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Fixtures.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 15 to 18.—Aberdeen; Autumn Meeting.
London Scottish; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 16-18.—King James VI., Perth; Handicap Competition.
Oct. 17 and 18.—Brighton and Hove; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 18.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells.
Clapham; Autumn Meeting.
Felixstowe; Final Competition for Elcho Prizes.
Redhill and Reigate; Club Medal.
Disley; Summer Handicap.
Royal Epping Forest; Autumn Meeting.
Formby; Sweepstake Competition.
Oct. 20.—Felixstowe; Prize, value 3 guineas, given by the Club.
Cambridge University Golf Club; General Meeting.
Oct. 21.—Felixstowe; Monthly Challenge Cup.
Royal Blackheath; Glennie Medal.
Oct. 23.—King James VI., Perth; Medal Competition.
Oct. 23-25.—Royal Wimbledon; Autumn Meeting. General Meeting 23rd, at 5 o'clock.
Oct. 24.—Durham; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 24-25.—Royal Eastbourne; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 25.—Liffness; Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, with Sweepstake.
Redhill and Reigate; Autumn Meeting.
United Service (Portsmouth); Th. Captain's Prize.
Troon; Sandhills and Club Medals.
Royal Ascot; Mr. Haig's prize.
Littlestone-on-Sea; Autumn Meeting.
Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup.
Royal Montreal Club; Colt's Champion Belt.
Oct. 26.—Alnmouth; Final Competition for Handicap Cup.
Oct. 29.—Royal Wimbledon; Annual Dinner, 7 p.m., Café Royal.
Oct. 29-31.—Hayling; Autumn Meeting, Annual Meeting, and Club Dinner.

NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 1.—Great Yarmouth; Autumn Meeting.
Carnoustie and Taymouth; Sweepstake Competition.
Clapham; "Cronin" Medal.
United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake.
Royal Ascot; Club Cup and Silver Putter.
Hayling; The Treasurer's Cup.
King James VI., Perth; Handicap Competition.
Nov. 4.—Great Yarmouth and Cambridge University; at Yarmouth.
Nov. 7 and 8.—Tooting Bec; Autumn Meeting. Special General Meeting and Dinner (8th).
Nov. 8.—West Herts; Handicap Medal.
Nov. 15.—Disley; First Winter Handicap.
Nov. 19.—Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup.
Nov. 22.—West Lancashire; St. Andrews 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.

DECEMBER.

- Dec. 6.—Clapham; "Cronin" Medal.
United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake.
Royal Ascot; Club Cup and Silver Putter.
Dec. 13.—West Herts; Handicap Medal.
Dec. 17.—Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup.
Dec. 20.—Disley; Second Winter Handicap.
Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup.
Formby; Sweepstake Competition.
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.
Dec. 27.—Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, with Sweepstake.
Felixstowe; Monthly Challenge Cup.
Royal Ascot; Mr. Haig's prize.

Scene.—St. Andrews, Sunday. Much water in the bunkers and a frosty morning.

1ST STRANGER (English) referring to a bunker.—"Will you bet on it? I've not seen Golf played, or curling, any more than you have; but I'll bet a sovereign."

2ND STRANGER.—"Done, I'll back my opinion."

1ST STRANGER.—"Good, I say these are golfing holes."

2ND STRANGER.—"And I say they are curling holes."

Question.—Who won the bet?

PROFESSIONAL GOLF MATCH.

A PROFESSIONAL Golf match has been arranged between James Gow, of Messrs. Slazenger and Sons, Golf Club and Ball Makers, London, and Robert Tait, the professional, of the Royal Epping Forest Golf Club, Chingford. The match is for £10 a side, over the Chingford links, and will consist of two rounds or 36 holes.

The first round will be played at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, October 25th, and after an hour's interval, the second round will be entered upon.

The proprietors of GOLF will be the stakeholders, and will appoint an umpire.

THE GOLFERS' PRACTICAL JOKE.

A few weeks ago, writes a correspondent to the *Weekly Scotsman*, four young men, known among a large circle in Edinburgh, but whose identity it is discreet to veil under the names of Messrs. Taylor, Wright, Piper, and Irons, made up a golfing party, and went for a few days to Machrihanish. It was during that recent week when the rain ceased and the sun shone gloriously, deluding all but the most sceptical into the hope that we were to have a blink of summer this season after all.

The weather was very hot, scorchingly hot, and when the foursome, after a day's Golf, examined themselves in the looking-glass, they found that their expressive countenances were beginning to peel. Upon this discovery Irons showed considerable concern—why, it is not plain. But, seeing his anxiety, one of his friends offered him the use of a bottle of vaseline he had brought in his portmanteau. Irons had never used vaseline before—had never handled it, in fact—and he was somewhat difficult to convince of its virtues in keeping the skin in proper order during warm weather. Eventually, however, he allowed himself to be persuaded, and next morning, before repairing to the links, he carefully anointed his visage with vaseline. After the day's play he expressed himself as charmed with the effects of the ointment, and said he would persevere in the application if the hot weather continued.

That evening after tea, Taylor, who is known among his intimates as an inveterate joker, seldom out of some mischievous but harmless plot, was sitting enjoying that calm meditation which comes upon a healthy man after a hearty meal, when his eyes lighted upon a dish of marmalade on the table.

This, in itself, was a trivial matter and unlikely to be followed by a noteworthy event. But when Taylor's glance travelled from the marmalade to Irons' rotund face an idea flashed through his brain, and one might have seen by the twinkle of his eyes and the suppressed smile on his thin lips that he was on the track of some new mischief.

Unknown to Irons, he possessed himself of the bottle of vaseline, and having emptied it, filled it with marmalade, from which he had removed all stringy, orange-like substances. Having done this, he replaced the bottle on the dressing-table, and then told Wright and Piper of the trick.

Next morning, the weather was hotter than ever. The three conspirators rubbed their hands with glee, and chuckled over the impending comedy.

After surveying the sky, and remarking on the probability of a very warm day, Irons gravely uncorked the vaseline bottle and besmeared his face with the marmalade, letting fall the while sapient observations on the benefit to be derived from the operation.

Then shouldering their clubs, the foursome sallied forth to the green.

But somehow or another, that was by no means a good game; they all seemed "out of form." Irons suffered more than usual from the heat, but did not dare to mop his face lest he should wipe off the protecting marmalade—or vaseline, as he innocently supposed it to be. Moreover, the bees and the wasps

and all the insect tribe were strangely persistent in their attentions to him. And as for Taylor, Wright, and Piper—what mortal could play a good game of Golf, which, above all, requires steadiness and concentration, in such comic circumstances? Many a time they were forced to turn aside and smother with a handkerchief the laughter which threatened to explode into a roar. Many were the covert allusions to vaseline and flies; and many were the strokes spoiled by the tremor of suppressed merriment.

After the day's play was over, Irons again applied for relief to the vaseline bottle. He had been so irritated by heat and insects that he thought another application of the emollient would be grateful and comforting. So once more he rubbed the marmalade on to his face, and sat down to table with his friends, who by this time were beginning to feel the suppression of their emotions a torture.

Taylor again diverted the conversation to the subject of vaseline and its properties, a theme upon which Irons discoursed with an enthusiasm bred of pleasant experience.

"I have heard it said, in fact I know," said Taylor, as the plot still further unfolded itself in his mind, "that vaseline is very good for the hair. Indeed, some barbers do not use anything but vaseline for their customers."

Piper and Wright at once chimed in with their support of this statement, all three quivering with excitement at the prospect of the further treat in store for them.

"Don't you think you should try the contents of the bottle on your hair to-night, Irons?" suggested Taylor in bland tones.

"I think not," Irons replied, liberally spreading a slice of bread with marmalade. "You know I never use oil for my hair. I never put on anything but water."

Balked in this direction, Taylor tried another.

"Vaseline, I am told, is also good for the throat," he said, "it soothes the bronchial tubes and takes away hoarseness."

"Nonsense," Irons replied, with a short half-credulous laugh.

"I never heard of anyone eating vaseline. You're joking, now."

"Vaseline is used for almost everything," retorted Taylor. "You don't believe what I say? Give me the bottle."

The bottle was produced, and Taylor, closely watched by Irons, who was beginning to suspect a trick, lifted out some of its contents with a teaspoon and swallowed it. Then he handed it to Piper, who ate a small quantity and passed it to Wright, who did likewise.

Quite persuaded now that vaseline could be applied internally as well as externally, Irons took the bottle and very gingerly conveyed a little of the "vaseline" to his mouth.

"Why," he exclaimed in astonishment, examining the contents of the bottle with renewed curiosity, "it tastes just like marmalade!"

The three conspirators could contain themselves no longer, but, to the intense bewilderment of their staring victim, threw themselves back in their chairs with a shriek of laughter. Loud and long they laughed, writhing and holding their sides, and with the tears rolling down their cheeks. When they had quite exhausted themselves they yielded to Irons' pressure, and told the cause of their hilarity.

Luckily, Irons is a man who takes a joke at his expense with commendable good humour, else the relations of the foursome would not have been so cordial during the remaining days of the holiday. But yet if anyone wishes to set Irons off into a perfect war dance of rage he has only to mention either vaseline or marmalade.

We rejoice to hear that a large and powerful club is being formed at Bowdon in Cheshire. A notice of the Club will be found under "Competitions."

We hear that Richmond is soon to have a golfing links. A very fair course has been obtained round the football ground and a good portion of the Old Deer Park. The course will probably be about three miles in extent, and although at present some of the ground is probably a little woolly, by careful cutting and rolling a very fair stretch of good green ought to be obtained. We believe that the laying out of the course will very likely be entrusted to Tom Dunn, of Tooting Bec, well known at Wimbledon and North Berwick, and certainly no better golfing strategist could be found for choosing an eligible course.

LADIES' GOLF AND LADY GOLFERS.

IT is a noticeable fact, that since our universal mother took the initiative in regard to eating the apple, and committed the fatal mistake which has proved so disastrous to all her descendants, women have seldom been found (and perhaps fortunately so) in the van when any new departure has been made. This is especially true in the history of Golf; for while its triumphal progress through the land has been marked by the formation of many ladies' clubs, they have in no case arisen independently, but have been offshoots of those previously instituted for men; and this despite the fact that in a great number of places it would be far less difficult to discover a piece of ground suitable for a ladies' course than to find links adapted to the requirements of the sterner sex. It may perhaps be as well not to inquire too closely into the reason why this should be so, nor to hint that the attractions of the game are not in themselves sufficient to induce ladies to join the ever increasing ranks of golfers. Certainly, so far as match-playing goes, the game appears to be much more exciting when the lords of creation take part in it than when ladies play alone.

In 1867, when two of the fair ones first took up putters on St. Andrews links, the elderly ladies of that time held up their respectable hands in amazement, and characterised the proceeding as distinctly fast, and in contravention of all decorum as then understood! We would not go so far as to say that this verdict served but as an incitement to the younger ones to join the club then in embryo, but it remains the fact that it did not dissuade them from their purpose; and so the St. Andrews Ladies' Golf Club, now numbering upwards of 500 members—exclusive of gentlemen associates—was launched into being. Since that day ladies' golf has made rapid and surprising strides, and although the St. Andrews green consists, as ever, only of short holes for putting, yet at North Berwick, Pau, and numberless other abodes of golf, the ladies' links are such as to require the skilful use of three or four clubs at least. Shades of our grandmothers! how would it scandalise your righteous souls to hear the requirements of a modern girl-golfer! A course without hazards is stigmatised as tame and uninteresting, and "something more sporting" is demanded, with ditches, hedges, and the like, where the orthodox bunkers and whins are not obtainable.

Golf, as exemplified by petticoated novices, is a study both amusing and instructive; at least, in so far as it teaches the would-be learner what *not* to do. The styles they affect are many and varied. The timid player, for instance, approaches her ball as if afraid that any undue movement on her part might scare it from its position; she gingerly stalks it, as though in dread anticipation of its imitating the tactics of the hedgehog croquet ball in "Alice," which, in view of the impending impact, uncurled itself and crawled away. Standing in an elegant attitude, with no unladylike stride, she then proceeds to take aim at

the ball, and to go through the "preliminary waggle." as Mr. Hutchinson has it. Yet "waggle" is incorrect here; waggles innumerable are executed—making the on-looker nervous to exasperation—before the final swing, when, with a vigorous "duck" of the right shoulder, the timid one just succeeds in knocking her ball off the tee. To follow her through the various manœuvres by which she at last manages to reach the green would be tedious and unprofitable; but once arrived there, her style of putting is inimitable. The putt is studied (not from behind the ball, nor from the hole), but studied as the player—save the mark—stands up to her ball, for full two minutes, during which time her right hand crawls gradually down the putter shaft until it reaches the whipping at the foot, her left hand meanwhile remaining stationary. Having attained this impossible position she plays, with the result that the ball goes anywhere except into the hole, thus necessitating a reproduction of the entire performance! Needless to say that, save under *very* favourable handicapping, this good lady's chance of winning any honours at golf is infinitesimal in the extreme.

All, however, are not timid. Bold players there are who, with a fine easy swing, can hit an excellent shot off the tee; these indeed have the makings of good golfers, but too frequently are lamentably weak in their approach shots and on the green. These golfing girls—like children who are learning music, and always practising the easy pieces—prefer to play the game they can manage best, and will, therefore, perfect their driving to the detriment of the more scientific and finer parts of golf. Pitted against a fair all-round player, who is not alarmed by her opponent's raking tee shots, and contents herself with more modest, if straight drives, the bold player's deficiencies become most apparent, and she is inevitably at a disadvantage. But time and knowledge will set her right, if she has youth in her favour. This last, however, is not always the case. In all freshly-organised clubs there is a sprinkling of elderly ladies whose efforts in emulation of their younger sisters' prowess are absolutely pathetic. Stout and apoplectic some, others again, lean and cadaverous, resembling each other in no point save this, that they are none of them ever satisfied with their odds in handicap competitions. It is a sad sight to see them toiling round the links, the stout in a state of breathlessness and fatigue, the thin looking hopelessly dejected, as they hammer their balls more and more deeply into some bad lie, and inwardly anathematise the ill luck (?) which has lost the match for them. Dear ladies, fain would we console you with the hope of better luck in store for you in the future! Alas! we cannot. You may struggle on for months and years, but your average will grow no less, and your balls will be heeled, sliced, topped, and pulled with unfailing regularity to the end of the chapter.

There remain, however, many ladies who are first-rate and very pretty players, and woe to the male duffer who is rash enough to tackle one of these, confident in the fact

of his so-called superiority of sex. He will find his confidence misplaced, and his respect for women as golfers proportionately increased. Even some girls whose style of play is most unpromising, and markedly the reverse of graceful, do great execution, and perform feats of which, at first sight, they appear incapable. There is no doubt that the standard of ladies' golf is considerably higher than it was some few years ago, especially in regard to putting, and on the St. Andrews links some phenomenally good scores have been made of late; but we question whether the ladies there will long be content to confine themselves to the more prosaic short game. If they have ever golfed on a longer green, where brassie, cleek, and iron are called into play, they will assuredly thirst for this more exciting form of golf, which in moderation provides girls with better and more healthy exercise than any other outdoor amusement.

One word of advice we would offer to all lady golfers, viz.: that they should keep off men's links, especially when these are at all crowded. It goes without saying that an occasional "mixed foursome" on a long green is equally pleasant to all who are engaged in it; but when girls make it the rule, and not the exception, to play over the gentlemen's course, they are apt to be voted a nuisance, whereas on their own ground, affording as it does excellent practice for the quarter game, they will find the men only too ready to join them, and to promote, as far as in them lies, the interests of ladies' golf and lady golfers.

E. D. CUNNINGHAM.

THE GOLFER'S BIG, BIG D.

With Apologies to LONGFELLOW.

I drove a Golf ball into the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where;
For so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a word into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and free
That it can follow a big, big D?

A short time afterward *on the green*
I found that golf-ball round and clean;
And the word from beginning to end,
I heard again from the lips of a friend.

The autumn general meeting of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club will be held at the Club House, Wimbledon, on Thursday, 23rd October, at 5 p.m. The business of the meeting includes the election of office bearers for the ensuing year. The committee will propose Mr. Henry A. Lamb as captain; and Messrs. Norman R. Foster and F. Eustace Faithfull respectively as hon. treasurer and hon. secretary with a grant of £50 per annum to each for clerical assistance and out of pocket expenses, this being in the opinion of the committee the most desirable arrangement in the interest of the club that has yet been suggested. For the two vacancies on the committee caused by retirements by rotation, Messrs. R. F. Denniston and J. M. Henderson are nominated by the members. The annual dinner will be held at Nicols' Café Restaurant Royal, Regent Street, W., on Wednesday, the 29th October, 1890, at 7 o'clock p.m.

Tee Shots.

Mr. W. E. Beak, the manager of the Golf Club at Ranelagh, Barn Elms, has invented an Automatic Golf Ball Delivery Machine, which the Automatic Box Company have worked out very successfully. It has been used for some months, and players have found it very useful. It is placed on the pavilion near the first tee, and any player can help himself to a shilling ball at pleasure. It can be made equally available for sixpenny re-made balls.

A foursome, one fine summer afternoon, were approaching a hole, when an old gentleman was descried on the putting green blocking the hole. One of the party assuming his most polite manner accosted the old gentleman, saying, "Would you have the kindness to move, sir, as we want to play to that hole." To his astonishment the player was met with the fierce retort, "The common is as much mine as yours, sir, and I shall remain here as long as I please." "Very well, sir," replied the polite one, "then we will await your convenience," and sitting themselves down upon the grass, the four players lit cigarettes, and from that point of vantage proceeded coolly to contemplate the old gentleman. He withstood their scrutiny for a time, but went from red to purple, and at last finding the position was monotonous, not to say ridiculous, the old gentleman stamped off, firing this parting shot as he went, "I'm off, you can resume your childish and degrading game."

