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Congratulations (once again!) to Tommy Green upon his recent wins at Bradford, Eastleigh and Manchester. Tommy has evidently set his mind upon a win a week and all the efforts of the Northern and Midland cracks to stop him seem unavailing. Long may his winning way continue!

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Congratulations also to A. L. Fletcher upon winning the Surrey County and London Business Houses Two Miles walking championships.

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We extend a hearty welcome this month to the following new members : G. W. Marchant, S. Holliday, P. Kahn, H. D. Brown, L. G. Scott, T. G. Wakefield, G. Palfrey, L. A. Freeman, R. M. Ellis, L. A. Box, T. W. C. Salmon, H. G. C. Bennett, C. H. Cotton, E. S. Cuttler, C. G. Clasby, G. V. Fowles, J. Wardle, A. C. Stock, S. G. R. Craske, B. Hillier, J. R. Lauwers, J. H. Thompson, T. A. Rowe, and also to S. T. Williams, whose name was omitted from last month's list.

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### THE BRIGHTON STROLL.

Are you of the brotherhood of George Borrow and the Petulengro? Do you love the flying clouds, the open road, the aloneness of common and heath, and the untrammelled freedom of the hills? Are the rough-riders of all the winds your boon-com-

panions, and have the stars a familiar winking acquaintance with you? If so, and if in addition you love books, it is scarcely possible that you should need an introduction to William Hazlitt's delightful "Table Talk" essays. However, should that one entitled "On going a journey" be unknown to any of the Belgrave boys, I urge them all, but especially those having tendencies towards vagrancy, to read it at once. Was anything of a like nature ever written that can bear comparison with it, I wonder?

But not only our Kniftons and Saunders (how aptly is the latter named! *Ex aventure*—to go out at a venture, i.e., in search of whatever may chance to happen. *Ex aventure*—saunter—Saunders—a tramp or vagabond)—well, not only such as these will find in Hazlitt a kindred spirit, since a knowledge of his other essay reveals that he would have joyed, to an extent that perhaps no other writers could have done, in the grace of a Scrimshaw, the power of a Dunckley and the suppleness of a Green.

The art of so making a journey that it became a treasured possession to be enjoyed again at will as long as life and memory endured was certainly Hazlitt's. He would, of course, journey afoot; but he would go alone! Only two exceptions would he make to the latter rule. Either Samuel T. Coleridge must go with him to discourse in a manner unattainable by any other mortal, or he must be fired himself with that poet's imagination, fancy, intellect and conversational powers; so that his companions should lose themselves in him, and see things through eyes more appreciative than their own.

But we are neither Coleridges nor Hazlitt's, and since it is given to few indeed to find in themselves the excellent company that Hazlitt could thus discover, we will go on a journey together as Belgraves.

He only asked for "the clear blue sky over his head, the green turf beneath his feet, and a winding road before him." But he lived in the days of the stage coach! Now, the narrow, winding, hedge-bordered, climbing and falling roads that he gloried in are becoming rarer day by day, whilst such as link up all considerable towns have little in common with those he loved and were to him England. Why, in my boyhood days there was a wood bordered by meadows just near my home that was more wonderful than any in Elfland. Visiting the spot lately, I found—but let me make a litany lamenting our lost heritage and bewailing over the sacrifices the modern Moloch demands.

#### THE BYE-PASS.

"Now the motor-horn hoots where the nightingale sang,  
And a petrol pump stands where his low notes outrang  
From the delicate twigs of his glorified perch,  
When the soft June moon gleamed on the silvery birch."

“And a stark, straight road runs where thick low leaves amid  
And emitting faint fragrance, the violets hid;  
Whilst the multiform beauty of lichen oak-boles  
Is replaced by the sameness of telephone-poles.

“And the meadow where buttercups mirrored the stars  
Is now open all night as a garage for cars;  
While there’s jazz for the jaded and tea for the dry  
In a spick and span jerry-built bungalow by.

“And the poppies’ red flame no more glows on the seas  
Of the billowy wheat overswept by the breeze;  
Gone the use and the beauty! whilst ignorant Pride  
Crashes over the land on a Juggernaut ride.

“And the chattering streamlet, that winded and strayed  
Between banks, blossom-jewelled, when Springtime displayed  
Its pale primroses, windflowers and daffodils gay,  
Through a pipe ’neath the road is now making its way.

“Yes, where sometimes was seen, like a flash of blue light  
That the eye could scarce follow, a kingfisher’s flight,  
Blatant road-hogs rush past with their poisonous smell,  
Changing England’s fair garden from Eden to Hell.”

The Club stroll to Brighton is taken during the night, however, and for the greater part of the journey the road is all our own. Consequently, sunrise and the immaculate hours have the same indescribable charm that was theirs in a younger and fresher world.

Right before us Wolstonbury still pushes up an enormous head from out a sea of clinging mist just as he did when Roman Legionaries were encamped upon his brow; whilst away in the west we see the sun’s long fingers playing lovingly with the dark tresses of Chanctonbury’s curl-crowned head before that giant has awakened and pushed aside his pearly coverlet. Eastwards Ditchling Beacon greets us with a face bathed in smiles. Surely there is recognition in his warm Sussex welcome!

Then, wearying of wonder, we long for something to break the spell which holds us, and we even strain our ears to catch a sound so mundane as the morning’s first motor. And when it comes bringing with it Mrs. Gordon, our President, the spirit stove, sandwiches and copious cups of tea, and we are sitting down to our alfresco breakfast amid the Sussex Downs with the skylarks for orchestra—why, we are prepared to admit that the everyday world we have just returned to is the jolliest old world that ever was.

Last year an exceptionally violent thunder-storm broke over London just prior to the commencement of our stroll and although we avoided it, London had rain almost all the night. This we

knew by the state of the motor-cars which overtook us; and so towards morning it was hard to keep back the thought, "Supposing Ted thinks that we would not have started in such weather!" To entertain such a fear was, of course, an injustice. Despite very considerable doubt on this point, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon set out before 4 a.m. with sandwiches that must have taken hours to prepare. They came up with us at Dale Hill and had the kettle boiling upon our arrival at Pyecombe. We are grateful for acts of kindness such as these.

