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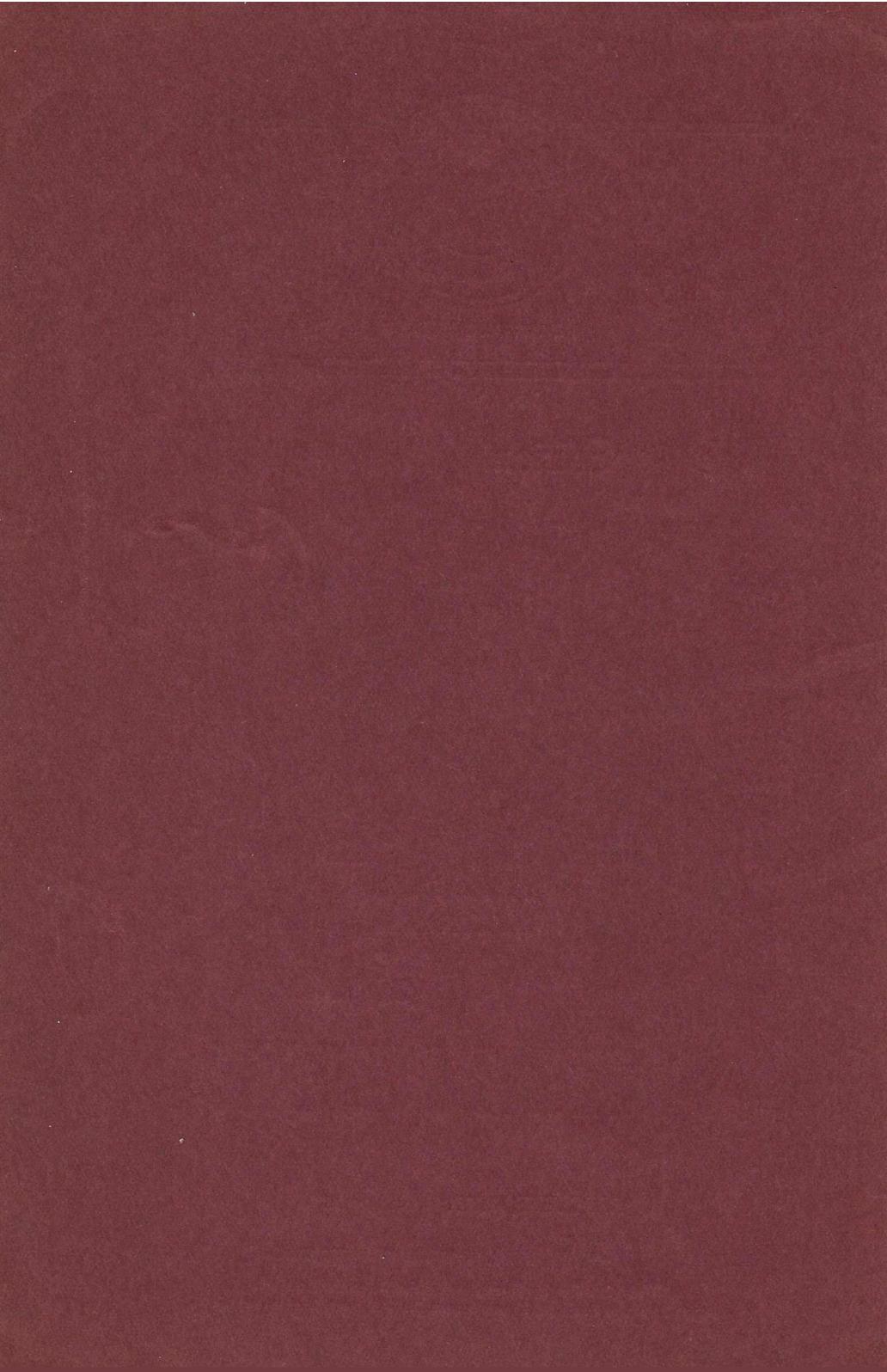
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The Club's thanks and congratulations are due to Messrs. Webb, Penny, Rice and Flower (T. J.) for the part they played in retaining the "Jockey" Cup for the Club sideboard. Their positions at the finish (4, 5, 6 and 7) are indicative of the fine team-spirit which is helping Belgrave to success, and is an example of co-operative effort, which is deserving of commendation and imitation.

