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Our very heartiest congratulations are accorded to Tommy Scrimshaw upon his very fine showing in the A.A.A. Championships and consequent selection to represent England v. France in Paris on August 2nd. He is the latest addition to our growing list of "Internationals" and as he is not yet twenty-one, should continue to appear in similar contests for many years to come. We wish him the best of luck in his first International race and trust that next year there will be other "Bels." in the English team with him.

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Congratulations also to Fred Rickards upon his very fine win in the "Guildford Cup" race, decided over a fifty kilometres (30½ miles) course, embracing several stiff climbs. His time was wonderfully good and a reproduction of this form next season should ensure for him a place in the Olympic team visiting Los Angeles next summer.

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It is understood that each country will be allowed three representatives in the 50 kilometres Walk included in the Olympic Games programme for the first time next year. With Fred Rickards and Tommy Green bearing English colours (as seems very probable) England can be sure of being worthily represented and, of course, there still remains the third place! We can also fill this vacancy from our ranks, if needs be, and the coming season's racing will be followed with an added interest and in the hope that we provide England's three Olympic walkers!

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At long last we have managed to win the Surrey County Relay Championship and for this we have to thank T. Hampson, T. N. Wilcock, J. E. Read and E. H. Jarvis. Tommy Hampson, running as befits an A.A.A. champion, gained a twenty yards lead for us over the first stage of half a mile; and this was nearly

doubled by Read and Wilcock (220 yards each) and Jarvis, running the final quarter-mile. Well done! We hope to retain this championship for many years.

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J. W. Clemens, by winning the Southern Counties Long Jump Championship, and being one of the final six in the A.A.A. Long Jump Championship (with only one other Englishman to keep him company, the remaining four coming from abroad) has proved himself to be in the front rank of England's jumpers, and he should achieve representative honours before long.

Well done, Clemens, and may you find two feet (in the jump, of course) during the winter!

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Another Belgrave man to do well in the A.A.A. Championships was A. L. Fletcher, who finished fourth in the Seven Miles Walk. The race was won by Frigerio, of Italy, with Danlisch, a Latvian, second. This places Len as the second-best Englishman in the race—a very fine performance meriting our congratulations.

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Our heartiest congratulations are extended to S. L. King, who was recently married to Miss Redgrave. Syd has served the Club well as runner, walker (not at the same time, of course!), Walking Hon. Secretary and Committee man during his many years with the Club, and we wish Mr. and Mrs. King a very happy married life. Business has taken Syd some way out of London, but we can be sure that his wife's and his own good wishes will follow the Club, and that we shall see them from time to time.

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We cordially welcome the following new members this month: F. A. P. Horton, C. J. Kelly, L. E. Alp, S. Huggins, W. J. Roberts, J. A. Grimwade, A. M. Dyke, R. L. Bowles, G. W. McCarthy, C. F. Armstrong, G. Leviten, D. Martin, A. F. Mitchell, H. W. F. Harris, H. H. Rumsey, E. Pointer, A. H. M. Kew, W. J. French, C. H. James, and one omitted from last month's list, A. Deacon.

A long and happy career with the Club is our sincere wish to the above named.

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Of the above, C. J. Kelly has already proved himself a capable long-jumper by winning our recent handicap; G. W. McCarthy is a brother of T. McCarthy, who is serving the Club well by looking after our interests in South East London. J. A. Grimwade (introduced to the Club by old friends in A. L. Spendlove and E. L. Reeve) is a young walker of considerable promise; and we may be sure that among our new recruits this month

there are several others with talent which will soon be revealing itself.

### INTER-CLUB WALKS.

We were favoured with fine weather on the evening of June 15th, when eight clubs sent teams to Battersea Park to compete in our Sixth Annual Inter-Club Walking Contest. The rules governing this sporting event are so well known to all members and, indeed, to all Metropolitan walkers, that there is no need to re-state them in the "Belgravian." The splendid quality of the teams that accept our invitation each year and the keenness with which the issue is invariably fought out, tell convincingly that the rules governing this event are widely known and appreciated to a remarkable degree. Counting team men and reserves, one hundred or more athletes attend this meeting year after year, full of enthusiasm and bringing a following of supporters. There are no cups or medals to be won, yet they give us of their very best; and there is no other track fixture in the country possessing the power of luring out such a muster of walkers.

The programme opened with the 5 miles race, and here A. A. Webb, of the Polytechnic Harriers, enhanced his brilliant record in this race by his customary display of fast and faultless walking. This year he was faster than ever, whilst his style and body-poise left nothing to be desired. He has now made five consecutive appearances in this race. He won in 1926, 1928 and this year, and finished 2nd to C. W. Hyde, the A.A.A. dual ex-champion in 1929 and 1930. Although the time recorded this year is 59 seconds slower than Hyde's of last year, yet it is the second fastest of the whole series and beats his own previous best by 63 seconds. Webb is a great favourite with the Battersea Park walking fans and each year they show their appreciation in no uncertain fashion. He was well backed up by R. C. Holdaway, and for a long while it appeared that the Poly. pair would beat the field. Holdaway had a touch of cramp at about 4 miles, however, and our pair, J. E. Field and F. W. Thorn, who were lying handy, quickly passed him. He recovered to hold on to 4th position.

