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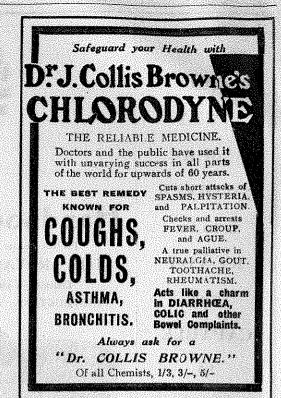
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WAR TIME ECONOMY.

LIFE SAVING SACRIFICED FOR DANCING.

In such a crisis as this in the world's history, when it is demanded that man and woman be physically fit and prepared for every eventuality, one would have thought that our Education Committees would have broadened the narrow views they have held for years about swimming and risen to a great occasion. But although they have had two years of grim experience of what war really means and know how great has been the sacrifice of human life at sea some of them forsooth must yet be enamoured of dancing, and think that the teaching of that is the be-all and end-all of physical culture.

It is lamentable to learn that such crass ignorance has led to the stoppage of the issue of swimming tickets to boys and girls as a so-called war time economy, while dancing is encouraged and teachers sent distances at the public expense to go through a course of training in a pastime, which, except practised out of doors, is of no real physical benefit by reason of the conditions under which the exercise is undergone Dancing in crowded ball-rooms is not beneficial to health, no matter how delightful it may be. Yet though one has no objection to it at occasional cold weather meetings, of what value is it as against swimming and why should it be preferred as a war time economy against the greatest of all health giving arts and one of the most essential use in after

By encouraging swimming you are also encouraging hygiene, teaching one how to save his or her own life or the lives of others and also providing a means of physical development which while being a pleasant recreation, also tends to cleanliness and consequent good health of the nation.

Many of our sailors and soldiers engaged in the present war owe their very existence to the knowledge of swimming they gained at school in peace time, and to them its present

neglect by many Education Authorities and Bath Committees comes as a painful surprise, more especially after the way in which the redtaped Army Council has at length thought fit to express its hope that soldiers will be encouraged to learn to swim.

That encouragement should however be evident at school, and it behoves all of us to urge upon the responsible authorities the great lessons of this war and the inestimable value which the knowledge of swimming has been to many who otherwise would have crossed the "Great Divide." With these lessons fresh in our memory we must urge upon every person interested in the promotion of swimming and life-saving or for the matter of that every common sense person the vital necessity that exists for combating this tendency to deplete the education of the young in favour of such arts as can easily be acquired after school life and which are not really relevant to physical efficiency. The story of old Nero singing verses to his lute while Rome was burning, whether true or not matters not a jot, pales into significance with this twentieth century backward movement in the midst of a great war, when every effort should be made to increase the all round efficiency of the rising generation. We must look ahead and therefore thwart the efforts of these backsliders by opposing them most strenuously at all elections. These "Dancing Dervishes" are of no use to the British Empire.

We are quite aware of the value of dancing as a means of training in grace and deportment, but we aver that at the present time it is inexpedient and unwise to cater for it specially while neglecting swimming, a recreative and life saving art, the practice of which tends to inure the body to cold and hardship, qualities essential to the well-being of the human body in all periods of life and especially so when its building up is in pro-

gress.

THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY.

RECORD REPORTS FROM OVERSEAS.

THE usual monthly meeting of the Central Executive was held on the 19th October, when matters of much interest to all connected with the Society were considered, particulars of which are dealt with below. The record reports of the progress of its work in various parts of the British Empire created much enthusiasm.

The Chief Secretary reported that he had been on a short visit to the West of England, and made calls at Bath, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth and Penzance. During these visits he met with many friends of the Royal Life Saving Society and learnt that much was being done to promote its aims and objects, particularly at Plymouth and district, where the ladies had shown special interest in the work and had greatly improved in swimming and diving ability. At Falmouth the Club held a gala which realised over froo in aid of the War funds, whilst at Penzance little seemed to be done officially to promote swimming ability among the children, notwithstanding that the Baths on the Esplanade were now the property of the Corporation. There does not appear to be any Club or Schools Association devoted to the encouragement of the art of swimming. Whilst at Bath the Chief Secretary, on behalf of the Society, had the pleasure of presenting Chief Inspector G. P. Beamish with the Distinguished Service Medal and a framed Certificate of Thanks for honorary services rendered during a period of many years as Instructor. Examiner and Promoter of Life Saving work in the district. The Chief Secretary also acknowledged with grateful thanks the personal kindness of Mr. Beamish to him during his severe illness.

The Chief Secretary explained that in each Centre he met with many who had been connected with swimming for a good many R.L.S.S., and Pirates A.S.C., who was years. At Plymouth Mr. J. Coombe was as enthusiastic as ever in the interest of the youths of the town, where bathing under the Hoe was in full swing. W. Aston-Lewis, Esq., J.P., the Hon. Representative of the Society, was at Kingsand, where he was bathing regularly from the rocks, and at Exeter Mr. A. J. Tucker, who represents the Society in that City, was very optimistic as to the future. He also met Mr. C. W. J.

Bartlett, who for many years acted as Hon. Representative and did much for the cause in his time.

A report was read from Wombwell, in Yorkshire, where Mr. T. Kay had again been conducting large classes of instruction, which included eight candidates for the Award of Merit, who were examined and passed by Mr. William Watts, Hon. Sec of the Sheffield Branch, and Mr. Thomas E. Skin, also from Sheffield. The executive had also before them details of examinations held on board the T.S. Arethusa and at other military and naval training centres.

Tasmanian Centre reported that a class had been started for State school teachers with Misses Honey and Crisp as instructors. and that Mr. McCoy, the Director of Education, was encouraging the class in every possible way; also that the Rowing Clubs were trying to form classes and that Commander Drake, R.N., the District Naval Officer, had promised to encourage the Naval Cadets, whose instructor already holds the Bronze Medallion of the Society.

Among the correspondence considered were two fresh applications for the formation of branches of the Society; one was from Salisbury, Rhodesia, where a meeting had been held on August 31, and a resolution passed to that effect. Among those present were Mr. A. Bater, B.M., R.L.S.S., Capt. Douglas Jones, President Pirates A.S.C., Mr. E. B. Shepherd, B.M., Secretary, Mashonaland Swimming Association, Messrs. R. Wynne, B.M., A. Pocket, B.M., J. W. Brown, B.M., and J. Brown, Pirates A.S.C., Sergt. Kealy, B.M., and Town Police S.C., Sergt.-Major H. Hasnell, B.M., Town Police S.C., and Cadets, Mr. D. C. Jones, Boys' High School, and Mr. B. B. Bowley, B.M., appointed Hon. Secretary. It is worthy of note that only two named in the above list do not hold the Bronze Medallion of the Society. The swimming season in Rhodesia opened on September 1.

The second application was from Honolulu. written by Mrs. Ellen Fullard-Leo. Both she and her husband have had experience of life saving work in Australia, South Africa and Canada. Mrs. Fullard-Leo stated that

territory; she has already been promised the active interest of the members of the Outrigger Canoe Club, with permission to use their premises for drills and lectures. Both requests were noted with pleasure, and the Chief Secretary was requested to furnish all information, and forward to each the rules, regulations and other literature, in the hope of establishing these Centres on a firm basis.

A letter was read from the Auckland Branch, N.Z., stating that everything points to a big boom in Life Saving work in Auckland, where a great revival of interest is making itself felt prominent. The present season opened on October 1. On August 19 an examination was held, when the following awards were gained: -4 Elementary, 4 Proficiency, 4 Teacher's and 3 Instructor's Certificates, also 4 Bronze Medallions, in addition to which Mr. Gunson, the Mayor of Auckland, has been elected President, and as this gentleman possesses considerable influence the big push may be specifily realised.

The Hon. Secretary of the Otago Branch of New Zealand, Mr. B. B. Foote, will be interested to learn that a letter has been received at the Head Office of the Royal Life Saving Society in London from Mr. T. H. McLatchie, of Owaka Valley, Otago, who states that he is anxious to promote the objects of the Society, and wants to know how this may be done; he recently passed for the Proficiency Certificate and Bronze Medallion, and no doubt Mr. Foote will be delighted to help him to attain his desire.

WESTERN PROVINCE HEAD CENTRE

The annual meeting of the Western Province Head Centre was held in the Oak Hall, Y.M.C.A., Cape Town, on September 15 last, under the chairmanship of Sir F. W. Smith, and there were also present on the platform Lady Smith, the Deputy-Mayor (Mr. Verster), Councillor Matthews, Mr. H. H. L. Pentz and Mr. Thomas Mitchell, president and vicepresident of the Centre.

It was reported by Mr. P. O. Wathes, the hon, secretary, that during the year 89 Proficiency Certificates, 70 Bronze Medallions, 6 Teacher's Certificates, 6 Instructor's Certificates and 16 Awards of Merit had been granted, making a total of 187. Of this num-

the time is now ripe to start a centre for the ber the members of the Union Club had gained 107, including the 16 Awards of Merit.

> The Chairman said that their object in coming together was not to indulge in a retrospect of the year's work; rather was it to gain fresh impetus for the work that lay before themto make more qualified life-saving swimmers in Cape Town, and so promote the best interests of the cause and strengthen the hands of the head centre. There was really no standing up against enthusiasm—it was impossible to gauge its value—and one of the best examples he knew was Wm. Henry, who 25 years ago in England had been the moving spirit in founding the R.L.S.S. The difficulties were many, but the work was for mankind, and enthusiasm and a determined will had made Mr. Henry what might well be called "the soul" of a society whose membership it was at this time almost impossible to number. It extended throughout the whole empire, and while the number of awards gained in the first year was but 86, last year no fewer than 20,000 awards were obtained by examination in all parts of the British Dominions. It was real grit that had made such results possible-" but there is more in it than that," said Sir Frederick, "it is a work for humanity."

