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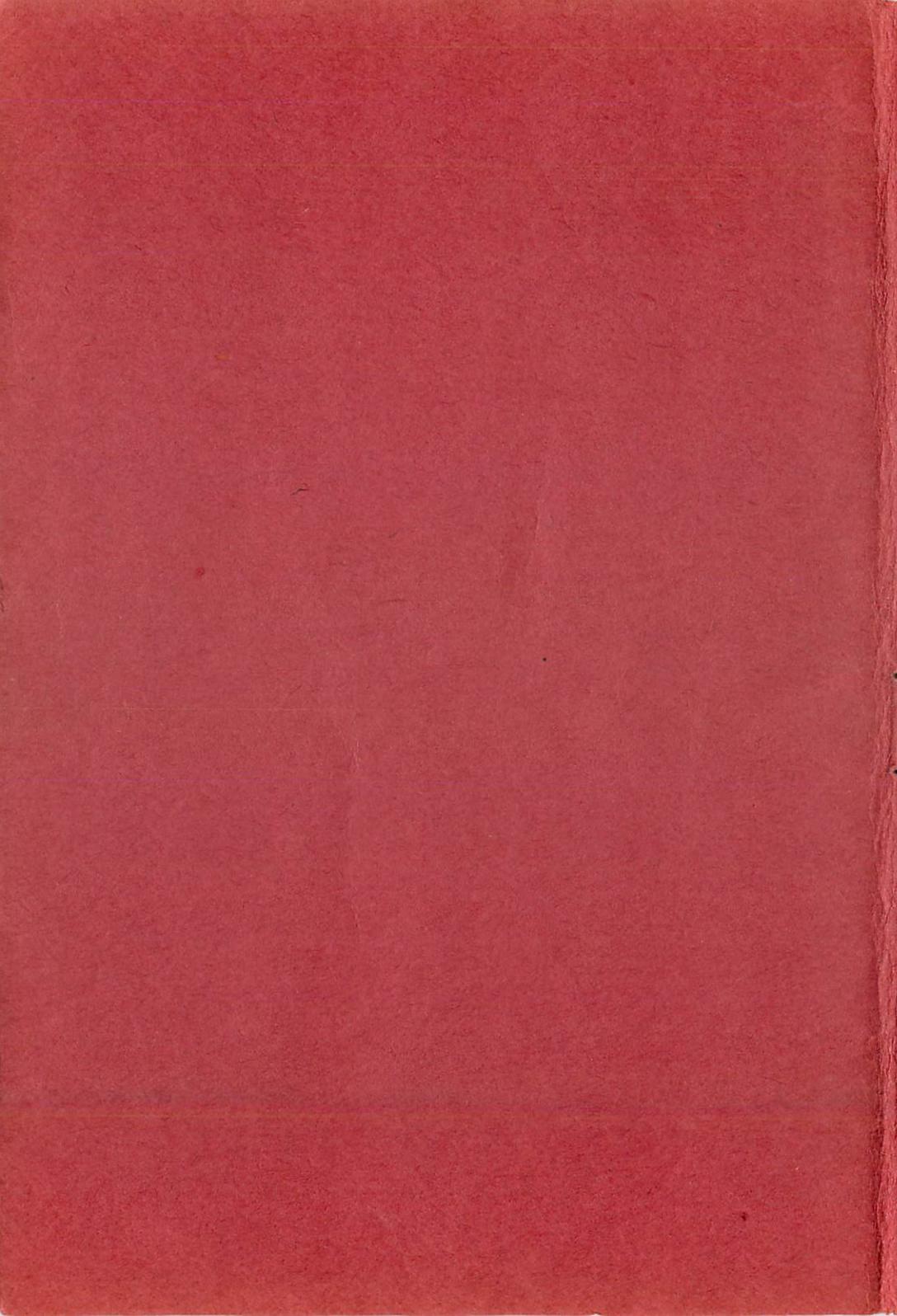
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The Track season, now completed, must surely be one of the most successful we have ever had. Our teams have won the "Reading Evening Gazette" Trophy and the "Waddilove Trophy," and in the "Kinnaird Trophy" Competition we made our best show to date. The "Doris" Shield and Inter-Club Relay Shield have fallen easily to us; and many of our members have been prominent in the important events of the Season.

Perhaps the performance which gave us most pleasure was that of our team (Bird, Botwright, Jarlett, Pack) in taking second place to Achilles A.C. in the A.A.A. 4 x 440 yards Relay Championship. This was an excellent performance and an improving team may bring us our first A.A.A. team title next year.

Gradually our track teams improve and in a year or two we may well be challenging for possession of the "Kinnaird Trophy." It is certain that in a complete athletic programme comprising all track and field events, Marathon and Walks with, say, two or three representatives in each event, we should be very prominent, and probably win such a competition if it were arranged.

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Congratulations and very best wishes to our members who have taken unto themselves wives. They include: T. H. Scrimshaw, G. S. Doubleday, C. T. Carter, R. G. Hillier and J. Fletcher.

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Members will remember that in these columns from time to time the question of a Coach to direct training has been raised; and we were forced to the conclusion that really capable coaches were very rare, and those that did exist were already fully committed.

During the past months, however, we were fortunate in securing the services of a Continental coach, Herr F. Stampfl, whose vivacious enthusiasm and expert knowledge soon endeared him to our members. A fine all-round athlete himself, he is not content to tell others what to do, but gives personal demonstration and evidence of his own capabilities. Besides giving our track runners the outline of correct training, which should prove of great value to them in the future, immediate improvement was shown by some of our field-events men. Skelley and Melchoir, to mention two men, accomplished performances late in the season which two months earlier had seemed almost impossible.

If it can possibly be arranged, we hope to have Stampfl's services during the Winter on the Field-event side; and for Track and Field events when the Track season re-opens next Spring. It cannot be definitely stated at this juncture if we shall have his assistance, but we hope we shall be able to continue in the same splendid way that was initiated this season.

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The "W. A. Rice Memorial Trophy" subscription list has now been closed, and in due course a Cup will be presented to the Club for the Junior 880 yards Championship. This trophy will be a perpetual reminder of one who served the Club well in many capacities, and whose splendid qualities made him one of the most popular men the Club has known.

Those who subscribed to this lasting symbol of appreciation of the friendship of one they were glad to have known were: J. B. Belchamber, L. G. Bennett, E. A. Duffett, F. H. Elson, E. Gordon, A. A. Harley, A. E. Harley, G. M. Murray, A. Patience, D. Patience, R. Patience, G. F. Pepper, G. H. Powell, C. W. Redgrave, W. Redgrave, T. H. Scrimshaw, H. W. Shields, A. E. Taylor, P. G. Wright.

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Congratulations to F. E. Bentley upon his selection to represent Great Britain in the 50 kilos Walk at the European Games, and to C. F. Sutton upon being chosen as a reserve. Both Fred and Colin have well deserved these honours.

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Congratulations also to Eddie Pack upon his selection to represent England at Dublin. Eddie has shown consistent form throughout the season, and he is unfortunate in having such a number of first-class quarter-milers contemporary with him. A few years ago Pack's times would have won A.A.A. titles. There can be little doubt that he was somewhat unfortunate in not receiving an invitation to go to the European Games, and when it was found that Bill Roberts could not accept, we should have

thought that Pack would have been given preference over Horsfall (incidentally, an Australian). Pack's presence in Paris would also have strengthened the 4 x 400 metres relay team, which was beaten into second place by the German team. Pack in place of Barnes would, in our humble opinion, have represented a few yards improvement. However, we are not in the favoured position of the Selectors, and we can only hope that next season our man will secure his full share of honours.

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The Club Annual General Meeting takes place at Belgrave Hall, Denmark Road, Wimbledon, on Tuesday, September 27th. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend, and take their part in the election of next year's Officers and Committee.

