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Owing to the pressure of outside business, B. J. T. Knifton has been forced to resign the positions of Hon. Walking Secretary and Hon. Editor, and the Committee have appointed in his stead O. Horwood to look after the interests of the walkers, and A. A. Harley to be the new Editor.

Knifton finds that he has insufficient spare time to devote himself whole-heartedly to both training for the National Championship and secretarial work, and so he has asked to be relieved of his offices. In future, therefore, any walking matters will be dealt with by

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whilst any correspondence and literary (or monetary) contributions intended for "The Belgravian" should be forwarded to A. A. Harley at the address which appears at the head of the page.

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As we go to press there comes the news of the Club's fine performance in the London—Brighton Relay Race. The detailed account must follow in our next issue and we must content ourselves here with congratulating the team upon their splendid running, which gained the admiration of all those who witnessed the race.

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During the past few weeks we have acted as hosts to the London Breweries' Sports Association, who held their cross-country and walking championships from our headquarters at St. John's Hall; and the London Rover Scouts' Association, who decided their cross-country championships over our course. On April 13th the London Business Houses' Association will be holding their Walking Championship at Wimbledon, and it is whispered that we shall be asked to stage the first Inter-Counties' Road Walk,

to be held over 20 miles, next October. It will be seen from this that we are assisting outside bodies to the best of our ability and doing our bit towards serving Athletics.

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During the past quarter we have enrolled many new members who will, we trust, help to carry the Belgrave name higher still. They include R. J. Evans, C. Russell, A. J. Powter, R. J. Barton, G. Tucker, G. C. Fletcher, A. V. Mulcahy, H. A. Strachan, C. S. Worsley, L. Ray, C. E. Cheyney, J. R. Lamont, F. W. Jude, C. H. Hoogood, C. Christie, L. G. Bennett, J. Austin, S. A. Jordan, F. W. L. Playle, W. J. Richardson and K. C. W. Cope. C. Christie is the inside-right of the Wimbledon Football Club and should prove an acquisition. We wish them all the best of luck in the claret and gold colours and feel sure that they will add to the Club's prestige.

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Spring must be in the air, for two of our Secretaries are valiantly striving to cultivate hairy upper lips and the race in the "Moustache Stakes" is causing great interest and amusement. Two other Secretaries have developed wanderlust and have changed their addresses, which should be duly noted. The new addresses are:—

E. A. DUFFETT (*Hon. Running Sec.*),  
138 Frant Road, Thornton Heath

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Wimborne, Bell Lane, Hendon

## THE SOUTHERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

No doubt many of you have seen some remarks just lately in the sporting press regarding a proposed series of match events between the leading London Clubs. I am now able (thanks due to our Hon. Sec., and also to Frank Thomson) to give the details of the forthcoming matches.

It has been decided that the venture shall be called the Southern Amateur Athletic League, and the Clubs competing are Belgrave H., Highgate H., South London H., Herne Hill H., Polytechnic H. and Surrey A.C. The following distances will be run and each Club has been allocated one event, thus:—

Apr. 27—4 x 440yds, promoted by Belgrave H., at Battersca Park.

June 4—4 x 220yds., promoted by Poly. H., at Paddington.

July 10—Medley Relay (440, 220, 220, 880), promoted by Highgate H., at Finsbury Park.

(date and venue have not yet been fixed).

July 24—4 x 880yds., promoted by Surrey A.C., at Battersea Park.

—1 mile Team Race, promoted by S.L.H.

Aug 28—3 miles Team Race, promoted by Herne Hill H., at Herne Hill Track.

The system of scoring will be as follows: 6 points for First, 5 for Second, and so on down to 1 point for 6th place. There are no entry fees and, what is more, there are no awards of any description. Thus we shall have some good clean contests and also an opportunity of witnessing the pick of the athletes in the South competing against each other solely for the honour of their Club. One feature of the 1-mile and 3-mile "Team Races" is that here 4 men must run and 4 count. This is a departure from the usual form of team scoring and is to be welcomed as it gives the fourth man a chance of helping his Club towards victory. It is a competition that has long been needed and I trust our members will do their best to prove that they are fit to compete in the highest company and so justify the honour which has been conferred upon us, namely, of competing against the pick of the London Clubs. Belgrave is slowly but surely getting a place on the map, and now that we are on we shall take some wiping off. In passing, our thanks are due firstly to South London Harriers, who were, I believe, the originators of the idea, and secondly to the men who represented us so ably at the committee meetings, namely, W. L. Bayliss and F. G. Thomson.

