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On taking up the Presidency of the Belgrave Harriers for another year my first thoughts are of gratitude to you all for the honour again bestowed upon me, and to my fellow-officers, since by their devoted and loyal co-operation they made my last year's task such a pleasant one. They certainly set the club a fine example in team work.

Looking back 12 months we see that although we gained many successes on the road, over the country, and on track the highest honours were beyond our reach. History was made in the "Round Ilford" and "London to Brighton" relay races by our runners, whilst at Los Angeles Tommy Green made a never-to-be-forgotten effort not only for the "Bels." but for all England. We enter upon a new season confident that we can and will improve upon last year's accomplishments and with the determination to become the champion club.

Despite the fact that an economic and industrial depression of unprecedented severity was experienced throughout the entire world last year, and that this was reflected in our accounts by a falling-off of donations and entry-fees to races, the club came through with a slightly augmented reserve. Yet our expenditure on prizes, in proportion to the number of competitors, was higher than ever. The explanation of this is, of course, "Harry Hare," whose value to the club is inestimable. In the year now opening I would ask you all to shew your appreciation of Harry by giving your warm and unstinted support to his scheme for providing the club with suitable headquarters. He will be happy to supply you with a Belgrave Building Brick, and your halfpennies will soon raise the club-house we need so. All of Harry's work for the club, whether as athlete, Secretary, President or Treasurer, has in reality been just club building in the truest sense of the words, and it has consequently all borne the imprint of permanence. He will carry the scheme through to a successful issue,

and in future years you will be proud and happy that you associated yourself with him in his efforts for the Belgrave Harriers.

J. B. BELCHAMBER,

President, Belgrave Harriers.

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In our first issue since the decision of the Olympic Games, it is our very proud privilege to extend to our members, T. W. Green and T. Hampson, our very heartiest congratulations upon their wonderful successes. It is every athlete's ambition—although it must, of necessity, be denied to thousands of us—to gain a "First" when representing his country in the Olympic Games; and to know that two such are associated with our Club is to fill us with pride, and mark a very definite stage in our Club history. We are indeed very proud of both of you!

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It is remarkable that England's only two winners should have appeared in winning Belgrave teams; and to have worn the Belgrave vest almost seems a guarantee of success in Olympic events! 1936 and 1940 aspirants please note!

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We are also proud of T. H. Scrimshaw and his feat in winning for England the 800 metres International race held at the Colombes Stadium, Paris, on July 24th. Next season we hope to acclaim him as A.A.A. champion and see him gain the further honours which are assuredly within his power. Good luck, Tommy!

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One of the most pleasing features of the Track season from our point of view has been the winning of the title of "Southern Amateur Athletic League" Champions. To do so against the strong competition provided by the South London Harriers, Polytechnic Harriers and other clubs comprising the First Division, reflects the utmost credit upon all concerned. Our win was a convincing one, and well-earned by the brilliant efforts of our runners in the six events comprising the League's programme. And now we are Champions we must do our utmost to retain the title next season.

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At the Annual General Meeting a very hearty vote of thanks was unanimously and vociferously carried for E. A. Duffett's services during past seasons as Running Hon. Secretary, which position he now resigned. He will now act, however, as Running Hon. Handicapper, and if he is as successful in this office and performs his duties as efficiently as he has done other work entrusted to him in the past, our judges can look forward to a very busy time in the future.

Our congratulations and sincere good wishes are accorded to T. F. Morrell, who was recently married. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Morrell long life and happiness.

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We extend a hearty welcome to the following, who have been elected to membership since our last issue was published: H. Robertshaw, E. G. Saunders, S. M. Pauley, T. R. Howard, E. L. Blyther, T. H. Cavey, J. Borer, L. E. Cotterell, E. T. Bansfield, W. A. Jones, D. R. Wilson, F. H. Bloomfield, C. H. Poague, A. E. Owen, C. E. Brockwell, C. F. D. Sutton, F. W. Chandler, E. M. Waldron, W. F. Merryman, D. F. W. Asher, W. G. Smith, We trust they will have a long and successful career in our colours.

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Vests, badges and ties may be had from the Hon. Treasurer, whose address appears on page 1.

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The Hon. Editors regret the delay in producing this issue of the "Belgravian," occasioned by reasons outside their immediate control. They would welcome contributions (literary and monetary) from members, and take this opportunity of thanking all those who have assisted so ably during the past Club year. In particular they would like to publicly thank Norman R. Dewberry for his consistent hard work and invaluable efforts which resulted in a handsome addition to the Gazette fund. It is hard to find words to express adequately our full appreciation of what he has done, and to thank him sufficiently for his labour of love, which, without doubt, has meant all the difference between the continued publication of our Journal in its present form, or its withdrawal from circulation.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of J. N. Thomas, which occurred in Westminster Hospital on August 29th, last. The end came with tragic suddenness. It is but a few weeks since he was training with us, seemingly as strong as ever, and news of his illness reached us only to be followed immediately by the sadder knowledge.

Jim's grey hair, tall athletic body and his somewhat exaggerated shoulder swing (he had been a champion club and swordswinger!) made him a most familiar figure to all who have frequented Battersea park track for some years past. He was a cheery, lion-hearted walker who always had a joke to crack with anybody he overtook or was overtaken by, and an encouraging word for all.

His racing was chiefly done on the Brighton road. He competed in the race to Brighton on about 10 occasions and was a remarkably consistent performer at this distance, whilst the record of his achievements over the double journey is one that will surely never be equalled in all its features. Three times he essayed the Brighton and back time-trial and each time he completed the long trek. Jim's record for the 104 miles stands:—

June, 1921	...	3rd	...	24 hrs. 23 mins. 42 secs.	...	45 years old.
June, 1926	...	5th	...	22 hrs. 28 mins. 4 secs.	...	50 years old.
June, 1929	...	4th	...	21 hrs. 35 mins. 7 secs.	...	53 years old.

