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The Captain in pensive mood



"BERRY"

from the portrait by Geoffrey Page

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THAMES ROWING CLUB

EDITORIAL

In this issue of the Journal the accent is naturally on the Olympic Games at Helsinki. Once again we are singularly fortunate in our reporters and we gratefully acknowledge their excellent contributions. Ronnie Symonds, Captain of the Club last year, gives us two very interesting articles covering the preliminaries, the training and trials for the Games, and an account of Henley. Paul Massey, a new contributor, emerges in the dual role of competitor and foreign correspondent.

Of outstanding interest and merit is the thoughtful dissertation by Ken Keniston (Harvard and O.U.B.C.), which will do much to show the Anglo-American rowing scene in clearer perspective and will, perhaps, rationalize some of the wild controversy current on the subject of English rowing performance in the Olympic Games. It is doubtful if a more competent judge exists at this time and his practical experience on both sides of the Atlantic enables him to speak with the voice of authority. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Keniston.

We are happy to be able to publish a reproduction of a new portrait which now hangs in the reading-room of the clubhouse. It is of J. Beresford, Senior, by Geoffrey Page. The artist has caught 'Berry' in a characteristic mood and one which we all know so well. We recommend all members who have not yet viewed this latest asset to the Club's décor to take an opportunity of doing so on their next visit to the Club.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

IN this, the fifth issue of the Journal, we mark an innovation in editorial policy; this report is by the current Captain on the year preceding his term of office. If many of the legends one has heard at the bar from time to time of the good old days are based on truth, one can be thankful that some of the succession of captains did not have this golden opportunity to say what they thought of their predecessors! And one can imagine the quandary this might so easily present in an unsuccessful year. The principle of *noblesse oblige* would probably prompt graceful and sympathetic excuses, but then one can remember times when—Ah, well!

Fortunately last year presents no problem. Congratulations to Ronnie Symonds on a successful season in 1952. It started on a note of confident optimism engendered by an imposing array of talent, all with the single determination in common—to wear a Union Jack on their zephyrs at Helsinki. It is doubtful if winter training has ever seen so many Blues in a Tideway crew.

The best-laid plans, however. . . . The decision to select the Leander Eight for the Games—and rightly so, as was proven at Henley—necessitated a change of plan. The ultimate goal was now in the fours and a four consisting of Fisk, Macmillan, Hobbs and Legg, with Guest as coxswain won the National Championship and Olympic Coxed Fours trials. This was followed by yet another Stewards win at Henley by a four composed of Massey, Macmillan, de Giles and Fisk, and this crew was finally selected to row at Helsinki, Hobbs and Legg travelling as spare men. Of the total of 29 oarsmen and officials in the rowing team 15 were members of this Club. The generous response to an appeal from the Captain to the older members enabled the Club to pay its fair share of the Olympic expenses and can be taken as a gesture of appreciation of his sterling efforts to make the Thames contribution a worthy one, both in manpower and financially.

After Henley the Senior Eights flag was carried by the Second Eight in the absence of the First Eight which was virtually in Helsinki. They rowed well to win the Grand at Kingston Regatta and at Bedford we carried off the Senior Eights and Fours.

The season's victories totalled 30 in all, and all classes were about equally represented in this impressive score (not forgetting the Veterans who won the Veteran Eights). It was gratifying to have two Junior Eights move up to higher class and to see the Junior-Seniors winning in both

eights and fours. The imposing list of victories of young Sidney Rand must not go unremarked and we shall watch his future in the R.A.F. with almost paternal interest. At eighteen years of age he won seven Senior sculling events and was undoubtedly one of the two fastest scullers in this country.

Throughout the season the services of several visiting coaches were employed with grateful appreciation and amongst others we should mention Brian Lloyd and Bill Arthur (both of L.M.B.C. and C.U.B.C.) and Peter Haigh-Thomas. Of our usual coaching 'family' Freddie Page and Arthur Sulley again did sterling work and the Captain himself finished the Stewards Four after Freddie had taken the earlier work.

Once again the administrative team in the office served the Club with its usual smooth efficiency. The Honorary Secretaries, J. H. Page and K. A. Williams (the former now the Honorary Secretary of the A.R.A.), are an excellent crew, dealing ruthlessly with the 'cruel sea' of correspondence which threatens to engulf the Club from time to time. The ministrations of Jock Lane and A. W. L. (Nobby) Clark with the cash books and ledgers and the labours of Edgar Traylen with the audit deserve our warmest thanks. The care of the Clubhouse is in good hands, Peter Kirkpatrick and 'Sparrow' Morris (Building Sub-Committee) wresting funds from Bill Killick (Chairman, Finance Committee) from time to time for the purpose of restoring the fabric and experimenting with the plumbing. Tod Hollom and Dick Messom have again acted as Honorary House Stewards and given good account of their stewardship. And last, but certainly not least, we have Ham Ward. His sweepstakes and draws are an integral part of the Club's finances and his unstinted toil and efforts for the Club's welfare must be recorded with a sincere vote of thanks. He has even more ambitious plans for the future and we await further news with some interest.

Of the Club servants, we have nothing but praise. Dick Phelps and his junior assistant, the 'boy David' Marriott, are a team of whom the Club can be proud and in whom we can consider ourselves very fortunate. The condition of the boats and oars is always first class and their care goes far beyond mere mechanical attendance. Dick is training his junior and the future appears to be well taken care of.

The bar and catering department are in the capable hands of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parker. The excellence of the meals is sufficient testimonial for Mrs. Parker and the appearance and

care of the bar speak highly of Parker's keen attention to his duties. The mirrored backing to the bar which adds so much lustre to its appearance is a thoughtful gesture of Jack Beresford's and is much appreciated. Observers of the Coronation parade should take especial note of the leading horseman (the Senior Warrant Officer) of the Legion of Frontiersmen—it will be Capt. Parker, late of 'The Greys' and now of Thames Rowing Club.

And now, before passing on to the chronicle of the season's achievements, one is asked, perhaps, 'And what of next season?' One can but reply in the words of Kipling's

'The King's Speech'—

'The best thing, I suppose
That a King can do for his land
Is the work that lies under his nose
With the tools that lie close to his hand.'

There is plenty of work to be done, and our tools are keen and in good supply; the active membership is greater than ever before in the history of the Club, and our equipment in boats and oars is of the best. I shall endeavour to emulate the achievements of last year and to hand on to my successors a legacy worthy of Thames.

R. R. S.

THE CLUB DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held on Dec. 5th at the Dorchester, when the largest number of members yet seen at this function assembled, in spite of the worst fog known in London for many years. The use of the ballroom was a happy idea of the management and enabled the record for the number of diners to be broken in comfortable and spacious surroundings. The reception and subsequent cocktails were enjoyed in the ante-room and the mood was set for a very pleasant evening.

The popular Chairman, J. C. (Felix) Badcock, was well supported by the young veterans of the twenties and the gathering included most of the V.I.P.s of English rowing.

The toast of 'The Club' was proposed by Mr. Harold Rickett, who spoke brilliantly and entertainingly on the subject of the Olympic Games and international competition in rowing. He gave the party much food for thought and, judging by some of the expressions on the faces of the 'diehard brigade', a little mental indigestion. Speeches such as this one, by an observer on the spot, competent and capable of forming reasonable deductions, do much to clear the fog from the confused scene presented to the average man in the street—or boat. Thank you, Mr. Rickett.

The Captain, R. R. Swatton, replied, thanking the proposer, and proceeded to comment briefly on the past season and the triumphs of his predecessor, Ronnie Symonds. He concluded by outlining the policy for the coming season, promising no miracles but plenty of 'blood, sweat and—tears'. Graham Alwin, Deputy Captain of the Club, proposed the health of the guests. Ironically enough, Sir Wavell Wakefield, M.P., was prevented from attending the dinner by a bout of 'flu—but, we are assured by the speaker, no sarcasm was intended. Lt.-Col. Harry Llewellyn, C.B.E., was also absent unavoidably; it was rumoured that his world-renowned horse Foxhunter had heard about the

horse-meat consumed at last year's training table—and had been heard to neigh his disapproval of such cannibal tastes. Amongst other welcome guests were Sir Eugen Millington-Drake, K.C.M.G., and the famous French septuagenarian, M. Georges Adam, who sculled the English Channel from Boulogne to Folkestone and back in one day in July last. The representatives of our 'friendly enemies'—the clubs on the Tideway and up-river—were also present in strength and, we gather, enjoyed a very happy evening. Replies by Sir Eugen and Mr. Michael Andrews, Captain of London Rowing Club, were received with somewhat bibulous acclamation.

The health of the Chairman was proposed by G. C. Killick and the company was regaled with several libellous anecdotes concerning the subject of the toast. In more serious vein, 'Bill' Killick reminded the members of their Chairman's magnificent record, particularly his stroking of fours which won the 'Stewards' four times and the Olympic Coxswainless Fours at Los Angeles in 1932.

In response, J. C. Badcock ('Felix' to his numerous friends in and on the Thames) thanked the members for a memorable evening. In his reminiscences of the past he stressed the importance of training and fitness. Those of us who remember his active days know so well that in this case he was only preaching what he always practised himself—the rewards are apparent in the records of first-class rowing.

The Committee again wish to record a vote of thanks to Mr. Colombi and his staff at the Dorchester for their very helpful co-operation. In spite of the dense fog a large party made its way to Putney and the convivial evening continued at the Clubhouse until the early hours. Several members had to stay the night and the Parkers once again 'turned up trumps'—producing firstly, beds and blankets, and secondly, a substantial breakfast for all. All in all, a Club Dinner to remember.

PROLOGUES TO THE REGATTA SEASON 1952

BOUSTEAD CUP

29th March

The race for the Boustead Cup was held during the morning of Boat Race day, 29th March, and, following the custom established in 1951, the Second and Third Eights of Thames and London raced as well as the First Eights. Weather conditions were appalling with a blizzard of snow driving hard under a northerly gale. They were so bad that the Umpire, G. O. Nickalls, decided that it would not be possible to race over the whole course from Mortlake to Putney, and he shortened it to one from Hammersmith Bridge to the University Stone at Putney.

In the race for the Cup, Thames got away better from a drifting start to pick up a half-length lead in the first minute. London made several efforts to get on level terms, but, having taken the initiative, Thames kept it, and we eventually won by three-quarters of a length, and so reversed the result of the Head of the River Race a week before, when London had beaten Thames by 2 seconds.

The crew was: G. C. Fisk (bow); M. Legg; P. A. de Giles; S. Hobbs; R. A. F. Macmillan; P. M. O. Massey; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); G. J. Alwin (cox).

In the race for Second Eights, London, represented by their Scullers Eight which had finished 4th in the Head of the River Race, drew away from the start, striking the higher rate, and won by 3 lengths. The Third Eights got away to a level start, and there was very little between them for much of the course; but in the last minutes Thames drew ahead and won by half a length.

Second Eight: G. S. Dear (bow); R. C. Wright; P. G. Essam; A. C. Riemer; J. R. Johnson; J. Pope; P. S. Pusey; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).

Third Eight: R. C. Davie (bow); J. B. McKee; A. C. Coates; W. Bull; L. Abel-Smith; L. S. Williams; J. C. Hyem; B. C. Lawrence (stroke); P. S. Moss (cox).

HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

22nd March

First Eight: G. C. Fisk (bow); M. Legg; P. A. de Giles; A. L. MacLeod; S. Hobbs; P. M. O. Massey; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); G. J. Alwin (cox).
Started 2nd, finished 3rd. Time, 19 min. 27 sec.

Second Eight: G. S. Dear (bow); R. C. Wright; P. G. Essam; J. R. Johnson; R. A. F. Macmillan; J. Pope; P. S. Pusey; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).
Started 22nd, finished 10th. Time, 19 min. 49 sec.

Third Eight: J. A. Wilmot (bow); J. M. Currie; R. C. Morris; B. R. Worsnop; H. W. Rushmere; T. H. Christie; A. D. Rowe; J. P. Dizer (stroke); J. G. Dearlove (cox).
Started 40th, finished 42nd. Time, 20 min. 47 sec.

Fourth Eight: R. C. Davie (bow); J. B. McKee; A. C. Coates; W. Bull; L. Abel-Smith; L. S. Williams; J. C. Hyem; B. C. Lawrence (stroke); P. S. Moss (cox).
Started 43rd, finished 29th. Time, 20 min. 19 sec.

Fifth Eight (Junior-Seniors): B. T. Ramm (bow); P. R. Rumney; R. J. M. Thayer; H. G. V. Denning; P. G. Alliston; A. C. Riemer; R. C. Bray; J. C. Holben (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).
Started 94th, finished 41st. Time, 20 min. 26 sec.