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We extend our heartiest congratulations also to T. W. Green on his splendid achievement in winning the twenty-five miles road walk round the Birmingham Outer Circle. This walk was contested by all the prominent distance-walkers and a glance at the names of the men who followed Tommy home (T. Lloyd Johnson, 2nd; J. Medlicott, 3rd; F. Smith, 4th) is in itself adequate testimony to the merit of our man's performance.

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This month A. E. Saward, A. W. Sime, J. G. Barrett, J. W. Harris, H. E. Wills, G. E. J. Plummer, T. E. Daley, H. Hewison, E. G. Andrews, H. G. Leslie, M. P. Whitlock and R. Herring join our ranks and are cordially welcomed. Two of the above have already distinguished themselves: Saward, by winning our hurdles handicap and Daley, by being placed in a recent novice race promoted by the Metropolitan W.C.; whilst Harold Wills, who is a first-claim member to our friends and rivals, Herne Hill Harriers, is already well-known to many of us.

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The Brighton Walk will take place on September 14th and we expect to be strongly represented and hope to regain the team trophy which Surrey W.C. took from us last year. Our Hon. Walking Secretary would be pleased to hear from any members or friends who are willing to accompany the walkers as attendants. Many of our members with cycles have rendered invaluable assistance in the past and it is hoped that their help, which is always greatly appreciated, will again be forthcoming on this occasion. Those able to assist should communicate with

MR. O. HORWOOD, 13 Abbott Avenue, S.W.20.

We shall have a 'bus, as usual, on the road, and application for seats (5/-) should be made promptly.

We are pleased to be able to announce that B. W. Hayman, who has been seriously ill and undergone many operations, is now a little easier and, whilst he is not entirely out of danger, his gradual recovery may be confidently expected. Hayman, who won our Boxing Day sprint and has since showed himself to be one of our fastest juniors, was actually representing the Club two days before he was taken ill. We are sure we are voicing the sentiments of all our readers when we wish him a quick return to normal health and fitness.

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The Club Annual General Meeting will take place on September 24th at a hall which will be advised later. It is hoped that every member who can attend will do so and exercise his right of electing capable officials for the forthcoming Club year.

SOME OF THE BELGRAVE STYLISTS.

By "Meander."

One frequently notices that members of certain Clubs adopt different styles of running. For example: one observes that South London Harriers' men are mostly very long striding—especially over the country—and the Fitzroy Lodge runners have a fine track action, due no doubt to the interest that the world's best half-miler takes in them. But, as far as one can tell, Belgravians are not turned out in one pattern, and on the whole they are more successful than they are graceful to watch. I will now proceed to discuss one or two of our runners whose styles are worthy of imitation.

Perhaps the best of our sprinters, from the point of view of easiness and grace of movement, is T. H. Needs, a veteran. It can be seen that he is still very neat and quick out of the holes and that he always keeps his form to the end of the sprint.

For middle distance running, I do not think many will quarrel with giving the palm to J. A. Jones. There are few men running to-day who make running look so easy as does this most promising athlete. Jones is very careful and conscientious in training and, being gifted with an almost perfect action and a very strong finish, there is no reason why in a few years he should not become the most famous of Belgravians on the track.

For the mile, I venture to differ completely from "Observer" and say that T. H. Scrimshaw has the style that is more adaptable to this distance than the half. Half-milers nowadays tend to be of the quarter type and although Scrimshaw has gained our quarter standard medal I think with his quicker (rather than long) stride and light build he could be the ideal mile runner.

W. G. Webb was once spoken of by a former world-record holder as having the most correct action possible for cross-country running, and, as will be remembered, my friend "Observer"—whoever he might be—said that he is a mystery man, the mystery being how he can cover the ground in so effortless a fashion. He has a long easy stride and carries his arms low down. If any

young runner wants his heart broken, he should ask our Cross Country Captain to take him round for what he (Webb) regards as a slow lap.

The above discussion has been written more from the point of view of distance, and in consequence no mention so far has been made of the Flowers. But in any Belgrave article appreciating style they ought to be mentioned. T. J., the elder, has a long raking stride—to quote my friend again—which is partly due to his length of leg and partly to cultivation. Any very tall runner would profit by imitating our mile champion. J. E. has a slightly more easy action than his brother, and it seems suitable for almost any distance, from the half upwards.

