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THE NEW PRESIDENT

John Armitage was elected President of the Association at the Annual General Meeting in 1955, in succession to Dr. E. F. Cyriax who died on 19th February, 1955.

John Armitage, born on 25th September, 1910, was Captain of Fives at Bedford School in 1929, Captain of Fives at Cambridge University in 1932, and Amateur Singles Champion in 1938. He was editor of "Squash Rackets and Fives" from 1932 to 1939, and among his publications is "A History of Ball Games and Rugby Fives" in the Lonsdale Library.

He first served on the Committee of the Association in 1932. In 1934 he became Honorary Secretary and continued in that office until 1951.

The Association is most fortunate in having as its new President one who has such a wide knowledge of the game both in theory and practice.