Sixth Eight (1st Juniors): K. H. Worden (bow); L. E. Stevens; M. H. Groves; T. J. L. Alexander; D. P. C. Platt; P. B. Rooksby; N. A. Pullen; A. R. Reddin (stroke); T. W. M. Teraoka (cox).
Started 125th, finished 80th. Time, 20 min. 59 sec.

Seventh Eight: B. F. Abraham (bow); C. I. Pedersen; E. S. Bulman; M. Budd; F. E. Berry; G. F. E. Joselin; D. H. Rawlings; D. H. Drury (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).
Started 126th, finished 121st. Time, 21 min. 21 sec.

Eighth Eight (2nd Juniors): I. K. Christmas (bow); P. Morris; A. Gros; C. C. Clayton; J. P. M. Thomson; J. Ph. Raeymaeckers; S. Smith; C. J. Legoe (stroke); P. C. Poulton (cox).
Started 133rd, finished 131st. Time, 21 min. 29 sec.

Ninth Eight (Veterans): A. G. Thoday (bow); L. E. Simmonds; C. L. Champion; W. S. Douglas; R. Farkas; R. Cartledge; K. Vernon; N. H. Bow (stroke); B. J. Simmonds (cox).
Started 156th, finished 153rd. Time, 21 min. 44 sec.

Tenth Eight: G. C. C. Pepys (bow); A. H. Tarn; W. S. Ham; W. S. Green; H. A. Wightman; D. E. Goodall; J. L. Cooke; F. A. Boom (stroke); A. M. McG. Groom (cox).
Started 162nd, finished 179th. Time, 22 min. 9 sec.

Eleventh Eight (3rd Juniors): P. Tyler (bow); V. N. Hyman; L. A. New; J. G. Chandler; H. J. Hodgson; H. Ross; B. F. Middleton; C. Martinolli (stroke); R. L. Hicks (cox).
Started 167th, finished 200th. Time, 22 min. 51 sec.

READING HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

15th March

T.R.C. 'A' Crew: G. S. Dear (bow); R. C. Wright; P. G. Essam; J. R. Johnson; R. A. F. Macmillan; J. Pope; P. S. Pusey; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).
Started 17th, finished 8th. Time, 16 min. 24 sec.

T.R.C. 'B' Crew: B. T. Ramm (bow); P. R. Rumney; R. J. M. Thayer; H. G. V. Denning; P. G. Alliston; A. C. Riemer; R. C. Bray; J. C. Holben (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).
Started 22nd, finished 27th. Time, 17 min. 14 sec.

T.R.C. 'B' Crew holed their boat on a sunken stake before the race and rowed with the hole plugged with sweaters.

OUR TELEVISION BROADCAST

On the 12th May, 1952, the first television programme ever to describe rowing, as opposed to straight reporting, in sound or vision of a regatta or race was transmitted from Thames Rowing Club between 7.45 and 8.30 p.m.

This was one of a series of outside broadcasts describing how potential candidates for the Olympic Games at Helsinki were training for their various events, and while none of the Sports Associations or Clubs concerned in the programmes received any payment, the B.B.C. donated 600 guineas to the British Olympic Fund by way of *quid pro quo*.

It was an interesting experience for all of us and, in spite of the inevitable difficulties of arranging rehearsals and the general upset—for the B.B.C. unit of some eighteen persons descended on the Club for three days prior to the broadcast—I think we all enjoyed it. But, my word! the relief when it was all over; when the Club, inside and out, stopped looking and behaving like a location for a film, when the cables (miles and miles of them) were rolled up, the arc-lights and mikes packed away, the cameras and trolleys collected up and when it was possible to park one's car within a hundred yards of the Club without being asked to move it because 'we must put the van there' (yet another one). But for some time afterwards strange phrases were heard at the bar such as 'sound mixing,' 'panning to the river' and 'fading A.P. sound and vision.'

Bill Duncalf was the producer, Max Robertson the commentator, and the actors as wide a selection of genuine candidates for Olympic honours as possible, clubs as well as individuals, for this was a general rowing programme and we tried to give as fair a showing as possible to other clubs. I say 'we' because we did devise and very largely write the programme and script.

It began with the A.P. announcement—sorry, Alexandra Palace: 'This evening's outside broadcast, which is the fourth in our Olympic Games training series, deals with rowing. It comes from one of the most celebrated parts of the River Thames, familiar to oarsmen the world

over, and is introduced by Max Robertson.

To the strains of the Eton Boating Song (Old Father Thames would have been so much more appropriate, but on the musical background we were not consulted) in the phraseology of the script: 'A.P. sound and vision fades, fade in O.B. sound and vision' to Max Robertson standing in front of the boathouse while the camera takes in the scene. Robertson: 'This is the scene of the start of the Boat Race. From Putney Bridge, 400 yards away, all the way along the south bank, the Hard as it is called, are rowing clubs and buildings which are household names to rowing men the world over: Aylings, the oar makers, Edwin H. Phelps, the boat builder, Ted Phelps and his brother Eric, both one-time professional sculling champions of the world, and the boathouses themselves, dominated by the two great tideway clubs, London and Thames, and it is from Thames Rowing Club that this programme comes to-night.'

Graham Alwin was then heard giving orders to the Thames First Eight who lifted their boat off the racks and carried it out. This made an excellent picture. A camera, mounted on a trolley, was positioned at the far end of the boathouse and followed the crew out and down to the water's edge, holding them until they paddled away.

Here your very nervous captain came into the picture and, in an interview with Max Robertson, attempted to describe the difference between rowing and sculling, different craft, pairs, fours, double scullers, etc., outlined the various events at the Olympic Regatta and related the distance of the course, 2,000 metres, to some of our own regattas: explained that the A.R.A. Selection Committee had so far nominated only the Leander Eight and Tony Fox and that our representatives for the other events would be nominated during the summer.

In the course of this interview we had moved down to the river and Tony Fox was cued in, paddling up from London Rowing Club. I called out to him and he drew into the bank

while Robertson talked to him, congratulated him on his second win in the Wingfields, etc., etc. As he sculled away Phil Carpmael and Edward Sturges drew up in their double-sculling boat and were asked about entries for the trials in this event. The timing of the various crews so that they should reach the interviewing point on time worked well during the actual broadcast but had been a source of worry since in the only full-dress rehearsal we had been able to arrange the tide had been running out, making all attempts at accurate timing quite impossible.

Next came the pair from Westminster Hospital, Tom Christie and Chris Bywater. They were rowing from the Club so the camera brought them down from the boathouse and they were interviewed getting into their boat. As they paddled away the cameras followed them up river and Robertson and myself moved up the Hard to the boathouse where our new Coxwained Four had been placed on trestles half across the road and a camera on the Club balcony picked out the various points of rig and boat construction as Dick Phelps and Edwin Phelps, her builder, discussed them.

Meanwhile the Eight had returned and, after following them ashore and back into the boathouse, the cameras switched to the launch where various personalities were picked out: Berry, Freddie Page, Sandy Duncan, Secretary of the British Olympic Association, and finally Jack Beresford, who was introduced as the Manager of the British Rowing Team and, having come ashore and joined us, discussed such points as comparative standards of oarsmanship over the years, technical developments and Olympic prospects (in which, please note, no exaggerated assumptions were made).

By this time our Eight were ready to embark in their two Fours, the Coxed, which later won the trial race and the National Coxed Four Championship, Maurice Legg, Sam Hobbs, John Macmillan, and Graham Fisk, stroking on bow side, with Alwin coxing in place of Lawrence Guest who had not yet been dragged away from school; and the Coxless Four, then seated, Peter de Giles, Paul Massey, Tony Butcher and Peter Kirkpatrick.

As they stepped into their boats and paddled away the London Rowing Club Stewards Four was cued in and interviewed and then they followed our own Fours up river and out of the picture.

A long-range camera now picked up the Thames Fours who had turned at Fulham

Football Ground and were lining up to race for a couple of minutes down towards Putney Bridge and while I commentated on this Max Robertson moved quickly upstairs to the Club Room where a very good 'atmosphere' picture was obtained, the camera being placed just inside the windows, back to the balcony, so that it could move round the room taking in the pictures, oars and cups and finally coming to rest on Robertson, standing in the middle of the room, so that, continuing the view beyond him viewers could see through the open door into the bar whence came familiar animal noises intended to give veracity to an essential feature of life at Thames Rowing Club. I now joined Robertson and that was the signal for Parker to emerge with two foaming tankards and the programme ended with our drinking to the success of our team and wishing 'good luck' to the Leander Eight in training at Cambridge.

It was not a simple broadcast either to arrange or execute and three-quarters of an hour can seem a very long time, but everyone contributed and helped all they knew and no sooner was it over than the B.B.C. powers that be at Alexandra Palace rang up and congratulated all concerned, much to our relief, because we hadn't a clue how it had gone over. It was reassuring, too, to read later several complimentary remarks in both morning and evening papers.

The only really nerve-racking moment on the night (from a purely personal point of view) occurred just after Max and I had reached the water's edge at the start of the programme and were waiting for Tony Fox to appear. The police had cleared the hundreds of spectators into a wide Vee stretching from the Club to the river and Max and I, in the centre of this, found ourselves joined by a couple of dogs who proceeded, as dogs will, to talk shop. And in expressing our very sincere thanks to the police for their help, without which the broadcast could not possibly have been carried through, I should like to record a special, and very fervent, note of gratitude to the P.C. who so promptly broke up this particularly ill-timed canine discussion; after all, it was not that sort of programme.

R. H. H. S.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *It will come as no surprise to our readers to hear that Ronnie Symonds wrote the script, produced and played a leading part in this eminently successful television broadcast.*)

THE SEASON'S ROWING

Races and Regattas 1952

HAMMERSMITH REGATTA

3rd May

Lady Hays Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

B. T. Ramm (bow); P. R. Rumney; R. J. M. Thayer; H. G. V. Denning; L. Abel-Smith; A. C. Riemer; R. C. Bray; M. F. Alexander (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Latymer Upper School B.C., 2; Battersea Polytechnic B.C., 3. $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Final: Thames Tradesmen R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Kelmescott Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

B. T. Ramm (bow, steers); F. E. Berry; A. C. Riemer; M. F. Alexander (stroke).

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; University College and Hospital B.C., 2; St. Paul's School B.C., 3. 2 feet.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Westminster Hospital B.C., 2; Lensbury R.C., 3. 2 lengths.

Marshall Hays Challenge Cup (Maiden Eights)

K. H. Worden (bow); L. E. Stevens; N. A. Pullen; J. P. Bashford; D. P. C. Platt; P. B. Rooksby; D. H. Catlin; A. R. Reddin (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Fitzwilliam House, 2; Latymer Upper School B.C., 3. 3 lengths.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Thames Tradesmen R.C., 2. 2 lengths.

PUTNEY REGATTA

10th May

Reeve Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

B. T. Ramm (bow); R. J. M. Thayer; T. E. M. Douglas; F. E. Berry; H. G. V. Denning; A. C. Riemer; R. C. Bray; M. F. Alexander (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; Barclays Bank R.C., 2. Very easily.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Thames Tradesmen R.C., 2; Vesta R.C., 3. $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 4 min. 27 sec.

Eyre Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

B. T. Ramm (bow, steers); F. E. Berry; A. C. Riemer; M. F. Alexander (stroke).

Heat 1: Lensbury R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Northampton Engineering College R.C., 3. 1 length, easily; 5 min. 4 sec.

Beverley Bowl (Junior Clinker Eights)

K. H. Worden (bow); L. E. Stevens; N. A. Pullen; J. P. Bashford; D. P. C. Platt; R. B. Rooksby; D. H. Catlin; A. R. Reddin (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Imperial College B.C., 2. Very easily.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Harrodian R.C., 2. 4 lengths; 4 min. 38 sec.

THAMES DITTON REGATTA

17th May

Sawtell Challenge Cup (Junior Clinker Eights)

I. K. Christmas (bow); R. L. Hicks; G. P. Vallencey; M. H. Groves; B. Garrard; O. H. Chaldecott; J. P. M. Thomson; C. J. Legoe (stroke); P. C. Poulton (cox).

Heat 5: T.R.C., 1; Molesey B.C., 2. $\frac{1}{2}$ length, after two restarts.

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Reading University B.C., 2. 1 length, 3 min. 3 sec.

Final: B.A.S.A.R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 3 min. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

VESTA ROWING CLUB OPEN DASHES

21st & 22nd May

Quintin Challenge Cup (Senior Eights)

G. C. Fisk (bow); M. Legg; S. Hobbs; R. A. F. Macmillan; A. S. F. Butcher; P. M. O. Massey; P. A. de Giles; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); G. J. Alwin (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; University of London B.C., 2; London R.C., 3. $\frac{1}{4}$ length, 1 min. 13 sec.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Vesta R.C., 2. 1 length, 1 min. 15 sec.

