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OUR PRESIDENT.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that we welcome Mr. J. B. Belchamber as President of the Club for the ensuing year. "Jimmy" has always been a hard worker throughout the twenty odd years he has been associated with the Club. Much of the work he has done for the Belgrave welfare has been done unobtrusively, but none the less effectively; and he is one of the men to whom our present position as a leading Club is largely due. As Club Walking Captain he achieved many meritorious performances, some of the most notable being, perhaps, his third place in the A.A.A. 7 miles championship; fourth in the London—Brighton Walk in 1924, following upon his fifth position the previous year; and his second position, in 1926, in the Brighton and back walk (104 miles) to the record-breaking W. F. Baker.

On the legislative side of the Club, and also outside, he has done yeoman service, and we are very proud indeed to have such a man—a man in a million it might be said—at the head of our organisation. To repeat, we are proud of our new President, as we have been of those who have preceded him in office, and we trust that we shall give him every reason to be proud of the Club over which he presides.

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Congratulations to T. H. Scrimshaw upon his selection to represent England v. France, Italy and Germany. To become a "treble" international in the course of one season, and before the age of 21, is a wonderful achievement. Tommy has not been, and is never likely to be upset by his successes and we trust that he will represent his Club and Country for many years to come.

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E. R. Turner, our Javelin throwing expert, also received his "vest" versus Italy; whilst G. H. Powell was a reserve—a similar position to that filled by Clemens, our Long-jumper and the Southern champion, in the match versus France. Congratulations to these men upon the high honour bestowed upon them.

It seems impossible to keep Tommy Green's name out of these congratulatory notices (not that we want to!), and his excellent

walking in the London—Brighton race, despite wretched weather, calls for the highest praise. He was near to equalling his own record, but eventually finished a few minutes outside and had to be content with second-best figures for the distance.

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We must congratulate F. G. Thomson upon receiving the diploma and life membership of the French Society of Walkers, and T. W. Green, who has also been made a life member of this organisation. These two gentlemen are the first outside France to have been so honoured; and we are glad to know that it is two Belgrave men that have been selected for this distinction.

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We extend our best wishes to the following: E. C. A. Heather, S. L. Fairman, J. E. Edwards, G. Lennox, W. H. Martyr, A. Vincent, R. Laing, J. F. O'Connell, H. G. T. Ellis, L. Jackson, A. G. Bruce, J. T. Robinson, D. E. Brown, J. E. F. Barnett, A. E. Taylor, H. W. Shields, H. G. Churcher and C. E. Churcher, who have been elected to membership recently. We trust they will enjoy a long, happy association with the Club.

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Annual subscriptions are now due, so don't fail to send *yours along* without delay. Also don't forget to include the Gazette arrears, or that advance subscription. The Hon. Treasurer's address appears on page 1.

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Anyone requiring Club vests, coat badges, etc., should get in touch with the Hon. Treasurer.

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Members are reminded that cheap return tickets are available to Wimbledon from Waterloo, Vauxhall and Clapham Junction Stations, and may be had from Mr. W. J. Fish, or other Club officials. The Committee are anxious that full use should be made of these tickets and so repay them for the trouble entailed, and at the same time save the pockets of members.

A good plan is to buy two tickets at the commencement of the season, and thereafter buy one from Mr. Fish each time Wimbledon is visited, for use the following week. In this way one ticket is always in reserve, and one is saved the sorrowful experience of having to pay full fare, knowing that with a little forethought, only half the amount would have been expended!

MATCH v. OLD EMANUEL AND CHEIRON CLUB.

On July 22nd, at Battersea Park, we held a triangular match versus the Cheiron Club and Old Emanuel A.C. A series of scratch events comprised the match and in addition we held a couple of Club handicaps.

