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HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA 1949—WYFOLD CHALLENGE CUP
Heat 19; Thames R.C. beating Middlesex & University College Hospitals.



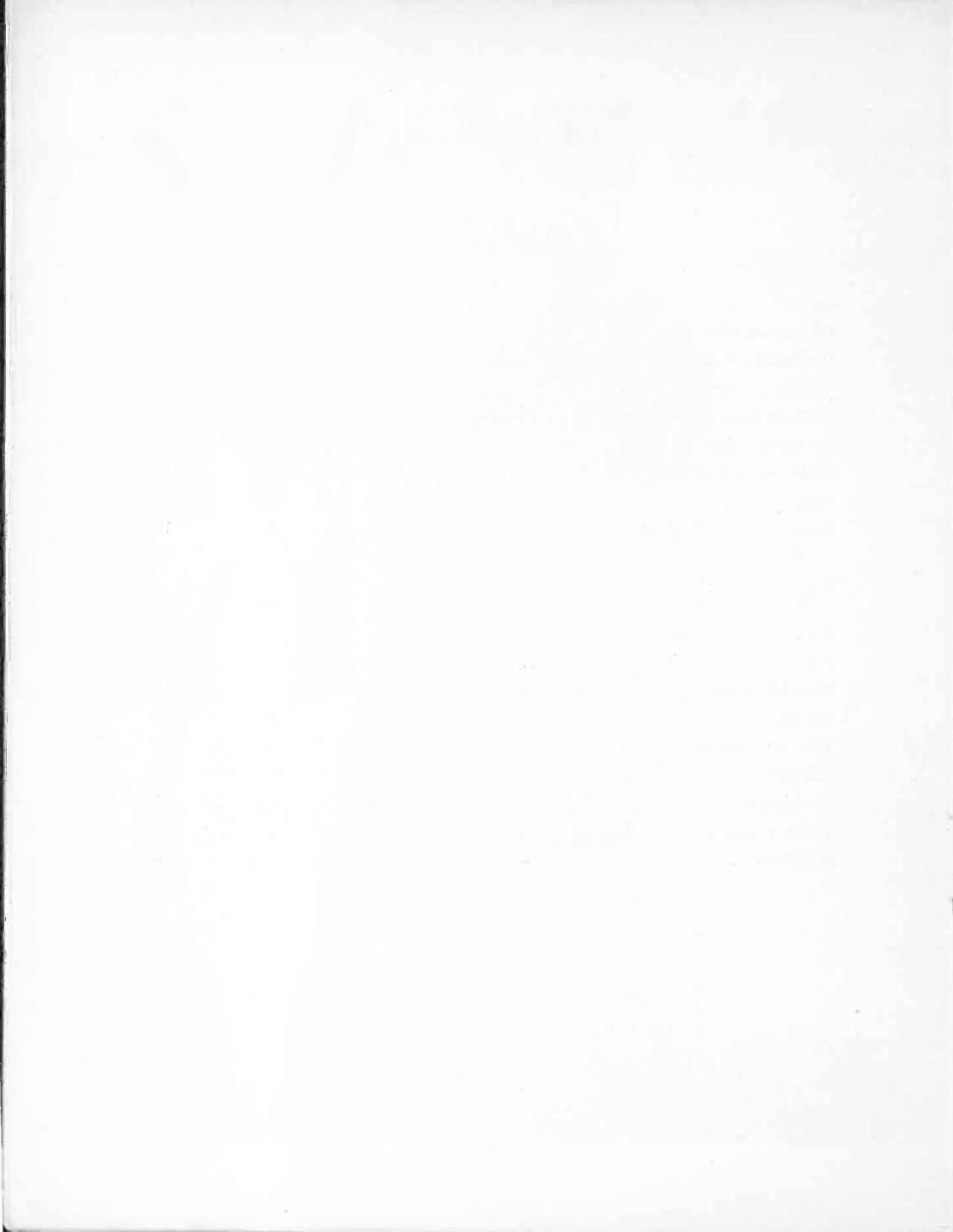
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HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA 1949—SILVER GOBLET & NICKALLS' CHALLENGE CUP

Final: A. S. F. Butcher (bow); T. H. Christie (stroke) beating R. C. Morris (bow); A. Burrough (stroke). (Both Pairs of Thames R.C.)

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**FUTURE FIXTURES AND
ACTIVITIES**

1950.

April 1st Head of River Race.

April 1st Universities Boat Race.

July 5th-8th Henley Royal Regatta.

Sept. 23rd The Club Invitation Regatta.

EDITORIAL

Inexorably the Wheel of Time turns full circle. Once again we find ourselves in that brief season when the Pen is mightier than the Oar.

Stayed with flagons and fortified against the slings and arrows of outraged contributors we forsake the Stygian gloom of the Tank to recline at ease in the Sybaritic luxury of the Library. (See letter within.)

We take this opportunity of thanking the scribes who assisted so ably at the accouchement of the "Journal" last year and appoint them Hon. Godfathers in perpetuity. The year-old infant thrives lustily and has developed a robust constitution on a diet of split infinitives and expurgated expletives. After all, a pint tankard makes a passable christening mug and, in years to come, will probably be more useful than a silver spoon.

In this issue we are privileged to print an extract from Ian Fairbairn's forthcoming publication, *Steve Fairbairn on Rowing*, being the complete rowing works of his illustrious father. The comprehensive nature of this volume will earn the author a debt of gratitude from all oarsmen, both past and present. We await, (with becoming impatience) this timely event which will recall the personality of the immortal Steve.

The performances of Thames from 1920-28 are recorded in the club-house. We refer the present generation of Thames men to those records and remind the seniors of the future that the long list of victories is our memorial to Steve Fairbairn—the architect of Thames success at that time. Perhaps the publication to come will start a revival—it will certainly bring a legend to life.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

As it seems proper in modern journalism to express satisfaction with one's own policy and achievements, perhaps it would not be out of place to mention that no member of the Club has so far given notice that he does not wish to receive this year's "Journal", and that a gratifying number have gone out of their way to express their appreciation of our venture and to offer valuable suggestions for the future. We thank them for their encouragement and we trust that our standards will be considered to have been maintained.

We think that a perusal of the following pages will suggest that the Club continues to flourish. A not inconsiderable number of oarsmen in red, white and black have been conspicuous at the rowing centres; rather more crews than before represented the Club in the Head of the River Race and took part in the Club Regatta, and acute shortage of storage space for challenge cups made itself felt on more than one occasion during the past season. The biggest prizes did not come our way this year, but for the third time in succession we recorded a win at Henley, when Butcher and Christie won the Goblets in an all-Thames final against Morris and Burrough; in pair-oared rowing, the Club remained supreme throughout the season, as a glance at the regatta records will show. Two trips to the Continent were successful, the 1st VIII winning at Ostend and the 2nd at Dinant; a stronger 2nd VIII than we have produced for some years gave a good account of itself at the regattas, and but for a regrettable lapse on the Friday at Henley might well have appeared in the final of the Thames Cup; in the Wyfold Fours class, we met with considerable success; two junior eights again won in their class, although the third win in a season once more eluded us, and this objective remains as a challenge to the next generation of juniors; in no class did we fail to achieve at least one win, and as all who follow present-day rowing well know, competition becomes no weaker. Hard work, discipline, self-sacrifice and careful coaching in accordance with Club traditions proved, as always, the essentials of success, and for loyal assistance with the coaching and choice of crews the Captain and Deputy-Captain of the past season must certainly feel grateful to Ian Fairbairn, "Berry" (who despite ill-health once again came to help), Tom Askwith (who spent part of his leave with us), Ronnie Symonds (could our crews survive Henley without him?), Dr. McEldowney (that superb exponent of the survival of the fittest), "Swat," Bill Williams, Ham Ward, Jock Lane, several other modest helpers who patiently instructed novices without even the prospect of a brief appearance at a regatta as a reward for their

labours, and last but certainly not inconspicuous comes one of our Hon. Treasurers, who, wearing a cap apparently specially designed for the purpose, would cheerfully allow himself to be installed in the coxswain's seat and apply himself to balancing problems no less acute than those he had left behind in the office.

We are pleased to note that the repairs and re-decoration of the premises necessitated by war damage and by the ravages of time are now practically completed, and the fabric of the Club-house appears to be in better condition than it has for many years; a vigilant, active and capable Building Committee continues to watch this side of our interests. Social functions, which now include a popular and successful Children's Party, have provided occasional relaxations from training. Members who take meals at the Club find that body and soul hang together remarkably comfortably under the catering arrangements of Mr. and Mrs. Meeks. We therefore seem entitled to assume that there are some prospects for 1950, and we accordingly offer a few addenda to Old Moore's inspiring and thoughtful work. To attempt to forecast the fortunes of the Club over the coming year would neither be profitable nor prudent and one would inevitably be laying oneself open to charges either of under-optimism or alternatively of conceit. We must, therefore, content ourselves with a glance at our assets and leave the future to the hard work and enthusiasm of both crews and coaches.

Fortunately our assets as far as rowing is concerned present a much more healthy picture than that with which our Hon. Treasurer has to contend.

On the material side tank and boats are in constant use but sad to relate get no younger; and here we must record our appreciation of the unceasing efforts of Dick Phelps and his young assistant to keep them serviceable despite the heavy toll taken by floating tree trunks, passing lorries and some members' excessive energies. The accident to the "John Burrough" has made it necessary to order a new lightship which we hope will be shown from the outset its rightful position on the river.

As far as manpower is concerned, an encouraging number of new Juniors have presented themselves to the tender(?) mercies of Ham Ward and his team of coaches. Also some of last year's have come back for more and so we hope before long that once again three Junior crews together with the Junior-Seniors will be regularly undergoing the prescribed treatment and that its results will be seen up and down the river during the season.

The Seniors, after a somewhat slow start due to the calls of Hospital Regattas, Green Line

buses and even Matrimony are gathering in force once again and competition for places is growing daily more pronounced.

As this goes to press we are glad to be able to report that four members of the Club have been selected to row in the eight representing England in the Empire Games to be held in New Zealand early next year and also Tony Rowe has been selected as sculler and spareman. The lure of the sun appears to have persuaded some to come back from avowed retirement to take up an oar once again though the oar, dare one print it, is pink and the thole wooden!

To spare further blushes we hasten to pass you over to the able hands of the Editor.

THE SEASON'S ROWING RACES AND REGATTAS 1948/9

1948

CHRISTMAS EIGHTS

Winners: R. C. Morris (bow); A. Burrough; A. B. Ruth; W. G. Alden; H. W. Rushmere; T. H. Christie; A. S. F. Butcher; C. B. M. Lloyd (stroke); J. G. Dearlove (cox).

27th December—TIDEWAY BOXING DAY REGATTA

Harry Tate Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

I. F. MacDonald (bow and steers); J. Pope; G. G. H. Page; A. W. Mills (stroke).

Heat 2: Beat Kensington R.C. and Anglian B.C. by 3 lengths.

Final: Beat Ibis R.C. by 1 length.

1949

19th March—BOUSTEAD CUP

Perhaps the main point of interest in this year's race may lie in a comparison with the later Boat Race, although obviously at this time of the year the Tideway crews could not be as fit as the Varsity Crews.

With a strong N.N.W. wind making very rough water from Craven Steps to Hammersmith Bridge, the Middlesex Station presented an absolute rather than a possible tactical advantage. At the start Thames held London for a bit but soon L.R.C. started to forge ahead under the sheltered shore until at Hammersmith Bridge they showed about $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths in front—a lead achieved by natural advantage and not, as Oxford's, by deliberately racing a crew perhaps beyond its limit. George Drinkwater once calculated the Surrey bend round Hammersmith to be worth about $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and T.R.C. made it worth that, for at Chiswick steps they had fought level again. Their last effort to take a lead, before the bend went against them, however, was foiled by a well timed London spurt. After this L.R.C., unlike Oxford, had still enough in hand to go up gradually round the Barnes bend until they were just clear again opposite the White Hart. A final Thames spurt greatly reduced this London lead but the latter still passed the post $\frac{1}{2}$ length up.

In spite of the closeness of the race and the excitement it afforded the spectators, it cannot be denied that the Thames rowing lacked punch especially in the rough water.

A. J. G. Wood (bow); J. C. M. Currie; M. B. Scott; L. S. Williams; J. L. Sangster; T. H. Christie; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Lost to London R.C. by $\frac{3}{4}$ length; 19 min. 24 sec.

J.L.S.

19th March—NORTH OF ENGLAND HEAD OF THE RIVER

After a number of combinations which would certainly have given a winning line on an eight results football pool, our crew was settled by its own eight coaches the week before the race. "Freddie" gave it the "once-over," and (upon witnessing its holding its own against the first eight over an unspecified distance) gave it his blessing and we took train for Chester.

Both the age and the weight of the Crew were considerably less than last year, and after a very encouraging paddle in the morning, we set off for the start in perfect conditions.

In the absence of Downing College we went off third to a satisfactory start, and got into our stride immediately at about 32, which was maintained till the bend. It was not long before we were aware of Shrewsbury School immediately ahead of us, but the first part of the course is bounded by bushes, and when their Coach picked them up his words evidently charmed them into leaving us. We, however, were equally charmed by the ever-growing distance away of Liverpool Victoria R.C. behind us, who at the end of the straight were scarcely in sight!

Rounding the bend bow side rose to the occasion, and no one could have been more surprised than the Crew itself at the rate at which the boat was rowed in—still running well, and urged by our Coxwain's inevitable "tens"—to finish third to a strong London eight and Shrewsbury School.

Given time for preparation we may have done better, but all were agreed that it was a splendid week-end, and an excellent row—some declaring it was the best long-distance row they had ever had.

J. A. Wilmot (bow); A. Burrough; P. H. F. Andrew; T. E. Douglas; H. W. Rushmere; A. P. Brown; R. C. Morris; R. C. Farnham (stroke); J. B. Freebairn (cox).

Started No. 4, finished No. 3.

R.C.F.