Continuing, the speaker referred to the first meeting called to further the cause of life-saving, in the old Town House, some 12 years ago. He had, by invitation, presided at that meeting. It was quite smallonly seven or eight altogether; but they were the real pioneers and did not expect to see much for a year or two. Those who followed on were working on the foundations laid that day. In 1913 Mr. Henry toured South Africa and was received with open arms. He came to give lectures and demonstrations and to create interest in similar manner as he had been successful in doing in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. That visit undoubtedly gave the movement in Cape Town a great fillip, and when the time was really ripe, the hour produced the man in the person of Mr. P. O. Wathes—(applause)—"who, if I may say so," remarked Sir Frederick, "is the South African William Henry."

His Majesty the King, went on Sir Frederick, took the greatest possible interest in the Royal Life Saving Society, recognising that it was the noblest possible work—to lay down life, if necessary, to succour another. It gave the speaker a thrill of pride to read that over 75 per cent. of Cape Town's senior

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swimmers were on active service-that was just as it should be, but splendid nevertheless. This ready response to the cause of righteousness was a tremendous tribute to swimming and life-saving.

Later reports from Cape Town are to the effect that the Union Amateur Swimming Club has reached its century of Awards of the Royal Life Saving Society, with a few to spare. This must be particularly pleasing to its President, whose aim it was to get more than a hundred passes, and we congratulate the Union Club upon the achievement of its worthy object.

South African College Swimming Club has some very fine swimmers in its ranks. who are interested in life-saving and determined to figure at the top of the season's life-saving log.

The Centre has decided to adopt the Society's Competition Medal for the "William Henry" Cup presented for the life-saving championship of the Western Province. The design is a very neat one, somewhat smaller than the silver medallion, and has on the face of it a representation of a rescue being effected.

Mr. Fred A. Dük, captain of the Union Club's Junior Section, who also has charge of a class of Camp's Bay Scouts, has passed the tests for the Award of Merit with an aggregate of 70 points.

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Mr. F. H. Townley-Johnson, instructor in life-saving to the Boy Scouts Association, has joined the Forces. He holds the Award of Merit of the Royal Life Saving Society and also the diploma of the Royal Humane Society for saving life.

The City Council of Cape Town is being urged to have warm salt water in the Long Street Baths, so as to aid in giving facilities to the clubs, colleges and schools who are desirous of teaching members and citizens generally the knowledge of swimming and life saving. The water around Cape Town is so terribly cold—we are speaking from experience—that regular and systematic teaching cannot be properly carried out as the enthusiasts would wish. But if the water was warmed and the baths kept open all the year round these difficulties would vanish.

VICTORIAN HEAD CENTRE

The twelfth Annual Report of this very active centre of the Royal Life Saving Society, forwarded by Hon. Secretary, Sergt.-Major S. W. Malins, is a most inspiring document, chiefly in regard to the work done in promoting the aims and objects of the Society in this part of Australia. The Report is the best on record since the foundation of the Centre in 1904 and notwithstanding that the ranks of the honorary workers have been much depleted in consequence of the war, the success is remarkable, for no fewer than 671 awards were granted, that being the largest total in any one season, which shows that the efforts put forth to extend the usefulness of the Society and promote a more widespread knowledge of life saving have been most fruitful in their

There was a time when the founders of the Society in London felt uneasy, they began to think that the Centre would languish for want of action, the reason being that from 1904 to 1910 only 119 Awards were granted; however, it is just probable they were wrong. for much pioneer work had been done, and in 1911 a big change took place, for in that year 242 Awards were granted. Since then the influence for good has been on the increase, a remarkable feature being that in the first year of the war the work of instruction had also resulted in a record which included the first Diploma and 27 Awards of Merit being gained, the total of Awards granted rose to 631, in addition to which the work had been recognised by the State Government by substantial grant in aid.

As in other parts of the British Empire, so in Victoria, the majority of the affiliated clubs have a large percentage of members with the forces upholding the honour of our flag. Many of these have fallen, and others have gained distinction. To the relatives of the former the Executive express their heartfelt sympathy, and to the latter they send their greetings, with best wishes for a speedy return. Amongst those who were on the Executive but now on active service are Messrs. Alfred H. Short, one of the founders of the Centre, E. J. Harris, late Hon. Secretary, S. L. Norton, assistant Hon. Secretary, Frank Day, R. Edmonds, A. J. May and Victor Leveson, as well as many other prominent workers, whom they hope to welcome back safe and sound.

tary during the season in providing luncheon hour lectures to those engaged with the leading firms in Melbourne, also to the soldiers of the Expeditionary Forces, and in response to the Secretary's appeal in the Press a large class was formed at the Richmond Baths, which was a big success, for all who took the course passed for the Bronze Medallion; there was not a single failure. Classes have also been formed in connection with the Victorian police, under Senior Constable Coffey, and by the consent of the Hon. D. McLeod, Chief Secretary of State, the police who obtain Awards are allowed to wear the official badge of the Society on their arm; another feature of importance is the fact that the whole of the State schools are now affiliated to the Society. As a result, it is anticipated that a large number will form classes of instruction.

Congratulations are extended to P. C. Uren, of Ararat, on passing for the Diploma of the Society which is regarded as the Blue Ribbon of Life Saving, whilst Premier Certificate of the Centre was awarded to the Melbourne Citizens' class, conducted by Sergt.-Major W. Malins, for securing the highest total of points in connection with the Awards gained during the season.

The report concludes with acknowledgments and thanks to all who contributed to the success of the year's record work by lectures, displays, acting as examiner, and in various other ways furthering the cause which has for its aim the preservation of life. The balance of assets over liabilities amounts to /124 12s. 6d.

BONDI SURF BATHERS.

The Bondi Surf Bathers' Life Saving Club is one of the most popular institutions in New South Wales. Its watchword is "thorough" in all it does, and it has a rule which proves the point. It is as follows:-" Any member who does not pass for the Royal Life Saving Society's Proficiency Certificate and Bronze Medallion within three months of his election, shall be disqualified and asked to resign, unless he furnishes to the Committee a valid reason for his failure so to do." As the chief object of the Club is to safeguard the lives of bathers on the Bondi Beach it follows that the members should be capable life savers, used to the working of the life saving reels and other appliances, particularly at times when the water is rough. At

Much good was done by the Hon. Secre- such times a high standard of swimming ability and life saving efficiency is most necessary, otherwise fatal results might easily occur.

In the tenth Annual Report, just to hand, we observe that the active membership totals 86; there are also 85 associate members, and four life members; that the Club owns seven complete life saving reels, and that the life saving duties were so successfully carried out, that another season has been experienced without a single fatal accident, so high was the general standard of

efficiency.

Owing to the fact that 66 members answered the call in aid of the Empire, three of whom were unfortunately killed and three wounded, the Club in the interest of the public undertook instruction in life saving of juniors from a number of public schools, which proved most successful and resulted in the following awards being gained by the pupils; 20 Proficiency Certificates, 23 Bronze Medallions, 6 Awards of Merit of the Royal Life Saving Society and 15 Bronze Medallions, also one Instructor's Certificate of the Surf Bathing Association. The latter are awarded for special ability in the working of the Life Saving Reels, and bringing people ashore out of the surf, and having regard to the excellence of the work done we are glad to note that the financial position is particularly good, there being a credit balance of £147 7s. 2d. The Hon. Secretary and Organiser is Mr. Haden D. Spyer, wellknown in the Royal Life Saving Society, who has had many years of experience in connection with its work in New South Wales, and it gives us the greatest pleasure possible in congratulating not only him but also all the members upon the splendid results they have achieved in the cause of humanity, for they watch over those who go into the sea for health and pleasure yet might suffer death, were it not for these Honorary Lifeguards.

We have had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Sergt.-Major Collier, brother to our mutual friend, Mr. C. W. Collier, Hon. Secretary of the Wellington Branch Sergt. Major Collier, who has seen service with the New Zealand Forces in Gallipoli, Egypt, and France, has been invalided after prolonged illness through wounds, and is now awaiting favourable opportunity to return

Members of the Royal Life Saving Society who are Masons will be interested to learn that the Hon. Treasurer, Comp. Harry J. Barclay (Provincial Grand Director of Čeremonies), was initiated in the Lyric Lodge, No. 3016, London, in October, 1905, and is present Junior Warden. He was one of the Founders and first Senior Deacon of the Royal Life Saving Lodge, No. 3339, London, in 1909; Master 1912. His other Masonic honours are :--Royal Arch-Exalted in the Mozart Chapter, No. 1929, Croydon, in 1907; Z. 1914, A Founder and now J. of the Lyric Chapter, No. 3016, London; Treasurer 1910 to 1913; H. 1914. Mark—Advanced in the Borough of Greenwich Mark Lodge, No. 332, in 1907; Master 1909; resigned 1913. Master of the Crystal Palace Mark Lodge, No. 450, in 1915. Master-elect of the Grand Stewards Mark Lodge. A member of the Coronation Mark Master Lodge, No. 635. Prov. Grand Steward Kent 1910, Prov. Grand Senior Overseer 1911; Grand Steward of England, 1912. Life Subscriber B.M.I. Girls. The members will readily appreciate that their Treasurer is held in as high esteem among Masons as in swimming and life saving circles.

