

THAMES VALLEY CHESS CLUB.

The annual report and balance sheet of this club for 1907-8 has been issued. It states that the membership shows little alteration, four new members having joined (two non-resident) against five who have left. The club has gained a great acquisition in strength in the person of Mr. W. Ward, an international player, and former champion of the city of London. In addition to his invaluable help at the first board in match games, Mr. Ward gave a simultaneous display during the season, winning six and drawing four of the ten games played. The match results showed a decided improvement on those of the previous season, four matches having been won, and an equal number lost. In the tournament handicap, Mr. G. Fothergill, who has shown capital form throughout, secured the cup and first prize. In the play-off for second place between Messrs. A. M. Fox and J. Cheesterman-Smith, the former won.

Owing to the reduced membership a small deficit is shown on balance, but this is covered by the amount brought forward from last season, so that the club is in a position to meet the expense of the prizes. On the whole, the results compare favourably with those of many of the former seasons, and the committee look forward with confidence to the continued success and prosperity of this old established club. Three of the members were invited by the Surbiton Club to take part in a simultaneous display given by Dr. Lasker, and it has been suggested that the club might arrange an evening of a similar character. The club has been affiliated with the Middlesex County Association. The annual general meeting will be held in the club room, St. Alban's Club-house, on Monday, Oct. 5, at 8.30 p.m., when new members may be introduced. The club is in a satisfactory condition financially.

AF
I
be
arr
nion
The
Sch
Mr
Me
Tal
T
wri
kee
ing
ma
beg
5th
T
Tec
A
clad
Pol
S
eve
Sch
clad
add
ject
clad
adv
form
alro
to
Fri
of
giv
exe
Th
the
can