26th March—HEAD OF THE RIVER

During the week between the Cup and the Head the VIII had one of the best outings of the season and had great hopes of improving by at least half a length in comparison with London.

In the actual race, however, the crew rapidly dissolved into eight individuals and although the physical agony no doubt increased the mental will gradually evaporated. The crew held L.R.C. over the first mile or so but after that the latter came up all over the course and finished only about a length away. It was only too obviously a bad row and it is more gracious to offer no excuses; in fact we must probably be thankful to have finished second in 19.45, ten seconds behind L.R.C.

Perhaps the whole crew may not have been completely rowing fit and had not long been together, but the whole season showed that it was not physical but mental fitness that was lacking and must perhaps draw more attention from coaches.

1st viii. A. J. G. Wood (bow); J. C. M. Currie; W. Luchinger; M. B. Scott; J. L. Sangster; T. H. Christie; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); G. J. Gibson.

Started Head, finished No. 2. 19 min. 45 sec.

2nd viii. T. P. Wilson (bow); P. S. Pusey; H. B. James; A. C. Penley; H. A. Wightman; B. R. Worsnop; R. W. Beckley; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Started No. 12, finished No. 21. 20 min. 33 sec.

3rd viii. J. A. Wilmot (bow); A. Burrough; P. H. F. Andrew; T. E. Douglas; H. W. Rushmere; A. P. Brown; R. C. Morris; R. C. Farnham (stroke); J. G. Dearlove (cox).

Started No. 26, finished No. 29. 20 min. 43 sec.

4th viii. G. L. Woodley (bow); R. H. Beaton; J. L. Cooke; D. E. Goodall; W. S. Ham; L. S. Williams; J. C. Hyem; A. W. Mills (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Started No. 29, finished No. 48. 21 min. 06 sec.

5th viii. S. Jeffries (bow); A. M. Duncan; D. A. Chipp; J. R. Smith; A. B. Ruth; D. H. Fitzmaurice; P. N. Brodie; A. J. R. Purssell (stroke); J. D. Cox (cox).

Started No. 37, finished No. 62. 21 min. 28 sec.

6th viii. J. Warren (bow); G. Risler; S. G. Wauchope; J. Curtis; P. R. Simnett; G. P. Godenir; J. C. Gray; M. F. Alexander (stroke); T. W. M. Teraoka (cox).

Started No. 39, finished No. 51. 21 min. 08 sec.

7th viii. M. G. Drummond (bow); L. E. Simmonds; I. F. MacDonald; H. M. Lane; A. K. Stuart; J. H. Armstrong; K. Vernon; R. W. Brown (stroke).

Started No. 77, finished No. 102. 22 min. 32 sec.

8th viii. M. D. Cremin (bow); P. J. Kennett; G. W. R. Adcock; G. S. Dear; I. Smith; H. W. Jackson; C. H. Van Dam; E. A. Lee (stroke); D. S. Walker (cox).

Started No. 110, finished No. 116. 23 min. 48 sec.

9th viii. M. Stern (bow); H. R. Sidey; C. F. Harris; J. R. D. Gildea; K. Martin; B. C. Lawrence; A. M. Delarue; J. M. Nott (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).

Clinker Division. Started No. 135, finished No. 178. 23 min. 17 sec.

10th viii. C. G. Cumming (bow); R. A. Cartledge; W. S. Douglas; A. Vassilissin; J. A. MacLean; P. L. Crill; H. A. I. MacInnes; D. Neal (stroke); R. H. E. Brown (cox).

Started No. 118, finished No. 115. 23 min. 26 sec.

11th viii. N. Lempriere (bow); R. Marks; A. G. C. Whalley; A. P. McEldowney; P. Northam; J. R. Johnson; C. B. B. Bond; G. C. C. Pepys (stroke); J. B. Freebairn (cox).

Clinker Division. Started No. 186, finished No. 136. 21 min. 57 sec.

12th viii. A. R. Bygott (bow); A. H. Lines; G. Griffin; A. A. Katz; R. H. J. Lovell; F. P. S. Scott; B. Albers; P. W. J. Simcox (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Clinker Division. Started No. 195, finished No. 184. 24 min. 6 sec.

(195 entries, 193 starters.)

2nd-3rd May—VESTA ROWING CLUB OPEN DASHES

Quintin Cup (Senior Eights)

P. S. Pusey (bow); A. J. G. Wood; J. L. Sangster; B. R. Worsnop; M. B. Scott; T. H. Christie; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Heat 2: Beat Putney Town R.C. by 1½ lengths, 1 min. 18 sec.

Final: Beat London R.C. by ¾ length, 1 min. 11 sec.

Tweddell Trophy (Junior-Senior Eights)

H. J. L. Phillips (bow); G. S. Dear; P. J. Jacobs; R. G. Wall; W. S. Ham; D. E. Goodall; G. L. Woodley; J. L. Cooke (stroke); J. Kay (cox).

Heat 1: Lost King's College (London) B.C.

Fitte Cup (Senior Fours)

R. C. Morris (bow and steers); A. Burrough; H. W. Rushmere; T. H. Christie (stroke).

Final: Beat London R.C. and Middlesex and University College Hospitals B.C. by 1 length.

Dan Fitte Cup (Junior-Senior Sculls)

R. G. Gussman.

Heat 1: Beat C. H. Barwise (I.C.B.C.) by 2 feet and P. C. Pearson (L.R.C.).

Final: Lost to K. N. Woodward-Fisher (T.R.C.) by 1 length.

K. N. Woodward-Fisher.

Heat 2: Beat P. B. Readings (V.R.C.) by 1 length.

Final: Beat R. G. Gussman (T.R.C.) by 1 length.

Mead Cup (Junior Sculls)

P. Northam.

Heat 1: Beat S. J. Peerless (I.C.B.C.) by 2 lengths.

Heat 3: Lost to Lord Polworth (L.R.C.) by 2 feet.

7th May—HAMMERSMITH AMATEUR REGATTA

Marshall Hays Cup (Maiden Clinker Eights)

G. R. Risler (bow); J. R. D. Gildea; A. R. Bygott; R. H. Nicholls; P. R. Simnett; G. P. Godenir; D. McCarraher; M. F. Alexander (stroke); J. Kay (cox).

Heat 2: Beat Chelsea Polytechnic and Northampton Engineering College by 1 length.

Heat 4: Beat Linden R.C. and Oxford House B.C. by 2 lengths.

Final: Beat Thames Tradesmen R.C. by 1 length.

Treasurers Cup (Junior Sculls)

H. B. James.

Heat 1: Beat E. Pocher (Kensington R.C.) and H. Nicholls (Panther R.C.) by 3 lengths.

Final: Beat B. J. Cook (St. Paul's School B.C.) by 2½ lengths.

14th May—PUTNEY AMATEUR REGATTA

Reeve Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

H. J. Phillips (bow); D. E. Goodall; A. Vassilissin; M. Montandon; W. S. Ham; G. S. Dear; P. J. Jacobs; J. L. Cooke (stroke); J. Kay (cox).

Heat 1: Lost to Putney Town R.C. and Kensington R.C.

Samuel Samuel Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

M. Stern (bow); J. R. Nott; B. Albers; A. M. W. Porter; R. P. Willcock; B. C. Lawrence; J. Warren; R. G. Scriven (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Heat 4: Dead heat with Imperial College B.C., 4 min. 24 sec.

Semi-final: Lost to Imperial College B.C. and Vesta R.C.

Eyre Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

I. F. MacDonald (bow and steers); D. Beaton; J. C. Hyem; J. Pope (stroke).

Final: Lost to Lensbury R.C. by 2 lengths, beat Anglian B.C.

Vernon Pairs (Junior-Senior Pairs)

T. P. Wilson (bow and steers); A. W. Mills (stroke).

Final: Lost to Lensbury R.C. by 4 lengths.

Fairbairn Sculls (Junior Sculls)

P. S. Pusey.

Final: Beat P. Northam by 1 length.

P. Northam.

Final: Lost to P. S. Pusey by 1 length.

21st May—READING AMATEUR REGATTA

Grand Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

T. P. Wilson (bow); A. W. Mills; H. B. James; R. H. Beaton; I. F. MacDonald; J. Pope; J. C. Hyem; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Heat 1 : Beat Marlow R.C. by 1 length, 5 min. 4 sec.
Heat 2 : Beat Reading University B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 min. 2 sec.
Final : Beat R.M.A. Sandhurst B.C. by 2 lengths, 4 min. 59 sec.

Sandhurst Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

A. C. Coates (bow) ; J. R. D. Gildea ; A. R. Bygott ; R. H. Nicholls ; P. R. Simnett ; G. P. Godenir ; D. McCarraher ; M. F. Alexander (stroke) ; R. W. Morris (cox).

Heat 6 : Beat Walton R.C.

Heat 11 : Beat Reading University B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 min. 6.5 sec.

Heat 13 : Beat Queen Mary College B.C. by a canvas, 5 min. 9 sec.

Final : Lost to Ibis R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 min. 6.5 sec.

Reading Challenge Vase (Wyfold Fours)

J. A. Wilmot (bow and steers) ; A. C. Penley ; R. W. Beckley ; R. W. Brown (stroke).

Heat 2 : Beat Reading R.C. by 2 lengths, 5 min. 44 sec.

Final : Lost to Molesey B.C. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 5 min. 34 sec.

Maiden Erlegh Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

G. S. Dear (bow and steers) ; W. S. Ham ; A. Vassilissin ; J. L. Cooke (stroke).

Final : Lost to Reading Tradesmen R.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 5 min. 50 sec.

Dymore Brown Challenge Trophy (Open Pairs)

R. C. Morris (bow and steers) ; A. Burrough (stroke).
Final : Beat Reading University B.C., easily, 6 min. 9.5 sec.

C. H. Dodd Challenge Trophy (Senior Sculls)

T. H. Tyler.

Heat 2 : Lost to J. G. Hilder (Merton College B.C.) by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 6 min. 12 sec.

A. W. Miller Challenge Trophy (Junior-Senior Sculls)

K. N. Woodward-Fisher.

Final : Lost to R. A. L. Craig (Polytechnic Students B.C.) by 1 length, 6 min. 4 sec.

Botly and Lewis Challenge Cup (Junior Sculls)

P. Northam.

Heat 1 : Lost to H. C. R. Starkey (R.M.A.S. B.C.).

21st May—THAMES DITTON REGATTA

Sawtell Challenge Cup (Junior Clinker Eights)

M. Stern (bow) ; H. R. Sidey ; B. Albers ; A. M. W. Porter ; R. P. Willcock ; B. C. Lawrence ; A. M. Delarue ; R. G. Scriven (stroke) ; L. K. Guest (cox).

Heat 4 : Beat Queen Mary College B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 3 min. 22 sec.

Heat 11 : Beat by 1 length,
3 min. 25 sec.

Heat 14 : Lost to Lensbury R.C. by 2 lengths,
3 min. 22 sec.

28th May—CHISWICK AMATEUR REGATTA

Allanson Memorial Challenge Trophy (Thames Cup Eights)

T. P. Wilson (bow) ; A. W. Mills ; H. B. James ; R. H. Beaton ; I. F. MacDonald ; J. Pope ; J. C. Hyem ; J. N. Eldeen (stroke) ; B. Graydon (cox).

Heat 1 : Disqualified after clash with Lensbury R.C.

Ronald Studd Challenge Trophy (Junior Eights)

Division I

A. C. Coates (bow) ; J. R. D. Gildea ; A. R. Bygott ; R. H. Nicholls ; P. R. Simnett ; G. P. Godenir ; D. McCarraher ; M. F. Alexander (stroke) ; J. Kay (cox).

Heat 4 : Beat Twickenham R.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and Middlesex Hospital R.C., 4 min. 40 sec.

Heat 6 : Beat Mortlake R.C. by 4 lengths,
4 min. 43 sec.

Final : Beat Chelsea Polytechnic B.C. by 1 length,
4 min. 43 sec.

Senior Fours (Wyfold Fours)

R. W. Beckley (bow and steers) ; A. C. Penley ; A. Vassilissin ; R. W. Brown (stroke).

Heat 1 : Beat Twickenham R.C. by 3 lengths,
5 min. 16 sec.

Final : Lost to Middlesex and University College Hospital B.C. by 4 lengths, 4 min. 53 sec.

Mortlake Challenge Trophy (Junior-Senior Fours)

G. S. Dear (bow and steers) ; D. E. Goodall ; W. S. Ham ; J. L. Cooke (stroke).

Final : Lost to St. Thomas's Hospital B.C. and Ibis R.C. by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 5 min. 20 sec.

Senior Pairs

A. S. F. Butcher (bow and steers) ; T. H. Christie (stroke).

Final : Beat Quintin B.C. and Barnes and District A.R.C. by 2 lengths, 5 min. 17 sec.

Junior-Senior Sculls

K. N. Woodward-Fisher.

Final : Beat J. H. Peck, easily, 5 min. 39 sec.

Junior Sculls

P. Northam.

Heat 2 : Lost to I. H. Phillips (London R.C.) by 1 length, 5 min. 20 sec.

4th June—RICHMOND AND TWICKENHAM AMATEUR REGATTA

Mayor of Richmond Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

T. P. Wilson (bow) ; A. W. Mills ; I. F. MacDonald ; R. H. Beaton ; P. R. Simnett ; J. Pope ; J. C. Hyem ; J. N. Eldeen (stroke) ; B. Graydon (cox).

Race 24 : Beat Westminster Bank R.C.

Race 35 : Beat Oxford House R.C.

Final : Beat Lensbury R.C.

Mayor of Twickenham Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

A. C. Coates (bow) ; D. E. Goodall ; G. G. H. Page ; R. W. Beckley ; G. P. Godenir ; R. H. Nicholls ; D. McCarraher ; M. F. Alexander (stroke) ; J. Kay (cox).

Race 27 : Lost to Ibis R.C.

Liversidge Trophy (Wyfold Fours)

J. C. Hyem (bow and steers) ; J. Pope ; P. R. Simnett ; R. H. Beaton (stroke).

Race 3 : Lost to Lensbury R.C.

