

Recognition of a Notable Greenkeeper

We note with interest and satisfaction that Inverness Club, of Toledo, has elected William J. Rockefeller, its greenkeeper, an honorary member of the club. With the exception of a year or so, Mr. Rockefeller has been in charge of Inverness since it was first laid out as a nine-hole course, and he has seen and participated in the development of the course from a very crude beginning. Through his efforts the course has come to be recognized as one of the best-maintained courses in the United States.

In the early days and for a long time "Rocky," as he is affectionately known by the members, was obliged to get along and do the best he could with very little money, but by patient, conscientious attention to the work, following at all times a high ideal, he has achieved a result that is as near perfection as it is practical to bring it. He has not only brought his own course up to a point where it stands among the best in the country, to the satisfaction and pride of the members, but he has made many contributions to the art of greenkeeping. Instead of having a feeling of smug satisfaction that his course was as good as any or good enough, he was always striving to improve conditions and methods, and annually Inverness is visited by a great many greenkeepers and green-committeemen in search of information or the advice or suggestions of Mr. Rockefeller.

Green committees come and go at Inverness, but "Rocky" has always been a fixture; and during the incumbency of each committee he has taught them enough about the problems of greenkeeping so that no matter what comes up there are always a number of members in the club who understand the problems and questions from their practical experience; and any sound proposal having to do with the maintenance of the course is sure to have the backing and support of these men. Indeed, whenever any question is raised as to the maintenance or operation of the course (and questions arise at Inverness, as in every other club), the reaction of most of the members is, "What does Rocky think about it?"

We feel that the honor conferred upon Mr. Rockefeller by the Inverness Club has been earned and that the club has done exactly the proper thing in so expressing the appreciation of its members.

Hay Fever and Golf

Physicians very commonly recommend golf to their patients as a very desirable form of exercise. Without consulting the medical authorities, it is doubtless good for obesity, indigestion, lassitude, nervous troubles, melancholia, etc. Doubtless we would not be far wrong if we added, in the language of the patent medicine advertisement, pains in the back and sides, sore throat, cold sweats, chilblains, rheumatism, and cold feet. Except, indeed, in the few ailments where exercise should be abridged, it is probably as near to a general cure-all as exists.

However, a word of caution needs to be said for the unfortunates who are victims of hay fever. The common causes of this are the pollens of grasses and particularly of ragweed. No respectable golf club should allow any ragweed on the place to go to blossom. Indeed, with reasonably good greenkeeping, there should be no ragweed.

For the patient, we should strongly urge him to keep out of the rough.

A Beautiful Book.—The Minikahda Club, of Minneapolis, has issued a beautifully illustrated volume to commemorate its twenty-fifth anniversary. The plates are photographs 7½ by 9 inches, fully illustrating both the club house and the golf course. The text gives an interesting historical account of the club. This is by far the handsomest volume of the sort that has come to our attention.