

## ALBION AND MANCHESTER CITY.

These teams should furnish one of the best games in the English Cup competition to-day. Manchester City was the first League team the Albion managed to beat this season, but they were only just able to scrape through by 3 goals to 2, and the game was very evenly contested. However badly they may have been doing in the League, the Albion have generally done well when the English Cup is in question, and their supporters are looking forward to see them exhibit all their old characteristics on this occasion. When the Albion played their last match against Newcastle United, three weeks ago, they were just pulling themselves together, and were in better form than they had previously been the whole season. Whether the vacation owing to the Queen's death will have made any difference to them remains to be seen, but special attention has been given to their training, and to all appearances they are in excellent condition. The directors have decided to rely upon the men who did so well at Newcastle and against the Villa in their last two matches, and their action in this will meet with general approval. Manchester City took three points out of the Albion in the League last season, but with the exception of Meredith on the right wing, they were not superior to the Albion in any department when they met early in October, although they occupy a much better position in the League table. The team has had plenty of special training since the early days of December, Bakewell, in Derbyshire, being their favourite spot. The position of outside left has been causing them some anxiety, but it has been decided to give F. Williams another trial. The teams will be:—West Bromwich Albion: Reader, goal; Adams and Chadburn, backs; T. Perry, Williams, and Hadley, half-backs; Roberts, Simmons, Stevenson, Wheldon, and Garfield, forwards. Manchester City: Williams, goal; Meehan and Jones, backs; Moffat, Smith, and Holmes, half-backs; Meredith, Ross, Gillespie, Cassidy, and F. Williams, forwards.