

ATHLETICS.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first race of the season to count for the Edinburgh and District Cross-Country League Championship was held on Saturday, when between 150 and 200 runners were engaged on a four-mile course which started and finished at Portobello Baths, the circuit points being Portobello Golf Course, Niddrie, New Craighall, Bruntsane, and Joppa. The following clubs were engaged:—Edinburgh Harriers, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, Heriot's Cross-Country Club, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., Canon Amateur Sports Club, Rover Scouts, Cameron Highlanders, Penicuik Harriers, and Kirkcaldy Boys' Club. Thomas Robertson, Edinburgh Harriers, was referee; G. M. Grant, Edinburgh Northern Harriers (president of the Cross-Country League), was starter; George Home, Edinburgh Harriers, and David Taylor, Heriot's C.C.C., timekeepers; and G. M. Aitch, hon. secretary; Thomas Jack, Edinburgh Southern Harriers (vice-president of the Scottish National Cross-Country Union); and Dr Thomas Fraser, assisting in other capacities.

Weather conditions were of the best. Many young hands lost the trail, and cut the course for home without counting.

The finish was a good one. J. F. Wood, Heriot's Cross-Country Club, got home in 29 mins. 44 1-5 secs., well ahead of J. T. Suttle, Edinburgh Harriers, whose time was 29 mins. 55 secs. Close behind for third place was W. Gibson, Canon Amateur Sports Club, 29 mins. 59 secs. Others finished as follows:—4th, A. T. Armstrong, Edinburgh Northern Harriers; 5th, D. Ross, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 30 mins. 20 secs.; 6th, W. Gibb, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 30 mins. 25 secs.; 7th, J. Reid, 30 mins. 26 secs.; 8th, A. M'Beth, Cameron Highlanders, 30 mins. 32 secs.; 9th, S. B. Carr, Heriot's C.C.C., 30 mins. 39 secs.; 10th, A. A. Bowman, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 30 mins. 41 secs.

The result of the contest was as follows:—1st, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 5, 6, 7, 18, 23, 28—87 points; 2nd, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 10, 12, 13, 16, 19, 30—100 points; 3rd, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 4, 9, 25, 26, 27, 37—128 points; 4th, Cameron Highlanders, 133 points; 5th, Edinburgh Harriers, 145 points; 6th, Heriot's C.C.C., 187 points; 7th, Canon A.S.C., 227 points; 8th, Penicuik, 249 points; 9th, Kirkcaldy Boys' Club, 273 points; 10th, Rover Scouts, 300 points.