Riverside Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

D. McCarraher (bow and steers) ; R. H. Nicholls ; G. P. Godenir ; M. F. Alexander (stroke).

Final : Beat Maidenhead R.C.

Neale Cup (Junior Sculls)

P. Northam.

Race 10 : Beat G. F. W. Perkins (Wraysbury S.C.).

Race 38 : Beat D. Duncombe (Mortlake R.C.).

Final : Beat V. T. A. Hadrys (Midland Bank R.C.).

5th-6th June—OSTEND INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

Senior Eights

P. S. Pusey (bow); A. J. G. Wood; J. L. Sangster; R. B. Worsnop; M. B. Scott; T. H. Christie; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Final: Beat Antwerp S.C., Sporting Dunkerquois, Encon. S.N. Paris, and U.N. Liege, 6 min. 47 sec.

Senior Fours

A. S. F. Butcher (bow and steers); T. H. Christie; M. B. Scott; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

Final: Lost to S.R.N. Anversoise by $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.; beat S.N.V. Brussels and Antwerp S.C.

11th June—WALTON AMATEUR REGATTA

Walton Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

T. P. Wilson (bow); A. W. Mills; I. F. MacDonald; R. H. Beaton; P. R. Simnett; R. H. Nicholls; J. C. Hyem; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Heat C: Beat Westminster Bank R.C. by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, 4 min. 55 sec.

Heat F: Lost to Quintin B.C. by 3 feet, 4 min. 54 sec.

Sabin Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

G. S. Dear (bow); D. E. Goodall; R. W. Beckley; A. R. Bygott; W. S. Ham; J. R. D. Gildea; A. C. Coates; E. A. Lee (stroke); J. Kay (cox).

Heat C: Lost to University College Hospital B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 5 min 1 sec.

Miskin Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

Division I

M. Stern (bow); H. R. Sidey; B. Albers; C. F. Harris; R. P. Willcock; B. C. Lawrence; A. M. Delarue; R. G. Scriven (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Heat C: Beat Imperial College B.C. by 1 length, 5 min. 10 sec.

Heat G: Lost to Burway R.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 5 min. 1 sec.

Goring Challenge Cup (Wyfold Fours)

D. McCarraher (bow and steers); M. F. Alexander; G. P. Godenir; R. H. Nicholls (stroke).

Heat D: Lost to Westminster Bank R.C. on a foul.

Thames Rowing Club Challenge Cup (Pair Oars)

R. C. Morris (bow and steers); A. Burrough (stroke).

Heat A: Beat Kingston R.C. by 3 lengths, 5 min. 55 sec.

Heat B: Beat Quintin B.C., easily, 6 min. 2 sec.

Final: Beat A. S. F. Butcher and T. H. Christie (Thames R.C.) on a foul.

A. S. F. Butcher (bow and steers); T. H. Christie (stroke).

Heat C: Beat Loughborough B.C. by 4 lengths, 6 min. 4 sec.

Final: Lost to R. C. Morris and A. Burrough (Thames R.C.) on a foul.

Junior-Senior Sculls

K. N. Woodward-Fisher.

Heat B: Beat B. Emsell (Molesey B.C.) by 3 lengths 6 min.

Final: Beat S. J. Finch (Brittania R.C.) by 5 lengths.

P. Northam.

Heat A: Lost to S. J. Finch (Brittania R.C.) by 4 lengths.

18th June—MARLOW AMATEUR REGATTA

Grand Challenge Cup

P. S. Pusey (bow); A. J. G. Wood; J. L. Sangster; B. R. Worsnop; M. B. Scott; T. H. Christie; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); J. G. Dearlove (cox).

Heat 1: Lost to London R.C. by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, 4 min. 31 sec.; beat Kingston R.C. by 2 lengths.

Marlow Eights Challenge Cup

T. P. Wilson (bow); A. W. Mills; I. F. MacDonald; R. H. Beaton; P. R. Simnett; J. Pope; J. C. Hyem; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Heat 7: Beat British Army of the Rhine R.C. and Westminster Bank R.C. by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, 4 min. 42 sec.

Heat 15: Lost to Reading University B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 4 min. 43 sec.; beat St. Edward's School B.C.

Junior Eights Challenge Cup

M. Stern (bow); J. R. Nott; B. Albers; C. F. Harris; R. P. Willcock; B. C. Lawrence; A. M. Delarue; H. R. Sidey (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Heat 2: Lost to Christ Church B.C., Oxford, by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 4 min. 38 sec.

Senior Fours Challenge Cup

A. S. F. Butcher (bow and steers); T. H. Christie; M. B. Scott; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

Heat 1: Lost to London R.C. by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, 4 min. 29 sec.

Town Challenge Cup (Wyfold Fours)

D. McCarraher (bow and steers); R. H. Nicholls; G. P. Godenir; R. W. Brown (stroke).

Heat 7: Beat Worcester College B.C. (Oxford), by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 min.

Heat 15: Lost to Stratford-on-Avon B.C. by 2 lengths, 5 min. 3 sec.

Marlow Pairs Challenge Cup

A. S. F. Butcher (bow and steers); T. H. Christie (stroke).

Heat 1: Beat Quintin B.C. by 4 lengths, 5 min. 40 sec.

Final: Beat R. C. Morris and A. Burrough (Thames R.C.), by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, 5 min. 15 sec.

R. C. Morris (bow and steers); A. Burrough (stroke).

Heat 2: Beat Kingston R.C. by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 5 min. 35 sec.

Final: Lost to A. S. F. Butcher and T. H. Christie (Thames R.C.) by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, 5 min. 15 sec.

Senior Sculls Challenge Cup

K. N. Woodward-Fisher.

Heat 1: Lost to E. Sturges (London R.C.) by 4 lengths, 5 min. 26 sec.

Junior-Senior Sculls Challenge Cup

P. Northam.

Heat 1: Beat I. H. Phillips (London R.C.) by $2\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, 5 min. 58 sec.

Final: Lost to J. A. Harris (Staines B.C.), 5 min. 58 sec.

HENLEY REGATTA, 1949

The Grand, The Stewards, The Goblets

The first VIII had arrived at Marlow with a somewhat chequered record. All the year it had tended to lack quite that determination and spirit of the previous year when our failure at all attempts to co-operate with other clubs in order to produce the best British crew for the Olympics had, in the end, engendered such a club spirit that we were able, eventually, to take on, and beat, the lot.

This year it had been difficult to form a real Grand crew at all, but at last one took shape and

there were times when it showed great promise, if only a real team spirit and desire to race could be developed.

After Marlow Regatta it had to be admitted that, taking the season to date, more time had been spent on the black squares than the white. There the VIII had been beaten by London who were, in their turn, beaten by Lady Margaret while the IV, beaten again by London, the eventual winners, steered such a course that a more adequate description of them would be four men in a boat. So that when, in the final of the Marlow Pairs, Tony Butcher and Tom Christie beat Sparrow Morris and Alan Burrough in a grand race it was generally agreed that, for Henley, Butcher and Christie should be released from the IV leaving the Club with at least two strong entries for the Goblets. The VIII stayed as it was and the IV was reconstituted with Pusey (Bow, Strs.), (2) Wood, (3) Scott, Kirkpatrick (str.).

The Sunday after Marlow was spent away from the river as usual and on Monday morning the VIII was rowed up to Henley. Jack Dearlove not being able to come down, John Blow of L.M.B.C. kindly coxed and it was interesting to hear him express, without hesitation, the outstanding weakness of the crew as he compared T.R.C. and L.M.B.C. "I get a bigger kick in the back with Thames" he said, "but the punch isn't carried through to a hard finish as with Lady Margaret; it seems to fade away."

That afternoon we had our first Henley outing with L.M.B.C. and found that in the paddling they took a good foot off us each stroke. The following morning we went out with them again going for a follow-through of the punch and working up the draw, with promising results. But Nemesis' was watching and, paddling down later on in the IV, Scott dislocated a bone in his back and seized up good and solid. This put him out of things altogether and, with six rowing days before the start of the regatta, we had to find a new 5 for the VIII and a 3 for the IV—and this very evening was the time limit for sending in the names of crews!

However, as so often happens when that unkind goddess interferes in the affairs of mortals, the challenge being taken up, determination to succeed stiffens resolution and so it was in our case. The blow proved, in fact, a stimulant rather than a deterrent. In the VIII, Jerry Sangster moved down to 5 and Simnett came in at 3 from the 2nd VIII while Sangster took Scott's place in the IV.

Sympathy must be expressed with Scott who had worked hard and conscientiously all the winter and to be robbed of his place at the last minute was a cruel disappointment. But the hardest hit were the 2nd VIII who were coming

on fast every outing and to lose their 5 at this stage was a shattering blow. It speaks volumes for their spirit, and the leadership of Joe Eldeen, that they put up the magnificent show they eventually did in the races and proved themselves, in spite of everything, the finest 2nd VIII the Club has produced since the war.

The whole of the week prior to the regatta we experienced the following wind which, with the almost dead water due to the drought, caused so many records to go during the actual racing but, as all oarsmen know, it takes a good crew, and one really on its feet, to take advantage of such conditions. Very light hands, a very quick spring and a well timed finish are essential in a boat running fast and these were the points we went for. We paddled hard over the course four times and put in more hard work than last year's crew for we were not really fit and that tell-tale second minute of any row was invariably a disappointing one. But the crew improved steadily although it was always a problem to make them race. Last year's crew were prepared to take on anything, anywhere, any time. This year's crew were inclined to blame those alongside for "taking us out of our stride." A Grand crew must dictate to opponents friendly or otherwise, not be dictated to; and, as the greatest of all coaches repeated time and time again: "A crew will learn to row by racing but it cannot learn to race by rowing."

The IV, too, were going nicely at times and moved their boat smoothly and well but they had not got the built-up draw, the long solid stroke in the water, which comes only from long practice together and by working hard for it at that.

We rowed our full course on the Friday afternoon before the regatta and of that the less said the better. As a paddle it was adequate but there was no attempt to race the three pacing crews and perhaps the most revealing comment came from one of the crew afterwards when he remarked: "I rather enjoyed it." The whip had to be cracked that night and the crew told bluntly that, coming on as they undoubtedly were, they had it in them to surprise both opponents and critics but that half-hearted efforts would get them nowhere and if lack of guts was not the answer for a poor row it was up to them to prove it, for the afternoon's performance gave just that impression. Our times were: Barrier, 2min. 4 sec.; Fawley, 3 min. 29 sec.; Finish, 7 min. 18 sec. And Ladies' Plate crews were beating 7 mins. Enjoyed it, indeed!

But that was the last poor outing we had. Saturday morning showed a great improvement. A Barrier in 1 min. 57 sec. with little wind to help, showed there was pace there and the paddling was on the way to being the real stuff

with the blades making the right sort of noise as they took the water.

The final week saw this improvement maintained and a good Fawley on Monday afternoon with Bedford School taking us to the Barrier, was the best piece of rowing so far—the rating never below 36.

In the first round of the Grand on Thursday, we were drawn against Clare College who had gone Head of the River in the May Races at Cambridge and were stroked by David Jennens. As usual Dick Phelps had prepared the boat beautifully and not a member of the crew could have failed to be impressed at the sight of her lying on the stools as they came into the boat tent for the first race of the day. What a tremendous fillip a well-polished boat can give her crew! And what a lot of elbow-grease it takes to put it there!

This was the one day of the regatta when the wind, such as it was, was actually head and all the morning times were slow. Possibly this was to our advantage and if so the crew made the most of it. Peter Kirkpatrick took them off at a full 40 in the first minute and Clare, who were reputedly fairly fast off the mark were out of the hunt by the Barrier. Fawley was reached in 3 min. 27 sec. where the boat was running really well and, rowing a good 33 strokes to the minute, Thames won more comfortably than the distance, a length and a quarter, indicates in 7 min. 15 sec. A good row and a promising one.

In the afternoon the Stewards IV met London but were no match for our old friends and rivals. Carpmal went off very fast and Thames, steering all over the river, were beaten by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. The L.R.C. time of 7 min. 38 sec. beat the time of Trinity, Oxford, in the other heat by 1 sec.

In the second round of the Grand we met the Cottage Club, Princeton, who had beaten Kingston comfortably in the fastest time returned on Thursday of 7 min. 8 sec. In this race the crew were at their very best. They raced Princeton from the first stroke and took, them completely by surprise. *The Times* recorded: "In heat 6 of the Grand Thames rowed a wonderful race beating the Cottage Club of Princeton, United States, by two and a half lengths in 6 min. 49 sec. Thames, who had a good deal in hand, rowed superbly along the enclosures at a long 32 to the minute until the last 20 strokes when Kirkpatrick called on his crew. Then they were most impressive."

But *The Times* correspondent was also wise in his estimation of Leander who, meanwhile, had beaten London and Trinity College, Oxford, the latter in 6 min. 44 sec. to equal the record. He wrote, on Saturday morning: "Leander improves every day and there should be an epic struggle today when they meet Thames in the

final."

Alas we had shot out bolt. Perhaps a few days more together in the new order and it might have been a different story. It is an unusual occurrence at Henley when a Leander crew has more mileage behind it than a Tide-way but such was the case here and Richard Burnell is to be congratulated on getting his crew together as early as March. And Leander *raced*. We knew they had us on sheer pace at the start and were prepared to be led but their length and a half at Fawley was too much. Thames rowed gallantly and Kirkpatrick went for Leander all the way from Remenham but they were not the crew of the day before. *The Times* reported: "A very fine Leander crew won the Grand Challenge Cup beating Thames, also a very good crew, in the final. Bradley answered Kirkpatrick's spurt along the enclosure driving his crew home to win by a length in the fast time of 6 min. 54 sec."

A creditable performance all things considered. Sangster, although he felt overplaced at 5 rowed splendidly and Simnett behind him at 3 achieved little short of a miracle by fitting in as he did at such short notice. Peter Kirkpatrick was, as ever, the outstanding personality in the crew and he raced magnificently while Jack Dearlove, who gave up much to come and cox us deserves all our thanks for his very great help. He has no equal coxing to-day.