Coming to the walkers; I must say that there is no other Club which encourages track walking to the same extent, nor which has so large a proportion of good stylists. Those who watch open walks and are liable to be disgusted with the rolling gait and running on heels that one sees, should watch a Belgrave handicap. They will see one of the finest walkers in the country—both for performance and action—on the scratch mark; but what is more remarkable, they will see the young front-markers walking in faultless fashion and without any of the movements that rightly make the crowd laugh. Of the younger walkers, the best are H. J. Fletcher—whose style is every bit as good as that of his famous brother—L. Storey, R. F. Elson and C. W. Redgrave. C. R. Strange, before he deserted the walking ranks, also looked good.

On the road we seem to be almost unbeatable as far as performance is concerned, but the only walkers I would care to recommend as patterns would be H. F. King, who changed and improved his style two years ago, and J. E. Field. For absolutely fair walking, as was said in a recent number of "The Belgravian," A. H. East's is as near perfection as possible.

So must conclude this dissertation on the Belgrave stylists, and it is hoped that their numbers will steadily increase, for there can be very few things more pleasing to the eye, or more lasting in the memory, than the sight of a stylist, whether he be runner or walker, annexing a championship.

THE JUNIOR INTER-CLUB CONTEST.

On July 9th, at Croydon, the Junior Inter-Club contest between Croydon, Mitcham and ourselves took place, Epsom failing to put in an appearance. The first event, 3 at 100yds., resulted in an easy win by 6yds for the Bels. Our team was A. E. Powter, V. L. Pemberton and J. S. Williams. In the 880yds. team race, 4 to run and 3 to score, our boys were T. H. Scrimshaw, J. E. Tosh, J. G. Coleman and T. C. Jones. Tom Scrimshaw made the pace at the start and Tosh came up to him 300yds. from home. They then commenced to amble in, but Charman, of Mitcham, came with a burst and our boys had to sprint home, crossing the finishing line together. Our team scored 1, 2, 4, with Jones filling 7th

position, and so we won handsomely from Mitcham (17pts.) and Croydon (24pts.).

The last Junior event was 3 at 200yds., and B. W. Hayman gave us a lead of 10yds. over the first stage. V. L. Pemberton increased our advantage, and Jack Williams broke the worsted well ahead of Mitcham, who were closely followed by Croydon.

An interesting feature of this meeting was the Croydon Business Houses Relay, in which one of our members, S. R. Chorley, represented his firm, who finished 3rd in the race.

DOUBLE WIN v. ST. GEORGE'S S.S.C. AND MITCHAM A.C.

On July 15th, at a meeting organised by St. George's Services S.C., we participated (with Mitcham A.C.) in two events, a junior (under 19) relay, 6 x 880yds., and a two miles team race, which served as a trial to select the team to defend the "Jockey" Cup on the following Saturday.

Our junior relay team ran in the following order: T. C. Jones, W. Jacobs, J. G. Coleman, R. Barsby, J. E. Tosh and T. H. Scrimshaw. Jones gained a useful lead over the first St. George's runner, but as Mitcham A.C. had only five runners present, they joined in at the first change-over and started level with our second man. This was Jacobs, the youngest of our team, and he was unlucky in that he had to run against the strongest men of the opposing two teams. He lost ground over the latter part of his stage, but this was partly recovered by Coleman. Barsby followed, losing ground, but Jim Tosh not only pegged the others back, but handed over with a thirty yards lead, which Scrimshaw, running comfortably, increased to eighty yards over the Mitcham A.C. boy, with St. George's S.C. still farther back. The juniors, having in this manner maintained the Belgrave prestige, it was now the turn of the seniors.

In the two miles race, six a side ran, scoring four each. The Belgrave team went away from the rest of the field, in company with Coe, of St. George's, and Ferdinando, of Mitcham, and eventually finished in the following order: 1, W. A. Rice; 2, T. J. Flower; 3, A. Penny; 4, E. A. Duffett; 5, A. Allum; 6, Ferdinando (Mitcham A.C.); 7, A. H. Coe (St. George's S.S.C.); 8, H. E. Footer. It will be seen that we finished the first five men. The result was:—

Belgrave H.	...	...	10 pts.
Mitcham A.C.	...	...	39 pts.
St. George's S.S.C.	...	...	43 pts.

