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## Fixtures.

### NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 7 and 8.—Tooting Bec: Autumn Meeting. Special General Meeting and Dinner (8th).  
Nov. 8.—West Herts: Handicap Medal.  
Lytham and St. Anne's: Professional Tournament.  
Nov. 11.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.  
Nov. 15.—Disley: First Winter Handicap.  
Epsom: Monthly Medal.  
Dublin: Monthly Medal Competition.  
Lytham and St. Anne's: Captain's Cup Competition.  
Redhill and Reigate: Club Medal.  
Nov. 19.—Royal Epping Forest: Monthly Competition; Spurling-Kentish Gold Medal; and Noakes Cup.  
Nov. 22.—West Lancashire: Autumn Meeting.  
Formby: Sweepstake Competition.  
Nov. 29.—Royal Liverpool: St. Andrews Meeting.  
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Competition, under Handicap, and Sweepstake.  
Royal Isle of Wight: St. Andrews Meeting.  
Royal Ascot: Mr. Haig's Prize.  
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup and Captain's Prize.  
West Herts: Winter Meeting; Club Medal; Captain's Cup; and Dinner, The Hall, Bushey, 6 p.m.

### DECEMBER.

- Dec. 1.—Cambridge University: St. Andrew's Medal.  
Dec. 6.—Clapham: Cronin Medal.  
United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake.  
Royal Ascot: Club Cup and Silver Putter.

- Dec. 6.—Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers; Dinner, Windsor Hotel.  
Redhill and Reigate: Allen Medal.  
Dec. 9.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.  
Dec. 13.—West Herts: Handicap Medal.  
Lytham and St. Anne's: Captain's Cup Competition.  
Dec. 17.—Royal Epping Forest: Monthly Competition; Spurling-Kentish Gold Medal; and Noakes Cup.  
Dec. 20.—Disley: Second Winter Handicap.  
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup.  
Formby: Sweepstake Competition.  
Epsom: Monthly Medal.  
Dublin: Monthly Medal Competition.  
Redhill and Reigate: Club Medal.  
Dec. 23.—Royal Isle of Wight: Christmas Meeting.  
Dec. 26.—Bembridge: Gold Medal, Eaton Memorial Putter and Fisher Prize.  
Clapham: Challenge Handicap Cup.  
Felixstowe: Club Prize, value 2 guineas.  
Southport: Club Prize.  
Dec. 27.—Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Competition, under Handicap, with Sweepstake.  
Felixstowe: Monthly Challenge Cup.  
Royal Ascot: Mr. Haig's Prize.  
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup and Captain's Prize.

## DEATH OF A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER.

A wide circle of golfers will regret to learn that Mat Allan, the professional golfer and club maker, is dead. The event happened very suddenly and in sad circumstances on Saturday morning last. Going across the New Bridge of Ayr about eight o'clock in the morning, on his way to his sister's house, Allan complained of feeling ill. He managed, however, to get as far along River Street as the corner of the Old Bridge, when he was observed to stagger and fall. A number of persons ran to his assistance, but he died almost immediately. Allan, who was about thirty years of age, was born in Prestwick, and has been from his earliest years connected with golfing. He served an apprenticeship to club-making with Mr. Charles Hunter, the club-maker at Prestwick, and subsequently did duty there as a club-maker and professional golfer. In the exercise of his calling he, however, visited most of the principal greens in England and Scotland, and was well known, among other places, at Westward Ho! where he spent several years, and at St. Andrews, where he was in the employment of the Forghans and Tom Morris. He left the employment of the latter about two years ago, and has since been in the employment of his first master. Mat Allan was a good club-maker and a very good though unpretentious golfer, and was greatly in request both as a coach and as a partner. Of an unassuming disposition, he was generally liked, and probably does not leave behind him a single enemy in the world.

## GOLF LINKS ON THE SOUTH DOWNS.

After a contentious and unprofitable session, Members of Parliament have packed up their traps, and the House of Commons has closed its doors. All the world is "out of town," although to the unsophisticated eye "town" seems as full as ever. Grouse on the heath-clad moors, and partridges on the well-cleaned stubbles, are falling to the deadly aim of some of our statesmen. Yachts, of such luxuriousness as only a millionaire dare dream of, are bearing others to seas of deeper blue, and skies of greater serenity than our own. Golfing has begun in earnest; from quaint St. Andrews, hazy with age and steeped in tradition, to far Lelant, whose undulating hills are held in close embrace by the still waters of Carbis Bay, the links are claiming their votaries. On bluff hill crest, through whins and bracken, over sand-hills and bunkers, with many a resounding stroke, and many a cheery call, go the red-coated Golfers. Breathless and burdened follow the caddies, wondering much, doubtless, that men should spend their summer holiday in work so hard. And so the sunny days are passing; and the evenings, long as they are getting, are all too short in which to recount the storming of many an almost impregnable bunker, the clearing of many a pond and ditch, and the diplomacy that brought, with the fewest possible strokes, from the depths of whin-bush or rush-tuft the derelict ball.

Brighton is just entering upon the "season," and the seaford is alive with pedestrians; the lawns show as brilliant and extraordinary a variety of costume as usual at this time, and up and down the King's Road goes and comes the endless stream of carriages and equestrians, and rank and fashion hold holiday and cut "high jinks."

On the beach, but facing the Esplanade, in Roman toga, with long hair flying in the wind, an orator declaims, and with language rapt and impassioned, with perfect enunciation, and with gesture the most graceful, and full of dramatic effect, holds entranced a crowd of listeners. What an extraordinary occupation for a man whose education, taste and culture you cannot doubt when you hear him speak. A cheery-horn sounds, and the coach for Arundel rolls past us, the "cynosure of every eye"; a band in front of the "Métropole" renders with spirit some operatic music; and a family of girl-and-boy violinists, who seem, during the last few years, to have found Brighton a "happy hunting ground," gather an appreciative crowd around them. Making straight for the beach, down West Street, presses a crowd of excursionists, whose advent the fruit-sellers, boatmen, and small-ware merchants, who frequent the shingle, hail with delight. The *char-à-bancs* are touting for passengers, and into one, just starting for the "Dyke," we jump, in order to get rid of the crowd, and find ourselves where there is breathing space and elbow room.

Like every place of any pretensions, Brighton has now her Golf-links, which, however, are some four miles from the town. They can be reached by railway, alighting at the "Dyke" station, from which the course is only a few minutes' walk. The links run southwards over a bit of finely undulating country, whose one great deficiency is the want of wood. Not a tree is to be seen, not even a hedge-row gladdens the eye by its irregularity. Close-turfed, without copse or underwood, and innocent of any suspicion of sand-hill or bunker, the eager eye of the Golfer looks in vain for the fine natural "hazards" that give zest and flavour to the game. Artificial obstructions have been raised, but even to a woman's eye the taking of *such* fortresses seems to be a feat of only minor importance. No doubt, among Golf courses, that of Brighton may be ranked among those that are only mediocre. Still it is better than none, and evidently has its votaries. The man whose thews and sinews relax and grow limp in the daily dawdle on the Pier or along the Esplanade, is thankful for the links, and, trampling with a merry heart, the short, close turf, rejoices as he goes. And the man who loves nature, finds in the very air of the breezy South Downs an elixir that intoxicates with delight. Of its kind, too, the view would be hard to beat. In front, beyond the curving shoulder of the somewhat steep ascent, lies the broad sea, whose width and grandeur at this particular part of the coast give to the position of Brighton a magnificence unequalled by any of our watering places. To the right, Worthing, in all the dignity of its new charter, gleaming like molten silver, basks in

the September sunlight. To the left, cornfields wave, and behind lies the valley, at whose entrance the sweet village of Poyning's nestles; and nearer the wondrous chasm of the "Devil's Dyke."

In a position of the most unsheltered description, and on the site of an old farm place, stands the Club-house. Surely, when winter winds are blowing, a "lee" corner must be hard to find on that bare, bleak spot. While a September such as this is shining on us, anywhere is pleasant.

To get from Brighton to Eastbourne, no mode of conveyance can be more delightful, while summer weather is still with us, than to go by sea. The steamship "May" runs twice a week, and the fare is a moderate one. The sky is clear, though a few clouds are coming up with the wind. As we steam down the coast, the waves are short, crisp, and capped with foam. White chalk cliffs rise sheer and straight from the shore line. No wood of even the most stunted growth is visible till Rottingdean is passed, nestling in a few trees.

Rounding a curving cliff, we find ourselves in close proximity to Newhaven harbour, and, passing us on the landward side, a black, heavily-built steamer, that lies low in the water, carrying gas-coal for Brighton and other south coast towns, forges slowly a-head. Beyond Newhaven, a fleet of fishing luggers is lying, of one of which the captain avers that "he looks like a Frenchman."

"He can't be fishing, however," he philosophically observes; "the law won't let them do that within three miles of land." "I've seen them fishing within that, Sir, off the 'Ness,'" remarks the sailor at the wheel, to whom the captain's observations seemed to have been addressed, though in a vague, general sort of way, as if anybody who was ready might make reply. "I've seen them taking up their nets at daybreak and making off." "The rascals!" growled the captain.

Having passed Seaford Head, which rises well above the general line of the cliffs, we approach a part of the coast of curious appearance—seven cliffs of regular design and of about equal size and height. To our query, the captain replies that "they are called the 'Seven Sisters,' and," he continues, "the only seven sisters of one family that were never known to fall out with, nor be jealous of each other." In front of these "sisters," the helmsman calls the captain's attention to a brig in full sail, built upon unusually fine lines. "She was laid down for a yacht, Sir," he remarks, examining the vessel with a critical eye. One glance at the grace of the craft amply confirms what the man has observed.

And so Beachy Head is reached. Sea-gulls are flying round the magnificent promontory; the wave lengthens, the wind, that has been following us, freshens, and the "May's" bow dips and rises again, not altogether to the delight of the majority of the passengers. From the bridge, we notice, to our dismay, that the clouds are gathering faster and denser, and in a few minutes Beachy Head has a background of inky blackness, streaked with stripes of dun or blood colour. "We're in for it," says the captain, and the words have scarcely left his lips when the forked lightning leaps from the black abyss of cloud, and quivers down the mountain, while the thunder-volleys wake the echoes far and near. Rain descends in torrents, and in two minutes the decks are cleared of passengers, and only the captain and man at the wheel are left upon the bridge.

It was worth a day's journey to see Beachy Head in such circumstances. A finer sight could scarcely be conceived; and wrapped in a tarpaulin, which the captain's kindness provided us with, we were able to watch the elemental war. The lightning quivered on the rigging, entwining ropes and spars as if within the coils of fiery serpents. The thunder brattled nearer and nearer, until we could hear nothing besides. The sheets of rain descended into the ocean, that seemed to rise to receive the tribute, and the decks of the steamer were cleansed by the rushing torrent as if by magic. In such a tempest we reached Eastbourne Pier, and glad enough were we all to take shelter in the handsome saloon that was open to take us in.

If among Golf links that of Brighton be reckoned as somewhat tame, the course at Eastbourne, of nine holes, will certainly come under the same category, for natural "hazards" do not exist, and those that have been raised are by no means formidable or exciting. They consist of a raised bank or two—a sort of horse jump; and one or two zareba-like enclosures of

wattled fence protecting some young furze bushes that have been planted, but whose exotic appearance foretells that, not being indigenous to the soil, they are not likely to attain to any degree of size or strength. To see the contemptuous look with which these "hazards" were regarded by a golfer of magnificent proportions, from the "East Neuk o' Fife," who pointed them out to us, and graphically described their simple obstructiveness, was a lesson in quiet sarcasm. As a man who "knew what Golf was," and a brother of one of the most famous Golf players that Scotland has produced, he seemed to consider such things as purely absurd. Let us hope all the men who play there are not equally *exigent*; possibly they will not be equally proficent; and that makes a difference.

As a stretch of country, the neighbourhood of the Eastbourne links is finer, softer, more luxuriant, and more varied than that of Brighton. A thick, though not extensive, wood lies to the left of the Golf course. The Club-house, sheltered from most winds lies in a hollow, having a fine background of trees, while left and right, and in front, the ground gently undulates into the far-off distance; the close, thick turf is starred with wild flowers of extreme brilliancy of colouring, and, as is generally the case in such high and wind-swept positions, almost destitute of stalk. A "daunder" over such ups and "Downs" can never be aught but a delight to a man whose eyes are open to see their beauties; and if the "hazards" be somewhat contemptible, the joys can never be such.

MARIAN VERRAN.

#### THE CLOCHFAEN GOLF LINKS.

The Clochfaen Golf Links, consisting of 18 holes, were laid out in the early part of the summer of this year by Jack Morris, the able professional at the Hoylake Links, at Birkenhead, and by him pronounced to be the best links he had ever laid out away from the sea shore. They abound with hazards in the shape of banks dividing the sheep runs, small pools, deep valleys, cart ruts and other formations. Clochfaen is the name of the estate of the Lloyd-Verneys, at Llangurig, a village five miles from Llanidloes Station, in North Wales. This village is nearly 1,000 feet above the sea, and the links themselves have been laid out on an extensive sheep run, called Tynmaes, and on the highest points are some 1,500 feet above sea level. The views from these heights are very fine, extending to Plynlimon on the west, Cader Idris and Snowdon to the north, and to the mountains of Radnorshire and Cardiganshire to the east and south. The winter hole is at the extreme end of the course, whence the return journey is begun. Large iron flags mark the holes painted red for the outward journey, and white for the return; the teeing-grounds are marked by white iron plates pegged into the soil.

Starting from the first teeing-ground the hole is about 150 yards, with a hazard in the shape of a bank two feet high, 60 yards from the start. Just beyond the first hole is a bank and wire fence, so that the drive must be nicely judged to avoid going too far and still be sufficiently lofted to clear the first bank. No. 2 hole is 250 yards from No. 1, the ground gently sloping from a bank on the right, near which are some road ruts, which with the bank itself make some small difficulties to other than experienced players. No. 3 hole is 220 yards distant, and the same ruts and bank continue on the right with a small shallow pool between the ruts and the bank, all of which are out of the direct line. The shot on to No. 3 green must not be too wild, as some yards beyond rises a steep bank with a wire fence on the top some five feet high. Up to this point the grass is very short and the greens of the best; the lies are good, and no real difficulties occur. After this hole, and until it is reached again on the return journey, the grass is longer, and some care is required to watch the spot where the ball drops. No. 4 hole is 220 yards from the teeing-ground, 30 yards from which is the high bank already alluded to. The hole is placed on the summit of a round hill, not at all difficult to play up to, with ruts on the right side and a rather steep falling slope on the left of the direct line. No. 5 hole is on the top of the next hill, 220 yards away, with a valley intervening, in which there are rushes intersected with ruts. A good drive will carry the ball from one hill to the other, where the lies are good. A moderate drive will

land the player in the valley, while a long, but badly directed, drive, will land his ball in the ruts. No. 6 hole is 200 yards from the teeing-ground, from which at about a distance of 100 yards thick grass commences and continues right up to the next green, so that, unless a drive is played right home, the ball has not much chance of a good lie, besides ruts cross the line of play just in front of the green. No. 7 hole is 175 yards off placed in a small hollow. The intervening grass is thick, but less so in a direct line, and the drive is down the side of a hill. No. 8 hole is only 115 yards from No. 7, with thick grass intervening and over a slight rise. No. 9 hole, in a straight line, is 275 yards away, but to avoid the long grass, it is better to diverge over a bank to a field on the left, and from this field the green is easily reached by a cleek shot. Some four yards from the hole is a hazard in the shape of a brook filled with rusties. The green of No. 9 hole is the best on the course.