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A few laggards have still to pay the current year's subscription, and our Hon. Treasurer would be glad to hear from them. Others, no doubt, will be anxious to be the first to pay their 1938/1939 subscription, which becomes due at the Annual General Meeting.

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Congratulations to L. W. Herbert and J. C. Smart upon gaining their Club Honours Badges. Both succeeded in gaining A.A.A. Standard; Herbert in the Mile, and Smart in the 3 miles; and so qualified for the Club badge.

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In a season that has given us so many successes, it is a matter for regret that we have been unable to regain our rightful place in the First Division of the Southern Amateur Athletic League. In the early races of the competition we scored heavily, but at the one mile team race only three of our runners materialised, and we were unable to start. This automatically robbed us of the leadership and our opportunity to regain First Division status. The presence of even one of our slower men would have enabled us to start in the Mile race, and some points would have been gained! An occasional setback of this nature is, we suppose, inevitable; but it is to be hoped that next year we shall not suffer in this way.

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Now that the Track season is over, it is an opportune time to express our thanks to those officials who have made our meetings possible. Without running through the list of all who have helped, we must single out for special mention our old friend, Bill Fish, for his exceptional services to us all. A. G.

Fell, always present as Starter, and A. C. Cook, our newly-found Announcer, have also helped considerably.

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69, Swaffield Road,
Earlsfield, S.W.18.

Dear Belgrave Harriers,

I should like very much, on behalf of my wife and myself, to thank you for the very useful present that you have given to us on the occasion of our marriage, and we unite in wishing you all prolonged athletic careers and good luck.

From your friend and fellow-club member,

C. T. CARTER.

With The Walkers.

Our walkers made a brave show in the A.A.A. Championships. Cooper won once again, with E. A. Staker (Highgate H.) 2nd. Harry Churcher was third, Percy Wright fourth, and Don Brown and Joe Coleman also finished inside first-class standard time. Len Coleman was just outside, and we had five men in the first eight places.

We had hoped that Don Brown would beat A. A. Cooper (as he had done twice earlier in the season, in the "Kinnaird" race and Inter-Counties Championships), but after winning the London Business Houses title ten days previously he was taken ill and confined to bed with a severe chill. The after-effects were obviously still upon Don in the A.A.A. Championship, and it was noticeable from the first ten yards that he was not himself.

So severe were the effects of the chill that Brown did not race again on the track after the Championships. However, he has now started again for the road season, and we trust he will have more luck in avoiding chills next season, and claim an A.A.A. Championship.

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On July 6th we were invited by Surrey Walking Club to meet them in a 3 miles race at Tooting Bec Track. J. G. Coleman and N. A. L. Burt, of S.W.C., had a spirited tussle, but Joe's speed and strength prevailed and he led us to a win. Scoring six aside, final points were Belgrave H. 34 pts., Surrey W.C. 44pts.

RESULT.

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|--------------------------------|---|-----|-----|-------------------------|-----|----|------|
| 1 J. G. Coleman | B | 22 | 31 | 8 W. H. Snell..... | B | 25 | 18 |
| 2 N. A. L. Burt..... | S | 22 | 37 | 9 F. Wilmot | S | 26 | 24 |
| 3 M. J. Fisher..... | S | 23 | 6 | 10 S. F. Mable | B | 26 | 25 |
| 4 C. E. Churcher..... | B | 24 | 14 | 11 W. G. True | B | 26 | 25 |
| 5 A. A. Harley | B | 24 | 41 | 12 F. V. Ranken | S | 26 | 54 |
| 6 A. E. Elliott..... | B | 24 | 43 | 13 M. Y. Horton..... | S | 27 | 22 |
| 7 E. H. Johnson..... | S | 24 | 47 | 14 W. F. Brunning | B | 28 | 7 |
| Belgrave H.—1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 | | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34 | pts. |
| Surrey W.C.—2, 3, 7, 9, 11, 12 | | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44 | pts. |
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The Road season is with us again, and there is no reason why it should not equal in success our last record season. Our training and racing programme is on similar lines to previous years, and over a number of years we seem to have arrived at a programme which gets our men fit, and fit at the right time, which is of the greatest importance. We are sure that given the keenness and perseverance which are so essential, we shall continue to do well.

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We shall again have out all those men who have brought the Club honour and distinction in recent years. It is most important, however, that we also have some new recruits with the necessary qualities; and we trust all our members will be on the look-out for youngsters likely to embrace the sport. We have some very promising younger members, but there is always room for more.

Remember that we hold a novice race early in the season!

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Can we win the "Junior" two seasons in succession? An affirmative answer depends upon the keenness of the eligible men. Bridger, Heather, Thaxter, Roberts, Doubleday, Snell, and others, supporting Bert Clayton, our Eastleigh member, who may win the individual title, is certainly a team of possibilities. However, March is a long way off yet; and we shall have further opportunities of discussing this very intriguing question.

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The Southern Committee of the Road Walking Association are holding their Annual Supper on Monday, November 21st, at the Empire Restaurant, Victoria. It is for men only and the charge is 4/-. We hope Belgrave will be well represented.

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All members will shortly be in possession of their fixture lists, and any member requiring further information, or wishing to enter any of the races, etc., should write to the Walking Hon. Secretary.

A. A. HARLEY, 39, Roxborough Avenue, Isleworth, Mx.

The Annual Inter-Club Walking Contests.

Our annual fixture was held at Battersea Park Track on June 8th, and again we had a splendid evening's sport. As Woodford Green A.C. and Valentine's S.C. had their own meetings on, they were unable to send teams along; but we were glad to welcome Cambridge Harriers and Highgate Harriers for the first time for some years.

The first race was held at four miles (reduced from the usual five miles) and we were represented by R. F. Elson and C. E. Churcher. Harold Whitlock (Met. W.C.) won from Neilson, of the Poly. Our walkers finished third and sixth and gave us a lead on points. Our score was 25 points, while Highgate H. and Polytechnic H. scored 23 points each.

RESULT.

1, H. H. Whitlock (Met. W.C.), 30m. 49s.; 2, H. D. Neilson (Poly H.), 31m. 22s.; 3, R. F. Elson (Bel. H.), 32m. 16s.; 6, C. E. Churcher (Bel. H.), 32m. 59s.

Belgrave H., 25 pts.; Highgate H., 23 pts.; Polytechnic H., 23 pts.; London Vidarians W.C., 16 pts.; S.W.C., 14 pts.; Cambridge H., 7 pts.

In the Three Miles race, Harry Churcher quickly took the lead and won comfortably from our second string, Jack Rutland, who is destined to be of great use to teams in future years. This, of course, gave us the maximum number of points, Surrey Walking Club being the next best scoring club.

RESULT.

1, H. G. Churcher (Bel. H.), 23m. 12s.; J. E. Rutland (Bel. H.), 23m. 43s.; P. J. Reading (Poly H.), 23m. 52s.

Belgrave H., 31 pts.; S.W.C., 25 pts.; Highgate H., 17 pts.; Polytechnic H., 14 pts.; London Vidarians W.C., 13 pts.; Cambridge H., 11 pts.; Surrey Athletic Club, 11 pts.

In the Two Miles race Don Brown and Percy Wright were our representatives. They finished in first and third positions, M. J. Fisher, the Banks Champion and S.W.C. man, taking second place. Again we scored heavily in the competition with 30 points, Surrey W.C. taking 27 points.

RESULT.

1, D. E. Brown (Bel. H.), 14m. 59s.; 2, M. J. Fisher (S.W.C.), 15m. 15s.; 3, P. G. Wright (Bel. H.), 15 m. 28s.

Belgrave H., 30 pts.; S.W.C., 27 pts.; Metropolitan W.C., 22 pts.; Cambridge H., 21 pts.; London Vidarians W.C., 15 pts.

