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The last Saturday in February, and the first two in March, represent the climax of the Winter season, and on these three dates we expect, not in vain, to find Belgrave prominent in the Championship events. This year we have to report our first "Southern" win; third place in the R.W.A. "Junior" Championship following upon last year's win; and third place in the National Cross-country Championship with our best score yet.

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To proceed chronologically. Let us congratulate and thank our team in the "Southern," Messrs. Penny, Allum, Footer, Flower, Carter and Taylor, upon their handsome win which has brought honour to the Club, and inspiration for those who follow.

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It is also our privilege to express our appreciation of the efforts of Messrs. Martin, R. F. Elson, C. E. Churcher and Snell for maintaining the very fine record the Club possesses in the R.W.A. "Junior" Championship.

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And thirdly, we honour our representatives in the "National," Messrs. Penny, Footer, Taylor, Allum, Flower and Shields, for their magnificent showing, which has definitely established us the "danger" to Birchfield's supremacy in cross-country running.

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An extra large bouquet is deserved by Arthur Penny and Bert Footer for their selection as members of the International team for the second time, and for the magnificent way in which they used their opportunity when the race took place at Ayr. As

everyone knows, the first man home was J. T. Holden (Tipton H.). Second came J. A. Burns (Elswick H.), with our Arthur two seconds away, and our Bert nine seconds behind his club-mate. So England had the first four men home, two of them Belgrave Harriers, and won easily from France, with Scotland third, and Belgium fourth.

It was particularly interesting to note that Weatherill scored as England's sixth man, and so the South supplied three of the six scoring men, the Midlands one, and the North two. A few years ago it was usual to find one, or at the most two, Southerners in the England twelve, but now to have three in the scoring six indicates a trend of strength towards the South. How long before the National Championship follows?

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No fewer than eight of our men were called upon to represent their Counties in the recent Inter-County Walk held at Mitcham. Our men so honoured were: D. E. Brown, C. E. Churcher and H. G. Churcher (Surrey); F. H. Elson, R. Martin, W. A. Treacher (Middlesex); J. F. King (Sussex); and F. Rickards (Essex). It is an indication of the Club's strength that we should supply more men to this race than any other club, and we congratulate our walkers upon their selection. It was very pleasing to see the first venture of this kind carried through to a successful conclusion, and it is to be hoped that it will become an annual event.

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Seven of our cross-country men were engaged in the Inter-Counties Cross-country Championship on March 31st. They are C. T. Carter, H. E. Footer, A. W. Penny (Surrey); and A. Allum, J. E. Flower, A. E. Taylor and H. W. Shields (Middlesex). If we carry on like this we shall have to hold our own inter-county races, both runs and walks, on Wimbledon Common!

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Heartiest congratulations to H. Parker and T. J. Flower upon their recent marriages. We wish these two earnest Club workers, for many years past, the Best of Luck in their new ventures.

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Did you study the Building Fund figures given in our last issue by the Hon. Treasurer? And did you not appreciate the sound reasoning he advanced, pointing out the advantages that will accrue to every member?

Your contribution will be gratefully received. Let us aim at the £250 mark before our next balance sheet is prepared in September.

It was pleasing to note in the Daily Press recently, references to the efforts of one of our veteran members, Capt. H. E. Jackman, M.C., who has developed a new form of leather-work, after months of unemployment. Her Majesty the Queen recently purchased one of his models at the exhibition of the Royal Amateur Art Society, and it is to be hoped that our member's initiative and skill in the art-form he has originated will meet its due reward.

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V. J. Peacock has tendered his resignation from the Committee, as he finds his business interests monopolising his time, and feels that he should vacate his position in favour of someone able to devote more time to the Club's interests. The Committee have a very real appreciation of Mr. Peacock's service to the Club in the past, and have accepted his resignation with regret. H. L. Rollins has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

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An interesting letter has been received from Mr. E. Musselbrook, Vice-President, Life-Member and ex-Cross-Country Captain of the Club, pointing out that in addition to the Club's third place in the South of the Thames Senior Race of 1904, mentioned in our last issue, the Bels. were placed third in the South of the Thames Junior race in 1913 and 1915. On the former occasion the team was H. Parker (15th), O. Horwood (16th), R. W. Best (17th) and E. Musselbrook (18th), five seconds covering the team; and in 1915 it consisted of E. Musselbrook (13th), C. Arnold (15th), J. E. Offen (16th) and H. J. Sexton (17th), twenty-one seconds covering the team. Our runners in those days certainly knew something about team packing!

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An attractive Summer programme has again been arranged, and we lead off with a match *v.* L.A.C. on May 5th. The programme will also contain the Southern Amateur Athletic League 3 miles event, several Club handicaps, and a one mile run open to unattached novices, the entry to which is free. Don't forget to tell your friends of this race, which may be the means of introducing some new talent to the Club.

The next Saturday we compete at Ealing in a match *v.* Ealing H., Slough A.C. and Ashcombe A.C.; and on May 16th we have the Inter-Club races at Battersea Park.

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But before the Track claims our attention, there is a very important event to be decided on the Brighton Road.

