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We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Benison, one of the Club's Vice-Presidents, and a regular supporter at Wimbledon and Battersea Park.

Mr. Benison was born 47 years ago at Plymouth, and was the son of a soldier. Always a keen follower of all branches of sport, a knowledge of his physical limitations compelled him to refrain from active participation in strenuous exercises. Bowls, of which he was no mean player, claimed much of his spare time throughout the entire season. As an accomplished baritone he rendered valuable service at many social functions, among which were Belgrave ones, where his efforts were much appreciated. He was always ready to help the Club, and only a few months ago provided the first prize for the novice walk promoted by the Club. By his death we lose a very good friend. He leaves a widow and one son, who is a Club member, and to them we extend our deepest sympathy.

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Congratulations to J. Cooper Clark, our former quarter-mile champion, and Alec Robertshaw, a member of our winning South of the Thames team, upon their recent marriages.

Cooper Clark has left England to seek fame and fortune in Canada, and he takes with him our best wishes for his success.

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Our very best congratulations are due to the Brighton Relay team upon their forward running. Of many fine performances, Arthur Allum's stands out as a superlative one, for he not only gained three places for us, but also recorded fastest time over his stage—a feat of which he can well be proud. The finish found the Northern, Midland (and National) and Southern champions in front of us, but it is when we study the clubs finishing behind us that the merit of our position becomes more apparent.

This race is yet another manifestation of the Club's continued improvement, for in 1927 we were 17th; 1928, 12th; 1929, 7th; and this year, fourth. A continuance of progress at this rate will render all things possible—will place all championships within our reach—and see the Northern and Midland clubs playing second fiddle to the South, represented by Belgrave.

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Our usual monthly congratulations are due to Tommy Green upon his wins in the North London Walk and Sunderland—Darlington Walk, in which he set up a new record.

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At the April Meeting of the Committee the following were elected to membership: H. J. Bignall (the International, and first-claim Highgate Harriers' runner), H. G. Francis, S. E. Hodgson, H. E. Jackman, J. F. Owen, G. H. Pamment, H. E. Randall, M. Smith, C. J. Wadham, R. A. Coles, D. C. Fretwell, W. Fox. At the May meeting the following names were passed: A. J. F. Valentine, C. H. Brodie, A. W. Birnie, R. E. L. Richardson, H. K. Harris, A. Kench, E. E. J. Trundell, R. Macpherson, D. C. L. Gratte. We wish all these new members many successes in the Club colours and we extend to them all a very hearty welcome.

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The Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Editor would be pleased to receive all outstanding amounts at the earliest possible moment. It is only possible to carry on in a manner worthy of the Club if they are given the co-operation of every member and it is hoped that *you* will not fail to do your part. The addresses of the Treasurer and Editor will be found on page 1.

THE BRIGHTON RELAY.

The Brighton Relay seems to attract more attention from the general public than any other race, which may be due to the fact that it is run over the London—Brighton Road, which in the past has been the scene of so many sporting events, or it may be that the team spirit which dominates this type of race more than any other rouses their interest.

Whatever the public think about it, we of the Belgrave are mostly concerned with showing what we can do against the pick of the country, for the entry includes Birchfield Harriers, the National Champions; Hallamshire H. and Tipton H., who were second and third in the same race; South London H, the Southern Champions; and practically every other team of note.

In spite of a doubtful weather outlook, a large number of supporters accompanied our runners on the 'bus which had been chartered by the Club, and although two of the selected team, W. Mitchell and W. G. Webb, were unable to turn out owing to in-

juries, the reserves so ably filled the breach that we had the satisfaction of seeing the Club eclipse all their previous performances.

Jack Flower ran the first stage for us and when he handed over he was lying fifth, but only 22 secs. behind S.L.H., who were leading.

Our next man, T. J. Flower, was unable to reproduce his last year's form, when he returned second fastest time, for this year eight others recorded better times, while the Club's position dropped to 8th, but only little more than a minute and a quarter separated us from Hallamshire, who were now in the lead, closely followed by Birchfield.

Ernie Duffett now took over and succeeded in pegging back the Poly. Harrier, thus bringing the Club into 7th place. On arrival at Purley our runners had covered 14 miles 1,208 yards in 1 hr. 21 mins. 8 secs., which was 1 min. 24 secs. slower than our team recorded in 1929.

The following stage was covered by Arthur Allum, who showed us some exceptionally fine running, for he returned fastest time over his stretch and took us up into fourth place. Hallamshire and Birchfield were disputing the lead at this point, while Highgate Harriers were 3rd; less than half a minute in front of us.

Our next man, Syd Warboys, was a new-comer to the team, but remembering his performances over the country during the winter, we were confident that he would hold his own, and when he handed over at Horley (which is approximately half-way to Brighton) he had passed Bignall, the Highgate runner, and Hallamshire were only 42 seconds ahead, while he was only five seconds slower over this stage than J. E. Webster, the Birchfielder, who had returned fastest time.