It will be remembered that towards the end of last season we were successful in winning a 4 x 440yds. open scratch relay race at Horsham and were awarded a handsome cup for so doing. The memory of this win should help our runners to gain another success on April 27th, and so give the Club a good start this season.

## THE HARRIERS' DIARY.

— WITH THE RUNNERS WEEK BY WEEK —

*March 2nd.*

I arrived at Clapham Junction expecting to find a crowd, but found only Mitchell and Canard had turned up. After waiting for some time we decided to carry-on and hope for the best. On arrival at Croydon we met Strange and Chorley, making our total five, and later Bert Smith came along by 'bus. Well, to cut a long story short, after numerous delays the race began.

The start was quite good, but owing to a badly-laid trail, our troubles soon started. We lost the course several times before we had gone more than a mile, but the climax was reached when Mitchell took the lead and led us over  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles of road (he must have been thinking of the Brighton Relay) Mitchell and Smith took command and finished first and second. The next six to finish were Epsom boys, followed by Dewberry and Strange. Croydon (wise fellows!) went over the proper course, as did Chorley and Canard.

It was unfortunate that what promised to be a good race degenerated into a farce, owing to the loss of the trail, and it is hoped that next year we shall turn out in greater numbers and give a better account of ourselves.

N.R.D.

On the same day the London Rover Scouts' Association held their cross-country championship over a  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles course from our headquarters at Wimbledon. A. W. Penny, of our Club, finished first, 1 min 5 secs. ahead of L. J. Cohen, of Ashcombe A.C., the winner of the South of the Thames Junior Race (Surrey section) last November.

Penny's team (Wandsworth, Balham and Putney), which also contained another of our members, M. A. Gray, gained team honours easily, placing the first six men home. It appears from this result that there are several promising young runners in this district, which has already given us W. L. Bayliss, H. E. Footer, W. S. Mitchell, Ken O'Kell, M. E. Odell, and others, and is evidently a good nursery for young athletes and one from which we may expect some good performers in the future.

*March 9th.*

On this day a team, weakened by the absence of Messrs. Duffett, Allum, Rice and Khlopim (who is not allowed to compete owing to his Russian nationality) travelled to Beaconsfield to run in the National Championship. The ten-miles course, which was laid mainly in Lord Burnham's Park, consisted principally of grassland and contained several steep hills. The day was one of the best experienced this year, the race starting in brilliant sunshine—very different from last year's National at Leamington, when a snowstorm prevailed for the greater part of the race.

This year teams were restricted to nine starters, instead of the customary twelve, six scoring as usual. We were only able to start eight in the field of nearly 300, namely W. G. Webb, A. W. Penny, W. L. Bayliss, A. E. Smith, A. Robertshaw, W. S. Mitchell, H. E. Footer and F. G. Ford.

A fine race resulted in a win for E. Harper, of Hallamshire H.L., with T. Kay (Tipton H.) and Cotterell (3rd Signals) second and third. Our own team gave its supporters who, as usual,

attended in good numbers, little to enthuse about, as only four finished the course

W G Webb, the first Belgrave man to finish, ran exceedingly well after experiencing a very uneasy time over the first half of the journey. Wally Bayliss proved once again that if he is not quite as brilliant as some of his clubmates, he is always dependable and consistent. Reliability has long been his strong point and, we are sure, will always remain so. Arthur Penny did not run quite as well as expected, but is certain to make amends in the future. Fred Ford, who has been unable to gain a place in the team previously this season, was called upon to run and did well to succeed in finishing the course, where so many of his superiors in age, experience and ability, failed. Last year he was called upon to run in the National and finished the course, despite a blizzard. This year, although nearly a hundred dropped out, owing to the hot weather, he carried on and was timed in—despite the fact that it was a three-lap course, which is always an inducement to retire from the race.

It has been suggested that our runners were feeling the effect of winning three important races earlier in the season and that next year, as several of our members will not then be eligible for the junior races, they will be able to concentrate upon the Southern and National Championships when, we hope, they will prove themselves to be the strongest team in the South. Time only, however, can prove the truth or falsity of this statement and we must console ourselves meanwhile with the thought that eight other Clubs, in addition to ourselves, failed to close in

		RESULT		m	s.
1	E Harper, Hallamshire H			56	20 4/5
2	T Kay, Tipton H			56	45
3	L Sig W M Cotterell, 3rd Div Signals			56	54
87	W. G Webb, Belgrave H			62	5
120.	A W Penny	..		63	31
122	W. L. Bayliss	..		63	40
197.	F. G Ford	..		75	31
TEAM PLACINGS					
1.	Birchfield H			91 1/2	Pts.
2	Surrey A C			184	..
3	Hallamshire H			214	..

