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All's well that ends well! and the "Reds" have duly qualified to receive Bury in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup Competition on January 14th.

Kettering Town administered a mild shock on Saturday, December 10th, when, in the gathering gloom, they succeeded in steering the ball past McKenna, thus levelling the scores and forcing Charlton to a re-play on the Midland team's ground. The failure of the Charlton men to reproduce a glimpse of their normal form came as a great surprise—the bustling tactics adopted by Kettering threw the Charlton machine completely out of gear from the commencement and never allowed the "Reds" to indulge in the finer points of the game.

There is a different tale to tell of the re-play which the "Reds" won by two goals to one at Kettering on Thursday, the 15th instant. The conditions were wintry in the extreme, snow having fallen heavily for more than twenty-four hours prior to the morning of the match. The Kettering officials employed a large squad to sweep the snow from the playing pitch and the task was only just accomplished in time for the game to start at the scheduled time.

The ground is an awkward one for visiting players to negotiate, but the Charlton captain, having won the toss, wisely decided to kick up the slope in the first half, and having retained their goal intact at the interval it became a question of how many goals the "Reds" would register during the second half with the great advantage of kicking down hill. The unexpected happened, however, and Kettering were a goal to the good about twelve minutes from the re-start. The goal followed a corner kick wretchedly taken by the home outside-left — he miskicked and the ball slithered along the half-frozen surface, and, after a series of miskicks in the "Reds" goal-mouth the ball eventually trickled into the net.

The goal was in the nature of a gift, but the shock it caused stimulated the Charlton men to greater efforts and they forthwith set up a series of strong attacks on the Kettering goal, and the

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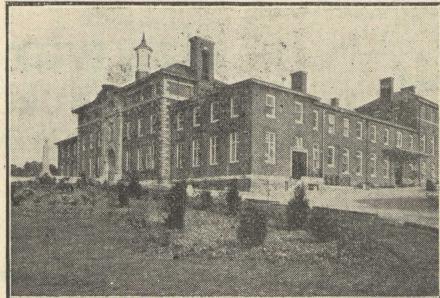
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COMPETITION RESULTS.

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long awaited goal was forthcoming fifteen minutes from the end—Sherlaw sent in a rasping drive which Blake could only turn aside, and Biswell, securing the ball flashed it past the goalkeeper with a brilliant drive taken a few yards out and midway between the goal and the corner-flag. The "Reds" came again and from Horton's accurately placed centre Biswell headed a brilliant winning goal and thus crowned a splendid afternoon's work, for he played like a trojan throughout the match.

Better football was seen in the replay and Kettering Town's supporters could not cavil at the result—they were well beaten by a team playing scientific football and the wonder is that the "Reds" were not more successful with their shots at goal. Blake was a good goal-keeper, but was helpless against the two scoring shots. The Charlton team were well together and were on top for the greater part of the game.

The decks are now clear for the meeting with Bury at "The Valley" Ground on January 14th next, when a

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large attendance is expected. Details of the charges for admission will be announced shortly, but it is expected that the only alteration in the ordinary League prices will be Centre Stand 3/6 instead of 3/-. An early application for tickets is desirable.

After Thursday's gruelling game it was a good performance to bring a point away from Brentford—the frost-bound and treacherous surface was responsible for a number of missed chances by both sides. This is a further point gained over last season's result, when it will be remembered we suffered defeat by two clear goals.

The London Combination eleven again experienced defeat this time by the only goal of the match which was registered by Brentford Reserves. The "Reds" Reserves are perilously near the foot of the table, but it should be noted that they have a number of games in hand, and should soon commence to move up the League ladder.

We extend a hearty welcome to our visitors to-day, Luton Town. They forced the "Reds" to share four goals at "The Valley" last season, but the Charlton men should improve on that result to-day. The Luton team have not been doing too well in the League tournament this season, but since the advent of Manager John McCartney a considerable improvement has been effected. A recent notable success was their six goals defeat of Norwich City in the F.A. Cup Competition.

Walsall are due at "The Valley" on Monday next in a League III. game—Kick-off, 2.15 p.m.

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Football League DIVISION III. (South)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		
					F.	A.	P.
Millwall	19	12	4	3	60	30	27
Northampton ...	17	12	4	1	47	21	25
Plymouth A....	18	10	5	3	39	27	23
Charlton Ath.	17	7	2	8	24	23	22
Exeter City	17	7	3	7	29	23	21
Southend Utd....	16	10	6	0	32	26	20
Newport Co....	17	7	5	5	30	24	19
Queen's Pk. R....	18	8	7	3	26	23	19
Norwich City ...	17	7	6	4	38	29	18
Brighton & H. A.	17	7	6	4	31	27	18
Brentford	19	8	9	2	38	39	18
Swindon Town...	15	6	4	5	39	32	17
Bournemouth ...	18	6	7	5	30	33	17
Coventry City...	18	7	8	3	34	43	17
Crystal Palace...	17	5	6	6	27	35	16
Merthyr Town...	19	5	8	6	28	37	16
Torquay Un.	18	4	9	5	18	41	13
Luton Town....	17	5	10	2	38	36	12
Watford	18	5	11	2	28	37	12
Gillingham	17	3	8	6	25	39	12
Walsall	18	5	11	2	26	53	12
Bristol Rovers ...	17	4	11	2	33	43	10