Running briefly through the match events, M. E. Odell won the 100 yards for us, with G. Basford third. F. Tame finished third to T. A. N. Mairs, who won the 880 yards for the Cheiron

Club. We had first and second in the Long Jump, with J. W. Clemens and B. W. Fleming. The 440 yards was a good race with Ernie Jarvis narrowly beaten by R. E. Morgan of the Cheiron Club, in 52 9-10 sec. R. G. Michael filled third position and at this stage we were well ahead on points.

In the 1 Mile A. Kench, a member of our own club, was running for the Old Emanuel A.C., and he won the race in brilliant style, finishing with a positively electrifying burst down the straight. Joe Flower and Bill Rice filled the minor placings and so collected a few more points.

A Tie was the result of the High Jump, Fleming, and W. S. Collings, of the Old Emanuel A.C., both clearing 5 ft.

The 220 yards saw J. E. Read score a good win, with the Cheiron Club and Old Emanuel representatives second and third. The last match event, namely the 1 Mile Relay, was literally a walk-over for the Club, the exciting part of the race being the struggle for second place between Cheiron and Emanuel. Tommy Scrimshaw turned out in this event and, running the half-mile against men who had already competed that evening, he gained for us a huge lead which our other men easily maintained.

When the points were totalled up, the following result accrued: Belgrave H., 24½ pts.; Cheiron Club, 12½pts.; Old Emanuel A.C., 11 pts.

The two Club Handicaps were the 1 Mile Run, which F. A. Sandell won in good style, with those two consistent runners, R. W. Martin and F. Walker, second and third, and a 2 Miles Walk, which was won by the limit-man, S. T. Ball.

RESULTS.

100 Yards.—M. E. Odell, B.H., 1; A. Jarvis, C.C., 2; G. Basford, B.H., 3. Time 10½ sec.

880 Yards.—T. A. N. Mairs, C.C., 1; T. H. Snelling, O.E., 2; F. Tame, B.H., 3. Time 2 min. 4 1-5 sec.

Long Jump.—J. W. Clemens, B.H., 21ft. 1in.; B. W. Fleming, B.H., 2; E. K. Thompson, O.E., 3.

440 Yards.—R. E. Morgan, C.C., 1; E. H. Jarvis, B.H., 2; R. G. Michael, B.H., 3. Time 52 9-10 sec.

1 Mile.—A. Kench, O.E., 1; T. J. Flower, B.H., 2; W. A. Rice, 3. Time 4 min. 39 4-5 sec.

High Jump.—B. W. Fleming, B.H., W. S. Collings, O.E., 5ft. 1in.; C. H. Alexander, C.C., R. M. Williams, O.E., 3.

220 Yards.—J. E. Read, B.H., 1; A. Jarvis, C.C., 2; R. L. Crimp, O.E., 3. Time 23 1-10 sec.

1 Mile Relay.—B.H. (Scrimshaw, Tutin, Basford, A. J. Ford), 1; Cheiron Club, 2; Old Emanuel A.C., 3. Time 3 min. 45 sec.

1 Mile Handicap.—F. A. Sandell, 130, 1; R. W. Martin, 100, 2; F. Walker, 90, 3. Time 4 min. 27 sec.

2 Miles Walk.—S. T. Ball, 630, 1; L. F. Bailey, 270, 2; E. A. Jackman, 380, 3.

THE LAST EVENING MEETING.

The last Club meeting of the season was held at Battersea Park Track on August 19th, when four Handicaps were decided.

In the 100 Yards, E. R. Jessop, one of our veteran members, ran well from a long-mark to score a decisive win. Jock McKay showed a welcome return to form in gaining a place.

The 1320 Yards saw Tommy Scrimshaw on the scratch mark and although considered a non-starter he raked together some togs and astounded us all by nearly catching his field on the first lap. He then retired and we discovered he had only been round for a training spin! In the meantime the leadership was changing hands rapidly and Jack Flower, coming through very fast, looked as though he would pull it off. One of the long-markers in F. J. Green had a little in hand, however, and went away from Jack down the straight. F. Walker once again secured third place and he strikes one as being distinctly promising.

