THE MAIDENHEAD ADVEETISEB, WEDNESDAY, APEIIi 13, 1910.

TH E PRIMROS E LEAGUE.

DBSBORODG H " HABITATION.

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SPEEC H B Y LOR D DESBOROTJGH.

GROWTH OF TH E LEAGUE.

A largely-attended and very sacceeafa meetiuj l;
in connection with the "Desborough" Habitation
of the Primrose Lea^nie was held in the Tow n Hall
on WcUne«lay evening I. t was honoured bv the
presence of the Chancellor of the League "Lor, d
besborough wh, o presideil, and he was acoom-
i>auied on the platform by Li^ y Desborough (Dame
President), Mr. H. Lancaster (Prov. Grand Secre-
tary for Cheshire and Lancashire), Mr. J. W. Stone
iRiiling Councillor), Mr. and Mrs.Greville Palmer,
Mrs. Miller, Mr. J. Chatterton, Mr. Gordon Hills,
and Mr. F. J. C. Forss. Mr. E. Gardner, V.P., had
proniisetl to attend and ad<lress the meeting, but
owing to his Parliamentary duties he AM prevented
from fulQlhng the engagement an, d a tel^cram was
read from him expressing his regret and wishing
'tiiccess to the Habitation. Severa abl l e speeches
were delivere»l, and before and after these a quar-
tette. terme«l the Wandering Glee Singers treate<, l
the companv to a high-cla^ programme of vocal
mnsic, whicli gave much enjoyment.
Mr. J. W. Stone i, n the conrse of a few introduc-
t<>r^ remarks, made an earnest appeal to membeni
to stantl firm to the three great principles of the
League, and to endeavour to obtain more mem-
liors. remarking that " in these Socialistic and re<l-
m;; times" it nee<le< al l l their efforts to keep the
Cunstitution intact. S(>eaking of the presence of
the Chancellor, he said they were excee<liugly
luckv in being thus honoured.—(.\pplause.)
Ixird Desborough wh, o received an ovation, now
HililrcBseil the meeting. At the outset, he said it
ttKs with the greatest jKJSsible pleasure that he ac-
i f ptcd the invitation to come to tlve meeting and
lav a few wonls alwut tlie Primrose League a ,
l.ea;;ue he hiwl very near at heart. When the in-
\i[;iiion was extenileil to him he was i>articularly
rc<|>"-'8te<1 to be brief, though at the same time he
was iMforme<l that it would be of interest if he told
them something about the objects and aims, and
l>erhai>s a little al>out the history, of the League.
After having brietly referred to the period when
the l.eajiue was inaugurated, in 1883 hi, s lordsliip
^i.l that the original idea was that the League
vh<>ul<l not be a i>oUtical organisation in the sense
tliat it should be aftUiatetl to either one of the two
j;ieat political iiarties of the State. There was no
reasnii when the League was started, nor for many
\eurs afterwards, why anyone who believetl in the
thrpf great principles of it, if he were Couservative
or lladical. should not become a member. The
tbree great principles which the League stood for
Mere Ueligion, Constitution and the Empire.—
l.\li|)lause.l The religion was not, and need not be,
iuiy i>articular form of religion, but it was ratlier
to express the gathering together of men who lield
l>y some common belief in the Divinity as against
those who represented the .\theistic wave which was
then, and is now, sweeping over the country. In 8Ui>-
purt of this, his lordship pointe<l out' that the
re\eretl Vice-Chancellor, Jlr. G. Lane Fox, was
I>r the Roman Catholic i>ersuasion No. t long ago
he stood on a platform where the princii>al si>eaker
was the son of a Bishop of the Church of Englanil,
and one of the most energetic and useful workers
they had was " Will Workman," of the Peoulc, the
late Mr. Pettifer, who was a staunch and strict
Nonconformist. Thev had verj- fretjuently those
three branches of religions belief representetl on
the platform at one and the same time. It very
riftoii came up before the Grand Council whether a
Kadioal at the present time could still belong to the
r.ea^ue, and the answer to that always was that if
he would support the three great principles
lie liad just spoken of he would l>e wel-
couieil.—r Hear, hear.") But (.his lordship went
i>ni at the present time they saw by the whole
trend of the activities of the Government that
those principles upon which the League was
founde<l were severally and jointly threatenetl and
attacked. They hail h ^ Education Bills presente<l
to lK>th Houses of Parliament, which certainly did
not promote any great belief in any particular
principle of religion. .\s regarded the Constitution,
at the pre^nt moment three estates of the Realm
which liatl gone to make England what she was
were lieing attacke<l, aii<l as to their third great
principle they all knew who took part in the
lieiieral Election what strennous efforts ha<l to lie
put forwani in order tlmt the (lovemment might
realise that greater measures must be taken in the
matter of naval defence s, o that the maintenance of
their great Empire might be continuetl. He con-
sidere<l that the I.iberal i>arty ha»l gone far on
the roa<l towards the subversion of those great
pi'iiiciplcs, and in the la.<»t few months the Primrose
League had certainly drawn much cU>Ber to the
other great i>arty, tlie ITnionist imrtv—(applause)
—and there was no doubt that in the last election,
and in the election to come—and they did not
know how soon the next would be—the League
would lind itself in very much closer relation with
the Unionist l>arty thad,i ever before in its existence,
so much so that it was absolutely essentia tha l t