No other walker has ever raced 100 miles in 24 hours in open competition on more than two occasions; but to fully appreciate Jim's phenomenal powers of endurance it must be borne in mind that he was already a veteran when he entered upon his walking career. His time on the first occasion would seem to imply that his walking at 45 years was scarcely comparable for speed with that of eight years later. However, the first race took place under tropical conditions. When it had been in progress for 17 hours the temperature had mounted to 125 degrees in the sun; and as this was when the competitors were on the return journey they received the sun's rays on the back of the head and neck. Consequently the first performance was more meritorious than is apparent at first sight.

At the funeral floral tributes from the "Bels," the Centurions and the Surrey Walking Club bore testimony of the esteem in which Jim was held by his fellow athletes, whilst the prominence of Claret and Gold in so large a proportion of the wreaths told eloquently how well-known was the affection he had for his club's colours.

J.B.B.

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It is also our unpleasant duty to announce the passing of H. Wright, whose connection with our Club can be traced back to its beginning. Always a willing worker, ever ready to officiate as timekeeper, he was always a man to help without attracting a lot of attention to himself. He played an important part in the growth of our Club, and we are glad to think that in the "Harry Wright Shield," which he presented a few years ago for field events competition, we have a perpetual reminder of one who, by his gentle, kindly personality and invaluable services extending through three or four decades, endeared himself to the Club and placed us under an eternal debt of gratitude.

THE BELGRAVE TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS.

INTRODUCTORY.

It is now 12 years since the first post-war track championship of the Club was held and in case memories fade or records are lost it was felt that a permanent account in the "Belgravian" would be the best means of preservation.

In previous years there has usually been quite a full report of the championship meeting in this magazine, but this year it is hardly possible as the following records will take up considerable space. Also this number will not be published until 10 weeks after the Meeting and members will be more interested in cross-country and road-walking rather than the perusal of journalistic pyrotechnics concerning July 30th.

Very often writers leave their acknowledgments to the end of an article but I am so grateful for the help I have received in connection with this compilation that I want at once to state my indebtedness to Messrs. J. B. Belchamber, W. H. Hare, G. H. Powell, L. C. Smith, E. H. Jarvis, M. E. Odell, A. Kench and J. D. Edwards, who all have done everything they could to furnish me with information. In particular do I want to thank G. H. Powell, whose wonderful memory and useful records came to the rescue when everything else failed.

In 1921 two championships were instituted: the "A. J. Sawyer Memorial Cup" for the two miles track walk and the "J.G. Sawyer Memorial Cup" for the quarter run. They were presented by one of our Life Members as memorials to his two sons, both Belgravians, who gave their lives for Club and Country in the Great War. In 1922 two more cups were presented, one the "Grosvenor" for the senior 100 yards, and the other the "Garnett" for the mile. Two years later another two championships were instituted; they were the "R.W. Best Cup" for the half-mile and the "R. W. Ricketts Cup" for the junior (under 18) furlong championship. By 1926 London clubs were waking up very much to the existence and encouragement of juniors and the Belgrave Harriers have always been in the vanguard of this movement and so another junior championship was begun in the club—the "Chandler Cup" for the boys' (under 15) 100 yards. The three miles title was first competed for in 1928, when the late W. Griffin presented the "Griffin Cup." Two years later the senior furlong championship came into being, when Mr. E. Gordon, then President, gave the "Elsie Cup," and thus kept up the two-year sequences of cup donations.

In the following tables, figures in heavy type are the existing club records, and it will be interesting when I am allowed to revise this account in five or 10 years' time to see how many of these records will be unaltered. The oldest record is held by A. J. Ford, whose time of $23\frac{3}{4}$ secs. for the junior furlong has not been beaten.

2 Miles Walking Championship ("A. J. Sawyer Memorial Cup")..

		m.	s.
1921...H. F. King.....	Not known		
1922...A. P. F. Spendlove			
	Not known		
	m. s.		
1923...H. F. King.....	15 56	1-5	
1924...E. L. Reeve.....	15 06		
1925...R. D. McMullen...	15 13		
1926...A. L. Fletcher....	14 42		
1927...A. L. Fletcher....	14 32		
1928...R. D. McMullen...	15 04	3-5	
1929...A. L. Fletcher....	14 43		
1930...A. L. Fletcher....	14 36	3-5	
1931...A. L. Fletcher....	15 16	4-5	
1932...A. L. Fletcher....	14 23	1-5	

Prior to 1923 the race was held at Earlsfield on grass. In 1928 A. L. Fletcher was ill and did not compete.

440 Yards Championship ("J. G. Sawyer Memorial Cup").

	secs.		secs.
1921...L. C. Smith.....	57	1927...J. Cooper Clark.....	52 1-4
1922...L. C. Smith.....	55 4-5	1928...J. Cooper Clark.....	51-
1923...H. Jackson.....	55	1929...G. R. Dunckley.....	52 1-5
1924...W. L. Bayliss.....	55 3-5	1930...J. E. Tosh.....	53 2-5
1925...G. R. Dunckley.....	53 1-2	1931...E. H. Jarvis.....	53 1-2
1926...G. R. Dunckley.....	51 4-5	1932...T. H. Scrimshaw.....	51 1-5

It will be seen that Cooper Clark's 1928 time is a record that still stands in spite of the fact that two of the subsequent holders are internationals. This performance is all the more wonderful when one remembers that on that day part of the track was under water, that he had no real opposition and that only a short while before he had broken the half-mile record. He had a very short career with the club, and one wonders what he might have done had he found more time to train seriously and improve a style that badly needed improving, according to the Battersea Park critics. He is now in Canada and, we hope, doing well.

When I first joined the Club I heard many a legend about Dunckley, and I was inclined to mix legend with gospel. I heard that once in a 300 yards handicap Dunckley was on scratch and another crack was on a mark 3 yards in front. Dunckley was a notoriously slow starter and at 100 yards in this race he was about 20 yards behind the other back marker, and also at this point had to stop to adjust a shoe. However, when the runners were coming down the home straight he was leading and won comfortably, slowing down and looking round for the others!

