

Gymnastics

(*A propos de la démonstration de gymnastique suédoise qu'ont effectué à Londres 400 jeunes gens et jeunes filles pendant les Jeux Olympiques*).

Swedish gymnastics is a specialised branch of the sport differing in several respects from the competitive gymnastic events included in the Games. It was created by P. H. Ling, a Swede who lived about 150 years ago and through rhythmical exercises, carefully adapted to the particular age of the participants, strives to create a harmonious development of the body, and a beauty of bearing and movement. It is now practised in many other parts of the world, as well as in Sweden.

The demonstration given consisted of « free exercises » (gymnastics without apparatus)

but Swedish gymnastics also includes many varied exercises performed on the different kinds of gymnastic equipment. The Women's demonstration was accompanied by music ; the Men's performed without music.

Mr. Agne Holmstrom, the managing director of the Swedish Gymnastic Association, intended the demonstration to show Olympic spectators how during recent years this branch of gymnastics has become a great national movement in Sweden, striving to promote health, beauty, strength and happiness among the people of that country.

Their aim is to contribute to the Olympic ideal of promoting these ends among the people of all nations in the true spirit of international fellowship.

Rendons à César...

Nous avons reçu du Rt. Hon. Viscount Portal, D. S. O., M. V. O., président des Jeux de Londres 1948, une rectification au sujet de notre article paru dans le dernier bulletin et intitulé « En marge des Jeux olympiques de Londres 1948 ». Lord Portal nous fait remarquer, avec raison, que la seconde et dernière réception qui fut organisée au Hurlingham Club, fut offerte, non par le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté, *mais bien par le Comité d'organisation* des Jeux de Londres, aux athlètes et officiels des Jeux 1948.

Erratum

We have received from the Rt. Hon. Viscount Portal D. S. O., M. V. O., president of the London Games 1948, the following lines to which we wish to add our regrets for the error made :

« I note that on Page 24 in the « Notes on the 1948 Olympic Games in London » you refer to two receptions given at Hurlingham by His Majesty's Government. I feel that I must draw your attention to the fact that the *second and final party was given by the Organising Committee* to the competitors and officials of the 1948 Games and that as a result of my negotiations with the Chairman of Hurlingham. Colonel J.-J. Astor, for the use by ourselves of his Club, H. M. Government were able to make their arrangements to hold a similar party on Tuesday, 10th August.

» We should be grateful if you would make the necessary correction in your next issue ».

Rectification

in weight-lifting results of the Olympic Games 1948

M. Oscar State, weight-lifting organiser of the last Olympic Games informs us of some errors in the results of that sport published in our last september issue. We rectify as follow (page 17 of bulletin Nr. 11) :

Bantamweight : 5th. was M. Namdjou (Iran) (and not Mamdjou).

Featherweight: 5th. was R. del Rosario (Philippines). 6 th. was K. E. Ishikawa (U. S. A.). (and not reverse as it was mentioned.)

Lightweight: both first and second (Shams and Hamouda) had a total of 360 kg. — This being a new Olympic record, it has to be added in the corresponding list page 48 of last bulletin.

In that same class S.Y. La (Korea) was not placee equal 6th., but 7th.

Light-heavyweight: 4th. was J. Debuf (France) (and not Debus).

We wish to thank M. O. State for his kind communication.

Bibliographie

We wish to recommend to our readers following book which just appeared in London at Playfair Books Ltd., 55 Curzon Street, W. 1 : « Track and Field Olympic Records » compiled by M. Harold M. Abrahams, with a foreword by The Rt. Hon. P.-J. Noel Baker, M.-P. — That book contains all Track and Field Results of the Olympic Games from 1896 to 1936.