Our stroll is fixed for Saturday, July 19th. this year. The routine will be the same as that followed last year. We shall leave the Swan and Sugar Loaf, South Croydon, at 9-15 p.m., and have supper at Loader's, Red Hill, at 11-45 p.m. to 12-45 a.m. A stop for a light meal will be made at Pease Cottage, where there is a restaurant that is open all the night.

Sandwiches may be taken if a further feed is fancied, but there is no necessity for one. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have again kindly promised to provide a very early cup of tea and sandwiches, and all who saw the feast spread for us last year will know that no one failing to reach Brighton will be able to impute the blame to the Commissariat Department. Like Napoleon, Mrs. Gordon believes that an army marches on its stomach.

All who intend to come should give their names to Jimmy Belchamber as early as possible, so that he can arrange for the first two meals. The distance is only 40 miles, and as a pace will be maintained that is within easy reach of any man of average fitness, no Belgrave need be deterred from joining us.

In past years we have frequently been joined in Brighton by some of the lazier club members who have gone down by rail. Although we keenly appreciate the club spirit which has prompted them to act in so sociable a manner, may we invite them to consider all they have missed before they again decide to join us so late. Brighton itself—that stuffy, crowded, typical piece of London plastered on to a thin rim of land plundered from sea-washed, sun-kissed, wind-swept Sussex, and entirely defeatured and disfigured—is by no means our objective. True it is by the sea, and so from its front one can gaze idly over and into the the infinite spaces where folk do not jostle; but to the true stroller is can never be more than a convenient place to have a bath and get away from.

Every stroller knows full well that—

“There's nothing under Heav'n so blue

That's fairly worth the travelling to.”

His walks are undertaken for the joy of the journey. Like the gauger in Robert Louis Stevenson's song, he thinks that “Over the hills and far away” is “the only tune to travel to.” And since roads—

“One and all go night and day  
Over the hills and far away”

his quest, which is its own fulfilment, is an eternal one. In his hunt success is not for those who are “in at the death.” He glories in the chase and knows that his quarry will always be away in front. Satiety can never be his!

Our walking members have not strolled sufficiently of late, yet it is certain that the physical and mental well-being and the happiness they derive from their racing is but a tithe of all that walking has in store for its devotees. So read that essay of Hazlitt’s, and catch the strolling fever. Should he fail to infect you, let me give you a quotation from Borrow which touches on some of the things that will be ours on July 19th and 20th:

“‘There’s night and day, both sweet things. There’s sun, moon and stars, brother, all sweet things. Likewise, there is the wind on the heath! Life is very sweet, brother! Who would wish to die?’”

“‘I would wish to die——’”

“‘You talk like a Gorgio . . . A Rommany chial would wish to live for ever!’”

“‘In sickness, Jasper?’”

“‘There’s the sun and stars, brother.’”

“‘In blindness, Jasper?’”

“‘There’s the wind on the heath, brother; if I could only feel that, I would gladly live for ever. Dosta, we’ll now go to the tents and put on the gloves, and I’ll try to make you feel what a sweet thing it is to be alive, brother!’”

But I had better stop; as this is not a threat, but a cordial invitation to a steady stroll.

## INTER-CLUB RELAY MEETING AT EPSOM.

On Wednesday, June 11th, our boys journeyed to Epsom to contest the second of the Inter-Club Relays against Epsom H. Croydon H. and Mitcham A.C. The track, on Epsom Town F.C. ground, was just over six laps to the mile and had an uphill finish.

The first race, the 4 x 100 yards, saw our Club represented by a team consisting of only one regular sprinter; the other chosen men being, as in previous years, conspicuous by their absence, and so we took third place to Croydon and Mitcham, with Epsom filling their usual position.

In the 4 x 880 yards, Tom Scrimshaw went first and broke Ferdinando’s heart, Tom handing over at least 60 yards to the good. Frank and Bill Webb, running second and third, increased our lead and finally Jim Tosh lapped the Epsom man and ran out an easy winner in time which was good, considering the track.

The 4 x 300 yards saw Mitcham turn the tables on Croydon, the Club occupying the same place as in the shorter race.

In the 1-Mile Team race our four men finished in the first six, thus: W. A. Rice 1, T. J. Flower 2, E. A. Duffett 4, N. R. Dewberry 6. Bill Rice forced the pace throughout, with Norman Gunn his closest attendant until near home, when Joe went by the latter.

Thus matters ended all square on the evening, Belgrave, Croydon and Mitcham each scoring 12 points with Epsom 4. This leaves us still two points in the lead in our bid to retain the Relay Shield.

#### RESULTS.

**4 x 100 Yards.**—Croydon H., 1; Mitcham A.C., 2; Belgrave H., 3; Epsom H., 4. 43 sec.

**4 x 300 Yards.**—Mitcham A.C., 1; Croydon H., 2; Belgrave H., 3; Epsom H., 4. 2 min. 17½ sec.

**4 x 880 Yards.**—Belgrave H., 1; Mitcham A.C., 2; Croydon H., 3; Epsom H., 4. 8 min. 35 1-5 sec.

**1-Mile Team.**—Belgrave H. (1, 2, 4), 7 pts., 1; Croydon H. (5, 8, 9), 22 pts., 2; Mitcham A.C. (3, 10, 14), 27 pts., 3; Epsom H. (7, 12, 13), 32 pts., 4.

**Shield Points.**—Belgrave H., 25 pts.; Croydon H., 23 pts.; Mitcham A.C., 22 pts.; Epsom H., 9 pts.

#### THE INTER-CLUB WALKS.

Monday, June 16th, was the date set apart for that very interesting and certainly very sporting event—the Belgrave Inter-Club Walking Contest, which has now deservedly become a hardy annual.

The late Mr. "Bob" Ricketts was the originator of this contest, and now that it has found a permanent place in the "Walking Calendar"—what better memorial could be raised to his memory? Truly it is remarkable to see the great enthusiasm he evinced for the "game," sustained so wholeheartedly by those with whom he was pleased to be associated. The recurring popularity of this contest, which allows us to enjoy such keen racing, and impresses upon our minds how fully developed the "club spirit" has become, must be a source of satisfaction to the R.W.A. in the knowledge that they have such fine material to mould their future programme.

