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PRICE TWOPENCE

In and Around the Poly.

New Governor. Mr. T. H. Jones has been appointed a Governor of the Polytechnic as a representative of the L.C.C. Mr. Jones was Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee for some time during the war.

Kynaston Studd Memorial Fund. The total amount of donations collected and promised has now reached £35,432 2s. 10d. Among the gifts we have received during the past month is a very generous and welcome one from the Football Association. Mr. Stanley Rous in sending along the cheque says that his Committee is glad to be able to offer this practical support from the proceeds of football matches played during the past season.

Marathon. On Saturday, June 16th, the Poly Marathon will be run in conjunction with the Southern Junior Championships at Chiswick.

Return of Prisoners of War. Among the prisoners of war which we have been delighted to welcome in recent weeks is Douglas Bullock who was a member of the Hockey and Cricket Clubs. He was taken prisoner in November, 1941, and then released when Bardia was re-taken. He was captured again in May, 1942.

Amateur Opera. A Course on the production of Amateur Opera is being held at the Polytechnic Extension from Tuesday, 28th August to Saturday, 1st Sept., next. The fee for the Course is 30/-.

Netball. We should like to congratulate the Ladies' Netball Club on their recent successes. At the All England County Tournament held at Manchester on May 5th the Poly team was selected to represent Middlesex. They were very successful and were only beaten by the eventual winners of the Tournament.

The Ladies' Swimming Club are now resuming their activities and will commence with an Open Splash Night on Friday, 29th June, when they hope to have a large gathering of old members and will also welcome any newcomers.

Marriage. Two members, Mr. Fred Ball and Miss W. M. B. Hester, very well known for some years in the Poly, were married on the 5th June. Their large number of friends in the Institute will join us in wishing them every happiness.

Mr. W. J. (Peter) Pollock called in the Poly recently and he was looking much better. He seldom comes to town nowadays and we hope that with a quiet summer at his country residence he will very shortly be his old self again.

Cricket Thrills. The Poly Cricket First XI playing Hounslow on Saturday, 9th June, made 190 runs for 7 wickets declared. Their opponents went in and in the last over of the day reached 191 for 6 wickets, and thus

won the match. On the previous Saturday the Poly were all out for 46, and their opponents, Tooting, made 45 all out. From the point of view of the ordinary spectator, this is certainly cricket at its brightest.

In Memoriam. **Mr. L. S. Martin**, who was reported missing on the 7th November last, is now presumed by the Air Ministry to have died.

Frank Salisbury, a well known member of the Cricket Club, died on May 6th. He had been a member of the Poly for the last 16 years and among other matters was actively interested in the Waterloo Club. His many friends will be very sorry to hear this sad news.

With great regret we have to report the death of **Mr. Frank Parks**. An obituary notice is included in this issue.

The death occurred on 27th May of **Mr. F. Wood** who was a very old member of the Poly. During the last war he was provost sergeant of the Poly section of the Marylebone Volunteers and was affectionately known as "Sergt. Fussey."

With great regret we heard a few days ago of the death, after an illness, of **Leslie Hall**, who had been the Honorary Secretary of the Men's Badminton Club for 10 years prior to the War. Leslie Hall was engaged during the last few years in the War Reserve Police Force.

We have just heard with regret of the death of **Mr. Will Fenn** at the age of 73. He had been ill for some time but lately seemed to recover. He was a member of the O.M.A.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of **Mr. A. L. Lyddon**, the former head of the Polytechnic School of Photography. An obituary notice appears in this issue.

We deeply sympathise with the relatives in each case.

Obituary.

A. J. LYDDON.

The recent death of Albert James Lyddon has removed from the list of retired members of the staff, the Head of the School of Photography who was second in the roll of Headmasters of the School. Mr. Lyddon succeeded the late Howard Farmer, founder of the School in 1918 and resigned his headship in July, 1934. Previous to 1918 he had been in charge of the retouching and finishing section of the school's work.

Mr. Lyddon was the son of a schoolmaster, proprietor of a private school in North London. After an education under his father's care he was fortunate enough to secure admission to the Royal Academy School of Art. Here he was a fellow student of Sir Frank Salisbury, R.A., and in due course painted his diploma picture, choosing for his subject the first meeting of Antony and Cleopatra. It is not known what first turned his attention to photography but it is not unlikely that he saw a crying need for artistic insight and feeling in the Portrait branch of the profession and took on a missionary task. During his period as a teacher he worked out a medium for the Finishing of photographs in oil, using a transparent colour, rubbing in the paint so as to give a similar texture to that of watercolour. This process is still in use. He was the painter of the portraits of the late Major V. R. Hoare and of Mrs. Hoare, the President of the Women's Institute.

The school has lost a distinguished member of the staff and a constant and sincere friend and the photographic world an artist both with brush and camera.

FRANK PARKS.

A wide circle of friends will grieve the loss of Frank Parks, who passed away as the result of a fatal accident at his Hampstead home on May 22nd.

Frank, was an associate of the Poly, having become a member in the year 1892.

Though well known in the business and Masonic world, he will best be remembered for his numerous and brilliant successes in the boxing world during the early years of the century. Frank, won his first competition at the Poly in 1892. Having won most of the prizes at his weight that were competed for he went on to capture his first English Championship for the Poly in 1899. He followed this up by performing the same feat in the years 1901, 1902, 1905 and 1906. In the 1902 he was awarded the highly prized and much coveted Studd Trophy. He journeyed across the channel in 1905 and walked away with the French Championship. Frank was honoured by being elected a Life Vice-President of the A.B.A., in the councils of which his wisdom and guidance were eagerly sought and deeply appreciated. He was, indeed, a very fine character, most approachable, always at the disposal of the newest Club member with advice and encouragement.

The Poly, and what it stands for was his very life and if ever a man "belonged" to the Poly, it was Frank. Happily, for this past ten years he has been enabled to take life easily, thanks to the burdens of his highly specialized business in Newman Street, being shouldered by his efficient and devoted daughter and son. He has given to his little grandson his Championship Cups, with an accompanying letter which will guide and direct his footsteps through life. Frank was, in every sense of the meaning—A Gentleman Amateur.

J.H.T.



War Comforts.

I was only able just to mention the coming of VE day in Europe in my article in the May *Magazine*, but this month it will be appropriate to trace the significance of that happy event to the future of the War Comforts Section.

Co-operation.

First from a purely business point of view. I said in the last *Magazine* that the word demobilisation would be entering into our correspondence with ever increasing frequency. We make an immediate and very earnest request. Do please, with greater assiduity than ever before, keep us immediately acquainted with changes in your service addresses; and especially in the case of demobilisation. Without your co-operation with us in this simple way, much trouble will be given to the officers of the War Comforts Section and much loss will doubtless occur in sending parcels to members after they have left the Forces.

The Future.

Most letters received since VE day have had most deeply appreciated reference to the continuity of our work right through the years of war. These numerous references to that continuity have been extremely encouraging. But for many reasons to which I will refer in due course we still have much work to do.