The school children of Featherstone have gained nearly two hundred certificates this year, including twenty for Elementary Life Saving, and at their gala held on September 28, ten of them whose ages ranged from nine to thirteen years gave really excel-Ient exhibitions of floating, diving from boards from three to twenty-four feet high, and the various methods of life saving. As a consequence of these very educational displays the Working Men's Club have promised Mr. S. Billson, the superintendent of the Baths and Physical Education instructor, a trophy for annual competition between the best life saving teams of boys and girls, thirteen years of age and under. The chief event at the gala was the Yorkshire Schoolboys' breast stroke team championship, won by Bromley National School, Sheffield Walkley being second, and Hull Northumberland Avenue third.

Very high tribute to the excellence of Mr. Billson's work was paid by Councillor R. Holliday, the Chairman at the gala. A pleasing feature was the winning of a medal by Miss Doris Billson, as the best all-round swimmer under ten years of age.

It is interesting to learn that serving on board H.M.S. Royal Oak there are three men holding the Award of Merit, sixteen the Bronze Medallion, twelve the Proficiency and three the Elementary Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Ashton-in-Makerfield Baths have had to be closed owing to the mines causing a subsidence, but through the courtesy of Mr. R. Lomax, the superintendent of the baths at St. Helen's, the examination of the Ashtonin-Makerfield Class, instructed by Mr. G. S. Beaton, was held there. Six passed for the Bronze Medallion and four for Proficiency Certificates.

Mr. G. S. Beaton, Hon. Secretary of the Ashton-in-Makerfield Swimming Club, is acting as Section Leader of the V.A.D., No. 6, West Lancashire Territorial Forces Association, at Garswood Hall Auxiliary Hospital, the seat of Lord Gerard.

Miss Florence A. Emery, of Worthing, has passed the examination for the Award of Merit of the Royal Life Saving Society, this being the fourth successful candidate from Worthing who has gained this distinction. The examiner was Mr. T. J. Lyne, Hon. Representative of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Miss Louisa Emma Wakeman, aged thirteen, has been presented by the Mayor of Windsor with a silver watch and a cheque for £5 from the Carnegie Fund for rescuing a boy in the Thames, at a spot where the water was 16ft. deep. The girl was taught swimming and life saving in connection with Windsor and Eton Elementary Schools Swimming Association.

The sad news has been received that Lieut. Cyril Percy Fleetwood, London Regiment, died of wounds on July 12, while a prisoner of war. He was first reported killed in action on the opening day of the great offensive, but later news which appear to have arrived after his death, stated that he had been wounded and taken a prisoner. Lieut. Fleetwood will be remembered as the popular Scoutmaster of the 57th North London Troop of Scouts, a splendid worker in the ranks of the Royal Life Saving Society. and as a member of the Highgate Lifebuoys.

The following lady members of the Chesterfield Swimming Club have been successful in passing for the Awards of the Royal Life Saving Society:—Misses A. Young, D. Christian, M. Christian, M. E. Haig, P. Hudson, F. Goodwin, C. Jordan, I. Chesney, D. Watts, K. Fletcher, A. Duckmanton, E. M. Coates, E. A. Scrimshaw and W. A. Stitchcombe. Mrs. Hurst, who coached the candidates, qualified for the Hon. Instructor's certificate and was highly complimented by Mr. W. Watts, of Sheffield, the examiner.

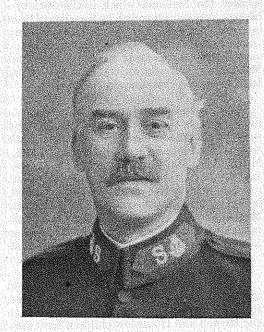
Our friends at Hove will be pleased to learn that Sergt.-Major P. Travers Cox is in England with the Canadian Forces, and hopes to start classes in life saving among the men at the camp. Before the war Sergt.-Major Cox was at Winnipeg, where he did much good work for the Manitoba Branch as Instructor, Examiner, Hon. Secretary and member of the Executive.

We are pleased to learn that W. J. Bull. R.N.D., interned in Holland, continues to apply his knowledge in the interest of the objects of the Royal Life Saving Society, and has offered to train a Dutch team in the various methods of life saving. He has discussed with Mr. van Hasselt, President of the Rotterdam L.C., the possibility of the Society's Handbook of Instruction being translated into Dutch, so that more up-todate methods may be taught. Having regard to the fact that the Rotterdam L.C. is affiliated to the Society the suggestion is worthy of consideration in the hope that the idea may be realised after the war. It is not generally known that our own R.H.S. was founded in 1774 on the lines of a similar Society started at Amsterdam some years prior, which we believe was the first of its kind in the world.

Mr. Alfred H. Short, who is one of the founders of the Victorian Head Centre, a life member and Vice-President, is now serving with the Australian Force. He suggests a big gala in London at which Beaurepaire, Longworth, E. C. Fitts (ex hundred vards champion), J. W. Watt (Country Champion). and other Australians now in this country could compete in an army race as well as David Billington, Bomb. Walker, Gnr. Hat-

Although a Salvation Army Officer commanding a very responsible position, Brigadier W. Roy Gilks finds time amidst his arduous duties to practise and enjoy the art of Swimming and Life Saving. Ever since he learnt to swim at the age of nine this has been his only recreation. Quite a number of times the knowledge possessed has been an advantage to him, and he has to his credit a goodly number of rescues. His first was effected at the early age of twelve, when he pulled his brother out of the river Windrush at Witney.

On another occasion he brought out a man who had allowed two friends to throw him into deep water. None of the men could swim, and it took quite a time to restore breathing.



He also assisted a man to shore who lost his nerve off the Brighton Beach. The right thing, at the right time, in the right way, appears to be his formula in such cases.

Mr. Gilks' connection with the R.L.S.S. dates from the year 1906, although before that year he had taken great interest in Life Saving, having written articles which were published in the Salvation Army periodicals, and afterwards in pamphlet form. This pamphlet is in great demand, having run out many editions. Through his initiative Life Saving classes have been introduced at different centres, notably at Birmingham, field and other English and Scotch swimmers. where 150 awards were secured in two years,

and also at North London, where he acted as on the ill-fated "Empress of Ireland." as passengers, were four of his pupils, whose knowledge of swimming was their salvation, although they had given up their life belts to other less fortunate passengers. Each one of the four was a member of the R.L.S.S. and held its awards.

Mr. Gilks secured the Proficiency Certificate and Bronze Medal of the R.L.S.S. in 1906, Hon. Instructor's Certificate and Award of Merit in 1908, and in that same year won in open competition the Championship Gold Medal for Birmingham and district. There were 14 competitors, and the winner was in his 40th year. To crown all, this year he secured the Diploma which is the Society's highest award. Of course he has always been in considerable demand, at Salvation Army Galas, because of his special ability in fancy swimming. At present he is stationed at Middlesbro' and acts for the Society as Hon. Instructor and Examiner in the district.

The Guernsey Swimmers have had a fine season in the subject of life saving, and we trust that the interest created will continue to keep the Hon. Representative of R.L.S.S.. Mr. A. A. Allain, fully engaged taking examinations. At the close of the season's tests recently thirty-five awards were gained, including one Hon. Instructor's Certificate by Miss I. Randall, who as a member of the Carmian Ladies S.C. is particularly well known as a keen promoter of swimming in the Island.

The returns of school swimming in Heston and Isleworth are somewhat remarkable, for while Isleworth children have a poor bath the Heston and Hounslow children have very great facilities. Yet Isleworth have captured the Pears Cup and the Murphy Shield, Hounslow not being able to provide an entry for the former. Surprise is expressed at this, but one must not forget that Hounslow has been depleted of most of its swimming teachers and enthusiasts, notable among them being Mr. A. C. P. Handover, the hon, representative of the Royal Life Saving Society. But the good work must be carried on and we look to Hounslow to do better next year. There must be several swimmers over military age in Hounslow who if approached would surely give assistance in teaching swimming and life saving to the young.

A very successful Gala was held at the Hon. Instructor, and now a class is organised Barrowell Green Bath. Winchmore Hill, at Middlesbro'. It is worth recording that London, in aid of the local hospitals for wounded soldiers. The amount realised was just over f_0 8. The expenses of the gala were borne by private subscriptions.

> The programme of events included a fine display of diving by members of the Ladies' Diving Association, exhibition swims by Miss Vera Neave and Mr. Frank Giles, ornamental and scientific swimming by Mrs. Jarvis Dickinson, Mrs. Pascoe, Mrs. King and Miss Muriel Richardson and a polo

A large number of wounded soldiers were present and thoroughly enjoyed the sport provided, some of their number swam a scratch race. Great credit is due to the ladies and gentlemen who worked hard to make the gala the grand success it was. The Southgate Seal S.C., whose headquarters are at the bath, did not conduct a Gala this year so they took a prominent part in this one; during the past two years they held successful Galas for the benefit of the Prince of Wales Fund, Belgian Relief Fund and the British Red Cross Society—a large number of their members have of course entered the army.

