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The Brighton Relay proved to be an exciting and sustained battle between Birchfield and ourselves, but after taking over the baton on the second stage we were never called upon to yield it. It was evident that Birchfield came South with the intention of regaining some of their lost lustre, but our boys were once again equal to the task of relegating them to a secondary position.

The rivalry will be resumed at the British Games to be held at the White City on June 10th (Whit Monday), when we meet our Midland opponents in a three miles team race, eight aside running, with six aside to score.

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Congratulations to Jim Ginty upon his win in the Inter-Services Cross-country run. In addition, he had the satisfaction of leading the Army to a win, Dan Patience also scoring for the team.

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For the third year running we were compelled to take second place to the Surrey Walking Club in the National 20 Miles Walking Championship. This year the margin was one point only; last year it was two points! Our team served us well, but well

as they walked, they could not prevent our S.W.C. friends from gaining the smallest possible margin in one of the most exciting races ever seen.

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Replying to our letter of congratulation upon their win, the Surrey W.C. Hon. Secretary writes: ". . . We are naturally very pleased at taking the Shield for the third time, but we do realise that the Jubilee must have given some of your team extra duties, sufficient, perhaps, to have made that one point difference. Personally, I think 40-all would have been rather good, just to have completed your wonderful show of trophies for the season. May I confirm your remarks that we have another close tussle next year, with one of us keeping the Shield for the South. Yours very sincerely, W. L. KEATING."

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Recently, a former well-known member of our Club, Mr. W. H. Ims, was publicly presented with the Royal Humane Society's testimonial on vellum for his gallantry in rescuing a woman from drowning, and for going to the assistance of a man who had attempted the rescue himself but was unfortunately drowned. The incident took place at Blackpool last Summer, and the award was made on the recommendation of the Blackpool Coroner, who commended Mr. Ims for his bravery and physical endurance, which enabled him to perform his gallant act under such terrible conditions as prevailed when the tragedy occurred.

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Let us conclude these jottings by quoting from "Walking," the Gazette of the Surrey Walking Club.

"The Club heartily congratulates Belgrave on their wonderful win in the National Cross-country Championship. To beat such a strong combination as the Birchfield Harriers is meritorious enough in itself, but to finish six in twenty is a really wonderful performance, and is a particularly striking example of the team spirit which the Belgrave Club instils into their lads."

CONGRATULATORY—AND EXPOSTULATORY.

A pleasing outcome of our English Cross-country Championship win was the number of messages of goodwill and congratulation that were received. We are very grateful to all those who sent their good wishes and glad to know that our victory proved so popular. Birchfield were among the first to congratulate us upon taking the title from their keeping. Hallamshire Harriers send their good wishes and say: "Your club and ours are the only ones to have beaten the Birchfield Harriers for the title since the War, so that the satisfaction is mutual."

Orion Harriers write: "It is a source of great satisfaction to us, as a Southern Club, that you have had the honour of bringing the premier cross-country title south for the first time since pre-war days. Further, we consider that the wonderful exhibition of team-work displayed was in the best traditions of cross-country running, and an inspiration to the many athletes privileged to witness it."

The Polytechnic Harriers conclude their letter with: "Your Club's victory is indeed well-merited and is a performance of which the Southern clubs are very proud."

Surrey Walking Club say: "It was indeed a wonderful victory for that team spirit which we know the Belgrave Harriers possess."

Other organisations to send their congratulations included Blackheath H., Essex Beagles, Dunlop Walking Club, Luton and District Athenian S.C., Surrey County A.A.A., Metropolitan Police A.A., Mitcham A.C., Shaftesbury Harriers, Herne Hill Harriers; and many others, through their secretaries, extended verbal congratulations to the Club officials.

Tom Hampson writes proudly of "the wonderful success of my old comrades"; and another to write is Reg. Goodwin, the champion walker of a few years back, from Leigh, Lancs. To quote him, "Your cross-country members must all be suffering from 'Tommy-Greenitis,' and one nowadays expects something out of the ordinary from anyone wearing a Belgrave vest. I hope this is only the beginning of many similar successes."

To get away from present congratulations for a moment, let me quote from our Club magazine of July, 1925. Therein appears a letter from the then President (the late R. W. Ricketts) to the Editor, which is prophetic in vein. He writes: "I must congratulate the members on their activities since we began the new Season. I have been asked by prominent members of other clubs how we account for our leap to fame. My answer was, that it is the officers of the Club who leave no stone unturned for the care and comfort of the members.

"It is with pride and admiration I look upon the Club which in turn will be as strong in running as it is in walking. And I look forward to every one of our close approaching 400 members to train hard to reach the top of their ambitions. Work hard for the Club and support our Social events. Yours sincerely, R. W. RICKETTS, President."

Well, our numbers are nearer 600 now. We have had the thrill of winning all the important team championships; but there seems to be one department in which we are falling off. I refer to Club handicaps. These races, as our Hon. Secretary mentioned

at our Dinner, are invaluable for the ordinary runner, and serve to develop the champions of to-morrow. All our runners to achieve International and representative honours have graduated in this way. They have not become class runners overnight, but have earned their distinctions by hard training, and achieved success by degrees, helped by the Club racing programme.

Even those ex-champions who denounce handicaps through the medium of the Press (and we do not deny that handicaps, like any other good things, can be abused), have usually benefitted, themselves, by handicap running in their pre-championship days.

So if you would be a champion in a year or so don't neglect the opportunities of racing your Club offers *now*. It is not sufficient to train only, it is necessary to gain experience of racing, and get that "edge" which a race alone can give. Moreover, it is not good enough to leave things to "the others." We must not lay back on our oars. There is always a danger in a successful Club, of the rank and file, instead of preparing for the future, being content to watch and applaud the efforts of the reigning champions. Facile excuses are found for lethargy and apathy when there is a sideboard of trophies to admire. Let us not fall into this error. Let us try to conserve that spirit of determination to succeed, even when success has been attained.

I am convinced that what are termed "cycles" of Club success, are not due to any supernatural cause, or even the Law of Averages, but merely the fact that Success often brings Apathy in its train. Apathy holds its sway until, years later, a group of virile manhood get together determined to regain the glories of the past—and probably succeed. In this way the so-called "cycle" operates. It is written in the record books. Let us be on our guard!

You may think I am unduly pessimistic about present matters and I sincerely trust the future will prove me wrong. This attitude of mine has been induced after coming across some old Club programmes. I see that 61 members entered a Club 880 yards handicap on May 15th, 1929 and, as a matter of interest, eleven runners had the same, or shorter, marks than Tommy Scrimshaw, who was on 25 yards. Three heats were decided. At our Spring Meeting of 1929, despite the fact that we promoted an Open 100 yards handicap, 44 members entered the Club "100." About this time second rounds in Club sprint handicaps were quite common. Incidentally, the 880 yards Open Handicap held at the above meeting was won by T. Hampson (25 yards),—later to win Olympic and other honours.

To switch back—give your utmost support to the Club programme; show that you really want the racing the Committee is at pains to arrange for you. In doing this, although you may

not realize it at the time, in addition to supporting the Club in its programme, you are laying the seeds of further congratulatory letters to appear in our columns in years to come. Beware the demon Apathy at all costs, and your best weapons to rout him are the club handicap and the inter-club race. See that you use them!

A.A.H.

THE SMOKING CONCERT.

A fair number of members and friends attended the Concert given by the Belgrave Building Fund Committee at the "Rising Sun" on Saturday, March 30th. Although the room seemed well filled with Belgrave "packing," a larger number could have been accommodated.

The Chairman of the Committee, "Teddy Gordon," presided, being ably backed up by Tom Cotton and Frank Elson.

The accompanist limbered up by giving a piano selection. Then followed songs, comic turns and a conjuror (including a paper-tearing trick!). The audience was then given an opportunity for real team-work, community singing. Needless to say, this opportunity was taken to the full.

An interval followed, during which the company took refreshment (mostly liquid!).

The entertainment was then resumed, and this seems to be a suitable opportunity to express our gratitude to the under-mentioned who generously volunteered their services to help the object we had in view.

