ex-President of the R.W.A., has presented the latter body with a handsome and historically interesting trophy known as the "Nijmegen Shield," which is to be awarded each year to the club which is first to finish its full team of 8 in the R.W.A. Championship race. Points do not count here, and it is the position of the 8th man that alone decides the issue. Mr. May has acted as judge at a great number of our club and open races, and has been a welcome and honoured guest at many of our social functions. He has always had so warm a corner in his heart for the Belgrave Harriers that to lift this shield and thus give him the great satisfaction of seeing our name engraved upon the first medallion on it is both a duty that we plainly owe him and an act of appreciation that we long to pay him.

J.B.B.

SPORTS JOTTINGS.

By "Observer."

At the recent Blackheath F.C. meeting the prizes given in the 2 miles team race were Pint and Half-pint Tankards. Familiar enough in connection with the Tug-of-War event, but surely strange prizes to give to young athletes. This prize business is, I am afraid, very stereotyped. One repeatedly sees the same kind of silver plate given which is not only hard to keep clean, but is very little used in most homes. Why, I ask, cannot sport promoters be a little original and give prizes which would be of greater use to the winners? One prize seldom given, but nevertheless very useful, is binoculars in case. Then there are articles of furniture, and what's the matter with a nice tea or dinner service? I do not mean one of those dainty little coffee sets in an elegant case which you often see given, but something on much larger and more serviceable lines. Perhaps some of our readers have a few original suggestions as to prizes and, if suitable, I am sure our own Club would endeavour to satisfy their requirements by giving them in Club events.

In the recent London to Brighton Relay Race there was a noticeable lack of arrangements at the finish. Here the competitors had to go to the Corporation Baths to dress, but as to where they were, or what direction they were in, very few had any idea. Even the winner, Sullivan, of Hallamshire, was seen wandering about trying to find them, while one competitor was going along the road towards Black Rock when informed that the Baths were in the other direction, back in the town. There did not appear to be any official allocated to that important task, namely, of looking after the competitors' comfort when they had finished. It is generally the same; as soon as the race is over the runners can go to—well, anywhere. I will say that a very fine meat tea was provided afterwards in the Pavilion, but I certainly think more care should be taken of the competitors after they have finished their gruelling stages.

I mentioned some time back the importance of competing in Open Events wearing Club vests, and should like to repeat that, if anyone requires a vest, Mr. Macher will be pleased to supply him. All sizes stocked, fast colours, cheap prices, and they are guaranteed to dazzle the opposition, and will also give the judges no doubt if you are concerned in a close finish.

The last Inter-Counties Cross Country Race proved beyond doubt that the date on which it was held was much too late. Soon after the Inter-County movement was formed they held the race about a fortnight after the County races, which was as it should be. To take the form of a runner in January and select him on that performance for a race at the end of March seems

absurd. I have heard it stated that it could not be fitted in earlier, but surely a month elapses between the County races and the next big Championship, the South of the Thames race. There is a movement afoot to try and bring some of the other Championships forward and this is, to my mind, a step in the right direction.

How often do we hear after our defeats in the International the cry of "our boys were stale, over-raced, etc., as compared with the foreigners?" Quite a true statement, but one that could be much improved if only the dates of the big races were brought forward and our men were not so overworked at the end of the season. Far better to distribute it more evenly and then I am sure we should regain our lost honours in the International running world.

My next three Club members are as follows —

L. E. Fletcher, is also a member of the Air Ministry H., and has competed for them over the country. Is a regular attender during the winter and should figure prominently in the handicap races next year. A steady season's track work will greatly improve his running. Has also done a fair amount of walking and has attempted the Brighton Walk. He was also a member of the Civil Service team in the Road Walking contest in Holland. Is no relation to his name-sake, our 2 mile walking champion.

A. H. East, who figured prominently in open handicap walks a season or so ago, and was successful in winning the Fire Brigade open. Has declined greatly since then, but with some hard and serious training should find his form again as he is yet young. Is a walker with a very fair action and one whom we should like to see at his best, especially next season on the road, in view of our poor show in the recent Surrey County Championship.

T. H. Scrimshaw, one of our Junior members and a youngster who shews promise of great things. Was doing about a 2.8 half mile last year and should improve on that this season. Also gained a Standard medal in our quarter mile Championship, and is certainly one of our coming Champions. Will probably do well to concentrate on the half, as I consider this his best distance, and one at which he will one day perhaps equal the great D. G. A. Lowe.

THE CLUB OPEN MEETING.

The Club promoted its third Open Meeting on April 27th, at Battersea Park, and some good sport was seen. There were 75 entries in each of the two open sprints and 100 in the half-mile handicap. Record entries were received in the Club events, a second round being necessary in the 100yds. handicap for the first time. There were also 45 entered in the mile race and 21

in the Long Jump handicap. In addition, 18 of the 24 entrants in the Novice Mile Race were Belgrave Harriers. These unprecedented entries show that the Club is in for a record season in all directions.