Fitte Challenge Cup (Senior Fours)

M. Legg (bow); S. Hobbs; R. A. F. Macmillan; G. C. Fisk (stroke on bow side, steers).

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; London R.C., 2. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 1 min. 17 sec. (equals record for course).

Final: T.R.C., 1; Vesta R.C., 2. 2 lengths.

Tweddell Trophy (Junior-Senior Eights)

B. T. Ramm (bow); R. J. M. Thayer; R. C. Bray; F. E. Berry; A. C. Riemer; H. G. V. Denning; T. E. M. Douglas; M. F. Alexander (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).

Heat 1: London R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; King's College (London) B.C., 3. 2 feet, 1 min. 17 sec.

William Dash Challenge Cup (Senior Sculls)

A. Watson lost to P. Carpmal.

P. C. Northam lost to J. Pinches.

CHISWICK REGATTA

24th May

Allanson Memorial Challenge Trophy (Thames Cup Eights)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow); G. S. Dear; W. Bull; B. C. Lawrence; L. S. Williams; J. N. Eldeen; J. A. Andrews; A. F. Fox (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Westminster Bank R.C., 2. 2 feet, 4 min. 9 sec.

Heat 4: Crowland R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Lensbury R.C., 3. 3 feet, 3 min. 53 sec.

Family Challenge Cup (Wyfold Fours)

P. S. Pusey (bow, steers); R. C. Davie; J. C. Hyem; R. C. Wright (stroke).

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; Argosy B.C., 2; St. Bartholomew's Hospital B.C., 3. 1½ lengths.

Goring Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

B. T. Ramm (bow); R. J. M. Thayer; R. C. Bray; F. E. Berry; A. C. Riemer; H. G. V. Denning; T. E. M. Douglas; M. F. Alexander (stroke); P. S. Moss (cox).

Heat 3: T.R.C., 1; Battersea Polytechnic B.C., 2; Kensington R.C., 3. 1½ lengths, 3 min. 57 sec.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Reading University B.C., 2; Vesta R.C., 3. ½ length, 3 min. 55 sec.

Ronald Studd Challenge Trophy (Junior Eights)

K. H. Worden (bow); L. E. Stevens; N. A. Pullen; J. P. Bashford; D. P. C. Platt; P. B. Rooksby; D. H. Catlin; A. R. Reddin (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).

Heat 6: T.R.C., 1; Horseferry R.C., 2; Polytechnic Students B.C., 3. 2½ lengths, 4 min. 21 sec.

Heat 10: T.R.C., 1; Weybridge R.C., 2; Thames Tradesmen R.C., 3. ¾ length, 4 min. 0 sec.

Final: T.R.C., 1; University of Southampton B.C., 2; Reading University B.C., 3. ¾ length, 4 min. 16 sec.

Anglian Challenge Cup (Senior Pairs)

A. R. Watson (bow, steers); G. P. Godenir (stroke).

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; London Hospital R.C., 2. 2½ lengths, 5 min. 0 sec.

Final: Westminster Hospital B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 3 lengths, 4 min. 55 sec.

Senior Sculls

P. C. Northam lost in the final to J. Marsden.

RICHMOND & TWICKENHAM REGATTA

31st May

Liversidge Trophy (Wyfold Fours)

P. S. Pusey (bow, steers); R. C. Davie; J. C. Hyem; R. C. Wright (stroke).

Race 9: University of London B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 1 length, 3 min. 55 sec.

WALTON REGATTA

7th June

Walton Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

G. S. Dear (bow); H. G. V. Denning; J. A. C. Andrews; B. C. Lawrence; A. C. Riemer; L. S. Williams; T. E. M. Douglas; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).

Heat A: T.R.C., 1; Midland Bank R.C., 2. Easily, 4 min. 51 sec.

Heat F: T.R.C., 1; Reading University B.C., 2. 1 length, 4 min. 55 sec.

Heat H: T.R.C., 1; University College and Hospital B.C., 2. Canvas, 4 min. 51 sec.

Final: T.R.C., 1; University College, Oxford, 2. 4 feet, 4 min. 50 sec.

Goring Challenge Cup (Wyfold Fours)

P. S. Pusey (bow); R. C. Davie; J. C. Hyem; R. C. Wright (stroke).

Heat B: T.R.C., 1; Staines B.C., 2. 2 lengths, 5 min. 40 sec.

Final: T.R.C., 1; National Provincial Bank R.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 5 min. 32 sec.

Sabin Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

B. T. Ramm (bow); L. E. Stevens; R. J. M. Thayer; P. B. Rooksby; F. E. Berry; A. R. Reddin; D. H. Catlin; M. F. Alexander (stroke); P. S. Moss (cox).

Heat A: T. R. C., 1; Kensington R.C., 2. ½ length, 5 min.

Heat G: T.R.C., 1; Twickenham R.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 5 min. 8 sec.

Heat I: T.R.C., 1; St. Edmund's Hall B.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 5 min. 14 sec.

Final: London R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 2½ lengths, 4 min. 59 sec.

Thames Rowing Club Challenge Cup (Senior Pairs)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow); W. Bull (stroke).

Heat A: T.R.C., 1; Molesey B.C., 2. Easily, 6 min. 12 sec.

Heat C: T.R.C., 1; R.A.F. (Benson) R.C., 2. 1 length. Final: Marlow R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. Easily, 5 min. 53 sec.

Dan Fitte Challenge Trophy (Senior Sculls)

S. C. Rand.

Final: Rand, 1; J. Marsden, 2. 4 lengths, 6 min. 1 sec.

READING REGATTA

14th June

Grand Challenge Cup (Senior Eights)

P. A. de Giles (bow); G. C. Fisk; S. Hobbs; M. Legg; R. A. F. Macmillan; P. M. O. Massey; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); G. J. Alwin (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; University of London B.C., 2.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Eton College B.C., 2. ¾ length, 4 min. 39 sec.

Stanmore Challenge Bowl (Senior Fours)

'A' Crew: A. S. F. Butcher (bow, steers); P. A. de Giles; P. M. O. Massey; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

'B' Crew: M. Legg (bow); S. Hobbs; R. A. F. Macmillan; G. C. Fisk (stroke on bow side, steers).

Heat 1: T.R.C. 'A' withdrew.

Heat 3: T.R.C. 'B', 1; Leander 'A', 2. ¾ length, 4 min. 56 sec.

Final: Pembroke College B.C., 1; T.R.C. 'B', 2. 1½ lengths.

Austin Balsom Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

B. T. Ramm (bow); H. G. V. Denning; J. A. C. Andrews; B. C. Lawrence; A. C. Riemer; L. S. Williams; G. S. Dear; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).

Heat 6: T.R.C., 1; Thames Tradesmen R.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 4 min. 50 sec.

Heat 9: T.R.C., 1; Reading University B.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 4 min. 49 sec.

Final: T.R.C., 1; University College and Hospital B.C., 2.

Reading Challenge Vase (Wyfold Fours)

P. S. Pusey (bow steers); R. C. Davie; J. C. Hyem; R. C. Wright (stroke).

Heat 5: Corpus Christi College 1; T.R.C., 2. 4 lengths, 5 min. 1 sec.

Sandeman Challenge Cup (Junior Senior Eights)

K. H. Worden (bow); L. E. Stevens; N. A. Pullen; J. P. Bashford; D. P. C. Platt; P. B. Rooksby; D. H.

Catlin; A. R. Reddin (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).
Heat 7: King's School, Canterbury, B.C., 1; T.R.C.,
2. 1½ lengths, 4 min. 48 sec.

Maiden Erlegh Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

R. C. Bray (bow, steers); R. J. M. Thayer; F. E. Berry; M. F. Alexander (stroke).

Heat 4: King's College, London, B.C., 1; T.R.C. disqualified.

R.M.C. Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

I. K. Christmas (bow); O. H. Chaldecott; J. P. M. Thomson; M. H. Groves; B. Garrard; P. D. Weight-Vowden; G. P. Vallencey; R. L. Hicks (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).

Heat 9: T.R.C., 1; Bristol University B.C., 2. 2½ lengths, 4 min. 58 sec.

Heat 13: St. Edward's School B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 1 length, 4 min. 47 sec.

Dymore Brown Challenge Trophy (Open Pairs)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow, steers); W. Bull (stroke).

Heat 1: R.A.F. (Benson) B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 5 min. 47 sec.

Harrison Jones Trophy (Double Sculls)

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

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; Bedford R.C., 2. 3 feet, 5 min. 34 sec.

Final: Reading R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. Easily.

Chas. H. Dood Challenge Cup (Senior Sculls)

S. C. Rand.

Heat 1: Rand rowed over.

Heat 2: Rand, 1; R. M. Martin, 2. 2½ lengths, 5 min. 40 sec.

Final: Rand, 1; W. Blue, 2. 3 lengths, 5 min. 54 sec.

MARLOW REGATTA

21st June

Grand Challenge Cup

P. A. de Giles (bow); G. C. Fisk; S. Hobbs; M. Legg; R. A. F. Macmillan; P. M. O. Massey; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); G. J. Alwin (cox).

Race 60: T.R.C., 1; London R.C., 2. 2 lengths, 4 min. 7 sec.

Final: T.R.C., 1; University of London B.C., 2. ¾ length, 4 min. 11 sec.

Senior Fours Challenge Cup

P. A. de Giles (bow); P. M. O. Massey; A. S. F. Butcher (steers); P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

Final: London R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 1 length, 4 min. 23 sec.

Marlow Eights Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

G. S. Dear (bow); H. G. V. Denning; J. A. C. Andrews; B. C. Lawrence; A. C. Riemer; L. S. Williams; T. E. M. Douglas; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).

Race 15: T.R.C., 1; Queens' College, Cambridge, 2. 1 length, 4 min. 19 sec.

Race 57: T.R.C., 1; Molesey B.C., 2; Southampton University B.C., 3. 1½ lengths, 4 min. 16 sec.

Race 90: T.R.C., 1; First and Third Trinity, 2; University College and Hospital B.C., 3. ½ length, 4 min. 11 sec.

Final: Lady Margaret B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 3. ¾ length, 4 min. 12 sec.

Town Challenge Cup (Wyfold Fours)

P. S. Pusey (bow, steers); R. C. Davie; J. C. Hyem; R. C. Wright (stroke).

Race 23: T.R.C., 1; Maidenhead R.C., withdrew.

Race 61: Caius College, Cambridge, 1; T.R.C., 2. 1 length.

Junior Eights Challenge Cup

I. K. Christmas (bow); O. H. Chaldecott; J. P. M. Thomson; M. H. Groves; B. Garrard; P. D. Weight-Vowden; G. P. Vallencey; R. L. Hicks (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).

Race 47: T.R.C., 1; Queen's College, Oxford, 2; Reading University B.C., 3. ¾ length, 4 min. 24 sec.

Semi-final: Oundle School, 1; T.R.C., 2; London R.C., 3. 2 feet.

Marlow Pairs Challenge Cup (Open Pairs)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow, steers); W. Bull (stroke).

Race 42: J. Williamson and D. R. Anderson, 1; T.R.C., 2. 5 min. 10 sec.

Senior Sculls Challenge Cup

S. C. Rand.

Race 70: M. T. Wood, 1; S. C. Rand, 2. 1 length, 5 min. 16 sec.

KINGSTON BOROUGH REGATTA

30th June

Broken Vase Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

R. C. Bray (bow); L. E. Stevens; D. P. C. Platt; A. R. Reddin; F. E. Berry; P. B. Rooksby; D. H. Catlin; M. F. Alexander (stroke); P. S. Moss (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Burway R.C., 2. ½ length.

Heat 5: T.R.C., 1; St. Paul's School B.C., 2. Canvas.

Heat 9: T.R.C., 1; Imperial College B.C., 2. 1½ lengths.

Final: Mortlake R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. ¾ length.

Junior Eights

J. Sutcliffe (bow); S. M. Staples; D. W. O. Heddle; C. C. Clayton; J. D. Ross; J. G. Chandler; L. J. Middleton; C. J. Legoe (stroke); J. J. Merrett (cox).

Heat 3: City of London School B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. ½ length.

HENLEY

ROYAL REGATTA

July 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th

Olympic years inevitably present special problems and responsibilities and, inevitably, too, a certain confusion of loyalties and ambitions both personal and collective. One thing I am sure of, and though the statement be disturbingly contradictory, I am unrepentant; our whole

approach to the modern Olympic Games is hopelessly amateurish. Yet with our present rowing calendar it is difficult to see how a more broadminded and practical effort can be made—and certain it is that many old rowing men do not think it desirable.

Way back in April, after the Boat Race and Head of the River Race, when the Selection Committee of the A.R.A. nominated a Leander Eight to be formed by Brian Lloyd as our representative entry in this event it was made clear that T.R.C. was regarded as the most likely source from which would come a Four or Fours. From then on our Eight was the parent ship, so to speak, of the Coxless and Coxed Fours; it was also, as Reading and Marlow Regattas showed, the second fastest Eight in the country, but with the national entries for the Olympic Regatta the first consideration the Fours took pride of place.