they should get into close touch and relationship
witli the hea>ls and executive of the Unionist
l>arty. During the last election they found so
many cases of over-lapping when si^eakers were
ankoil for, both from the Primrose League and
from the Central Unionist .\ssociation tha, t they
iletermined to place all their st>eakers at the dis-
l>osal of the Unionist and Conservative Central
Olhces, so that this over-lapping and confusion
might in the future be avoided. Sjieaking of the
managemen ot f the League I.or, d Desborough
said that this was by a Grand Council in Ix)ndon.
electe< bl y delegates from the difTerent habitations.
That afternoon he attende<l two meetings of the
Grand Council, and with the greatest ixjssible
pleasure he assuretl them that the league was pros-
j>ering even more than its founder could ever have
hoi>ed at the outset. During the last six weeks there
ha<l l>een no fewer than 6,072 new meml)ers en-
rolled and thirteen new habitations startetl. and
that brought up the number of new members en-
rolled thin vear to considerably over 80,000 whic. h
w.-^ a recoil. I'roceeiling, his lordship said that
in his humbl* opinion the real strength of the
league lay in the fact that it was not one of those
ephemera organisation l s which sprung up just on
the eve of a ixjliticalelection and then disap^ieai-eil:
the Primrose League enrolled and enlistetl the ser
vices of men and women—he was not at all sure
tlie men were the most imimrtant of the two—who
had the time to go about among their neighboui-s
and argue out the various i>olitical questions before
the storm and stress of an election, and at a time
when people had infinitely more time to think over
the great questions fraugh, t as they were with so
much for good or evil to the i>eople. He believed
that the league was one of the most wwerful
organisations in the country. Since the last elec-
tion thev had had from almost every Unionist can-
diilate for a seat where there was a branch of the
Vleague most grateful letters, saying what help its
members had been able to give. There was an
arniv of something like 200.000 canvasser sen s t out
throughout the length and brea<Uh of the country,
and 20,000 different removals were traced. \ great
ilf.'il of this work was done, and excellently well-
• loiie. by lailv members of the league.—(Applause.)
He heartilvendorsetl all tliat the Ruling-Councillor,
Mr. Stone." said when he asked those present in the
hall who had not joinetl the league an, d who really
lielieved in its principles, to take steps to imme<h-
atelv enrol themselves : he was sure thev would
never regret it. If tliev luwl the time at their dis-
IKjsal they would lind tliat by going among the less
well-todo jrortion of their "fellow-citizens and by
talking to them, and by entering into their jx>intof
view as well as the i>oi°nt of view from which they
lcoke<l at the question themselves i, t would not
only l>e an education to themselves bu, t it would do
!> great deal of gooil. Nowatlays, there was much
euvy of tliose who liap)>cnetl to have acquireil a
l)Ctter situation in life bv those who hapi>ened to
lie less well-sitnate<l. au<l verj- often it was founded
1 <11 misconception H. e was sure that the Unionist
Party was at least as alive to the deplorable i>overty
- of large masseso thf e i>eople,and wereasdetermiiietl
to ameliorate their condition as any Ra<Iical who
si>oute<l on a public platform. There was certainly
a difference in the method the problem was face<l.
He wonUI go a step further and say that the House
of Ix>rds ha<l shown in dealing with social ques-
tions that it had at least as great a feeling of sym-
isithy with the i>oorer iwrtion of the people as had
fver'lieen evidence< i l n the other Chamber.—(Ap-
plause.) Continuing, his lordship said he ha<l no
intention of making anvthing like a political
si>e€ch hu, t he could not lielp saying that at the
present time they hatl got a Government which
was somewha ex'traortlinarj t - in its methods and
ver\- uncertain in its aims. It was a Government
full" of resolutions, but at the same time it was fnll
of what one might call " irresolutions." Where the
Government was driving to it was verj- diflicuH to
say. To his mind, as one who ha<l servetl verv
nearly six years on Mr. Chamberlain's Tariff
Comtiiission", and who hatl the means of judging
from the evidence brought before that Commission
of the state of tra<le in the countrj, he could only
say that he had come most tirmly to the conclusion
that they were wasting time as a country, time
which might never be overtaken.—(Applause. H) e
lirmly believeil tliat if thev did not secure a
Government which would carry into effect all the
recommendations which liatl been laid before the
country for some time they might wake up one of
these days and find that the time hu l gone and it
was too late.—("Hear, hear.") When he was
speaking at Cambridge the other day, on the very
morning of tliat day there came out the new
tariff resolutions of 'a friendly country, France,
whereby the duty which English importers into
France would haVe to i» y was increased in some
instances up to 250 per cent. That new Tariff was
l>a^ l by the French House of RepreeeutaUves,
and It U.en went up to tlie Senate to ta ratified by
the latter body. The Senate wanted to see how the
elections in England turned out before ratification
»nd now it had l>ecome law and the Increasetl

