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Apologies, everyone, for the inordinate length of time which has elapsed between the publication of our last issue and our present number. We are inured to the humorous enquiries regarding the "Belgrave Annual" from those who are so ready to read but so reluctant to write; but on this occasion our conscience prompts us that their quips are almost deserved. However, we doubt if there has ever been an amateur publication to maintain regularity of issue, and who are we to break away from years of hallowed tradition?—to compel Hon. Editors to become watchers of clocks, keepers of diaries, and punchers of time cards?—to deny them their inalienable right to outdo Procrastination at his own game?

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Having convinced you all that irregularity of publication is something to welcome rather than to reject with contumely; that strict adherence to a schedule of dates is a thing of the damned, lowering the human soul to the level of the six pips from Greenwich or the passive immobility of a sun-dial, we will proceed, secure in the knowledge that we have at least struck the first blow, and to some extent anticipated the ironical comments and mock complimentary remarks which will arise in certain quarters when this Gazette is circulated.

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Since our last issue saw the light there have been many fine performances recorded, with promise of others to follow; news of weddings and rumours of weddings to come; and lists of new members holding out promise of future distinctions. We have won and we have lost, and it is safe to say that the reputation of the Belgrave Harriers for sportsmanship and ability has never been higher, nor have our potentialities for future successes ever been greater.

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We have much pleasure in welcoming the undermentioned who have recently become members of our Club: A. W. Batland, J. H. Chantler, G. Chapman, M. Cheetham, F. M. Edwards, E. H.

Finneron, R. Martin, S. C. Oxford, S. H. Price, A. Patience, D. Patience, R. Patience, H. W. Rose, J. Richards, L. R. Saunders, H. W. Smith, H. B. Taylor, L. G. Allen, R. Archer, S. E. Burne, A. Herbert, E. L. Kealey, N. Saxon, J. Scott, A. Smith, W. L. Smith. We trust they have many successes to come in our colours.

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Heartiest congratulations to C. E. Poulter, N. R. Dewberry, J. E. Field and J. E. Tosh upon their recent marriages. All four have rendered invaluable service to the Club in past years and we sincerely hope that domestic bliss and years of happiness will be theirs. And so, good luck attend our latest additions to the married ranks.

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Congratulations also to Tommy Scrimshaw upon his selection to represent England versus France, consequent upon his wonderfully fine running in the A.A.A. Championships. Tommy lost the championship by a bare yard in a race many of us will remember for years to come, but in doing so he recorded time which would have lost the field on numberless occasions. Such is the luck of the game, however, and his turn will come. It was particularly gratifying to us who have had faith in our man to pull out a phenomenal performance when it was required; that he should do so when the daily Press and self-styled authorities had decided upon the "winner" weeks in advance—only to find their selection unplaced.

We trust that Scrimshaw will have that little bit of luck, which so far has been denied him, in the France match, and other Internationals to follow.

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A. G. White's performance in finishing third in the London—Brighton and Back Walk (104 miles) in 20 hrs. 40 min. 16 sec. calls for the highest praise. A performance such as this requires months of training and tremendous powers of endurance, and we are very glad that our only entrant carried our colours with such distinction. This is also probably the best performance ever accomplished by a Police athlete at the distance.

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Another excellent showing by a Belgrave man was that of E. H. Finneron, in winning the Javelin event in the Junior A.A.A. Championships. His throw of 176ft. 0¼in. with the light-weight javelin is wonderfully good; and next year, for he will still be qualified, we should have a new record from him. Heartiest congratulations, Finneron!

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In the 4 x 110 yards Relay Championship at the same meeting, our juniors showed up well, winning their heat in time which equalled the existing record, with something in hand. Unfortunately, in the final Dyke's leg muscle broke down, but even with

that misfortune our team finished third, the winning team's time being slower than that recorded by our boys in their heat.

Undoubtedly in Bone (who is Surrey Junior Champion), Dyke, Crilly and Fleming we have four sprinters who may well be winning the Senior A.A.A. title for us in a few years time. There are others, too, Fox, Mewes, Edwards, Stone, Keyworth, to mention only a few names, who should establish Belgrave as the premier sprinting club within the course of a few years.

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At their July meeting the Committee sanctioned the granting of Club Honours Badges to F. Rickards, J. Clemens and T. H. Scrimshaw, to whom our congratulations are proffered.

Renewed congratulations to Scrimshaw upon his excellent running in the Great Britain *v.* France match. His was a glorious failure—to lead the field from the start and then to have victory snatched from his grasp in the last few yards and to lose to the French runner by about three inches. Tommy must be one of the unluckiest runners to engage in the highest class of racing, but undoubtedly the tide will soon turn for him. In this race he had the satisfaction of well-beating the remaining English and French representatives.

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Incidentally, much amusement may be gained by perusing that queer mixture of half-truth, prejudice and illogical favouritism which frequently passes for athletic news in our contemporary daily Press. We have no desire that our Club, or any of our members, should be given a disproportionate amount of space in the columns of the newspapers—we are quite content to allow our performances to speak for themselves to those members of the general and athletic public who possess the discernment to appreciate merit as distinct from what our American friends call "ballyhoo,"—but we should have thought that some of the writers, in fairness to themselves, would have tempered their writings with some dispassionate judgment and unbiassed thinking. Their continued loyalty to their heroes of the immediate past is truly pathetic; the unseeing eye with which they review the present, a matter for deep regret.

However, undoubtedly these things will continue, and no great harm can accrue if we persistently refuse to treat their vapouring with seriousness, but rather accept them at their true worth—the distorted views of jaundiced pens.

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Vests, Club ties, etc., may be had from the Hon. Treasurer, who is also glad to receive any outstanding amounts or donations to the Building Fund.

The end of our financial year is fast approaching, and it is hoped that every member will write, or see Mr. F. R. Webb, whose address appears on page 1, and settle up his Gazette account. The auditors will be asking for the figures very shortly;

and so we ask for the co-operation of every member, to enable us to bring our accounts up-to-date. Thank you!