Bill Rice now carried on the good work and he managed to hang on to third position, although S.L.H. were gradually coming up, having beaten Highgate for fourth place. Birchfield, who retained the lead for the remainder of the race, were less than two and half minutes ahead of us, whereas in 1929 nearly four minutes divided us and the leading club, and on all occasions the difference had been over ten minutes.

For the relay between Crawley and Handcross, A. E. Smith was put on, and though he had been selected to run at the eleventh hour, and had not done much training during the preceding weeks, he ran a very plucky race and the only one to pass him was the S.L.H. representative, but Aldershot Command and Highgate were on his heels by the time he had completed his stage.

Hopes ran high, for we still had some good men to come, and over the next stretch A. Penny, by running only 15 seconds slower than the fastest man, took us to within 31 seconds of South London H., and over a minute away from the fifth team, which position was now held by the Polytechnic H. The ninth

stage, finishing at the top of Dale Hill, is considered by many to be the hardest one of all, so we put on one of our toughest runners, to wit, one Bert Footer, who had run this part of the journey for us on three previous occasions. Much to his disgust he saw the South London Harrier running away from him, and even when it was later disclosed that the aforesaid athlete had beaten the record for the leg by 43 seconds, Bert was still displeased with himself, and yet he had run 16 seconds better than he had ever done before over this portion of the road!

Frank Webb now took over to run the last $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles, but from our point of view the race was now over, for although no team was more than $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes ahead, yet South London Harriers, who were third, had one and a half minutes start off us, so we could not expect Webb to catch up those in front, especially as they were running such men as J. Beman, Birchfield; E. Harper, Hallamshire; and A. C. Stansbury, S.L.H.; while the nearest team in our rear was the "Poly," and they were nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes behind.

In this order we finished, and we have much to congratulate our team on, for in making comparisons of times we have to take into account that the weather was very unfavourable, for heavy rain fell most of the time and a very cold biting wind swept across the runners' course for the greater part of the journey.

Despite this disadvantage the team succeeded in knocking off 2 minutes 31 seconds from their previous best, recorded in 1928, and were only 5 minutes 50 seconds behind the winners, whereas before we had never been within 7 mins. 15 secs. of them.

Of our return to London quite an amusing account could be written, but it is sufficient to say here that the self-appointed "Captain of the Bus," "Doug" Sloper, kept us in a merry mood all the way home, but in spite of his vigilance we nearly left our old friend, Charlie Cook, stranded on the road, after the bus had stopped at Handcross, to enable us to refresh ourselves.

The runners in their order of stages, with actual times and each man's placing, found by comparing times with all the other runners over each stage, are given below. With regard to Club records, the first two stages were altered this year, so no fair comparison can be made with previous years.

Stage	Runner		Distance		Time	Comparative Placing
1.	J. E. Flower	... (5th)	4m. 176yds.	...	22m. 12s.	5th
2.	T. J. Flower	... (8th)	5m. 176yds.	...	27m. 47s.	9th
3.	E. A. Duffett	... (7th)	5m. 856yds.	...	31m. 9s.	7th
4.	A. Allum	... (4th)	5m. 1232yds.	...	30m. 26s.	(C.R.) 1st
5.	S. Warboys	... (3rd)	6m. 352yds.	...	32m. 2s.	(C.R.) 2nd
6.	W. A. Rice	... (3rd)	5m. 176yds.	...	28m. 8s.	(C.R.) 6th
7.	A. E. Smith	... (4th)	4m. 704yds.	...	26m. 7s.	17th
8.	A. W. Penny	... (4th)	6m. 218yds.	...	31m. 39s.	(C.R.) 4th
9.	H. E. Footer	... (4th)	5m. 486yds.	...	28m. 42s.	(C.R.) 3rd
10.	F. R. Webb	... (4th)	6m. 904yds.	...	34m. 58s.	13th
C.R.—Club Record.						(deadheat)

ORDER OF FINISH.

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1. Birchfield Harriers	4	47	29 2-5	7. Aldershot Com. A.C.	4	55	52
2. Hallamshire Harr.	4	49	7	8. Surrey A.C. ...	4	57	48
3. South London Harr.	4	50	38	9. Highgate H. ...	4	58	38
4. Belgrave Harriers	4	53	10	10. Herne Hill H. ...	4	59	7
5. Polytechnic Harriers	4	55	16	11. Horsham Blue Star	5	—	10
6. Tipton Harriers ...	4	55	17	12. Wycombe Phoenix H.	5	—	28

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Here follows an extract from the current issue of "The South London Harriers' Gazette," from which we may derive a mead of satisfaction:—

"We did not win the Brighton Relay, but we did well enough to justify our optimism with regard to the future. Indeed, this year's race gives us to think that in the near future, instead of clubs competing for third place to Birchfield and Hallamshire, Birchfield and Hallamshire will compete for third place to S.L.H. and Belgrave."

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An extract from a letter received from Joe Binks, of the "News of the World," and the organiser of the London—Brighton Relay, follows. We hope to justify his optimism next year:—

.....I would like to offer the boys my most sincere congratulations upon their great race on Saturday last in the London—Brighton Relay. It is certainly the Club's greatest running effort and I am hoping to see next year the great improvement maintained sufficiently to see you win the race. At full strength and with some more improvement you will do it yet. The South are gradually getting nearer the two leaders and it will be a great thing when one gets its head in front.