Let me at the outset make the position perfectly clear. We shall not maintain the war comforts section in being one day longer than is absolutely necessary. But there are several ways in which the work will have a growing value and an even increased importance. The first consideration of that kind which naturally springs to mind is the fact that we have already a large number of members facing the Japanese; it is more than likely that that number will tend to grow during the next few weeks. It seems reasonably obvious that their spirits will need sustaining more than ever by contacts with the Poly. They will be thinking of us at home as they always have done; but more; they will be realising that many of their fellow Poly members will be demobilised; many indeed of their own immediate companions out there in the Far East will be returning home for demobilisation. They will, therefore, need cheerful letters and the help and encouragement given by our parcels.

Those Who "Join Up."

An idea came to me the other morning while listening to the news on the radio—"boys and girls born between so-and-so and so-and-so should register . . . etc." That should remind us all that the call-up goes on and a good many of our young students and members will still be joining the forces with the knowledge that they will be used for occupational armies, for training in case of any further trouble coming along in this very troubled and turbulent world. Those who have already served in the Forces will remember that, when they were called to the colours, there was a near-by enemy to fight—a plain, obvious and very urgent duty to perform. With those who, in the next few months will be called to the colours, there will be little if anything of that easily apparent and immediate necessity it will not be so plain for them; they will feel the break in their lives even more keenly than those who travelled the "call-up" road before them. Bearing the name of a "comforts" section we have a work to do there.

No Fraternalisation.

Again—those who remain in Germany will need our work. We want continued support—that is the real reason for the line of thought on which this present article is based. Here is one more effective reason why our activities will be necessary. There is a sinister and little thought—of result of the order "No Fraternalising" which we at home might easily miss altogether. The subject of "No Fraternalisation" has been argued in public on its merits; ought we to enforce it; is it wise to do so; is it Christian and so on. Each will answer those questions to his or to her own conscience. But we must face the facts. The order is in being. We, of the Poly have members and students stationed in ruined Hamburg, devastated Lubeck, destroyed Bremen, etc. For them there will be no friendly household to which they will be invited round to tea on a Sunday afternoon as would be the case in Holland, or Belgium or France or at home. There will be no "Oxford Street" type of shops to see—only piles of ruins and no where to go. Letters and parcels will indeed be an added and necessary source of cheerfulness; and we will give them to the limit of our resources.

Friendly By Name, Friendly By Nature.

This may be the appropriate point at which to express thanks to the Polytechnic Friendly Society for a further contribution of five guineas towards our Fund. This was the first "Post VE Day" grant we received from a Poly Society; and in view of what we have already said we are truly grateful. By the aid of such support we have been able to maintain the standard of the contents of our parcels—to which fact we have had many tributes. We can quote cases of men who received parcels in France in 1939, who subsequently received them in India, in the Middle East, in Paiforce, in the Central Mediterranean area, and again in the British Liberation Army as well as at home. All say the same; the parcels are as good as ever. The present phase of the war is doubtless "the beginning of the end," and we must maintain the standard to the very end. We have certainly had a good run.

Thanking is a Pleasant Task.

In the last few months, readers will realise that a task has been performed in these monthly articles which had to be performed and which it has been a deep and very real pleasure to perform—the task of thanking those helpers in the War Comforts Section, most of whose work has heretofore been anonymous work. It might have been rather the usual method to have kept these thanks back to the time when the work was being definitely ended; we may be able to repeat these thanks when that time arrives; but it hardly seemed to be a method in any way commensurate with the need to make these others workers known to the people of the Forces and to express what all must feel about them and their assistance to the cause. We have thanked Mr. Lawton for his help with the contents; we have thanked Mr. Barrington for similar help and also for his superintendence of the packing, aided by Miss Wood and many others; we more recently thanked the "filers" of the correspondence and the keepers of the records headed by Mrs. Panting. We cannot easily thank them enough. The words "we have had a good run," remind us of yet one more helper, the mention of whose name and a tribute to whose work with us will give a thrill of pleasure to a vast number of readers.

"A Good Run."

"A Good Run," conjures up thoughts of the Poly Cycling Club; and who could think of that Club without visualising Mr. Ditchman—one of our Treasurers whose work in that capacity has been much appreciated but who, in addition to that, has put in many hours of quiet unobtrusive work in many directions for the benefit of this War Comforts Section and those whom it serves. Unobtrusive work is often the most useful type of all; that is specially true in this instance. So once again the veil of anonymity is lifted and we ask Mr. Ditchman to stand forth and accept this sincere tribute of thanks for help given, encouragement conveyed on countless occasions throughout the long period of war-time years.

Others to be Named.

There are many other workers whose identity will yet be revealed; but I, who have had the help that they have given, will not consent merely to give their names in a long and formal list. They all deserve detailed acknowledgment and specific and grateful mention.

"Comfort" Work.

Although I have always written these notes on very strictly personal lines, I have never felt really free to give full details of the "comfort" side of the work. But as I look back, I recall how I have been asked to settle, with a piece of reliable information from "home," a good many of those friendly arguments which have been held in the Ayakan area, in the hills of India or on the back of a lorry in Flanders. An argument arises in which a Poly member is involved; and many times I have been asked to adjudicate, at this distance, on the rules of some game or other, of the meaning of this or of that; or on the import of a debate in the House of Commons; or on what Churchill

said or did not say, etc., etc. If I had advertised that sort of thing I might easily have been overwhelmed. But I am going to venture this. Two of our members—at least that number!—want a house in or very near London and they have asked me if I can help. I am afraid I cannot personally. But—it is “comforts” work! And in these cases I promised to make known these most earnest pleas.

A Wider Significance.

As I have said before in the *Magazine*, we have tried to give the word “Comfort” from our title a wide significance. As sometimes I have hurried through the large entrance Hall of No. 309, I have looked at the long list which comprises the Roll of Honour in reference to the War of 1914-1918. It is not out of place, I think, to express at this juncture the belief that, although more of our people have been actively involved in the present war than in the earlier world war, the list of casualties will not, under the Mercy of Providence, be so long or so tragic as in 1914-1918. But we have, to our intense sorrow, lost by death many friends in the present conflict; and we may, unfortunately, lose more yet in the war in the Far East. But the end of the European end of the conflict is an occasion on which we can send a loving and sympathetic thought in the direction of those mothers, those wives and sweethearts whose loved ones have gone; for they could not rejoice with us in the glad tidings of the 8th of May with thoughts untouched by sadness. We want them to know that we understand and sympathise will all our hearts. The loss they have sustained leaves a gap which time does not altogether heal. As a *Comforts* organisation we want them to know that we are deeply concerned for them; that we too feel for them.

A Further Loss.

But peace has her tragedy as well as war and our hearts today are sad because of the passing of a very real and dear and old friend—Mr. Frank Parks. He was a member of our War Comforts Committee; and we valued his help in that capacity. But he was far more to us than that—he was a real helper in the very deepest sense of the word. He gave us much material aid; but his unflinching interest, his acute perception of our problems, made us always conscious that, in him, we had a sympathiser whose understanding made for all our workers, and especially for the Honorary Secretary, the firm and solid foundation of a most positive encouragement which was always a mighty stand-by at all times but especially in moments of strain and difficulty. To Mrs. Parks and to Miss Parks (whose prowess as a Collector has frequently been referred to in this *Magazine*) we extend our most sincere sympathy.