One day the Marquis of Huntly was playing on the picturesque little green at Aboyne, which serves both for Golf and local market requirements. The green is surrounded by houses and shops, and the marquis had the misfortune to drive his ball through a neighbouring shop window. The question then came to be what should be done; and the marquis's partner suggested that he should enter the shop and nibble his ball out of the broken glass. The historian breaks his story abruptly at this point, and does not say whether the echoing hills reverberated with golfing profanity.

The Muscular Bishop (to his opponent).—"Play two more, mine enemy."
"Not so, my lord, we are like as we lie, and I play the odd."
"Oh, very well, you say we are like as we lie; I say lie as you like!"

It is not a little surprising that the energetic authorities of the British Consulate at Dieppe do not attempt to start a Golf club as one of the attractions of that seaside resort. Cricket and lawn tennis there is in abundance on the Plage for the English visitors, and, judging from the character of the country around Dieppe, there ought to be little difficulty in making a short course of nine holes, at least.

Golfer's spruce young city clerk to assistant at the Army and Navy Stores.—"A dozen Eclipse Golf balls, please."

"We don't keep *cough* balls; you ought to go to the horse doctor's!"—A fact.

Comparatively few golfers, probably, are aware of the excellent sport provided by the Waveney Valley Golf Club. It is no exaggeration to say that one can drop a ball on the arrival platform of Bungay Station (G.E.R.) and drive it on to the first tee; thence a pleasant turfy course of nine holes presents itself, in which gorse bushes form the principal hazards. The *pièce de résistance*, however, is the final hole, in teeing off for which a semi-circular cliff of gravel, of sufficient height to awe many

golfers, has to be faced. The club is fortunate in possessing a popular president who takes a deep interest in its welfare, and recent records show that among the members there are many who will make their mark elsewhere; and in this distinction the ladies fully hold their own. The hotel close to the station affords excellent accommodation, and every provision is made for the comfort of golfers. The Club-House also is within easy reach.

THE GOLF CRAZE.—MacTee's Cockney Cousin—"Golf is all the rage now, MacTee. Don't you think I should go in for it?" MacTee—"Dinna, man! Oh, dinna dae that. It's joost perfect insanity. Sin' I took to gouf I've neglecit ma faimily, I've neglecit ma business, and (in a tragic whisper) I sometimes even dinna gang to the kirk."

Opposition is threatened to the Whitley Golf Club, the inaugural meeting of which took place on the 10th and 11th inst., at Whitley. An advertisement in the local paper reads as follows: "Golf playing on Whitley Links will be dangerous to persons walking, riding, or driving on the public road, sauntering on the grass, or walking on the sands, and especially inconvenient and dangerous to convalescent patients and village home children. Nearly the whole of the links are to be used, and the most enjoyable part of the coast for miles from the mouth of the Tyne will be spoilt. I shall feel obliged if any person of my way of thinking will send me their name and address. (Signed) W. B. Wilkinson, Belvedere, Whitley." The gentleman who is re-pponsible for this call to arms has evidently overlooked the fact that Whitley will only be a winter course. During the summer season, when visitors throng this pretty resort, golfers will seek "fresh fields and pastures new," and so far from interfering with the comfort and safety of the patients at the Convalescent Home, the club will allow them the use of the green, and will also furnish them with the necessary implements to indulge in the popular and ancient game.

A Dundee "worthy" playing Golf at St. Andrews the other day, remarked to his caddie (after a very bad shot): "I don't like the head of that club"; to which the "ancient" replied, after examination, "Deed, sir, there's no muckle wrang wi' that end o' the club."

Two Scotch Editors were enjoying a quiet round at St. Andrews a week or two ago, when the following conversation took place:—

Editor (to caddie).—"Don't you think we had better let that couple behind pass us? they seem long drivers."

Caddie.—"Na, na, they're just a couple o' duffers like yer'sels."

FORRESTER'S CENTRE-BALANCE CLEEK.—Mr. George Forrester, Golf club maker, Earlsferry, Fifeshire, has sent us for trial one of his patent centre-balance cleeks. It is a beautifully finished club in point of workmanship, and the cleek itself is admirably balanced. The difference between this club and the ordinary cleek is that the blade is shorter, of equal thickness on the top of the blade as well as at the bottom, convex at the back, with all the weight of the club immediately behind that portion of the club which strikes the ball. By this means the weight is concentrated just at that point where it is calculated to be most effective in its results, and not distributed, as is the case with the ordinary cleek, over a long blade. We have thoroughly tested the new club off the tee and in various lies through the green, bad, good and indifferent; and the outcome has been long, straight, clean shots without that tendency to "pull" being shown which, in many cases, is the demerit in the eyes of many players of vigorous cleek play. We can, therefore, cordially recommend this improved club to the notice of players who depend upon a good cleek for aiding them in their medal play or private matches.

Correspondence.

GOLF AT BIARRITZ.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would some of your correspondents kindly inform me who is the secretary of the Golf Club at Biarritz, France, and his address there. I should also like to know the best clubs to take there, and the smallest number required for the links.

Durra Lodge,

East Sheen, 7th October.

C. H. SINCLAIR.

LAWS! MERCY!

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am thinking of learning to play at Golf. I can see that it is so very easy to hit such a conspicuous object at rest that severe regulations may practically entail no risk of subjecting one's self to penalties for missing. Yet some of the rules make one hesitate to begin a game which subjects one to the risk of such severe penalties. I should like to ask you two questions. (1st.) Is it true, as I read, that they are still hanging men and women for the wearing of the green? (2nd.) I read 'If you get a hanging ball you must swing if you want to get it off' I am prepared to die for my country, but for a Golf ball! Scarcely! Yet I can see no provision made to enable me to escape the extreme penalty of the law. Is there any, or does one grow so enthusiastic as to be ready to risk all this to win?

Yours, &c.,

WOOD B. GREEN.

BENT GRASS ON LINKS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The enclosed is a sample of some grass which grows very extensively on the sand hills at a place on the Norfolk coast. It is proposed to attempt the formation of a Golf links at a certain little town on the Norfolk coast, and two sites are named. One of them, were it not for this grass, offers many advantages, but if no steps can be taken for effectually getting rid, permanently, of this weed, to attempt to form links there would be useless.

The other site is more contracted in area, but the turf is fairly good, and the enclosed grass is entirely absent. Will you in your next issue kindly give me your opinion as to the possibility of getting rid of this grass, and the chance of getting better turf in its place.

Yours faithfully,

G. C.

Leverington, near Wisbech, 7th October.

[The grass sent by our correspondent is the ordinary bent grass so familiar to golfers on sandy seaside links both in England and Scotland. There are two methods of getting rid of it—one expensive, the other not so. The less expensive method is to scythe this grass as close as possible, and then liberally besprinkle the proposed golfing area with gas lime. This lime will not only kill the bent grass, but the ordinary herbage as well, and in order to re-fertilise the soil, and bring up a good crop of fresh grass it will be necessary to have recourse to manuring. The best way to attain this end is to pen in a goodly number of sheep on the area of ground which has been treated with the lime, giving the sheep turnips to eat. The manure so gained, and the resultant close treading of the soil by the hoofs of the sheep, are invaluable in the process of restoration. But the work will probably take eighteen months or a couple of years before the ground is fit for treatment as a golfing links. If however the work were taken in hand at once, the ground might be pretty well advanced by next winter. This method of treating ground was carried out on a waste patch, at North Berwick links, by Tom Dunn with the most satisfactory results. The other effectual method of getting rid of the bent grass is to dig it up; but as the roots go deep down, and the grass itself is very tenacious, a great deal of money

would have to be expended before anything like fair success could be attained. On crowded greens where there is plenty of play all day long, and all the year through, the scythe and the human foot have been found sufficient to keep the bent within pleasurable dimensions; but this, we imagine, would be a difficulty at the place mentioned by our correspondent.—ED.]

PLAYING THE WRONG BALL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you in your next issue kindly answer the following questions, which are creating considerable dispute in our club just now. The competition in which the circumstances occurred was by strokes.

A player after playing off the tee loses his ball. The parties behind, seeing those in front searching for a lost ball, play upon them. The player who had lost his ball, plays unknowingly, as he avers, one of the balls played up from behind, thinking it was his own ball, and plays out the hole with it, as well as the two succeeding holes.

The player, whose ball this gentleman played, of course, could not find his ball, and dropped another. The player who played the wrong ball came in first in the competition, and holds that he is neither entitled to be penalised nor disqualified; and claims first prize. I may state that the lost ball was found at least twenty yards behind where the wrong ball was played from.

Also, is a player entitled to lift his ball after being played off the tee, and examine it without asking permission from his opponent, or any one engaged in the game without penalty?

Now, sir, would you kindly say whether any penalty follows in the cases above stated?

Burntisland Golf Club,
5th October.

I am, yours, &c.
J. C. WALLACE.

[The rules of Golf should be as rigorously played as those of whist, or any other game. It was the duty of the player, having lost his ball in the first instance, to make sure that he had found his own ball before playing, either by consulting his partner or the players who were coming from behind. When the player discovered his mistake, he should have gone back to the spot where the ball was found, and dropped another ball without a penalty, or, alternatively, he should have gone back to the tee, playing another ball and losing the distance and a stroke (see rule 5 in special rules for medal play). As neither of those courses was adopted, the committee would be justified in imposing the extreme penalty of disqualification. There is no question of dishonesty on the part of the player, but there is one of carelessness; and inasmuch as he gained the double advantage of 20 yards distance off the tee by another competitor's ball, penalising this competitor by causing him to drop another ball and lose a stroke, and supplying his own deficiency of a lost ball by appropriating the good tee shot of another player, he cannot complain if, in justice to his fellow competitors, his winning the medal should be disallowed. The penalty in the second point raised by our correspondent is clear. The rule is—"The balls struck off from the tee must not be changed, touched, or moved before the hole is played out, and if the sides are at a loss to know one ball from the other, neither shall be touched without the consent of both." The penalty for infringing this rule is a stroke.—ED.]

WHO INVENTED THE BULGER?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I see in your last edition a small stanza poem signed H. A. L., in which he apparently claims to be the inventor of the bulger. Now, I know for a fact, which I can prove, that I invented the bulger, and even played with it for the championship many years ago; and I am undoubtedly entitled to the honour of producing the first bulger cleek. I see that Mr. Lamb would like to make the outside public think that he was the inventor of the bulger. Now, the fact is—and most Golf club makers know it—that I brought it out; and the only regret I have is that I did not take out a patent, which would have made a great difference to me, financially at any rate.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

WILLIAM PARK, JUN.,
Ex-champion Golfer.

The Links, Musselburgh, October 11th.

Competitions.

FORFARSHIRE.

Our Forfarshire correspondent writes:—Bob Dow, the Montrose professional, has been north at Fettercairn to inspect a Golf course which has just been laid out there. After going over the ground the veteran expressed a very favourable opinion regarding its merits, and thinks that when the greens are got in order the course will leave little to be desired. It extends across two fields and a portion of the hill pasturage belonging to the farm of Balnakettle.

The members of the Panmure Golf Club competed at Monifieth on Saturday, the 4th, for the gold medal and silver cross. There was a large number of entries, and the players were despatched well up to time, the start being made in the following order:—

J. Cunningham, jun., and partner; D. W. Wybrants and Sam. Worrall; S. M. Low and D. Anderson; J. Prain, jun., and A. R. C. Patterson; W. J. Small and W. O. Cunningham; W. Mann and J. Watson; J. L. Luke and R. Gilroy; A. G. Morgan and W. Gibson; H. B. Gilroy and C. E. Gilroy; I. Drimmie and P. D. Mitchell; W. R. Sharp and D. M'Intyre; D. J. Lamb and R. B. Sharp; G. A. Gilroy and partner; Thos. Lillie and James Gowans; P. S. Brown and James Tawse.

Notwithstanding the strong westerly wind, the effects of which were severely felt in the home-coming, some excellent play was shown. The feature of the match was the fine performance of Mr. David Anderson, who did the round in 82, and gained the gold medal. Mr. Robert Gilroy won the silver cross with 87. He was followed by S. M. Low, H. B. Gilroy, C. E. Gilroy, Jas. Cunningham, jun., and R. B. Sharp, all at 89. P. D. Mitchell and D. J. Lamb came in at 91, while W. R. Sharp and G. A. Gilroy required two strokes more.

At Carnoustie on Saturday, the 4th, a friendly match was played between the Caledonia Club and the Broughty Ferry. There were seventeen players aside. As was anticipated the home club had the best of the play, and at the close it was found that they had won by the substantial majority of 25 holes. Some remarkably good play was shown, and the lowest scorer was J. McAndrew, who went the round in 82 strokes. The other good scores on the home side were Jas. Hogg, 88; D. M. Bouth and J. P. Morrison, 93; D. Smith, A. B. Walker, and Colquhoun, 94; and J. Ireland, 95. For the visitors, George Wright came in at 89; W. Young at 91; A. Walker at 93; D. Smyton at 94; and R. B. Cowan, 95. The details of the match are as follows:—

| CALEDONIA. | | BROUGHTY FERRY. | |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| | Holes. | | Holes. |
| J. McAndrew, jun. ... | 0 | Geo. Wright ... | 0 |
| Jas. Hogg ... | 0 | W. Young ... | 0 |
| J. Ireland ... | 2 | S. Boyle ... | 0 |
| W. Ferrier ... | 1 | W. Sim ... | 0 |
| D. Whitton ... | 1 | J. H. Dunlop ... | 0 |
| D. Smith ... | 0 | D. Smyton ... | 0 |
| D. M. Bouth ... | 10 | A. Bowman ... | 0 |
| J. P. Morison ... | 8 | A. S. Black ... | 0 |
| J. Lamb ... | 0 | D. Bisset ... | 1 |
| W. Lowson ... | 1 | W. K. Lorimer ... | 0 |
| G. Fox, sen. ... | 4 | J. Kidd ... | 0 |
| H. P. Mudie ... | 5 | J. Bisset ... | 0 |
| J. H. Duncan ... | 2 | I. Drimmie, jun. ... | 0 |
| A. Colquhoun ... | 8 | W. Armour ... | 0 |
| A. B. Walker ... | 0 | A. Walker ... | 4 |
| A. R. Crawford ... | 0 | K. Sellar ... | 5 |
| J. P. Bruce ... | 0 | R. B. Cowan ... | 7 |
| | 42 | | 17 |

The Monifieth Juvenile Club held their monthly competition on Saturday, the 4th inst., when A. Hunter was the winner of the first scratch. The first and second sweepstakes were gained by D. White and J. Ogilvy respectively.

To the Y. M. C. A. Club of Carnoustie, Mr. William Mackay, the president, has presented a cup for competition. For the honour of carrying of this trophy eight couples entered, and the following is the order of the drawing and the handicap allowance: of strokes:—A. Hogg (8) and C. C. Ferrier (6); D. Fyffe (10) and A. Butchart (12); D. Gall (12) and H. Partick (12); J. Ness (9) and R. M'Affter (9); Geo. Low (5) and Geo. Fox, jun. (scratch); G. Fox, sen. (4) and A. Crawford (6); G. Winter (8) and D. Bell (1); James Fox (5) and A. B. Walker (5).

The members of the Carnoustie and Taymouth Clubs held their monthly competition on Saturday, the 4th, when there was a good turn out of players. Thomas Jamieson won the first prize at 84, 3 below. Walter Fisher took the second place at 86, 1 below. James Ogilvie at 89 and George Ogilvie at 99 both, at average, tied for the third and

fourth prizes, while W. White won the fifth prize at 92, 1 above. Among the best scores were: James Simpson, 86; Alex. Boyle, 91; Jas. Johnston, 96; and R. Ferrier, 97.

The handicap competition of the Kinneimuir Golf Club has just been contested for, and has resulted in the medal and first prize being carried off by Mr. Milne, with odds, at 83. The next lowest scores were: Mr. Scott, 84; Mr. Graham, 86; Mr. Anderson, 87; Mr. Doig, 91; Mr. Phyn, 92; and Mr. Thomson, 100, all with odds.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The Royal Liverpool Golf Club began its autumn meeting on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Hoylake, in fine weather. The green was in capital order, and fifty-two couples competed for the prizes offered. The players mainly comprised local gentlemen, fewer strangers being present than is usually the case. The scores were, however, good throughout, showing the amount of trouble the handicapping committee took to bring all players together as near as possible. One of the best rounds of the day was that of the popular hon. sec. of the club, Mr. T. O. Potter, who played a splendid game until the last hole, when he unfortunately got bunkered, which put him out of the prize list. The Dowie Cup, for the best scratch score, which carries with it a gold memento, was won by Mr. John Ball, jun., with the score of 82 made up as follows:—

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Out | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6=42 |
| Home | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3=40 |

The B. Hall Blyth Gold Medal, for the second best scratch score, was won by Mr. F. P. Crowther, with the score of 86 as follows:—

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Out | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 7=42 |
| Home | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5=44 |

The next best scores were:—Mr. A. B. Cook, 87; Mr. A. Crawford, 88; Messrs. E. J. B. Farrar and Herbert Farrar, 90; Dr. P. Davidson, 92; Mr. R. J. Ker, 92; Mr. R. W. Brown, 93; Mr. Charles Roberts, 93; Mr. James Gullen, 94; and Mr. Charles Darbyshire, 95. The first handicap prize given by the club was won by Mr. Bruce Dick with the score of 97 less 15=82; and the second was tied for by Messrs. A. B. Cook, 87 less 4=83; Mr. L. J. Ferguson, 95 less 12=83; and Dr. P. Davidson, 92 less 9=83. The first sweepstake was won by Mr. Bruce Dick, the second by Mr. A. B. Cook, and the third between Messrs. C. Darbyshire, W. Thomson, R. J. Kerr, and J. Graham, jun.