We have an excellent chance of showing the Midland and Northern teams the way to Brighton on April 14th, and if you desire to be on the Club conveyance it is necessary to reserve your accommodation *immediately*. Write off at once (5/- a seat) to H.L. Rollins, 81, The Broadway, N.W.2, with remittance. A few seats only remain. Come along and cheer our boys to victory, and spend an enjoyable day in the open air!

Every Club member should wear a Club tie on this day of days. If you require a new one the Hon. Treasurer will be pleased to supply you on receipt of 2/6.

The Hon. Editor and

THE "SOUTHERN" TRIUMPH AT TAPLOW.

INTRODUCTION.—Before describing the magnificent running of our men, which gained the Club's first "Southern" win in the Jubilee year of the Southern Counties C.C. Association, I think it would be an opportune moment to view in retrospect our performances of a few years back. In this way we shall see that our win is the reward for persistent endeavour—that on this occasion the title of Southern Champions has been fully earned, if was never earned before. In this way, we can see events in their true perspective, appreciate the efforts of those who have striven in the past, and so come to fuller appreciation of this year's win, and of those who caused "Belgrave Harriers" to be inscribed upon the "Frank Wynne" Cup for the first time.

My records of the Club's early Championship performances may not even be said to be fragmentary. Frankly, beyond the fact gleaned from this year's Southern programme that Belgrave competed in a Southern event confined to junior clubs in 1888, I have but little to draw upon until the coming of the Club journal edited by Harry Hare in post-war years. Undoubtedly Harry, in his records, and some of our members who were carrying the Belgrave colours before many of us were born, could throw some light on performances prior to this. Incidentally, possession of past copies of "The Belgravian," giving details of the Club's progress from year to year provides interesting reading and stimulates enthusiasm for further successes, and so justifies the existence of our Journal, should justification be needed.

I find recorded in the issue of March, 1925, that we finished 14th in the "Southern" and "showed an improvement on last year." The result of the 1926 race is not recorded; and the only reference to the 1927 event held at Farningham is that H. E. Footer finished 9th, "the best performance yet by a Club member."

In 1928 we journeyed hopefully to Shenfield, with Arthur Clark, an Olympic runner and ex-Midland Junior Champion, in our team, but our hopes of an individual winner were doomed to disappointment, for Arthur had the "bad time" which comes to all runners at some time or other, and finished outside the first hundred places. Our team was placed tenth, with 422 points, and was constituted as follows: Footer 33, W. G. Webb 37, Khlopin 38, Pyer 56, W. S. Mitchell 125, A. Clark 133.

The following year at Horton Kirby we were again tenth, but the number of points was reduced to 341 points and our scoring six were: Penny 21, W. Mitchell 28, Duffett 54, W. G. Webb 62, Rice 74, Allum 102.

In 1930 the race was staged from Brighton Racecourse Stand, over a difficult course, with its ascents and descents of the Sussex Downs; but the finish found us jubilant at gaining third place for the first time, and optimistic about future years. The Belgrave men who had the honour of gaining the first set of medals ever won by the Club in the "Southern" were: Warboys 13, Footer 21, Allum 31, Duffett 37, J. E. Flower 38, W. Mitchell 49; totalling 189 points.

Next year Shenfield was the appointed place, and here our friends, the South London Harriers, accomplished a very fine performance by placing their winning team of six in the first 17 places. Here's something for us aim at, and surpass! Our place was again third, with thirty points less than the previous year; and this race will always remain memorable for us, for on this occasion we had our first individual placing, Art Allum finishing second. Since this inspiring run, we have always had placed men. May it long continue! Our complete team was Allum 2, Warboys 16, Penny 18, Footer 33, J. E. Flower 38, Duffett 52.

The following season, 1932, we experienced a minor set-back and were placed fourth, our score being 169 points. Our scoring men were Footer 3, Flower 11, Allum 24, Robertshaw 35, Duffett 44, W. G. Webb 52.

And so we come to last year's race at Chingford, when we stepped up into second position with 123 points, and also claimed the individual winner for the first time. Our representatives to score were: Footer 1, Penny 3, Carter 17, Flower 25, Allum 37, Mains 40.

All of which brings us to this year's race, when our objective was achieved and our first win recorded; but before proceeding with the pleasant task of describing our success, I should like to make a few comments.

Firstly, it will be seen that in the period under review, from 1925 until this year, we have improved from 14th to Champions;

and that every year, with one exception, the number of points scored has been cut down, until this year we are below the hundred.

Again, in 1928, Footer was our first team man home, 33rd. This year F. A. Walker was 33rd—but was our seventh man! This tells its own tale of progress.

No one can deny that our success has come from persistent, determined effort; and our thanks are due to all who have helped to lay the foundations, as well as those who have participated in this year's win.

In addition to those whose names appear in the foregoing paragraphs, there are the others, numbers 7—12, who contributed whole-heartedly of their best. It is one of the truest sporting axioms, that a team's strength is in its reserves. Somewhat paradoxical perhaps, but undoubtedly true, and it is because of this that we are encouraged to think that the writer of, say, five years hence, will be able to draw an even more contrasting comparison than the present scribe has done. It is a pleasing thought that there can be no real finality in these things; that even when the National Championship is ours (and we all hope this will be the case before the Club celebrates its Jubilee, in three years' time): there will still be other honours to strive for and to attain.