They were as follows:—

T. Cotton (Vocalist).	R. Johnson (Tenor).
"Laurie" (Songs at the Piano).	"Bert" (Conjuror).
C. Jones, Snr. (Vocalist).	Rob Roy (Comedian).
J. R. Phillips (Baritone).	Reg. Whinstance (Comedian).

Many thanks!

The Concert maintained a high level of entertainment throughout, and the end seemed to come all too quickly. This was signified in the traditional manner by "The King," "Auld Lang Syne," and the Belgrave Song.

During the evening Mr. Gordon made a short but encouraging speech on behalf of the Fund.

A collection was made, some £4 10s. being collected. Generous subscribers made this up to a "fiver." It may have even exceeded that amount. If so, I know that you will excuse any inaccuracy on my part.

Our hearty thanks and congratulations are due to both the Committee who organised the Concert, and to the artists who rose to the occasion so splendidly.

What of the audience? They helped to keep things going in the form of impromptu wisecracks, Bert Footer and Percy Wright being to the fore in this respect. That they had a thoroughly enjoyable evening was obvious to any one present, Mickey Walker's laugh being as infectious as ever. (I even had to smile as I wrote that!).

Anyhow, it was a perfect evening's entertainment, for in addition to the excellence of the various items, it was enjoyed in the company of one's clubmates; free from the feelings of restraint which tend to occur at an ordinary concert, and with the club spirit at its highest. Finally, the thought that we had made a step nearer to our vision of the future—OUR OWN HEAD-QUARTERS—gave great satisfaction to all present.

G. S. DOUBLEDAY.

THE CELEBRATION DINNER.

Our Celebration Dinner was held at Carr's Restaurant, Victoria, on Saturday, May 4th, and nearly 150 members and friends assembled. The trophies won during the year were on show and attracted an admiring crowd.

The serious business of eating showed our boys to advantage, and if any trophies were offered for this, they would assuredly join our others.

Our President proposed "The Club," to which our General Hon. Secretary responded in excellent style. Vice-President Edgar Hamilton Stammers supported, and in a humorous speech gave his tribute, as observed from the outer ring of Club affairs.

"Our Visitors" was proposed by Mr. F. G. Thomson, and response was made by Mr. J. C. Crump (A.A.A., R.W.A. and S.C.A.A.A.) and Mr. Joe Binks ("News of the World" S.C.), who presented a small cup to Arthur Penny as a personal mark of esteem to one who has been debarred from serious racing this year.

Mr. E. Gordon proposed the health of our President, and in reply he commented on his good fortune in being in office at a time when the Club had accomplished so much.

Excellent entertainment was supplied throughout the evening by Brandon's Entertainers, among whom figured our own Charlie Redgrave.

Our Dinner came to an end in the traditional manner, and in conclusion we would thank Bill Rice for his very hard work, which was so very handsomely crowned by such a good attendance.

WIMBLEDON RE-VISITED !

or "UP FOR THE ROAD RACE."

By KEN O'KELL.

Wimbledon—the sight of this place name invariably causes most thoughts to drift to Tennis. To all Belgravians, however, the name is associated with Belgrave—National Champions!

On March 23rd I journeyed from the East—not in the spirit of a wise man (We know!—Ed.), but to witness another item on the fixture list; a five miles road race which would have a bearing on the selection of our team for the last big event of the Winter season—the London to Brighton Relay race.

Once in Wimbledon, I soon bumped into many evergreen Belgravians, chatted with our genial Hon. Treasurer and tried to extract from him the number of subscriptions not yet paid. He informed me that he was very confident they would roll in early and so complete another great achievement in a great Club. I wondered what sort of reception I would have at St. John's Hall after a year's absence—but as ever the same cordial "Jolly glad to see you" Belgravian welcome still burns as bright as ever. I felt positively ashamed of myself for not having made an effort to have visited these great fellows earlier! The only depressing sight, to my mind, was that of Arthur Penny on crutches. It is to be hoped that his foot will be well on the way to recovery before you read these lines. Our popular President, Jock McKay, and Past-Presidents E. Gordon and W. H. Hare were on the spot, as usual, and "Wee" Charlie Cook—who annually does a "smash and grab" raid right under the eyes of the City of London Police. A saucy but wonderful chap, Charlie!

All around me athletes were stripping off, and the last thought one would get was that these fellows were such fine runners. Laughing, joking, a brief interlude of all-in wrestling between Footer and Cecil Penny, all over the right to a chair! By this time I had caught the feeling and forgotten the race—but the "All-out" soon brought running back to our minds.

Nearly forty runners faced the starter and away they went to cover a stiff five miles round the Copse Hill—Cambridge Road course—a fine test for the Brighton Road. About 80 supporters had gathered to watch the race. Harry Parker got the best seat in Capt. Ellison's car. Reg. Freestone got in, and a lady remarked, "That chap is not a Belgrave man; he's too fat!" We quickly assured her of the great services rendered to the Club by Capt. Ellison and his corpulent chauffeur.

Out of sight go the runners, and we have not long to wait before two figures come into view. Carter leads Footer by a

yard at the top of Copse Hill, and they stride up the steep incline like two horses, with no sign of fatigue. Then come Jack Flower, Shields, Allum, Ring D. Patience, Taylor, Rice, Shaw, R. Patience and Warboys.

Round the triangle they go with nearly a mile of flat before they finish. In this space Footer managed to get 50 yards away from Carter and win. We looked for the winner's usual smile, but, alas! even the group of charming ladies at the winning post could not inspire the dull dog to cast a little sunshine on the scene! The rest of the runners came in at short intervals, and if you take a look at the result—especially between fifth and eleventh positions—you will appreciate the keen racing.

A memory of the past was recalled when Joe Flower came along a good way behind. The same long stride—the same happy smile at the finish. The machine still revolves, but the horse-power has declined. However, I remember, about ten years ago, at Stamford Bridge, how Joe used to pace Jack in an effort to teach Jack to run! To-day, Joe still runs in Belgrave teams—the invisible man in Jack.

Back again in the dressing room. We partake of refreshments—and like the Belgrave spirit—the tea and the cake never vary! The officials work out the sealed handicap and we learn that a promising junior in A. Bird has won. We wish him a bright future and a place in the team very soon. Laughing and joking goes on all around me. I look upon these light-hearted lads, so fit and well, and try to convince myself that in the last twelve months they have run the rest of England off their legs! Yet they seem to be like a lot of schoolboys out for a bit of fun; and running seems to be the last thing they talk about.

Bewildering, yes; but we know that underneath is a spirit of pride, loyalty and 100 per cent. endeavour; and that every one will always run himself to a standstill—not for individual gain, but for the rest of his team-mates, and his Club.

I bid them all farewell, and again travel East by this time really wise. I have spent an afternoon with the English Cross-country champions, and renewed acquaintance with a crowd of lively lads, each one proud of the others and knitted together in a bond which will triumph over everything. Can such a crowd fail to succeed? What chance have the other clubs? Although some of us have never been in the same class as our present-day runners, we are all Belgrave men nevertheless. Each race is run—some won, some lost—but each year shows an increase in the Belgrave spirit.

In a few weeks from the time I write these lines, the walkers will be laughing and joking at Chingford. There is always some sporting event on, and we shall go down and join in the fun!

We shan't talk too much running or walking, but just have a right good afternoon with the Belgrave Harriers!

In conclusion, I think I should mention a little point which we are inclined to overlook, and that is the appearance at Headquarters of the "old" members. A parting expression to myself was, "Mind you come again soon, as it's a great source of encouragement to new members when they see the past Club champions and officials roll up."

I pondered on this on my journey back to Romford, and had to admit that I used to be impressed by the appearance of the former champions, officials, etc., when I was active. So bear this point in mind.

Some of our greatest pioneers have passed for ever, others are always to Club meetings. We Englishmen are characteristically casual, but let us throw off this air of apathy, and force home the fine results of the last ten years' struggle. Let us consolidate our efforts through the Building Fund and back up those who have already worked hard for the idea.

As runners, walkers, field-events men, we come and go—Nature dictates this—but we can always remain Belgravians. Even when physically "out of it," our thoughts and efforts can still be bound up with the welfare of the Club.