But also the Coxless Four was just not 'going.' The old partnership of Rushmere and Kirkpatrick had not been possible, and, as so often happens when great partnerships are broken up, no half-substitute seemed to work. The Four which finally raced in the Olympic Trials the week after Marlow was: P. A. de Giles (bow), P. M. O. Massey (2), J. S. F. Butcher (3), P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke). They drew Leander in the first round and, after jumping into a lead of over a length at the end of a minute, just faded away and were decisively beaten.

Our Coxed Four, on the other hand, was going just about as well as that particular combination could. Great credit is due to Graham Fisk, who as stroke and captain contributed tremendously to its success; and to Freddie Page, who by patient coaching in the early stages laid a sound foundation of stride and length in the water. Graham Alwin, too, was a tower of strength, coaching and coxing all through training, knowing that because of the all-important matter of weight in a Coxed Four he would eventually make way for Lawrence Guest. The crew developed a great spirit, and, right from the start, meant to win.

The Olympic Coxed Four Trials incorporated the National Championship for this event. Thames has done everything possible to support these championships with the object of encouraging provincial rowing, and Mr. O. B. Wallis, who organises them, is, of course, a well-known member of the Club. But either the provincial clubs are not sufficiently keen or their standards are too low, and for the last two years entries have been most disappointing. Only Stratford-on-Avon turned up on the day of the trials from all the provincial clubs, and the other two in the trials were Leander and ourselves. Our Four beat Stratford-on-Avon easily in the first heat and had the pace of Leander all the way in the final. After the racing the Selection Committee nominated the

five persons concerned: S. Hobbs (bow), M. Legg (2), R. A. F. Macmillan (3), G. C. Fisk (stroke), L. K. Guest (cox), together with P. M. O. Massey and P. A. de Giles for the British Olympic team.

We were now at the end of our first week at Henley; the trials had dislocated our Eight pretty thoroughly and here we were with four days to go before the Regatta with half the Eight feeling pleased with themselves and the other half—well, disappointed. We thought we could improve on our Coxed Four if we were to concentrate on one boat only; Peter Kirkpatrick and Tony Butcher had already said that they wanted to go for the Goblets so, without more ado, we made up a Stewards' Four with P. A. de Giles (bow), Fisk (2, steers), Macmillan (3), Massey (stroke). It was at once apparent that this had the makings of a class Four, and they went on to win the Stewards without meeting any serious opposition.

Drawing a bye in the first round they met what had been the Leander Coxed Four now rowing as Goldie, who had beaten Merton College, Oxford, on the Thursday. Thames went into the lead at once and paddled home from the Barrier to win by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 3.32 and 7.25. London R.C. beat Aramoho B.C. of New Zealand by half a length on Thursday, and Pembroke College, Cambridge, by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 7.30 on Friday, and we met in the final. This day the crew looked really good. Well together and rowing with great confidence, they showed a 'gather' over the stretcher and a true follow-through at the finish which the Eight had never succeeded in getting. Paul Massey stroked them well and was well backed up. Again they at once went into the lead and the result was never in doubt, Thames coming home very comfortably from Fawley to win by two lengths in 7.24. Pembroke, who were also in the Visitors, later beat the record for this event after a good race with Trinity College, Oxford, in 7 min. 14 sec. and I think most of us would have liked to see what our own Four could have done had they been given a hard row.

After this performance the selectors agreed to this Four representing Great Britain in the Coxed Fours at Helsinki. They were clearly a stronger and more experienced combination than the original, as the two members who rowed in both were the first to agree, and while our sympathy goes to Sam Hobbs and Maurice Legg for not actually rowing in the Olympic Regatta few can question the decision to change which was made solely to strengthen our entry and these two who went as spare men have the satisfaction of knowing that they very deservedly earned their place in the team.

In the Grand our Eight drew the Australian Olympic crew. Of the race there is little to be said. The Australians led from the start and, in spite of the three lengths by which they beat us,

raced hard all over, as the times, 3.13 and 6.45 show. Leander, meanwhile, had beaten L.R.C. 'easily' in 3.11 and 6.44, equalling the previous record. The final made history and a new course record to Leander of 6.38.

Our Goblets pair were very short of practice and never really comfortable in their boat. They beat Clay and Hester of Marlow R.C. by 1½ lengths in the first round but then went down to Leadley and King of Emmanuel College, who, in turn, lost in the final to Bywater and Christie, this latter pair having in the semi-final at long last lowered the oldest standing record of the Regatta, held since 1911 by Beresford and Cloutte and Logan and Rought. The new record stands at 8 min. 5 sec.—and that will take some beating.

R. H. H. Symonds.

GRAND CHALLENGE CUP

	st.	lb.
P. A. de Giles (bow)	11	13
2 G. C. Fisk	11	9
3 S. Hobbs	12	13
4 M. Legg	12	4
5 R. A. F. Macmillan	13	6
6 P. M. O. Massey	13	8
7 A. S. F. Butcher	12	5
P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke)	14	0
G. J. Alwin (cox)	9	3

Heat 2: Sydney, Australia, 1; T.R.C., 2. 3 lengths.
Fawley time, 3 min. 13 sec.; time, 6 min. 45 sec.

STEWARDS CHALLENGE CUP

	st.	lb.
P. A. de Giles (bow)	11	13
G. C. Fisk (steers)	11	9
R. A. F. Macmillan	13	6
P. M. O. Massey (stroke)	13	8

Heat 4: T.R.C., 1; Goldie B.C., Cambridge, 2. 3½ lengths. Fawley time, 3 min. 32 sec.; time, 7 min. 25 sec.
Final: T.R.C., 1; London R.C., 2. 2 lengths. Fawley time, 3 min. 35 sec.; time, 7 min. 24 sec.

SILVER GOBLETS & NICKALLS CHALLENGE CUP

	st.	lb.
A. S. F. Butcher (bow, steers)	12	5
P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke)	14	0

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; Clay and Hester, 2. 1½ lengths.
Fawley time, 4 min. 3 sec.; time, 8 min. 21 sec.
Semi-final: Leadley and King, 1; T.R.C., 2. 2½ lengths.
Fawley time, 4 min. 2 sec.; time, 8 min. 23 sec.

DIAMOND SCULLS CHALLENGE CUP

	st.	lb.
S. C. Rand	11	11

Heat 4: S. C. Rand r.o.
Heat 10: S. C. Rand, 1; R. M. Martin, 2. 1 length.
Fawley time, 4 min. 4 sec.; time, 8 min. 29 sec.
Semi-final: M. T. Wood, 1; S. C. Rand, 2. 4 lengths.
Fawley time, 3 min. 58 sec.; time, 8 min. 23 sec.

THAMES CHALLENGE CUP

	st.	lb.
G. S. Dear (bow)	10	11
2 H. G. V. Denning	12	1
3 J. A. C. Andrews	11	10
4 B. C. Lawrence	13	4
5 A. C. Riemer	11	10
6 L. S. Williams	13	2
7 T. E. M. Douglas	11	10
J. N. Eldeen (stroke)	12	7
L. K. Guest (cox)	8	3

Heat 9: University of London B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. ½ length. Fawley time, 3 min. 35 sec.; time, 7 min. 35 sec.

WYFOLD CHALLENGE CUP

	st.	lb.
P. S. Pusey (bow)	11	6
R. C. Davie	11	5
J. C. Hyem	11	11
R. C. Wright (stroke)	10	11

Heat 6: Worcester College, Oxford, 1; T.R.C., 2. 1 length. Fawley time, 3 min. 50 sec.; time, 8 min. 6 sec.

(EDITORS' NOTE: *It is regretted that the Official Regatta narrative reports were not available at time of going to press.*)

KINGSTON REGATTA

12th July

Grand Challenge Cup (Senior Eights)

G. S. Dear (bow); H. G. V. Denning; R. J. Cook; B. C. Lawrence; A. C. Riemer; R. H. Nicholls; T. E. M. Douglas; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).
Heat A: T.R.C., 1; London R.C., 2. 2 lengths, 3 min. 46 sec.
Final: T.R.C., 1; University of London B.C., 2. ½ length, 3 min. 43 sec.

Coronation Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

B. T. Ramm (bow); R. C. Davie; T. P. Wilson; P. W. J. Simcox; W. Bull; A. C. Coates; J. Wilmot; M. F. Alexander (stroke); P. S. Moss (cox).
Heat A: Westminster Bank R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 2½ lengths, 4 min. 12 sec.

Dittons Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

R. C. Bray (bow); L. E. Stevens; D. P. C. Platt; W. S. Green; A. M. G. Pearson; P. B. Rooksby; F. E. Berry; A. R. Reddin (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).
Heat D: T.R.C., 1; Kensington R.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 4 min. 7 sec.
Heat H: T.R.C., 1; Staines B.C., 2. 2 lengths, 3 min. 56 sec.
Heat K: T.R.C., 1; Kingston R.C., 2. 4 lengths, 4 min. 10 sec.
Final: Maidenhead R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 4 feet, 3 min. 57 sec.

Surbiton Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

I. K. Christmas (bow); O. H. Chaldecott; J. P. M. Thomson; M. H. Groves; B. Garrard; P. D. Weight-Vowden; G. P. Vallency; R. L. Hicks (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).
Heat D: T.R.C., 1; Lensbury R.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 4 min. 2 sec.
Heat G: T.R.C., 1; Weybridge R.C., 2. 1 length, 4 min. 1 sec.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Southampton University B.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 3 min. 57 sec.

Chapple Pairs (Senior Pairs)

P. S. Pusey (bow, steers); R. C. Farnham (stroke).
Heat A: R.A.F. (Benson) R.C. and Wallingford R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 2 lengths.

Sunbury Challenge Cup (Senior Skulls)

S. C. Rand.
Heat B: S. C. Rand, 1; J. I. H. Hadfield, 2. 2 lengths, 4 min. 40 sec.
Final: S. C. Rand, 1; R. A. B. Nisbet, 2. 2½ lengths, 4 min. 40 sec.

MOLESEY REGATTA

19th July

Molesey Grand Challenge Cup

G. S. Dear (bow); H. G. V. Denning; R. J. Cook; B. C. Lawrence; A. C. Riemer; R. H. Nicholls; T. E. M. Douglas; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; University of London B.C., 2. Easily, 5 min. 2 sec.

Final: London R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. ¾ length, 5 min. 2 sec.

Thames Cup Eights Challenge Cup

I. K. Chrismas (bow); O. H. Chaldecott; J. P. M. Thomson; M. H. Groves; B. Garrard; P. D. Weight-Vowden; G. C. Vallencey; R. L. Hicks (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).

Heat B: Lensbury R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 1 length, 5 min. 15 sec.

Thames Cup Fours Challenge Cup

B. T. Ramm (bow, steers); C. K. Smith; A. C. Coates; K. R. J. Trott (stroke).

Heat E: Reading R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 2 lengths, 5 min. 43 sec.

Junior Senior Eights Challenge Cup

R. C. Bray (bow); L. E. Stevens; N. A. Pullen; A. R. Reddin; A. M. G. Pearson; P. B. Rooksby; F. E. Berry; M. F. Alexander (stroke); P. S. Moss (cox).

Heat B: T.R.C., 1; Mortlake R.C., 2. ½ length, 5 min. 23 sec.

Heat F: Maidenhead R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 5 min. 25 sec.

Junior Eights Challenge Cup

D. C. Morton (bow); C. C. Clayton; J. D. Ross; J. G. Chandler; D. W. O. Hedde; J. E. Dove; L. J. Middleton; C. J. Legoe (stroke); J. J. Merrett (cox).

Heat E: T.R.C., 1; Twickenham R.C., 2. 2 lengths, 5 min. 28 sec.

Heat G:

Senior Pairs Challenge Cup

C. M. E. Eugster (bow, steers); W. Bull (stroke).

Heat E: London R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 1½ lengths, 6 min. 19 sec.

Senior Skulls

S. C. Rand.

Heat A: Rand, 1; Nisbet, 2. Easily, 6 min. 34 sec.

Heat B: Rand, 1; Hadfield, 2. 3 lengths 6 min. 16 sec.

Final: Rand 1; Blue 2. Easily 6 min. 22 sec.

METROPOLITAN REGATTA

22nd, 23rd & 24th July

Champion Cup

R. J. Cook (bow); H. G. V. Denning; A. C. Riemer; B. C. Lawrence; D. H. Whitaker; R. H. Nicholls; G. S. Dear; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).

Final: London R.C., 1; University of London B.C., 2; T.R.C., 3. 1 length.