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To come to the racing. The first event for decision was the 5 miles Junior Championship, confined to those under 21 years of age on the day of the race. We were represented by a full team of eight, carefully coached by Dick Savage, and they did well to take fourth position in a field of 28 teams. If Ted Saunders had not been indisposed the previous week, and had been able to reproduce his running in the Middlesex Championship, we should probably have taken a place; but as it is, this must be deferred for another year. Harry Shields distinguished himself by finishing fourth in a field whose strength had to be seen to be fully appreciated. In fact, one was left wondering how the first half-dozen would have fared in the Senior event. Certainly they would have troubled their older clubmates, and F. Close, of Reading A.C., the "Junior" winner, might well have run into a prominent position in the other championship.

Our boys accomplished our best performance yet in this event, and we may be certain we shall have many capable candidates for Senior team places in a year or so, when they have developed the strength for the longer distance.

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Twenty-six teams lined up for the start of the Senior Championship, and our men, drawn on the extreme right, were well

away. The course proved to be a light one of two laps, with one very stiff hill, which had, of course, to be climbed twice.

At four miles Penny and Weatherill (S.L.H.) led the field. Allum was 5th, Flower 14th, Carter 15th, Footer 30th, closely followed by Rice, Walker and Shaw in a bunch, and Taylor about 50th.

At the half-distance positions were much about the same, but Footer had gone up to 22nd, and a quick glance at the competitors as they passed showed that Surrey A.C., South London H., Wycombe and ourselves were the only clubs with their scoring men really prominent. If anything, we probably led at this point. Aldershot Command A.C., the holders, presented no danger.

A mile later Weatherill had drawn away from our champion, Art Penny, a few places had been gained by our following men, and we now had nine men in the first forty places. Capt. Footer was still our fifth man in 19th position, and everything looked rosy for our first win, and so it proved.

Weatherill won with 120 yards to spare from Penny. Our next man was Arthur Allum (8), Footer was next along (13), closely followed by Flower (15) and Carter (16). Five men in! Good! Meanwhile a terrific battle had been going on in the closing stages between Rice, Walker and Taylor to decide who should be sixth man home for the Club and complete the team. Despite a really splendid finish by Walker, Alf Taylor did even better, and with phenomenal speed passed man after man, including his clubmate, in the last half-mile, to finish 27th.

Walker (33), Rice (40) and Shaw (43) were all in good form and gave splendid backing to our scoring six. C. Penny (70), who came into the team at the last moment, certainly justified his selection. D. Patience (101) and R. J. Patience (168) hardly fulfilled expectations, but with more experience of large fields, they'll be there!

Naturally, we were delighted to become champions with 81 points, to the 97 of Surrey A.C. and 111 of Wycombe Phoenix H. and A.C. Congratulations rolled in and it was a very happy band of Belgravians who cheered Bert Footer as he received the "Frank Wynne" Cup from the hands of Lord Desborough, who had been our host for the afternoon.

Looking back, the outstanding features are the running of Footer, whose loss of the individual championship was a fore-gone conclusion, consequent upon a shortage of training due to severe colds, but who turned out to help the team and did even better than we had hoped; the splendid showing of Taylor and Walker, who both made great improvement upon previous running; and the fine effort of Penny in finishing second to

Weatherill, who seemed to be in that unbeatable mood he reserves for Southern Championships.

RESULT.

1. F. Close	m. s.	51. G. Chantler
(Reading A.C.)	26 42	62. A. T. Jordan
4. H. W. Shields	27 39	125. G. M. Murray
20. D. Martin		142. E. Pointer
38. E. G. Saunders		168. W. F. Merriman

TEAM PLACINGS.

	pts.		pts.
1. South London H.	46	4. Belgrave H.	113
2. Gravesend and Dist. H.	50	5. Orion H.	123
3. Blackheath H.	97	6. Epsom H.	136

28 teams competed.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT.

1. L. H. Weatherill	m. s.		
(S.L.H.)	54 54	33. F. A. Walker	58 23
2. A. W. Penny	55 22	40. W. A. Rice	58 46
3. A. Allum	56 43	43. A. R. Shaw	58 51
13. H. E. Pooter	57 1	70. C. Penny	—
15. J. E. Flower	57 22	101. D. Patience	—
27. A. E. Taylor	58 7	168. R. J. Patience	—

TEAM PLACINGS.

	pts.		pts.
1. Belgrave Harriers	81	7. Blackheath H.	360
2. Surrey A.C.	97	8. Highgate H.	401
3. Wycombe Phoenix		9. Herne Hill H.	417
H. & A.C.	111	10. Orion H.	435
4. South London H.	135	11. Thames Hare and H.	561
5. Aldershot Command H.	233	12. Mitcham A.C.	599
6. Polytechnic H.	327		

26 teams closed in.

The Hon. Editor dodges his training and attends

“THE NATIONAL.”