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | t. |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|------|------------------------|--------|------|-------|
| Mr. Bruce Dick | 97 | 15 | 82 | Mr. D. S. Graham | 102 | 11 | 91 |
| Mr. A. B. Cook | 87 | 4 | 83 | Mr. J. W. Williamson | 103 | 12 | 91 |
| Dr. P. Davidson | 92 | 9 | 83 | Mr. J. K. Crooks | 106 | 15 | 91 |
| Mr. L. J. Ferguson | 95 | 12 | 83 | Mr. R. L. Dalglish | 109 | 18 | 91 |
| Mr. R. J. Ker | 92 | 7 | 85 | Mr. St. Clare Byrne | 121 | 30 | 91 |
| Mr. C. Darbyshire | 95 | 10 | 85 | Mr. Wm. Potter (2) | 99 | 7 | 92 |
| Mr. J. Graham, jun. | 96 | 11 | 85 | Mr. A. G. Rankin | 103 | 11 | 92 |
| Mr. C. H. Hollins | 103 | 18 | 85 | Mr. J. D. Martin | 106 | 14 | 92 |
| Mr. W. Thomson | 104 | 19 | 85 | Mr. E. H. Higgins | 109 | 17 | 92 |
| Mr. F. P. Crowther | 86 | scr. | 86 | Mr. D. C. Scott | 110 | 18 | 92 |
| Mr. E. Whineray | 96 | 10 | 86 | Mr. H. S. Bower | 114 | 22 | 92 |
| Mr. E. F. Watt | 97 | 11 | 86 | Mr. Jas. Fairclough | 97 | 4 | 93 |
| Mr. John Farran | 97 | 11 | 86 | Mr. A. Turpin | 98 | 5 | 93 |
| Mr. B. Gould | 98 | 12 | 86 | Mr. Herbert Keef | 111 | 18 | 93 |
| Mr. H. Holden | 99 | 13 | 86 | Mr. Cyril Plummer | 97 | 3 | 94 |
| Mr. C. Macdona | 110 | 24 | 86 | Mr. T. R. Bulley | 106 | 12 | 94 |
| Mr. E. J. B. Farrar | 90 | 3 | 87 | Mr. W. H. Wilson | 111 | 17 | 94 |
| M. T. O. Potter | 97 | 10 | 87 | Mr. W. B. Dick | 113 | 19 | 94 |
| Mr. J. B. Henshaw | 98 | 11 | 87 | Mr. J. J. Crosfield | 114 | 20 | 94 |
| Mr. A. H. Crosfield | 99 | 12 | 87 | Mr. H. K. Laybourn | 114 | 20 | 94 |
| Mr. A. Hood | 105 | 18 | 87 | Mr. Chas. Holt | 110 | 15 | 95 |
| Mr. C. T. Dixon | 107 | 20 | 87 | Mr. John Bushby | 109 | 13 | 96 |
| Mr. A. Crawford | 88 | scr. | 88 | Mr. J. Ravenscroft (2) | 121 | 25 | 96 |
| Mr. Herbert Farrar | 90 | 2 | 88 | Mr. L. S. M. Munro | 103 | 6 | 97 |
| Mr. G. "Marshall" | 95 | 7 | 88 | Mr. C. B. Taylor | 115 | 18 | 97 |
| Mr. A. H. Higgins | 95 | 7 | 88 | Mr. W. C. Aspinall | 121 | 24 | 97 |
| Mr. G. F. Milligan | 106 | 18 | 88 | Mr. A. Travis | 118 | 20 | 98 |
| Mr. J. S. Smith | 111 | 23 | 88 | Mr. J. H. Silberbach | 118 | 20 | 98 |
| Mr. John Ball, jun. | 82 | plus 7 | 89 | Mr. J. A. Smith | 120 | 22 | 93 |
| Mr. R. W. Brown | 93 | 4 | 89 | Mr. H. B. Steel | 117 | 18 | 99 |
| Mr. Charles Roberts | 93 | 4 | 89 | Mr. H. Owen | 119 | 20 | 99 |
| Mr. James Cullen | 94 | 5 | 89 | Mr. C. A. Porter | 119 | 20 | 99 |
| Mr. John Dun | 97 | 8 | 89 | Mr. H. B. Steel | 117 | 18 | 99 |
| Mr. J. B. Hunter | 105 | 16 | 89 | Mr. Geo. Bird | 115 | 15 | 100 |
| Mr. Alex. Sinclair | 92 | 2 | 90 | Mr. W. P. Atkin | 126 | 22 | 104 |
| Mr. Egerton Macdona | 99 | 9 | 90 | Mr. A. Anderson | 135 | 25 | 110 |
| Mr. H. W. Hind | 102 | 12 | 90 | Mr. J. Hume | 144 | 22 | 122 |
| Mr. Theo. Turpin | 110 | 20 | 90 | Mr. H. E. B. Harrison | 125 | | not |
| Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright | 96 | 5 | 91 | Mr. W. S. Patterson | 137 | | h'cpd |

Twenty-six competitors made no return.

The medal play of Wednesday decided who were the respective winners for the first and second class optional subscription prizes,

which had been played for on the first Saturday of each month from March to October inclusive. The winners played under special handicap, with the following result:—First Optional Subscription Prize, for members receiving up to 18 strokes in the handicap: 1st prize, Dr. P. Davidson, 92, less 6=86; 2nd, Mr. Charles Darbyshire, 95, less 7=88; Mr. A. H. Higgins was 95, less 4=91; Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright, 96, less 2=94; Mr. James Fairclough, 97, less 2=95; Mr. Cyril Plummer, 97, scratch; Mr. L. S. M. Munro, 103, less 4=99; and Mr. G. Bird, 115, less 12=103.

The play for the Second Optional Subscription Prize, for members receiving over eighteen strokes, resulted as follows:—1st, Mr. C. Hollins, 103 (scratch); 2nd, Mr. C. T. Dixon, 107, less 2=105; Mr. N. L. Dalglish, 109, scratch; Mr. H. S. Bower, 114, less 4=110; Mr. J. J. Crosfield, 114, less 2=112; Mr. A. Travis, 118, less 4=114; Mr. C. A. Porter, 119, less 2=117; and Mr. J. Hume, 144, less 4=140.

In the afternoon a foursome was played between Mr. John Ball, jun., and Mr. Cyril Plummer, against Mr. Charles Hutchings and Mr. Alexander Crawford. The former couple won the first match, 4 up and 3 to play, and also succeeded in winning the second, 3 up and 2 to play.

The autumn meeting was continued on Friday at Hoylake, when the weather was again very fine, in fact rather too warm. Forty-six couples were despatched from the tee by Jack Morris to compete for the various prizes. On an examination of the cards it was found that Mr. Harold H. Hilton, who arrived during the morning from North Berwick, where he had added another to his many successes, had won the Kennard medal and gold memento with the score of 82, of which the details are—

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Out | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5=38 |
| Home | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5=44 |

Mr. John Ball, jun., was next with 85, winning the Stewart Cup. His score was made up as follows—

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Out | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4=42 |
| Home | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4=43 |

The next best scores were:—Mr. Chas. Hutchings, 87; Messrs. A. Turpin and Herbert Farrar, 89; Messrs. R. W. Brown, A. Crawford, and J. P. Pringle, 90; Mr. Alex. Sinclair, 91; Mr. E. Whineray, 92; Mr. A. B. Cook, 93; Mr. James Cullen, 94; Messrs. C. Darbyshire, E. J. B. Farrar, G. "Marshall," and Joseph Hornby, 95. The Grieron claret jug and the two prizes given by the club, all under handicap, were tied for by Messrs. J. B. Hunter, 96, less 16=80, and J. A. Smith, 102, less 22=80. These two gentlemen also divided the first and second sweepstakes. The third sweepstake was divided between Messrs. J. G. Smith and Edward Whineray. The Muir jug, under handicap, limited to 18 strokes for the net aggregate of the two days' play, was won by Mr. E. Whineray with his scores of 96, less 10=86, and 92, less 10=82; total, 168. The next best aggregate scores were Messrs. C. Darbyshire and John Graham, jun., with 170. The tie for the second handicap prize on Wednesday was also decided by yesterday's medal round, when Mr. A. B. Cook won with the score of 93, less 4=89, against Dr. Davidson's score of 99, less 9=90, and Mr. L. J. Ferguson's score of 102, less 12=90. The following are the details of the play:—

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|---------------------|--------|------|------|---------------------|--------|------|------|
| Mr. J. B. Hunter | 96 | 16 | 80 | Mr. J. B. Hinshaw | 100 | 11 | 99 |
| Mr. J. A. Smith | 102 | 22 | 80 | Mr. Alex. Crawford | 90 | sc | 90 |
| Mr. P. J. Pringle | 90 | 9 | 81 | Mr. A. B. Cook | 93 | 3 | 90 |
| Mr. E. Whineray | 92 | 10 | 82 | Mr. R. J. Ker | 97 | 7 | 90 |
| Mr. J. G. Smith | 104 | 22 | 82 | Mr. James Smith | 102 | 12 | 90 |
| Mr. J. Hornby | 95 | 12 | 83 | Mr. Charles Holt | 105 | 15 | 90 |
| Mr. J. J. Crosfield | 103 | 20 | 83 | Mr. Reginald Haigh | 107 | 17 | 90 |
| Mr. A. Turpin | 89 | 5 | 84 | Mr. D. C. Scott | 108 | 18 | 90 |
| Mr. C. Darbyshire | 95 | 10 | 85 | Mr. Ernest Turpin | 110 | 20 | 90 |
| Mr. J. Graham, jun. | 96 | 11 | 85 | Mr. A. H. Higgins | 98 | 7 | 91 |
| Mr. J. D. Martin | 99 | 14 | 85 | Mr. M. Pole | 103 | 12 | 91 |
| Mr. R. W. Brown | 90 | 4 | 86 | Mr. J. J. Yates | 105 | 14 | 91 |
| Mr. H. Holden | 99 | 13 | 86 | Mr. Wm. Bates | 114 | 23 | 91 |
| Mr. I. A. Roberts | 101 | 15 | 86 | Mr. John Ball, jun. | 85 | ad 7 | 92 |
| Rev. F. A. Macdona | 108 | 22 | 86 | Mr. E. J. B. Farrar | 95 | 3 | 92 |
| Mr. Herbert Farrar | 89 | 2 | 87 | Mr. L. J. Ferguson | 102 | 10 | 92 |
| Mr. T. R. Bulley | 99 | 12 | 87 | Mr. J. R. Wells | 102 | 10 | 92 |
| Mr. E. H. Higgins | 104 | 17 | 87 | Mr. John White | 116 | 24 | 92 |
| Mr. W. C. Aspinall | 111 | 24 | 87 | Mr. William Barker | 118 | 26 | 92 |
| Mr. H. Case | 112 | 25 | 87 | Dr. P. Davidson | 99 | 6 | 93 |
| Mr. H. H. Hilton | 82 | ad 6 | 88 | Mr. R. Gould | 106 | 12 | 94 |
| Mr. C. Hutchings | 87 | ad 1 | 88 | Mr. J. Fairclough | 99 | 4 | 95 |
| Mr. G. R. Cox | 92 | 4 | 88 | Mr. E. Macdona | 104 | 9 | 95 |
| Mr. C. Roberts | 92 | 4 | 88 | Mr. Theo. Turpin | 115 | 20 | 95 |
| Mr. G. Hamilton | 95 | 7 | 88 | Mr. H. Spalding | 109 | 13 | 96 |
| Mr. R. L. Dalglish | 106 | 18 | 88 | Mr. A. Hood | 112 | 16 | 96 |
| Mr. St. Clare Byrne | 118 | 30 | 88 | Mr. George Bird | 112 | 15 | 97 |
| Mr. James Cullen | 94 | 5 | 89 | Mr. P. W. Atkin | 119 | 22 | 97 |
| Mr. Alex. Sinclair | 91 | 2 | 89 | Mr. Bruce Dick | 109 | 11 | 98 |
| Mr. W. Potter (2) | 96 | 7 | 89 | Mr. Herbert Keef | 117 | 18 | 99 |

The remainder were over a hundred net or made no return.

Among other matches played during the afternoon was a foursome between Mr. John Ball, jun., and Mr. Charles Hutchings, against Mr. Harold H. Hilton and Mr. William More. The first-named couple won by 3 up and 2 to play. A short round afterwards played by the same gentlemen was halved.

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

The October monthly meeting of this club was held at Wimbledon on Saturday, the 4th. Ten couples only left the iron house during the day, and only a dozen cards were returned. Mr. A. Anderson won the monthly medal with the scratch score of 86. His play out was unsteady, but he settled down at the turn and got home in 38 in grand style, made up as follows: 3, 4, 2, 7, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5=38.

Mr. James Mortimer won the Lumsden medal with 121, 21=100.

Annexed are the scores returned.

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | |
|----------------------|--------|------|------|----------------|
| A. Anderson... | 86 | scr. | 86 | Medal. |
| Major Lindsay ... | 97 | 8 | 89 | |
| H. S. Gairdner ... | 102 | 12 | 90 | |
| J. C. Sutherland ... | 105 | 15 | 90 | |
| R. H. D. Peirce ... | 95 | 2 | 93 | |
| James Gow ... | 98 | 5 | 93 | |
| A. B. Peirce ... | 100 | 7 | 93 | |
| J. F. Kerr ... | 109 | 15 | 94 | |
| A. E. Walker ... | 98 | 2 | 96 | |
| J. A. Greig ... | 102 | 5 | 97 | |
| Jas. Mortimer ... | 121 | 21 | 100 | Lumsden Medal. |
| W. A. Tait ... | 110 | 8 | 102 | |

ABERDEEN—VICTORIA CLUB.

The members of this club held their last quarterly prize competition for the season on Wednesday and Saturday of last week over the usual course at Aberdeen. The weather was of the most favourable description on both days, and a large field of competitors turned out, some forty players in all starting. The prizes consisted of golfing material—balls, clubs, &c.—and were equally divided among first and second-class players, six prizes being given in each class. Ties were decided by the lowest handicaps. On comparing the cards handed in, the following were found to be the winners:—

FIRST-CLASS PLAYERS.—1, J. M. Beveridge, 88, less 7=81; 2, W. H. Reid, 90, less 7=83; 3, A. McConnachie, 83, added 3=86; 4, G. F. Thomson, 93, less 7=86; 5, D. J. Innes, 91, less 4=87; 6, A. Milne, 97, less 10=87.

SECOND-CLASS PLAYERS.—1, W. Merrylees, 106, less 11=95; 2, A. D. Leiper, 114, less 18=96; 3, G. Barron, 105, less 6=99; 4, F. Cowie, 117, less 18=99; 5, C. Robertson, 116, less 15=101; 6, J. Smith, 109, less 6=103.

Of the remaining cards the following had the lowest scores: A. M. M. Dunn, 89; J. Russell, 90; A. Mitchell and J. Forrest, 94 each; J. Hazelwood, 97; W. Bowman, 98; and J. Law, 99.

WHITLEY GOLF CLUB.

The above club began operations last Friday under the most auspicious circumstances on the Whitley Links. The inaugural meeting of the club brought together a large number of golfers from different parts of the country, the first to arrive on the scene of operations, being Mr. Thomas Milvain, M.P., and Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., two vice-presidents of the club. Among others also present were Mr. G. F. Charlton, Mr. G. F. Boyd, J.P., Dr. Adam Wilson, Dr. W. G. Black, Dr. G. W. Ridley, Mr. A. Whitehorn, Mr. F. W. Wyndham, Mr. C. H. M. Robson (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. B. Radcliffe (hon. secretary), Mr. J. L. Bell, J.P., North Seaton Hall; Dr. W. T. Wilson, Newcastle; Dr. Lightfoot, Newcastle; Mr. J. W. Wood, Newcastle; Mr. J. de C. Paynter, Alnwick (hon. secretary Alnmouth Golf Club); Mr. Thomas Tate, Allerton; Mr. R. Jobling, Cullercoats; Mr. Edward Clark, Newcastle; Mr. Wm. Frazer, Newcastle; Mr. Edward Green, Cullercoats; Dr. Limont, Newcastle; Mr. R. T. Thomson, Newcastle; Mr. G. P. Blagdon (hon. secretary Durham Golf Club), Mr. W. Putnam, Newcastle; Mr. Edward Moorhouse, Whitley; Mr. C. A. Ridley, Newcastle; Mr. F. T. Ridley, Newcastle; Dr. E. S. Robson, Durham; Colonel Whately, Plymouth; Dr. Treadwell, Durham; Captain Roberts, Durham; Mr. T. R. Borkwood, Whitley; Mr. A. M. Potter, Shiremoor; Mr. S. J. Crawford, Tynemouth; Mr. E. J. Radford, Newcastle; Mr. T. A. Hutton, Newcastle; Dr. Jefferison, Newcastle; Mr. L. S. Houseman, Newcastle; Mr. D. M. Macdonald, Newcastle; Mr. C. H. Hamilton, Whitley; Capt. Millons, Newbiggin; Rev. T. Robinson Coleshill, Warwickshire; Mr. W. B. Shaw, Whitley; Mr. F. G. Smith, Newcastle; Mr. J. S. Crawley, Whitley; Mr. H. H. Emmerson, Cullercoats; Mr. C. D. Ismay, Newcastle; Mr. J. T. Nisbet, Ryton; and Dr. Beatley, Newcastle. The president of the club (J. T. Davison) had offered a 25gs. challenge cup to be won from scratch, and Mr. Wyndham (captain) also

presented a 15gs. cup, under the condition that it had to won eight times individually, and that the eight winners would then be called upon to play off for its absolute possession. Dr. W. G. Ridley and Mr. C. A. Ridley had the luck of tying for the Davison and Wyndham cups at 93 gross—excellent play. It must not be forgotten that the Davison cup is scratch, and Wyndham cup handicap. The following are the scores:—

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|--------------------------|--------|------|------|
| Dr. W. G. Ridley ... | 93 | 2 | 91 |
| Mr. C. A. Ridley ... | 93 | 2 | 91 |
| Mr. R. T. Thomson ... | 95 | scr. | 95 |
| Mr. J. B. Radcliffe ... | 98 | 3 | 98 |
| Dr. W. Black ... | 99 | 3 | 96 |
| Mr. T. Milvain ... | 125 | 25 | 100 |
| Mr. J. de C. Paynter ... | 104 | 4 | 100 |
| Mr. F. T. Ridley ... | 111 | 5 | 106 |

The following also played: Sir H. Williamson, Mr. A. Wilson, Dr. W. F. Wilson, Dr. Lightfoot, Mr. J. L. Bell, Mr. F. W. Wyndham, Mr. W. Frazer, Dr. Limont, Mr. T. Tate, Mr. G. B. Blagdon, Dr. E. S. Robson, Dr. Treadwell, Mr. W. Putnam, Mr. A. Potter, Mr. L. S. Houseman, and Mr. G. Smith.