The time of the winner, Bill Rice, was 10mins. 2 4-5secs.

BELGRAVE JUNIORS v. OLD GAYTONIANS A.C.

In beautiful weather, amidst glorious surroundings, the juniors decided their match with the Old Boys of the Gayton School, on the school ground at Harrow, on July 18th. It was originally decided that 10 juniors should represent the Bels, so as not to

call upon juniors to race twice, but owing to the absence of Hayman and Ford, through illness, Scrimshaw and Tosh were called upon to compete in two events.

The first race to be decided was the 440yds. J. V. Powell, the L.A.C. runner, went into the lead which he kept all the way; Scrimshaw, slowing down in the last 10yds., nearly lost second place, just making a dead-heat of it with H. Whitmill. First blood to Gayton.

The next event was the 100yds., in which we had a great misfortune. J. S. Williams was slightly in the lead at 70yds. when he caught his feet in the ground and fell heavily. Thus another event went to Gayton.

The third race gave us a win. This event, the 880yds., saw Tosh in good form and, after holding off R. H. Gowar, he had a comfortable win. The Relay race gave the Bels. their second win. Scrimshaw took the "half" and, running a brainy race with Gowar, sent Pemberton away with a nice lead. Powter then took over and, keeping well away from the Gaytonian, handed over to Tosh who, running strongly over the last 440yds. won by 40yds. Score 2 all.

The Long Jump decided the match and, despite lack of practice, the Bels. put up a good show, being only beaten by 5 feet.

After the match the Gayton Club entertained the juniors with coffee and sandwiches. Mr. Atkinson (A.A.A.) then said how delighted he was with the sport provided by our boys and hoped to see us again next year. Scrimshaw, our captain, suitably replied and called upon the Bels. for three cheers for the Gaytonians, which were lustily given.

RESULTS.

440 Yards—1, J. V. Powell, O.G.A.C.; 2, T. H. Scrimshaw, B.H.; 3, H. Whitmill, O.G.; 4, T. C. Jones, B.H.

100 Yards—1, W. J. Bell, O.G.; 2, D. C. Lyall, O.G.; A. F. Powter, B.H.; 4, J. S. Williams, B.H. (fell).

880 Yards—1, J. E. Tosh, B.H.; 2, R. H. Gowar, O.G.; 3, J. Jackson, O.G.; 4, J. G. Coleman, B.H.

1 Mile Relay (880, 220, 220, 440)—1, Belgrave H. (T. H. Scrimshaw, V. Pemberton, A. F. Powter, J. E. Tosh); 2, Old Gaytonians (R. H. Gowar, D. C. Lyall, W. J. Bell, R. S. Davies).

Long Jump —Old Gaytonians		Belgrave H.			
T. Parry	17 8½	17 4	J. E. Tosh	16 3	16 2½
G. Harding	16 3	16 1½	J. G. Coleman...	14 11	14 6
67 4¾		61 10½			

Old Gaytonians, 3 events; Belgrave H., 2 events.

THE "JOCKEY" CUP RETAINED.

Last year our boys were successful in winning the "Jockey" Cup, so gaining the Club's first victory in open team races, and for this reason our runners were particularly keen to retain the trophy this year. They did rather easily, winning from Herne Hill Harriers by no less than 12 points. Our team packed very well and showed the spectators team-racing in the fullest sense of the word by finishing as follows: W. G. Webb, 4; A. W. Penny, 5; W. A. Rice, 6; T. J. Flower, 7.

The final result was :—

1. Belgrave H. ...	15 pts.
2. Herne Hill H. ...	27 pts.
3. Surrey A.C. ...	35 pts.

Our strength in distance runners was exemplified by the fact that on the same afternoon another team gained second place in a three miles open team race at the Ponder's End meeting. This team consisted of E. A. Duffett, 5; H. E. Footer, 7; W. S. Mitchell, 11; A. Allum, 15; with F. W. Jude, whose fine Marathon running is still fresh in our memories, as fifth man. Watford H. won this race from our team by 7 points.

So it will be seen that on the anniversary of the winning of the first open team race on the track, our winners came very near to winning *two* open team races in one afternoon; but this is a pleasure that must be deferred a little longer.

THE SOUTHERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC LEAGUE 4 x 880 YARDS RELAY.