But the Grand was not the only final in which the Club appeared. Our two pairs had romped through their two heats in the Goblets. In the course of so doing Morris and Burrough, against Henderson and Arundel in the semi-final, had equalled the all-time record to Fawley of 3 min. 55 sec. and were only 3 sec. outside the course record of 8 min. 8 sec. This alone speaks for the high standard of both pairs who now met in an all Thames final.

Morris and Burrough were a lively pair to watch but length and stride must tell and Butcher and Christie rowed a beautiful long, solid and unhurried stroke. Rowing their own race very competently they drew away to win by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in the excellent time (for the wind had died away) of 8 min. 20 sec.

This was the last race of the regatta and a fitting end to a Henley which will live in the memory as one of blue skies, hot sun, green lawns, magnificent racing, smashed records, lovely women, lovely beer, the highest standard of rowing since the war and all those things which go to make up the rowing man's paradise and, just to ensure full measure for T.R.C. members, three Thames crews rowing in the finals.

R. H. H. S.

**29th June-2nd July—HENLEY ROYAL
REGATTA**

Grand Challenge Cup

P. S. Pusey (bow); A. J. G. Wood; P. R. Simnett;
B. R. Worsnop; J. L. Sangster; T. H. Christie;
A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); J. G.
Dearlove (cox).

Heat 1: Beat Clare College Cambridge, by 1½ lengths
7 min. 15 sec.

Heat 6: Beat Cottage Club of Princeton, U.S.A.,
by 2½ lengths, 6 min. 49 sec.

Final: Lost to Leander Club by 1 length, 6 min.
54 sec.

Thames Challenge Cup

T. P. Wilson (bow); A. W. Mills; I. F. MacDonald;
R. H. Beaton; K. N. Woodward-Fisher; J. Pope;
J. C. Hyem; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Heat 16: Beat Marlow R.C. by 1½ lengths,
6 min. 58 sec.

Heat 19: Beat Lensbury R.C. by 1½ lengths,
7 min. 29 sec.

Heat 28: Lost to Lady Margaret B.C. by 1 length,
6 min. 51 sec. (record).

Stewards Challenge Cup

P. S. Pusey (bow and steers); A. J. G. Wood;
J. L. Sangster; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

Heat 1: Lost to London R.C. by 2½ lengths,
7 min. 38 sec.

Wyfold Challenge Cup

D. McCarraher (bow and steers); R. H. Nicholls;
G. P. Godenir; R. W. Brown (stroke).

Heat 2: Beat Jesus College, Oxford, easily,
8 min. 3 sec.

Heat 19: Beat Middlesex and University College
Hospitals by 1 length, 7 min. 52 sec.

Heat 28: Lost to Lensbury R.C. by 3 lengths,
7 min. 42 sec.

Silver Goblets and Nickalls' Challenge Cup

R. C. Morris (bow); A. Burrough (stroke).

Heat 1: Beat Quintin B.C. easily, 9 min. 14 sec.

Heat 3: Beat Merton College, Oxford, by 1½ lengths,
8 min. 11 sec.

Final: Lost to A. S. F. Butcher and T. H. Christie
(Thames R.C.) by 2½ lengths, 8 min. 20 sec.

A. S. F. Butcher (bow); T. H. Christie (stroke).

Heat 2: Beat Kingston R.C., easily, 8 min. 46 sec

Heat 4: Beat Exeter College, Oxford, easily,
8 min. 28 sec.

Final: Beat R. C. Morris and A. Burrough (Thames
R.C.) by 2½ lengths, 8 min. 20 sec.

9th July—KINGSTON AMATEUR REGATTA

Grand Challenge Cup

P. S. Pusey (bow); A. J. G. Wood; P. R. Simnett;
M. B. Scott; J. L. Sangster; B. R. Worsnop;
A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); J. F.
Levy (cox).

Heat 1: Beat Kingston R.C. by ¾ length, 3 min.
57 sec.

Final: Lost to London R.C. by ¼ length, 3 min.
55 sec.

Dittons Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

G. S. Dear (bow); D. E. Goodall; G. L. Woodley;
J. R. D. Gildea; G. P. Godenir; R. H. Nicholls;
A. C. Coates; M. F. Alexander (stroke); R. W.
Morris (cox).

Heat 3: Beat Putney Town R.C. by 1 length,
4 min. 11 sec.

Heat 7: Beat Furnivall S.C. by ¼ length,
4 min. 4 sec.

Heat 10: Beat Horseferry R.C. by 1 length,
4 min. 12 sec.

Final: Beat Eton Excelsior R.C. by 2 feet,
4 min. 3 sec.

Surbiton Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

R. T. L. Allen (bow); J. R. Nott; J. Midgley;
C. F. Harris; R. P. Willcock; B. C. Lawrence;
J. M. Rumbold; D. Fairbairn (stroke); L. K. Guest
(cox).

Heat 5: Beat Cygnet R.C. by ½ length, 4 min. 20 sec.

Heat 13: Lost to Kingston R.C. by ¼ length,
4 min. 6 sec.

Ravens Ait Challenge Cup (Senior Fours)

"A" Crew.—A. S. F. Butcher (bow and steers);
M. B. Scott; P. R. Simnett; P. C. Kirkpatrick
(stroke).

Heat 1: Beat Eton Vikings Club by 2½ lengths,
4 min. 16 sec.

Final: Beat London R.C. by ¾ length, 4 min. 18 sec.

"B" Crew.—P. S. Pusey (bow and steers);
B. R. Worsnop; J. L. Sangster; A. J. G. Wood
(stroke).

Heat 2: Lost to London R.C. by 1 length,
4 min. 19 sec.

Home Park Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Fours)

D. Fairbairn (bow and steers); R. H. Nicholls;
G. P. Godenir; R. W. Brown (stroke).

Heat 1: Beat Molesey B.C. by 1½ lengths,
4 min. 27 sec.

Heat 3: Beat Kingston R.C. by 5 lengths,
4 min. 35 sec.

Final: Beat London R.C. by 3 lengths, 4 min. 23 sec.

Chapple Challenge Cup (Senior Pairs)

"A" Crew.—P. R. Simnett (bow); P. C. Kirk-
patrick (stroke).

Heat 1: Beat Icenae Club by 3 lengths, 4 min. 55 sec.

Final: Beat Thames R.C. "B" crew by 2½ lengths,
4 min. 56 sec.

"B" Crew.—P. S. Pusey (bow); B. R. Worsnop
(stroke).

Final: Lost to Thames R.C. "A" Crew by
2½ lengths, 4 min. 56 sec.

Sunbury Challenge Cup (Senior Sculls)

T. H. Tyler.

Final: Lost to J. H. Pinches (London R.C.) by
4 lengths, 4 min. 53 sec.

Selsey Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Sculls)

P. Northam.

Heat 1: Lost to J. A. Harris (Staines B.C.) by
3 lengths, 5 min. 12 sec.

**10th July—DINANT INTERNATIONAL
REGATTA**

International Eights

T. P. Wilson (bow); G. C. Fisk; I. F. MacDonald;
R. H. Beaton; K. N. Woodward-Fisher; J. Pope;
J. C. Hyem; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Final: Beat one Belgian and three French crews.

**12th, 13th & 14th July—METROPOLITAN
AMATEUR REGATTA**

Champion Cup (Grand Eights)

P. S. Pusey (bow); A. J. G. Wood; P. R. Simnett;
J. N. Eldeen; M. B. Scott; B. R. Worsnop;
A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke);
G. J. Gibson (cox).

Final: Beat London R.C. and Kingston R.C.

Old Barnes Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

T. P. Wilson (bow); R. H. Beaton; I. J. MacDonald; H. B. James; K. N. Woodward-Fisher; J. Pope; J. C. Hyem; G. C. Fisk (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Heat 1: Beat Westminster Bank R.C. and Imperial College B.C.

Final: Beat Quintin B.C.

Forster Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

G. S. Dear (bow); D. E. Goodall; G. L. Woodley; J. R. D. Gildea; W. S. Ham; R. A. Strong; A. C. Coates; M. F. Alexander (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).

Heat 1: Lost to St. Paul's School B.C.

Metropolitan Cup (Junior Eights)

R. T. L. Allen (bow); M. Stern; J. Midgley; C. F. Harris; R. P. Willcock; B. C. Lawrence; J. M. Rumbold; J. R. Nott (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Heat 1: Lost to Auriol R.C., beat Kensington R.C.

Thames Cup (Senior Fours)

P. S. Pusey (bow and steers); A. J. G. Wood; J. L. Sangster; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

Final: Lost to London R.C.

Horton Cup (Wyfold Fours)

D. Fairbairn (bow and steers); R. H. Nicholls; G. P. Godenir; R. W. Brown (stroke).

Heat 1: Beat London R.C. and Westminster Bank R.C.

Final: Beat Oriol Tortoises B.C.

Old Goring Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

R. W. Beckley (bow and steers); R. A. Strong; A. Vassilissin; J. L. Cooke (stroke).

Heat 1: Lost to St. Paul's School B.C.

Ampthill Cup (Senior Pairs)

P. S. Pusey (bow); B. R. Worsnop (stroke).

Final: Lost to London R.C.

Layton Cup (Metropolitan Pairs)

J. A. Wilmot (bow); P. F. Stowell (stroke).

Final: Lost to London R.C.

Junior Sculls

G. C. Fisk.

Heat 2: Beat D. P. Trotter and D. I. H. Hadfield (London R.C.).

Final: Beat W. T. A. Hadrys (Midland Bank R.C.).

16th July—MOLESEY AMATEUR REGATTA

Molesey Grand Challenge Cup

T. P. Wilson (bow); R. H. Beaton; I. F. MacDonald; G. C. Fisk; K. N. Woodward-Fisher; J. Pope; J. C. Hyem; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Heat 1: Beat Kingston R.C.

Final: Lost to London R.C.

Thames Cup Eights Challenge Cup

D. Fairbairn (bow); D. E. Goodall; A. C. Coates; J. R. D. Gildea; G. P. Godenir; R. H. Nicholls; J. A. Wilmot; M. F. Alexander (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Lost.

Junior Eights Challenge Cup

M. Stern (bow); J. R. Nott; J. Midgley; B. C. Lawrence; D. Fanner; J. M. Wallis; G. D. Bayly-Jones; P. F. Stowell (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).

Won.

Senior Fours Challenge Cup

R. C. Morris (bow and steers); B. R. Worsnop; P. R. Simnett; A. J. G. Wood (stroke).

Won.

Senior Pairs

R. C. Morris (bow); B. R. Worsnop (stroke).

Won.

Garrick Pairs and Hastie Challenge Cup

"A" Crew.—P. S. Pusey (bow); G. P. Godenir (stroke).

Won.

"B" Crew.—P. R. Simnett (bow); R. A. L. Craig (stroke).

Lost.

Hurst Park Challenge Cup (Senior Sculls)

K. N. Woodward-Fisher.

Won.

Junior Senior Sculls

P. Northam.

Lost.

Junior Sculls

A. C. Penley.

Lost.

C. G. Cumming.

Lost.

G. W. Kent Trophy (Awarded to the Club with the best performance at the Regatta)

Thames Rowing Club.

23rd July—BEDFORD AMATEUR REGATTA

Talbot Jarvis Challenge Cup (Senior Eights)

R. C. Morris (bow); P. R. Simnett; M. B. Scott; B. R. Worsnop; G. P. Godenir; P. C. Kirkpatrick; G. C. Fisk; P. F. Stowell (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Heat 3: Beat Bedford R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Final: Lost to Lady Margaret and Clare by $\frac{1}{4}$ length.

Senior Coxwainless Fours

R. C. Morris (bow and steers); B. R. Worsnop; P. R. Simnett; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

Heat 5: Beat Oriol Tortoises B.C.

Heat 7: Lost to London R.C.

Open Gig Pairs

M. B. Scott (bow); G. P. Godenir (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Lost.

23rd July—STAINES AMATEUR REGATTA

Staines Eights (Thames Cup Eights)

T. P. Wilson (bow); R. C. Farnham; A. K. Stuart; R. H. Beaton; K. N. Woodward-Fisher; R. H. Nicholls; J. H. Fitzmaurice; D. Fairbairn (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Lost.

Junior Senior Eights

G. L. Woodley (bow); J. R. Nott; G. G. H. Page; J. Armstrong; D. A. Fanner; R. W. Beckley; A. C. Coates; M. F. Alexander (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).

Lost.

Junior Eights

R. T. L. Allen (bow); D. S. Goodes; R. P. Willcock; G. S. Lucas; A. A. Katz; J. M. Rumbold; S. G. Wauchope; P. W. J. Simcox (stroke); J. D. Cox (cox).

Lost.

Staines Fours (Wyfold Fours)

D. Fairbairn (bow and steers); R. H. Beaton; J. H. Fitzmaurice; R. H. Nicholls (stroke).

Lost.

Junior-Senior Fours

G. S. Dear (bow and steers); D. E. Goodall; W. S. Ham; R. W. Beckley (stroke).

Lost.

Junior-Senior Sculls

P. Northam.

Lost.

**30th July—MAIDENHEAD AMATEUR
REGATTA**

**"Daily Telegraph" Challenge Cup (Thames Cup
Eights)**

R. J. Cook (bow); R. C. Farnham; G. D. Bayly-Jones; A. K. Stuart; G. P. Godenir; R. H. Nicholls; G. G. H. Page; F. Fairbairn (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Heat 1: Beat Ibis R.C. by 1 length, 3 min. 26 sec.

Heat 4: Beat Bryanston School B.C.

Final: Lost to Bedford R.C. by 1 length, 3 min., 20 sec.

**Maidenhead Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior
Eights)**

Usher (bow); Nyas; A. M. G. Pearson; A. J. Harrison; J. A. Easton; D. Sorrell; J. P. Hindle; M. F. Alexander (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Lost.

Woodhurst Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

J. P. Ross (bow); K. R. J. Trott; R. P. Willcock; A. A. Katz; J. M. Rumbold; A. M. Duncan; S. G. Wauchope; P. W. J. Simcox (stroke); J. D. Cox (cox).

