

were very few, the contest being practically between New York, Boston and Philadelphia. Mrs. Stout made her re-appearance, after a prolonged absence, when she was put out in the third round by Miss Margaret Curtis. This fine golfer, who was runner-up to Miss Griscom at Shinnecock Hills in 1900, could do no better than finish in second place now. She was beaten by Miss Pauline Mackay, of the Oakley Country Club. Miss Mackay was one of last year's semi-finalists and she showed improved form in this year's contest. She put out in the semi-finals, the champion, Miss Georgiana Bishop, who had tied with Miss Margaret Curtis for the medal, each having the excellent score of 87.

The open championship was played at the Myopia Hunt Club in September, when the number of starters was about as usual and the attendance representative of the various sections of the country. In the way in which our professionals travel year after year to the various courses over which the championship is played, they set an example to our amateurs, who have more leisure and more money. The amateur champion, H. Chandler Egan, was not among the entries, Walter J. Travis, A. G. Lockwood and A. L. White, representing class amongst the amateurs. Willie Anderson won for the third time in succession with 314, and his old rival, Alex Smith, was second, two strokes more, Messrs. Travis and Lockwood tied at 325 and just missed taking prizes. Their total of 325, which enabled them to tie for eleventh and twelfth places, was six strokes better than Willie Anderson's winning score at Myopia in 1901. Anderson by winning four times in five years, three of the victories being in succes-

sion, clearly established his supremacy in this country and is entitled, notwithstanding his bad showing at St. Andrews, to be considered one of the world's great golfers.

The usual minor events have been held, all of which have had mention during the year in the pages of *GOLF*, so it is not necessary to enter into a recapitulation.

The United States Golf Association during the season presented a very handsome trophy to be a perpetual challenge cup to be competed for by the members of the Inter-Collegiate Golf Association. In certain quarters this action was criticised, but it seems to have been a very judicious expenditure of part of the funds of the governing body. If competitive golf is to flourish encouragement should be given to the nursery which produces golfers.

The gift of Mr. R. W. Lesley, a member of the Merion Cricket Club, should not be passed over. He has given a team challenge cup and his gift inaugurated the tri-city matches between New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

Amongst golfers, both amateur and professional, organization is still the cry. Amongst the noteworthy new bodies to come into existence is the Women's Eastern Golf Association.

The Western professionals formed themselves into an association and their Eastern brethren speedily followed suit. The probable outcome will be one national body to take care of the interests of professional golf. It is satisfactory to hear that the Eastern association has assured the U. S. G. A. of its intention to act in harmony with that body. Any other course would be fatal to the interests