

To Members of the East Camberwell Tennis Club.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The East Camberwell Tennis Club has completed the second era of its life. The first was marked from the inception of the club to the abandoning of asphalt courts, and the second comprised that of transferring to, and paying for, the porous surface courts.

This second era has now passed, and your club is virtually free of all debts, a circumstance of which your committee is justifiably proud and which we are certain has produced the maximum goodwill toward us by our erstwhile creditors, particularly the En-tout-cas Company. When, as is sure to be the case, you will require further attention to your courts, we have no misgivings regarding the terms and treatment you will receive.

This rather remarkable success on the part of the club, particularly in view of the past five years of war, with its consequent difficulties and a greatly reduced membership, has been made possible only by the loyalty and energies of your members.

It would be impossible to enumerate all who have helped through the years. Many have done great things for the club, and to them all we offer our profound thanks.

Your third era is now commencing. During this stage it will be your duty to continue the life of the club, to prepare for the resumption of peace-time tennis and to continue to improve the club itself.

I would remind you once more that this club is dependent on its success upon its internal happiness and integrity. This, in turn, requires friendship amongst its members, and a firm realization that there is a great deal more in a club such as yours than the sole pursuit of playing a game.

If it were not for this realization, and the loyalty of your past membership, the present state of success would never have been attained.

The future will hold difficulties for you. The club will again require similar unswerving loyalty as has been given in the past, and I have no doubt that this will be forthcoming whenever the call comes.

For that which is past, I hope you will accept my congratulations, and, as your president, my thanks for your co-operation in club affairs. For that which is to come, I trust you will remember and benefit from our past experiences and accept my sincere good wishes for further success.

L. H. ALBISTON,

President.

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