Heat 2: Lost to Marlow R.C.

Orkney Cottage Challenge Cup (Senior Fours)

J. A. Wilmot (bow and steers); P. R. Simnett; G. P. Godenir; R. H. Nicholls (stroke).

Heat 1: Beat Ibis R.C.

Heat 5: Beat St. Catherine's Cruisers.

Final: Beat Kingston R.C.

Town Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

G. S. Dear (bow and steers); B. C. Lawrence; W. S. Ham; J. R. Nott (stroke).

Heat 2: Beat Quintin B.C.

Heat 6: Won.

Final: Beat Marlow R.C.

Junior Fours Challenge Cup

D. P. C. Platt (bow); D. S. Goodes; A. M. Delarue; G. S. Lucas (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).

Heat 2: Lost to Eton Excelsior R.C.

Jubilee Goblets (Junior-Senior Pairs)

"A" Crew.—G. S. Dear (bow); R. W. Beckley (stroke).

Heat 1: Lost to Ibis R.C.

"B" Crew.—L. S. A. Smith (bow); R. A. Strong (stroke).

Lost.

Desborough Challenge Cup (Double Sculls)

A. N. Watson (bow); P. Northam (stroke).

Heat 1: Beat Kensington R.C.

Heat 2: Lost to London R.C.

Junior-Senior Sculls Challenge Cup

G. C. Fisk.

Heat 1: Beat B. Emsell (Molesey B.C.).

Heat 4: Won.

Final: Beat H. C. R. Starkey (Sandhurst Argonauts R.C.).

P. S. Pusey.

Lost.

Junior Sculls Challenge Cup

G. G. H. Page.

Heat 5: Lost to D. Dainton (Stratford-on-Avon B.C.).

1st August—HENLEY TOWN REGATTA

Haileywood Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

R. J. Cook (bow); G. C. Fisk; G. D. Bayly-Jones; A. K. Stuart; G. P. Godenir; R. H. Nicholls;

G. G. H. Page; D. Fairbairn (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox)
Final: Lost to Bedford R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 4 min. 35 sec.

Sagamore Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

Usher (bow); Nyas; A. M. G. Pearson; A. J. Harrison; J. A. Easton; D. Sorrell; J. P. Hindle; M. F. Alexander (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Heat 2: Lost to Reading R.C.

Remenham Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

J. P. Ross (bow); K. R. J. Trott; R. P. Willcock; A. A. Katz; J. M. Rumbold; A. M. Duncan; S. G. Wauchope; P. W. J. Simcox (stroke); J. D. Cox (cox).

Heat 2: Lost to Reading R.C.

Town Challenge Cup (Senior Fours)

J. A. Wilmot (bow and steers); P. R. Simnett; G. P. Godenir; R. H. Nicholls (stroke).

Heat 1: Lost to Oriel Tortoises B.C.

Lady David Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

G. S. Dear (bow and steers); B. C. Lawrence; W. S. Ham; D. E. Goodall (stroke).

Heat 2: Lost to Marlow R.C.

Foy Challenge Cup (Junior Fours)

D. P. C. Platt (bow); D. S. Goodes; A. M. Delarue; G. S. Lucas (stroke); J. D. Cox (cox).

Heat 4: Lost to Redcliffe R.C.

**United Rowing Clubs Challenge Cup (Senior
Sculls)**

G. C. Fisk.

Heat 1: Lost to L. D. Habbitts (Reading R.C.).

**Gill-Mardon Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior
Sculls)**

P. Northam.

Heat 1: Lost to B. Emsell (Molesey B.C.).

P. S. Pusey.

Heat 3: Lost to H. C. R. Starkey (Sandhurst Argonauts R.C.).

Miller Challenge Cup (Junior Sculls)

G. G. H. Page.

Heat 1: Lost.

1st August—OXFORD ROYAL REGATTA

Coxwainless Pairs

L. S. A. Smith (bow); R. A. Strong (stroke).

Heat 3: Lost to Loughborough B.C.

**7th and 8th September—OPEN RACES FOR
VETERANS**

Craft Challenge Cup (Eights)

B. E. A. Joyner (bow); R. R. Swatton; A. G. Thoday; J. A. Maclean; R. S. Hollom; T. H. Tyler; J. H. M. Ward; G. E. Vasilescu (stroke); L. K. Guest (cox).

Heat 2: Beat Kensington R.C. and Parkside and M.P. R.C.

Final: Lost to London R.C. by $\frac{1}{4}$ length.

Fitte and Forte Challenge Cup (Fours)

A. G. Thoday (bow and steers); T. H. Tyler; R. S. Hollom; R. R. Swatton (stroke).

Heat 1: Beat Vesta R.C.

Final: Beat London R.C. by 4 feet.

CLUB REGATTA

Invitation Eights

E. J. Mowbray (Ibis) (bow); D. E. Evans; R. W. Perry (Lensbury); J. D. Harris (Staines); M. B. Scott; F. H. S. Moore (Vesta); T. P. Wilson; A. C. Penley (stroke); H. E. H. Howell (cox).

C. W. Hughes Bowl (Club Fours)

G. E. Vasilescu (bow and steers); D. Sorrell;
W. S. Ham; J. Pope (stroke).

George Vize Beakers (Club Pairs)

P. Northam (bow); G. P. Godenir (stroke).

Doubledee Cup (Handicap Sculls)

P. Northam.

John Lang Cup (Junior Sculls)

G. P. Godenir.

THE SECOND EIGHT

"Mileage makes Champions!" Once again the well-tryed formula, the proven theory of Steve Fairbairn. During the winter the second eight punched away at its thousand miles with a grim determination that bode no good for its opponents of the summer to come. The members of the crew suffered the usual uncertainties and disappointments which are inevitable in the melting pot of senior rowing (not to mention the vagaries of the coach!) with a fine spirit and in good heart for the racing to follow. Alan Mills stroked capably for the first few weeks and was then succeeded by Joe Eldeen. The latter, a past Thames Cup winning stroke (with Imperial College B.C.) took charge and proceeded to work the crew—and himself. His success at this arduous task was one of the deciding factors in the subsequent performance of the crew. This second eight was very fortunate in its leader, and Joe Eldeen, I'm quite certain will agree, was lucky to have a crew of this calibre behind him. I endorse my successors' remarks—but doubt if they enjoyed the winter's work as much as I enjoyed watching their ultimate successes.

R. R. S.

This crew were decidedly above the average and they were robbed of the chance of being finalists at least, at Henley only by an accident that can happen to the best of crews.

They owed a great part of their success to the mileage they put in during the dreary winter months, and no crew will ever win races without this. But by far their greatest asset was that they were a crew. If a coach had been so unwise as to look at them individually he would almost certainly have gone home, had bad dreams and called in a psychiatrist. That is not to say that many of them will not one day row in Grand crews—but in 1949, they certainly would not.

But their team spirit was unrivalled and it has always been my view that in any good crew—there must be one individual, be he anyone from bow to cox, who stands out as a leader from sheer strength of character above, oarsmanship not necessarily counting. And in Joe Eldeen this crew had their leader.

Seldom indeed have I enjoyed coaching a crew more, and I could have wept at the various accidents that beset them during and after my period of coaching. Not being able to weep I could only blaspheme.

Well done Joe and his men, and thank you for the pleasure you gave me.

A. P. McE.

The Editor has allotted me the task of taking up the above story from the point at which I assumed from Mac the responsibility for coaching the crew. I had framed a few phrases to work in, such as "conspicuous for graceful body-movements," "clean and accurate blade-work," "superb boat-control." But when I came to Mac's last sentence I felt that I just had nothing to add—it so exactly expresses my own feelings as I look back on those stirring moments when I used to feel that there was simply nothing of which this crew might not be capable. The fact that their stout-hearted efforts did not always move the boat in the required direction did not really spoil the fun at all. The successes were worth it.

P.S.—Perhaps I ought to confess that another reason why I was reluctant to write my piece was that I could not quite see how my expressions in inverted commas were going to be worked in. But they will be very useful when I have to write an article about some other crew.

J. H. P.

JUNIOR-SENIOR ROWING

The demands of the second eight left comparatively few junior-seniors available for a third eight before Christmas, and the third eight's appearances on the water at Putney during this period were rather erratic and the crew was very changeable. The four for the Boxing Day Charity Regatta was accordingly drawn from those who had moved up to the second eight, and it showed its calibre by a decisive win.

The junior-seniors' vicissitudes continued in the Spring, but the crew that rowed in the Head of the River Race did quite well to finish forty-eighth. Great efforts were made to keep a third eight regularly in training from then on, and we managed to enter either an eight or a four at most regattas. At Richmond and Twickenham the four that raced consisted of members of the junior crew that won at Walton, and after winning here it formed the basis of the Wyfold four at Henley.

Junior-seniors had a further success at Kingston, where there was extremely close racing; the greater part of this winning crew

raced, though unsuccessfully, in the Thames Cup event at Molesley. Later, at Maidenhead, there was the last success of the junior-seniors' season, a win with a rather scratch, but none the less quite fast, four.

K. A. W.

JUNIOR ROWING 1948 to 1949

The season started with the usual slow tempo as far as the juniors were concerned, and it was not until the first week in December that a Junior Eight was really formed. It was obvious, however, that there was some very useful material and if guided in the right direction, would be of great benefit to the club in the ensuing summer.

After Christmas, however, there was a big influx of new members and it was possible to form three complete junior eights. The first juniors progressed rapidly, and with the second juniors also improving with every outing, it was decided to have a long outing to Walton and back in the middle of February. This was duly accomplished but not without certain trials and tribulations, particularly on the way back, as many members of the crews who took part therein will remember.

The third junior eight in the meantime, which consisted mainly of people who were either just learning to row or who had come to us with very little experience, were progressing quite nicely and were now together as a complete eight.

In the Head of River, all three eights acquitted themselves well, and the third juniors who started last managed to raise their status by several places.

At the start of the Regatta season, owing to exams and various other types of work, we were reduced to two eights, which was extremely disappointing considering the high standard attained during the winter. However, it was decided that the first juniors should have their first race at the Hammersmith Regatta in fixed rowlock clinker eights, which was, of course, a Maiden event.

There was a certain stir in the club when it was realised that Thames at long last were about to use the old orthodox method of propulsion, and dire things were prophesied. As it turned out, it proved extremely useful and was certainly an experience that the juniors would not like to have missed. The event itself was won quite comfortably in the end, thereby proving that, providing one rows in the right way, it does not matter a lot whether swivels or fixed rowlocks are used as far as juniors are concerned.

Their first best boat regatta was at Reading, but eventually, having battled through several

tight heats, were beaten by a very fast Ibis crew in the final. No doubt physical tiredness and a certain amount of inexperience cost them this event.

With Ibis out of the way, they won their Juniors the following week at Chiswick very comfortably and from that point the eight had to be broken up. It is interesting to note, however, that from that crew, one member, Peter Simnett attained the dizzy heights and rowed in the First Eight at Henley. Three other members eventually rowed in the Wyfolds at Henley under the very able stroking of Ronnie Brown, and probably if they had been together a little longer, would have gone near to winning the event.

The second juniors started their racing career at Putney Regatta, where their inexperience rather cost them the second heat in which they rowed, but they showed definite promise of having plenty of go and likely to win an event sooner or later. They were put in for the Clinker Eight event at the Dittons where they managed to get through a couple of heats before being beaten by the eventual winners.

From then on a series of misfortunes occurred and it was not until Molesey Regatta that they eventually won their Juniors.

A third junior eight was formed in early July and they were put in for the remaining regattas of the season, and although they did not complete the third victory for the juniors, they always gave a very good account of themselves, and in any case formed a very useful basis for the start off of this season.

J. H. M. W.

NEWS OF UNIVERSITY MEMBERS

The following members have distinguished themselves during the past term.

OXFORD:

University Coxwainless Fours. (October 25th-29th).
Winners: Oriol College B.C.

G. C. Fisk (bow and steers); J. M. Wallis; G. D. Bayley-Jones; P. W. Stowell (stroke).

University Pairs: C. G. V. Davidge.

O.U.B.C. Trial Eights. (October 31st).

Members awarded Trial Caps: R. T. Arundel; G. D. Bayley-Jones; G. C. Fisk; M. J. Hawkes; R. A. F. MacMillan; J. M. Wallis. Coach—C. G. V. Davidge (Pres. O.U.B.C.).

CAMBRIDGE:

C.U.B.C. Trial Eights.

Members awarded Trial Caps: H. H. Almond; W. T. Arthur; E. A. P. Bircher; R. J. Blow; J. L. M. Crick; J. Debenham; G. W. Harding; D. D. Macklin; P. M. O. Massey. Coaches—C. B. M. Lloyd; A. L. McLeod (Pres. C.U.B.C.).

THAMES CREWS IN BELGIUM

Participation in Belgian Regattas by Thames Rowing Club crews has become traditional and our many Belgian friends have come to regard our crews' performances as all that is best in British rowing. Thus, when they beat us they are naturally delighted and when we beat them they seem to consider that it is right and proper that we should do so and, although disappointed at having lost, they feel that being beaten by a Thames crew is certainly no disgrace. Belgium produces some of the finest crews and scullers in the world, so that Thames crews racing in Belgium have never been all-conquering, although they have won a number of races there.

It is difficult to ascertain exactly when Thames crews first competed in Belgium, but it is at least a quarter of a century ago. In 1924 our crews raced at Ostend and Bruges and since then we have sent many crews to Ostend, Ghent and Dinant with varying success right up to 1938.

On one amusing occasion Jack Beresford easily beat an enormous Italian sculler who looked like a strong man in a film, and whose compatriots said: "He so very strong, he pulla da boat and winna da race—yes?" Unfortunately for him Jack knew rather more about sculling than he.

On another occasion Bean Vernon had his historic adventure in an Ostend steam laundry which was used as a dressing room. Bean was surprised in the nude by some twenty giggling laundry girls and with a scream of dismay he took cover in a cylindrical clothes washer from which he emerged either parboiled or blushing all over—probably the latter!