The final race of the evening, the Mile, saw another Belgrave walker victorious. Joe Coleman had a terrific battle with E. A. Staker, of Highgate H., and eventually won by a yard in 6 min. 56 sec. E. A. Heather, our other walker, finished fifth and so once again we piled up points.

RESULT.

1, J. G. Coleman (Bel. H.), 6m. 56s.; 2, E. A. Staker (High. H.), 6m. 57s.; 3, A. H. Rayner (S.A.C.), 7m. 15s.; 5, E. A. Heather (Bel. H.), 7m. 27s.

Belgrave H., 28 pts.; Highgate H. 24 pts.; Surrey Walking Club, 23 pts.; Surrey A.C., 14 pts.; Cambridge H., 11 pts.

The total scores of the evening gave us 114 points against Surrey Walking Club's 89 points. Final scores and positions were as follows:—

| | pts. | | pts. |
|----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| 1 Belgrave H. | 114 | 5 Cambridge H. | 50 |
| 2 Surrey W.C. | 89 | 6 London Vidarians W.C. ... | 44 |
| 3 Highgate H. | 64 | 7 Polytechnic H. | 37 |
| 4 Metropolitan W.C. | 55 | 8 Surrey A.C. | 25 |

We are indebted to the R.W.A. officials who came along to judge the events and to assist in an evening's sport—without awards or entry fees—which was generally appreciated by competitors and crowd alike.

The Brighton Walk.

This year's classic found us poorly represented, and it was evident that our team would do well to take third place; and that we had not one chance in a million of retaining our hold on the Shield. Circumstances combined to weaken our entry. Fred Bentley was, of course, in France representing Great Britain at the European Games. Jack Bidgood found the pressure of work in a new position prevented him from training. Jock Martin, a stalwart for many years in this race, was indisposed, as was also Fred Rickards. Readman and Roberts were also prevented from entering and we could only muster six entries against last year's eleven.

Our great hope was Colin Sutton. Unfortunately, a severe cold laid him low a week before the race, necessitating a day in bed, but Colin started in this race as though in perfect health. At 18 miles he held a good lead, but the effects of the cold began to show and he fell back. Pluckily he carried on, despite a very bad time lasting for some hours, and eventually finished eighth in 8 hr. 44 min. 52 sec.

Bill Urry, as last year, gave a splendid show of even walking and finished tenth in 8 hr. 56 min. 58 sec. He was the first "Service" athlete to finish and, as last year, won the special prize.

Our third man, in 18th position, was Harry Thaxter. He completed the course in 9 hr. 11 min. 7 sec., and so gained a first-class standard medal. Thaxter is young in walking experience and is to be congratulated upon an excellent performance.

Our team was completed by E. L. Reeve, a Club-champion at shorter distances some years back. Reeve, together with Don Willis and G. S. Doubleday, finished inside ten hours and so

qualify for second-class team medals. Doubleday improved an hour and a half over the previous year's performance, which was incidentally his first walking race.

The race for first position was one of the most exciting and interesting seen on the road for many years. Henderson, after taking the lead from Sutton, went well ahead and it seemed impossible to catch him. He was pegged back, however, and the leadership was continually changing. Eventually Tom Richardson (Woodford Green A.C.) who had created new World's Records the previous week at various distances, including twelve hours, came through to win in 8 hr. 8 min. 1 sec. At Crawley he had been over 10 minutes behind the leader.

Leicester Walking Club were worthy winners of the Team contest, with the promoters, Surrey Walking Club, second, and ourselves third.

Of the 93 entrants, 89 started and 75 finished—an excellent record!

All our six entrants finished, and Colin Sutton won the Club Long Distance Championship and Belgrave Cup. Second and third medals go to Urry and Thaxter.

Next year we hope to give better support to the race and place a stronger team on the road. Our team on this occasion did well—no one can be said to have walked below form—but we have others who would strengthen our representation. Perhaps next year will see some of our younger walkers making their first efforts in this annual race—one of the finest of sporting events—and in the Club Championship held in conjunction.

Once again we thank in all sincerity those cyclist attendants who helped our men along—a feat of endurance, patience and self-sacrifice in itself. A Club bus was on the road and supporters, walkers and attendants travelled back together, tired but eager to be on the road again next year.

Well Walked!

[Hon. Editor's Note.—Bill Snell is the first member for some while to burst into verse in our columns, and whilst his metre sometimes falters, and occasionally the rhyme is suspect, we congratulate him upon the sincerity of his lay, and the trouble he has taken. We should like other members to polish up their iambic pentameters, their dactyls and spondees, and maybe we shall find a Belgrave Laureate].

Congratulations to all you Belgrave men,
The Coleman Brothers, Joe and Len.
In the "Junior" they dead-heated,
A hundred others were defeated.

Sutton and Reg Elson completed the team,
Smashed all records—they stand supreme.
In all the "Sevens" and Valentine's "Ten,"
First scratch team were Belgrave men.

Harry Churcher is the the "Champ" of them all,
Of the many champions from Belgrave Hall.
Six consecutive "Opens" has this chap won,
A marvellous performance, *never* previously done.

They went to Colchester to walk mile after mile,
Our men smashing records in amazing style.
Then up to Birmingham to contest the "Twenty,"
Our chaps showing stamina that they had in plenty.

We've often been second, or sometimes third,
But this time it's ours—at last!—I heard.
Filling positions two, four, eight, and nine,
They've won the Shield—"Excellent! Fine!"

Bentley, Sutton, Bidgood and Rickards,
At distance-walking, you know they are wizards.
The "50 Kilos" at Bradford we won,
Completing a "season" that takes the "bun."

And now all praise to A. A. Harley,
And our Captain, good old Charlie.
Hard work they've done behind the scenes,
Selecting the teams—you know what that means!

They must feel proud of the work they've done,
After seeing the Cups their teams have won.
To all you youngsters this sounds very nice,
But to get to the "top" take Harley's advice.

To all new walkers, we start in September,
From Belgrave Hall (a place to remember!)
You may now be slow, but plug away,
Hard training will get YOU first one day.

Down to Roehampton, or round the "Hills,"
Keep with the "pack," road sense it instils.
In future years, you've lots to do,
To uphold our prestige, and we're looking to YOU!

W. H. SNELL.

Field Events.

The season just finished has been the most successful ever in the Club's history. For the fourth consecutive year we have won the Southern Amateur Athletic League competition, scoring 243 points. This represents eleven points out of a possible twelve from each event in which we have competed.

Charlie Melchior did well to win the Javelin event in the "Waddilove Trophy" Competition at Birmingham—our only win—and so contributed in no small way towards the winning of the Bowl. In match events, too, our field events men have scored more points than our opponents, so helping our match wins.

Club Championships Day saw records go in the High Jump, Shot Putt and Long Jump. Pack had an easy win in the High Jump clearing 5ft. 5in., and Skelley's 22ft. 8in. in the Long Jump compares favourably with performances in International matches. If he maintains this form next year he should gain his place in our national teams.

S. Jones had an excellent win in the Shot Putt with 39ft. 1in.—the best performance yet in Club events by "home" talent—only Grassau and Pfenninger having beaten it.

L. J. Worrad is the new Discus champion. He has recently joined us and has already proved himself a great asset. He was also second in the Weight (37ft. 0in.) and narrowly beaten for third place in the Long Jump, with 19ft. 10in.

H. M. Quackenbos is the new Javelin holder. Melchior and Powell were unable to throw, owing to the claims of work, but Quack's win is the reward of persistence. When he matures physically, he will throw 160ft.

At the Blackheath H. meeting at Motspur Park on August 20th, Melchior was third in a Javelin handicap. His scratch throw was 166ft., his best yet. We congratulate S. Jones upon winning the Shot Putt event in the Surrey and Middlesex match on August 27th.