The contest was framed for 4 events, at distances of 1, 2, 3 and 5 miles. Each club was allowed only 2 representatives at each distance, no competitor to walk in more than one race. Points were awarded according to individual placings, with 20 as the maximum, and decreasing by units; the aggregate of each club's representatives determining their position in the race, and the grand total at the conclusion of the 4 events giving the final placings.

The five miles was the first race decided. C. W. Hyde (Enfield) jumped off at the pistol and soon opened up a gap. Passing the

first mile in 7m. 32s., and the second in 14m. 55s., he was almost lapping some of his rivals. Completing the 3 miles in 22m. 23s., he was now well amongst his "field" and seemed only intent upon an endeavour to lap them all, but Webb (Poly.) and McMullen (Belgrave), in 2nd and 3rd positions, were walking too strongly for him to achieve his purpose. The four miles mark was passed in 30m. 1s., and the tape breasted in 37m. 32s., with Webb second, nearly a lap behind. McMullen was third, and Saunders (Belgrave), fifth; but as Enfield supplied the sixth man, they took team honours with 35pts.

TEAM PLACINGS (5 Miles).

1. Enfield A.C. ... ..	35 pts.	3. Poly. H. ... ..	33 pts.
2. Belgrave H. ... ..	34 pts.	4. Surrey W.C. ... ..	29 pts.

In the 3 miles, with T. W. Green and F. H. Elson, the Belgraves were worthily represented. These two, with Amies (Enfield) soon made the pace warm, passing the mile-post in 7m. 38s. Amies endeavoured to shake off his Belgrave attendants who, however, were unwilling to lose his company and the trio were together at two miles, the watch showing 15m. 17s. Amies was now claiming the judges' attention, and earned a warning, which, unheeded, caused his enforced retirement in the next lap. Green and Elson, automatically in the lead, walked in "harness" for 1½ laps, when the former piled on a pace which Elson could not maintain, and wisely resigned premier honours to his club-mate. Amer (S.W.C.) was third. Green's time for the 3 miles was 23m. 7s. The Belgrave pair earned maximum points for their club, raising them to an aggregate of 73pts.

TEAM PLACINGS (3 Miles).

1. Belgrave H. ... ..	39 pts.	3. Ashcombe A.C.... ..	26 pts.
2. London Vid. A.C. ... ..	33 pts.	4. Finchley H. ... ..	25 pts.

Belgrave were now leading with aggregate figures of 73pts., Poly. second (52), Ashcombe (50) and Enfield (49).

The next race was at the normal track distance of 2 miles, and Len Fletcher, fresh from victory in the London Business Houses Championship, sportingly obliged by turning out for the club. His earlier exertions evidently had not sapped all his strength, for he was away from the start at a speed which several of his rivals, trying to emulate, caused the judge to get busy. Archibald (S.W.C.) was ordered to "fade out" and several others must have considered themselves lucky, for had there been more officials in the vicinity the number of contestants would have been considerably reduced at this point. Fletcher, walking easily, completed the first mile in 7m. 21s., his nearest rival being W. T. Chilton (S.W.C.) with A. Bye (Enfield) lying third. This order was maintained to the tape, Fletcher winning by 100 yds. in 14m. 52s. Khlopin, the Belgrave second string, was ruled out in the 3rd lap, and consequently the club lost valuable points.

TEAM PLACINGS (2 Miles).

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| 1. Poly. H. ... .. 32 pts.      | 3. Belgrave H. ... .. 20 pts. |
| 2. London Vid. W.C. ... 27 pts. |                               |

Aggregate placings now read as follows :—

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| 1. Belgrave H. ... .. 95 pts. | 3. Enfield A.C. ... .. 67 pts.                |
| 2. Poly. H. ... .. 84 pts.    | 4. Ashcombe A.C. and S.W.C. equal ... 66 pts. |

The final race was a mile sprint, and H. F. King and B. J. T. Knifton faced the starter in our interests. King led for some distance, but Bonnett (Ashcombe) despite his earlier appearance in the L.B.H. Championship, deprived our man of the lead, which he maintained to the end, winning by 5secs. in 7m. 20s. King managed to keep another Ashcombe representative out of second place, but as Knifton's interest in the race had been curtailed, team honours went deservedly to Ashcombe A.C.

TEAM PLACINGS (1 Mile).

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| 1. Ashcombe A.C. ... .. 38 pts. | 3. Belgrave H. ... .. 19 pts. |
| 2. London Vid. W.C. ... 29 pts. |                               |

Belgrave H., despite misfortune in the last two races, managed to prevent Ashcombe A.C. from repeating their last year's success.

FINAL PLACINGS.

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| 1. Belgrave H. ... .. 112 pts.    | 6. Surrey W.C. ... .. 66 pts.       |
| 2. Ashcombe A.C. ... .. 104 pts.  | 7. Finchley H. ... .. 48 pts.       |
| 3. Polytechnic H. ... .. 101 pts. | 8. Metropolitan W.C. ... 25 pts.    |
| 4. London Vid. W.C. ... 89 pts.   | 9. Surrey A.C. ... .. 15 pts.       |
| 5. Enfield A.C. ... .. 67 pts.    | 10. Herne Hill did not start a team |

J.W.M.

THE "DORIS" SHIELD INTER-CLUB COMPETITION.

This competition between Ashcombe A.C., Thames Valley H. and ourselves, for the "Doris" Shield presented by the late R. W. Ricketts, took place at Battersea Park on June 25th, before a large crowd. The annual contest is promoted in turn by each of the three competing clubs, and on this occasion we were responsible for the arrangements.

We retained the shield rather easily, although it was in the nature of a shock to find ourselves behind in the two miles team race. All the placings in the handicap events were claimed by Belgrave men, so we were well-satisfied with the results.

The 100 yards match event was won by our sprint champion, Odell, closely followed by Jarvis, with the Ashcombe champion, Harris, third. The quarter gave Jim Tosh an opportunity to stretch his legs and he returned 52 4-5 secs., being followed home by Beswick, of Ashcombe, and Harold Titherley, who won this event for us one year at Richmond.

