
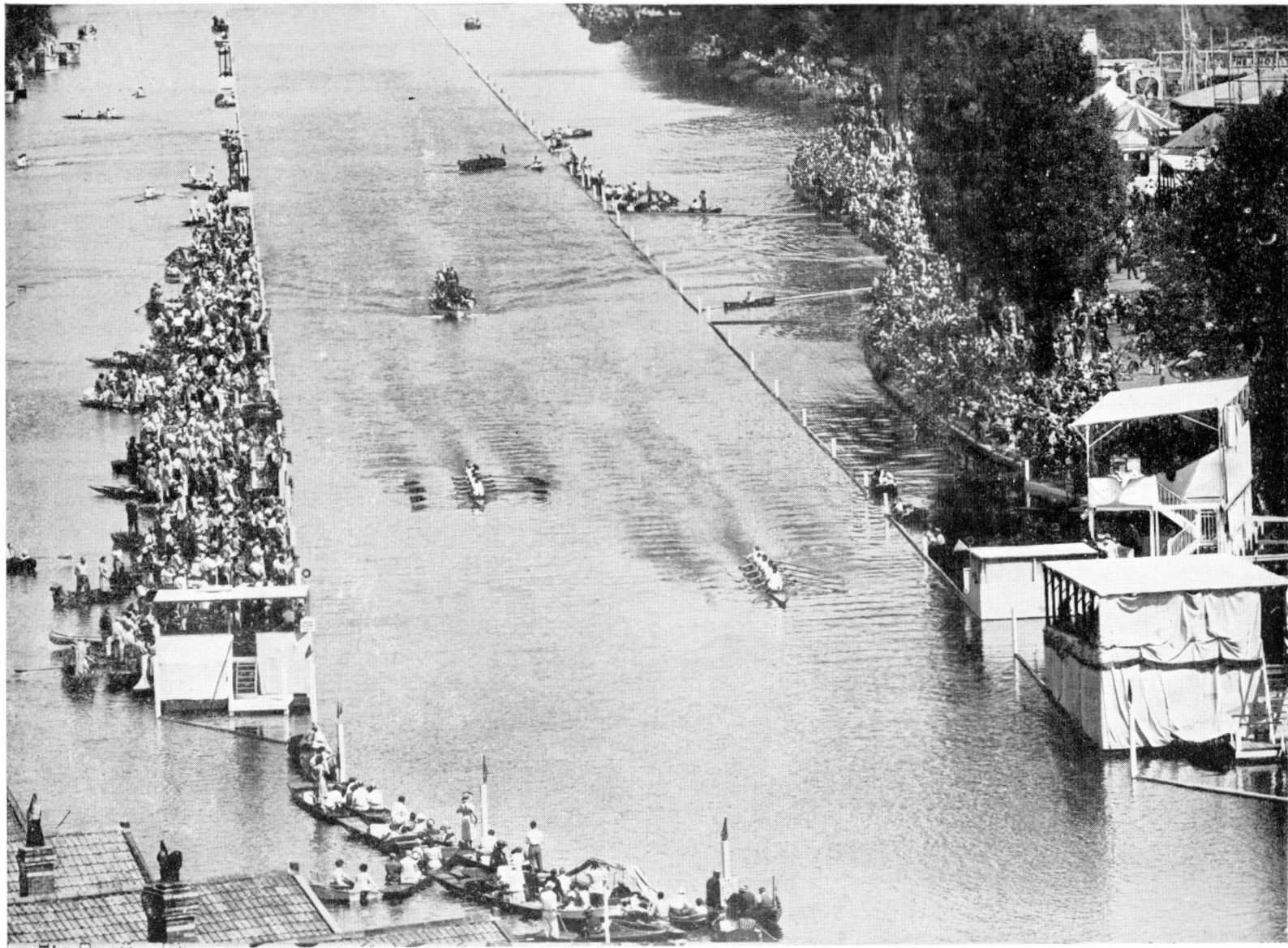

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THE "STEWARDS" FOUR—MARLOW AMATEUR REGATTA, 1948

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FUTURE FIXTURES AND ACTIVITIES

1948.

18th Dec. Christmas Eights.

27th Dec. Tideway Boxing Day Charity Regatta

31st Dec. New Year's Eve Dance.

1949.

1st Jan. Children's Party.

26th March. Universities Boat Race.
11.30 a.m.

26th March. Head of River Race.
4.15 p.m.

EDITORIAL

A celebrated authority is reported to have said that the two essentials of rowing are, "not to keep the oar in the water unduly long nor to dip it unduly deep." The compilers of this publication have done their best to bear in mind similar principles when dipping their unaccustomed pens into the ink, and have aimed at producing a record which shall be neither tedious nor profound.

This venture into journalism may cause some surprise among those members who have grown accustomed to judging the literary talents of our officers by the Club circulars received from time to time ; flawless gems of English composition these documents may be, but it must be admitted that they are somewhat utilitarian and impersonal. It is the object of this journal to avoid any such tendency. Thames men have always viewed pretentious style with well-merited suspicion, and will not look for it in these pages.

No doubt for good reasons, the daily newspapers now devote very little space to rowing news and articles, and we hope that for Club members at any rate we may be able in some measure to fill the gap. We invite contributions to our next issue, on any matters of rowing interest (including photographs). Now is the opportunity for those whose pronouncements have hitherto been confined to the limits of the bar to seek a greater public, and if writing does not come easily to them, they should start at once in order to ensure publication in twelve months' time.

We trust that our readers, bearing in mind the high cost of production, will not consider that the charge made to cover expenses is unreasonable, and will forgive the blemishes from which we can hardly expect this first issue of THE JOURNAL OF THE THAMES ROWING CLUB to be free.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

A Henley win is not everything in the rowing year, but to carry off the two main events at Henley is as good a way as any of silencing the louder complaints of the man-at-the-bar, who is to the captain of a rowing club what the man-in-the-street is to the statesman—a very necessary corrective to self-satisfaction. It is true that our crews this year did not equal the achievements of their great predecessors of 1927 and 1928, in each of which years Thames won four events at the Regatta, but let it be remembered that some six or seven years of intensive training and recovery from the 1914-18 War preceded those successes, whereas the 1939-45 War is not yet so very far behind us. Our position to-day is comparable with that of 1923, when we won the Grand at Henley and had a sensational run of victories at the other regattas; if my comparison is a proper one, the lesson is that we are due to reach still higher standards in two or three years' time, but this, of course, depends on the willingness of those who have contributed to the successes of the past two seasons to continue their active rowing careers. Bill Williams during the war, and Alan Burrough immediately after it, have earned the deep gratitude of all of us for effecting the revival of the Club at a critical time: I have tried to make the best use of the legacy I received from them, and I am most anxious that my successor next year (for this must be my last season as Captain) should assume office with a substantial inheritance of talent and experience. At the moment of writing the number of men retiring from active rowing for one reason or another is causing me considerable anxiety; it is oarsmen of the Thames Cup and Junior-Senior Classes whose loss we can particularly ill afford, for it is from those who have rowed with the Club for a season or two in the lower boats that the senior crews must be fed if we are to establish and maintain what I personally consider essential to success—definite Club standards of style and training. I therefore appeal to any who may feel that marriage, ludo, or the amusement arcade offer greater scope than the judicious application of their strength to an oar handle to consider whether they have really yet made their full contribution to Club rowing. If they are in doubt, their coaches will gladly give them a candid (but tactful) answer.

It is not my intention to discuss in detail the events of the season, for these are fully dealt with in the following pages. I only wish to congratulate those concerned on their truly outstanding and well-deserved successes, and to thank both crews and coaches for a loyalty in return for which I felt I had very little to

offer—now and again deposing a man from a crew or making him row in a position where he felt he could not do himself justice, breaking up crews which were rowing happily together and deserting those in urgent need of coaching appear, as I look back on the season, to have been my principal contributions. Fortunately, the enthusiasm of the coaches defeated all my attempts at sabotage. We were all delighted to see Berry once more accompanying the Grand and Stewards' crews, and marking his eightieth year by darting round them in the launch as they rowed along, like a competent sheep dog prepared to tolerate no deviation from the well-known routine. Those who have ever been coached by Berry will remember exactly what that routine was! Ian Fairbairn did the 1st VIII a vast amount of good, and his own health none at all, by his winter coaching. Ronnie Symonds once again displayed superb judgment in his handling of the crews at Henley, and it is impossible to over-estimate his contribution to their success. Dr. McEldowney was called in to administer a course of treatment to both 1st and 2nd VIII's in the early summer; his method seemed to be to keep the crews rowing hard until he had completed a prescribed number of cigarettes in the launch (where do they come from?), a system which must clearly encourage the fitness of the oarsman, but not so much that of the coach. At any rate, there can be no doubt that the crews *were* very much fitter when he had finished with them.

George Vasilescu was indefatigable in his pursuit of the 2nd VIII; through the winter's mud and hail and fog, and the summer's mud and hail and worse, there he was, in the familiar channels of the Putney towpath or the uncharted wastes of Marlow, chanting mystic incantations in a silvery voice about "taking up the slack": if any slack remained at the end of the season it was certainly not George's fault. The Wyfold IV, a considerably stronger crew than those we have lately been able to enter for this event, met with no small success during the season, but were unlucky in meeting the eventual winners in the first round at Henley; their coach, "Bean," ensured that their rate of striking did not fall below the average, and that they were well acquainted with the Henley course by the day of the race. Finally, in our mention of the Henley crews, our representatives in the Goblets must not be overlooked: John Wilmot and John Dizer suffered from lack of physique, but from no want of skill, and those two other members of our Henley party who appeared on the course lightly disguised in the colours of another club had to admit that they were no match for the two Johns.

Next I have to thank Bill Williams, Dick Messom, Maclean and Ham Ward for sharing the burden of the coaching of the Juniors and Junior-Seniors. Assisted from time to time by other willing but modest helpers, and with "Bean" always straining in the background for a chance to herd any static oarsmen in sight into any sort of floating structure, they kept three eights and sundry smaller craft manned throughout the season. In the past it has been considered a noteworthy achievement to put on a second winning junior crew towards the end of the season, but this year two crews won their juniors at the beginning of the season, and we had high hopes of winning with the third. However, this was not to be, and it remains an unfulfilled ambition to inspire future junior oarsmen and their coaches.

Olympic events have received enough publicity in the Press, and I have nothing to add except to thank members of the Club for their most generous support to the Olympic Appeal, and to say that I am certain that the failure of our Four to reach the final was caused entirely by the illness from which some of them were suffering. Whether they could have beaten the Italians must remain for ever a matter for speculation, enough of which has probably been attempted already. The gallant effort of our Coxed Pair in contending with an unknown form of rowing, and the Reception at the Club at the conclusion of the Regatta will long be remembered.

Two new boats have been acquired this year, the 1st VIII boat which was purchased from the legacy of John Burrough, and named after him, and that built for our Olympic IV (a luxury which we could ill-afford after the heavy inroads into the Reconstruction Fund). Both have proved indispensable, and set a standard in their first season for future crews to maintain.

In other matters, too, the Thames Rowing Club can congratulate itself on the enterprise of the officers concerned, and such important questions as redecoration of the premises, more ambitious social functions and improved catering and amenities have the continual attention of the Committee. John Levy, one of our new Joint Honorary Secretaries, is to relieve the other officers of most of their responsibilities for the administrative side of regatta and other rowing arrangements, so that they will be able to concentrate on what is called, perhaps rather inappropriately, the "business" side of Club affairs—but many will maintain that the main business of a rowing club is rowing. If that is so, it may be fairly said that we have established a flourishing one.

I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Thames Rowing Club of thanking

the Mercantile Rowing Club of Melbourne, Australia, for the very welcome gifts of food parcels for our Olympic crews.