“Pastures New.”

One word more. Our Poly people in the Services have “turned up” in many and varied places. It is a matter which will prove of interest to many readers that Sergeant C. Sprung of the R.A.F. recently wrote to us from the Channel Islands. He said his parcel was of unusual value; and that he was, as one of the liberators of our fellow countrymen there, very warmly welcomed. Then, just as this article was being concluded came a letter from Gunner Clement who, with the Airborne Troops, said he was in Norway. He described the scenery in detail, especially what he saw on a twenty-nine mile walk under a local guide. Doubtless the Polytechnic Touring Association will be arranging peace-time tours to the Channel Islands and to Norway. It is interesting to record that Sergeant Sprung and Gunner Clement (and doubtless other Poly people) were in the van of the Liberating Armies which will help to make a further series of Poly tours possible. Peace marches on!

A. HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Friendly Society.

The 16th May found the Society holding their sixty-sixth A.G.M. and the first since the Peace in Europe. The chair was occupied by the Society's President, Mr. C. McKenna.

The Report and Statement of Accounts were taken as read and adoption of same duly carried. Our treasurer, Miss I. Hensley has completed her first year of office and has proved a worthy successor to Mr. W. A. Clarke. At a Committee Meeting held earlier in the year Mr. McKenna, on behalf of the trustees, committee and friends, presented Mr. Clarke with a silver cigarette box as a memento of his fourteen years association with the Society.

The financial stability of the Society has been adequately maintained, the value of the investments as shown in the Balance Sheet being worth considerably more than the figures quoted, which are at cost unless otherwise stated.

During the last twelve months the Society has sustained the loss by death of two members, one of whom was killed by enemy action; we tender our sympathy to the relatives in each case. At the 31st December, 1944, fifty-eight members were serving in H.M. Forces and up to that date two have been discharged and resumed active membership; since that date we have been

pleased to welcome back Mr. Robert Risk, who was seriously wounded in Italy after an arduous and adventurous time in the service.

Once again we offer thanks to the hard working little band of people comprising The Poly War Comforts Section, for sending parcels, etc., to many of our serving members.

The committee were re-elected en bloc with the exception of Mr. A. S. Taylor who has left town for more pleasant surroundings. Our very best wishes are extended to Mr. Taylor coupled with our grateful thanks for the valuable help and guidance he has given the Society as a member of the committee and since 1938 as its chairman. We wish Mrs. Taylor and himself many happy years of retirement. Mrs. D. E. R. Small was elected to the vacancy.

The members have been written to in respect of the Kynaston Studd Memorial Fund and the committee take this opportunity to express their thanks to those members who have so generously contributed to the Fund. It is recognised that many members have sent their donation through one of the other clubs or societies to which they belong.

A vote of thanks was accorded the trustees and Mr. A. G. Burwood replied on their behalf.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman who suitably replied.

The Library.

Times of Opening.—The Library is now open at the usual times, *i.e.*, Mondays to Fridays 9.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“The Discussion Group.”

Our new series of Discussion Group meetings ended with opening talks on “Scientific Production and Modern Industry”; “The Problem of Russia” and a general discussion on “Science and Religion.” We would like to thank all speakers for their help in this work. We hope very shortly to announce details of our autumn series of lectures.

Some New Books.

A new novel by J. B. Priestley is always interesting. In “Three Men in New Suits” he gives us the first novel on demobilisation telling us of what three young men found awaiting them at home and how this tallied with their expectations. It is very short.

Another writer who has given us many interesting political books—Douglas Reed—in his first novel “The Next Horizon” gives through the story of an English family since the beginning of this century to the present time a lively picture of English life.

Naombi Jacob's new novel “Susan Crowther” is longer and many will consider better than her previous story “White Wool.”

C. E. M. Joad's volume on “Philosophy” (100) in the “Teach Yourself Series” is a very clear introduction to the subject.

“How shall we rebuild London” (942.1) is a subject in which we as Londoners are keenly interested. In this book, by C. B. Purdom, many important questions as to the size of the town, how it shall be governed, what kinds of houses shall be built and the place of shopping and trade are all considered.

Arnold Lunn tells a story of particular interest to all who remember the P.T.A. Chalets in Switzerland and the country in pre-war days in his book “Switzerland and the English” (T49.4), wherein he gives an account of the rise of interest in the country as a touring and sporting centre.

“Little Golden America! two famous Soviet humourists survey the United States” (T73) by Ilya Ief and Eugene Petrov is particularly notable as it gives us another viewpoint from that of the Western European.

Yet another book on the United States is J. L. Hobson's “And yet I like America” (T73). Hobson will be remembered for his diaries of life in England during war-time.

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Sports Club

BOXING.

We open our notes this month on a very sad note. All our members, especially old members, will hear with regret the death of our Vice-President, Frank Parks, nearly our oldest member. He won the Heavy Weight Amateur Championship for us on five occasions and up to the last he was one of our keenest active members. I had a letter from him a few weeks back regretting his inability to be with us at the Dinner. He was a Life Vice-President of Amateur Boxing Association. Frank in fact was one of the Pillars of the Amateur Boxing, blunt perhaps but absolutely dead straight, and never minced his words to shield anyone and his opinion on any matter to do with Amateur Boxing was always keenly sort. His death is a great loss to the Poly, also to Amateur Boxing, and on behalf of every Member of the Poly Boxing Club both old and new we all of us send his family our deepest sympathy. It is our intention to perpetuate his memory, details next month.

The London Championships are over with our Captain, Fred Parish, a worthy winner of the Light Heavy-Weight. We nearly had another winner in Len. Wicks, beaten in the final after the bad luck of the draw by a very small margin, so we now go to the South of England Championships with 2 entries, R. Craggs and F. Parish, and we wish them the best of luck.

During this month we had the pleasure of a visit from one of our keenest supporters, Reg. Presney. No doubt the Midlands suits him, he looked his part—must be the climate. Also we have had boxing with us, our pre-war Vice-Captain, S. Jenkins, who had a wonderful experience as a Prisoner of War, captured at Arnheim, with a training spin of 600 miles trek to Russia.

With the end of June comes the Finals of the Championship for 1945, and the end of the Season so perhaps we can spare a few lines on our future. Practice nights will be as usual. Many of our boys will no doubt be glad to rest for a few weeks, take their holidays, etc., but we cannot risk disappointing some who will want to do a spot of light training, so the Club will be open as usual for July. We will discuss August later. I believe everybody will agree we have had a very fine season all helping to do something to benefit the Club. We have the good fortune to have two of the best Instructors, neither of whom spared any effort for the Club. They in turn were backed by some of the keenest and most willing-to-learn lads in present day boxing, some of whom will next season be right on the top line. Plenty of them have gone out this first season for their fight and now they box in the best company and are a credit to the Club, whether they win or lose. Many of our visitors on Club nights remark to me that it will not be long before the Poly will be on the march with their Champions. I do not as a general rule mention names but as it is the end of the season perhaps you will forgive me this time. The Club do appreciate the effort made by some of our Juniors when asked to box for us by Jack Lowther, notably our two A.T.C. Silver Wing boys, Smith and Dormer, our two Bantams, Lynch and Paine, and also our Light-Weights, Williams, Ramsey and Hodson, not forgetting Banks and Witte, also McGinty till he joined up. So you can imagine we shall not have long to wait before the Poly produce some more Champions. By the way, many wonder why George Lee did not box in the Championships this year. Well, I will tell you, they brought the Championships forward one week and it clashed with his Wedding and he chose the Wedding. Well done, George!

