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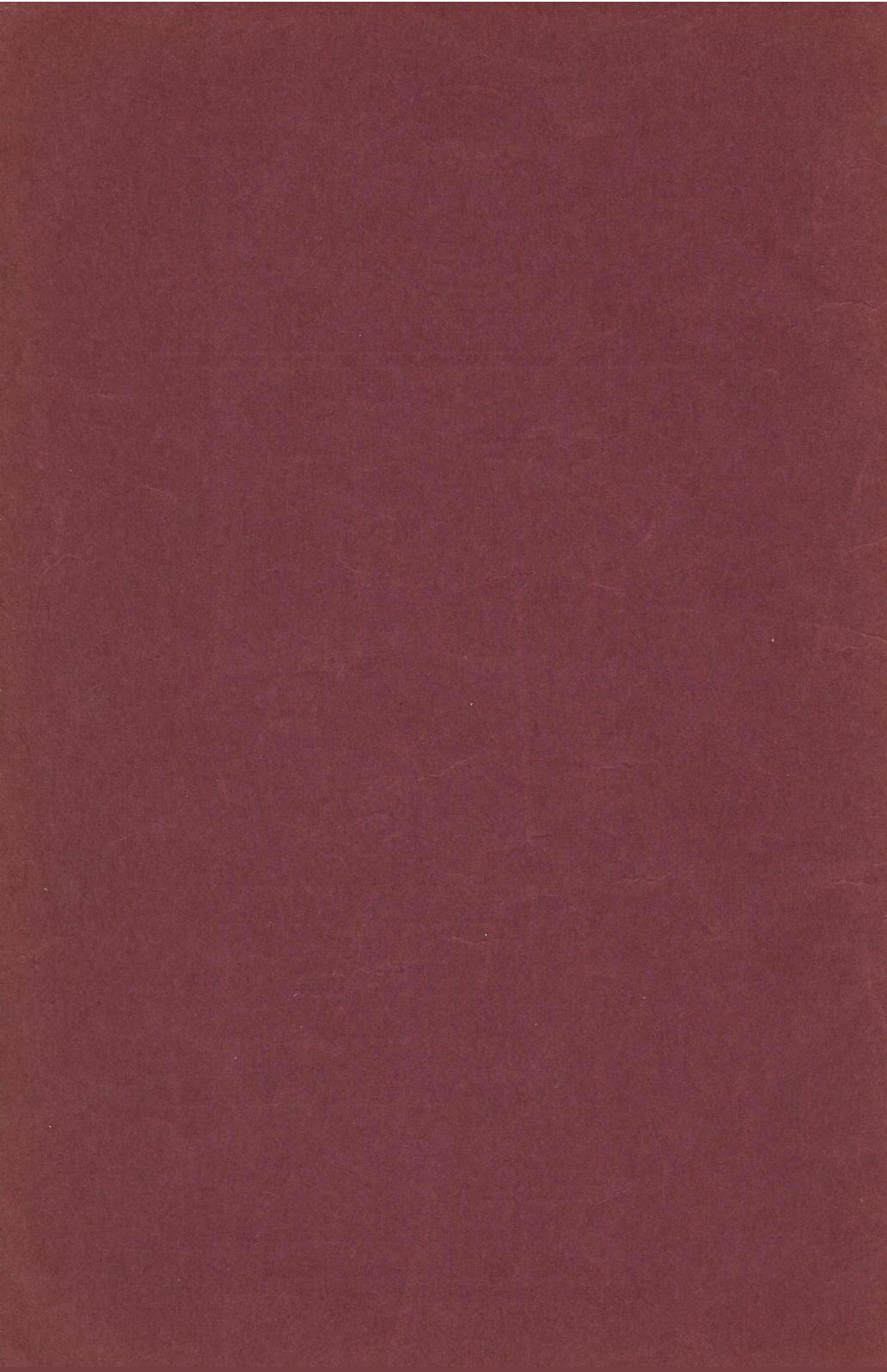
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The first duty of this July issue of "The Belgravian" must be to proffer congratulations on behalf of the Club to J. N. Thomas upon his pluck and perseverance which gained him fourth place in the London to Brighton and Back (104 miles) race. This is the third time that Thomas has completed the course, and he is believed to be only man in the country with this record. His times have been as follows.—

1924	. . .	24hrs. 23mins.
1929	... ..	21hrs. 35mins. 7secs.
1926	... ..	22hrs. 28mins. 4secs.

These performances are of a very high standard and reflect great credit upon our veteran member. Well done!

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Congratulations are also due to those who represented the Club so ably in the A.A.A. Championships. George Duncley's splendid running, which enabled him to compete in the final of the 440yds. championship, was especially thrilling, and we hope to see him wearing an England vest *v.* Germany at Stamford Bridge, on August 24th. Len Fletcher's fourth in the Walk was a meritorious effort considering the fast time in which the championship was won. His time was 14min. 12secs., the fastest he has recorded up to the present

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This month another twenty-five athletes don the claret and gold in which, we hope, they will gain many successes. They are as follows:—A. J. Fowler, J. D. Whennell, W. Brockway, J. W. Skinner, A. W. Coppard, V. R. Howard, D. G. A. Morrison, G. Basford, E. S. Chapman, W. A. Milton, J. H. Parkinson, F. Cordwell, H. E. Larman, F. Bugden, B. T. Springhall, G. D. Duguid, T. Cotton, P. A. Pilcot, W. E. Smith, A. I. Flower,

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We extend to all the above a hearty welcome.

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The "Harry Wright Shield" Competition ended as follows.—

1.	G. H. Powell	...	...	93½ pts.
2.	B. W. Fleming	...	...	91½ pts.
3.	C. T. Pollard	...	...	77½ pts.
4.	J. G. Coleman	...	...	60½ pts.

Points were scored for this Shield in the High Jump, Long Jump, Javelin and Shot Putt events, and George Powell, our Field Events Captain, succeeded in winning the Shield for the first time, closely followed, however, by B. W. Fleming, the Suffolk Long Jump Champion. There is little doubt that the competition has raised the field events standard in the Club and it is hoped that this advancement will continue and the number of those interested increase. Powell, and succeeding winners of the Shield, will be presented with a Club gold medal.