J. H. P.

RACES AND REGATTAS—1947/48

1947

20th December—CHRISTMAS EIGHTS

Winner : Imperial College B.C. "D" Crew.

1948

6th March—BOUSTEAD CUP

R. C. Morris (bow) ; J. R. Johnson ; J. L. Sangster ; T. H. Christie ; H. W. Rushmere ; P. C. Kirkpatrick ; A. S. F. Butcher ; U. Burkard (stroke) ; K. M. Bryant (cox).

Won by 3 lengths.

The misgiving and uncertainty of a first event of the season were heightened by the fact of facing our chief rivals. The crew decided that all would depend on whether we could prevent the reputedly fast-starting London slipping us at the start. They confirmed this appreciation by choosing Middlesex station obviously with the object of taking enough advantage of the Duke's Meadows bend to be able to take our station round the main Hammersmith bend.

Starting at a fairly high rate Thames actually drew away but London refused to alter their plan and (as it subsequently transpired) sacrificed everything for an early lead. Just after Barnes Bridge London probably had a lead of two-thirds of a length, but their manoeuvre had failed. As a dense fog enveloped the race, Thames slowly settled down to exploit the big bend, and, in spite of having twice to alter course fiercely, continued home to a comfortable three and a half lengths' margin.

At the dinner which followed perhaps the most remarkable achievement was Gully's acrobatics on the tightrope which he and a few others have extended between the two Clubs.

13th March—NORTH OF ENGLAND HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

C. M. E. Eugster (bow) ; A. Burrough ; C. S. Windbank ; J. A. MacLean ; L. Foley ; A. P. Brown ; J. H. M. Ward ; R. C. Farnham (stroke) ; J. B. Freebairn (cox).

Finished fourth.

After many re-arrangements and false starts, an VIII of venerable gentlemen got together for the Chester Head of the River. The one and only "Minor" had offered to cox, so we had high hopes of finishing at least two places above the last boat.

The first shock came when we put out from the harbour, and it was announced over the broadcast system that the Thames VIII average 15½ stone and 40 years of age, and had all rowed in the Grand, etc. Result—eight very pink faces and ribald laughter from sundry spectators.

The second blow came when we found that a very nippy Shrewsbury crew were immediately behind us. However, after consultations with

various officials we were given a start of about 45 seconds.

We rowed off at about 36 and settled to a fairly comfortable 30, which rate was maintained for two-thirds of the course. The Shrewsbury crew, however, seemed to be getting ominously close, and over the last 5 or 6 minutes our cox decided it was time to flog the rapidly tiring galley slaves with a series of tens, combined with caustic and encouraging comments. All rowed fast, but none so fast as . . . ?, but of no avail. In spite of some very judicious coxing the Shrewsbury VIII caught and passed us near the finishing post.

Our final placing was fourth. It was the best row we had had, and there were no complaints. Possibly a faster rate of striking would have been better, but why worry now ?

We retired beaten but undaunted to Blossoms, and a good evening was had by all, helped at the later stages by a cask of Guinness, provided by our assiduous stroke, Rex.

20th March—HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

1st viii. R. C. Morris (bow); J. R. Johnson; J. L. Sangster; T. H. Christie; H. W. Rushmere; P. C. Kirkpatrick; A. S. F. Butcher; U. Burkard (stroke); K. Bryant (cox).

Started No. 6, finished Head. 20 min.

After some official juggling Thames I started in their rightful position, fourth, although sporting a higher number, which undoubtedly enhanced their performance to the uninitiated. Again the crew started at rather a high rate, passed I.C.B.C. I comfortably by Barnes Bridge and by the end of the first mile were reputed to be within a length of London (No. 2) rudder. This piece of intelligence completed the discomfort of the crew; for the gnawing anxiety caused by the continued non-appearance of London's rudder coupled with the fast start, never allowed the crew to settle down to the stride necessary for such a course. Although a gap of flattering dimensions continued to open behind, over the latter part of the course we lost ground to London, who, regenerated by Carpmal at stroke, fought level with Jesus. However, in spite of an unsatisfactory row, we managed to retain sufficient of our initial advantage to finish "Head," seven seconds ahead of London, in exactly 20 minutes.

2nd viii. P. S. Pusey (bow); K. J. Holt; P. H. F. Andrew; H. A. Wightman; H. B. James; M. B. Scott; A. R. Watson; A. C. Penley (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Started No. 13, finished No. 14. 20 min. 59 sec.

3rd viii. C. M. E. Eugster (bow); A. Burrough; L. Foley; T. J. Sullivan; C. S. Windebank; A. P. Brown; J. H. M. Ward; R. C. Farnham (stroke); T. W. M. Teraoka (cox).

Started No. 37, finished No. 32. 21 min. 31 sec.

4th viii. P. J. Jacobs (bow); S. King; M. D. Cremin; M. R. Cato; A. H. Mackenzie; D. McCarraher; C. B. B. Bond; R. A. L. Craig (stroke); R. H. E. Brown (cox).

Started No. 42, finished No. 29. 21 min. 27 sec.

5th viii. G. S. Dear (bow); E. A. Lee; A. J. Edwards; S. Marton; J. C. Hyem; A. K. Stuart; J. A. Wilmot; J. L. Cooke (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Started No. 49, finished No. 43. 21 min. 44 sec.

6th viii. G. E. Vasilescu (bow); K. Vernon; R. A. Cartledge; D. Neal; J. Armstrong; T. H. Tyler; C. G. S. Saunders; A. Foy (stroke); M. Tanner (cox).

Started No. 56, finished No. 45. 21 min. 45 sec.

7th viii. I. F. Macdonald (bow); C. G. Cumming; A. H. Tarn; J. Garson; H. A. I. MacInnes; W. Bull; J. A. C. Andrews; F. L. A. de Marneffe (stroke); J. G. Dearlove (cox).

Started No. 95, finished No. 96. 23 min. 8 sec.

8th viii. N. Lempriere (bow); T. P. Wilson; D. S. Speyer; R. J. Loftis; G. L. Woodley; H. W. Jackson; M. W. Townley; G. C. C. Pepys (stroke); B. Tanner (cox).

Clinker Division. Started No. 103, finished No. 125. 22 min. 40 sec.

8th May—PUTNEY AMATEUR REGATTA

Reeve Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

G. S. Dear (bow); E. A. Lee; J. C. Hyem; S. Marton; H. A. I. MacInnes; J. L. Cooke; A. J. Edwards; J. C. M. Currie (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).
Lost final to King's College (London) B.C.

Samuel Samuel Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

P. J. Jacobs (bow); S. King; M. C. Cremin; M. R. Cato; A. H. Mackenzie; J. A. Jolowicz; C. B. B. Bond; R. A. L. Craig (stroke); T. W. M. Teraoka (cox).

Beat Blundell R.C.; beat Imperial College B.C. in final by a canvas.

Eyre Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

A. J. Edwards (bow and steers); M. B. Scott; A. K. Stuart; J. C. M. Currie (stroke).

Lost to King's College (London) B.C. by a canvas, after a collision which holed the boat.

Vernon Pairs

A. K. Stuart (bow and steers); M. B. Scott (stroke).
Lost final to Vesta R.C. and National Provincial Bank R.C. easily.

11th—12th May—VESTA ROWING CLUB OPEN DASHES

Quintin Challenge Cup (Senior Eights)

"A" Crew.—R. C. Morris (bow); J. R. Johnson; J. L. Sangster; U. Burkard; H. W. Rushmere; T. H. Christie; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); J. G. Dearlove (cox).

Beat Imperial College B.C.; beat London R.C. in final by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. 1 min. 15 sec.

"B" Crew.—P. S. Pusey (bow); A. C. Penley; H. B. James; H. A. Wightman; L. Foley; M. B. Scott; A. R. Watson; A. K. Stuart (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Lost to London R.C.

Tweddell Trophy (Junior-Senior Eights)

G. S. Dear (bow); E. A. Lee; J. C. Hyem; S. Marton; H. A. I. MacInnes; J. L. Cooke; A. J. Edwards; J. C. M. Currie (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Beat Westminster School B.C. and Vesta R.C. in final.

Senior Fours

"A" Crew.—R. C. Morris (bow and steers); J. R. Johnson; J. L. Sangster; U. Burkard (stroke).
Lost to London R.C. "A" Crew; beat Imperial College B.C.

"B" Crew.—C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); V. C. N. Daniel; P. H. F. Andrew; K. J. Holt (stroke).
Lost to London R.C. "B" Crew.

**22nd May.—CHISWICK AMATEUR REGATTA
Allanson Memorial Trophy (Thames Cup Eights)**

P. S. Pusey (bow); A. K. Stuart; H. B. James;
A. C. Penley; L. Foley; M. B. Scott; A. R. Watson;
J. C. M. Currie (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Beat Westminster Bank R.C. and Molesey B.C. by
1½ lengths

Lost to Reading University B.C. in final by 2½ lengths.

Goring Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

P. J. Jacobs (bow); S. King; M. D. Cremin; M. R.
Cato; A. H. Mackenzie; J. A. Jolowicz; C. B. B.
Bond; R. A. L. Craig (stroke); T. W. M. Teraoka
(cox).

Lost to Reading University B.C.

Ronald Studd Challenge Trophy (Junior Eights)

G. L. Woodley (bow); T. P. Wilson; W. S. Ham;
D. Goodall; I. F. Macdonald; J. Pope; R. G. Wall;
A. W. Mills (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Beat University College and Hospital B.C. by
3 lengths. 5 min. 6 sec.

Lost to Quinton B.C.

Senior Fours

C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); V. C. N. Daniel;
P. H. F. Andrew; K. J. Holt (stroke).

Beat Quintin B.C. and Imperial College B.C. in final.

**Mortlake Challenge Trophy
(Junior-Senior Fours)**

A. J. Edwards (bow and steers); A. K. Stuart;
M. B. Scott; J. C. M. Currie (stroke).

Beat Molesey B.C. and Vesta R.C. Beat Anglian
B.C. in final.

Senior Pairs

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

Beat Quintin B.C. and Vesta R.C. by 4 lengths.
5 min. 46 sec.

Beat Loughborough B.C. in final.

Chiswick Pairs

P. S. Pusey (bow and steers); R. A. L. Craig (stroke).
Beat Ibis in final, after a row over in the first heat.

**29th May.—RICHMOND AND TWICKENHAM
AMATEUR REGATTA**

Mayor of Richmond Cup (Thames Cup)

P. S. Pusey (bow); J. C. M. Currie; A. R. Watson;
H. A. Wightman; H. B. James; A. C. Penley;
C. B. B. Bond; A. K. Stuart (stroke); J. F. Levy
(cox).

Beat Westminster Bank R.C. by ½ length.

Beat Horseferry R. C. in final, by 3 lengths.

**Mayor of Twickenham Cup (Junior-Senior
Eights)**

A. J. Edwards (bow); E. A. Lee; P. J. Jacobs;
M. D. Cremin; A. H. Mackenzie; J. A. Jolowicz; J. C.
Hyem; R. A. L. Craig (stroke); C. J. Gibson (cox).

Beat Queen Mary College B.C.

Lost to Molesey B.C. by 3 feet.

Twickenham Cup (Junior Eights)

G. L. Woodley (bow); T. P. Wilson; W. S. Ham;
D. Goodall; I. F. Macdonald; J. Pope; R. G. Wall;
A. W. Mills (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Beat Auriol R.C., Lensbury R.C., Latymer Upper
School B.C., and Ibis R.C. in final.

Liversidge Trophy (Wyfold Fours)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); V. C. N. Daniel;
P. H. F. Andrew; K. J. Holt (stroke).

Beat Imperial College B.C. on disqualification in
final.

Riverside Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

G. S. Dear (bow and steers); S. Marton; H. A. I.
MacInnes; J. L. Cooke (stroke).

Beat Kensington R.C. Lost in final to Barclays
Bank R.C.