Despite lack of bath facilities the Barnes and Mortlake Schools Sports Association has had a good season and one of the girls. Florrie Warren, who is not yet fourteen, has swum between four and five miles in the Thames, while one of the boys, George Hay, won the Gardner Shield for bath swimming at the London Schools Championship meeting described elsewhere. Mr. Sherring, who presented cups to the association for the encouragement of back stroke swimming, and which this year have been won by George Hay and Miss Florrie Warren, is so delighted at these successes that he has now presented two more cups for long distance work by those not over fifteen years of age. Notwithstanding the success attained by the children of Barnes and Mortlake, those who are supposed to care for their future wellbeing have decided to stop these lessons in favour of dancing, and we learn that the school teachers have been asked to travel to Kingston to take lessons in order that perhaps they may, in due course, produce a coterie of "Dancing Dervishes," instead of able and healthy swimmers fit to hold their own in the water and to save the lives of others.

THE LADIES' SECTION. BRITISH MERMAIDS' WORTHY WORK.

FINE CONTRIBUTION TO "STAR AND GARTER" FUND.

HE energy and industry displayed by the Southern Ladies Committee in the promotion and encouragement of galas for the benefit of the "Star and Garter" Fund for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers is worthy of the highest commendation and has met with its due reward, for the ladies have now almost enough money to carry out the object they have set their hearts upon, that being the provision of one of the lifts at the "Star and Garter." Mrs. Edith Lyon and her colleagues have worked with a spirit that brooked no failure and great indeed must be their gratification at the wonderful success which has attended their noble efforts. There is nothing more pleasing than this record in the history of competitive swimming.

this, and no doubt we shall see fresh schemes introduced in the near future for the amelioration of the sufferings of our sailor and soldier heroes. The idea of a series of ladies' team handicaps was an excellent one, and was carried through with great friendly rivalry between the Clubs, besides forming an attraction at every gala held on behalf of the Fund.

Now that the £800 for a lift is almost certain Mrs. Lyon and her fellow enthusiasts hope to raise the sum total to I1,000. The girls have helped Mrs. Lvon so well, and have been so energetic that she is quite proud of their efforts and intends to try and arrange a big social meeting and dance so that they can all meet together in social intercourse, and at the same time help to swell the fund. The idea has taken on, and it only remains for the date to be fixed up. Then the girls will tackle the subject in earnest, and the result will be one of the most pleasant social evenings ever organised by lady swimmers.

The testimonial gala given at the Prince of Wales Baths, Kentish Town, on September 30, by the Holloway United Swimming Club to Walter Brickett, the well known Olympic

among them being the junior team Championship of the Southern Counties. Four teams competed, these being Holloway United, Battersea, Fulham and Gravesend. The first-named, whose team consisted of Misses F. Sancroft, G. Jones, L. Lipton and M. Harford completed the distance, 367 yards, in 3.58, finishing a long way ahead of the Battersea Ladies-Misses B. Richards, M. Tugwell, R. Bidgood and M. Hitchen, whose time was 4.33. Fulham Ladies:-Misses N. Ball, R. Fudge, A. Phipps and M. Browne were third in 5.4. The hundred yards scratch race for ladies attracted much attention, as there has not been a Southern Ladies' Championship for two years, but this was also won very easily, Miss Vera Johnson, Holloway United, beating Miss A. McHattie, of the same club, by over five yards But the ladies interested will not stop at in 1.20,3. Miss M. Fletcher, City of London, came in third. But there was keen racing in the 67 yards open handicap for the final, of which Miss Vera Johnson qualified off the 3 seconds mark. She gained fourth place after a good race to Miss L. Lipton, Holloway United, 16 secs. start, Miss R. Lamb, Clapton Ladies, 12 secs., and Miss F. Sancroft, Holloway United, 12 secs., who finished in the order named in 0.37. Only a yard separated the four ladies. Miss Belle White, Ilford Ladies, was awarded first prize in the diving competition and Miss I. Allen, Clapton Ladies, the second. Miss E. Smith, Victoria Ladies, and Miss L. Reeve, City of London, tied for third place. The other competitions at this gala are dealt with in "Notes on News.'

Clapton Ladies had a delightful gala at the Hackney Baths on September 28, and, like most of the ladies' galas of the season, it was in aid of the Southern Counties Ladies' Fund for the "Star and Garter." Most important among the events was the 100 yards Southern Counties Junior Championship, and this went to Miss Daisy Roux, Holloway United, who won in 1.29,3, Miss Lydia Harvey, of the home club, taking 1.32,1. Miss Florence Sancroft, Holloway United, coach and trainer, was one of the most 1.35, and Miss Doris Webber, Natantes, important held in London this season. It 1.44,1. Miss Grace M. Turner, Dartford included many competitions for ladies, Premier Ladies, was a non-starter. It

should be noted that Miss Vera Johnson, the holder, was ineligible to compete, as she is now over the stipulated age. The senior championship of the Club was secured by Miss Ivy Grimwood in 1.25,2, Miss R. Lamb being second and Miss E. Slipper third. In a 52 yards ladies' handicap Miss Vera Johnson won her heat off the two second mark, but in the final was beaten by a yard and a half by Miss M. Fletcher, City of London, 7 seconds start. Holloway United scored another win in the ladies' team race competition, their representatives being Misses A. McHattie and G. Jones, R. Riley and Vera Johnson, a pretty warm lot who were only allowed one second start. Clapton Ladies finished second and Natantes third.

A capital display on behalf of the "Star and Garter" Fund was given by the Ladies' Section of the Bedford Swimming Club (Civil Service Supply Association) at the Lambeth Baths on the first Monday in October. It was well supported by the best lady swimmers in the Southern Counties, who gave an excellent display of diving, had a splendidly contested 88 yards limited handicap, and also decided one of their team races, the latter being again won by the Holloway United, who thus came well up on the point standard for the inter-team competition which has been running all through these galas, the Bedford being the fourteenth of the series. Holloway United, who started at scratch in the 176 yards, had the invaluable assistance of Miss Vera Johnson and largely through her agency were able to beat City of London, 14 seconds; Natantes, 19 seconds; and Clapton Ladies 20 seconds, the four girls taking 2.12,3 to cover the distance.

Keen indeed was the racing in the final of the 88 yards handicap which Miss Johnson secured from scratch amid hearty applause from the audience, among whom were many wounded soldiers. Miss Vera George, Mermaids, with an allowance of 13 seconds, took second prize, and the victorious Miss Mabel Fletcher, City of London, 3 seconds, finished third, the other starter being Miss McHattie, Holloway United, 3 seconds, who was not quite up to form. Amusement was caused by an apple bobbing competition won by Miss L. Reeve, first of all by Miss Grace Riley getting tangled up among the ropes, and

Race and Fancy Costume competition. So good was the make up in every instance that the judges hardly knew how to dispose of the prizes, but at last voted Miss Purchase, 'The Allies." the winner, placed Miss Helen Riley, "Geo. Robey," second and commended "The Coster," and the "Lady and Gentleman of an earlier period." The Club handicap went to Miss Cunningham from limit mark, with Miss Grace Riley second; and a handicap for the men's section to D. Deeprose, F. Cooper swimming second from scratch. The prizes in these Club races were given to the wounded soldiers, who saluted the donors in approved soldierly fashion.

It was pleasing to see such expert performers as J. H. (Rob.) Derbyshire, now superintendent of the Shepherd's Bush Baths, W. A. Unwin, Royal Naval Air Service, ex-Amateur back stroke champion of England and Miss Eileen Lee, the famous lady amateur long distance Champion, giving exhibitions, all of which were watched with intense interest and should form object lessons to the many young swimmers present. Enthusiasm was roused by the polo match between the London Scottish and the Royal Naval Depôt, and also by the Military team race in which the New Zealanders defeated London Scottish and the Royal Naval Depôt. After each race Mrs. Riley gracefully presented the prizes to the successful competitors. Praise must be accorded Miss Marshall, the hon, secretary, and Miss Grace Riley for the successful carrying out of this entertainment. They had hoped to hold one in the open in the summer, but could not fix up a suitable date, yet not to be denied in their effort to assist the Ladies' Fund for the "Star and Garter" Home, organised this contribution.

The Misses Ward and Millier, who have a "Select School of Swimming and Life Saving "at Des Moines, Iowa, and are Medallists and Hon. Instructors of the Royal Life Saving Society, did summer work on Lake Okoboji, Iowa, and had very successful classes. Their pupils came from Omaha, Lincoln and Superior, Nebraska; Le Maes, Sioux City and Des Moines, Iowa; Chicago, Illinois; and Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the teaching has been therefore widespread. Many of the lady pupils were working for endurance and Misses Ward and other fun provided was the Fancy Costume Millier kept full record of their performances,

but never passed one in which the swimmers showed bad form or were exhausted at the finish of their test, they very rightly asserting that such condition proves that they have not worked up to that state of efficiency which makes it possible for them to swim easily and comfortably.

Two girls were soon able to swim two hundred vards, these being Miss Virginia Camp, aged 12, and Miss Dorothy Bennett, aged 14, both of Des Moines, and during the season Miss Marjorie Proudfit also of Des Moines, swam a quarter mile; Miss Doris Green, aged 13, Miss Alida Barels and Mrs. Addison C. Page, all of Des Moines, half a mile; Miss Louise Clark, Omaha, aged 15, from Omaha Beach to Manhattan Beach, seven-eighths of a mile; Mrs. Ralph Proudfit, Des Moines, from Pilsbury's Point to Okoboji, a mile, and Mrs. John H. McGuire, Des Moines, from the dock at Messrs. Ward and Millier's Swimming School on Des Moines Beach to Arnold's Park Beach, one and a third miles. In addition to these signs of valuable and successful teaching news has been received that Mrs. W. D. Beard, Des Moines, one of the members of last winter's swimming classes, has swum over a mile in Gull Lake, near Battle Creek, Michigan.

