

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

### THE FOOTBALL DISPUTE.

Up to the present no absolute settlement of the football dispute has been arrived at, but there are hopes that an agreement may shortly be reached.

The professional players, through Mr. C. Veitch, have laid before the officers of the Association certain proposals. These include the recognition of the present Players' Union, the members agreeing to observe the rules of the Football Association; admission by the Football Association of the right of the Players' Union to act on behalf of its members in all matters in accordance with the rules of the Football Association; the removal of all suspensions arising out of the dispute; the payment of all arrears of wages withheld in consequence of the dispute; an undertaking by the officers of the Football Association to press for the removal of the wage limit from the rules; and permission for the playing of a match annually for the benefit of the funds of the Players' Union.

A reply has been sent to this communication to the effect that, provided the Players' Union put themselves in a position to carry out the proposals, the officers are prepared to recommend the Football Association to accept the proposals generally. The reply points out to the players that it is a condition of affiliation to the General Federation of Trades Unions, to which the Players' Union belongs, that members shall have the right, after reasonable notice, to strike, and that observance of this provision would be contrary to the rules of the Football Association.