S.A.A.L. RESULTS.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Belgrave H. 243 | 6 Surrey A.C. 99½ |
| 2 Herne Hill H. 222 | 7 Blackheath H. 98½ |
| 3 Ashcombe-St. G. A.C. ... 191½ | 8 Hercules A.C. 53 |
| 4 Mitcham A.C. 161½ | 9 Croydon H. 23 |
| 5 Polytechnic H. 149 | 10 South London H. 11 |

We were first on 11 occasions, second four times, third three times, fourth four times. Fourth was the lowest position ever occupied.

On July 6th we had a Field Events match v. Herne Hill H. at Tooting Bec Track. A most enjoyable match ended in a tie, each Club winning three events. We hope to arrange more fixtures of this nature next season.

SHOT PUTT.

| BELGRAVE H. | | HERNE HILL H. | |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| L. Worrad | 36ft. 10in. | P. Clowey | 33ft. 9½in. |
| W. H. Sutton | 35ft. 1in. | A. Richardson | 33ft. 5½in. |
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| | 71ft. 11in. | | 63ft. 3in. |

DISCUS.

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|------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| L. Worrad | 108ft. 6in. | D. Redsull | 100ft. 0in. |
| S. Jones | 100ft. 7in. | A. Richardson | 93ft. 0in. |
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| | 209ft. 1in. | | 193ft. 0in. |

JAVELIN.

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|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| C. A. Melchior | 145ft. 8in. | P. Clowey | 124ft. 0½in. |
| S. Jones | 122ft. 8in. | A. McDowell | 114ft. 5in. |
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| | 278ft. 4in. | | 238ft. 5½in. |

LONG JUMP.

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|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| F. Skelley | 19ft. 10½in. | H. W. Green... .. | 19ft. 6in. |
| L. Worrad | 18ft. 5in. | G. Pallett | 18ft. 11½in. |
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| | 38ft. 3½in. | | 38ft. 5½in. |

HIGH JUMP.

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|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| L. Jackson | 4ft. 9in. | D. Bishop | 4ft. 10in. |
| C. A. Melchior | 4ft. 6in. | A. Child | 4ft. 10in. |
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| | 9ft. 3in. | | 9ft. 8in. |

POLE VAULT.

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|------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| H. M. Quackenbos... .. | 10ft. 0in. | K. Robertson | 9ft. 6in. |
| C. A. Melchior | 7ft. 0in. | K. Stannard | 9ft. 6in. |
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| | 17ft. 0in. | | 19ft. 0in. |

Our Field Events men were prominent in the match v. London Associated Electrical Undertakings. Sutton won the Shot Putt, T. C. Jones the Long Jump, and Quackenbos the High Jump.

At Charlton Park v. Cambridge H. our men were first and third in the High Jump (Quackenbos and Marchant); first and fourth in the Discus (Sutton and Jackson); first and fourth in Javelin (Quackenbos and Jackson); and second and fourth in the Long Jump (Skelley and "Q").

Other good work was done against the Old Rutlishians at Merton; and v. Southgate H. at Battersea.

We would again emphasise the welcome awaiting new recruits to the Field Events side. In particular, we should be glad of some more High and Long jumpers. So if you know of anyone, please inform:—

W. H. SUTTON, 33, Tintern Road, S.W.4.

This And That.

A very pleasant evening was spent at Southfields on July 2nd, when we met Kensington Argyll A.C. We had an easy win and outstanding recollections are of Alf. Orton winning the 880 yards handicap, our Walking Hon. Secretary winning the Mile Walk Match, and of Albert Smith running a "slow-motion" half-mile in the Relay, which we won. Certainly, a very pleasant evening.

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On July 18th we visited Merton and opposed Old Rutlishians A.C., who won the match. We received a fine welcome, enjoyed ourselves immensely and hope for a renewal of the very attractive fixture next season.

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A club "B" team visited Norbury on July 7th, to meet London Associated Electrical Undertakings. We managed to win most things; and we understand our Track Captain will long remember being passed in the last few yards of the Mile!

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Our Juniors, both in numbers and quality, have been very prominent this year, and we are confident that there is much first-class talent here. On July 6th, at Tooting Bec, they scored a very impressive win over the Juniors of Herne Hill H. and Mitcham A.C.

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Our teams excelled themselves at the Ponders End Fête and Gala when we won two trophies. Our Relay team (Bird, Blunden, Pritchard, Pack) win in fine style; and our lads in the Three Miles race (Smart, Cohen, Carter) gave us another team win.

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Stan Botwright has shown improved speed this season and his wins include the Civil Service 220 yards title, two B.W.S.A. titles, two Club titles and a medal in our second A.A.A. 4 x 440 yards Relay team. He also won the invitation 440 yards at the City Police Meeting off 12 yards in fast time and showed that he is capable of extending our best quarter-milers.

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We are very glad to see Bert Footer "on the the road" again, and successful at High Wycombe (2nd), Plymouth (1st), Chiswick (1st) and in the British Workers' 10 miles Championship. We hope he carries this return of form on to the country and gets his place in the International team once again.

Charlie Smart has been one of our most improved runners on the track and, now that he is eligible, will probably go near winning one of our Cross-Country Championships. He should be of great help to our cross-country teams when eligible—next season.

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While Eddie Pack was away in Scotland again winning the Police 440 yards Championship, Cadogan A.C. strove to retain the Middlesex Relay title. The handicap of Pack's absence was too great, however, and although the team ran well, Highgate Harriers won the title.

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On June 29th we were at Charlton Park opposing Cambridge Harriers. The track was in good condition—probably the best of the L.C.C. tracks—and in a match comprising running and field events and a walk, we won fairly easily.

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Our quarters at Wimbledon are now open on Saturdays, and the mid-week quarters at "The Rising Sun," Ebury Bridge Road, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We urge all members to make the fullest use of the facilities provided. On race days, in particular, we would ask all non-active members to come along to Wimbledon and help with the arrangements, if necessary. You are always very welcome, and we like to have with us those who no longer turn out themselves, but retain (as we hope all our older members do) a keen interest in the Club's activities.

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We have a letter from W. J. Ashford, now in Iran, in which he asks to be remembered to all friends in the Club.

Our Gazette goes to Singapore, to Iran, to Bert Button, one-time member, in New South Wales, to a pre-war member now in New York; and it would be interesting to hear of other "long-distance" readers.

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We are glad to know that H. Parker, who has served as President of the South of the Thames Association during the current athletic year, has been elected to the Committee of the Southern Counties Cross-country Association. We are sure our representation is in very capable hands, and that Harry's many years of experience will prove an asset to the Association.

Ten Years Back.

It is of the utmost interest to glance at the "Belgravian" of ten years ago, to re-live those days, and to know of the happenings of 1928!

A track match was held between those living North of the Thames and those residing south of the river. Duffett managed the "South" team and Harley the "North" team, and an interesting match was won by the "North" by 4 events to 3. Among the Juniors running were T. H. Scrimshaw, T. C. Jones and T. F. Morrell. The Two Miles race was won by Bill Webb (N) narrowly from Bill Rice (S).

All races were on team and relay principle and gave rise to great interest, and the present existence of Cadogan A.C. may be said to owe something to this meeting.

The first Club championship for the "Griffin" Cup was held, and won by Jack Flower in 15 min. 21 sec. Duffett was second, and Micky Pyer third. At the same meeting Scrimshaw easily won an 880 yards handicap, off 40 yards, showing some of the form which was later to earn him International honours. The Inter-Club Scratch Walks of 1928 were won by Belgrave with 77 points; Ashcombe A.C. taking second place with 64 points.

The Club Championships were won as follows: 100 yards, M. E. Odell (10.4 sec.); 440 yards, J. Cooper Clark (51 sec.); 880 yards, J. Cooper Clark (2 min. 1.6 sec.); Mile, T. J. Flower (4 m. 39.8 sec.); 2 miles Walk, R. D. McMullen (15 min. 4.4 sec.); 220 yards Junior, J. A. Ford (24.2 sec.). Some handicaps were included in the programme and were won as follows: 75 yards, E. Gordon; 880 yards, H. L. Rollins; 220 yards, Hurdles, T. C. Jones.