### THE EARLSWOOD COMMON OUTING.

Sixty-eight very brave stalwarts faced a dull and sultry morning for the first outing of the year. Raining when we left Clapham Junction, the journey to Redhill brought us much better weather, and after our walk on to Earlswood Common, things brightened up considerably.

Everybody soon made themselves keen for a game, the cricketers claiming a very fine pitch on the golf course, much to the annoyance of the "Walter Hagens"; and a baseball match was arranged for the weaker and fair sex, Big Boy Footter doing well as team manager.

The lake provided an opportunity of a row, and many envious eyes watched the swimming pool; very tempting, the weather having turned warm.

After a good afternoon's sport (our President always with us, although he only indulged in his Sunday nap), we made tracks for the Railway Inn, where a fine tea had been arranged for us.

Cricket and baseball were resumed again, and the evening drawing to a close, we all made for home.

In conclusion, I should like to thank all those who supported this outing. It is a pleasure to make arrangements for such a sociable club party.

H.L.R.

## INTER-CLUB RELAY MEETING.

The Second Inter-Club contest between Mitcham A.C., Croydon H., Epsom H. and ourselves, took place at the "News of the World" Track, Mitcham, on June 10th.

The first event on the programme was 4 at 100yds., and our team was as follows: M. E. Odell, H. Titherley, G. R. Maryon, and E. H. Jarvis. Running on this order, we were given the lead on the first relay and this was maintained to the end, the Club winning by 3yds. in 42½ secs.

Next came the 4 at 880yds., and here our men were J. E. Tosh, the new member who recently won a Club half-mile handicap, W. H. Williams, T. H. Scrimshaw and W. A. Rice. Tosh, who was opposed by Freddy Allen for Mitcham, gave us a lead of 20yds. over the first stretch and Williams kept this, although running rather slow half. Ferdinando, the new Mitcham star, quickly caught Tom Scrimshaw and then displayed poor tactics in endeavouring to take the lead. He did not succeed in this, and over the last sprint Scrimshaw went away and so gave us back our 20yds lead. Bill Rice was never in any danger of being headed by Evans, of Mitcham, and finishing full of running, gave us our second win of the evening by 30yds. in 8 min 34 2-5 sec., quite good time and mainly due to Scrimshaw and Rice, who returned about 2 min. 5 sec and 2 min. 6 sec. respectively.

In the 4 at 300yds. our team was weakened by Odell not competing, our runners being G. R. Maryon, H. Titherley, W. F. J. Roberts and E. H. Jarvis. Maryon, although short of training, was about 5yds. behind on the first leg, and then Harold Titherley showed the large crowd some running, by catching the lengthy Croydon man, Peters. Roberts made a fine take-over and we were away 3yds to the good. Ricketts, however, ran well and secured the lead once more for Croydon. Ernie Jarvis went off in fine style over the last stretch and was catching his man fast, but the sharp corners proved his undoing, and he failed by 2yds., Croydon winning in 2 min. 17 1-5 sec.

The last event was the 1 mile team race, and here we had a team of Surrey County men representing us in E. A. Duffett, H. E. Footer, A. W. Penny and W. S. Mitchell. The last-named dashed off in the lead at the pistol, but after a lap Duffett went in front, with our men packing close behind. At the bell Ferdinando, of Mitcham, and Bert Footer went into the lead together and then in the back straight the former began to draw away. Duffett, who had dropped back, then commenced a sprint and overhauling Footer in the home straight, failed by 3yds. to catch the Mitcham boy, who won in 4 min. 42 1-5 sec. Our men

scored 2, 3, 4, so the team result gave the Bels. an easy victory, and their third that night. Penny, who was our third man home, and Footer were no doubt feeling the effects of their gruelling race in the Surrey 4 miles, while Mitchell ran well, considering his distance road-running naturally impairs his speed.

The total points at the end of the meeting, and counting to date were as follows :—

Belgrave H		31 pts
Croydon H	..	21 pts
Mitcham A.C.		20 pts
Epsom H		5 pts

### BELGRAVE H. v. HIGHGATE H. AND ENFIELD A.C.

On Wednesday, June 12th, we journeyed to Finsbury Park to meet Highgate H. and Enfield A.C. in a programme of five events. We managed to hold our own fairly well, despite the fact that we had to turn out some strange-looking teams, due to the non-appearance of some of our selected men. In the 4 x 100yds. Relay we were beaten by inches, C. E. Hawke (better known as a South London Harrier) getting the better of Perce Cook over the last stage. Joe Flower, our mile champion, had to run a hundred yards in this event.

In the Walk, we were represented by Knifton, Dodkin and L. E. Fletcher, and, as expected, finished third. A feature of this race was the excellent team work of Hyde, and this gave Enfield their only win of the evening.

In the 4 x 440yds. we had to call upon F. R. Webb, T. H. Scrimshaw, J. E. Tosh and P. J. E. Cook, and were beaten by Highgate H. The other two events, the Mile Medley Relay and the Mile Team Race, both resulted in Belgrave wins. In the Relay, Joe Flower led off with the half-mile stage and gained a slight lead, which was lost by Cook running the quarter. Odell regained the lead on the first furlong stage and handed over to Dunckley with a fair lead. Dunckley went right away from Hawkes, of Highgate, in the straight, and won easily.

The Mile Team Race provided Belgrave with an easy win, our men finishing 1, 2, 3, 4, led home by Bill Rice, giving the North Londoners present an idea of the Belgrave strength at a mile.

The first event of the evening, an Invitation Half-mile Handicap, had been won by Tom Scrimshaw in the easiest of canters, off 35yds, and so we returned home feeling well satisfied with the evening's achievements.

## CLUB EVENING MEETING, JUNE 19th.

At this meeting the Three Miles Championship of the Club was decided and it proved a very interesting race, and one in which, as was generally expected, a high standard of running was reached. No fewer than 7 of the 17 starters finished inside 15 min. 50 secs.—a performance which very few other Clubs in the country could equal.

Jack Flower, who won the title and "Griffin Cup" last year in 15 min. 21 sec. was content to let Mitchell and Footer take the lead in turn. Eventually, Mitchell was dropped and Jack Flower took the lead (followed by Penny) from Bert Footer. Arthur Penny hung on until the last 300 yards, when Jack came away to win by 15yds.