H. & E. M.

FOOTBALL. Result.

RESERVES.

May 12th. R.E.M.E. ... Won 6-2

The Reserves finished their prolonged League programme in grand style by registering their third win of the Season over the R.M.E.E., finally ending sixth in the Harrow & District League (Division East) with a record as follows: -Played 18, Won 8, Drew 2, Lost 8, 44 goals for, 58 against, Points 18; so it will be seen that in their first Season they held their own, being also semi-finalists in the League Cup and quarter-finalists in the London Junior Cup.

Robinson gave a grand display for the Middlesex Senior League against the strong Herts & Middlesex side, which was held to a 2-2 score until late in the second half. League officials thought he held the defence together until they were finally overcome.

By now you should have received a letter from me asking for a special effort by everyone to donate something to the Sir Kynaston Studd Memorial Fund. Please do not put it on one side intending to send something some day—do it now. Nobody misses the chance of an easy goal because he thinks he will get another opportunity, so let us see what you can do with this

golden chance to show your appreciation of our late President's fine work. By the way, the top contribution from the Football Club membership so far is £10, can I have one better? Even if you can't, send something along, every little bit helps.

Another important message is a reminder of our Annual General Meeting, to be held on Monday, 25th June, at the Polytechnic at 7 o'clock. I particularly want every member who can possibly manage it to come along and have your say. Don't forget the A.G.M. is the time to introduce your suggestions for next Season, besides affording you an opportunity of seeing your team-mates once again. The Management Committee have taken the bold step of resuming our pre-war membership of the Spartan League, but decisions as to the dispositions of the Reserve teams have still to be taken and it's up to you to make them.

In the anti-climax following VE days we strangely enough have seen or heard of none of our old members when we expected to get quite a lot of news. Let's hope we don't have to wait until demobbing starts! Everyone will join with me in congratulating Harry Stone on finally becoming a father of a—we hope—future member. I say finally because we waited with furrowed brow for so long, but all's well that ends well, and both mother and child and Harry—are going on nicely, thank you.

HOCKEY. Result.

April 21. v. Chamelcons ... Won 5-0

This was the last match of the season. We could do nothing wrong and Chamelcons nothing right. Reviewing the season we find that we: -

Played 25, Won 13 Drew 1 Lost 11. Goals for 81, Goals against 55.

Keith Smith again assisted the Hockey Association throughout the season, likewise Lt. Nevill Mirov, R.N., a work of distinction they both thoroughly deserved. As usual we are glad to ask Mr. McKenna to extend our thanks to the ground staff at Chiswick for the excellent way in which the pitch has been maintained. Thanks also to Bob Panting for keeping goal and umpiring at short notice. And now a word of appreciation to the Southern Counties Hockey Umpires Association, ably conducted by Mrs. N. Mirov, for providing umpires week after week, without which Hockey would be far less enjoyable. Thank you, Mrs. M.

The Hounslow Club are re-starting next season, which means we lose the services of Keith Smith, Arnold Muntz and Sidney Muntz. These players came to us in the early days of the war and have been instrumental in keeping the Poly in the forefront of London war-time hockey; to say we are grateful to them is putting it mildly. George Guns announces the arrival of Richard Frederick (Tommy) on May 3rd. Congratulations, George.

We learn that Easter seaside Festival Hockey is under consideration in fact Weston have written to us asking if we would participate in their 1946 Festival. Would Club members please express an opinion to the Secretary at the earliest possible moment. When our membership shows signs of returning to normality it is the intention to hold an A.G.M., so will serving members, prospective new members, etc., etc. write to the Secretary as they become available.

Frank Mace left for Australia early in June. We have had letters from Peter White and Tom Butcher. Peter writes of visiting Kashmir if and when he gets leave, and Tom should by now be back in harness after a spell in Hospital. Club developments will be posted in the *Magazine* throughout the Summer.

HARRIERS.

After winning our first match of the Season, at Alperston on May 5th, we went to Sutton on the following Saturday for a four-sided match against Met. Police and N.F.S., Walton A.C., and Sutton and Epsom Harriers.

Once again we won the match, this time by 84½ points to 80 scored by the Police and Fireman. Poly members scoring points were: Ray Fisher, 1st 100 yards (10.8) and 1st 220 yards (23.9); and Bernard Metcalfe, 2nd 100 yards (to Frost in 10.7) and 1st 220 yards (24.1).

On May 19th, Poly had one representative in the A.A.A. side which went to Oxford to compete against the combined Universities. This was Doug. Wilson and he ran a grand race for his first effort this season to win the mile by over 100 yards in 4 mins. 19.8 secs.

The Whit-Monday meeting at the White City saw quite a turnout of well-known runners. There were heats and semi-finals in the sprints and heats in the 880 yards.

Star event of the afternoon was Doug. Wilson's splendid victory in the 2 miles, which he won "out on his own," in 9 mins 20.8 secs. If he had had some one to go with him Doug. would undoubtedly have recorded a much faster time. As it happened, he led from the start and was about 30 yards ahead of his nearest opponent after half-a-mile.

Our second winner of the afternoon was Charles Denroche,

who proved his superiority over some of the country's best sprinters to win the 220 yards final in 23.3 seconds. The time was not exceedingly fast, but making allowances for the three days rain prior to the meeting and the wind and rain during the race, all agreed that it was worth a good four yards faster time.

Fifth in the final, about 2 yards behind the winner was Metcalfe, while another Poly runner, Bernard Simpson, the Southern Universities champion and record holder, got through to the semi-final.

Frank Latham was below form, otherwise he would have taken a place in the long jump. As it happened his best effort was just over 20 ft.

No less than four of our boys were selected to represent the A.A.A. in its match against the London Universities at Imber Court on May 26th. Denroche won the 440 yards in 51.6 secs.; Stan West took the High Jump with a leap of 5ft. 8ins.; Doug Wilson dead-heated with Austin Littler, the International who has been record-breaking in Egypt, in the 880 yards in 2 mins. 0.1 secs.; and Frank Latham was second in the Long Jump, clearing 21ft. 5ins. Not a bad contribution to the A.A.A.'s success!

At Bath, the same afternoon, Ron Hughes (off 160 yards) romped home in an open mile handicap, while at Tooting we had a comfortable win over Southgate Harriers and Dartford Harriers in a club match. Poly contribution to points was Metcalfe's first in the 220 yards in 24 seconds. He also took the club 220 yards handicap off 5 yards in 24 secs., and was second in the Shot Putt handicap.

Doug Wilson, continuing his tour of the country, went to Birmingham on June 2nd and won the invitation mile in trying weather conditions in 4 mins. 26.3 secs., while Metcalfe won the A.A.A. open 100 yards handicap at Tooting, off 6 yards in 10.2 secs. and was second in the Shot Putt.