Powell Memorial Cup (Junior-Senior Sculls)

V. C. N. Daniel. Lost to K. J. Woodger (Twicken-
ham R.C.).

Neale Cup (Junior Sculls).

J. A. Wilmot. Beat A. W. Reece (I.C.B.C.); lost
final to J. G. Hilder (Merton College B.C.).

5th June.—WALTON AMATEUR REGATTA

Walton Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

P. S. Pusey (bow); J. C. M. Currie; A. R. Watson;
H. A. Wightman; H. B. James; A. C. Penley; C. B.
B. Bond; A. K. Stuart (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Beat Westminster Bank R.C. 1½ lengths, 5 min. 20 sec.
Beat Oriol College B.C. in final by 4 lengths, 5 min.
28 sec.

Sabin Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

"A" Crew: G. L. Woodley (bow); G. S. Dear;
W. S. Ham; S. Marton; I. F. Mac-
donald; D. E. Goodall; C. S. Windebank;
J. L. Cooke (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Beat St. Thomas's Hospital B.C. easily, 5 min. 43 sec.;
beat Molesey B.C. by 1½ lengths, 5 min. 38 sec.; lost
final to Imperial College B.C. by 3 lengths, 5 min.
19 sec.

"B" Crew: A. J. Edwards (bow); S. King; R. G.
Wall; J. Pope; J. A. Jolowicz; R. A.
L. Craig; P. J. Jacobs; A. W. Mills
(stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Dead heat with Weybridge R.C. and lost the re-row
by ½ length.

Walton Challenge Cup (Stewards Fours)

A. S. F. Butcher (bow and steers); T. H. Christie;
H. W. Rushmere; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

Rowed over; beat London R.C. in final easily.
5 min. 28 sec.

Goring Challenge Cup (Wyfold Fours)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); V. C. N. Daniel;
P. H. F. Andrew; F. L. A. de Marneffe (stroke).

Beat Barclays Bank easily, no time taken; beat
Imperial College B.C. by 2½ lengths, 6 min. 9 sec.;
beat Oriol College B.C. in final easily, 6 min. 22 sec.

Pair Oars

J. A. Wilmot (bow and steers); K. J. Holt (stroke).
Lost to Walton R.C. (R. S. Hollom; R. R. Swatton)
easily, 7 min.

Dan Fitté Challenge Trophy (Senior Sculls)

U. Burkard. Beat E. S. Gait easily; T. H. Tyler
easily; beat F. Whitgift in final easily.

T. H. Tyler. Lost to U. Burkard.

12th June.—READING AMATEUR REGATTA

**Reading Grand Challenge Cup (Thames Cup
Eights)**

P. S. Pusey (bow); J. C. M. Currie; A. R. Watson;
M. B. Scott; H. B. James; A. C. Penley; C. B. B.
Bond; A. K. Stuart (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Beat Royal Air Force R.C. by 1½ lengths, 5 min.
5 sec.; beat Reading University B.C. by ¼ length,
5 min. 7 sec.; beat Molesey B.C. in final by ¾ length,
5 min. 5 sec.

Sandeman Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

G. L. Woodley (bow); E. A. Lee; W. S. Ham; D. E.
Goodall; I. F. Macdonald; M. R. Cato; G. S. Dear;
J. L. Cooke (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Beat Marlow R.C.; lost to Imperial College B.C. by
2 feet.

Reading Challenge Vase (Wyfold Fours)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); V. C. N. Daniel; P. H. F. Andrew; F. L. A. de Marneffe (stroke).

Beat Barclays Bank R.C. easily, 5 min. 44 sec.; beat Quintin B.C. by 2 lengths, 5 min. 33 sec.; beat Oriol College B.C. in final by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, 5 min. 33 sec.

Maiden Erlegh Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

G. S. Dear (bow and steers); E. A. Lee; G. F. Woodley; M. R. Cato (stroke).

Lost to Vesta R.C.

Dymore Brown Challenge Trophy (Open Pairs)

J. A. Wilmot (bow and steers), J. P. Dizer (stroke). Beat Marlow R.C. easily, 6 min. 20 sec.; beat Reading R.C. by 2 lengths, 6 min. 18 sec.; beat Loughborough B.C. in final easily, 6 min. 7 sec.

11th, 12th & 13th. June—CENTENARY REGATTA, AMSTERDAM

(Dr. W. Lulofs-beker. (Jonge Acht).)

A. J. Edwards (bow); S. King; P. J. Jacobs; R. A. L. Craig; J. A. Jolowicz; J. Pope; R. G. Wall; A. W. Mills (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox). Finished 5th.

The Club received an invitation to send an eight to take part in the Centenary International Regatta of the Royal Amsterdam Rowing and Sailing Club "De Hoop" early in June. This regatta has attracted many crews from other countries in the past, and the winners of its Championship Sculls include J. Beresford.

It did not prove practicable to send either the first or the second eight this year, and accordingly the best available junior-senior eight was entered, in the appropriate class, for the race for the "Dr. W. Lulofs-beker." K. A. Williams accompanied them as coach.

The crew flew to Amsterdam by K.L.M., and was met on arrival by its hosts, members of the "De Hoop" Club, who accommodated us in their own houses and flats. The regatta course now used in Amsterdam is a new one at the Bosbaan on the outskirts of the city. It has been excavated by the City Authorities for regattas and is flanked by paths for pedestrians and cyclists and a road for cars and motor coaches. Each race is followed by, if seen from a distance, a swarm of cars, coaches and bicycles which is very impressive as it slowly moves along the course, and whose noise is even more impressive if one happens to be in the swarm. The course is of the full Olympic 2,000 metres; it has starting piers at one end and boathouses at the other; there is a huge grandstand at the finish.

Most members of the crew travelled to and from the course during their two or three days of practice by bicycle, covering about 5 miles each way. A preliminary outing on the Wednesday was followed by two full outings a day on Thursday and Friday. The crew raced on Saturday, meeting four other Clubs from Holland and Belgium in a single race.

In the race the crews remained fairly level for rather more than the first minute, but after that Njord drew away to win comfortably, with De Hoop second. Thames finished fifth, the rather scratch crew not having the pace of its opponents, all of whom would rank in a class distinctly higher than junior-senior in ability in this country.

19th June—MARLOW AMATEUR REGATTA

Grand Challenge Cup

R. C. Morris (bow); J. R. Johnson; J. L. Sangster; U. Burkard; H. W. Rushmere; T. H. Christie; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); J. G. Dearlove (cox).

Won final from London R.C. and Kingston R.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. 4 min. 21 sec.

Senior Fours Challenge Cup

A. S. F. Butcher (bow and steers); T. H. Christie; H. W. Rushmere; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

Beat Victoria Lake R.C. (South African Olympic Four); beat London R.C. in final by 4 lengths, 4 min. 44 sec.

Marlow Eights Challenge Cup

P. S. Pusey (bow); J. C. M. Currie; A. R. Watson; M. B. Scott; H. B. James; A. C. Penley; C. B. B. Bond; A. K. Stuart (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Dead-heat with Molesey B.C. in 4 min. 29 sec.; lost re-row by a canvas.

Town Challenge Cup

C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); V. C. N. Daniel; P. H. F. Andrew; F. L. A. de Marneffe (stroke).

Beat Kingston R.C. by 3 lengths, 4 min. 45 sec.; beat Westminster Bank R.C. by 3 lengths, 5 min. 5 sec.; beat Oriol College B.C. by 1 length, 4 min. 53 sec.; beat Worcester College B.C. in final by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, 4 min. 58 sec.

Marlow Pairs Challenge Cup

J. A. Wilmot (bow and steers); J. P. Dizer (stroke).

Beat Walton R.C. by 3 lengths, 5 min. 15 sec.; beat London R.C. easily, 5 min. 32 sec.; lost to Mosman R.C. (Australian Olympic pair) by 2 lengths, 5 min. 22 sec.

Junior Sculls Challenge Cup

K. N. Woodward-Fisher beat S. A. Gase easily, 5 min. 35 sec.; beat M. G. Ball in final by 3 lengths, 5 min. 40 sec.

Senior Sculls Challenge Cup

U. Burkard beat I. Stephen (Witwatersrand University B.S.—South African Olympic Sculler); lost final to M. T. Wood (N.S.W. Police R.C.—Australian winner of Olympic Sculls).

30th June to 3rd July—HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

Grand Challenge Cup

R. C. Morris (bow); J. R. Johnson; J. L. Sangster; U. Burkard; H. W. Rushmere; T. H. Christie; A. S. F. Butcher; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke); J. G. Dearlove (cox).

Beat London R.C. by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, 7 min. 1 sec. (Fawley 3 min. 21 sec.).

Heat 1 was rowed off on Thursday, 1st, July at 11.45 a.m., between Thames R.C. on the Berks. station and London R.C. on the Bucks. station. The weather was dull and cold with a very fresh upstream breeze. Thames went off at 10, 19, 37 to London's 10, 21, 40 and at the Island were a canvas up. This was increased to $\frac{1}{2}$ length at the first signal, and at the Barrier, reached in 1 min. 59 sec., Thames were striking 32 to London's 36. At the second signal Thames had increased their lead to $\frac{3}{4}$ length, and were rowing with good length and rhythm at Fawley, reached in 3 min. 21 sec. At the third signal Thames, striking 28, had increased their lead to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; London, striking 34, were rowing hard, but not quite so well together. At the mile, London challenged at 39, but could not go up and from here Thames rowed in quietly to win by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 7 min. 1 sec.

Beat Leander Club by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 6 min. 59 sec. (Fawley 3 min. 23 sec.).

Heat 3 was rowed off on Friday, 2nd, July at 11.45 a.m., between Thames R.C. on the Berks. station and Leander Club on the Bucks. station. The weather was fine and cool with a puffy down breeze, $\frac{1}{4}$ off the Bushes. Both crews went off at 10, 20, 38, and at the Island Leander were a few feet ahead, which they maintained to the first signal, the distance there being

6 feet. The Barrier was reached in 2 min. 1 sec., with Leander striking 34 to Thames' 35. At the second signal Leander had increased their lead to $\frac{1}{2}$ length and maintained it to Fawley, reached in 3 min. 23 sec., where both crews were rowing very steadily, the real fight having not yet developed. At the third signal, Thames began to come up and Leander were only ahead by 6 feet; both crews were striking 34. Leander replied to the Thames challenge and then Thames came again so that both crews were level at the mile. Thames were just creeping ahead and raised the rate to 37. Leander replied at 38, but could not get up and Thames rowed on to win by $\frac{1}{2}$ length in 6 min. 59 sec. Two fine crews in a grand battle.

Beat Jesus and Pembroke B.C.s in final by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 7 min. 2 sec. (Barrier 1 min. 58 sec., Fawley 3 min. 21 sec.).

The final was rowed off on Saturday, 3rd July, at 12.15 p.m., between Thames R.C. on the Berks. station and Jesus and Pembroke Colleges, Cambridge, on the Bucks. station. Thames went off at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, 20, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Jesus and Pembroke's 11, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$, 41, and at the Island Thames were slightly ahead. This lead they increased to $\frac{1}{2}$ -length at the first signal, and at the Barrier, reached in 1 min. 58 sec., Thames were striking 36 to Jesus and Pembroke's 38. At the second signal, Thames had increased their lead to 1 length, and going gradually away, were 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths ahead at Fawley, reached in 3 min. 21 sec. At the third signal Thames were still 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in the lead and striking 34 to Jesus and Pembroke's 38. The lead was unchanged at the mile and here both crews raised their rate of striking, Thames to 38 and Jesus and Pembroke to 42, and Thames went away to win by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 7 min. 2 sec. Thames rowed a wonderful race, and with every stroke gradually forged further ahead. Jesus and Pembroke could make no impression even when spurting.