THE INTER-CLUB RELAY COMPETITIONS.

The second Inter-Club contest was held at Epsom on June 21st, and, as is usual in these away fixtures, our sprinters were lacking in numbers and we had to call on Jock McKay, who had turned up to witness the meeting. Our team included also two Juniors and so we took our usual third place to Mitcham and Croydon. In the 4 x 880 yards we scored an easy win in slow time, Alf Kench running a fine half to give us a good lead which was kept to the finish. The 4 x 300 again saw us placed third, only this time Croydon beat Mitcham. We scored a win in the 1 mile team race, our team totalling 14 pts. against Mitcham's 18 and Croydon's 19.

RESULT.

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

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

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

1 Mile Team.—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Croydon H.; 4, Epsom H.

At Croydon on July 4th we suffered a total eclipse and Mitcham ensured themselves holding the Shield for yet another year. In the 4 x 100 yards we had to turn out two half-milers, in Kench and Frank Webb, our only two sprinters being Basford and Bone. Croydon won this event from Mitcham and incidentally this was Mitcham's only defeat of the evening. The 4 x 880 yards was a good race throughout, and over the last stage Frank Webb had a lead of about 10 yards, but Naish, of Mitcham, ran a well judged race and despite a heroic finishing effort by our man, won by a yard. In the 4 x 300 yards the surprise from our point of view was the running of Alf Kench, who actually beat Peter Wells, of Mitcham, over the first "leg" to give us the lead. As our other men included two of our half-milers who had run previously that evening, we soon dropped back and Mitcham won, with Croydon second and ourselves third. Then came the 1 mile team race and our team, Arthur Allum, Bill Rice, Bill Webb and Tom Cotton was expected to score a win for us. Arthur Allum ran a really magnificent race and holding off Puleston, of Mitcham, won in 4 min. 34 sec. On a grass track with many undulations this represented good running, but of the rest of our team, well; they scored 9 and 10, this giving us third place behind Mitcham and Croydon. Mitcham thus gained 6 points on us during the evening and so we were 11 points behind them with one meeting to be decided.

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1 Mile Team.—1, Mitcham A.C.; 2, Croydon H.; 3, Belgrave H.;
4, Epsom H.

The final Inter-Club meeting was held at Mitcham on July 19th, and here again the turn-out of our men was exceedingly poor. We had four sprinters for the 4 x 100 yards but once again could only fill third place behind Croydon and Mitcham. These clubs are really very good class when it comes to sprinting and unless we have one of our best teams out I am afraid that third place is the best we can ever hope for. In the 4 x 880 yards a similar race to that at Croydon was seen, only this time it was Bert Shaw who went off in front of Naish, of Mitcham. Our man ran well and kept Naish out when he challenged at the top of the back straight, but when he came again in the sprint home Shaw had to give way and so lost a very exciting race. For the 4 x 300 yards we only had three sprinters available, and then someone discovered Fred Powter among the spectators and after a frenzied search for the right size shoes, he turned out and ran the last stage for us. Croydon won this event with Mitcham second and ourselves third, the usual result one might say. In fact, it is distinctly fortunate from our point of view that Epsom have no sprinters worth mentioning.

The last event saw us actually score a win, our men, Allum, Penny and Shaw, finishing 3, 4, 5 in the 1 mile team race. Puleston, of Mitcham, won this race by inches from Frost, of Croydon, in 4 min. 30 sec., which shows that these Inter-Club races are getting quite hot and really demand better opposition on our part towards our opponents.

Mitcham A.C. won the Inter-Club Relay Shield for the second year in succession by scoring 55 points to our 42. Croydon H. were third with 40 and Epsom scored 21. We offer Mitcham our heartiest congratulations and are sorry that our teams were not as representative as they should have been. This I am convinced is not due to any slackness by our officials, but solely due to a lamentable apathy on the part of our members. We shall be told perhaps that there are members who are only too willing to run in these contests, but I wish members to understand that the standard of these races has improved tremendously in the last few years, and only our best teams can be sure of success, which, after all, is what we desire. If, on the other hand, this is not the case, then by all means send some of our lesser lights, also some of our Juniors, as these races will prove of valuable experience to them. One thing is quite certain: it is a waste of time to send down one good man and expect him to hold up the team, also it is not fair to him as the effort asked for is too much. Whether our outside engagements such as the Kinnaird Trophy, the various S.A.A.L. fixtures which in the 1st Division take place on Saturdays, and the numerous Open events, take up too much of our cracks' attention is also to be considered. In

fairness, you cannot expect them to turn out Saturday, then Wednesday, then Saturday again, and give of their best each time, which I will say our boys always do. The fact remains that with a membership like ours it should and ought to be possible to field full teams in each of these events, and I hope that next season will see a definite policy decided upon as regards the teams for the Inter-Club Relay contests.

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JUNIOR INTER-CLUB RELAY CONTEST.

This was held at Croydon on July 25th, and our Juniors had to admit defeat to Mitcham, the scoring being Mitcham A.C. 8 points, Belgrave H. 5, and Croydon H. 4. Our boys were unfortunately disqualified in one of the events, and so can be said to have done well in winning one and being second in the other. There were only three events, the 3 x 100 yards which we won, the 3 x 200 yards and the 880 yards team race. Our Junior Captain, Dick Savage, accompanied the team and our best thanks are due to him for the interest he has taken in our Junior teams this season; and in view of the fine form which has been shewn by many of the lads, our prospects for the future appear very bright.

THE SOUTHERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

The third fixture in the league was held in conjunction with the Polytechnic Harriers meeting at the White City Track on June 10th. This was the 4 x 220 yards and the promoting club led throughout, to win easily, with Herne Hill Harriers just pipping us for second place. L. Morgan was seen out in our team and ran well, but Wilson was rather a weak link and Basford had to give way to Pallett over the last stage.

