



Stock Excharge Athletic Club. By D. BASAN.

T seems incredible that, in a community of over 10,000, made up of Members, authorised and unauthorised Clerks in the "House," and Clerks in the offices, and sportsmen of all denominations, we have never started an Athletic Club before last



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SIR ROBERT INGLIS.

year; but it has come at last, and we have got the right men at the head of affairs.

When I say Sir Robert W. Inglis, Chairman of the Stock Exchange Committee and Benevolent Fund, is our President, and Mr. E. Cazenove, a popular Manager, our Chairman, well, "nuff said." But it does not seem as if the formation of the Club has

become a well-known fact to the majority of Principals, for although we have started with four popular sections, viz., "Association Football," "Athletics," "Hockey," and "Swimming,"

our membership at present is only about 800.

Considering the annual subscription is only 5s., which allows a man to take part in any or all of these sports, and as will be shown later, numerous challenge cups and shields have been presented for inter-firm competitions, I venture to suggest to the heads of firms that they make their clerks members of the Club, and insist on their taking part in some of the numerous competitions, for there is no doubt that those who go in for healthy sport of some description are much better workers, and enjoy better health than those who do nothing.

The Football Section can claim that it was mainly owing to their offorts that the Stock Exchange Athletic Club was formed, as two years ago inter-office games were started, and now, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. E. Foster, their fixture card is

a masterpiece, having no less than 31 pages.

Last season the shield presented by Mr. J. A. Mullens, junr., and used for the League matches, was won by Messrs. Powells and Co., while the challenge cup presented by Mr. H. W. Henderson was won by Messrs. Schnapper and Co. To these is added this year a cup presented by Mr. C. Stocken for individual office competition, as the other competitions have been put on a different footing, so as to try and meet the big demand there was from a number of firms who did not have enough members to run a team of their own; so in addition to the individual firms' competition, there is a Stock Exchange League Championship, for which any two firms may amalgamate, or a number of firms not exceeding four may join together under certain conditions. For this there are two divisions of seven teams each, the places for There is also the Challenge Cup which have been balloted for. Competition, and here again firms may amalgamate as in the League. The Club, having affiliated to the Middlesex County A.F.A., have entered for the Middlesex Charity Cup, for which a real club representative team has been chosen, and it was not an easy task by any means for the officials, as there was naturally keen competition for a place in the eleven.

It has not yet been decided whether the team shall have a distinctive badge of honour.

The entries for these competitions make good reading, for it shows the number of firms that are taking an interest in the welfare of their men. There are ten firms in the Individual Cup, 23 are represented in the Challenge Cup, and also the League. This is, indeed, very satisfactory, and I trust that the majority of the teams will bear in mind that there are cups in other sections that they are eligible to compete for.

Seeing how well the Football Section had gone, the Athletic Committee felt they would have a large following from the foot-



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25 MILES WALK. The start from West Wickham.

ballers, but we were in somewhat of a quandary how to entice them to try and see whether they could run, walk, or jump, for the majority of them had never had a running shoe on, and were decidedly backward in coming forward.

We first of all decided to revive the London to Brighton walk of 1903, which C. F. Broad won in 9 hrs. 30 mins. 1 sec., so this was held on May 1st, and on this occasion we got 37 entries, against 107 in 1903, and T. E. Hammond, who finished third to Broad, won, in the greatly improved time of 8 hrs. 44 mins. 10 secs., H. E. Shattock being second, in 9 hrs. 25 mins., and

H. B. S. Rhodes third, in 9 hrs. 32 mins. 43 secs., while C. J. Culling, who did 9 hrs. 34 mins. 15 secs., easily won the sealed handicap. Hammond had beaten this time on more than one occasion, his best being in May, 1909, when he did 8 hrs. 18 mins. 18 secs., but this record was not allowed to stand long, as in September of the same year H. V. L. Ross (Middlesex A.C.) did 8 hrs. 11 mins. 14 secs., which still stands, but our member (Hammond) holds the record for the double journey, in June 1907, doing it in 18 hrs. 13 mins. 37 secs.