Stewards' Challenge Cup

A. S. F. Butcher (bow and steers); T. H. Christie; H. W. Rushmere; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

Beat Seeclub Zurich by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 7 min. 17 sec. (Fawley, 3 min. 32 sec.).

This race was rowed on 1st July at 5.25 p.m. with Seeclub-Zurich on Berks. station and Thames on Bucks. station. There was a following wind, with very little stream. Thames went off at 10, 19, 37 to 8, 18, 34 by Seeclub, and at the Island Seeclub were leading by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. At the first signal Seeclub were leading by one length, and maintained their lead to the Barrier (time 2.5). At the second signal Seeclub were still leading by one length, and at Fawley (time 3.32) Thames spurted at 35 to 32 by Seeclub. At the mile Seeclub were just leading, but Thames, still challenging, went ahead at 32 to 35 by Seeclub. Along the Enclosure Thames rowed away from Seeclub, who looked very tired, to win by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 7 min. 17 sec. A superb race.

Beat Leander Club by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 7 min. 42 sec. (Fawley 3 min. 40 sec.).

This race was rowed on 2nd July at 5.40 p.m. Leander were on Berks. station and Thames on Bucks. station. The weather was sunny with a light breeze off the bushes. Thames went off at 10, 19, 36 to 10, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$, 36 by Leander, and at the Island Leander were leading by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. At the first signal Leander were leading by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, but this was reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ length at the Barrier (time 2.11). At the second signal Leander were still leading by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, but at Fawley (time 3.40) Thames were going up fast at 31 to 32 by Leander. Thames went ahead steadily and at the mile led by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. They had dropped the rate to 26. Along the enclosure Thames maintained their lead comfortably to win by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 7 min. 42 sec. At the finish Thames were striking 24 and won with ease.

Beat Isis and Granta Clubs by 4 lengths, 7 min. 48 sec. (Fawley, 3 min. 47 sec.).

The final was rowed on Saturday at 5.45 p.m. Isis and Granta were on Berks. station and Thames on Bucks. station. The weather was bright with a light breeze off the Bushes. Thames went off at 10, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$, 36 to 10, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$, 36 by Isis-Granta, and at the Island Thames were leading by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. At the first signal Thames were still leading by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, and had increased their lead to 1 length at the Barrier (time 2.15). At the second signal Thames were still leading by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, and at Fawley (time 3.47) Isis-Granta spurted at 32 to 27 by Thames. At the mile Thames had increased their lead to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and Isis-Granta hit the booms. Thames were looking very comfortable. Along the Enclosure Thames went right away to win comfortably by 4 lengths in 7 min. 48 sec.

Thames Challenge Cup

P. S. Pusey (bow); J. C. M. Currie; A. R. Watson; M. B. Scott; H. B. James; A. C. Penley; C. B. B. Bond; A. K. Stuart (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Beat University College and Hospital B.C. by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 7 min. 31 sec. (Fawley, 3 min. 34 sec.); beat Westminster Bank R.C. by 1 length, 7 min. 15 sec. (Fawley, 3 min. 31 sec.); lost to Kent School, U.S.A. by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, 7 min. 23 sec. (Fawley, 3 min. 32 sec.).

This race was rowed on 2nd July at 3.35 p.m. Thames were on Berks. station and Kent School on Bucks. station. The weather was fine with a slight breeze off the Bushes. Thames went off at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 20, 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$, 42 by Kent School, and at the Island Thames were just ahead. At the first signal Thames were leading by 2 feet, and Kent spurted. At the Barrier (time 2.6) Thames led by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. At the second signal Thames were still leading, but at Fawley (time 3.32) Kent School spurted and drew level. At the mile Kent School led by $\frac{1}{2}$ length at 36 to 34 by Thames. Along the Enclosure Thames were tiring but game still. Both crews were striking 40 at the finish, but Kent School increased their lead to $\frac{3}{4}$ length to win in 7 min. 32 sec.

Wyford Challenge Cup

C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); C. V. N. Daniel; P. H. F. Andrew; F. L. A. de Marneffe (stroke).

Lost to Victoria Lake R.C. by 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths.

This race was rowed on Wednesday, 30th June, at 12.25 p.m. Victoria Lake were on Berks. station and Thames on Bucks. station. The weather was fine with a following breeze off Bucks. station. Thames went off at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 21, 40 to 11, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$, 41 by South Africa, and at the Island South Africa were leading by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths after a superb start. At the first signal South Africa were leading by 2 lengths and had increased their lead to 3 lengths at the Barrier (time 2.10). At the second signal South Africa were still leading by 3 lengths, and at Fawley (time 3.41) were maintaining their lead. (South Africa 36 to 34 by Thames.) At the mile South Africa had dropped to 34 and held their lead. Thames steered rather wildly. Along the Enclosure South Africa rowing comfortably finished strongly, to win by 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths in 7 min. 49 sec.

Victoria Lake R.C. (the South African Olympic Four) slipped Thames on the start and were never bothered. This was a greatly improved crew since Marlow Regatta.

Silver Goblets and Nickalls' Challenge Cup

J. A. Wilmot (bow and steers); J. P. Dizer (stroke).

Beat Walton R.C. by 2 lengths; lost to Radcliffe Infirmary B.C. by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 8 min. 42 sec. (Fawley, 4 min. 11 sec.).

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

30th June-3rd July, 1948

The final training at Henley started, as training at Henley invariably starts, in the highest of spirits with the 1st VIII rowing their boat up from Marlow on Monday morning, the 21st June.

There were no foreign entries for the Grand Challenge Cup, and the Henley Stewards and Olympic Committee had let it be known that the winners would be accepted as Great Britain's representative crew at the forthcoming Olympic Regatta.

Our old antagonists, London R.C., Leander Club and Kingston R.C., were there, the Olympic Committee's official nominee, Jesus and Pembroke, Cambridge, and a completely new, and welcome, entry in Bert Barry's Leatham R.C. crew.

Practice was devoted entirely to tuning-up, getting that last ounce of effort into the blade-work and letting the boat run those precious extra inches on the forward swing; concentrating the mind on the job in hand all the time, and working and thinking as a crew and not as individuals. So often there is no time left for real polishing, but this year there was no need to worry about having to put in a lot of work. That had been well and truly done by the winter and spring coaches and, at Henley, the crew rowed only one full and two half courses.

Full use was made of sparring partners, and a fast L.M.B.C. crew, who were later only beaten by the winners of the Ladies' Plate by $\frac{1}{3}$ length, invariably produced our best form. The first week's work was uneventful and showed promise of greater things to come. The full course row was solid and sound, and the rate of striking satisfactory. A Barrier against L.M.B.C. on the Friday evening in 1 min. 57 sec. showed that there was real pace in the boat.

An amusing and instructive outing was that of the Tuesday evening prior to the Regatta with Bedford School. This fast crew, who later won the Princess Elizabeth Cup for the third time in succession, had had an outing with Jesus and Pembroke in the morning, rowing a couple of starts and a minute with them. In the starts Bedford took a canvas off Jesus and in the minute $\frac{3}{4}$ length. We rowed the same pieces with Bedford, and did to them just what they had done to Jesus. A nice outing to finish with.

In the first round of the Grand we were drawn against London. The crew made no mistake about under-rating their opponents. Peter Kirkpatrick took them off at 10, 19 and 37 strokes to the minute, secured a lead of a

length and then rowed comfortably home to win by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 7 min. 1 sec.

The second race was a real "needle" affair. Leander were an unknown quantity who had come on fast during the past week, and had drawn a bye into the second round. We were not quite at our best, but apparently impressed "The Times" correspondent, who wrote: "There was a magnificent race between Thames and Leander in the Grand. It was really great rowing. Thames, after being led to the Mile, finished strongly. The times, Barrier 2 min. 1 sec., Fawley 3 min. 23 sec., full course 6 min. 59 sec., speak for themselves. Conditions were not conducive to fast times." We won by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

In the final, on Saturday, 4th July, we met the redoubtable Chris Barton and his Jesus-Pembroke crew. The weather was brilliant; Henley at its best, though a lot of water was still coming down, and what breeze there was, head, precluded any fast times. Dick Phelps had produced a wonderful polish on the boat, which looked everything that a racing VIII should. The crew themselves were fighting fit and, between them, generating a "needle" that could be sensed crossing Henley Bridge.

Paddling down to the start they looked superb. Beautifully balanced, well together, long at both ends of the stroke, blades well covered and a punch that came right from the stretcher and was carried through in one piece to a long, hard, throw-away at the finish.

Thames led from the first stroke in a start that those in the crew will remember for the rest of their days. So crisp, clean, solid and true that it was difficult to believe the stopwatch which recorded $20\frac{1}{2}$ strokes in the first half minute. It seemed to paralyse Jesus and Pembroke and, by the Barrier, reached in 1 min. 58 secs., a very fast time in the conditions, Thames were striding along at 35 strokes to the minute a good length ahead and the race was virtually over. Fawley time was 3 min. 21 secs., and the finish 7 min. 2 secs. The winning distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths indicates a comfortable victory, and it was only the last half-minute when Kirkpatrick picked the stroke up to 37 that the record crowds lining the booms and enclosures saw what reserves of power the crew had in hand. So the Grand came back again to Thames after 20 years.

In a crew which had learned to think and act as one, it seems invidious to single out individuals, but the following reflective comments may be found of interest.

R. C. Morris, at bow, showed what a great asset an experienced and clever oar can be in that difficult position, and J. R. Johnson, at 2,

did well to hold him and round off a neat bow pair.

J. L. Sangster and U. Burkard made a powerful 3 and 4, and there was never any question about either of them going the whole way and rowing the last half minute as solidly as the first.

H. W. Rushmere, perhaps the most experienced oar in the boat, was a tower of strength at 5, and in the races he was at his very best, and a good best it is, throughout.

T. H. Christie was, without doubt, the most improved oar in the crew. From last year's raw-boned colt he had developed into a fine oar and, in the final, rowed like a classic 6.

A. S. F. Butcher, at 7, must be considered with the very best oars rowing at the Regatta. His beautifully easy movements belie the weight of water he gets on to his blade. Rowing between two exceptionally tall men his task of linking-up both sides of the boat was not an easy one, and he accomplished it magnificently.

P. C. Kirkpatrick deserves a chapter to himself. No one rowing in the crew will challenge the statement that he was its life and inspiration. Both as captain in the boat and as stroke he was superb. Referring again to "The Times" correspondent, we read that: "Kirkpatrick, the stroke of the Thames VIII and IV, is the outstanding oarsman of post-war years." A judgment to which further comment is superfluous.

J. G. Dearlove (cox) in, at last, winning the Grand reaps a reward no less popular than deserved. Few coxes, indeed, have his insight into a crew; and a fine pair of hands, good voice, intelligent anticipation and exceptional experience combine to make him a cox in a thousand. When, later, he was selected to cox the British Olympic VIII it was one choice which was universally applauded.

The Stewards' IV consisted of the stern four of the VIII rowing in the order:

1. A. S. F. Butcher (Bow and steers).
2. T. H. Christie.
3. H. W. Rushmere.
- P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

They were one of those crews which looked like winning the first day they sat in their boat and, until Henley Regatta was over, they never disappointed. With the exceptional average weight of 13 st. 4 lbs. they never became heavy and ponderous in their work and, although their best pace was a good 32 strokes to the minute, they could strike their 20 strokes in the half minute with the best of them. As it happened they never had to do so.

Only very light work was attempted during the final fortnight's training, but short, sharp bursts and steady paddling were all that was necessary to bring them to the post red-hot

favourites for the event for which eight crews were entered.

We drew our only really formidable rivals in the first round—Seeclub, Zurich—who had come over, they told us, to see the form for the Olympics. The crews met on the Thursday afternoon. From a general interest point of view it was the outstanding race of the day. Seeclub led all the way to the Mile Post, when Kirkpatrick, with a perfectly judged effort, splendidly backed up by the rest of the crew, brought them through and, again to quote "The Times": "Rowed the Swiss to a standstill, finishing strongly and undistressed in 7 min. 17 secs., three seconds outside record."