On June 17th the 1 Mile Team race was held at the Civil Service meeting, and here Herne Hill H. scored a surprise win and so consolidated their lead at the head of the table. Our team ran moderately well, and filled third position, although only 8 points separated the first four teams in what was a rather high scoring race.

At Herne Hill Track on July 15th we scored our second win in the league by annexing the 4 x 880 yards race. Our team was Michael Tosh (who took us into the lead), Kench and Scrimshaw; the time of 8 min. 9 secs was good, considering the bad weather conditions. Thus with one event to be decided our

chances of retaining our title of champions was remote and Herne Hill H., with a lead of 3 points over South London H., had every reason to feel optimistic. We were third, $1\frac{1}{2}$ points behind S.L.H., while the Polytechnic H. were well down with only 15 points, and Southgate and Wood Green, and Highgate Harriers were having a battle royal to avoid relegation, with 10 points each.

The last event, the 1 mile Medley Relay, was held at the White City in connection with the Fire Brigade Sports on July 22nd. We had what was considered our best team out and thought our chances of success very good. The 440 yards was the first stage and here Jim Tosh ran well to give about a yard lead over Herne Hill. George Basford ran next and maintained this lead; Stroud on the next 220 had Pallett as his opponent and as they had to cross at the finish in order to reach their waiting club-mates, (Herne Hill were drawn No. 1 with ourselves No. 4), the Herne Hill half-miler Thorpe went off about a yard in front of Tommy Scrimshaw. Tommy, however, set a terrific pace and shot to the front before the first bend had been reached, and keeping up a hot pace, at the bell he was leading by a least 30 yards. He finished an easy winner and the time, 3 min. 33 1-5 sec., gives you some idea of his fine run. I say this advisedly, because although the other members of the team all ran well, his was without a doubt a smashing performance. When one considers that the time of the 1 Mile Medley Relay in the recent England v. France match was 3 min. 38 2-5 sec., our team has every reason to be proud of themselves.

As regards the other positions in the race, South London H. were second, Polytechnic H. third, Herne Hill fourth, Southgate and Wood Green fifth, and Highgate H. a very weak last.

Herne Hill Harriers thus won the League with a total of $28\frac{1}{2}$ points, a victory richly deserved and one which shows a fine team spirit throughout the season. South London H. were second with $27\frac{1}{2}$ pts. and Belgrave H. third with 27. Polytechnic H. scored 19, Southgate and Wood Green H. 12, and Highgate with 11 points are relegated to the Second Division. On perusing the above it will be seen that we lost the league by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points and as we finished last in the 4 x 440 yards event, it may be said that in fielding here the weak team we did, we threw away our chances of retaining the championship. Still they say it is best for the honours to go round, as they certainly are in this league, and we look forward with renewed interest to next season's competition.

S.A.A.L. FIELD EVENTS COMPETITION.

Section 1.

With eight clubs competing in the above, and with two contests at each distance to be decided, this has of necessity become rather a long-drawn-out affair, but so long as the clubs have retained

their interest, then it will prove to have been worth while. The position at the moment, with three events to be decided, is that we are placed second with 31 points, Blackheath Harriers heading the table with 35. South London H. have scored 30½, Polytechnic H. 28½, Southgate and Wood Green H. 26, St. George's Services 25, and Croydon H. 23.

We have secured maximum points from the Javelin events, in the second of which George Powell threw 178ft. This would have won him the A.A.A. title a few weeks earlier, so now George must persevere until next year.

The full tables we hope to publish in our next issue, when we trust the competition will be decided, and can then give the points up to date. According to the table issued by the Secretary of the League, the points in the first Javelin event were wrongly distributed; with 8 clubs the points go from 8 to 1 and naturally if any clubs do not compete then you score from 8 down to as many clubs as are competing. In the event mentioned the Poly. and S.L.H. did not compete and in winning this event we are as a result only given 6 points. We trust this mistake will be rectified, as it is grossly unfair that we should be penalized for what was either lack of interest or a slip-up on the part of the two clubs who did not compete. (We understand this matter has now been adjusted.—HON. ED.)

While on the subject of Field Events, we wonder who is leading in the Harry Wright Shield competition? J. W. Clemens, who was second in the Southern Long Jump Championship, must have a fairly high percentage, while George Powell's recent Javelin throw must also give him quite chance of winning the shield. Last year's holder, Jack Holder, has done nothing of note this season in the jumping line, and so we trust that the question of who is to be the new holder will be settled at a meeting of mathematical experts presided over by our friend, Ken O'Kell.

WITH THE RUNNERS.

The exigencies of space compel us to confine our remarks on the various running events to a few short paragraphs, though many of the really fine performances accomplished are deserving of much longer appreciations.

Scrimshaw brought distinction to the Club early in the season by being selected as one of the A.A.A. team against both Oxford and Cambridge Universities and by finishing second in the Kinaird Trophy, 880 yards. The five points so earned, with two points gained by Jim Tosh in the 440 yards, were our only scores towards the Trophy, but our representatives generally showed they were worthy to compete in the highest of company which this competition always brings forth. The running of Footer and Carter in the 3 miles was particularly good, although they were unable to add to our score.

In the Southern championships held at Southend, Clemens, Footer and Scrimshaw distinguished themselves. Clemens was placed second in the Long Jump with a fine leap of 21ft. 8½in., which gains an A.A.A. standard medal; while Footer was three seconds inside A.A.A. standard (14 min. 50 sec.) in finishing second in the Three Miles championship. Scrimshaw ran what was probably his fastest half-mile up to that time in the 880 yards in finishing third to M. Gutteridge and J. V. Powell. These three swept down the finishing straight together, with Gutteridge snatching a win from Powell in the last yard, with our Tommy a yard or so out. The time was 1 min. 54 4-5 sec.—a championship record.

Of our other athletes competing, Carter (3 miles), Michael (440 yards), Tosh (880 yards) and Powell (Javelin) gained Southern standards.