The 440 Yards found P. J. E. Cook the only back-marker to qualify for the final. This was a well-contested race and T. C. Jones beat F. A. Horton, with F. G. Ford securing third place.

In the 2 Miles Walk, F. E. Eborall proved a good winner—with Charlie Speechley second and T. W. Salmon third—so winning his first Club prize.

RESULTS.

100 Yards.—Heat Winners: J. G. Barrett (5); J. R. McKay (5½); G. Weston (7); L. W. Fleming (11½); P. J. E. Cook (5); E. R. Jessop (17); H. T. Field (7); C. P. Aberdeen (8). 2nd Round: Heat 1. Fleming 1, McKay 2; Heat 2, Jessop 1, Aberdeen 2. Final: Jessop 1, Fleming 2, McKay 3. Time 10 1-10 sec.

1320 Yards.—F. J. Green (115), 1; J. E. Flower (50), 2; F. Walker (75), 3. Time 3 min. 10 2-5 sec.

440 Yards.—Heat 1: C. J. Haydon (22), 1; A. H. Shannon (16), 2. Heat 2: T. C. Jones (18), 1; P. J. E. Cook (4), 2. Heat 3: F. G. Ford (12), 1; F. A. Horton (26), 2. Heat 4: W. G. Gould (21), 1; W. A. Carnie (14), 2. Final: T. C. Jones, 1; F. A. Horton, 2; F. G. Ford, 3. Time 53 2-5 sec.

2 Miles Walk.—F. E. Eborall (435), 1; C. H. Speechley (285), 2; T. W. Salmon (420), 3. Time 14 min. 19 1-5 sec.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

AUGUST 1ST, 1931.

The first championship to be decided was the 100 yards Boys' Championship, for which event only four entered, and only two started. W. A. Fox won fairly easily in time which was nearly as good as Pamment's time last year.

This event was followed immediately by the half-mile championship. Neither Tosh, the holder, nor Scrimshaw, an ex-champion, started; the former has done hardly any running this year on account of ill-health, and the latter was representing his country. Six men lined up at the start; R. G. Michael had the inside berth and next to him in order were Frank Webb, H. Jones, E. A. Duffett, F. G. Ford, with T. J. Flower on the outside. Jones took the lead at the start, with Ford and Duffett close up. At the bell all the six runners were together, and at the quarter Jones and Ford shared the lead with Flower and Webb, side by side, just behind. Michael, who had been lying back, was now beginning to move up. With three hundred yards to go Jones, who had been in the lead practically throughout, made his effort and gained a useful lead. Meanwhile, Michael had been gradually drawing up, and at the furlong started his strong finish. He quickly caught Jones, and maintaining his speed and style went

on to win a cleverly run race. Frank Webb and Ford both passed Jones, and the two of them had a desperate struggle for second place, which Frank just managed to win. For two years in succession Ford has been placed third in this race.

The 100 yards championship was disappointing as a race, for neither Wilcock nor Jarvis started. Maurice Odell therefore won without serious opposition, but he did so in quite good time. He has won this championship seven times, and has held it continuously since 1925—a fine record for a sprinter.

In the furlong championship, Jarvis, Wilcock and Odell were all non-starters, and the final was a glorious race between J. E. Read and G. Basford. Basford got in front of the King's College Hospital sprinter down the straight and stayed in the lead to win his first championship. Basford must be congratulated on his pluck in this race, for I have seldom seen a man more exhausted after a sprint. By this courage of his, and his hard training, he has developed from a middle-marker to a back-marker and champion.

Jarvis, who did not start in either of the sprints, turned out in the quarter. He thought that R. G. Michael was a dangerous rival, and therefore had saved himself for this one race. He also saved himself in his heat, by just managing to finish third. It will be remembered that Jarvis did the same thing last year in the furlong championship. When the final came along, however, Jarvis found that he could easily beat the new half-mile title-holder over the quarter. That fine all-rounder, P. J. E. Cook, was third.