On Friday, after the hard race against Leander in the VIII, the IV were tired, and Kirkpatrick was content to let a fresh Leander IV make the pace until Fawley where, without quickening, he took his crew past to win comfortably at 29 strokes to the minute by $1\frac{1}{4}$ length in 7 min. 42 secs.

In the final we met the Isis and Granta IV, stroked by Laurie with Wilson at 3 behind him. The race was almost a repetition of that of the previous day, and the Thames IV won as they liked in 7 min. 48 secs.

The IV was universally regarded as the outstanding crew of the Regatta, and correspondents vied with each other in superlatives with which to describe them. Undoubtedly they were as fast as any IV since the great Swiss IV of 1935, whose record they might have eclipsed had they been pressed after the Mile Post on the Thursday.

Again, Kirkpatrick was the inspiration, and his stroking and judgment throughout the Regatta were a joy to watch. Their opponents all felt that they were up against the invincible, and that unhurried, rhythmic stroke of tremendous power and length must have been a heart-breaking thing to encounter.

This was a particularly satisfactory win for Kirkpatrick and Rushmere, for their success in this race the year before had scarcely been given the credit it deserved. There can be no "ifs" and "buts" about this year's impressive victory, and the Stewards' Cup remains in the safe keeping of the Club for the second year in succession.

R.H.H.S.

6th, 7th and 8th July—METROPOLITAN AMATEUR REGATTA

Old Barnes Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

P. S. Pusey (bow); J. C. M. Currie; A. R. Watson; M. B. Scott; H. B. James; A. C. Penley; C. B. B. Bond; A. K. Stuart (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Beat Imperial College B.C. by a canvas; beat Westminster Bank R.C. in final by $\frac{1}{4}$ length.

Forster Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

"B" crew.—A. J. Edwards (bow); T. P. Wilson; P. J. Jacobs; J. Pope; J. A. Jolowicz; M. R. Cato; R. G. Wall; A. W. Mills (stroke); G. J. Gibson.

Beat Thames R.C. "A" crew in final.

"A" crew.—E. A. Lee (bow); G. S. Dear; W. S. Ham; D. E. Goodall; I. F. Macdonald; S. Marton; G. L. Woodley; J. L. Cooke (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Horton Cup (Wyfold Fours)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); V. C. N. Daniel; G. C. Fisk; F. L. A. de Marneffe (stroke).

Beat Kingston R.C. easily in final.

Old Goring Cup (Junior-Senior Fours)

A. J. Edwards (bow and steers); J. Pope; R. G. Wall; A. W. Mills (stroke).

Beat Barclays Bank R.C., and in the final beat Vesta R.C. and Kings College London B.C.

Amptill Challenge Cup

(Champion Pairs)

J. A. Wilmot (bow and steers) and J. P. Dizer (stroke)
Lost to J. H. Pinches and E. M. Sturges, London R.C.

Tideway Cup (Junior-Senior Sculls)

K. N. Woodward-Fisher. Lost to R. B. Readings, Vesta R.C.

10th July—KINGSTON AMATEUR REGATTA

Grand Challenge Cup

P. S. Pusey (bow); J. C. M. Currie; A. R. Watson; M. B. Scott; H. B. James; A. C. Penley; C. B. B. Bond; A. K. Stuart (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Lost to London R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 3 min. 59 sec.

Coronation Challenge Cup

(Thames Cup Eights)

A. J. Edwards (bow); G. C. Fisk; W. S. Ham; M. R. Cato; I. F. Macdonald; J. Pope; R. G. Wall; A. W. Mills (stroke); B. Graydon (cox).

Lost to Molesey B.C. by 4 feet, 4 min. 4 sec.

Dittons Challenge Cup (Junior-Senior Eights)

E. A. Lee (bow); D. E. Goodall; G. S. Dear; H. B. Holland; J. A. Jolowicz; S. Marton; G. L. Woodley; J. L. Cooke (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Lost to Bedford R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 4 min. 7 sec.

Ravens Alt Challenge Cup (Senior Fours)

R. C. Morris (bow and steers); J. C. M. Currie; J. R. Johnson; F. L. A. de Marneffe (stroke).

Beat London R.C. in final by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 4 min. 20 sec.

Home Park Challenge Cup (Wyfold Fours)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); M. R. Cato; H. A. Wightman; G. C. Fisk (stroke).

Beat Anglian B.C.; lost to Westminster Bank R.C. by a canvas, 4 min. 25 sec.

Chapple Challenge Cup

P. S. Pusey (bow and steers); R. A. L. Craig (stroke).

Lost to Walton R.C. (R. S. Hollom and R. R. Swatton) by 4 feet, 4 min. 56 sec.

Sunbury Challenge Cup (Senior Sculls)

W. Bull lost to F. Whitgift. T. H. Tyler beat C. E. Benson; lost to F. Whitgift.

17th July—MOLESEY AMATEUR REGATTA

Molesey Grand Challenge Cup

J. A. Wilmot (bow); A. C. Penley; A. R. Watson; W. G. Alden; H. A. Wightman; U. Burkard; J. P. Dizer; J. C. M. Currie (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Lost to Kingston R.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 5 min. 3 sec.

Thames Cup Eights Challenge Cup

A. J. Edwards (bow); G. C. Fisk; C. M. E. Eugster; M. R. Cato; I. F. Macdonald; J. Pope; R. G. Wall; A. W. Mills (stroke); D. Shelley (cox).

Lost to Westminster Bank R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 min. 4 sec.

Junior-Senior Eights Challenge Cup

T. J. Gelber (bow); T. P. Wilson; G. G. H. Page; D. E. Goodall; W. S. Ham; S. Marton; G. L. Woodley; J. L. Cooke (stroke); P. F. Fuller (cox).

Rowed over, then lost to London R.C. by 1 length, 5 min. 17 sec.

Junior Eights Challenge Cup

A. J. C. Browne (bow); J. Curtis; R. A. F. Macmillan; D. T. Holland; J. Charteris; J. R. La T. Corrie; I. P. Smith; J. J. Pearce (stroke); W. Teraoka (cox).

Beat Cygnet R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 min. 20 sec.; beat Walton R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 min. 24 sec.; lost to Burway R.C. by 1 length, 5 min. 18 sec.

Senior Fours Challenge Cup

P. S. Pusey (bow and steers); J. P. Dizer; H. A. Wightman; U. Burkard (stroke).

Beat London R.C. "B" crew on disqualification; lost to London R.C. "A" crew in final by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Thames Cup Fours Challenge Cup

C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); V. C. N. Daniel; R. G. Wall; G. C. Fisk (stroke).

Beat Middlesex and University College Hospitals B.C. by 2 lengths, 5 min. 44 sec.; beat Molesey B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 min. 40 sec.; lost final to Westminster Bank R.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 5 min. 41 sec.

Garrick Pairs and Hastie Challenge Cup

P. S. Pusey (bow and steers); R. A. L. Craig (stroke).
Beat King's College (London) B.C. in final.

Double Sculls

C. V. N. Daniel (bow); W. Bull (stroke).

Beat Kensington R.C. by 3 lengths in final, 6 min. 2 sec.

Hurst Park Challenge Cup (Senior Sculls)

W. Bull. Rowed over; lost to E. S. Gait by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 6 min. 19 sec.

Junior Senior Sculls

K. N. Woodward-Fisher.

Beat B. Emsell; beat C. E. Benson by 4 lengths, 6 min. 18 sec.; lost to R. A. L. Craig in final, 6 min. 11 sec.

24th July—STAINES AMATEUR REGATTA

Staines Eights (Thames Cup Eights)

P. S. Pusey (bow); A. W. Mills; A. J. Edwards; M. R. Cato; H. A. Wightman; R. C. Farnham; R. G. Wall; J. C. M. Currie (stroke); J. F. Levy (cox).

Lost to Westminster Bank R.C. by 2 lengths, 5 min.

Junior Senior Eights

E. A. N. S. Jefferies (bow); G. G. H. Page; H. L. Woodley; E. A. Lee; I. F. Macdonald; J. L. Cooke; J. C. Hyem; R. A. L. Craig (stroke); P. F. Fuller (cox).

Lost to Marlow R.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, 4 min. 54 sec.

Junior Eights

N. Lempriere (bow); J. Curtis; I. P. Smith; D. T. Holland; R. H. Durham; J. R. La T. Corrie; A. J. C. Browne; J. J. Pearce (stroke); P. F. Fuller (cox).

Beat Molesey B.C. by 3 lengths, 5 min. 18 sec.; lost to Latymer Upper School B.C. by a canvas, 5 min. 2 sec.

Staines Fours (Wyfold Fours)

P. S. Pusey (bow and steers); R. C. Farnham;
H. A. Wightman; J. C. M. Currie (stroke).
Lost to Westminster Bank R.C. by 1½ lengths, 5 min.
10 sec.

Junior-Senior Fours

"A" Crew.—A. J. Edwards (bow and steers);
M. R. Cato; R. G. Wall; A. W. Mills (stroke).

Beat Vesta R.C. by 3 lengths, 5 min. 31 sec.; lost
to Anglian B.C. by ½ length, 5 min. 41 sec.

"B" Crew.—E. A. Lee (bow and steers); M. D.
Cremin; W. S. Ham; S. King (stroke).

Lost to London R.C. easily, no time taken.

Senior Sculls

T. H. Tyler.

Beat F. Whitgift by 2½ lengths, 6 min. 2 sec.; lost
to L. D. Habbits by 3 lengths, 5 min. 55 sec.

Staines Sculls (Junior-Senior)

K. N. Woodward-Fisher.

Beat C. E. Benson by 1½ lengths, no time taken;
lost final to R. A. L. Craig by 3 lengths, 6 min.

Junior Sculls

A. C. Penley.

Beat D. Fairbairn by ½ length, 6 min. 5 sec.; lost
to R. Woodgate by 2 lengths, 6 min. 3 sec.

24th July—BEDFORD AMATEUR REGATTA

Senior Eights

J. A. Wilmot (bow); J. P. Dizer; R. C. Morris; W.
Bull; J. L. Sangster; W. G. Allden; A. R. Watson;
G. C. Fisk (stroke); G. J. Gibson (cox).

Lost to Bedford Modern School.

Senior Fours

J. A. Wilmot (bow and steers); J. P. Dizer; J. L.
Sangster; U. Burkard (stroke).

Beat Bedford R.C. "B" easily.

Beat Bedford R.C. "A" by 1½ lengths in final.

Senior Sculls

U. Burkard.

Beat J. Brown (Loughborough B.C.) easily.

Beat Baker (Bedford R.C.) by 2 lengths.

31st July—MAIDENHEAD AMATEUR REGATTA

"Daily Telegraph" Challenge Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

P. S. Pusey (bow); M. R. Cato; C. M. E. Eugster;
A. C. Penley; H. A. Wightman; W. Bull; A. R.
Watson; R. C. Farnham; P. F. Fuller (cox).

Lost to Quintin B.C.

Maidenhead Challenge Bowl (Junior-Senior Eights)

E. A. N. S. Jeffries (bow); G. G. H. Page; G. L.
Woodley; J. L. Cooke; I. F. Macdonald; S. Marton;
J. C. Hyem; A. W. Mills (stroke); N. Lempriere
(cox).

Lost to Marlow R.C. by 1 length.

Woodhurst Challenge Cup (Junior Eights)

N. Lempriere (bow); J. Curtis; A. J. C. Browne;
S. G. Wanchope; D. T. Holland; A. M. Duncan;
C. S. Windebank; F. Donnan (stroke);

Lost to Marlow R.C. by 1½ lengths, 3 min. 35 sec.

