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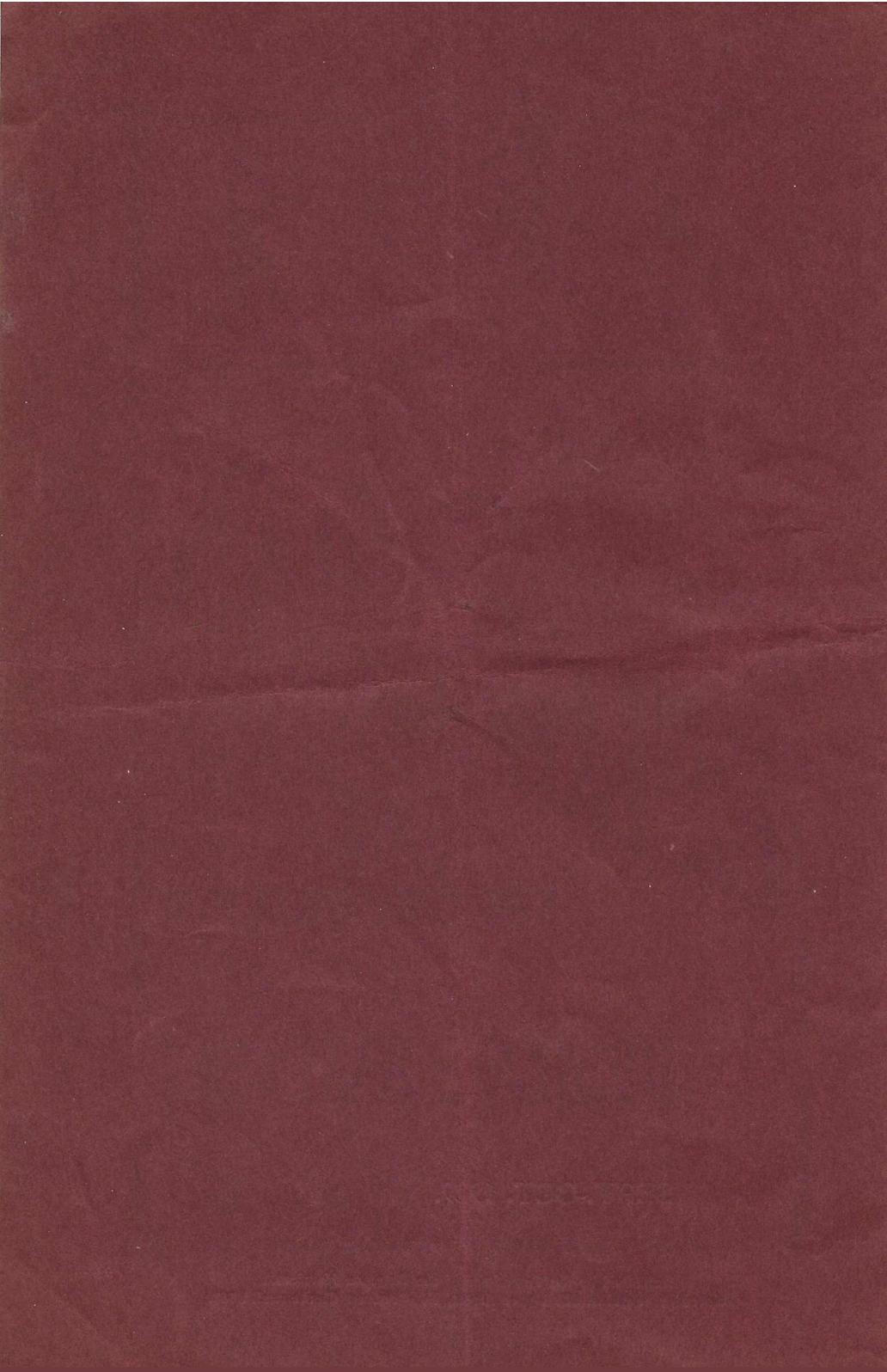
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OUR NEW PRESIDENT.

Permit me, first of all, to thank the members for the great honour they have conferred on me ; for it is indeed a great honour to be President of the Belgrave Harriers, especially at the period of our long career when, after many vicissitudes, we are unquestionably the most progressive athletic club in the country. Every month we are not only growing numerically, but are also adding fresh laurels to our already long list. We have a sturdy band of tried and reliable team-men, both in running and walking ; on track, road and country ; while our juniors have exceeded our most optimistic expectations. The same can be truthfully said

of our field events section, which is a sturdy youngster of great promise. Our prospects for the coming cross-country and road walking season were never brighter. And now a word for the Executive. The greater the membership the more work is thrown on their shoulders and they would be grateful for the co-operation of members in making their "labour of love" as light as possible.

Somebody—somewhere—has very truly said, "The only way to obtain happiness is in making others happy." Let us start making ourselves happy through the instrumentality of our Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Editor of our magazine.

E. GORDON.

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Congratulations to Dunckley upon his international selection and consequent wonderful running; to Green, upon his London—Brighton Walk victory, and many other impressive wins, to our three-mile team which won the Southern Amateur Athletic League Race (our first blood!) and to all those who were called upon to take part in the Inter-County Meeting

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At the September Committee meeting the following were admitted to the Club: R. Brown, A. G. White, A. B. Dove, A. H. Scarborough, C. A. Pratt, A. A. Clubb, H. S. Smith, H. J. G. Mann, A. E. Moor, H. C. Dunckley, L. S. Tidman. A hearty welcome to them all!