As usual, the mile championship was a thrilling affair. Sixteen men lined up at the start, and it was thought before hand that it would be a race between Penny, Rice and Kench, but I believe the last-named was really the favourite. At the start, T. J. Flower jumped into the lead. For some years now Joe has done this in races, finding that it suits him to make his own running in the early stages. He was followed by Carter and Kench. These three were still together at the quarter, but after that Penny (the Club 3 miles champion) took over the pace-making. In the early part of the season it was generally recognised that Penny was the only one of our many good milers who was fit and capable of running a good mile, and in consequence he began to take miles seriously. Being a long-distance runner, he has to rely on his speed in the middle stages of the race, rather than the usual long sustained sprint at the end. His judgment was correct; it was essential that he made the pace once the competitors had settled down. Penny still held the lead at the half-mile, but Kench and Rice were near him, followed by Footer—who was later to frighten some of the favourites. Behind Footer was Bill Webb. At three-quarters of a mile Penny was still making the pace, but Footer was moving up rapidly and had passed Kench and Rice. Carter and Bill Webb were just behind these two. Then came Dew-

berry and a man who has been placed in handicaps every time except once this season. I refer to F. Walker, who is probably a potential Club champion. With 300 yards to go Footer raced past Penny and gained a big lead. As soon as he realised what Footer was doing, Kench started to chase him. But Rice was inclined to wait, thinking no doubt that neither could keep it up. Footer had run brilliantly, but it could hardly be expected of him that he could finish ahead of Kench, Rice or Penny. Nor did he, for Kench, maintaining his pace, passed him and took the lead somewhere near the long-jump pit. Rice now woke up to such purpose that he even caught Kench at the dressing-room. Some of us wondered whether Kench really could keep up that pace of his any longer, for it must be remembered he had been almost sprinting from the three-hundred mark. But he did keep it up right to the tape and Rice (the holder) had to be content with second place fifteen yards behind, Penny being third. I suppose Kench's long sustained finishing burst must be on a par with Jackson's Olympic Games race of 1912 and with Brown's amazing last quarter of a mile at the 1930 London Fire Brigade Sports. Needless to say, Kench's effort is a Club record. No less than seven men outside the first three beat the time standard, these being, in order of finish: Footer, Carter, Dewberry, Walker, W. G. Webb, Robertshaw and Mains.

The furlong junior championship was a tragedy. At least it was so for the holder, S. Garland. Something went wrong at the bend in the first heat and Garland and Hyde fell, which, of course, knocked both of them out of the final. However, the new champion, J. D. Edwards, is a real find for the Club, and his final time was faster than Garland's of last year.

For many years now, A. L. Fletcher has been in a class by himself in the Club as a track walker, and he had little strong opposition in the Walking Championship, retaining his title with ease. As last year, F. W. Thorn was second and in his walking he gave the impression that he was out to walk in good style rather than attempt to beat Fletcher, or put up a fast time. Thorn was not second all the way, for H. F. King walked behind Fletcher at a very fast pace for the two laps, after which he was disqualified. For most of the way Field was next to Thorn, but towards the end, Redgrave passed him and finished third, putting up his best performance in a Club event. The next two were Field and Harley, who beat the second-class standard time of 16 minutes.

In addition to the championships there were the usual three handicaps. The first was the half-mile, which was won by Cotton off a short mark. It looks as though Cotton should have entered the half championship in an attempt to be placed.

F. E. Cullen won the 75 yards handicap, and A. H. Green, who had previously finished third in the 100 yards championship, finished third in this event also.

The remaining handicap was the hurdles race. This was won by Harper, who just beat the back-marker, T. C. Jones. Jones, earlier in the afternoon, had finished second in the half-mile handicap. Powell, who always seems to be placed in this event, finished third. The final of this event was the last race of the afternoon.