Yours sincerely,

JOE BINKS.

THE TWENTY MILES WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Blackthorn Winter came to Wimbledon in its playfulest and spitefulest mood on April 19th to have its sport at the expense of the 14 sturdy fellows who faced the starter in the race for 20 Miles Club Championship and the "R. W. Ricketts" Shield. Dull at the start, with a cold wind blowing, they were treated first to a short, cold shower, then to bright sunshine for an hour and a half, and finally to a violent and trying hailstorm. The number of starters was satisfactory for a race of this description, the only notable absentees being Jack Rathbone (on duty!), E. G. Cooper and S. A. Manning.

Right from the start, H. F. King, Fred Rickards and T. W. Green set a warm pace and opened a gap between themselves and a group which was comprised of R. D. McMullen, Paul Khlopin, J. E. Field, J. G. Scamell, J. F. King and J. C. Bidgood. Saunders and Knifton both started very steadily. At 5 miles the order was

almost the same, Bidgood alone having fallen back through too fast a start, but the gap set up by the three leaders was larger. At 10 miles the three, walking abreast, were still in the lead; but McMullen, closely followed by Khlopin, had drawn a little nearer to them. However, they had done so only by making an effort that was obviously too costly at this stage of the race.

The first of the leading trio to show signs of flagging was Harold King, but this was not until $11\frac{3}{4}$ miles had been covered. The times here were: F. Rickards; 99m. 58s.; T. W. Green, 99m. 59s.; H. F. King, 100m. 5s. Next came R. D. McMullen, who was now clear of Khlopin, and these were followed at fair intervals by J. E. Field, J. G. Scamell, and E. Saunders. Knifton was some way behind, but was now travelling very well. When they came round again the stiff climb from Raynes Park had been negotiated for the second and last time, and on this Green had tested Rickards but had found him to be in fine fettle, finer, perhaps, than he has ever shown, excepting when he made a record over our old course in the 1926 Championship. At the top of the hill ($14\frac{1}{2}$ miles), nevertheless, Tommy led by 7 seconds, Harold King being now 1 minute behind.

Shortly afterwards the hailstorm came on. Moreover, it turned bitterly cold towards the end of the race and this played havoc with the walkers. Tommy Green alone was unaffected by it. He just hurried home to get out of it, and arrived full of walking, 3 mins. 10 secs. ahead of Fred Rickards, who had been almost with him $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the end.

RESULT.

Pos'n	Name	Start	Actual Time	H'cap Time	Pos'n in H'cap
1.	T. W. Green	Scr.	2 59 46	2 59 46	1
2.	F. Rickards	2 0	3 2 56	3 0 56	2
3.	P. Khlopin	12 0	3 12 0	3 0 0	2
4.	R. D. McMullen	5 0	3 15 25	3 10 25	6
5.	B. J. T. Knifton	11 30	3 20 10	3 8 40	5
6.	C. H. Speechley	20 0	3 26 0	3 6 0	4
7.	J. G. Scamell	8 30	3 26 48	3 18 18	7

The new course chosen this year was 21 miles in length, and this was certainly unfortunate for Paul Khlopin and Fred Rickards, as both were only just beaten by Tommy Green in the handicap.

Of those who did not complete the journey, Harold King walked splendidly for 15 miles, J. E. Field for 14 miles, and E. Saunders for about 15 miles. J. C. Bidgood fell out at 15 miles, but he started too quickly; while A. H. Field seriously threatened to win the handicap for about $18\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Joe King was up from Brighton for the race and started well, but was obliged to retire at 12 miles through cramp, which attacked him after the 7th mile. That so large a percentage failed to finish is scarcely satisfactory, but

it must be borne in mind that an individual fight such as the Club Championship is looked upon by our faithful team men as a day out. Especially is this so in the case of Harold King. He simply loves a fight. The Belgrave Championship is so well worth the winning that no self-punishment he can inflict is too severe if only it may have the effect of breaking up the opposition. This he does not underrate. If Tommy Green and Fred Rickards are allowed to settle down, he knows how well they will race all through, and he is just a joyous battler out to break or be broken. Thus our Championships wax as hot and hectic as did the Battle of Chevy Chase sung of by the old balladist, and the slaughter is even on the same scale. On May 10th, however, our men will fight together as a team against all comers; and we have confidence, founded gratefully upon the knowledge of trust-worthy service rendered in former championships, the every man carrying the Belgrave colours will fight warily and well, and will finish the course.

Everyone in the Club has his heart set upon winning not only the National Championship, but also the "Nijmegen Shield," and as this latter goes to the team whose 8th man finishes first, there will be no thoughts of falling out. Neither must there be the slightest risk of disqualification in the Belgrave ranks.

As reports of all the earlier contests for the "Ricketts" Shield have not appeared in the "Belgravian," their results are given below for the sake of our many members who have latterly evinced so keen an interest in the Club's history.