Having seen Dunckley beating 49 seconds in a quarter at the "Bridge" I am prepared to believe this legend and without the usual *cum grano salis*.

100 Yards Championship ("Grosvenor Cup").

	secs.		secs.
1922...L. C. Smith.....	10 2-5	1928...M. E. Odell.....	10 2-5
1923...W. C. Baldwin.....	10 2-5	1929...M. E. Odell.....	10 3-10
1924...W. C. Baldwin.....	10 1-5	1930...M. E. Odell.....	10 3-5
1925...M. E. Odell.....	10 3-5	1931...M. E. Odell.....	10 1-2
1926...M. E. Odell.....	10 1-5	1932...L. Morgan.....	10 2-5
1927...M. E. Odell.....	10 2-5		

The obvious feature of the above is the fact Odell won the title on seven consecutive occasions: a wonderful performance for a sprinter. It seemed that Odell always scheduled his summer running to be at his best for the beginning of August, a time when so many other crack sprinters are becoming a little stale. I understand that he is going to compete again next year in an attempt to regain the title.

1 Mile Championship ("Garnett Cup").

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1922...A. D. Pyer	4	52	1928...T. J. Flower.....	4	39 3-5
1923...A. D. Pyer.....	4	53	1929...T. J. Flower	4	37 1-5
1924...K. B. O'Kell.....	4	53 3-5	1930...W. A. Rice.....	4	35 4-5
1925...K. B. O'Kell.....	4	41 1-5	1931...A. Kench.....	4	32
1926...K. B. O'Kell.....	4	40	1932...A. Kench.....	4	35
1927...E. A. Duffett.....	4	37 3-5			

This might be regarded as the classic of the Club. Year after year there has been a tremendous struggle for the title. Perhaps the finest race (as a race) was in 1930, when W. A. Rice beat W. G. Webb by the smallest of margins after a terrible duel with each other and themselves down the straight.

880 Yards Championship ("R. W. Best Cup").

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1924...W. L. Bayliss.....	2	8 3-5	1928...J. Cooper Clark	2	1 3-5
1925...F. L. G. Bucking-			1929...T. H. Scrimshaw	2	1 1-5
ham...2	5	3-5	1930...J. E. Tosh.....	2	0 7-10
1926...H. W. Smith.....	2	5 3-5	1931...R. G. Michael.....	2	2
1927...F. L. G. Bucking-			1932...T. H. Scrimshaw	1	59 1-5
ham...2	4	3-5			

Dreams never come true. If they did I should see this championship with T. Hampson as a first-claim member and Scrimshaw, Tosh and Cooper Clark all fit and pushing him. Four men beating 1 min. 58 sec. in a club championship?

220 Yards Junior (under 18) Championship ("R. W. Ricketts Cup").

	secs.		secs.
1924...G. R. Dunckley.....	24	1929...S. Garland.....	26 2-5
1925...G. C. Fearn.....	25 1-2	1930...S. Garland.....	25
1926...A. E. Randall.....	24 2-5	1931...J. D. Edwards.....	24 7-10
1927...A. J. Ford.....	23 3-4	1932...J. Crilly.....	24 1-5
1928...A. J. Ford.....	24 1-5		

100 Yards (boys under 15) Championship ("Chandler Cup").

	secs.		secs.
1926...A. J. Ford.....	11 4-5	1930...G. H. Pamment.....	11 2-5
1927...G. L. Rooke.....	12	1931...W. A. Fox	11 2-5
1928...T. Wiley.....	13 1-2	1932...V. Edwards.....	11 3-5
1929...R. Swinfen	12		

3 Miles Championship ("Griffin Cup").

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1928...J. E. Flower.....	15	21	1931...A. W. Penny.....	15	06
1929...J. E. Flower.....	15	08 3-10	1932...A. Allum	15	09
1930...A. Allum	15	16			

220 Yards Championship ("Elsie Cup").

	secs.		secs.
1930...E. H. Jarvis.....	23	1932...L. Morgan.....	22 9-10
1931...G. Basford	23 7-10		

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH, 1932.

Those in the know seemed to expect L. Morgan to win the 100, but I must confess that I was surprised. Which shows how quickly one can lose touch with important matters when one marries and moves away! Later in the afternoon Morgan by winning the furlong became one of the two runners to get a double. The other was Scrimshaw, who with consummate ease (I hope this is correct sporting journalese) won the half and the quarter. He won only two championships because he entered only two! A word of praise to F. H. C. White, too, on his very fine running in the 880 yards championship.

I believe that Kench had a bit of a shock when Frank Webb put up so good a finish in the mile. Kench won, of course, and instead of looking tired or exhausted he appeared quite anxious when striding down the oft-mentioned home straight. He should have been suspicious of the facts that Bill Webb raced into the lead for the first quarter and that Frank had previously dropped out in the half after having had a nice little "warm up." No less than 13 runners beat the time standard in this race. Some years ago I was the proposer on the Committee of making the standard 4 min. 50 sec. instead of 4 min. 55 sec. It looks as though I shall have to make myself known to Belgravians, get on the Committee once more, and propose a 4 min. 45 sec. standard. As the years roll by no doubt we shall get our mile standard down to 4 min. 40 sec. The two-miles walk was one of the best seen at Battersea and Len Fletcher beat his own record. Full results of the championships are printed below.

L. E. FLETCHER.

RESULTS.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—Heat 1: L. Morgan 1, M. E. Odell 2, J. Holder 3; 10½sec. Heat 2: G. Basford 1, J. S. Williams 2, A. H. Green 3; 10 2-5sec. Final: 1 Morgan, 2 Odell, 3 Basford; 10 2-5sec.

220 Yards.—Heat 1: J. E. Read 1, G. Basford 2. Heat 2: E. H. Jarvis 1, L. Morgan 2. Final: 1 Morgan, 2 Jarvis, 3 Read; 22 9-10sec.