The proceedings started, as usual, with the heats of the Open Hundred Yards, the first being won by J. C. Heap, of Surrey A.C., the virtual scratch man. Two of our men, J. S. Williams and H. Titherley, won their heats but were eliminated in the second round.

The Club Hundred was won by E. H. Jarvis, off 4 yards, in a closely contested final from Pemberton and Williams, two young sprinters, both under nineteen, who are rapidly improving.

The half-mile was won by T. Hampson, an Oxford University runner, who returned 1 min. 54 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs. off 25 yards—a fine performance.

Charlie Strange was our only runner in the final. In the three hundred yards final we had P. Cook, F. Port and A. Lander, but three Polytechnic Harriers secured the first three places.

The Mile Relay, the first fixture of the newly-constituted Southern Amateur Athletic League, was won by the Polytechnic II, with S.L.H. second and ourselves third. We were drawn on the outside of the track, but Titherley, running the first stage, handed over second, Jack Jones ran the second stage, A. J. Ford the third and J. Cooper-Clark the last.

Our strength in distance racing was demonstrated in the Two Miles Race, one of our teams being placed second and the other sixth. Jack Flower ran very well to be placed third, twenty yards behind the winner, F. W. Shaw, whose time was 9 min. 43 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

A promising field was seen in the Novice Mile, the best of whom proved to be a new member, H. V. Hoving, who should develop into a fast runner.

The Mile Club Handicap was won by Tom Morrell, a rapidly improving young runner and the placings in the Walk also went to young members in A. H. Field, R. F. Elson and L. Storey.

The Long Jump is worthy of special mention, for there can be very few Clubs who can obtain an entry of 21 for such an event.

The jumping was not of an exceptional nature, but a week or two of training will lead to improvement.

Altogether the meeting was a great success, the events following one another smoothly without delays and providing a fine afternoon's sport for the crowd gathered round the rails.

The following are the results :—

OPEN EVENTS.

100 Yards—Heat Winners J C Heap, S A C, 1½yds (10 1-5 sec.); W G Knight, Victoria Park H, 8½ (10 1-5), A M Ellery, Poly H, 3½ (10 1-10); J S Williams, Belgrave H, 8½ (10 1-5) R. E Hawkes, S.L.H., 3 (10 1-5); S. H. Bird, Erith A C., 8½ (10 1-5); H. Titherley, Belgrave H., 7½ (10 2-5); E Haslegrove, Poly H., 8 (10); A Gorly, Poly H, 6 (10 1-5), C Harker, Erith A C, 9½ (10 1-5), R H Beason, Poly H, 5 (10 3-10); H. Elcombe, Fitzroy Lodge, 8 (11)

Second Round—Heat 1: Knight 1, Heap 2 (10 sec). Heat 2: Bird 1, Hawk 2 (10 1-5) Heat 3: Haslegrove 1, Barker 2 (10)

Final: Haslegrove 1, Knight 2, Heap 3, yd ft, 10 sec

300 Yards—Heat Winners. R Wright, S L H, 18yds (31 2-5 sec), P J Cook, Belgrave H., 16 (32 1-5), K Hancock, Poly H, 16 (31 3-10), R. Bates, Q.P.H., 17 (32 3-10); F Port, (Belgrave H, 18 (32 1-10), T. Wilton-Dawe, Poly H, 21 (31 4-5), R Rev. Poly H, 24 (31), A. Lander, Belgrave H, 28, (31 7-10); F Heagerty, Poly H, 23 (31 7-10), C Buzza, Ashcombe A.C, 25 (31 4-5)

Final Wilton-Dawe 1. Hancock 2, Rew 3, 1½yds, yd, 30 2-5 sec.

880 Yards—Heat 1 A Zeegers, Poly H, 49yds, 1, H Hauxwell, Poly H, 40, 2, C. Strange, Belgrave H, 70, 3, 1 min 58 3-5 sec Heat 2. A S. Evans, S L H, 53, 1, A Fleet, Erith A C, 75, 2, L Collins, Fitzroy Lodge, 62, 3; 1 min 56 3-5 sec. Heat 3 M Harding, S L H, 51, 1; L Goshall, Erith A C, 68, 2, A Lye, H H H, 50, 3, 1 min 58 1-5 sec Heat 4 W Humphries, Plaisow R T C, 51, 1, G. Richardson, Poly H, 57, 2, W Picton, Poly H, 36, 3, 1 min. 55 3-5 sec. Heat 5 T Hampson, Oxford University, 25, 1; T H Brine, Poly H, 63, 2; F. Longford, Ashcombe A.C., 67, 3, 1 min 56 1-5 sec