The finest thrill of the evening was provided by a young and diminutive "David" of the Surrey Walking Club, who found the pace and stride of the leaders too much for him during the first 2½ miles of this race and who was then lying only 8th in the field. But he was pugnacious and determined and the set of his mouth said plainly: "Has anybody seen any Goliaths knocking about round here?" Fiercely, although smoothly and stylishly, he pushed on in eager search of something to fight, and soon backmarked a tall young club-fellow who had led him by about 30 yards. Yet by doing so he had picked up no points for his club and he snorted viciously (I believe) as he went by

and on after two London Vidarians, H. G. Churcher and P. W. Collier, who were some distance in front. At about 4 miles he caught them and, to his great delight, found them ready for a scrap. He fought them alternately until the bell went for the last lap, and then, making a further effort, gradually forged from two to three yards ahead. Near the tape, however, two quick turns of the head appeared to indicate an invitation to fight out the remaining inches. His fourteen points were thoroughly well earned. J. E. Field and F. W. Thorn both walked well and finished together. The former beat his previous best by 61 seconds and the latter reproduced the style and pace which won him the "Horwood Cup" last December, and which he had not shewn in his last few races.

RESULT—5 MILES.

	m.	s.
1. A. A. Webb, Polytechnic Harriers ... ..	38	31
†2. J. E. Field, Belgrave Harriers ... ..	40	17
†2. F. W. Thorn, Belgrave Harriers ... ..	40	17

The three mile race followed, and for almost a mile A. D. Cawte, of the Valentine's S.C., led the field. Then, just as Blackmore and Archibald, of the Surrey Walking Club, were overtaking him, he was ruled out, and the pair went on together to finish well ahead of P. R. Bayliss, of the Ashcombe A.C. C. W. Redgrave and R. F. Elson finished together for us some 20 yards behind the Ashcombe man and, although by being so well placed they gathered 29 points for us, the skipper of the Surrey W. Club and his mate reduced our advantage from 10 to 4 points.

RESULT—3 MILES.

	m.	s.
†1. F. W. Blackmore, Surrey W. Club ... ..	23	15
†1. W. Archibald, Surrey W. Club ... ..	23	15
3. P. R. Bayliss, Ashcombe A.C. ... ..	23	55
†4. C. W. Redgrave, Belgrave Harriers ... ..	24	22
†4. R. F. Elson, Belgrave Harriers ... ..	24	22

A. L. Fletcher had just retained the 2 mile Championship of the London Business Houses at Stamford Bridge, but he represented the club in the race over the same distance and, by finishing first, repeated his double of a year ago. For a mile he was closely attended by H. F. King, but he then opened up a gap of about 30 yards and maintained this lead until the end. W. T. Chilton threatened danger to Harold for about 1½ miles, but then dropped back and eventually finished 3rd some 30 yards off. By gaining the maximum quota of points we now led our nearest opponents by 11 points.

RESULT—2 MILES.

	m.	s.
1. A. L. Fletcher, Belgrave Harriers ... ..	14	53
2. H. F. King, Belgrave Harriers ... ..	15	1
3. W. T. Chilton, Surrey W. Club ... ..	15	15

G. T. Galloway had finished 2nd to Fletcher at Stamford Bridge and he also came on to our meeting afterwards. He raced for the Surrey Walking Club in the final event over 1 mile and walked faultlessly in beating J. A. Bridger, of the London

Vidarians, by about 30 yards. A. C. Bayliss, of the Ashcombe A.C., filled the 3rd position a similar distance behind Bridger. Our men finished 4th and 6th, scoring the same number of points as the Surrey Walking Club, and thus enabled us to run out winners of the competition by 11 points.

RESULT—1 MILE.

	m.	s.
1. G. T. Galloway, Surrey W. Club ... ..	7	4
2. J. A. Bridger, London Vidarians ... ..	7	14
3. A. C. Bayliss, Ashcombe A.C. ... ..	7	26
4. J. G. Scamell, Belgrave Harriers ... ..	7	29
6. L. Storey, Belgrave Harriers ... ..	7	34

FINAL SCORES.

