

THE WESTERN DISTRICT CHAMPION- SHIPS.

The fifteen years' old fixture was held on Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the National C.C.U.S., who make this the first of the year's premier events, and over the seven miles distance, as is the case with the Eastern district race of next week, both of which are open to those who are in junior classes. The starting place was the Glasgow Agricultural Show Grounds, Scotstoun, and the route was laid out under the charge of Mr John M'Colloch, a well-known and popular Maryhill harrier.

For the race of Saturday there were 25 clubs represented, with teams of twelve each, six individuals of which in the leading lots counted in proportion to the places they occupied in the run past the judges, who were stationed in the grounds. The day was an ideal one for a race of this description, and there was a large attendance of the general public. At three o'clock Mr Robert Nicol, who was starter, lined them up, offered some words of caution, dropped the flag, and the 300 airily-costumed aspirants for the championship bounded away on their journey. The first to run out to the open were—Geo. Dallas, Jas. Currer, Geo. Mason, Paisley; Jardine, Garscube; W. G. Rodger, West of Scotland Harriers; T. A. Tavendale, Maryhill; W. Magee, Garscube; the last man to go out was W. Magee, of Dennistoun, but he was moving strong and determinedly. The race was one of once round the distance of seven miles.

Word was brought in by the distance judges and out-markers that the racers were moving in grand style, and the pace was looking too speedy for the distance. There were, however, few mishaps, and at half distance those specially to be signalled out as leaders were—Dallas, Watson, Taylor, Blair, Watt, Hart, Docherty, Magee, Jardine, and others, and forty minutes from the start the leaders were described, and the first lot to run past the judges stationed at the west end of the southern wooden erection were in order as follows—1. W. J. Rodger, West of Scotland Harriers, 44min 3sec; 2. Geo. Dallas, Maryhill Harriers, 44min 14sec; 3. Geo. Mason, Paisley Juniors, 44min 15sec; 4. Geo. S. Simpson, Clydesdale, 44min 17sec; 5. Arthur Rae, Hamilton, 44min 19sec; 6. P. Diver, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 44min 22sec; 7. O. Blair, Glasgow Y.M.C.A., 44min 25sec; 8. Robert Watt, Clydesdale, 44min 27sec; 9. H. Thomson, Bellahouston, 44min 29sec; 10. T. A. Tavendale, Maryhill, 44min 31sec; 11. A. Allardyce, Hamilton, 44 min 40sec; 12. J. Cunningham, Paisley Harriers, 44min 47sec; 13. J. Currer, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; 14. H. Campbell, Springburn; 15. Geo. Irwin, Garscube; 16. R. A. M'Lean, G.Y.M.C.A.; 17. A. M'Killop, Hamilton; 18. D. Gilmour, Greenock Anchmountain; 19. Adam Veitch, Garscube; 20. W. Hamilton, Maryhill; 21. R. S. Sinclair, Greenock Glenpark; 22. J. M. Smith, Paisley Y.M.C.A.; 23. Geo. Lawrie, Bellahouston; 24. A. T. Stewart, Shettleston; 25. R. Allison, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; 26. W. Rennie, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; 27. Alex. Walker, Rutherglen; 28. J. Byars, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; 29. J. Keane, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 30. W. A. Livingstone, Maryhill; 31. A. J. Desson, Paisley; 32. T. M'Turk, Garscube; 33. Wm. Allan, Garscube; 34. J. Logan, Hamilton; 35. Geo. Docherty, Bellahouston; 36. Robt. Russell, Springburn; 37. A. Aitken, Greenock Glenpark; 38. J. Davidson, Garscube; 39. J. Graham, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 40. Robt. Cumming, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 41. J. P. Watt, Clydesdale; 42. A. Allison, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; 43. J. Stewart, Hamilton; 44. Thos. Black, Greenock Glenpark; 45. David M'Crorie, Paisley Harriers; 46. D. Hart, Bellahouston; 47. W. Magee, Garscube; 48. W. C. Stewart, Glasgow Olympic; 49. A. Clelland, Maryhill; 50. A. M'Colloch, Hamilton.

Every club finished with its full complement of men, an occurrence that has never taken place in the history of cross country racing in Scotland, if, indeed, ever with the exception of an International.

Team arrivals. &c.—

1. Glasgow Y.M.C.A.—O. Blair 7. J. Currie 13. R. A. M'Lean 16. R. Allison 25. W. Rennie 26, and J. Byars 28—Total, 115 points.

2. Hamilton Harriers — A. Rae 5. A. Allardyce 11. A. M'Killop 17. J. Logan 34. J. Stewart 43, and A. M'Colloch 50—160.

3. Maryhill Harriers — Geo. Dallas 2. T. A. Tavendale 10. Wm. Hamilton 20. W. A. Livingstone 30. A. Clelland 49, and J. M'Kinlay 51—162.

4. Garscube Harriers — G. Irwin 15. Adam Veitch 19. T. M'Turk 32. W. Allan 33, and J. Davidson 38, and Wm. Magee 47—184.

5. Bellahouston Harriers — H. Thomson 9. G. Lawrie 23. G. Docherty 35. D. Hart 46. J. Smart 56, and T. M'Connell 57—226.

6. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. — P. Diver 6. J. Keane 29. J. Graham 39. R. Cummings 40. P. Davidson 53, and W. Watson 61—223.

7. Clydesdale Harriers — A. S. Simpson 4. R. Watt 8. A. J. Watt 41. T. C. Muir 68. D. M. Aitken, 69, and H. M'Gowan 70—260.

8. Greenock Glenpark Harriers — R. S. Scouller 21. A. Aitken 37. Thos. Black 44. J. Gouldie 72. R. Magura 79, and C. Aitken 73—356.

9. Paisley Juniors — Geo. Mason 3. M. Morran 63. J. Rodger 65. A. Maxwell 67. R. Swan 74, and J. Elliot 90—362.

10—Paisley Harriers—J. Cunningham, 12; A. J. Desson, 31; D. M'Eory, 45; H. M'Eory, 38; Robt. Carey, 83; and T. Hyack, 133—382.

11 and 12 tied—West of Scotland—W. G. Rodgers, 1; A. J. Hobbs, 84; J. Pollock, 96; A. Stephen, jun., 101; J. Mayors, 132; and K. Ross, 144 — 558. Shettleston — A. J. Stewart, 24; A. G. Clark, 73; R. A. Scott, 98; Geo. Kelson, 110; A. B. Muirhead, 118; and A. G. Muir, 135—558.

The order of the others were — Rutherglen, 563; Springburn, 575; Monkland, 594; Paisley Y.M.C.A., 655; Greenock Anchmountain, 693; Renfrew Hillington, 769; Glasgow Olympic, 837; Burnbank, 880; West Stirlingshire, 941; St. Cuthbert, 949; Dennistoun, 1010; Carrick, 1126.