For our fourth match of the season we went to Tooting to contest a five-sided match against Met. Police and N.F.S., Eastleigh and Southampton, Tyrians, and Guard's team. Once again Tyrians proved superior, winning from Poly and Belgrave by 84 points to 76½. Best efforts for Poly came from our new member, R. Fisher, who ran well to finish third in 880 yards to two experienced runners. The winner's time was 2 mins. 2.1 secs.

Ron Hughes and Doug Wilson were among the competitors invited to run in the Bristol Aeroplane Company's 2 mile scratch race, also held on June 9th. Doug was a comfortable winner in 9 mins. 32 secs.

And now, here are some fixtures for the rest of the season:— June 20th, Junior match v. Upper Latimer School, Chiswick; June 23rd, match v. Gillingham and District at Gillingham, and South v. Midlands at Rugby; June 30th, match v. Walton A.C. at Walton; **July 5th (Thursday), Junior 1,000 yards Championship and Club 300 yards handicap, Chiswick, 7 p.m.**; July 7th, match v. Oxford and District at Oxford, and A.A.A. open handicaps meeting at Parliament Hill Fields; **July 12 (Thursday), Junior 100 yards Championship and Club 880 yards handicap** (providing there are sufficient entries **Chiswick, 7 p.m.**); July 14th, match v. Walton A.C. at Tooting; Open handicap meetings at Hoddesden, Southend, and Herne Hill; July 20-1, Army Championships at Aldershot; July 21st, match v. West Middx. Triangle at Alperton; L.C.C. meeting at Parliament Hill Fields; July 28th, match v. N.F.S. and Met. Police at Imber Court, also A.A.A. Open handicap meeting at Charlton; August 4th, Glasgow Rangers meeting at Glasgow; August 6th (Bank Holiday) Army v. R.A.F. v. A.A.A. at the White City; Open handicap meetings at Walthamstow and Erith; August 11th, match v. Guards at Pirbright, also L.C.C. meeting at Tooting; August 18th, match v. West Middx. Triangle at Alperton; August 25th, match v. Dartford at Dartford, also L.C.C. meeting at Victoria Park; September 1st, match v. Cambridge Harriers at Charlton; September 2nd (Sunday), A.A.A. team v. France at Paris; September 8th, match v. N.F.S. and M.P. at Tooting, also Junior match v. Dorking St. Pauls at Tooting, and L.C.C. meeting at Charlton September 15th, Belgrave Club Handicaps (open to Poly members), at Tooting, also L.C.C. Finals at Parliament Hill Fields; September 22nd Epsom meeting.

In connection with our Club Handicaps at Chiswick on July 5th and 12th, members are asked to send their entries (free) to Mr. R. James, 54b, Fairholme Road, London, W.14, as soon as possible. State the best time over or near the distance entered or last open handicap mark. If you are not entering any of the events then please come down to Chiswick and give the Club your support. Let us have a big turn-out.

Members are asked to excuse the lack of social news in these notes. Truth is we hear so little gossip, because our members are so reticent.

Alf Peck did his best to help our Gossip Column the other day when he proudly announced the arrival of another son. Congratulations, Alf, two more and you've got a cross country team.

The next meeting of the Harriers Committee will be held on Friday evening, 29th June.

CRICKET.

It is with regret that I have to report the deaths of two of our members, Stan. Rivers and Frank Salisbury. The sad news regarding Rivers came to me in a very round-about manner and I trust that although our expression of sorrow and regret to his family is made such a long time after his death—he was killed in action—it will be accepted as a sincere tribute to one who undoubtedly promised to be a leading figure in our Club just before hostilities suspended his activities with us.

Frank Salisbury will best be remembered by the lower sides; he was generally to be found in one of the 4th XI's, taking a keen interest in the progress of all the promising colts. His death in Redhill Hospital on the 6th May, 1945, caused a great loss both to ourselves and the Waterloo Club, in which he took such interest. We tender our very sincere sympathies to his family.

To the usual accompaniment of snow, hail, sleet, rain and sunshine, we opened the 1945 Season with a First XI. game against W. Surrey at Chiswick. Batting first, Dolman and Bunyan managed to keep their bats moving so easily that they recorded a fine opening partnership of over 100, but when Bunyan left the next three batsmen, Norris, Black and Panting were either so cold from waiting their respective turns or else were so weary that they promptly presented W. Surrey with a hat-trick. At this point a declaration was made. Dixon and Russell tried to get them out, but . . .

On the following Saturday, all games were washed-out by rain and so we had to wait until the third Saturday of the Season before getting the badly needed sunshine. Curiously enough, despite the sunshine and despite the preceding V.I. celebrations, the First's managed to win at Brentham in a very low scoring game. It was their only win of the month but, in the words of the skipper, it was "an excellent win."

On the 19th May, Richmond Town had a fast bowler who, so Dolman tells me, caused us a deal of trouble, two of our batsmen jumping away to present him with two wickets. Unfortunately, we haven't got a fast bowler ourselves with whom to retaliate as we did in the days of Mason and Ledger.

Whit-Monday saw the team reviving that splendid pre-war fixture at Beaconsfield. Had it not been for a rainy spell in the late afternoon, we might have won, for with only 20 runs on the board and five wickets gone (two of them run-out) Beaconsfield were certainly in trouble. However, most people enjoyed the day; the lunch was good, the beer was good and, above all, the game was a good one as far as it could be played.

Ealing are not the power they were and with their best bowler absent—playing at Lords for the C.C.C.—Poly were able to make their highest score of the Season. Ealing, I regret to say, made no effort to get the runs, taking 2 hours to score 69 for 8.

The outstanding player of the First's so far is Pat Bunyan, whose batting at last shews signs of developing along the lines which we always suspected would cause opponents a lot of headaches.

The Second Eleven, against Brentham, had a most enjoyable game, losing by only a very few runs after appearing to be well within sight of a win. Had someone been able to stay with Regis for just a little longer, we should have got home.

Against Richmond Town 2, the team enjoyed a great success, although it must be admitted that our opponents were not very strong. However, it was good to see all our players doing something useful for the side.

The result of the game on Whit-Monday looks very bad indeed on paper, but two points must be taken into consideration (a) only 2 second eleven players were in our side, the rest being from the thirds, and (b) our opponents were of First XI. standard. This, of course, is a reflection on the Match Secretary who assures me that he had impressed upon the Borough Poly that our side would be very weak.

The Second's last match of the month was a good one and all credit goes to the lads from the Secondary School for foiling us for over two hours and a quarter and saving their last wicket but losing our match ball with the last but one shot of the day!

In this Eleven we first welcome back Gerry Williams who had a spell of over two years as a P.O.W. We were all very glad to see him again and particularly pleased to find him available for a few weeks. Then the newcomers, Bristow, Gates and Regis; three lads whom we hope will remain with us to enjoy a happy and successful membership of our club.

The Third Eleven—a going concern this year—started with a nasty hiding. Hurlingham Oddfellows were too powerful, but as the month passed, much needed strength was added and now, with a nice levelling of quick and slow bowling plus quite good batting they should, and will, enjoy a successful season.