The advanced pupils also did some fine work in life-saving, and on the days when lessons were given, there was a fleet of launches and canoes around, their occupants watching the displays with interest or else participating in them. A dock was built out into the lake and equipped with a spring board, and four diving steps, the highest eight feet above the water. A rope fifty feet long was stretched out at right angles to the dock, marking a five feet depth and thus guarding for safety in the teaching. One of the most popular diversions was 1.29,3. moonlight swimming.

Congratulations to Miss Gladys Wright, the winner of this year's long distance race in the Medway, on the success which attended the gala she arranged in September, in aid of the local V.A.D. Hospitals of Rochester, whereby over £30 was raised. Interesting items in the programme were a race of the Allies in which ladies represented different countries, and a brilliant exhibition of graceful and scientific swimming by Miss Wright, who is the holder of the Diploma of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Birmingham Ladies held their nineteenth annual gala at Kent Street Baths, Birmingham, on September 27, in aid of the Lady Mayoress' War Fund and with great success. Miss Hurst won the 100 yards club Championship, Miss M. Whitehouse the members' senior handicap, and Mrs. Ludlow, the allround Club Championship. A ladies' fiftyyards open handicap was won by Miss E. M. Chislett, of Coventry, and the Coventry Ladies' team, consisting of Misses E. Chislett, M. S. Griffen, R. H. Lawrence and D. R. Stiles beat Aston Ladies in a team race. In a men's team race Aston defeated Leander. * * *

Alma Ladies had a pleasant little meeting at Dulwich Baths, on September 25, when the club Championships were decided. Miss A. Tebbutt won the 120 yards Championship for the third year in succession, Miss E. Dickinson being second and Miss G. Beevers third. Miss Kathleen Smith took the Novice prize, Miss Hilda Smith the first in a fortyvards handicap, Miss E. Jolly the second, and Miss L. Smyth third. For the weekly diving competition there was a tie between Miss E. Smyth and Miss G. Beevers, Miss H. Smyth being third, and in the Diving Championship Miss E. Dickinson beat Miss A. Tebbutt, the holder, on points, third place being awarded to Miss O. Carr. Miss E. Smyth took first prize in the weekly race Competition and Miss O. Carr the Consolation Race.

The hundred vards ladies' Breast Stroke Championship of the Northern Counties Association of England was decided at a Charity Gala given at Withington, Manchester, on the last day of September, and was won by Miss L. Morton of Blackpool, Miss A. Wilkinson, of Altrincham, being second and Miss G. Finegan of Everton, third. Time,

Public Trustees Ladies' Club held a gala at Hornsey Road Baths on October 7 in aid of the "Star and Garter" Fund, all the events being confined to the club except an invitation team race, won by the Isis Club. Miss D. Hutchinson, the holder, won the hundred yards championship of the club, Miss D. E. Spencer being second, and Miss D. Hutchinson occupied a similar position to Miss P. Hutchinson in the diving competition. Water push ball and a despatch race helped to fill up a small but attractive programme.

day in October at Ilford Baths, when the Royal Naval Depôt beat New Zealand and London Scottish in a team race, and also beat the London Scottish at water polo by seven goals to four. Seaman Hughes, R.N.V.R., race by half a yard from Pte. Dell, New Zealand, in 0.37,2. Miss Sinclair won the club handicap, and Cleveland Road School the local school girls' championship.

resident in British Columbia, has made gift of a very appropriate trophy to the Victoria Ladies' Club, B.C., for promoting swimming amongst school children, it taking the form of a bronze surf-board rider of Hawaii. While in British Columbia Mrs. Fullard-Leo took great interest in the teaching of school children, and has not forgotten her old club in her far-away home. The announcement made in the report of the Central Executive that Mr. and Mrs. Fullard-Leo are taking up life-saving in Honolulu, and hope to start a Branch, will be received with the greatest enthusiasm by all swimmers and life savers. It is by such genuine and spirited help as this that we have been able to spread the knowledge of the best methods of life saving throughout the world.

We learn from Mr. Andrew R. Shaw, Deputy for the Ladies' Section of the Barrowin-Furness Swimming Club that a successful gala has been held in aid of the "Star and Garter" Fund. The exact amount is not vet ascertained, but it is hoped that a substantial sum has been gathered. Features of the gala were an exhibition of speed and scientific swimming by Private David Billington, the professional champion, and fine speed swimming by R. Meredith, a competitor in Australian championships, who we understand is over here on munition work. He conceded forty-five seconds in a hundred yards handicap, and finished third after a brilliant race. A club gala is to be held this month,

Reference is made in "Notes on News" to the victory of the Australian champion, Driver W. Longworth, in the Empire Service Championship at Liverpool. At the same gala there was a great race over 220 yards between Miss Constance Jeans, of Nottingham, and Miss Daisy Curwen, of Liverpool.

Ilford Ladies' gala in aid of the "Star and The same young ladies met last year at Sea-Garter" Fund was held on the first Wednes- combe, when Miss Jeans proved successful, but all Liverpool thought Miss Curwen could reverse the verdict in this race. It was one of the finest struggles ever witnessed between lady swimmers. Both were level at two lengths, and both turned at the hundred in won a 60 yards naval and military scratch 1.14. At the fourth length Miss Curwen had a slight lead, but Miss Jeans drew level in the turn, and the pair raced side by side, but at five lengths Miss Jeans had a lead of a couple of yards and, making a splendid last turn, won by about four yards in 3.10,3. Mrs. Fullard-Leo, of Honolulu, formerly At this gala Miss Doris Billson, of Leicester, distinguished herself by winning the open hand cap.

> At the annual championship sports of the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Ladies' Swimming Club the ladies' junior championship was won by Miss D. Best for the third year in succession, but the senior championship race produced a surprise, Miss H. Spawforth, the holder, being well beaten by Miss F. Atkinson and Miss M. Allison. Among those giving displays were Madame Platt and Corpl. Crawshaw.

> Southwark Park Club had a gala on September 30 at Old Kent Road Baths in aid of the Southern Ladies' "Star and Garter" Fund. At this meeting Miss A. Court won the ladies' club championship, the Royal Flying Corps a 200 vards service team race, Miss I. Christie, Natantes Swimming Club, a 50 yards ladies' open handicap, and City of London ladies one of the series of Ladies' Club team races, Holloway United being second. Amateur easily won an exhibition water polo match.

The hundred vards championship of the Handsworth Ladies' Club has been won by Miss H. Denham in 1.45, and the hundred yards junior championship by Miss P. Dugmore in 1.48. These races were decided at a gala held at the end of September, and at the same meeting Miss I. Robinson, Asten Victoria, won an open handicap and also a high diving competition, but her club was beaten in a team race by the "A" team of the Coventry Swimming and Life Saving Society.

Last June the Gloucester City Ladies' Club held a gala to provide funds for the purchase of baths for the Gloucester Regiment. These have arrived quite safely at the front, and are appreciated by all ranks.

At a gala given by the Blackpool Club on October 6, in aid of the funds of the Victoria Hospital, the principal event was a race for the Fenton trophy presented by Councillor R. Fenton for a ladies' handicap over a distance of 270 vards. In this contest Miss L. Morton, the famous Blackpool swimmer, was at scratch and gave a fine exhibition of fast breast stroke swimming, but she was over handicapped and could only finish third to Miss L. Southern, 113 secs. start. The winner, who is only eleven years of age, only learned to swim last May, but has already developed a strong trudgen stroke and won several races. She is a pupil of Mr. R. L. Swarbrick, the superintendent of the Corporation Baths.

It is reported that on September 24 Miss Ida Ehonsky, an American lady swimmer, swam around Manhattan Island, a distance of forty miles, in 11.35,0.

Dudley Ladies Club held their annual sports on October 4, when special features in the programme were exhibitions of various styles of swimming by Miss Camwell, the club instructress, and diving and plunging by the Misses Mary and Muriel Wilkinson. The club championship competition, a test of all round ability, the competitors having to swim breast, side and over arm one length each, one length on the back with and one length without the use of arms, and display motionless floating and diving, was won by Miss F. Smith, who beat Miss Ada Hooper, the only other entrant, by two points.

At the eleventh annual gala of the Naiads Ladies Club, held on October 14, at Hornsey Baths, in aid of the "Star and Garter" Fund, the sum of £20 was realised. A team race of 100 vards was won by the Rana Ladies, Isis being second and Doride third. Miss E. R. Clark won a fifty yards race and Miss Lee a twenty-five yards race, whilst a club team race was won by a side captained by Miss M. D. Tesse.

The hundred yards ladies' championship of Cheshire was decided at a gala held by the Stalybridge Club on October 10, and was won by Miss Blanche E. Addy, Stalybridge, the holder, by a touch from Miss A. Wilkinson, Altrincham, in 1.30. Miss Addy also won the Borough ladies' championship.