We have gained much from the work of our forerunners; let us hand on this legacy to the next generation, adorned and enhanced by all the glory and achievements attained by our present-day athletes.

RESULTS.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Start	H'cap Time	Pos. in H'cap
1.	H. E. Footer ...	29 30	0 30	29 0	23
2.	C. T. Carter ...	29 39	0 45	28 54	20
3.	J. E. Flower ...	29 59	1 45	28 14	3†
4.	H. W. Shields... ..	30 5	1 30	28 35	12
5.	S. T. Ring ...	30 9	1 45	28 24	9
6.	A. Allum ...	30 12	1 15	28 57	21
7.	A. E. Taylor ...	30 14	2 0	28 14	3†
8.	D. Patience ...	30 21	2 0	28 21	6
9.	W. A. Rice ...	30 28	1 45	28 43	13†
10.	A. R. Shaw ...	30 41	2 15	28 26	11
11.	R. Patience ...	30 49	2 45	28 4	2
12.	S. H. Warboys ...	31 6	2 15	28 51	17
13.	A. Patience ...	31 18	2 30	28 48	16
14.	F. A. Walker ...	31 22	2 30	28 52	18
15.	G. R. Chantler ...	31 23	3 0	28 23	7†
16.	F. R. Webb ...	31 52	2 45	29 7	24
17.	C. H. E. Penny ...	31 53	3 0	28 53	19
18.	A. T. A. Jordan ...	31 53	3 30	28 23	7†
19.	D. W. Martin ...	32 42	3 0	29 42	26
20.	A. S. Lindsey ...	32 43	4 0	28 43	13†
21.	A. A. Bird ...	32 45	5 15	27 30	1

22.	T. Cotton	...	...	32 49	...	4 30	...	28 19	...	5
23.	E. Pointer	...	...	33 10	...	4 45	...	28 25	...	10
24.	J. Hawkins	...	...	33 12	...	2 15	...	30 57	...	29
25.	A. C. Ball	...	...	33 29	...	3 45	...	29 44	...	27
26.	W. F. Merryman	...	...	33 30	...	4 45	...	28 45	...	15
27.	G. M. Murray	...	...	33 43	...	4 45	...	28 58	...	22
28.	G. S. Doubleday	...	...	33 53	...	4 45	...	29 8	...	25
29.	T. J. Flower	...	...	34 16	...	4 15	...	30 1	...	28
30.	C. E. Jones	...	...	36 32	...	4-30	...	32 2	...	30
31.	B. C. May	...	...	39 9	...	6 15	...	32 54	...	31
32.	S. Rowe	...	...	47 49	...	6 15	...	41 34	...	32

† Dead heat.

T. J. Flower proudly presents

"THE ILFORD RELAY."

We entered two teams in this race and as will be seen from the appended result, our "A" team won, with our "B" team sixth of twenty-seven competing teams. These gratifying performances, of which we are very proud, show the very great running strength of the Club. Well done! all concerned.

Tom Carter gave our "A" team a substantial lead from the start, and incidentally put up fastest time recorded by any of the "Bels." George Chantler, running the first stage for the "B" team, did exceptionally well to hand over fourth, and recorded eighth fastest time of the twenty Belgrave men competing.

Our "A" team retained the lead until the sixth relay, when the Surrey A.C. and Polytechnic H. representatives passed our man, but they had to put in exceptionally fast running to do so. Jack Flower, taking the seventh stage, regained the lead for us and gave Shaw a useful lead which Footer and Allum slightly increased, to win a new record time.

The "B" team surprised everybody by keeping well up with the leaders, and earned the highest praise. Congratulations to all who helped our second string to do so well, and an especial "Well done!" to Bert Lindsey and C. Penny, who came into the team at the last moment.

RESULTS.

"A" TEAM.

"B" TEAM.

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Name	Lap			Name	Lap		
	Time	Pos.			Time	Pos.	
C. T. Carter	18 37 1	G. R. Chantler	19 17 4
H. W. Shields	19 25 1	F. R. Webb	19 49 3
A. Patience	19 51 1	R. Patience	...	...	19 28 4
D. Patience	19 20 1	W. A. Rice	...	...	19 0 4
A. E. Taylor	19 16 1	A. T. A. Jordan	...	...	19 56 5
F. A. Walker	19 51 3	C. H. E. Penny	...	...	20 4 6
J. E. Flower	18 53 1	S. H. Warboys	...	...	19 40 6
A. R. Shaw	19 27 1	A. S. Lindsey	...	...	20 48 6
H. E. Footer	18 15 1	E. A. Duffett	...	...	20 4 6
A. Allum	19 16 1	S. T. Ring	...	...	19 0 6

Time of "A" Team, 3h. 12m. 47s. Time of "B" Team, 3h. 17m. 6s.

Previous best time over course, 3 hrs. 14 mins. 37 secs.

Time of Belgrave Winning Team in 1932, 3 hrs. 17 mins. 37 secs.

POSITION OF TEAMS.

1, Belgrave H. "A"; 2, Polytechnic H.; 3, Surrey A.C.; 4, Herne Hill; 5, Highgate H.; 6, Belgrave H. "B"; 7, Slough A.C.; 8, Ilford A.C.; 9, Reading A.C.; 10, Queens Park H.; 11, Mitcham A.C.; 12, Woodford Green A.C.

Bert Lindsey begins our "running" commentary.

THE BRIGHTON RELAY,

April 13th, 1935.

Once again an enthusiastic crowd gathered in Palace Yard, Westminster, to see the start of yet another tussle for supremacy on the Brighton Road. Bill Rice again took this stage for us and as the representative of last year's winning team received the letter of greeting from Sir S. Killick, Lord Mayor of London, to Councillor S. G. Gibbons, Mayor of Brighton.

Big Ben (Westminster's, not ours!) began to chime and the 21 starters anxiously waited for the signal to start. Then came the first stroke of eleven o'clock, and they were off!

The dash over the first few hundred yards found Bill in the second half of the field, but quickly getting into his stride and (as he himself said afterwards) striving to get his body balanced with the baton, he settled down. This balancing problem was solved, however, by Joe Binks relieving him of it! Apparently, Bill did not intend to let it get far out of sight, for he began overhauling the runners in front, and by the time Battersea Park was reached the gap was being closed.

Meanwhile two bus loads of supporters were waiting at the change-over point on Clapham Common, hoping that Bill would place us in a good position. Suddenly the runners appear, but for a few moments no sight of the familiar claret and gold. Then along comes Bill, in third position, only 25 seconds behind Stansbury (S.L.H.), who had finished on the shoulder of Forryan (Birchfield).

Rice had given our team an excellent start, and had run very strongly, particularly in the last two miles, and now we settled down for an exciting race.

Our Assistant Hon. Sec., E. A. Duffett, "relays" the next stage

Jim Ginty now took over from Bill and went off about 150 yards behind the leaders. He soon settled down to his job of picking them up; and slowly, but surely, began to overhaul his two opponents. The South London runner was soon shaken off, but the Birchfield man did his best to hang on to Jim's

shoulder. Nearing the change-over, however, Jim, with his powerful yet effortless stride, drew away from his rival and handed over the baton to Harry with a lead of 7 seconds from Birchfield. Jim's performance was one of the high-lights of the day, and his time of 26 mins. 34 secs. bettered the Club record for this stage by 13 seconds. Well done, Jim!

Tommy ("Nine-in-Six") Scrimshaw takes over the pen.

Owing to traffic lights our 'bus was unable to be at Mitcham for the second change-over, but the news that Harry Shields had been given a lead by Jim Ginty was very encouraging. Our first glimpse of Harry was just before the Gas Works, Croydon, and he was then running down the middle of the road looking very determined, and full of running. Hackett, of Birchfield, a very long striding runner who was following Harry, seemed to be having a bad time, but going up the hill just before Purley, Hackett started to overhaul Harry. By now it could be seen that Harry's effort was telling on him, but he stuck to it in his usual dogged fashion. However, Hackett caught him just at the top of the hill. A ding-dong battle then started, with Hackett taking a lead of about four yards down the hill to Purley. After turning right at the bottom of the hill, with about 200 yards to go for the change-over, Harry put in a supreme finish to catch his man, and hand over a lead of about a yard. Well run, Harry!