duties took effect as from the Jlst Marc^ last. It was
a lesson in Tariff Reform. Thev in England were
abmlntely helpless Th. e Chamber of Commerce
and other bo<1iee could only argue with the French
Government, but tliese arguments were not effec-
tive. In other coantries when the new French
tariff was brought in thev sai<l "If vou raise the
duty on certain things we'll do likewiM," and they
got concession whic s h thev in England were iwwer-
Iws to extort. TItat was the -indication of the
absolute state of helplessnes the s y were in when
other countries made pu alteration in their tariff.
Furthermore, unless* England ad^te d similar
measures it would become very difiOcnlt for this
countiy to bring about that preferential treatment
with the Colonies which was a part of the policy of
Mr. Chamberlain. England could not expect her
colonies to gi\e her i>referential treatment unless
«i e herself gave some reciprocal ailvantages.—
Thisconclnded Lortl Desborongh's address bu, t be-
fore resuming his seat his lordship said that he
had a pleasing task to i>erform. While expatiating
at the meeting of the Grand Council that afternoon
on the extreme merits of the Desborough Habita-
tion, he had the greatest i>ossible pleasure in bring-
ing to the notice of the Council two of its officers
who had done so much to make it what it was.
One of these was Mr. J. W. Stone th, e Ruling
Councillor, whom he recommende< fol r the Diploma
and the Grand Star of the League an, d the other
was Miss Higgin, their able hon. sec. who, m he
rwommende*! for a similar honour.—(Applause.)

MAIDENHBA D WANDERERS '

OYCUN Q AND ATHLETIC CLUB.

TH E AKNUAI I MEETING.

The Grand Council were very pleasei tl o grant tlie
diploma and the decoration and it was now his
pleasing duty to haud the same over to Mr. Stone
and Sliss Higgin.
Amid much applause Lor. d Desborough made
the presentations an, d afterwards Mr. Stone speak, -
ing on behalf of himself and Miss Higgin, thanked
Lord Desborough for his kindness an, d remarked
that they would both value the presentation ex-
tremelv.