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This month we are joined by S. R. Ashby, C. Martin, C. E. Poulter, F. C. Wickson, A. R. Godfrey, F. G. Franklin, W. Clark, J. E. Taylor, W. J. Astell, T. Hampson, S. O. Jarvis, S. C. Botwright, W. E. Lewis, W. J. Orpin, W. Balmforth, who we are sure will be a credit to the Club.

T. Hampson will be known to all our members as the Oxford University runner who won our Open 880yds. Handicap last April, and later toured America with the Combined Universities team, and was a member of the English 4 x 800yds. team which beat the Germans in record time. Hampson has touched 1mn. 56secs. many times for the half-mile, and although we have not first-claim upon his services, he should be of great assistance in the Surrey Relay Race, and in imparting some of his knowledge and experience to our boys when the track season re-opens

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Be sure and give our new Hon. Social Secretary, Bill Rice, a good start by supporting the first Club Dance to be held at Wandsworth Town Hall on November 1st.

THE CLOSE OF THE TRACK SEASON.

August 21st saw the last of our summer meetings, and as in previous years it was a comparatively short programme, owing to early darkness. The events included, as is usual at our closing meeting, a race over 1,320yds. and one heard the customary query as to why such an unusual distance was run.

Entries were more numerous than in the past, for this time of the year, which is no doubt due to our increased membership, as well as to the indefatigable efforts of our running Hon. Sec.

The 100yds handicap was run in six heats and most of the heat winners were long markers. The final produced a close race the verdict being given to L. Fleming, a very young runner who had previously brought himself to notice by winning the 75yds. handicap at our Championship Meeting

About twenty competitors started in the "three-quarters" and the limit man, L. E. Fletcher, was soon joined by Strange. These two held the lead for some time, but the field was gradually closing on them, and then Jim Tosh, running a very fast last quarter, came through the field followed by a bunch of short-markers, to win in fast time from M. A. Gray, with J. G. Coleman third. Ford occupied his favourite position, fourth. The time for this event is the best yet recorded for this distance at any of our meetings.

Three heats were needed for the "quarter" and as the handicap was framed off G. R. Dunckley, although he did not turn out, the times were on the fast side. In the final T. C. Jones just managed to hold the lead and win in the useful time of 50.4-5 secs.

In the walk J. Vigor retained the lead until entering the finishing straight, but was then passed, first by Dodkin, who has improved very much this season, and then by Storey, but he managed to finish third. P. Khlopm, who has left the ranks of the runners and become a devotee of walking, performed very creditably and should be a useful addition to the road-walking teams this winter. There was another "convert" in the race, but the Editor forbids me to comment on him; but I would like to point out that very few walking stars shone in their first few races.

RESULTS.

100 Yards—Heat Winners. C. Palmer, 8½, A. A. Lander, 5, L. Fleming, 19, O. Davis, 13, F. E. McKay, 15, W. H. Lowe, 10. Final 1, L. Fleming, 2, W. H. Lowe, 3, C. Palmer. Time 10 secs

1320 Yards—1, J. E. Tosh, 30, 2, M. A. Gray, 45; 3, J. G. Coleman, 85, 4, F. G. Ford, 80. Time 3 min. 12.2-5 secs

440 Yards—Heat 1: 1, R. Barsby, 35, 2, F. H. C. White, 28, Heat 2: 1, T. C. Jones, 45, 2, P. J. E. Cook, 10, Heat 3. 1, S. Garland, 42; 2, H. Titherley, 12 Final 1, T. C. Jones, 2, S. Garland, 3, H. Titherley Time 50 4-5 secs.

2 Miles Walk—1, W. G. Dodkin, 300; 2, J. Storey, 340, 3, J. Vigor, 1030 Time 14 mins. 12 4-5 secs

S.L.K.

THE SOUTHERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

The final Southern Amateur League fixture was held at Herne Hill Track on August 28th. The event was the 3 mile team race, 4 to run and score, our team being H. E. Footer, A. W. Penny, J. E. Flower and W. S. Mitchell. Five Clubs competed, the only absentees being Highgate H. O'Connor, Poly H., forced the pace at the start with Weatherill and Stansbury, both of South London H., in close attendance. Footer, who had for a mile been well in the rear, then came through with a rush and the leaders commenced to draw away from the rest of the field. Simmons, of Surrey A.C., was unfortunately spiked and had to retire, so his team mates also withdrew in view of the all-to-score arrangement. This was a pity as they were packing very well and it looked like being a close race. From this stage, a little over two miles, until the finish, the team race was always in our safe keeping and although Bert tried hard to split the two S.L.H. men, he was unable to do so, Stansbury winning by 10yds. from Weatherill, with Footer the same distance away, third. The time, 15min. 12sec., was distinctly good, there being quite a fair wind during the evening. Our men scored as follows: Footer 3rd, Penny 5th, Flower 6th, and Mitchell 8th, total 22 points. South London H. were 2nd with 26pts., then came Polytechnic H. and Herne Hill H.

The end of the season found us placed third in this league—a satisfactory result when the class of opposition is considered. Next year we should do better, for this season we did not always field our strongest teams. For example, the team which retained the Horsham Cup (4 x 440yds. relay) was much superior, both in personnel and training, to the one which did duty at the League race in April, although this team was placed third. Final placings are:—

1. Polytechnic H.	32 pts	4. Herne Hill H. }	..	11 pts.
2. South London H.	30 pts	Surrey A. C. }		
3. Belgrave H.	20 pts	6. Highgate H.		4 pts.