The meeting was brought to a most successful termination on Saturday afternoon. The competition on the concluding day was for the Hamilton cup (presented by Mr. C. H. Hamilton), to be won outright in one competition. The cup was ultimately won by Dr. W. G. Black, who, with a handicap allowance of 3, had a total of 87. Mr. C. A. Ridley and Dr. W. G. Ridley played off their tie for the Davison and Wyndham cups, the first named winning, and is therefore now champion of the club and also holder of the Wyndham cup, his opponent retiring in the first round owing to bad luck. Details of the Hamilton cup competition:

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|-------------------------|--------|------|------|
| Dr. W. G. Black ... | 90 | 3 | 87 |
| Dr. A. Wilson ... | 101 | 8 | 93 |
| Mr. J. B. Radcliffe ... | 95 | scr. | 95 |
| Mr. C. A. Ridley ... | 95 | scr. | 95 |
| Mr. J. Hedley ... | 104 | 7 | 97 |
| Dr. Treadwell ... | 104 | 5 | 99 |
| Mr. R. T. Thomson ... | 101 | scr. | 101 |
| Mr. F. W. Wyndham ... | 124 | 16 | 108 |

Messrs. S. F. Bates, Dr. Bowden, J. Milton, T. A. Hutton, B. Brumwell, W. Putnam, E. S. Osborne, G. F. Boyd, W. A. Temperley, and C. H. M. Robson made no return.

After the contest for the Davison and Wyndham cup, a luncheon was held in the conservatory attached to the grounds of Mrs. Bulman's house, Whitley Park. Sir Hedworth Williamson presided.

Colonel Whately, of Plymouth, rose to propose the toast of "Success of the Whitley Golf Club." The ground, he said, was nice, the lengths suitable, and great care had been taken in making the putting-greens, and it wanted nothing but time, cohesion, and plenty of members to make it a success. (Applause.) He had great pleasure in proposing the health of the club, combined with the names of Mr. T. Milvain, Q.C., M.P., and Sir Hedworth Williamson. (Applause.)

Mr. Milvain, M.P., in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to have the honour of opening their Golf Club at Whitley that day. He had been associated with athletic exercises in one form or another from his earliest childhood, and he was a firm believer in outdoor sports. (Applause.) They were useful, for who could follow up any sport with any hope of success unless he exercised great self-denial and was temperate in his mode of life? (Applause.) He maintained that to play any game which necessitated a steady hand, a clear eye, and strong nerve, temperance and regularity in life were absolutely essential, and therefore for this reason all sports and outdoor exercises were desirable. (Applause.) They could play their cricket, but it sometimes required twenty-two to make the game enjoyable; they could play football, but here again a number was required to assist; but there was no sport except Golf in which they could take part any day in their lives absolutely by themselves, and with pleasure to themselves. (Applause.) Look at the game that day. They had been playing over an exceptionally difficult course, in which were bunkers, hazards, and whins, which took a great deal of patience to get over. (Laughter and applause.) By the patience they were compelled to exercise at the game they learned a useful lesson in life; and the exercise of patience to overcome their difficulties in the game helped to make them what was most desirable in the present day—patient, independent, self-reliant Englishmen. If a man succeeded in Golf, and also practised those principles of patience in real life, he was just as sure to succeed in one as the other. He had been told there was a strong feeling of prejudice against the game at Whitley. He could not tell why this was, but he was sure the people who objected to it had had no experience in the game. (Applause.) The persons who had visited the links that day had taken great interest in the game, and no danger had attended it. (Hear, hear.) The residents of Whitley, or some of them, were said to complain and ask, would this game, if it became a popular game at

Whitley, improve the neighbourhood? He thought it would make a second season at Whitley. They had the summer season, when visitors came to stay; and now they would have Golf played in the autumn and winter, when the golfers would flock down to what would probably be the most popular club in the north; and thus it would benefit all connected with the place. (Applause.) Some people had said they forgot there were invalids in the Convalescent Home at Whitley, and these would be in danger from the balls, and they were sure no benefit would be done to them by it. Well, there had been a great many of the patients on the links that day watching the game, and they had shown great interest in it. They all knew how useful it was to arouse an invalid's interest in anything, and he thought doing nothing but sitting looking at the sea would become monotonous, sometimes unpleasantly so. (Laughter and applause.) He considered the interest this game would arouse among them would give them a new lease of life, for it was an exceptional game in any neighbourhood in which it might take root. (Applause.)

Sir Hedworth Williamson, whose rising was greeted with a round of applause, said he was in hopes when his excellent friend on his right (Mr. Milvain) had risen he would give them a short speech or lecture on the value and use of two, four, six, or eight-ounce gloves (laughter), but he had not (laughter.) He sincerely hoped the Whitley Club would succeed. He had been told an element of danger was supposed to have invaded the minds of that very nice place. He could only say he wished he had Whitley Links under his own windows at Whitburn, and they would then see whether they would meet with opposition or not. (Laughter and applause.) He had been told there were thirteen or fourteen doctors on the links playing Golf that day, and if one had got hit he could soon have been attended to, and had he not been killed among the doctors—(laughter)—he could then have got a berth in the Convalescent Home. (Applause and laughter.) But let him recommend them to respect the feelings, and even the unjust terrors, of people who were not golfers. It was not enough for a young fellow to call out "fore" and then blaze away. (Hear, hear.) He hoped they would be careful and wait until the people had got out of the way, even though they had to wait some time. He hoped the club would prosper and succeed. (Applause.)

Sir Hedworth Williamson gave "The healths of Mr. J. B. Radcliffe and Mr. F. W. Wyndham," through whose exertions the club had been formed.

The proceedings then closed.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

The competition in the various classes for the club, Wilson and Scott monthly medals (handicap), was carried through on Saturday, the 4th, under considerable disadvantages, rain falling persistently until well on in the afternoon, while a troublesome wind had also to be encountered. The greens were naturally very heavy, and approaches had, in consequence to be pitched well up. Still, despite these drawbacks, a field of sixty-eight started, and a record for the course was established, Mr. W. Milne going round in 70, or three strokes better than the previous amateur record held by Mr. F. G. Tulloch, and two in front of Willie Campbell's long-standing 72. His detailed score was:—

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|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Out | ... | ... | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | = | 35 | 70 |
| In | ... | ... | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | = | 35 | | |

One or two other excellent cards were handed in, as will be seen from the subjoined returns:—

| CLUB MEDAL. | | | | | | | | | | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|---|----|-------------|-----|-----|----|---|----|------------------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|
| Mr. T. M. Motin | ... | ... | 77 | 0 | 77 | Mr. J. Shaw | ... | ... | 84 | 2 | 82 | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
| Mr. A. H. Doleman | ... | ... | 79 | 0 | 79 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| WILSON MEDAL. | | | | | | | | | | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|----|---|----|--------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|------------------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|
| Mr. A. McLean | ... | ... | 89 | 9 | 80 | Mr. A. Neill | ... | ... | 87 | 5 | 82 | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
| Mr. A. W. Tod | ... | ... | 90 | 9 | 81 | Mr. J. Baird | ... | ... | 93 | 11 | 82 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| SCOTT MEDAL. | | | | | | | | | | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|--------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|------------------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|
| Mr. J. W. J. Watt | ... | ... | 95 | 17 | 78 | Mr. D. S. Sinclair | ... | ... | 98 | 18 | 80 | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
| Mr. D. Todd | ... | ... | 93 | 13 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Mr. W. E. Bond, with 85, less 5=80, tied for the Wilson medal, but, having won it before, had, according to the conditions, to give way to Mr. McLean.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The full 18-hole course, over four miles in extent, is now open for play. It is in splendid order, but rain is badly wanted for the putting-greens. New members are pouring in so fast that it has become necessary to add largely to the present pavilion. The Linskill cup, Pirie handicap medal, and club medal will be competed for this term, and there will be several matches with foreign clubs. The annual match between the C. U. G. C. and the Great Yarmouth Club comes off over Yarmouth links on November 4th. The Varsity have a very strong team, and should make a good fight of it. The usual Oxford and Cambridge match will take place in March at Wimbledon. The

result of the weekly handicap last Saturday, the 11th, was as follows:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | | | | | | | | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| C. H. Pasteur | ... | ... | 96 | 22 | 74 | S. N. Dimbleby | ... | ... | 110 | 25 | 85 | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
| R. A. Nicholson | ... | ... | 80 | 5 | 75 | E. C. P. Boyd | ... | ... | 85 | scr. | 85 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P. W. Everett | ... | ... | 92 | 12 | 80 | A. Munro | ... | ... | 117 | 30 | 87 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C. A. Cancellor | ... | ... | 99 | 16 | 83 | A. F. Forster | ... | ... | 120 | 22 | 98 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. M. Chance | ... | ... | 87 | 3 | 84 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

A very large number of players returned no cards. The officers for this term are:—Francis Darwin (Trinity), president; Cecil A. Cancellor (Trinity Hall), captain; W. T. Linskill, hon. sec.; and R. H. Adie (Trinity), treasurer. Committee:—G. Townsend Warner (Jesus), H. M. Braybrooke (Pembroke), T. H. Watson (Jesus), R. H. Nicholson (Trinity), D. D. Robertson (Christ's), W. R. Rendell (Jesus), and G. H. Philbrick (Clare).

NORTH BERWICK GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The North Berwick gala week has come and gone. Around the four days' tournament the interest of a wide circle of golfers has lately centred. On Tuesday morning at ten o'clock an opening was made, when it was found that some thirty-seven amateurs were to endeavour to win the holes of "fame" and "fortune" or "bunker" in the attempt. As had been learned prior to the day of meeting, some of the very foremost and best-known exponents of the royal game were conspicuous by their absence. This fact may naturally have enhanced the attractiveness of the competition from a competitor's point of view; but the interest of the golfing public suffered appreciably in consequence, and, indeed, there were among those forward amateurs of sufficient ability to have made quite interesting and to have thoroughly relished a contest with even so formidable opponents as Mr. Ball and the ex-champions. The presence of Mr. H. H. Hilton, of Hoylake, and Mr. F. G. Tait, of St. Andrews, two of the most promising young amateurs on English and Scottish greens respectively, as well as of many other experienced and first-rate players, never allowed the interest in the tournament to flag. A pretty and valuable cup, of the worth of twenty-five guineas, for first prize—although in itself not to be compared with the honour of winning it—formed a very acceptable accompaniment, and held out no small inducement to competitors to play their level best. This award was gifted by a circle of admirers of the game, who were favourable to the holding of the tournament. A very handsome cup of the value of seventeen guineas represented the liberality of the merchants of North Berwick. The proprietors of two hotels in town generously presented the other awards. The third cup prize of fifteen guineas being given by the proprietors of the Marine Hotel, and the complement being made up by a pretty silver-mounted spirit flask worth five guineas, and gifted by Mrs. Fleck, of the Royal Hotel.

Tom Morris, the St. Andrews veteran, superintended the starting, and soon after ten on the morning of Tuesday, when Messrs. C. G. Hamilton, of the Ascot Club, and Mr. W. T. Ferme, of the Tantallon, had driven from the tee, the amateur Golf tournament was in full swing. As only five couples were drawn to play, the matches of the forenoon excited comparatively little interest. The overthrow of Mr. Adam Hogg, of the Bass Rock Club, proved the first of a succession of misfortunes as far as concerned the favourite local players. At this stage, however, Mr. J. R. Whitecross, a veteran golfer, of the Tantallon, and who in his palmy days succeeded in getting his name engraved no fewer than thirteen times on the merit medal of that club, managed to dispose of his younger opponent of the Ardeer Club, after a fairly interesting game. Mr. Garden G. Smith, a player by no means to be despised, and who is often to the front in competitions, had practically a "walk over," leaving his opponent as many as nine holes behind at the end disc. A rather close game between Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Ferme ended in favour of the Ascot representative. In the second round rather easy wins were recorded in the matches between Mr. McGregor and Mr. Mathie, Mr. Gordon Robertson and Mr. Wilson, Mr. Tait and Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Taylor, Mr. Molesworth and Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Hilton and Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, Mr. Forrest and Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Lyon and Mr. Lubbock. Considering, however, the formidable opponent Sir Walter Dalrymple had in the young Hoylake "crack," the result need have been by no means discouraging to the former, who has improved considerably of late over his own green at North Berwick, and who is now quite an enthusiastic adherent of the fascinating pastime. Pretty close and interesting games were those in which Colonel Outhwaite was opposed to Mr. Robertson, Mr. Anderson to Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Thomson to Mr. Lugton, and Mr. Smith to Mr. Whitecross. A feature of the round, however, was the excitingly equal play witnessed in three instances, the end only arriving after an extra hole had been played. This occurred in the cases of Mr. Oswald and Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leitch and Mr. McCulloch, and Mr. Wallace and Mr. Macfie. The last two couples had the honour, but the doubtful advantage, of dividing between them the larger portion of the spectators who, however, were not disappointed in their anticipation of splendid and interesting matches. Mr. Wallace is very frequently in the prize list at

local and district competitions, and young Sydney M'Culloch is among the most promising of the youthful golfers of North Berwick, and he can already boast of not a few prizes gained. As far as concerned the local folks Mr. M'Culloch's defeat by Mr. Leitch was scarcely counterbalanced by the well-won victory of Mr. Wallace over Mr. Macfie. In the third round, on Wednesday forenoon, the matches of the day were those between Mr. Molesworth and Mr. Forrest, Mr. Williamson and Mr. M'Gregor, Mr. Smith and Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Anderson and Mr. Leitch. The game between the Bass Rock man and the Wimbledon representative was throughout of an equal and interesting description. Mr. Forrest had the match at his mercy at the home putting-green; but unaccountably weak putting lost him the hole and, as it subsequently proved, his chance of a place in the prize list. One hole represented the difference between Mr. Williamson's game and that of Mr. M'Gregor at the finish of very even play throughout; and in the case of the Musselburgh and Burgess players, the result was similar. A fine game between Mr. Anderson and Mr. Leitch ended in favour of the representative hailing from the farther North. Colonel Mackinnon gave Mr. Wallace a harder task than seemed to be anticipated. Mr. Hilton, who was scarcely playing his best game, left young Mr. Gordon Robertson with the undoubted credit, however, of being only beaten by 3 up and 2 to play. Mr. Robertson, who is a rising player, sustained a bold front in his match with his strong opponent. Wednesday afternoon saw the interest centring in a narrow circle. As the number of competitors decreased, and as "crack" inevitably met "crack," the attraction of the spectators was at a premium. Mr. Hilton found a pretty tough opponent in Mr. Molesworth, who also hailed from over the border, and the former just succeeded in winning by 2 at Pointgarry. Young Mr. Tait played in splendid style against Mr. Wallace, who had to acknowledge defeat by as many as 4 up and 3 to play. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Smith led almost alternately throughout their round, and a tie resulted. Playing the deciding hole, each had a good tee-drive. Mr. Smith unluckily got into the bunker with his second shot, whilst Mr. Anderson had a safe lie to the left. The Musselburgh man played a splendid third from the bunker; but Mr. Anderson's iron shot, beautifully played, lay almost dead, and he secured the hole and the match by 4 to 5. Mr. Williamson had almost a "walk over" in his game with Mr. Oswald, the latter being rather unfortunate. In the semi-final play on Thursday morning both matches were of a suitably equal and exciting character. After an unfortunate start, losing as he did the first two holes of the round, Mr. Hilton gradually gained upon the Burgess player, and at the turning the game stood on level terms. Ultimately, Mr. Hilton managed to defeat his opponent at Pointgarry, after a good tussle by 2 up and 1 to play. In the match between Mr. Anderson and Mr. Tait the play was of the keenest description. Throughout, the players led almost in turn until at Pointgarry in they stood all even with one to play. How unfortunate then for young Mr. Tait that he should have driven close to the woodwork beside the club-house, and laid himself an unplayable ball with anything but a left-handed club. This misfortune lost him the hole and the match, and consequently Mr. Hilton and Mr. Anderson were left to fight out the final. At the beginning of the tournament Mr. Hilton was the favourite, the small odds of 2 to 1 being given and taken against him for first place against the field. When the champions of the tournament met in battle array on Thursday afternoon, Mr. Hilton was still the favourite, although the steady excellent play of Mr. Anderson hitherto had raised him in the estimation of not a few. At the start, Mr. Anderson unfortunately carried his ball on to the beach from the tee, and the Hoylake representative led at Pointgarry. So close was the out-play that the turning found Mr. Hilton with still the same advantage. Mr. Anderson's home game, however, suffered in comparison with the strong play that had characterised his game from the outset of the tournament, and he ultimately succumbed to Mr. Hilton by 3 up and 2 to play. Mr. Hilton thus gained the first cup and Mr. Anderson the second. The contest between Mr. Tait and Mr. Williamson for third and fourth awards ended in favour of the latter, the Marine Hotel Cup thus falling to the Burgess player, and the gift of the Royal Hotel to Mr. Tait. Appended are the detailed results for the different days of the tournament:—

FIRST ROUND.—Tuesday Forenoon. Draw—C. G. Hamilton, Ascot Golf Club, and W. T. Ferme, Tantallon Golf Club; Garden G. Smith, Royal Musselburgh, and Stuart Oliphant, Royal and Ancient; William Fleming, Ardeer, and J. R. Whitecross, Tantallon; Adam Hogg, Bass Rock, and T. Lugton, Gullane; Oliver Thomson, Burgess, and A. M. Ross, Tantallon. Thirteen couples and one received byes to compete in the afternoon together, with the five winners from the initial play.

RESULT.—Mr. Hamilton beat Mr. Ferme by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Smith beat Mr. Oliphant by 9 up and 8 to play; Mr. Whitecross beat Mr. Fleming by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Lugton beat Mr. Hogg by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. Thomson had a bye in the absence of Mr. Ross.