Mr. "H. I>ancaster now addressed the meeting.
At the outset he remarketl thai it gave him great
pleasure to renew his acquaintance with the mem-
bers of the Desborough Habitation. He heartily
congratulated the Conservative party of the divi-
sion on the great victory they won at the last elec-
tion—(applause)—and iiotonfv were they to be con-
gratulated on that fact, but also on the fact that
their Member w:i8 a good and worthy representa-
tive of the Unionist i>arty. He was" retamed to
1 arhament in spite of the vile calumnies uttered in
that constituency H. e was a thorough English
gentleman, and though not a professiona politician l,
he was mtimately acquainted witji the rural in-
dustries. Mr. Ijancastev went on to refer to the
principles of the Primrose League an, d said that
he, too, recognised the fact that tliev were being
assaile<l Durin. g the election he wa's slioolted to
hear in the town of 2(X).000 inhabitants where he
lived a nliniber of children parading the streets
singing a song which they had been taught in
Socialistic Sunday Schools on, e line of which
ran '• Why should we sing God save the King ? "
He did not so much object to a iiir.n standing up at
a street corner luid talking of .\theism, and attack-
ing the Throne and f onstitution, and being lis-
tened to by any fools suliicientlv ignorant or pre-
judice<l to swallow such rubbish", but he did object
to the children of the nation, those small children
in whose tiny hands was held the fate of the
country, being taught such vile, atheistic and un-
patriotic songs H. e often thought it would be far
lietter for their children if, instead of being taught so
many extra sciences the, y were taught a little of
the history of their land and the wav the great
Empire had been founded, and of those great
builders of Empire -suc h men as Chatham, Pitt,
Wellington, Nelson Drake,, and others of all ranks
—who were resjionsible for making the country the
most democratic in the world. To-day things had
changed an, d no longer was the country governed
by •• builders," but by "destroyers." He remem-
beie<l distinctly when the Primrose League was
founded the doctrine preached on Radical plat-
forms by men on whom hatl fallen the mantle of
Cobileniam, that it would be far more glorious if
the country were divestetl of its Colonies thos, e
Colonies on which had lieen spent not only British
gold, but the lives of British heroes o, f men whose
names must live until the firmament was
rolle<l up like a scroll. The Primrose League
livetl to hold tight the bonds between the
Motlier Country and the Colonies Th. e Colonies
were England's commercial support, and more
trade was done with them in f' s per head than
was done in shillings per he.-id with foreign
countries. That was not all. What was commer-
cial support compare<l to the fact that the Colonies
had resix)nde<l as one man to the call of Empire?
They had sent their sons to light and to blee<l and
die for them in Egypt; tliev sent them to fight
shoulde(*-to-shoulder with the men of the Mother-
land on the veldt, and iu these days when they saw
a powerful nation building a big fleet for service
in the North Sea th, e Colonies were preparing to
tniild navies of their own with which to pro-
tect the great Empire.—(Applause.) Passing on to
deal with "the present political asi>ect of affairs,"
the speaker said they all knew how, in the course
of flie past four years, they had Ijeen mis-governed
by a Radical administration, and how the Govern-
ment had contriye<l to lose the confidence of the
people. Before the last Radical,Govemmen cam t e
into ix)wer, wonderful promises were made by
that i>arty of cheap food, oKa veritable Eldorado if
only they were sunported. It had. however, not
turne<l out so. and the present position of the
Radical jjarty reminded him of a story he heard
the other day. There was an old Irisb woman and
she was crossing from Ireland to .America. In
the course of the voyage she manage< t l o lose her
reference, and so she consulted a countryman
as to what she should do. " Och ! bed'a<l ! "
said he, "It's meself as'll put vou right in toime,"
aud he took a piece of paper, and on it he wrote
these Hues : This is to sav that Betty Milligan left
the ould counthry with a foine chaiiicter, but she
lost it intoirely aboard a ship. —(Loud laughter.)
He venture<l to say that during the time the
Radical Government were iu jiower they managed
to lose their character entirely with the working-
l>eople of the country. Since they had been in,
power one of the most prominent future s in their
national life had been the large amount of unem-
ployment. When in Penzance a, short time ago
he was informed that the number'of casua travel l -
lei-s who passe< throug l h the County of Cornwall
and were relieve*! by various cha'ritable societies
live years ago numbe'red 1,300 bu, t last year that
figure hatl increased to 20.000 I That spoke for
itself. The question neetle<l immediate attention.
It woul ^ ne\ er be solved by Labour Bureaux,
though he did not altogether "denounce them ; but
he would tell them what hai>i>ened in Wales.
Every tramp walking from door to door presented
to the i^erson who answered his call a red ticket,
which he ha<l received from a Labour Bureau, and
which purported to show that he was honestly in
search of work, when at the same time it ha<l been
proved that such i>ersons would ne> er work even
when given the chance Labou. r Bureaux did a lot
to encourage \ agrancy. Then, again, during the
late four years' mis-government of the country by
the Radical party a pi-ominent feature of" the
national life had been tlie injury which the Govern
ment had done to national credit. National credit
was of imramonut imi>ortauce. Hundreds of years
ago a great orator, atldressing a Senate mad, e the
remark that •• Ci-e«lit had done more for the wealth
of nations than all the gold and diamond mines
ever discovere<l." When the Governnnent started
on its reckless career of Socialistic legislation,
they were warned by that great financier, of w^orld-
wide repute, Ijord Rothscliild, that such a policy
would injure the credit of the country, but no heed
was Iiaid to the warning and the country had
sufferetl. The speaker went on to condemn other
parts of the i>olicy of the i>resent Government, and
concluded bv urging the memliei-s of the Primrose
I^ieague to beli> make it a still greater fighting
force, and to get their house in order, remarking
that another general election was not far distant.

Mr. Greville Palmer proiiosed a vote of thanks
to Ix)rd Desborongh for his attendance and in-
structive address an, d to Mr. H. Lancaster also for
his presence and address.
Mr. J. W. Stone seconded the i)roi>osition, and
incidentally mentioned that he hml a sister-in-law
who marriwl a German General. His wife visited
tlermanv the other dav and askeil the General
what be thought of the Dreadnoughts H. e relie d
that he was not acquatute«l with naval affairs,
• but," he added, " I shall never feel satisfied till
we walk in and garrison London."
The vote of thanks was heartily accorded an, d
Lord Desborough retume<l thanks.
The meeting then terminated.
Miss Higgiii is to be congratulated on the success
of the gathering. She msule all the arrangements
for the meeting, receiving much kind assistance
from Mr. J. Mallett.
. \s above statetl, the progi-amme of vocal music
presente< bl y the Wandering Glee Singers was a
feature of the evening Th. e severa glees l an, d
also the solos wer^excellentl, y rendered, and gave
much pleasure Th. e party comprises Messrs.
Edward Wav (alto). Heni-v flev y (tenor), Leoixild
Glasspoole (baritone), and Charl"es Norman (bass).