Our Hon. Treasurer subscribes his quota.

Jack Flower was our next baton carrier, and started off with the breath of the Birchfield man, J. W. Powell, who has distinguished himself in Midland athletics, hot on the back of his neck. So the two ran throughout the stage, never more than a yard apart, but at the change-over point the yard was still to our advantage, and the baton was still in our possession. Well held, Jack!

Arthur Penny, with the scent of wintergreen in his nostrils, the light of battle in his eye, the desire to be up and doing in his heart,—but unfortunately, with his foot in plaster—does the next best thing, and "writes" a stage.

We can safely say that the fifth relay is the most critical one in the whole Brighton Relay and this year we entrusted it to Tom Carter, who soon had an old friend and opponent in Webster on his shoulder. Running against a man of such high reputation is enough to worry anyone, but Tom strode on unperturbed, and relentless in the knowledge that he had Webster "licked." Carter gradually drew away, and at Horley we had our greatest lead since the race had started. Well done, Tom!

Charlie Jones, sixth man in our journalistic team, takes us from one "pub" to another; metaphorically speaking, of course!

Dan Patience now carried on for us from the "Chequers," Horley, to the "George," Crawley, with a lead of 16 seconds over Kibble (Birchfield) who went hard after him, trying to reduce the gap. Both were running very strongly and, it appeared were evenly matched. Next came Poly. H., 23 seconds behind, then S.L.H., and Surrey A.C., who passed S.L.H. on this stage. We overtook Dan about a mile from the finish and he was still holding his own. Then we waited for him some way down the road and gave him vocal encouragement of varying degrees of hoarseness—led by Cecil Penny, and ably backed up by Harry Shields. Dan finished strongly, having had a hard run to stave off the challenge of Kibble, who in fact gained only one second. Good work, Dan!

Now Tom Cotton carries on the thread.

Syd Ring, unfortunate in not running last year through injury, takes the be-ribboned baton. He has about 70-80 yards lead at the take-over and the young Birchfielder goes after him at a terrific pace; rather unwisely, we think. Comrade Ring, however, has a $4\frac{1}{2}$ mile plan and is not greatly concerned with what the young pursuer is doing.

As we lose sight of them they are climbing a slight hill. The Stag-bearer has gained a little, but is expending energy unwisely in this early effort and Syd is doing what a leader must do—running to "schedule." The result? Why, our man has gained 15 secs. on the stage and clipped 7 secs. off Club record (his watch, not mine!) for this stretch. Well run!

G. S. Doubleday, dubbed "Doub," on duty.

The eighth stage has the greatest drop of all, about 400 feet, but there is a "bump" of 150 feet after descending Handcross. Alf Taylor took the baton and made a good pace downhill, and the Birchfield man, S. G. Smith, was seen to be running very strongly in the rear. We passed Alf going uphill, and our hopes in him were strengthened when the angle of his feet was pointed out!

Although our lead was slightly diminished on this stage, our man was second fastest (Smith being fastest) and he is to be congratulated on having recorded such good time against many capable opponents, especially as he made his own pace throughout.

Up the hill, Alf made a magnificent burst to hand on the baton to Bert Footer.

Joe Flower pens the penultimate stage.

Our Captain had a lead of 16 seconds given to him, and he set about his job with his usual determination, and although faced

by a head-wind, recorded 28 mins. 51 secs. for this stage, acknowledged to be the hardest stretch in the race. Bert has run in this race more times than any other competitor, and has always put up a good show. It is a pity that his new job prevents him training in the systematic way to which he is accustomed, otherwise it is a safe bet that he would have put up fastest time over the stage. However, after a really hard run he handed on the baton 17 seconds ahead of Birchfield. Well run, Bert! May you lead the boys to yet another win on this famous road next year; and so, with three successive wins set up a record which has yet to be accomplished!

The Hon. Editor takes over here to bring our relayed comments of the Relay to a finish.

Arthur Allum sped on his way to Brighton, with 6 miles 904 yards to go, a 17 secs. lead, and a downhill and level run! Behind, Whitehouse, of Birchfield, trying desperately to carry his club into the lead and avenge that clear-cut cross-country defeat. The excitement is intense. We try to check our gain or loss every few yards, but might just as well save ourselves the trouble. The Birchfield man's enthusiasm (maybe over-enthusiasm) seems to help him to gain a few yards in the first mile. He cuts across from one side of the road to another in an endeavour to save inches, but the effort is telling, and nothing can rob us of victory now. Arthur Allum is running superbly. We pass through the portals which denote that we have entered the Borough of Brighton. Four miles to go, and our man is drawing away. Three miles to go and our lead is longer; two miles more only and Birchfield are well in the rear.

The Belgrave Anthem startles the crowded streets, and the Brighton populace are treated to yet another win by Belgrave. They must be getting used to it now. Relay or Walk, it's just the same!

And so to the finish with Arthur still in splendid trim. He has gained twenty seconds on the last stretch, and we are winners of our second Relay after one of the most exciting relays ever.

We are proud of our win, for we know that Birchfield have done their utmost to turn the tables on us; and we honour them for paying us this compliment. We are proud of our team; grateful to the reserves who were trained ready to fill the breach if need be, and to all those loyal Clubmen who helped, be it in ever such a small and humble way.

Finally, we are all proud to be Belgrave Harriers, and glad to have had the opportunity of participating in another historical occasion when the Club has so grandly distinguished itself.

Little has been said of the other clubs taking part; but, quite frankly, from the half-way mark we had little opportunity of studying their progress. The full result is appended.

The journey home was very much like any other journey home. The usual stops were made, the usual cordial greetings exchanged, and the usual end came, as come it must. We could hardly have had a better day, so let's hope for many more like it!

RESULT.

Stage	Name	h. m. s.
1 (4 miles 1408 yds.)	W. A. Rice	— 24 37
2 (9 miles 1584 yds.)	J. Ginty	— 51 11
3 (15 miles 680 yds.)	H. W. Shields	1 21 26
4 (20 miles 1032 yds.)	J. E. Flower	1 49 18
5 (27 miles 504 yds.)	C. T. Carter	2 24 23
6 (32 miles 680 yds.)	D. Patience	2 52 2
7 (36 miles 1884 yds.)	S. T. Ring... ..	3 16 26
8 (42 miles 1602 yds.)	A. E. Taylor	3 47 36
9 (48 miles 328 yds.)	H. E. Foster	4 16 27
10 (54 miles 1232 yds.)	A. Allum... ..	4 49 59

TEAM PLACINGS.

	h. m. s.		h. m. s.
1 Belgrave Harriers...	4 49 59...	12 Slough A.C.	5 2 32
2 Birchfield H....	4 50 36	13 Aldershot Com. A.C.	5 3 40
3 Polytechnic H. ...	4 52 9	14 Reading A.C.	5 4 1
4 Surrey A.C. ...	4 53 58	15 Ilford A.C.	5 4 23
5 South London H. ...	4 56 17	16 Cwmbran H.	5 5 6
6 Herne Hill H. ...	4 58 31	17 Horsham Blue	
7 2nd Batt. Buffs ...	5 1 0	Star H.	5 6 32
8 Mitcham A.C. ...	5 1 9	18 Wycombe Ph. H.	5 8 50
9 Highgate H. ...	5 1 11	19 Woodford Grn. A.C.	5 9 57
10 Royal Navy & R.M. (Portsmouth)	5 1 32	20 Manchester and Sal- ford Lads' Club H.	5 10 35
11 Queen's Park H. ...	5 1 40	21 North London H. ...	5 21 43

Percy Wright lifts—the pen, and writes on

THE CLUB 20 MILES WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Fifteen walkers faced the starter for the annual race for the "R. W. Ricketts" Shield, and although there were many notable absentees, including the holder, Tommy Green, one saw enough to convince us that we had a very fine chance of victory a fortnight later in the National at Chingford.

Our usual course was used, consisting of two laps of the large field of the Common, then along Parkside to Roehampton, returning almost to the finishing point, thence a lap of the "hills" (part of our 7 miles course), and repeating these two laps to complete the 20 miles.