From No. 9 hole the players begin their return journey, and proceed to No. 10—290 yards from the start. The brook ready to catch topped balls has to be crossed, and ruts run almost in a straight line up to the next green, making good lines rather difficult to obtain. No. 12 hole is near No. 6, and 200 yards from the teeing ground with a good deal of coarse grass on the right, but not so much on the left. Now the grass becomes much shorter and the lies not so difficult. The drive from No. 12 hole is from the edge of a hill, the green 165 yards off being on the slope of the hill, on which No. 5 hole is placed. A nicely judged shot will drop on to the green, while a topped ball will run a chance of falling into ruts or rushes at the bottom of the hill. Number 14 hole is 165 yards off, and a good drive will send the ball in to good ground, but a moderate one will fall into a ditch against a bank on the left or into ruts on the right of the direct line. From No. 14 to 15 hole is 255 yards—a topped ball will fall under the same steep bank which stands opposite to No. 3 hole only on the other side of it, or a moderate drive may go into a pool or ruts, while a well-directed drive in the direct line will go very near the 15th hole with good lies. 190 yards take the player to the 16th hole, only having to avoid a high bank on the right. No. 17 hole is 160 yards with a high bank running diagonally across the direct line 140 yards from the teeing-ground. The drive must be well judged so as to be clear the bank, and yet must not be so strong as to go much beyond the green, running the risk of rolling down the hill or getting into the bracken beyond. No. 18 hole is 145 yards from No. 17, and presents no difficulties beyond ruts and a high bank on the further side of it. The player now reaches the spot from where he started. On the whole, the course is a very good one full of interesting and exciting hazards, but presenting no difficulties which cannot be overcome by even moderate players.

Llanidloes is the railway station for Llangurig, and is on the Cambrian system. At Llanidloes traps can be hired to take golfers to the Clochfaen Links at Llangurig. At the latter place a new and comfortable hotel has recently been opened called the Black Lion, and in the coffee-room a large ordnance map is displayed showing the links, and the position of the holes, &c. The landlord has a folding map for the golfer to take with him if necessary. The links are only half a mile from the hotel, and are open to all residents at the hotel, to whom is also granted the privilege of trout fishing in several lakes and the river Wye on the payment of a small fee. Col. Verney, the owner of the links, is now adding a lawn tennis ground close to the links, so that visitors to the Black Lion will have no difficulty in filling up their time profitably. Lieut.-Col. Verney, whose address is Clochfaen, Llanidloes, North Wales, will be happy to hear from any golfers who wish to try the links, and will give any further information required.

*Apropos* of the remarkably effusive welcome just extended to Mr. Balfour in Ireland, a little incident may be related of the admiration which would seem also to obtain for the right honourable gentleman on the golfing green in certain quarters. While engaged in his favourite game the Chief Secretary was unwittingly the subject of the following brief, yet suggestive, dialogue: Stranger (on Mr. Balfour's completing a round).—"Is that the Chief Secretary?" Caddy.—"Yes, sir." Stranger (astonished).—"Oh! he seems a very quiet-looking gentleman." Caddy (emphatically).—"He is the very best gentleman I ever carried to."

## Tee Shots.

The little poem which we published a fortnight ago entitled "The Golfers Big Big D," was taken from the columns of *South Africa*, an interesting weekly journal devoted to South African and financial affairs, and conducted by Mr. Edward P. Mathers, author of "Golden South Africa."

The Kingsdown Golf Club in Wiltshire has been revived. It is an eighteen-hole course, over turf of unusually good quality for an inland course. The hon. sec. is Mr. G. Mitton, Box, Wilts, and a considerable number of members have been already enrolled. Accommodation has been secured at Ford's Farm, opposite which is the teeing ground for the first hole. Some progress has already been made with the greens, while the rest of the course makes good Golf without any assistance from man. The starting point is about one mile from Box station (G.W.R.), and six miles from Bath.

A new club, to be called the Woodford Golf Club, has just been started to play over part of Epping Forest common, adjoining Woodford village, and a strong working committee has been formed of local residents, and about fifty members have already been enrolled. At present it is intended to start with nine holes, and there are very fair positions for all the greens; but the ground will want some attention, as in parts the furze is somewhat thick. The club have engaged Lambert of Musselburgh, and more recently with the Redhill Club, as professional, and are making a vigorous start with the necessary labour, &c. It is hoped that a considerable improvement may soon be shown. The hazards are very fair and numerous, and altogether the prospects are encouraging. The club is intended to be almost entirely of a local character, and a radius of residential qualification will probably be necessary for membership. The list of original members is now almost complete, after which an entrance fee will be imposed. Preliminary meetings of the club have been held, and rules, &c., arranged, and already play has begun over the course. The honorary secretaries are Messrs. A. H. Tozer and J. P. Mead with Mr. Dixon as treasurer.

A Golf club has been formed for the purpose of keeping open the links at the Ranelagh Club, Barn Elms, during the months from August to April inclusive, with the exception of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race day. Members of the Ranelagh Club, Hurlingham, and of any recognised London club are, subject to the approval of the committee, eligible without ballot. Ladies and gentlemen not members of any recognised club may be elected by the committee of the Ranelagh Golf Club. There will be play on Sundays. The annual subscription will be two guineas, and for the present there will be no entrance fee. The course is now ready for play. Particulars may be obtained of Capt. Beak, Ranelagh Club, Barn Elms, S.W.

That was a rather original way of deciding a tie which was played off on Saturday evening between Messrs. Gow and Walker, of the London Scottish, at Wimbledon. Even in the most favourable circumstances, Golf is not quite so easy a pastime as it appears to the uninitiated on-looker, but to play a couple of holes absolutely in the dark, without even the aid of a lantern, and a genial gathering of one's fellow members acting as fore caddies, is certainly a refreshingly novel experiment. Golf by moonlight is a frequent enough incident, and Bob Ferguson, playing Mr. Laidlays round Musselburgh, both armed with cleeks, one fine moonlight night, once made a capital scratch score. The editor once played a match over Bruntsfield Links with a cleek as his weapon at 3 o'clock one fine winter morning with the moon shining brightly; but hitherto no one has been bold enough to face the aching terrors of black night, and to drive his ball trippingly off the tee, except, we believe, a well-known Liverpool golfer, whose style is popularly known as "the Pendulum." The match is really very amusing.

The annual general meeting of the St. Andrews University Golf Club was held on Friday, 31st October. The secretary's report showed that of 8 matches played last session the 'Varsity won 7 and lost 1, and that by the narrow margin of two holes. The membership of the club promises to be considerably larger than that of former years, and a highly successful season is being looked forward to. The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing term:—Hon. President: Andrew Lang, Esq., LL.D.; Hon. Vice-Presidents: Prof. Purdie, B.Sc., Ph.D.; Prof. Menzies, D.D.; J. Lindsay Bennett, Esq.; President: J. Carmichael, M.A.; Vice-President: John T. Patterson; Hon. Sec.: Alex. McKenzie, M.A.; Hon. Treasurer: John E. Macrae. Other members of Committee: Alan Cant, M.A.; P. C. Anderson; D. M. Hodge.

A Golf club has just been formed at St. Neots, Hunts-Huntingdon, nine miles distant, boasts of a club numbering upwards of seventy members, and as St. Neots possesses the advantage of a very large piece of common land, the executive hope to run a large and successful club also.

Matthy, an old St. Andrews caddie, asked a gentleman in Leith for the price of a dram. On getting it he was asked how much whiskey he thought he had drank in his life. Matthy replied; "I've drucken as much as wud soom me frae here tae St. Aundries."

### THE "MAC" GOLF SCORING SLIP.

This is one of the most practical and useful little inventions in the interest of facilitating the progress of the game that we have seen. All golfers know from experience the amount of annoyance that is created on a crowded green on competition days by having to wait in approaching the hole, not only for the party in front to hole out, but in a large proportion of cases until each player has, heedless of resounding cries of "fore" rummaged his pockets in search of an eighth of an inch of pencil wherewith to record the score of his opponent. The "Mac" Golf scoring slip is designed to remedy the evil of a "waiting green." It consists of a slip of paper about eight inches long, giving a space for the name of the player, the date, the holes, the gross score, handicap, and net score in the centre of the slip. But around the edges of the slip are numbers, divided by a line, from 1 to 130, and the simplicity of the invention consists, in the first place, of abolishing the use of a pencil while the players are, at least, in the course of their round. If a player takes, for example, five to the first hole, he makes a small tear at number 5 on the slip and folds it at the corner; and so on until the 18 holes are completed. By this means not only is the score for each hole recorded, but, *pari passu*, each succeeding hole played is added to its predecessor, with the result that all faulty, rickety golfing arithmetic is obviated, and the slip acts as an automatic register of the whole round without recourse to addition being rendered necessary. Mr. John A. Greig is the inventor of the slip, and the advantages claimed for it are these:—(1) It is automatic in action, requiring no pencil or other marker; (2) it forms a permanent register, and can be filed for reference; (3) it shows at a glance the score up to any point during a round; (4) it registers not only the number of strokes taken for each hole and the gross score, but also the score at the end of each hole in a round. The slip is copyright, and is printed and sold for the proprietor only by Messrs. Evans, Leslie & Co., 154, Oxford Street, London, W.

We have tested the slip by scoring a round, and certainly one of its advantages was not only the abolition of the pencil which can never be found when one wants it, and when found is invariably broken, but a great saving of time individually and to the rest of the players coming from behind. To the executives of Golf clubs and golfers generally, we cordially recommend them to try the slip in a competition or two, and see whether, by practical experience, it is not found to be a vast improvement upon the current method of scoring.

## ELIE LINKS.

Midway between the far-famed Largo Bay and St. Andrews, lies the picturesque little burgh of Earlsferry. It is a long straggling range of houses closely abutting on the sea-shore, and combining really two distinct villages, that of the burgh of Earlsferry and the village of Elie. It is a quiet, prim, orderly little town, redolent of nothing but golf and lawn tennis during the summer and autumn, and full of a quiet, complacent, sleepy repose during the winter.

Elie lies about two hours' distance to the north-east from Edinburgh, and for vigorous, bracing sea air, picturesque scenery, good bathing, boating, and golf, there are few towns of its size on the east coast of Scotland which can compare with it. Standing on one of its many rocky promontories, the visitor may see on a clear day the rugged indented coast-line stretching away to the right nearly as far as Queensferry, and embracing a perfect panoramic view of prosperous little Fifeshire trading towns, such as Leven, Largo, Buckhaven, Kirkcaldy, and Kinghorn. On the opposite side of the Firth of Forth, one may see the fine old capital of Scotland, rich in many historic memories, and bathed in the rich warm sunlight of this August morning "white from its hill-top looking down." On the same coast-line further east, one sees nestling at the foot of the slope which leads up to Edinburgh, the Brighton of Scotland—Portobello. Then come Fisherrow, with its yaws leaving port for the North Sea fishing, Musselburgh with its golf green, Port Seton with its coal, and Prestonpans with its salt works. A little further east, and almost directly opposite the visitor, is the well-known golfing resort of North Berwick, so clear in all its outline, that with a moderately strong glass, one may indistinctly descry singles and foursomes at various parts of the links engaged in the congenial occupation of smiting the gutta. From this standpoint can also be seen Tantallon Castle—the dark battlemented ancient keep of the Douglasses; while in the foreground, frowning amid the green sunny water, stands the Bass Rock—

"An island salt and bare,

The haunt of seals and orcs, and sea-mews clang."

Further east in mid-ocean, and far on the horizon, rises the Isle of May, a favourite resort of visitors from the east coast towns in and around Edinburgh during the summer months, when steamboats ply during several days in the week.

Elie has two good hotels where golfers receive particular attention, but usually the town is so crowded that it is needful to make arrangements beforehand should the visitor wish to avoid inconvenience and annoyance. Its Provost also plays golf; and so do its lady visitors.

The links at Elie cannot yet be counted as the best of those which are to be found in the neighbourhood of St. Andrews. They are, however, of fair extent and quality, have been considerably improved within the last year or two, and, affording a very good game, form the chief attraction of the bright little watering-place. The course now numbers fourteen holes, considerable interest having been added lately by the inclusion of two new greens at the east sea corner. The links were also widened some two years ago throughout nearly their entire length on the landward side, the ground thus added amounting to something like twenty acres.

Whether owing to these improvements or not, the number of players on the Elie links has certainly not decreased within the last year or two. So far, indeed, as the present season has gone the town appears to be a more favourite resort than ever. There are three clubs at present playing over the links. The oldest of these, actually, is the Earlsferry and Elie Golf Club. Eighteen or nineteen years ago, however, a new club house was built further east, and, with a view to more liberal management, a new association was started under the name of the Golf House Club. The latter now numbers about ninety-five members, and is in a flourishing condition. A few years ago, after having lain dormant for fifteen or sixteen seasons, the old Earlsferry and Elie Club was revived as a visitors' club with a small summer subscription, and as it presents conveniences enough for the actual playing of the game, it has been extensively patronized. A working man's club, the Thistle, is also in existence.

There is a considerable list of prizes to be played for every

year, the latest additions to these having been the Thomson silver club, and the Hendry gold medal, added eighteen months ago, to be played for at the spring meeting. The greater number of the competitions naturally are arranged to take place in August, and no week passes there without at least one golfing function of interest.

## A GOLFING SONG.

Here's to our Club! and long, long let it flourish,  
All success attend it as years roll along;  
And ever the fonder its welfare to cherish,  
Come let us all join in a gay golfing song.

Happy as kings we go merrily roving,  
Over the breezy links, down by the sea,  
Steadily driving, through shadow and sunshine,  
Forward, still forward! our motto shall be.

Let others exult in their batting and bowling,  
Or eagerly strive for the slippery goal,  
But give us the course where the balls go a-rolling,  
Past hazard and bunker, right into the hole.

Where daisies and buttercups peep from the clover,  
And all the surroundings lend joy to the scene;  
Gay-hearted as schoolboys the course we play over,  
With light bounding steps as the balls on the green.

Away in the Spring time, when blackbirds are singing  
Their sweet roundelay from the midst of the thorn;  
Far over the whin-covered course we'll go swinging,  
Early uprising at call of the morn.

Through Summer's full splendour, through Autumn's chill weather,  
When fast waning days tell that winter is near,  
We'll follow the far-flying ball, and together,  
In golfing procession, we'll lead out the year.

And then when King Winter comes, surly and scowling,  
And Nature is struck at his presence aghast,  
We'll snatch a few rounds though his tempests are howling,  
And find a new joy to contend with the blast.

Or snug by the fireside at evening we'll gather,  
When fiercely the driving showers strike on the pane,  
Unheeding we'll listen, more eager the rather  
To fight out our hardily-won battles again.

Then success to the Club, and success to each Member,  
And long may its President's name be retained;  
And long may its contests, in May or November,  
Be worthily fought and successfully gained.

Time as it passes will part us asunder,  
But still may our aims be as steadfast and true;  
And the strokes of misfortune we chance to come under,  
As fleeting as Golf strokes, and happily few.

And then when the shadows of evening are falling  
To warn us that golfing days soon will be o'er,  
How fondly the days of our boyhood recalling,  
In fancy the record we'll break yet once more

And still as the years gather closer around us—  
For Time he flies faster than ever golf ball—  
We'll remember how happy and gay they once found us,  
And strive every trace of the scene to recall.