The annual meeting of the above club was held
at the " Prince Albert," King-street, on Tliursday
last, when there was a record attendance of mem-
bers, upwards of 60 being present, including the
following: Messrs A.. G. Matthews (hon. sec.) E,.
A. Keeble (distan t sec.) J,. Bradley, J. R. Neeve,
J. Gibson, E. Tyler, W. Hutchings, A. T. Leaver,
A. R. Edwards', G. W. Hooper, J. Franklin, F.
Singer, W. A. Walton, A. Allen, W. V. Woodley,
L. G. Bavlis, A. Smith, F. Bond, G. Neeve J,. P.
Balson, fi. B. Rogers B,. Smith, J. Wilder, G.
Hedges R,. Tomblin, A. Ada way, E. Smith and A.
Emberly.

The popular president of the club (Mr. E. Gard-
ner, M.p.) had promised to preside, but he sent the
following telegram : " Very- sorry unable to attend;
cannot leave House of Commons."

Mr. F. Pitcher having been voted to the chair,
the minutes of the last annual meeting were read
aud confirmed.

TH E REPORT AND BALANCE-SHEET.

The Secretary (Mr. A. G. Matthews) presented
his annual repo'rt as under:—
I liave pleasure in submitting to you the 30th annua re l -
port and baljuice-sheet.
Durioy the pas seHSo t n our active member hav s e been .suc-
cessfu ml upnoUlin^ the pre«tij^ of the club a t various
sports meetings an, d prizes were awarded to J. P. Brill
(ffct) and F. A. White (cycle) for obtaining the highest
numbe or f wins in the resistiv e sections A. s first claim
membe or f the club, F. White was successfu il n placing
the S-miles championshi op f Berks Buck, s and Oxon to his
credit. This is the llrst occasion that a county cycling
championshi ha. p s been held by one of our members I. n the
quarter-mile flat champioushi op l Berks and Bucks E. Smith
nnished second On. e feature of the seaso wa n s the iucrease
in membership an, d I trust this will continue during the
coming year.
Your committoo were again reciueste bd y the Mayor (Mr.
D. Bidmead t) o undertake the sports in connection with the
Empire Day festivities an, d the enjoymen an t d pleasure
shown by the scholars amply rewarded them for their work.
The evening mx'tiug was postpone fro d m the original divte
owiiw to the weather rai, n making the track quite unsafe.
On the second occasion the weathe wa r s more favourable,
but. with the added expens consequen e ot n postponement,
we lost over £15.
The annua Augus l t Bank Holiday meeting again proved a
gi-eat success an, d is fast becoming one of the bes meeting t s
in tlie South Althoug. h the pain from a financial point of
view was not so good as in previous yeai-s thi, s is accounte fo d r
by a n increase priz d e fund, and the introducing of a<ldi-
tional events notabl, y the hiu-dle handicap whic, h attracted
goo goodd entries entries Th Th.. ee clu clubb i iss agai againn indebte indebtedd to th thee Marchiones a s
Townshend for so graciously pn-senting the prizes to the
successfu competitor l s on tha t occasion an, d also for her
gift ot a Club Challenge Cup to be competed for annually.
On numerou occasion s you s r committ ^ and myself have
assiste i d n carrying out the programme os f neighbouring
clubs, and the coiiimittee esteem it a pleasure to help in
any way (he furtherance of pure amateu sport r T. o our
Presiden th t e club is indebte<l an, d I am sure tha t one and
all recognise tha t the club is extremely fortunate in having
such a good sportsma an t its head ; also to Mr. E. Tvler I
tende th r e club's sincere thank s for his valuable assistance
during the year particularl, y on the occasion of our road
events.

The club's gratefu thank l s are offered to our honorarj-
subscriber fo s r their support an, d I trus t we may again en-
joy theirwntinue d favour, and to those who kin'dlv gave us
specia prize l s I am also ^teful.
The thank s of the club are also due to those gentlemen
who voluntarily- assiste ad t our Sports Meeting ' s and to the
Press for their excellen rejMrt t s of our doings I. should
also like to take this opportunity of tendering my thank s to
the assistan hon t. secretary th, e committee an, d the audi-
tors tor the \Tiluiible and hiird-working efforts on behalf of
the club during the i>ast season.
I n conclusion I, trus t that the club may again be favoured
with the suppor ot f its member t s o uphold the prestige of
the club and ti) sustain its efficiency and the honour of true
amateu sport.— r A. G. MATTUBWS, Hon. Sec.