Thames Cup (Champion Fours)

P. S. Pusey (bow, steers); B. C. Lawrence; D. H. Whitaker; R. H. Nicholls (stroke).

Final: London R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; University of London B.C., 3.

Old Barnes Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

I. K. Chrismas (bow); L. E. Stevens; J. P. M. Thomson; P. D. Weight-Vowden; A. M. G. Pearson; P. B. Rooksby; G. C. Vallencey; R. L. Hicks (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).

Heat 1: Lensbury R.C., 1; London R.C., 2; T.R.C., 3.

Horton Cup (Wyfold Fours)

'A' Crew: B. T. Ramm (bow, steers); A. C. Coates; C. K. Smith; K. R. J. Trott (stroke).

'B' Crew: T. P. Wilson (bow, steers); D. Sorrell; F. E. Berry; M. F. Alexander (stroke).

Heat 1: National Provincial Bank R.C., 1; T.R.C. 'A', 2; Midland Bank R.C., 3. 2½ lengths.

Heat 3: T.R.C. 'B', 1; London R.C., 2. Easily.

Final: T.R.C., 'B', 1; National Provincial Bank R.C., 2; King's College, London, B.C., disqualified. 2 lengths.

Forster Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

K. H. Worden (bow); O. H. Chaldecott; R. C. Bray; A. R. Reddin; D. P. C. Platt; M. H. Groves; F. E. Berry; M. F. Alexander (stroke); P. S. Moss (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Vesta R.C., 2; Ibis R.C., 3. 2 feet, 6 min. 22 sec.

Final: London R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Kensington R.C., 3. 1½ lengths, 6 min. 35 sec.

Old Goring Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

K. H. Worden (bow, steers); P. R. Rumney; L. Abel-Smith; G. F. E. Joselin (stroke).

Heat 2; Vesta R.C., 1; Cygnet R.C., 2; T.R.C., 3. 2½ lengths.

Metropolitan Cup (Junior Eights)

L. J. Middleton (bow); C. C. Clayton; J. D. Ross; A. M. G. Elliot; D. W. O. Hedde; J. E. Dove; D. C. Morton; C. J. Legoe (stroke); R. W. Morris (cox).

Heat 1: B.A.S.A.R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Imperial College B.C., 3. ¾ length.

Amptill Cup (Senior Pairs)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow, steers); W. Bull (stroke).

Heat 1: Westminster Hospital B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2.

London Cup (Senior Skulls)

S. C. Rand.

Final: Rand, 1; Hadfield, 2; Blue, 3. Easily.

STAINES REGATTA

26th July

Junior-Senior Eights

K. H. Worden (bow); O. H. Chaldecott; J. S. Donovan; H. N. G. Cowham; R. J. M. Thayer; M. H. Groves; R. C. Bray; A. R. Reddin (stroke); P. S. Moss (cox).

Race 16: T.R.C., r.o.; St. Paul's School B.C. withdrew.
Race 53: Vesta R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 4 min. 50 sec.

Junior Eights

'A' Crew: L. J. Middleton (bow); C. C. Clayton; K. D. Ross; A. G. M. Elliot; D. W. O. Heddle; J. E. Dove; D. C. Morton; C. J. Legoe (stroke); J. J. Merrett (cox).

'B' Crew: J. C. M. Jones (bow); P. C. Kennett; G. W. Silver; A. A. Jaworski; D. J. Brecknell; E. St. J. Gastrell; T. M. Attlee; P. Morris (stroke); J. D. A. Hutchings (cox).

Race 5: Eton Excelsior R.C., 1; T.R.C. 'A', 2. 1 length, 4 min. 46 sec.

Race 6: Het Spaarne R.C. (Holland), 1; T.R.C. 'B', 2. Easily, 4 min. 44 sec.

BEDFORD REGATTA

26th July

Talbot Jarvis Challenge Cup (Senior Eights)

R. J. Cook (bow); H. G. V. Denning; A. C. Riemer; B. C. Lawrence; D. H. Whitaker; R. H. Nicholls; G. S. Dear; J. N. Eldeen (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; University of London B.C., 2. $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 3 min. 30 sec.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Bedford Modern School B.C., 2. 3 lengths, 3 min. 32 sec.

The time taken for the first heat equals the record for the course.

Senior Coxswainless Fours

P. S. Pusey (bow, steers); B. C. Lawrence; D. H. Whitaker; R. H. Nicholls (stroke).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Ulysses B.C., 2.

Final: T.R.C., 1; University of London B.C., 2. 4 feet, 2 min. 6 sec.

Junior-Senior Eights

I. K. Christmas (bow); L. E. Stevens; J. P. M. Thomson; A. M. G. Pearson; P. D. Weight-Vowden; G. P. Vallencey; R. L. Hicks (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).

Heat 1: Bedford School B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. $\frac{3}{4}$ length, 3 min. 41 sec.

This time is 4 seconds better than the record for the course for Junior-Senior Eights.

Open Gig Pairs

G. C. Fisk (bow); R. L. Arundel (stroke); G. J. Alwin (cox).

Heat 1: Evesham R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Sydney Wells Challenge Cup (Senior Sculls)

S. C. Rand

Heat 4: T.R.C., 1; D. Baker (Nottingham B.C.), 2. Easily.

Heat 8: T.R.C., 1; R. V. Taylor (London R.C.), 2. Easily.

Heat 10: T.R.C., 1; D. D. Macklin (L.M.B.C.), 2.

Final: T.R.C., 1; K. Christensen (Skjold Roklubben), 2.

MAIDENHEAD REGATTA

2nd August

'Daily Telegraph' Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

P. S. Pusey (bow); T. M. Attlee; J. R. Johnson; M. Legg; A. R. Watson; G. P. Godenir; S. Hobbs; R. C. Wright (stroke); G. J. Alwin (cox).

Race 41: Colet B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. Canvas, 3 min. 20 sec.

Orkney Cottage Challenge Cup (Senior Fours)

'A' Crew: P. S. Pusey (bow, steers); J. R. Johnson; S. Hobbs; M. Legg (stroke).

'B' Crew: R. C. Morris (bow, steers); L. S. Williams; J. Debenham; R. C. Wright (stroke).

'C' Crew: B. T. Ramm (bow, steers); A. C. Coates; C. K. Smith; K. R. J. Trott (stroke).

T.R.C. and King's College B.C.: G. S. Dear (bow, steers); D. M. Lambert; F. E. Berry; M. F. Alexander (stroke).

Race 43: London R.C., 1; T.R.C. and King's College B.C., 2. 2 lengths, 3 min. 41 sec.

Race 12: T.R.C. 'A', 1; Kingston R.C., 2. 1 length, 3 min. 45 sec.

Race 22: T.R.C. 'B', 1; Marlow R.C., 2.

T.R.C. 'C' withdrew.

Race 49: R.A.F. (Benson) R.C., 1; T.R.C. 'A', 2. 3 lengths, 3 min. 45 sec.

Race 31: University of London B.C., 1; T.R.C. 'B', 2. Canvas, 3 min. 37 sec.

Maidenhead Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

K. H. Worden (bow); R. C. Bray; R. J. M. Thayer; P. B. Rooksby; J. P. M. Thomson; P. D. Weight-Vowden; G. P. Vallencey; A. R. Reddin (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).

Race 62: T.R.C. 1; Colet B.C. 2. 3 feet, 3 min. 30 sec.

Race 74: Het Spaarne Royal R.C. 1; T.R.C. 2. $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 3 min. 25 sec.

Woodhurst Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

'A' Crew: D. I. Porter (bow); C. C. Clayton; G. Meyer; J. E. Dove; J. D. Ross; E. St. J. Gastrell; D. J. Brecknell; D. C. Morton (stroke); D. B. Fawcett (cox).

'B' Crew: J. C. M. Jones; P. J. Kennett; D. A. Treisman; H. Ross; L. A. New; A. A. Jaworski; P. Morris; A. H. Lines (stroke); J. D. A. Hutchings (cox).

Race 44: Icena B.C. 1; T.R.C. 'B', 2. Easily, 3 min. 36 sec.

Race 46: Lensbury R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. $\frac{3}{4}$ length, 3 min. 33 sec.

HENLEY TOWN & VISITORS REGATTA

4th August

Haileywood Challenge Cup (Senior Eights)

P. S. Pusey (bow); T. M. Attlee; J. R. Johnson; M. Legg; A. R. Watson; G. P. Godenir; S. Hobbs; R. C. Wright (stroke); G. J. Alwin (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Bedford R.C., 2; Quintin B.C., 3. $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 4 min. 30 sec.

Final: Nottingham and Union R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 4 feet, 4 min. 30 sec.

Town Challenge Cup (Open Senior Fours)

'A' Crew: P. S. Pusey (bow, steers); M. Legg; S. Hobbs; J. R. Johnson (stroke).

'B' Crew: R. C. Morris (bow, steers); L. S. Williams; J. Debenham; R. C. Wright (stroke).

'C' Crew: B. T. Ramm (bow, steers); A. C. Coates; C. K. Smith; K. R. J. Trott (stroke).

King's College B.C. and T.R.C.: G. S. Dear (bow, steers); D. M. Lambert; F. E. Berry; M. F. Alexander (stroke).

T.R.C. 'C' Crew withdrew.

Heat 1: T.R.C. 'B', 1; Lensbury R.C., 2. 2 lengths, 5 min. 25 sec.

Heat 5: University of London B.C., 1; National Provincial Bank R.C., 2; T.R.C., 3. $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 min. 18 sec.

Heat 6: Marlow R.C., 1; King's College B.C. and T.R.C., 2. $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 5 min. 18 sec.

Semi-final: London R.C., 1; R.A.F. Benson R.C., 2; T.R.C. 'B', 3. $\frac{3}{4}$ length, 5 min. 2 sec.

Sagamore Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

K. H. Worden (bow); R. C. Bray; R. J. M. Thayer; P. D. Weight-Vowden; J. P. M. Thomson; P. B. Rooksby; G. P. Vallencey; A. R. Reddin (stroke); R. H. MacIntyre (cox).

Heat 3: Het Spaarne Royal R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Petersham Gowers B.C., 3. 2 lengths, $\frac{1}{2}$ length; 4 min. 39 sec.

Remenham Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

'A' Crew: G. Meier (bow); C. C. Clayton; D. I. Porter; J. E. Dove; K. D. Ross; J. E. Gastrell; D. J. Brecknell; D. C. Morton (stroke); D. B. Fawcett (cox).

'B' Crew: D. A. Treissman (bow); P. J. Kennett; J. C. M. Jones; H. Ross; L. A. New; A. A. Jaworski; P. Morris; A. H. Lines (stroke); J. D. A. Hutchings (cox).

Heat 1: Eton Excelsior R.C., 1; T.R.C. 'A', 2. $\frac{3}{4}$ length, 5 min. 4 sec.

Heat 6: Reading R.C., 1; Thames Tradesmen R.C., 2; T.R.C. 'B', 3. $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 min. 2 sec.

Peter Beresford Challenge Cup (Open Pairs)

P. S. Pusey (bow, steers); M. Legg (stroke).

Heat 2: London R.C. 'A', 1; T.R.C., 2; R.A.F. (Benson) R.C., 3. 1 length, 5 min. 26 sec.

THAMES ROWING CLUB REGATTA

20th September

C. W. Hughes Bowl (Club Fours)

Final: B. T. Ramm (bow, steers); P. K. Symes; S. Hobbs; L. S. Williams (stroke), 1; J. Debenham (bow, steers); E. St. J. Gastrell; A. Vassilissin; R. H. Nicholls (stroke), 2; R. J. M. Thayer (bow, steers); M. S. Atkins; R. A. F. Macmillan; N. Greenwood (stroke), 3. 2 lengths, $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

George Vize Beakers (Club Pairs)

Final: W. Bull (bow, steers); P. D. Weight-Vowden (stroke), 1; T. M. Attlee (bow, steers); E. St. J. Gastrell (stroke), 2. 3 lengths.

Doubledee Cup (Club Handicap Sculls)

S. C. Rand, scratch; M. Legg, 10 sec.; W. Bull, R. C. Morris, 15 sec.; R. W. Bates, 17 sec.; M. Tripp, 18 sec. Result: R. C. Morris, 1; R. W. Bates, 2; S. C. Rand, 3. $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; 3 lengths.

John Lang Cup (Junior Scullers in Rum-tums)

Final: P. B. Rooksby, 1; G. S. Dear, 2; P. D. Weight-Vowden, 3. 3 lengths; 2 lengths.