Orkney Cottage Challenge Cup (Senior Fours)

C. M. E. Eugster (bow and steers); A. C. Penley;
H. A. Wightman; W. Bull (stroke).

Lost to Molesley B.C.

Desborough Challenge Cup (Double Sculls)

J. P. Dizer (bow); G. C. Fisk (stroke)

Rowed over; lost to W. H. Atkinson and P. C.
Moore (Clare Crabs, Cambridge) by 1½ lengths, 3 min.
56 sec.

Junior-Senior Sculls Challenge Cup

K. N. Woodward-Fisher.

Beat F. L. Whalley (Marlow R.C.) easily; beat J. R.
Arlott (Henley R.C.); beat J. Hilder (Merton College,
Oxford) in final easily, 4 min. 12 sec.

Junior Sculls Challenge Cup

G. C. Fisk.

Rowed over; beat K. H. Smith (Quintin B.C.), 4 min.
30 sec.; beat G. Forsythe (Quintin B.C.); lost final
to J. P. Dizer (T.R.C.) by 1½ lengths, 4 min. 15 sec.

P. S. Pusey.

Lost to M. A. Hissey (Eton Vikings) by ½ length.

J. P. Dizer.

Rowed over; beat A. Addison (Maidenhead R.C.);
beat M. A. Hissey (Eton Vikings), 4 min. 18 sec.; beat
G. C. Fisk (T.R.C.) in final by 1½ lengths, 4 min. 15 sec.

5th, 6th, 7th & 9th August.—OLYMPIC REGATTA (T.R.C. Representatives)

Great Britain—Four without Cox

A. S. F. Butcher (bow and steers); T. H. Christie;
H. W. Rushmere; P. C. Kirkpatrick (stroke).

Beat Czecho-Slovakia, 6 min. 37 sec.; lost to
Denmark, 7 min. 15 sec.

Great Britain—Four with Cox

W. W. Woodward (2); A. J. R. Pursell (stroke).

Great Britain—Pair with Cox

H. B. James (bow); M. B. Scott (stroke); D. Secker
Walker (cox) (Westminster School B.C.).

Beat U.S.A.; lost to Yugoslavia; and to Denmark in
repechages.

Great Britain—Eights.

C. B. M. Lloyd (3); P. M. O. Massey (4); G. C.
Richardson (6); J. G. Dearlove (cox).

Beat Norway and Denmark, 6 min 5 sec.; beat
Canada 1½ lengths; lost to U.S.A. in final.

21st & 22nd September.—VESTA R.C. VETERANS' REGATTA

Veteran Eights

D. Neal (bow); K. Vernon; H. M. Lane; K. A.
Williams; J. A. MacLean; T. H. Tyler; R. R.
Swatton; G. E. Vasilescu (stroke); J. B. Freebairn (cox).

Lost to London R.C. by 3 feet.

Veteran Fours

G. E. Vasilescu (bow and steers); D. Neal; J. A.
MacLean; R. R. Swatton (stroke).

Lost to London R.C. by ¼ length.

2nd October.—CLUB REGATTA

Winners :—

John Lang Cup Club (Junior Sculls)

J. Pope.

Club Handicap Sculls

D. Fairbairn.

Club Pairs

D. D. Macklin (bow and steers) and C. B. M. Lloyd
(stroke).

Club Fours

D. Neal (bow and steers); L. S. Williams; G. G. H.
Page; A. L. Macleod (stroke).

Invitation Scratch Eights

A. J. C. Brown (bow); A. W. Prince (Westminster
Bank R.C.); J. D. Spink (Ibis R.C.); D. M. Congreve
(Derby R.C.); M. B. Scott; R. W. Messom; E. Poynter
(Bedford R.C.); J. C. M. Currie (stroke); G. J. Gibson
(cox).

THE SECOND EIGHT

When we last succeeded in taking the two senior events at Henley 20 years ago, it will be remembered that we also won the Thames Cup and Wyfolds, and at the commencement of the training season in the Autumn of 1947 we had very good reason to hope that this unique achievement might be repeated. The 2nd VIII, almost from its first outing, showed signs of considerable pace and could at that time hold its own against the 1st VIII and the Olympic "trial" crew. Rex Farnham, who was stroking in the early stages, was giving the crew good length and rhythm, and the apparent ease with which they were moving their boat was a joy to their supporters and coach. It was therefore unfortunate that, soon after the long and exhausting row back from their visit to Walton, Rex decided that his efforts in support of Sir Stafford Cripps' appeal for increased production would not allow him to give up sufficient time to row regularly during the summer season.

The task of finding an alternative leader proved more difficult than was anticipated and, during the transition stage, the crew's smooth rhythm seemed to have been lost and was never completely recovered. Rowing became hard work.

Choice eventually fell on Tony Penley, who stroked up to the Head of the River Race, in which they put up a reasonably good performance in finishing 14th. After the Head, again many changes were made in endeavouring to find the best combination. Alan Stuart, who then took over the stroke thwart, deserves great credit for his unstinted efforts to get the best out of his men, and every member of the crew showed determination and keenness which deserved success, but they lacked perhaps the cohesion which is required to produce a really fast eight. So it was that after disposing of their opponents in the first two heats of the Thames Cup at Henley, they were not quite able to cope with the Kent School (U.S.) crew, who beat them after a close race by less than a length.

The Club was also represented in the Thames Cup class at each of the other regattas, commencing with Chiswick, where, possibly suffering from "nerves" on the occasion of their debut, the crew were rather disappointing and after struggling through to the final, were beaten rather easily by Reading University. They then ran up a sequence of wins at Richmond and Twickenham, Walton and Reading, their success at Reading being particularly satisfactory, as they again met Reading University in the final and beat them after a splendid race, during which there was never more than a few feet in it either way.

The 2nd VIII's last outing in the Thames Cup class was at the Metropolitan Regatta at Putney, where they gained their fourth success, retaining the Old Barnes Cup.

The 1st VIII had gone into honourable retirement after Henley, and after their win at the "Met" the 2nd VIII was promoted to represent the Club in the senior class at the remaining regattas. A new Thames Cup eight was required, and a crew was formed from the available junior-seniors, stroked by Alan Mills. This crew rowed at Molesey, Staines and Maidenhead, but they were not sufficiently powerful or experienced to compete successfully with their more seasoned opponents who had been rowing in this class all the year.

JUNIOR AND JUNIOR-SENIOR ROWING

There was only a small number of juniors in the Club at the beginning of winter rowing in the autumn of 1947, chiefly because we had had two junior successes in the summer of that year. Those available were, however, of extremely good quality, and two or three of the older members of the Club rowed with them in the early stages of the winter to complete the crew. These older members thoroughly enjoyed themselves and, it is understood, were quite disappointed to see more juniors arrive to take their places. It soon became clear that the Club would again do well in the junior class, and the performance in the Head of the River Race was distinctly pleasing, though the crew then first showed the tendency they never quite lost to make a false estimate of the rate of striking at which they were rowing at any given time.

This junior crew won at Putney Regatta and rowed as junior-seniors at Chiswick and at Richmond and Twickenham. Meanwhile a second junior crew was formed, and with less than a month's practice raced well at Chiswick and won at Richmond and Twickenham. This crew certainly showed qualities of tenacity, for of the four races that they rowed on the Saturday of Twickenham Regatta two were won by no more than half a length, and one by 3 feet.

The junior-senior crew that had practised in the winter won at the Vesta Dashes. It rowed at Chiswick Regatta, but had to be broken up after that owing to the demands of the 2nd VIII. The invitation to Amsterdam led to a shuffling of the junior-seniors, and that crew which was composed of those who could not go to Amsterdam should have won at Walton and very nearly did win at Reading.

A third junior crew was formed after Henley and raced at Kingston, Molesey, Staines and Maidenhead without winning.

THE OLYMPIC REGATTA

After winning the Grand and Stewards' at Henley Regatta, the Club had the right to choose whether to represent Great Britain in the VIII's or Coxswainless IV's at the Olympic Regatta. In point of fact, the circumstances were such that the choice was a foregone conclusion. The IV had been provisionally nominated by the Olympic Committee after Thames had won the Stewards' at Henley the previous year, and the new boat in which they rowed at Henley Regatta this year had been built for them by the Olympic Committee with the Olympics in view.

Furthermore, the VIII had never been seriously considered as a challenger for Olympic honours. It was the best VIII the Club could produce, and included U. Burkard, of Swiss nationality, who was not, in any case, eligible. Of the two crews the IV was the better, and the final decision was unanimously agreed by those responsible.

The Olympic Regatta was to be held five weeks after Henley Regatta. It was decided that the crew should have one week's rest and that practice should start at Henley on Tuesday, 13th July. Possibly, looking back, this was a mistake, and after the physical and mental strain culminating in the elation of the Henley Regatta wins a week was not a sufficiently long break.

We were comfortably housed at Woodview, Remenham Lane, and had all meals at Leander Club with the rest of the British competitors. Food, on the whole, was good, and J. B. Freebairn, responding as always to Club appeals, came handsomely to our assistance with some very necessary supplies.

Dick Phelps had been officially appointed senior boatman to the contingent and, after the first few days, when it became increasingly evident that most foreign crews looked to us for assistance until their own equipment arrived, we moved our own boat from the general boat tents to Leander where Phelps and Alfred Twinn, the C.U.B.C. boatman, looked after all British boats and oars.

The course started at the top of the Island and finished at the Henley Regatta finish. It was a little short of 2,000 metres, and at each 500 metres large overhead numbers indicated the three lanes. The boundaries on either side were marked by a line of buoys placed 30 yards apart—a poor substitute for the booms, but so the International Committee decreed.

It is not easy to write the story of the IV, because we started with such very high hopes; hopes that were finally drowned in a veritable

sea of disappointment, and explanations look very like excuses, but since performance fell so far short of that seen by all at Henley Regatta this is the story as seen through the eyes of their coach.

The only major criticism levelled against the IV at Henley was the way they bounced their boat, particularly at the higher rates of striking. It seemed sensible to try to counteract this tendency by lowering the work, for it was not safe to assume that they could win the Olympic Coxswainless IV's on the shorter course, and against stiffer opposition, without maintaining a higher rate of striking than that which had won them the Stewards'. Accordingly, for the first three outings, the work was lowered throughout. The crew, however, were not happy, and on the fourth outing the work was put back to the identical heights with which they rowed in the Stewards' with the single exception of Butcher, at bow, who preferred his $\frac{1}{4}$ inch lower than formerly.

For the first week the crew were very stiff and uncomfortable. The balance of the boat was bad and the timing ragged, but midway through the second week, they almost hit their Henley Regatta form, and on Saturday, 24th July, we went out to row the first full course, paddling down beautifully. Kirkpatrick took them off at 10, 19 and 38 strokes to the minute, dropped to a very good striding 36, and they were travelling as well as they had ever gone when an incident occurred which, looking back, seemed to mark the end of the good fortunes of the crew.

The booms had already been removed, all the way along the Berks. station, and had not yet been replaced by buoys, but a box had been built for broadcasting right out in the river only a few yards off where the line of buoys would eventually run and almost mid-way between Remenham and Fawley. Following the inwards sweep of the towpath bank after Remenham, the boat came this much off her course. Coach and crew were both concentrating on the row, and the box was only sighted when a few yards off the bows. A frenzied scream of "Hold her up hard!" was instantly obeyed, and the boat was stopped with her bows actually between the four legs which supported the box. It was little short of a miracle that no actual damage was done or injury sustained, but the shock and reaction were great. The row was, of course, ruined and the same form was never attained again. Altogether an upsetting incident, and the only good resulting from it was that it scared one of the Committee members to such effect that a guard with megaphone was placed in the box from that morning so that others were spared a possibly even more disastrous experience at the same spot.