This event took place on July 24th at Battersea Park, and we were represented by T. H. Scrimshaw, W. A. Rice, T. J. Flower and J. A. Jones, running in that order. Tom Scrimshaw started well for us, holding Hedges (S.L.H.) and Picton (Poly H.), two long-striding runners, until the last few yards. He handed over third about six yards behind Hedges to Bill Rice. Bill held the position, but Surrey A.C. came up and Poly H. dropped behind us. This order was maintained over the next stage and Jack Jones started off third with Booth, the Poly champion, a few yards behind him. Booth passed Jack in the concluding stages, and so we finished fourth. Surrey A.C. won the race, profiting by a blunder on the part of one of the S.L.H. men, who had dropped the baton and so lost fifteen yards, with our team about forty yards out, filling fourth position.

On the same evening we were paid a very high compliment by Surrey A.C., who sent their strongest relay team (Griffiths, Higgins, Wigzell and Dacombe) to wrest from us the "Winstone" Trophy which we won last year at Hook. We were represented by Tosh, J. S. Williams, Titherley and Duncley, not our strongest team by any means, two of the team being still under nineteen, and were beaten by 25yds. Our men were not disgraced in losing to such a strong combination, and we derive greater satisfaction from the subtle compliment paid us than we would have done in winning the trophy ourselves from trifling opposition.

THE INTER-CLUB RELAYS—FINAL MEETING.

The last of the Inter-Club Relays, held at Epsom on July 31st, was decided in fine weather although it rained hard previous to the time of starting. It was this fact which doubtless caused our sprinters once more to fail us, only one—A. A. Lander—turning up. As Lander has had experience of cross-country running it will probably be as well for our sprinters to spend next season over the country and so prepare themselves for the

vagaries of our summer climate. Our team for the 4 at 100yds. had an unfamiliar appearance, it being composed of Lander, Tosh, Scrimshaw and Duffett! To our surprise they managed to beat Epsom, Mitcham winning the event from Croydon in 43secs. The 4 at 880yds. resulted in an easy win for the "Bels.", our team, (Bayliss, Scrimshaw, Rice and Tosh) ran well, and the lead given them by Bayliss was gradually increased. Tosh broke the tape a good 220yds. in front of the Mitcham boy, with Epsom surprisingly beating Croydon for third place. Our team for the 4 at 300 yds. was the same as for the 100's, and as one of the number was due to run in the mile immediately following it was decided to run over and so secure the point for finishing. Mitcham gained a narrow victory over Croydon in this race, with Epsom a good way behind, third. The mile team race saw only three running for us, namely, Rice, Footer and Duffett, but as they finished in this order, 2, 3, 4, we, of course, won easily. Ferdinando, of Mitcham, ran a good race to win in 4min. 46secs., and his team finished second, with Croydon just beating Epsom for third position. The points at the close of the meeting were Mitcham 14, Belgrave 11, Croydon 9, Epsom 6, quite a good performance on our boys' parts considering there were only seven of them to contest four events. Prior to this meeting we held a 10 point lead in this competition, and so we once again won the Inter-Club Relay Shield. Total points are:—

Belgrave H.	...	...	54 pts.
Mitcham A.C.	...	...	46 pts.
Croydon H.	...	...	42 pts.
Epsom H.	...	...	12 pts.

This year's competition showed a noticeable lack of interest on the part of our sprinters in the away fixtures, and we have to thank our distance men once more for "bringing the bacon home."

Croydon and Mitcham had a fine fight for second place and it was only at the final meeting that Mitcham gained the lead. Epsom, as usual, were the wooden-spoonists of the competition and seem to be gradually declining, a pity when one thinks of the old days of the Primrose and Rose Hoop wearers.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

We were favoured with fine weather for our Championship Meeting and a very large crowd assembled to pay tribute to our athletes. We are very fortunate in having such a keen following and we may be sure that their best wishes are with Belgrave, when there are championships to be won, or other clubs to be met.

The programme commenced as usual with the 100yds. championship, and here M. E. Odell won for the fifth time—a very fine sequence of performances.

The under-15 championship was next decided and the final resulted in a very close race, there being inches only over the first three runners. The time, 12secs., is meritorious and the future of these boys will be watched with interest.