When happy as kings we went merrily roving,  
Over the breezy links down by the sea,  
Steadily driving through shadow and sunshine,  
And forward, still forward! our motto shall be.

Edinburgh, September, 1890.

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## Correspondence.

### WHO INVENTED THE BULGER?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I feel myself called upon to reply to Mr. Lamb's letter in last week's number of your paper. I have no wish to deprive Mr. Lamb of any credit to which he may be entitled for having devised or invented the "bulger." I have no doubt that he did invent the club, without having seen mine or anything like it, "for he says so"; and I certainly do not claim to have invented the name "bulger." To that he has an indisputable title. But the fact remains that so far back as the year 1884 I conceived the idea of and invented the bulger and made and played with the club; and I have made them occasionally ever since, though not to anything like the extent I do now. The idea was entirely my own, and I had no suggestion from any one, and no lines to go upon, except my own theory. My club was not a somewhat similar to the bulger (which is the expression Mr. Lamb applies to my club), it was *the bulger*, pure and simple, except the name. I shall answer Mr. Lamb's questions as to my use of the club. (1.) I played with the club regularly in 1884 and 1885, and I used it in the championship competition of 1885. (2.) I have not always played with it since, though I have done so occasionally. (3.) I do not play with the bulger now.

I am, &c.,

The Links, Musselburgh,  
28th October, 1890.

WILLIAM PARK, JUN.

P.S.—In my letter in your paper of 17th inst., bulger "cleek" is a misprint for "club." W. P.

SIR,—Secure in the confidence inspired by a *nom de plume*, I do not mind confessing myself to belong to that class of golfers who habitually sneer at "bulgers," and yet have a secret longing to try one. Let the question of "invention" R.I.P. We all know to whom the credit of its *renown* belongs; but for my own and others' benefit I would ask, with your esteemed permission, "What is a bulger?" So many clubs have been shown to me as "bulgers," all of a different facial curve, that before experimenting I am anxious to know from a proper authority what the true curve really is.

Your obedient Servant,

25th October, 1890.

ROCKETS OFF THE TEE.

### GRADUATED HANDICAPS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR.—A new idea has lately dawned upon me. I have had it in my mind's eye for some time, and it would, I think, be useful to the beginners at Golf. It is this—to have at the competition meetings prizes for the best scores for those who are handicapped at, say, from 12 upwards. At present, those who get about from 8 to 12, and from 12 to 18, have little chance of winning any scratch score unless, as sometimes happens, they are really considerably under-handicapped. This plan would be an additional incentive to them to send in their scores, and thereby help the handicappers of the club to handicap them in future, and give those who get many points some chance of winning a prize.

It might be divided somewhat after this fashion. A prize for handicap from scratch to 6, from 6 to 12, from 12 to 18 and upwards. The only drawback to this arrangement would be that regular bad players would go on blocking up the green, whatever sort of score they were making; but, unluckily, they seem to do that in any case.

It was my misfortune, lately, to play behind two old fogies, who, although we let them repeatedly play four or five shots before we drove off, did not like us to pass them. The proba-

bility is that if we had passed them we should not have kept them waiting, for we should have played better through not having to wait so long, and they would have played better not being pressed. Etiquette is all very well, but I think at Golf slow players, and especially beginners, ought to take into consideration that it is neither conducive to good play on their part to be hurried, nor does it improve the play of those behind to have continually to stop and wait.

Another thing few beginners seem to know, and that is that when they have lost their ball and are once passed, they have no right after finding it to run on and play off in front. This is a custom which is rather in vogue in some places, but which would not be allowed at St. Andrews. Once passed is enough, and the players who have lost their ball, or who have been passed for any other reason, must wait.

I hope I am not offending anybody by putting it straight, if so, I apologise most humbly. But having played a good deal in the north I can see a growing disregard of the proper rules of Golf in the south. Many beginners have a great dislike to being passed; they seem to think that it involves a loss of dignity. Why should they? All old golfers (who know more about the game) if they are off the game and fozzling, have the sense to say "Come on, and pass us; you go quicker than we can"

I can only say in conclusion, that "give way to your betters" is a good motto for beginners. I, although an old golfer, am only too glad, if I find two good long drivers behind me, to let them pass, instead of continually find a ball rolling past me and thereby putting me off my shot.

October, 30th.

I am, &c.,  
EAST COAST.

### A RUB ON THE GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The following case will exemplify the necessity of a careful revision of Rule 9 as regards Rubs of the Green, by the Committee of the Royal and Ancient, who are now revising the rules of the game.

In a match at Westward Ho! last week, at the 14th hole A's ball lay on the green; B played his ball an approach shot of about 30 yards; a dog belonging to a passing spectator chased the ball and retrieved it just as it had got within 5 feet from the hole, and made off to his master with his spoil. In the excitement caused, another spectator, who was on the green, kicked A's ball into a bunker close by. Now according to rule 9, par 24, A must play his ball out of the bunker; by par 31 of the same rule, B can replace his ball on the green. Comment is unnecessary.

Yours faithfully,  
LORETTONIAN.

November 3rd, 1890.

### A STUDY IN GOLFING STRATEGY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The following amusing incident occurred on Earlsferry Links in Fifeshire.

All even, and one to play—always a most interesting and exciting stage in a foursome, especially when the usual ball is on, as was the case in this particular instance.

A drove off to "Geordie Forrester's hole" and got well away, B. did likewise, and with like success. A's partner played the odds well on to the green, in fact, from the player's point of view it looked like a possible three. B's partner followed suit, but his like was not so good; it bumped along the ground and just managed to scramble over a fickle little bunker that lies in the way, and lay just on the very edge on the hole side of the hazard. A and his partner smiled at the result of their opponent's effort. The smile increased to a broad grin as they beheld B assuming various attitudes and tying himself in knots in his frantic efforts to get such a stand as would enable him with any degree of certainty to strike the ball. Any one who

has been in a similar unfortunate position can well imagine the contortions which took place. First both feet were placed in the bunker and a short grip of the iron was taken; then the right foot in the bunker and the left out; then both feet on the bank; then the same manoeuvres with a left-handed implement, all without success sufficient to warrant the player making the stroke on which so much depended. Meantime, of course, the opponents looked on and chuckled, and I may say (but this in a whisper) that so confident were they that the match was theirs that they were actually arranging to have a gin-and-ginger at the Golf Tavern on the strength of it. But alas! the old adage about the counting of chickens applies to Golf matches, which are never won till they are lost. The fertile brain of B's partner had been at work, and a bright idea suggested itself to him. In an instant he sprang into the bunker and bending down on his hands and knees close up to the bank invited B to plant his right foot (clad in the orthodox hob-nailed boot though it was) on his back, and with his other foot on the bank to play the odds. The invitation was instantly accepted, and an excellent stand was at once obtained. B cautiously played the odds with the phenomenal result that the ball was laid at the bottom of the hole which was distant about forty yards.

When it dawned upon A and his partner what had really happened, they naturally protested loudly against the assistance tendered to B by his partner, and playing out in four, claimed the match.

Problem. Who won the match, hole, and balls? And (still more difficult to answer) whose duty was it to pay for the gin-and-gingers?

I am, &c.,

29th October.

"MCGINNESS," M.S.M.

FELIXSTOWE—A WIFE'S PROTEST.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—“H. L. H.'s” letter, in answer to the very temperate article from “Ismailia,” calls for a protest from all wives. Why is the “irritated Joan” to be thankful that “Darby” is not playing the part of the gay bachelor in Paris, or absent on “particular business?” If Darby wishes for the life of a gay bachelor he should not have married Joan. If it is only Golf that prevents Darby leading that life, then Joan has nothing to be thankful for, but a great deal to regret, in having chosen such an unsuitable life's partner. Joan rightly considers that it is Darby's duty, as well as his pleasure, to make their joint holiday equally agreeable to both. The summer vacation is Darby's only opportunity of seeing and knowing their children. He should avail himself of it, and assist her in forming their characters. How thankful the poor Joans are when they get this assistance!

If Joan is too tired, or not strong enough to play either lawn-tennis or Golf, surely it is not asking too much that her eyes may be gladdened by pretty scenery. Hills and dales are more welcome to some of us than the beautiful blue sea, which has sometimes a saddening and depressing influence. At Felixstowe it is the sea and nothing but the sea within the walking distance of most women, except on the Golf links which is forbidden ground. In the opposite direction to the Golf ground, towards Landguard Fort, it is a long dreary walk of some miles; inland for a mile or more, dusty roads and suburban villas. “The grand reaches of the Orwell” are only attainable by steamer or carriage. Joan does not begrudge Darby his Golf, but it is Darby's duty to see that Joan has some equivalent.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

November 1st.

JOAN.

On Saturday November 1st, Mr. S. Mure Fergusson established a record for the first half of the Guildford course, playing against Mr. A. Blyth. The figures are interesting, as they are not likely to be improved upon by anyone; they are as follows: 5 4 3 3 2 3 4 3 5=32. Perfect play for these nine holes would be 34, only two of the greens being within a drive from the tee, the other holes requiring 2 strokes to reach the green.

GOLF AT BUXTON.

At the close of a London season, many partakers in its toils and delights desire some bracing change of air and pleasant scenery, and thus finding refreshment both of body and mind.

If these conditions be not absolutely fulfilled at Buxton, there are other reasons which attract an unhappily increasing portion of the human race to those breezy uplands amidst Derbyshire peaks and dales. For gout and its twin brother, rheumatism, do not spare even athletes of middle age, in this decade, at least, of the nineteenth century, so that either at the Palace, St. Anne's, or George hotels, if not in one of the numerous boarding houses which abound at Buxton, does many a sturdy being find himself temporarily located.

Now it is not for us to attempt to gauge the peculiar medicinal properties of that mysterious blue water bubbling up from the earth so seductively, but when Dr. Shipton's orders have been carried out, and the bath has been abandoned for the day, it is a well-ascertained fact that when vigour of body and mobility of limb are restored to an active man of athletic tendencies, he will need some adjunct to the cure whereby he can utilise spare time, otherwise certain to hang heavy on his hands. This void, in the case of a large number of Buxton visitors, can only be filled by Golf.

Ignoring then, the strains of sweet music constantly arising from the public gardens—the pride of the late Sir Joseph Paxton; putting off, it may be, a visit to the Cat and Fiddle, with its extensive prospect over Derbyshire and into Cheshire, denying to oneself a saunter, rod in hand, by shady Derwent, replete with many, but too coy, trout—aye, even relegating ladies and gentlemen's cricket to a Saturday afternoon's engagement, while possibly forgetting lawn tennis altogether, our patient will betake himself to Fairfield Common.

Buxton itself, situated as it is, so to speak, in a hollow amongst the hills, yet stands one thousand feet above sea level, and Fairfield, where the Golf links are situated, must be at least two hundred feet higher. Indeed, the fly-horse who draws us to the comfortable little club-house on the fringe of the common has enough of it when he reaches his journey's end. But then the men at least are soon rewarded by their ascent, inasmuch as they then breathe some of the purest air imaginable, while the lights and shades which appear over the town, illuminating those graceful hills between Buxton and Stockport, form no mean portion of the golfer's reward.

The course consists of nine holes, the distance covered being just under a mile and a half. There is more than one quarry by way of hazard, while the ninth hole is only reached swiftly and satisfactorily by passing over a wide pond. Golfers of experience speak of the links as possessing sporting qualities, but think the long grass renders the work of a player exceedingly hard. The greens, however, are large, and most beautifully smooth, Lowe, the professional, deserving great credit for the manner in which they are kept. He is also a skilful club maker, and is ever ready to take a part in the game; so that everything is done to make up to a rheumatic Scot for the absent glories of North Berwick or St. Andrews. Amongst others on the links last month we observed Sir Alexander Kinloch, Mr. Acklom, Mr. H. L. Warde, Mr. Salmundson, Mr. Michaels and Mr. Swinburne. Several faces better known at Lord's Cricket Ground than Wimbledon or Hoylake, have likewise been lately seen on Fairfield Common, among them being those of Mr. A. G. Steel, Mr. H. Christopher-son, and Mr. Percy M. Thornton.

“We putt, we drive, we laugh, we chat,  
Our strokes and jokes aye clinking,  
We banish all extraneous fat,  
And all extraneous thinking.  
We'll cure you of a summer cold,  
Or of a winter's cough, boys;  
We'll make you young, e'en when you're old,  
So come and play at Golf, boys.”

From a *Golfing Song* by JAMES BALLANTINE, in  
“*Golf, a Royal and Ancient Game.*”

## THE LAWS OF GOLF.

TO know the rules and regulations which govern a particular form of sport is to be master of more than half of its intricacies. Yet of all the points of administration which disturb the waking hours and perturb the slumber of members of Golf Club executives, the pre-eminent source of anxiety is to be found in the disputes which arise as to the interpretation of certain rules, and the lamentably widespread ignorance of players as to what those rules really mean. Nor is this ignorance confined to men born south of the Tweed, and who have learnt to handle a club only the other day; many of the most culpable sinners are those men hailing from the north of the Tweed, who so to speak, were born with a cleek in their hand, and who have been reared from their earliest years in the atmosphere of traditionary authority. These players have learnt their Golf—and very high class it is—from the local professionals, who probably know nothing of the St. Andrews code, beyond what has percolated to them by oral tradition, and who, doubtless, have never disturbed their mental repose by opening a book of rules and studying the law for themselves.

It is needful, therefore, to bring prominently to the minds of golfers the need for a very careful scrutiny of the orthodox law which has from time immemorial governed the game of Golf. Those rules have been described as “evolved law,” as an attempt by means of frequently imperfect literary expression to embody for the guidance of a wider circle of players the traditionary principles of a practically unwritten code which found acceptance, and met local needs, in the sacred haunt of Golf itself—St. Andrews. As ancient civilisation has in many an instance owed its starting point to some obscure and little frequented spot on the earth’s surface, so from this scholastic little nook in Fifeshire has sprung a game which numbers its votaries by tens of thousands, and has sent vigorous and energetic offshoots into all the colonised corners of the world.

An interesting and instructive controversy has been waged by some prominent golfers of great authority as to whether there should be an absolute uniformity in the playing rules of the game, whether the St. Andrews code should be adopted universally by all golfers as a law which, like that of the Medes and the Persians, changeth not, or whether they should be under the guidance of some thoroughly representative golfing legislature, so framed as to be at once more comprehensive and more elastic in summing up and making provision for the widest experience of, and the varied points of difficulty encountered by, the greatest number of players. *Laudator temporis acti* is a principle which may be carried too far, even in Golf; and while refraining from discussing the merits of the question more fully at present, a useful purpose will no doubt be served by calling the attention of golfers to a point which is of first rate and primary importance to them. Take, for example, the

rule as to “lost ball, lost hole.” Should the rule be universal, or should there be a return to the old rule, even at St. Andrews, and an adhesion to the practice largely followed on many of the best English greens of teeing another ball and losing the distance and a stroke? Another rule which has been productive of bickerings and heart-burnings among players is that as to “impression on sand” when a ball lies in a hazard. There is an undoubted obscurity in the wording of this rule, which has been a fruitful source of dispute in medal and match play. Players have insisted that a ball on a road or in a dry ditch, with a hard bottom, is to be treated as distinct from a ball lying in loose sand in a bunker, although the definition of hazard includes both road and ditch. These players assert that it is permissible to rest the club behind the ball while lying on the road or in the ditch, on the technical ground that it is not possible to make an “impression” on a hard surface; and they have claimed, sometimes successfully, that the letter of the law is in their favour, although perhaps they would tacitly acknowledge that its spirit was against them.

