

# HAMPSTEAD H.C. DINNER.

## A BRILLIANT RECORD.

A more enjoyable and convivial gathering than that of the Hampstead Hockey Club, whose annual dinner was held on Thursday evening in the Alexandra Room at the Trocadero, Shaftesbury-avenue, it would be difficult to imagine. The party, presided over by the captain (Mr Gerald Logan), was not too large, numbering rather less than sixty, and there was a spirit of camaraderie, in combination with speeches brimming over with good-natured personal criticism, that could not fail to please. The Chairman set the example, giving the toast of the evening in a speech replete with pointed allusions and dry humour, and the example was infectious. If laughter be good, then those present should secure a clean bill of health for some time to come.

In the vice-chairs were Messrs C. H. Eiloart (hon. secretary), C. McL. Carey (hon. treasurer), and J. T. Ash, and among the company were Messrs P. F. Wright (Southern Counties H.A.), Eric Green, A. B. Osmond, S. H. Shoveller, H. L. Shoveller, H. M. Tennant, R. E. Eilcart, F. R. Eiloart, Arthur E. Godfrey, R. Leigh Ibbs, H. V. L. Stanton ("Wanderer"), C. D. McMillin, Philip Simmons, C. H. Chaldecott, J. H. Bennett, F. W. Orr, A. J. Orr, G. S. Hickson, N. B. Dearle, R. P. Tatham, H. G. Dunkley, R. Q. Henriques, L. Hutchinson, etc.

The loyal toasts were received with extra enthusiasm, as H.M. the King is Patron and H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught President of the Hockey Association. Then came the toast of "The Club," coupled with the name of the hon. treasurer, Mr C. McL. Carey, in giving which the Chairman referred to the growth of their body, the loss of the services of Messrs R. A. Hill and E. L. Marsden, who were in Greater Britain; their possession of the "god" of hockey, Mr S. H. Shoveller, whilst the distinction gained by Mr J. H. Bennett added to the burnished escutcheon of the Hampstead H.C. They had run four teams, with the following results, the only reverse sustained by the first eleven having been when they took a weakened side to play Marlborough College:

		Goals					
		P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst
1st XI.	.....	22	19	2	1	103	27
2nd XI.	.....	20	13	1	6	96	52
3rd XI.	.....	19	8	1	10	83	86
4th XI.	.....	14	3	2	9	41	67

Other toasts were "The Visitors," quaintly given by Mr J. T. Ash, Mr P. F. Wright (Southern Counties) acknowledging, and "The Chairman," in submitting which Mr R. Leigh Ibbs referred to a certain occasion when they (the H.H.C.) had been beaten by a lot of schoolboys, one of whom was now the great centre forward, the other their chairman, whose caps reached double figures. The enjoyment of the evening was increased by an admirable entertainment, contributed to by Messrs Harold Montague, Philip Simmons, A. B. Osmond, G. S. Hickson, J. Greig, H. M. Tennant, and Arthur E. Godfrey, with a screamingly funny, original duet by Messrs J. T. Ash and F. W. Orr.