Final Hampson 1, Zeegers 2, Humphries 3, 1½yds foot, 1 min. 54 3-5 sec

Mile Relay (Southern A.A League) (4 at 440yds.)—Poly H (R. Beason, J Booth, T Cushing, A. Ellery) 1, South London H 2. Belgrave H 3, 10yds same; 3 min 29 4-5 sec

Two Miles Team—Poly H (2, 4, 12), 18 points, 1, Belgrave H (3, 9, 11), 23, 2; Herne Hill H. (10, 14, 19), and South London Harriers (6, 17, 20), 43, 3 Individual placings: F W Shaw, Cambridge H, 1, E O'Connor, Poly H, 2, J E Flower, Belgrave H, 3, foot, 5yds, 5 min 5 1-5 sec.

Mile Novices Scratch—H. V Hoving, Belgrave H, 1; R. A. Roberts, Belgrave H., 2, J. Hooper, Belgrave H, 3, foot, 5yds, 5 min 5 1-5 sec

CLUB EVENTS.

100 Yards—Heat Winners T Needs, 8½yds (10½ sec), L. T. Barker, 12 (10½), J S Williams, 6½ (10 3-5); B J Fleming, 7 (10 7-10), V Pemberton, 10 (10 7-10); C. A. Hills, 14 (10 4-5), E Jarvis, 4 (10 4-5); F E. McKay, 14½ (10 4-5) Second Round—Heat 1. Needs 1, Williams 2, 10 2-5 sec. Heat 2: Jarvis 1, Pemberton, 2, 10 3-10 sec

Final: Jarvis 1, Pemberton 2, Williams, 3, ft same; 10 3-10 sec

Mile Handicap—T F. Morrell, 125 yds 1, L. Fletcher, 165, 2, T. J. Flower, 5, 3, 8yds same, 4 min. 35 2-5 sec

Two Miles Walk—A H. Field, 485yds 1, R Elson, 475, 2, L. Storey, 325, 3, 100yds, 25yds, 14 min 5 sec.

Long Jump—H Armes, allowed 2ft, 20ft, 10½in, 1; E Jarvis, 2ft, 20ft 7½in, 2; G Powell, 1ft, 20ft 7in, 3

THE "HARRY WRIGHT" SHIELD.

Following the Long Jump, points have been awarded in the above competition as follows—

	Pts		Pts.
1 G. H Powell, 19ft. 7in . . . 30	30	8 D. A Sloper17
2. B W Fleming, 19ft 2in 25	25	9 W H Musgrove 16
3. H. Armes, 18ft 10½in 22	22	10 R Noble15
4 E H Jarvis, 18ft 7½ 21	21	11 A H Traquair 14
5 C T Pollard, 18ft 7in 20	20	12. J G. Colman 13
6. G R Maryon, 18ft 2in 19	19	13 W F Barrett 12
7 N Z Skolarnikoles 18	18	14 T J Curley11

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

On May 13th we have an attractive fixture in the form of a visit from the London Athletic Club, who will compete against us at the following distances . 4 at 110yds., 4 at 440yds, 4 at 880yds. (these races to be relays) a 1 mile team, a 2 miles team, and, finally, a 1 mile Medley relay to be run in this order : 440, 220, 220, 880, which, I am sure, will prove an exciting spectacle. Our teams will be advised and I hope that all selected will endeavour to turn out.

The 15th will see the first of the Inter-Club Relay Competitions between Croydon H, Epsom H., Mitcham A.C., and ourselves. Here the events are 4 at 100, 4 at 300, 4 at 880, relay fashion, and a 1 mile team, 4 to run, 3 to score. It is hoped to be able to give all members a chance of appearing in these races and those selected to run will be advised. We have won this competition every year so far, but must take care not to treat our opponents too lightly, as both Mitcham and Croydon inform me that they are after our blood this time, while even our old friends, Epsom H., may be capable of springing a surprise. Our old half-mile champion, F. L. G. Buckingham, is likely to assist Croydon. On the same evening there will be a 880yds. Handicap for members, entries to me by the 9th latest, also a Javelin Handicap, names for which can be handed to George Powell.

May 18th. The Polytechnic Marathon meeting at Stamford Bridge The Club has received an invitation to compete for the Kinnaird Trophy, events as follows 100yds, 440yds., 880yds.,

1 mile, 3 miles, High Jump, Long Jump, 120yds. Hurdles and Putting the Shot, all of which are level events. Names for the Field events are required, and the Club is allowed to enter two men for each event with two reserves. Will all members selected kindly do their best to arrive at the ground in good time for their event as last year we were without a representative in three races owing to our members' late arrival? On the same programme is included a 1 mile Relay for Juniors under 19 on the day of the race, in which we shall have two teams competing and hope to repeat our win of last year.