A generation of golfers has arisen, and is rapidly increasing, who know not the tradition, or who, at least, are forgetful of it. The book of rules which they receive on becoming members of a club are either laid aside altogether, or are but seldom referred to. Who of us has not met the player who thinks it a hardship to count three or four misses, on the ground that the strokes were “such little ones,” and not worthy of record? Or the player who carefully scoops the loose earth or sand from behind the ball in a hazard, who ruthlessly tramples whins under-foot and clears the ball of all obstruction both to vision and club, who plays his ball out of a whin bush with a kind of stroke like a cricketer playing forward to a swift bowler—half shove, half push; who in a mildly deprecating way wins the hole from you by pushing his ball with the club, instead of putting it fairly and squarely with a genuine blow? To all such players we commend a study of the rules and bye-laws in force on the greens over which they play, and particularly of the St. Andrews rules, which embody the fundamental principles of the game, and which have been generally accepted, up to the present time, all over the world as the supreme guiding authority. We urge this in the belief that, with the upright and honourable instincts of true sportsmen, they will consider the suggestion neither unmerited nor frivolous.

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A Pawky Auld hand (who was not over particular about the strict observance of the rules), on seeing his ball lying badly in a bunker, cried out, “Here, laddie, gie me the heavy iron!” After taking two or three preliminary flourishes, scooping the sand behind his ball each time, he changes his mind and says, “I’m thinking that ane’ll gang wi’ the lang spoon.”

The Whitley Golf Club, which was only formed last month, has already a membership of 181.



A CRY FROM THE CROWDED LINKS.

If any one intent on learning to play the piano were suddenly to try to play a sonata of Beethoven, he would be put down as mad. But the beginner at Golf is considered quite sane who goes out to play the whole game, never having previously tried even to strike a ball. Then having, after many attempts, sent the ball a few yards from an extra high tee, he proceeds calmly to arm himself with a brassey or iron in the vain endeavour to raise it from a cup on the green.

Our friend, the piano player, would probably do better—at any rate, he could not do worse; and certainly, even with his torturing sounds, he would not inflict such misery on his neighbours as the beginners at Golf. The latter stops the whole green, keeping perhaps fifty players standing still, while he thumps and whacks in vain the unyielding ball. Having done this several times with a professional coach, he then proceeds to take to himself another and perhaps slower friend, and together they begin, what they are pleased to term "playing Golf," and worse than all counting their scores. This is the greatest crime a golfer can be guilty of, next to not replacing the lumps of turf he is sure to cut out on his weary way. Trying putts over again is very common even among the best players, and is very unfair to those who are waiting, not always patiently, to approach the hole.

It is indeed a pitiable sight to see two beginners going slowly, very slowly, and sadly round a crowded links, their caddies laden with many clubs, and they themselves armed with those instruments of torture, paper and pencil, prepared to count their too ridiculous scores. All they achieve is to make the unfortunate players, who have the ill luck to follow them, most miserable, and probably to spoil the play and temper of anybody on the links. The worst of all is, that all the labour is vain. The score, which has been the cause of so much loss of time and temper, is often torn up in despair, long before the round is finished, by at least one of the pair. The other, more obstinate, sometimes perseveres even to the bitter end; worse luck to him. That such a scene may become a little less frequent, we offer a few suggestions to young players, or at least to those who are young at Golf.

Do not try to play the whole game until you have learnt the different parts of it each by itself. It is like trying to play pieces of music before learning the notes and scales.

Practice on some part of the green not used in the regular round, with your coach by your side.

By driving several balls one after another you will more easily correct your faults than by having only eighteen tee shots in the whole forenoon in playing a round. You will not be disgusted and angry at finding your ball constantly in grief, and, not being afraid of hazards, you will be more likely to hit the ball with confidence, which is more than half the battle.

Having learnt to drive from the tee, next practise, and carefully too, shots with a brassey and cleek through the green. How to play them, is it not written in full in the Bdminton book of Golf? Then work hard at the iron shots, playing many balls at varied distances and from all kinds of lie. You will find it difficult but not impossible to lift a ball to within a few yards of the spot at which you aim. Putting you can work at on any green without disturbing the game of others. A week or two of careful practice, *crede experto*, will do more to teach you Golf than six months of wild work on the links. It can be done almost anywhere in a park, common, or even on a cricket ground. But an important item is to have some one to coach you, so that you may have something like a golfing style. Most Golf links swarm with figures and styles only fit for a chamber of horrors. Thus when you have overcome the first difficulty of putting the ball, you may venture to go the round. But in mercy to your brother golfers do not try to count your score. You will have enough of that later on, when you begin to compete for prizes under handicap—those curses of Golf. If you can find a kind friend, who is prepared to make a martyr of himself, you may with advantage engage in a four-some. By doing so you will for once get some honest advice as to what club to use, &c., as your partner, for the sake of his half-a-crown, will not ride his particular hobby for a few holes at least. Last of all, and not least important. Try to play quickly, and not to be too particular as to where people stand, nor to blame anything rather than yourself when you make a mistake. This advice might be taken even by some very eminent players.

J. R. HUTCHINSON.

Competitions.

COUNTY (ANTRIM) GOLF CLUB—AUTUMN MEETING.

Links, Portrush.—The County Club did not have its usual good luck in the matter of weather for this gathering, which took place on Friday the 24th and Saturday the 25th. Heavy squalls of rain and hail added considerably to the scores. The first day's competition was for the Portglengone Challenge Cup, the principal prize played for on these links. It has been held since Easter by Mr. T. Gilroy, who was, however, unsuccessful in his endeavours to retain it, having to yield to a young but most promising player, Mr. A. D. Gausson, who met in the final heat Mr. D. Christie, another young player of great promise. The match was in heats and by holes, each heat being 9 holes, though by a simple arrangement the competitors were kept circling the whole course of 18 holes. The figures appended to the names indicate the odds given from scratch:—

FIRST HEAT.—Mr. C. Topping (8) beat Mr. J. R. MacDonald (9); Mr. Geo. Combe (8) beat Mr. J. F. Hodges (7); Mr. R. Gilroy (9), bye; Mr. W. Edwards (4), bye; Mr. A. D. Gausson (7) beat Col. Beresford Knox (11); Mr. H. Davis (11) beat Mr. C. J. Webb (10); Mr. H. Adair (7) beat Mr. W. H. Mann (6); Mr. H. A. Mortimer (9), bye; Dr. A. Roberts Law (7) beat Dr. C. S. Magill (7); Mr. T. Gilroy (scratch) beat Mr. W. Macoun (11); Mr. D. Christie (9) beat Capt. Causton, R.N. (9); Mr. E. H. Clarke, bye; Mr. W. H. Webb (6) beat Mr. John Patrick (9); Mr. J. S. Ussher (8) beat Mr. S. Wilson (9).

SECOND HEAT.—Mr. C. Topping beat Mr. Geo. Combe; Mr. R. R. Gilroy beat Mr. W. Edwards; Mr. A. D. Gausson beat Mr. H. Davis; Mr. H. Adair, bye; Mr. H. A. Mortimer beat Dr. A. Roberts Law; Mr. J. S. Ussher, bye; Mr. D. Christie beat Mr. T. Gilroy; Mr. E. H. Clarke beat Mr. W. H. Webb.

THIRD HEAT.—Mr. D. Christie beat Mr. H. A. Mortimer; Mr. C. Topping beat Mr. H. Adair; Mr. J. S. Ussher beat Mr. E. H. Clarke; Mr. A. D. Gausson beat Mr. R. R. Gilroy.

SEMI-FINAL.—Mr. A. D. Gausson beat Mr. C. Topping; Mr. D. Christie beat Mr. J. S. Ussher.

FINAL.—Mr. A. D. Gausson beat Mr. D. Christie.

The second day's event was a stroke competition, under handicap, of one round of eighteen holes. Two prizes were offered, and the first was carried off by Dr. A. Roberts Law, with the very creditable score, considering the weather, of 93, Mr. Cecil Topping, a promising young player, coming in second. The following are the net scores under 100:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Dr. A. Roberts Law	93	18	75	Mr. S. Wilson	110	24	86
Mr. C. Topping	100	24	76	Mr. J. Woodside	106	18	88
Mr. J. S. Ussher	100	22	78	Mr. R. R. Gilroy	112	23	89
Capt. Causton, R.N.	105	26	79	Mr. Hugh Adair	110	18	92
Lieut. A. M. Ross	97	18	79	Mr. F. Cumming	110	18	92
Mr. W. H. Webb	97	18	79	Mr. J. Mackie	104	12	92
Mr. E. H. Clarke	97	18	79	Mr. C. J. Webb	125	32	93
Mr. J. Patrick	107	26	81	Mr. J. R. MacDonald	121	26	95
Mr. T. Gilroy	81	+2	83	Mr. W. Edwardes	107	12	95
Mr. G. S. Clark	93	10	83	Mr. R. E. M'Lean	112	16	96
Col. Beresford Knox	114	30	84	Mr. W. H. Mann	113	16	97
Mr. H. Davis	114	30	84	Dr. C. S. Magill	116	18	98
Mr. George Combe	94	10	84	Mr. W. H. Phillipps	123	25	98
Mr. R. A. Collingwood	109	24	85	Mr. W. Macoun	128	30	98

A general meeting of the members was held on the first day to consider the advisability of erecting a permanent and handsome club house, and a resolution was passed unanimously authorising the council to take immediate action in the matter. On the evening of the second day the annual dinner took place, under the presidency of Mr. John Patrick, captain of the club, supported by Captain M'Calmont, M.P., ex-captain, and the office bearers. The various toasts were interspersed with musical selections, Mr. Robt. Martin of "Ballyhooley" and "Killaloe" fame, who responded for the visitors, delighting the large company with his latest effusions.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Saturday, the 25th inst., in anything but enjoyable weather. It began to rain shortly after the advertised hour of starting, and continued without intermission until late in the afternoon. The outlook during the day was so uninviting that several members, who had arrived with the intention of putting in a good score, did not think it worth while to start playing, a fact which, with absentees at Wimbledon, will account for the scanty

returns. The horse mowing machine and heavy roller have done good work on the course, which is in splendid condition; and the absence of complaints as to rabbit burrows and scrapes show that the ground men have not neglected their work with spade and barrow. With a view to the up-keep of the greens in their present condition, and in consideration of the many and increasing advantages offered by this club, the question of doubling the entrance fee and subscription will be settled at the next annual general meeting.

The champion gold medal presented by Mr. W. L. Purves for the lowest aggregate of three scratch scores made at the principal meetings of the year was won by Mr. J. Bannan. Mr. H. T. Wright was the winner of the cup presented by Mr. W. R. Dockrell, and Mr. L. Fawell won the club handicap prize. Scores:—

MR. DOCKRELL'S CUP.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
H. T. Wright	107	14	93	W. R. Dockrell	111	10	101
J. H. Whitehorn	109	14	95	E. D. Robinson	112	10	102
J. Bannan	101	5	96	A. J. Stanley	118	12	106
L. E. G. Abney	116	15	101	W. B. Tubbs	124	16	108

CLUB CUP.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
L. Fawell	119	32	87	H. D. Rhodes	141	24	117
P. L. Waterlow	120	20	100	C. Wintle	144	24	120
H. E. Johnson	121	20	101	J. Finch	167	36	131

Messrs. Greenwell, Woodford, Pearce, Jaffrey, Charles, Wells, and others made no returns.

GOLF IN CANADA.

A match between the Royal Montreal Golf Club and Quebec Golf Club took place on Saturday, October 11th. It was splendid weather for the golfers, and although the visitors were defeated by a good majority, they enjoyed the match apparently as much as did the victors. After the match lunch was served in the club-house. Following is the score:

MONTREAL.			QUEBEC.		
Holes.			Holes.		
A. Nicoll	...	7	Patton	...	6
J. H. Balfour	...	9	White	...	8
J. Law	...	11	Shepherd	...	3
E. Mann	...	8	Young	...	5
Alex. McPherson	...	8	Scott	...	8
Jas. Burnett	...	5	J. Hamilton	...	10
Jno. Taylor	...	6	Smyth	...	10
Hon. George Drummond	...	9	Thompson	...	6
W. W. Watson	...	12	Sewell	...	3
J. L. Morris, Q.C.	...	13	Colonel Montizambert	...	3
Total	...	88	Total	...	62

Majority for Montreal, 26.

The semi-annual competition between the above clubs was instituted about a dozen years ago, and takes place in the spring over the Quebec Links, and in the fall over the Montreal Links. The prize is the possession for the six months of a trophy, the joint property of the clubs. The trophy is a very handsome centre-piece formed of a silver bowl supported on a tripod of imitation Golf clubs, the "handles" and "heads" of silver and the "shafts" of ebony tied in the middle, the ends attached to the bowl and the "heads" to a silver pedestal. The conditions include, one, that the victorious club shall each time attach a silver ball to the trophy, with date and particulars of victory engraved thereon, and the members of the club subsequently compete amongst themselves for the custody, and the winner has also to attach a silver ball engraved in the same way. The distance between Quebec and Montreal is 180 miles, showing the existence of a strong golfing spirit to induce players to go so far for a game.

The Sidesy gold medal handicap competition was played in a pouring rain on October 4th, and resulted as follows:—Rev. Jas. Barclay, 84, plus 4=88; J. Saw, 90, (scratch), 90.

The golfers were out in force on Saturday, the 18th October, notwithstanding that the weather was not of the most enticing kind. The Buchanan cup handicap was played for and won by Mr. J. R. Meeker, while Mr. Macdonald won the prize presented by Mr. Peck.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Friday, the 24th, and Saturday, the 25th ult. On the first day the weather was favourable, and fairly good scores were returned. On the second day there was one continual downpour, only varied by storms of wind, and those who failed to succumb at the end of the first round were few and far between. In the absence of Mr. Hutchings, the Hartington gold medal was an open event, and was won by Capt. Gordon, a veteran golfer of Westward Ho! On Friday Capt. Swinford secured a win for the Ingleby

prize, taking as well the £3 prize offered by the club, with the low net score of 80. Mr. Masefield secured the first club prize of £5. On Saturday Mr. Tylecote won the £5 club prize and monthly medal, and scored a win for the Bruce prize. Mr. Pemberton Leach and Mr. Tabor tied for the Gra 1 prize and the £3 prize presented by the club, the latter proving the winner on playing off the tie. Appended are the scores.