In the Medley Relay our two county champions, Scrimshaw and Tosh, running a half and quarter respectively, passed on a long lead to Brodie and Odell, our furlong men, who still further increased the lead. T.V.H. did not field a team in this race.

Last year, in the two miles team race, we had the first six men to finish, but on this occasion with a much weaker team we had to take second place to the "Valley," who thus scored their only points of the evening. Cohen, of Ashcombe A.C., was the individual winner of the race in 9 mins. 54 1-5 secs.

All the heats in the 100 yards handicap, open to members of the three competing clubs, were won by Belgrave men; Gratte, the young runner who had a double win at our last meeting, again proved the winner on this occasion, with Birnie and Hughes, another young runner of promise, filling the other places.

Frank Webb, who has recently shown a return to form, ran well to win the mile handicap from 60 yards and was followed by Norman Dewberry and W. E. Callow. Arthur Allum, who finished fifth from the 15 yards mark, was prominent for some very fine running, a reproduction of which should gain him a club championship before long.

The Walk was won by a comparative newcomer, J. W. Haggar, off 610 yards, with Ring second (490 yards), and Paul Khlopin third. Len Fletcher deserves congratulations for his 14 min. 14sec. from the scratch mark, but he was unable to get nearer than sixth in the race.

#### RESULTS.

##### MATCH EVENTS.

**100 Yards.**—1, M. E. Odell, B.H.; 2, E. H. Jarvis, B.H.; 3, J. L. Jarvis, A.A.C. Time 10 4-5 sec.

**2 Miles Team.**—1, Thames Valley H., 24 pts.; 2, Belgrave H., 26 pts.; 3, Ashcombe A.C., 28 pts. Individual Placings: 1, L. J. Cohen, A.A.C.; 2, A. Nutt, T.V.H. Time 9 min. 54 1-5 sec.

**440 Yards.**—1, J. E. Tosh, B.H.; 2, R. W. Beswick, A.A.C.; 3, H. Titherley, B.H. Time 52 4-5 sec.

**1 Mile Medley Relay.**—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Ashcombe A.C. Winning Team: T. H. Scrimshaw, J. E. Tosh, C. H. Brodie, M. E. Odell. Time 3 min. 47 4-5 sec.

**Final Points.**—Belgrave H., 14pts.; Ashcombe A.C., 6pts.; Thames Valley H., 3pts.

##### HANDICAPS.

**100 Yards Handicap.**—Heat Winners: D. Gratte, 10, 10 1-5; T. J. Curley, 10, 10 3-5; A. A. Lander, 5½, 10 3-5; W. H. C. Hughes, 10½, 10 2-5; H. W. East, 17, 10 3-5; C. H. Brodie, 5, 10 3-10; E. R. Jessop, 17, 10 3-5; A. W. Birnie, 11, 10 3-5. Second Round: 1, Gratte; 2, Hughes, 10 1-5; 1, Birnie; 2, Brodie, 10 1-5. Final: 1, Gratte, 2, Birnie; 3, Hughes; 10 1-5.

**1 Mile Handicap.**—1, F. R. Webb, 60; 2, N. R. Dewberry, 85; 3, W. E. Callow, 155. Time 4 min. 27 2-5 sec.

**2 Miles Walk Handicap.**—1, J. W. Haggar, 610; 2, S. T. Ring, 490; 3, P. N. Khlopin, 280. Time 14 min. 6 3-5 sec.

## TRIANGULAR MATCH WITH THE OLD GAYTONIANS A.C. AND LEIGH-ON-SEA HARRIERS.

This most interesting match was decided on Tuesday, June 17th, on the County School ground at Harrow. Last year the match

between the Belgrave Harriers and Old Gaytonians was such a success that the home club, to still further stimulate the rivalry, invited the Leigh-on-Sea Harriers to their ground. A team consisting of Tosh, Scrimshaw, Williams (J.S.), Powter, Gratie, Clemens, Kench, and Ford (A.J.) made up the club team.

The start from Baker Street was not at all encouraging, as the rain was descending in torrents, accompanied by plenty of lightning and thunder. It was decided to chance it. In the train amateur gardeners were distinctly pleased with the weather, remarking that it was lovely growing weather. At any rate, Tosh, who was not equipped for that kind of weather, got a good drenching during the walk from Harrow Station to the Gayton Ground. Somebody remarked that he had grown quite two inches in half an hour. On arrival at the ground the weather had not been so rough as in the neighbourhood of London and a start was made at 8 o'clock with the half-mile race.

Tosh and Kench started for us. Kench made a good race of it, keeping with Tosh until the home straight. Meantime, Powell had been trying to leave Tosh, but those long strides of Tosh took him home a winner by 2 yds., with Kench a few yards away. 4 points to Belgrave.

Next came the 100 yards, with Williams and Gratie running for the Club. The race was downhill from start to finish, which accounts for the fast time. At 50 yards they were all nearly level; Williams then forged ahead, closely followed by Gratie, Williams winning by 2 yards, with Hulbert, Leigh-on-Sea, third.

The long jump was then decided, with two men a side, the best individual jump to score. Clemens led off with a jump of 19 ft. 11 ins., followed by 20 ft. 3¼ ins. and 20 ft. 5 ins., which eventually was the best effort of the evening. Ford, our second string, managed 18 ft. 7 ins., with Arnold, Leigh-on-Sea, third with 18 ft. 1½ ins.

The 440 yds. was the next event and the only one in which we failed to gain first place. Scrimshaw and Ford started for us, and Fife, Leigh-on-Sea, cut out a fast pace, Scrimshaw hanging on. In a fast run race with decided gradients, Fife got home first, with Ford beating Scrimshaw on sufferance.

The relay provided the most exciting race of the evening. Scrimshaw started by doing the 880 and there was very little in it, with Powter taking over and losing a little ground. Williams carried on to give Tosh a slight advantage. 100 yds. from home Tosh got level with the Old Gaytonian and won by 2 yds.

In adding up the totals of the events, the match resulted in a good win for us, the points being: Belgrave Harriers 20; Leigh-on-Sea, 6; Old Gaytonians, 4. After the racing the Old Gaytonians provided light refreshments for the runners.

Skegness may be bracing, but Harrow air certainly sharpens the appetite. Ask Williams!

