

INCORPORATED
Minfield Cricket and Athletic Club,
LIMITED.

REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET,
SEASON 1895.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held at the Black Bull Hotel, on Wednesday, the 18th day of December, 1895, at 8 p.m.

C. A. WALKER, } Honorary
H. HAWORTH, } Secretaries.

BUSINESS:

- 1.—Consideration of Accounts, Report, &c., Election of Officers and Committee, and other general business (if any).
 - 2.—Proposed Sale of Pavilion to Mr. Ingham, &c.
 - 3.—Engagement of Professional or Groundsman.
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Forms for the Nomination of Members as Officers for the ensuing year will be found at the Conservative Club, the Liberal Club, the Church Institute, the Black Bull, and Mr. H. Schofield's, in Eastthorpe; at Mr. J. Senior's, in Lee Green; and at Mr. R. G. Holt's, in Ravenshorpe. These papers will be collected on Saturday, December 14th.



REPORT.

THE past season has been one of the most eventful since the formation of the old Mirfield Cricket Club in 1862.

Owing to the construction of the Heaton Lodge and Wortley Railway, it became necessary at the end of the season 1894, to select a new ground, lay a new cricket pitch, and erect a new pavilion.

The Committee thought that in doing this they should provide a ground and pavilion worthy of the place, and they were at the outset met most favourably by Mr. Ingham, who placed at their disposal a field very suitable for the purpose.

Subscriptions were invited, but though a very generous response was made throughout Mirfield, still a sufficient sum was not raised to defray the very large expense that had to be incurred.

The season's play has had to be conducted under great difficulties. Owing to the unprecedented severity of the winter the ground could not be got ready for play until the season was

well advanced, and the pavilion was not finished until the end of the season. Under these circumstances a successful season could not be looked for, but though there has been a considerable loss on the year's working, still this loss has not been so great as was at one time anticipated.

The Club has won 9 matches, lost 8, and drawn 5.

The Committee feel that a good ground and pavilion having been provided there is every reason to believe that in the future the Club will prosper, and they earnestly appeal to all lovers of Cricket in Mirfield and neighbourhood to make the Club, as it well might be, one of the foremost in the district.

The Committee, seeing that they were unable to raise the required funds, appealed to Mr. Ingham to assist them. After consideration, he offered (1) to give the Club a lease of the ground for 10 years at the present rent with a clause for renewal; (2) to pay a further sum of £200 in addition to the £100 already paid by him, and to take over the pavilion as his property, letting the same to the Club free of rent for 7 years and afterwards charging £10 a year rent.

In this way, calculating the rent which Mr. Ingham offers to allow, he will have paid £370 which is the actual cost of the construction of the pavilion. The Committee unanimously resolved to accept Mr. Ingham's generous offer and recommend it to the meeting.

C. A. WALKER, } HONORARY
H. HAWORTH, } SECRETARIES.

November, 1895.