July 7th and 8th brought the A.A.A. Championships. On the Friday evening Scrimshaw won his 880 yards heat from Whitehead; and Tosh, who was rather unluckily drawn, finished third in his heat and so did not qualify for the final, although doing just outside 1 min. 58 sec. for the journey.

Alf Kench ran well in the 440 yards, winning his heat in 51 4-5 seconds, and finishing third in the second round to Wolff and Skinner. This was won in 50 1-5 secs. and it seemed that our man had gained standard, but confirmation on this point is still lacking.

Incidentally, we should like the A.A.A. to see that at future Championships the spectators are advised which competitors have gained standard medals. Is the old method of firing a shot at the expiry of standard time now considered antiquated? At any rate there seems to be no valid reason why this information should not be given out immediately following the race. These details may not be of much interest to the casual spectator who attends one sports meeting a year, but to the Clubman and active athletes enjoying a "busman's holiday" they are of vital importance. We trust this ventilation of general complaint will receive attention and lead to suitable arrangements being made next year.

To resume our description: Harry Churcher gained a standard medal in the Two Miles Walk; and on the Saturday George Powell finished third in the Javelin event with a throw of 163ft. 5in., which exceeds standard by 3ft. odd. Footer and Penny had the distinction of running in the same race as that wonder-athlete, Lehtinen, of Finland, but that is as far as their distinction goes! Never mind; the country season will soon be here now and our Internationals will be out to outdo their previous best.

We have saved the racing tit-bit, from our point of view at all events, to the end. This was the 880 yards race, and the Belgrave men present had a thrill which will last some time.

An old opponent of ours, J. A. Cooper, dashed away at the

start with Scrimshaw and Powell in close attendance. 52 2-5 seconds was ticked for the first quarter and still the pace did not slacken. With 220 yards to go Tommy drew ahead, with Powell following through, but entering the straight it was obvious that the pace was much too hot for Powell, and he died away and did not finish. In the last 20 yards Whitehead and Pearce, a Portsmouth unknown, came through strongly, Whitehead actually getting on terms with our man and winning by a bare yard in the extraordinarily good time of 1 min. 54 1-5 sec. In congratulating Whitehead we must say "Hard luck, Tommy!" He has yet to experience that slice of good fortune which goes hand-in-hand with the winning of championships. Excuses have been made for the failure of Powell, the Press favourite for the race, but it seems difficult to justify these in view of the way the race was run and the fast time recorded. If the race had consisted of a slow-run first part, and a last 220 yards finish, we could appreciate that some of the competitors might have been flattered by their final position, but as it is no one can claim to have been favoured by the tactics employed, for surely the object of a race is not only to win, but to win in the best time possible!

Powell is undoubtedly a very fine runner, but it would appear that he must not make such frequent demands of his rather frail physique.

Among others to show up prominently in Open races are F. Tame, A. Allum, H. W. Shields, R. W. Jordon, H. Morgan, A. Penny, J. S. Williams and others. Our 3 miles team has been very successful, their best performance perhaps being their win over Birchfield H. and many other clubs at the Ravensbourne meeting. Congratulations to everyone concerned.

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A. A. Harley would appreciate the return, or news of, various books on Athletics at present on loan with Club members. Maximum advantage from these books can only be secured if they are constantly circulated among our Athletes, so please communicate with A. A. Harley, 39, Roxburgh Avenue, Isleworth, if you hold one of these books.

CLUB MEETING.

A Club handicap meeting was held on May 31st, and performances reached a very high standard. Probably the best feat of the evening was that of Arthur Penny in winning the two miles run from scratch; whilst the performances of Don Brown in the Walk, Stroud in the 220 yards, and Ellis in the Shot Putt were very creditable. The all-round form in the Junior sprint was a matter for congratulation and we appear to have some embryo champions coming along. We have never yet had a name among clubs for an abundance of first-class sprinters, but it certainly looks as if this state of affairs will be violently

altered during the next couple of years! Holder, our Field Events champion, was successful in the sprint, whilst victory in the 880 yards went to a sprinter turned half-miler, Ernie Jarvis, in fast time.

RESULTS.

100 Yards Junior (under 19).—Heat 1: A. Mewes (5), L. Fleming (2); 10 3-5sec. Heat 2: E. Stone (6); W. A. Fox (3); 10 3-10sec. Heat 3: A. M. Dyke (2), E. A. Keyworth (6); 11sec. Final: 1, Dyke; 2, Fleming; 3, Stone. 10½sec.

100 Yards Veterans.—1, F. H. Difford (5); 2, J. Smith (8); 3, C. Cook (19). 11sec.

100 Yards Unattached Novices.—1, F. Wootton; 2, F. Anstead; 3, G. F. Fox. 11 2-5sec.

100 Yards.—Heat winners: F. Stroud (3½), L. Fleming (8), J. Holder (5), V. F. Law (9½). Final: 1, Holder; 2, Fleming; 3, Law. 10 3-10sec.

Shot Putt.—1, F. Ellis (scr.), 33ft. 11¼in.; 2, G. H. Powell (all. 4ft. 6in.), 33ft. 2in.; 3, W. H. Sutton (all 2ft.), 32ft. 6in.

880 Yards.—1, E. H. Jarvis (75); 2, H. W. Shields (45); 4, A. Kench (20). Time 1min. 55 4-5sec.

2 Miles Walk.—1, D. E. Brown (115); 2, A. A. Harley (255); 3, H. G. Churcher (80). Time 14min. 7 1-10sec.

220 Yards Handicap.—Heat winners: V. W. Law (18), M. E. Odell (5), J. Crilly (13), F. Stroud (8), R. G. Michael (11). Final: 1, Stroud; 2, Crilly; 3, Michael. Time 23sec.