Northwards we went on March 10th to Himley Park, near Dudley, for the National Cross-country Championship, feeling that we would at least retain last year's position; realizing we had a decided chance of carrying off second team medals; knowing that there was a very, very remote possibility of becoming National Champions.

An ex-President of the Club introduced a new card game to our notice in the train, from which our present President benefited considerably. In fact it was just a little doubtful if we would reach Himley, or Permanent Penury, first!

However, arrived at Himley, we walked the mile to the dressing quarters in the Earl of Dudley's park, and prepared for the “procession” to the start, which was to be followed by another procession known as the National Championship.

Our nine were fairly well away and could be seen battling for their positions in the field of 273 runners as they ran over the first few hundred yards of slightly uphill parkland.

Several thousands of spectators had gathered to see the race, and within a few minutes of the start they were wild with excitement as the runners returned to complete the first lap of a mile. The competitors stampeded past and were off for the first of three laps each of three miles which made up the stipulated championship distance. It was almost impossible to place our men with any degree of accuracy at this point, but Penny was noted in the first bunch and our others seemed fairly well placed.

At four miles Burns (Elswick) was in the lead, followed by Sutherland (Birchfield), Holden (Tipton), Eaton (Salford), Dodd (Wirral), Robinson (Birchfield), Penny (Belgrave) and Weatherill (S.L.H.) Birchfield were said to have six men in 19 at this point, and we looked certain of a place.

At seven miles Burns had increased his lead to one of over 100 yards from Holden and Dodd, who were together. Penny had shaken off some of his opponents and was now sixth. Footer seemed to be gaining places throughout the race, having been about 50th when first noticed and now inside the first twenty. Allum and Taylor were running together, about 25th and altogether we had our six in 48 places, including individual runners.

Over the last lap our boys certainly did not drop points, despite the remarks in one branch of the Press. Certainly more places were gained than lost, and the finish came in a torrent of rain with our boys scoring 4, 9, 16, 20, 28, 36, totalling 113 points.

Surely, we thought, 113 points is good enough for second team place. Why, this score has won the Championship before now!

A hurried enquiry at the Salford dressing room disclosed that they had scored 112 points—one less than ours—but that it awaited confirmation. Nothing could be gleaned officially—the Selection Committee were doing their stuff—and it seemed hours before an official announcement was made—much to the relief of the gentlemen of the press, who had been pacing up and down like the proverbial caged lions. Birchfield had won again with 88 points; and it was true that second place had eluded us by one point, Salford again being runners-up.

One point—so little, and yet so much. There was, perhaps, a momentary shade of disappointment, but this was soon lost when the improvement on last year's running became fully realized. We had improved no less than 120 points on last year's score. From 233 points—excellent in itself—to 113 points in one year! We had recorded the lowest score by a Southern club for ten years. We were again holders of the "Finch-Wayte" Cup, the next Southern club being a long way after us. We had two

"Internationals" again—and unbounded confidence that another year, instead of chasing Midland and Northern teams home, *they* will be doing the chasing. It may well be that 1934 in future years may be looked back upon as a turning point—the end, for a while, at all events, of Midland domination; and the pointer to a run of Southern success represented by Belgrave! Meanwhile, heartiest congratulations to Birchfield on their win and wonderful run of success. Also to Salford upon their fine running, which compensated for the loss of Evenson from their team.

Now for a word about our own men. Art Penny was with the leaders, as we expected, and this time Weatherill, of S.L.H., and Arthur's conqueror a fortnight previously, had to follow our man home. Bert Footer, still short of training, ran remarkably well to earn his International place for the second year; and again showed what experience allied with determination and courage can do.

Alf Taylor was the hero of the afternoon, for in scoring 16 he surpassed everyone's anticipations, including his own! It was no fluke, however, for he was always at ease, and finished strongly.

Last year, following a broken bone in the ankle—a legacy of the "Southern"—he spent three weeks attending hospital and was unable to walk. This year has happily seen a complete recovery, and conscientious training and enthusiasm have carried him to the front rank, where we are certain he will stay. This performance earns him a Club Honours Badge, and next year we hope it will be followed by International Honours.

Fourth came Arthur Allum (20) with a sound performance, but not quite back to old form yet. Next season will probably see him there again renewing his acquaintance with International events.

Jack Flower (28) was always running strongly, and Harry Shields (36), still a junior, came through his first "National" with heaps of credit, and let it whispered, an immense appetite.

Micky Walker (62) also made a creditable debut, although such is the spirit pervading the men now on the fringe of the team, that he expressed disappointment with himself! A few years back and this position would have led our team home!

Bill Rice (91) was not too happy on the hills, but gave his best "National" performance yet. Tom Carter (95) failed to

reproduce his Southern running and must wait another year before doing that which is within his power.

And so we leave another "National"—the most successful the "Bels" have yet known—to recede into the past, and to become our latest standard "to be improved upon in 1935.—By order."

RESULT.