It is noted that W. G. Webb won the "Fire Brigade" Mile, and at this time the identity of "Observer," who contributed notes regularly, was the cause of much enquiry and discussion.

At the A.G.M. held in September, 1928, Harry Hare, who has served the Club in practically every capacity and also found time to score in Championship winning teams, was re-elected as President of the Club.

These were the happenings of ten years ago!

Our Social Programme.

Two Dances have been arranged to take place at The Ball Room, Zeeta House, Putney Hill, during the coming season. They are to be held on November 26th, 1938, and February 11th, 1939, and we have no doubt that our members will enjoy themselves at this newly-built hall. Situated at the junction of Putney

Hill and Lower Richmond Road, almost on top of Putney Station (Southern Rly.) and served by many bus routes, our members should find it extremely easy of access.

Socials at Wimbledon will be held on October 1st, October 22nd, December 10th, January 28th, and March 25th; and, in addition, we shall hold a Boxing Day Party, as last year.

For the benefit of those who are marking up their 1939 diaries, the Club Dinner has been fixed for May 7th and will be held at The Empire Restaurant, Victoria.

The "Inter-Club" Relay Shield Contests.

The second in this series was held at Croydon on May 31st, and we fielded quite a strong team and dropped only 1 point out of a possible 16. We won both the 4 x 100 yards and 4 x 300 yards relays, and then after a close and exciting race we also won the 4 x 880 yards. We were not so strongly represented in the 1 Mile team race, and Mitcham proved the winners of this with Bob Thorogood as the individual winner.

The points scored that evening were: Belgrave H. 15, Mitcham A.C. 12, Croydon H 8, Epsom H. 5.

On 13th July we visited Epsom for the third contest and once again the "turn-out" of our chaps was good to see. Unfortunately the same could not be said for our opponents and Mitcham were very weakly represented. The racing was more or less a procession, with our boys in front, and we won all four events. The points scored were: Belgrave H. 16, Mitcham A.C. 11, Epsom H. 7, Croydon H. 6.

The final meeting was held at Mitcham on July 27th, and here again we scored maximum points in winning the four events down for decision. It was a pity that Mitcham did not put up a better fight on their own track, and they really have seemed very apathetic over the season's contests. As regards Croydon and Epsom, we appreciate the hard fight they have in fielding teams; but from a club of Mitcham's strength and reputation we expect keen opposition. If they cannot do better than this I am very much afraid their period of triumphs is nearing the end.

We once again won the Shield, the final points being: Belgrave H. 63, Mitcham A.C. 46, Epsom H. 24, Croydon H. 20.

As the highest possible is a total of 64 it will be seen we dropped only one point throughout the series of contests, a

record which will stand for many years, and for which our boys deserve every congratulation. They rallied round in fine style and it was a great pity that our rivals did not take these contests in the same spirit. I trust that next season will see the same fine exciting battles that we have previously had for the possession of the Shield.

The "Doris" Shield Contest.

This season's meeting was held at Battersea Park Track on June 15th and, as usual, the track was in a very bad condition.

In fact, some of the athletes considered it dangerous to run on, and abstained from competing, which is to be regretted; and when things come to such a pitch as this it is high time the L.C.C. were asked to take this question in hand.

The holders of the trophy were the Thames Valley Harriers and after making a very bad start in the 100 yards scratch race, they more or less gave up heart and did not compete in the final event. They took this stand on the condition of the track, and A. D. G. White, the Scottish International runner, was one of their members who refused to run.

A. T. Liffen, of Ashcombe-St. George's, won the 100 yards, with Stan Botwright and Tom Wiley filling the next two places. With the points scoring 6 down to 1 in each event, we thus got away to a flying start with 9 points from the first race.

In the 440 yards Eddie Pack refused to risk a breakdown owing to the loose surface; and for an athlete of his build his point of view can be readily understood. Dick Michael made a fine substitute, however, and he ran well to beat Flynn of T.V.H., while Frank Webb sportingly turned out and gained points by finishing 4th.

The 2 Miles Team race resulted in an easy win for our team and they actually finished abreast in first position. Our three were: Les Cohen, Tom Carter and Charlie Smart, and their time of 9 min. 56 sec. was very good, bearing in mind the state of the track.

For the final event, the 1 Mile Relay, Thames Valley H. did not field a team, and we won after a good race with Ashcombe-St. George's A.C.

The final points for the Shield were: Belgrave H. 30, Ashcombe-St. George's A.C. 21, Thames Valley H. 12.

As usual at this meeting, we had three handicap events open to members of the competing clubs. In the 100 yards there were

many absentees and with one heat a walk-over, and some of the others with two or three runners only, we had a final of 5 runners—all "Bels." F. W. Pritchard (5) won a good race with R. B. Shepherd (8) second, and S. Lyons (4) third in 10.3 secs.

The 2 Miles Walk proved another good race and a promising young walker in A. E. Elliott (475) was the winner with S. Mable (575) second, and W. True (550) third. These are all long-markers but the rest of the field was very close up.

A good field was seen out in the 1 Mile handicap, and here a visitor in W. F. Gant, of T.V.H., off 130 yards, ran a well-judged race to run home a good winner. R. W. Tobin, of Belgrave, off 100, was second and Bert Cook, better known as a Poly Harrier, was third off 110 yards.

The "Kinnaird Trophy" Meeting.

We were once again honoured by receiving an invitation to compete at this meeting, which was held at the fine new ground of the Polytechnic Harriers at Chiswick.

As usual our boys gave a very creditable display in being placed fifth in the list of competing clubs which included all of any note. Achilles, with their formidable list of talent to draw on—far in excess of any that an ordinary club can command—were easy winners of the trophy with a total of 71 points.

Highlights of the meeting so far as we were concerned were Stan Botwright's fine running in the 220 yards, and in his heat he caused a surprise by beating J. C. Horsfall, of Achilles Club. In the final he was placed 4th, and so scored 3 points.

Another fine performance was Eddie Pack's running in the 440 yards, and after an easy heat win, he made A. G. K. Brown go all the way in the final. Eddie was leading at 300 yards, but once the straight was reached Brown forged ahead, and Eddie was also "pipped" on the tape for second place by C. H. Kearney, the American running for Achilles. It was one of Pack's best runs to date and if he could only find something of a finish, I would back him against the best in the country.

In the 880 yards Alby Bird ran his usual consistent race and although coming up against his "bogey" man, A. D. G. White, in his heat they both managed to qualify for the final. This was a fine race and White proved the winner, just beating J. V. Powell, with Bird in third place.

These three runners had so far scored 11 points for us, which was in excess of any number scored previously by us in these contests, and then Charlie Smart, by gaining 6th place in the 3 Miles, brought our total to 12.

At this meeting was held the Southern Counties 2 Miles Steeplechase and although the water jump was far from satisfactory, after some discussion it was decided to hold the race. Tom Carter put up very good and plucky show and after Abberton, of Q.P.H.—he is also a member of the “Bels”—had led most of the way Tom looked like making up the lost ground with a lap to go. Then, bad luck, Tom hit a hurdle and fell and although still retaining second place, he found it impossible to catch the leader.

In the Invitation 2 Miles Walk, the Belgrave boys gave the fair sized crowd a good example of the heel and toe “stuff” and Don Brown walked in his best style to beat A. A. Cooper, the A.A.A. champion. Joe Coleman was third, and with Harry Churcher, Percy Wright, Len Coleman and J. E. Rutland giving good support, we scored an easy win in the team race by scoring 13 pts. to Surrey Walking Club’s 39, four aside scoring.