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London & Combination

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		
					F.	A.	P.
Southampton ...	21	13	5	3	47	31	29
Chelsea	19	12	4	3	50	27	27
West Ham Un.	20	12	6	2	57	34	26
Cardiff City	23	11	9	3	51	41	25
Portsmouth	22	9	6	7	41	27	25
Arsenal	17	10	4	3	48	25	23
Luton Town ...	20	10	8	2	51	49	22
Reading	17	8	4	5	36	32	21
Clapton Orient...	20	9	8	3	37	41	21
Tottenham	18	10	7	1	45	36	21
Southend Un....	20	9	9	2	37	36	20
Brentford	20	7	7	6	43	38	20
Brighton & Hove	20	6	6	8	43	46	20
Swansea Town..	19	8	8	3	30	30	19
Leicester City...	19	7	8	4	33	35	18
Coventry City...	19	7	8	4	36	37	18
Millwall	20	7	11	2	41	41	16
Fulham	21	7	13	1	37	60	15
Watford	19	6	11	2	35	56	14
Charlton Ath	17	4	9	4	38	43	12
Queen's Pk. R.	20	4	14	2	32	61	10
Crystal Palace...	19	1	12	6	25	68	8

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- E Fulham v. Blackpool
- F Wolves v. Orient
- G Bristol R. v. Millwall
- H Coventry v. Northants
- J Gillingham v. Norwich
- K Merthyr v. Exeter
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1927.	FIRST TEAM.				1928.				
Aug. 27	Gillingham	H	1	0	Apr. 6	(G.F.) Plymouth	H		
" 29	Merthyr	A	0	0	" 7	Bournemouth	A		
Sept. 3	Coventry	A	3	3	" 9	(E.M.) Plymouth	A		
" 10	Newport	H	3	2	" 14	Brighton			
" 17	Swindon	A	2	2	" 21	Southend	A		
" 19	Merthyr	H	0	0	" 28	Brentford	H		
" 24	Queen's P.R.	H	1	0	May 5	Luton	A		
Oct. 1	Watford	A	2	1	" ?	Southend	H		
" 8	Millwall	H	1	1	" ?	Bournemouth	H		
" 15	Bristol Rovers	H	2	1	1927.	RESERVES.	F	A	
" 17	Brentford	A	3	1	Aug. 27	Portsmouth	A	1	4
(London Challenge Cup)				22	Coventry	H	3	2	
" 22	Torquay	A	2	1	" 10	Arsenal	A	2	2
" 29	Exeter	H	0	0	" 17	Fulham	H	5	0
" 31	Queen's P.R.	A	2	2	" 24	Queen's P.R.	A	2	4
(London Challenge Cup)				Oct. 1	Watford	H	3	2	
" 31	Chatham	H	2	0	" 8	Millwall	A	1	1
(Kent Senior Shield)				" 15	West Ham	A	1	4	
Nov. 5	Crystal Palace	A	0	5	" 22	Clapton O.	H	3	4
" 10	Crystal Palace	H	5	0	" 29	Tottenham	H	2	3
(London Professional Charity Fd.)				Nov. 3	Fulham	A	0	2	
" 12	Norwich	H	3	2	" 5	Crystal Palace	H	7	2
" 14	Queen's P.R.	H	4	2	" 12	Clapton Orient	A	1	2
(London Challenge Cup)				" 19	Chelsea	H	2	4	
" 19	Northants	A	1	2	" 26	Southend (F.)	H	7	1
" 26	F.A. Cup (1s. Rd.)			Dec. 3	Brighton	A	3	3	
Merthyr T.				" 10	Southend	A	1	1	
" 30	Merthyr T.	H	2	1	" 17	Brentford	H	0	1
(F.A. Cup—1st Rd. Replay)				" 24	Luton	A			
Dec. 3	Brighton	A	2	2	" 26	(B.D.) S'hampton	A		
" 5	Sittingbourne	A	0	4	" 27	Southampton	H		
(Kent Senior Shield)				" 31	West Ham	A			
" 10	Kettering T.	H	1	1	1928.				
" 15	Kettering	A	2	1	Jan. 7	Coventry	A		
(F.A. Cup—2nd Round Replay)				" 19	Leicester	A			
" 17	Brentford	A	1	1	" 21	Arsenal	H		
" 24	Luton	H		Feb. 4	Swansea	A			
" 26	(B.D.) Walsall	H		" 11	Queen's P.R.	H			
" 27	Walsall	A		" 16	Watford	A			
" 31	Gillingham	A		" 18	Chelsea	A			
Jan. 7	Coventry	H		" 18	Millwall	H			
" 14	Bury	H		" 25	Portsmouth	H			
(F.A. Cup—3rd Round)				Mar. 3	Reading	A			
" 21	Newport	A		" 10	Tottenham	H			
" 28	Swindon	H		" 17	Crystal Palace	A			
Feb. 4	Queen's P.R.	A		" 24	Reading	H			
" 11	Watford	H		" 29	Swansea	H			
" 18	Millwall	A		" 31	Brentford	A			
" 25	Bristol Rovers	A		Apr. 7	Cardiff	H			
Mar. 3	Torquay	H		" 9	(E.M.) Leicester	H			
" 10	Exeter	A		" 14	Brighton	A			
" 17	Crystal Palace	H		" 21	Southend	H			
" 24	Norwich	A		" 28	Cardiff	A			
" 31	Northants	H		May 5	Luton	H			

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