Team Pos.	m. s.	Team Pos.	m. s.
1. S. Dodd (Wirral A.C.)	56 25	16. A. E. Taylor	58 43
2. J. A. Burns (Elswick H.)	56 33	20. A. Allum	58 56
3. J. T. Holden (Tip. H)	56 48	28. J. E. Flower	59 34
3. W. E. Eaton (Sal. H.)	56 59	36. H. W. Shields	59 55
4. A. W. Penny	57 7	62. F. A. Walker	—
9. H. E. Footer	58 8	91. W. A. Rice	—
		95. C. T. Carter	—

TEAM PLACINGS (omitting individual placings).

1—Birchfield H. (holders and Midland champions), (R. R. Sutherland 5, A. A. Robinson 6, J. Dougall 14, J. W. Beman 17, A. E. Mould 22, S. G. Smith 24)	...	...	...	88
2—Salford H. (Northern champions), (W. E. Eaton 3, H. Platt 10, T. P. Campbell 11, G. W. Bailey 13, R. Chadwick 35, J. Sadler 40)	...	...	...	112
3—Belgrave H. (Southern Champions), (A. W. Penny 4, H. E. Footer 9, A. E. Taylor 16, A. Allum 20, J. E. Flower 28, H. W. Shields 36)	...	...	...	113
	Pts.		Pts.	
4. Surrey A.C.	323	15. Bury A.C.	617	
5. Hallamshire H.	328	16. Woodford Green A.C.	639	
6. Tipton H.	362	17. Godiva H.	659	
7. Wycombe Phoenix H.	376	18. Mansfield H. & A.C.	710	
8. Royton H.	424	19. Sutton-in-Ashfield H.	742	
9. Aldershot Com. H.	467	20. Ranelagh H.	783	
10. South London H.	534	21. Liverpool H.	792	
11. Bramley & Dist. H.	546	22. Liverpool Pembke. H.	859	
12. Orion H.	575	23. Dudley H. & A.C.	918	
13. Stockport H.	604	24. Leeds A.C.	1089	
14. Blackheath H.	608	25. Harborne H.	1137	

Joe Flower describes the

5 MILE ROAD HANDICAP OR THE BRIGHTON TRIAL.

On the 24th March 23 runners lined up for the start of this race. In a fast start Chantler was the best away, but was soon headed by Syd Warboys moving in his best style and taking the field along at a fast pace for about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, when Tom Carter

moved up to take the lead, followed closely by Allum, Shields, Rice and J. E. Flower. Passing Lauriston Road for the first time, Carter still held a lead of about 10 yards from a bunch of 5 runners; 30 yards behind these came another bunch and then the stragglers.

The race was being run at a very fast pace and this order was maintained over the next mile; going down the hill, Allum took the lead and the only other noticeable change was that Shaw had moved up to 6th position; Warboys and Taylor were then 9th and 10th respectively.

After what seemed a very short time Allum came in sight, closely followed by Carter, with Shields and Rice having a "battle royal" for 3rd place. J. E. Flower was 5th, about 30 yards behind; at this point Alf Taylor passed Warboys; these two had now improved their positions to 6th and 7th respectively; then came S. Ring and Shaw, having a go at each other; D. Patience was next, with Walker close at hand. The eventual handicap winner, running very strongly, was next. There was no change in their final placings. Allum was a worthy winner and has to be congratulated on beating the existing course record; nine other members finished in 86 seconds of Allum; a wonderful performance, which augurs well for our chances in the Brighton Relay, when our team will be strengthened by the inclusion of Arthur Penny and Bert Footer, who were representing England in Scotland and covered themselves with glory by being in the first four positions.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Start	H'cap Time	Pos. in H'cap
1.	A. Allum	29 34	0 45	28 49	16
2.	C. T. Carter	29 52	1 10	28 42	12
3.	H. W. Shields	30 3	1 45	28 18	6†
4.	W. A. Rice	30 11	1 45	28 26	9
5.	J. E. Flower	30 18	1 15	29 3	17
6.	A. E. Taylor	30 33	2 15	28 18	6†
7.	S. H. Warboys	30 39	1 15	29 24	19
8.	S.T. Ring	30 51	3 0	27 51	3
9.	A. R. Shaw	31 0	2 15	28 45	14
10.	D. Patience	31 22	2 45	28 37	10
11.	F. A. Walker	31 28	2 45	28 43	13
12.	C. E. Brockwell	31 37	4 15	27 22	1
13.	C. H. E. Penny	31 44	3 30	28 14	5
14.	A. T. A. Jordan	31 48	3 30	28 18	6†
15.	G. R. Chantler	32 11	3 30	28 41	11
16.	W. W. S. Mitchell	32 28	2 0	30 23	20
17.	J. C. Smith	33 16	4 30	28 46	15
18.	A. Smith	33 37	5 30	28 7	4
19.	A. Beavan	33 55	6 15	27 40	2
20.	F. G. White	35 39	6 30	29 9	18
21.	G. M. Murray	35 52	4 30	31 22	21

† Dead Heat.

WITH THE WALKERS.

The Ashcombe A.C. event took place in a thick fog which, satirically enough, cleared soon after the event had finished.

We did not claim any of the awards, but Treacher and Brown both carried our colours prominently. Frank Elson pleased by confirming his recent return to form, and next season he should once again be a power in our teams, as befits a Captain. The placings are appended.