ROUND THE MEETINGS.

Here follows our last list of Summer successes and honours. It will be seen that it is nearly all Green and Footer.

10/8/29—Windsor—H. E. Footer, 2 miles, 1st.
A Allum, 1 mile, 2nd, 88yds., 1st.

17/8/29—St Paul's (Molesey)—H. E. Footer, 1 mile, 3rd;
Hawker A.C., H. E. Footer, 3 miles, 1st
Settle—Bradford Walk, T. W. Green, 1st.

The following members competed at the Inter-County Meeting :
G R. Dunckley, W. A. Rice, A. Penny, A. L. Fletcher (Surrey),
P J E Cook, T. J. Flower (Middlesex), H. F. King (Kent)
E. A. Saward (Essex), B. Fleming (Suffolk), J. E. Tosh (Hampshire).

21/8/20—Redhill—H. E. Footer, 3 miles, 3rd

24/8/29—On this day George Dunckley represented England v. Germany in two races at Stamford Bridge. He was timed to run his stage in the 4 x 440yds. race (with a flying start) in 48 3-10secs. In the Medley Relay he ran last for England and was about 10yds. behind Stortz, the German who was fifth at the Amsterdam Olympiad, when he took over. George cut down this lead and was only beaten by 3yds.—a wonderful effort (considering the opposition) and one which deservedly gained the large crowd's applause.

The British record for the 440yds. is 48 2-5secs., and was made by W. Halswelle at Glasgow in 1908. If our man can reproduce his form again next season it should be within his powers to improve upon these figures.

31/8/29—On this day the following team—J. Cooper Clark, P. J. E. Cook, H. Titherley and G. R. Dunckley—retained the Horsham Chamber of Trade Cup for a 4 x 440yds. relay, which we won for the first time last year. Our team won comfortably and should extend the Achilles A.C. in the A.A.A. Relay Championship next year. Other successes at this meeting were A. Allum, 2 miles, 2nd; A. A. Lander, 330yds., 2nd.

4/9/29—Southend Police A.C. Meeting—T. H. Needs, Veterans' 100yds., 1st; 100yds. Open, 2nd. J. E. Tosh, 880yds. Handicap, 1st (off 40yds., 1m. 52 3-5s).

1/9/29—English Railways v. French Railways 15 kilos Walk—1st, T. W. Green; 2nd, L. C. Hickman.

7/9/29—Lewis's 25 miles Road Walk at Manchester,—1st, T. W. Green, 3h. 43m. 35s.
At Wycombe, 220yds. Scratch Race—1st, G. R. Dunckley, 21 9-10secs.

These two performances are of the very highest class and the fine sprinting of George Dunckley on a grass track came as a splendid finish to his successful season.

14/9/29—The splendid achievements in the London to Brighton Walk are described elsewhere

28/9/29—Tiptree—W. Mitchell, 5 miles, 3rd.

5/10/29—Manchester-Blackpool Walk (50½ miles)—T. W. Green 1st (of course !) 7h. 56m. 55s.; J. Medlicott 2nd, Birmingham W C, 8h. 19m. 43s Previous course record, 8h. 0m 4s)

Tommy seems intent upon making a record number of records !

So finishes the list of Summer successes, in number and importance far in excess of any before gamed. At the Winter successes are in the same proportion we can anticipate another eventful season in the Club's history, both on the road and over the country.

THE BRIGHTON WALK

Promptly to time, on the first stroke of seven of Big Ben, the walkers started on their Annual Trek to Brighton. The 3 Italians shared popularity with Green, our star hope, and Holt, the Yorkshire postman. The pace set by two of the Italian walkers was much too fast, and eventually told its tale long before Brighton was in sight. Green, walking well within himself, took things quietly, with Fred Rickards in close attendance.

The walk through London is a long monotonous affair, and when Green came in sight at Croydon he was a good way behind Holt. Here Green was given a good reception by the club supporters, who had taken advantage of the 'bus hired by the Club for the race. Encouragement was lavishly accorded to Green and Rickards. Rathbone came along next, walking quite comfortably and with lots of strength in hand. Manning and Wattam pleased the crowd, as also did Bidgood. Fletcher came along in the last group, smiling and determined.

Having seen all that was wanted, the 'bus continued its journey. Going through Purley the supporters started picking up the Club members and vocal assistance was given to our men. Specchley was noticed by his frantic efforts to catch the eyes of the attendants, as he wanted a drink. Arriving amongst the leaders we found that Rickards had now got level with Green and both were walking well.

At Mitcham the 'bus arrived first, followed by Holt, who was well ahead of the field. Green and Rickards were still a good way behind, but well within striking distance of the leaders. The next point of vantage for the supporters was Crawley and here we had a great time. Holt had been forced to stop outside Crawley, and Green, taking advantage of this, left Rickards and went out to open a gap between himself and Holt. A "movie-talkie" machine had been erected at this point. When the news came through that Green would be first through Crawley the supporters gathered round the machine and gave Green a great reception. The talkie, if ever released for the public, will prove the vocal powers of some of the Belgraves. Rickards at this stage was none too bright and Rathbone had found trouble. Manning, Wattam and Bidgood were progressing well, while Martin was walking gingerly owing to hip trouble. Vic Winner had now retired.