In every event, except the hundred and the walk, titles had changed hands, and except in the quarter all the new title-holders were winning their first Club championship. Last year the chief impression left on the mind of the writer was that a large number of juniors had suddenly begun to take a prominent place in the Club. This year, the chief memory is that of the thrilling battle of champion and ex-champions in the last quarter of the mile championship. L.E.F.

RESULTS.

100 Yards Championship ("Grosvenor Cup").—Heat 1: M. E. Odell, 1; A. H. Green, 2; A. A. Lander, 3. Heat 2: G. Basford, 1; P. J. Cook, 2; W. W. Wallis, 3. Final: M. E. Odell, 1; G. Basford, 2; A. H. Green, 3. Time 10½ sec.

100 Yards Championship (under 15) ("Chandler Cup").—W. A. Fox, 1; W. F. Grayden, 2. Time 11 2-5 sec.

880 Yards Championship ("R. W. Best Cup").—R. G. Michael, 1; F. R. Webb, 2; F. G. Ford, 3. Time 2 min. 2 sec. Standard (2 min. 8 sec.), H. Jones.

220 Yards Championship ("Elsie Cup").—G. Basford, 1; J. E. Read, 2; J. G. Barrett, 3. Time 23 7-10 sec.

2 Miles Walk Championship ("A. J. Sawyer Memorial Cup").—A. L. Fletcher, 1; F. W. Thorn, 2; C. W. Redgrave, 3. Time 15 min. 16 4-5 sec. Second Class Standard (16 min.): J. E. Field, A. A. Harley.

220 Yards Junior Championship ("R. W. Ricketts Cup").—Final: J. D. Edwards, 1; A. Power, 2; A. M. Dyke, 3. Time 24 7-10 sec.

440 Yards Championship ("J. G. Sawyer Memorial Cup").—E. H. Jarvis, 1; R. G. Michael, 2; P. J. Cook, 3. Time 53½ sec. Standards (56 sec.): J. S. Williams, A. F. Powter, F. G. Ford.

1 Mile Championship ("Garnett Cup").—A. Kench, 1; W. A. Rice, 2; A. W. Penny, 3. Time 4 min. 32 sec. Standards (4 min. 50 sec.): H. E. Footer, C. T. Carter, C. Mains, F. Walker, A. Robertshaw, W. G. Webb, N. R. Dewberry. fi

120 Yards Hurdles Handicap.—S. J. Harper (owe 3), 1; T. C. Jones (owe 6), 2; G. H. Powell (owe 4), 3.

880 Yards Handicap.—T. Cotton (52), 1; T. C. Jones (62), 2; H. D. Brown (115), 3. Time 1 min. 55 2-5 sec.

75 Yards Handicap.—F. E. Cullen, 8½, 1; L. W. Fleming, 9½, 2; A. H. Green, 5, 3. Time 7½ sec.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

	FINAL	PLACINGS.	Pts.
1. S.L.H.	30
2. Polytechnic H.	25½
3. Belgrave H.	22
4. Ilford A.C.	21
5. Highgate H.	16½
6. Surrey A.C.	7

It will be seen from the above table of points that we again finished third in the Southern Amateur Athletic League. This is very creditable in a competition confined, in effect, to the best of Southern Clubs.

In the Field Events section, contested by the same six Clubs, we were placed first.

ON THE BRIGHTON ROAD.

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1931.

Being an account of a splendid attempt by Tommy Green to beat his own record over the historic course, narrowly frustrated by inclement weather; of how Belgrave had team honours in safe keeping (so it seemed!) at three-quarter distance, only to lose them in the last few miles; of the particularly good "first attempts" of two of our young walkers, Messrs. Hillier and Field; and sundry other matters of importance and interest to all Belgravians.

