

# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

## Tom Mason Retires

It is 55 years since Tom Mason was foreman in charge of constructing greens and tees on the last six holes at the Hendon Golf Club. A year later he became Assistant and in 1913, Head Greenkeeper. Now he has decided to retire.

Although wounded during his three years' service in the First World War, he was soon back on the job and in 1922 won the Greenkeepers' Open Tournament. Nine years later he won it a second time.

Meanwhile he was making a name in the greenkeeping world, inventing a new method for draining bunkers on heavy soils and laying down trial plots on his own course and elsewhere with different grass species treated on different lines. The knowledge gained led to his paper "The Acidity Treatment of Golf Greens" in 1931 and he was an obvious choice to represent the Southern Section on the Research Station's Practical Advisory Committee when it was set up in 1934. Other papers he wrote will be found in Nos. 11 and 27 of the Research Station's Journal.

Readers will also remember his contributions in these pages over the years and join us in wishing him many years of happy retirement. Fifty-five years at the same golf club and 51 years a member of this Association are themselves a measure of his contribution to his chosen craft.

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Our President has received a letter from Mr. R. B. Dawson, O.B.E., M.Sc., F.L.S., and readers will like to see the following extract :—

Dear Mr. Bretherton,

I want to thank you most sincerely for the presents received from the B.G.G.A. No doubt you will pass on my thanks to the Executive when next they meet. The gifts took three forms—a Wood-Met trolley which we needed for the house; an electric shaver; and two ash-trays. These are all most useful and will be long cherished.

Yours sincerely,

R. B. Dawson.