After leaving Crawley we had a minor shock, for Green was having a bad time and Holt caught him on the long drag up-hill to Handcross. Here Holt had a lead of about two minutes and was walking stronger than Green, who was coming round after his bad time. From here to Bolney, Green was carefully nursing himself, and made no impression on Holt, but both were leaving the Italians well behind. At Bolney, Green was still two minutes behind Holt, who was feeling the effects of his effort. Our man now began to cut down the lead and between Bolney and Pyecombe Holt had to take a rest. Green closed up on him and at Pyecombe had him well in sight. Moving now in his fine style, Green passed Holt and started to walk away from him and opened up a gap which increased with each stride.

The 'bus now went on to catch Green and cheer him on during the last stage of the race. It now became evident that Green had an outside chance to break the long standing record of Ross. Moral support was given to Green by the supporters, but it was of no avail, Green finishing 4 minutes outside the record, although putting up the second-best figures for this event. Green got a reception at Brighton that he can well be proud of. It was a great day for the Belgraves; not only providing the actual winner, they provided the winning team.

Green is a worthy champion of a champion club, and if he maintains his health and strength during the ensuing year, he is capable of beating the Brighton record next year and still adding further lustre to the walking lights of the Belgrave Harriers.

It is very hard to convey in words the greatness of Green's walking, but in our next issue Mr J. B. Belchamber (and who is better qualified than "Jimmy" to write of the Brighton road and the races thereon?) will contribute an appreciation of Tommy's wonderful race and compare his times with those of the past giants.

Our second man, Fred Rickards, walked surprisingly well, considering that but a few months before he had serious internal trouble which threatened stopping his walking career. Happily, he has made a good recovery and with Green and a newcomer, who did well at his first attempt and promises to do much better in the future, J. C. Bidgood, the Club become the first holders of the "Knott" Shield.

Green, in addition to winning the "Victory" Cup, holds the "Belgrave" Cup for the Belgrave Long Distance Walking Championship, and Rickards and Bidgood gain Club medals for being second and third Club men home.

Of our other competitors, C. A. Wattam (who lives in Lincolnshire and makes an annual pilgrimage to London for the "Brighton") did well, as did Charlie Speechley and G. H. Laurie, another member we see but rarely.

Stanley Manning did not do nearly so well as he has done in the past, but A. Martin and L. E. Fletcher are both to be congratulated on reaching Brighton safely—no mean feat (No joke intended).

Previous to this year the following Club members had completed the journey inside nine hours—

1927—T. Green (2nd) . . .	8hrs. 26min. 44sec
1923—J. Miles (3rd)	8hrs. 53min. 39sec.

1922—J. B. Belchamber (4th)	8hrs. 54min. 3sec.
1920—J. B. Belchamber (3rd)	8hrs. 57min. 46sec.
1925—J. Rathbone (6th) . . .	8hrs. 57min. 46sec

E. G. Cooper, W. H. Hare, S. A. Manning and E. A. Wall have finished inside 9hrs. 30min.

The above figures show that we have a certain amount of tradition behind us in this race, and it was worthily upheld by our men this year.

SPORTS JOTTINGS

By "Observer."

With the Cross Country Season just commenced I should like in the following article to give a brief idea of a cross country run.

There was a decided nip in the air as I strolled along to our headquarters, but otherwise the weather was fine. On opening the door of the dressing room, a buzz of conversation greeted me. Here were old acquaintances renewing their friendships, having perhaps not seen each other throughout the track season, but now all together again and looking forward to the afternoon's run. A change into running attire, the packs are called out, slow, medium and fast, and we are off, jogging along over the country.

My word, this is great, the keen air filling one's nostrils and banner being indulged in on all sides. A series of catcalls greet a runner who comes dashing into the lead and the pack leader gently admonishes him "Steady, boys, a hill here." Up and up. We are now at the top, breathing a little hard, perhaps, but on the flat once more we regain our breath and continue to go along at an even pace. "Ware ditch!" somebody shouts, and we all jump over in safety. Here there is an obstacle to be climbed and then a stretch of down hill in which we take the opportunity of lengthening our stride and increasing speed. On the level again we have to steady a little as one or two are beginning to lag behind. "All up," comes the cry and we are off again, a jolly and contented crowd. Hereabouts there are a few anxious enquiries as to how much further before we reach home. "A mile," appears to satisfy these questioners, mostly novices having their first experience of cross country running, and a few take heart from the knowledge that they are near home and begin to force the pace. A word from the pack leader, however, curbs their spirit and we gradually draw nearer the end of our run.

The starting field comes into sight and the pace quickens until with a few hundred yards to go, various little sprinting "dust-ups" are indulged in.

On the road leading to the dressing room we all, however, form up again, and so we reach home. Here there is a quick flinging off of clothes, grabbing of towels, and a scamper off to be in the hot bath first. There is a babel of shouts, steam fills the air, and on all sides can be heard laughter and joking. "Thwack!" somebody has caught a wet sponge in the car. There is a rush for the culprit and a scramble for the vacant place in the bath. My word, how one's body glows when rubbing oneself down with the towel. You feel fit enough to jump over the moon. Slip on your outdoor garments, and then for a nice cup of hot tea and a piece of cake. "What's the time?" Oh, just right for my train at the station. A series of farewells and you depart convinced that there is no finer way of spending a Saturday afternoon than cross-country running. Football and hockey? Not in it, when compared with this sport, and you make a mental resolve to turn up at that away fixture next week and also to keep it up throughout the season.