Year	Winner	Time	2nd	3rd
1923	W. H. Hare ...	2 58 15	...R. W. Ricketts	J. B. Belchamber
1924	F. Rickards ...	2 49 31	...E. G. Cooper	W. H. Hare
1925	F. Rickards ...	2 53 17	...E. G. Cooper	E. A. Wall
1926	F. Rickards ...	2 47 49	...W. J. Hawker	R. W. Ricketts
1927	E. G. Cooper ...	2 50 31	...T. W. Green	S. A. Manning
1928	E. G. Cooper ...	2 49 57	...R. D. McMullen	F. Rickards
1929	T. W. Green ...	2 52 33	...J. E. Field	R. D. McMullen

The course used from 1923 to 1928 is no longer available.

E. G. Cooper finished first in 1923, but was not then a first-claim member.

The place medals won by R. W. Ricketts in 1923 and 1926 were passed on to the next man to finish, Bob being the donor of the Shield.

Before closing we would like to heartily thank Mr. W. F. May, of the London Vidarians and Road Walking Association, who has judged this race for many years, and also Capt. W. H. Ellison and Mr. Benjamin, for the use of their cars. This year, too, we were happy in welcoming our past President, Dick Murphy, as a judge.

J. B. BELCHAMBER.

FIVE MILES ROAD RACE.

Here follows the full result of our five miles' road race and sealed handicap held on March 23rd :—

		Actual Time	All'ee	H'cap Time	H'cap Pos'n
1.	S. H. Warboys	29 46	0 3	29 43	3
2.	H. E. Footer	29 52	0 5	29 47	5
3.	A. Penny	30 23	0 20	30 3	8
4.	A. Allum	30 30	0 7	30 23	13
5.	W. A. Rice	30 37	0 50	29 47	5
6.	E. A. Duffett	30 53	0 15	30 38	16
7.	W. G. Webb	30 58	0 40	30 18	10
8.	J. E. Flower	31 17	Scr.	31 17	24
9.	T. J. Flower	31 34	0 7	31 27	28
10.	H. J. Fletcher	32 9	5 15	26 54	1
11.	J. D. Andrews	32 19	2 50	29 29	2
12.	F. R. Webb	32 36	1 45	30 51	18
13.	W. W. Wallis	32 40	2 0	30 40	17
14.	N. R. Dewbery	32 50	2 30	30 20	11
15.	A. Canard	32 59	2 5	30 54	19
16.	W. H. Eastman	33 10	2 55	30 15	9
17.	W. Sweeney	33 25	2 10	31 15	23
18.	J. G. Coleman	33 31	2 35	30 56	21
19.	L. C. Price	34 8	2 45	31 23	26
20.	T. Cotton	34 26	4 5	30 21	12
21.	R. Evans	34 46	4 10	30 36	15
22.	A. E. Miller	34 48	3 30	31 18	25
23.	D. Sloper	35 34	5 5	30 29	14
24.	A. R. Godfrey	35 35	4 40	30 55	20
25.	H. Harrison	35 51	4 45	31 6	22
26.	G. Still	36 7	6 15	29 52	7
27.	C. W. Law	36 24	6 40	29 44	4
28.	L. E. Fletcher	36 25	5 0	31 25	27
29.	E. Jones, Jr.	36 44	2 30	34 14	31
30.	D. Mann	38 42	6 16	32 22	29
31.	J. E. Harvey	39 1	5 30	33 31	30

THE NORTH LONDON HARRIERS' OPEN WALK.

This race showed Tommy Green at his best, for he won from the National Champion, A. E. Plumb, in 2 hours 4 mins. 12 1-5 secs., and led the team to an easy win in the scratch team race. Tommy was placed third in the individual handicap from the scratch mark, and was also a member of our team, which was placed third in the team handicap. Not a bad afternoon's work!

RESULTS.

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1.	T. W. Green	2	4	12 1-5	11.	P. Khlopin	2 15 26
7.	F. Rickards	2	13	19	27.	J. C. Bidgood	2 22 15
8.	J. E. Field	2	14	12			

TEAM PLACINGS.

Scratch.			Handicap.		
					h. m. s.
1.	Belgrave H.	20 pts.	1.	Ashcombe A.C.	8 25 2
2.	{Ashcombe A.C.	42 pts.	2.	Enfield A.C.	8 27 33
	{Enfield A.C.	42 pts.	3.	Belgrave H.	8 31 39

(Green, Field, Rickards Khlopin).

THE METROPOLITAN W.C. OPEN WALK.

We were poorly represented in this race, for several of those whose efforts had earned the Club many successes during the past few months were preparing for a much more important event—the National Championship. In the circumstances our friends and rivals, Enfield A.C., made a clean sweep of all the first prizes and so gained a little consolation for the “Junior” defeat. Our team was second in the scratch race, and we were also second in the handicap team race, the six scoring men being, F. H. Elson, J. E. Field, F. Rickards, R. F. Elson, R. C. Hillier and A. A. Harley. The three last-named gained their first team awards, thus showing that next season our handicap teams should again be scoring.

RESULTS.