440 Yards.—Heat 1: E. H. Jarvis 1, R. Barsby 2; 57 1-10sec. Heat 2: F. Stover 1, R. G. Michael 2; 55 7-10sec. Heat 3: T. H. Scrimshaw 1, H. Jones 2; 54½sec. Final: 1 Scrimshaw, 2 Michael, 3 Jones; 51 1-5sec.

880 Yards.—1 T. H. Scrimshaw, 2 F. H. C. White, 3 R. G. Michael; 1min. 59 1-5sec. Standard Medals: H. W. Shields, H. Jones.

1 Mile.—1 A. Kench, 2 F. R. Webb, 3 F. Tame; 4min. 35sec. Standard Medals: W. A. Rice, A. W. Penny, A. R. Shaw, J. E. Flower, A. Allum, N. R. Dewberry, H. W. Shields, W. G. Webb, C. Mains, F. Walker.

Two Miles Walk.—1 A. L. Fletcher, 2 H. F. King, 3 H. G. Churcher; 14min. 23 1-5sec. Standard Medals (1st Class): C. W. Redgrave, A. A. Harley, R. F. Elson, F. W. Thorn; (2nd Class): C. E. Churcher, E. A. Jackman, L. Storey.

220 Yards (under 18)—1 J. Crilly, 2 B. L. Bone, 3 L. Fleming; 24 1-5 sec.

100 Yards (under 15)—1 V. Edwards, 2 L. E. Cotterell, 3 F. J. Skelly; 11 3-5sec.

HANDICAPS.

75 Yards.—1 W. J. Franklin (15), 2 J. Crilly (7), 3 S. J. Harper (6½); 7 4-5sec.

880 Yards.—1 T. Pritchard (55), 2 E. J. Bayliss (100), 3 A. E. Taylor (70), 4 C. E. Crome (70), 5 T. C. Jones (55), 6 A. T. Jordan (90); Time: 1min. 55 4-5sec.

Shot Putt.—1, W. H. Sutton (all 8ft.) 36ft. 4½in.; 2, F. S. Dove (all 4ft. 3in.) 34ft. 11½in.; 3, F. Stride (all 12ft. 7in.) 34ft. 9½in.

THE TRACK SEASON'S CLOSE.

The past track season seems a long way behind us, but in view of the interesting fixtures we had at the end of the summer it would not be right to forget to make a few remarks and comments on these.

On July 20th, the last of the Inter-Club Relay meetings was held at the "News of the World" Track, Mitcham. Up to this meeting we had a lead of 4 points for the Shield and were fairly optimistic of retaining it. Such was not to be, however, and with Mitcham A.C. securing premier honours in the 4 x 100, yards, 4 x 880 yards and 1 mile Team race, they eventually beat us by 1 point for the Shield. We must heartily congratulate the Mitcham boys on their success. This is the first time we have lost the Shield since its inception, so you can see that Mitcham have earned their just reward after many seasons' striving. They showed exceptional keenness; even when behind on points they still turned out and ran their hardest to pull us back. Whether our own members considered their early lead sufficient and so decided to rest on their laurels, I don't know, but teams were certainly not up to the Belgrave standard in the later matches.

Our Juniors, however, did a little towards regaining our lost prestige by fairly swamping the Junior opposition of Croydon and Mitcham. This meeting was held at Croydon on July 28th, and we won all three events, namely, 3 x 100 yards, 3 x 200 yards and 880 yards Team race. They say our Juniors of to-day are the Seniors of to-morrow, so we hope they carry on their good work in the future.

On July 23rd the last event of the S.A.A.L., namely, the 1 Mile Medley Relay, was run off at the Fire Brigade meeting held at Stamford Bridge. To win the League we had to beat S.L.H. and this we did. Highgate H. finished first in the Relay with ourselves second, Herne Hill H. third, South London H. fourth and Ilford A.C. fifth. Our team, Michael, Jarvis, Basford and

Read, ran very well and together with the other men who have represented us so ably in these League events, deserve our very best thanks. To win the Southern Amateur Athletic League, and then to lose the "Doris" and "Inter-Club Relay" is inconsistency at its best.

On August 13th we had the great pleasure, I was almost going to say honour, of appearing at Stamford Bridge in opposition to the London Athletic Club in a series of match events. The L.A.C. as you know, have come down to Battersea Park for the last three years to oppose us in match events, and as yet we have not had the pleasure of beating them. However, everything comes to those who wait, and we duly had our revenge at this meeting on August 13th. Rather an ominous date from the L.A.C.'s point of view, doubly so now that the Bridge is to be transformed into a "Dogs' Home," but they were the first to congratulate us on the victory. It was a most exciting match and with two events to be decided we were level on points. We forged ahead in these, however, and recording two 5 to 1 wins won the match, 28 pts. to 20 pts. The best performance of our men was Arthur Penny's 2 Miles win in 9 min. 53 sec., and he fairly ran away from the rest of the field who included J. G. Helps, the well-known Midland and Birchfield H. crack. We hope the L.A.C. will find a new home and trust to have the pleasure of renewing their acquaintance there, and also wish them every success when they oppose us in the annual match at Battersea Park Track next year.

Our final Club meeting of the season was held at Battersea Park on August 17th. A notable feature of the racing was the smallness of the fields, and it looked as if our members had had a surfeit of racing events and so were disinclined to support our final meeting. Jack Holder won the Sprint in fast time off 6½ yards and displayed fine dash for so late in the season. F. D. Haly was placed second and young Jack Crilly third, so the latter thus concluded a very successful season. The 1320 yards Handicap resulted in a win for Harry Shields, and off a liberal mark he led Tom Pritchard and A. T. Jordan home. Jordan, who was a member of last season's Surrey Youths C.C. Championship winning team, ran well and kept off a determined challenge by Bill Rice. Tom Scrimshaw displayed some fine running in the 440 yards Handicap and the final was a great race to watch. Tosh, off 1 yard, kept Scrimshaw outside him for the first 100 yards, ran I should think in record time, and then Tommy went up and got on to the heels of Michael, who had taken the lead. Mike, however, had more finishing power than Tommy, and won the race with Charlie Jones filling third place. The 2 Miles Walk was won by Charlie Churcher, with E. C. Heather and Charlie Speechley dead-heating for second place, in a red-hot finish.