### March 16th

This day saw the majority of the runners at Wimbledon, but a few were engaged in races elsewhere. Thus, our two Irish Terriers, H. E. Footer and A. D. Pyer, were members of the London Irish team which won the Territorial Army Championship and two other members, W L Bayliss and E Stringer, scored for the Southern Railway team, which was placed second in the London Area Section of the Railway Championship.

### March 23rd.

In view of the London to Brighton Relay, the committee

decided to stage a time trial on the road a fortnight before, in order to assist them in selecting the team. As the stages of the relay vary from  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles approximately, the trial was run over a course at Wimbledon covering a little more than 5 miles, this representing about the mean distance. The course was the same as is now used by the Walking Section, consisting of two 1-mile laps of the Common, then down to Copse Hill, Coombe Lane, and back *via* Cambridge Road, finishing with another lap of the Common; a very suitable course, containing a few hills and mostly good surfaces, similar to those on the Brighton Road.

All the runners covered the same course and distance and in order that they should run as near relay conditions as possible (that is, more or less on their own) they were dispatched singly at intervals of 15 seconds, the order of starting being drawn for. Twelve men started, notable absentees being W. G. Webb and W. A. Rice, who were unable to run owing to foot trouble, and W. S. Mitchell.

Arthur Allum went off first and, putting in some good running, was never caught. At half distance T. J. Flower, who had started sixth, had passed several others and was lying third, with his brother, the second man to start, about thirty yards ahead of him.

Allum's performance was probably the best of all, as he made all his own running, while the others had someone in front to overtake, and yet he was only 3 seconds slower than T. J. Flower, who made fastest time.

From the result it will be seen that only eleven seconds separated the four fastest men, while six were inside a minute.

For the remainder, the times speak for themselves —

RESULT				
1	T. J. Flower	31 27	7. A. D. Pyer	32 41
2	A. Allum	31 30	8 A W Penny	33 15
3	E. A. Duffett	31 37	9 P N. Khlopin	33 20
4	A. E. Smith	31 38	10 A Robertshaw	33 23
5	J. E. Flower	32 5	11. W L Bayliss	33 40
6	H. E. Footer	32 19	12. C R Worsley	38 7

S.L.K.

March 30th.

This day, Easter Saturday, was very warm and more suited for a stroll by the sea or through the countryside than to take part in a cross-country race. Three of our members, Mitchell, Duffett and Penny, however, were running for Surrey in the Inter-County Race, held over a seven miles course at Northolt and finished as follows —

1	L. -Sgt W M Cotterell (Berks)	39 50
2.	T. Kay (Staffs)	39 58
3	W. B. Howard (Beds)	40 1
4.	W. W. S Mitchell (Surrey)	43 11
5.	E. A. Duffett	..
5.	A. W. Penny	..

Mitchell was the second man home for Surrey, and Duffett also scored for the team Penny could never get going and found the course totally unsuited for him as there was not a suspicion of a hill in the whole seven miles. Surrey were placed seventh of the fifteen counties competing.

*April 1st. Easter Monday*

The first track meeting of the season in the South was promoted on this day by the Imperial Paper Mills S C at Gravesend; and here also the first Belgrave win of the season took place. J. E. Flower, T. J. Flower and A. Allum finished 4th, 6th and 7th respectively in Two Miles Team Race, to give the Club its second win in open team races since its formation. The first win, it will be remembered, was gained last year when the "Jockey" Cup was won by the efforts of E. A. Duffett, W. G. Webb and W. A. Rice. The win this year should be the forerunner of several similar successes during the next few months. The result at Gravesend was as follows:—

1	Belgrave H.	17 Pts.
2	Herne Hill H	26 "
3	South London H	35 "

In addition, in the Relay Race our team, consisting of H. Titherley, A. Shannon, J. S. Williams and W. H. Musgrove were placed second off 45yds, being narrowly beaten by Southend and County H and H. Titherley was placed third in the 220yds. handicap. Thus it will be seen that the Club has started the track season well and there is every promise of a record season.