Rain came with the dawn on September 12th, the day appointed for the Annual London—Brighton Walk, promoted by our friends the Surrey Walking Club; and rain continued intermittently through the day, rendering conditions extremely difficult for the walkers. Eleven of our men started from Westminster at the stroke of seven from Big Ben, and a twelfth, G. H. Laurie, half an hour later. At Croydon the field was led by Heaney, of Lancashire Walking Club, with a group consisting of Green, Lloyd-Johnson (Leicester), Ludlow and Taylor (Derby W.C.), D. Gum (Essex Beagles), and F. Holt (Yorkshire W.C.), a few yards in the rear. Gradually, Green and Johnson shook off their opponents and at Crawley (29 miles 1,104 yards) they were walking together. Soon after leaving Crawley, however, Tommy shot away and at "The Queen's Head," Bolney (38 miles 408 yards) was 7 mins. 25 secs. ahead of the Leicester man, who holds the R.W.A. Championships at 20 miles and 50 kilometres. This represents really wonderful walking on the part of Tommy, and it is a great pity that the rain, which by this time was insistent, handicapped our champion and prevented him from improving upon the record figures which he set up last year. Given fine weather another year, we may be certain that eight hours will be beaten for the distance by the Belgrave man. Last year's time of 8 hrs. 2 min. 55 secs., and that recorded this year, 8 hrs. 5 min. 43 secs., are superlative performances and considerable improvement upon the previous record by H. V. L. Ross, accomplished in 1909, of 8 hrs. 11 min. 14sec. This year's walk adds to our claim that Tommy Green is the "best ever" at distance walking and future generations of athletes and sportsmen may well look back with amazement at Tommy's astounding performances.

But to get back to the race. Field and Hillier always seemed to be walking well within themselves, and Fred Rickards, who has been responsible in the past for some excellent walking in this race, after a slow start, gained numerous positions until at one time he was sixth. Between Crawley and Bolney he walked at an amazing pace and actually covered this section of the course in three minutes faster time than the second man, Lloyd-Johnson.

At Bolney, with a little under 14 miles to go, an attempt was made to get an idea of the team scores, and we were delighted

to find that we were leading. The approximate positions at this point were :—

Belgrave H.	...	...	...	43	pts.
Surrey W.C.	...	...	...	52	pts.
Birmingham W.C.	...	...	...	53	pts.

Here our scoring men were : Green (1), Rickards (6), Hillier (17), and A. H. Field (19). Joe King retired at this point, and Rickards, whose efforts over the Crawley—Bolney section now appeared to be taking their toll, eventually retired a few miles along the road. This necessitated going back to A. G. White for our fourth man and our high hopes of winning were turned to speculation as to the possibility of our team being placed! Such are the fortunes of the Brighton Walk!

The Birmingham Walking Club walked splendidly in the last few miles of the race and they finished 9th, 10th, 11th and 13th, all four men finishing the course inside nine hours—a wonderful effort, deserving our heartiest congratulations. The promoting Club were placed second and we gained the third set of medals.

Lloyd-Johnson's time over the historic course of 8 hrs. 16 min. 18 sec. was very creditable, especially as it was his first attempt.

Green's performance has already been commented upon and carries with it the Club Long Distance Championship Medal and "Belgrave" Cup. This was, of course, as expected, but the performance of R. G. Hillier and A. H. Field in gaining the second and third medals, and in accomplishing such fine times, came as a pleasant surprise. We extend our heartiest congratulations to them upon their success, which was well-deserved on account of the large amount of hard training, extending over many weeks, that they had subjected themselves to during their preparation. It is very heartening to know that we have such promising young walkers in our ranks, worthy of upholding the prestige gained by the Club in the past. We trust that next year they will join the select band who have beaten 9 hours for the journey. Future hopes in the race must be considered very bright.

During the progress of the race the loyal supporters of the Club encouraged our men by their shouts from the Club 'bus which had been commissioned, as usual.