In 1939 Thames fours and eights won at Ostend and Dinant. In that year at Ostend the defeat of a German eight by a Thames crew stroked by B. N. Brooke was particularly gratifying. Five crews rowed abreast, but the only ones in the picture were Thames and the Germans. The Germans led by nearly two lengths from the start, but Thames wore them down and, encouraged by their coach Charles Allanson Winn who shouted strange phrases at them through a megaphone from a bicycle, Brooke made a magnificent effort near the finish and Thames won by a canvas. Our four stroked by John Burrough led from the start and beat the Germans comparatively easily, the rest of the field tailing away in the distance. A Belgian won the senior sculls so the Germans went back to Hitler empty handed. No wins could have been more popular and our crews were fêted right royally. Other pre-war wins by Thames at Dinant and Ghent were invariably loudly applauded.

In 1949 Thames crews competed in Belgium for the first time since the war and the welcome they received both at Ostend and Dinant showed that the Belgians' regard for us has increased rather than diminished with the passage of time. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made and all concerned, from the highest officials to waiters and waitresses in hotels, quite embarrassed us by their many demonstrations of regard.

At Whitsuntide our Grand Eight and Stewards Four competed at Ostend Regatta. Their composition was as follows:—

- VIII. P. S. Pusey, A. J. G. Wood, J. L. Sangster, T. H. Christie, M. B. Scott, B. R. Worsnop, A. S. F. Butcher, P. C. Kirkpatrick, G. J. Gibson,
IV. A. S. F. Butcher, T. H. Christie, M. B. Scott, P. C. Kirkpatrick

They were accompanied and excellently coached by the ever youthful Tom Askwith to whom our thanks are due. The Regatta was held on a 2,000 metre course on the Ostend-Bruges canal. Five crews (Belgian, French and T.R.C.) rowing abreast took part in each event and both races were virtually fought out between Thames and an Antwerp club—in the IV's the Royal Antwerp R.C. and in the VIII's the Antwerp Sculling Club.

In the IV's the Royal Antwerp R.C. took an early lead and with Thames never more than a length astern, soon detached themselves from the rest of the field. Inch by inch Thames overhauled their opponents, until mistaking their landmark, they made their final effort too early and headed their opponents only to lose by 3 feet to a later spurt from Antwerp. The same Antwerp IV also won the coxed IV's and the same club provided the winning pair—and it is a pity they waited until too late to enter for Henley and thus lost the opportunity of measuring themselves with British crews at their peak.

In the VIII's the following day Thames got away to a good start and a fair lead, when a collision between two other crews caused the umpire to return all crews to the start. This time Thames did not start so well but nevertheless again took an early lead and continued to go away until about halfway, when they were $\frac{3}{4}$ length ahead of Antwerp R.C., with the rest further astern. From here the Thames rowing lost its punch and Antwerp gradually overhauled them and took a canvas lead. This time however it was Thames final spurt which prevailed by 3 feet, although most of the spectators had to wait for "God Save the King" to learn the winner.

The visit of our Thames Cup Eight (with the exception of 2, replaced by Graham Fisk) to

the beautiful little town of Dinant in the Ardennes was a rushed affair, as the Regatta took place on the Sunday following Henley and the majority of the crew could not leave their jobs for longer than the week-end. Consequently it was necessary to travel on the Saturday and race the next day which left only time for one short outing on the morning of the race. The composition of the crew was:—

T. P. Wilson (bow); G. C. Fisk; I. F. MacDonald;
R. H. Beaton; K. N. Woodward-Fisher; J. Pope;
J. C. Hyem; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); B. Graydon (cox)

The opposition consisted of three French crews and a strong composite Belgian eight, the members of which were selected as far as we could ascertain from Ostend, Ghent and Brussels. This crew was a formidable combination, although probably short of practise as a unit. The Dinant down-stream course on the River Meuse is somewhat short of 2,000 metres and includes a wide curve, the stations being suitably staggered and buoyed. Joe Eldeen took his crew at a high rate of striking and it soon became apparent that the French crews were outclassed. The Belgians, however, remained nearly level with Thames for a considerable distance. Then Thames slowly drew ahead, but were chased all the way by the Belgians and only won by a bare length. Their win delighted the large crowds and the festivities which followed were at least up to the high standard of hospitality which we have always associated with Dinant.

Without making invidious distinctions it is only right to pay tribute to our old friend Marcel Georges whose initiative and valuable assistance in every conceivable direction rendered possible the Thames victory. So to Marcel Georges we say: "Mille fois merci!"

C.H.M.

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Postscript.—Charles Morrell had always mothered Thames crews abroad, but since he wrote most of the above, someone else must add a few words to explain the absence of his name in such a familiar context.

He played his accustomed part with undiminished *savoir faire* and *verve*; on the very few occasions when his arrangements failed, the colourfulness of the scene was sufficient excuse—as when a fluent and most offensive sounding torrent of the local vernacular failed to produce the Belgian customs official one whit the earlier from his breakfast. The Belgians moreover were happy to renew their acquaintance with the man who had broadcast to them in the bitter days of their occupation in their native tongue—but unmistakably English, as he himself put it.

Charles' organisation was of course, not his only

contribution to the success of these trips—to a "needlely" crew his powers as a raconteur were not less beneficent. Since he has prefaced his remarks with one or two anecdotes, it is perhaps not unfair to tell one against him.

Forgetting one day that he was in Belgium, he used French in order to protect himself while projecting his voice to the end of a long luncheon table—and told one of his best, much to the delight of the whole assembled restaurant, though the ladies of course had to mask their approval.

Constantly associated with Charles in the organisation was Dick and his efforts really made it possible for us to row in comfort by taking our own boats and oars. With a few diplomatic enquiries after wife and family in his limited French, he soon had the foreign boatmen hustling about him and secures the best of accommodation and boat housing.

Together they made both trips possible and we can but say simply and sincerely thank you.

P.C.K.

DE MANCHA SWIMMING SHIELD

27th September, 1949.

With three of last year's team—G. C. Fisk, H. B. James and L. S. Williams, all of whom had improved their speed—and the addition of R. P. Willcock, Thames had no small hope of regaining the trophy they lost to Vesta last year.

In the first heat they were drawn with Westminster Bank "B", London and Vesta; and they stayed will in the lead with the latter until their place in the final seemed assured, when they eased up to come in about one body's length astern. Lensbury and Staines joined this pair in the final but from the start it was again a contest between Vesta and Thames, with the latter this time putting out that little extra which suggested that they might just win.

A first rate start by Lloyd Williams gave them a narrow lead, which the strong swimming of Willcock and James just managed to maintain—and then one of those unaccountable things happened. Whether the Vesta man left a shade sharply, or whether Fisk, invariably prompt in practice, left a shade late, nevertheless the next thing the Thames supporters were aware of was Graham in the water almost a length down. However a superb effort enabled him to overhaul his opponent inch by inch—until they touched almost inseparably. Such a finish caused confusion even among the officials, for the judge pointed to Graham first and then quickly altered his decision and awarded the race to Vesta in a time, 1 min, 14½ sec., almost two seconds faster than last year. Even our opponents paid us the compliment of thinking we had won.

J. L. S.

THE MAN AND THE ACHIEVEMENT by Ian Fairbairn

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"I thought he was just teaching me to row, but I have found out since that he taught me a great deal more."

It fell to my lot at one time or another to travel in somewhat remote places in Africa and Asia, places where one was entertained by such kind people as the District Commissioner or the Manager of The Imperial Bank of Persia, or our Consul, on the strength of a written introduction sent ahead some time before. After the numerous pieces of luggage had been stowed away by the almost as numerous "boys", my host would sit me in a long canvas chair beside his own on the verandah, and pour out two whiskeys and sodas. And then as often as not he would open the conversation by asking me "Are you any relation of Steve's?" On learning that Steve was my father he would pause for a minute or so, thinking back on his own rowing days; and then with uncanny frequency he would say that at some time he had been coached by Steve and would add the remark quoted above.

That was Steve's achievement and his reward. Steve was in search of the truth which he felt must be one and indivisible however seemingly varied in its superficial manifestations. Steve, let there be no mistake about it, never talked about rowing with his tongue in his cheek although he usually talked with a twinkle in his eye. He had a preference for talking in paradoxes and what he said frequently seemed to his listeners perverse. Moreover he readily entered into that badinage which relieves the strain of controversy, sometimes at the expense of formal accuracy. But Steve believed all he taught, even if he permitted himself sharp exaggerations, as he was wont to especially when he wanted to counter an exaggeration from the other side.

It seems all to have started in his mind from a conception of the unity of all athletics. All athletics, he believed, are based on timing, control, balance and touch. (In the passages dealing with this in his books he does not refer to the obvious other necessity for some games namely, a good eye, but of course he accepted that as a necessity for those games). His own athletic capabilities and performances were very wide; as for cricket and football, which he

played in his school-days and to some extent afterwards, the records speak for his considerable ability. He was a very good shot with a gun, and competent with a rifle with which he shot only very little. He was a good natural billiards player but had not sufficient teaching to make very big breaks. He was at least a very fair lawn tennis player by the standards of his day, which were probably considerably lower than those of to-day. He was a very good dancer and would often say that dancing was the highest form of athletics. An old Cambridge Blue who as an undergraduate at Jesus saw a great deal of Steve has written to me. "It was sheer pleasure—and an education in itself—to watch Steve skipping, a perfect example of timing, control, balance and touch. At the age of 59, he would skip up on the first floor of our wooden boathouse, and there would be no noise but that of the rope and no vibration of that rickety building."

Great athlete as he was, some games which he took to late in life he never mastered. He was an indifferent golfer; he was almost a clumsy skier and skater; and he was never at home on a horse, which was strange in an Australian of that generation which spent so much of its life in the saddle. This lack of horsemanship may have been due to nerves. Probably many of his friends in the rowing world, even some of those who knew him best, were not fully aware of how desperately, almost morbidly, nervous he was. He was nervous to the point of being neurasthenic and this caused a great deal of unhappiness in his life.

His love of games and sport made him a most lovable and enjoyable father of young boys. There still lives vividly in my memory the ecstasy of many an escapade we enjoyed together. Steve, who always had a great deal of the fun of a boy in him, seemed to enjoy those occasions every bit as much as did his children. And it was much in that spirit that he would take the keenest delight in bringing on some quite undistinguished member of a third or fourth crew. This love of the small occasion and the little man was a reflection of Steve's almost complete lack of class-consciousness. It was almost literally true of him that he did not know a dustman from a duke; and it is quite certain that whichever it was with whom he happened to be engaged in conversation, dustman or duke, Steve would be talking rowing to him within five minutes. And yet he was by no means devoid of appreciation of the need for authority and of its dignity and grace.

Steve's unaffected love of the game and his ability to infect others with it was one of the great factors in his success as a teacher. He thought that playing any game well should be

sheer delight; and this contrasted rather sharply with the widely held doctrine of those days that anything, if it was to be good for you (and games were supposed to be good for you and played to some extent for that reason), must be at least slightly unpleasant. This doctrine may well have been responsible for introducing into the orthodox teaching of those days the idea that there must be something in rowing which is hard and an effort. It is significant that in R. S. de Havilland's "Elements of Rowing" the words "Now comes the real hard part of rowing" are in italics; and the "REAL EFFORT" is emphasised by capital letters. This of course is clean contrary to Steve's "If you can't do it easily, you can't do it at all." Steve taught that appetite was to be trusted. But it would be very wrong to suppose from this that rowing under Steve was soft, carnal self-indulgence. On the contrary rowing under Steve was a stern discipline: "Mileage makes champions" was the rule which controlled practice, and in racing Steve's crews were proverbially of the fittest and of the most resolute in a finish. But it was all done with zest and for the love and joy of the rowing.

Two great principles of Steve's coaching, which contributed to the enjoyment which all his pupils found, were his emphasis on positive teaching and his insistence that a man should think out rowing for himself. He always preferred to tell a man the right thing to do rather than draw attention to some mistake which that man might be making. In this emphasis on positive teaching, on concentrating a man's mind on the thing to be done and the right way to do it instead of the way in which the man might be failing to do it, he was psychologically ahead of his generation of coaches. And in this he felt himself on the firm ground of that unity of truth of which he believed athletics was an integral part. He believed that by positive teaching of correct principles you can help a man forward in any walk of life much more quickly and surely than by pointing out his faults.

Remembering his insistence that a man must think it out for himself, it is surely true to say that those who read Steve critically and without bias are his most loyal followers. What he discovered and tried his best to hand on to others was that emptiness of all coaching copied

* R. S. de Havilland's pamphlet entitled "Elements of Rowing" will be published in the volume from which this extract is taken.

We are asked to point out that this isolated reference to R. S. de Havilland's teaching might present a wrong impression of the views of the author on this subject. In fact, the author's appreciative opinion is amply expressed in the further references to de Havilland in the forthcoming publication.

in parrot fashion from what one has heard, and the fullness and satisfaction of a conception of rowing which a man has thought out sincerely and honestly for himself as the result of his own direct experience of boat and oar—or indeed the fullness and satisfaction of sincerely thinking out for oneself the implications of any direct experience; for rowing was for Steve only a part of some vast whole. Each part of that whole he believed must be equally important; but it was chiefly through rowing and his wide and deep experience of it that this knowledge and belief had come to him, and so it was to rowing that he devoted his endeavours to explain his belief. He was well aware that neither he nor anyone else was likely ever to comprehend perfectly the whole truth of the matter. What one can do, he felt, is to think for oneself; and his books are full of advice not to accept his teaching, or anyone else's, slavishly, but to use it as an introduction to thinking honestly for oneself.

It was through sticking to principles such as these—that it is better to concentrate a man's mind on what he ought to be doing rather than on his besetting fault, and that a man must think it all out for himself—that Steve's teaching went far wider than the subject matter of rowing. "I thought he was just teaching me to row, but I have found out since that he was teaching me a great deal more."

I. F.

HON. SECRETARIES' NOTICES

List of Members.—The current list is not being printed in this issue, as it is proposed to circulate separately at a later date.