## COMING EVENTS.

### APRIL 27th—OUR OPEN MEETING

See List of Events, etc, on Back Page.

The first event in connection with the newly formed Southern Amateur Athletic League, namely, 4 x 440yds., will be held in conjunction with this meeting, and we hope to make an auspicious start by seeing our colours first past the post. If any members could secure entries from unattached novices for the 1-mile run, I should be obliged. There is No Entry Fee and there are "News of the World" medals to be won. Entries for the Club Handicaps at 100yds., 1-mile and Long-Jump should be handed in by Sunday morning, 21st, latest.

In view of the forthcoming team events, I hope that all members will now commence serious training, also I shall be glad to see our Juniors hard at it, with the Poly. Relay near at hand. Will all members who wish to compete in Open Relay Handicaps

Let me have their forms in good time, and what is more, filled in legibly. Some members are rather slack in this respect, so kindly endeavour to fill in your forms correctly and giving full particulars, dates, etc. If any new members require information as to dates of Open meeting, filling in of Entry Forms, etc., I shall be pleased to do my best to assist them, as I assure you that my Vice, Billy Rice, is a past master of the art.

All enquiries to E. A. DUFFETT  
(or 'phone Monument 1034, 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.).

## SPORTS JOTTINGS

By "Observer."

"Are our Athletes lazy?" Such was the headline of an article in the "Athletic News," written by H. M. Abrahams, the well known Olympic Champion, who proceeded to shew that the answer was in the affirmative. One passage which seemed to be applicable to our own Club members was as follows: "Our athletes can never hope to shine very much in the front rank so long as they continue the happy-go-lucky, train-when-we-think-we-will attitude." That phrase, to my way of thinking, puts the whole thing in a nutshell. How often do our boys on any training evening go out with no particular method in view, just to do a lap with so-and-so, then indulge, say, in a little sprinting, some more jogging round and then, as the evening draws to a close, retire to the dressing room, satisfied that they have done a good evening's work. Nothing hard was done perhaps, but then it was enjoyable and, after all, one does not want to keep tearing it up, especially in training. All very nice in its way, but I firmly believe that if our boys went out on to the track with a definite plan of training in their minds, such as, say, "well this evening I'll do a few good 300 yards," and so on, they would find an improvement in their running, and although it may be hard work at first, as compared with the usual cantering round, I am sure that after a while they would eagerly look forward to training nights, convinced that they were on the road to progress and success.

A feature of the coming track season is the number of early meetings that are being held, as compared with past years. On April 20th is the Blackheath Rugby Club's Sports at Rectory Field, the 27th, our own meeting at Battersea Park, and on May 4th there is the Geneva Sports, an old-time meeting revived once again, at the Bridge. On the same day Southgate and Wood Green are holding an Open meeting at Broomfield Park Track. Then on the 11th is the Cambridge Harriers meeting at Woolwich Stadium, put back from Good Friday, owing to the fact that

Easter was rather early this year—May 11th was considered a more suitable date. On the 18th we have the Polytechnic meeting at the Bridge, so that as one can see, the runners that strike their form early on should reap a rich harvest.

My next three Club members include, foremost, one of our most promising young walkers, namely.—

F. H. Elson, who at once shewed a decided aptitude for the walking game, and has gone from success to success. He has scored in most of the Club's open-walk victories, and gave a fine exhibition in the Club Ten. His performance in finishing close behind a man of T. W. Green's calibre and beating the rest of the field, which included men of far greater experience than himself, was a noteworthy one. He also showed a fine turn of speed on the track and should continue to improve.

A. E. Smith, one of the Club's shining lights in the Brighton Relay. Runs best on the road and has each year done excellent time over his stretch in the above race. Is a regular performer over the country and although this year he was outside our winning teams, will perhaps have better luck next. He figured in the Gas Light & Coke Co's victory in the Business Houses' Championship and also invariably shines in the Club 2-miles on Boxing Day. Although on the small side, he covers the ground at a remarkable pace and justifies the description of "a good little 'un."

S. Drake, a past champion of the Central Y.M.C.A., followed in Paul's footsteps by joining us. Has been in our teams during the cross-country season and was the key man in the Club, gaining the "Sir Jeremiah Colman" Cup. Runs at a consistent pace and should be encouraged by his performances during the past season.