SECOND ROUND.—Tuesday Afternoon. Draw—M. W. Robertson, Dunfermline, and Colonel Outhwaite, New Club, North Berwick; John

Oswald, Royal and Ancient, and G. Lawson, Tantallon; J. Williamson, Burgess, and C. Taylor, Burgess; Gregor M'Gregor, Tantallon, and F. Mathie, Warrender; John Wilson, Burgess, and G. Gordon Robertson, Tantallon; Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, Bart., New Club, North Berwick, and H. H. Hilton, Royal Liverpool; A. Hutchison, Bass Rock, and A. M. Molesworth, Wimbledon; J. C. Baldwin, Royal Liverpool, and John Forrest, Bass Rock; F. G. Tait, Royal and Ancient, and Walter Rutherford, Kelso; Neville Lubbock, Wimbledon, and James Lyon, Macrihanish; A. F. Macfie, Royal and Ancient, and A. Wallace, Tantallon; Colonel Mackinnon, Royal and Ancient, and J. F. Pullar, New Club, North Berwick; D. Leitch, Edinburgh Thistle, and S. H. M'Culloch, Tantallon; David Anderson, Dalhousie Carnoustie, and C. J. Hamilton, Ascot; Garden G. Smith, Royal Musselburgh, and J. R. Whitecross, Tantallon; T. Lugton, Gullane, and Oliver Thomson, Burgess.

RESULT.—Colonel Outhwaite beat Mr. Robertson by 1; Mr. Oswald beat Mr. Lawson by 1 after tying; Mr. Williamson beat Mr. Taylor by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. M'Gregor beat Mr. Mathie by 8 up and 7 to play; Mr. Gordon Robertson beat Mr. Wilson by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. Hilton beat Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Molesworth beat Mr. Hutchison by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Forrest beat Mr. Baldwin by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Tait beat Mr. Rutherford by 7 up and 5 to play; Mr. Lyon beat Mr. Lubbock by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Wallace beat Mr. Macfie by 1 after tying; Colonel Mackinnon had a bye in the absence of Mr. Pullar; Mr. Leitch beat Mr. M'Culloch by 1 after tying; Mr. Anderson beat Mr. Hamilton by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Smith beat Mr. Whitecross by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. Thomson beat Mr. Lugton by 2 up and 1 to play.

THIRD ROUND.—Wednesday Forenoon. Order of Start—Colonel Outhwaite and Mr. Oswald; Mr. Williamson and Mr. M'Gregor; Mr. Gordon Robertson and Mr. Hilton; Mr. Molesworth and Mr. Forrest; Mr. Tait and Mr. Lyon; Mr. Wallace and Colonel Mackinnon; Mr. Leitch and Mr. Anderson; Mr. Smith and Mr. Thomson.

RESULT. Mr. Oswald beat Colonel Outhwaite by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Williamson beat Mr. M'Gregor by 1; Mr. Hilton beat Mr. Gordon Robertson by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Molesworth beat Mr. Forrest by 1 after tying; Mr. Tait beat Mr. Lyon by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. Wallace beat Colonel Mackinnon by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Anderson beat Mr. Leitch by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. Smith beat Mr. Thomson by 1.

FOURTH ROUND.—Wednesday Afternoon. Order of Start—Mr. Oswald and Mr. Williamson; Mr. Hilton and Mr. Molesworth; Mr. Tait and Mr. Wallace; Mr. Anderson and Mr. Smith.

RESULT.—Mr. Williamson beat Mr. Oswald by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. Hilton beat Mr. Molesworth by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Tait beat Mr. Wallace by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Anderson beat Mr. Smith by 1 after tying.

SEMI-FINAL.—Thursday Morning. Order of Start—Mr. Williamson and Mr. Hilton; Mr. Tait and Mr. Anderson.

RESULT.—Mr. Hilton beat Mr. Williamson by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Anderson beat Mr. Tait by 1.

FINAL.—Thursday Afternoon. Mr. H. H. Hilton, Royal Liverpool Club, beat Mr. D. Anderson, Dalhousie Club, by 3 up and 2 to play.

A very attractive ceremony following the end of the competition was the presentation of prizes to the successful competitors. Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple discharged this duty in a really appropriate manner, laughingly observing, in the course of his pretty little speech, that he had "spotted" Mr. Hilton as the winner from the fact that he had been beaten early in the competition by the brilliant young Hoylake representative, and expressing the opinion that in the near future Mr. Hilton would probably be burdened with championship honours. In thanking the players who had come forward to take part in the tournament, Sir Walter remarked that there were two or three others who might have been present, and he trusted they would have them there at the next tournament. (Applause.) In responding to a cordial vote of thanks, the Rev. F. L. M. Anderson said he meant the tournament to be an annual event at North Berwick, and he trusted he would be generally supported. Then the North Berwick tournament of 1890 was a thing of the past.

THE PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENT.—On Friday an interesting competition in the form of singles and foursomes took place over the green at North Berwick, the competitors being eight professionals invited by the committee in charge of the arrangements. The play was robbed of some interest owing to the fact that, in the first place, Willie Park was unable to be present, and, in the second, Willie Campbell, who was invited in his stead, was, owing to domestic affliction, forced to leave at the eleventh hour. A local player had to be substituted, and the matches were necessarily rearranged from the original order. The singles resulted as follows:—

Willie Fernie, Troon, beat Andrew Kirkcaldy, St. Andrews, by 5 up and 3 to play.

Archie Simpson, Carnoustie, beat Bernard Sayers, North Berwick, 1-y 1 at the last hole.

Davie Grant, North Berwick, beat Tom Morris, St Andrews, by 2. C. Crawford, jun., Musselburgh, beat George Douglas, North Berwick, by 3 up and 1 to play.

The foursomes ended:—

Bernard Sayers and Willie Fernie defeated Archie Simpson and Andrew Kirkcaldy by 4 up and 3 to play.

Tom Morris and Davie Grant beat Charlie Crawford and J. White by 7 up and 6 to play.

The best round of the day was made by Willie Fernie, who, in his single with Kirkcaldy, finished in the fine score of 76. The details were:—

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|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Out ... | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4=43 | } 76 |
| In ... | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4=33 | |

These figures give sufficient evidence that Willie's game out and home was steady and good. On Saturday his game all round was superior to that of his opponent, Kirkcaldy; but Andrew was said to be suffering from a severe cold. A surprise to the local folks was the defeat of Sayers by Archie Simpson. In their foursome match in the afternoon Fernie and Sayers gave a fine exhibition of Golf.

The responsibility of both the amateur and the professional competitions rested on the shoulders of the following committee: Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, Bart., ex-Provost Brodie, Rev. F. L. M. Anderson, and Mr. John R. Whitecross—all of them enthusiastic golfers.

Another professional competition takes place to-day (Friday) over the North Berwick links. Compared with that of last Saturday, the event is of minor importance, being interesting simply from a local point of view. However, a large array of professionals and caddies of North Berwick, to which the competition is confined, will compete for money prizes amounting to at least £30. The successful players will be presented with their rewards in the Foresters' Hall, North Berwick, in the evening. The chief promoter of the competition, which is highly valued by those for whose benefit it has been arranged, is R. G. Suttie, Esq., of Balgonie.

AUTUMN GATHERING OF THE TANTALLON GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, at North Berwick, an interesting and a pleasant meeting marked the closing competition for the year of the Tantallon Club, the attendance of competitors being large, and the weather favourable. The greens exhibited fine order, and the course was in wonderfully good condition in view of the unusual wear to which they have of late been subjected. In the destination of the Merit Medal of the club most interest naturally centred, and the fair array of scratch players of repute rendered any selection of the probable winner difficult. To those yet just outside the comparatively narrow circle of "cracks," the Victoria Jubilee cup afforded special attraction—the conditions of play limiting eligibility for this trophy to competitors having an allowance of eighteen strokes or under. Several handsome club handicap prizes in kind tended in no small measure to enhance the interest in the competition. Over ninety players were despatched under the direction of Sayers (professional), as appended:—

Mr. W. Rutherford and Mr. James G. Guild; Mr. A. Watson and Mr. James Young; Mr. John Foggio and Mr. Andrew Wallace; Mr. G. G. Robertson and Mr. H. M. Rush; Mr. H. Sprott and Mr. L. Blton; Mr. T. A. Begbie and Mr. Thomas Binnie; Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, Bart., and Mr. W. E. Hunter; Dr. Calvert and Mr. J. R. Whitecross; Mr. A. D. Smith and Mr. Robert Younger; Mr. John Kirkhope, jun., and Mr. William Croall; Mr. C. E. Huie and Mr. D. S. Duncan; Mr. T. D. Thomson and Mr. William Palmer; Mr. George Lawson and Mr. John Taylor; Mr. A. J. Lothian and Mr. Robert Henderson; Mr. D. M. Lewis and Mr. C. Campbell; Mr. D. A. Stevenson and Mr. John Forrest; Mr. Andrew Macpherson and Mr. W. Pennycook; Mr. R. McGowan and Mr. W. H. Bryce; Mr. J. S. Stevenson and Mr. John Beattie; Mr. F. T. Robertson and Mr. A. T. Simson; Mr. A. C. Robertson and Mr. W. G. Paxton; Mr. J. K. Duff and Mr. W. T. Armour; Mr. R. Melrose and Mr. C. J. Ray; Rev. C. C. Mackenzie and Mr. J. H. Roger; Mr. W. Lawson and Mr. Maxwell; Mr. L. V. Laurie and Mr. James Gordon; Mr. J. S. Stevenson and Mr. M. J. Brown; Mr. J. Williamson and Mr. A. S. Douglas; Mr. A. M. Ross and Mr. Garden G. Smith; Dr. Dunlop and Mr. W. Greenhill; Mr. James Brown and Mr. W. B. Wilson; Mr. William Dougall and Mr. R. S. Innes; Mr. W. B. Rhind and Mr. J. H. Dixon; Mr. A. Paterson and Mr. James Balsillie; Mr. J. G. Croal and Mr. W. T. Ferme; Mr. M. Macgregor and Mr. J. Smith Clark; Mr. John Cochrane and Mr. John Melrose; Mr. J. M. Scott and Mr. A. B. Drynan; Mr. A. G. Gillespie and Mr. James Kirkwood; Mr. G. Martin and Mr. J. B. Smith; Mr. W. Overton and Mr. A. Spink; Mr. J. Allison and Mr. Fairbairn; Mr. G. K. Rolland and Mr. A. W. Belfrage; Mr. Charles Morrison and Mr. William Paxton; Mr. Walter Webber and Mr. R. W. Waddy. The play was of an excellent description. Among the earliest returns was an actual of 79 by Mr. Andrew Wallace, who had started in the third couple. This figure was unequalled for some time; but when it was known that Mr. John Forrest had reached Point Garry In hole in 74 and was on the

home green in 2, the figure of Mr. Wallace was in anticipation relegated to second place. But unaccountably weak putting, however, Mr. Forrest required five to get down, and thus only succeeded in tying with Mr. Wallace at 79. For a considerable time these scores were unrivalled; but, almost at the close of the play, Mr. D. Lyell handed in a similar figure, and the medal was accordingly left for decision amongst these three competitors. The details were:—

Mr. J. Forrest—

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| Out ... | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5=42 | } 79 |
| In ... | | | | 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5=37 | |

Mr. A. Wallace—

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|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Out ... | 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4=43 | } 79 |
| In ... | | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5=36 | |

Mr. David Lyell—

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|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Out ... | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4=41 | } 79 |
| In ... | | | | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5=38 | |

Mr. H. Sprott returned the creditable figure of 81, which with his handicap of 6 strokes or net 75, was sufficient to gain for him the Victoria Jubilee Cup. The details of Mr. Sprott's score are:—

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|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Out ... | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 6=47 | } 81 |
| In ... | | | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6=34 | |

Mr. J. Brown and Mr. W. Greenhill followed with net figures of 78=84, less 6, and 94, less 18, respectively. Appended are the chief results:—

| | Actual. | Hcp. | Net. |
|--------------------|---------|--------|------|
| Mr. J. Forrest ... | 79 | plus 2 | 81 |
| Mr. A. Wallace ... | 79 | 0 | 79 |
| Mr. D. Lyell ... | 79 | 0 | 79 |

Tie for scratch medal.

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| Mr. H. Sprott ... | 81 | 6 | 75 |
|-------------------|----|---|----|

Winner of Jubilee Cup and first handicap prize.

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| Mr. James Brown ... | 84 | 6 | 78 |
| Mr. William Greenhill ... | 94 | 16 | 78 |

Tie for second and third allowance prizes.

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|-------------------------|----|----|----|
| Mr. A. Wallace ... | 79 | 0 | 79 |
| Mr. D. Lyell ... | 79 | 0 | 79 |
| Mr. John Taylor ... | 81 | 2 | 79 |
| Mr. James Macdonald ... | 94 | 15 | 79 |
| Mr. W. L. Lawson ... | 97 | 18 | 79 |

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|------------------------------------|--------|------|------|-------------------------|--------|------|------|
| Mr. A. T. Simson ... | 90 | 10 | 80 | Mr. D. M. Lewis ... | 94 | 6 | 88 |
| Mr. Dunlop ... | 98 | 18 | 80 | Mr. James Gordon ... | 98 | 10 | 88 |
| Mr. John Foggio ... | 81 | 0 | 81 | Mr. W. T. Ferme ... | 106 | 18 | 88 |
| Mr. D. Fisher ... | 93 | 12 | 81 | Mr. T. A. Begbie ... | 89 | 0 | 89 |
| Mr. W. G. Paxton ... | 87 | 6 | 81 | Mr. Garden G. Smith ... | 89 | 0 | 89 |
| Mr. A. W. Belfrage ... | 98 | 16 | 82 | Mr. C. Campbell ... | 95 | 6 | 89 |
| Mr. G. K. Rolland ... | 100 | 18 | 82 | Mr. J. S. Stevenson ... | 93 | 4 | 89 |
| Mr. J. R. Whitecross ... | 85 | 2 | 83 | Mr. J. H. Dixon ... | 103 | 14 | 89 |
| Dr. Calvert ... | 87 | 4 | 83 | Mr. A. M. Ross ... | 90 | 0 | 90 |
| Mr. K. Watson ... | 93 | 10 | 83 | Mr. A. Macpherson ... | 98 | 8 | 90 |
| Mr. R. McGowan ... | 93 | 10 | 83 | Mr. J. Balsillie ... | 96 | 6 | 90 |
| Mr. Robert Melrose ... | 92 | 8 | 84 | Mr. W. H. Bryce ... | 100 | 10 | 90 |
| Mr. W. B. Wilson ... | 102 | 18 | 84 | Mr. R. Henderson ... | 100 | 10 | 90 |
| Mr. G. G. Robertson ... | 85 | 0 | 85 | Mr. A. J. Lothian ... | 102 | 12 | 90 |
| Sir Walter H. Dalrymple, Bart. ... | 97 | 12 | 85 | Mr. Wm. Dougall ... | 108 | 18 | 90 |
| Mr. W. Rutherford ... | 86 | 0 | 86 | Mr. W. T. Armour ... | 93 | 2 | 91 |
| Mr. James Young ... | 96 | 10 | 86 | Mr. J. K. Duff ... | 94 | 3 | 91 |
| Mr. George Lawson ... | 94 | 8 | 86 | Mr. C. J. Ray ... | 104 | 13 | 91 |
| Mr. William Overton ... | 105 | 18 | 87 | Mr. J. Williamson ... | 99 | 8 | 91 |
| Mr. John Kirkhope ... | 101 | 14 | 87 | Mr. W. Paxton ... | 109 | 18 | 91 |
| Mr. D. A. Stevenson ... | 88 | 0 | 88 | Mr. J. S. Clark ... | 106 | 14 | 92 |
| | | | | Mr. C. E. Huie ... | 98 | 6 | 92 |

Another round had now to be played to decide the winner of the scratch medal, and at the close Mr. John Forrest was declared the successful competitor, with the remarkably low score of 74, made up as follows:—

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|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Out ... | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3=44 | } 74 |
| In ... | | | | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4=30 | |

In tying for the second and third prizes in kind, Mr. Brown came out winner of the second award. The ties at 79 for the fourth, fifth, and sixth prizes were not decided on the day of the meeting. In presence of a few of the members, Mr. J. R. Whitecross, one of the veterans of the club, suitably made the presentation to the fortunate competitors. Very successful has been the present season of this popular club, and with several new members enrolled at the business meeting on Saturday, more than three hundred members now claim connection with it.

ABOYNE (ABERDEENSHIRE).—The members of this club competed on Saturday last over the Aboyn green for the Pickop gold medal, the prize being carried off by Mr. Sandison, Huntly Arms Hotel, with a score of 81.

THE ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The opening day of the autumn meeting was Saturday, October 4th, a fine one with a south westerly breeze, when an extra monthly medal was played for, the memento accompanying the medal on this occasion being a handsome travelling clock, for which Mr. H. Hutchinson and Dr. Siddall tied: on playing off Mr. Hutchinson won. Monday was devoted to practice; on Tuesday the foursome tournament commenced, the day was a wretched one, a strong gale from the south-west accompanied with rain; notwithstanding the gale and driving rain 11½ foursomes faced the hon. secretary, who acted as starter, and it says a great deal for the players, and the harmonious working of the arrangements, that both in the morning and afternoon the last foursome was dispatched within five minutes of the advertised hour. Wednesday, the first medal day, was one of those glorious days of sunshine when Bideford Bay, the estuary of the Tard and Torridge, and the links look so beautiful, forming a picture more Mediterranean in character than English, and only to be found in this favoured spot of North Devon. A strong easterly wind was blowing during the morning and part of the afternoon, and to this change in the wind may be ascribed the high scoring. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, were lovely days, without a breath of wind, the only fault to be found with them that they were too hot. On Friday the ex-amateur champion broke the record of the round, which was 82, made by B. Sayers and himself; the card returned by Mr. Hutchinson is remarkable, as showing not only brilliancy of play, but extraordinary steadiness.