Mermaid Swimming Club held a gala for the "Star and Garter" Fund on Saturday, October 15, at Chelsea Baths, their own bath being closed. Barry Ladies won the inter-club team race this time, their representatives being the Misses D. Reid, A. Hare, S. Giddings and J. Watts, who had 36 seconds' start of Holloway United, Misses Vera Johnson, M. Harford, G. Jones and R. Riley, who came in second. Miss V. Newman won the club handicap and Miss L. Lipton, Holloway United, the ladies' open handicap, but only by a touch from Miss A. MacHattie, Holloway United, who had a couple of seconds' start as against five allowed Miss Lipton. There were also a couple of military races, one over a hundred yards, which was won by Sgt. R. Spiers, Royal Garrison Artillery, by a yard from Corporal G. Levy, Australian Force, in 1.6, Sgt. F. Newman, Inns of Court O.T.C., being third, and the other a team race won by the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. In a club diving competition success was achieved by Miss E. Harrison, Miss V. Newman taking second place.

At the annual swimming sports held in connection with the Derby Municipal Secondary School for Girls, at the Reginald Street Baths at the end of September, Miss Elsie Offen secured the club championship over two lengths of the bath (66½ yards), the race for a length with the least number of strokes, the upper form's handicap race from scratch, the plunging contest with a plunge of 41ft., the diving competition, the one length backstroke handicap from scratch, and was also captain of a side which won an eight a side team race. This accomplished young lady was also one of those successful in obtaining the time standard certificate in the 100 yards ladies' championship of the Midland Counties decided at Wolverhampton. She is also holder of the Diploma of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Miss Claire Galligan, of the National Women's Life Saving League of New York, has won the mile ladies' championship of America in 31.19,3. Her time for a quarter mile was 7.20, and for half a mile 15.15,3. Miss Frances Cowells, of San Francisco, another American lady champion, has swum fifty yards on the back in 0.43, and Miss Dorothy Burns, of Los Angeles, has won the women's rough water championship of Southern California, over a quarter of a mile.

The Pittsburgh "Sun" says that on September 9 Miss Olga Dorfner, the national fifty and one hundred yards lady champion of America, won the Middle Atlantic hundred yards championship in 1.24, Miss Elizabeth Becker, Philadelphia, being second, but that in a 220 yards open race she was beaten by Miss Claire Galligan in 3.25,2, and in a fifty yards race was deadheated with by Miss Elizabeth Becker in 35,1.

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Kettering Ladies' Swimming Club have held a highly successful gala in aid of the "Star and Garter" Fund. The attraction of the evening was the visit of several members of the Nottingham Ladies' Club, including Miss Connie Jeans, the 220 yards champion of the Midlands, who attempted to beat English record in a 150 yards invitation race, but was unsuccessful. The time was 2.2 as against 1.56, Miss Jean's own record.

Among successful pupils trained by Walter Brickett during the past season are the Misses M. Harford, F. Sancroft, Gladys Jones and Lottie Lipton, who won the Southern Counties Ladies' Junior team championship; Gladys Allen, who won the Cobb Shield at the London Schools gala; Miss Daisy Roux, Holloway United, who was successful in the 100 yards Southern Ladies' Junior and 100 yards London Schools Championships. Miss Sancroft also won the George White Shield at the last mentioned gala, and Miss Lottie Lipton the Harry Lewis Shield.

Liverpool Victoria Ladies' Swimming Club held a gala at Lambeth Baths on September 29, in aid of the "Star and Garter" Fund now being raised by the Southern Ladies Committee. Miss M. Fletcher, City of London, scored another win in open handicaps, this time with six seconds start in 88 yards from Miss Vera Johnson, who was at scratch and only failed to beat Miss Fletcher by a few inches in 1.7. Miss Annie McHattie was third. Miss G. Spinks won the Club Captaincy, and Miss V. Simpson the Club handicap and a fancy costume race. Miss B. Wood proved best in diving.

Water polo is being taken up by the ladies' clubs of America, and among the latest is the Center Girls' Swimming Club of San Francisco, who hope to develop a team capable of beating the Los Angeles mermaids, who have been playing the game for some time.

WAR CHARITY GALAS. Important Legal Advice.

lacktriangerT does not appear to be generally known to swimming clubs that galas in aid of comforts for sailors and soldiers or otherwise connected with the war, come within the scope of the War Charities Act. 1016. Mr. Louis Meaden, of Brighton, the Hon. Solicitor to the Southern Counties Amateur Swimming Association. however, points out that the Act applies to any fund, institution or association instituted before or after the Act having for its object the relief of suffering or distress, the supply of needs or comforts or any other charitable purpose connected with the war. Public appeals for money or articles in kind for any war charity or attempt to raise money for any such charity by a bazaar, sale, entertainment or exhibition is prohibited unless the event be registered with the Registration Authority, or a Certificate obtained dispensing with registration. The Registration Authority is the Local Municipal Authority or such Committee as they may appoint.

Among features of the December number of the Swimming Magazine will be articles on the "History of the Crawl Stroke," by Mr. Fullard Leo, of Honolulu, which, it is safe to assume, will create world-wide controversy and comment, a description of the "Ludy Langer Stroke," "Modern Diving Displays," "Swimming in Honolulu" and the "Ladies Diving Association" whose championship meeting was held on the last Saturda y in October.

The following beautiful epitaph will appeal to all swimmers whose relations have been lost in action.

By everything that's holy,
By every prayer that's prayed,
By every gospel delivered,
By every sacrifice made;
By the sun, the moon and the stars,
By the waters under the sea,
There is no peace at all
If there be no peace for thee.

It is included in a book of verses in the "Outpost," published by Messrs. McBride, Nast & Co., Ltd., of London, and is appropriately headed with the sentry's answer after his challenge has been satisfactorily replied to—"Pass Friend. All's Well!"

WITH THE LONDON SCHOOLS.

MARKED PROGRESS IN GENERAL ABILITY.

FAST TIMES BY JUVENILE CHAMPIONS.

Schools Swimming Association has devoted enthusiastic attention to the work of teaching swimming and life saving in all the London Public Elementary Schools, and it is now a wonderful organisation, embracing in its folds several kindred bodies, and being assisted by a band of energetic workers, whose efforts in a good cause are never relaxed.

It was a pleasure to mix with these good workers at the twenty-fourth annual gala held at the Shoreditch Baths, on September 20. for one then met such old-time supporters of the Royal Life Saving Society as the Rev. Stewart Headlam, Miss E. Kingston, Chief Inspector of Girls' Physical Culture to the London County Council, who for some years served on the Central Executive of the Royal Life Saving Society, H. Bradbury, who did much good secretarial work for the Association, George H. Neal, of St. Peter's School, Eaton Square, the present hon. general secretary, John F. Wood, Rosebery Avenue Council School, the competitions secretary and the old timers W. E. Bull and "Freddy" Moses who, with Archibald Sinclair, were acting as judges, E. J. Tackley, Vice-President of the Society, and G. T. Evershed, the well known water polo player, who was referee. Scattered round the bath or else looking after their school representatives, were many others, who have spent many years in honorary work in the cause of swimming.

Many were surprised at the great improvement shown by the youngsters and also at the wonderful management of the gala. It was timed to start at 5.30 p.m., and finish at 7.30 p.m. That programme was carried out to the second, for although there were no fewer than nineteen races, two diving competitions and a display of life saving by exceedingly smart teams from Gopsall Street, Hoxton, South Hackney Central (Boys), Swaffield Road, Wandsworth, and Peterborough, Fulham (Girls) under the direction of Mr. G. W. Cocks, there was not the slightest delay throughout the whole of the proceedings.

Among the numerous events were the third. Time, 1.33,2.

Boys' and Girls' Junior Championships of London, the first named for a Challenge Cup given by the Otter Club and the other for a cup presented by Messrs. Gamage. The Girls' Championship was decided first, and when the heats were finished it was easily seen that Miss D. Roux, Albert Street School, Finchley, who had the previous night won the hundred yards junior Championship of the Southern Counties, had the race in hand, and she won the final comfortably from Miss F. Sancroft, Camden Street School, in 1.33,2. As she won her heat in 1.29 it will be noted how much she had in hand. Miss C. Cutt, St. Peter's, Eaton Square, was third. A. Dickin, St. Stephen's School, Hammersmith, scored an equally easy win in the boys' hundred in 1.6, but could have done better than this if pushed. You could note he had the "Derbyshire" stroke. F. Moran, of Shepherd's Bush, and G. Miller, of the same school as the winner, who finished second and third respectively after a desperate race, should be heard of again. Mr. Turner, of St. Stephen's School, should be very proud of his boys, who though unfortunately losing the Clarion Cup for sixa-side team race to Gopsall Street, Hoxton, nevertheless managed to win the Ashbee Cup, through the agency of F. Drake, and the Freeman shield four-a-side team competition, and to get a third in the Boys' Diving Championship, a wonderfully keen contest in which B. Horwood, Gopsall Street, Hoxton, only beat H. Tilton, Kennington Road, by half a point, Drake being the third boy. Following is a return of the racing.

100 yards Junior Amateurs Boys' Championship of London (Otter Cup).—A. Dickin, St. Stephen's, Hammersmith, I; F. Moran, Shepherd's Bush, 2; G. Miller, St. Stephen's, Hammersmith, 3; A. Richardson, St. Mary's, Richmond, 4. Won easily. Time 1.6.

100 yards Junior Amateur Girls' Cham-

roo yards Junior Amateur Girls' Championship of London (Gamage Cup).—Final heat: D. Roux, Albert Street, Finchley, I; F. Sancroft, Camden Street School, 2; C. Cutt, St. Peter's, Eaton Square, 3. Won by six yards; ten yards divided second and third. Time, 1.33,2.