Our final fixture of the track season was a very charming match at Imber Court, the Metropolitan Police Headquarters. Our opponents were the Police and the Royal Navy and Marines, Portsmouth, and a series of flat and field events were decided on the team and relay principle. Some very good sport was seen and the outstanding performance was perhaps Tommy Scrimshaw's run in the 3 x 440 yards relay. He took over about 30 yards behind the Naval man, with "Jock" Simpson, the well-known hurdler and runner some 10 yards behind himself. Tom not only caught the leader and won by about 20 yards but he also left Simpson well in the rear. The result of a most interesting match was a win for the Police by 2 points with ourselves and Navy dead-heating with 21 points each. Of the 11 events we won five, the Police four, and the Navy two, but the better packing with regard to placings by the Police deservedly gained them the day. Then followed Tea and Dancing and everyone who made the trip agreed it was our best fixture of the season, and should certainly be held again next year. Our thanks are due to the members who came along and turned out for us. Some competed in as many as four events, owing to our shortage of men, and it is pleasing to know that there are still members left who retain some of the old-time Belgrave spirit and are ready to turn out and assist the Club even if there are no medals or prizes as their reward.

So closed yet another Track Season and the Club as a whole can consider it a most successful one. True the smaller Shields were lost, but the winning of the S.A.A.L. 1st Division fully compensated us for this, and moreover our members were well to the fore in the various Open Relay and Team races. Perhaps a little less concentration on the latter and a bit more on the various Inter-Club events would be more pleasant to a few of us, but in these days of striving after personal gain I suppose it is only natural for members to expect to receive a little in return for the months of hard training.

THE BRIGHTON WALK.

Describing how seven Belgravians fared in the historic London—Brighton race; of the manner in which a bus-load of supporters accompanied the event; of how the team race was won and the "Edward Knott" Memorial Shield regained by the Club; of the unparalleled achievement of having three Belgravians placed in the first five; and several other matters of interest.

September 10th—up with the dawn and away to Great Smith Street Baths, Westminster, where 82 walkers prepared to start in the classic race to Brighton promoted so efficiently by the Surrey Walking Club.

We had eight entrants; and our sympathy went out to Bert Field, who, after a three months' conscientious preparation, had the misfortune to sustain a slight foot injury on the eve of the race and had to content himself as a spectator from the bus-top. It was a great disappointment to such an enthusiastic walker, and we can only hope that future races will bring him his due reward.

This reduced our number of starters to seven, and it was evident from the start that our walkers intended playing an important part in the race. At Croydon, Green and Rickards of ours, Ludlow (Derby W. & A.C.) and D. Gum (Essex Eagles) were leading the field. Our third man, Bentley, had made a good start and was walking easily in fifth position. Hillier was tenth, and our others, Khlopin, Holman and Wattam—once again making his annual journey from Lincolnshire for the race—were further back, taking things steadily. The forward position of our first four men was very encouraging at this point, but we have long learned not to build up false hopes in a race of this description in the early stages. And so our bus moved on to Merstham, the occupants wearing quietly optimistic smiles.

After a while along came the walkers. Our two, with Ludlow, were still in the lead, Bentley remained fifth and Hillier was in 11th position. At Redhill, positions were practically the same. Good! And so on to Crawley, feeling very satisfied! And then came the rumour, travelling as fast as bad news is supposed to, do, that our Olympic Champion, Tommy Green, was "having a bad time." And on this occasion Dame Rumour was no liar!

Ludlow had very wisely taken advantage of our champion's indisposition to open up a gap and at "The George," Crawley, led by over three minutes from Fred Rickards, who was now second. Tommy was nearly two minutes behind Fred, but seemed to be getting into his stride again. Bentley, walking his first race over this course, and at this distance, was still quite unperturbed and walking strongly in sixth position. Whitlock, of the Metropolitan W.C., who had been walking a very steady race, was now becoming prominent and had taken fourth position.

At Crawley we also had a further disappointment, for shortly before this point Reg. Hillier had sustained a severe attack of cramp which necessitated his retirement from the race, and allowed Paul Khlopin to become our 4th man. He was some distance back, and it seemed our chances of a team win were slipping—but we still had confidence in the ability of our men to regain the Shield.

Between Handcross and Bolney we had further evidence of the strong Club spirit which binds our members together; and of the spirit of self-sacrifice of his own chances which Fred Rickards has shown on many occasions in the past. Between these two points Fred acted as pacemaker to Green in his endeavour to take

him up to the leader and although he was denied this pleasure, he had the satisfaction of helping Tommy along and reducing the gap between first and second men.

From Bolney to the finish, however, Ludlow was faster than our man, and eventually Green was passed in the last few miles by H. Whitlock. This, of course, gave Tommy third position, with Fred Rickards fourth, and Fred Bentley fifth. Three in five! Good work, and as the first two men were individual entrants our walkers gave us a perfect start in the team scoring with 1, 2 and 3.

A journey back along the road showed Paul Khlopin to be our fourth man still, and in a position which only had to be retained to give us winning honours. He was apprised of this fact and announced his intention of doing all that was expected of him! And so he did, and we ran out winners of the team race with 21 points to the 25 of the promoters, Surrey Walking Club. Last year's winners, Birmingham W.C., did not compete this year, but it is very unlikely that they would have beaten us after the wonderful start given to our scoring team by Green, Rickards and Bentley. Three men within 8 hrs. 34 mins.! This can never have been accomplished before by three members of any other Club!