RESULT.

1.	J. F. Johnson (Enfield A.C.)	74	37	...	Scr.	...	74	37
4.	W. A. Treacher ...	76	9	...	3	0	...	73 9
8.	D. E. Brown ...	77	34	...	3	20	...	74 14
11.	F. H. Elson ...	78	9	...	3	40	...	74 29
18.	J. C. Bidgood ...	78	51	...	5	20	...	73 31
20.	R. F. Elson ...	79	14	...	4	50	...	74 24
27.	C. E. Churcher ...	80	3	...	5	0	...	75 4
36.	E. Saunders ...	82	53	...	4	20	...	78 33
48.	C. H. Speechley ...	84	27	...	4	40	...	79 47
64.	W. H. Snell ...	87	22	...	11	40	...	75 42
75.	G. H. Boddington ...	89	49	...	10	40	...	79 9
86.	F. W. Chandler ...	96	26	...	11	10	...	85 16

HANDICAP TEAM PLACINGS.

1.	Poly. H. A.....	291	19	3.	Surrey A.C.	296	21
2.	Surrey W.C. A.	295	0	4.	Belgrave H. A....	296	38

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The County Walk Championships took place on March 17th. In the Surrey event Don Brown distinguished himself by finishing second; the team being runners-up to Surrey Walking Club, as the appended result shows.

RESULT.

		m.	s.			m.	s.
1.	H. A. Hake (S.W.C.)...	76	48	8.	C. E. Churcher	80	37
2.	D. E. Brown.....	77	44	16.	E. C. Heather	83	53
6.	H. G. Churcher	79	37	21.	A. H. Field	85	2

TEAM PLACINGS.

1.	Surrey W.C.—1, 4, 5, 7,	pts.	17
2.	Belgrave H.—2, 6, 8, 12	28
3.	London Vidarians W.C.	49

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In the Middlesex race held at Enfield, several of our walkers competed, and J. C. Bidgood was a member of a placed team.

Cadogan A.C., for whom W. A. Treacher walked prominently as an individual, started four men only and were placed fourth. Unfortunately, special Boat Race duty robbed them of the services of R. Martin, or otherwise the team would probably have been placed. Next year, however, should see them going a long way towards emulating the Cross country men's feat, and winning the Championship.

RESULT.

1. F. J. Redman (Metropolitan W.C.)...	...	...	...	79	10
6. W. A. Treacher (Cadogan A.C.)	...	...	...	81	2
7. F. H. Elson (Cadogan A.C.)	...	...	...	81	14
11. F. E. Bentley (Cadogan A.C.)	...	...	...	82	46
14. J. C. Bidgood (Polytechnic H.)	...	...	...	84	19
15. R. F. Elson (Cadogan A.C.)	...	...	...	84	36
22. C. H. Speechley (Polytechnic H.)	...	...	...	86	15
26. A. A. Harley (Cadogan A.C.)	...	...	...	87	35

52 started.

TEAM PLACINGS.

						pts.
1. Metropolitan W.C.—1, 5, 7, 14	...	...	...	...	...	27
2. Enfield A.C.—4, 8, 11, 15	38
3. Polytechnic H.—2, 9, 12, 17	40
4. Cadogan A.C.—6, 10, 13, 24	53

7 teams closed in.

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The first Inter-County Walk, held from the "Ravensbury Arms" Mitcham, had so much interest for the Bels. that we give the result below. As mentioned elsewhere, we had eight men representing four counties, and as a glance below will show, they finished 4th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th and 20th. Treacher did well, and Charlie Churcher showed us his best walking yet.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. A. H. Pope (E.).....	78	3	13. R. Sims (S.)	82	26
2. F. J. Redman (M.)....	79	22	14. W. T. Chilton (S.).....	82	49
3. W. J. Hogan (M.).....	80	25	15. W. Sandy (E.)	83	37
4. W. A. Treacher (M.)	80	29	16. C. W. Hyde (M.).....	84	6
5. W. Archibald (M.).....	80	46	17. D. Gum (E.).....	84	27
6. L. P. Hancock (S.) ...	80	55	18. J. F. King (Sx.).....	84	29
7. H. A. Hake (S.).....	80	59	19. F. Rickards (E.).....	84	53
8. C. E. Churcher (S.)...	81	10	20. R. Martin (M.).....	84	57
9. V. W. Stone (E.)	81	11	21. C. W. Hallett (E.).....	85	15
10. H. H. Whitlock (M.)	81	39	22. A. Goodsell (E.)	85	37
11. H. G. Churcher (S.)...	81	48	23. A. J. Slater (Sx.)	85	51
12. D.E. Brown (S.).....	82	6	24. S. A. Holland (Suf.)...	86	14

37 finished.

TEAM PLACINGS.

	pts.		pts.
1. Middlesex	40	4. Sussex	156
2. Surrey	57	5. Suffolk	199
3. Essex	82		

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Our twenty-milers are now training seriously and there should be a good field for the Club Championship at Wimbledon on April 21st. A prompt start will have to be made at 3 p.m. and the usual sealed handicap will be held.

