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WE take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the many Chairmen and members of Green Committees who have given us such hearty coöperation since the origin of THE GOLF COURSE last January.

When we conceived the idea of establishing THE GOLF COURSE as a monthly service bulletin we believed such a publication would prove unique and fill the need long felt by Green Committees and others interested in turf production for authoritative information. THE GOLF COURSE is the first publication of its kind ever attempted.

The Committeemen from the very first have made plain their appreciation of our efforts. Numerous letters have been received requesting that new names be added to our mailing list and stating that THE GOLF COURSE was giving real aid to those aiming to apply efficient and modern methods in connection with golf course construction and upkeep.

We have endeavored to go still further in our desire to co-operate with Green Committees, and one of our several turf experts has been sent this year to visit nearly every prominent golf course east of Minneapolis with instructions to offer his services in an advisory capacity, should the committee in

charge be confronted with questions on which our expert's opinion was desired. No charge has been made for this service and we have tried to make it clearly understood that the club placed itself under no obligation whatsoever.

The reception accorded our men has been most gratifying, for we find that in almost every case those interested in the welfare of a club have been only too glad to give our representative a most satisfactory hearing, usually taking sufficient time to accompany him on a visit to the grounds and assist at a thorough inspection of soil conditions, etc. Without such co-operation our efforts to be of service would have failed dismally, and we wish to thank all those who have helped us so materially in our work.

Our service plan has met with such encouraging results that we are aiming every day to improve it and broaden its scope. Capable men are continually being added to our staff and from now on we mean to cover even more thoroughly by personal visits our list of Golf and Country Clubs, which is increasing in number at a very rapid rate.

We intend also to improve THE GOLF COURSE and in this endeavor you, "Mr. Reader," can help us. We are only too glad to receive contributions from anyone who cares to express an opinion on any topic pertaining to subjects suitable for this bulletin, for we all have much to learn and many of our readers can cite experiences of their own which will prove of real worth and aid us to broaden the purpose of our publication. Soil and climatic conditions, for instance, vary so greatly in different sections of the country that it is almost impossible for even the best authorities to write and cover thoroughly questions having to do with turf production, etc., when local conditions oftentimes play such an important part in the proper methods to be applied.