Invitation Scratch Eights (in Best Boats)

Final: T. P. Wilson (bow); M. J. Carrier; D. A. Ashton (Vesta R.C.); P. Daniel; J. Debenham; J. Donovan (Middlesex Hospital B.C.); A. W. Prince (Westminster Bank R.C.); A. H. Lines (stroke); J. M. Baldwin (cox), 1; B. T. Ramm (bow); C. C. Clayton; A. Vassilissin; D. M. Congreve (Derby R.C.); D. P. C. Platt; D. H. Whitaker; C. N. Hudson; J. Hilton (stroke); D. B. Fawcett (cox), 2; I. K. Christmas (bow); D. E. Goodall; D. A. Treissman; R. J. Walker (Vesta R.C.); E. A. Horton (Derby R.C.); P. M. O. Massey; G. P. Vallencey; G. Meier (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox), 3. 2 feet; 3 feet.

OPEN RACES FOR VETERANS

18th & 19th September

Cruft Challenge Cup (Veterans' Eights)

A. G. Thoday (bow); R. R. Swatton; R. C. Morris; G. E. Vasilescu; T. H. Tyler; R. S. Hollom; A. P. Brown (stroke); J. G. Dearlove (cox).

Final: T.R.C., 1; Kensington R.C., 2; Auriol R.C., 3. $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Fitte & Forte Challenge Cup (Veterans' Fours)

R. S. Hollom (bow, steers); A. P. Brown; J. H. M. Ward; R. R. Swatton (stroke).

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; Reading R.C., 2. $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Final: London R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2. 3 lengths.

DE MANCHA SWIMMING SHIELD

30th September

The Thames team was: L. S. Williams, B. C. Lawrence, N. Greenwood and G. C. Fisk, and swam in that order. In the preliminary heat, Thames defeated Staines B.C., Cygnet R.C. and Auriol R.C. without great difficulty. In the final, however, there was a team from Quintin even faster than that of last year, and we lost to them by about 6 feet, Lensbury R.C. coming third and Staines B.C. fourth.

PUTNEY PERSONALITIES

Bean Vernon has disclaimed all knowledge of the derelict rum-tum found under Putney Bridge. It had, apparently, sunk under a cargo of tinned spinach in excess of the Plimsoll line. A mysterious message was painted along the gunwale: 'New York—or bust', and several charts of the Atlantic were found under the slide. M. Georges Adam says he has not met M. Vernon, but would be very pleased to 'come up and see him some time'.

HEL SINK I

PAUL MASSEY

After the rush of Henley we had about ten days in which to train before we were flown to Helsinki. In view of the rough water we were told to expect we decided to use those days training at Putney; Freddie Page spent a great deal of trouble over us, in a borrowed boat, ours having been shipped a week earlier and nursed us through out teething troubles, with the minimum of fuss.

Our equipment, provided by the Olympic Association, arrived in time for the farewell party given by Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace; despite the comprehensive measurements taken by the outfitters these colourful outfits turned out to be in the traditional army sizes: large, medium or small. The flannels subsequently caused quite a stir as, in the bright Finnish sunlight, they became translucent.

Her Majesty's party was an experience not to be forgotten. The atmosphere was strangely informal yet naturally awe-inspiring. The Queen graciously shook hands with us, about four hundred in all, and afterwards mingled with the crowd with charming informality. Orange juice was served from a long table, but the team managers quickly found alternatives. The succulent crab-patties were very popular and were duly regretted in the plane next day when we left Bovingdon on the first flight of the airlift to Helsinki, where we landed seven hours later.

Our first impression of Helsinki was a brand new airfield with loitering groups of bedraggled men in Russian-style hats who, we were afterwards told, had been convicted for 'drunk-in-charge-of-a-motor-vehicle' offences: we were given to understand that the airfield had been constructed almost entirely by labour collected from this source.

From the airport we were taken to Kapyla Village, which had been specially built for this occasion. It consisted of blocks of spacious flats, approved shops, a restaurant and money exchanges where competitors and officials received double the exchange rate for their currency. Enclosing it all was a wire fence, to keep the locals at bay presumably. We felt rather like zoological specimens and expected them to feed us through the wire! Each nation had a block relative to the size of its contingent, and we shared one with the Australians. We were looked after by young army cadets who knew no English. After our stay they had a vocabulary sordid enough to see them through the London docks safely.

The feeding was done on a cafeteria system in

one huge marquee; we were split into groups with approximately the same feeding habits and were thus spared the clatter of Japanese chopsticks and the nauseating odours of Indian curries. As we shared our bay with the Americans everything was done to satisfy the tastes of the most fastidious of their athletes. Meat was always available in vast quantities—sufficient even to make Parker's mouth water. Only the watchful eyes of the coaches vetting what we had taken moderated our appetites.

Contact with the foreign competitors was naturally limited to the river and the camp and, as one was so interested in getting back to bed to rest whenever possible, one only really took notice of them on the river. The Russians and their satellites enjoyed the seclusion of a separate Olympic village where they kept very much to themselves. But at Meilahti they made themselves very pleasant. We could understand little of what they said, but we swapped badges and roared with laughter when we reckoned the climax of their stories had arrived, and even louder when we realised that it had not. On the track the Cominform regarded all with the utmost suspicion and talked to no one. We suspected that their degree of fraternisation was determined by the broad-mindedness of their team manager.

Our course was at Meilahti, a few kilometres north of the town and merely an estuary of the Baltic Sea. This necessitated washing the boats down with fresh water after each outing, something Dick Phelps had advised before we left, and we remembered him as we wallowed in the thick mud near the hosepipes. Small rocky islands were dotted along the course and the gaps were shielded by 500-ton tanks anchored at intervals to afford protection from the prevailing cross-following winds. It was quickly discovered that one of these islands was a nudist bathing centre and it was noted that some crews showed persistent interest in that vicinity until it was learned that a few members could speak colloquial English. This, of course, in no way implies that the English crews showed more than exceptional interest in their blades when passing that spot. On rough days, as they always seemed to be, it was all we could do to reach the start of the course, in spite of carrying three sets of washboards. It was not so much popple, as one understands it here, but rather more rolling waves which seemed to suspend the boat above the water level. We were determined to master these conditions as the locals claimed that the

wind prevailed from that direction in the summer months; we rather tended to despise the other crews practising in the more sheltered conditions nearby. By the time the regatta had come the English could row in this difficult water, but, as fate would have it, the wind dropped the day before the regatta was due to start and, as May brings out the 'water-boatmen' on the village ponds so did the foreign crews swarm over the course, when the conditions improved. But in persevering with the water, some crews lost a great deal of finesse, which I think was shown up in the results.

I was also struck with the amount of work the foreign crews did out of the boat. One could always see foreign oarsmen trotting about the boat tents, loosening up after a row and others performing exercises which we associate more with track athletes. In any other athletic sport such as running, jumping, boxing, etc., there is always the preparatory limbering up. Admitted, one soon loosens up in the boat, but one feels all those quarter-miles getting loose are wasted and they soon mount up. This road-work used to be practised in the twenties and could well be revived, with profit.

The standard of the Games had risen considerably since 1948, and, though Great Britain had improved too, as was shown by the times of our athletes, there were always two or three

competitors a little better. Where we are backward is in the lack of interest this country shows in sport on the whole, yet the public are the first to blame our efforts for the lack of medals. To compete in the Games one has to sign a declaration of amateur status, but under the present ruling this has long been a farce. One is competing against the amateur-professionalism of most other countries where the governments foot the expense of every facility available to their athletes. The Gold Medallist in the Sculling event, a Russian student, when interviewed, stated that he had been selected eighteen months before the Games started and from that time had been maintained by his Government; 'as doubtless your Government keeps your athletes,' he remarked.

This is not a lament, for I enjoy sport for its own sake and would hate to be kept to do nothing else but train, but it is as well that the public realises what our athletes were up against.

In conclusion, this account would be incomplete without mention of Findlay Best, our coach abroad. He had coached none of us before, but within the day we felt we knew him thoroughly; by the time our training period had finished, we had all agreed that he had certainly maintained his reputation of being one of the finest finishing coaches in the country.

HONORARY SECRETARIES' NOTICES

The Honorary Secretaries would be obliged if members could supply the addresses of any of the following, trace of whom has been lost: J. A. Baker, F. A. Cumming, G. Griffin, C. D. Jensen, J. W. Partridge, H. A. I. Rowland, F. J. Stewart, M. J. Stewart.

HONORARY HOUSE STEWARDS' REPORT

A small change in the composition of the House Stewards took place in September when R. R. Swatton was elected Captain and his place was taken on the House Committee by R. H. H. Symonds, the outgoing Captain. The staff has remained unaltered and there have been many examples during the past year of the success which has attended the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Parker.

For instance, the provision of a special diet and extra food for the Olympic aspirants during their three months' training prior to Henley. Many members will also recall the two House Dinners which were held during August when the Club entertained the members of the New

Zealand and Australian Olympic crews. A photograph of the display of Club plate and trophies at the Australian Dinner was reproduced on the 1952 Christmas card.

Our stocks of china and cutlery which had become sadly depleted have been replenished and we are now able to cater for any number up to 80. It is worthy of note to record that for the first time no outside firm of caterers was employed for the New Year's Eve Dance—all the refreshments being prepared on the Club premises—and while on the subject of catering mention should be made also of Mrs. Parker's chief assistant, Mrs. Todd.

So far as the bar is concerned, the turnover during the past year has increased by some 25 per cent., which speaks for itself. But that is not all; in the intervals of dispensing beer during the summer, Parker found time to construct a garden and rockery at the Club entrance, both of which have been planted and will, we hope, survive the attentions of the high tides, the cruel sea—and the London Rowing Club.

The ever-increasing amount of administrative work has made it imperative to provide more office accommodation, which has necessitated a reduction in the number of rooms available for residents, the maximum number of whom is now restricted to five.

JUNIOR—SENIOR ROWING

This was a successful season for the Junior-Seniors. They won twice in Eights and once in Fours and three members were promoted to the Thames Cup Eight after Chiswick Regatta.

Marcus Alexander is to be congratulated particularly in stroking the winning Horton Cup Four in the Metropolitan Regatta.

JUNIOR ROWING 1951—1952

From the start of winter rowing it was obvious that some good material was available and could be shaped into a very promising Eight. As usual, of course, we started with just a little more than a complete Eight, but this rapidly built up into two full crews by Christmas.

The policy throughout the winter was to do a big mileage at a very low rate of striking. The main idea was to get away from the principle that Junior boats go best when striking fast, and to implant the maxim of letting the boat run between the strokes, i.e., let the boat do the work. With Juniors this is always very difficult and plenty of time and patience is needed to instil this well-trying maxim. It is the old adage—'learn to walk before you run.'

In the event this policy proved itself: the First Juniors went up 45 places, the Second crew 20 places, and the Third crew 6 places in the Head of the River.

At the start of the summer rowing we were reduced to just over two Eights. The First Eight went out regularly every evening, the Second Eight three times per week and the usual odd assortment were ever ready for the time when the Third Junior Eight would be made up.

The First Juniors won 'maidens' comfortably at Hammersmith—for the fourth successive year this trophy came to the Club. The following week they won the Junior Clinkers at Putney just as convincingly. At their first best-boat regatta at Chiswick a fortnight later they won their Juniors. A very fine performance and a splendid example to the other juniors to follow them.

Meantime the Second Juniors were shaping into a formidable combination. They got into the final at Dittons Regatta in the Clinker Eights, after a very fine piece of stroking by Chris Legoe. As he could not continue, Hicks, nephew of 'old man Berry', was brought in at stroke. The crew lost at Reading in the second heat to a fast St. Edward's School Eight. At Marlow they lost to Oundle School by 2 feet, a race they could undoubtedly have won had they not been over-confident. At Kingston they did not make the same mistake and won well by over a length.

The Third Juniors raced at Kingston Borough

Regatta and were beaten in the final. Chris Legoe was back at stroke and again rowed a fighting race. At the Metropolitan Regatta they lost to the eventual winners by a third of a length after battling neck and neck for 7 minutes. This was the nearest we came to getting the Third Juniors through. The necessary rearrangement of crews for each regatta, owing to men not being available for various reasons, lessened our chances against clubs whose crews had been together throughout the season. We did, however, finish the season with two junior crews rowing at Maidenhead and Henley Town regattas, and with another fortnight might easily have won another Junior event.

PUTNEY PERSONALITIES

Donald MacLachlan has startled the R.A.F. with his theories on supersonic bell-notes. He hopes to fly faster than air in a new aircraft (TOP SECRET) being built by **Dick Phelps**. It is quite revolutionary in design and, amongst other novelties, the pilot has a sliding seat fitted with a Chumph-meter for measuring the bell-notes. He has also incorporated a harp in the design—in case it prangs.

Fred Page (according to a recent evening paper) has now joined the Oxford Underground Movement. The Cambridge Anti-Sabotage Movement has appointed **Ronnie Symonds** to combat the sinister activities of **Fred**. Mr. Milton Clover, the famous journalist, has been commissioned to write a stirring day-by-day account of the battle when it reaches the Tideway. **Parker**, experienced in Commando tactics, has laid on extra stocks of gin. The stage is set for another boat-race—ring up the curtain!