From the start Jack Field cut out the pace, opening up a distance of 50 yards in the first mile from Bentley, Bidgood, Harley, Martin, Speechley and Rickards, all of whom appeared un-

concerned at the pace set by the leader. At five miles, Field had still further increased his lead. Passing Lauriston Road on the return from Roehampton (8½ miles) Martin and Speechley had fallen away slightly, but after a lap of the hills, positions had changed considerably. Rickards and Bidgood had now gone into the lead, followed by Field, Bentley, Harley and Martin. The race was now developing in earnest, and the spectators settled down to see a great battle. They were not disappointed, for the leaders were now crowding on pace, and began to open up a gap from Bentley, who had gone into third place. On the way back from Roehampton, at about 16 miles, Bidgood had a lead of a yard or two from Rickards, but of the two the latter looked the more comfortable. So it proved, for on the return from Copse Hill, it was seen Rickards was about 20 yards in front, and before the finish, increased it to fifty yards. Bentley was four minutes away, third; and Harley the same distance away, fourth.

Heartiest congratulations go to Fred Rickards, who first won this event eleven years ago, this being his fourth victory.

I think a special word of praise should be given to Jack Bidgood, who surprised everyone by his brilliant and determined walking, also to our popular Hon. Secretary, who walked exceptionally well when one considers his so recent indisposition.

The sealed handicap was won by a new member, Ben Clark, who should develop into a fine distance walker. Snell took second prize, and Bidgood a well-deserved third.

It was pleasing to see Oscar Horwood with us once again, and although he was obliged to retire after eight miles, we hope to see him again before long. Next year one hopes that some of our shorter distance men like Don Brown, Treacher, the brothers Churcher, and others, will venture out in this race. The same group have been our mainstay for a long time, and we cannot always expect them to be there when wanted. So let's see some of the younger brigade making their debüt next year!

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act.		H'cap		Pos. in H'cap
		Time	Start	Time		
1.	F. Rickards	2 54 8	... 1 30	... 2 52 38	... 7	
2.	J. C. Bidgood	2 54 42	... 7 30	... 2 47 12	... 3	
3.	F. E. Bentley	2 58 40	... 4 30	... 2 54 10	... 3	
4.	A. A. Harley	3 3 57	... 16 30	... 2 47 27	... 4	
5.	J. E. Field	3 5 1	... 17 30	... 2 47 31	... 5	
6.	R. Martin	3 7 3	... 9 30	... 2 57 33	... 9	
7.	W. H. Snell	3 12 35	... 28 30	... 2 44 5	... 2	
8.	B. H. Clark	3 13 26	... 32 30	... 2 40 56	... 1	
9.	J. Rathbone	3 14 30	... 25 30	... 2 49 0	... 6	

Also started—O. Horwood, C. H. Speechley, G. H. Boddington, F. Jarvis, L. G. Allen, F. W. Chandler.

THE R.W.A. NATIONAL 20 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP.

A glorious day with a cooling wind blowing. A large crowd of spectators, a very pleasant course well mapped out to enable the public to see a great deal of the race, and the culminating battle between Belgrave and Surrey Walking Club, which will remain in the memory of many for years to come, briefly sums up the National Walking Championship on May 11th.

From the team point of view it was the most exciting race for many years and although beaten by our old friends and rivals, we were certainly not disgraced. Last year they beat us by two points, this year one point, next year — well, we have asked them to take great care of the trophies for us. We offer no excuses, for our boys walked splendidly.

At the outset Wilson (Sheffield) cut out a brisk pace. At the end of the first lap (6½ miles) the leaders were Wilson (Sheffield), Henderson (Worthing), Collier (L. Vid.), Christie-Murray (S.W.C.), Tommy Green (Bel.), followed by Plumb (Enfield). A little farther back were Bentley, Bidgood, Rickards and Joe King, all walking together. It was as early as this that Jock Martin was having a struggle, suffering from a touch of sunstroke, but manfully keeping going. Jack Field was laying handy and Bro. Bert was having a social with Alf Harley.

At this point we led S.W.C. by 45 points, the positions being : 1 Bels, 2 Leicester, 3 Sheffield, 4 S.W.C.

Tommy was now sixth, walking like a winner. Our next were walking in trio, Bentley 13th, Rickards 14th, Bidgood 15th, and still the team chances looked rosy. Joe King had dropped a bit, Bert Field was 32nd and Alf 34th, but alas! Jack Field had retired. Jack can always be depended upon to give of his best and we know that his retirement was delayed until it was inevitable. Martin was still struggling gamely along, having a terrific battle with himself but determined to finish. S.W.C. had moved up to second team position, but we felt fairly comfortable.

At the end of the 3rd lap (15½ miles) the S.W.C. had improved considerably and the excitement was manifest everywhere. A quick and rough reckoning showed us still leading by 3 points. Tommy was still 6th, Bentley and Rickards were now 10th and 11th, while Jack Bidgood was hanging on to the Surrey fourth man in the 16th position. At 18 miles, the S.W.C. had still further improved their position and were now leading by one point! Could we find it? Tommy was now 4th, Bentley 6th, Rickards 11th. Could any of them pick up that point? No, we decided. It couldn't be done here. So Jack Bidgood became the pivot man of the team. Walking well, Jack was still after the Surrey

man, determined to catch him; but it was too obvious the Surrey man possessed an equal amount of determination and vitality, for Jack could not make any ground on him. Well walked, Jack! You couldn't find that elusive point, but you gave of your best and we are satisfied.

Yes, it seemed here that we were doomed to second place, but wait—who is the Belgrave boy coming along? Good heavens! what speed! Passing man after man and coming up at an incredible pace. Oh! be careful, man, don't get "pulled"! Ye gods! he will almost catch the leaders if he doesn't get pulled "aht." Yes, it is our Percy, running (admittedly) at top speed, sponge in one hand, mother's smelling salts in t'other, and a yell in, or rather "aht" of his mouth, reminiscent of a very Wild West Cowboy making Whoopee. Percy proved himself a very efficient trainer. Well, at any rate he was dressed like one! Grey sweater, flannel trousers (not too clean), white plimsolls (also not too clean), and around his chest (or middle) a sash, girdle, or garter or whatever it was of the Club's colours (so he alleges). He told me afterwards it was the hat band of his old school boater (a very low school), but Percy must have worn a big hat in those days!

Anyhow, to get back to the race. Bert Field showed us he is still up to his old form, and Alf Harley maintained his position to the end, although having a bad time over the last 2 miles. Martin had by now recovered a bit and was walking quite strongly. Joe King, who had experienced a bad time at 12 miles, eventually retired in the sixteenth mile.

Our second team performed very creditably. Composed of men who have many years of walking in front of them (with the possible exception of Jack Rathbone), they gained valuable experience, and showed that in our reserve ranks we have some who will shortly be qualifying for first team places. Martin has already been mentioned. Stan Gould in his first race for us showed that he will be very useful. Boddington, Snell, Clark and Jarvis all put up creditable shows, as did also C. Hamer, who recently won the M.P.A.A. Novice race, and shows very great promise. We expect much from some of those who constituted our "B" team on this occasion, and we are certain that future seasons will not disappoint us.

Five of our men were inside first-class standard time, and three qualify for second-class medals.

We were glad to see so many supporters present, and we thank them and hope they enjoyed themselves. One at least—Percy—did. He was suffering from some unknown and mysterious illness in the morning (he showed us her photo at tea-time!) but rather than let down his men he purchased, at great expense (to

himself) threepennyworth of Aspros, and was thus able to carry out his duties.

FRANK H. ELSON.

RESULT.