2 Miles.—1, A. W. Penny (scr.); 2, W. G. Webb (100); 3, C. T. Carter (40). Time 9min. 42-3-5sec.

THE "DORIS SHIELD" MATCH.

The triangular contest between Ashcombe A.C., Thames Valley H. and ourselves for the "Doris Shield" took place at Battersea Park on June 14th, and we ran out winners with 13 points, to the Valley's 8 and Ashcombe's 3. Thus we regained the Shield after two years in the possession of T.V.H.

Basford led off well for us by capturing the sprint; and later Kench, our mile champion, surprised everyone by his excellent running in the 440 yards event, which he won in fast time. The Two miles team race gave us an easy win, although every credit is due to Cohen, of Ashcombe, for his fine individual victory. The Medley relay race also came our way; and so once again the Shield is in Belgravian possession, where we shall try to keep it.

The handicap events, open to the members of all three clubs, were well supported by our club fellows, who carried off practically every prize.

Our junior sprinters once again demonstrated their worth by taking first three places in the 100 yards. The Walk was won by Ted Jackman, still improving; and Ring cleverly won the Mile handicap from R. W. Jordan, who ran an excellent race from the 40 yards mark.

RESULTS.

INTER-CLUB EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, G. Basford (B); 2, H. G. Tavender (T); 3, M. E. Odell (B). Time 10½sec.

440 Yards.—1, A. Kench (B); 2, R. W. Beswick (T); 3, C. T. Hook (T). Time 51 3-5sec.

Two Miles Team.—1, L. J. Cohen (A); 2, W. A. Rice (B); 3, C. T. Carter (B). Time 9min. 44 3-5sec. 1, Belgrave H. (Rice 2, Carter 3, Footer 4, Shields 5), 14 pts.; 2, Ashcombe A.C., 35 pts.; 3, T.V.H., 36 pts.

One Mile Relay.—1, Belgrave H. (Tosh, Basford, Stroud, Michael); 2, T.V.H.; 3, Ashcombe A.C. Time 3min. 44 4-5sec.

HANDICAPS.

100 Yards.—Heat winners: G. Weston (B), 8; A. Mewes (B), 11; E. A. Keyworth (B), 12; F. Stroud (B), 3; A. M. Dyke (B), 6½; L. Fleming (B), 7. Final: 1, Mewes; 2, Keyworth; 3, Fleming. 10½sec.

2 Miles Walk.—1, E. A. Jackman (B), 230; 2, A. H. Field (B) 230; 3, A. B. Westcott (T), 460. Time 14min. 29 1-5sec.

Mile.—1, S. T. Ring (B), 115; 2, R. W. Jordan (B), 40; 3, G. R. Chantler (B), 155; 4, W. F. Goodman (B), 185. Time 4min. 25sec.

CLUB MEETING, JUNE 28th.

The principal race of the evening was the Club three miles championship for the "Griffin" Cup. Footer, who had recorded 14 min. 47 sec. in the Southern Championship, and Penny were expected to have a stern tussle and so it proved. Penny had a little more pace than his rival over the last quarter-mile, while our third International running in the race, A. Allum, finished third. It is very pleasing to see Arthur running with some of his old snap and he may well prove the "dark horse" in the coming cross-country season.

In the handicap events our "men of the future" were well to the fore. The juniors, whose infinite promise has been commented upon elsewhere, greedily took first three places in the sprint; Littler, another very promising youngster, won his second half-mile handicap of the season; and Youth's representative in the Walk, E. C. Heather, gained a convincing win. Yet another young man who seems to have a very big future, E. H. Pack, accounted for the 440 yards, Kench just failing to give him five yards. Those who enjoy picking out coming champions should not have to look much further than the results which are appended.

RESULTS.

3 Miles Club Championship.—1, A. W. Penny; 2, H. E. Footer; 3, A. Allum. Time 15min. 8sec. 1st Class Standards: C. Mains, H. W. Shields, S. T. Ring.

100 Yards (under 16)—1, C. Jones (3); 2, L. E. Cotterell (4); 3, V. O. Edwards (scr.). Time 11 3-10sec.

100 Yards.—Heat Winners: L. Fleming (6); F. D. Haly (7); B. L. Bone (6); A. Mewes (9). Final: 1, Mewes; 2, Bone; 3, Fleming. Time 10 1-10sec.

880 Yards.—1, R. Littler (55); 2, A. A. Clubb (68); 3, F. Walker (55). Time 1min. 57 1-5sec.

1 Mile Novice Walk.—1, J. Rutland; 2, L. P. Ball; 3, C. Hudson. Time 8min. 33sec.

150 Yards Veterans.—1, R. S. Read (12); 2, J. Smith (10); 3, W. Bedford (25). Time 16 2-5sec.

440 Yards.—Heat 1: 1. E. H. Pack (15); 2. R. G. Michael (8); 50½ sec. Heat 2: 1. A. Kench (10); 2. G. Camkin (30); 52sec. Heat 3: 1. F. Stower (22); 2. A. A. Clubb (28); 51 4-5sec. Final: 1, Pack; 2, Kench; 3 Stower. Time 50 1-5sec.

Shot Putt.—1. W. H. Sutton (all 3ft. 3in.) 35ft. 4½in.; 2, M. Henchox (all 6ft. 3in.) 35ft. 1½in.; 3, F. Stride (all 12ft.) 34ft. 11in.

2 Miles Walk.—1, E. C. Heather (355); 2, W. C. Bates (320); 3. R. F. Elson (245). Time 14min. 7sec.

High Jump.—1, F. Walker (all 8in.) 5ft. 6in.; 2, A. A. Deacon (all 9in.) 5ft. 5in.; 3, L. Jackson (7in) and G. Basford (1in.) equal 5ft 4in.

S.A.A.L. Javelin Throw.—1, Belgrave H. 271ft. 2in.; 2, Blackheath H.; 3, Croydon H.

MATCH v. HERNE HILL H. AND LEIGH-ON-SEA H.