My next three Club members are as follows:—

J. E. Tosh, a fairly new member but one who soon shewed his paces by winning his first Club handicap, a success he followed by annexing his first Open one. He then proceeded to win his next Club race, following which he won his next two Opens. Some

going for a Junior, as he is yet in his teens. Endowed with fine physique, he has immense possibilities and although his list of successes have been mostly over 880yds., it is yet early to say that this is his best distance. Aspires to do cross-country running, but would do well not to overdo the serious side of it, using it as a medium for next track season.

N. R. Dewberry, a member who has had a varied experience, having belonged to Slough and Surrey A.C. before joining us. Ran over the country last year, but was not then qualified for team events, so should be an asset to our teams this season. Has competed on the track with small success but will doubtless do better when he can find more time to devote to training.

B. J. T. Knifton, a prominent member of our walking section and one of the younger members who promise to uphold our reputation as National Champions. Was a member of the winning team last year and should, with this experience, greatly improve in distance events. A good track walker, he met with success during the past season and also gained a first-class standard medal at the A.A.A.'s meeting. A very keen and live member and one who should continue to maintain the Club's high standard in walking.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the Annual General Meeting was held at St. Gabriel's Hall, Lupus Street ("near the foot of Vauxhall Bridge") and was fairly well attended.

The Hon Secretary commenced his report by giving some details of the Club membership. He announced that 138 new members had joined during the past year, against 23 resignations, and said that the Club membership now stood at 508. In the matter of performances, the Club had just completed its best season yet, forty-two years after the formation of the Club. The walkers had opened the year by winning the R W A. scratch team cup and had finished by annexing the Brighton Walk Team Shield. In between these two races, the National Championship had again been won (for the fourth time in five years) and second place gained in the Junior Championship held at Birmingham. The runners had also their share of wins. Both the Junior and Senior Championships of the South of the Thames Association had been won and also the Surrey Championship, by a very large margin. The Club's showing in the Southern and National Championships was disappointing after these early season wins, but amends were made in the London to Brighton Relay. In this

race the Bels' finished seventh, gaining the special medals and completing the course in time which a few years ago would have beaten record.

There had been two outstanding individuals during the past year, G. R. Dunckley and T. W. Green. George Dunckley had represented England *v.* Germany in two races and had shown some remarkable running. He had been timed to do his stage of the 4 x 400yds. relay in 48 3-10 seconds—a wonderful performance.

Tommy Green had shown notably consistent distance walking and the Club were justified in regarding him as the fastest man at the longer distances in the country, and possibly the world. His last performance, that of winning the Brighton walk in the second fastest time ever recorded, came as a fine finish to the year's efforts. His record follows:—

23/3/29—Bishop of Birmingham Walk (20 miles)	..	2nd.
1/4/29—Sunderland—Darlington (32 miles)	..	2nd.
20/5/29—Bradford Walk (32 miles)	2nd.
1/6/29—Guildford Walk (50 kilos)	. . .	1st.
13/7/29—Birmingham Outer Circle (25 miles)	1st.
17/8/29—Settle—Bradford (32 miles)	1st.
7/9/29—Lewis's Walk, Manchester (25 miles)	1st.
14/9/29—London Brighton (52 miles)	1st.

In addition, he was first man home of our winning team in the National Championships, was the winner in the Hampshire 10 miles Championship, the Southern Railway Championship, and the English Railways *v.* French Railways (15 kilos) match, and holds Club Championships at three distances. Truly, a remarkable season!

Green was then presented with the Club championship medal and in response to the general request for a speech, he said that he thought he was privileged to be able to help the Club in team races, and that he was always ready to do all in his power to help Belgrave. He modestly attributed the Club's win in the Brighton Team Race to Ferd Rickards who had only recently recovered from internal trouble, and J. C. Bidgood, the third man, who had done so well at the first attempt.

Mr. Bayliss then announced that the "R. W. Best" Cup (awarded to the most successful competitor in Open events during the season) had been won by H. E. Footer, and his further references to Boy Scout and Donjeroo meetings were drowned in

laughter. Bert's record is a very imposing one and is as follows :

20/5/29—Chislehurst. 3rd, 1 mile.
 12/6/29—"V" Division 2nd, 1 mile.
 13/7/29—Cranleigh 2nd, 1 mile 3rd, 3 miles.
 27/7/29—Miller Hospital 1st, 1 mile.
 5/8/29—Oxted A.C. 2nd, 880yds. 1st, 1 mile. 1st, 3 miles.
 10/8/29—Windsor. 1st, 2 miles.
 17/8/29—St. Paul's, Molesey. 3rd, 1 mile.
 Hawker A.C 1st, 3 miles.
 21/8/29—Redhill. 3rd, 3 miles.

A very pleasing presentation followed. Mr W J. Fish, a Vice-President and member of the Club for many years and our hard-working Clerk of the Course, was presented with a handsome clock as a mark of appreciation of his invaluable work during the past years. It is no easy task to prepare and mark out the track (often with no assistance) for the large fields we have had lately.

Mr. Fish, in acknowledging the present, said that the Club could always rely upon him to do his utmost to make the Club meetings and functions successful.

The Hon. Treasurer then gave his report. He announced a profit on the past year of nearly £20, and pointed out that the Club's assets, as shown on the Balance Sheet, exceeded £500.

A suggested alteration to the Club rules was passed, and provides that the number of Vice-Presidents that may be elected is unlimited (instead of being confined to sixteen as formerly), but that they shall not take part in the management of the Club unless otherwise elected to the Committee, and that the Committee should consist of ten members instead of eight as previously.

