

HARRIERS

CHAMPIONS' GOOD SHOWING.

Both our youths and senior club champions were in the special mention list at the Midland District War-time races last Saturday at Shettleston.

The youths race was the first event (distance $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles) and in this race our hope, Archie Muirden, ran second to the winner, A. Wilson of Shettleston, with P. McGrath of Garscube, third.

I avail myself of the opportunity here of contradicting the statement of a reporter who said that Wilson had an easy victory: being at the tape I can say that one runner was just as distressed as the other, and the winner was by no means streets ahead at the tape. Naturally I do not mean to detract from Wilson's victory—all honour to him—but it was the opinion of many that if Muirden had had more opposition during the winter to pull him out he had a good chance of being first man home. So the fault rests partially with our own youths.

May I also, in reply to enquiries this week, state that we were unable to raise a youths team for this event—other rumours on the go just now are without foundation.

In the senior event over a trail of five miles, 565 yards, our number one man ran eighth in a field containing six international runners. This strengthens our opinion that under pre-war conditions we would have had a good candidate for honours in Willie Sommerville. The first three men in this event were:—1. Farrell, Maryhill H. (pre-war champion); 2. T. Gibson, Bellahouston H.; 3. J. Reid, Beith H.

First three teams were:—1. Garscube H., 27 points; 2. Shettleston H., 36 points; 3. Bellahouston H., 42 points. The positions of the other teams were not given, but we were not last. Order of finishing of our first four men were—Sommerville, Kirk, Archibald and Kerr. A surprise in this respect was the running of Kerr who seemed to benefit by the enforced rest he has had. He found the others on a leg weary day or maybe he was just too good! At anyrate, he held off Coats, Devon and Nicol at the finish.