Penny appears to improve each time he races, whilst Footer is now running faster than at any previous time during the past five years. Mitchell and Duffett both held the lead at one time, but found the pace a little too warm for them. Sid Warboys ran very well indeed at an even pace throughout and finished as easy as when he started. He has the makings of a tip-top cross-country runner and should trouble the best over 10 miles.

Jack Flower's time, 15 min. 8 3-10 secs, is unquestionably a very fine performance, and will compare favourably with the three miles championship of any other Club.

The 880yds. handicap was again well supported and was won by Tom Scrimshaw, off 20yds., in 1 min. 59 secs.—a wonderfully fine achievement by a "junior," with Bill Webb, a "senior," second. It is understood that these 1-59 "halves" are causing the Hon. Handicapper grave anxiety and that he is eagerly awaiting the Club Championship, after which he will have an opportunity for revising the "marks"!

The 100yds., for which 37 entered, was won by a newcomer, L. C. Jones, who recorded even time both in heat and final off 10yds., and should be heard of again later.

The 100yds, under 16, handicap brought out seven runners, all of whom appeared to show promise of developing into useful performers. The time recorded by the winner was quite good.

The 220yds. Veteran's Handicap was won by our old friend Dick Best, who has a standing order to be entered in every running event on the programme. The last prize was won at 220yds., the previous one at three-quarters of a mile; the next may be over the country! So look out, you ten-milers!

The winner of the 440yds. Handicap proved to be S. A. Jordan, a new member, who recorded fastest time in the heats. Tom Scrimshaw gained his second prize of the evening in this event, and Ernie Jarvis was third.

R. G Hillier, a strongly built youngster, won the 2 miles Walk rather easily from Bill Bates, with the veteran J. Vigor (once professional cycling champion of the world) third.

The Shot-putting Competition was won by J. Mackey, who put the 16lb. weight 32 feet, and he should do much better if he continues to persevere.

This meeting, as in the case of our previous ones, was again watched by a huge crowd, who appeared to enjoy every minute of the programme.

#### RESULTS

##### Three Mile Championship for the "Griffin" Cup.

	m	s		m.	s
1. J. E Flower	15	8 3-10	7. S. H. Warboys	15	48
2. A. W Penny	15	12	8. A. E Smith	16	11
3. H. E Footer	15	22	9. F. W. Jude	16	20
4. A. Allum	15	35	10. W. D. Pritchard	16	35
5. W. S. Mitchell	15	37	11. W. R. Dewberry	—	—
6. E. A. Duffett	15	46	12. J. D. Andrews	—	—

The first seven were inside first-class standard time (16 mins)  
A. E. Smith and F. W. Jude gained second-class standards

**880 Yards Handicap**—1, T. Scrimshaw, 20; 2, W. G. Webb, 25, 3, F. G. Ford, 65 Time 1min 59secs

**100 Yards Handicap**—Heat winners. B. W. Hayman, 6, H. W. East, 17; A. F. Powter, 10, M. A. Gray, 8, A. A. Lander, 8, L. C. Jones, 10. Final: 1, L. C. Jones, 2, A. A. Lander; 3, A. F. Powter. Time 10secs

**100 Yards Junior Handicap (under 16)**—Heat 1: 1, E. Stone, 14; 2, R. Swinten, 9; 11 1-5 secs Heat 2: 1, T. Wiley, 12, 2, A. Mewes, 13 11 1-5secs Final. 1, E. Stone; 2, T. Wiley; 3, A. Mewes Time 11secs

**1 Mile Novice Walk**—1, G. Oliver, Bel Fl.; 2, C. W. Boud, Bel H., 3, S. King, unatt Time 8min 53secs

**Putting the Shot (Scratch)**—1, J. Mackey, 32ft., 2, B. W. Fleming, 29ft. 2ms, 3, C. T. Pollard, 28ft 10ms

**220 Yards Veterans' Handicap**—Heat 1, R. Williams, 26, 2, W. J. Franklin, 17, 3, A. G. Willoughby, 46, time 26secs. Heat 2: 1, R. W. Best, 14, 2, E. Gordon, 11, 3, D. E. Jordan, 8, time 25 3-5secs Final: 1, R. W. Best, 2, R. Williams, 3, D. E. Jordan. Time 25 1-5 secs

**440 Yards Handicap**—Heat 1: 1, F. G. Ford, 38, 2, T. H. Scrimshaw, 21 Time 52secs Heat 2: 1, G. Basford, 30, 2, E. H. Jarvis, 8 Time 52 1-5 secs. Heat 3: 1, S. A. Jordan, 30; 2, A. A. Lander, 18 Time 51 3-5secs Final: 1, S. A. Jordan, 2, T. H. Scrimshaw; 3, E. H. Jarvis. Time 51secs

**2 Mile Walk Handicap**—1, R. G. Hillier, 470, 2, W. C. Bates, 225; 3, J. Vigor, 1035 Time 13min 58secs

## THE "DORIS SHIELD" COMPETITION.

This annual contest between Ashcombe A.C., Thames Valley Harriers, and ourselves, was decided at Battersea Park, on Wednesday. Points scored at the finish were Belgrave H., 13pts.; Thames Valley H., 7pts.; and Ashcombe A.C., 4pts.

The first event, the 100yds., was won by M. E. Odell, with F. J. Ryder, of T.V.H., second, and the Ashcombe A.C. champion, J. L. Harris, third. Our second win was in the 440yds. race, in which George Dunckley toyed with the field and won easily, slowing down over the last thirty yards to record 52secs. C. T. Hook, of T.V.H., was second, and Jack Ford, one of our bright hopes of the future, third.

Next came the two miles team race, in which six men from each club were allowed to run with four a side to score. The Belgrave team gained a ridiculously easy win, our six men going away from the rest of the field right from the start and finishing in the first six positions. The team scores were: Belgrave H., 10pts.; Thames Valley H., 39pts.; Ashcombe A.C., 48pts.