1. C. W. Hyde.		44. A. H. East	... ..	67 25
Enfield A.C.	57 39	46. A. A. Harley	... ..	67 39
5. F. H. Elson	... ..	62. H. Larman	... ..	70 12
9. J. E. Field	... ..	62. S. T. Ring...	... ..	70 30
13. F. Rickards	... ..	77. J. Hagger	... ..	75 10
33. R. C. Hillier	... ..	— S. B. Ashby	... ..	74 30
42. R. F. Elson	... ..	— F. Eborall...	... ..	69 47
	67 11			

TEAM RESULTS.

Scratch.		Handicap.		m. s.
1. Enfield A.C.	 34 pts.	1. Enfield A.C.	... ..	341 45
2. Belgrave H.	 89 pts.	2. Belgrave H.	... ..	351 44
3. Metropolitan W.C.	 106 pts....	3. Metropolitan W.C.	... ..	352 55
4. Ashcombe A.C.	 151 pts.	4. Ashcombe A.C.	... ..	359 38

BELGRAVE H. v. OLD EMMANUEL A.C.

On April 24th we contested our first match of the Summer Season, v. Old Emmanuel A.C. on the Emmanuel School Ground at Wandsworth Common.

W. G. Gould, one of our members and an old Emmanuel scholar, was instrumental in arranging this very pleasant fixture, and W. F. Roberts, who was placed in our quarter-mile championship two or three seasons back, was also a member of the home team.

The first event, the mile, in which we were represented by E. A. Duffett, A. Penny, and F. G. Ford, was won by an Emmanuel runner of great promise, A. Kench, in 4 mins. 46 secs. Kench has since joined us, and we have every hope that he will develop into a first-class runner.

The next event, the long jump, was won by B. W. Fleming, with a leap of 19ft. 10ins., 1½ inches better than F. W. Norris, the Emmanuel jumper. The taking-off board had not been white-washed and could not be seen clearly from the run-up. For this reason J. W. Clemens was “no jumped” three times and so prevented us from placing first and second.

The two sprints both ended in wins for our man, T. J. Purdy, whilst J. R. McKay showed a return to form by being placed in both events.

The 440 yards race ended in W. F. Roberts beating Harold Titherley and giving a glimpse of the form which gained him Surrey County colours a season or two ago.

The high jump gave E. A. Saward a win without displacing the bar, and J. E. Tosh led all the way in the half-mile to win in 2min. 7 1-5secs.

On a 3, 2, 1 points basis we won this match by 25 points to 17. The match was a very sporting event, and it is to be hoped that it will find a permanent place in our Summer fixture list.

RESULTS.

100 Yards—1, T. J. Purdy, B.H.; 2, F. W. Norris, O.E.; 3, J. R. McKay, B.H. Time 11 1-10secs. Points: O.E., 2; B.H., 4.

220 Yards—1, T. J. Purdy, B.H.; 2, J. R. McKay, B.H.; 3, F. W. Norris, O.E. Time 25 1-5secs. Points: O.E., 1; B.H., 5.

440 Yards—1, W. F. Roberts, O.E.; 2, H. Titherley, B.H.; 3, E. Sese-man, O.E. Time 54 4-5secs. Points: O.E., 4; B.H., 2.

880 Yards—1, J. E. Tosh, B.H.; 2, E. Snelling, O.E.; 3, T. J. Flower, B.H. Time 2min. 7 1-5secs. Points: O.E., 2; B.H., 4.

1 Mile—1, A. Kench, O.E.; 2, E. A. Duffett, B.H.; 3, A. Penny, B.H. Time 4min. 46secs. Points: O.E., 3; B.H., 3.

High Jump—1, E. A. Saward, 5ft. 2in., B.H.; 2, B. Ritson, 5ft. 1in., O.E.; 3, J. W. Clemens, 4ft. 11in., B.H. Points: O.E., 2; B.H., 4.

Long Jump—1, B. W. Fleming, B.H., 19ft. 10in.; 2, F. W. Norris, O.E., 19ft. 8 1-2in.; 3, P. R. Chorley, O.E., 18ft. 2in. Points: O.E., 3; B.H., 3.

Belgrave H., 25 points—Old Emmanuel A.C., 17 points.

BELGRAVE H. v. LONDON A.C.

This thoroughly sporting fixture which took place on April 26th at Battersea Park Track was witnessed by a large gathering of spectators. Our visitors, as last year, again brought a strong team along containing several University athletes, and Tommy Hampson, the International runner, and a member of our Club. Victory went to the L.A.C. by 41 points to our 29, scoring on a 4, 3, 2, 1 basis. Their superiority lay in the sprints and field events, whereas our successes were gained in the distance events. The fixture proved a very enjoyable one, and with the Club handicaps, formed an excellent programme, and one which for sports-manship and keen racing it would be hard to beat.

The 100 yards, which started the programme, and later, the 440 yards, provided our visitors with runaway victories, for in both cases they had the first three men home. In extenuation, we must point out that neither Odell nor Dunckley, the Club Champions at these distances, were available to run.