Franchi and Harris, newcomers, will certainly be useful acquisitions and should settle down very quickly.

No doubt most of you have fixed your summer holidays by now. If so, will you please advise me either directly or through your team captain. This helps considerably in judging the fixture requirements through July and August.

FIRST ELEVEN. **Results.**

1. Poly 137-4 (Dolman 72 n.o., Bunyan 50) ; West Surrey 70-4 (Dixon 3-53).
2. Poly v. Shepherds Bush. Rain.
3. Poly 85 (Lancaster 28, Mallett 20) ; Brentham 67 (Lancaster 4-25, Dixon 3-27, Russell 3-14).
4. Poly 63 ; Richmond T. 164-9 dec. (Black 4-40).
5. Poly 198 (Dolman 32, Bunyan 32, Panting 34 n.o.) ; Beaconsfield 20-5 (Dixon 1-6, Russell 2-8).
6. Poly 184-6 dec. (Bunyan 56, Jenkins 52, Mallett 44) ; Ealing 69-8 (Lancaster 3-21, Mallett 4-10).

SECOND ELEVEN.

1. Poly v. Shepherds Bush 2. Rain.
2. Poly 122 (Duerden 31, Cooke 28) ; Brentham 148 (Williams 4-40, Regis 3-22).
3. Poly 210 (Williams 44, Gates 34 n.o., Lallyette 24, Williams 23) ; Richmond T. 42 (Williams 6-21, Gates 4-6).
4. Poly 40 ; Borough Poly 1, 143-6.
5. Poly 416 (Williams 26, Bristow 48) ; Poly Secondary 1, 97-9

THIRD ELEVEN.

1. Poly v. Kingston Convalescent Camp. Rain.
2. Poly 27 ; Hurlingham Oddfellows 166 (Harris 3-11).
3. Poly 75-9 (Harris 26) ; Poly Secondary 2, 72 (Franchi 3-11, Scott 4-12).
4. Poly 71 (Emmett 30) ; P.O. Savings Bank 20 (Emmett 5-10, Franchi 2-1, Scott 2-1).

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CYCLING.

At Herne Hill on June 2nd (our first Saturday meeting at that track since 1939) we had the keen satisfaction of seeing Lou Pond become the first winner of the Victory Cup presented by Bill Kennedy. And we were glad that our Club Captain of the nineties, and now 80 years old, was able to be present to hand the trophy to our rider. To win it, Lou first beat Stan Harrison (Norwood Paragon) and George Fleming (Belle Vue) in his heat of the 550 yards event, covering the last 220 yards in 13 seconds, and then, in the Final, scored by a full wheel from the National Champion, Reg. Harris of Manchester, with the two Waters brothers (South London) further behind.

Poly riders did not shine in the 20 miles Madison, won by the star team of Ian Scott (Marlborough) and George Fleming, but Denis Thorpe, behind Harrison, got a third for us in a hotly contested 440 yards handicap. The Dunlop Cup (for riders who had never won a 'first') was won by C. Dare (Belle Vue) over a 550 yards distance. Miss V. Cozens (29th Wheelers) won the Ladies' Omnium. On a day when the weather was unfavourable, the attendance was lower than had been hoped, Harry Leat, our capable organizer, however, is able to report that a small profit was made.

At Paddington on May 17th a start was made with our Inter-Club Team Competition at that track, and at the end of the first round the Waters brothers had taken the South London into the lead with 23 points. Dave Ricketts (fastest in the 880 yds. time trial in 62 1/5 secs. and a second in the "A" series of sprints), Les Robins (a second in the "B" sprints) and Denis Thorpe (third in the three miles point-to-point) scored 20 points for the Poly and left us in a good second position. Six other clubs are competing. Ricketts, in good form, won the 880 yards handicap off the virtual scratch mark of 24 yards.

During the past month our track riders have gained a number of successes at other meetings. At Derby on May 12th, Pond beat National Champion Harris in the half-mile scratch race and gained a second prize in the five miles event. At the same meeting Jack Holmes was third in the 440 yards handicap.

Whitsun successes included :—Pond a first and second at Coventry and two firsts at Uxbridge ; Holmes a first at Bath and a third at Watford ; Robins a second at Uxbridge ; Thorpe two firsts at Manchester ; Jack Hacon won the half-mile Middlesex Grass Championship at Willesden.

At Coventry on May 26th, Pond scored a first and second in handicap events, while Gerry Burgess won a third in the 500 yards scratch. At two recent Marlborough meetings held at Paddington, Hacon has won a 440 yards scratch race and been placed third in a handicap, Thorpe has secured a second in a scratch event, Robins (with I. Patmore) has got a third in a 10 miles Madison and Don Hall has won a Junior Competition.

Lou Pond has been chosen by the N.C.U. as one of the team of four to compete in Paris on June 17th.

On the Road :—In the Pooled 25 miles event held on the North Herts course on May 13th, Fred Falconer rode well to make the fastest time of 1.8.37 in our section, beating Johnny Petterson by 8 seconds. John Steele was third fastest with 1.10.20. Harvey Martin improved considerably to do 1.12.54 and, with 10 minutes' allowance, won the handicap. Len Sheldrake also showed very useful improvement and his time of 1.11.27, subject to 7½ minutes deduction, gained him second handicap award. Four other Poly riders competed.

On June 3rd, Petterson rode in the Southern Counties "25" doing a not so bad 1.9.36 on a windy day. George Falconer clocked 2.36.0 in the North Midds. "50".

Pat O'Connor, home on leave from Ireland (where he has seized racing opportunities with a view to getting back to his old form) was due with Fred Falconer, Steele and Sheldrake to ride in the Pooled "50" on June 10th. We are hopeful of some good times in this event, as well as in the Club "50" on June 24th, to report next month. George Falconer will be glad to hear from anyone keen to act as a helper for the latter and subsequent Club road events.

Owing to lack of entries the Committee was compelled to cancel the Open "100" which had been fixed for Whit Monday. Some of us "week-ended" in the ordinary way at Ellington and Girtford to use accommodation which had been booked for riders and helpers in the "100", and had a good time.

Sid Tringham, although disappointed in regard to the "100", is of course going ahead with arrangements for the "12" in August. This, as a National Championship event, is a different proposition. Frank Magatti has been appointed Billeting Officer, with the by no means easy task of finding 100 to 150 beds for competitors and helpers.

We have been happy to see Stan McCreith back fit and well after his liberation from Stalag IIIA at Luckenwalde, near Berlin. Ken Hitch has been on draft leave. Tommy Winter will probably have been home from Italy before this is read. George Brooks, at Gosport, looks forward to the time when he can resume old activities with the Road boys. Louis Ewing rode down from Girtford for the Herne Hill meeting on June 2nd. Jimmy Dicks was also there, as Announcer, and has hopes of coming back to London from Reading soon.

Our Evening Meeting due to be held at Paddington on June 14th will be followed by one at Herne Hill on Wednesday, June 27th—we want a good crowd there.

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ROWING.

