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**BOWLS.****MELBOURNE BOWLING CLUB.**

The Melbourne Bowling Club have, in some respects, made an alteration of affairs at their green. The committee are endeavouring to make the club more popular, and have decided to call it the Melbourne Bowling and Recreation Club. Having the most commodious pavilion in Victoria and one of the largest greens, they can accommodate a very large number of players. In connection with the club is the tennis section, where there are two courts, and on what was formerly the winter bowling green two splendid grass tennis courts are being prepared. They are not quite ready for play, but will be so in a very short time. The pavilion for the gentlemen has been freshened up with paint, and a special room prepared for ladies. The main brick pavilion has been specially furnished as a drawingroom, and includes a piano. In another apartment there are two billiard tables, which are in capital order, and, as the whole building is lit up with incandescent gas lights, the members can have a pleasant lounge of an evening. At the rear on the ground floor there is a commodious skittle-alley. So altogether they have every requisite for a recreation club. On Saturday afternoon the green was opened by the president, Mr. T. F. Morkham. Mrs. Morkham was requested to throw the jack, and when she had done so three cheers were given. A very large attendance, which included a proportion of ladies, accepted the invitation of the club, and a pleasant afternoon was spent. Vocal music was rendered in the drawingroom and musical selections were played on the green. W. H. Greenwood has the rinks in good order, and has successfully competed against the "fairy rings," a fungus that has given a good deal of trouble to some of the clubs. The afternoon's proceedings wound up with a game, President v. Vice-president. Mr. Morkham had a busy afternoon, but, with the assistance of Messrs. George Thompson and E. J. Lewis, and Mr. Austin Embling, the hon. secretary, the opening proceedings passed off most successfully.

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