On the following Monday it became necessary to change the swivels' which were found to be faulty, and in place of the outing in the IV the crew enjoyed an outing in the scratch VIII which had been formed to relieve monotony. This idea of Kirkpatrick's was welcomed by Laurie and Wilson, who found life tedious in their pair all the time. They rowed at stroke and 7 respectively, with the IV behind them, and bow and 2 seats were filled by any spare men who happened to be handy. The VIII proved of great assistance to the Leander crew rowing as the British VIII, and it was interesting and reassuring to observe how perfectly the style of the Thames oarsmen fitted in with the style of Laurie and Wilson.

Monday, the 26th July, saw the arrival of the new set of oars painted in the new Olympic colours: white blades, with the haft painted red where it ran down to a point, and a Union Jack transfer on the front. Although the crew were not very happy at the change, it seemed wise to discard the old set, which had become extremely whippy and bent alarmingly.

The last full week's training started in blazing July sunshine, and as we were all to attend the opening ceremony of the Games at Wembley Stadium on the Thursday, we decided to row the final full course on the preceding Wednesday.

Burnell and Bushnell, in their double sculler, rowed the first 1,000 metres with us. At the 500 metres mark we were half a length up in 1 min. 32 secs., and at the 1,000 metres two lengths up in 3 min. 16 secs. Here a London R.C. IV., stroked by Carpmael, took us to the finish, although they were not able to push us after the 1,500 metres mark (5 min. 4 secs.) and the crew finished the course in 6 min. 24 secs.—the fastest time we heard for any Coxwainless IV. It was not one of our best rows but encouraging, for it did look as though we were running into form once more and at the right time.

Then came the ceremony at Wembley—a veritable Roman holiday—where the competitors had to stand for hours on end while the sun blazed down upon the backs of their heads. This was a great strain, and there can be no doubt that it would have been an advantage if the ordeal could have been avoided.

The last week-end before the Regatta the heat-wave ended, and from then until the finals on the following Monday the weather was really bad, with strong head winds and cold showers making rowing unpleasant and difficult. However, it was the same for all.

In the first round we had an easy draw against Czechoslovakia, but yet another mishap, which might well have lost us the race, did nothing to restore confidence and ease of mind. As the crew were turning the boat round by the Island

before the start, there was a sharp crack, heard on the bank, and Kirkpatrick visibly dropped in his seat. The wooden runner carrying the wheels of his slide had snapped. The rules did not permit any repairs. Kirkpatrick could still use his slide, but the broken ends acted as a brake and the danger was that the seat might split right across. However, after a most uncomfortable row they managed to win, and in the surprising time of 6 min. 37 secs. The Dutch crew beat Yugoslavia in 6 min. 47 secs. The U.S.A. beat the Argentine in 6 min. 43 secs. and Italy the Danes by $\frac{3}{4}$ length in 6 min. 34 secs.

This win put us straight into the semi-finals on Saturday, Friday being devoted to the Repêchages, a system intended to ensure that the best crews meet in the finals. That the system did not work with only three crews rowing abreast was clear to all. In our own event the U.S.A. IV were placed third without our having an opportunity of meeting them, yet our times were consistently better.

But fate still held one more blow in hand for us. On Friday morning the stomach trouble which had been threatening all the week became serious. Three of the crew were really upset and a visit to one of the two official medical officers confirmed an attack of the food poisoning then prevalent in Henley. He prescribed the somewhat startling treatment of seventeen $7\frac{1}{2}$ grains tablets each of Sulphaguanidine. The second doctor was consulted and he confirmed the treatment as the only solution to the trouble. The day was wet and miserable. The afternoon outing was cancelled and, with fingers crossed, we made an early night of it and waited for the morrow. On the Saturday morning it was evident that the miracle had not been worked, and a hurried visit to the doctor confirmed that nothing more could be done than hope for the best.

Conditions were very rough when we went out to row the Danes, a powerful if rough-looking crew, who rowed a long stroke and covered their blades up well. They led us by $\frac{1}{2}$ length over the whole of the course, we rowing the higher stroke throughout. It was a gallant effort and the crew rowed themselves to a standstill, finally hitting a buoy in the last few strokes.

In the final the Danes again met the Italians, and again the Italians beat them with a fine IV which has yet to meet with defeat in any regatta.

The other event for which the Club supplied the representatives, the Coxed Pairs, provided some novel experiences. When it was announced during July that trials for this event were to be held, James and Scott, from the Thames Cup VIII, offered to try their luck, and D. Secker Waller of Westminster School, was invited to

steer them (the Club having no cox available of a suitable weight). They practiced at Molesey for a few days in company with a coxed IV (which later competed unsuccessfully in the trials for that event), energetically coached by "The Bean". The pair won their trials at Henley on 17th July, and were duly nominated to represent Great Britain. The Captain accompanied them to Henley as coach, and interesting experiments were made in an unfamiliar form of rowing. Although the draw was not lucky enough to enable them to win a heat, they finished 2nd in their first heat, and times proved that they were by no means slow. In the Repêchages they lost to the eventual winners, Denmark. A very creditable performance in the circumstances.

So ended for us the Olympic Regatta of 1948. The crew felt deeply that they had disappointed their many supporters and, added to this, was the knowledge that they had not been able to give of their best. But they had the satisfaction of knowing that they had helped that grand couple, Laurie and Wilson, to win the Coxwainless Pairs. Laurie, too, was a sufferer from gastric upset, and had the same treatment, on the same day, as the Thames IV. Many will remember how he only just managed to scrape home on the Saturday, in what should have been an easy race, with Wilson pulling him all over the river. Fortunately, by the Monday the effect had been thrown off and their magnificent win was a triumph in which all rejoiced.

A grateful word of thanks to P. N. Carpmael, Peter Bell, Neill Rosser and those members of London R.C. who helped us so much with pacing IV's. The difficulty of pacing crews was a serious problem. Burnell and Bushnell were a great help to us, as we hope we were to them. Their victory, too, was a splendid achievement.

So far as the actual running of the Regatta went, there can be nothing but praise. Boats left the landing stages punctually, the starting was scrupulously fair and efficient, as was the umpiring, and competitors of all nations exhibited fine sportsmanship.

We made many friends, and were much impressed by the friendly attitude of all foreign competitors towards ourselves and, if noise and broken crockery are any indication of good fellowship, then the dinner to all competitors on the final Monday night in the large Stewards' Enclosure dining tent must have done much to cement international relations in the best spirit of the Olympic Games.

VISITS TO OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

When the Oxford crew and the 1st VIII were forced to the rather undignified task of emptying out under the eyes of Radley schoolboys, the

more cynical may have felt that the main object of the exercise was to prove that the tideway had no monopoly of rough water. As the guests of Oriel and B.N.C., we left fairly calm water at Putney, but in the windswept, treeless Radley reach the 1st and 2nd VIII's had to "lifeboat" along with Oxford and Isis. Although we had had only a few week-ends since Christmas and were meeting a crew of five full weeks' training, the form of Oxford in the boat, and their friendliness out of it (especially after the lurid tales of mutual recrimination at Cambridge) inclined many Thames people in their favour.

Retrospectively we must be pardoned if we gain some satisfaction from *The Times* correspondent's conclusion to his review of the practice—that Thames Rowing Club would need reinforcing before it could challenge either Varsity—for apart from a borrowed cox this was the Henley crew.

The trip of the 1st and 2nd VIII's to Cambridge in May was a more light-hearted affair, entailing no prospects of direct comparison with future rivals. Queens', Selwyn and Emmanuel (for those who fell by the wayside) entertained us warmly and enabled us to spy on the two strings which style had forced to the Cambridge bow.

Both trips helped to re-establish the contacts which should subsist between the larger tideway clubs and the Varsities in a more satisfactory and personal manner than mere canvassing.

HONORARY HOUSE STEWARDS' REPORT, 1948

After the austerities of its war-time experience, great efforts have been made during the past year to render the Club more habitable and to develop the social side of its activities which were such a distinguishing and enjoyable feature of its existence before the War.

The marks of the hob-nail boots of returning warriors were erased from the floor at a cost of £50. Re-decoration of the bar and the resident quarters has been carried out under the expert eye of R. W. Messon, to whom much thanks is due in these hard times of little paint and less labour. K. A. Williams has done excellent work also in repairing, cleaning and re-hanging the photographs and pictures, such a necessary part of the history of the Club.

The strict rationing of food under the Club's catering licence renders it still impossible to hold the dinners which marked the occasion of various events during the rowing year.

The new Steward and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Caswell, assumed their duties in September. Mr. Caswell has had ample experience in his occupation, having managed Army Messes during the greater part of his working life. For

18 months prior to his coming to the Club, he was Assistant Steward at the Hendon Golf Club.

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Social functions have also been revived with great success, and have actually rewarded the efforts of those concerned in their organization by showing a profit. Last winter three dances, including the ever-popular New Year's Eve celebration, took place and provided a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

This year of the XIVth Olympic Games, it was felt that the opportunity should not be missed of providing our rowing guests from overseas with some form of acknowledgment of their sportsmanship in coming from the ends of the earth to participate in the Games and to carry back with them a memory of that camaraderie which is the hall-mark of rowing men the world over. Mere words cannot describe what was probably the best and most successful function of its kind the Club has ever held. It took the form of a Reception and a Dance, to which our guests were welcomed by J. Beresford, Senior. They comprised the winning Henley crews of the Club for the year and many of the representatives of the different nations participating in the rowing events of the Games—Norway, Finland, Holland, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, U.S.A., Czechoslovakia, were all gathered under one roof—seldom surely, has such a galaxy of rowing talent been seen together, for with them, one was happy to observe many of the giants of former days now resting on their laurels or on their elbows over the bar. Full justice was done to the bar, the dance floor and an excellent buffet which was laid out on the balcony. Little more can be said except that the final revellers departed twelve hours after the evening's operations commenced, and perhaps this record of a memorable occasion can best be summed up in the words of a member that "it did more good in a few hours than UNO has been able to achieve in the period of its existence."

THE CLUB DINNER

On Friday, 3rd, December, one hundred and twenty-six members and guests gathered at the Connaught Rooms to exchange greetings and reminiscences.

Ian Fairbairn had kindly agreed to take the Chair and, after an excellent meal, he rose to propose the toast of 'The Club'. Having read several congratulatory telegrams from absent members he commented on the successes of the past year and went on to pay tribute to those who had devoted so much time to the administration of the Club. He complimented the

Captain and the crews on their efforts and the very satisfactory results achieved.

The Captain, J. H. Page, in reply, thanked the Chairman for his laudatory remarks and proceeded, in his characteristic and amusing style to mention some of the functions of those members who had assisted him so ably during the past season. He voiced his appreciation to the officers of the Club and to the coaches who had contributed so much to the preparation of the crews.

In proposing the health of our guests, P. C. Kirkpatrick expressed the gratitude of 'Thames' for the hospitality given by several up-river clubs during the winter training. He then mentioned that this friendly co-operation had assisted greatly and had contributed in no small measure to the season's success.

R. D. Burnell, of the Leander Club, replying to this toast, congratulated the Club on its performances in 1948, and particularly those representatives who had rowed for Great Britain in the Olympic Games. He said it was unfortunate that the Coxswainless Four, 'the best crew seen for many years', had been unable to repeat in the Olympic Regatta their outstanding success in the Stewards Challenge Cup.

J. C. Badcock, proposing the toast of 'The Chairman', referred to Ian Fairbairn's staunch loyalty to the Club over a period of a quarter of a century and to his continued assistance and inspiration to the Henley crews. The assembly rose to honour their Chairman as the speaker aptly concluded, 'Ian Fairbairn is 'Thames''.

THE DE MANCHA SHIELD

The team swimming race for rowing clubs for the De Mancha Shield was won last year by Thames. After a number of trials held, thanks to Otter S.C., on their Club night, the four fastest swimmers were selected, and it was confidently expected that the Shield would be kept in the same hands.