The last event of the contest was a medley relay, run in the following order: 880, 440, 220, 220. Scrimshaw ran the first stage for us in very clever style, keeping the Ashcombe representative always on the outside of the track with Hook, of T.V.H., in the rear, until he thought he had the race well in hand, when he ran away from the other two and handed over with a good lead. Titherley carried on the good work increasing the lead, as did Odell. Dunckley, running the last 220yds. for us and having about 50yds. start, was content to amble along and nearly caused some of our supporters heart failure as the Ashcombe man gained. George was sure of himself, however, and gave us our fourth win of the evening without ever extending himself.

The scratch events were supplemented by three handicaps open to members of the three contending clubs, and here again Belgrave gained the majority of the awards. Harold Titherley, possibly the most versatile performer in the Club, was first in the 100yds. handicap and Jack Williams second. In the walk, P. R. Bayliss, of Ashcombe A.C., broke the worsted, followed by W. C. Bates.

The first three places in the mile handicap were filled by Bels. J. G. Coleman won, with F. G. Ford second, and T. J. Flower third. Joe ran very well to secure third place on the tape.

So concluded another successful meeting and a large crowd went away well satisfied with the evening's sport provided.

## RESULTS.

### Inter-Club Events.

**100 Yards**—1 M E Odell, Bel H., 2, F J Ryder, T V H; 3, J. L. Harris, A A C. Time 10½secs.

**440 Yards**—1, G. R. Dunckley, Bel. H. , 2, C T. Hook, T V H , 3, A. J Ford, Bel H Time 52secs.

**2 Miles Team Race (6 to run, 4 to score)**—1, Belgrave H, 10 pts , 2, Thames Valley H, 39 pts ; 3, Ashcombe A C, 48 pts.

**Individual Placings**—1, J. E. Flower; 2, W A Rice; 3, A W Penny. 4, H E Footer, 5, W S Mitchell, 6, A. Allum. All of Belgrave H Time of winner, 9min 54secs

**1 Mile Medley Relay (880, 400, 220, 220)**—1, Belgrave H (T. Scrimshaw, H Titherley, M E. Odell and G R. Dunckley), 2, Ashcombe A C, 3, Thames Valley H Time 3min 52secs.

### Handicap Results.

**100 Yards Handicap**—Heat winners. H. E. P. Parvis, Ashcombe A.C., 9½, H. Titherley, Bel. H., 7, C. T. Hook, T V.H, 9, J. L. Harris, Ash. A.C, 4; J. S. Williams, Bel H, 6, F Ryder, T.V.H, 5. Final. 1, H Titherley, 2, J S Williams, 3, J. L. Harris. Time 10 2-5secs.

**2 Miles Walk Handicap**—1, P. R. Bayliss, Ash A C, 320, 2, W. C. Bates, Bel. H., 205, 3, A. V. Williams, Ash. A C., 390. Time 14min Ssecs. A. L. Fletcher, Bel H (scr.), finished in 14min 30secs

**1 Mile Handicap**—1, J G. Coleman, Bel H., 150, 2, F G Ford, Bel. H., 145, 3, T. J. Flower, Bel. H., 25, 4, P. Wiltshire, T.V.H., 185. Time 4min 26secs.

## THE THIRD INTER-CLUB RELAY MEETING.

The third of the series of Inter-club Relays between Croydon H., Mitcham A.C., Epsom H. and ourselves, took place at Croydon on July 2nd.

In the two Sprint Relays we were badly let down by the non-appearance of two of our sprinters, and Jack Jones and Jim Tosh, two half-milers, had to be called upon to fill the gaps.

With J. S. Williams and B. W. Hayman, two juniors, they formed our team in the 4 x 100yds. and 4 x 300yds. races and were third on both occasions. Epsom H. were unable to turn out a team.

The first stage of the 4 x 880yds. Relay was run by J. E. Tosh, who gained a 20yds. lead, which was increased by E. A. Duffett, W. Lowden, a new member, who has been very successful in open handicaps recently, ran next, retaining the lead. Bill Rice finished for us an easy winner, thus retaining our unbeaten record of some years standing in this event.

The Mile Team Race, which we have always won in recent years, gave us another victory Bill Webb was first man home, followed by Norman Gunn, of Mitcham A.C. Then came Rice, Footer and Duffett and an easy win in the team race.

The points scored towards the "Inter-club Relay Shield" were 12 each by Croydon H., Mitcham A.C. and ourselves, and one by Epsom H. The totals now are :—

Belgrave H.	...	...	43 pts.
Croydon H.	...	...	33 pts.
Mitcham A.C.	...	...	32 pts.
Epsom H.	...	...	6 pts.

### THE A A A CHAMPIONSHIPS.

This year's A.A.A. Meeting was chiefly notable from the Belgrave point of view for the splendid come-back of George Dunckley. After two months' training following upon two years' rest from the track, he qualified for the 440yds. final. It is to be hoped that next year he will have found a little more running—and then Belgrave will boast of a A.A.A. champion.

In his heat George was content to stride in with W. N. Harrison, of Achilles A.C., in 52secs. In the second round we saw the old Dunckley—left at the start—forced to the outside of the track on the back straight—and then the superb finish in which he passed G. T. Bird, Finchley H.; J. W. Toms, S.L.H., the Kent Champion; and J. Dacombe, of Surrey A.C. The time was 51 2-5secs.

In the final on Saturday, George drew the inside position but, as usual, was well behind on the first bend and was forced to run on the outside all the way without a chance to get through. So came the finish, with Hanlon, 1st; Barsi, the Hungarian record-holder, 2nd; Neame, 3rd. The time, 49 2-5secs, has only been beaten twice since the War.

In the Two Miles Walk, A. L. Fletcher finished fourth, and succeeded in putting up his best time yet, 14min. 12secs. A few years ago this time would have won championship honours, but these days a standard medal is the only reward. Another Belgravian to gain a standard medal was Ben Knifton, who just succeeded in beating fifteen minutes for the first time in his life.

F. W. Jude, a comparative newcomer to the Club, ran exceedingly well to finish seventh in the Marathon, and beat standard time by over twenty minutes. On this, his first journey over the historic course, he returned 2hrs 54mins. 21secs. On his next he may be considerably inside this, good as it is, and worrying the leaders. Well run, Jude!