	5 Miles	3 Miles	2 Miles	1 Mile	Total
1. Belgrave Harriers ... ..	33	29	35	28	125
2. Surrey Walking Club ... ..	23	35	28	28	114
3. Polytechnic Harriers ... ..	33	18	23	21	95
4. London Vidarians ... ..	25	20	15	28	88
5. Ashcombe A.C. ... ..	13	18	16	16	63
6. Valentine's S.C. ... ..	7	6	21	21	55
7. Finchley Harriers ... ..	4	20	12	14	50
8. Metropolitan Walking C. 19 ... ..	11	11	18	—	48
9. Surrey A.C. ... ..	11	13	—	—	24

SCORE DETAILS.

**Belgrave Harriers.**—A. L. Fletcher 18pts., H. F. King, 17pts., F. W. Thorn 16½pts., J. E. Field 16½pts., J. G. Scamell 15pts., R. F. Elson 14½pts., C. W. Redgrave 14½pts., L. Storey 13pts. Total 125pts.

**Surrey Walking Club.**—G. T. Galloway 18pts., F. Blackmore 17½pts., W. Archibald 17½pts., W. T. Chilton 16pts., H. W. Snow 14pts., N. A. L. Burt 12pts., R. M. Simmonds 10pts., S. E. Horton 9pts. Total 114pts.

The walking this year was of a higher standard than during the past few years and only 3 competitors were disqualified in the course of the evening. Two years ago 3 of our team of 8 were ruled out and it was necessary for us to warn our members that future teams could only be chosen from men who could be relied upon to pass the judges. Despite the warning, 2 of our men failed to satisfy them last year and although we won the contest our victory was not so clean cut and satisfactory as we could have wished it to be. Many of our opponents also earned disqualification, and thus helped us to a rather lame win. This year, however, the whole of the 24 members of the first three teams walked fairly and finished their races and a single disqualification would have cost us the victory. Consequently we have reason to be proud of our success.

J.B.B.

EVENING MEETING—JUNE 24th.

The chief event of the evening was the 3 Miles Championship for "The Griffin Cup." Unfortunately, Arthur Allum, the holder, was unable to compete owing to ankle trouble, sustained at the end of the Winter season.

Wally Bayliss led the field in the early stages of the race, but was displaced after a while by Arthur Penny, closely followed by Jack Flower. It was obvious that the championship was going to resolve itself into a struggle between the two last-named and this proved to be the case. Over the last lap Arthur drew away, and although Jack seemed to gain a little in the last fifty yards, Penny won by a few yards in the Club record time of 15min. 6sec. C. T. Carter ran well to finish third and would have been much nearer the leaders but for an attack of "stitch" over the last two laps. He should show considerable improvement over the country this coming season. Fourth came H. E. Footer and fifth N. Dewberry. These two gained first-class standard medals (inside 16sec.) and the following received second-class standards, (inside 16min. 30sec.): H. J. Fletcher, W. G. Webb, A. E. Smith, E. A. Duffett and K. B. O'Kell.

In the handicaps R. W. Martin was once again prominent in winning the 880 yards race in 1min. 56 4-5sec. The 100 yards went to E. C. Rutter and the quarter-mile was won by C. Christie, the Wimbledon footballer, in very fast time. H. Latter gave evidence of maintained improvement by winning his second Club Walk handicap this season despite a "pull" of 75 yards. Jackman, second, also again showed improved form, and in A. Maynard, the winner of the One Mile Novice Walk, we have another young walker likely to strengthen our teams in due course.

#### RESULTS.

**3 Miles Club Championship.**—1, A. W. Penny; 2, J. E. Flower; 3, C. T. Carter. Time 15min. 6sec. First Class standards (16min.): H. E. Footer, N. Dewberry. Second Class Standards (16min. 30sec.): H. J. Fletcher, W. G. Webb, A. E. Smith, E. A. Duffett, K. B. O'Kell.

**880 Yards Handicap.**—1, R. W. Martin (58); 2, T. F. Morrell (65); F. Walker (70). Time 1min. 56 4-5sec.

**100 Yards Handicap.**—Heat Winners: J. W. Clemens (6); J. G. Barrett (7); E. C. Rutter (9); C. P. Aberdeen (8); D. C. L. Gratte (7½); S. J. Harper (9). Final: 1, Rutter; 2, Harper; 3, Clemens. 10 1-10sec.

**100 Yards Handicap (under 16).**—Heat 1: 1, G. H. Pamment (scr.); 2, C. Jones (6); 3, A. Purdy (7). Heat 2: 1, A. A. Solly (2); 2, J. Crilly (6); 3, A. Mewes (3). Final: 1, Solly; 2, Pamment; 3, Crilly. 11sec.

**1 Mile Novice Walk.**—1, A. Maynard (Bel. H.); 2, L. S. Fairman (unatt.); 3, A. E. Scott (Bel. H.). 5min. 17sec.

**150 Yards Veterans.**—Heat 1: 1, H. W. East (10); 2, H. E. Jackman (6). Heat 2: 1, E. R. Jessop (11); 2, D. E. Jordan (6). Heat 3: 1, R. S. Read (11); 2, J. Smith (6). Final: 1, Read; 2, Jessop; 3, Smith. 17 3-10sec.

