

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The Eastern District Championship, the start and finish of which was witnessed at Union Park, Inverleith, brought about the compilation of a big programme. Twelve teams with twelve representatives each entered, 144 runners in all taking part.

The teams were:—Berwick and District Harriers, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, Edinburgh University H. and H., Grange H., St. Andrews A.A.A., Stirlingshire Central H., Thistle H. (Dundee), Victoria H. (Falkirk), Watsonian Cross-Country Club, and Waverley Harriers. The trail was laid over practically the same ground as last year, and was altogether one of about $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and it was laid by the members of the Edinburgh Northern H., Edinburgh Southern H., and Waverley H., under the supervision of Mr W. Laing, E.H. The officials for the day were:—Judges—Messrs George Hume (B. and D.) and Win. Batchin (W.H.); referee—Mr Kenneth Whitton; marksmen—Messrs Jamieson, Reynolds, Tod, Ranken, Scott, and Thomson; timekeepers—Messrs F. A. Lumley and W. M. Badenoch; clerk of the course—Mr David Taylor (E.N.H.), all the arrangements being under the direction of the Eastern District Committee. There was a fair turn-out of spectators, but the weather was of the boisterous order.

The winner turned up in the wonderfully good time of 43min 20sec. in the person of J. A. Jamieson, Watsonian C.C.C., and he led J. Arnott by half the field, winning comfortably and as he pleased. He was hailed by his fellow-Watsonians with loud and prolonged cheering. Three hundred yards about separated the second and third placed, Matthews making a good fourth.

Result of the Individual Championship—1, J. A. Jamieson, Watsonians C.C.C.; 2, J. Arnott, Victoria N. (Falkirk); 3, J. M'Lagan, E.U.H.; 4, A. M. Matthew, E.U.H. and H.; 5, J. Tosh, Thistle, Dundee; 6, T. Robertson, Grange H., Grangemouth; 7, J. Wallace, Thistle Dundee; 8, J. Guild, Thistle, Dundee; 9, W. Gourlay, W.C.C.C.; 10, J. Gilchrist, V.H., Falkirk; 11, A. K. L. Jones, R.U. H. and H.; 12, A. D. Anderson, E.U. H. and H.; 13, W. Carrick, E.H.; 14, J. C. Finlayson, W.C.C.C.; 15, J. Russell, V.H., Falkirk; 16, W. Milne, E.H.; 17, C. G. Aiken, W.H.; 18, J. Berthwick, V.H., Falkirk; 19, D. M. Grant, E.U.H.; 20, J. Cockburn, E.S.H.; 21, A. Cairnie, W.H.; 22, G. Ireland, St. Andrews; 23, D. Jenkins, Stirlingshire; 24, A. Hogg, E.S.H.; 25, W. Buxton, E.H.; 26, P. Walker, W.H.; 27, J. Taylor, Thistle Dundee; 28, C. Sandeman, E.U. H. and H.; 29, G. Pert, E.S.H.; 30, D. Heron, V.H., Falkirk. The time, in comparison to years of 35min 35sec, is slow, but there was practically no wind last year, and this may possibly account for the longer time.

Club Championship.—The result was declared as follows:—1, Falkirk Harriers, 111 points; 2, Watsonian C.C.C., 134; 3 and 4 (tie), Edinburgh Harriers and Dundee Harriers, 162; 5, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 170; 6, Edinburgh University H. and H., 175; 7, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 235; 8, Waverley Harriers, 265; 9, Stirlingshire Central, 394; 10, Berwick and District Harriers, 417; 11, Grange, 455.

This is the first time the Falkirk men have won the Championship, last year's winner being Stirlingshire Central, who were this year placed ninth. J. Arnot, J. Gilchrist, and J. Russell were respectively placed first, second, and third for the Falkirk team, their places in the list being second, tenth, and fifteenth. J. A. Jamieson, the present year individual champion, had apparently quite an easy journey, as he won looking round. This is the second old Watsonian who has won an event, J. Rankin, a well-known runner, winning it in 1900.