You will be glad to hear that the Stewards have decided to hold a one-day Regatta at Henley on July 7th this year and the following events will take place :—Eights race for all-comers, Eights race for Schools and a Sculling race. Wally Horwood has entered the latter and we hope this will be a successful culmination of his war-time sculling. Putney Regatta in aid of the N.F.S. Benevolent Fund was held on the 19th ult. and 20th ult. at which Gladstone R.C. (of the Lea) non-plussed the pundits by winning the Best Eights from Guy's Hospital and Putney Town R.C. in excellent style. It looks as though we shall be hearing more from this Club in the future and I rather fancy they like their chances at Henley on the 7th, if they can get there.

My last month's prognostication as to Ajax's appearance down at the Boathouse on leave came off nicely since he turned up all merry and bright surrounded by the whole of his domestic entourage on the 12th. We promptly shot him into an Eight whereupon Miss Sadler, doubtless greatly surprised (as we were) that Daddy could still row, fell into the tank but was none the worse for this misadventure.

Other visitors have been Lieut. Nevill Mirov, still with a fund of amusing anecdotes, and R. F. Scruby who shambled into the Ward Room of the Steam Packet on the 2nd inst. "Scrubby" is shortly returning to London from his business funk-hole and we shall then expect to see more of him in the future.

I had a letter from Sam on the Gold Coast the other day and it appears life there is pretty hot at this time of the year, although otherwise not too rough on him. I am reminded of that old, old story when he says that swimming (just across the way from barracks) is safe from sharks. Fred Bowen also wrote me recently from Italy to say that he has now attained his Majority and was making the most of a quiet interlude by sightseeing. I like Fred's logistics in relation to his elevation : he says it reduces brass cleaning by six pips.

Lieut. Gordon Madge, R.N.V.R., also sent us a very interesting letter from Burma recounting some of his experiences in the operations leading up to the liberation of Rangoon.

Ernie Gambles and I stalked F. V. Harry the other morning as his stream-lined umbrella took him to his town office. It transpires that Harry was on a marauding expedition for a few days spying out the land preparatory to winging his way back from Liverpool in a few weeks. We joined with him in bemoaning the state of his tum which I assure you is in a very sad way. I gather he will be making a Herculean effort on the river shortly, against it, so it looks as though something will have to give way—tum or river and I hope I'm there.

Eric and I saw Gregory shuffling along the other evening and his remarks upon this chance encounter were as personal albeit friendly as ever. He has been making a great effort on war-work this last six years.

R. V. Johnson is now Captain, stationed on the South Coast helping to repatriate P.O.W.'s and from a recent letter it looks as though he has his hands pretty full. Which reminds me that since the last Magazine the best has happened, at least in Europe, and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back very soon.

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Young Women's Institute.

O.M.A. (LADIES).

The Annual General Meeting of the Section was held on Saturday, June 2nd. The business meeting in the afternoon was very well attended. Unfortunately, Mrs. Hoare was unable to be with us on this occasion, much to everyone's regret. The chair was therefore taken by Mrs. Hall, who said how happy she was to be back in the Poly after a long absence due to war conditions. The following elections were made: President, Mrs. Hoare; Vice-Presidents, Lady Studd, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Hall; Secretary, Mrs. D. Small; Treasurer, Miss G. White; Committee, Mrs. Dewen, Mrs. E. Phillips, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Budgeon and Miss Haines; Council Representative, Miss G. White.

The members discussed when the monthly meetings should be held and it was decided to hold the meetings on Monday evenings during the summer and on Saturday afternoons during the winter. The next meeting has been arranged for Monday evening, July 9th.

After the meeting a very enjoyable tea was served in the restaurant and about 80 members and friends were present. Then followed an entertainment in the Portland Hall, given by members of the Rambling Club and friends.

As I took an active part in the entertainment I do not want readers to get the impression that I am "blowing my own trumpet" when I say that it was a really good show. It certainly was, and I should like to express my own thanks and those of the audience, to all who contributed to the success of the evening. In the words of the villain, "You don't know what you can do until you try." Well, we tried and we did! Our thanks also to Sheila for her very hard work at the piano, which this time was in perfect order, and hadn't any parts missing!

We were very happy to welcome Lady Studd, who was able to spend an hour or so with us during the evening, and also Miss Jenkin and her sister who has just returned to this country from New Zealand and took the opportunity afforded by the A.G.M. of renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Ferris, secretary of the Men's Section, and Mrs. Ferris joined us for tea and the entertainment, as did several other members of the Men's Section. Mrs. Hall wanted to know how we managed to get the men to come along!

Well, after that very successful day we look forward to welcoming many old "old members" at our gatherings and also a lot more young "old members." Remember, after ten years' membership of the Poly you become an old member and are eligible for membership of the O.M.A., and the subscription is only 1/- per annum.

DOREEN E. SMALL, *Hon. Sec.*



LADIES' RAMBLING.

By the time you read these notes *all* members who have *paid* their subscriptions for the year 1945-6 will have received a neatly printed fixture list. This is not the elaborate affair we used to have in pre-war days, but we hope it answers the purpose. Anyhow, it saves much labour at the typewriter!

As you will see we have altered the "make-up" of the magazine notes. In future Nellie will deal with all rambling matters and I will deal with the social activities. And as I wrote the opening paragraph and have not Nellie's notes at the time of writing I will carry on with my part of the deal.

Eileen tells us that Frank has now received his third pip and has also been mentioned in despatches prior to VE Day. Our very heartiest congratulations, Frank.

News has also come of the recent marriage of Rene Fuller and Ron Davies. We send them every good wish for the future. It seems a very long time since I reported any engagements or weddings. And to think that at one time there was one or the other practically every month! Conditions certainly alter cases!

Recent visitors to the Social Room have been Fred Lunn, George Allum and Cyril Jones. We also have news that some of our evacuees are returning home. Winnie Collins and her small son are back home and some of us saw Winnie at the Ladies' O.M.A. Meeting. Len and Mimi are also re-opening their house shortly and we were most happy to see Mimi and her small daughter in the Social Room the other day.

Gladys met Edie Hunt recently. He was spending a few days leave in England, the first for many a long month. Unfortunately he could not fit in a visit to the Poly on a Friday evening. Nevertheless we were glad to hear that he had a good leave.

Notice is hereby given that a short General Meeting of members will be held on Friday, 20th July, at 7 p.m., in the Social Room.

It has also been found necessary to postpone the Entertainment for Wounded Soldiers, advertised for the 1st September. We hope to make an announcement in the near future.

DOREEN E. SMALL, *Hon. Social Sec.*

Rambles. It was a very happy crowd that spent the weekend at Kemsing Youth Hostel. We were joined on Sunday by some more of our members who were unable to secure accommodation in the Youth Hostel for Saturday night. Unfortunately there were no eggs and bacon for breakfast! We enjoyed a delightful ramble through the Kentish countryside, and when we came across a board with "Beware of the Bull" on it, we did not take much notice of it until we saw there was a field full of bulls—fortunately *they* were the other side of the fence!

Harold had a good start on what would have been an excellent ramble on Whit Sunday, but the weather was most unkind and most of it was "washed out". May I draw your attention to the "suggestions", a typed copy of which can be obtained from me. Please read, mark, and inwardly digest!!

