THE BISLEY RIFLE MEETING.

THE PROGRAMME CHANGES.

BISLEY CAMP, SATURDAY.

The Bisley Rifle Meeting, which opens on Monday, is the forty-eighth prize gathering held under the auspices of the National Rifle Association. Shooting will be carried on every day, Sunday, July 14, when, at the conclusion of the competition for the King's Prize, the reward will be distributed by Field-Marshal Sir Neville Rice Bulfin, V.C. The character of the shooting recorded this season in all parts of the country is a safe basis for prophecy as to the meeting ought to be marked by high scoring. In the phenomenal scores obtained in the various districts no doubt some due has been given to the improvement in notable totals may be found in the enlarged bull's-eye and lower, which constitute the feature of this year's third-class targets. In these matters the law is laid down by the Council of the Association but any changes thus initiated are well tested in the country before they undergo the ordeal of the Bisley footlight. Except the continuance of a few tests from the year's "Century" butt, a course which was practically confined to the Associated Clubs, the programme of class firing, the N.R.A. have not this year made any other striking departure. The value of the miniature rifle as a means of training, and the economy which practice may be carried out, has evidently still further impressed the Council. Additional competitions have been instituted for the encouragement of that form of shooting. The miniature rifle has proved the top stage. The weapon approved by the War Office is not, from a mechanical accuracy, and well adapted for preparing young marksmen for more serious work on the open range. As in some former years, the meeting will be favoured by the presence of marksmen representative of the Empire beyond the seas. It is stated that there will be present from India, Australia, Canada, and Uganda, while individual competitors have come from India, South Africa, and the Straits Settlements. Canada and Australia will furnish a goodly contingent. Locally, the Queen's Rifle Volunteer Sixty Regiment is strongly represented, not only by the experts, who have in former years won fame for the Brigade, but by some men who meet the demand for wit, as described as "new blood." Representatives will also be sent from the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, Royal Scots, and by the other battalions in Edinburgh and district.

THE PRIZE-MONEY.

The programme follows the familiar lines of former years. Such changes as have been made are on matters of detail. All the leading competitions are in their customary order, and as a rule the conditions attached to them are unchanged. Yet it is interesting to the general public for the King's prize, which forms a fitting peroration to the fortnight's shooting. Including the gold medal and sum of £220, which goes to the highest score, the sum of £2250 is given in five hundred prizes, one hundred of which are in cash. Next in importance comes the Alexandra with its 250 prizes valued at £1500. The St George's Challenge Vase, one of the most coveted trophies, carries with it £50 in cash, aggregating £850 in amount. Each of the three "competitions" shots, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Graphic*, and the *Daily Graphic*, have 101 prizes, amounting to £320 in each competition. The entry fee, provide practically the whole of these "competitions" shots, the *Daily Telegraph* contributing £313.912. The surplus last year went to a reserve fund, which amounts now to the respectable sum, inasmuch as it looks is not too large, in view of the fluctuations in prosperity, which the National Rifle Association has already experienced and may again experience.

NEW COMPETITIONS.

The newly-constructed 200 yards range will be used during the Bisley meeting, but not to any great extent. The "M'Queen," a daily or squadrel event, open until Saturday the 13th July, is shot at 200 yards, on a target 18 inches in value, valued at £20, presented by Messrs John M'Queen & Son, Galashiels. The prize money will also be used as the first distance in the competition for the Prince of Wales prize of £100. Last year the conditions were too short at 175 and 600 yards. This year a shot will be fired at 200 yards and ten at 600 yards. So far as the new conditions are concerned, the most important change is in the third-class target, that which is used at 200 yards. Last year the fine inch black bull's-eye was in the centre of, and divided into, a white ring, which by a faint white circle invisible to the firer. This year the bull's-eye is inked in about the size of a silver shilling, but the inner is now white to the extent of a half-inch. The result, as it is to say, the six-inch bull is in the middle of a 15-inch wide circle partly black and partly white. The Ewer-Barrett is a new rapid-firing competition instituted by the Ewer-Barrett Reporting Agency Company. It may be fired by service rifle at 200 and 500 yards in three stages, including repeating and automatic rifles. The competition is as much equal as can be got off in one minute at a range of 200 yards, and the conditions are, in the Bisleyman, a squadrel match rifle ten-round event at 200 yards. Forty-two competitors are expected to shoot for the Ewer-Barrett. The