100 vards Championship.—Boys between 14 and 15; R. Meadows, St. James, Norland, Kensington, r; H. Holt, Oval, Kennington, 2; A. Hogg, Rothschild, Brentford, 3. Won by six yards; three yards between second and third. Time, 1.21.

33 yards Harry Lewis Cup.—Girls under 13: -Final heat: L. Lipton, Kennington Road, I: G. Jones, Haverstock Hill, St. Pancras, 2; W. Jones, Christ Church, Southwark, 3. Won by a yard; half yard between second and third. Time, 0.25,2.

33 yards Meath Cup.—Boys under 13— Final heat: H. Tilton, Kennington Road, Newington, 1; H. Jayes, Bethnal Green, 2; E. Ellis, Gifford Street, Islington West, 3; Won by two yards. Time, 0.22,1.

66 yards G. White Shield.—Girls under 14: F. Sancroft, Camden Street, St. Pancras, 1; M. Harford, Kennington Road, Newington, 2; D. Freelove, Conway Road, Woolwich, 3. Time, 0.57,4.

33 vards Gardner Shield.—Back swimming for boys under 14: G. Hav. Mortlake C. School, I; A. Ibbotson, Rotherhithe, New Road, 2: B. Horwood, Gopsall Street, Hoxton, 3. Won by five yards. Time,

33 yards Working Men's Club and Institute Shield.—Girls under 14: J. Free, Albert Street, Finchlev, 1; D. Cummings, Munster Road, Fulham, 2; H. Co.ney, Halford Road, Fulham, 3. Won by half a

yard. Time, 0.37. Hester Cup.—Boys' diving: B. Horwood, Gopsall Street, Hoxton, 1; H. Tilton, Kennington Road, 2; S. Drake, St. Stephen's, Hammersmith, 3. This competition was very keenly contested and the judges had a difficult task.

132 yards Team Race (Stuart Cup).— Munster Road, Fulham, I; Albert Street, Finchley, 2; Carlton Road, St. Pancras, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 2.18.

132 yards Freeman Shield Team Race.— St. Stephen's, Hammersmith, 1; Canal Road Hoxton, 2; Gifford Street, Islington West, 3. Won easily. Time, 1.42.

100 yards Ashbee Cup.—Boys under 14: F. Drake, St. Stephen's, Hammersmith, 1; C. Tibbals, Silwood Road, Rotherhithe, 2; B. Horwood, Gopsall Street, Hoxton, 3. Won easily. Time, 1.19,2.

Stewart Headlam Banner.—Girls diving: K. Stedman, Churchfields, Beckenham, I; M. Hamblin, Addison Gardens, Hammersmith, 2; D. Freelove, Conway Road, Woolwich, 3.

200 yards Norris Cup (teams of 6).—Girls under 14: Kennington Road, 1; Albert Street. Finchlev. 2: Conway Road, Woolwich, 3. Time, 3.22,1.

200 yards Team Race, Clarion Cup.-Gopsall Street, Hoxton, 1; St. Stephen's, Hammersmith, 2; Canal Road, Hoxton, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 2.32,2.

All the trophies, medals and certificates won at these and preliminary competitions will be presented at the County Hall, Spring Gardens, London, on November 18.

We learn from Mr. Walpole Hiller that two galas were held in Sheffield last month. The Sheffield Otters have been carrying on as usual, notwithstanding that 48 of their members have joined the forces. The Club championship was won again with ease by A. Froggatt, the Reaney Cup by Lippe Hiller, a son of the veteran long-distance swimmer, above named, and the Bolton cup by Leo Hiller, who also follows in his father's footsteps. The second gala was that of the Sheffield Branch of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association, conducted in aid of their schools, at which A. Froggatt won the championship for juniors and W. H. Flint defeated A. Flint, the holder, in the diving championship, whilst Miss Jennie Reaney swam well for the ladies' championship.

It is reported that at Honolulu early in September Ludy Langer created an American record of 6.11.2 for five hundred yards, and that Harold Kruger, of Honolulu, swam a hundred yards on the back in 1.14,1. The world's record for 500 yards is 6.2,4 by I. G. Hatfield, in London, on September 26, 1012. There is no recognised record for a hundred yards on the back, but that for a hundred metres is 1.15,3 by Otto Fahr, at Magdeburg, on April 29, 1912, and the Olympic record over the same distance is 1,20,3 by H. Hebner, made when representing the United States at Stockholm on July 10, 1912.

and Lieut. W. S. Muir, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who has fallen in action, aged twenty-nine, was Hon. Secretary of the Paisley Victoria Swimming Club, and for two years in succession won the Clark Challenge Shield. When a lance-corporal he in October of last year, gained the D.C.M. for conspicuous bravery, and received his commission immediately afterwards.

NOTES ON NEWS.

Interesting Items from Home and Abroad.

for the care and entertainment of the wounded is Mrs. L. Hussey, Hon. Secretary of the Barry Ladies' Swimming Club, and holder of the Award of Merit of the Royal Life Saving Society. She suggests that subscribers to the Swimming Magazine should send their copies to Hospitals or else subscribe for extra copies to be sent, as in the course of her duties she meets many swimmers and life savers who have been wounded in the service of the Empire. Following up her suggestion Mrs. Hussey kindly offers to make the distribution in the London district. We know from personal experience that the Magazine is greatly appreciated by those on active service, who are thus kept in touch with the doings of swimmers in all parts of the world, and often come across references to old fellow clubmen and erstwhile swimming rivals, and we commend the idea promulgated by Mrs. Hussey to the attention of our readers.

At every gala promoted under the auspices of the Southern Ladies' Committee there have been wounded soldiers present, and at Lambeth and adjacent baths thereto they have been under the thoughtful guidance of Mrs. Hussey. At one at which we were present last month we had the pleasure of seeing Bombardier William Henry Mackenzie, of the Royal Field Artillery, who is holder of the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society, and a member of the Bristol Water Polo Club. He was wounded last February, and is suffering from shell shock. Another soldier present was Private William J. Anderson, of Temuka, New Zealand, who was present at the evacuation of Gallipoli, was taken ill in Egypt, but recovered, and was wounded in France, and is now suffering from shell shock. He is commonly known in Temuka as "Buster," is a prominent footballer, as well as a good swimmer, and has competed against the "Duke." Pte. Anderson was one of the members of the South Canterbury Life Saving team.

The famous Australian swimmer, Driver W. Longworth, Australian Army Service October 2 for what was termed the Empire Brixton Hill, the surface diving.

NE of those who have been working hard Service Championship. It was over a distance of 220 yards, and though Longworth won he accomplished very poor time, being as slow as 2.52 for the distance, which is vastly slower than the English record of 2.28.3 made by F. C. V. Lane, East Sydney, at Weston-super-Mare in 1902. Longworth has of course had very little chance of training while in the army, and so far as that goes we doubt if any of our high speed swimmers who have undergone army training will be as fast in the future as they were heretofore. unless they have been able to keep up swimming practice. Second to Longworth was Bombardier F. Walker, who recently won the Western Command Championship, and is a member of the Everton Club. Walker has more than once beaten 2.50 for 220 yards, and made a very good show against the Australian.

> Lieut. Beaurepaire was unable to take part in the race owing to official duties, but he has since offered to swim Longworth or any other military swimmer, in aid of a war charity. Could such an event be organised it would create intense interest, and would lead to the collection of a large sum for a worthy cause. As the Empire Service Championship was not promoted by any organisation connected with the services Billington was unable to compete, and we believe he is now on active service. If we are allowed to make a suggestion we should advance the opinion that success would be best achieved in the proposed fresh race were it run jointly by the Australian, New Zealand and Canadian troops now in this country.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Samuel, and several members of the London County Council were interested spectators of the annual swimming and diving competition between teams selected from the schools throughout London and the provinces, he'd at Lambeth Baths. Gordon House School, Richmond, won the 176 yards team race, beating King Edward School, Hackney, with Coventry School third. Miss D. Wills, of Coventry, won the breast-stroke race (under 13); Miss N. Roberts, of Gordon House, the Corps, competed in a race at Liverpool on motionless floating; and Miss S. Mostyn, of

Sowerby Bridge Club held its thirty-seventh annual gala on September 30, when Miss Nellie Sutcliffe won the School Girls' 42 yards Breast Stroke Championship for the Mrs. Saville Sykes Rose Bowl, and W. Buckley the Boys' 42 yards Breast Stroke Championship for the Shackleton Cup. Miss F. Strecker won the ladies' captaincy race, and J. Whittaker the Junior Championship for the Kitchen Cup.

There have been so many military water polo teams playing during the past season that it is surprising some energetic man in the service has not started a Military Water Polo League. Difficulty in arranging teams for specified dates is probably the cause of this. Anyhow a Military League would create great interest.

The Corporation of Blackpool has decided to promote a bill in Parliament for power to construct two open-air bathing pools, and also to carry out much needed improvement to the cliffs in the north of the town, which are rapidly eroding through the effects of sea and weather.

The Welsh Amateur Swimming Association has decided to abandon its annual general meeting for the year, and also not to press the clubs for subscriptions, although the Executive are of opinion that clubs who have held galas and are in a sound financial condition should donate at least half a guinea towards carrying on the work of the Association, whose balance in hand is now only about 113. The championship competitions have, of course, been abandoned for the time being. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. Alfred W. Matthews, 23, Church Avenue, Penarth.