**440 Yards Handicap.**—Heat Winners: R. Barsby (15); E. H. Jarvis (8); J. S. Williams (20); C. Christie (28); A. A. Clubb (35). Final: 1, Christie; 2, Clubb; 3, Barsby. 49 4-5sec.

**Two Miles Walk.**—1, H. Latter (405); 2, E. A. Jackman (415); 3, L. F. Bailey (315). Time 14 min. 8sec.

**High Jump.**—1, E. H. Pack (all 6ins.).

## " DORIS SHIELD " INTER-CLUB COMPETITION.

"It's gone"—in other words, we have lost possession of the "Doris" Shield presented by the late Bob Ricketts for competition between Thames Valley H., Ashcombe A.C. and ourselves. Thames Valley H. are the new holders of the Shield, and we heartily congratulate them on their fine win. The meeting, which was held on the splendid Richmond Athletic Ground on July 9th, was comprised of scratch events for the Shield and also Handicaps open to members of the three competing clubs.

In the 100 Yards Scratch race Tavender, of T.V.H., won, with M. E. Odell second and Filkins, of T.V.H., a close third.

For the 440 Yards race we relied upon H. Titherley and R. G. Michael and could only manage third place. Cooper, a fine runner, of T.V.H., won in good style, with Beswick, of Ashcombe A.C., second and Michael next. Our man ran rather green and will no doubt improve with more experience of scratch races.

In the next Shield event, the 2 Miles Team race, we managed to secure major points, but only on the team principle, our scoring four being N. R. Dewberry 3, Arthur Allum 4, Bill Webb 6, and H. J. Fletcher 7. Thames Valley H. were second, two points in front of Ashcombe's total. L. J. Cohen, of Ashcombe A.C., won the individual race in 9min. 52sec., with A. J. Nuti, of T.V.H., second, while Norman Dewberry ran extremely well to secure third place.

In the last race, the 1 Mile Relay, we were already resigned to our loss of the Shield, but at least hoped to score a win in this event. It was not to be, however, and although we led up to the final 220, Odell over this stage had to give way to Tavender, of T.V.H.

On analysing these results the point that strikes one most is not so much our decline, but the improvement made by the Thames Valley H. They have been fortunate in securing several new members of distinct promise and must now be reckoned a fighting force in this annual competition. However, we look forward to next year's meeting and guarantee to give them a fine fight in trying to regain possession of our lost honours.

With regard to the Handicaps, the Club was more successful in these, and we gained first and second places in the 100 Yards with B. W. Hayman and G. Basford. In the 1 Mile Handicap we had F. Walker 2, T. F. Morrell 3, and Alec Robertshaw 4. The winner, T. J. Lee, of Ashcombe A.C., ran a very plucky race and deserved his victory in what was quite good time. The 2 Miles Walk saw Ashcombe A.C. gaining first two places with L. F. Bailey, of our own Club, third.

So concluded a very interesting evening's sport, which I am sure was enjoyed by both spectators and competitors alike.

## RESULTS.

### INTER-CLUB EVENTS.

**100 Yards.**—1, H. G. Tavender (T.V.H.); 2, M. Odell (Bel. H.); 3, A. J. Filkins (T.V.H.).

**440 Yards.**—1, J. Cooper (T.V.H.); 2, R. W. Beswick (Ash. A.C.); 3, R. G. Michael (Bel. H.).

**2 Miles Team.**—1, Belgrave H.; 2, T.V.H.; 3, Ashcombe A.C.

**Mile Relay.**—1, T.V.H.; 2, Belgrave H.; 3, Ashcombe A.C.

**Final Points.**—T.V.H. 12pts.; Belgrave H. 8pt.; Ashcombe A.C. 4 pts.

### HANDICAP RESULTS.

**100 Yards.**—1, B. W. Hayman (B.H.), 4; 2, G. Basford (B.H.), 3; 3, C. Pacey (T.V.H.), 2; 4, A. W. Birnie (B.H.), 7½.

**2 Miles Walk.**—1, R. E. Smith (A.A.C.), 370; 2, P. R. Bayliss (A.A.C.), 160; 3, L. F. Bailey (B.H.), 240; 4, S. T. Ball (B.H.), 575.

**1 Mile.**—1, T. J. Lee (A.A.C.), 146; 2, F. Walker (B.H.), 105; 3, T. F. Morrell (B.H.), 95; 4, A. Robertshaw (B.H.), 80.

## INTER-CLUB RELAY COMPETITION AT MITCHAM.

The third contest for the Inter-Club Relay Shield took place at the "News of the World" Track, Mitcham, on July 1st. The second of the series had taken place at Epsom on June 10th and had left us with a nine points lead in the competition. Although we fielded a fairly useful side in the 4 x 100 Yards we had to be content with third place to Mitcham A.C. and Croydon H.