J. Cooper Clark, owing to indisposition, was unable to defend his titles, and the 880yds. championship was won in the fastest time yet recorded by Tom Scrimshaw. W. Lowden, a young runner of promise, set a very hot pace over the first quarter, after which Scrimshaw took the lead, followed by H. Titherley. J. E. Tosh then came up, passing Titherley and finishing second, beaten by four or five yards. Thus two of our junior runners, still under nineteen, gained the first two places, and to Scrimshaw fell the honour of beating the Club record by two-fifths of a second. Truly a wonderful performance, and one which presages still more important honours for our youthful champion—and the runner-up.

A. L. Fletcher, who was unable to walk last year owing to illness, regained the walking championship. He was content to take things rather easily as the time shows, and was followed in by B. J. T. Knifton, whose twenty miles races do not seem to have impaired his speed, and F. H. Elson.

The 440yds. title was won by George Dunckley and any other result appeared impossible after his running in the recent A.A.A. championships. Perce Cook was second for the second time that afternoon, and A. A. Lander third. The time, 52 1-5secs., does not denote George's best, but is a sound performance.

In the Mile championship T. J. Flower retained his title and succeeded in knocking "two-fifths" off the Club record. Mitchell led the field at the end of the first lap, and at the conclusion of the second Bert Footer "jumped" the field and opened up a gap. Soon after this, Bill Rice and Joe Flower overhauled Bert and strode out together until ten yards from the tape, when Bill "cracked," leaving Joe a worthy winner. Meanwhile, W. G. Webb had moved up to third place and so the race finished.

The Junior (under 18) 220yds. championship was won by S. Garland in a close finish from R. C. Impett—the promise of youth again being in evidence in this race.

Two of the four handicaps held were won by young runners still at school. F. H. C. White the winner of the 880yds. handicap, completed the distance from his mark in 1min. 57½secs—the fastest club handicap yet—and so showed himself to have more than average ability. The same applies to L. Fleming, who had earlier been placed second in the under-15 hundred yards championships, and now won the 75yds. handicap.

The 120yds. hurdles handicap introduced us to a newcomer in A. E. Saward, who cleared the hurdles in stylish manner and fast time and shows promise of developing into a first-class hurdler.

The three laps hurdle race—technically it is not a steeplechase owing to the absence of a water-jump—gave Arthur Allum, one of our cross-country stalwarts, a win, with the scratch man, H. S. Cook, second.

To conclude—the feature of the meeting seemed to be the fine performances and great promise of our younger members. The general standard was high, many standard medals being awarded, and the entries very gratifying. To all those who were

successful—our congratulations; to those who “also ran,” remember, “they also serve who only stand and wait,” and draw the moral from Tom Scrimshaw’s running as here laid down:

1928	...	...	2min. 7 4-5secs.
1929	...	...	2min. 1 1-5secs.
1930	...	...	?

CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS.

100 Yards—M. E. Odell, 1; P. J. Cook, 2; E. H. Jarvis, 3; A. Lander, 4; yd., 2ft.: 10 3-10sec.

100 Yards (Boys)—R. Swinfen, 1; L. Fleming, 2; E. Stone, 3; inches, same; 12sec.

220 Yards (Junior)—S. Garland, 1; R. Impett, 2; T. C. Jones, 3; yd., inches; 26 2-5sec.

440 Yards—G. Dunclekey, 1; P. J. Cook, 2; A. Lander, 3; 5yds., yd.; 52 1-5sec. Standard medals: J. Tosh, W. Bayliss.

880 Yards—T. H. Scrimshaw, 1; J. Tosh, 2; H. Titherley, 3; 4yds., same; 2min. 1 1-5secs. Standard medals: J. Hooper, M. Gray, W. Bayliss.

Mile—T. J. Flower, 1; W. A. Rice, 2; W. G. Webb, 3; 8yds., 6yds.; 4min. 37 1-5sec.

2 Miles Walk—A. L. Fletcher, 1; B. J. Knifton, 2; F. H. Elson, 3; 150yds., 100yds.; 14min. 43 4-5sec. Standard medals: W. Dodkin, H. F. King.

HANDICAPS RESULTS.

75 Yards—Heat winners: A. E. Powter, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds. (7 4-5secs.); C. Palmer, 7 (7 4-5); G. Basford, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ (7 3-5); L. Fleming, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ (7 7-10); C. Hills, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ (7 7-10); T. Needs, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ (8). Final: Fleming 1, Powter 2, Basford 3; ft., ins.: 7 4-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles—A. E. Saward, owed 3yds., 1; J. Mackie, scr., 2; G. Powell, owed 3, 3; 10yds., ins.; 16 2-5sec.