Alterations to Rules.—The Rules have been re-drafted, the Special General Meeting held on 6th December, 1949 having approved various changes to take effect on 1st March, 1950. The most important is the decision to require Country and Overseas Members to pay an annual subscription of 10s. 6d. Those whom it has been possible to consult have expressed approval of this charge, and it is confidently expected that all concerned will consider the privilege of membership well worth this comparatively modest sum. Copies of the new rules, when printed, will be available on application to the Hon. Sec.

Payment of Subscriptions.—Members are reminded that payment is due on 1st March annually, and much labour will be saved if members will remit the amount due without waiting to receive an account. Payment by Banker's Order, a method now used by an increasing number of members, is particularly appreciated, and we shall be pleased to supply forms for this purpose. The cost of this

"Journal" (3/6) may conveniently be added by those wishing to receive it regularly.

General Meeting.—The following are the principal matters dealt with at the meetings held in 1949 :—

31st March. The accounts were presented, and showed an excess of expenditure over income of £242 9s. 5d. The items were discussed in some detail, and the Hon. Officers undertook to keep a close watch in finance during the coming year. A minor change was made to Rule XIV (a), having the effect of limiting the permitted number of Hon. Secretaries and Hon. Treasurers to two of each, and of Hon. House Stewards to three. It was felt that a virtually unlimited committee did not make for efficient administration. All office-holders were re-elected for a further term, with the exception of A. H. Turner, who felt that fifteen years in office as Hon. Secretary qualified him for retirement. "Aub" was entertained to dinner as a guest of the Club, and was presented with a set of four inscribed tankards as a gift from the members (we are glad to note that he has deposited one of them in the Bar and frequently comes down to use it). R. W. Brown was appointed to succeed him.

15th September. P. C. Kirkpatrick was elected Captain and J. L. Sangster Deputy-Captain. On taking the Chair Kirkpatrick spoke of his hopes for the coming season, stressing the importance of regular attendance by members selected to row in crews. He mentioned the steady improvement in the standard of the Second Eight, and suggested that the Club's winning record of recent years could not be regarded with complete satisfaction until it included success in the Thames Cup, whatever other victories we might gain. On the nomination of the Committee J. H. Page was appointed a Vice-President in recognition of his services in five seasons as Captain. In expressing his thanks for the honour conferred on him the retiring Captain pointed out that a Vice-President not being an executive officer usually has little further opportunity of interference with the affairs of the Club, but by appointing him also an Honorary Secretary the Committee had deprived the members of that safeguard. The appointment of R. W. Brown as an Honorary Treasurer was announced (J. H. Page succeeding him as Honorary Secretary), and that of A. Vassilissin as an Honorary House Steward in the place of R. C. Farnham, who had felt compelled to resign the office on his marriage. The thanks of the Club were conveyed to Rex Farnham for the energetic and capable way in which he had discharged his duties. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Lensbury Club for the very valuable facilities they had

once more offered to our Henley crews while training at Teddington, and to those members who had helped with coaching during the past season. K. A. Williams was also heartily thanked for his work in rehangng pictures and other adornments of the Clubhouse walls.

News of Members.—We were glad to hear from C. J. F. Earle (Johannesburg), K. J. Holt (Calcutta), L. Pillar (Salisbury, S. Rhodesia), to whom we are indebted for a very generous and practical contribution to the Plum Pudding Supper, G. E. Parlby (Sydney), H. A. J. Rose (Nigeria), W. F. Wannenburg (Cape Town), E. C. W. Wilmott (Hong Kong) and several other distant members who sent us good wishes. We try to write to them individually when the nearer members are not bothering us too much ! F. N. Turner, who rowed in the Thames Cup crew of 1904, was over on a flying visit from Vancouver in the summer. He was unable to visit the Club, but was at Remenham on the Saturday before Henley Regatta and in the Enclosure on the first day. He wished to be remembered to those of his day.

Extract from "Daily Telegraph", Aug. 25th, 1949.

The International Olympic Committee has accepted the proposal of the International Rowing Federation to honour the famous British sculler Jack Beresford with the Olympic Diploma of Merit.

Extract from "Daily Telegraph", Oct., 1949

At a luncheon at the Netherlands Embassy in London Lieut. Cdr. C. M. Morrell, R.N.V.R., was invested an Officer in the Order of Oranje Nassau by the gracious direction of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. The presentation was made by the Netherlands Ambassador in London.

STOCK

The following articles are on sale at the Bar, or may be ordered by post from the Hon. Secretaries :—

	s.	d.
Ties (silk, diagonal pattern)	7	6
Ties (knitted, horizontal pattern) ...	4	0
Lapel Badges	3	6
Ribbon (for trimming vests) per foot	2	6
Buttons (large) each	9	
Buttons (small) each	8	
Caps (Club pattern)	22	6
Socks per pair	8	0
Shorts and Vests	New supplies on order. Prices not yet known	

Blue serge coats of the authorised pattern may be obtained from Messrs. Herbert Chappell,

Ltd., 50, Gresham St., E.C.2, at the following special rates :—

Medium weight £9 8s. 3d.

Heavier weight £13 8s. 3d.

(These prices include purchase tax and Club buttons).

HONORARY HOUSE STEWARDS' REPORT 1949

Last year's "first ever" was the Olympic Reception. This year it was the Children's Party, which took place on Saturday afternoon, 1st January. This arrangement was made to get full use from the decorations and the Christmas Tree provided for the New Year Eve Dance which ended earlier in the day. For those who were to attend both functions it was a risky plan, but it worked perfectly.

About 80 children turned up from 5-14 years of age. Many games were organised according to age groups. These divided up the entertainments. The tea itself rivalled anything that could have been seen before the war. One young chap aged nine confessed with pride that he had had 14 pieces of bread, butter and jam, 4 pastries, 3 pieces of cake as well as jelly, trifle and ice cream. It was a fine night and all seemed the better for it.

Uncle Arthur (A. Hutson) after tea kept old and young hilariously amused for three quarters of an hour with a Punch and Judy show and conjuring.

It was difficult to decide whether the old 'uns laughed more than the young 'uns.

This Party was such a success that another is to be held on 31st December next. This success was largely due to the enthusiastic organisation of a number of members wives. Without their skilled aid the thing would have been impossible.

Special thanks are due to Mr. & Mrs Ward for providing the Christmas Tree with its excellent decorations.

The New Years Eve Dance and an Informal Dance on 1st April, were held, in the usual way, that is to say a good time was had by all.

Rex Farnham has found that his own House Stewardship has required a lot of his time since his marriage in April. He has therefore retired after having done a tremendous amount of good work for the Club since 1946.

A. Vassilissin has taken Rex's place, while Paul Northam's enthusiasm about the bar has resulted in his being co-opted as an additional Hon. House Steward.

The Hon. House Stewards would ask all Club Members to co-operate with them as much as possible in helping the domestic side of the Club to run smoothly, for example: don't walk over

the parquet floor especially in dirty shoes, or leave cups and mugs in odd corners of the building, return them to the bar. Unfortunately, it is not possible to have a host of club servants, but those we have work mighty hard to keep the Club the pleasant place it is.

Some time in December a list will be placed in the Bar on which Members can state their requirements for Christmas drinks. The prices will be reasonable so please support this scheme for your own good as well as the Club's.

N.B.—This years New Years Dance will take place on Friday, December 30th, double tickets with refreshments 30/-. Please keep this date.

A. P. B.

THE CLUB DINNER

Before going to the West End in the evening for a function such as an Annual Dinner, some of us may have wondered whether it would be worth the trouble; there would be the bother of the boiled shirt, the travelling, the possibility of an extra austere meal, the expense and—those speeches. It is certain that those of us who went to The Dorchester on Saturday, 10th December, found their trouble well rewarded and enjoyed themselves a great deal.

To see ourselves and others spruced up in evening dress was a treat in itself. The food was excellent and was accompanied by the cheerful popping of dozens of champagne corks.

There was no doubt that this was G. C. (Bill) Killick's evening. The reception given to him as Chairman showed what a popular figure he is amongst Club members and other oarsmen. Not only did Jack Beresford recite his praises, but also his old stroke and seven of the 1928 Olympic crew, Jimmy Hamilton and G. O. Nickalls. The Chairman's own speech outlining the history of the Club gave us plenty of facts seasoned with a lively wit, which pleased us all.

Ronnie Symonds, as one would expect, gave us a delightful and polished speech in praise of our guests.

It seems we have done ourselves a disservice in not having asked Sir Harcourt Gold, our chief guest, to dine with us before. We hope we shall see him down at Putney in our own home before long.

The President of the O.U.B.C. was understandingly diffident—indeed hesitant—about a hospital incident which interested him, while the President of the C.U.B.C. made us aware, in spite of himself, that Monday has a special significance for him.

To complete this array of speakers it was only right that Freddy Page should also be called on and he, as Honorary Secretary, lightly

touched upon his present enthusiasm—subscriptions.

If you don't like good food, good speeches, good wine and good fellowship, the dinner would have been a failure. But for those that were there it was particularly memorable as it gave us an evening of pre-war excellence and an opportunity to show our friendship and regard for Bill Killick. A.P.B.

DIET AND PRESENT DAY TRAINING

If an oarsman comes to me and says that his diet nowadays isn't sufficient for him to row hard, than I always tell him that if it's as serious as that then he'd better give up rowing and spend all his time looking for food. He's no earthly use to me as an oarsman; his whole attitude towards rowing is all wrong.

Of course, we're not getting as much to eat now as we did twenty years ago, nor as much as we want, but it is quite certain we ate far too much twenty years ago, and we don't need all the food we want. Jack Beresford always used to say that one should get up from a meal feeling that one could eat more.

About the only item on our diet at present in short supply is meat, i.e., protein, needed to build up and replace wasted muscle fibre. But as any vegetarian (ask the Bean!) will tell you protein can be got just as well from carbohydrates. In these days of meat famine all that is needed is a little more care from the coaches during prolonged daily training, i.e., the Varsity Boat Race or Henley. Watch the weights of the crew rather carefully. And in any case, the shortage is the same for everyone. Don't bellyache, as Monty used to say!

As regards the rest of your diet, it really doesn't matter what you eat, so long as you can digest it properly. For years people have been talking nonsense about rowing men's diets, and I suppose always will. After all, coaches and captains have to lay down some rules.

Drink at least four pints of fluid a day and more in hot weather; two pints of this can be beer. Never, never restrict your fluids, unless you are a cox, and then that's only part of the cross you'll have to bear. Coxes aren't quite human so it doesn't matter.

Glucose is one of the finest things going for giving energy to a crew. Always put it in your fruit drinks and over your puddings. How do you get glucose? Well, find a complaisant doctor when he's not too busy being rude to Bevan.

Lots of fruit and vegetables, they're always good. Potatoes are NOT bad for you, why are the Galway folk so strong? Why toasted bread

is supposed to be better for you than ordinary, I don't for the life of me know. Not new bread of course, because that's hard to digest. Use your common sense.

Lastly don't forget to increase your salt intake during the hot days when you're losing a lot in sweat.

But so long as you are enjoying your food, there's not much wrong with your diet.

(Dr.) A. P. McE.

THE CLUB PLATE AND PICTURES

It is many years since we have been able to place much of the Club plate on show at Putney and there must be many members who have never seen some of the major items. Unfortunately it is still not possible to bring these pieces out from safe storage at the Club's silversmiths, and we were beginning to think that they might remain unused for ever. However a scheme has now been evolved by which some of them will come into use again. Briefly it has been decided to make loans of them, as the need arises, to regattas for use as challenge cups. A start has been made by so loaning one cup to the Schools Regatta now held each at Putney; a second and very handsome silver-gilt cup has been loaned to Walton Regatta to be used as a cup for the Senior Pairs, and other loans may be expected in due course.

The Cup presented to the late C. W. Hughes by over sixty members to mark the occasion of his wedding, and inscribed with their names was recently given to the Club by Mrs. Hughes, and this is now the challenge cup for the Club Fours. Before the war we had only one cup at the Club Regatta, the John Lang Cup for junior scullers. To this and the Hughes Cup we have now added a pair of Beakers, originally won by G. H. Vize, who rowed in 1870-1874, as challenge cups for the Club Pairs, and a cup given to the Club by Mr. R. C. Doubledee, as a challenge cup for Club Handicap Sculls.

The Club pictures suffered a good deal of damage during the war and temporary storage during the renovations to the Club did not improve many of them. However almost all of them have now been restored and rehung, and during the year there has been added a set of large scale maps of the more important regatta courses. We have very few action pictures of the earlier crews of the Club which won races at Henley, and we would welcome the gift of any such that older members may have in their possession, so that we can exhibit them in the Club. It is more particularly pictures of crews before 1900 that are needed, but it may be added that we have not action picture of the 1923 crew that won the Grand.

During the year we have added to the oars on the walls in the big room some won by the late C. W. Hughes, one oar of the 1948 winning Grand crew, and one used in the winning 1934 Thames Cup VIII. More recently A. F. Greenwood has sent to the Club four oars belonging to the late C. G. Rought and these have also been hung in the Club.

War damage to the Captains boards which used to hang in the bar was such that they could not be properly renovated, and a new board has been made and now hangs in their place, recording the names and years of all past captains and having space enough to last us for a good many years to come.

K. A. W.

OBITUARY

Since the first issue last year we have to report the deaths of five old members.

Dr. A. ALLPORT rowed "3" at Henley in the Grand crew of 1892 but in 1893 rowed "6" in J. M. Heath's crew which won the Thames Cup. Allport received his medical education at Guy's Hospital and was a notable "Rugger" player, being "capped" for England. He was a Past Master of the Algonants Lodge. Latterly he had been on the sick list and we cannot remember seeing him at the Club since one Saturday towards the end of the war when we were running a very modified race in the style of the Head of the River Race.