## FIELD EVENTS.

Following upon the article which appeared in our last issue, several members have intimated their desire to adopt one or more field events as a supplementary exercise to their track work, and it is hoped that still more will follow their example. Year by year more and more field events are being included in open programmes, inter-club races, and even International matches, and it becomes increasingly necessary for Belgrave to keep pace with the times and show other clubs that only first place will satisfy us. So hand in your names, try your luck and may success attend your efforts!

It is now possible to give the method of scoring that will be used to decide who shall hold the "Harry Wright" Shield for the first time. It will be necessary to take part in all four events

(i.e., Long Jump, High Jump, Putting the Shot, and Throwing the Javelin) and points will be scored as follows —

First	-	30	points.
Second	-	25	„
Third	-	22	„
Fourth	-	21	„
Fifth	-	20	„

and so on downwards, each entrant scoring. The essential condition is that anyone desiring a chance of winning the Shield must compete in all four events, thus ensuring that the trophy is won by the best all-round performer. An interesting tussle will no doubt take place to decide who shall be the first holder, and will prove an additional attraction and innovation to our summer season's fixtures.

By the time this issue of the "Belgravian" reaches you, the Club Shot will be available upon request from the keeper and may be used for practice. The proper place for this is the grass patch at the end of the hundred yards straight. A smaller shot, weighing 9 lbs., may also be obtained, and is suitable for the younger members who intend taking up this event. The date of the Shot Putt event mentioned in our last issue has been put back until June 19th.

A general all-round increase in the distance the javelin is thrown may be noticed, and I hope to see three or four members exceeding 130 feet before the end of the season. Determination and perseverance are necessary if this is to be achieved, but the definite superiority over other clubs so gained would be well worth the efforts expended.

In conclusion, I would remind all of the Club Long Jump Handicap, which takes place on our Open Meeting Day, Saturday, April 27th, and I expect to see a bumper entry. Also that there are Open Long Jump, High Jump and Pole Vault Handicaps at Broomfield Park on May 4th.

G. H. POWELL, *Field Events Captain.*

## WITH THE WALKERS.

March 23rd was a day of the greatest importance in sporting circles and the walking world contributed to this by holding County Championships and the twenty mile race for the "Bishop of Birmingham" Cup. This race (which, by the way, was won by the Club in 1921) should be better patronized by London Clubs now that the date fixed is more suitable. Our only representative

was Tommy Green, who finished second to H. Edge (Derby W.C.). Edge's time for the twenty miles was 2h. 49m. 32s., with our man 23s. behind him. This augurs well for the National and we shall probably see him in tip-top form on May 11th. Fred Rickards had set his mind upon this race, but most unfortunately he has been admitted to hospital with stomach trouble. All members will be pleased to know, however, that when B. J. T. Knifton called upon him, he found him to be better than we had anticipated. Fred may not be fit enough to compete in the Club 20 miles championship, but hopes to assist the team to hold the National Championship Shield for another year

In the Middlesex County Championship two of our members, walking in strange colours gave splendid support to the Metropolitan W.C. team who were beaten into second place by Enfield A.C., the margin being only two points. Frank Elson finished fifth in 78min. 53sec., and E. Saunders 14th in 81min. 7sec. C. W. Hyde, who led his team to victory, completed the course in 75min. 33sec., which proved it to be short of the full distance.

The Surrey County Championship, as far as we were concerned, was a very tame affair. Len Fletcher, the County Champion, did not defend his title and McMullen, second last year, was down with influenza, which also affected E. G. Cooper's walking. This left us with a very weak team indeed, but J. E. Field, full of grit, finished fifth in splendid time for a full course, but had nobody to support him.

Here I must say that some of the walking seen in this race was very crude. Foxtrot steps and serpent-like twists may be called walking, but it would be highly amusing to see the same steps employed in walking to business. The definition that walking is a progression of steps so taken that unbroken contact with the ground is maintained, gives room for all these fancy steps and does not appeal to outsiders who do not know the existing definition of walking. I would suggest that *strides* be substituted for *steps*, as it is the cutting short of the natural stride that leads to unsightly movements and tortuous twistings.

#### SURREY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

1	A. W. Hurst, Cambridge H	83 57 2-5
3	J. E. Field, Belgrave H	85 17
10	S. A. Manning "	90 27
12	A. H. East "	91 35
16	O. Horwood "	96 38
22	E. G. Cooper "	99 47

#### TEAM PLACINGS

1.	Surrey A C	19 Pts.
2	Surrey W C	23 "
3	Belgrave H	41 "

Croydon H and Ashcombe A C did not start full teams.