#### RESULTS.

**880 Yards.**—J. E. Tosh, B.H., 1; J. V. Powell, O.G., 2; A. Kench, B.H., 3. Time 2 min. 7 sec.

**100 Yards.**—J. S. Williams, B.H., 1; D. C. Gratte, B.H., 2; L. N. Hulbert, L., 3. Time 10½sec.

**Long Jump.**—J. W. Clemens, B.H., 20ft. 5ins., 1; A. J. Ford, B.H., 18ft. 7ins., 2; C. Arnold, L., 18ft. 1½ins., 3.

**440 Yards.**—J. R. Fife, L., 1; A. J. Ford, B.H., 2; T. H. Scrimshaw, B.H., 3. Time 56 sec.

**Relay.**—Belgrave H., 1; Old Gaytonians A.C., 2; Leigh-on-Sea H., 3. Time 3 min. 52 1-5 sec.

**Final Points.**—Belgrave H., 20 pts.; Leigh-on-Sea H., 6 pts.; Old Gaytonians A.C., 4 pts.

### INTER-CLUB RELAY MEETING AT CROYDON.

The third Inter-Club Relay contest was held at Croydon on July 1st.

We had quite a good team for the 4 x 100 yards, but had to rest content with third place, Croydon and Mitcham again heading our boys.

In the 4 x 880 yards, Harold Titherley went first for us and handed over about 20 yards to the good. Bill Webb was caught by Goodall, an Army runner who has just joined Mitcham, but managed to get away from his man over the final sprint and so regain our lead. Frank Webb was never in any danger of losing it, and eventually Tom Scrimshaw broke the worsted well ahead of the next man.

The 4 x 300 yards was the best race of the evening, the three clubs being level until the last stage; Len Smith, who ran third for us was, however, a little short of training and so dropped the vital few yards which were needed for the finishing run.

Once again the 1-Mile team race was an easy victory for the "Bels." and in this event, at any rate, we are still supreme; our men finished as follows: W. A. Rice 1, F. R. Webb 2, T. J. Flower 5.

The points for the evening were, as at Epsom, again on an equality between Belgrave, Croydon and Mitcham, each gaining 12, with Epsom their usual 4.

This state of affairs gives the final meeting at Mitcham on July 23rd added interest, for we hold a slender two points lead of Croydon, who are one in front of the local club. It will be seen, therefore, that this meeting will prove a titanic struggle for the honour of winning the Shield, and I think the "Bels'" two points lead will prevail when the final reckoning is made.

#### RESULTS.

**4 x 100 Yards.**—Croydon H., 1; Mitcham A.C., 2; Belgrave H., 3; Epsom H., 4. 43 sec.

**4 x 300 Yards.**—Croydon H., 1; Mitcham A.C., 2; Belgrave H., 3; Epsom H., 4.

**4 x 880 Yards.**—Belgrave H., 1; Mitcham A.C., 2; Croydon H., 3; Epsom H., 4.

**Mile Team.**—Belgrave H. (1, 2, 5), 8 pts., 1; Mitcham A.C. (3, 6, 9), 18 pts., 2; Croydon H. (4, 7, 8), 19 pts., 3; Epsom H., 4.

**Shield Points.**—Belgrave H., 37 pts.; Croydon H., 35 pts.; Mitcham A.C., 34 pts.; Epsom H., 13 pts.

## EVENING MEETING, JULY 2nd.

The principal event on this evening's programme was the Club Three Miles Championship, which was held by J. E. Flower. On this occasion, however, the holder could get no nearer than third and "The Griffin Cup" passed into the possession of Arthur Allum. The field kept together at first, but after a while Allum and Footer managed to open up a gap. With half a mile to go Allum managed to shake off Footer and won by about twenty-five yards, with Jack Flower about the same distance behind Footer. Warboys, who some had fancied to win the title, did not start as he was away on holiday. This was Allum's first Club Championship, although he had been very close on the country in the past. Well run, Arthur!

Once again Tosh treated the crowd to some wonderfully fine running in the handicap races. His second in the 880 yards handicap (won in 1 min. 57 secs.) off the scratch mark, and win in the 440 yards handicap off 10 yards in 50 secs., speak for themselves. The merit of these performances is obvious to everybody and we tender Jim our heartiest congratulations upon his improved running and our best wishes for the continuance thereof. Scrimshaw was not so prominent as usual, and this was probably due to his efforts of the previous evening when he had participated in the Inter-Club relays at Croydon.

The 100 yards final was a very close race and was won by a newcomer, S. T. Hunt, off 11 yards in 9 4-5 secs. The junior 100 yards race introduced us to some very promising young sprinters who will in due course bring credit to the Club. Their keenness and ability are very gratifying.

Field did well in the Walk and the time was again very fast. Jackman proved the best of the veterans in the 150 yards handicap (with Mr. E. Gordon, our President, on scratch), and the High Jump went to C. Christie, who was making his first appearance at a Club meeting.

The results are appended and it will be noticed that a very full evening's sport was provided, which sent the large crowd away well satisfied.

### RESULTS.

**880 Yards Handicap.**—F. G. Ford, 48 yds.; 2. J. E. Tosh, Scr.; 3. F. R. Webb, 30 yds. Time 1 min. 57 sec.

**100 Yards Handicap.**—Heat Winners: L. S. Swinfen, 12, 10 sec.; 2, W. H. C. Hughes, 9½, 10 1-10 sec.; 3, A. W. Birnie, 10, 10 sec.; 4, S. T. Hunt, 11, 9 4-5 sec.; 5, H. S. Smith, 7½, 10 2-5 sec.; 6, W. Brockway, 9½, 10 1-10 sec. Final: 1, Hunt; 2, Birnie; 3, Brockway. Time 9 4-5 sec.

**100 Yards Handicap (Under 16).**—Heat Winners: 1, C. Clasby, 6, 11½ sec.; 2, W. A. Fox, 7, 11 2-5 sec.; 3, R. Macpherson, ½, 11 3-5 sec.; 4, G. H. Pamment, 6, 11 sec. Final: 1, Fox; 2, Pamment; 3, Macpherson. Time 10 2-5 sec.

