

BADMINTON.

Official Notices.

NEW CLUBS.

Middlesex—Hyde Park, Miss Lawson, 36, Craven Hill Gardens, London, W.

Surrey—The Country B.C., Guildford, J. L. Sudbury, Esq., Womersley Park, Guildford.

CHANGES OF HON. SECRETARIES.

MR. C. DUDFIELD WILLIS will assume charge of the post of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Badminton Association on the 5th April. All letters, &c., for the Hon. Secretary should accordingly be addressed in future to Mr. Willis at 3, Onslow Avenue, Richmond, Surrey.

Exeter (City B.C.)—Henry Grenfell, Esq., Wonford Road, Exeter.

Portrush—E. N. Beresford, Esq., Craig Dhu Barren, Portrush, Antrim.

G. W. VIDAL,

For Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,

Badminton Association.

April 3, 1906.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE annual general meeting of the Badminton Association was held at Arnfield's Hotel on Feb. 28.

The accounts of the season 1905-6 show that the steady progress made in recent years has been fully maintained, the number of affiliated clubs having increased from 171 in 1904-5 to 199 in 1905-6.

The result of the election of the committee for the coming year was as follows:—President, Mr. P. Buckley; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Dudfield Willis, 3, Onslow-avenue, Richmond, Surrey; members, Messrs. E. P. Harrison, C. P. R. James, S. M. Massey, A. D. Prebble, G. A. Thomas, C. Agnew Turner, G. W. Vidal, Ralph Watling, and Norman Wood.

Rules 3 and 8, on the proposal of Mr. Vidal, were amended as follows:—

Rule 3.—

"The Association shall consist of all *bona-fide* Badminton Clubs which may be willing to conform to the Rules of the Association. The annual subscription shall be 4s., except for clubs which may also be affiliated to the Irish Badminton Union, in which case it shall be 1s. 6d. The subscription shall in each case include a copy of the official edition of the Laws and Rules, as revised annually, and also—except in the case of clubs affiliated to the Irish Badminton Union, and clubs outside England, Scotland and Wales—the winter series of 'Lawn Tennis and Badminton,' the official organ of the association."

Rule 8.—

"Each affiliated club shall be entitled to send one representative to vote at the annual general meeting, in addition to the members of the com-

mittee, who will also have one vote each. Any member of the committee, or the hon. secretary of any affiliated club desirous of proposing an alteration or amendment, either in these rules or in the laws of the game, shall submit the same in writing to the honorary secretary of the association *not less than three clear weeks before the date of the annual general meeting as notified in the official organ.* A majority of not less than two-thirds of those present, or represented by proxy on a form approved by the Association, and voting on the particular question before the meeting, shall be required to carry any resolution."

The proposal standing in Mr. Prebble's name to amend Law 7 by abolishing "setting" at 13 all, and to provide that at the all deuce and vantage be called till the winner has made two consecutive points to make game, was, after discussion, negatived by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. C. A. Turner's proposal to delete Law 10 (h) declaring service out of turn or from the wrong court to be a "fault," was carried unanimously; and the following new laws, providing that service out of turn or from the wrong court, as well as the taking of service, by a player standing in his wrong court, should be "lets," were also, after lengthy discussion, unanimously adopted.

New Law 17:—

"If a player serves out of his proper turn, or from the wrong court, and wins an ace, it shall be a 'let,' provided that such 'let' be claimed or allowed before the next succeeding service is returned."

New Law 18:—

"If a player, standing in his wrong court, takes the service, and his side wins the point, it shall be a 'let,' provided that such 'let' be claimed or allowed before the next succeeding service is delivered."

As a consequence of these additions, old Law 17 will be re-numbered 19.

Certain proposals by Mr. Willis and Mr. Turner to amend knotty points (a) and (c) were referred to the committee for consideration and disposal.

Mr. Norman Wood proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. G. W. Vidal on his retiring from the hon. secretaryship after seven years' service in that capacity, which was carried *nem. con.*, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the president for his able conduct in the chair.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. G. W. VIDAL.

WE have received for publication the following list of subscribers to the testimonial presented to Mr. G. W. Vidal on his retiring from the post of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Badminton Association.

Clubs,

Beckenham (Albemarle), Blackheath, Blackheath (Phoenix), Bolton, Crystal Palace, Cheltenham, (Drill Hall), Dundrum, Ealing, Ealing (Bath), Ealing (Unicorn), Eden, Guildford, Kensington Park,