In the Marathon, F. A. Walker and A. F. Mitchell ran well to gain first class standards; and Bert Lindsey and F. G. White finished the course and completed our team.

Club 3 Miles Championship Meeting.

At Battersea Park, on June 22nd, we held an evening meeting and included on the programme was our 3 Miles Track Championship for the “Griffin” Cup.

The holder, Les Cohen, was among the starters who were quite numerous, although Pat Parker, owing to his domicile, was an absentee.

The first mile was reached in 5 min. 2 sec., the second in 10 min. 14 sec., and the leading bunch included all the Club’s most prominent distance runners. Over the final lap Cohen was in the lead with Tom Carter next; and Les still kept in front until half-way down the finishing straight, when Tom made a do-or-die effort, and won a fine race in 15 min. 12 sec.

Dan Patience beat Charles Smart for third place, while other runners to gain 1st class standard medals were Rod Patience, Syd Ring, Alf Taylor and Dick Tobin. Second class standards were gained by Arthur Allum, Tom Morrell, R. E. Stride and E. H. Herbert.

Also on the programme were several handicap events, and in the 100 yards Junior race R. B. Shepherd (2) beat G. Morgan (3), there being only four starters.

The Unattached Novices race, over 100 yards, was won by R. Bradshaw in 11.3 sec. with G. Aylmer and F. Wood next.

In the 880 yards race, a Junior in D. L. Mumford (off 72 yards) showed his paces in winning in quite fast time and, as he is finely built, he should prove a most useful addition to our ranks. Syd Jarlett ran a fine race in being second off 28 yards (his improvement this season has been remarkable) and R. J. Powell, off 60 yards, made one of his few appearances on the track, to take third place.

We also had a 1 Mile Relay, open to Schools, and were rather disappointed in that only two teams took part in this. Latymer Upper School easily beat Sloane School, to take the first awards, thus repeating last year's success. I hope that if we hold this event next season we shall gain a much better entry.

In the Club Shot Putt handicap, the winner was Frank Webb. Now I know how he gets the nickname of "Snaky," and he did 37ft. 5½in. with 15ft. start. None other than Percy Wright was second and he did 37ft. 3¾in. off 15ft. 3in., while Joe Coleman was third with 37ft. 0½in.

The 100 Yards Veterans' race was won by J. Smith (6), who beat E. R. Jessop (8), with Dicky Best (7) third.

In the 2 Miles Walk an old-time member, in A. H. East, made a return to something like his old form to win off the 550 yards mark. E. G. Cornish (425) was second, with Reg Elson (225) walking well to gain third place.

The 220 yards handicap saw R. B. Shepherd win a good race off 16 yards, with Bill Pritchard, off 8 yards, second, and Syd Jarlett (12) gaining another success by being third.

The Club Long Jump handicap was won by H. M. Quackenbos (3ft. 6in.) with 21ft. 3in., Charlie Jones and Bill Pritchard gaining the other places.

We saw quite a promising runner in the 1 Mile run for Unattached Novices in C. Westwood, who has now joined us. He won in confident style, and should prove a useful addition to our ranks of distance runners.

The "Waddilove" Trophy Contest.

Once again we journeyed to Birmingham to take part in this meeting at the Birchfield Harriers ground at Perry Barr.

Last year, at our first time of competing, we managed to share the trophy with the London A.C., but with the Blackheath H.

sending up a strong side, which included Sidney Wooderson, we were not too optimistic this time. Further, Eddie Pack was in Belfast running for England in the triangular match there, and so lessened our chance of picking up points in the 440 yards event.

Anyway, a very cheerful party under the guidance of our Running Hon. Sec. met at Euston Station on the morning of July 23rd and duly arrived at Perry Barr prepared to do their best.

In the 100 yards Ted Gray, as last year, won his heat and so gained a place in the final. Wiard, of Blackheath, as expected, won the final and although close up, Ted was placed 4th, which was not so good as previously.

We had a surprise in the 440 yards, inasmuch as both our runners won their heats, and so we had two in the final. Dick Michael and Syd Jarlett were our two stalwarts, but on a very loose track G. N. Blake won for the L.A.C., with Neal and Lansdale, both of Birchfield, in the next two places. Jarlett was inches away in 4th place. Thus we gained another very valuable point and with the 880 yards next, we hoped for the best from Alby Bird.

Wooderson made his first appearance in this race and as the field also included J. V. Powell, J. W. Alford (the Empire Games champion) and many other first-class runners, all the crowd were agog with excitement. After a very bumpy start, Wooderson shot to the front and was not again headed, beating Jack Powell, while Alby Bird ran magnificently to beat Alford on the tape for third place. The time of 2 mins. 0.6 secs. came rather as an anti-climax, but no doubt the state of the track coupled with the presence of Wooderson, slowed the field down somewhat.

Meanwhile in the centre of the arena the Javelin Throw was proceeding, this event being an innovation as regards this contest. We had Charlie Melchior throwing for us, but with Blake-way and Klein entered for Achilles, our man appeared outclassed. Imagine our surprise when Melchior nonchalantly walked up to us and said he had won the Javelin. It transpired that only three competitors turned out, and these did not include either of the Achilles men, and so Charlie with a throw of 151 ft. beat J. W. P. Ellis, of the L.A.C., with J. Cotter, of Birchfield, next.

Thus on points scored we were well among the leaders and our hopes of success were gradually rising.

The 2 Miles Team race was next, and although we provided the winning team last year we were much weaker on this occasion. Also the field was a really "hot" one, the Achilles team being Ward, McIntyre and Ellis, while the Poly. had Reeve, Furze

and Stockwell, and there were, of course, the Birchfield boys to be considered. Our team, owing to withdrawals, was Charlie Smart, Bill Lucas, Alf Taylor, with our track captain, Harry Shields, making a fourth man.

After a very fine race Reeve beat Ward on the post to win a most plucky race in which Ward appeared to make his effort rather late, although I do not think he bargained for the way Reeve fought him off down the straight. Achilles scored 16, to the Polytechnic's 18 to win the team race, and after much speculation we heard with pleasure that we were third with 32, to Birchfield's 38. Charlie Smart ran another good race, employing his forcing tactics to take the field along at a good pace, but, as usual, he could not match their pace over the final lap. Bill Lucas, running over his usual distance, did quite well, and Alf Taylor was our third man.

So with one event to go we found ourselves in a similar position to last year. We just had to beat the L.A.C. and Birchfield, for the latter were in the lead by one point from ourselves and the L.A.C.

As by this time the track was very cut up, the competing clubs asked the officials if they could use the grass for this event. It had been marked out for a previous race, so that it was quite easy to arrange the take-overs, etc., and it was agreed to run on the grass.

Sidney Wooderson turned out for Blackheath over the two laps stage, and duly handed over in the lead; but Alby Bird had hunted him home and we were in second place. Syd Jarlett kept us well there and then Stan Blundell went off over the first half lap, and Stan Botwright took over for the final run home. Wiard was leading for Blackheath but Botwright caught him at the bend of the home straight. The Blackheath man was the stronger, however, and beat our runner by a yard or so; with the L.A.C. just beating Birchfield for third place.

Oh! boys! what a finish! This had given us the Cup, the final points being: Belgrave H. 13, and then with 12 points came London A.C., Blackheath H. and Birchfield H. Polytechnic H. scored 5, and the Achilles 4 points.

Were our lads excited? And it was very gratifying to find the locals were also very pleased at the "Bels" success.

After a very nice tea we entrained for home and all that goes with it, and so ended yet another page in the Club's history—winners of the Stanley Waddilove Trophy!

Match v. Southgate Harriers.

On July 20th we had as visitors to Battersea Park Track the Southgate Harriers, who met our Seniors in a series of match events. The Milocarian A.C. had also been invited and after accepting, they found at the last minute it was impossible to raise a full team. Actually one of their members came all the way from Portsmouth to compete and was very disappointed at their withdrawal.