Friday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Capt. T. F. Swinford	96	16	80	Col. E. W. Shaw	102	11	91
Mr. R. V. Masefield	104	21	83	Capt. H. Best, R.N.	100	8	92
Capt. T. E. Gordon	94	8	86	Mr. G. H. Lawrence	111	19	92
Capt. Campbell, R.A.	93	12	86	Mr. J. Weld	109	16	93
Capt. C. King, R.A.	98	12	86	Mr. A. Mayhew	101	7	94
Mr. E. Matheson	102	16	86	Mr. E. O. Powell	106	10	96
Hon. I. Bligh	99	12	87	Mr. A. K. Sellar	111	15	96
Mr. G. E. Colville	112	25	87	Mr. L. Parsons	120	20	100
Mr. O. C. B. v n	100	12	88	Mr. A. M. S. Graeme	120	18	102
Mr. E. O. Langham	106	18	88	Mr. R. C. Lambert	119	17	102
Mr. A. G. Paterson	108	18	90	Mr. A. A. Berens	135	25	110
Major E. Beville	110	20	90	Mr. W. F. Wilkinson	133	15	118
Mr. G. P. Leach	106	15	91	Mr. C. de R. Barclay	141	16	125
Mr. A. M. Wilkinson	100	9	91				

No returns from Capts. E. J. Grant, B. G. Harrison, and A. Smirke. Dr. H. S. Gabbett, and Messrs. R. Elmsley, R. M. Tabor, R. C. Lambert, J. Weld, C. T. Praed, S. M. Mellor, W. F. Goldsmith, Holcombe Ingleby, T. W. Mott, J. F. Wadehouse, R. G. Wilde, Freeman Thomas, C. W. Canpion, W. H. Hankey, Godfrey Miller, H. F. Matheson, F. C. Williamson, and Rev. H. Von. E. Scott.

Saturday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	99	10	89	Mr. J. Weld	111	16	95
Mr. R. M. Tabor	104	14	90	Mr. F. C. Williamson	120	17	103
Mr. G. P. Leach	105	15	90	Mr. A. A. Berens	128	25	103
Hon. I. Bligh	106	12	94	Mr. W. F. Wilkinson	122	15	107
Mr. O. C. Bevan	106	12	94				

No returns from members too numerous to mention.

On Monday, the 27th, the monthly medal prize, of the value of £5, was played for by the winners of the year, and was carried off by Mr. R. Elmsley, with the moderate net score of 94. On Tuesday the winners of the Mayhew prize played for final possession, when Mr. E. O. Powell was declared the winner with the following score:—100, less 10=90.

EASTBOURNE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, the 29th ult., the first tournament on the new links, provided by the Duke of Devonshire, was held in good weather. These links form the centre of the ground occupied by the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, and, in the matter of extent, are a great improvement on the old green, which has been surrendered to the builder. When the putting greens have received a little more attention, the new links will probably take rank with any in the United Kingdom. The holes vary from 100 to 150 yards, and numerous bunkers have been erected to catch the unskilful. The present tournament was an unqualified success. Miss A. L. Tyrwhitt Drake, who had never won a prize on the old links, made the excellent gross score of 85, and won the quarterly medal and the chateleine kindly presented by Mrs. Praed. Miss M. Lawrence won the prize for the best net score under handicap, presented by the president, the Hon. Charlotte Ellis, and her sister, Miss K. Lawrence, the silver photograph frame presented by Mr. Praed. The third prize, a silver scent bottle presented by Mr. Hamilton, was won by Miss G. Mills, and the optional sweepstakes by Miss Colville. On the completion of this competition there was a putting match for a handsome putter presented by the club. This was won by Miss Buchanan. Appended are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss A. I. T. Drake	85	12	73	Miss M. Cartwright	116	14	102
Miss M. Lawrence	94	15	79	Miss Dowker	119	15	104
Miss K. Lawrence	90	7	83	Miss Chambers	123	17	106
Miss G. Mills	107	22	85	Miss F. Raper	117	10	107
Miss Colville	105	19	86	Miss Kave	129	22	107
Miss Buchanan	95	7	88	Miss C. Haviland	132	22	110
Miss T. Drake	103	7	96	Mrs. Hollins	136	24	112
Miss J. Davenport	106	6	100	Miss Crowden	130	18	112
Mrs. Matheson	124	24	100	Miss Best	138	22	116
Miss A. M. Routledge	111	10	101	Miss Poyntz	138	22	116
Miss A. G. Routledge	108	7	101	Miss C. Chambers	147	24	123
Mrs. A. M. Campbell	117	15	102	Miss Hanning	157	24	133

No returns from Mrs. Best and Mrs. Chalmers.

FORFARSHIRE.

A sudden and disagreeable change in the weather made last week almost a blank so far as golfing was concerned. A cold "snap" of

such severity as to permit of curling being engaged in thus early in the season was followed by several days of drenching rain. Archie Simpson was to have engaged in a foursome at Montrose on Tuesday, but owing to the inclemency of the weather the match had reluctantly to be abandoned. Frequenters of the Monifieth course were greatly disappointed at being unable to get out, as the putting greens are at present in the pink of condition; indeed, in the memory of the oldest players it is admitted they were never in better order. Saturday brought a welcome improvement, and the hearts of golfers were cheered by the sight of blue sky and bright sunlight.

The members of the Montrose Ladies' Golf Club were on Thursday lucky enough to get a good day on which to hold their third competition, and there was in consequence a very considerable attendance. It cannot be complained by the ladies of Montrose that they lack encouragement, for on Thursday no fewer than three medals, one of gold and two of silver, were played for. On the cards being examined, it was found that Mrs. Captain Boothby had won the principal trophy, that lady coming in at 106 for two rounds of the course. The first silver medal was carried off by Mrs. Dr. Stone with a score of 112. The second silver medal was tied for by Mrs. R. H. Millar and Mrs. Simpson at 113.

The result of the competition for the Watson cup, which has for some time back engaged the attention of the members of the Caledonian Club of Carnoustie, is now declared. The conditions under which this trophy was contested were somewhat unique, it being stipulated that each competitor should play four rounds of the course, and with a different member each time. The average of each player's best three rounds was taken, the result being decided on the score most below the average with which the member was credited in the club register. At the close of the competition, which has necessarily occupied a pretty long time, it was found that Mr. Henry Whyte had won the cup at ten strokes under his average.

On Saturday afternoon the members of the Broughty Ferry Club competed for a number of prizes on Monifieth Links. Twenty-four players started, and some good average scores were made. The best scratch scores were as follows: Mr. F. A. Begg, 89; Mr. David Smyton, 91; Mr. J. H. Dunlop, 95; Mr. David Bisset, 95; Mr. I. Drimmie, 95; Mr. John Kidd, 96; Mr. Andrew Walker, 98; Mr. A. Bowman, 99; Mr. J. Bowman, 99.

The monthly competition of the Carnoustie and Taymouth Golf Club was held at Carnoustie on Saturday. There was a good turn out of members, and some excellent play was shown. The prize-winners were:—1st, Mr. Geo. Whitton, 97, 3 below; 2nd, Mr. T. Jameson, 83, 1 down; 3rd and 4th tied for by Mr. W. Wool at 101 and Mr. D. Ramsay at 88, both 1 above. Last month the winner of the Kinloch medal was Mr. T. Jameson with a score of 84, and his performance on Saturday bears out the anticipations of those who for some time have regarded him as likely to take a foremost place amongst local amateurs. The following are the details of his game:—

Out ... .. 5 5 4 4 5 5 5 3 5=41 } 83  
In ... .. 5 5 4 4 5 5 5 4 5=42 }

Archie Simpson, of Carnoustie, has received an invitation to take part in a tournament at Lytham, in Lancashire. The popular professional has been showing excellent form of late, and should he decide to go south he may be expected to give a good account of himself.

Frequenters of the Carnoustie course will, it is hoped, decline to accept the services of boys of school age to act as caddies. A number of parents have been prosecuted for failing to send their children to school, and the village schoolmaster stated in court that he was much annoyed by boys going to the links to carry Golf clubs.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

A professional tournament is to take place on Saturday next, November 8th, on the links, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, Lancashire, and it is creating a vast amount of interest in the district. The following well-known players have promised to be present:—Tom Morris, St. Andrews; Willie Park, Musselburgh; Jack Kirkcaldy, St. Andrews; Hugh Kirkcaldy, St. Andrews; Willie Fernie, Troon; Willie Campbell, Bridge of Weir; Jack Morris, Hoylake; A. Herd, St. Andrews; also George Lowe (formerly of Carnoustie and Hoylake), the highly-respected professional at St. Anne's. From the names we have given the play is likely to be of a high order, and the members of the club are anxious to see how Lowe will acquit himself against such crack players. The greens are in fine order at the present time, so the scoring should be good.

A special meeting of the members of the club was held on Friday, the 31st ult., when the entrance fee was raised to five guineas. Three trustees were also appointed for the club. The members now number 311, in addition to which there are 105 lady subscribers, who have separate links of their own.

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.—A NOVEL MATCH.

The November monthly meeting of this club was held at Wimbledon on Saturday. The day was favourable for the game, and about fifteen couples started from the Iron House during the day. The putting greens were in very fair order, and altogether the course has greatly improved by the cutting of the grass during the past two summers.

Mr. A. E. Walker with 87, less 2=85, and Mr. James Gow with 90, less 5=85, tied for the monthly gold medal. Not content with allowing the tie to be decided on the next month's score, some sporting gentlemen suggested that it would be capital fun if the tie was there and then decided with cleeks only. By the time this suggestion was made it is as well to state that it was pitch dark. The parties interested, being at all times accommodating, assented to the suggestion.

The tie was to be decided in playing to the first hole (the Curling Pond hole), and then back to the home hole (the Iron House hole). Accordingly about a dozen gentlemen offered to act as fore-caddies, and the play began. Of course, Golf was reduced to a fuke in the circumstances, and this was well illustrated by the first hole being done in five—a very good performance in daylight. The home hole was halved in six, and Mr. Walker winning the first hole won the medal. All retired well pleased with the sport, and it looks as if, judging from the enthusiasm displayed on this occasion, all future ties will be decided in the same way.

CLAPHAM GOLF CLUB.

The Cronin handicap medal was played for on Saturday last. The scores returned were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. B. Wood ...	95 7 88	Mr. J. Lidiard ...	137 25 112
Mr. T. R. Pace ...	106 17 89	Mr. J. Hopgood ...	177 30 147
Mr. D. F. Russell...	114 20 94		

Mr. J. W. Grover played, but made no return. The secretary won the medal accordingly.

Mr. Russell reports that in an educational round the Tooting Bec professional, T. Dunn, over the Clapham links on October 30th, scored 77, doing the nine holes in 40 and 37 consecutively.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Allan medal on the 1st inst., brought to the front a new player in the person of Mr. F. C. Milford, who has only recently taken to Golf, and who "romped in" with a long handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
F. C. Milford ...	102 24 78	F. P. Browne...	104 13 91
David Pym ...	101 20 81	W. B. Avery ...	103 16 92
A. Schacht ...	87 4 83	G. Allen ...	102 8 94
A. H. Eve ...	103 15 88	W. R. Kersley ...	128 30 98

Over 100 or no returns—W. H. Pelly, A. F. Waters, Sir H. Truman Wood, C. Hall, G. R. Burnett, L. Horner, J. Fenwick, A. E. L. Slazenger, and others.

The number of members having increased very rapidly, and additional club-house accommodation being required, it has been decided to raise the entrance fee to two guineas.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.—AUTUMN MEETING.

The members of the Glasgow University Golf Club held their autumn meeting on Saturday, when the competition for the Fraser medal (scratch) and the club medal (handicap) took place. The club style themselves the "Golf Section of the Glasgow University Athletic Club," and as it was only started last year the club have not yet reached the dignity and importance of possessing a link of their own. The members accordingly are nearly all members of other clubs, and for their second autumn meeting the Troon Club very kindly placed the Troon links and the club-house at the service of the University men for the day. The day was very fine, the weather conditions being as good as if they had been arranged to order. Under these favourable circumstances the following players went out:—Mr. H. J. McCredie, Mr. R. G. Ross, Mr. G. W. Younger, Mr. Robert Hutcheson (secretary of the club), Mr. Hugh Hutcheson, Dr. Highet, Rev. Alex. Robertson, Mr. Hugh Cowan, Mr. Walter Crosbie, Mr. A. K. Murray, Dr. Mackay, Mr. A. M. Bannatyne, Mr. M. P. Fraser, Mr. J. G. Sewell, Mr. S. Foulis, Mr. J. A. Bannatyne, Mr. W. E. Lee, Dr. B. E. Goff, Mr. J. Stewart Carrick, Mr. D. Bannatyne, Mr. A. McMurray, and Mr. Robert Brown. Early in the afternoon the last of the cards were handed in, when it was found that Mr. J. Stewart Carrick (a member of the Prestwick Club) had won the scratch medal and accompanying gold charm with 88, made up as follows:—

Out ... .. 4 5 5 7 4 6 5 5 4=45 } 88  
In ... .. 6 5 4 4 5 5 5 4 5=43 }

Dr. Goff came in with two strokes above this (90). Mr. S. Foulis (a member of the Troon Club) won the handicap medal with 94, less 8=86.

WHITLEY CLUB.

The executive of the above club have resolved upon utilising the winter months for their prize competitions, owing to the links not being available during the summer season. The club will be enabled to hold several handicap contests through the generosity of several members who have given prizes for competition. The first of these took place last Friday in favourable weather, the prize being a work of art value 25 guineas, the gift of that well-known artist, Mr. H. H. Emmerson. The conditions attached to it are that it has to be played for six times, after which the six winners will be re-handicapped before they play off the final for absolute possession of the prize. Since the opening day considerable attention has been paid to the putting greens with advantage, and they are now much improved. In course of time the Whitley links will rank, for their extent, amongst the best in the kingdom. The result of the afternoon's play was that Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, the energetic and popular hon. sec. secured premier honours, his net score being 85—a good performance. The scores were:—Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, 85 (scratch)=85; Dr. Treadwell, 93, less 5=88; Mr. Milton, 107, less 16=91; Mr. F. W. Wyndham, 111, less 16=95; Mr. G. F. Charlton, 103, less 3=100; Mr. W. B. Shaw, 126, less 25=101; Dr. C. L. Lightfoot, 120, less 14=106. Several players made no returns.

KING JAMES VI. CLUB (PERTH).

The members of King James VI. Golf Club (Perth) held their third handicap competition on the North Inch at Perth on Saturday afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired. Twenty-three couples started, being a record entry. On the cards being handed in it was found that the Pullar inkstand had been won by J. Matthew at 108, that the Cairncross silver cruet-stand had been gained by James Hay, jun., at 111. The third prize was won by J. Crearer at 112; while the fourth was tied for by D. S. Gow and A. Fraser at 113. The prize for the lowest net score in the first and second round was won by J. Hay, jun., and D. S. Gow at 53 each. Appended are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
J. Marshall...	114	36	108	J. Bruce ...	126	14	122
James Hay, jun. ...	121	10	111	J. Thomson ...	137	14	123
J. Crearer ...	124	12	112	J. Grant ...	150	26	124
D. S. Gow ...	131	18	113	James Donaldson ...	130	6	124
A. Frazer ...	139	26	113	Rector Chambers ...	143	18	125
James Stewart ...	157	24	113	P. W. Campbell ...	143	18	125
R. Halley ...	120	6	114	W. S. Leitch ...	138	12	126
Robert Garvey ...	124	10	114	Dan Wylie... ..	147	20	127
A. Jamieson ...	124	8	116	Phillip Pullar ...	141	12	129
James Paterson ...	121	6	116	H. H. Greig ...	134	4	130
John A. Robertson ...	153	36	117	G. C. Roy... ..	166	36	130
D. S. Grant ...	123	6	117	John Stuart ...	149	18	131
George Buist ...	134	16	118	A. M'Gilivary ...	143	10	133
Alex. Robertson ...	129	10	119	J. Robertson ...	146	12	134
Thomas Chalmers... ..	155	36	119	R. A. Hay ...	158	24	134
R. Keay ...	122	2	120	J. C. Gow ...	141	6	135
G. T. Cairncross ...	126	6	120	D. Halley ...	164	26	138
A. T. Mackay ...	128	8	120	E. Campbell ...	158	18	140
R. Mackay... ..	124	4	120	H. Crawford ...	170	24	146
William Garvie ...	137	16	121	D. Walker ...	178	24	154
J. F. Haig ...	134	12	122	J. D. Smeaton ...	188	30	158
D. Wood, jun. ...	132	10	122				

No returns from A. Smellie, Robert M. Robertson, and William Robertson.

ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.

St. Andrews Links are now beginning to recover from the heavy demands made upon it during the height of the golfing season, and with days now and again of almost summer-like weather, the turf is becoming green and growing like. In addition to the usual frequenters of the links, with whom one or two rounds is their daily occupation, a considerable number of strangers have been enjoying a game. The fair sex, too, are coming to the front at present, and it is a familiar sight to see ladies taking part in a foursome with their male friends. On Wednesday the Royal and Ancient Golf Club had their monthly handicap and final competition for the season for optional prizes. They were favoured with excellent weather. The first sweep was won by Mr. J. H. Blackwell with a scratch score of 89. Mr. H. S. C. Everard won the second sweep with 91 scratch. There was a keen contest for the optional prizes, and three gentlemen tied for the first with the net score of 94, viz., Mr. D. I. Lamb, Mr. A. F. Macfie and Mr. R. Gilroy. On a deciding round being played, Mr. Macfie won the first prize with a score of 84, plus 1=85. Mr. Gilroy won the second with 95, less 4=91, Mr. D. I. Lamb was 95 (scratch).

The members of the Thistle Golf Club had a friendly competition on Thursday, married v. single. The married men carried off 18 holes; but the bachelors won 22, and got the victory by 4 holes.

ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Since the beginning of last March a series of monthly competitions have been held by this club for a cup, which, by the total amount of entrance-fees received for the contest, is now of the value of ten guineas. The previous winners are Messrs. T. L. M. Orde, J. Robertson, Dr. Limont, I. Lorimer, Dr. E. S. Robson, C. A. Ridley, H. P. French, and G. P. Blagdon. Saturday's contest was played in beautifully fine weather, and the interest in the affair was extensive, and if any of the gentlemen already named had won a second time, he would have won the cup outright. This, however, was not the case, as Mr. J. Lowrie proved himself the winner, thus being the ninth individual member to prove successful. The interest in the final has accordingly increased, and we doubt not but that a good struggle will be witnessed when it takes place. Mr. J. de C. Paynter, the hon. sec., dispatched the ten couples on Saturday, and Mr. Lowrie's win, which included 43 for the first round, being a good performance, and is deserving of praise. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Lowrie ...	93	9	84	Mr. G. F. Charlton	100	7	93
Mr. W. Smith ...	102	16	86	Mr. J. de C. Paynter	98	4	94
Mr. E. S. Osborne..	98	11	87	Mr. J. Milton... ..	110	15	95
Mr. J. Robertson ...	99	11	88	Mr. R. B. Barker... ..	111	16	95
Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	91	2	89	Mr. R. M. Hansard	110	14	96
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe... ..	90	scr.	90	Mr. F. P. French... ..	108	12	96
Mr. A. H. Marsh... ..	108	18	90	Mr. G. P. Blagdon..	117	10	107
Mr. J. Lorimer ...	107	14	93				

Messrs. F. W. Wyndham, H. Brown, T. Tate, J. Hutchinson, and T. L. M. Orde made no returns.

NORTH BERWICK.

Over the North Berwick links last week a number of friendly matches of interest took place. Last Saturday was truly a golfers' day as far as concerned the weather, but the visitors of the forenoon were comparatively few in number owing to the gloomy outlook in the morning. At the football field, early in the day, such expressions as "you should have used your bulger" gave undoubted evidence of the presence of the caddy fraternity and the probable quietness of the golfing links. In the afternoon, however, the members of the Bass Rock Club held their monthly meeting, and play over the course was generally brisk. Amongst interesting friendly matches was one on Friday between Sayers and Mr. Walter Forbes. In the first round, although Ben finished with the splendid figure of 72, his opponent, by the aid of "half-one," was successful by a hole. The second round resulted in favour of the professional by two, his card showing a register of 73. On Saturday, Mr. Forbes and Ben had even a closer tussle than in the preceding rounds, and at the home disc the game stood level. Captain R. G. Suttie and Davie Grant engaged in a single on Saturday. Each exhibited fine all-round play, and, with the aid of a third, the amateur succeeded in beating his opponent by three holes. The Bass Rock Club mustered in force in the afternoon, and the handicap trophy, which at the previous meeting had proved so difficult of decision, fell on this occasion to Mr. J. Henderson with the fairly creditable actual score of 81. Next month the destination of the trophy for the year will be decided. Mr. James Mitchell, who is one of the youngest members of the club, and whose handicap has recently been reduced to one, has already thrice gained the trophy, and Messrs. G. Nelson and J. Henderson follow closely with two wins each. Only once this year has the allowance badge been carried off by Mr. John Forrest, who is regarded as the "crack" player of the club, and who for a considerable period has baffled all attempts to wrest from him the scratch trophy. In the district last week there was no competition of any importance.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.—LOW SCORING.

Since the October meeting Golf at Hoylake has been somewhat quiescent, only a few matches of any importance taking place, the captain, Mr. Chas. Hutchings, receiving two holes up, has had several encounters with Mr. John Ball, jun., winning the majority.

In a game with Jack Morris the other day, Mr. Hutchings beat his own record, doing the round in 78, as follows:—

Out ... ..	5	5	4	4	6	3	4	3	6=40	} 78
In ... ..	4	4	4	4	3	5	5	5	4=38	

Mr. John Ball, jun., playing a round with Mr. C. Hutchings on Saturday morning last, broke the record of the green, accomplishing the round in the very fine score of 74, with the exception of 7 to the "long" or 5th hole, the play throughout was faultless, the approach cleek and iron shots being marked by their excellence and precision. The score was compiled as follows:—

Out ... ..	4	4	4	4	7	3	3	3	5=37	} 74
In ... ..	5	3	5	4	3	5	4	4	4=37	

Some important alterations are taking place on the green, and next year the links will in consequence become considerably lengthened. "The Alps," or 11th hole, is to be abolished, leaving a long sporting hole from the 10th to the 12th. The putting green of "The Lake," or 16th hole, will be placed some 80 yards in a north-westerly direction from where it now is, and a new hole made from there towards the houses near the shore, to take the place of the old "Alps Hole." It is considered that when these improvements have been completed a result will have been attained that will give universal satisfaction.

The winter optional subscribers prize competitions, under handicap, commence next Saturday, November 8th, in all six competitions, and the winners in their respective classes will play off under special handicap on the first Saturday of March, 1891.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, November 1st, a team of old University men came up to play a team of present members of the University. After a close finish the present were successful by six holes. The feature of the day was the play of Mr. Horace Hutchinson, who played the scratch man, Mr. W. M'Pherson, in the morning, and did a round of 75, which is the record round for the links. His figures were as follows:—

Out ... ..	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	35
In ... ..	5	4	3	5	4	5	5	4	5	40

The following is the result of the match between the two teams:—

PAST.		Holes.	PRESENT.		Holes.
H. G. Hutchinson ...	...	7	W. M'Pherson ...	...	0
A. Stuart ...	...	3	H. J. Whigham ...	...	0
R. A. H. Mitchell ...	...	0	J. B. Pease ...	...	6
A. R. Patterson ...	...	0	H. T. Knight ...	...	4
E. T. T. Tylecote ...	...	0	D. C. Greenlees ...	...	6
E. H. Buckland ...	...	0	G. B. Grundy ...	...	2
— Brooke ...	...	0	R. H. Dun ...	...	6
Col. Kennard ...	...	5	G. M. Style ...	...	0
G. W. Ricketts ...	...	1	A. W. Gordon ...	...	0
Rev. P. Henderson ...	...	0	W. D. Davidson ...	...	6
R. Lodge ...	...	7	G. E. King ...	...	0
H. F. Pelham ...	...	0	P. Balfour ...	...	1
H. Nicholls ...	...	0	A. E. Ripley ...	...	3
R. W. Macan ...	...	0	J. C. Graham ...	...	6
J. E. King ...	...	2	Hon. Mr. Cairns ...	...	0
L. A. Selby Bigge ...	...	9	W. J. Smyth ...	...	0
		34			40

The weekly handicap on Friday resulted as follows:

1st Class:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
G. M. Style ...	88	11	77	J. C. Graham ...	89	7	82
F. H. Stewart ...	97	18	79	G. B. Grundy ...	91	9	82
W. R. Hardie ...	96	16	80	L. A. Selby-Bigge	90	8	82
2nd Class:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
C. E. Brownrigg ...	91	24	67	W. G. Pennyman ...	108	20	88
E. G. Hardy ...	122	38	84	S. T. Radley ...	114	25	89
V. F. Storr ...	110	25	85	E. G. M. Carmichael	115	25	90

Several members made no return.

ABERDEEN.

Since the close of the autumn meeting of the Aberdeen Club, and the finish of the seasons of the other two local clubs, matters in the golfing world here have been pretty much at a standstill. Some interest, however, will be aroused by the match between the Aberdeen and Victoria Clubs, which takes place on the 22nd inst. The Aberdeen Club, for the first time since their migration to the Balgownie Links, are bringing in a team to do battle over the old course, and, as both sides will be represented by their very best men, a capital match may be anticipated.

The Aberdeen Club held their usual monthly competition on Saturday last over their private green at the Balgownie Links. Colonel Burgmann's cup (which takes the place of the Bangalore cup), was played for for the first time along with the monthly medal. The day was beautifully fine, and there was a large turn-out of competitors, but few gave in their cards. On a comparison being made it was found that Mr. A. P. Hogarth, with a score of 91 (6 off, 85) had won both prizes. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
A. P. Hogarth ...	91	6	85	Rev. C. C. Mac-	92	0	92
W. C. H. Jopp ...	94	6	88	donald ...	92	0	92
B. S. M'Le lan ...	93	3	80	Dr. Joseph Ogilvie	98	6	92
A. J. W. Storie ...	97	6	91	C. J. B. Milne ...	105	12	94

FORTROSE.—The October competition for the Rosehaugh medal was played on Thursday, the 30th ult. Mr. T. Henderson was successful with the net score of 95.

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.—MONTHLY COMPETITION.

Scores for October:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
S. Davidson ...	96	18	78	W. H. Hutton ...	117	27	90
E. L. Manning ...	109	27	82	F. Bannis'er ...	121	27	94
J. McMeeking ...	86	3	83	S. Groves ...	114	18	96
C. F. Dobson ...	113	27	86	W. R. Hamilton ...	124	27	97
R. D. Oswald ...	85	scr.	88	J. Doleman ...	94	+3	97
J. Johnstone ...	101	12	89	J. C. Warren ...	100	scr.	100
J. Harris ...	87	+3	90	E. Williamson ...	112	12	100
P. W. Allen ...	117	27	90	C. S. Wardle ...	121	12	109

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly competition for the Berens gold medal took place on Saturday, November 1st. The day was fine, but a nasty cross wind made the links difficult. Mr. Walter Carr played a capital round of 94 gross, and won the medal very easily.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. Carr ...	94	9	85	Col. Hough ...	126	30	96
Mr. H. E. Acklom	102	10	92	Rev. E. O. Vincent	116	18	98
Major Marriott ...	112	19	93	Mr. W. C. Beaumont	118	20	98
Mr. T. S. D. Selby	111	16	95	Mr. P. A. Willett...	113	14	99

Fourteen players made no return.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A tournament in connection with the above club took place on Thursday, October 23rd, for a prize (a silver pencil-case and penholder to match) kindly presented by Miss A. L. Tyrwhitt Drake. Seven players entered for the event, with the following result:—

FIRST ROUND.—Miss Gray beat Miss Dawkins, Miss Radcliffe beat Miss Chambers, Miss Hunt beat Miss Gibsons, Miss Middleton a bye.

SECOND ROUND.—Miss Gray beat Miss Radcliffe, Miss Hunt beat Miss Middleton.

FINAL.—Miss Gray beat Miss Hunt.

This club played on Thursday, October 30th, for a silver sugar basin, which is competed for monthly (scratch). Six players entered for the event, with the following result:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.
*Miss Middleton ...	42	40	82
*Miss L. Darlington ...	44	38	82
*Miss Dawkins ...	43	39	82
Miss E. Howe ...	64	58	122
Miss Chambers ...		No return.	
Miss Ashton ...		No return.	

\* Tied

The tie, on being played off, resulted in a victory for Miss Middleton, the scores being as follows:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.
Miss Middleton ...	39	42	81
Miss L. Darlington ...	42	44	86
Miss Dawkins ...	49	46	95

GLASGOW CLUB.

The prize meetings of the Glasgow Club are always very large and always very successful, and that of Saturday was no exception to the rule. Fifty-one couples started in competition for the Club, Wilson, and Scott medals, all handicap, the first being for the best players, the second for the second best, and the third for the remaining players, the division being according to handicap. The weather was very fine, and some very good scores were returned, Messrs. D. S. Miller and James Blair each returning a 79. Underrated are the results:—

CLUB MEDAL.—D. G. Miller, 79, less 2 = 77; David Robertson, 80, less 2 = 78; Robert Philp, 81, less 3 = 78.

WILSON MEDAL.—James Blair, 79, less 8 = 71; David Todd, 86, less 11 = 75; J. B. Duff, 87, less 8 = 79; A. M'Lean, 87, less 8 = 79.

SCOTT MEDAL.—William Risk, 89, less 16 = 73; J. Raeside, 94, less 18 = 76; J. Williamson, 94, less 18 = 76; A. M'Donald, 95, less 18 = 77; J. Guthrie, 93, less 15 = 78; D. S. Sinclair, 92, less 13 = 79; J. M'Gregor, 94, less 15 = 79.

As Mr. W. Risk has already won the medal this year, he cannot take it again, and Messrs. J. Raeside and J. Williamson accordingly tie, and will have to play off. The following scratch scores were also handed in:—George Gillespie, 80; F. G. Tulloch, 80; T. M. Motion, 81; D. G. Rose, 81; D. Bone, 82; Dr. Duffus, 84; J. Mack, 84; Dr. Colville, 85; F. K. Weir, 85; W. E. Bond, 86; A. Neill, 86; A. W. Wilson, 86; James Meek, 87; J. Thomson, 87; Rev. J. Anderson, 88; A. H. Doleman, 88; A. Dey, 89; J. Hamilton, 89; Robert Wilson, 89.

HAWICK CLUB.—The monthly medal competition was held on Saturday afternoon. The weather was fine, and there was a large turn-out of players. Mr. W. Hume was first with 88, less 3 = 85; and Mr. T. Hodgson second with 116, less 25 = 91.

RANFURLY GOLF CLUB.

