

very helpful conference.

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The Thames Valley Chess Club has now settled down in its new quarters at Ye Old Poste House, High-street, Kingston. The Club has been entered as a competitor for the Club Championship Trophy of the Surrey County Chess Association, and will meet five other clubs; it has also been entered for the same Association's Alexander Cup, a competition conducted on the knock-out principle, which will commence in January. In addition four friendly matches have been arranged, two each with the Wimbledon and Twickenham Chess Clubs. With the usual handicap and continuous tournaments in swing, a full programme is thus provided.

The first of the friendly matches, with the Wimbledon Club, was played at Ye Olde Poste House on Wednesday last, the following being the score, Thames Valley being mentioned first:—C. H. Jago  $\frac{1}{2}$ , W. Greenwood  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Mrs. Michell 1, R. C. Hayes 0; E. W. Goodwin 1, R. Power 0; E. Smith 1, J. E. Howlett 0; R. S. Ruddle 0, A. W. Eggleton 1; J. H. Dickerson  $\frac{1}{2}$ , D. F. Dallas  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; G. J. Hodson 0, F. H. Timewell 1; E. H. Cumberland 0, O. Fielder 1; J. B. Whitehead 0, J. Barks 1; O. S. Davidson 0, H. J. Laurence 1.—Thames Valley, 4; Wimbledon, 6.

On Thursday a team of twelve went to Streatham to play the first of the Surrey Trophy matches, and a very closely contested match took place. At the call of time the score was five all; in two games still unfinished the final position will be adjudicated upon by the County Adjudication Committee. Score (Thames Valley mentioned first):—R. P. Michell 1, E. Macdonald 0; J. H. Blake 1, E. Titley 0; C. H. Jago 1, E. Henderson 0; P. W. Rampton 0, Capt. P. Titley 1; Dr. T. W. Letchworth a, C. Colliver a; E. W. Goodwin 0, J. Hunter 1; Mrs. Michell 0, E. F. J. Smart 1; W. B. Wood a, J. J. Dwyer a; F. Bullock 1, H. W. Smart 0; E. Smith 0, J. Kehoe 1; R. S. Ruddle  $\frac{1}{2}$ , G. T. Burch  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; J. H. Dickerson  $\frac{1}{2}$ , L. L. Poynter  $\frac{1}{2}$ .—Thames Valley, 5; Streatham, 5. For adjudication.

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