On this race our team for the National Championship will be selected and undoubtedly there will be very keen competition for places in the team.

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The Senior Championship will take place at Sheffield three weeks later, on May 12th. Expense and the difficulties of the long journey may limit our numbers, but we need have no fear that we shall not be represented by a first-class team of eight. Green, Rickards, Bentley, J. F. King, Bidgood, Martin, A. H. Field, Saunders, F. H. Elson, Harley, Dodkin, Snell, Chandler, Dodkin, Boddington, Willis, Speechley, Holman, Rathbone, and others are training and from these men it should be possible to find eight to retain the "Nijmegen" Shield, and four to regain the National Championship.

Let there be no mistake about it, our prospects are very bright. We are strengthened this year by R. Martin and Joe King, both of whom will probably claim their team places. We shall have a really fit Fred Rickards, and in Frank Elson one who has regained his health and will be after his place.

Tommy Green is looking very well these days and may find the Sheffield course (in all probability, a hilly one) to his liking, and become at last National 20 miles Champion. Bentley, Field and Bidgood mean to improve upon last year's positions, and altogether we should step up from last year's second place to first.

Our greatest rivals will be Surrey W.C., the holders. Sheffield United H. and A.C., who will have the advantage of knowledge of the district, Derby W.C. and Birmingham W.C.

Travelling details are not yet settled, but will be advised in due course.

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A two miles handicap will be included in the programme on May 5th.

Entries and all enquiries should be addressed to

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The Walking Hon. Secretary reports on

THE R.W.A. "JUNIOR" 10 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Twentieth "Junior" Championship held from Southgate, North London, on March 3rd, attracted its usual fine entry. Thirty-one teams were entered, including Birmingham W.C., Dunlop W.C. (two teams), Eastleigh Town S.C., Leicester W.C., Sheffield United H. & W.C., Suffolk R.W.A., Sussex W.C., Worthing and Dist. H. from the Provinces.

A sporting one-lap course had been arranged, excellent in many respects, but to the spectator like myself, without a car, there was little opportunity for observing the race. My first view was at Cockfosters Station (8 miles) when the race was already decided as regards the winning team. Individually, Bullock (Sheffield) had a lead of a yard from Stone (Polytechnic), but it was obvious that Surrey Walking Club had made certain of the team honours, thus breaking their run of three second team placings in past years.

Our position was very encouraging. As indicated in our last issue, we had but little hope of again winning this year, for five of last year's team were no longer eligible, but it seemed we were going to do the next best thing and finish second. At this point (8 miles) Martin was 6th, Elson 13th, Churcher 27th, and Speechley 36th.

From this point onwards, our first three men picked up places, but Charlie Speechley dropped right back, eventually finishing 74th. Meanwhile Snell, walking in effortless style, became our fourth man, and we were enabled to take the third set of medals.

There can be nothing but praise for R. Martin, who finished 5th within a year of first starting walking—a record which will take some beating. Elson and Churcher were both sound and will attain the Senior status already achieved by their brothers

before long. Snell came along at the right moment and it was very pleasing to see him do so, for he has not always had the best of luck in the past. Our sympathy goes out to Speechley, who found his thirteenth "Junior" was, indeed, an unlucky one for him. Heather had groin trouble which slowed him down, but he shows considerable promise. We were without one or two others suffering from the very prevalent influenza, so altogether we can look forward to even brighter things next season.

It was certainly a very fine showing to take the third place the year following a win in the face of such stern opposition, and called forth a special mention when the medals were distributed. Usually a club, after winning the "Junior," has to go through a four or five years' "reconstruction" period, but we have always been very fortunate in finding others to take the places of those elevated to "Senior" rank. This wealth of Junior talent, which has been the club's pride in post-war years, is, perhaps, most easily shown by an analysis of our placings since the race was resumed in 1920. There have been fifteen races, including this year's, and we have fared as follows:—

- Winners—Four times.
- Second—Twice.
- Third—Five times.
- Fourth—Twice.
- Unplaced—Twice.

A remarkable record, but one we know our present Juniors, and those to come, will do their utmost to uphold.

We congratulate the Surrey boys upon their convincing win—their third in the history of the Championship.

RESULT.

		m. s.			m. s.
1.	W. Bullock (Sheffield U.H.)	79 0	13.	R. F. Elson (B.H.).....	82 50
2.	V. W. Stone (Poly. H.)	79 8	18.	C. E. Churcher (B.H.)	83 9
3.	A. W. Caterer (Dunlop W.C.)	80 2	74.	C. H. Speechley (B.H.)	83 42
5.	R. Martin (Bel. H.).....	80 40	77.	E. C. Heather (B.H.)	89 13
			163.	D. J. Heath (B.H.).....	100 54

TEAM PLACINGS.

		Pts.			Pts.
1.	Surrey W.C. (4, 6, 8, 10)	28	7.	Sheffield U.H.	136
2.	Dunlop W.C. (3, 11, 31, 37)	82	8.	Enfield A.C.	162
3.	Belgrave H. (5, 13, 18, 65)	101	9.	Highgate H.	173
4.	Metropolitan W.C.	106	10.	Essex Beagles	190
5.	Polytechnic H.	113	11.	Surrey W.C. "B"	204
6.	Leicester W.C.	121	12.	Sussex W.C.	210

26 teams closed in.