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| Out | 6 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 | 5=39 | } 80 |
| In | 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 6 | 5=41 | |

It was remarked by every one that never had the course and greens been in such perfect order. On Saturday evening, the president presented the prizes to the winners, and with this ceremony concluded one of the best and most successful meetings ever held during an autumn at Westward Ho.

EXTRA MONTHLY MEDAL AND SWEEPSTAKES, Saturday, October 4th.

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|----------------------|--------|------|------|----------------------|--------|------|------|
| H. Hutchinson, M.S. | 80 | +7 | 87 | W. Morris, M.S. | 119 | 16 | 103 |
| Dr. Siddall, M. | 94 | 7 | 87 | Rev. R. W. S. Vidal, | | | |
| C. W. Harrison, M.S. | 110 | 19 | 91 | M. S. | 111 | 7 | 104 |
| F. L. Gordon, M.S. | 111 | 14 | 97 | C. Wilson, M. | 127 | 20 | 107 |
| W. E. Laid, M. | 125 | 27 | 98 | | | | |

No returns: Gen. Elliot, M.S., Col. Winterscale, M.S., Rev. E. Pigott, M.S., W. Morley, S.

Mr. H. Hutchinson, on playing off the tie, won the medal travelling clock, and 1st sweep: Mr. C. W. Harrison the 2nd sweep.

Tuesday, October 7th, commencement of the FOURSOME TOURNAMENT, under handicap, match play, strokes on holes.

FIRST ROUND.—Surgeon-General Fuller and F. Gordon beat Wilson Hoare and G. D. Leman; Canon Kennard and J. B. Wood beat Col. Tourille and A. Lovell; S. Clarke and C. W. Harrison beat Col. Swettenham and B. Nixon; W. C. Thorne and W. H. Du Buisson beat Capt. Crosse and W. G. Eden; R. B. Molesworth and B. James halved with Rev. C. Shilson and W. Dunsford; Col. Jelf Sharp and J. C. Heathcote halved with F. Quick and Gen. Elliot; Rev. R. W. S. Vidal and Capt. A. Molesworth halved with F. L. Dykes and C. E. Pine-Coffin; J. J. Harding and Major Harding beat Capt. Gordon and C. Smith; the President and T. G. Heathcote beat W. Morris and E. A. Walker; H. Hutchinson and R. Clutton beat H. Bradby and W. H. Toller; F. Cooke and Rev. E. Pigott beat Gen. Molesworth and Col. Gubbins; A. Boyd and J. M. Cripps a bye.

2ND ROUND.—Boyd and Cripps beat Cooke and Pigott; Clarke and Harrison beat Kennard and Wood; Thorne and Du Buisson beat Molesworth and James; Shilson and Dunsford beat Sharp and Heathcote; Vidal and Molesworth beat Quick and Elliot; Dykes and Pine-Coffin beat J. J. Harding and Harding; the President and Heathcote halved with Hutchinson and Clutton; Cooke and Pigott a bye.

3RD ROUND.—Boyd and Cripps beat Cooke and Pigott; Clarke and Harrison beat Thorne and Du Buisson; Shilson and Dunsford beat Vidal and Molesworth; the President and Heathcote beat Dykes and Pine-Coffin; Hutchinson and Clutton a bye.

4TH ROUND.—Hutchinson and Clutton beat Boyd and Cripps; Shilson and Dunsford beat Clarke and Harrison; the President and Heathcote a bye.

5TH ROUND.—Hutchinson and Clutton beat the President and Heathcote; Shilson and Dunsford a bye.

6TH ROUND.—Hutchinson and Clutton beat Shilson and Dunsford. H. Hutchinson and R. Clutton won the silver cup presented by the club.

Rev. C. Shilson and Dunsford received the entrances, value £4 12s.

RESULTS, 8th October, 1890.

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|--------------------|--------|------|------|---------------------|--------|------|------|
| C. W. Harrison | 103 | 19 | 84 | Rev. H. Siddall | 106 | 12 | 94 |
| Lt.-Col. Gubbins | 102 | 16 | 86 | Col. Jelf Sharp | 108 | 14 | 94 |
| R. B. Molesworth | 93 | 6 | 87 | F. Quick | 108 | 13 | 95 |
| Capt. Johnstone | 101 | 14 | 87 | Major Hopkins | 109 | 14 | 95 |
| Capt. Crosse-Scott | 95 | 7 | 88 | G. D. Loman | 119 | 24 | 95 |
| J. B. Wood | 104 | 16 | 88 | W. Morris | 113 | 16 | 97 |
| Capt. Crosse | 97 | 8 | 89 | Rev. E. C. Pigott | 117 | 20 | 97 |
| Capt. Gordon | 98 | 9 | 89 | Col. Swettenham | 119 | 22 | 97 |
| J. M. Cripps | 103 | 13 | 90 | H. Bradby | 105 | 7 | 98 |
| H. G. Hutchinson | 84 | 7 | 91 | E. A. Walker | 105 | 7 | 98 |
| Major Harding | 105 | 14 | 91 | Dr. Siddall | 106 | 7 | 99 |
| W. C. Thorne | 108 | 17 | 91 | A. H. Boyd | 106 | 6 | 100 |
| J. M. Laren | 93 | 1 | 92 | F. L. Gordon | 114 | 14 | 100 |
| W. Morley | 108 | 16 | 92 | S. Clarke | 121 | 21 | 100 |
| W. E. Dunsford | 103 | 10 | 93 | Rev. C. Shilson | 118 | 17 | 101 |
| T. G. Heathcote | 106 | 13 | 93 | C. E. Pine-Coffin | 113 | 11 | 102 |
| A. Lovell | 110 | 17 | 93 | Rev. R. W. S. Vidal | 110 | 7 | 103 |
| C. A. Smith | 110 | 17 | 93 | Rev. G. Willes | 114 | 11 | 103 |
| R. Clutton | 115 | 22 | 93 | J. H. Law | 126 | 23 | 103 |
| B. James | 115 | 22 | 93 | B. Nixon | 119 | 15 | 104 |
| Col. Townley | 118 | 25 | 93 | W. Du Buisson | 123 | 18 | 105 |
| W. H. Toller | 105 | 11 | 94 | | | | |

No returns.—J. Innes Bathe, A. Bethune, F. Cooke, Capt. Chichester, R.N., L. F. Dykes, Gen. Elliot, Wilson Hoare, Surg-Gen. Fuller, V. Hawkins, W. E. Law, Capt. A. Molesworth, Col. Templeman, Lieut.-Col. Winterscale, W. G. Eden, J. Sharp, Dr. Williams, C. Wilson, J. C. Heathcote, Rev. Canon Kennard, &c., &c.

Winner of the Hope Grant gold challenge medal, H. G. Hutchinson, 84.

The Oliphant challenge silver clubs: Messrs. McLaren and R. Molesworth, 93, tied. On playing off Mr. McLaren won.

A challenge cup, lowest net score, to be played for six times, the winners to compete for its final possession: C. W. Harrison, 103, less 19=84, who also takes the club prize for lowest net score. A club prize for second net score, as well as the Siddall cup for last half round.—Lieut. Col. Gubbins, 102, less 16=86. C. W. Harrison won first club sweep, Capt. Johnstone the second, and Capt. Crosse Scott the third.

RESULTS, October 10th, 1890.

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|----------------------|--------|------|------|------------------------|--------|------|------|
| A. H. Boyd | 88 | 6 | 82 | W. H. Toller | 105 | 11 | 94 |
| Capt. Crosse | 91 | 8 | 83 | W. Du Buisson | 112 | 18 | 94 |
| Col. Swettenham | 105 | 22 | 83 | Col. Templeman | 120 | 25 | 95 |
| C. E. Pine-Coffin | 95 | 11 | 84 | Dr. Siddall | 103 | 7 | 96 |
| W. E. Dunsford | 95 | 10 | 85 | Major Hopkins | 111 | 14 | 97 |
| T. G. J. Heathcote | 99 | 13 | 86 | H. Houldsworth | 119 | 22 | 97 |
| Lt.-Col. Gubbins | 100 | 14 | 86 | J. H. Law | 120 | 23 | 97 |
| H. G. Hutchinson | 80 | 7 | 87 | E. A. Walker | 105 | 7 | 98 |
| J. J. Harding | 93 | 6 | 87 | B. James | 120 | 22 | 98 |
| B. Nixon | 102 | 15 | 87 | Capt. Chichester, R.N. | 125 | 27 | 98 |
| J. C. McLaren | 91 | 1 | 90 | A. Lovell | 116 | 17 | 99 |
| J. M. Cripps | 104 | 13 | 91 | S. Clarke | 121 | 22 | 99 |
| F. L. Gordon | 105 | 14 | 91 | Col. Townley | 124 | 25 | 99 |
| J. B. Wood | 107 | 16 | 91 | R. B. Molesworth | 106 | 6 | 100 |
| Gen. Elliot | 111 | 20 | 91 | Rev. R. W. S. Vidal | 107 | 7 | 100 |
| Lt.-Col. Winterscale | 102 | 10 | 92 | Rev. G. Willes | 111 | 11 | 100 |
| F. Quick | 105 | 13 | 92 | W. C. Thorne | 117 | 17 | 100 |
| Capt. Johnstone | 105 | 13 | 92 | Rev. H. Siddall | 113 | 12 | 101 |
| C. A. Smith | 109 | 17 | 92 | Rev. E. C. Pigott | 122 | 20 | 102 |
| R. Clutton | 114 | 22 | 92 | A. L. Christie | 120 | 15 | 105 |
| H. Bradby | 100 | 7 | 93 | W. G. Eden | 131 | 24 | 107 |
| Major Harding | 107 | 14 | 93 | F. L. Dykes | 124 | 15 | 109 |
| Col. J. Sharp | 107 | 14 | 93 | C. Wilson | 146 | 20 | 126 |

No returns from J. I. Bathe, A. Bethune, Surg-Gen. Fuller, F. T. Cooke, Capt. Gordon, C. W. Harrison, F. V. Hawkins, W. Hoare, Canon Kennard, W. E. Law, G. D. Leman, Capt. Molesworth, R.A., W. Morris, Rev. C. Shilson, J. C. Heathcote, W. Morley, J. Sharp.

WINNERS.—The Silver Jubilee Medal, H. Hutchinson, 80; also the Lind Testimonial Challenge Silver Biscuit Box; united scratch scores of the two medals, 84, 80=164.

MONCRIEFF CHALLENGE CROSSE.—A. H. Boyd, 88.

THE BIDEFORD TOWN TROPHY AND CLUB PRIZE, for lowest net score: A. H. Boyd, 88, less 6=82.

CLUB PRIZE, second net score: Capt. Crosse, 91, less 8=83; and Col. Swettenham, 105, less 22=83 tied. On playing off Col. Swettenham, 103, less 22=81, won.

HUTCHINSON'S CUP.—Last half round: J. B. Wood, 44, less 8=36. A. H. Boyd won first club sweep; Capt. Crosse and Col. Swettenham divided second and third. For the pool sweepstakes, held during the three meetings, on the cards being examined it was found that J. M. Cripps's card, 92 less 15=77, secured the claret jug given

by the hon. secretary. E. H. Buckland, 91, less 11=80; C. E. Pine-Coffin, 98, less 18=80; W. H. Toller, 91 less 11=80; and Capt. Crosse, 93, less 12=81, divided the entrances at the rate of £2 a ticket. A picture called "Peter's Last Round," contained an excellent portrait of the late Peter Steel, painted by Major "Shortspoon," entrance, 2s. 6d., for the next score on Friday was won by Capt. Crosse, 91, less 8=83.

COUNTY (ANTRIM) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Silver Challenge Cup took place on Saturday last on the links at Portrush in almost perfect golfing weather, a grey sky and calm atmosphere warranting the expectation of good returns, an expectation which, however, except in a few instances, was not realised. The advantage of a three months' residence in Portrush was exemplified by the success of Dr. C. S. Magill, whose well-deserved victory has removed him from the long-odds section, a section happily rapidly decreasing in number. About twenty players competed, from some of whom no returns were received. The following are the net scores under 100:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|-----------------------|------|------|--------|--------------------|-----------|
| Dr. C. S. Magill ... | 88 | 28 | 60 | Mr. J. S. Newman | 105 22 83 |
| Mr. A. D. Gaussen ... | 98 | 24 | 74 | Dr. A. Roberts Law | 102 18 84 |
| Mr. W. H. John ... | 93 | 18 | 75 | Mr. Hugh Adair ... | 104 18 86 |
| Mr. W. H. Webb ... | 93 | 18 | 75 | Mr. C. J. Webb ... | 119 32 87 |
| Mr. J. Patrick ... | 102 | 26 | 76 | Mr. J. Niblick ... | 108 18 90 |
| Mr. R. A. Collingwood | 104 | 24 | 80 | | |

The membership of the club having now exceeded 250, the entrance fee has been doubled, and the rule passed at the last annual meeting is now in force, by which the privilege of half subscriptions accorded to members of other clubs is abrogated, the rule of course not being retrospective. The autumn meeting comes off on the 24th and 25th inst., as also the annual dinner. The second day's competition is open to all English, Scotch, and Irish clubs.

ST. ANDREWS.

The past week has been almost a blank upon the links, North Berwick having been the centre of interest both for amateurs and professionals. The St. Andrews representatives, who journeyed there, were unfortunately unsuccessful in attaining to the premier position. It was, however, some little consolation that Fernie, who won the first professional, is an old St. Andrews man. H. H. Hilton, who was awarded the amateur event, played last here in the amateur championship, and his chances then were favourably considered. He is a dash-in; player, and many golfers would like to see a match in which he and John Ball were opposed by two representative Scotch players.

On Thursday the Thistle brought off their October meeting. They were highly favoured both as regards weather and green, and the members turned out in great force. The medal was tied for at 90 strokes by A. C. Aikman and W. Wilson, and the final award still remains in abeyance. The prize winners were W. Wilson, less odds, 86; W. Paterson, less odds, 88; T. Robb, less odds, 88; A. C. Aikman, scratch, 90; J. Duncan, less odds, 92; G. A. Goddard, less odds, 92; Archibald Downie, less odds, 93; M. A. Provan, less odds, 94.

The St. Andrews Golf Club have also held their autumn meeting, the medal having been won by W. Greig at 88 strokes. The meeting was followed by a very successful ball in the Town-hall, at which an interesting golfing trophy was displayed. That was the champion belt, which was won by Tommy Morris thrice in succession. The discussion about the propriety of establishing a golfer's obituary column reminds us that Allan Robertson's widow died the other day in Sunderland. She was resident in St. Andrews last year, and mainly through the exertions of Mr. T. T. Oliphant and other members of the Royal and Ancient, a comfortable provision was made for her in her old age, but which she has not been long able to enjoy. She possessed an interesting relic of one who was, and many is still, regarded as the greatest golfer the world had ever seen—Allan's club box. It ought to be acquired by the Royal and Ancient, and placed in their museum. In consequence of the rapid spread of Golf, and the consequent demand for clubs, the St. Andrews Club makers are just now exceptionally busy, several large orders having been recently placed with them. Club making now ranks as an important branch of trade in the ancient city.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

The autumn meeting of this club, on Saturday, the 11th, and Monday, the 13th of October, was favoured with most glorious summer weather, which attracted a large field, considering it was not a public holiday. Thirty-five couples started on Saturday to compete for the Franklin Adams scratch medal and the club cup, the latter under hand cap. There was also a prize presented by Mr. R. H. Caird for the best score, under handicap, for the last nine holes of the round, an object of ambition and a source of consolation to those who have begun badly. The scratch medal was won by Mr. Plummer with a fine score

of 85, the next best scratch scores being an 87 by Mr. H. A. Lamb, and an 89 by Dr. Purves. Mr. Plummer, the latest addition to the ranks of the scratch players of the club, by this victory becomes the holder of all three scratch medals of the club. The club handicap cup was won by Mr. H. P. Cumming with a good score of 91, less 8. The Caird prize fell to Mr. H. Davenport with 46, less 6, for the last nine holes. The figures of Mr. Plummer's and Mr. Lamb's rounds are subjoined.

Mr. Plummer—

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|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Out ... | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 4 | = 41 |
| In ... | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | = 44 |

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Mr. Lamb—

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|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Out ... | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | = 40 |
| In ... | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | = 47 |

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On Monday thirty-two couples started to compete for the Pringle Brothers prize, under handicap, limited to 18 strokes. Mr. G. P. Leach and Mr. W. R. Stikeman tied for first place with a net of 85.

The most important scratch event of the year—the best aggregate of four scratch scores at the spring, Whitsuntide, August and autumn meetings, for which the Captain's medal is given, fell to Mr. Plummer. The following are the best scores for it, viz.:—Mr. C. Plummer, 100, 94, 88, 85=367; Mr. H. A. Lamb, 98, 89, 87, 97=371; S. Mure Fergusson, 100, 92, 90, 92=374; Mr. W. L. Purves, 89, 92, 97, 97=375. Subjoined are the scores for the two days, viz.:—

SATURDAY.

