

## St. Helen's Rifle Club.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the above club was held in the School of Arts, Bundamba, on Saturday last, when there was a record attendance of members. Capt W. Lindsay occupied the chair.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary read the annual report and balance-sheet, of which the following is a summary:—"In presenting the fifth annual report and financial statement of the club for the year ending 30th June, 1910, the retiring committee beg to tender their sincerest thanks to those gentlemen who rendered assistance to the cause of citizen soldiery; and we wish to specially place on record our appreciation of the services rendered by Lieut.-Col. W. T. Deacon, C.B., in connection with the re-opening of the rifle range at Dinmore. We consider that the range would have been permanently closed but for that gentleman's intervention. We started the year with a membership of 29, and finished with 22, and a credit balance of £8 12s 6d was increased to £16 19s 9d. In so far as the club is concerned generally, the year was almost a dead letter, the range being closed for the better part of nine months. However, this difficulty has been surmounted, and members are beginning to make up lost ground. We affiliated with the No. 2 District Ipswich and West Moreton Rifle Clubs' Association, and, shooting B grade, we repeated last year's performance by being returned runners-up for the handsome trophy presented by Messrs. Cribb and Foote, with six wins and two losses. In the match with the Railway Club we established an association record for teams in competition in B grade—namely, 720 points—an average of 10 per man. Our opponents in that match scored 718." During the year we were able to decide one quarterly competition only, and Mr. D. Morris being the winner. The aggregate of the association matches was won by D. S. Anderson, with an average of 63, the Hardie Brothers being a few points behind for second and third. Our president (Mr. W. P. Reynolds), again donated a gold medal for competition, and it was decided that the aggregate of the quarterly competitions should be taken for the champion aggregate. Unfortunately we were unable, through reasons already explained, to shoot more than one competition; consequently, the aggregate is held in abeyance. Mr. W. F. S. Fox presented a gold medal for the highest score off rifle in a match or competition, and Messrs. Hardie and D. S. Anderson tied with 94 each. (Mr. Hardie won the shoot-off this afternoon). During the year, two nos-

die won the shoot-off this afternoon). During the year, two possibilities were made (both at 500 yards), the first by W. J. Adams and the second by Tom Hardie. In conclusion, we beg to tender our thanks to the Ipswich City and Ipswich Railway Rifle Clubs for the use of targets when our range was closed."

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Patron, Mr. J. C. Cribb, M.L.A.; president, Mr. W. P. Reynolds; vice-presidents, Lieut.-Col. W. T. Deacon, C.B., Capt. A. H. Shuttlewood, Capt. G. Parry, Lieut. T. M'Murdy, Messrs. H. Sinclair, M.H.R., W. F. S. Fox, Jos. Hargreaves, R. A. Cleghorn, Walker and Co., M'Queen and Co., Stafford Bros., M. Jeffrey, A. J. Eden, and the Rhondda Colliery Company; captain, Mr. W. Lindsay; secretary, Mr. D. S. Anderson; treasurer, Mr. W. Hardie; auditors, Messrs. J. Stafford, jun., B. Haroie, delegate, Mr. D. S. Anderson; committee, Messrs. B. Hardie, J. Stafford, W. J. Adams, J. Sullivan, J. Greenhill, and the executive officers; selection committee, Capt. W. Lindsay, and Messrs. W. Hardie and D. S. Anderson.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was carried by acclamation. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the "Queensland Times," Limited, for publication of details of the various shoots during the year. The proceedings then terminated.

As all golfers tell the truth, this story, told by an Irish golfer, must be true. "A curious thing happened to me playing golf two days ago. I drove from the second tee on to the fourth green. When we came up we saw two rooks fighting over my ball. We all watched for some minutes, and then walked up to them. One of them, as soon as it saw us, picked up the ball in its bill and flew off with it, and dropped it within 10 yards of the second green, and enabled us to get a 3. The ball was carried 110 yards in a direct line to the hole, and over one of the highest bunkers on the course."