Act. Pos.	Scoring Pos.	Name	h.	m.	s.
1	1	J. Medicott (B'ham W.C.)	2	47	46
2	2	T. L. Johnson (Leic. W.C.)	2	49	6
3	3	H. H. Whitlock (Met. W.C.)	2	50	1
4	4	T. W. Green (Belgrave H. "A")	2	50	6
6	6	F. E. Bentley (do. "A")	2	52	38
10	10	F. Rickards (do. "A")	2	54	43
21	21	J. C. Bidgood (do. "A")	2	59	36
31	30	A. H. Field (do. "A")	3	3	54
40	38	A. A. Harley (do. "A")	3	9	2
53	49	R. Martin (do. "B")	3	11	52
66	61	S. Goold (do. "B")	3	15	0
68	63	G. H. Boddington (do. "B")	3	16	16
72	67	W. H. Snell (do. "B")	3	17	19
75	69	J. Rathbone (do. "B")	3	18	23
76	70	B. H. Clark (do. "B")	3	19	3
80	73	F. Jarvis (do. "B")	3	20	45
83	76	C. Hamer (do. "B")	3	22	42
106	—	F. W. Chandler (do. "T")	3	40	18

First Class Standard—3 hr. 5 min. 0 sec.

Second Class Standard—3 hr. 15 min. 0 sec.

WITH THE WALKERS.

You have read elsewhere of the 20 miles Championship. Undoubtedly the hero of the day was Jack Bidgood, who realised that as fourth man it was "up to him" and despite taking a terrible hiding over the last three miles, yet finished gallantly to find we had lost by a single point. Great was his disappointment, but we are sure his reward will come another year.

Tommy Green, who was considered "finished" by so many who fail to realise his determination and wonderful ability, gave a wonderful show and proved that he is as good as ever. We trust he will carry on for many years yet.

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It is very pleasing to see an old familiar figure in Len Fletcher out training steadily in Battersea Park. We hope to have him out again with us next season at Wimbledon.

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It has been decided to hold the R.W.A. 50 kilos. Walk Championship, in conjunction with the Bradford Walk, on Whit Monday. No doubt, despite the long distance to be travelled, we shall defend "The Horlick Cup."

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Congratulations to Fred Rickards upon his seventh win in the Barking—Southend Police Championship. He was followed

home by two other Belgravians, F. E. Bentley and R. Martin; and many other Belgrave men occupied prominent positions.

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On June 3rd, we hold our Inter-Club Scratch Walks at Battersea Park. As we go to press, the entries are coming in, and it is evident that our competition, with its absence of awards and entry-fees, does not lose in popularity.

Future track walks at 2 miles are on Wednesday, June 25th; July 24th; with the Club Championship on August 3rd.

Entries and enquiries to the Walking Hon. Secretary.

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On July 29th we hold our annual One Mile Walk for unattached Novices. This event has been the means of introducing us to many promising walkers, and we should be glad if all members would advise friends likely to be interested. If there's a likely lad in your workshop or office, persuade him to come along. Entry is free, and names should be handed or sent to A. A. Harley. See if it's not possible for you to interest one potential walker.

MATCH v. LONDON ATHLETIC CLUB,

1st May, 1935.

Our annual match with the London Athletic Club was this year held at the White City owing to the usual date at Battersea Park Track having been altered. It was a very cold evening, and needless to say, the only people in the vast Stadium were the officials and competitors, which made one feel quite lonely when viewing the racing.

The L.A.C. paid us quite a high compliment by turning out A. W. Sweeney for the 100 yards, but E. L. Kealey ran quite a good race in finishing second to him. At 50 yards there was nothing in it, but over the finish Sweeney forged ahead.

In the Shot Putt our men were well behind the opposition, although Bill Sutton put 34ft. 9in. and should do still better if he perseveres.

The 880 yards race saw Tommy Scrimshaw making a welcome reappearance for us and he had some hot opposition in B. F. McCabe, who is, I understand, a quiet tip for the A.A.A. title this year. Tommy, however, dashed away at the gun and, coming round for the first lap, had a lead of 15 yards. His opponent was creeping up and although Tom kept in front until the last bend McCabe then dashed by to win in 1 min. 59 3-5 secs. The time shows that Tommy is still a force to be reckoned with, and we all hope that he will reproduce the form which gained him many International honours.

For the 440 Hurdles we had T. C. Jones, who is an ex-Surrey County Champion, and after a close race he was beaten by a yard or so in 61 1-5 secs.

The 2 Miles was easily the most exciting race of the evening. Tom Carter, Jack Flower and Syd Ring were running for us and they had G. H. Vines, the Middlesex Junior C.C. Champion and D. A. Burch, a more than useful middle distance runner, to contend with. For the first mile they kept close company but with a couple of laps to go, Carter went away with Vines on his shoulder, and moreover the latter seemed very comfortable. The bell went, and they tore round the track with Vines doing his best to pass Tom, but this he was unable to do and coming into the straight Tom still held the inside berth. Vines then made the great effort and went slightly in front; but Tom pulled himself together, and with one last burst breasted the tape inches in front. Meanwhile Jack Flower was coming in a comfortable third when Burch came with a terrific sprint, and only just failed to "pip him" for a place. The time, which was 9 min. 54 3-5 secs. was very good considering the wintry conditions; and in Vines the L.A.C. have unearthed a most promising track runner.

E. L. Kealey won the 220 yards for the Club, although Sweeney did not turn out for this, but Eddie showed he is in fine form for so early in the season.

The 1 Mile race saw J. F. Bain set a very fast pace over the first two laps; and Shaw was lying second after vainly trying to hold on to his man, with Bill Rice still further away, third. With a lap to go, however, Bain seemed to be tiring, and Bill Rice then began to overhaul his man fast. Putting in a fine burst along the back straight, Bill passed his opponent and finished full of running in 4 min. 33 1-5 secs., which really is one of Bill's best performances over a mile.

With one event to go we began to count up the points and found that we were only one behind our rivals. The last race was the 440 yards, and Alf Kench and Fred White were our representatives and we felt fairly optimistic. Then somebody told us that the Northern Counties 440 yards Champion, J. W. Anderson, was running for the L.A.C. and so it proved, for Anderson ran a fine race to beat P. J. Halford, also of the L.A.C., in 51 1-5 secs. Alf Kench finished a plucky third, but Fred White seemed to lack the necessary speed and would probably have done better in the half-mile.

So, at the conclusion of a very interesting evening's sport, the points were L.A.C. 31 and Belgrave 25, thus reversing last year's result, and we can only hope that next year we shall have yet another of these enjoyable meetings.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC LEAGUE, Division I.

Two track events have been decided to date, the 3 miles team race; and 4 x 440 yards relay. Our positions have been second and fourth respectively; and these placings give us second position in the table, two points behind Herne Hill Harriers.

We hope to fare well in the four remaining events and repeat our win of last year in the League.

The men to represent us were: 3 miles, Ring (4); Carter (7); Allum (10); Ginty (11); and 440 yards, R. G. Michael, J. E. Tosh, T. C. Jones, T. H. Scrimshaw.

On the Field Events side we are showing up well. Actual scoring and placings are not available at the moment, but Bill Sutton, our Field Events Captain, fully expects us to run out winners of the competition. He is still anxious, however, to secure some further recruits interested in the jumping and throwing events; so if you know of any young men whose interests lay in this direction, don't fail to bring them along and introduce them to Bill.

INTER-CLUB MATCH AT EALING, May 11th, 1935.

The usual four club contest was held at Drayton Green Track on Saturday, 11th May. This year we had newcomers in Reading A.C. in place of Slough A.C., who were unable to field a team so early in the season. The other three clubs were Ealing H., Ashcombe A.C. and ourselves. We were also rather hard put as regards fielding a really useful side, especially so in the sprint races.

The 100 yards was divided between Reading, who had first and second, and Ealing, who had third and fourth. Points were scored from four for first place down to 1 for fourth, so that with one race over our score was nil.

In the 1 Mile we did rather better and with Harry Shields second and Jack Flower third, we managed to level matters somewhat.

The 880 yards saw Jim Tosh turning out once again and he ran in quite his old form in winning in 2 min. 4 3-5 secs. Ealing did well in taking the next three places, although Frank Webb scored a couple of points by filling fifth position. I must explain that in the middle distances points were scored for the first six places.

The 220 yards Final was more or less a farce, for to start with, a Reading man together with an Ealing runner were excluded for repeated false starts. This left only two competitors, Brodie, for us, and another Ealing man. At the pistol Brodie shot ahead

and was leading upon entering the straight, when the Ealing runner, in making his burst, came a cropper and went on to the grass, leaving Brodie to finish alone. The Ealing man then went past the post but was duly disqualified for leaving the track. So after rather a hectic few minutes we found we had scored four points to the other clubs' nil.