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
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| H. P. Cumming ... | 91 | 8 | 83 | W. C. Anderson ... | 117 20 97 |
| H. Davenport ... | 96 | 12 | 84 | C. O. Walker ... | 116 18 98 |
| C. Plummer ... | 85 | scr. | 85 | G. H. Ireland ... | 103 4 99 |
| G. Hannaford ... | 105 | 20 | 85 | D. B. Gibson ... | 117 18 99 |
| E. F. S. Tylecote ... | 96 | 10 | 86 | J. Abernethy ... | 121 22 99 |
| H. A. Lamb ... | 87 | scr. | 87 | F. Skene ... | 107 7 100 |
| H. H. Turner ... | 101 | 13 | 88 | J. M. Henderson ... | 109 9 100 |
| W. L. Purves ... | 89 | scr. | 89 | W. R. Stikeman ... | 112 12 100 |
| G. P. Leach ... | 109 | 20 | 89 | G. Clark ... | 116 16 100 |
| H. H. Crookenden ... | 99 | 9 | 90 | A. A. Common ... | 118 18 100 |
| A. D. Putter ... | 98 | 7 | 91 | W. Bazalgette ... | 111 10 101 |
| C. A. W. Cameron ... | 98 | 7 | 91 | A. Davidson ... | 113 12 101 |
| H. E. Acklom ... | 105 | 12 | 93 | H. L. Forbes ... | 116 15 101 |
| C. E. Nesham ... | 100 | 5 | 95 | R. H. Pringle ... | 109 7 102 |
| G. Nicol ... | 106 | 11 | 95 | H. H. Playford ... | 112 9 103 |
| W. E. Hayman ... | 119 | 24 | 95 | Sir T. Trowbridge ... | 113 10 103 |
| F. Barry ... | 102 | 5 | 97 | W. C. P. Pell ... | 107 3 104 |
| W. D. Bovill ... | 107 | 10 | 97 | A. L. Kekewich ... | 125 18 107 |
| D. S. Hindmarsh ... | 107 | 10 | 97 | J. L. Ridpath ... | 120 11 109 |
| J. Taylor ... | 110 | 13 | 97 | D. F. Park ... | 131 22 109 |

CAIRD CUP.

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
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| H. Davenport ... | 46 | 6 | 40 | C. Plummer ... | 44 scr. 44 |
| H. P. Cumming ... | 46 | 4 | 42 | G. P. Leach ... | 54 10 44 |
| G. Hannaford ... | 53 | 10 | 43 | | |

MONDAY.

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|-----------------------|------|------|--------|----------------------|--------------|
| G. P. Leach ... | 103 | 20 | 83 | F. Barry ... | 99 5 94 |
| W. R. Stikeman ... | 97 | 12 | 85 | J. Taylor ... | 107 13 94 |
| C. A. W. Cameron ... | 94 | 7 | 87 | G. H. Ireland ... | 100 4 96 |
| D. S. Hindmarsh ... | 97 | 10 | 87 | A. Davidson ... | 108 12 96 |
| W. D. Bovill ... | 97 | 10 | 87 | W. L. Purves ... | 97 scr. 97 |
| C. Thompson ... | 102 | 14 | 88 | H. A. Lamb ... | 97 scr. 97 |
| H. L. Forbes ... | 103 | 15 | 88 | A. D. Putter ... | 104 7 97 |
| H. P. Cumming ... | 95 | 6 | 89 | F. Skene ... | 104 7 97 |
| W. O. S. Pell ... | 95 | 6 | 89 | H. H. Turner ... | 110 13 97 |
| R. Howell ... | 101 | 12 | 89 | E. Oliver ... | 115 18 97 |
| W. P. Matthews ... | 107 | 18 | 89 | P. Hannaford ... | 117 20 97 |
| F. T. Welman ... | 94 | 4 | 90 | R. H. Pringle ... | 105 7 98 |
| J. M. Henderson ... | 99 | 9 | 90 | W. R. Anderson ... | 108 9 99 |
| C. E. Nesham ... | 96 | 5 | 91 | F. Pownall ... | 119 20 99 |
| S. Mure Fergusson ... | 92 | scr. | 92 | E. H. Dunn ... | 118 18 100 |
| T. R. Mills ... | 97 | 5 | 92 | Capt. Tattersall ... | 110 10 100 |
| W. Bazalgette ... | 102 | 10 | 92 | Capt. Urnston ... | 111 10 101 |
| A. A. Common ... | 110 | 18 | 92 | A. B. Chalmers ... | 115 14 101 |
| G. Nicol ... | 104 | 11 | 93 | C. Plummer ... | 102 scr. 102 |
| C. O. Walker ... | 111 | 18 | 93 | J. L. Ridpath ... | 115 11 104 |
| T. W. Legh, M.P. ... | 113 | 20 | 93 | D. Gibson ... | 125 18 107 |

A word of praise may be added with regard to the admirable arrangements in the catering department, which have added greatly to the attractions of this popular green. The long drought has, no doubt, affected some of the putting-greens, as might have been expected; but the improvement in the green, that has been always noticed at each successive meeting, has been fully maintained.

TROON CLUB.—AUTUMN MEETING.

Troon Golf Club held an autumn meeting on Thursday, 9th inst., which it is intended shall in future be an annual gathering. So far as the inaugural fixture was concerned, it may be said to have been attended with a marked degree of success, though there was not such a large turn-out of golfers as at some recent spring and summer meetings of the club. This latest addition to the engagement card of the club had its origin in the presentation by Mr. Wm. Morison, ex-captain of the club, of a handsome and massive gold medal to be competed for annually, and to be handed to the competitor making the lowest scratch score at the autumn meeting, and by him retained for twelve months. The medal is of oval form bearing the arms of Scotland in elaborate design affixed to the face, and space on the back for the names of successive winners. The medal is otherwise of design suggestive of the game of Golf. The face bears the inscription "Troon Golf Club, 1890," and the reverse, "Presented by Mr. Wm. Morison on his retirement from the Captaincy." A gold charm which goes along with the medal becomes the property of the winner. In addition to ex-Capt. Morison's medal there has also been provided (by the club) a silver St. Andrew's Cross to be competed for under handicap. This trophy is of unique design. The general outline is in the form of a St. Andrew's cross. There is a large solid Scotch thistle at the junction of the two arms of the cross, and on the top of the thistle stands a miniature figure of St. Andrew, who has been named the patron saint of the game, his hands resting on a St. Andrew's cross formed by the crossing of two Golf clubs. It was for the possession of these emblems of supremacy, added to which were the attraction of the usual sweepstakes, that a contingent of the members of the club met in friendly contest on Thursday. The "meet" was at half-past eleven, and at that hour eighteen couples gave in their names to the hon. secretary, Dr. Hight, and the ballot decided the play in the following order:—Mr. Geo. Hunter and Mr. And. McMurray; Mr. R. Hutchison and Mr. James Robertson; Mr. J. A. Shaw and Mr. H. R. Coubourgh; Mr. W. C. Wilson and Mr. W. Morison; Mr. Jas. Wilson and Dr. Alexander; Mr. D. Lauder and Mr. John Kemp; Mr. T. B. M. Michael and Mr. A. T. Craig; Mr. H. Lauder and Mr. J. M. Lipscomb; Mr. John M. Cowan and Mr. J. Wharrie; Mr. W. Paton and Mr. J. M. Jameson; Mr. Jas. Irvine and Mr. P. C. Lyall; Mr. D. McMillan and Mr. W. F. Lowe; Mr. J. M. Gray and Mr. R. Lynn; Mr. W. J. Anderson and Mr. Alex. Walker; Mr. W. C. Mitchell and Mr. W. A. Robertson; Mr. R. D. Shaw and Mr. John Merry; Mr. Thos. Johnston and Mr. Geo. Newton; Mr. W. Renwick and Mr. W. Law.

The weather was somewhat changeable during play, those who started first having the worst of the wind, which fell towards the conclusion of the competition. The very first card handed in was a scratch 88; and though it was thought that that figure would not be beaten by many strokes, neither was it thought that it would assume the position of being the lowest scratch score of the competition. Nevertheless, that is what it eventually did, and entitled its compiler, Mr. Andrew McMurray to the possession of the gold medal. The details of Mr. McMurray's score which showed a curious combination of good—indeed brilliant—play and bad play was as follows:—

Out 5 5 5 6 4 4 4 3 6 = 42 } 88
In 6 8 5 3 6 4 7 4 3 = 46 }

To take the eighth hole, Tel-el-Kebir, to which the play is over about 350 yards of ground that has more than one danger in its course, in three is a feat that is rarely accomplished. Mr. McMurray was enabled to perform the feat by virtue of laying his second, a long brassy shot, within reasonable putting distance, and holing his putt. He lost all the advantage he had gained at this hole, however, by taking six to the ninth, "the Monk," an ordinary four; and things looked considerably against him when, after missing his drive going to "Fox"—the eleventh hole, he took eight to get down. After two fives he just missed getting the fourteenth, "Alton," in two. The sixteenth, "the Well," proved a bad hole, the reason of this being that Mr. McMurray drove into the field and thus lost a stroke, a good four turning out a seven. The last hole, "Craigend," was taken in three with a brilliant bit of play. Mr. McMurray failed to get on to the green in two, but he holed his second approach shot off the iron. Altogether the round was a somewhat eventful one, its redeeming feature being generally good approaching and accurate putting. The winner's score out, 42, was the lowest of the day. The next best was that of Mr. J. Robertson, who turned home with 45. The next best scratch total for the round was that of the ex-captain, Mr. Morison, who came in with 91. Altogether the scratch men were farther down in the list than they should have been. The lowest handicap score turned out to be that of Mr. J. M. Cowan, who returning a total score of 100 had 20 off, making him 80. But Mr. Cowan had the unpleasant experience of being disqualified on account of his having gone round without a caddie, which is against the rules of the club. Mr. Cowan, we understand, could not get the services of a caddie when it came to his turn to start, and he accordingly went out without one. In any case the cross, and the first handicap sweepstakes went to Mr. Jas. Wilson, jun., who had the next best

handicap score 106, less 20 = 86. Undernoted are the details of all the cards handed in:

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|-----------------------|--------|------|------|--------------------|--------|------|------|
| Mr. J. M. Cowan | 100 | 20 | 80 | Mr. D. McMillan | 112 | 18 | 94 |
| Mr. Jas. Wilson, jun. | 106 | 20 | 86 | Mr. T. Johnston | 102 | 8 | 94 |
| Mr. A. McMurray | 88 | 0 | 88 | Mr. J. M. Jameson | 111 | 16 | 95 |
| Mr. Robert Lynn | 97 | 8 | 89 | Mr. W. Paton | 113 | 18 | 95 |
| Mr. Geo. Newton | 113 | 24 | 89 | Mr. R. Hutchison | 96 | 0 | 96 |
| Mr. H. Lauder | 106 | 16 | 90 | Mr. Jas. Robertson | 97 | 0 | 97 |
| Mr. J. M. Gray | 94 | 4 | 90 | Mr. Jas. A. Shaw | 97 | 0 | 97 |
| Mr. W. Morison | 91 | 0 | 91 | Mr. W. J. Anderson | 110 | 12 | 98 |
| Mr. John Kemp | 102 | 10 | 92 | Mr. J. M. Lipscomb | 119 | 18 | 101 |
| Mr. Jas. Irvine | 104 | 12 | 92 | Mr. W. M. Renwick | 110 | 6 | 104 |
| Mr. John Merry | 96 | 4 | 92 | | | | |

The remaining competitors did not hand in cards.

Dr. Hight, honorary secretary of the club, superintended the arrangements, and got the competitors away from the tee without loss of time, and at the conclusion of the competition the winners of the cross and medal were presented with their trophies by Mr. W. J. Anderson, the captain of the club.

It may be noted that the putting-greens were in almost perfect condition. Troon is, indeed, becoming noted, thanks to the care and skill of Willie Fernie, the club professional, for the excellence of its putting-greens, and the links, in virtue of the large and ever increasing amount of play that takes place over the ground all the year round, is steadily improving, and a bad lie from a well-directed shot is now the exception. The membership of the club has increased to such an extent recently that a large addition to the club-house has become necessary, and this addition is now in progress, and will extend the dimensions of the building to the accommodation of 600 members.

LADIES' ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for prizes presented by Baroness Berkeley and Mrs. F. J. Patton took place on Thursday, October 9th. Miss E. Chapman carried off the scratch prize after a tie with Mrs. H. Blackett, and the handicap prize was won by Miss L. Bannatine.

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|--------------------|--------|------|----------------------|
| Miss L. Bannatine | 100 | 24 | 76 |
| Miss F. Magniac | 101 | 22 | 79 |
| Miss E. Chapman | 90 | 8 | 82 winner scr. prize |
| Mrs. H. C. Clarke | 97 | 12 | 85 |
| Miss Magniac | 99 | 14 | 85 |
| Miss Clement | 102 | 15 | 87 |
| Miss M. Clement | 99 | 10 | 89 |
| Miss Bruce | 95 | 6 | 89 |
| Mrs. H. Blackett | 90 | scr. | 90 |
| Miss Porter | 98 | 7 | 91 |
| Mrs. H. H. Longman | 105 | 12 | 93 |
| Miss Bowring | 100 | 7 | 93 |
| Miss Mason | 99 | scr. | 99 |

Scores of 100 and over: Miss R. Haig, Miss R. Bannatine, Miss C. Bruce, Miss M. C. Bayley, Miss J. C. Bayley, and Miss Foster.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.—Golf on the Oxford links began again on Saturday last, the greens on the whole being in very good order, though in parts of the course the grass is still long. The weekly handicap sweepstakes will be played for every Friday, and the chief competition this term will be for the Inter-Collegiate trophy, which is played for in foursomes, two representatives from each college. At present the trophy is held by New College, who beat Lincoln last year after a close match. Last term great apprehension was felt, lest the club might have to give up their present ground on South Headington Hill, and go back to their old quarters on Cowley Marsh; but, fortunately, negotiations have been satisfactorily concluded, and the club have obtained a fresh lease of the links. The newly-appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Universities is an ardent golfer, and may be frequently seen upon the links. There are a great many new members this term, and the greens are crowded every day.

NAIRN.—On Saturday the members of the Nairn Club competed for the Pullar Medal. The competition resulted in a tie between Rev. Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Patrick Park, and on playing off Mr. Park won.

BEMBRIDGE.—At the meeting here on the 13th, Capt. David Kinloch won the Zollenham medal with a score of 88; Mr. A. Richards the club prize under handicap with 98, less 16 = 82; Mr. Dudley Ward second with 110, less 24 = 86. The captain's prizes for the best average scores for the year, scratch and under handicap, were won by Mr. David Brown and Mr. Forester Brown respectively.

HARRISON GOLF CLUB.—The final competition for the cup took place on Tuesday, October 7th, in Harrison Park, Edinburgh. Ten holes were played. Mr. John Bowie, 53, less 8 = 44, was the winner. Mr. L. G. Ross had the best scratch score, viz., 47. Mr. George, being the only member who has gained the trophy twice, gets the custody of the cup for the year and a gold badge.

BANK OF SCOTLAND GOLF CLUB.—This club held its autumn handicap competition on the Braids, Edinburgh, on Saturday afternoon.

Seven couples started, and the following was the result:—1, W. Lamond (scratch), 98; 2, J. J. Morison (scratch), 100; 3, S. H. McCulloch (plus 5), 102.

DUNFERMLINE CLUB.—The Gilmour monthly handicap medal was played for over the Ferryhills course on Saturday afternoon by a large number of members. The medal was won by Mr. R. Telford, Inverkeithing, with a score of 115, less 30=85; Mr. Peter Goodall being second with 84, plus 5=89.

HAWICK.—The tie for the prizes for the lowest scores in the second round of the autumn competition was decided on Saturday afternoon in the form of a foursome—Mr. James Barrie and Mr. P. Cruickshank v. Mr. G. P. Ross and Mr. Walter Hume. They finished level at eighteen holes. Another seven holes were agreed to, when Mr. G. P. Ross and Mr. Walter Hume won by three up.

MACHREHANISH GOLF CLUB.—The autumn meeting of this club was held on Thursday the 9th. After business in the club-house, when a proposal was submitted that the meeting next year be held in September, the members to the number of 33 competed for the silver medal (scratch) and a number of prizes played for under handicap. These included a silver flask, presented by members of the Ladies' Golf Club; a silver letter-rack, from Mr. W. Greenlees, the captain of the club; a silver inkstand, from the club; a Park's "lofter iron," from Colonel Mackay of Carskey; a cheese, from Mr. A. Rae; and golf balls, from Messrs. Samuel Greenlees, Robert Rae, and James Weir. At the close of the match, Mr. James Greenlees, of Campbelltown, was found to have gained the medal, as well as the Ladies' prize, with the low score of 80 strokes; his partner, Mr. Arthur Gardiner, being second with a score of 86. Mr. Greenlees' card was made up of 6 6 3 4 5 5 4 4 5=42, out, and 5 4 5 4 4 3 4 5 4=38 in; and Mr. Gardiner's of 5 5 5 6 5 5 4 5=46, out, and 5 4 5 5 4 2 5 6 4=40, in. The following are some of the best scores in handicap order:—

James Greenlees, 80 scr.=80; T. L. Galloway, 109, less 25=84; A. M. Greenlees, 88, less 3=85; R. L. Orr, 92, less 7=85; A. H. Gardiner, 86 scr.=86; D. Macallum, 95, less 8=87; David Colville, 95, less 7=88; Robert Rae, 103, less 15=88; J. B. Dickson, 120, less 30=90; Rev. J. Roberts Rae, 90 scr.=90; D. Cameron, 91 scr.=91; J. MacEwing, 96, less 4=92; J. H. Templeton, 104, less 12=92; W. Hunter, 103, less 10=93; John Colvill, 119, less 25=94; J. Lothian, 101, less 7=94; A. Macpherson, 99, less 5=94; Captain Stewart, 106, less 12=94; R. Y. Maxtone, 113, less 18=95; James Weir, 103, less 8=95; A. Rae, 96 scr.=96; John Greenlees, 98 scr.=98; W. J. Pearson, 110, less 12=98; T. Macfadzean, 105, less 6=99.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' GOLF CLUB.—The last prize meeting for the season took place at Musselburgh on Saturday. There was a large turn-out of members. The following is the result:—1, Mr. James Fraser, 101, less 17=84; 2 and 3, Mr. John Brown, 89, less 4=85; Mr. P. J. M'Duff, 99, less 14=85; 4, Mr. W. R. Hay, 103, less 16=87. Mr. Fraser's score of 84 also secured him the quarterly medals and monthly charm. The captain's prize, decided by the best aggregate of any four scores of the "charm competitions," has been won by Mr. John Brown.

SCOTTISH UNION AND NATIONAL INSURANCE OFFICE GOLF CLUB.—At Musselburgh on Saturday twelve members of this club turned out to take part in the fourth competition of the season—the prizes being the scratch medal and four handicap awards. On account of the strong westerly breeze which prevailed, the scoring generally ruled high. The following were the prize-winners:—Scratch medal and first handicap—Mr. Walter Stewart (captain); 2nd, Mr. J. A. Tait; 3rd, Mr. C. Lowe; and 4th, Mr. William Anderson.