The half-mile proved to be a very close race. Jim Tosh seemed determined to win and after the first few yards until within five yards of the tape he was leading. Here Tom Hampson came up with a burst of speed and won by a yard with Tom Scrimshaw slowing down, third. Time: 2 min. 0 3-5 secs. Considering that Hampson was a member of the England team v. Germany last year, and toured America with the Universities team and is, moreover, five or six years the senior of our runners, our repre-

sentatives must be congratulated upon their good showing.

The mile was another close race, Jack Flower beating Bill Rice by a yard, with Sargent, L.A.C., another yard in the rear. Well run, Belgrave!

The two-miles saw Bert Cook, after being behind for the greater part of the race, take the lead in the last 200 yards and gallop away with Arthur Allum in close attendance. The Cambridge University runners, Cowburn and Wilson, followed thirty yards behind. The time recorded, 9 min. 50 3-5 secs., showed Cook's run to be a very fine performance.

In the long jump our man, Clemens (who also won the Club handicap) jumped 21 ft. 3 ins., but was beaten by an inch by J. Simpson, the Manchester University and L.A.C. athlete. Fleming was also beaten by an inch for third place, and L. G. Snow, L.A.C., took first place in the Javelin, with an exceptionally fine throw, little short of the British Native record.

The Club handicaps were keenly contested and showed a vast amount of maturing talent.

Purdy was successful in the "100" in a close finish, and another very close finish in the half-mile gave Tom Pritchard a win from A. Chubb and T. C. Jones, two promising junior runners. The mile went to F. G. Ford in easy fashion, with Coleman gaining his usual place prize.

H. J. Mann, a newcomer, won the 300 yards from a mark he will never see again, with Jim Tosh a yard away. Jim ran well to get so close from the 12 yards mark, considering his strenuous half-mile earlier in the afternoon.

The entry for the Walk was on the small side, but W. Clarke won his race in convincing fashion and in good style. R. F. Elson continues to improve and Len Fletcher must be well satisfied with his 14 mins. 20 secs. from scratch, giving him fifth place so early in the season.

RESULTS.

Match Events.

100 Yards—L. F. Wright, L.A.C., 1; V. T. Rudkin, L.A.C., 2; J. O. Lintott, L.A.C., 3; E. H. Jarvis, B.H., 4; 10 3-10sec.

440 Yards—C. C. Vargas, L.A.C., 1; J. Simpson, L.A.C., 2; T. V. Shepard, L.A.C., 3; P. J. Cook, B.H., 4; 52 4-5sec.

880 Yards—T. Hampson, L.A.C., 1; J. E. Tosh, B.H., 2; T. H. Scrimshaw, B.H., 3; P. C. O'Dowd, L.A.C., 4; 2min. 0 3-5sec.

Mile—J. E. Flower, B.H., 1; W. A. Rice, B.H., 2; T. Sargent, L.A.C., 3; T. J. Flower, B.H., 4; 4min. 38 3-5sec.

Two Miles Team—H. S. Cook, B.H., 1; A. Allum, B.H., 2; R. E. Cowburn, L.A.C., 3; D. M. Wilson, L.A.C., 4; 9min. 50 3-5sec.

Long Jump—J. Simpson, L.A.C., 21ft. 4in., 1; J. Clemens, B.H., 21ft. 3in., 2; F. G. Livingstone, L.A.C., 20ft. 2in. 3; B. W. Fleming, B.H., 20ft. 1in., 4.

Throwing the Javelin—L. G. Snow, L.A.C., 174ft. 0½in., 1; G. H. Powell, B.H., 156ft. 10in., 2; R. A. Burnett, L.A.C., 151ft. 11½in., 3; E. Bradbrook, L.A.C., 141ft. 2½in., 4.

Club Events.

100 Yards—Heat winners: M. Gray, 7½yds. (10 1-5 sec.); A. F. Powter, 7 (10 3-10); B. Fleming, 7 (10 2-5); L. Fleming, 15 (10 2-5); T. Purdy, 6 (10 2-5); E. Jarvis, 2½ (10½). Final: Purdy 1, B. Fleming 2, Powter 3; 10 2-5sec.

300 Yards—Heat Winners: J. E. Tosh, 10yds. (31 4-5sec.); G. Maryon, 12 (34); H. J. Mann, 38 (31 2-5); E. Trundell, 25 (33 3-5); W. Gould, 22 (33). Final: Mann 1, Tosh 2, Trundell 3; 31 3-5sec.

880 Yards—T. Pritchard, 50, 1; A. Clubb, 60, 2; T. C. Jones, 60, 3; 1min. 59 4-5sec.

1 Mile—F. G. Ford, 100, 1; J. Coleman, 120, 2; S. Chorley, 150, 3; 40yds., 12yds.; 4min. 29sec.

1 Mile (Unattached Novices' Scratch)—G. Woolley, 1; F. White, 2; A. Coventry, 3; 6min. 1 4-5sec.

Two Miles Walk—W. Clarke, 405, 1; R. F. Elson, 355, 2; F. Eborall, 500, 3; 14min. 4 1-5sec.

Long Jump—J. W. Clemens, rec. 1ft., 22ft. 3in., 1; G. Maryon, rec. 2ft., 20ft. 4½in., 2; R. Noble, rec. 3ft. 3in., 20ft. 3in., 3.