**1 Mile Walk (Novices).**—1, J. Lauwers; 2, R. W. Johnson; 3, J. E. Course. Time 8 min. 28 sec.

**150 Yards Handicap (Veterans)**—Heat Winners: 1, H. W. East, 6; W. Bedford, 13½, 17 4-5 sec. 2, W. G. Brown, 6½; D. E. Jordan, ½, 17 4-5 sec. 3, H. Jackman, 1½; C. Cook, 15, 17 4-5 sec. Final: 1, Jackman; 2, East; 3, Brown. Time 17 3-5 sec.

**440 Yards Handicap.**—Heat Winners: 1, J. Rapoport, 45 yd., 56 sec.; 2, J. E. Tosh, 10yd., 56 4-5 sec.; 3, R. Barsby, 30 yd., 54 4-5 sec.; 4, E. W. Stockley, 38, 52 3-5 sec.; 5, H. J. Mann, 35yd., 54 1-5 sec. Final: 1, Tosh; 2, Barsby; 3, Stockley. Time 50 sec.

**2 Miles Walk Handicap:** 1, J. E. Field, 240 yd.; 2, C. H. Speechley, 315yd.; 3, P. N. Khlopín, 255 yd. Time 14 min. 3 sec.

**3 Miles Club Championship (for "Griffen" Cup).**—1, A. Allum; 2, H. E. Footer; 3, J. E. Flower. Time 15 min. 16 sec. First Class Standard: A. W. Penny. Second Class Standard: A. E. Smith, E. A. Duffett, S. R. Chorley.

**High Jump Handicap.**—1, C. Christie, all 5 in., 5 ft. 3 in., 5 ft. 8 in.; 2, A. E. Saward, ser., 5 ft. 5 in., 5 ft. 5 in.; 3, L. C. Jones, all 6in., 4 ft. 10in. 5 ft. 4 in. and E. Speller, all 2 in. 5 ft. 2in., 5 ft. 4in.

**Southern Amateur Athletic League Javelin Throw.**—1, Belgrave H., 272 ft. 4½in.; 2, Polytechnic H., 245 ft. 11½ in. (Aggregate of two men's throws).

## REVIEW.

We have received from Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co., Ltd., of 39 Paternoster Row, a copy of "Athletics," written by those well-known athletes, D. G. A. Lowe and A. E. Porritt. The book, which is priced at 12/6, deals in a comprehensive way with all branches of athletics, and the authors have secured the collaboration of C. T. Van Geysel and M. C. Nokes, who impart to the reader much valuable information regarding field events.

The first chapter traces the growth of athletics from the Tailtean games, founded in Ireland about 3,000 B.C., until the present day, and proves very interesting reading. The Olympic Games and International Athletics are also dealt with fully and then follows what to every active athlete is of the utmost importance—chapters on Training and Equipment, Sprinting, Middle-Distance running, Distance Races, Hurdling, Long Jump, Pole Vault, Relay Racing, etc. Each subject is dealt with in the way one would expect of such distinguished authors, and cannot fail

to be of assistance to anyone desiring improvement in his particular branch of the sport.

Many excellent illustrations are included, which are very helpful and the appendix of records and statistics with which the book ends will be found of great interest.

Throughout the work the "average" man is considered and encouraged—a point of view which we, as a Club, have always adopted. To quote: "We want our athletic 'giants' just as we want our great 'brains,' but we want them as incentives and as examples, not simply as perfected mechanisms through which to advertise. We feel sure that those who have the cause of athletics most deeply at heart will endorse the opinion, that if athletics are to retain their very definite ideals they must be thrown open more and more and to the average man—to all men."

To conclude, this book can be confidently recommended to all who take more than a superficial interest in athletics and desire to know something of the history of the sport and the methods of preparation and training necessary if improvement is to be attained.

### OUR COUNTY CHAMPIONS ON THE TRACK.

Almost every Saturday afternoon I spend on the terraces at Stamford Bridge, and often I listen to strangers telling me that they "like to see those Belgrave chaps get up." If our Club is so popular with this terrace crowd then T. H. SCRIMSHAW must be the individual who most helps to make that popularity. Many of the wise men of Fulham had told me in confidence that Scrimshaw was a coming champion and on Saturday, June 7th, he rewarded them for their faith by winning the Middlesex County half-mile championship in one of the cleverest races seen at the Bridge this year and in a time that has only once been surpassed for this event. Tom's greatest asset is his extremely easy action; and he also possesses, what no first-class champion has ever been without, the ability to keep his form right up to the tape. Although he makes his running look so easy, it must not be thought that he does not exert himself; for while he keeps a very clear head during the race and refuses to lose his form, down the home straight there is a greyness and anxiety about his expression that tells of the strain.

If Scrimshaw is a most remarkable performer in scratch races, then J. E. TOSH, the Hampshire half-mile champion, is his equivalent in handicap races. Jim, who is only nineteen, as also is Scrimshaw, is a massively-built fellow over six feet in height and the owner of unlimited stamina and courage, and on two occasions I have made a handicap so that Tosh would have to beat club record by two seconds to be placed and on each occa-

sion he has done so. The half-mile handicap at our meeting on Wednesday, July 2nd, made him put up the best performance he has done so far, and those who saw it won't forget it easily. He was timed to do 1 min. 57½ sec. off scratch, and when I recovered from my amazement I began to wonder what he would have done on the Stamford Bridge Track. Is it any wonder that I went home with visions of Tosh in a few years beating that marvellous race run by a German at the Bridge in July, 1926?

I think one or two of us will run the risk of heart failure on August 2nd, when these two great runners, Scrimshaw and Tosh, line up for the Club half-mile title, as a prelude to a duel between one of the cleverest track runners there is, and one of the strongest. If the conditions are favourable, surely the winner will be forced to 1 min. 56 sec.! Both are wisely refraining from competing in the A.A.A. championship this year.

Although T. HAMPSON, the Surrey half-mile champion, is a second-claim member, he seems to be one of us, just as H. S. H. Cook is. Hampson is the first Blue to join the Club, and it will be remembered, that last year, when up at Oxford, he was a member of the Universities' team that went to America and he was the winner of the half-mile event. Like most University runners, he has a very long stride and relies on a strong sprint finish. There is a chance that he may win the A.A.A. title on July 5th, in spite of powerful opposition, and he will certainly have the shouts of the Belgravians to help to support him. (As we all know, Hampson has since won the A.A.A. title in 1 min. 53 2-5 sec., and merited our heartiest congratulations).