Of GREEN'S "failure" (if to walk the course in 8 hrs. 14 min. 50 secs. can be so described) we have but little to say, except that it can hardly be expected of any human being that he should be at the peak of condition and fitness (and this would certainly have been necessary to even extend Ludlow on his walking in this race) after changing Californian climate for that of this country within a few days of the race. And trans-continental rail travel, followed by days on an Atlantic liner cannot be considered the best of training for an arduous race. There is no need for excuses for Tommy, for his future performances will prove that he is still the most consistent distance walker this country has ever had, and that we may still expect broken records and amazing versatility from him for many years to come.

Incidentally, 8 hrs. 15 mins. can only have been beaten on about half a dozen occasions in this race. Green has done so on three occasions (in successive years) and in 1929 was only a few seconds outside.

Of Ludlow's performance we have the highest admiration, and extend to him our heartiest congratulations. He has fully deserved his win and new record over the course. On many occasions he has had to play second fiddle to Green, often in times which a few years ago would have been acclaimed as sensational new records. To quote from the November, 1930, issue of the "Belgravian": "In the Manchester-Blackpool race Ludlow was again second, finishing in 7 hrs. 44 mins. 46 2-5 secs., or only

5 mins. 16 secs. behind Green, the winner. Accordingly he walked 50 miles in about 10 minutes less than the figures standing as a World's record and yet was beaten by the decisive margin of 5 furlongs. Surely this is an experience that has no parallel in the history of athletics.

"So we are pleased to record our warm and unstinted appreciation of the splendid achievements of this persistent and plucky runner-up. He is young and the highest honours should surely reward his efforts in the future."

These prophetic words appeared in our columns two years ago, and now that they have been realized, we have much pleasure in extending our congratulations and best wishes to the Derby man.

RICKARDS accomplished his best yet over the course and it is far and away the best accomplished by a Police or Service walker. Fred adopted different tactics this year in holding on to the leaders to the half distance and the experiment pleased him and us! In fact, next year he may well start and finish with the leaders!

It is difficult to praise the first attempt of BENTLEY too much. To finish fifth, in the fine time of 8 hrs. 33 mins. 54 secs., is a performance which hundreds of seasoned walkers would remember with pride for the remainder of their lives. There is need for Fred to do this, however, for he has years and years in front of him, and may yet be the first walker to beat eight hours! It is interesting to note, and also a tribute to our strength this year, that Bentley's performance gains for him a *third* medal in the Club Long Distance Championship. In 1919, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1926, 1928 (to mention a few dates) his time would have actually won the race! This year fifth, and third in the Club Championship! So has our Club standard improved and so may it continue to improve!

PAUL KHLOPIN completed our team and now has the distinction of having been a member of victorious running and walking Club teams. He earned the Club's thanks by pluckily and tenaciously "sticking to it," and in this connection we owe thanks to Paul's attendant, who played an important part in the winning of the race. He confided to me that Paul had enough tea to enable him to swim the distance, and when he couldn't have tea (whisper it!) he had *vodka* and water or something very similar.

A few places behind came HOLMAN, who made a creditable first appearance in this race, and WATTAM, a couple of minutes outside 10 hours. A. O. TOOKEY, walking in his first-claim Polytechnic H. colours, also made his debut, and F. W. CHANDLER, who has now joined us, gained useful experience.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the cyclist attendants who accompanied our men, for it must be almost as great a test of

endurance to ride over the course at slow speed as it is to walk it at 5—6 miles per hour. We offer them our very sincere thanks and appreciate all they did to help our men along; and for their very real contribution towards the Club success.

Our supporters were delighted with our team's win and went home in a very joyful mood. The "Edward Knott" Memorial Shield went home with us on the bus, as did some of the competitors and attendants with cycles on top; so demonstrating the great value of a conveyance such as ours. A pack of cards appeared from someone's capacious pockets and we were amused (and paid for our amusement!) at C. Cook, Esq. calling "Twos" on Ace, King, Queen, Jack! Really Charlie, at 68 you should have learnt to be cautious and avoid risks!

The appended results reflect credit on all who participated, and all who helped to make the race a success from our point of view.

RESULT.						h.	m.	s.
1.	J. H. Ludlow (Derby W.C.)	...	...	...	...	8	12	20
2.	H. H. Whitlock (Met W.C.)	...	...	...	...	8	1	6
3.	T. W. Green (Belgrave H.)	...	...	...	...	8	14	59
4.	F. Rickards	..	...	...	...	8	23	16
5.	F. E. Bentley	..	...	...	...	8	33	54
22.	P. N. Khlopin	..	...	...	...	9	29	1
26.	A. O. Tookey (Poly. H.)	...	...	...	...	9	37	43
29.	W. Holman (Belgrave H.)	...	...	...	...	9	53	52
34.	C. A. Wattam	..	...	...	...	10	2	52
62.	F. W. Chandler	..	...	...	...	11	32	57

TEAM PLACINGS.

	pts.		pts.
1. Belgrave H. (1, 2, 3, 15)...	21	4. Sussex W.C.	73
2. Surrey W.C. (4, 5, 7, 9)...	25	5. Polytechnic H.	84
3. L.C.C. Trams S.C.	72	6. 2nd S.W. Borderers...	114

Green, Rickards and Bentley take 1st, 2nd and 3rd medals in the Club Long Distance Championship as above, Green winning the "Belgrave" Cup for the fourth year in succession.

F. Rickards (4th) won the prize for first Service (Police, Army, etc.) athlete to finish.

A.A.H.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting was held on September 27th at "The Rising Sun" and a good crowd assembled to hear the Hon. Treasurer's and Hon. Secretary's Reports and to elect officials for the ensuing year.

The meeting opened by the Hon. Secretary reading the notice convening the meeting and the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, which were approved. The Hon. Secretary then made his report on the year's activities. He expressed the Club's regret at the deaths of J. N. Thomas and H. Wright; and then quickly surveyed the past year's performances. He commented in particular on our representatives' success at Los Angeles and of the

fine running of T. H. Scrimshaw in England and Paris; and of several other performances, notably the winning of the Southern Amateur Athletic League, which had enhanced the Club's reputation.