The meeting then proceeded to elect officials for the coming year. Mr. W. H. Hare, in resigning his office of President, said that in his opinion the honour should go round, and he nominated Mr. E. Gordon, who was unanimously elected.

W. L. Bayliss was re-elected as Hon Secretary, and E. A. Duffett and O. Horwood were also re-elected as Hon. Running and Walking Secretaries, respectively. Mr H. Parker was elected Hon Treasurer in succession to Mr. A. E. Macher, who cannot now spare the time to discharge the duty, and W. A. Rice succeeds H. L. Rollins as Hon. Social Secretary.

Other officials were elected as follows :—

Handicappers—J. B. Belchamber (walking); L. E. Fletcher (running).

Cross Country Captain—W. G. Webb. *Vice-Captains*—W. A. Rice, T. J. Flower.

Track Captain—E. A. Duffett. *Vice-Captain*—W. A. Rice.

Walking (Road) Captain—R. D. McMullen. *Vice-Captain*—
B. J. T. Knifton.

Walking (Track) Captain—F. H. Elson.

Field Events Captain—G. H. Powell. *Vice-Captain*—J. Mackie.

Starter—E. Cope.

Timekeepers—H. Wright, C. Cook.

Committee—A. E. Macher, H. Evans, F. G. Thomson, J. W. Macher, A. A. Harley, S. L. King, T. J. Flower, L. E. Fletcher, J. B. Belchamber, J. B. Carne.

Several suggestions were made under the heading of "Other Business" and these will be considered by the new Committee. The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE OPENING RUN.

The first Club handicap of the Winter Season was held on Saturday, October 5th. This was the 3 Mile Road Race, run over the roads round Wimbledon Common. A fine entry was received, namely 51, and 45 of these turned out, which promises well for the Club's strength during the coming season. G. Tyrer, a veteran, who was second last year in the corresponding race, was limit man, and went off at his usual jog-trot. He was overhauled, however, after covering about a mile, Canard passing him in company with Colman and Strange. S. H. Warboys was gradually closing the gap and at about the second mile he went into the lead, followed by Strange and Colman, with Canard losing ground. Jack Flower and A. W. Penny, the back-markers, were now coming through the field fast, but were still some way behind the leading trio.

Coming into sight of home Warboys, who was leading by 40yds., lengthened out and eventually won easily in time which was wonderful, considering the conditions, for although the day was fine there was a tremendous head-on wind for the runners to battle against. His actual time, 14min. 55secs., beat the course record of 15min held by H. S. Cook, which was also beaten this year by Jack Flower—another fine performance.

C. R. Strange, in securing second place, ran well and pluckily in staving off a determined challenge by Colman, who was beaten into third place by 15yds. The latter has had a wonderful list of successes in recent Club handicaps; in fact it seems impossible to prevent him from securing a prize. He ran himself right out on Saturday, and as he is only just out of the Junior stage, he should do well in the forthcoming races, with careful training. F. G. Ford (who was fourth, a position he has filled in

several races during the past track season), finished with a fine sprint, but was just unable to catch the third man. Still, he is a persevering runner and may break his unlucky run of fourth places ere long.

Arthur Penny also ran well, keeping company with J. E. Flower, during the race and being a few yards behind him at the finish. The third member of the Flower family, A. J., nearly justified the high hopes of getting him placed, and ran really well; while Footer and Rice looked like making an impression on the field until troubled with the high wind. Our half-mile cracks, Scrimshaw and Tosh, both found the conditions a little too much for them, while Jack Williams, one of our most promising sprinters, found his dinner troubling him and promptly relieved himself of it!

Of the 45 starters, 39 completed the course; quite a good average when one considers how early in the season it is for racing; coupled with conditions that were far from ideal. Which, of course, only serves to emphasise the greatness of Warboys' running, and we all look forward to him accomplishing some fine performances over the country.

RESULTS.

		H/cap	Time	Allowance	Act'l Time
1	S. H Warboys		14 25	30	14 55
2	C. R Strange		14 38	1 15	15 53
3	J. G. Colman		14 43	1 15	15 58
4	F. G Ford	..	14 45	1 15	16 0
5	A. Canard	..	14 51	1 35	16 26
6	J. E Flower	..	14 59	scr	14 59
7	A. J. Flower	..	14 59	1 25	16 24
8	A. Penny		15 0	5	15 5
9	T. Pritchard		15 2	1 15	16 17
10	T. F. Morrell	15 4	1 15	16 19
11	A. Allum	15 7	10	15 17
12	H. E. Footer	15 10	7	15 17
13	N. R. Dewberry	15 13	45	15 58
14	D. A. Sloper	..	15 14	1 45	16 59
15	R. Freestone		15 15	1 45	17 0
16	W. Callow		15 37	1 40	17 17
17	W. A. Rice		15 46	7	15 53
18	S. Drake	..	15 52	1 25	17 17
19	W. G. Webb	15 53	7	16 0
20	A. E. Miller	..	15 57	1 40	17 37
21	C. W. Law	..	16 2	1 50	17 52
22	J. A. Jones	16 3	15	16 18
23	C. W. Boud	16 4	1 45	17 49
24	A. E. Smith	16 4	15	15 29
25	F. R. Webb	16 19	35	16 54
26	S. R. Chorley	..	16 19	40	16 59
27	T. Cotton	16 20	1 30	17 50
28	A. H. Bulley	..	16 20	2 20	17 40
29	J. Morgan	..	16 21	1 35	17 56