Dora tells me that they had a very nice ramble on the 3rd June around Holmwood and Leith Hill. Several new members were out who seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and considering that they very nearly got to the top of Leith Hill, it sounds as if we have some good ramblers come to join us. I hope they weren't too stiff afterwards! Dec tells me that she ached for three days, but this was not due to walking up and down the Surrey Hills, but to laughing so much. Evidently Ken's mac caused a great deal of mirth, from the descriptions I have a feeling he must have made a bloomer and left the ground sheet at home and brought the tent instead!

There were crowds and crowds at Waterloo when we met for the ramble to Wimbledon, but fortunately they were not all coming with us! The rain was most considerate, it came down whilst we were having tea! Anyhow we had a very enjoyable time.

Gladys has found it necessary to postpone her ramble to Teddington and Hampton Court on June 30th. She hopes to do it sometime in September.

Vera's ramble on Sunday, August 19th to Kings Langley has been altered to Radlett; meeting at St. Pancras at 10 a.m.

Forthcoming Fixtures.

Sat., June 23rd. Tennis at Chiswick.

Sun., June 24th. Wendover. Meet Baker Street, 10 a.m.
Leader: Phyl Stevenson.

Sat., July 7th. Tennis at Chiswick.

Sun., July 8th. Epsom Downs. Meet Victoria, 10 a.m.
Leader: Barbara White.

Sun., July 15th. Windsor. Meet Waterloo, 10.15 a.m.
Leader: Gladys White.

Meeting Places.

Waterloo—Platform 11.

Victoria—Platform 11.

Baker Street—Booking Hall.

NELLIE BARRETT, *Hon. Rambling Sec.*



LADIES' SWIMMING.

The Special Annual General Meeting was held at the Poly on the 30th May, and was well attended. The Members were very sorry indeed to have to accept the resignation of Miss Hamilton as Hon. Secretary, and would like to take this opportunity of thanking her for her inspiration, enthusiasm and tireless energy on behalf of the Club, which made it one of the most popular in the Poly.

Acting Officers of the Club, with Mrs. Wheeler as Hon. Secretary and Miss Marjorie Palmer as Captain, and a new Committee were elected, and we hope to start a good season. The bath is now open for Ladies on Fridays, and we are officially re-starting the Club with a "Splash Night" at 7 p.m. on Friday, 29th June, and would like any old Swimming Club Members who can, to come along and join in. We shall be very pleased to welcome any new Members and Poly students on that or any other Friday evening, in the Swimming Bath. The subscription is 3/6d. for the first year and 2/6d. thereafter, annually. We are arranging to have a trainer, who will coach Members who wish to concentrate on speed swimming, and who will also take beginners wishing to learn the Crawl stroke, and we propose working for Life-Saving Examinations during the Season.

E. WHEELER, *Hon. Sec.*

SWIMMING CLUB.

We are pleased to see various members in the Bath and after consultation with them it is felt that we should make one Club Night only. In future, therefore, we shall meet on Wednesday evening—Juniors at 4.30 and Seniors from 5.30 to 7 p.m. It is hoped that we shall get a full muster along and that these times will be more convenient to all.

T.E.C.

**LADIES' CYCLING.**

A delightful run was made to St. Albans on the 3rd June, led by our Captain—Mary. This was the fourth run of the Season, and was every bit as enjoyable as the three previous ones. A visit was paid to St. Albans' historic Cathedral, lunch was enjoyed among the Roman Ruins, tea at the Dive Inn Cafe, and a happy ride home through Hemel.

Future Runs.

July 1st. Windsor. Meet Marble Arch. 9.15 a.m.
Leader: Joan.
,, 15th. Thames Valley. Meet Buckingham Palace.
9.15 a.m. Leader: Ruby.
,, 29th. Reigate Hill and Leatherhead. Meet Buckingham
Palace. 9.15 a.m. Leader: Doris.

The Club still has room for more new members, and fore-gathers every Monday evening at 7.45 in the Social Room, so come along and talk to us you prospective wheelers, and if you can't—meet us at our Assembly Points on any of the above runs, where you will be very welcome and can be sure of a good time. We are not the "Hard Riding" Section, so turn out your roadsters and spread the news among your cycling friends!

RUBY M. TOTTMAN, *Hon. Sec.***NETBALL.**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, held on May 30th the following officers were elected by members present:

Miss Salter *Team Secretary.*
Mrs. Cunningham *Fixture Secretary.*
Miss Pope *Treasurer.*
Miss Prince *Representative to the Council.*

The club will meet again next season at 7 p.m. on September 19th. New members will be welcome.

P. DAVIS.

**Examination Results.****ROYAL INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY.****Associateship Examination, April, 1945.**

Pass.—V. H. Parks.

Fellowship Examination, April, 1945.

Branch C, *Pass.*—S. H. Pinner, B.Sc.

Branch E, *Pass.*—Instead-Joss, L. G. L., B.Sc.

**POLYTECHNIC ART SCHOOL SUCCESSES
in the****ROYAL ACADEMY EXHIBITION, 1945.**

We have received the following record of works accepted for the Royal Academy Exhibition, 1945:—

Students.

Mr. S. Fenton	561	The Final Phase	Oil Painting.
Miss J. Hunt	1208	Rhesus Monkey	Carving in Yew.
Mrs. A. Strachan	1287	Scloisse	- Statuette.
Mrs. E. Roche	1340	Fish	- Carving in Con- nemara Marble.

Staff.

Mrs. M. Crossley 1243 Spring - Statuette Group, Bronze.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**Lower Certificate in English Examination, April, 1945.**

Pass.—G. G. Sarfatti, R. Brygmann.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS.**Spring Series, 1945.****STAGE I.**

Typewriting. *Pass.*—S. I. Howlett.

STAGE II.

Shorthand. *Pass.*—D. L. Bushby.

German. *First Class Pass.*—D. L. Bushby.

Clubs and Societies.**MEN'S TENNIS CLUB.**

The members of this Club who have carried on during the past 5 years will be pleased to welcome any past and prospective members at the ground at Chiswick.

If sufficient members are available and are interested it is proposed to hold a meeting at Chiswick early in September, all interested are asked to watch out for an announcement in the August *Magazine*.

J.G.P.

**O. M. A.**

The Ladies' O.M.A. are to be congratulated on their Tea and Concert which took place on Saturday, June 2nd. Those who took part in the performance put up a very good show. Many of our members were present and a very enjoyable time was spent.

Members' Lists for 1945 will be issued to all members very shortly. We very much regret the delay which is due to shortage of staff.

We would remind members that the next event takes place on Saturday, Sept. 1st, when a visit will be paid to Hampton Court. Tea at Nuttalls. Please reserve this date.

The qualification for O.M.A. membership is ten years membership of the Poly. The object of the Association is to keep members in touch with each other and the Institute, and to continue their interest in Poly life.

A. H. FERRIS, *Hon. Sec.***The Polytechnic Fund of Benevolence.**

Arrangements have been made with the Hospital Saturday Fund for facilities for members for early admission to convalescent homes, provision of surgical apparatus, letters for earliest admission possible to hospital, optical advice and provision of glasses, and dental treatment.

All communications, including applications for urgent help, to be addressed to The Secretary.

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