In the 4 Mile Championship, Bert Footer and Arthur Penny tried for standard medals, but this time Time won despite plucky efforts on the part of our representatives.

## THE INTER-CLUB WALKS.

On Monday, June 10th, before a very fine crowd of our own supporters and visitors we held the fourth of our Annual Inter-Club Walking Contests—a fixture which is rapidly becoming, for London track-walkers, one of the most prominent and popular features of the Summer Season.

As the notes that appear in the "Belgravian" necessarily reflect the Club's activities as viewed from our own standpoint, it will surely be excusable if on this occasion we shirk the elusive task of endeavouring to blow our own trumpet loudly, yet at the same time both discreetly and modestly, and content ourselves with quoting from the "Sporting Life's" report of the meeting:—

### SPORT FOR SPORT'S SAKE.

#### BELGRAVE HARRIERS' UNIQUE MEETING.

"We may be far from the Olympic ideal in our everyday athletics in these times, but Belgrave Harriers certainly realised the old Greeks' standard at their inter-club walking contest at Battersea Park last Monday evening, writes 'Clubman.'

"No entry fees, no 'gate,' and no prizes for the four events, yet each race was fought out with wonderful keenness.

"The races were at 1, 2, 3 and 5 miles, and each competitor was allowed to go in but one event, points being awarded towards his club's total.

"It was striking testimony to the wonderful team spirit which exists among Metropolitan athletes that no fewer than eleven clubs entered teams—a far better entry than is received for many a meeting where prizes are awarded.

"Clubs entered were Ashcombe A.C., Enfield A.C., Essex Beagles, Herne Hill H., L.C.C., Trams, Metropolitan, Surrey and London Vidarians Walking Clubs, Polytechnic H., and Surrey A.C., and a huge crowd saw some great racing.

"At the end of the third race the Vidarians had the lead, with Ashcombe second, but disqualifications in the last race lost them the advantage, and at the finish Ashcombe were first, with the Vidarians second, and Belgrave H. third. I append the details of the contests with a wish that we may see more in the near future."

So it would appear that, unlike the lady who had a flea on her bonnet in church, we have no need here to fear "to see ourselves as others see us!" Lest it should be thought, however, that we are anxious to call attention to the fact that we have been patted on the back, let us hasten to add that there is an especial reason

why such public appreciation is so pleasing to us, inasmuch as this fixture was entirely originated by dear old Bob Ricketts, whom we all hold in most affectionate remembrance; and the opportunity of acknowledging that in this matter we are but the reapers of a harvest which he sowed, is one that we are glad to seize.

#### RESULTS

**First Race (1 mile)**—1. J. G. Scamell, Belgrave Harriers. 2. A. C. Bayliss, Ashcombe A.C. 3. W. G. Turtle, Herne Hill Harriers. Time 7 mins 1 sec

**Second Race (5 miles)**—1. C. W. Hyde, Enfield A.C. 2. A. A. Webb, Poly H. 3. R. H. Hale, Metropolitan W.C. Time 39 mins. 10 secs

**Third Race (3 miles)**—1. F. H. Elson, Belgrave Harriers. 2. H. W. Glover, Ashcombe A.C. 3. M. Davis, Poly Harriers. Time 23 mins. 10 secs.

**Fourth Race (2 miles)**—1. A. L. Fletcher, Belgrave Harriers. 2. J. W. Reddish, Herne Hill Harriers; 3. G. C. Bonnett, Ashcombe A.C. Time 14 mins 19 secs

J. E. Field and J. Rathbone who finished respectively 5th and 7th in the 5 miles race also scored points for us.

The final placings were as follows:—

	I Mile	5 Miles	3 Miles	2 Miles	Total
1. Ashcombe A.C. ... ..	39	13	35	33	120
2. London Vidarians W.C. ...	28	30	36	8	102
3. Belgrave Harriers ... ..	22	34	22	22	100
4. Polytechnic Harriers ...	27	21	28	21	97
5. Herne Hill Harriers ... ..	20	14	22	40	96
6. Enfield A.C. ... ..	11	22	28	32	93
7. Surrey W.C. ... ..	25	15	15	33	88
8. Metropolitan W.C. ... ..	13	37	19	11	80
9. Essex Beagles ... ..	9	22	22	10	63
10. L.C.C. Tramways A.C. ...	25	—	11	15	51
11. Surrey A.C. ... ..	19	—	—	—	19

Our three winners, A. L. Fletcher, J. G. Scamell and F. H. Elson, all put up exceptionally good performances, whilst J. E. Field, by clocking 41mins. 18secs., walked a faster 5 miles than he has done before.

C. W. Hyde, of the Enfield A.C., the 7 miles A.A.A. champion, walked faultlessly in the 5 miles race. The time was 34secs. better than that returned by A. A. Webb last year, but he was never pressed and won by a large margin. The Poly walker was not at his best and failed to reproduce last year's form. However, by his beautiful smooth style and by scoring two firsts and one second in this race in three successive years, he has made himself a great favourite with the Battersea spectators.

To sum up, we must admit that the Belgrave Harriers were third instead of first on this occasion, only because they more than

any other club, shewed that they have got to learn one of the chief lessons that these meetings were designed to teach. Of our eight starters, three were disqualified, and the points lost thereby undoubtedly settled the issue. Fifty more points were almost won by us and then lost in too eager attempts to increase them by three or four, and we were only twenty points behind the leaders at the end of the match. That those chosen to represent us should be full of eagerness to do their utmost to uphold the prestige of the club is a good sign; but in walking races, one's utmost, instead of being one's best, may be one's worst. Pluck and Pugnacity are a fine pair of carriage horses, but they must be subject to the holder of the reins. In view of the manner of scoring in a contest so popular as this one, and of the rules governing the destination of the "Nijmegen Shield" in the R.W.A. Championship, the necessity of choosing a team of which every unit can be absolutely relied upon to pass the judges and finish the course is becoming increasingly important.

J.B.B.

## IS JUDGING OF WALKING RACES SATISFACTORY?

By Nomad

[Whilst not necessarily in agreement with the views expressed by our contributor, we believe that a full and frank discussion on the subject might prove beneficial to the sport. Further expressions of opinion are invited.—EDITOR].