STOCK EXCHANGE WALK FROM LONDON TO BRIGHTON, MAY 1st.

Competitors going through Brixton.

This small entry did not look promising for the future, but when Sir Ernest Schiff presented our section with a handsome silver cup, and Sir Robert W. Inglis informed us he wanted to give a cup for the encouragement of running, we felt that here were indeed some inducements for the novices. We located Sir Ernest's cup for an inter-office replay race, and so as to give as Ernest's cup for an inter-office replay race, and so as to give as

 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, which only required teams of four, each man to run 220 This event, with others, was run at our first track meeting on Thursday, July 4th, at Stamford Bridge, but to our great surprise only six firms entered for it. I feel sure that now the Club is so much better known we shall have a much bigger entry and keener competition for the cup next year. The result was a win for Messrs. J. C. Williamson and Company, represented by A. Smith, S. Taylor, E. Slater, and E. P. Hodgson, with Messrs. B. Montgomery and Co.'s team second, beaten by about three yards. Sir Robert's cup, which is quite a work of art, standing nearly 2ft. high, we decided should be held by the office whose representatives scored the greatest number of points in nine level events. Each winner was to score 4 points, the second 3, the third 2, and the fourth 1. The events chosen were after the lines of the English championships, viz., 100 yards, 220 yards, 1 mile, ½ mile, 1 mile, 120 yards hurdles, 7 miles' walk, high jump, and long jump. At the meeting on the 4th July we had the 100 yards, I mile, and high jump, and though P. J. Keane, of Messrs. Lumsden and Co., did not win an event, by getting second in the 100 yards and dead-heating for second place in the high jump, he led by $5\frac{1}{2}$ points to the 5 of W. Reay (Messrs. Haes and Son), who won the high jump at 5ft. and was fourth in the 100 yards. So as to give the members a chance of going in for everything, the 1 mile was run, thanks to the courtesy of the Herne Hill Harriers, at their evening meeting on July 31st, and E. Jones (Messrs. H. Sutherland and Son) beat P. J. Keane in the final, thus giving the latter a lift of 3 points to his score. The remaining events took place at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday, September 4th, and a very successful meeting resulted, we having just on 100 entries. A. E. D. Anderson (Messrs. Barry and Co.), who had represented England at the Olympic games, won the 220 yards and long jump, Keane being fourth in the 220 and third in H. R. Messum showed good form and won the hurdles. T. E. Hammond easily won the 7 miles' walk from F. H. Cain, while C. E. B. Lowe won the sealed handicap, held in conjunction with the level walk, and E. B. J. Slatter created a surprise by winning the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. On adding up the points, it was found that although Keane had not won any event, by getting placed in five of them he had scored 11½ points, and thus won the cup for Messrs. Lumsden and Co., while Messrs. Laing and Cruickshank, with two representatives, were second with 9 points, and Messrs. Barry and Co., Haes and Co., and Messum and Co., each with one representative, scored 8 points. Out of 19 firms who scored in the competition only two were through the agency of more than one representative. Thirty-six firms in all were represented, and there were 159 entries and 133 starters.

To finish up the season, a 25 miles' road-walking race was held on November 1st, starting and finishing at "The Swan," West



E. F. BROAD, Winner of the 1st Prize. In good form.

Wickham, and though only a small entry of 29 was received, it was a decided success. The first three home were in the same order as in the Brighton walk, Hammond doing a fine performance by winning easily, in 3 hrs. 51 mins. 36 secs., from Shattock, 4 hrs. 1 min. 43 2-5th secs., and Rhodes, 4 hrs. 4 mins. 9 secs., the second and third men showing decided improvement. The handicap was won by H. Symes, junr., a veteran of over 43, and son of a well-known Member of the "House."

Next season we suggest that the events for the "Points" Cup shall be of much more importance, besides scoring for the cup,

that they be also Championships of the Stock Exchange, and with this object in view we have engaged Stamford Bridge for Saturday, June 21st, when, in conjunction with our Championships, we intend to hold an open meeting, which will be one of the biggest in the South.