		H'cap Time	Allowance	Act'l Time
30.	S S Shepherd . . .	16 44	1 30	18 14
31	J E Tosh . . .	16 56	35	17 31
32	A W Jannaway . . .	16 57	2 0	18 57
33	G Tyrer . . .	17 9	4 25	21 34
34	C H Phillips . . .	17 14	2 40	19 54
35	T C. Jones . . .	17 20	1 50	19 10
36.	T H Scrimshaw . . .	17 29	30	17 59
37	S Garland . . .	17 48	1 30	19 18
38.	H S Smith . . .	17 55	1 35	19 30
39	T Webb . . .	19 15	1 20	20 35

51 entries 44 starters

THE OPENING WALK

This year 32 entries were received for the 5 miles handicap with which we usually open the season, and of these 27 started and 20 were timed in. These figures are very encouraging, especially when it is remembered that about a third of those to finish the course were young walkers still in their 'teens and it seems that Belgrave prestige in walking circles will be as high in the future as it is now.

Right from the start of the race it was evident that Paul Khlopin was almost unbeatable with 5mm. 20-sec. start, and at two miles he had taken the lead, which he never surrendered. Paul, who used to represent the Club in cross-country races, is now determined to do likewise at road walking, and he should prove an asset to our teams. His win was the reward for perseverance throughout the summer and he fully deserved his initial Club prize for walking.

L. E Storey, one of the bright hopes of the future, walked well to gain second place and showed that he is equally at home on road or track

Saunders, the third man, makes a habit of being placed in this race each year; for last year he was the winner, and in 1927 he was third. This is a good record and is evidence of continued improvement

Of the others it must be said that both, in point of time taken and fairness of action they reached a high standard, as a glance at the table of results will show.

Len Fletcher returned fastest time and Jack Rathbone second fastest—a good performance, for only three weeks before he was competing in the London—Brighton Race.

H. C Larman proved to be the best of the newcomers, and he should lose his "novice" rank very soon.

It is very pleasing to see S. L. King, a previous Walking Secretary, an active member once again, for his past performances (like those of our former President) were rapidly assuming a legendary character without a present-day basis of fact.

To conclude, everything points to another successful season. There is the National Shield, the "Burman" Cup and the "Knott" Shield to be retained, and other honours to be won, including the "Junior" Championship. Is it our turn to win again this year?

RESULTS.

		H'cap Time	Allowance	Act'l Time
1	P N Khlopin	40 27	5 20	45 47
2	L E Storey .	40 44	3 10	43 54
3	E Saunders ..	40 50	2 40	43 30
4.	J Rathbone .	41 6	2 20	43 26
5.	C. W Redgrave .	41 34	5 15	46 49
6	A H Field	41 40	4 55	46 35
7	W Dodkin	41 44	2 30	44 4
8	F. H Elson	41 52	1 40	43 32
9.	S A Manning .	41 55	4 15	46 10
10	A L Fletcher	42 10	sc1	42 10
11.	H J. Fletcher .	42 12	5 20	47 32
12	C H. Speechley	42 26	3 5	45 31
13	R J. Hillier	42 31	4 40	47 11
14	B J T Knitton	42 45	2 5	44 50
15	R F Elton	42 53	4 15	47 8
16.	H. C Larman	43 4	5 20	48 24
17	S. L King	43 25	3 35	46 59
18	A A Harley ..	43 38	5 20	48 58
19	S T. King	45 5	5 45	50 50
20.	J G Scamell	45 16	55	46 11

32 entries 27 starters

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CLUB LIFE

Our first Social of the season at Wimbledon on October 5th, was a great success both numerically and financially—not that finance is our first thought, but, naturally, it is very encouraging to find these affairs finish up on the right side. It is the social success that is the main objective. Perhaps the idea of arranging it after the Road Races, using them as an added attraction, was the reason, but the fact remains that about 120 sat down to tea, and this number, I think, constitutes a record. There were a good number of London Olympiades amongst us, to whom, of course, we must tender our thanks. But otherwise, it was purely a Club affair. We hold our next social evening on November 23rd, and I see no reason why even this figure should not be topped, as we shall have the support of visiting Clubs in St. George's Services S.C., Croydon H., Mitcham A.C. and Epsom H.

It was very pleasing to see a number of track men present, for the Road Walking and Cross-Country Season is so long that it is only at these affairs that we can keep in personal touch with our fast men. The Club Magazine, of course, keeps them well

versed with Club news, but we prefer to see them if only to find out the amount of fat they are putting on, or to give the officials an opportunity of collecting any subs. or such like that may be due!

Reverting to our last Social, we tried a new Dance Band and it was generally voted a success. Billy Williams was in splendid form and he gets a better reception each time he appears. Charlie Boud also got over with a few songs and patter. One item (his own composition, I understand) should touch the Handicapper's heart, but we shall have to wait until Boxing Day to see, as Charlie doesn't race over the country. I think several members were agreeably surprised to see these two boys so ably accompanied by Len Fletcher on the piano. Charlie Strange then introduced his young sister, who showed us a few eccentric dance steps, and this effort concluded the cabaret part of the Social. I think among our membership now there must be some more talent in this direction. Boud and Williams, with one or two exceptions, have usually shouldered the whole programme, so I hope to hear of some applicants for inclusion in our second effort, on November 23rd

Attention must now be drawn to the Opening Dance of the Season. This is to be held at Wandsworth Town Hall on Friday, November 1st, and if similar support is accorded this, as to the corresponding Dance of last year at this Hall, then there can be no doubt as to its success and judging by our first Social, I think it will be advisable to make early application for tickets, which will be 1/6 each as usual and are obtainable from —

W. A. RICE, *Hon Social Secretary,*

36 Ascalow Road, S.W.8.

CORRESPONDENCE

(The following letter has been received from Mr. E Musselbrook, a Vice-President of the Club and a former cross-country captain, and should prove of interest to all, whether "old-timers" or newcomers).