The Hon. Secretary's report was approved, and was followed by a statement of financial affairs by the Hon. Treasurer. He disclosed a favourable state of affairs, but appealed to members to lighten the work and expense necessitated by those who delayed paying their subscriptions. His report was adopted, and one of the Joint Hon. Editors called upon for a "Gazette" report. He pointed out that the loss on this branch of the Club's activity was almost identical with that incurred last year; and he asked for the co-operation of all members both in the matter of prompt payment, and in the submission of literary contributions to the columns of the "Belgravian." His report was accepted, and the meeting then considered the proposal from the Committee that in future members joining after March 28th should pay full subscriptions and not half-rate as hitherto.

It was pointed out that anyone joining the Club at the commencement of the Track season had a very fine programme of events arranged for them, and as this part of the season is the heaviest on the Club's funds it was only right that he should pay in full for the privilege of membership. After discussion the proposal was approved.

The election of Officers then took place, with the following results:—

President: J. B. Belchamber.

Vice-Presidents: As last year with the addition of F. M. Stone.

Hon. Secretary: W. L. Bayliss.

Hon. Treasurer: W. H. Hare.

Walking Hon. Secretary: A. A. Harley.

Team Hon. Secretary (Running): H. Parker.

Social Hon. Secretary: W. A. Rice.

Captains: W. G. Webb (Cross-country), W. A. Rice (Track), A. L. Fletcher (Road Walking), F. H. Elson (Track Walking), W. H. Sutton (Field Events).

Vice-Captains: A. Penny, R. J. Savage (Cross-country), R. G. Hillier (Walking), J. Clemens (Field Events).

Hon. Starter: A. G. Fell

Hon. Timekeepers: C. Cook, W. L. Bayliss.

Walking Hon. Handicapper: E. A. Duffett.

Hon. Auditor: J. R. McKay.

Trustees: O. Horwood, E. Gordon.

Committee: F. R. Webb, H. L. Rollins, F. G. Thomson, K. B. O'Kell, J. R. McKay, H. Parker, V. J. Peacock, E. Saunders, A. Penny, T. J. Flower.

Several members then advanced suggestions which were referred to the new Committee for their consideration.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

WITH THE WALKERS.

Once again the Winter season is upon us and it is with optimistic eyes that we look forward to a very successful season. We have numbers, enthusiasm, ability, the will to win; and the opportunities to prove these assertions are coming along in the form of Open Races, Match events and, last but not least, Championships. There is no reason why this should not be a record season for us. It depends upon ourselves. If each individual is determined to do his utmost, to persevere, to train conscientiously, our teams will undoubtedly have a record season. It is for us to make season 1932-33 a memorable one in Belgravian (and Road Walking) history!

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We start off with the applause given our Brighton Walk team win still ringing in our ears to give us inspiration. The details of this race, with its unprecedented 1, 2, 3 start to the team score, appear elsewhere, and it is hoped there are many more equally creditable wins to come our way.

The first Open event of the season is that promoted by the Highgate Harriers on October 29th. In view of the travelling difficulties experienced in past years in getting to De Bohun Farm, Southgate, the promoters have obtained permission to hold their race in Regent's Park, from St. Dunstan's Headquarters. We shall be well represented and should be well to the fore.

A fortnight later (November 12th) Enfield A.C. hold their usual race over a seven miles course; and on this occasion the "Berman Cup," awarded to the first scratch team, will be up for competition. Enfield are holders of this trophy at the moment, and it would be a splendid start to regain this Cup over the holders' own course. What about it?

On November 19th the Metropolitan Police A.A. visit us at Wimbledon for an "all-to-score" team race; and the following Saturday our own promotion—a seven miles Open Walk—will take place from Wimbledon.

Our race is one of the oldest established Open events at this distance, and we have always been fortunate in attracting a large entry. It is hoped that this year our event will be as successful as ever; and that every active Belgrave walker will send in his entry to the Hon. Secretary as early as possible.

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It was good news, but certainly not unexpected news, to know that Tommy Green, a fortnight after his gruelling race to Brighton, broke the Norwich to Ipswich (42 miles) record by over 23 minutes, and so proved that he is as strong and capable as ever. The old record was created by another Belgrave walker, Stanley A. Manning, in 1923, and altogether he won this event three times. It was good to see Stanley on the Brighton Road this year as an onlooker, and to see him turn out from St. John's Hall for the first training spin of the season.

Tommy followed this up a week later by winning the Manchester to Blackpool (50 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles) Walk for the fourth time in succession. He has already won one 100-guinea trophy outright, presented by the Blackpool Corporation, and it looks as if he is after another one to make the pair!

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We heartily congratulate A. H. G. Pope, of Woodford Green A.C. upon his recent performances in creating six new World's walking records at the White City Track. We, who struggle round the track with difficulty can appreciate better than anyone the merit of the new figures. Well done, Pope!

Len Fletcher, T. Green and H. G. Churcher were invited to participate in the Record attempt. Only the last-named was able to accept the invitation, and he did well enough to make us think that one day he may be making a serious attempt to improve still further upon the new records!

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All enquiries and entries should be addressed to

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

RUNNING NOTES.

Without doubt the runners can look forward with confidence to another successful season, there being several good youngsters determined to obtain further honours for the Club. They will have their first opportunity in the South of Thames District Race on November 12th.

We are again competing in the Round Ilford Relay Race and hope to follow up our success of last year with another win.

A word of advice to our junior runners would not be amiss here. Keep with your pack leader but do not try to race him and always finish your training spin "easing up" and feeling that you have plenty of reserve energy left in you. In short, never race whilst training.