LEITH CLUB.—The first monthly medal competition was played over Leith on Saturday, resulting in a win for Mr. J. Roland with the excellent score of 88. Mr. Rolland thus winning both scratch and handicap medals. The members thereafter had their annual supper, when the "Archibald Cup" and charms were presented.

SEAFIELD GOLF CLUB (LEITH).—This club held its first competition for the season on Friday and Saturday over Leith Links, with the following result:—1st, J. Chalmers, 83, less 19=64; 2nd, R. Gibson, 75, less 10=65; 3rd, J. Henderson, 69, less 1=68; 4th and 5th, T. Anderson, 81, less 12=69, and R. Duthie, 81, less 12=69—tie; 6th, H. Arnott, 92, less 21=71; S. Notman, 81, less 10=71; and R. Robinson, 71—tie.

DUMBARTON.—The monthly silver medal competition of the Dumbarton Golf Club was played on the golfing ground at Dumbarton Broad Meadow on Saturday. The result was as follows:—W. Lonie (scratch), 80; Matthew Lawson, 92, less 8=84; John Risk, 96, less 8=88; A. B. Law, 102, less 14=88; C. J. Babbie, 96, less 10=86; A. Dale, 105, less 14=91; J. Liddell, 104, less 12=92; James Hunter, 99, less 5=96. William Lonie is the winner of the medal.

KINGHORN.—The members of Kinghorn Thistle Club played a competition on Saturday for the Dunsire charm. Mr. David Mackie came in first with a score of 98, less 16=82.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—This club played their monthly medal competition over Kinghorn

Links on Saturday. Mr. George Borthwick won the medal with the creditable score of 88 (scratch)—44 for each round. Mr. J. P. Edison was second, with a net score of 96. This is the last medal competition for the season.

EDINBURGH VIEWFORTH GOLF CLUB.—The tie for the gold medal of the club was played off over Musselburgh Links on Monday, the 6th inst., one round of the green, between Mr. T. G. Buchan and Mr. Oliver Thomson, with the following result:—Mr. Thomson, 42; Mr. Buchan 48. Mr. Thomson's score was 5, 6, 4, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5=42.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the silver medal presented by Councillor Robertson, the captain of the club, was played for on the Braids course on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when the following gentlemen competed:—Convener Ramage, Councillors Macpherson, Kinloch, Anderson, Robertson, McCrae, and Macnaughton, Mr. George Somerville, Procurator-Fiscal; Mr. Hew Morrison, librarian; Mr. Henderson, Chief Constable; Mr. Campbell, deputy city clerk; Mr. Gibb, treasurer to the Gas Commissioners; and Mr. Laing, burgh assessor. When the cards were handed in, it was found that the winner of the medal was Mr. Campbell, with a score of 102, less 18=84; Councillor Macpherson came next with a score of 99, less 4=95; Mr. Somerville (scratch) was third with a score of 98. The opinion of the members was that the new course is a great improvement over the old.

ROYAL MUSSELBURGH GOLF CLUB AUTUMN COMPETITION.—The members of the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club held their autumn competition on Thursday, the 9th inst., over Musselburgh Links. Previous to play being entered upon, the usual business meeting of the club was held in the club-house. Mr. Thomas Carmichael was elected captain for the year, in place of Mr. M. J. Brown, and the other office-bearers were re-elected. The annual report stated the prosperity of the club still continued. During the year nineteen new members had been admitted, and though the expense of supplying the billiard-table had been all cleared off, and a large expenditure had been made on and in connection with the club-house, there remained a balance at the credit of profit and loss account of £40 12s. The membership now stood at 114 ordinary and 10 honorary members. The abstract of accounts showed that the income amounted to £463 os. 5d., and the expenditure to £422 8s. 5d., leaving a credit balance of £40 12s. About thirty members took part in the competition, the merit prizes in which were the club's silver cup and the colonial medal. There were also three handicap prizes. At the same competition last year, the silver cup of the club was carried off for the second year in succession by Mr. Marcus J. Brown with a score of 86, and the colonial cup by Mr. A. W. Millar, who finished with 89. Two rounds of the course, or eighteen holes, were played. As a rule the scores were higher than usual, although that which secured first place was only one stroke higher than that of last year's winner. On the conclusion of the day's play, Mr. A. W. Millar obtained possession of the silver cup of the club with a total of 87. The details of his score were:—First round—4 7 6 5 5 4 5 4=45; second round—4 7 7 4 5 5 3 4=42=87. The nearest approach to this score was made by Mr. Marcus J. Brown, whose card showed a total of 90, and the colonial cup therefore passed into his possession. Mr. R. B. Nesbit, the Rev. T. White, and Mr. William Urquhart tied for the first handicap prize with a net score of 87. The following were the principal scores: R. B. Nesbit, 97, less 10=87; Rev. T. White, 99, less 12=87; Wm. Urquhart, 99, less 12=87; Dr. L. R. Gray, 95, less 6=89; John Richardson, 98, less 8=90; A. W. Millar, 87, plus 4=91; J. M. Brown, 105, less 12=93; J. Williamson, 111, less 18=93; F. A. Renwick, 98, less 4=94; Wm. Dougall, 108, less 14=94; Robert Millar, 107, less 12=95; M. J. Brown, 90, plus 6=96; Garden G. Smith, 92, plus 4=96; James Gibson, 105, less 8=97; Thos. Carmichael, 110, less 12=98; Alex. White, 117, less 18=99. The usual dinner was held in the club-house in the evening, the captain, Mr. Thos. Carmichael, presiding.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.—A large and influential Golf club has been in the course of formation since last June in this well known and beautiful part of Cheshire, and has of late grown so rapidly that it bids fair to become the leading institution of its kind on this side of the county. Bowdon and Altrincham, being both residential townships, within about ten miles of Manchester, have furnished a strong contingent of members, some of whom are old hands, and others very enthusiastic in learning the game, the numbers enrolled being for the present limited to one hundred. The links, which are at Dunham Massey, near to Bowdon, consist at present of nine holes, laid out on undulating ground, are about one mile and three-quarters in extent, and possess many natural hazards in the shape of water-holes, sand-pits, and trees. For an inland course it is unusually attractive, the picturesque scenery and healthy breezes combined being in no small degree responsible for the keenness with which players new to the game are taking it up. Next year it is under contemplation to enlarge the course to eighteen holes, for which there is ample room. A good Club House for the use of members, with a professional's workroom attached, is being built, and will be opened as soon as possible. All golfers and visitors to the district wishing to play on the links are asked to com-

municate with the hon. sec., Mr. T. Creswick Oliver, 6, Laurel Mount, Bowdon, who will be glad to give them every possible information.

DORNOCH.—On Saturday forenoon the last competition but one for the Singapore Cup, presented by Mr. Alex. Mackay, was played in beautiful golfing weather. The cup has been played for under handicap every fortnight since May, and on Saturday morning those in the running for it were Mr. I. Sutherland (scratch), three wins; Mr. M. Macdonald (scratch), two wins; and Mr. Alex. Innes (7 odds), two wins. Mr. Innes, playing in the first couple with Mr. W. F. Orr (Glasgow), handed in a score of 88, less 7=81. Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Sutherland played together, and were the last couple. When their cards were handed in it was found that Mr. Sutherland topped the list with a 76 (one stroke more than the record, 38 out and 38 in), thus making him the absolute winner of the cup with an average of 79.3 for the four competitions. The weekly competition for Mr. Urquhart's inkstand was also held on Saturday, and the following is the order of the top scorers:—Mr. J. Sutherland (scratch), 76; Mr. Alex. Innes, 88, less 7=81; Mr. A. Morrison, 89, less 8=81; Mr. M. Macdonald (scratch), 83; Mr. W. F. Orr (scratch), 84; J. Campbell (scratch) 89.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, EDINBURGH.—The Golf club of this school held its first winter meeting at Mussleburgh on Saturday, the 11th inst. The weather was fine, but a troublesome wind prevented low scoring. Scores for 18 holes:—

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|-----------------|--------|------|------|-----------------|--------|------|------|
| J. Simson | 117 | 40 | 77 | W. K. Aikman | 122 | 18 | 104 |
| J. L. Stevenson | 88 | scr. | 88 | R. W. Stevenson | 120 | 12 | 108 |
| H. Paulin | 134 | 40 | 90 | D. Mason | 134 | 18 | 116 |
| R. J. Bryce | 114 | 12 | 102 | L. J. M. Deas | 102 | 40 | 122 |

No returns from W. M. Stuart and G. A. Paulin. At the same time Mr. Jones and Mr. Anderson (F. P.) played a foursome with Mr. Hall and Mr. Fleming (F. P.). After an interesting match Mr. Hall and his partner were beaten by four holes. Mr. Simson (F. P.) also played a single with Mr. J. Anderson (F. P.), the former doing the nine holes in the remarkably low figures of 39, and the latter in 41.

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.—This competition took place at the links, Bulwell, on Thursday, October 9th, in delightful weather. There were many spectators present. The contest was three times round the course (18 holes), and the following were the results:—The cup (to be held till the spring competition of 1891) and a cross.—J. Harris and J. C. Warren tied with a score of 87. (Tie to be played off next week.) Three rounds under handicap.—First prize, C. F. Dobson, 101, handicap 27—74; second prize, E. Williamson, 97, handicap 12—85. Lowest single round.—From scratch: J. Harris, 26. Under handicap: C. F. Dobson, 32, handicap 9—23. Detailed scores:—

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|---------------|--------|--------|------|--------------|--------|------|------|
| J. Harris | 87 | owes 3 | 90 | J. Johnstone | 106 | 12 | 97 |
| J. C. Warren | 87 | scr. | 87 | J. Russell | 109 | scr. | 109 |
| J. Doleman | 94 | owes 3 | 97 | S. Groves | 115 | 18 | 97 |
| A. C. Beckton | 96 | 6 | 90 | S. Davidson | 118 | 18 | 100 |
| E. Williamson | 97 | 12 | 85 | J. Henderson | 119 | 15 | 104 |
| R. D. Oswald | 97 | scr. | 97 | F. Green | 119 | 18 | 101 |
| R. F. Smith | 98 | 6 | 92 | G. Seals | 120 | 18 | 102 |
| C. F. Dobson | 101 | 27 | 74 | F. W. Allen | 133 | 27 | 106 |
| J. McMeeking | 101 | 3 | 98 | H. Wallis | 135 | 12 | 123 |
| H. F. Smith | 103 | 6 | 97 | W. H. Hutton | 137 | 27 | 110 |
| C. S. Wardle | 103 | 12 | 91 | F. Bannister | 141 | 27 | 114 |

Five members made no return.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.—The first monthly medal competition for the winter was played on Saturday. There was a fair turn out of members. The weather was very fine and warm, and the greens were in splendid order. The following are the scores:—

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|-----------------|--------|------|-------------|
| Major Lindsay | 89 | 8 | 81 (Medal). |
| T. J. Melville | 104 | 22 | 82 |
| F. Taylor | 97 | 13 | 84 |
| T. Ravenhill | 107 | 22 | 85 |
| F. G. Thorne | 103 | 18 | 85 |
| J. W. Grover | 105 | 16 | 89 |
| C. D. Cumming | 110 | 20 | 90 |
| R. Stewart Bain | 106 | 16 | 90 |
| J. P. Croal | 99 | 5 | 94 |
| S. G. Warner | 115 | 18 | 97 |
| J. S. Robb | 107 | 9 | 98 |
| W. Fogg | 131 | 30 | 101 |
| E. R. Goolden | 141 | 30 | 111 |

No returns:—N. Hicks, A. J. Robertson, Jeans, Mackintosh, Bell, E. Johnstone, McCall Smith.

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT KINGHORN.—The annual autumn tournament for prizes in connection with Kinghorn Golf Club came off on Monday, the 6th inst. The following are the prize-winners:—Rev. J. B. Burnett, Kinghorn, 91, less 18=73; Mr. James M'Pherson,

Kirkcaldy, 93, less 14=79; Mr. George R. Hepburn, Kinghorn, 94, less 14=80; Mr. G. B. Key, Kirkcaldy, 93, less 12=81; Mr. Adam M'Pherson, Kirkcaldy, 82, scratch; Rev. J. D. Hay, Sinclairtown 99, less 16=83; Mr. Thomas Scott, Kirkcaldy, 90, less 6=84; Mr. James Wyllie, Kinghorn, 101, less 16=85; Mr. Thomas Smith, Kirkcaldy, 90, less 4=86; Mr. James Hepburn, Kinghorn, 101, less 18=86 (tie). Some of the other best scores in order were:—Provost Smith, Kinghorn, 112, less 24=88; Mr. George Oswald, Kinghorn, 96, less 6=90; Mr. John Greig, Kirkcaldy, 100, less 9=91; Mr. H. C. Darney, Kinghorn, 104, less 12=92; Mr. H. B. Kirkwood, Edinburgh, 112, less 18=94; Mr. Mitchell, 111, less 16=95; Mr. J. D. M'Kendrick, 114, less 14=100; Mr. Henry Maiden, 112, less 12=100; Councillor Bruce, 124, less 24=100. The tie between Mr. Smith and Mr. Hepburn was played off, when Mr. Smith won, and thus got the ninth prize. In the afternoon the unsuccessful competitors in the forenoon played two rounds of the green for two consolation prizes. The first went to Mr. J. D. M'Kendrick, Kirkcaldy, with a score of 90, less 14=76, the second going to Mr. James Davidson with a score of 86. In the afternoon, also, the final for the gold charm, presented to the club by Provost Smith, was played off, the competitors being Mr. Adam M'Pherson, captain; Mr. Thomas Smith, Mr. James Davidson, Kirkcaldy, and Mr. James Wyllie. Mr. Adam M'Pherson won the charm with a score of 84, scratch; Mr. Davidson being second with 98, less 12=86.

NEWBIGGIN CLUB.—The final competition for the Firth Bowl took place over the Newbiggin links on the 4th inst. in good weather. Mr. James Hedley and Mr. G. Longstaff having won this prize three and four times respectively out of twelve competitions, it was arranged that they should decide who should be the ultimate possessor of the bowl. After the decision of the game, it was found that Mr. Hedley had beaten his opponent by one stroke only on the two rounds. Both gentlemen having now four wins to their credit, decided to play one round to settle the matter definitely, and Mr. Hedley again proved successful. The scores were: Mr. Jas. Hedley, 102, less 5=97; Mr. G. Longstaff, 101, less 3=98. Final: Mr. Jas. Hedley, 51, less 2=49; Mr. G. Longstaff, 52, less 14=50. The tenth competition for the gold medal, offered by the club for competition, took place on Friday afternoon, in fine weather. There was a strong breeze blowing across the course, and the teeing grounds were put much farther back. Scores: Mr. J. Lowthian Bell, 98, less 2=96; Mr. J. Tate, 114, less 8=106; Mr. D. Rosser, 118, less 11=107. Several other competitors retired. It has been arranged to hold the competition, postponed from last June, to-morrow (Saturday), 18th inst.

INNERLEVEN GOLF CLUB.—This meeting was held at Leven, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Eighteen couples started to compete for the "Chiene" putter (scratch) and a prize presented by the captain (handicap). The following is the order of starting:—John M'Gibbon and James H. Smith, Dr. A. H. Vassie and James T. Inglis, Dr. A. F. Crole and R. W. B. Creeke, Robert Russell and Alex. Wallace, R. W. Wallace and John Cowan, Dr. David Wallace and W. Norman Boase, Rev. John Ritchie and S. W. Johnston, Andrew Dewar and Alex. M'Laren, Charles Anderson and John Wallace, John Adamson and James Anderson, W. Hearsay Salmon and George Russell, W. H. Dalrymple and R. R. Prentice, Rev. Wm. Milne and A. Sheriff, Robert Smith and E. A. Carswell, Hugh S. Robson and Sydney Wyatt, John H. Carswell and John Foggo, John Balfour and H. W. Hutchison, T. C. Balfour and T. C. Riddell. There was a strong westerly wind, and scoring was consequently high. Result:—"Chiene" putter, Robert Russell, 95. Next best scores:—Dr. Vassie, 96; J. H. Carswell, 98; James H. Smith, 98; Charles Anderson, 98; Dr. Crole, 99; John M'Gibbon, 99; A. Sheriff, 99. The captain's prize (handicap) was won by James Anderson, 101, less 12=89. Sweepstakes were gained by A. Sheriff, W. Norman Boase, John Balfour, James H. Smith, Dr. Crole, John M'Gibbon, Andrew Dewar and T. C. Riddell.

ELECTRIC CLUB.—The autumn prize competition was held on the Braids, at Edinburgh, on Friday, the 10th inst. There was a large turnout, but owing to the strong wind scoring was high. The following are the prize-winners:—1st prize and monthly medal, J. Wood, 94, less 10=84; 2, 3, and 4, J. Stewart, 84, plus 4=88; J. M'Nab, scratch, 88; W. Wood, 93, less 5=88, tie; 5 and 6, J. Lawrie, 97, less 5=92; J. M'Cracken, 100, less 8=92, tie; 7 and 8, A. J. Wilson, 96, less 2=94; J. Davidson, 99, less 5=94, tie; 9, J. Bell, scratch, 96; 10, G. Turnbull, 106, less 6=100; A. Fraser, 110, less 10=100, tie.

KELSO CLUB.—The annual general meeting of members was held on Friday, the 10th inst., in the Queen's Head Hotel, under the presidency of Dr. Rutherford. Office-bearers were appointed for the ensuing season, the patron being the Duke of Roxburgh; captain, Dr. Rutherford; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Allan Stevenson. It was agreed to ask the members for inscriptions for a cup, to be played for annually, and it was resolved by the meeting to allocate a sum equal to that subscribed from the funds of the club towards the purchase of the cup. The meeting also resolved to admit artisans as members at a yearly subscription of 2s. 6d.