Answer to correspondents: 'Junior', Putney Common—You are not legally entitled to charge the coach interest on a small loan of, say, ten bob. We suggest you wait until the Junior Eight is made up before you take the matter to court. In any case, we doubt if 'Breach of promise' would be the right charge.

“WHY DON'T WE WIN”

by KEN KENISTON

Mr. Keniston rowed six in the 1950 Harvard crew which beat Yale and then won the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in the same year. He is at Balliol and rowed six in the Oxford University crew last year. This article was written exclusively for this Journal and the views expressed are the author's after rowing for a University in both countries; they are, of course, based on his experiences of University rowing only. The Editors wish to express their appreciation of this excellent contribution and to thank Mr. Keniston for letting a little daylight into the gloom of post-Olympic controversy

England has not won the Olympic Eights in 40 years. The Americans have won this event seven times in a row. These facts are happy neither to the Englishman, interested in the standards of his own rowing, nor to the American, desirous of the highest possible level of competition. Many arguments have been advanced to explain the one-sidedness of the results. 'The food', some will say, 'our English food is not good enough'. 'But no,' another will answer. 'It is that Connibear style that we cannot beat.' Newspaper comments on American crews at Henley would lead one to suspect that it is the 'mechanisation' of American rowing—the fact that most American crews appear to row 'like well-oiled machines'. Still others would point to the professional American coaches, or to the more general 'professionalisation' of American sports.

Having rowed for Harvard and for Oxford has convinced me that the explanation is not to be found primarily in any one of these arguments. I, for one, found the food at the Oxford training table incomparably better than that in the dining halls at Harvard, where university oarsmen have no special training meals. As for styles, rowing on both sides of the Atlantic convinced me of the truth of a remark made by a tow-path pundit at Henley, when the Harvard Eight rowed by. 'It just goes to show,' he said, 'that so long as they do it together and do it hard, it doesn't make much difference what they do.' And I cannot understand what is meant by 'mechanisation', unless it is that all eight men row well together—a goal better accomplished in England than in America. Professional coaches? My experience has been that the best varsity coaches in England are certainly the equals of the professional American coaches. As for professionalism in general, rowing for Oxford takes far more time, expense, and nervous energy than rowing for Harvard ever did.

A better explanation lies in two more complex factors: the more intent attitude of American

oarsmen towards their sport, and the related difference in coaching and selection techniques. The attitude of an individual towards as complex a body of traditions, techniques, activities, and superstitions as rowing is hard, at best, to ascertain. Yet for the *average* English oarsman, rowing seems very much a game to be played for the fun of it, with winning or losing of secondary importance. The American is more apt to row for the sake of those races he can win—though he usually also enjoys rowing for its own sake, and accepts losing as an often necessary evil. Especially on the college level (where, in contrast to American rowing, most oarsmen get the body of their coaching), the Englishman treats racing far more casually than could the American.

This conclusion first impressed itself on me at Henley in 1950, where we saw a half a dozen English crews which seemed potentially excellent. Each had eight strong men, rowing well together—sometimes better together than the average American university Eight. But there seemed to be something lacking—an extra determination, a lack of weeks of hard work—which meant that these crews would never be more than 'good college standard'. Several of these Eights lost close races without making the last-minute spurt that we had come to associate with a hard-fought race.

Our coach at Harvard used to tell us, 'Rowing isn't the most important thing in the world. But to do it well you have to perform an act of faith and convince yourself that, from the moment you step into the boat, nothing else matters as much as moving it fast. And, basically, this all gets down to pulling the oar through the water as hard as humanly possible, or harder.' He used to explain the usual supremacy of the West Coast Eights in America as a result of their superior determination, not their rowing style or their human material. As a result, rowing at Harvard was focused primarily on the end of the oars with the objective of making the ratio of time-in-water/time-out-of-water the smallest

possible fraction. Only secondarily did we emphasise body-form and inboard work, for our coach held the heretical view that 'a great many individual faults iron themselves out, if you can get the boat moving fast enough'.

At Oxford I was fortunate to row for a college with a recent tradition for much hard work—though unfortunately little 'style'. The college's success in Eights Week cannot be attributed to good body form, nor even to excellent blade-work. It seemed to me that there were at least five Eights that were better together and better looking than we. Had any one of them been able to apply their style completely successfully to the end of the oar, Balliol would have gone down instead of up. That we could have been successful convinced me more than ever of this general difference in attitude on the two sides of the Atlantic.

The fact that English oarsmen are more apt to concentrate on the 'sporting' and æsthetic aspects of rowing, and Americans to emphasise the winning and 'functional' side, leads naturally to a difference in coaching and selection techniques. American universities have an initial advantage in their concentration of rowing in the university boat clubs. This means inevitably that a promising fresher, with or without experience, is assured from the start of the attention of good coaches. By the end of six months in their first year, the freshmen are all rowing stylistically in much the same way; varsity coaches have had a chance to see the man and direct his coaching for a year before he becomes eligible for the 'Varsity' Eights.

But beyond this, the emphasis in selecting an Eight is almost completely on finding the combination that will move the boat the fastest. Not, of course, that English coaches do not attempt this; but they approach their goal far more indirectly. During the first of the two university terms in the United States, the coaches work as in England primarily on individuals, smoothing out style, above all, trying to assure that all the work is done on the end of the blade. During the second term, however, when the ice breaks up on the rivers, the selection begins in earnest. The coach usually selects three boats from the men remaining in trials, and ranks them 'first, second and third varsity'. The first boat will remain together only as long as it can consistently beat the second, and so on. In the early stages of spring training, the coach frequently is forced to make shifts between the boats, rowing them alongside at the same rating to discover the effects of his changes. This process is continued until a boat is found which will consistently stay ahead. (And I have never known that boat to include the eight 'best-looking' oarsmen.) Almost all practice in American universities is done with three Eights rowing together, and the oarsmen accept the

fact that their place in the Eight depends on the speed with which they, together, can propel it.

Once the racing season has begun, the coach is usually more reluctant to make unsettling changes in the boats, so varsity oarsmen can rest with the knowledge that a single defeat in practice will not mean changes. But the second Eight often 'comes along' faster than the varsity; and changes are frequently made late in the season, before major races. Coaching for individual faults decreases as the racing season comes into sight. The 'boat' becomes all-important, and most comments are correspondingly general: the stern-check seems to be getting worse; the beginnings are improving; the boat is bouncing more than before; the blades are too slow through the water.

The contrast with the usual techniques in selecting and coaching Boat Race crews does not need great elaboration. Suffice to say that trial crews are seldom raced alongside before the Trials Race itself; that a reserve Eight, when kept into the second term, rarely receives the same coaching as the first Eight; that Boat Race Eights are perforce selected on the basis of what the coaches think the ability of the oarsman is, not by any concrete test of that ability. The emphasis must inevitably be, under these conditions, more on the 'way a man looks' than on his proved ability to move the boat.

It is difficult to be fair in making comparisons. Many of the characteristics of American rowing could not be duplicated in England; and vice versa. And there is much in English rowing that I, for one, would hate to see disappear: the autonomy of the colleges; the fact that it is, possible for a man to row in a rugger Eight without caring that it is 85th on the river; the rich embroidery of tradition which surrounds rowing in England. And there is much to criticise in American rowing: an occasionally excessive seriousness; the fact that, at a few universities, continued success is the price of a rowing coach's job; the complete lack of public interest in the sport.

My own conclusions are rather obvious. The attitude of many English oarsmen to rowing is not such that it provides the long-term background of determined competition upon which a winning Olympic Eight must be based. The selection and training methods used by most Eights do not guarantee the fastest possible boat with the men available. These may be inevitable concomitants of the proverbial English 'sportsmanship'. It may be impossible to aim to win and yet to have fun. Personally, I think that the two go hand in hand: one wins because he enjoys rowing, and he enjoys rowing because he wins from time to time. The two attitudes 'We may not have won, but we looked pretty going over the finish,' and 'If I can't win, I won't play' are equally excessive. When English rowing errs, it errs in looking too pretty.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AT THE BOATHOUSE

by DICK PHELPS

It seems such a short time ago when I first started my duties at Thames Rowing Club.

Well do I remember my first day, a Monday in August, 1931. I felt my first duty was to introduce myself to the boats and so I made myself known to the 'Steve', 'Senator George', 'Harry', 'Jumps', 'Spencer', 'Bean', 'Berry'—all famous names in Thames history. The last three were very heavy tubs and were known to the members as 'The Battleships'. The 'Senator George' had a wonderful record, winning practically every race of importance in her time.

The year 1932 will always stand out in my recollections of Thames. We had a very good Grand Eight and also an excellent Stewards Four. The Eight was beaten in the final of the Grand by one-third of a length, but the Four won the Stewards and was selected for the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, U.S.A. What a proud fellow I felt when I was asked by the Club to go as boatman to the Olympic rowing team and what a grand trip it was.

The team left Southampton by the *Empress of Britain* for Toronto, where we stayed for four days as guests of the famous Toronto Argonaut Rowing Club before proceeding to Los Angeles. It was a grand trip and the Thames Four won the final easily. They won in the 'Bruce', named after that famous Thames oarsman Bruce Logan, who had rowed in winning Stewards Fours in 1909 and 1911 and in the Olympic Four in 1912. I travelled back with the boats a very happy man, the rowing team having won the Coxswainless Fours and Pairs. I am sure the Captain, Mr. Vernon, felt very pleased with the 1932 season.

My next happy memory was the 1934 Thames Cup crew, a very fine crew which had a grand team spirit and trained really hard. When they won the Thames Cup at Henley that year they had to beat some very good crews, including American crews. The boat they used was the 'Ian', named after the son of the famous Steve Fairbairn and a fine oarsman himself, stroking the winning Thames crew to victory in the Grand in 1923.

In 1936 the Club was approached again by the Olympic Selection Committee to let me go as boatman to the rowing team to compete in Berlin. I left the London Docks with the boats, for Hamburg, and my companion was that wonderful character Darkie Williams, who was going as masseur to the team. He was a tonic for any crew and his wit and comic remarks made him a great asset. In Berlin, the Thames double-scullers, Messrs. Beresford and Southwood, won the Olympic event, and what a wonderful victory it was. I still think it was the finest double-sculler one could ever wish to see.

In 1936 the Club won the Head of the River

race and the boat used by the First Eight was the 'Freddie', named after the present Honorary Secretary and very fine coach, Mr. J. H. Page.

At the end of the 1939 season the war came as a shock to us all. The whole atmosphere naturally changed completely, the majority of the members joining the Services. I went on to building R.A.F. rescue launches and found a difference using $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. planking instead of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. cedar! I carried on at the boathouse in the evenings and at week-ends to keep the boats in working order for members who could manage to get leave and found themselves at Putney. Mr. A. H. Turner, the Honorary Secretary at that time, carried on with Mr. 'Bill' Williams and Mr. W. Douglas, and they did some stalwart work in keeping the flag flying. The boathouse had some very 'near misses' from bombs, and ceilings fell and windows disappeared, but the Club survived.

It was very sad to hear the news of some members who would not be returning, having made the Great Sacrifice. Mr. John Burrough, 1939 Captain, was one of these, a grand oarsman and a great leader, and a boat now in use is named after him in his memory.

It was a wonderful reunion at Henley in 1945, when most of the rowing fraternity met again after six years of war.

It was very pleasing in 1948 to win the Grand and Stewards and again to hear that the Thames Four had been selected for the Olympic Games. I was again honoured to be asked to act as boatman to the rowing team.

I have seen Thames win every event at Henley except the Wyfold Fours and it will be a great day for me when the winning Wyfold Four comes along.

The year 1952 was also a great year for the Club, winning the Stewards for the fourth time since the war and producing the Olympic Coxed Four which went to Helsinki.

It was very pleasing to me to have an Eight named 'Dick Phelps' and also to see a Four named 'Felix' after that great four-oared stroke, Mr. J. C. (Felix) Badcock, who stroked so many first-class Fours to victory, including the Olympic Four in 1932.

One of my happiest memories will always be double-sculling with that grand old member, Mr. J. Beresford, Senior. His watermanship and fitness always made the outing pleasant and enjoyable.

In conclusion, I should like to thank all my past Captains for their great help to me at all times. It has been a happy twenty years and, like the famous river the Club is named after, I trust I shall roll on for many more.