THE DINNER.

The Annual Dinner turned out to be a great success. Over a hundred were present and it was really a Belgrave gathering. In a letter from Mr. W. J. Pepper, he remarked that it was the best supported Club Dinner he had attended and he was surprised at the number of active members present. This, however, is typical of all our Social fixtures, but it is very pleasing to have our visitors notice it.

Our guest of the evening was, of course, Mrs. Ricketts, and it was quite evident that she was very pleased to be among us once again, and to see us carrying on the good work. Other visitors included representatives from Mitcham A.C., Croydon H. and Epsom H., Mr. Summerfield, of the Surrey Walking Club, Mr. W. J. Pepper and Mr. Joe Binks.

After the toast of the "The King" had been given, our Chairman and President, Mr. E. Gordon, proposed the toast of "The Club." He thanked the officials for the way they had supported him during the past season. Especially he thanked Mr. Fish and Mr. Redgrave. The Club, he said, had had a very successful season, both cross-country and on the road, and the social side had been a bigger success than ever. (Applause).

Mr. W. L. Bayliss, who responded, said the season had been one of the most successful they had had. The Club had been second in the South of the Thames Championship, first in the Surrey County Championship, third in the Southern Counties Championship, sixth in the National Championship, and fourth in the Brighton relay. On the road they had retained the National Championship and won the Bishop of Birmingham's cup and the R.W.A. Junior Championship. The Club members were a good and happy crowd. (Applause).

Mr. F. G. Thomson, submitting the toast of "The Visitors," said the Club prided itself on the number of friends it made.

They welcomed them to their dinner. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Summerfield, of the Surrey Walking Club. That evening they offered Mr. Summerfield the velvet glove of friendship, but in a fortnight's time they would show him the mailed fist. Mr. Thomson also referred to the presence of Mr. W. Pepper, Mr. J. Binks and Mrs. Ricketts.

In reply, Mr. Summerfield said that in a fortnight's time his club hoped to beat the Belgrave Harriers, but if they did not they would be the first to congratulate the Belgrave men.

Mr. Binks said he did not consider himself a visitor, as he had been repeatedly with the Club for 30 years. In the present days the Belgrave Harriers were much in the limelight, but it had not always been so. Now was the time to introduce new blood into the Club, so that they might follow in the footsteps of the good men they had. (Applause).

Mr. Pepper, on behalf of Mrs. Ricketts, said she was happy to see the great strides the Belgrave Harriers were making.

Contributors to an enjoyable concert were Mr. Lew Castle, Mr. Rex. Lenfesty, Mr. Billy Morton, Miss Kitty Keys, and Miss P. J. Matthews.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a very pleasant evening.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

An outing to Earlswood Common will be held on June 22nd. Arrangements will be on the same lines as last year and further particulars will be available in our next issue or may be had from

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SPORTS JOTTINGS

By "Observer."

I was greatly interested in a recent advertisement of a Sports meeting at Liverpool. Under the heading of Special Prizes came the following awards: Neatest Dressed Competitor (Men and Youths), £3 3s. Neatest Dressed Competitor (Ladies), £2 2s.

One is inclined to ask whether this was a sports meeting or a mannequin parade. A cynic might say that this is only to be expected once women took a prominent part in athletics!

Yet perhaps the promoters are to be commended on their attempt to try and get competitors to take a little more care and interest in their running garb. I must say, with all fairness, that while some of them look very neat in their Club colours, others are just the reverse. It behoves everyone to turn out in clean running togs, as by so doing you are bringing credit on yourself and what is more important, your Club.

Always wear your Club vest. You should be proud of the

"Claret and Gold," and if you are in need of one, I am sure our Treasurer will be pleased to supply you on receipt of a postcard.

The dates of the meetings staging the Southern Amateur Athletic League (1st Div.) events have now been arranged as under :—
4 x 220 yds. Relay—Saturday, May 31st, at Poly. Marathon meeting, Stamford Bridge.

3 miles Team race—Whit Monday, June 9th, at "News of the World" meeting, Stamford Bridge.

4 x 440 yds. Relay—do. do. do. do.

1 mile Team race—Saturday, June 14th, at Civil Service A.A. meeting, Stamford Bridge.

4 x 880 yds. Relay—Saturday, July 19th, at Printing Trades meeting, Herne Hill Track.

Medley Relay (440 x 220 x 220 x 880)—Saturday, July 26th, at Fire Brigade Sports meeting, Stamford Bridge.

Our readers will remember that last year we finished third in the League and we naturally hope to improve upon this performance.

Points are scored as follows : six for 1st place and so on down to one point for sixth.

The six clubs in the First Division are : Polytechnic H., South London H., Herne Hill H., Surrey A.C., Highgate H., and ourselves.

Four men aside compete in each event, and in the team races all four will score.

My next three Club members are typical examples of the youthful promise with which our Club is so well endowed, and which leads us to believe that we are the coming Club so far as the realm of Southern athletics is concerned. (Why qualify this by the use of the word "Southern"?—ED.).