During the Easter holiday Stanley Manning made his customary trip to the Eastern Counties and finished second in the Ipswich—Norwich race, a distance of 42 miles. The winner, G. A. Moule, was well outside record for the course, which is held by Manning.

On Easter Monday, Tommy Green was placed second in the Sunderland—Darlington Walk. The race was won by F Holt, the Yorkshire postman, and both Holt and Green were inside record time for the course.

Members are reminded of the Club's 20 mile Championship for the R. W. Ricketts Shield, to be held at Wimbledon on April 20th. It is hoped that all members will be fit and well to compete, to enable the Committee to select the team to represent the Club in the National. Entries close to the Hon Walking Secretary on April 13th

Entries are also wanted for the first track walk (2 miles handicap) on April 27th. Please enter early, as only those whose names appear on the programme will be allowed to compete

Two walking events will be held at the Southgate and Wood Green S.C. meeting, to be held on May 4th. They are a 1 mile handicap and a 14 miles road race. Further details will follow.

O HORWOOD, *Hon Walking Secretary.*

### TIMELY ADVICE.

With the advent of our Summer Season and the numerous meetings in connection with it, the attention of all members is called to the *correct* method of placing your entry into a race. Your entry should be handed (or sent) with the fee of 1/- to your Section Secretary, in reasonable time to allow for handicapping and printing. Much inconvenience to members and officials can be avoided by attention to this point, as it is annoying to a would-be competitor to turn up at a meeting and find that he is not on the programme, because his entry has not reached the proper quarter in time. Please remember that each official has his own particular job to do, so do not cause overlapping of duties by handing your entries to any but the proper person—your Section Hon. Sec

All entries *must* be accompanied by the fees, and any member owing fees for a previous meeting will have his entry refused for other racing until such arrears are paid. This step is rendered necessary, as it has previously been the cause of much annoyance when collection has been made at a later date. It then becomes a question of a member's memory against an official's details, and satisfaction to both is hard to achieve, apart from

the loss to the Club, financially, if these fees are not paid. After all, members should send in their fees and not need reminding, later, of their laxity in not having done so. Therefore, simplify matters for all concerned by paying when entering.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

Members are advised of the ruling of the Committee that no member will be allowed to compete in a Club Championship who is in arrears to the Hon. Treasurer for Annual Subscriptions. Six months' grace has been allowed, and it is high time that all subscriptions were paid. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions will be well advised to do so at once, as I about to ask of the Committee that this rule shall be applied to handicap and relay racing also.

A. E. MACHER, *Hon Treasurer.*

### THE ANNUAL DINNER.

Well over a hundred members and friends gathered together in the Hall of Stanley's Restaurant, Clapham Junction, on March 23rd, for the Club's Sixth Annual Dinner, which proved a great success. Everyone appeared to be very pleased with the recent achievements of the Club and there was a general feeling of confidence that still higher honours would be won in the near future—and this was before the toasts were drunk.

On a side table was arranged the "plunder" of the past season, which was much admired and provided material evidence to the visitors of Belgrave's successes, and ample excuse (if any was needed) for the feeling of gratification and optimism which prevailed throughout the evening. The trophies on view were as follows: The National Road Walking Championship Shield, the "Sir Thomas Dewar" Shield (for winning the South of the Thames Championship), the "Sir J. Colman" Cup, the "Pickett" Cup (for winning the Surrey cross-country Championship), the "Berman" Cup, the "Jockey" Cup, the "Hook Relay Trophy," the "Doris" Shield and the "Inter-Club Relay" Shield. Next year we hope there will be several more to grace the tables.

Our President, Mr. W. H. Hare, was chairman, of course, and among the visitors present were Mr. W. J. Pepper, Mr. F. Lister, Ashcombe A.C., and Mr. W. C. Jewell, of Highgate Harriers and also a member of our Club.

The chairman proposed "The King" and later "The Club." He said that the past year had been one of outstanding advancement in the history of the Club, and it now held a higher position than ever before and (to add emphasis to his remarks) he

referred to the number of cups and shields displayed at the end of the Dining Hall. Continuing, he said that in 1912 (twenty-five years after the formation of the Club) it was found impossible to hold a walking championship owing to lack of support, whereas now we had won the National Championship on three occasions in four years and been placed repeatedly in the Junior Championship, with wins to our credit in 1920 and 1922.