At our purely friendly Inter-Club Walking Contest at Battersea Park on June 10th, eleven London Clubs sent teams. There were no prizes. It was sport for sport's sake and sport at its best. And yet, large numbers of walkers were "pulled" and the "pulling" was confined practically to two of the many official judges, and the great bulk to one of these two. Many of the walkers were disqualified for the first time in their racing careers, and were not walking any differently to their normal styles. Generally speaking, they were not "racing" when "pulled." That is to say, they were not fighting for position or attempting to pass other competitors. Moreover, there appeared to be no especial incentive, at this meeting of sportsmen, to win or to gain places unfairly. In fact, as only two competitors were allowed from each club in each event, after seeing the havoc made by these judges in the first race, more care was exercised in subsequent events—but without avail.

The result was great discontent among all the competitors (whether "pulled" or not) and it had a very disheartening effect on the men who had travelled long distances, only to be disquali-

fied, when they had no idea they were walking anything but fairly (quite apart from the discredit involved).

This raises matters of great importance that should be tackled vigorously by the Road Walking Association, especially in view of the inclusion of walking in the next Olympic Games and the possible harm to International goodwill that might accrue from a doubtful decision.

It is useless offering criticism that is not constructive in some manner, so might I make a few suggestions? Firstly, in connection with meetings of the type to which I have referred, in which many clubs meet in friendly rivalry, it is abundantly clear that it should be taken for granted that the competitors will act as sportsmen. No club wishes for a victory founded on doubtful walking of the members. The ideal would be to have no judging at all, but in view of the almost irresistible impulse when two competitors are fighting it out, when neither wants to be beaten by the other, judging is undoubtedly necessary. But disqualifications in such matches should only be made as an extreme measure. The walker, about whom there is some doubt, should first be warned and should only be disqualified as a last resort. It would appear to be the duty of the judge (even though it is not in the book of rules) in the name of clean sport, to take the opportunities offered, to indicate to the disqualified competitor, what he was doing, how he was doing it, and how he might avoid it in future. The same might be done after the event, with the *doubtful* people. They should be *encouraged* by the interest taken by the officials, who should be able to give valuable advice and practical help. The other, sterner, course can only have the reverse effect, and must tend to kill one of the finest movements in modern amateur sport.

So much for the "friendly" type of meeting.

"Open" meetings and Championships, however, present a more difficult problem. It is clear that what one judge condemns as "lifting," another will pass as satisfactory. It may even be that what one judge finds faulty, another *six* judges would find to be fair. But the one judge nevertheless can say "Out No. 13" and that finishes it so far as that unlucky competitor is concerned. Might I suggest that judges work in pairs, or even threes, if there are sufficient competent judges to go round, and that before a competitor is disqualified both judges, or all three, should agree that the rules have been broken? This would at least give a certain satisfaction to the competitor who would be *sure* that something was radically wrong. It might help towards preventing the dissatisfaction that a doubtful decision provokes.

Lastly with regard to International matches, which will soon be upon us, it is vitally important that we come to some definite policy with regard to competitors from other countries. For the British Empire Games it will not be so important, but the opportunity should be taken to get together the judges from the various Dominions represented, in an effort to get British walking on the highest plane of clearly fair walking, in a manner that will leave no cause for discontent. But it is quite possible that *foreign* countries will have different standards. What other countries may consider fair may appear grossly unfair to our standards. And although there is really only one standard, the difficulty is there. I would suggest that for the sake of International amity that our judges "pull" no one of a foreign country unless the breach is obvious and clear. Better to surrender a title, than be questioned as to Sportsmanship.

These matters do not all arise immediately, but they are matters which should be tackled and which should be given the most serious consideration of the R.W.A., and it is in the hope that these lines will be read by some energetic member of the R.W.A. Committee, that these suggestions are put forward.

## SPORTS JOTTINGS.

By "Observer."

On the occasion of our last Club meeting several were heard to remark on the short marks given to our Junior members in the sprints. On the surface it certainly would appear an injustice, but the plain truth is that seeing our Juniors are, with a few exceptions, our best sprinters, the marks were justified. Take their running in Club handicaps or their performances in the Poly relay, and it will be seen that they are equal to any of our Seniors' performances. In speaking of Seniors I wish my remarks to be taken generally, as we have, of course, sprinters of undoubted merit in Odell, Jarvis, Cook, Maryon and Pollard. The main point is that generally we are in a bad way for sprinters. Our entry in the Sprint Championship last year proves this, and our reason for lack of Relay teams is again Sprinters. Part of the trouble is perhaps due to the fact that, whereas a Club like the Polytechnic H., renowned for their sprinters, secure any promising novice, we, well-known for our distance runners, secure any in this category. You can bet your boots that if we secure a find he is a distance runner and not a sprinter!

For my next three Club members, I include foremost one of the Club's veterans, and the donor of our 880yds. Championship Cup.—

R. W. Best, by years a Veteran, but still full of running both on the track and over the country. Dicky has already won several pots this summer and should do well in the running for his own Cup, namely, the "R. W. Best" Points Cup. Is a staunch Club member and one of the best, being blessed with a cheery personality and is still feared by the Handicapper, who is rather afraid of what this youthful Veteran might do.

H. Titherley, ex-Civil Service 880yds. Champion and a regular tower of strength to the Customs & Excise in Service Relays. Started running at a mile and met with success, then came down to shorter distances and has won races from 100yds. upwards. A very strong runner who does not know when he is beaten, but if he has a failing it is doing too much. Would do better if he concentrated on distances from 440yds. downwards as he has not really the stride for a half-miler. Is a fine Club man and can always be relied upon for team events. The Club could do with more of his calibre.

M. E. Odell, the Club's 100yds. Champion and the best man we have had for several years. Is a Surrey County runner and has also represented the Rest of London in the match versus the Poly. He has, I believe, won a prize over the country, so is a versatile athlete. Has never been seriously challenged in Club races, which is a pity, as otherwise he would have probably reached International standard

#### "ATHLETICS OF TO-DAY," BY F. A. M. WEBSTER.

There has been a large number of good books on athletics published since the War, but "Athletics of To-day," by Captain F. A. M. Webster, seems to be the only one to discuss at any length individual athletic achievements by the giants—past and present—of the sport. Captain Webster has the gift for describing a race, and he reproduces in a few words the excitement attached to it. The description on pp. 173 and 174 of the 1924 Olympic Games Cross Country Race makes extremely thrilling reading.