Another County half-mile champion is F. H. C. WHITE, who is the holder of the Surrey Junior title. White first showed us his form last August by winning one of our handicaps easily and in fast time, and it was most unfortunate that an accident interrupted his training for the Public Schools' Championship this April. He is fairly tall and lightly built and has quite a graceful style, with rather a high arm carriage. One or two training authorities predict a successful future for him as a middle-distance runner.

So far this appears to be an article on half-milers, but our best known County champion is a walker. I refer to the incomparable A. L. FLÉTCHER, who is the Surrey two-miles walking champion. A lot of people don't like the look of many of the crack walkers in action, but Len's action is faultless and he does really look like a walker. He has been second in the A.A.A. event, and is often regarded as a likely winner. He is one of the best stylist walkers and on the few occasions when he has suffered the fate that comes to all walkers in time, it has been a great surprise to the onlookers.

L.E.F.

## THE OUTING.

On June 22nd a large party made their way to Earlswood Common, where they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Swimming, cricket, baseball, etc., etc., were indulged in, and we were entertained considerably, as is usual on these occasions, by one Footer, *alias* Foster, *alias* Tooter, *alias* Tooler, *alias* Fooler.

Lunch was enlivened by the arrival, on foot, of "The Old Man of the Woods," W. G. Webb, who received a vociferous welcome. After lunch, more running about until tea, which rapidly disappeared—but not so rapidly as one or two romantically-minded couples!

After tea, another hour or two of Surrey air and then back to London, tired but satisfied, and full of thankfulness to our Social Hon. Secretary, Bill Rice, for arranging this outing

## COACHING IN FIELD EVENTS.

Arrangements have been made by the A.A.A. whereby the honorary services of Captain F. A. M. Webster will be available to members of affiliated clubs between 5 p.m. and 7-30 p.m. at the grounds set out below:—

- Thursday, June 5th, Stamford Bridge for Hurdling and Jumping Events.
- „ June 12th, Parsons Green Club for Throwing Events.
- „ June 19th, Stamford Bridge for Hurdling and Jumping Events.
- „ June 26th, Parson Green Club for Throwing Events.
- „ July 3rd, Stamford Bridge for Hurdling and Jumping Events.
- „ July 10th, Parsons Green Club for Throwing Events.
- „ July 17th, Stamford Bridge for Hurdling and Jumping Events.
- „ July 24th, Parsons Green Club for Throwing Events.
- „ July 31st, Stamford Bridge for Hurdling and Jumping Events.

There is no admission fee payable at the Parsons Green Club, which is situated in Broomhouse Road, Parsons Green, S.W.6. (District Railway).

The usual fees will be chargeable at Stamford Bridge Grounds (Walham Green District Railway).

In view of the necessity of keeping up the interest and improving the standard of English athletes in Field Events it is hoped the above-mentioned facilities will be fully utilised by those Belgrave men interested in field events.

## RECENT SUCCESSES.

We must begin this list of successes by heartily congratulating all those who names appear therein. Tommy Green has been very busy lately, having won since our last issue appeared the following races :—

Bradford Walk (32½ miles)—5 hr. 4 min. 14 sec.

Eastleigh (15 miles)—2 hr. 4 min. 44 sec. (This race was a handicap and Green won from the scratch mark).

Lewis's Walk, Manchester (25 miles)—3 hr. 37 min. 5 sec.  
A.A.A. 7 Miles Championship—3rd.

Four of our number have won County championship titles. They are A. L. Fletcher (Surrey, 2 miles walk), T. H. Scrimshaw (Middlesex, 880 yards), J. E. Tosh (Hampshire, 880 yards), and T. Hampson, the Achilles runner (Surrey, 880 yards), who has also won the Southern title at the same distance. G. T. Galloway, a second-claim member, retained the 3 miles walking championship of Scotland, A. L. Fletcher won the London Business Houses Two Miles Walk title, H. Titherley was successful in the Civil Service Half-mile Championship, and G. R. Dunkley in the Metropolitan Police 440 yards championship. F. H. C. White won the Surrey Junior Half-mile title.

Other creditable performances were those of S. H. Warboys and J. E. Flower (2nd and 4th in the Middlesex 4 miles race), H. E. Footer and H. S. Cook (2nd and 3rd in the Surrey 4 miles championship), H. F. King (Kent, walk 4th), J. W. Clemens (Middlesex, Long Jump 4th) and G. H. Powell (Javelin, 2nd in Surrey and 3rd in Southern Championship). One of our junior members, R. Macpherson was third in one of the Middlesex County junior long jump events.

In the Surrey County Relay Championship, T. Hampson ran the half-mile stage for us and handed over with a fair lead. This was increased by Purdy and retained by J. S. Williams, but F. Port, running the final quarter, had to relinquish the lead first to G. T. Bird (Surrey A.C.) and then, right on the tape, L. J. Wells (Mitcham A.C.) also caught our man. Thus we finished third, the winners being Surrey A.C. with the following team: R. Sutherland (the L.A.C. runner), H. H. Hodge (the former Polytechnic sprinter), G. T. Bird (of Finchley H., the International quarter-miler), and L. Wigzell.

Whit-Monday brought its usual crop of successes in different parts of the country, the best performance, perhaps, being that of J. E. Tosh, at Luton, where he won the open half and 220 yards and was a member of a relay team (with J. G. Barrett, T. J. Purdy and A. A. Lander) which finished second, beaten by inches. At Stamford Bridge, Tom Scrimshaw loitered round a half-mile, open to those under twenty years of age, to win

easily. H. E. Footer and S. H. Warboys were honoured by an invitation to compete in Nurmi's six miles record attempt at the same meeting, and G. H. Powell was third in the Javelin event. Two Southern Amateur Athletic League fixtures were held. In the three miles team race we were second; in the 4 x 440 yards relay, last.

Other Bank Holiday results are as follows:—

Hertford—J. S. Williams, 3rd, 100 yards.

