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IN the last issue of the "Golf Course" we expressed the hope that American courses would not be neglected during the war. We have been very much gratified by the manner in which the Green Committees have been keeping up the courses; the orders which we are receiving indicate this beyond a doubt. However, there is a very vital point to which we desire to call attention.

The railroads have found it necessary to reduce the number of trains, and shipping facilities are not so satisfactory as in times of peace. Thus far we have not been handicapped greatly but each week impresses upon us the necessity for anticipating shipments. As a rule the clubs order rather heavily during August for the Fall renovation work. If it so happens that the weather is unseasonable, a little delay is likely to prove disastrous. It is this thought which prompts us to suggest that Green Committees consider their full requirements and send their orders to us earlier

than usual in order that there may be no question of getting our shipments through without delay.

When the entry of this country into the war was followed by rash intimations that our courses might be used for farming, very few regarded the scheme seriously and today there exists only the desire to maintain the courses in spite of everything. A surprising amount of new work is progressing steadily and undoubtedly the Fall will see almost as much work as ever throughout the country. We see the handwriting on the wall and our only fear is that we may not be able to fill tardy orders promptly. This is our reason for suggesting your consideration of your requirements.

It is with great pleasure that we include in this issue of "The Golf Course" an article by Mr. Wilfred E. Reid. The topic he has chosen is certainly worthy careful study and in our opinion the views expressed are very sound. We sincerely trust that this will be only one of many articles by Mr. Reid to appear in "The Golf Course."

PROFESSIONALS and greenkeepers frequently request us to advise them where they can secure situations. We shall be glad to furnish the names of competent men.