Our Juniors was also entertaining the junior members of the Croydon H., Hercules A.C. and Mitcham A.C.

In the Senior 100 yards Southgate proved too strong for us; but Alby Bird credited us with first place in the 880 yards, and Frank Webb ran a fine race, to gain third place in this event.

We had the first two in the Shot Putt with S. Jones and L. J. Worrard; and in the 220 yards Stan Blunden ran a fine race, only to lose first place by inches to S. C. Francis, of Southgate.

Another good race was the 1 Mile match and B. S. Cornish, of Southgate, proved the winner, after running a very well-judged race. Bill Lucas chased him home and appeared to have left his effort too late, while Les Cohen filled 3rd position.

The 440 yards saw Dick Michael run a smashing race to beat Syd Jarlett, with the Southgate men well in the rear.

Points which were scored 4, 3, 2, 1, were equally shared in the Discus Throw, and also the 2 Miles, which E. J. Nankivell, of the visitors, won in good style and quite good time.

Thus the Senior match ended with Belgrave H. 42 pts., and Southgate H. 38 pts.

The Junior match was also very well contested and some fine running was seen, one of the best performances being J. A. W. Scott's double in the 100 yards and 220 yards. Scott is quite a "find" for us and should develop into a really fine sprinter.

In the 880 yards the winner was J. Emmins, of the Hercules A.C., one of the best juniors in the South and our boys did well in gaining third and fourth places.

Our "dusky" member, C. Holloway, gained 4th place in the High Jump and with proper tuition he should do even better.

A fine race was seen in the 440 yards and G. H. Knight scored a win for us by battling up the straight to win the race on the tape. D. R. Laing also showed good form in being placed 4th and here again we have two extremely promising young runners.

In the final event, the 1 Mile Relay, the Hercules team kept the lead given them by Emmins and our team were also always in second place, the Mitcham boys being third.

The points for the Junior match were: Belgrave H. 22, Mitcham A.C. 19, Hercules A.C. 14, Croydon H. 5.

Also on this programme were a few club handicaps, one being the 100 yards for Boys under 16. We had quite a good entry and the final was won by A. P. Norris (2), who beat A. V. Heitman (Scr.), with P. Kearney, Jnr. (2) third.

In the 2 Miles Walk handicap, A. H. East scored another win, this time off 450 yards, and it would appear his long rest has done him the world of good. W. Brunning, a very persevering member, was second (off 775) and J. Ogilvie (off 500) was placed third.

The 220 yards was won by Stan Blunden off 8 yards, with Dick Michael (12) second, and Alec Mewes (11) third. Blunden is another runner to show remarkable improvement this season and if he can only improve his rather ungainly style he should still further increase his speed.

In the Mile handicap a good race was seen and although Joe Daly fought hard to keep in front he eventually finished third, with Alf Taylor beating J. T. Beer for first place. The latter has also shewn gradual improvement and now that he is out of the Junior ranks he should soon be knocking at the door of our Senior teams.

We also held a Mile Novices Walk, but the entry was poor; although the winner, J. Howard, showed a good style in winning by quite a distance.

The Club Championships.

By G. S. DOUBLEDAY.

These were held at Tooting Bec Track on Saturday, July 30th, on a brilliant summer afternoon; a fair-sized crowd and many club-folk enjoyed the sport.

The heats of the 100 yards were held first. Owing to a small field the final of the Boy's Sprint was held straight away, J. McLean winning from P. Kearney, and A. V. Heitman (holder), in 11.4 secs. Meanwhile, the Shot Putters were "toying" with the 16lb. ball. Sid Jones came out best with an effort of 39ft. 1in. L. J. Worrad and Bill Sutton were 2nd and 3rd, with 37ft. and 34ft. 9in. respectively. No standards (31ft.) were gained here.

Then the Juniors lined up for their 880 yards. D. Mumford showed good judgment to win from L. Marchant, and N. Shrubb in 2 min. 7 1-6 sec. This served as an appetiser for the Senior

880 yards, in which Alby Bird (holder) went into the lead at once, with the rest closely behind. At the bell he showed us that he meant to retain his title, and spurred ahead to enter the final straight with a commanding lead to win in 2 min. 3sec. Dick Michael led the others at the last bend and looked as though he would be runner-up, but Sid Jarlett had other ideas, fought him down the straight, and just "pipped" him. Standards (2 min. 8 sec.) were gained by F. H. C. White, F. R. Webb and A. H. Orton.

Next came the 100 yards Finals. In the Junior, R. S. Turner won in 10.8 sec., a time which is very encouraging for one under 19. J. A. W. Scott and R. B. Shepherd were 2nd and 3rd. These lads will, I'm sure, soon be forcing themselves into the Club's Senior teams. In the Senior race, Stan Botwright gained a clear victory in the excellent time of 10.2 sec. over F. Skelley, who was chased home by Tom Wiley. F. Pritchard was the other finalist.

The Field Events men had now deserted the Shot for the Discus. This gave us a close finish, Worrad reversing the previous result with Jones (holder) and winning by a foot. Bill Sutton was again third, the distances being 100ft. 7in., 99ft. 7in. and 92ft. 11in. No Standards (85ft.) were obtained.

The sprinters were again on the tracks now, deciding who were to line up for the 220 yards final. Our attention was then drawn to the High Jump, which was won by a member whose name is not usually associated with jumping—Eddie Pack. He cleared 5ft. 5in., and a junior, Len Marchant, was second with 5ft. 3in.; he will undoubtedly get higher, as his physique is well suited to this event. H. M. Quackenbos (holder) cleared 5ft. 2in. for 3rd place.

The absence of Les Cohen and Pat Parker robbed the Mile of some of its interest, but an exciting race between W. Lucas and L. W. Herbert held the attention of us all. Lucas led the way right from the start, Herbert being content with keeping just behind. Thus they went until the bell, having dropped the rest on the last lap. Herbert attacked down the back straight. Lucas held him for a while, but on entering the final straight Herbert put in a powerful finish which Lucas could not quite resist. This is not only Herbert's first Club Championship win, but a new Club record of 4 min. 29.2 sec. The field were battling for third place, Charlie Smart proving the best of the bunch. Standards (4 min. 50 sec.) were gained by Dan Patience, Ted Stimpson, Alf Taylor, Tom Morrell, Tom Carter, Harry Shields and Syd Ring.

Then the 220 yards finalists lined up and the Juniors again gave us a keen race. In a very good time—23.8 sec.—R. B. Shepherd led R. S. Turner and J. A. W. Scott.

Stan Botwright again showed the others a clean pair of heels, winning in 22.7 sec. (new Club record) while A. S. Blunden, F. W. Pritchard and Tom Wiley—finishing in that order—gave us a close race. Eddie Pack, Alec Mewes, S. Lyons and Les Bennett gained Standards (24 sec.) in their heats.

In the absence of C. Melchior, G. Powell and E. H. Finneron, the Javelin resolved itself into a close contest between Quackenbos and S. Jones, the former winning with 133ft. 2in. and Jones throwing 131ft. 1in. I'm sure that Quackenbos' prowess is chiefly due to a close study of the finer points of Javelin throwing.

A rather small number lined up for the Two Miles Walk. Harry Churcher and Joe Coleman led from the start, with Percy Wright in close attendance until he incurred the Judge's displeasure. Len Coleman and Bill Treacher were battling for third place until Treacher was disqualified at 1½ miles. Harry was a little too fast for Joe, and won in 14 min. 36 sec. Reg Elson followed home to gain a First Class Standard, but no other Standards were obtained. The holder, D. Brown, did not start, and I am sure that his presence in the race would have added considerable interest.