Owing to non-arrivals we were forced to run a makeshift team in the 4 x 880 Yards and Mitcham won easily by almost half a lap, with Epsom H. surprisingly beating Croydon for third place.

The 4 x 300 Yards saw us having to run R. W. Martin, a half-miler who has done well in recent Club Handicaps, and he ran a very plucky race to enable Jock Wilcock to get away a few feet in front of Rickett, of Croydon. Mitcham A.C. were again easy winners of this event, with ourselves second and then Croydon H. and Epsom H.

The 1 Mile Team race gave us our one win of the evening and here our men were A. W. Penny 1, C. T. Carter 4, E. A. Duffett 5. Arthur Allum made a most welcome re-appearance in this race, but was naturally not inclined to force matters in view of his groggy leg.

On the evening's running Mitcham A.C. are to be congratulated on their fine show, they scoring 15 points to our 12, and Croydon's 8, with Epsom H. 5. As we had a nine points lead over Mitcham prior to this meeting we thus had a six points lead for the Shield with one more meeting to be held.

### RESULTS.

**4 x 100 Yards.**—Mitcham A.C., 1; Croydon H., 2; Belgrave H., 3; Epsom H., 4. Time 41 4-5sec.

**4 x 300 Yards.**—Mitcham A.C., 1; Belgrave H., 2; Croydon H., 3; Epsom H., 4. Time 2min. 15 1-5sec.

**4 x 880 Yards.**—Mitcham A.C., 1; Belgrave H., 2; Epsom H., 3; Croydon H., 4. Time 8min. 29 2-5sec.

**1 Mile Team.**—Belgrave H., 1; Mitcham A.C., 2; Croydon H., 3; Epsom H., 4. Time 4min. 39sec.

## INTER-CLUB RELAY COMPETITION MEETING.

The final Inter-Club Relay meeting was held at Croydon on July 15th. The weather was very unsettled and it rained hard during the afternoon, a fact which no doubt accounted for the non-appearance of our sprinters. Only one, F. W. Port, turned up and so we started off under a definite handicap. Although we had a six points lead for the Shield, we were a little apprehensive as to the final result of the evening's sport.

In the 4 x 100 Yards, Epsom H. did not field a team and so our boys, namely, Port, Frank Webb, Martin and Michael just ran for the points scored for third place. Croydon managed to beat Mitcham and this of course suited our plans as we only lost one point to our chief rivals.

For the 4 x 880 Yards we decided to give R. W. Martin and R. G. Michael a chance of showing whether their Club Handicap running could be produced in scratch races. Michael, doing the first leg, ran well and gave us a lead of 20 yards. Joe Flower went next and Ayton, of Mitcham, cut into this lead, so that when Martin went off he had about 10 yards lead over Norman Gunn. It was here that experience told and although Martin ran a very plucky race, Gunn reduced his lead to a bare yard or so. Frank Webb had Ferdinando, of Mitcham, to contend with on the last stage and, as we rather expected, the Mitcham man eventually beat Frank by about 5 yards. Quite a good race, but it proved that unless we field our best team our chances of beating Mitcham at this distance are very slight.

The 4 x 300 Yards was a repetition of the shorter sprint, but for the fact that Mitcham beat Croydon, for whom Les Rickett ran a fine last stage. Giving away nearly 30 yards, he only failed in the last few strides to catch his man.

The position, so far as points were concerned, was that up to this stage we had dropped four out of our six lead for the Shield. We were resolved not to have any "one point touches," so told our men it was a question of having "Belgrave" first, the rest nowhere, in the final race, which was the 1 Mile Team contest. They rose to the occasion in fine style and finished thus: A. W. Penny 1, C. T. Carter 2, A. Allum 3, and F. Tame 5. Arthur Penny's time of 4min. 42sec. on a track which was like a morass after the heavy rain which had fallen during the meeting, was very fine running, and he is, without a doubt, a live candidate for our Mile Championship honours.

After the scores had been totalled up, the result of the competition for the Inter-Club Relay Shield was as follows: Belgrave H., 52pts., 1; Mitcham A.C., 49 pts., 2; Croydon H., 41pts., 3; Epsom H., 16pts., 4.

There is no doubt that we have our distance men to thank, not for the first time, for winning the Shield once more, and we must find some sprinters who are willing to assist the Club in these races in which, although there are no prizes to be won, there is at least something to be gained, and that is the feeling that *you* at any rate have done your bit towards helping the Club to success. We have been given a very close run by Mitcham A.C., and Croydon were not far behind, and although we wish our rivals every success it would be rather a blow to our prestige if we lost this Shield. Lose it we certainly shall, the same as we did the "Doris" Shield, if our members do not support the away fixtures better than they do. I know there is a feeling in some quarters that the "old gang" are always invited to run, but, at all events, I know we can rely upon the older members not to let the Club down, and although I admit we have a lot of promising youngsters, you must remember that Mitcham can turn out very useful teams at all distances and that unless we make an endeavour to field our best side they will surely beat us.