The general balance-shee wo t s next submitted.
This showed that the expense amounte s d to £116
38. 3d., including the following items :—Balance
brought forward, 1908 £83, Us. lid. ; members'
subscriptions, i'lS 7s. 6d.; sale of club badges £1,;
entries for club events £, 1 ISs.; sale ot dinner
tickets, £5 Is. 6d.; interest on deposit account,
£1 33.; balance from Bank Holiday Sports, £7 17s.
lOd. The expense amounte s d to £51 18s 5d.., with
a deficit oii the Evening Meeting of £15 Is. 3d.,
making a total of £66 19s 8d.. The chief items of
expenditure were: honorarium to secretary, £5 5s.;
auditors, £1 Is.; donation to Maidenhea<l" Cottage
Hospital, £2 2s. ; afflliation f ^ N.C.U. and A.A.A.,
£1 48.; printing, £2 14s 6d..; dinner expenses £, 8
lOs.; prizes for club events £, 8 9s. 6<l.; N.C.U.
delegates expenses ' £, 2 2s. The club has a balauce
in hand of £49 3s. 7d.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Neeve seconde, d by
Mr. Tyler, the reiwrt and balance - shee wer t e
adopted.
NKW MISMBERS.

The following new members o, n the proposition
of Mr. Adaway, were elected : Messrs F.. W. Ash-
ley, R. A. Fletcher, H. Hickmott, A. Bidmead, H.
V. Brill, T. Henwoo<l, Lewis and G. He'dges senr,.
The secretary remarked that at the present time
they had 123 paid membei-s on the books, which he
considered most satisfactory-.
The Chairman : I can see" we shall soon be want-
ing a larger room. This is the largest meeting of
the club I have ever seen.

ALTER.\TIOXS AND ADDITIONS TO RULES.

The secretary said that the committee had re-
vised the old set of rules and had considered it
desirable to make a few alterations with the ad-
dition of two new ones as require<l by the A.A.A.
He would read the alterations suggested and then
would be glad to know if the meeting approved of
them or whether any improvement upon them was
desirable. The chief alterations suggested were
" that no meml)er shall be allowed to compete in
club events unless he has been a member for at
least one mouth."

There was some exception taken to this on the
part of one or two members wh, o did not think one
month long enough.
Mr. G. Neeve i>ointed out that if they passed the
rule suggested there was the possibility of outsiders
becoming members just before the six>rts to take
part in the members' races only.
• Eventually, it was decided "to let the old rule
stand, which reads that " no member be allowed to
compete in club events unless he has been a mem
her for at least two months."
The Secretary explainetl that hitherto the head
quarters of the "club were at " The Grapes," Market
street, but the committee thought, seeing that
the club had now such a large membership, it was
desirable to have headquarters with more accom-
mcxlation than that obtainable at " The Grapes,"
and it was sugge8te< tha l t thevmight fix upon "The
Prince Albert." He had spoken to the proprietor
(Mr. Walton) on the subject, and he was quite wil-
ling for them to meet there and call his place their
headquarters. Mr. Walton was inclined to let them
have a meeting - room without charge, but he
thought they would agree with him that they should
pay for the hire of the room considering that light
ami fire were supplied. Therefore he suggested
that they should 'pay £2 iier year for the accom-
modation.
On the proposition of Mr. G. Neeve seconde, d by
Ir. G. Hedges i, t was decided to move the head-

CHESS.

MAIDENHEAD v. READING.

This match was playetl on We<lnes<lay last, at
the Hotel, Maidenfiead, aud ended in' a son
what easy victory for Reading. Score
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W. O. C. Stuchber\- ... 0
C. R. Snell 0
J. Flint 0
G. A. ReUeen 0
D. Greenwoo<l 1
A. D. Cottrell 0
O. Price 1
L. Rose 0

S. R.Thompson 0

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H. Rumble
H. Kingham
G. Chamberlain..
Stannard

E.Royce
R. J. Allaopp
E. P. Holloway ....
A. A. Atkins
A. Watson

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•was losing the services of his aasistant (Mr. Keeble),
who was obliged to give up ttie duties chiefly on
accoont of the doctor's oMers. Last year Mr.
Keeble rendered him great assistance an, d he was
very sorry to lose his services H. e had pleasure in
proposing Mr. E. Smith as bis successor.
Keeble seconded an, d Mr. Smith was unani-
mously, elected an, d he promised to render Mr.
Matthews all the assistance he oould.
On the proposition of Mr. G. Neeve seconde, d bv
Mr. Tyler, Mr. Matthews was voted an honorarium
of £5 5s. for services rendered as Secretary last
season Hal. f - a - guinea each was voted as an
honorarium to the auditors, Messrs Gibso. n and
Gibbons.
Mr. Matthews, in thanking the meeting for vot-
ing him the honorarium, said that it was a pleasure
to him to tmd that his services were appreciated.
The club had grown so much of late that the work
had considerably increased bu, t he managed to
cope with it, and he had been well-backed up by a
good working committee. But for the loss over
the evening-meeting last year, which he regretted,
their balance would have been larger; he hoped
that with favourable weatljer on the occasion of
their annual sports they would be able to show a
la«e r balance this time next year.
. There were two nominations for the captaincy,
Messrs. Hedges and Adaway. On a vote being
taken, Mr. Adaway was elected by 17 votes to 13.
Two names were ^"iibmitted for the position of vice-
captain—Messrs G.. Hedges and B. Smith, and on
a vote being taken the former was elected.
VABIOUS.