The Winter Fixture List and Handbook is now in the Printers' hands and will be issued shortly and runners will find themselves well catered for. Several "B" Team fixtures have been arranged and it is hoped that these will be well supported. Don't forget that *all* runners score in the Inter-Club races, so let us have a record turn-out on October 22nd. There is also a sealed handicap in conjunction. The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to accept entries. His address is:—

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

THE NOVICE RACES.

On October 1st we held novice races at three miles for both runners and walkers. The run was won by A. Lindsay in promising style, with G. M. Murray second and A. Deacon third.

Victory in the walk went to a former runner, H. Roy; A. R. McKay taking second place with G. H. Powell third.

THE OPENING RUN AND WALK.

The three miles running handicap and five miles walking handicap, which are becoming hallowed by tradition, were held on October 8th. Good entries were received for both events, and in both races there was ample evidence of continued improvement and of successes to come.

The run went to S. T. Ring, who was in the Club walking teams last year; whilst J. G. Coleman, who started his Club career as a runner, showed great improvement in winning the walk. A newcomer of considerable promise, E. Saunders, was second in the run, with Alec Traquair taking third place. Saunders, Shields, Taylor, and our Erith friends, Mains and Shaw, all showed up well and will be strong challengers for premier places in our teams and worthy representatives of the Club. Arthur Penny recorded fastest time and we expect him to be very prominent over the country this year.

Bert Field was another to show improvement in taking second place in the Walk Handicap, and H. G. Churcher (third) indicated something of the value he will be to our teams. T. W. Green accomplished fastest time from the scratch mark.

Owing to pressure of space, abbreviated results only appear below but it is hoped to give full times, etc., in our next issue.

RESULTS.

		RUN.				
		Allee.	H'cap Time		Act. Time	
		m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	
1.	S. T. Ring	2 30	...	13 40	...	16 10
2.	E. C. Saunders	2 0	...	13 31	...	15 41
3.	A. H. Traquair	2 30	...	13 45	...	16 15
4.	A. E. Taylor	1 30	...	13 55	...	15 25
5.	C. Mains	1 0	...	14 0	...	15 0
6.	H. W. Shields	1 15	...	14 1	...	15 16

		WALK.				
		Allee.	H'cap Time		Act. Time	
		m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	
1.	J. G. Coleman	4 50	...	37 23	...	42 13
2.	A. H. Field	4 25	...	37 43	...	42 8
3.	H. G. Churcher	0 45	...	37 50	...	38 35
4.	R. F. Elson	2 55	...	38 2	...	40 57
5.	R. D. McMullen... ..	4 55	...	38 21	...	43 16
6.	T. W. Green	Scr.	...	38 24	...	38 24

SOCIAL.

The Social Season started at Wimbledon on Saturday, October 8th, and proved a success. Over 70 stayed to tea and 40 to 50 others came along later. Incidentally, I should be glad to see more at tea. It makes a longer evening with your Club-mates, and helps to meet the expenses of the arrangements, for the nominal sixpence charged at the door to late-comers does not nearly cover the expense of hiring the hall and a suitable band. The next Social evening is on November 5th, so come along, and

come an hour or so earlier and join in tea with the boys and their friends.

Our Dance programme commences at Wandsworth Baths Hall on Wednesday, November 16th. In past years the Club has held some very successful dances at this Hall and there is no reason why the former successes should not be repeated. Tables are arranged round the Hall in "Palais de Danse" style and so creates a sociable atmosphere. It is necessary to have your tickets (1/6 each) before the day, as it is not permissible for money to be taken at the door, and members should not attempt to sell tickets to strangers outside the Hall.

Enquiries, etc., to W. A. RICE, 36 Ascalon Street, S.W.8.

BELGRAVE BUILDING FUND.

The first Balance Sheet of the above fund was presented at the Annual General Meeting, in the following form:—

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE		
Subscriptions (26 mem- bers		16	8	7			Nil.
Details of above will be published in the next issue of the "Belgravian."							
Invested with Building Society		14	6	0			
Cash in hand ...		2	2	7			
		£16 8 7					

Certified Correct. J. B. Belchamber }
J. R. McKay } Hon. Auditors.

In accordance with the above, details are as follows:—

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
W. L. Bayliss, 720...		1	10	0	S. L. King, 190 ...		7	11	
J. B. Belchamber, 732...		1	10	6	A. E. Miller, 190 ...		7	11	
C. T. Carter, 125 ...		5	2½		K. B. O'Kell, 407...		16	11½	
E. A. Duffett, 127...		5	3½		V. J. Peacock, 240 ...		10	0	
S. Drake, 139 ...		5	9½		A. W. Penny, 353...		14	8½	
J. G. Flatt, 137 ...		5	8½		C. Poulter, 295 ...		12	3½	
H. E. Footer, 129...		9	6½		A. Robertshaw, 26 ...		1	1	
A. R. Godfrey, 188 ...		7	10		H. L. Rollins, 324...		13	6	
W. Goodman, 70 ...		2	11		D. Sloper, 84... ...		3	6	
E. Gordon, 360 ...		15	0		W. H. Snell, 44 ...		1	10	
W. H. Hare, 1416...		2	19	0	F. G. Thomson, 251 ...		10	5½	
A. Harley, Senr., 180 ...		7	6		F. R. Webb, 376 ...		15	8	
A. A. Harley, 336... ..		14	0		W. G. Webb, 347 ...		14	5½	
Total 7,886 Halfpennies—£16 - 8 - 7.									

Subsequent to the Audit the following additions are gratefully acknowledged:—

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
F. G. Thomson, 411 ...		17	1½		H. Roy, 188 ...		7	10	
T. F. Morrell, 154... ..		6	5		J. S. Williams, 78...		3	3	
J. W. A. Attwood, 120...		5	0		W. F. Goodman, 12 ...			6	
W. Holman, 304 ...		12	8		T. Cotton, 328 ...		13	8	
Total 1,595 Halfpennies—£3 - 6 - 5½									

Making a grand total of 9,481 halfpennies or £19 - 15 - 0½.

W. H. HARE (*Hon. Treasurer*).