The results this season prove this, and our only hope is that next year our young members will have improved sufficiently to make them fit contenders for places in our teams.

Until that time we must be content to rely upon the "old gang," men who run 10 miles over the country with the same cheerfulness as they do half a mile, and men who, at least, have the interests of the Club at heart.

#### RESULTS.

**4 x 100 Yards.**—Croydon H., 1; Mitcham A.C., 2; Belgrave H., 3. Time 43 2-5sec.

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

**4 x 800 Yards.**—Mitcham A.C., 1; Belgrave H., 2; Croydon H., 3; Epsom H., 4.

**1 Mile Team.**—Belgrave H., 6pts., 1; Mitcham A.C., 18pts., 2; Croydon H., 28pts., 3; Epsom H., 4. Time 4min. 42sec.

#### THE JUNIOR INTER-CLUB CONTEST.

This year's Junior Inter-Club Competition, held at Battersea Park, provided our boys with an easy win and gave ample evidence of the ability and promise of our young runners. Although we cannot truthfully say that our men were fully extended, enough was seen of their talent to justify us prophesying "big" futures for them.

We must consider ourselves very fortunate to have such capable athletes in the making, and to know that in addition to those who actually represented the Club in this contest, there are many others who should also develop into first-class performers.

The first event to be decided was the 3 x 100 yards relay. E. H. Pack gained a very narrow lead on the first "leg" over Burroughs, of Mitcham A.C., the Surrey County Junior champion, and this was increased considerably by R. Macpherson and D. Gratte, who breasted the tape an easy winner.

In the 880 yards team race (4 to start and 3 to score) we were represented by F. H. C. White, S. Garland, W. G. Woolmer and A. A. Clubb. The race developed into an interesting struggle between White and Garland, White eventually drawing away in the straight to win in 2min. 10 2-5secs. Woolmer (6th) completed our team, which scored 9 points to the 19 of Mitcham A.C., and Croydon H.s' 20 points.

The third event, the 3 x 200 yards relay, gave us our third win. The Mitcham runner led Gratte at the end of the first stage, but Clapham, running second, outpaced his rival, leaving Pack to stride round in effortless fashion.

Two Club handicaps were held at this meeting, one at 300 yards, the other at 880 yards. In the former race, A. F. Powter was successful from the 22 yards mark, with G. Weston second.

Tom Cotton won the "half" in workmanlike fashion, and the second man, R. G. Michael, impressed by his fine running from the 40 yards mark.

#### RESULTS.

**3 x 100 Yards.**—1, Belgrave H. (E. H. Pack, R. Macpherson, D. Gratte); 2, Croydon H.; 3, Mitcham A.C.

**880 Yards.**—1, Belgrave H. (1, 2, 6), 9pts.; 2, Mitcham A.C. 19pts.; 3, Croydon H., 20pts.

**3 x 200 Yards.**—1, Belgrave H. (D. Gratte, D. Clapham, E. H. Pack); 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Croydon H.

**300 Yards Handicap.**—Heat Winners: A. F. Powter (22), F. W. Port (17); G. Weston (23); G. A. Tutin (19); J. S. Williams (14). Final: 1, Powter; 2, Weston; 3, Port. 31 3-5sec.

**880 Yards Handicap.**—1, T. Cotton (65); 2, R. G. Michael (40); 3, H. D. Brown (125). 1min. 58 1-10sec.

#### ROUND THE MEETINGS.

The successes of our members during the past few weeks have been so many and varied that it has proved impossible to keep pace with them, and for that reason the following list does not claim to be complete. Our congratulations are extended to all those who have succeeded in being placed.

*June 13th.*—The 11 Mile Team race in the Southern Amateur Athletic League was held at the Civil Service Meeting on this day and our team finished third. Bill Webb finished second in the Civil Service Mile Championship.

*June 15th.*—A. L. Fletcher retained his title of London Business Houses Walk Champion, and T. H. Scrimshaw won the 880 yards title.

*June 20th.*—The Southern Championships. In these Championships, held at Southend, J. W. Clemens won the Long Jump title with a fine jump of 22ft. 4½in. In the final of the half-mile Scrimshaw, although beating 1min. 57sec. for the distance, was only placed fourth. E. R. Turner (175ft. 7in.) and G. H. Powell (173ft. 1½in.) were second and third in the Javelin throw and J. Conroy was third in the Shot Putt.

On the same afternoon Fred Rickards accomplished a very fine feat in winning "The Guildford Cup" race over 50 kilometres in 4hrs. 36min. 58 1-5sec., and so proved himself one of the finest long-distance walkers this country possesses.