Our best thanks are due to the attendants who accompanied our men. The task, never an enviable one, was a thousand times worse on a day such as we experienced, and we are very grateful to those who assisted the Club in this way.

While we have walkers such as those who represented us on this occasion, self-sacrificing friends to attend to their wants, and a loyal band of Club men to add their support, we need have no worries about the continued progress of our Club.

RESULTS.

1. T. W. Green	8	5	43	20. A. H. Field	9	10	23
15. R. G. Hillier	9	1	14	39. A. G. White	9	28	19

Also finished: P. Khlopin, J. N. Thomas, A. Martin, G. H. Lawrie, A. Wattam, S. T. Ball.

TEAM PLACINGS.

1.	Birmingham W.C.—7, 8, 9, 11	...	...	...	...	25 pts.
2.	Surrey W.C.—5, 6, 15, 26	...	...	...	...	51 pts.
3.	Belgrave H.—1, 13, 18, 35	...	...	...	...	67 pts.
4.	Yorkshire W.C.—10, 12, 16, 39	...	...	...	...	77 pts.
5.	Derby W.C.—2, 4, 33, 40	...	...	...	...	79 pts.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This meeting was held on the evening of September 24th, at St. Philip's Hall, Elizabeth Street, S.W.1, and was well attended.

After the notice convening the meeting had been read, and the minutes of the previous A.G.M. passed, the Hon. Secretary made his report. He briefly sketched the past year's activities, athletically and socially, and concluded by saying that there was no other Club to even challenge comparison with Belgrave. Judged from the combined viewpoints—running, walking, field-events and socially—no one could cast doubt upon the Club's pre-eminence.

His speech was enthusiastically received, as was that of the Hon. Treasurer, whose report disclosed a very favourable state of affairs.

The Hon. Editors then presented a Gazette report, which was favourably received by the meeting.

The Election of Officers then began. Mr. E. Gordon, after two years in the Presidential chair, relinquished his office, and nominated Mr. J. B. Belchamber, a co-worker in the Club's interests for the past twenty years, for the position. "Jimmy" was elected unanimously and told the audience that the Presidency of the Club was one of the highest honours that could come any man's way, and that he would do his utmost to prove himself worthy of it. All our Vice-Presidents were re-elected and the name of W. L. Bayliss added.

Mr. H. Parker, the Hon. Treasurer, announced that he was no longer able to devote the time that the position demanded, with its growing responsibilities and ramifications, and nominated Mr. W. H. Hare, a past Hon. Treasurer, as his successor, who was elected unanimously.

The following Officers were then elected: Gen. Hon. Secretary, W. L. Bayliss; Running Hon. Secretary, E. A. Duffett; Walking Hon. Secretary, A. A. Harley; Social Hon. Secretary, W. A. Rice; Cross-Country Captain, W. G. Webb; Vice-Captains, H. E. Footer and R. J. Savage; Road-Walking Captain, F. H. Elson; Vice-Captain E. Saunders; Track Captain (Running), W. G. Webb; Vice-Captain, W. A. Rice; Track Captain (Walking), A. L. Fletcher; Field Events Captain, G. H. Powell; Vice-Captain, J. Clemens; Hon. Handicappers (Walking), J. B. Belchamber; (Running), L. E. Fletcher; Trustees, O. Horwood, E. Gordon; Hon. Auditor, J. R. McKay.

Many of these have already served the Club well in their various capacities, and the newcomers will, no doubt, prove themselves of great worth. The same remarks also apply to the new Committee, who were elected as follows: H. Parker, F. G. Thomson, L. E. Fletcher, F. R. Webb, H. L. Rollins, J. R. McKay,

B. J. T. Knifton, C. W. Redgrave, H. Evans, K. B. O'Kell.

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officials and all who had worked for the Club.

"Other Business" was then invited and several matters were discussed and recommended to the Committee for their further attention.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

WITH THE WALKERS.