880 Yards—F. H. White, 65yds., 1; F. G. Ford, 60, 2; J. Coleman, 65, 3; 5yds., 3yds.; 1min. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

Three-Lap Steeplechase—A. Allum, 38yds., 1; H. S. Cook, scr., 2; F. Tame, 70, 3; 15yds., same; 4min. 42 2-5sec.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC LEAGUE

4 x 1 MILE TEAM RACE.

This event took place at Battersea Park on August 7th, and only three clubs turned out teams. They were Polytechnic H., S.L.H., and ourselves. We were represented by W. A. Rice, A. Allum, W. G. Webb and J. E. Flower. Joe Flower, our mile champion, was unable to run owing to a strained leg. The field kept well together until 300yds. to go, when Hadland (Poly H.) sprinted away. Hedges (S.L.H.) passed him 70yds. from the tape and won in 4min. 33sec. Hadland was second and W. A. Rice third. The team placings were: 1, S.L.H.; 2, Poly H.; 3, Belgrave H.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

The month of August sees the track season drawing to a close and the last Club Handicaps are being held on the 21st. There are races at the following distances: 100yds., 440yds., 1320yds. and a two miles walk.

On the 28th at Herne Hill Track is the last Southern Amateur Athletic League fixture, namely, the 3 miles team race, 4 to run

and score. This is where we should have a decided advantage over the other clubs, and should win.

I should like to thank all members who have supported the Club events, also those who have turned out in Relay races, Inter-Club contests, etc. The Club has had a most successful season, and I feel sure many of our members are eagerly looking forward to the winter season to provide them with an attractive fixture list. All enquiries to

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138 Frant Road, Thornton Heath.

SPORTS JOTTINGS

By "Observer."

Is the Southern Amateur Athletic League the success it was anticipated it would be? I am afraid not. The Clubs that form the League, although the best in the South, do not seem to support it as was expected. Even at the first meeting one Club failed to put in an appearance, while at the second two Clubs were absentees, and at the third meeting only three Clubs turned out. At the present rate of appearances we shall see the last event being abandoned owing to the absence of competing clubs. When the league was first formed the cry of "No entry fees and no awards" was made on its behalf. Does the trend of events since mean that this does not meet with the approval of Southern athletes? It would certainly appear so, and seems to prove that the incentive to run for the love of the sport is not so great as some people, especially the non-active ones, would have us believe.

I cannot stress too much the importance of new members to our Club securing Club vests. Not only is the new pattern very smart, but when one is training and a claret and gold vest makes its appearance you are at home with the wearer directly. Many of our new members wear white vests, and on a crowded track it is difficult to tell whether they are Belgrave members or not. So I say to all whom this concerns—secure a vest at once from Mr. Macher and I am sure you will do credit to it and to our Club.

My next three Club members include two members of our walking section, as follows:—

V. J. Peacock, a well-known Civil Service walker and one who has also met with success in Open and Club events. A very persevering athlete and a valued member of our Committee. Is a first-class conjuror and often delights our socials during the winter by his clever performance.

A. L. Fletcher, our best man at track walking and the present Surrey County Champion, while he performed with distinction in the recent A.A.A. race. Has also walked very well on the road and has been successful in the County road-walking Championship. Of very slight build, he has done excellently in recent years, winning many Open and Club races and, being still quite

young, should keep the Belgrave name prominently in the forefront of the Walking world for many years to come.

T. Pritchard, a name well known in the Club since his two elder brothers have both been prominent performers for the Bels. Tom bids fair to be the best of all three, and should meet with success in the near future, having so far this season experienced bad luck in open races, although being placed in a Club event. Also runs over the country and shewed promise last year of developing into a useful team man.

ROUND THE MEETINGS.

July 10th. On this day C. T. Pollard won both the 100yds. and 220yds. championships of the Metropolitan Police A.A. B. W. Fleming was third in the 100yds. race.

July 13th. T. W. Green won the 25 miles walk round Birmingham in 3hr. 50min. 20sec., with T. Lloyd Johnson, a former National champion, second, two minutes behind. To quote *The Sporting Life*, "Green was remarkably fresh and finished strongly, but Johnson was leg weary."