On the proposition of Mr. Hedges seconde, d bv
Mr. J. P. Balson, Messrs G.. T. Braxton and A. G.
Matthews were chosef delegate i s in connection
with the Berks, Bucks, and Oxon centre of the
National Cyclists' Union.
It was decided o, n the proposition of Mr. G.
Neeve seconde, d Mr. Tyler, to hold the annual
spdtts on August Bank Holiday.
The fixing of the date for an evening sports
meeting, which would be devoted solely to mem-
bers and local events wa, s left in the hands of the
committee. A suggestion made by Mr. A. R.
Edwards to include a Boys' Marathon Race in the
list of events in connection with annual sports
was also referred to the committee.
As usual, much interest was taken in the election
of the committee. There were 17 nominations for
11 seats an, d it was decided to take the voting by
ballot. This proceeding t(X)k a considerable time:
The result was as follows:—Messrs J.. Neeve (27),
E. Tyler (27), G. Neeve (26), E. A. Keeble (25), W.
V. Woodley (25), P. G. Pearson (24), G. T. Braxton
(24), G. W. Hooper (24), A. Smith (25), W. Hutch-
ings (21), and B. Smith (20).
The meeting terminated with a cordial vote of
thanks to the chairman.

MAIDENHEAD CRICKET CLUB.

HUNDRE D AND ELEVENT H
REPORT.

ANNUAL

Maidenhead have been admitted to the Reading
and District Chess I.«ague for next year. This
will mean that there wUl be at least eight or ten
matches certain.

Mr.

quarters from " The Grapes" to " The Prince
Albert." Mr. Matthews' suggestion as to the pay-
ment to l>e made for the use of the room also met
with the approval of the meeting.
There was a good deal of discussion astothesug-
geste< alteratio l n of the rule relating to the special
prizes offered by the club for the member winning
the most number of open races I. t was pointed out
that ill severa instance l s some of their members be-
longe<l to other clubs, and ran under two or more
club names Th. e secretary stated that tbe rule as
printed was not quite clea'r enough an, d the com-
mittee thought it was necessary to alter it. By the
alteration sugge8te<l member, s competing in open
races elsewhere must give '• the Maidenhead Wan-
derers' Cycling and Athletic Club first place." That
meant that a member could not claim points for
the specia priz l e unless he ran or rode at any sports
meeting under their club's name.
The suggested rule, with a slight altei-ation, was
ultimately accepte<l and,, on the proposition of Mr.
G. Neeve sec^inde, d by Mr. He<lges th, e whole of
the rules, with the alterations, were passed.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
The next business was the election of officers.
Mr. J. Neeve sa'd that it had been his pleasure and
privilege for severa year l s to propose the election of
their President, and it gave him very great pleasure
toproix)se that Mr. E. Gardner, M.P., be re-elected.
Ever since Mr. Gardner had occupied that position
he ha<l taken the keenes interes t t in the club aud its
doings.

The proixwition, which was sesonded by Mr.
Adaway and supiK>rted by Mr. Keeble, was carried
bv acclamation.
"Most of the Vice-Presidents were re-elected an, d
it was decided to ask the following geutlemen to
become Vice-Presidents Mr:. E. Dunkels, Mr. E. A.
Myer, Canon Drummond, Major Litkie, Mr. V.
Litkie, Col. Bagot-Chester Si, r Charles Boxall, and
Admiral Seymour.
On the proi>ositiou of Mr.Bond, seconded by Mr.
A. Smith, Messrs S.. Gibbons and J. Gibson "were
re-appoirtte<l auditors.
In proposing the re-election of Mr. J. Bradley as
hon. treasurer, Mr. .1. Neeve said they could not
liave a better man to look after their money. Mr.
Br^le v ha<l rendere<l tlie club valuable service
for vears past and deserved their best thanks.
Tbe Chairman : Yes, he looks well after our
money, and tries to keep it.—(Laughter.)
Mr." Smith seconded the proposition and Mr.
Bradlev was unanimously re-elected.
Mr. Bradley, in accepting the office for another
year, said that he would do his very best for the
club.
Mr. Bond said he had very great pleasure in pro-
posing ttve re-election of Mr. A. G. Matthews as
their ieetetarj-, as he certainly felt they conld not
find a bett-er man for the poet and he should be
verj- sorrv if the club lost his services Mr.. Mat-
thews haid provetl a verj- hard-working secretary-,
and it would be hard to find his e<iual in the three
counties.—("Hear, hear.")
The proposition was Aurried by acclamation, and
Mr. Matthews, in acknowledgment sai, d he had
always tried to do his best for the club, and shonld

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The annual meeting of the Maidenhead, Cricket
Club, which was founded in 1798 an, d has thus
reached its 112th year, was held in the Small Hall,
Town Hall Buildings, on Tuesday evening unde, r
the chairmanship of the Mayor (Mr. F. \V. Porter).
There was a good attendance amongs, t those
present being Dr. E. C. Montgomery and Messrs.
F. Steane J,. P. Davis, A. Bidmead, W. O. C.
Stuchberj-, W. V. Fuller, J.E. Mason, H. Waterall,
R. P. Harker, L. Oldershaw and J. P. Balson and
W. E. Barrett (joint hon. secretaries).