THE HISTORY OF THE THAMES ROWING CLUB

1905-1914 by K. VERNON

In presenting the history of the Club to its members we take the liberty of jumping, from year to year, from point to point in the story. This year we are privileged to have an account of what happened in the Club before the 1914-18 war from the pen of the Bean, and we displace the story we commenced last year of the early days of the Club to print it. The Bean introduces his chapter as follows: 'The following notes of the Club's doings from 1905 to 1914 are somewhat personal, but Beresford had a big influence and there is no doubt that but for him we should have recorded far fewer wins in these years in pairs, fours and eights. Various crews were made up and changed in his four without success, but when the Four was included in the First Eight and stroked by Berry, it was at once successful. After the 1914-18 war Steve Fairbairn was elected Captain. Beresford, Tann, Logan and I rowed in the four and won at all regattas except Henley. Logan and I were in the Eight at Marlow, Logan at stroke. They were defeated there, but won at Henley and other regattas, with Beresford at stroke. The winning Fawley Cup Eight was: Teale, Kelly, Tann, Vernon, Roylance, Logan, Ian Fairbairn and Beresford; Berry was then nearly 52. Steve kept the veterans together in 1920 and 1921 in order to bring on the youngsters and both Eights and Fours were successful at regattas other than Henley. In 1923 the young crew stroked by Ian Fairbairn won the Grand.'

In 1905 Thames Rowing Club won the Thames Cup, and this was the first Henley win we had had in eights or fours since 1894. The crew consisted of: B. T. Monier-Williams (bow), H. B. Harrison, H. C. Huxley, W. S. Hallett, F. Trewby, G. L. Thomson, H. G. Irwin, C. G. Sprague (stroke), H. E. Greenwood (cox). In the first heat T.R.C. beat Mersey R.C. by a length in 7 min. 30 sec.; in the semi-final we beat Twickenham R.C. by half a length in 7 min. 31 sec.; and in the final we beat Kingston R.C. by a length in 7 min. 28 sec.

Beresford and I joined the Club that year. He rowed at bow in the Stewards Four which raced Third Trinity to half a length. The next year Beresford and I started our long and successful partnership in pairs, etc. Notwithstanding our many wins up and down the river we were not wanted in eights or fours at Henley, and in the autumn of 1907 Beresford made up a private Four (Beresford, Vernon, Rought and Logan (stroke)), and bought a boat for us. Rought had been dropped from the Second Eight and was about to leave the Club; Logan did not want to row in a Henley Eight that year. We rowed on Sunday mornings

throughout the year, Logan and I played Rugger on Saturdays; Beresford coached us from bow.

In the spring of 1908 Beresford persuaded us to compete in an International Regatta at Amsterdam and, to everyone's surprise, we beat a Belgian Four in the Coxless Fours and gained gold medals. These Belgians had won the Grand at Henley in 1906 and 1907. The Club Stewards and Wyfold Fours had been made up by that time; on our return from Amsterdam we were tried against the Stewards Four and beat them easily. This Four, entered for the Wyfolds, consisting of A. E. Snellgrove (bow), K. Doulton, J. S. Wilkes, C. G. Sprague (stroke), won their first heat in a paddle by a length in 8 min. 7 sec.; in the semi-final they beat Molesey B.C. by two lengths in 7 min. 59 sec. and won the final against London R.C. by a length in 7 min. 55 sec. Our Four was entered for the Stewards. Rought and Logan were included in the First Eight and Beresford and I were entered for the Goblets. Had we concentrated on the Four there is no doubt that we should have won both the Stewards and Olympic Fours. As it was, we had to row the famous Magdalen Four in the early afternoon when they were quite fresh and after Rought and Logan had rowed and lost a terrific race in the Grand against Eton in the morning. We led most of the way in the Stewards and were only just beaten in record time. The Magdalen Four won the Olympic Fours comfortably. Beresford and I were invited to row for the Olympic Pairs as Gladstone and Barker who defeated us in the Goblets were in the Olympic Eight, but, unfortunately, our entry was withdrawn in error.

In 1909 Logan and Rought rowed in the First Eight and practice in the four was somewhat restricted. Nevertheless we beat the same Magdalen Four quite easily in the final of the Stewards. The crew, J. Beresford (bow, steers), K. Vernon, C. G. Rought, B. Logan (stroke), beat Trinity Hall in the first heat by several lengths in 8 min. 10 sec. Magdalen College was beaten in the final by 1½ lengths in 7 min. 38 sec.

In 1910 Snellgrove rowed bow in our Four in place of Beresford. We met Winnipeg at Walton Regatta and were fouled and overturned when leading. We were awarded the race, but we gave the pots to Winnipeg and held the Challenge Cup for the Club. This resulted in great friendliness and Winnipeg gave us a dinner at the Ritz before they went back to Canada. At Henley, Beresford returned to bow, and after beating a strong Leander Four composed of four Blues in

a heat we met Winnipeg again, but lost to them after a hard race. It was rowed in a strong bushes wind on the old course with Winnipeg in the sheltered station.

I was married in August 1910 and retired from rowing, Cloutte taking my place at 2 in the four. In the spring of 1911 Beresford and Logan called on me and persuaded me to come back. We rowed against Magdalen in the second heat of the race and beat them by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 7 min. 54 sec. In the semi-final we beat Third Trinity by $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths in 7 min. 36 sec. and we won the final against Trinity Hall by $\frac{3}{4}$ length in 7 min. 35 sec.

In the Goblets in 1911 Beresford and Cloutte and Rought and Logan dead-heated in the semi-final in record time, 8 min. 8 sec. Cloutte and Rought tossed to settle the result of the dead heat, and Cloutte won for himself and Beresford the right to contest the final. This course was adopted owing to three of the four having to race in the final of the Stewards as well. In the final Beresford and A. H. Cloutte won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 8 min. 15 sec., a time equal to Muttieburys old record.

In 1912 our Four was selected for the Olympic

Games at Stockholm. There were no Coxless Fours and we practised with a coxswain. This may have handicapped us a little at Henley, where, after beating a strong Leander Four, we were defeated in the final by New College, stroked by the famous Bob Bourne. Rought and Logan won the Goblets, beating Pembroke College and First Trinity in heats and Beresford and Cloutte in the final by a length and a quarter in 8 min. 36 sec. At Stockholm we got into the final but we were beaten by a powerful German Four. We gained some valuable points for our country, and silver medals.

In 1913 S. M. Bruce selected and stroked the Thames First Eight, Beresford and I did not get a place. The Eight concentrated on the Grand and no Four was entered for the Stewards. They lost to Leander Club in the semi-final by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths in 7 min. 4 sec. In 1914 Rought did not row and E. L. Watts filled his place at 3. The Four was successful at all the regattas except Henley. The Eight, stroked by Beresford, was defeated at Henley, but Thames won five of the nine events at the Metropolitan Regatta, beating London in the Champion Eights by a foot.

THE SOCIAL ROUND

THE CHILDREN'S PARTY

This annual Christmas event was one of many this winter in which the enthusiasm of the organisers was sorely tried by the unequal struggle against the spectre of fog. In spite of this, however, 33 juvenile revellers gave a brilliant imitation of an animated Giles cartoon. Once again the Parkers provided a delightful tea and the orderly officer received no complaints. A film show met with the vociferous approval of the audience and the fancy dress parade provided some very original costumes. A mass of balloons descending from Heaven (or, maybe, the ceiling) provided a scene reminiscent of the roughest Rugger international one can remember, and the shrieks of battle gave a fair indication that a good time was being had by all.

The exhausted parents finally collected the happy stragglers at about 7 p.m. and peace descended upon the Tideway.

The organisers would like to remind members that this is an event to which they can bring their children, nephews and nieces and master Tom Coble and all, and leave them in safe hands for three or four hours in the knowledge that they will have a very enjoyable Christmas party.

THE NEW YEAR'S DANCE

This happy function was well up to the high standard of previous years and was very well attended. In spite of a voiceless Master of Ceremonies—a coaching casualty—the party went with a swing and the melodies of the Florida Club Band were accompanied and enjoyed by a large number of performers on the floor. After a ration of grog the eightsome reel crews got away to a good start and several cases of unfitness were observed by the coaches. At a later stage an interminable conga snaked its way through the murkiest precincts of the Clubhouse, but the skeleton in the (drying) cupboard was not disturbed, nor was the plumbing in the adjacent room inspected. The usual shower of balloons descended and the record of one minute was put up—a very long life for a balloon! A visit from several members of London R.C. and a return by some of our ambassadors was a pleasant interlude and the night finally died of exhaustion. We are informed that several members had at least two hours' sleep before starting their labours of the year 1953. Such indulgences must not be encouraged—organisers, please note—after such a night, the dawn must be seen to be believed.

Coronation Night Dance.—At the request of many members a dance will be held at the Club House, with running buffet. It is suggested that Club coats and flannels will be worn. Further notices will be issued in due course.

DERBY AND XMAS DRAWS

The promoters wish to thank members for their loyal support of these events. Suffice to say that the proceeds made a much-needed contribution to the finances of the Club.

If members have any suggestions will they please send them in to the Committee, who have decided to award a prize voucher of £10 for the best idea. If two or more ideas are considered by the Committee to be of equal value, the prize will be equally divided.

A PRESENTATION AT THE CLUBHOUSE

A pleasant little ceremony took place at the Club House on December 6th when Sir Eugen Millington-Drake, Oxford Blue and Vice-President of the National Amateur Rowing Association, presented a parchment to M. Georges Adam, of Boulogne, in commemoration of his feat of crossing the Channel from Boulogne to Folkestone *and back* in one

day, on the 1st July, 1952. *M. Adam is 71 years of age.* On his return to France, M. Adam wrote a letter of appreciation of the hospitality of the Club and we are assured that any member of Thames will be heartily welcomed if he calls upon M. Adam in Boulogne.

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Tod Hollom, who helped run the Festival Regatta, has now been subpoenaed to help with the Coronation Regatta, also to be staged on the Serpentine. We understand that Mr. Bertram Mills has not yet given a decision on the Regatta to be rowed in a glass tank at Olympia next year. No doubt the diving-suit in the hon. House Steward's office has no connection with this event.

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Answer to co-respondents: 'Daphne', Row-girthing Ladies' College, String. (Tring, you fool—Editor.)—The question of the Bikini has not *actually* been mooted for International Regattas—but we are given to understand that the A.R.A. are keeping a close watch on any developments. We also understand from the Hon. Secretary of the A.R.A. that any over-developments will definitely be frowned upon.

OBITUARY

R. A. L. Craig, whose death in a motor-cycle accident occurred last September, stroked the St. Paul's School 2nd Eight in 1947 and the T.R.C. Junior crew in 1948 which won Juniors at Putney Regatta. He won several other races in 1948, including the Chiswick Pairs and the Garrick Pairs, with P. S. Pusey. Craig was a good sculler, and after he went to the Polytechnic in the autumn of 1948 he concentrated on sculling, representing first the Polytechnic Students and later Quintin B.C. Among his many successes were the Double Sculls at Marlow in 1949 and 1950 and the Senior Sculls at Walton in 1949. He entered the R.A.F. in 1950, rowing in the R.A.F. Eight at Henley Royal Regatta in 1951.

We also learned with deep regret of the death during the year of **G. Norbery** and **A. H. Mackworth Praed** (who had paid a full member's subscription for over 60 years).

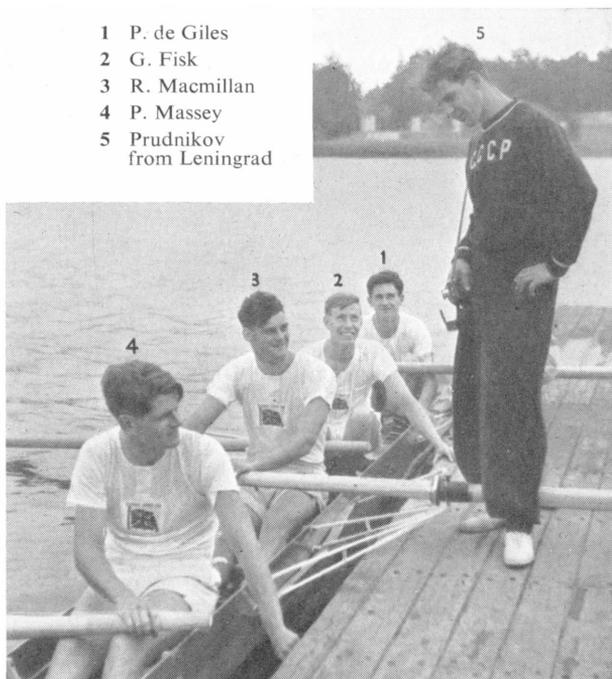


The Olympic coxed four at practice



The Olympic coxed four at Helsinki

- 1 P. de Giles
- 2 G. Fisk
- 3 R. Macmillan
- 4 P. Massey
- 5 Prudnikov from Leningrad



East meets West on the lake at Helsinki



First Eight at Putney

*First Eight relaxing at
Strand-on-the-Green*

*Joe Eldeen, Rodney Wright,
Jack Hyem at Henley*





*Molesey Regatta
—the Senior Eight*



Boat-tent blues



*Felix Badcock's
tea party,
Henley Sunday*

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