Dr. D. C. FAIRBAIRN, M.C., had been a member for some years, active and honorary. His practice in Southwark prevented him from appearing regularly, and chiefly we remember him as snatching an hour or two from work in the afternoons to scull in his best boat. His surgery was destroyed in the blitz and he joined the Ministry of Pensions, working in Cheltenham. He returned to London at the end of the war and was seen from time to time in the Club where he would view the activities of his son. He subsequently became ill but made a partial recovery and we last saw him at Kingston Regatta this year (where his son was rowing in the Wyfold class IV which he won).

J. B. GROVE was a Life Member for many years. He had served on the Committee and was an Honorary Secretary for about 10 years. Failing eyesight caused his retirement from business, when he went to live at Windlesham in Surrey after which his visits to the Club were few. We remember him at Remenham Club dinners held in the Club before the war and we think he was last at the Club at the General Meeting in March 1946. He rowed "3" at Henley in the Thames Cup crews of 1900 and

1901. He was an original member of the Remenham Club and was on the Committee at the time of his death. He once told us he had not missed a Regatta at Henley for 50 years. We last saw him in the Remenham Club during the Olympic Regatta, 1948. He was very delighted at the success of the Club, and of his old school (Bedford) at Henley in 1948.

The Hon. ERNEST GUINNESS was a brother of our President. He had been a subscribing member for many years and was a contributor to our special funds.

We regret to announce the death of EDGAR HAY, on December 19th, at the age of 86 years. He was the Senior Member of the Club and was Archdeacon of Barnstaple from 1935 to 1945. He rowed for Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and this Club.

E. D. RUTTER was cox of the Thames Cup crew at Henley in 1909 when he weighed 9 stones. He had been a life member for many years and had served on the Committee. We remember him telling us we tried to get an active place in a crew for Henley but was not successful. He went to Twickenham where he was made stroke of their Thames Cup crew which beat the Club crew in a heat. He lived at Wargrave and we cannot remember him at Putney but he was regularly in the Remenham Club on the Saturday before Henley.

CHARLES M. MORRELL

We regret to report the death of Charles Morrell, suddenly, on the 12th December while in Holland. He was present at the Club's Annual Dinner on the 10th December when he was in good form. Morrell was elected a member of the Club in 1912 and latterly took up life membership.

A member of the Artists' Rifles on the outbreak of the first Great War he gained a Commission in the The Munster Fusiliers but later transferred to The Flying Corps as an observer. He was shot down during an operation and interned in Holland and then began his long association with the Netherlands and her Far Eastern Colonies. On the cessation of hostilities he returned to England and resumed his activities with the Club and in 1920 was 7 in the 2nd Thames Cup Eights at Henley. He went to Batavia, Java, on business in about 1922. He rowed 3 in the first all British four to win the Senior Fours Trophy in the Soerabaia Rowing Club's Regatta of 1923. He was of the number of keen Dutch and British who formed the Batavia Rowing Club. During spells of work in London he rowed frequently for the Club, at

Henley in 1920 as noted above; bow of the 'Grand' crew of 1921 and 4 in the Thames Cup crew of 1924. He was Manager to the Rowing Team in the 1936 Olympic Games.

During the late hostilities he obtained a Commission in the R.N.V.R. and was assistant to the Naval Attache at the British Embassy at The Hague. He was an Officer in the Order of Oranje Nassau. It should be noted he was fluent in the Dutch and French languages. After Holland was overrun he was posted to the Foreign Navies Department at the Admiralty. About two years ago he complained of heart trouble but of late seemed to have made a good recovery and was from time to time seen in 'Old Mens' Fours. A popular figure in the Club, great sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Morrell and the two children.

A. H. T.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Library

16th October, 1949.

Sir,

You may be aware that the Club has recently rescued its rowing books from the limbo of the Secretary's Office, where they had hidden in a box since the beginning of the war, and placed them in quite a handsome bookcase in the Committee room. Unfortunately their numbers have been so depleted that they hardly make a prepossessing appearance in the book case.

I should, therefore, like to take the opportunity of the "Journal" to appeal to members to help re-stock the Club Library with all the books necessary to a good rowing background. Not that we contemplate spending our summer evenings training for Henley in reading aloud to each other judiciously selected extracts in the hope of improving our rowing without undue and unpleasant effort. A living club, however, should have some memory of the past and acknowledge the past struggles of its own members which form its present reputation.

Some of the most glaring gaps are the Rowing Almanacs for 1861-69, 1936, 1939:

Complete Oarsman, R. C. Lehmann;
A Textbook of Oarsmanship, G. C. Bourne;
Henley Races, 1903-14, Sir Theodore Cook.

Finally, the possession of the History of the Club is not only necessary to prove that such does exist but is vital to any preliminary steps towards talking some one into the ever increasing task of bringing it up to date.

Yours, etc.,

J. L. SANGSTER.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Junior (Putney Common); I have not actually heard the expression "drum-shove" used by coaches but am prepared to believe anything of them. Some are quite musical.

Mog (or is it Meg?) Cheltenham; I regret that your writing is illegible. Is it "on" or "under" the roundabout. In any case, the colours of this club are not blue and white, with pink socks.

PUTNEY PERSONALITIES

The CAPTAIN has asked the EDITOR to mention that he (the former) has absolutely no objection to members getting married—provided that they arrange it after Henley.

There is no truth in the rumour that BILL WILLIAMS has been asked to draft a new rule about it.

A certain Hibernian character who was recently married at the Folies Bergere, in Paris (according to the 'phone number he gave us) would like his friends to know that he can be found any Saturday morning in a meat queue at Richmond between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The selfish behaviour of PAUL NORTHAM and GRAHAM GODENIR in the Club Regatta, when, between them, they cornered three out of five events has met its just reward. The former has been made an Hon. Bar Steward for a term not exceeding twelve months and the latter has been drafted into the Army as a second-row forward.

In the event of "HAM" WARD going to prison in connection with the Xmas Draw he has refused point blank to go to the one "without bars."

As a result of his performance after the 'Plum Pudding Supper' GRAHAM FISK has received several offers from leading West-end impresarios. We understand that the intention is to 'float' (ahem!) GRAHAM as a one-man band and to present him at the Albert Hall on Boat Race Night. It should be a jolly evening!

Congratulations to JOHN LEVY for resisting the vulgar impulse to retain the winning Draw ticket for himself and allowing the sumptuous First Prize to go 'to the country'. We send our best wishes to Mr. G. W. Bellman of Chester and hope to see him sometime to receive a first-hand account of his hangover.

STOP PRESS

17th December; Christmas Eights.

Winners: P. J. Jacobs (bow); H. N. G. Cobham; G. W. Harding; R. S. Stock; E. F. Lucas; J. H. Armstrong; G. G. H. Page; A. M. Duncan (stroke); N. R. Bierrom (cox).

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EMPIRE GAMES

New Zealand, 1950

An appeal by the Amateur Rowing Association for a donation towards the main expenses of the Rowing contingent has been received. Members are reminded that half of the Rowing team is furnished by T.R.C., and it is felt that the Club should give every possible financial support (and in view of this) to the appeal.

Donations should be sent to the Hon. Sec. (amounts of 2/6d.—5/-d. from each member would aggregate to a generous contribution from the Club).

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Urs Burkhardt was in the See Club, Zurich, crew which won the Swiss Championship for coxswainless fours.

Walter Luckinger has been rowing with the Reuss Club, Lucerne, and represented Switzerland in the European Championships at Amsterdam, finishing 2 secs. behind the winning crew.

Both have started training in a pair with the Goblets in view. We hope to see them next Summer.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

One hundred and fifty gay revellers enjoyed this function held on Friday, 30th December, at the Clubhouse.

A welcome sight was the large proportion of the younger set gambolling to the strains of the band kindly provided by Eric Everest; any laggards were shepherded into action by Paul Northam who proved himself an excellent M.C. and organiser-in-general.

A Christmas tree, sixteen feet high, imparted a seasonal air to the festivities and our correspondent, who has booked a seat in the Bar for next year's function, informs me that a very, *very* good time was had by all.

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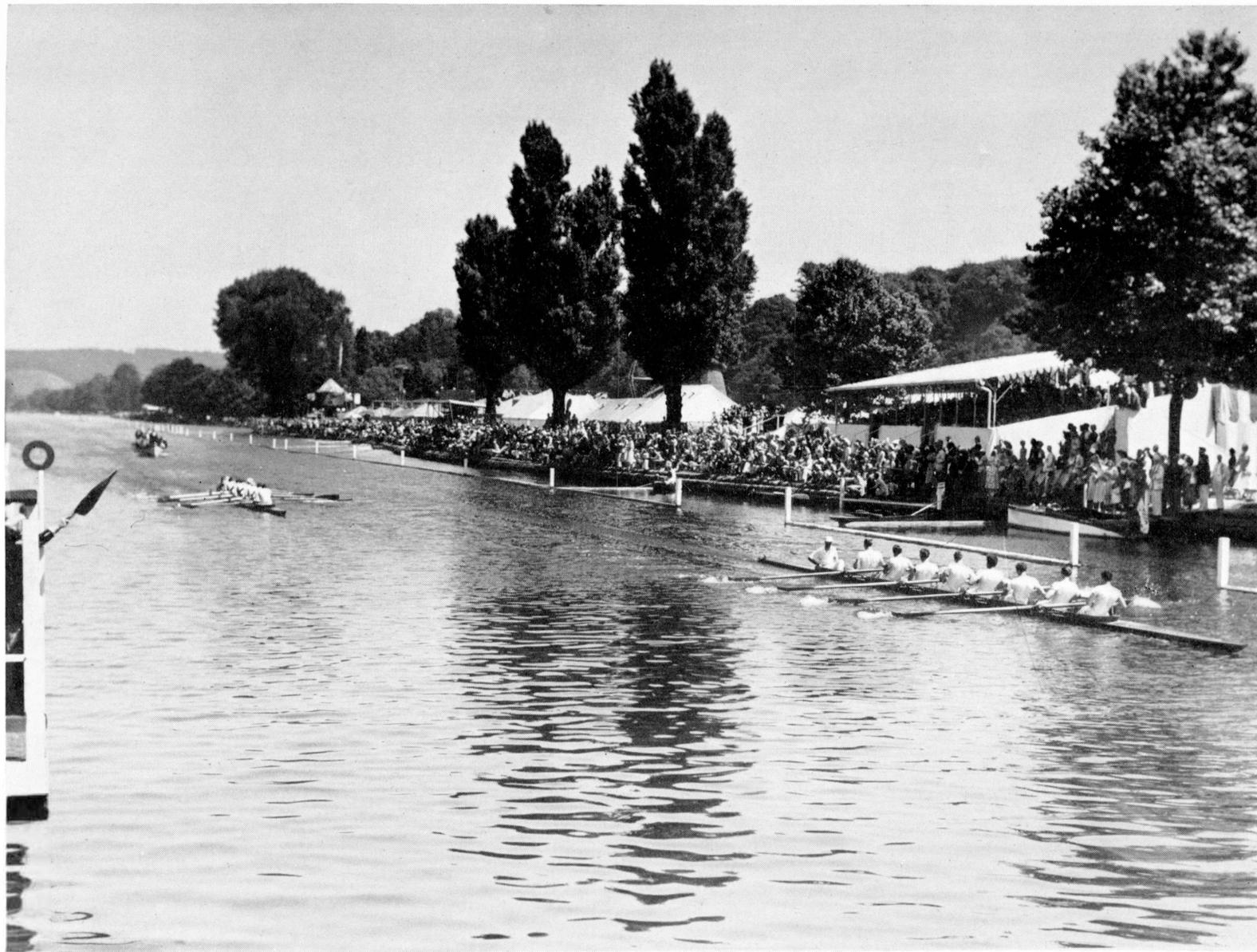
CHILDREN'S PARTY

This party took place at the Clubhouse on Saturday, 31st December.

The refreshments, which had been sampled by various under-nourished parents were of the usual high standard and *quite* popular with the children (approximately 60 starters) several of whom broke last year's record of cake consumption.

A film show (cartoons and sports) and a presentation from the lavishly decorated Christmas Tree completed a function which gets more popular every year.

The organisers would like their very willing helpers to know how much their generous efforts are appreciated. There can be little doubt in their minds as to the children's opinion of the party.



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HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA 1949—GRAND CHALLENGE CUP
Heat 6: Thames R.C. beating Cottage Club, Princeton, U.S.A.



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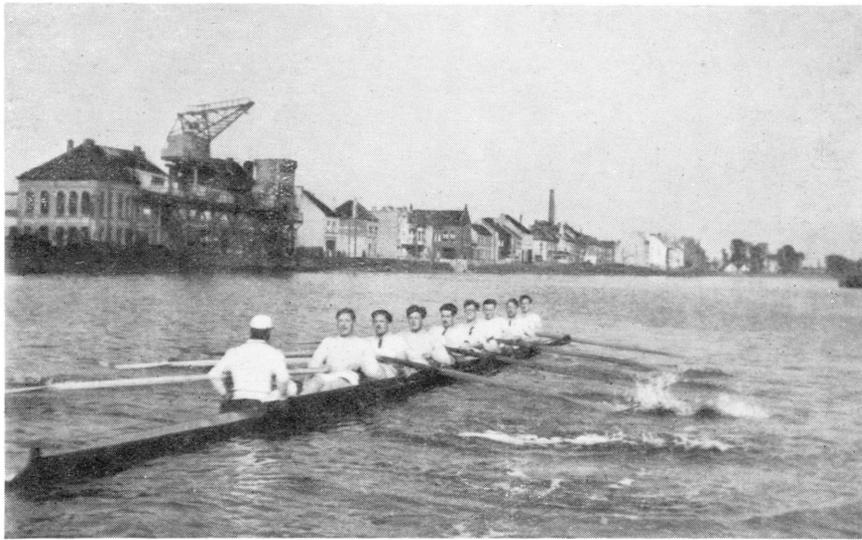
HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA 1949—THAMES CHALLENGE CUP
Heat 16: Thames R.C. beating Marlow R.C.



IAN FAIRBAIRN AND FRIEND AT HENLEY



THE SECOND EIGHT AT HENLEY



THE FIRST EIGHT AT OSTEND



"BEAN" AND FRIEND AT HENLEY



"BERRY"