The 2 Miles Team race provided our team with an easy win, and the spectators with a view of our crack from Brighton, John Parker. He loped round the track with his tremendous stride and fairly left the others standing. His time of 9 min. 43 4-5 secs. was a new track record, and he certainly made a deep impression on all those present. Alf Taylor had a good race with L. J. Cohen for second place, but was beaten in the run in. Ashcombe rather surprisingly beat Ealing for second place in the team race, Reading being non-starters in this event.

The 1 Mile Relay was won by Ealing, who beat our team fairly easily, with Reading third.

Upon totalling up the points we found ourselves on top, but only by the narrow margin of 3 points over Ealing, the scores being: Belgrave H. 35 pts., Ealing H. 32 pts., Reading A.C. 13 pts., Ashcombe A.C. 12 pts.

INTER-CLUB RELAY COMPETITION,

May 13th, 1935.

The first of the contests for the Inter-Club Relay Shields, of which we are the holders, was held at Battersea Park Track on Monday evening, May 13th.

Owing to the late appearance of Eddie Kealey, our team in the 4 x 100 yards was not at full strength; and in the circumstances they did well to finish third in a very close finish, with Croydon beating Mitcham for first place.

For the 4 x 880 yards we fielded a very useful side, and Jim Tosh gave us the lead over the first stage. Frank Webb went next and was forced to yield the lead to Bidwell, of Croydon; with Mitcham also on our heels, so that for the third stage the three leading runners were together. Fred White put in a good finishing burst and managed to send Tom Scrimshaw away first with a lead of 5 or 6 yards. Naish, of Mitcham, set off after him in hot pursuit, but Tom never allowed his opponent to close the gap and over the last furlong went right away to win easily. Croydon were third, with Epsom a very poor fourth.

The 4 x 300 yards was in the nature of a tragedy for us; for with Stroud going first, and Bennett continuing the good work, we saw Michael having a neck and neck race with the Croydon man over the third stage. Kealey was going last for us and so we were expecting to score a win, when to our dismay the Croydon man fell right in front of Michael, who naturally had to

stop almost dead, and by the time he got going again, Mitcham had shot away with a 10 yards lead. Kealey rapidly reduced the gap, but on reaching the dressing room the Mitcham lad let it go, and so scored a rather lucky victory for his side.

Thus with the 1 Mile Team race to be decided we were 1 point behind Mitcham, but although Thorogood ran a very fine race to win the individual race, we were easily on top in the team race and so managed to level matters, the total scores being: Belgrave H. 13 pts., Mitcham A.C. 13 pts., Croydon H. 9 pts., Epsom H. 5 pts.

Two Club Handicaps were decided, and in the 220 yards (under 19) S. C. Botwright ran very finely off the scratch mark to win in 24 3-5 secs. V. D. Wynyard also showed promising form for a boy who is still at school in finishing second, but entries were on the poor side, there being only six starters.

In the Javelin Throw, S. Jones deservedly won first prize with A. A. Deacon, and Bill Sutton, filling the minor placings.

RESULTS.

4 x 100 Yards.—1, Croydon H.; 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Belgrave H.; 4, Epsom H.

4 x 880 Yards.—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Croydon H.; 4, Epsom H.

4 x 300 Yards.—1, Mitcham A.C.; 2, Belgrave A.C.; 3, Croydon A.C.; 4, Epsom H.

1 Mile Team.—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Epsom H.; 4, Croydon H.

220 Yards Junior.—1, S. C. Botwright (Scr.); 2, V. D. Wynyard (16); 3, G. Crilly (7).

Javelin Throw.—1, S. Jones (55ft.); 2, A. A. Deacon (75ft.); 3, W. H. J. Sutton (45ft.).

OUR MAY SATURDAY MEETING.

A "double-barrelled" match, supplemented by Club handicaps, was the programme arranged for our meeting on May 18th, and despite a cold cross wind which cramped performances, particularly in the sprints, everything proceeded satisfactorily.

We were successful in both match events, the Captain's team scoring 34 points, to the 30 points of Surrey A.C. and 25 of Herne Hill H.; and the Vice-Captain's Team scoring an even more pronounced success by scoring 43 points to the 32 of Leigh-on-Sea H., and 14 points of Ilford A.C.

Full results appear below, and I will content myself with a few impressions of outstanding performances. Firstly, it is worthy of comment that all four sprints were won by our men, whereas we were unable to win any of the longer distance track races. Strange, but partly explained by the fact that our first-string middle distance runners were on duty at the White City, fulfilling a Southern Amateur Athletic League fixture.

Eddie Kealey showed that we have a front-rank sprinter,

although not flattered by the times recorded, and we expect him to accomplish something really good this year. Stroud and Brodie also showed us some speed; whilst one of our younger members, F. Skelley, gave indication of first-class performances to come. Another young man to call forth our praise was 13-year-old Keith Robertson, who cleared 5ft. 1in. in the High Jump. We shall follow his future progress with great interest.

Bill Rice had a nasty fall in the Mile when he seemed all set for a win, but fortunately his injuries have not proved very serious. Scarsbrook beat his club-mate, Nichols, by inches in a stirring finish to the 2 miles event (Captain's Match), and another excellent performance, considering the conditions, was that of George Powell, who threw the Javelin 155 ft. 6½ ins.

In the Club handicaps, A. A. Bird (70 yds.) ran extraordinarily well to take the 880 yards event in his first track race. He kept his form right up to the tape, and we are tempted to think that in a year or so he may be showing up well in scratch events. Alec Mewes, another with promise, ran out a narrow winner in the 220 yards handicap, and a third young man, Percy Wright, experienced the pleasure of breaking the tape for the first time in the Walk. Don Brown's 14 min. 7 secs. from the scratch mark on a yielding track calls for superlatives, and we look to him to go near winning an A.A.A. title. E. Foulds won the Unattached Novices Mile in time on which he can easily improve.

To conclude, we would call attention to the versatility of R. R. Seal (Leigh-on-Sea) who seemed to bob up in all events, and actually scored 15 of his club's 32 points! We thank our opponents for two sporting matches, and trust we shall have the pleasure of meeting them again next season. A.A.H.

RESULTS.

100 Yards Match (Captain's).—1, E. L. Kealey (B); 2, F. Stroud (B); 3, W. G. Knight (S); 4, L. Berino (S). Time 10 4-5 secs.

100 Yards Match (Vice-Captain's).—1, C. H. Brodie (B); 2, R. R. Seal (L); 3, A. Gill (I), F. Skelley (B). Time 11 1-10 secs.

880 Yards Match (Captain's).—1, G. A. Smith (S); 2, D. Pell (H); 3, F. Tame (B); 4, E. S. Stimpson (B). Time 2 min. 2 secs.

880 Yards Match (Vice-Captain's).—1, C. G. Green (L); 2, F. R. Webb (B); 3, H. W. Shields (B); 4, G. W. Smith (L). Time 2 min 5 1-5 secs.

440 Yards Match (Vice-Captain's).—1, — Mills (I); 2, E. H. Pack (B); 3, A. R. Doublet (L); 4, — Whipps (I). Time 52 2-5 secs.

220 Yards Match (Captain's).—1, E. L. Kealey (B); 2, G. O. Sycamore (S); 3, F. W. Bond (H); 4, H. C. Saffery (S). Time 22 9-10 secs.

220 Yards Match (Vice-Captain's).—1, F. Stroud (B); 2, R. R. Seal (L); 3, H. B. Taylor (B); 4, A. R. Doublet (L). Time

1 Mile Match (Captain's).—1, E. L. Agate (S); 2, A. R. Shaw (B); 3, W. Speight (H). Time 4 min. 35 1-5 secs.

1 Mile Match (Vice-Captain's).—1, D. C. Balls (I); 2, J. E. Flower (B); 3, J. Ginty (B); 4, C. Green (L). Time 4 min. 42½ secs.