*June 24th.*—T. Cotton, 3rd, 880 yards, "Z" Division.

*June 27th.*—The majority of our men competed at the Jubilee meeting of the Ravensbourne Club. Our team in the 4 x 880 yards relay consisting of H. Titherley, F. R. Webb, T. J. Flower and T. H. Scrimshaw, won fairly easily, and our representatives in the 4 x 440 yards (H. Titherley, E. H. Jarvis, F. A. Arrow-smith, T. H. Scrimshaw) were placed second.

In the Three Miles Team Race our team was placed second, only four points behind the winners, Highgate H. A. Penny ran well to finish fourth in such a classy field and was well backed up by Footer and Warboys.

Our team in the 2 Miles Walk finished third (H. F. King, J. E. Field, F. W. Thorn).

On the same day at Luton, E. R. Turner won a Scratch Javelin Throw with a throw of 173ft. 8in. L. Morgan won both the 100 yards and 200 yards handicaps confined to Police held at this meeting.

At Belvedere, G. Basford was second in both sprints, and C. Mains second in the Mile.

*July 3rd and 4th.*—A.A.A. Championships. T. H. Scrimshaw distinguished himself by running second in his heat (his time being 1min. 56 2-5sec.) and fourth in the Final, with T. Hampson, S. Townend and Dr. Peltzer in front of him. Truly remarkable running, for a lad not yet twenty-one. The performances of Clemens (Long Jump) and Fletcher (Seven Miles Walk—54min. 15sec.) are mentioned elsewhere.

J. F. King and H. F. King narrowly missed Standards in the Two Miles Walk; and J. E. Flower was fifth in the Steeplechase. E. R. Turner (6th) gained Standard in the Javelin, but A. Penny was not so successful in his event, the Four Miles.

*July 11th.*—INTER-COUNTY DAY. Many of our men were called upon to represent their counties. E. R. Turner (Bedfordshire) and G. H. Powell (Surrey) were first and second in the Javelin Throw, and Scrimshaw finished third in the 880 yards after a very fine race with Hampson.

On the same day our Two Mile Team was successful at Durants Park.

*July 15th.*—T. Cotton, 1st, 880 yards, Croydon.

*July 18th.*—"The Jockey Cup" was won by our two-milers for the fourth year in succession at Herne Hill. Arthur Penny finished second and our team (Penny, Jack Flower, Carter) scored 13 points to Highgate's 21.

In the Open Handicaps J. G. Barrett won the 220 yards, F. Walker was second in the 880 yards and F. Powter third in the sprint. In the Printing Trade Events, J. Smith was successful in the Veterans' 80 yards from the half-yard mark, L. Clapham had two place prizes in the sprints, and A. A. Harley was second in the Walk.

This must conclude the list of successes, although it is far from complete. Wilcock and Morrell, among others, have been troubling the judges and there are, no doubt, many other names equally deserving of inclusion.

### WITH THE WALKERS.

We are very glad to see Tommy Green out again, and although he is not yet his old self, he has already been responsible for some very fine performances. Best of these, perhaps, was to beat T. Lloyd Johnson, the National 20 miles and 50 kilometres champion, in a 25 miles race at Manchester. We hope that Tommy will be fit for the Brighton Walk in September and show that eight hours for the distance can be beaten.

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Fred Rickards, as mentioned elsewhere, is now very fit and should also do well in the London—Brighton Walk on September 12th. Anyone who is thinking of walking in this race and has not yet received an entry form should communicate with me as soon as possible.

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I should also be glad to hear from any Club members or friends who are willing to act as attendants to our men on the road. A good attendant can mean all the difference between a good performance and an indifferent one on this trying course and it is up to us to see that our representatives do not suffer in this respect. Offers of assistance will be gratefully received by the Walking Hon. Sec., whose address appears at the foot of these notes.

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We shall, no doubt, be having the usual 'bus for supporters following the race, and application for seats should be made at once. The 'bus, besides providing a good day out and a view of one of the most sporting events held in this country, is also very useful for bringing back to London the attendants and their cycles.

We welcome this month J. A. Grimwade, a stylish young walker who has won his first "Open" race and bids fair to become a Club champion in due course; and R. L. Bowles, a powerfully-built novice with undoubted ability. We shall also have in our ranks shortly, J. F. O'Connell, who won the Public Schools Mile Walk Championship last April, thus emulating the performance of Jack Carne, who was record-holder of this event for many years.

All enquiries to

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### IMPORTANT NOTE.

It is proposed to hold two novice races on our opening day at Wimbledon, on September 26th. These will probably take the form of a Three Miles race for runners and similar event for walkers. Entry will be free and confined to Unattached Novices and Belgrave Harriers. Further information may be had from the Section Hon. Secretaries.

It is hoped that all members will bring these events to the notice of their friends.

