

PREFACE.

In presenting to the Associated Curling Clubs in Ontario, and to the Curlers of Canada generally, this, the first ANNUAL of the ONTARIO BRANCH OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB, the Committee of Publication would prefix a few introductory sentences respecting its object, and the reasons which have led to its being issued from the press. Designed to supply a want hitherto felt, in the absence of a general Record of Curling intelligence, which might circulate among Curlers throughout the Province, this, our Annual, will furnish a suitable medium for preserving what would otherwise be mere fugitive accounts—scattered through the pages of various local newspapers—of Club-matches, and other important “skirmishes,” around the *tee*, of the “*lads o’ the besom and stane*.” Our Annuals, as published in successive years, will also contain a copy of the authorized Code of Rules of the Game in force in the Royal Club, so that each Curler can have by him, in printed form, an authoritative directory for leisure study at home, or for reference, when necessary, during play ; together with such modifications of the Regulations as our special circumstances in this Country may, from time to time, lead us to adopt.

The present publication, however, must not be regarded as, in all respects, a perfect specimen of what it is intended our Annual should be. The list of Club