On July 12th we entertained Herne Hill H. and Leigh-on-Sea H. to a programme of match events, the eventual points being Belgrave 59½, Herne Hill 57, Leigh 30½. This match had been eagerly anticipated, for Herne Hill H. have been very much in the ascendant this season: whilst the first visit of Leigh-on-Sea H., a young club making rapid headway, added to the interest of the fixture, although unfortunately they were not at full strength. Herne Hill owed much to the versatility of Pallett, whilst McIntosh's win in the mile for H.H.H. was probably the best performance of the evening. For us Morgan (100 yards), Tosh (880 yards) and Kench (440 yards) were winners. All the events were keenly contested and we look forward to a renewal of this fixture next year.

The 880 yards handicap was won by our popular handicapper, Ernie Duffett, although we must add quickly that it was not reward for his persistence.

The Walk provided ever-improving Jim Latter with yet another win. He won't be happy till he's on the scratch mark! E. H. Pack as a change from sprinting, high-jumping and quarter-miling, won the Long Jump.

Results of match events and handicaps are appended:—

RESULTS.

MATCH EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, L. Morgan (B); 2, G. J. Pallett (H); 3, C. O. Clough (L); 4, F. Stroud (B); 5, H. Morant (H); 6, J. Delmar (L). Time 10 2-5sec.

Mile.—1, J. D. McIntosh (H); 2, A. Penny (B); 3, F. C. Shenston (H); 4, F. K. Webb (B); 5, J. Garrett (L); 6, L. A. Pool (L). Time 4min. 33 3-5sec.

220 Yards.—1, G. J. Pallett (H); 2, L. Morgan (B); 3, G. Basford (B); 4, E. Clough (L); 5, M. Rose (H); 6, R. Seel (L). Time 23 1-10 sec.

880 Yards.—1, J. E. Tosh (B); 2, W. T. Thorpe (H); 3, H. W. Shields (B); 4, W. Davey (H); 5, L. Knowles (L); 6, E. Turner (L). Time 2min. 3 2-5sec.

440 Yards.—1, A. Kench (B); 2, R. Michael (B); 3, E. Turner (L); 4, C. Dodd (H); 5, H. Morant (H); 6, J. Mair (L). Time 53sec.

Long Jump.—1, G. J. Pallett (H) 21ft. 0½in.; 2, B. W. Fleming 19ft. 4½in.; 3, J. A. Delmar (L) 19ft. 2in.

High Jump.—1, C. P. Miller (H) 5ft. 4in.; 2, E. H. Pack (B), G. L. Butler (H), W. A. Day (L) equal 5ft. 2in.; 5, B. Fleming (B), J. Delmar (L) equal 5ft. 0in.

HANDICAPS.

2 Miles Walk.—1, H. Latter (155); 2, C. H. Speechley (255); 3, C. E. Churcher (215). Time 14min. 7 4-5sec.

Long Jump.—1, E. H. Paek (all 2ft. 3in.). 22ft. 3½in.; 2, G. Maryon (all 4ft. 9in.) 21ft. 9in.; 3, M. Henchoz (all 2ft. 6in.) 21ft. 6½in.

880 Yards.—1, E. A. Duffett (58); 2, W. F. Goodman (95); 3, T. C. Jones (50). Time 1min. 57 4-5sec.

Veteran's A.C. 100 Yards.—1, H. E. Jackman (10); 2, W. G. Brown (13½); 3, A. Hassell (8). Time 11sec.

THE INTER-CLUB WALKS.

Our annual promotion—scratch walks at 1, 2, 3 and 5 miles—was held on June 19th, and splendid support was once again received from the London Clubs, who all appreciate this competition with its freedom from fees and awards, and its insistence upon the team spirit where each man does his utmost for his Club and does not spare himself in the process.

Altogether eleven clubs entered teams and with each club permitted to start two men in each of the four events, 22 points were allotted to the club supplying a winner, 21 for second and so on downwards.

The first event was the five miles race, and in this Pope, the World's Hour Record holder (Woodford Green A.C.); Redman (Metropolitan A.C.) and Richardson (Woodford Green A.C.), both ex-Junior winners, and Archibald, who has many fine performances to his credit, soon dropped the rest of the field. Eventually Richardson and Archibald were dropped in turn, and Pope, apparently increasing speed with each mile, finished over a hundred yards in front of Redman. Our representatives, R. F. Elson and C. E. Churcher, were always prominent in the body of the race, Elson eventually finishing 8th, whilst Churcher came under the judges' ban in the closing stages. This event gave Woodford Green A.C. 41 points, the London Vidarians 35 points, Metropolitan W.C. 34 points, whilst we figured last of the seven clubs who had contested this event with 15 points.

Next came the 3 miles race and here we supplied the first man home in Harry Churcher. Second was R. Sims, the well-known Police and Vidarian walker, and third H. H. Whitlock, fresh from his victory in the 50 kilos Championship two days before. For us, full marks go to Bert Field, who, despite a gruelling thirty-odd miles two days before, pluckily turned out at short notice and did very well to finish 8th. Thus we scored 37 points in this event to the 38 points of Metropolitan W.C., and 34 points of the Vidarians.

In the 2 miles walk we called upon Brown and Harley, to take on Cooper, Hake and Co., and in finishing 4th and 6th they did as well as could be expected.

Cooper, A.A.A. champion and representing Woodford Green A.C., once again showed that he is out on his own, although on

On this occasion he was content to let others lead for half-a-lap. Hake (S.W.C.) who had shown very fast time in the Stock Exchange Championship, was second, and Burt, of the same Club, third. Brown, of ours, showed splendid form in finishing fourth and during the forthcoming road season and next Summer should be on the champion's heels.

Surrey W.C. scored 41 points in this race to our 36, the Polytechnic H. being third with 33 points.