We are joined this month by C. E. Churcher, H. G. Churcher, S. L. Fairman, J. F. O'Connell, D. E. Brown and E. C. Heather. The ability of the Churcher brothers is well known to all those interested in Walking and there can be no doubt that they will be of great value to our teams when they are duly qualified. Heather is a stylish young walker whose future will be watched with interest, for he has possibilities of developing into really first-class man as he matures in years. We extend a cordial welcome to these newcomers.

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The Winter season promises to be as strenuous as ever. Following upon our own Club novice and five-miles handicap, the "Open" season commences with a race promoted by the Highgate Harriers (who have taken over the R.W.A. date) at New Southgate on October 31st, and the Enfield A.C. "Open" follows on November 14th.

Our own Open race will take place on November 28th, when it is hoped a record entry will be obtained, and a record number of Belgrave men included in that entry.

All walkers are requested to note the Hon. Secretary's change of address. Letters should be addressed to:—

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

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All walkers are reminded that entry forms for the Open race should be handed or sent to A. A. Harley about 10 days before the race takes place, in order that teams may be made up and entered.

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Green's Brighton performance is apt to dwarf some other very fine achievements; but space must be found to congratulate him upon his ridiculously easy wins in the Nottingham—Birmingham Walk (55 miles) which took place throughout in a downpour of rain; and his win in the Hastings—Brighton Race (38 miles).

Our best wishes go with him to the Manchester—Blackpool Walk (50½ miles), to be held on October 3rd. If Tommy wins this for the third year in succession the 100 guinea trophy presented by the Blackpool Corporation becomes his own property. Tommy has since done this and we congratulate him most heartily.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Welcome! members new and old, to our headquarters at Wimbledon. Those of you who troubled to read the back of your A.G.M. notices will be fully conversant with the real facts and it only remains for me to emphasize the enjoyments which one can derive from training over the country.

Several packs go out, each under the leadership of a well seasoned runner and the veriest novice is well looked after in this respect.

Even our track runners only, will do well to come along, for there is nothing better than this to improve one's stamina and general fitness. This is a view subscribed to by Tom Hampson, the A.A.A. 880 Yards Champion, while Tommy Scrimshaw is another who is often seen out at Wimbledon.

Our fixture list is a full one and is on much the same lines as previous years. Many alterations have been suggested, but our Committee consider we are well served by our present opponents and fixtures.

New opposition will be met in the matches v. the Metropolitan Police A.C., and members should make a note to come along to Imber Court and sample the hospitality of the "men in blue," and also enjoy the comforts of their fine Pavilion and dressing rooms.

As usual, we have our 3 Miles Road Running Handicap race on October 3rd, and I hope to see a large entry, in view of the Round Ilford Relay race, which will be held a fortnight later.

Also on that date, namely the 17th, we shall entertain the Ealing Harriers to a run over our home course at Wimbledon.

On October 24th, we have the Metropolitan Police coming to Wimbledon, not with any serious intentions, I hope, and a match over our 5 miles course will take place.

The 31st sees the first of the Inter-Club races v. Ashcombe A.C. and Thames Valley Harriers being held from T.V.H. headquarters at Hounslow. All members should support this fixture, for not only does the all-to-score rule operate in the races, but in view of the South of the Thames race to be held a fortnight later, all prospective team men should be getting racing fit.

Cheap rail tickets for use between Clapham Junction and Wimbledon, also from Vauxhall, can be obtained from M. W. J. Fish or at the Club room on training nights.

Our training quarters during the week—Tuesday and Thursday are the nights—are at the "Rising Sun," Ebury Bridge Road, which is quite near Victoria Station and also easily accessible from the other side of the river.

With our increasing membership we should have large fields out every Saturday, and anyone who requires information as to reaching Wimbledon or any other particulars, if they will drop me a line I shall be pleased to do my best to assist them.

All entries and enquiries to E. A. DUFFETT, *Running Hon. Sec.*,
1 Raymead Avenue, Thornton Heath.