Dear Mr. Editor,

It is very pleasing to me as a member of some of the Belgrave pre-war cross-country teams, and as one who still retains his keenness, to read of the Club's successes and to notice the splendid team spirit which exists. This was particularly in evidence in the recent Jockey Cup Race.

My running dates back to 1906, when I used to run for the now defunct Kennington Harriers. The "Bels." catered for boxing as well as athletics in those days and in 1912 I joined, together with many of the Club's stalwarts, Messrs. H Parker Oscar Horwood, H. Brown, etc., from the late Westminster Harriers. The years that followed were very lean ones and Oscar Horwood, being Secretary, often had to buy the prizes out of his own pocket, owing to lack of funds. The number of members could almost be counted on the fingers, but they were 100 per cent. Club men. The same few runners had to represent the Club both in Championships and Inter Club races. George Still at that time, was only a second-claim member and was running at his best, gaining some of the highest honours that are to be obtained at the cross-country game. We used to follow him over Richmond Park for speed work! They were strenuous times, but from the point view of comradeship, very happy ones, and, in my opinion, laid the foundation of our present Club. Under the secretaryship of O. Horwood (then a runner) and Clem Arnold, the Club grew rapidly and, but for the War, would have come into prominence at a much earlier date.

I give here two examples of our team packing, years ago —

1913—South of the Thames Junior Championship at Weybridge. Winners, Weybridge A.C., 33pts.; Belgrave H. 3rd, 66pts. H. Parker 15th (32m. 4s.), O Horwood 16th (32m. 7s.); R. W. Best 17th (32m. 8s.); and F. Mussellbrook 18th (32m. 9s.).

1915—South of the Thames Junior Championship at Esher. Winners, Ashcombe A.C., 20pts., Belgrave H. 3rd., 61pts. E. Mussellbrook 13th (48m. 12s.), G. C. Arnold 15th (48m. 24s.), J. Offen 16th (48m. 29s.); and H. J. Sexton 17th (48m. 33s.).

These were the only two championships in which we were placed during my running days with the Club, although the Bels had been placed in the Senior South of the Thames Race years before. The team spirit was the main thing, however, in those days, and if the Club continues with this ideal in view, all things will become possible, even the winning of the "National," or the Brighton Relay.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

E MUSSELLBROOK.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

On October 19th we have the first of the Inter-Club races between Ashcombe A.C, Thames Valley H., and ourselves. These are held over 5 mile courses and in this series of races the all-to-score rule operates, so that everyone competing has an interest in the race, by scoring for his club. This time the race is at Hounslow, from Thames Valley Harriers' new headquarters there, and we hope to see a good muster for our lads present.

The 26th sees us journeying to Mitcham A C's abode at Rose Hill Farm, for a social run with Croydon H., Epsom H, and the home club. Following the run will be a social evening and we trust our members will support this, as you are always sure of a good time at Mitcham A C.'s headquarters

On November 2nd we shall have the usual training runs from Wimbledon. Several packs will go out and we welcome any new members who would like to come along and have an amble over our country.

All members who are qualified for the South of the Thames Junior race, to be held at Epsom on November 16th, should now be in strict training for this event. We entered four teams last year and we shall enter as many teams as possible this year. A team consists of 8 to run and 4 to score. In case the word Junior misleads some of our members, let me hasten to say that there is no age limit; it simply means that men who have been successful in previous years or in Senior races are barred. We won this race last year and are hoping that with the help of a new team we shall again be victorious.

Cheap rail tickets can be obtained from either Section Secretaries or Mr. W. J. Fish. Clapham Junction to Wimbledon, return fare 6d.; Vauxhall to Wimbledon, return fare 8d. Our training quarters at the Rising Sun, Ebury Bridge Road, are now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we hope our members will avail themselves of this opportunity for mid-week training. Runs start at 7-45 p.m.

I should be pleased if any Junior members, under 18 years of age on day of race, with a Surrey County qualification and who intend to run over the country, will get in touch with me, with a view to selecting the team to compete in the Surrey Youths' 3 mile cross country race on December 7th.

All enquiries to E. A. DUFFETT, *Hon Running Sec.*,
138 Frant Road, Thornton Heath.

Walkers should note the following dates .—

Oct. 26—R W.A. Open Race.

Nov. 9—Enfield A.C. Open Race.

Our Open Walk will take place on November 30th, and on December 7th we are promoting a 5 miles Open Novice Walk.

Any enquires should be addressed to O. HORWOOD,

13 Abbott Avenue, Wimbledon, S W.20.

Subscriptions are now due and the Hon. Treasurer would be pleased to receive *yours* as soon as possible. When remitting, why not include 4/- subscription for the "Belgravian," making 10/- in all? This will save the officials concerned an immense amount of trouble and you will be free of liability to the Club until next September. Thank you!

- Grand Dance -

— AT —

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— ON —

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