In the last event of the evening, the 1 mile, honours went to Hancock and Bell, of Surrey W.C., who took the first two places, with Denyer, of the Poly, third. Jackman, for us, walked very impressively to finish fourth and shows improvement at every outing; our other man being Storey, who punished himself to finish seventh. Surrey W.C. took maximum 43 points in this event, to our 35 points and the Polytechnic's 34.

Aggregate scores showed Surrey W.C. to be the winners of the Competition 10 points ahead of us, with the London Vidarians third a further 16 points behind us.

We congratulate the Surrey boys upon their win, and all the competing clubs on their walking, which reached a high standard. We trust to have them all again at Battersea Park next year for another sporting contest; and for what has become the greatest exhibition of track walking, both in numbers and degree of excellence, to be seen anywhere during the Summer season.

RESULTS.

5.5 Miles.—1, A. H. Pope (W.G.A.C.), 37min. 29sec.; 2, F. J. Redman (M.W.C.), 38min. 1 sec.; W. Archibald (S.W.C.), 38min. 58sec.; 4, T. Richardson (W.G.A.C.), 39 min. 34sec.; 5, P. W. Collier (L.V.), 39min. 46sec.; 6, R. Pantling (L.V.), 40min. 21sec.; 8, R. F. Elson (Bel.), 41min. 5sec.

3 Miles.—1, H. G. Churcher (Bel.), 22 min. 59sec.; 2, R. Sims (L.V.) 23 min. 8sec.; 3, H. H. Whitlock (M.W.C.), 23min. 15sec.; 4, F. C. Ryder (V.S.C.), 23min. 27sec.; 5, R. H. Death (M.W.C.), 23min. 31sec.; 6, G. G. Swan (S.W.C.), 23min. 48sec.; 8, A. H. Field (Bel.), 24min. 5sec.

2 Miles.—1, A. A. Cooper (W.G.A.C.), 14min. 1sec.; 2, H. A. Hake (S.W.C.), 14min. 35sec.; 3, N. L. Burt (S.W.C.), 14min. 47sec.; 4, D. E. Brown (Bel.), 14min. 54sec.; 5, V. W. Stone (Poly.), 15min. 3sec.; 6, A. A. Harley (Bel.), 15min. 25sec.

1 Mile.—1, L. P. Hancock (S.W.C.), 7min. 2sec.; 2, A. I. Bell (S.W.C.), 7min. 17sec.; 3, R. E. Denyer (Poly.), 7min. 22sec.; 4, E. A. Jackman (Bel.), 7min. 29sec.; 5, R. Crump (L.V.), 7min. 36sec.; 6, A. C. Bayliss (Ash.), 7min. 40sec.; 7, L. Storey (Bel.), 7min. 46sec.

FINAL POSITIONS.

	5 m.	3 m.	2 m.	1 m.	Total
1 Surrey W.C.	32	17	41	43	133
2 Belgrave H.	15	37	36	35	123
3 London Vidarians W.C.	35	34	11	27	107
4 Polytechnic H.	25	11	33	34	103
5 Metropolitan W.C.	34	38	18	12	102
6 Valentines S.C.	16	29	26	24	95
7 Woodford Green A.C.	41	—	31	—	72
8 Ashcombe A.C.	—	26	13	32	71
9 Herne Hill H.	—	16	16	—	32
10 Essex Beagles	—	—	—	10	10

WITH THE WALKERS.

Since our last issue was published we have managed to show up very prominently in several team races; and individually our members also have been very successful.

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In the Invitation Two Miles team walk held in connection with the "Kinnaird" meeting at the White City, our team was successful, and Messrs. Fletcher, Latter, C. E. Churcher, and Harley became the recipients of gold badge medals. Latter, in particular, is deserving of our highest commendation upon finishing fifth in such a high-class field.

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On Whit Monday, which many will remember as a day of intense heat and tropical aridity, three of our men started in the "Guildford Cup" race over 50 kilometres (31½ miles) held from Croydon. Of the 32 starters only 11 finished so unbearable were the conditions, and three of these were our men—in first, second and fourth positions! Of course, our team won easily. In fact, they were the only team to close in and this adds to the lustre of their performance, rather than detracts from it. Our three heroes were Rickards, Bentley and Bidgood (they finished in this order in the Police long-distance championship) and to these names must be added that of a fourth, Pat Collins, who accompanied our men on a cycle and attended to their needs. The difficulties and value of such assistance cannot possibly be underestimated, and we all owe Mr. Collins a debt of gratitude for his services. He helped us considerably in last year's Brighton race, and on other occasions, so it is not the first time, nor, we hope, the last, we say, sincerely and gratefully, "Thank you!"

We congratulate Fred Rickards upon again winning "The Guildford Cup" and hope to see him among the placed men in the Brighton Walk this year.

		h.	m.	s.
1	F. Rickards	5	3	56 2-5
2	F. E. Bentley	5	5	45
4	J. C. Bidgood	5	26	12

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The R.W.A.'s 50 kilos championship was held at Birmingham on June 19th, and we were represented by Rickards, Bentley and Field. T. Green was unable to turn out as he had definitely promised many months before to walk in the annual Manchester to Blackpool Walk, which took place on the same day; and J. C. Bidgood was unable to make the journey. Thus we started a bare team, and they did well to finish second. Birmingham W.C. took the championship with 12 points to our 6.

Fred Rickards walked a sterling race but in the closing stages had to yield pride of place to H. H. Whitlock. His performance, however, was one of high merit and ranks as one of his best. Fred Bentley again showed that in him we have a distance walker of the highest class, combined with a pleasing personality and desire to keep Belgrave in front. Bert Field was as dependable as ever, and with a little good fortune and more experience, will soon be having a say in the destination of the individual championships.