The runners had experienced their most successful season, having won the South of the Thames Junior Race by 40 points, the Surrey County Championship by 80 points, and the South of the Thames Senior Race by 50 points—a good season's work. The President then said that the Club was not only growing athletically, but also socially, and that a fine spirit dominated all the members, who now numbered four hundred.

Wally Bayliss, responding to the toast, said that the Club proposed to strengthen the junior section and enlarge their activities and also to make the new field events section under G. H. Powell, a success. He mentioned that the Club had been invited to join in the formation of an athletic league in which, he was confident, Belgrave would give a good account of themselves.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. F. G. Thomson, who mentioned that Mr. J. Binks was unable to attend as he was in Paris with the English team for the International Cross-country Race. Mr. Thomson stated that the Club were very fortunate in having so many friends in the athletic world who were always ready to assist when required.

Mr. W. J. Pepper responded in a humorous speech. He said that the Belgrave dinner was one he always looked forward to and that he had refused three other invitations in order to be present that night.

"The Chairman" was toasted on the proposition of Mr. A. E. Macher in a short speech, and his health was drunk amid the strains of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Entertainment during the evening was provided by Doris Gray, Mr. C. Varrow, Mr. Douglas, Mr. H. Stow, Mr. Richard Arthur, Mr. W. H. Williams and Mr. V. J. Peacock, the last two being well-known members of the Club. Mr. Peacock's conjuring was greatly appreciated and a paper-tearing trick, which when opened out revealed the words "Up the Bels." was loudly applauded.

Eventually the proceedings ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and so terminated the most successful dinner the Club has held.

In conclusion, we must congratulate Mr H. L. Rollins, the Social Hon. Secretary, upon the success which attended his efforts to arrange a function worthy of the Club, and thank him for the very hard work and efficient way he carried through the arrangements.

### AN INVITATION.

I should like to draw attention to an aspect of the Club's activities in which *all* can share, irrespective of whether they are even-timers or limit men, nine-minute milers or something worse. I refer to the "Belgravian" which you are now reading, and there are two directions in which *your* assistance will be welcomed.

Firstly, there is the question of regular subscriptions. It will be realized that the printing and postage costs are heavy and can only be met without draining upon the Club's resources if every person receiving a copy of our magazine pays promptly what is due. At a charge of fourpence a copy, the cost to the individual is something under a penny a week. Surely it is worth this trifling amount to any member to be kept informed of the Club's successes and disappointments, its hopes and aspirations. I will not labour this point any further, except to say that H. L. Rollins or myself will be pleased to receive any amounts due, or subscriptions in advance.

The second essential, if the "Belgravian" is to reflect the views and ideas of the members, is a larger circle of literary contributors. Amongst our 400 members there must be many who can write something which will be of interest to their fellow-members. They will probably surprise themselves at the amount of latent talent present when once pen touches paper. There is a splendid opportunity for someone to write a Belgrave anthem; an epic on the winning of the South of the Thames Championship for the first time; or for some of our older members to draw upon their experiences and write articles which will interest and profit the younger "Bels." These are just a few suggestions indicating the vast scope offered to the intending contributor, and many more suitable subjects will suggest themselves after a few minutes thought. Perhaps some of our feminine readers would care to express their views and give us the opportunity "to see ourself as others see us."

To conclude, constructive criticism, helpful suggestions, in fact, anything which tends to improve our magazine and raise it to a higher level, will be gratefully received. The publication of a Club magazine calls for more team-work than the winning of a championship, and *your* help will be welcomed as a personal favour by

THE EDITOR.

Saturday, April 27th, 1929  
Battersea Park Track at 3 p.m.

(under A.A.A. Laws)

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**OPEN EVENTS**

100 Yards, 300 Yards, 880 Yards Handicaps.

Prizes Value £5, £2, £1 (exchangable).

also

Two Miles Team Race (Scratch).

6 to enter, 4 to run, 3 to score.

Three Sets of Four Medals and Individuals.

1 Mile Novice Race (unattached and Belgrave H.)  
for "News of the World" Medals.

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**CLUB EVENTS**

**HANDICAPS**

1 Mile.

100 Yards.

2 Miles Walk.

Long Jump.

Open entries to—

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

(1/6 each event; 5/-  
teams).

Club entries to  
Section Secretaries.

(1/- each event).

also

**Southern Amateur Athletic League**

1 Mile Relay (4 x 440 Yards).

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Make a note of this date and bring your friends along.