Salisbury—F. W. Thorn, 1st, Walk.

Luton—T. H. Needs, 1st, 100 yards (veterans); 2nd, 100 yards (open).

Hounslow—C. W. Redgrave, 2nd, Walk.

Gravesend—H. S. Armes, 3rd, Long Jump.

F. R. Webb has had a very successful time lately, having won the graded mile scratch race at the Middlesex County meeting, been 2nd in the mile and third in the "half" at Romford, 2nd in the mile at the Civil Service meeting, and won the mile at J. and E. Halls.

Other successes have been gained by J. R. McKay (two sprint seconds at "V" Division), B. Fleming (1st, 100 yards at Wolverton), A. Powter (1st, 100 yards, "Y" Division), T. Pritchard (1st, 880 yards, "W" Division), C. H. Brodie (1st, 100 yards, Civil Service), P. Khlopin (two thirds in walks at "W" Division and Anlaby meeting).

At the Ravensbourne meeting, scratch relay and team events were held this year in place of the usual open handicaps. Our team (Titherley, Scrimshaw, Tosh and Dunkley) won the 4 x 440 yards relay by 6 yards from the Polytechnic H.—a very fine performance; our team in the walk (F. H. Elson, H. F. King and J. E. Field) was third, as was also our 4 x 1 mile team consisting of W. A. Rice, W. G. Webb, T. J. Flower and A. Allum. Our Three Miles team (S. H. Warboys, H. E. Footer and J. E. Flower) tied for third place with Wycombe Phoenix H.

## WALKING NOTES.

Since taking over the office of Hon. Walking Secretary, it has been my pleasure to receive very good entries for the last two Club handicaps, but my aim is not only *very good* entries, but *extraordinary* entries, and for that reason you will invariably find me at Battersea Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and on Sunday mornings. There are but two more Club races this season, so come along, give me your "bobs" and have a go.

Mention is made elsewhere of "The Inter-Club Walks" and the Ravensbourne meeting, and our congratulations conveyed to

Tommy Green upon his recent successes. We hope to see him in his rightful position in the 50 kilometres championship on July 12th, when he will be supported by R. D. McMullen, A.G. White, F. Rickards and J. F. King—a formidable quintet, who should prove without doubt that Belgrave is THE premier walking club. Please remember that our walkers need some supporters to give them encouragement. This is almost as important as the walkers themselves and a large response will be greatly appreciated by our walkers and be an incentive to give of their best.

#### FUTURE EVENTS.

Monday, August 4th—Hastings to Brighton, 38 miles.

Saturday, September 13th—Brighton Walk, 52 miles.

Please let me have entries for the above races at an early date.

Track walkers have, of course, various two-mile handicaps to choose from, but I would like to recommend to their notice the Ponders End Sports, where four extra prizes are being given to the members of the first Club to finish four men in the handicap race. It is up to us to encourage promoters of team races such as this by our support.

August 2nd—Club 2-miles Championship for "A. J. Sawyer Cup." First-class standard medals, 15 min. 30 sec; Second-class, 16 min.

August 11th—Last Club handicap of the season. A record entry required!

FRANK H. G. ELSON, 210 North End Road, S.W.10.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

The track season, so far as Club events are concerned, is rapidly drawing to a close, the meeting on August 11th being the last on the programme. Meanwhile, there are still several interesting events to take place, as appended hereunder :—

Saturday, July 19th, we defend the "Jockey" Cup at Herne Hill Track, and our team should be equal to the task of defeating all comers. Also at this meeting will be staged the S.A.A.L. 4 x 880 yards and a forward position in this race will ensure the Club finishing well up in the League table.

On this same day is the Ponders End Sports, and we have received invitations to compete in the 3-miles Team race, also the 1-mile Medley Relay. We shall field our best possible teams and members who are interested in field events will find themselves well catered for at this meeting.

Wednesday, July 23rd, the final Inter-Club Relay meeting at Mitcham on the "News of the Word" sports ground. We expect all our supporters to come along and cheer our boys to victory.

The opposition will be there in force, so don't let our lads lack vocal encouragement.

On this evening, at Finsbury Park track, will be the S.A.A.L. Long Jump contest. Team will be advised as usual.

Saturday, July 26th, the Fire Brigade meeting at the Bridge. Here will be staged the final event of the S.A.A.L. programme, namely: the 1-mile Medley Relay (440, 220, 220, 880). With Jim Tosh, Tom Scrimshaw and George Dunckley available we should go near winning this event.

Monday, July 28th, at Battersea Park track, is the S.A.A.L. Inter-Club Discus event.

Saturday, August 2nd, Club Championship Day. Events:—

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS—100 yards (Grosvenor Cup), 220 yards (Elsie Cup), 440 yards (J. G. Sawyer Cup), 880 yards (R. W. Best Cup), 1 mile (Garnet Cup), 2 miles Walk (A. J. Sawyer Cup), 220 yards Juniors under 18 (R. W. Ricketts Cup), 100 yards, Boys under 15 (Chandler Cup).

TIME STANDARDS—440 yards, 56 secs. 880 yards, 2 mins. 8 secs. 1 mile, 4 mins. 50 secs. 2 mile Walk, 15 mins. 30 secs. and 16 min.

CLUB HANDICAPS—75 yards, 880 yards, 120 yards low hurdles.

All entries for scratch and handicap races must be in my hands by July 26th latest, as same are to be scrutinized by the Committee.

Book this date, forget England *v.* France, our boys will show you running equally as good as the fixture at the Bridge.

To intending competitors I say enter early, now if you like. I am always ready to take entries and fees (1/- each event, Boys' race 6d.).

Monday, August 11th, the last Club Handicap meeting, events: 100 yards, 440 yards, 1320 yards, 2 Mile Walk. Now then, boys, this is definitely your last chance of securing a "pot" this season, so be sure to enter whichever distance you think suits best.

Wednesday, August 20th, sees the last of the S.A.A.L. Inter-Club contests, namely the 120 yards Hurdles. Three men from each club compete and points are awarded 4, 3, 2, 1 in the final heat, the club with the highest points winning the event.

Any members who require A.A.A. forms or Nomination forms for new members, if they will drop me a line I will gladly supply same.

All particulars and entries to

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