2 Miles Match (Captain's).—1, S. G. Scarsbrook (S); 2, R. Nichols (S); 3, C. T. Carter (B); 4, S. T. Ring (B). Time 9 min. 52 4-5 secs.

Shot Putt (Captain's).—1, W. H. Sutton (B), 32ft. 9in.; 2, C. A. Shurmer (H), 32ft. 6in.; 3, S. Jones (B), 32ft. 0½in.; 4, R. E. Pestell (H), 29ft. 6½in.

Shot Putt (Vice-Captain's).—1, H. J. Howard (L), 35ft. 3½in.; 2, H. Sloan (B), 30ft. 3½in.; 3, R. Nowak (B), 29ft. 6½in.; 4, R. R. Seel (L), 28ft. 9in.

High Jump (Captain's).—1, E. Murname (S), 5ft. 8in.; 2, G. Allen (H), 5ft. 7in.; 3, J. Eames (H) 5ft. 6in.; 4, K. Robertson (B) 5ft. 1in.

High Jump (Vice-Captain's).—1, K. Robertson (B) and H. Sloan (B) equal 4ft. 10in.; 3, R. R. Seel (L) and another (L) equal 4ft. 8in.

Javelin (Captain's).—1, G. H. Powell (B), 155ft. 6½in.; 2, S. Jones (B), 128ft. 7½in.; 3, C. A. Shurmer (H); 4, A. Tomlinson (S)

Javelin (Vice-Captain's).—1, H. J. Howard (L), 134ft. 2½in.; 2, W. H. Sutton (B), 117ft. 11in.; 3, R. Nowak (B), 111ft. 5in.; 4, R. R. Seel (L), 101ft. 1in.

FINAL SCORES.

1, Belgrave H. (Captain's), 34 pts.; 2, Surrey A.C., 30 pts.; 3, Herne Hill H., 25 pts.

1, Belgrave H. (Vice-Captain's), 43 pts.; 2, Leigh-on-Sea H., 32 pts.; 3, Ilford H., 14 pts.

2 Miles Walk Handicap.—1, P. G. Wright (360); 2, D. A. Earle (425); 3, C. W. Redgrave (250); 4, D. E. Brown (Scr.). Time 13 min. 39 3-5 secs.

220 Yards Handicap.—Heat Winners: H. B. Taylor (16); E. H. Pack (5); A. Mewes (15); L. G. Bennett (14). Final: 1, Mewes; 2, Bennett; 3, Pack. Time 22 secs.

880 Yards Handicap.—1, A. A. Bird (70); 2, S. Garland (65); 3, A. H. Sampson (85). Time 1 min. 55 secs.

1 Mile Unattached Novices (Scratch).—1, E. Foulds; 2, J. Roberts. Time 5 min. 15 1-5 secs.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

As usual, there is quite a feast of entertainment for Whit Monday, chief among the many Athletic meetings being the British Games at the White City, Shepherds Bush. This meeting will commence at 1-30 p.m. with a Grand March Past of athletes, and will be followed by a gigantic programme of events, including an International Inter-Club contest, and Inter-Universities contest, Open Scratch races at all distances, two events open to those under 20 years of age (i.e., 100 yards and 1,320 yards), and also Relay races. Then, just to give the crowd an exhibition of real running, the Birchfield Harriers and the Belgrave Harriers will compete in a 3 Miles scratch race, with eight men aside to run, and six to count. Whether the "Stag-bearers" can turn the tables on us remains to be seen, but bearing in mind their impressive record for many years past, it is certain that our boys will have to be at the top of their form in order to gain victory.

On the same day our old friend, Tom Hampson, is promoting a meeting at Clarence Park, St. Albans, and we have promised to send a team along for the 2 Miles Team race. There are also

Open Handicaps at all distances and I hope our members will support these to the best of their ability.

On June 22nd there are the Southern Championships at the Royal Naval Barracks Sports Ground, Portsmouth. Whether this venue will prove too far away to appeal to the Metropolitan athletes remains to be seen. Another fact to be borne in mind is that now-a-days you can obtain a Southern Standard medal in your County Championships. I expect, however, that the Varsity men will be there in full force, and if one can manage it, it should be a meeting worth witnessing.

On Wednesday, June 26th, at Battersea Park Track, we have the "Doris" Shield Competition between Ashcombe A.C., Thames Valley H., and ourselves. Thames Valley H. are the present holders, and it is up to our boys to bring the Shield back to our safe keeping once again. The events are: 100 yds., 440 yds., 1 Mile Relay and 2 Miles Team Race. These are all level events and points are awarded for the first three places in each race. In addition there are the following joint Club Handicaps: 100 yds., 1 Mile run, 2 Miles walk and Shot Putt. Entries for these should be sent off at once, or handed in at Battersea Park Track on any training night. Last year the sprint was very poorly supported by our members and I hope they will remedy this by making this year's race a bumper one.

On Saturday, June 29th, we have the S.A.A.L. 1 Mile Team race at the Herne Hill Track in connection with the Civil Service Sports at which are also the following Open Handicaps: 100 yds., 440 yds., 1 Mile, which may be of interest to our members.

On Tuesday, July 2nd, at Pampisford Road, South Croydon, will be held the second of the Inter Club Relay contests and if we want to retain our hold on the Shield it is essential that we place a fairly strong team in the field for these away fixtures.

On July 6th, at the White City, will be held the A.A.A. Junior Championships, and any members who are eligible to compete should take care to get their entry in early so as to avoid being refused.

The following Friday and Saturday, July 12th and 13th, the A.A.A. Championships proper will take place at the White City Stadium. Will all those members who contemplate entering kindly get in touch with the Gen. Hon. Sec., who will submit their names to our Committee, with the object of selecting those who are considered worthy of entry, bearing in mind the special conditions which are now laid down as a condition of entry to these events.

On Wednesday, July 17th, at the "News of the World" Track, Mitcham, will be held the third of the Inter-Club Relays, and seeing that this venue is fairly accessible for our supporters I

trust we shall see them there in good numbers to give our lads a few shouts of encouragement.

On July 24th at Battersea Park Track there will be the following Club Handicaps: 100 yds. (under 16), 100 yds. (Vets. 40 or over), 100 yds. Club, 440 yds., 1 Mile run, and a Discus Throw Handicap. In addition there will be two events Open to all Unattached Novices, i.e., 100 yds. and 1 Mile Walk. These are scratch races and members can help the club by sending their names to our Gen. Hon. Sec. not later than 7 days before date of meeting. Entry is FREE for both these events.

Wednesday, July 31st, at Epsom, is the final Inter-Club Relay meeting, and I hope that the members asked to make the journey will do so, and thus avoid our fielding our half-milers in the sprints, as we have so often had to do in the past.

Don't forget Saturday, August 3rd, is Club Championship Day at Battersea Park Track. The meeting will start at 3 p.m., and there are championship events at all distances, including the 100 yds. for those under 15 years of age, and the 220 yds. for those under 18. Standard medals will be awarded in all events over the sprint distances and are as follows: 440 yds., 56 secs.; 880 yds., 2 min. 8 secs.; 1 Mile, 4 min. 50 secs.; 2 Miles Walk, 15 min. 30 secs. and 16 mins.

Please enter early. You can send your name on a postcard to either of the following, and they will be extremely obliged to all those who do so, and so avoid last-minute congestion.

For the Field Events men there will be two Club Handicaps, i.e., Long Jump and Shot Putt. We have not yet instituted Championships for these events although the "Harry Wright" Shield is awarded annually to the best performer in this section.

In the past our entries for Club Championships have been sadly lacking in numbers; but I hope that this year, with the deletion of the usual Handicap races, that the members will support the championship events, and thus show that they do not object to competing in company with the Club's so-called "cracks."

All Entries and any enquiries can be sent to our—

Asst. Hon. Sec., E. A. DUFFETT,

10, Barrow Road, Waddon, Surrey.

or Gen. Hon. Sec., 71 Ravensbury Road, S.W.18.

LECTURES.

Lord Burghley and E. R. Bradbrooke will lecture on Hurdling and High Jumping respectively, at Battersea Park Track, on Tuesday, June 18th, at 6-30 p.m. All our members interested are urged to come along and benefit by the advice which is theirs if they care to attend.