I have contended for years that at the English Championships the competitors are not given a fair chance to do their best, as it is simply impossible for a man to run heats in the 100, 200, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{2}$, and do himself justice; and with the number of entries we get nowadays, and the easy standards set for most of the events, preliminary heats should be run off beforehand, and only finals on the day. As an example of what I mean, take Keane, who won



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Hammond meets with a serious obstruction going through Croydon.

the Cup this year: he ran heats in the 100 yds., 220 yds., \(\frac{1}{4}\)-mile, and hurdles, and took part in the two jumps. Could any man do this in one afternoon? Impossible; so I am going to ask my Committee to try my idea. Two or three evening meetings will have to be held, and the trial heats of the 100 yards, 220 yards, \(\frac{1}{4}\) mile, hurdles, and, perhaps, the relay and \(\frac{1}{2}\) mile will be run off, and those who have been knocked out will be able to go for the members' handicaps instead. I see visions of a very successful season, and also a wigging from the Editor for giving athletics such a long notice.

The Hockey Association refuse to allow competitions of any description, therefore this section, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. E. B. Kennedy, and the captaincy of S. H. Shoveller, make no call on us for Cup or Shield, but were content to arrange a nice little fixture card with about twelve mid-week matches, for which Honorary Secretary Percy F. Wright had much difficulty in getting a really representative team.

Nine games were played, three having to be scratched owing to bad weather; we won 2, drew 2, and lost 5. The fixture of the season was the match with "Lloyds," the last one with them having taken place seven years ago. It was played on February 21st at Richmond, when we won by 5 goals to 3. A most convivial evening was spent after the match, the teams dining together at the "Holborn," with Mr. E. Cazenove in the chair.

About the same number of fixtures have been made this year, "Lloyds" and "Baltic" being among the number, and if we can only get our proper team out, we look forward to having a more successful season.

The Swimming Section, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. P. Bathurst, claims about 400 members, and has done real good work for them. Regularly every week, from May to the end of September, a race or competition of some description took place, and a Challenge Bowl, presented by Mr. P. Nelke, for the firm whose members had scored the largest number of points in handicaps during the season, was won by the representatives of Messrs. J. Stamm and Co., while the shield presented by Mr. A. Cohen for the inter-firm team race (three from a firm, each man to swim two lengths), was again won by Messrs. W. H. Hart and Co. The 100 yards scratch race was won by S. T. Akers, and the ¼ mile scratch, which was swum in the river at Surbiton, was won by the assistant hon. secretary, H. Warwick Smith.

It is quite probable that the level races next year will be termed Club Championships.

Several polo matches were played, but it was not until we met the "Lloyds and Insurance Companies" team at the Club entertainment on October 7th that we were able to claim a victory. In this game father and son kept goal for their respective sides, Tom Crafter, senr., for "Lloyds," and Tom Crafter, junr., for the Stock Exchange.

A feature of this section is the holding during the winter months of classes of instruction in the methods of Rescue, Release, and Resuscitation of the apparently drowned. As this entails regular attendance every week, it was very satisfactory to find 16 members gained the Bronze Medal and Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society last April. This winter the class is again in full swing.



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T. E. HAMMOND. First in Brighton in 25 miles walk.

And now I am going to conclude this article by making an earnest appeal to the powers that be to keep up the reputation of the Stock Exchange for generosity. We have got footballers, runners, walkers, hockey players, cricketers, lawn tennis players, all sorts and conditions, but we have not yet got a ground of our own. And then I look at kindred associations, just to mention a few: The Bank of England, the Private Banks, the

Prudential, Consolidated Gold Fields, Hong Kong Bank, London County and Westminster, African Banks. In fact, nearly every Bank has its own ground. On the three banks' ground at Beckenham they can play two games of Rugby and three of



H. SYMES, JUNR. Winner of 25 miles Handicap.



H. E. SHATTOCK.

2nd in Brighton

25 miles walk.

Association. If all these clubs can have grounds of their own, surely an institution like ours is not to be left in the cold. I know it is a big undertaking, and an expensive one, but I do not think we shall appeal in vain.