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The new Albany Club at Kingston-on-Thames

A luxurious resort

A new club has been opened at Kingston-on-Thames. The Committee includes amongst other well-known names those of Right Hon. Lord Loughborough, Lord Marcus Beresford, Right Hon. Lord Louth, Right Hon. Lord Headley, Major F.E Appleyard, C.B, J.P, Mr Henry Labouchere, M.P. It is a non-political social club, founded on a similar basis to first-class London Clubs. The Club-house was formerly the beautiful old mansion of the late Sir Charles Freake, Bart., known as Bank Grove, situated in its own majestically timbered grounds of three acres, having a river frontage of 420 feet with lovely views, and is within twelve miles of Charing Cross. The Club-house contains noble entrance halls, dining, drawing, library, morning, billiard, card and smoking and private dining-rooms, commanding splendid views both up and down the river. It is proposed to hold monthly house dinners, a limited number of afternoon garden parties, and drawing-room reunion; it is intended to construct racquet as well as tennis courts. There will be a landing stage direct from the river to the grounds, with boats for the use of members, and stabling for 40 horses. There is also to be a Club boathouse for the use of members at “Henley” and other *fetes.* The suit of three dining-rooms is handsomely furnished with comfortable stuffed-back chairs in claret, morocco, and velvet Axminster carpets. The library contains walnut furniture upholstered in Royal Blue Russia leather. The reading, card, and private dining-rooms are all furnished in the most luxurious and comfortable manner. The billiard-room contains a full-sized table by Messrs Burroughes & Watts. The drawing-room, with its rich Saxony velvet carpet, is furnished with copper-coloured silk plush curtains, with dados of costly Aubusson tapestry and beautiful inlaid mahogany furniture of the most modern style. Bronzes, timepieces, and artistic ornaments are placed in suitable positions throughout the Club. The entire furnishing has been executed by Messrs Oetzmann & Co, of Hampstead Road.