In the first heat Thames were drawn on the centre station against London and Westminster Bank. Lloyd Williams started for Thames and, although he went rather crooked, he touched first.

The next three swimmers each increased the lead, and Thames won the heat comfortably by over half the length of the bath in a time of 1 min. 17.3 secs.

The contestants in the second heat were Staines and Ibis. Vesta, with a young and fit team went ahead from the start, increasing their lead all the way to win in 1 min. 15.9 secs., causing much speculation among the many Thames supporters.

The final comprised the first and second in each heat, and soon developed into a close fight

between Thames and Vesta. Williams again swam first and was only a touch behind at the end of the length. Vesta increased their lead slightly on the next two lengths, mainly due to swifter changes as Thames were taking no chances of being disqualified.

Graham Fisk who swam last for Thames made a magnificent effort, and although he gained considerably on the Vesta man, the difference was too great. Vesta won in 1 min. 15.6 secs., with Thames second in 1 min. 16.9 secs.

The Thames team were: L. S. William, A. W. Mills, H. B. James, G. C. Fisk.

PUTNEY PERSONALITIES

J. H. PAGE ("Freddie"), is now in his second year of office as Captain. Amongst others he has coached O.U.B.C., Oriol College, Oxford, and St Paul's School crews with marked success. It may be of interest to Boat Race Night celebrants to learn that his multifarious non-boating activities include that of Special Constable of the Metropolitan Police Force.

AUBREY TURNER will take a well-earned rest at the end of this year when he retires from his post of Hon. Secretary. His fifteen years of invaluable service to T.R.C. included the recent War years during which his sterling efforts, ably assisted by K. A. ("BILL") WILLIAMS, were instrumental in keeping the Club open, and a Mecca for rowing men (from all parts of the Empire) on leave.

"BEAN" VERNON tells us that Mrs. "Bean" has now given up the gallant but unequal struggle to keep him away from the river. After 45 years of spirited boating he now has an occasional day off, as a concession. He fills in this slack period by etching and painting. His favourite subject—the river.

PETER KIRKPATRICK, "Freddie's" able Vice-skipper and well-known gold medal connoisseur, is now facing a major problem for next season—rations! There is no truth in the rumour that he had endeavoured to bribe DICK PHELPS to keep a small whale in the tank.

DICK PHELPS celebrated his 50th birthday this year by acting as Olympic boatman for the third time. We wonder if his assistant will emulate DICK and carry off a Doggett's Coat and Badge one day.

Little surprise was registered by his intimates when RONNIE SYMONDS recently acquired a Rolls-Royce car. The best is always good enough for RONNIE as we saw this year at Henley, where he coached the invincible 1st VIII and IV.

The evergreen "BERRY" has been enjoying a double-sculling outing with DICK PHELPS lately and showing excellent form. During the summer he rendered valuable service as a pre-Henley coach to the 1st VIII and, by way of relaxation, did some work in a double-sculler with his grandson (stroke to his junior House Four at Bedford School). Have we yet to see a "Beresford" Four in the Stewards'? JACK BERESFORD appears to be as fit as ever (his "constitutionals" at Henley this year were an object lesson to would-be "Diamonds" aspirants)—but can they get ERIC to run before breakfast?

A very popular award at Henley this year was that of a "Grand" medal to JACK DEAR-LOVE. He subsequently received well-deserved Olympic honours as coxswain of the Leander VIII. JACK coxed his first "Grand" VIII in 1929.

A visitor to Cambridge these days might discover the spectacle of a freshman of mature years parting the placid waters of the Cam. It could easily be "JOHNNY" JOHNSON, of Magdalene, and late (figuratively speaking, of course!) of T.R.C. "JOHNNY" went up with a "Grand" and "Wyfold" medal in his valise, and is expected to come down with at least one light blue oar. At one time his supporters (ahem!) thought he might prefer Medicine to Rowing . . .

ALAN BURROUGH and "SPARROW" MORRIS are now pairing again with the object of adding the "Goblets" to their collection of silverware. Visitors to Henley last year will remember their gallant race against the London R.C. pair (the ultimate winners) to lose by 6 feet. ALAN and "SPARROW" subsequently rowed in the European Championships, but were unsuccessful.

In the interim "SPARROW" has collected a "Grand" medal this year, rowing at bow in the T.R.C. winning VIII. He has rowed in the "Grand" since 1935, and his reward was well-merited and popular.

The recent nuptials of PAUL ANDREW (who rowed in the T.R.C. "Wyfold" IV this year) were well attended by a party of quaint characters wearing red, white and black ties. An outing on the following morning proved convincingly that "a good time was had by all."

DICK MESSOM, who successfully coached the Juniors this season, has been playing a great deal of squash. He denies that his recent attack of gout can be attributed to his (practically) total abstinence during training.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

OBITUARY.

We regret to report the deaths of four old members.

E. A. SAFFORD died last March on his 89th birthday. He was senior cox of the Club from 1874 until 1900 and only missed one Henley Regatta. He had wins in the Grand Challenge Cup of 1876, 1878, 1888-9. He practiced as a Solicitor but at the beginning of the century went to Saskatchewan and afterwards Vancouver Island working in the forests. He returned to England about 20 years ago but we cannot remember him visiting the Club. We saw him at Henley Regatta once before the last war. He was an Old Pauline, the son of an Old Pauline.

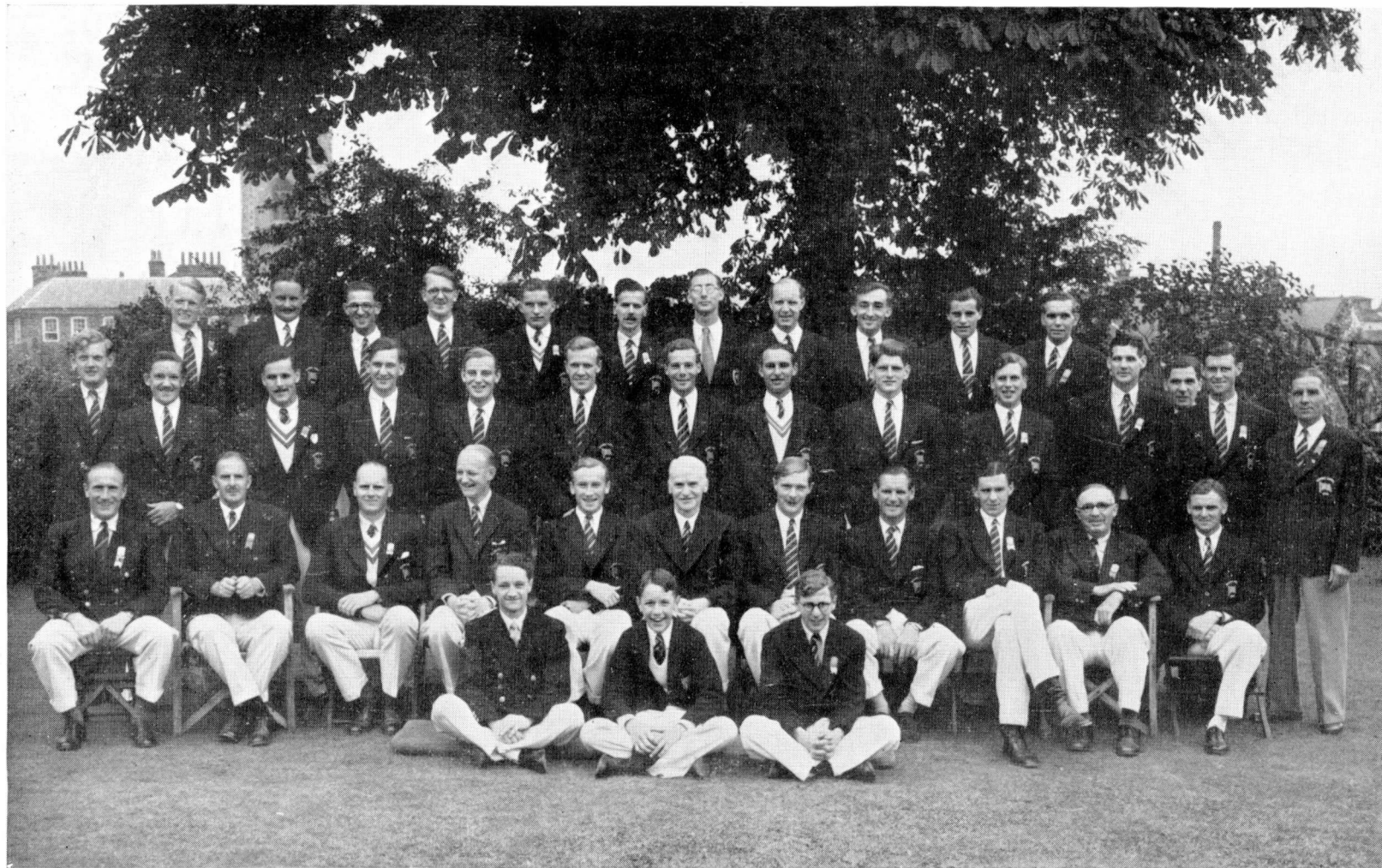
C. W. HUGHES was 93 when he died last August. He was for many years in our crews at Henley Regatta and won us The Wyfolds of 1888 and the Stewards of 1889. He was a sculler of note and won the London Cup, also the Seniors event at Barnes, Molesey, Kingston and Goring. He also sculled in the Wingfields of 1885 when W. S. Unwin was the winner. Mrs. Hughes has given us his trophy oars and sculls and also the silver bowl presented to them

on the occasion of their wedding by 61 members whose names are engraved thereon. He had not visited the Club for some time but we met him in London by appointment twice before the war. We are told that he heard with delight and interest the broadcasts of the Grand and Stewards races of this year's Henley.

W. H. CUMMING was 85 when he died recently. Although he rowed in Thames Cup crews at Henley he seems to have been more of a sculler. We have not any records of his Regatta successes but note he sculled in the Wingfields of 1886, 1887 and 1892, when F. I. Pitman, G. Nickalls and V. Nickalls were winners respectively. He was often at the Club on fine mornings during the week and was generally to be seen on the occasions of the University Boat Race and Head of the River Race.

Brigadier General W. F. MILDREN, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., died in the autumn. He rowed in Thames Club crews at Henley and will be remembered by our older members as 'Issy.' He was always very dapper in appearance. We have particularly to thank him for response to our major appeals of recent years.

A. H. T.



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Back Row: W. W. Woodward (coxed IV); R. M. Collins (coxed IV); B. T. H. Bushnell (double sculls); T. H. Christie (coxless IV); W. J. H. Leckie (coxed IV); A. P. Mellows (VIII); D. C. H. Garrod (spare); P. Bradley (spare); H. B. James (coxed pair); C. B. R. Barton (VIII); A. Twinn (boatman)

Middle Row: I. M. Lang (spare); A. S. F. Butcher (coxless IV); M. B. Scott (coxed pair); A. J. R. Pursell (coxed IV); C. B. M. Lloyd (VIII); E. A. P. Bircher (VIII); M. C. La Page (VIII); H. W. Rushmere (coxless IV); P. M. O. Massey (VIII); D. J. C. Meyrick (VIII); J. H. T. Wilson (coxless pair); D. G. Jamieson (spare); W. G. R. M. Laurie (coxless pair); R. W. Phelps (boatman)

Front Row: J. Beresford, junr. (official); J. H. Page (coach); R. D. Burnell (double sculls); H. R. N. Rickett (coach); G. C. Richardson (VIII); E. D. Horsfall (team manager); P. C. Kirkpatrick (coxless IV); R. H. H. Symonds (coach); A. D. Rowe (sculls); A. McCulloch (coach); J. G. Dearlove (VIII)

Sitting: H. Mayman (spare); D. S. Walker (coxed pair); J. A. D. Healey (coxed IV)

Absent: J. L. Sangster (spare); B. Graydon (spare)

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