The volume of nearly 400 pages is divided into three main parts: the growth of athletics; the track events; and the field events; with chapters on walking and cross-country running. The last part on field events occupies nearly half the book, which is just the opposite from what is usual in treatises on athletics. In the past, field events have been dealt with in one or two short chapters, but no field events exponent can complain about lack of attention in Capt. Webster's newest work. When one remembers that there are few—if any—who are more than enthusiastic on this branch of the sport or more able to write authoritatively

than the author, one can say without exaggeration that this volume for the jumper, thrower or putter is invaluable and well worth the cash expended in its purchase.

The first section, the growth of athletics, makes very interesting reading, for it traces the development of the sport right down to our own days. The times recorded at the first A.A.A. championship meeting, held in 1866, viz., 100yds., 10½ secs.; 440yds., 55 secs., 880yds. 2 min. 5 secs; 1 mile, 4 min. 39 secs., 4 miles, 21 mins. 41 secs; and 7 miles walk, 59 mins. 32 secs would probably fail to win a Belgrave championship these days, but it must be remembered that improved tracks and shoes, and the scientific thought devoted to athletics and training of recent years has been responsible for the advancement made.

The section dealing with running and walking gives useful training schedules and the methods employed by past champions and record-holders, and is illustrated by many excellent photographs.

Profuse action photographs and diagrams occur throughout the field events section and should prove of great help to the students of this particular branch of athletics.

To summarise, one cannot do better than quote from Lord Burghley's foreword:—

“Capt. Webster is to be congratulated on the difficult task which he has accomplished, for he has succeeded in turning what, to the casual reader, is usually a dull and complicated list of technical details on actually how to do the events, into a most readable and easily assimilated form.”

“*Athletics of To-day*,” by *F A M Webster*  
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## ROUND THE MEETINGS.

*June 4th.* The second contest in the Southern Amateur Athletic League was held this day in Paddington Rec. The event was 4 at 220yds. and the Poly. won easily from S.L.H and Surrey A.C. Our team failed to materialize; only two, P. J. E. Cook and H. Titherley, a reserve, turning up. The evening was a miserable one, it raining practically throughout; but we do think our runners should honour a fixture of this description. It is noticeable that it is only where the sprinters are concerned that the Club has trouble, the distance runners are always reliable. It is a great pity that some of the short distance runners are not equally dependable.

*June 8th.* The Surrey County Championships were held on this day at Byfleet and our two champions, A. L. Fletcher and G. H. Powell were successful in retaining their titles in the Two

Miles Walk and Javelin events respectively. Len Fletcher's time for the walk was the very fine one of 14min. 21 1-5 secs., while G. Powell threw the javelin 157ft. 3½ins. W. A. Rice was placed third in the Mile Championship and both Duffett and Footer gained standard medals. Rice's time (approximately 4min. 31secs.) is the best he has yet achieved. Perhaps it would be as well to add the proviso, "in scratch races." The Four Miles Championship was won by H. S. Cook (Poly H. and Belgrave H.), followed by Arthur Penny and Bert Footer—three members of our winning team in the Surrey cross-country championship last winter. J. G. Coleman gained third place in the junior 880yds. Championship, while our men were upholding the Belgrave name in the Surrey Championships, other members were acquitting themselves well at the Civil Service Championships held at Stamford Bridge. Here, Bill Webb ran the fastest mile of his life, being beaten by the International, B. C. V. Oddie, by the narrowest of margins, about an inch, in 4min. 30 1-5secs. Harold Titherley lost his 880yds. title to D. W. Ireland by a foot in 2mn. 1 1-5secs. Later Titherley and Webb helped their teams to gain first and second places in the relay race.

At Wadham Lodge, in the two Miles Team Race, Jack Flower led the field home in the fine time of 9min. 50 2-5secs., with Sid Warboys fifth. Our team was placed fourth.

Another success was the third of Tom Scrimshaw in the 880yds. Handicap at Crystal Palace.

*June 12th* "V" Division—Imber Court

A. G. Wallington, 3rd, 100yds.

H. E. Footer, 2nd, 1 mile.

*June 13th* "L" Division—Herne Hill.

J. Hooper, 2nd, 880yds.

J. S. Williams, 2nd, 220yds.

W. H. Williams, 2nd, 1 mile.

"T" Division—Chiswick.

W. Lowden, 1st, 880yds.

T. J. Flower, 3rd, 1 mile.

*June 15th.* Our old friend, Fred Rickards, finished third in the Essex Long Distance Walking Championship and so showed that he is recovering from his illness.

*June 20th* "P" Division—Herne Hill.

J. Hooper, 3rd, 880yds.

T. Pritchard, 4th, 880yds.

*June 22nd* The Southern Championships. Several Club members entered the Southern Championships, the most successful of them being J. E. Flower and G. H. Powell, who were both placed second in their respective events. Jack Flower finished 80yds. behind E. H. Oliver (Reading A C) in the 2 miles Steeplechase. Oliver's strength and years of experience enabled him to

retain his title somewhat easily, but Jack kept second position and finished inside A.A.A. standard time.

George Powell was beaten in the Javelin Throwing event by Hertzog, the South African athlete, resident in London.

In the Walk, in which Len Fletcher suffered disqualification, Scamell gained a A.A.A. standard medal and Knifton a Southern standard. Others to gain Southern standard medals were G. R. Dunckley (440yds.), W. G. Webb (1 mile), A. W. Penny and H. E. Footer (4 miles).

On the same day J. S. Williams was third in a Junior Handicap at Worcester Park, and E. A. Duffett third in a Scratch Mile Race at Croydon.

*June 26th.* Reading. C. T. Pollard, 2nd, 220yds.

*June 27th.* "K" Division.