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On July 10th, just to show Birmingham W.C. that they were a *little* bit lucky to meet us in the 50 kilos championship without our full strength or complement of numbers, seven of our boys journeyed to Birmingham to contest Lewis's 25 miles "Outer Circle" Walk. They were Green, Rickards, Bentley, Field, Martin, Bidgood and Allen, and their efforts were crowned with success. Green and Rickards disputed leadership for best part of the journey and eventually Green won by six yards. A six yards margin at the end of a 25 miles walk! Both Tommy and Fred broke the existing record. Bentley finished fifth and Field was our fourth man, thus giving us an easy team win and possession of yet another trophy. R. Martin, on his first appearance in one of our teams, did creditably, and his form suggests that the Police have supplied us with yet another walker who will add to the strength of our teams, as so many have done in the past. Allen, another making his *début* for us, had the satisfaction of taking fourth prize in the sealed handicap. Bidgood seems to have been short of training, but credit is due to him for his efforts on the management side, travelling arrangements, etc., being in his hands. Altogether a most successful journey to the Midlands, and one which must assuredly be repeated next year, if only to experience again the wonderful hospitality of our Midland friends and their efficient arrangements for our comfort.

	h. m. s.		h. m. s.
1 T. W. Green	3 42 35	11 A. H. Field	4 2 28
2 F. Rickards	3 42 37	20 R. Martin	4 8 54
5 F. E. Bentley	3 50 30	21 J. C. Bidgood	4 10 2
	1 Belgrave H.		19 pts.
	2 Birmingham W.C.		31 pts.
	3 Derby W. & A.C.		34 pts.
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The Ponders End Fête and Gala have shown enterprise in the last few year by adding to the usual open handicap awards a set of team awards for the first club to finish three men. We were successful on this occasion, Jackman, Brown and Harley forming our trio.

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Among those who have been successful in Walk handicaps on the track recently are J. Cade, C. Speechley, J. G. Coleman, A. H. Field, D. E. Brown, and A. A. Harley. In view of the limited

number of races available for the active walker these days, we can be well satisfied.

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Tommy Green has, it is almost unnecessary to write, been piling up win upon win, so much so that it is difficult to keep an accurate record of them. However, here are a few on account:—

1st—Bradford Walk (32 miles).

1st—Manchester—Blackpool (50 miles) (fifth time).

1st—Lewis's Outer Circle (25 miles).

1st—"Bradford Telegraph" Walk (31 miles).

In addition he has found time to win a 2 miles handicap off 90 yards in 13 min. 37 sec.

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September 9th is Brighton Walk Day, and all those who intend to see the race should apply for their seats on the Club 'bus which will accompany the walkers. Application with fare (5/- each) should be made at once.

Our team promises to be the strongest that has ever represented us in this race and we have every hope of retaining the "E. Knott Memorial" Shield.

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If any member is able to assist as cyclist attendant during this race, or has a friend who is willing to act in this capacity, I should be very glad to have names and addresses. Attendance is a most important item in a race of this nature and it is hoped that none of our walkers will be handicapped by any failing in this respect.

All information or enquiries should be addressed to

A. A. HARLEY, 39, Roxburgh Avenue, Isleworth, Mx.

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We still have under consideration the promotion of an attempt upon the 50 miles walk record, and it is possible that this event may take place at the White City track towards the end of September. These matters are still the subject of negotiation, however, and it is impossible at this juncture to give any definite information.

REVIEW.

Capt. F. M. Webster, the well-known athletic coach, has sent us a copy of his latest book entitled "Athletic Training for Men and Boys" and it is one of best books I have read up to yet on training. It deals with sprinting, middle distance running, distance running, hurdling and field events in a very business-like manner.

The book contains a number of action photographs of famous athletes such as T. Hampson, C. Paddock, Lloyd Hahn, Paavo Nurmi, A. G. Hill, R. H. Thomas, Lord Burghley, D. O. Finlay, Dr. R. S. Woods, R. L. Howland and numerous others, not for-

getting Capt. Webster's son, F. R. Webster, who undoubtedly is one of England's rising athletes.

The training part of the book is set out in tables for each event, and these tables are very simple to follow. Capt. Webster stresses one point which I am afraid will not be popular with the majority of athletes, that is the importance of hard work in training if one wishes to be successful. The table for half-mile training is particularly interesting, as he has given the table which Tommy Hampson used before he won the Olympic Games 800 metres. Anyone who does not train to a schedule would be well advised to follow one of Capt. Webster's tables, and I am sure they would find an improvement in their form.

In compiling this book Capt. Webster was assisted by J. A. Hays, L.S.M., who was joint author with Capt. Webster of "Exercises for Athletes."

"Athletic Training for Men and Boys" is published by John F. Shaw & Co., Ltd., 3, Pilgrim Street, E.C.4. and is priced 5/- net.

T.H.S.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Owing to the near approach of the end of the financial year and the need for all outstanding subscriptions to "balance the Budget," the Hon. Treasurer would be glad to receive a remittance from those members who have not yet paid.

BUILDING FUND.

The Belgrave Building Fund has not made very much progress during the Summer Season and the amount now standing to its credit is below the hoped-for standard.

With the end of the holiday season, however, an improvement is expected.

As it is desired to audit all members' subscription cards during September, these should be handed, or forwarded, to the Hon. Treasurer not later than 7th September. Any contributions before that date would be especially welcomed, as it is hoped to attain the first £100 before the Annual General Meeting. The amount now stands at £92 - 8 - 0.

The Hon. Treasurer has a number of collecting boxes available for any member who desires one.

The objects of the Fund are briefly as follows:—

(1) To provide suitable Headquarters with all facilities for training and recreation.

(2) Subscriptions to be regular and purely voluntary. As an easy method it is suggested that you do not spend a halfpenny and that every coin of that denomination be placed aside for the benefit of the Fund.

(3) In the event of the scheme being abandoned, each member's actual contribution will be returned. A Balance Sheet will be issued annually.

"Four Famous Walkers."
 This was the title given
 to this photograph when
 it appeared in the
*Birmingham Sunday
 Mercury.*



J. C. Bldgood, T. W. Green (in Olympic vest), F. Rickards and F. E. Bentley.

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