The last race was the 440 yards final. As was expected, Eddie Pack had a comfortable win, and cantered home in 51.6 sec. Sid Jarlett again gave us a fighting finish to beat Alby Bird and Dick Michael. Jarlett's improved running has been one of the features of the season. A. H. Orton gained another Standard, having beaten 56 sec. in his heat.

Meanwhile F. Skelley had jumped 22ft. 8in. to retain his Long Jump title. This is surely one of the best jumps by an Englishman this season. T. D. Wiley and F. W. Pritchard were second and third.

No account would be complete without a hearty vote of thanks and a strong recommendation for a big drink and a box of throat tablets for our Hon. Announcer, Arthur Cook, who gave us a sterling performance on the megaphone. Our other officials, too, deserve warmest thanks from both competitors and spectators. Last, but not least, we thank the competitors whose performances will, no doubt, urge them on in quest of greater honours—sufficient unto the day is the attainment thereof.

For record purposes, full result in tabular form is appended.

RESULTS.

100 Yards Boys—1, J. McLean; 2, A. P. Norris; 3, A. V. Heitman. Time 11.4 sec.

100 Yards Club—1, S. C. Botwright; 2, F. J. Skelley; 3, T. D. Wiley. Time 10.2 sec.

100 Yards Junior—1, R. S. Turner; 2, J. A. W. Scott; 3, R. B. Shepherd. Time 10.8 sec.

220 Yards Junior—1, R. B. Shepherd; 2, R. S. Turner; 3, J. A. W. Scott. Time 23.8 sec.

220 Yards Club—1, S. C. Botwright; 2, A. S. Blunden; 3, F. W. Pritchard. Time 22.7 sec.

880 Yards Junior—1, D. L. Mumford; 2, L. Marchant; 3, N. C. Shrubbs. Time 2 min. 7.5 sec.

880 Yards Club—1, A. A. Bird; 2, S. Jarlett; 3, R. G. Michael. Time 2 min. 3 sec. Standard Medals: F. R. Webb, F. H. C. White, A. H. Orton.

440 Yards Club—1, H. E. Pack; 2, S. Jarlett; 3, A. A. Bird. Time 51.6 sec. Standard Medals: R. G. Michael, A. H. Orton.

1 Mile Club—1, L. W. Herbert; 2, W. E. Lucas; 3, J. C. Smart. Time 4 min. 29.2 sec. Standard Medals: D. Patience, E. S. Stimpson, A. E. Taylor, T. F. Morrell, C. T. Carter, H. W. Shields, S. T. Ring.

2 Miles Walk—1, H. G. Churcher; 2, J. G. Coleman; 3, L. J. Coleman. Time 14 min. 36 sec. Standards: 1st Class, R. F. Elson. 2nd Class, Nil.

Shot Putt—1, S. Jones, 39ft. 1in.; 2, L. J. Worrard, 37ft. 0in.; 3, W. H. J. Sutton, 34ft. 9in. Standards: Nil.

High Jump—1, H. E. Pack, 5ft. 5in.; 2, L. Marchant, 5ft. 3in.; 3, H. M. Quackenbos, 5ft. 2in. Standards: Nil.

Javelin Throw—1, H. M. Quackenbos, 133ft. 2in.; 2, S. Jones, 131ft. 1in.; 3, L. Jackson, 118ft. 1in. Standards: Nil.

Discus Throw—1, L. J. Worrard, 100ft. 7in.; 2, W. H. J. Sutton, 99ft. 7in.; 3, S. Jones, 92ft. 11in. Standards: Nil.

Long Jump—1, F. J. Skelley, 22ft. 8in.; 2, T. D. Wiley, 20ft. 5in.; 3, F. W. Pritchard, 19ft. 11in. Standards: T. C. Jones, 19ft. 6in.; L. J. Worrard, 19ft. 10in.

The Final Evening Meeting.

As usual, we held an evening meeting at Battersea Park in August and on the 10th we held the following handicap events.

This year we experimented with a 300 yards race, but entries were very poor, due mainly to holidays, and Alby Bird, off 10 yards, ran a good race to just beat Stan Blunden, off 6. Tom Wiley (8) was third while among the also rans was—yes, that man's here again—Percy Wright.

In the Shot Putt "that man," or in other words, P. G. Wright, was the winner with 38ft. 11in. He received 15ft. 6in. R. Stride, Snr. (16ft. 6in.) did 38ft. 4in., while Alby Bird (15ft. 6in.) gained third prize after dead-heating with the scratch man, S. Jones, both doing 38ft. 3in. As Jones did 39ft. 1in. in our Club Championships, a repetition of this would have gained him first place.

A good race was seen in the 880 yards Junior handicap and L. Marchant made good use of his 10 yards allowance to beat N. C. Shrubbs (15) for first place. Our Junior champion, D. L. Mumford, was third off the scratch mark. These three juniors are three extremely promising young runners, and Shrubbs was recently selected to represent the Surrey Juniors.

The 2 Miles Walk saw a rather small field and Charlie Speechley (450) scored a popular win, with A. H. East, off a much reduced mark, still keeping among the prize winners by being second off the 330 yards mark. Reg Elson walked in his usual fluent style to gain third place with 190 yards start. Harry Churcher walked well from the scratch mark and eventually worked his way through to 4th place.

A popular distance with our lads is the 2 Miles race and Ted Stimpson showed he is working back to his best form by winning off 100 yards; while Tommy Morrell (160) ran well to gain second place. Frank Webb (170) was third. To Frank it would appear that the distance is immaterial, be it anything from 300 yards to 10 miles.

Another feature of this race was the fine running of L. W. Herbert who, off 50 yards went through the field in fine style and only lost third place in the last few strides. He just failed to overtake Frank Webb, and as the time of the race was 9 min. 30 sec., Herbert must have been doing fast time as he was close up to the leaders at the finish.

The Forthcoming Winter Season.

After one of our most successful Summer seasons ever, we look forward with confidence to the forthcoming Winter season.

We have arranged a full fixture list and I trust our members will give the fixtures their fullest support, both at home and

away. We are also extremely fortunate in possessing our own hall—Belgrave Hall—at Wimbledon and here again the Common is ideal for running purposes.

I hope all members, both new and old, will come along to Wimbledon and sample the delights of a run over the country, there is nothing better for getting rid of that "tired" feeling, never mind what the advertisements say!

We have a fine bath of hot water for use after the run, and our capable masseur, Tom Easton, is also in attendance, if required.

Saturday runs always start about 3 p.m. and for those who would like to do some mid-week training we have our quarters at the rear of the "Rising Sun," Ebury Bridge Road, which is quite near Victoria Station. We go out from here every Tuesday and Thursday evening and run over the adjacent roads into Hyde Park, when we go round Rotten Row, which makes for very useful country training, especially if we have had some rain, and then back to the quarters. Hot water can also be obtained here and while conditions are not quite so ideal as at Wimbledon it must be borne in mind that suitable mid-week quarters, especially in this vicinity, are extremely difficult to obtain.

Now a word as to our fixtures. On the first Saturday in October (which is October 1st) we hold our annual 3 Miles Road Run and 5 Miles Road Walk. Both these events are handicap races and all members have an equal chance of success, so be sure to enter in good time.

The following week, October 8th, we hold the usual Novice races open to Unattached men, and also members of our own Club. If you have any friends who would like to try their paces, bring them along to Wimbledon on this day.

We are then away to Ealing Harriers, and then on the 22nd we have a home fixture with London University C.C.C. In conjunction with this race we shall hold our usual 5 Miles handicap. We expect to have a good field out.

This season we visit Cranford for the annual Inter-Club race with Thames Valley H. and Ashcombe-St. Georges A.C., the date being October 29th.

Then on November 5th we make our first visit to Aldershot for a run with the Aldershot Command team. We are also paying a visit to Cambridge for a run with the University Hare and Hounds and in each case a picked team will represent the Club.