C. T. Pollard, 1st, High Jump Handicap (Police)

B. W. Fleming, 2nd, High Jump Handicap (Police)

B. W. Fleming, 2nd, Long Jump Handicap (Police).

*June 29th.* Many Belgrave successes were recorded this day at the various meetings. In the three miles Team Race at the Ravensbourne S.C. meeting, Johnston, H.H.H., once again Belgrave, his first place negativing the good team-work of Penny, Footer and Mitchell, who all finished inside 15min. 20secs. The Herne Hill men were placed 1, 4, 13, —18; ours, 5, 7, 8,—20, with Bill Webb 14th. This race, which contained the strongest teams in the South, was a very exciting one to watch, the result always being in doubt. South London H. (30pts.) were third, and Highgate (33pts.) fourth.

Our recent acquisition, Jim Tosh, who won his first Club event so easily a week or two back, celebrated his first open race by winning the 880yds Handicap, off 67yds., in 1min 53 1-5secs — a performance which stamps him as one of the fastest half-milers in the Club. With an extra year or two, some racing experience, and a knowledge of tactics, he may well develop, with Scrimshaw, into one of the fastest in the South. Harold Titherley won the 300yds. Handicap, and Bill Rice showed his capabilities by running second in the mile Handicap, off 110, in 4min. 14secs.

At Stamford Bridge, A. A. Lander won the 250yds. Handicap, and J. Cade the Mile Walk Handicap at Bexley Heath. Another success here was that of Dick Best, who was second in the 220yds. Veterans' Race. Other successes were those of A. H. and J. E. Field, second and third in the Walk at the Pearl Assurance meeting, and the third of J. S. Williams at Enfield in the 220yds.

Other successes during the month were by two of our junior members. Hayman was second in the 100yds, and fourth in the 220yds. Shipping Championships, while J. S. Williams won the junior 100yds. Insurance Championship

*July 3rd.* Still they come!

"Z" Division. W. A. Rice, 1st, 1 mile.

"Y" Division. A. G. Wallington, 1st, 100yds.

Congratulations to all the above! May they continue to improve!

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

July 15th is an additional fixture to this season's list and takes the form of an Inter-Club match between St. George's Services, Mitcham A.C. and ourselves at Battersea Park. There are two events to be contested, namely, 6 at 880yds. for Juniors under 19, and a 2 miles Team Race, 6 to run and 4 to score, for Seniors. As our juniors will include Tom Scrimshaw, J. E. Tosh, J. G. Cofteman and T. C. Jones, we have a very strong team, while the team race may be made the medium for a trial to select the "Jockey Cup" team.

On the 18th our Juniors are at Harrow, where they are meeting the Old Gaytonians in an Inter-Club match. The fixture has been arranged with the help of Mr. F. G. Thomson, who is also going down in charge of our lads. The events will be 2 at 100yds., 2 at 400yds., 2 at 880yds., 2 at Long Jump, and a 1 mile Medley Relay, and it is hoped to take a team of 10, so that our boys are called upon for only one event each.

July 20th is the Printing Trades Sports at Herne Hill. We shall endeavour to retain our hold on the "Jockey Cup" and have our strongest team representing us. On the same day, we have received an invitation to compete in the 3 mile Team Race at the Ponders End Fête, so shall have another team doing duty here. Open handicaps are on the bill at both the above-mentioned sports and are well worth our members' support.

On the 24th is another Southern Amateur League fixture, 4 at 880yds., to be held in conjunction with the Surrey A.C. meeting at Battersea Park. Our team ought to do well on their own midden and we are likely to record our first win in this series of events. We shall have a team at Hook on the same day defending the "Winstone" Challenge Cup, which we now hold.

On July 31st the last Inter-Club contest between Mitcham, Croydon, Epsom and ourselves is being held at Epsom. Our chaps always enjoy themselves both at Epsom and coming home by tram, so we should see a good muster for this.

August 3rd, Club Championship day at Battersea Park, commencing at 3 p.m. The following Championships are open to all first claim members of our Club. The events are: 100yds (holder, M. E. Odell), 440yds (holder, J. Cooper Clark), 880yds.

(holder, J. Cooper Clark), 1 mile (holder, T. J. Flower), 2 mile Walk (holder, R. D. McMullen), 220yds., Juniors under 18 (holder, A. J. Ford), 100yds., Boys under 15 (holder, T. Wiley). Time standards will be awarded as follows: 440yds., 56sec.; 880yds., 2min. 8sec; 1 mile, 4min. 50sec.; 2 mile Walk, First Class 15min 30sec., Second Class 16min There are also Handicaps at 75 yds, 880yds, 120yds. Hurdles (3 ft), and 3 lap Steeplechase. The last two are quite new innovations to our club list and I trust that we shall get a bumper entry both for the Handicaps and Championships. The latter are more open than for a long time past, and there should be some records broken.

On August 7th, we have another Southern Amateur League fixture, again at Battersea Park, this being the 1 Mile Team Race, 4 to run and 4 to score, to be held in conjunction with the S.L.H. meeting. We hope to reverse the placings in the "Victory Cup," as our men are just now displaying great form.

Please note that all entries for August 3rd, for both Championships and Handicaps, must be in my hands seven days before, otherwise they will NOT be accepted.

E. A. DUFFETT, *Hon Running Secretary*,  
138 Frant Road, Thornton Heath.

## THE LAST LAP.

We have now entered the final quarter of the Club's financial year, and I regret that some members have not yet paid their subscriptions. Will those members kindly send me a remittance by return of post? Surely nine months is time enough in which to remember to pay your dues?

Also certain members have liabilities to our Social Hon Sec, and I should be pleased to hear that he has received these overdue payments.

Perhaps the most unfortunate sufferer in this laxity in payment is "The Belgravian." When did you last pay our Editor any cash? Remember it is only a shilling a quarter, and being such a small amount, it gets sadly forgotten (but not by the Editor, who has to meet the bills). Now make a point of paying a shilling to Mr. Harley the very next time you see him; or, better still, post it off to him now at 44 Rosebury Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

Finally, please remember that financial liability to the Club excludes entries for the Club Championships.

A. E. MACHER, *Hon. Treasurer*.

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Will any members who have money for the scent cards sold (for the purpose of raising money to buy Field Events apparatus) send same on to

G. H. POWELL, 47 Wandle Road, S.W.18.