The minutes of the last annual general meeting
were read aud confirmed, and
Mr. Balson i^reseuted the annual report, which
as follows :—

The committee beg to present to the members
and subscribers the 111th annual rei^ort and
balance-sheet.

It is with pleasure they note the greater in-
terest taken m the club during the past season.
The numerous match fixtures passed off
pleasantly, the si^ectators witnessing some close
ni^ishes in the various contests.
A good match-list has been arranged for the
coming season includiug, a visit from the M.C.C.
and Ground, a large proportion of the matches
being on the home ground.
The committee desire to thank the subscribei-s
and all who helped to contribute towards making
the season 1909 so successful.
All liabilities have been settled up to December
Slst, 1909 Th. e accounts and balance-shee hay t -
ing been duly audited, shows a balance in the
club's favour.
Everything iwints to a successfu seaso l n in 1910,
and it is hoped that both residents aud visitors
will join the club as playing or honorary mem-
bers, and so ensure the continued sucdess'o bot f h
the First XI. and Thursday matches.
The balance-shee wa t s also presented and showed
a sum in hand of £12 Os. lOid., which is the first
time for a number of years that the club has been
able to wind up a season with a balance on the
right side.
AH heartily endorsed the Chairman's remark
that it was a" most satisfactory state of affairs. It
ought to be a good club, the Mayor added, and if it
showed any vitality at all it should go on and li vn for
another 1(X) years.
The Mayor moved the adoption of the report aud
balance-sheet whic, h proposition, secon ded by Mr.
Fuller, was carried unanimously.
The election of officers was the next business.
On tlie proiJosition of Mr. Steane wh, o said the
club could not have a better gentleman in the
^sition, seconded by Mr. J. E. Mason, Lord
Desborough was unanimously re-elected president,
and those of the vice-presidents who were eligible
were also re-elected.
The proixisition of Mr. Harker that Mr. J. E.
Mason be asked to act as captain was received with
applause and upon being seconded by Mr. H.
Waterall, the proposition was heartily carried.
Mr. Mason consented to act and asked the mem-
bers for the same hearty support they accorded him
last year. He observed that last year he never had
to ask a man twice and rather than fulfil another
and more important engagemen th t e person he
aske<l would play for the club.—("Hear, hear.")
With such support he would be pleased to act as
captain.
5^r. H. Waterall was, on the proposition of Mr.
Harker, seconde< bl y Mr. Eve, unanimously ap-
pointed vice-captain. Mr. Harker was invited to
act, but he declined, stating that he would not be
playing cricket this season.
Mr. F. Steane was unanimously re-apppinted'
captain of the Thursday XI., on the proposition of
Mr. Mason, and the appointment of a vice-captain
was left to the committee.
Dr. E. C. Montgomery was heartily re-elected
hon. treasurer.
Mr. Steane proposed the re-election of Messrs.
Balson and Barrett as joint hon. secretaries re, -
marking that the club could not do better. They
did the work extremely well, and it was owing to
theip that for the first time for some years the (Hub
was able to boast a balance* in hand at the com-
mencemen ot f the season.
Dr. Montgomery seconded and the proposition
was carried unanimously.
Mr. Balson returned thanks on his own behalf
and on behalf of his confrere.
Mr. Naylar was re-appointed hon. auditor, on the
proposition of Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Steane.
The following were chosen to act as the com-
mittee :—The captain and vice-captain of both
Saturday and Thursday XI.'s, and Messrs A.. J.
Ball, A. Bidmead, J. P. Davis, P. Drummoud,
\V. Eve, W. V. Fuller, J. H. Johnston, H. Lons-
dale, W. Naylar, G. Randall, .J. Rumbold, F.
Steane W,. O. C. Stuchber>-, J. W. Webster and B.
Wykham. Mr. Balson undertook to do the secre-
tarial work in connection with the Thursday XI.
It was decided to advertise in the London sport-
ing and the local papers for a groundman. Bedding,
who has been with the club a couple of seasons,
has severed his connection with the club, having
obtained permanent employment. Mr. H. Good-
ban, who, it will be remembered acte, d as ground-
mau to the club severa season l ago s, had written
api^ying for the post again, but, as stated above,
the meeting decided to advertise the vacancy.
A vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, con-
cluded the meeting.

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