WITH THE RUNNERS.

By T. J. Flower.

The Cross Country season is nearly over and it has been the best season in the history of the Club. We have won for the first time the "Southern Championship" and were third in the "National" for the second year in succession, but this year we were only 28 points behind the winners and one point behind the second team—performances we may well be proud of.

Arthur Penny and "Bert" Footer, our Vice-captain and Captain respectively, were again honoured by England at Ayr, where they finished third and fourth in the International—a wonderful performance but a fair reward for the hard work and enthusiasm they have put into their training. We wish them every success in the near future and are proud of them.

Other members who have come right to the front this year over the country are Alf Taylor, who finished third for our team in the "National" and sixth for the team in the "Southern." We wish him more successes next season. "Bill" Rice, always thought to be a track man, has won his way into our teams for all the Senior events. Harry Shields who, although still a Junior in years, is showing up very well in senior events; "Micky" Walker right up amongst the class runners, and so on through at least another half-a-dozen others.

Our members, split into two sections owing to County qualifications, had the unique honour of winning both Surrey and Middlesex County Championships—another tribute to the strength of Cross-country Section.

Now for a few words about the Track season. The Committee have made the necessary arrangements for a very full and active season and only by the loyal support of the track men can we hope to keep the Club's standard up. There are all kinds of fixtures, including Club competitions and handicaps, arranged to give all members an interest in this sport. We hold more Club handicaps than any other Club and we hope our members will show their appreciation by supporting them as much as possible. The bigger the entries the better the competition and the less

strain on the club's financial resources; so we appeal to all our members to help your officials by giving your entries in early and turning out in teams whenever possible, if required.

The London—Brighton Relay, undoubtedly the most important fixture in Road Racing, so ably organised by the "News of the World," is a race we want to win and we think we have a good chance this year. The result of our trial shows us the keenness of the members in this direction and with two such fine leaders as Footer and Penny, our hopes may be realised on the 14th April. Now all members desiring to witness this race should notify Mr. Rollins at once, to reserve their seats in the buses we have for this occasion. Our team want your support and you all will enjoy a really fine day, so send your names and 5/- to Mr. Rollins at once. It is an event that all who can should witness. So apply at once. Don't delay!

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If you know of any unattached novices likely to be interested in our One Mile Novice Race on Saturday, May 5th, at Battersea Park (Entry Free), send their names along to

W. L. BAYLISS, 71, Ravensbury Road, S.W.18.

MY MOST THRILLING RACE !

No. 3.—By E. A. Duffett.

E. A. Duffett continues with the good work in supplying No. 3 of our series of "My Most Thrilling Race." "Ernie," as he is known to the majority of us, has not been in the limelight on the active side of late years, but has been a great asset on the official side and in the past has had the honour of being Club Champion on track and country.

In being asked to describe my most thrilling race, I am afraid I shall have to go back a few years for this. In the year 1928 I had two of the most thrilling races I can recall and it is hard to say which one gave me the most satisfaction.

The first was our own Club 7 miles C.C. Championship, and the field consisted consisted of most of the club cracks, including

Footer, Penny and Allum, although the latter two were then more or less in the embryo stage. Allum, Rice and myself made the pace at the start and at half-way we were still together. Arthur was setting a fast pace and I knew that my only hope was to keep with him; Bill Rice then fell back and we came across from the Flagstaff, running shoulder to shoulder. By this time I had made up my mind to hang on at all costs until we reached the finishing straight and then gamble on getting the better of the sprint home. This I managed to do and we reached the final field still together; up the side we went, and then I realised that I must at any rate get round that final flag first. With a desperate sprint I managed it and then I went all out to the finish. I can still remember my feeling of elation, and relief, as I passed the judges about 15 yards in front of Allum, but it certainly was a most exciting race.

The other race was the Surrey County C.C. Championship of that year, which was held at Tolworth. Owing to the first claim rule, I was running for Belgrave as an individual and had made up my mind to have a real go. After a mile, however, Harwood, of Surrey A.C., who had just returned from abroad after a spell in the Army, had a lead of about 40 yards with Weatherill, of S.L.H., and myself next. The course was one of two laps and these positions remained unchanged throughout the race. I can still picture most vividly the way in which Weatherill and myself ran stride for stride, neither of us yielding an inch and at the same time being unable to overtake the leader. As you turned into the finishing field there was a brook to be crossed; we both jumped it together and scrambled out, but to my dismay I slipped and fell. On regaining my feet Weatherill was about 10 yards in front of me, but with one last effort I managed to catch him, only for him to go in front again up the finishing funnel. However, it was a most thrilling race and I was more than satisfied, my only disappointment being that I could not score for our team, who were eventually placed third after Surrey A.C. and South London H. had dead-heated for first place.

A LAST WORD.

If you intend seeing the Brighton Relay and haven't yet booked your seat, write *at once* to

H. L. ROLLINS, 81 The Broadway, N.W.2.