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A new stock of Club ties has now been obtained and may be had from

A. A. HARLEY,

44 Rosebury Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

Price 2/6 each. By post 2/9.

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Sleeveless vests are now available and may be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer.

### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES.

We are nearing the end of the Track season; one which has had its ups and downs so far as results go, but which, taken generally, has been a successful one for our members.

Many have gained a prominence hitherto unattained and we hope they will remain at the top for quite a number of years. In these days of such strenuous competition it becomes increasingly difficult for a man to keep on the flood tide of success, and it more or less depends upon the individual himself, by studying his line of training and taking care not to overdo it, as to whether he will continue to show repeat performances.

I have been a little disappointed with our members' attitude towards Inter-Club Relays and also Open Team races. On several occasions I have advised members of a meeting; in some instances have sent them the necessary Competitors' Ticket, and in the absence of any reply have naturally assumed they would be present at the meeting. They have failed to turn up, however, and

the result has been we have had to field weak or short teams. Perhaps it is that they do not like writing a postcard—too much trouble, or else too busy—but whatever the cause, it certainly places me in an awkward position as to our teams. However, the season is now practically over and so we look forward to better results all round next year.

We have the final Club meeting at Battersea Park Track on August 19th, when Handicaps at the following distances will be held: 100 Yards, 440 Yards, 1320 Yards, 2 Miles Walk. Entries (1/- each event) close on Friday, August 14th, and I trust our members will support our last meeting of the Summer in large numbers.

On August 22nd there will be held at Stamford Bridge an International match, namely, England v. Italy, and this will be a meeting well worth watching. Our visitors from Italy have already been very prominent in our annual Championships and they will, no doubt, give England a hard fight for victory.

The Winter Season will soon be here and we open at Wimbledon at our headquarters, St. John's Hall, Ridgway, on the last Saturday in September. The usual Road Running and Walking Handicaps will be held the following week and all members, old and new, are cordially invited to come along and join in the fun.

We are already compiling our fixture list and hope to have it completed at an early date. In addition to meeting all our old friends and rivals we hope to break fresh ground and meet new faces, all of which tends to stiffen our boys so that the rigours of the later championship races will find them tuned up to concert pitch. Our prospects are as bright as ever they have been, and with Arthur Allum to give us a lead we ought to have a good season and so consolidate our position as one of the strongest clubs in the country.

All entries and enquiries to

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## A "ROLLIN"(G) STOREY.

BY C. WILLIAMS.

On Wednesday, July 8th, we spent a very pleasant evening. Boarding a bus at TUTIN we rode via "CLAPHAM," to Battersea Park. The "CLARK" of weather had not been too bad, a little on the "COLE"d side, and the sun seemed to want to "HYDE" behind the "GRAY" sky on the "WESTON" front.

Passing the bowling "GREEN," which looked at its "BEST," we stopped to admire the "FLOWERS" (especially the sweet "WILLIAMS") which made a "NICE" picture. Arriving at the running track we were about to witness (without "PAMMENT," excepting a two-"PENNY" programme) some good performances by the Junior section of that famous "CLUBB" known as the "BELS."

We were just in time to see "Powter" win the first heat in the 300 yds. handicap and, he didn't "TURNER" "HARE," he "CAPP"ed it later by winning the final. (By the way, I hear his father makes a very good running shoe at the "WRIGHT" p"RICE," they cannot be "BEATON," you can "FOOTER" long in comfort, and you never get a "DUF-FIT"). A little accident occurred in the third heat, Fleming, getting a bit "COOK"ed, "FELL" and brought down "A Man" who seems to be a "MARTYR" to falling lately. "PACK," with his "CARNIE"-ra action, did well in the relays, and "WHITE" blended well with the "Claret and Gold" in the "FIELD" for the half-mile.

"Tommy" did well to break the "COTTON" (sorry, I mean worsted) in the senior half-mile handicap. I noticed our old friend Charlie "FISH"ing about for new talent, it is a "MORRELL" certainty he can "WAKEM" up a bit, when they get into his "WEBB."

Reading just lately about "beer in parks," we adjourned to the "BARS BE"fore leaving, but found we could get neither "BROWN" ale, "PORT," "READ'S," "WALKER," nor "BASS FOR D"rinking purposes, so we had to be content with good "BRAND"s of toffee by firms named "BARRETT" and Macin" TOSH." We were sorry we did not see our young half-miler taking an active part in the proceedings, and one thing I should like to say is that if he keeps his ana" TOMMY" "SCRIM(P)SHAW"ly, we shall be able to con"GRATTE"ulate him on being picked to run for the Old Country at Los Angeles next year.

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As we are now rapidly approaching the conclusion of the Club financial year, any members owing subscriptions; Gazette arrears; for Dance tickets, etc., etc., are requested to clear up these outstanding matters at once.