Being the first Saturday of the month, a large section of the members of the above club at Bridge of Weir competed for the monthly handicap medal. The weather was very fine, and the turn-out of competitors was unprecedentedly large. The links were also in good playable condition, and altogether a very enjoyable day's outing was the result. The play was, however, not quite up to the average, the best scratch score handed in for the two rounds of nine holes being that of Mr. R. P. Syle, who holed out in 98. The winner of the medal was Mr. D. C. Wingate, 101, less 30=71. The best scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
D. C. Wingate ...	101 30 71	R. P. Syle ...	98 13 85
Captain Ross ...	105 30 75	A. T. Taylor ...	118 30 88
R. F. Blair ...	106 30 76	Jas. Fleming ...	120 30 90
T. Carruthers, jun. ...	101 23 78	Thos. Frame ...	121 30 91
R. Brownlee, jun. ...	108 30 78	Dr. Sandeman ...	112 21 91
E. J. Gumprecht ...	112 30 82	W. B. Baxter ...	121 30 91

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

The competition last Saturday, November 1st, for Mr. C. E. Haig's prize resulted in a win by Sir Thomas Dyer with a net score of 80, Capt. Cooper Key running up with 82. We notice that the first three places are filled by members in receipt of handicap points of sixteen and twenty, and would suggest a careful investigation by the handicapping committee before the next competition.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Sir Thomas Dyer ...	100 20 80	G. Pigot ...	111 22 89
Capt. Cooper Key... ..	98 16 82	F. J. Patton ...	92 2 90
H. H. Longman ...	100 16 84	H. Eden ...	105 14 91
H. F. de Paravicini ...	99 13 86	E. H. Sanlez ...	110 18 92
C. Hamilton ...	97 9 88	Col. G. A. Lewes... ..	119 22 97

No return from H. Blackett, H. C. Clarke, C. C. Clarke, E. Hanbury, A. Elliot, Rev. H. Wilson, G. Palmer, E. H. Whitmore, Col. Eden, E. Ponsonby, &c.

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for club prizes took place on Thursday' October 30th. The handicap prize was won by Miss M. Clement, and the scratch prize, after being tied for by Miss Smith and Miss E. Chapman, was eventually won by the former lady by one stroke, the respective scores in the deciding round being 41 and 42 for the fourteen holes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss M. Clement ...	89 10 79	Miss Hanbury ...	113 24 89
Mrs. H. C. Clarke ...	94 12 82	Miss Bowring... ..	97 7 90
Mrs. H. Williamson ...	104 22 82	Miss R. Bannatine... ..	115 24 91
Miss E. Chapman... ..	86 2 84	Mrs. Blackett... ..	92 scr. 92
Miss F. Magniac ...	106 22 84	Miss T. C. Bayley... ..	106 14 92
Miss Smith ...	86 scr. 86	Miss Bruce ...	100 6 94
Miss Magniac... ..	100 14 86	Mrs. Sanlez ...	97 3 94
Miss A. Smith ...	87 scr. 87	Miss Hunter ...	97 scr. 97
Miss R. Haig... ..	95 8 87	Miss B. Myers ...	122 24 98
Mrs. H. S. Kynnersley ...	100 12 88	Baroness Berkeley... ..	107 8 99
Miss C. Bruce... ..	97 8 89		

Scores of 100 or over: Hon. E. Milman, Mrs. F. J. Patton, Miss Maitland, Miss A. Maitland, and Miss Tudor Davies.

GREAT YARMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club opened on Saturday, the 1st inst., under most unfavourable conditions of weather. Rain had fallen almost all the previous day, and rain fell all the morning on Saturday, and though it ceased towards noon, the casual water lying about, for lifting from which a penalty of one stroke was exacted, combined with a strong northerly breeze, made low scoring very improbable. The big bunker at the fifth hole was an extremely long carry against the wind, and became the grave of many a promising score. In spite of the rain, twenty-seven couples started—a large field under the circumstances, proving that the extraordinary spread of the game throughout the country during the last year or two has extended to this club, which, after several years of moderate progress, has admitted no fewer than fifty-two new members during the current year. The prizes competed for on Saturday were the May Pool prize, under handicap, presented by Major Welman and Mr. W. P. Fulcher, which was won by Mr. G. F. Ruck, with a net 82; and the Silver Trophy, presented by Mr. James Sutton for the best score under handicap, limited to 18 strokes, which was awarded to the next best score—a net 83 made by Mr. F. G. Thorne, no member being allowed to take more than one prize if he wins one which becomes his own property. The best gross scores were Mr. Fulcher's 88 and Mr. J. G. Gibson's 89. Mr. A. L. Jockel, who went round in 94, was allowed a handicap of 16, which would have brought him in an easy winner with a net 78; but, believing this allowance had been made with insufficient knowledge of his form, he very handsomely refused to avail himself of it, and to

accept the prize he had fairly won with it. The following is the full score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. F. Ruck ...	104 22 82	Mr. W. E. Hughes	101 4 97		
Mr. F. G. Thorne... ..	97 14 83	Mr. A. Newington... ..	100 3 97		
Mr. W. P. Fulcher ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. E. G. Ashton... ..	103 6 97		
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. A. Rotheram ...	109 12 97		
Mr. F. W. Thompson ...	107 18 89	Mr. H. Buskin ...	100 2 98		
Mr. W. O. S. Pell ...	94 3 91	Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	108 10 98		
Mr. S. W. Stubbs... ..	111 20 91	Mr. L. Orde ...	110 12 98		
Mr. E. M. Hansell ...	101 8 93	Mr. H. Mann ...	113 15 98		
Mr. J. M. Kerr ...	101 8 93	Mr. A. H. Mathison ...	110 11 99		
Mr. A. H. Lechmere ...	105 12 93	General Elliott ...	117 18 99		
Mr. G. Laird... ..	109 16 93	Mr. Kenneth Stuart ...	113 12 101		
Mr. A. L. Jockel ...	94 0 94	Mr. F. Skene ...	106 4 102		
Mr. F. A. Wallroth ...	106 12 94	Mr. J. T. Sawyer ...	110 8 102		
Mr. John Powers ...	108 14 94	Mr. B. Preston ...	110 8 102		
Mr. G. H. Ireland ...	95 scr. 95	Mr. G. G. Thoms ...	113 10 103		
Mr. A. T. Young ...	101 6 95	Major Ross ...	116 11 105		
Captain Best ...	101 6 95	Mr. J. F. Kerr ...	120 14 106		
Mr. J. H. Morley ...	105 10 95	General Dixon ...	122 16 106		
Mr. A. Carr ...	113 18 95	Dr. T. Browne ...	118 10 108		
Mr. R. Whyte ...	98 2 96	Mr. G. C. Snelling... ..	127 16 111		
Mr. W. Michie ...	105 9 96	Mr. C. Lethbridge... ..	129 18 111		
Mr. J. R. Bramley... ..	107 11 96	Mr. A. Morley ...	136 12 124		
Mr. W. A. Leigh ...	114 18 96				

Mr. A. A. Berens, Col. Shuttleworth, Mr. W. P. Crake, Mr. A. Kirkham, Mr. W. G. Barnes, Rev. C. Steward, Major Welman, Major Turner, and Rev. J. F. Hastings made no returns.

Monday, the 3rd, the second day of the meeting, was a beautiful golfing day, and turned out a benefit for Mr. Jockel, who went round in 90, and being allowed a handicap of 11, swept the board with a net 79. This won for him a silver cigarette case, presented by the club, and also the right to compete with previous winners for the Poynder Cup. The same gentleman, in a second round, holed out in 83, a performance which will doubtless claim the further attention of the handicapping committee. The best gross score was a fine 80 by Mr. Fulcher, who was unlucky in obtaining only the second place with it. His figures are curious, viz:—

Out ...	7 6 3 3 6 3 3 4 4=39	80
In ...	7 4 2 4 4 5 3 6 6=41	

The only other gross score under 90 was an 88 by Mr. E. G. Ashton. The full score is subjoined, viz:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. L. Jockel ...	90 11 79	Mr. B. Preston ...	101 8 93		
Mr. W. P. Fulcher ...	80 scr. 80	Mr. J. H. Morley ...	103 10 93		
Mr. E. G. Ashton ...	88 6 82	Mr. G. G. Thoms... ..	103 10 93		
Mr. F. W. Thompson ...	103 18 85	Mr. A. H. Lechmere ...	105 12 93		
Mr. J. M. Kerr ...	94 8 86	Mr. T. F. Kerr ...	108 14 94		
Mr. W. G. Barnes... ..	111 25 86	Mr. R. Whyte ...	97 2 95		
Mr. W. E. Hughes ...	91 4 87	Mr. F. A. Wallroth ...	107 12 95		
Mr. G. Laird ...	104 16 88	General Dixon ...	111 16 95		
Mr. E. M. Hansell ...	97 8 89	Mr. A. H. Newington ...	99 3 96		
Mr. W. O. S. Pell... ..	93 3 90	Mr. W. Michie ...	105 9 96		
Mr. A. T. Young ...	96 6 90	Mr. T. H. Stubbs... ..	116 20 96		
Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	100 10 90	Dr. T. Browne ...	107 10 97		
Mr. A. Rotherham... ..	102 12 90	Gen. Elliott... ..	115 18 97		
Mr. H. Mann ...	105 15 90	Mr. John Powers ...	112 14 98		
Mr. W. P. Crake ...	106 16 90	Mr. E. J. Ruck ...	116 18 98		
Mr. A. Carr ...	109 18 91	Mr. E. J. Southwell ...	120 22 98		
Mr. F. G. Thorne ...	104 12 92	Mr. J. T. Sawyer ...	107 8 99		
Mr. G. C. Snelling... ..	108 16 92	Mr. C. Lethbridge... ..	118 18 100		
Mr. G. H. Ireland... ..	93 scr. 93	Col. Shuttleworth ...	117 12 105		
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	93 scr. 93	Mr. A. Morley ...	120 12 108		

No returns from Major Ross, Mr. L. Orde, Mr. A. H. Mathison, Major Welman, Mr. F. Skene, Mr. K. Stuart, Major Turner, Mr. A. M. Kirkham, and Mr. D. Fowler.

Capt. D. Kinloch's net 77, less 4=81, made at the Easter meeting, remains unbeaten, and secures him the 'Prize Winners' Prize, presented by the prize winners of 1889 for the best score under handicap (limited to 18 strokes) at the Easter, Whitsuntide, and autumn meetings of this year.

On Tuesday a match was played with the Cambridge University Golf Club, eighteen a side, which resulted in a victory for the Yarmouth Club by 20 holes.

BASS ROCK GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday afternoon, in fine weather, the members of this club competed for the monthly handicap trophy over the North Berwick links, some eight couples being engaged. In a return of card, Mr. James Henderson was found to be the winner, with the very fair actual figure of 81. In the final contest of the year, next month, the possession of the badge will lie amongst Messrs. J. Mitchell, G. Nelson, and J. Henderson. Mr. Mitchell has already gained it thrice, whilst the other two have been twice successful.

HAYLING GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club commenced on Wednesday, 29th October, with a club sweepstake. Subjoined are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
A. I. Constable ...	105	22	81	Capt. Swinburne,	
P. J. T. Henery ...	94	8	86	R.M.A. ...	113 2 93
Capt. H. Dumble-				A. Holmes ...	115 18 97
ton, R.E. ...	87	scr.	87	M. D. Morrison ...	110 18 98
Capt. R. Alexander	104	16	88	F. Sandeman ...	116 18 98
Capt. H. Fairtlough	95	6	89	E. H. Liddell ...	123 18 105

No returns from Col. Duff-Cater, Major Pontifex, and Messrs. Palmer, Cory, Pearson, Crooke, and McEwen.

On Thursday, 30th October, "The Bennett Cup," presented by the Rev. J. Filmer-Bennett, was competed for. It is a beautiful specimen of the Commoutwealth period, and lucky was the man who won it. As splendid a day for Golf as could be well wished for was Thursday, 30th October. The club will long remember the record of the Links in this competition. Capt. H. Dumbleton's card showed a gross score of 81, or 5 below what has up to this time been considered as scratch. His score was made up as follows:—

Out ...	4	4	5	5	5	3	6	4	4=40	} 81
In ...	4	6	6	4	5	4	4	4	4=41	

Annexed is a list of the scores. The handicap was limited to 24:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Capt. H. Dumbleton,			A. T. Constable ...	107	18	89
R.E. ...	81	scr.	L. Pearson ...	113	24	89
A. Holmes ...	101	18	E. S. McEwen ...	100	10	90
Col. T. S. Walker ...	96	12	J. A. Greig ...	97	5	92
Capt. R. Alexander ...	101	16	Major L. Gordon ...	105	13	92
R. F. Fisher ...	90	5	W. Gann ...	103	10	93
Capt. H. Fairtlough ...	92	6	Col. Greig, R.A. ...	106	13	93
R. Holmes, junr. ...	106	20	E. H. Liddell ...	112	18	94
Lieut. Innes Gair-			F. Sandeman ...	115	18	97
ner, R.N. ...	91	3	Major Pontifex ...	117	15	102
P. J. T. Henery ...	95	7	C. Cory ...	127	24	103
M. D. Morrison ...	107	18				

No returns from Lord Robert Bruce, Messrs. A. Anderson, Crooke, Gilbert, and Palmer.

Friday, 31st October, "Medal Day." The club gold challenge medal for the best scratch score, the club silver challenge medal for a handicap not exceeding 18, and a bronze medal under the full club handicap, the winners to have the miniatures in gold, silver, and bronze respectively, but no member to take more than one medal. The morning was very "coarse," and it was not until nearly eleven o'clock that the rain cleared away, and made it possible for a start to be effected. Naturally the greens were not as lively as on Thursday, yet the best scratch score made by Capt. Dumbleton was only two worse than his return for the Bennett cup. Annexed are the full returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
*Capt. H. Dumble-			Lieut. Innes Gair-			
ton, R.E. ...	83	scr.	ner, R.N. ...	93	3	90
†R. F. Fisher ...	87	4	E. S. McEwen ...	101	10	91
‡Capt. H. Fairtlough	91	6	G. W. Palmer ...	104	10	94
Col. T. S. Walker ...	97	10	W. Gann ...	107	10	97
P. J. T. Henery ...	95	7	F. Sandeman ...	118	18	100
A. Anderson ...	90	scr.				

\* Gold medal. † Silver medal. ‡ Bronze medal.

No returns from Col. Duff-Cater, Messrs. Liddell, Co y, d'Esterre, Gilbert, S. A. Greig, Morrison and Major Pontifex.

The annual meeting of the club was held at 7 o'clock, and was followed by the annual dinner at the Royal Hotel, the chair being taken by the cheery captain of the club (F. Sandeman). Several excuses for non-attendance were received, much to the regret of those present. A jovial evening was spent, and many toasts and merry songs were heard before the party separated.

This very successful meeting was brought to a close on Saturday, 1st November, by the competition for "The Treasurer's Cup," a magnificent silver challenge cup presented by Col. J. Glas Sandeman, the winner to have the treasurer's bronze medal. At the same time, an optional sweepstake was played for. Subjoined are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*W. D. Marshall ...	97	14	83	A. Anderson ...	91	scr.	91
*P. J. T. Henery ...	91	7	84	R. F. Fisher ...	93	2	91
Lieut. Innes Gair-				E. H. Liddell ...	109	18	91
ner, R.N. ...	90	3	87	E. S. McEwen ...	102	10	92
Capt. G. C. Wylie ...	95	8	87	G. W. Palmer ...	104	10	94
‡Capt. H. Dumbleton	88	scr.	88	J. A. Greig ...	100	5	95
F. Sandeman ...	106	18	88	Col. G. G. Sandeman	148	45	103
Col. T. S. Walker ...	98	10	88	Rev. J. Filmer Ben-			
L. Pearson ...	110	22	88	nett ...	130	25	105

\* Divide optional sweepstake. † Treasurer's Cup and bronze Medal.