S. R. Chorley, one of the most promising young men in our running section. Sid has shown great improvement over the country during this last season, his best performance, to my mind, being in the Club "7." Should do well on the track this summer, does not want to be too easily discouraged but to keep on persevering and he will reap his reward in the end.

A. E. Miller, a comparative newcomer to the competitive side of the Club, but has shown in this, his first season over the country, that he will be a help to our teams, particularly in the earlier races of next cross-country season. Has also a liking for hurdling and might turn out a useful man at this event if he took it up seriously.

R. F. Elson, a younger brother of the Club "Junior" Champion. Met with fair amount of success in Club handicaps on the track last year and should naturally improve on these performances this summer. Is of much the same build as his brother and we hope

he will one day go one place better than Frank and so become the R.W.A. Junior Champion.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

On Saturday, May 24th, at the L.A.C. meeting at Stamford Bridge, will be staged an interesting event, namely, Birchfield Harriers v. The Rest, 10 x 1 mile Relay. I do not know the composition of the Rest team, but certainly think we have a few members worthy of consideration.

Wednesday, May 28th, we have a Club Handicap meeting at Battersea Park. There are events for Juniors, Veterans, and others at all distances. Entries (1/- each event) close first post 23rd instant. There is also an Open 100 yds. scratch race for Unattached Novices, and I would esteem it a favour if any members who know of Novices wishing to enter will kindly send their names along to me; there is no entry fee, and Medals will be awarded.

Saturday, May 31st, the Poly Marathon meeting at the Bridge. Included in a lengthy programme are the "Kinnaird Trophy" events, to which we have received an invitation, also the 1 Mile Relay for Juniors under 19 years of age. We hope to enter 3 teams in the latter event, and trust that one of them will pull it off and so keep up our sequence of wins in this race. Also at this meeting is the S.A.A.L. 4 x 220 yds. Relay and we hope to make an auspicious start in the League.

Monday, June 2nd, we have a Junior (under 19) Inter-Club contest with Fitzroy Lodge A.C., Mitcham A.C. and Mary Ward A.C., at Battersea Park.

Saturday, June 7th, sees the Middlesex County Championships at Stamford Bridge. With so many of our members holding this county's qualifications we naturally hope to see the Club name well to the fore.

Whit-Monday, June 9th. The British Games at the Bridge. A mammoth programme and one which will provide entertainment for thousands of Londoners. At this meeting will be staged the following S.A.A.L. events. namely, 4 x 440 yds. Relay and the 3 miles Team race, 4 to run and count. I hope the members concerned will bear these events in mind when making their Whitsuntide arrangements. True, it is a day spent in London, but what a meeting! Germans, French, and the pick of English athletes.

Wednesday, June 11th, we have the second meeting of the Inter-Club Relay Shield competition. This will be at Epsom, and I trust we shall have a better turn-out than in the past.

Saturday, June 14th. First and foremost, the Surrey County Championships at Battersea Park. Here it is on our own door-

step and I hope our members will avail themselves of this opportunity. I shall be pleased to supply Entry Forms and particulars of any event. On the same day, rather unfortunately, there will be held in conjunction with the Civil Service meeting at Stamford Bridge, the S.A.A.L. 1 Mile Team race, 4 to run and count. In these circumstances our team will have to be composed of Middlesex members, which will, however, not greatly affect our team strength.

Tuesday, June 17th, we have an Inter-Club contest versus the Old Gaytonians and Leigh-on-Sea Harriers on the former's fine ground at Harrow. Incidentally, the Leigh-on-Sea Harriers have invited us to a match on their ground any Saturday in August. I am holding the acceptance in abeyance until I can get sufficient men to make the journey and therefore will be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to make a trip to Leigh-on-Sea.

On Wednesday, June 25th, at Battersea Park, will be held the "Doris Shield" Inter-Club Competition versus our old friends Ashcombe A.C. and Thames Valley Harriers. There will be the usual Handicaps open to members of each Club.

Tuesday, June 26th, at the Polytechnic's meeting at Paddington Track will be the S.A.A.L. Inter-Club Putting the Shot contest.

Saturday, June 28th, is rather an important day. At Stamford Bridge will be the A.A.A. 1 Mile (4 x 440 yds.) Relay Championship, also the Ravensbourne Club are staging a Grand Inter-Club contest, to which we have received an invitation. We shall have teams at both places and I trust members will give me their co-operation in fielding teams of the required strength.

Perhaps it might be as well to mention that with regard to the mid-week evening meetings, these start at 7 p.m.

Any new members who come to Battersea Park to train—Tuesdays and Thursdays are the Club nights—and are perhaps at a loss as to whom to train with or what distance, etc., if they will get in touch with me there, I will do my best to assist them.

All entries and any enquiries to

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LATE NEWS.

Despite the fine walking of T. W. Green and F. Rickards, who finished third and fourth respectively, we were beaten in the National Road Walking Championship at Derby by Birmingham W.C. (49 pts!) and Derby W.C. (53 pts.). Our score was 60 pts. and so we had to relinquish the title to the Birmingham walkers, who are the first provincial winners. In congratulating them we would assure them that they have the Shield on short lease only, and we look forward to resuming possession next May.