According to Dr. C. Römcke, the Norwegian chief medical officer, "It is a curious fact, considering the geography of the country, that the proportion of Norwegians who can swim is small, the number of deaths from drowning in Norway being about 600 each year. Only about 12 per cent. of all the school children between the ages of 12 and 15 have learnt to swim; the percentage of swimmers is low in the public schools, but higher in the board schools, where the children between 10 and 15 years of age must have at least twenty hours of instruction in swimming during the season."

It is worthy of note that the gala held by the Coventry Swimming and Life Saving Society in July last resulted in the sum of £42 ros. being raised as a donation to the St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Sailors and Soldiers, a handsome contribution to a most worthy cause.

At the recent opening of an open-air bath attached to a munition factory, Mr. W. A. Hodgkinson, superintendent of the City of Coventry Baths, gave a display of scientific swimming which was much appreciated. The strict regulations of the Press Bureau prevent us from mentioning the exact locality, but the idea of open-air baths in connection with such works is excellent, and should be copied wherever possible. A new field for energy in promoting swimming and life-saving will thereby be opened.

The Chicago Athletic Association has appointed Mr. R. M. Zimmerman as coach of the competitive swimming team and junior members. Because of his previous experience in Y.M.C.A. work, Coach Zimmerman is regarded as especially adapted to teach the rapidly increasing junior membership, whose roster on June I was 345.

* * * * Although Zimmerman made his reputation in Canada as holder of many records and a successful water polo player, he received his first instruction in Chicago in 1903 at the Central Y.M.C.A., where Frank J. Sullivan, now coach at Princeton University, was then in charge. Before taking up his duties at the C.A.A., Zimmerman was engaged in Y.M.C.A. work at Tulsa, Okla. The new coach was a prize winner in the fancy diving competition at the Olympic games at London in 1908 and at Stockholm in 1912. He was captain of the Montreal A. C. championship swimming and polo teams for seven years. * * * *

Pte. Peter Currie, Black Watch, killed in action, was a prominent member of the St. Thomas Swimming Club and Humane Society of Arbroath.

Sergt. F. W. Banks, Middlesex Regiment, killed in action, was a keen supporter of swimming, and as a school teacher at Archdeacon Cambridge School, Twickenham, was largely instrumental in the school side winning the Twickenham Schools Challenge Shield on several occasions.

Ladies' Section, there were several events for men, among them being a veterans' race in which Harry Hewitt Henry and Eddie, are serving with the Griffin, the old Ranelagh Harrier, proved successful. He had fourteen seconds start in 33 vds. from F. W. Moses, Holloway United, at one time of the Ravensbourne and Zephyr, and a frequent competitor in championships and water polo contests. We have lively recollections of many pleasant swimming trips in which "Freddy" formed one of the party. There was also a 267 yards team handicap-why these odd distances, for the last man could swim less or more to a rope or pole?—in which the Royal Flying Corps, represented by Corpl. Ball, 2nd A.M. Holliday, 2nd A.M., Burridge, and 2nd A.M. Savage beat the 3rd Scots Guards; and a water polo match in which the British Red Cross drew with the Royal Flying Corps, two goals each.

In the old days Walter Brickett was often to be seen taking part in an amateur championship race, and "Freddy" Moses was one of his keen rivals. Moses swam third to J. F. Standring, of the Zephyr Club, in the mile championship at the Welsh Harp, Hendon, in 1888, and third to H. C. Schotel, Surbiton, in the salt water championship of the previous year. Walter Brickett, then a member of the Unity Club, was third in the last mentioned championship to W. Evans, Manchester Swan, at Southsea, in 1891, and in 1889 he swam third to J. Nuttall, of Stalybridge, in the five hundred yards championship. Moses first became promment in championships as far back as 1884, when he finished second to G. Bell, of the Sandringham and Unity Clubs, at the Welsh Harp, Hendon, and the same year was placed third in the Long Distance Championship in the Thames from Putney to Charing Cross, G. Bell again being the winner. "Freddy' was at this time competing as a member of the Zephyr.

A second edition of his valuable book entitled "Swimming Culture," has been issued by Mr. T. W. Sheffield, of Ocean Park, California, the supervisor of the Santa Monica Life-guard service. It is written from thirty years' experience in all parts of the world and embraces everything at present known about speed swimming. Copies of this edition, published at 50 cents each, can

At the Brickett gala, referred to in the be obtained from the author, 229, Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica, California. We learn by latest mail that Mr. Sheffield's sons, Imperial forces, and that on August 27 a big carnival was to have been held by the Santa Monica Life-guards. Details of it are not vet to hand, but as it was to be held under the management of Mr. Sheffield and Mr. Leo Henry, manager of the Ocean Park Boathouse, we may be sure it was a success. Competitions in surf and life saving drill, also resuscitation, formed the chief items of what promised to be an excellent programme. * * * *

> George Innocent, late of the City of London Police, winner of the 150 yards championship of London in 1908, and who was one of the best of the Southern Counties swimmers of his day, is serving with the Military Foot Police.

> Private Fred Fox, Yorkshire Regiment, a well-known Barnsley swimmer, has been awarded the D.C.M. and the St. George's Medal (3rd Class) of Russia, for gallantry and devotion to duty.

> Pte. W. Harris, Scots Guards, killed in action, was a member of the Edge Lane, Liverpool, Club, and played in their water polo team. While on army training in the metropolis he had many pleasant swims with the Amateur Club.

It is with pleasure we learn that J. Ellis, R. A. Graham, P. S. Symons, E. F. Kendrick and R. L. Jones, all attached to the Rutlish School, Merton, have been awarded the Teachers' Certificate of the Southern Counties A.S.A. for teaching boys to swim. Of these R. K. Jones holds the Award of Merit, R. S. Graham and J. Ellis the Bronze Medallion, and P. S. Symons and E. F. Kendrick the proficiency certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society. When forwarding the awards Mr. H. E. Fern, the Hon. Sec. of the Association, highly commended the school authorities upon the ability of their scholars.

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Every year the Leicester Baths Committee grants fifty free scholarships under the encouragement scheme of the Amateur Swimming Association for boys and girls who have teen years of age.

Rifles, killed in action, was champion swimmer of St. Bees' School Cumberland. He received his commission in 1915 and went to the front in June of this year.

Mr. W. H. Broom, of Bolton, hon. secretary of the Manchester Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society, has accepted the post of Instructor to the Manchester Grammar School.

Captain James Hunt, of the Yorkshire Regiment, the old international water polo player, sends kindly greetings to all old swimming friends. He is keeping fit and well and writes in most cheery strain.

For a number of years, the Blackpool Education Committee have given facilities and financial assistance for the encouragement of swimming among the school children, but owing to the war and with the idea of "economy" this has not been done during. the last two years. This sort of economy did not appeal to all, and to the credit of the teachers the instruction has been maintained and outside support secured from amongst those who believe that the instruction was a good investment. Among those who helped in this way was our old friend, Mr. A. R. Kerr, who contributed several gold, silver and Bronze Medallions, and so made the kiddies forget the pinchbeck methods of officialdom.

Inspector H. A. Longfellow, of the Federal Life Saving Service and American Red Cross Society, has declared the Santa Monica Service to be the best on the Pacific Coast, and this after visiting most of the important seaside resorts and shipping points on the coast. Santa Monica's system, which is one of voluntary and paid life guards working in conjunction with a comprehensive alarm system, was organised by Mr. T. W. Sheffield, of the Royal suffering from dysentery.

The gala held by the swimmers of Plymouth Life Saving Society, and the cost during the past summer was only seven hundred dollars. Seven lives were saved and many persons in serious trouble in the water were also assisted. In recognition of his splendid work as superintendent of the Municipal life saving service Mr. Sheffield has been presented with a silver loving cup on behalf of the citizens.

Admiral Sir William Robert Kennedy. left or are about to leave school and are four- G.C.B., who died at Daventry on October 9, entered the Navy in 1851 and gained the Medal of the Royal Humane Society while Sec. Lt. Walter Scott Glegg, King's Royal serving on board the Wasp, at the Cape ifles, killed in action, was champion swimin 1838, had a long and distinguished career in the Service.

> Mr. Sam Blatherwick, who dead heated for the King's Cup in 1908 and was fourth in 1913, the last year of competition, has passed with distinction for the Professional Certificate of the A.S.A. Mr. Blatherwick is now superintendent of the Corporation Street Baths, Sheffield.

> A remarkable swim of 7 miles 980 yards was accomplished by Miss Mary Ingyon, a girl only thirteen years of age, at the Kettering Baths on October 8, the time occupied 6.50,30. This was in a long distance competition in which Miss Elsie Briggs took second place. she swimming 7 miles 75 yards in 6.49,20. Miss Winnie Popplewell, aged fifteen, was third with 5 miles in 4.46,30. The previous distance record for the baths was 7 miles in seven hours by George Horden.

> Miss Violet Pope, the daughter of the well known boatbuilder and proprietor of Pope's Ferry at Kingston, has been awarded the Certificate of the Royal Humane Society for the plucky rescue of a boy from drowning. Reference to Miss Pope's gallant achievement was made in our September issue.

> The hundred yards championship of Ulster was decided at the Falls Baths, Belfast, on October 18, and was won by G. T. Corry, in 1.12, by a touch from D. G. Monroe and J, Bell.

> Lance-Corporal Douglas Archibald Sinclair. Australian Force, who was in the landing at Gallipoli, wounded at Lone Pine and again in France, is now in hospital in England,

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