On Whit-Monday, the 20th, there are the British Games at the Bridge. Open events include a 3 mile Relay (6 at 880yds.) for which we hope to enter a strong team, also a 880yds. Relay (4 at 220) for Youths, 16-18, in which we shall enter a team if possible. There are several open scratch events which should interest our members, and I recommend the meeting for good prizes and a good afternoon's sport. There are, of course, the usual crop of Open meetings, and if any members desire particulars I shall be pleased to assist them.

The 29th is a Club Handicap night, there being the following events open to members: 880yds., 220yds., 100yds. under 19, 100yds. Veterans (40 years), 1 mile and High Jump. Then there is a 100yds. scratch race for Unattached and Belgrave Novices, entry for which is free. All entries should be sent to me not later than the 23rd inst.

On June 4th, there is a further fixture of the Southern Amateur Athletic League, namely 4 at 220 yds, to be run in connection with the Polytechnic H. evening meeting at Paddington Recreation Ground. Team for this will be notified as usual.

E. A. DUFFETT, *Hon. Running Secretary*

IEWS AND REVIEWS.

Dear Mr. Editor,

We road-walkers have very nearly come to the end of another season and with as many victories to our credit as ever. The walking has been keen as mustard and several new stars have shone with a brilliance that has not faded. We still have the

National Championship in front of us and although the challenge will be determined, enthusiasm among the few to whom we look to win premier honours for the Club again runs high. It is delightful to get among our "cracks" on the road and to find that the team spirit is so genuinely alive, while it is difficult to express adequately what our Club owes in reputation to those stalwarts. The training for "twenties" is often long and arduous, but the sunny days of late have made our spins both healthful and pleasant. Despite the deplored indisposition of Fred Rickards, who will do his best to turn out, the general desire of everyone to "do his bit" makes the outlook distinctly encouraging.

After the National Championship comes the track season, with us gymnastics. There is a growing movement towards road-walking during the summer months, but one must still deplore those distressing processions on the cinders at Stamford Bridge and elsewhere. The system of mechanical handicapping seems to be responsible for these absurdities. For instance, the handicap is made to a 14 mins. 20 secs. standard, and the winner's time is usually something under 14 mins. ! Exhausted individuals are spread at intervals over three-quarters of the track ! Every race makes the system look foolish, but we grow accustomed to this nonsensical racing. It should not be necessary for us to stand together and demand something better in the name of sportsmanship and good sense. One cannot help regretting that, invaluable as they have proved themselves in the past, our officials have not provided us with summer walking to compare with that of winter.

To put things right we must scrap the obsolete two-miles walking handicap and either present it in a reconstructed form or organize road walks. Perhaps the valuable prizes attached to track walks make us all over-anxious. If that is so, let us cut out these expensive "pots"—hundreds of us walk season after season with only a remote hope of ever being in the first three. Something *must* be done to rid us of this mad old woman, the Open Two Miles Handicap.

Well, we have enjoyed the "road" season while it lasted and must now hope for better things on the track.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this opportunity of unburdening my load, and wishing you "all the best" with the Magazine.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

ROAD-WALKER

“Road-walker” has set out above a grievance which is often discussed wherever walkers assemble together. A possible solution to the difficulty and a relief from the monotonous weekly “Two Miles Open Walk Handicap” would be the introduction of team-racing over two or three miles on the track. These could either be scratch events (although in this case Belgrave might win more than their share!) or handicap races. The competitors could take their marks as at present, there being an unlimited entry from each Club, and the first four of any Club to finish constitute a team. Scoring would be on the usual team-scoring lines, the Club with the lowest number of points being declared the winners.

In this way more interest would be shown in track-walking both by the walkers themselves and the spectators; and the team and club spirit, which is so much alive during the winter, would be introduced on to the track with beneficial results in all directions.

Any comments on “Road-walker’s” letter or this suggestion would be welcomed.

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Here follow two extracts from a letter from Ken O’Kell, who, although now domiciled in Stoke, is as keen as ever to hear and share in the Club’s successes:—

“.....You can bet that I was delighted when I read about the Brighton Relay deeds and can well picture the unconcealed delight of the Machers, Harry Evans, Jimmy Belchamber and all the old pioneers—not to mention all the new generation of good-hearted enthusiasts who are just as pleased to act as reserves and supporters as to run and share in the ‘profits.’

“.....When I returned to Stoke after the South of the Thames Race I had an awful rash, but our nurses said it was only a very bad cold—chilled blood. I tried to explain that it was caused by the draught of seven speedy Belgravians!”

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The Editor would be pleased to receive suggestions for the improvement of “The Belgravian” and any correspondence which would prove of general interest.