Two successes were scored by our men at the Chiswick "General" meeting, A. A. Lander winning the 100yds. and J. A. Jones the 880yds.

B. J. T. Knifton won an Open Walk at Luton, W. Pinnock was second in a 440yds. race at Bexley Heath and P. J. E. Cook filled a similar position in a 220yds. handicap at Dagenham. A relay team consisting of T. Scrimshaw, H. Titherley, J. S. Williams and B. Hayman were successful at Hounslow, chiefly owing to a fine "quarter" by Scrimshaw; and B. Fleming was placed second in the All England Police Long Jump Championship held at Sheffield. On the same afternoon at Cranleigh, H. E. Footer was second in a mile handicap and third in a three miles race.

July 18th. West End Divisions, T. Pritchard, 880yds., 3rd.

July 20th. In addition to the team race successes at Herne Hill and Ponders End this day, described elsewhere, H. L. Rollins, our Social Hon. Sec., was fourth in the Mile Open at the North London meeting, and H. V. Hoving won a mile race at Godalming. Other successes were those of D. E. Jordan (veterans' 100yds) and J. Cade (1 mile walk) in the closed events at the "Printers' " meeting.

July 24th. On this evening two of our members, P. J. E. Cook and W. G. Webb, were included in a Middlesex County team v. R.A.F., Uxbridge; and W. Mitchell won a 10 miles road race at Edgware in good time.

July 25th. B. W. Fleming retained the Long Jump Championship of Suffolk.

July 27th. L. G. Hickman won the Hampshire Two Miles Walk Championship, and J. E. Tosh was second in the 880yds. Championship.

At the Fire Brigade Meeting, M. A. Gray was second in the 880yds. and H. L. Rollins third in the Mile. The special prizes

awarded for the largest entries in the mile handicap and two miles walk handicap were both secured by Belgrave, Arthur Allum and J. Cade being the respective winners.

At the Miller Hospital Sports H. E. Footer won the Mile, off the virtual scratch mark, 96yds.; and tried to double this success with a win in the sack race, but here he was disqualified for having his foot through a hole in the sack. Hard luck, Bert!

August 3rd. Whilst the Club Championships were taking place, J. Cade was gaining second place in a mile walk at Herne Hill.

August 5th. We now come to Bank Holiday, with its usual multiplicity of meetings. At Oxted it was "Footer" Day, Bert winning the mile (off scratch) and three mile handicaps, being second in the 880yds. handicap and third in the sack race. He also attempted the wheelbarrow race and obstacle race, but in this latter event was forced to give in to a balloon which obstinately refused to be inflated! Our Bert was awarded a special prize for the best performance of the day, and there is little doubt that if there had been one for the best entertainer present, he would have won that also.

Jim Tosh won the half-mile from scratch, with Footer second, as previously mentioned, and J. G. Coleman third. The runners-up to Footer in the mile were Morrell and Coleman; and Coleman was also second in the sack race. In the scratch relay race another small trophy was gained for the Club by the following team: A. A. Harley, J. E. Tosh, W. A. Rice and T. F. Morrell, running in that order.

At Maidenhead, A. H. Shannon had a double win in the sprints and at Rayleigh A. A. Lander was successful in the hundred yards.

At Chiswick, S. H. Warboys ran exceedingly well to finish fourth in a ten miles road race considering that the first and second men were both international runners, and the third, our old friend H. S. Cook, is no mean performer. Here H. Titherley and G. Basford were second and third in the local 220yds race.

At Sevenoaks, W. S. Mitchell finished fourth in a ten miles road handicap off scratch. Other successes were those of A. Allum, second in mile at Chertsey, P. J. E. Cook, third in 440yds. at Romford, and E. A. Duffett, second in local half-mile at Beckenham.

August 10th. At the City of London Police Meeting, the Cooks scored a double. Charlie won the Veterans' 100yds. as easily as he did last year, and Perce was successful in the 220yds. Handicap. A. H. Graygoss, walking in the colours of his first-claim club, the L.C.C. Trams S.C., was third in the walk.

At Windsor, H. E. Footer won the two miles handicap and A. Allum, the half-mile. Allum was also second in the mile.

The above returns show that the "Bels." are doing as well as ever at open meetings and it is expected that there will be several more successes to be reported before the season ends.