No returns from Capt. Fairtlough, Messrs. Cory, Gann, and J. Duncan.

At the winter meeting "The Houldsworth Plate," being a silver challenge plate presented by Sir W. Houldsworth, Bart., M.P., open to all members of any recognized Golf club, will be competed for. Due notice with full particulars will appear in "GOLF."

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The terminal competition for the Linskill Cup (scratch) and the Pirie Handicap Medal took place on Friday, October 31st, over the University Links at Coldham Common. The day was a typical Cambridge one—close, foggy, and torrents of rain—which made every one thankful the club had thoroughly drained the links. The long medal course, 18 holes, was played, and there was, considering the awful weather, a fair turn-out of players. Mr. D. A. M. Brown (Trinity Hall), by splendid play, holed in 84, and landed both the cup and medal, a thing never before done at Cambridge. Neither Boyd, Nicholson, nor Chance played up to their usual form, but some of the beginners returned very creditable scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
D. A. M. Brown ...	84	scr.	84	E. C. P. Boyd ...	90	scr.	90
*G. R. M. Harvey ...	96	11	85	G. T. Warner ...	97	7	90
*S. Massingberd ...	105	20	85	W. R. Rendell ...	104	14	90
*I. W. Heron-Maxwell	111	26	85	G. L. K. Finlay ...	99	9	90
T. H. Watson ...	99	13	86	J. E. Bidwell ...	121	30	91
C. H. Pasteur ...	102	10	86	H. A. Adamson ...	117	25	92
G. C. Skipwith ...	98	11	87	R. A. Nicholson ...	93	scr.	93
A. M. Chance ...	91	3	88	A. Munro ...	114	20	94
C. A. Canciller ...	100	12	88	A. H. M. Cox ...	115	17	98
E. D. C. Strode ...	101	12	89				

\* Tied for second prize.

C. Pigg, O. O. Wrigley, J. E. Pease, A. M. Joshua, P. W. Everett, A. F. Forster, C. M. Hutchinson, C. R. Luzmore, C. Head, C. C. Davie—no return.

The green was in good order, but naturally heavy with the wet.

A crowded meeting was held in the evening at the Lion hotel. The following office-bearers were elected for the Lent term:—Captain, H. M. Braybrook, Pemb.; hon. sec., W. T. Linskill; treasurer, R. H. Adie, Trin. Committee—R. A. Nicholson, Trin.; G. T. Warner, Jesus; T. H. Watson, Jesus; A. M. Joshua, Trin.; P. W. Everett, Trin.; E. C. P. Boyd, Trin.; D. M. Brown, Trin. Hall.

LARKS GOLF CLUB, MUSSELBURGH.—A match was played at Musselburgh on Friday last between teams representing captain and vice-captain, when the result was a majority of 15 holes for the captain's team:—

CAPTAIN'S TEAM.		Holes.	VICE-CAPTAIN'S TEAM.		Holes.
T. Whitelaw ...	...	0	George Crandles ...	...	6
G. Goodall ...	...	6	Peter McEwan ...	...	0
J. Brown ...	...	1	C. McIntosh ...	...	0
C. Landells ...	...	5	A. Colville ...	...	0
D. Steeples ...	...	0	P. Scott ...	...	2
W. Smith ...	...	2	A. McCulloch ...	...	0
W. S. Niven ...	...	2	P. Ireland ...	...	0
J. Newlands ...	...	0	W. Simpson ...	...	2
G. Cockburn ...	...	6	G. Ireland ...	...	0
T. K. Campbell ...	...	3	R. Graham ...	...	0
Total ...	...	25	Total ...	...	10

SCOTSCRAIG CLUB.—The usual monthly medal (handicap) competition took place on Saturday, the 25th inst. Two rounds of the course were played, and at the close the medal was found to have been won by Mr. Morton with a score of 108, less 24=84. The next lowest were:—Mr. A. S. Thomson, 88, less 2=86; Mr. Honeyman, 110, less 24=86; Mr. W. Davidson, 111, less 24=87.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.—The tie for the Rae Arthur medal (scratch), between Messrs. D. Bone, D. G. Rose, and D. G. Miller, was played off on Saturday, the 25th ult., when the first named proved successful with a return of 80. The last two places for the captain's prize were also decided, Dr. Duffus and Mr. Cook getting the first places in the coveted sixteen.

STIRLING CLUB.—The competition for the autumn handicap medal of this club took place on the King's Park course on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The wind was high, but otherwise condition were favourable. The following are the best scores: T. H. Todd (scratch), 87; R. A. Smith (scratch), 90; Dr. Lewis, 106, less 12=94; J. Archibald, 106, less 10=96; Dr. Mackintosh, 111, less 14=97; J. Annan (scratch), 97; P. Welsh, 101, less 4=97; J. Thomson, 107, less 6=101; H. Paton, 107, less 6=101.

TROON.—INTERESTING FOURSOME.—An interesting foursome was played over Troon Links on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Willie Fernie and W. Fleming engaged George Fernie and D. Walker in a round of eighteen holes. After a well-contested match the latter won by two up and one to play.

**WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.**—The October competition for the club cup was held over the links on Saturday, the 25th ult. Rain fell in torrents all the morning, but the weather cleared up late in the afternoon. The following were the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net			Gross. Hcp. Net				
Mr. R. O. Mi'ne ...	96	16	80	Mr. G. Bowyer ...	126	30	96
Mr. H. J. C. Gibsons	93	11	82	Mr. N. W. Brown...	112	16	96
Hon. R. H. Lyttelton	96	13	83	Mr. M. T. Brown...	115	17	98
Rev. E. H. Oldham	100	11	89	Mr. F. C. H. Blair...	106	7	99
Rev. W. C. Bedford	108	16	92				

Capt. Shaw made no return.

**EDINBURGH LICEN-ED VICTUALLERS' GOLF CLUB.**—The autumn competition in connection with this club took place over Musselburgh Links, on Thursday, the 30th ult., for the club gold medal and other prizes. There was a large turn-out of members. Mr. John Doig secured the medal with an actual score of 94. The following were the handicap winners:—1. T. Young, 110, less 24=86; 2. J. McLennan, 112, less 24=88; 3. D. Fisher, 97, less 4=93; 4. D. Mackay, 114, less 18=96; 5. J. Doig, 94, plus 3=97; 6. J. Grossert (scratch), 97; 7. George Dow, 103, less 6=97.

**PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS CLUB.**—The past season of the Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club has been an unusually successful one. In recent years the club has favourably felt the great revival in the game, and within a very few years the membership has doubled. Recently the club found it necessary to enlarge the accommodation for its increase of members, and a considerable addition has been made to the club-house, and, at the same time, a club-maker's workshop has been put up. This latter is now occupied by John Allan, a brother of Mat Allan whose early death we notice elsewhere. The number of season members has been unusually large, and the amount of encouragement given to regular members has been unusually great, prize competitions occurring nearly every Saturday during the summer and autumn. Under these circumstances, therefore, it is not surprising that the club is in a very flourishing condition.

**SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.**—The eighth competition for the Wilson Gold Shield took place on Saturday last over the links at Seaton Carew under most favourable auspices. The weather was beautifully fine, which no doubt accounted for the large muster of competitors. The professional, J. Kay, had the putting-greens in excellent order. On examination of the cards, it was found that Mr. C. B. Williamson, who won the fourteenth competition for the Club Challenge Cup a fortnight previously, was the winner with a net score of 107. Appended are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net			Gross. Hcp. Net				
Mr. C. B. Williamson	121	14	107	Mr. G. E. Casebourne	141	30	111
Mr. P. A. Raps ...	119	10	109	Mr. W. S. Merry-			
Mr. R. Elliott ...	129	19	110	weather ...	143	30	113
Mr. A. Robinson ...	123	12	111	Mr. R. F. Leach ...	129	15	114
Mr. O. K. Trech-				Mr. E. R. Whitwell	147	30	117
mann ...	128	17	111	Mr. E. W. Walker...	148	30	118

Messrs. T. Wood, A. Massingham, C. H. Backhouse, J. B. Dale, E. D. Prothero, P. Jack, I. W. Marchall, E. Hutchinson, M. H. Horsley, W. Ropner, F. L. Cope, M. Gray, G. Newby, L. Walker, A. F. Trechmann, C. O. Trechmann, H. Simpson, J. F. Wilson, A. B. Wilson, A. R. Paton, A. Livingston and W. S. Woodiws made no returns.

**FETTSIAN-LORETTONIAN CLUB.**—The autumn Golf meeting of this club was held at Musselburgh on Tuesday, the 28th ult., in fine weather. The frost had affected the greens to some extent, but as the day wore on the hardness entirely disappeared. Fifteen couples started, and Mr. Laidlay, as usual, being in good form, won the medal with an excellent score of 79, made up as follows:—5 5 5 4 6 5 3 4 3=40; 4 5 6 4 5 4 3 4 3=39. Mr. R. C. Cowan carried off the handicap prize with 92, less 13=79; Mr. D. Paton coming next with 93, less 12=81. Most of the scores were poor. Chief scores:—R. C. Cowan, 92, less 13=79; D. Paton, 93, less 12=81; J. E. Laidlay, 79, plus 4=83; C. W. Berry, 100, less 16=84; T. R. Clark, 95, less 11=84; A. O. Mackenzie, 95, less 9=87; G. Paton, 97, less 10=87; F. M. Orr, 102, less 15=87; H. B. Tristram, 94, less 7=87; W. N. Boase, 99, less 12=87; F. W. M. Kitto, 91, less 2=89; H. L. Sanderson, 99, less 10=89.

**STONEHAVEN.**—The monthly medal competition took place at the Cowie green on Saturday. At the close Major Innes was the winner with a score of 97, W. Cormack following with 99.

**"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.**—The competition for the Braid Hills cup took place over the Braids course on Saturday in fine weather. Owing to the heavy rain of Friday the course was somewhat heavy, but the scoring was, notwithstanding, of fair average. Mr. H. Arnott won the cup with a score of 101, less 21=80; Mr. A. Hamilton being second with 87, less 4=83. Mr. R. G. Duthie won the monthly medal earlier in the week with the score of 96, less 15=81; Mr. H. Arnott being second with 108, less 21=87.

**TROON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**—Troon has got an enterprising and flourishing ladies' golf club. Their green at Troon consists of six holes, and the course from start to finish is a mile long. Recently, Willie Fernie, the club professional, found it necessary to incorporate their box accommodation with his workshops, and the ladies, thus deprived of their premises, have resolved to build a club-house of their own, and this will in all likelihood be erected before their season begins next spring.

**UNITED SERVICE GOLF CLUB.**—Saturday, October 25th, was the day set apart for the competition for the captain's prize, a set of clubs presented by Dr. Walter Reid, R.N., the popular captain of the club for the present year. Unfortunately the weather was about as bad as it could be; heavy rain in the morning and a gale of wind during the afternoon damped the ardour of many, and only seven couples started from the tee during the day. The result was a tie between Lieut. Puxley, R.A., and Lieut. Templer, R.M.A. On playing off the former won. It is curious that the order of the first three players is exactly the same as in playing for the monthly medal at the beginning of the month, although the handicaps of all had been reduced. Scores:—Lieut. Puxley, R.A., 100, less 18=82; Lieut. Templer, R.M.A., 106, less 24=82; Lieut. Barnes, R.M.A., 113, less 26=87; Lieut. Innes Gairdner, R.N., 97, less 3=94; Lieut. Morrison, R.A., 119, less 20=99; Lieut. Humphreys, R.N., 116, less 16=100; Col. Greig, R.A., 118, less 15=103. Major Preston, R.A., Lieut. Williams, K. Morrison, Lieut. Haig, R.E., Capt. Hamilton, R.E., Lieut. Fife, R.E., and R. Walpole made no return. The scores on playing off the tee were:—Lieut. Puxley, R.A., 97, less 18=79; Lieut. Templer, R.M.A., 106, less 24=82.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., the Davies Gold Medal, under handicap, was played for and won by Capt. Stevens. Scores as follows:—Capt. Stevens, 109, less 36=73; Col. Maitland R.E., 101, less 23=78; Dr. W. Reid, R.N., 87, less 3=84; Lieut. Heathcote, R.N., 110, less 25=85; N. Morrison, 110, less 25=85; Lieut. Templer, R.M.A., 106, less 20=86; Capt. Hamilton, R.E., 123, less 30=93. Major Sykes, R.E., K. Morrison, D. Morrison, Capt. Dawkins, R.A., and Lieut. Haig, R.E., made no return.

**PORTOBELLO GOLF CLUB.**—On Friday night the Portobello Golf Club held their annual dinner in the Royal Hotel, Portobello. There were about forty members and friends present. Ex-provost Wood, captain, occupied the chair, and Bailie Brown, vice-captain, acted as croupier. The dining hall was tastefully decorated with flags and various emblems of the club. Among those present were prominent the newly-elected Bailie, W. S. Smart; Bailie McIntosh; Mr. Robertson, assessor, Musselburgh; Bailie Buchan, and Mr. James Smart, burgh assessor. After dinner was served, the Chairman proposed the health of the Golf Club, which consists of about seventy members. The most interesting feature in the programme was perhaps the distribution of prizes to the successful competitors. Intermingled with the many toasts was some good singing by members and friends, Mr. Smart, Portobello, filling the able post of accompanist.

**LANARK.**—The Lanark Golf Club held their quarterly meeting on Saturday, to compete for the challenge gold bell and others. The play was favoured by the weather, and even with late heavy rain the greens were in fairly good condition. After going two rounds of the green—28 holes—it was found that the Hon. A. V. Bingham and Mr. James Annan tied with a net score of 116, Mr. W. Renwick being next with 121. In the afternoon balls were won by Mr. Stewart, of Stanmore, Mr. Paterson, Mr. John Vassie, jun., Mr. James Annan, Mr. Haddow, Mr. Miller, Mr. W. Davidson, Mr. Arthur Smith, Mr. Vassie, Mr. Thomas Watson, jun., and Mr. W. Renwick.

**DUNFERMLINE.**—Playing over the Dunfermline Golf course at Ferryhills on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Goodall, teacher, registered the remarkably fine score of 75 for eighteen holes.

**ANNANDALE (LO. KERBIE) CLUB.**—The members of the Annandale Golf Club competed on Saturday afternoon over their course on Lockerbie Hill for Mr. Alexander Rogerson's (of St. Michael's) Silver Medal. The weather was favourable, but after the recent heavy rains some parts of the ground were a trifle soft. At the close of the two rounds—eighteen holes in all—it was found that Mr. James Halliday, publisher, had won the medal with a net score of 89—107, less 18; Mr. Donald Stewart, schoolmaster, being second with 92—83 plus 9.

**SELKIRK.**—In the competition for the monthly medal on Saturday twenty members competed, and the following were the best scores:—D. C. Alexander (scratch), 85; H. Hunter Blair, 98, less 11=87; J. Thomson (scratch), 92; T. Paterson, 104, less 12=92; G. McNeill, 96, less 4=92; G. Robertson, 107, less 14=93; John Connochie (scratch), 94; R. Lawrie, 103, less 8=95; James Connochie, 104, less 9=95.

**EAST OF FIFE CLUB.**—The club's monthly silver medal was competed for on Saturday afternoon. Owing to the recent heavy rains the green was in a very stiff condition. The competition closed in a tie between Andrew Toft, Pittenweem, and William Bonthron, Anstruther, with a score, less odds, of 81 each.