

**DOMINION-ROAD GREEN.****A SUCCESSFUL START.**

The Dominion-road Bowling Club made a start for the season, with colours flying on Saturday, the trim and well-designed grounds of the young club being gay with bunting and instinct with the eclat that augurs happily for the future success of the newly-instituted branch of the fraternity in that favoured locality. The green played wonderfully sweet and true, the visiting bowlers and fair sex were present in large numbers, and the Bavarian Band discoursed sweet music, the whole function being as festive a bowling gathering as it was possible for the heart of trundler to desire. The president (Mr. A. M. Bryden) and secretary (Mr. J. Vuglar) had worked energetically for success, and their fondest hopes were realised, the only threatening note—the weather—charitably withholding discord till all was said and the visitors were wending them homeward.

In declaring the green open in official fashion for the first time, the president welcomed and wished the visitors a pleasant afternoon, and in speaking of the excellent state in which the green appeared, remarked that the club was to no small extent indebted to Rocky Nook. Some time ago the Dominion-road caretaker (Mr. Williams) had become too ill to attend to the green, and as it was just at a critical time, Mr. Jenkin, president of the Rocky Nook Club, had very kindly lent one of his spare men, and had also instructed his own club's caretaker (Mr. Hales) to help Mr. Gordon to superintend matters, the result being that the green had been brought as near perfection as was about humanly possible for the opening day. It was a matter of congratulation that for the opening day of the season he was able to announce the addition of thirty-nine new members, about a record, he thought, for any green this year, and bringing up their membership to over seventy players. Members would find that attention had also been given to the provision of accommodation for tennis players, three grass courts having been laid down, while a croquet lawn was also one of the club's attractions, entertainment having thus been provided for the young and old of both sexes. (Applause.) He then called upon Mrs. Bryden to throw the initial jack, which rolled across the green amid true bowling enthusiasm. The club's eight rinks were all occupied with the match, President's v. Vice-Presidents' teams, while the ladies associated with the club, under the superintendence of Mesdames Gordon, Vuglar, Hansen, Bartleet, Moir, McFarlane, Brimblecombe, Guthrie, Sayers, and Taylor, saw to the creature comforts of the players and visitors generally. At the conclusion of the match, which resulted in favour of the President's team by 177 points to 161, hearty cheers were given for the ladies, the president, and the club, by the visitors.

of whom were present.

The members of the **Dominion Road Croquet Club** arranged a croquet and bowling afternoon for last Thursday to augment the funds of Queen Mary's Guild. The weather being 'perfect, a most enjoyable time was spent, and the Guild will benefit to the extent of £18. There were several guessing competitions, and the successful winners were:—Mrs. O. H. Jones, black satin cushion; Mrs. Barclay, table centre; Mrs. Hilton, pair of d'oyleys; Mr. Pearson, stencilled curtains; Miss Montford, cushion; Mrs. Ingley, d'oyley.

The winners of the croquet prizes were:—Mrs. Warin and Mrs. Butler, and Mrs. Dewar, with Mr. Guthrie, carried off the prizes for bowling. Mrs. Chas. Smith, president of the Guild, in a neat little speech, explained about the work of the Guild, and thanked the members for their effort to raise funds. The afternoon tea-tables looked charming with masses of lovely scarlet carnations and asparagus fern, and were greatly admired.

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