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Fixtures.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 1.—Prestwick; Autumn Meeting.
 Oct. 2 and 4.—Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club; Autumn Meeting. Manchester Gold Medal and Handicap Prizes; Hermon Challenge Cup and Handicap Prizes.
 Oct. 4.—Clapham; "Cronin" Medal. St. Nicholas, Prestwick; Bailie Wilson's Medal. Royal Jersey; Autumn Meeting. Redhill and Reigate; Allen Medal. United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake.
 Oct. 4, 5, 6.—Alnmouth; Autumn Meeting.
 Oct. 4, 7, 8, 10.—Royal North Devon; Autumn Meeting.
 Oct. 7, 8, 9.—North Berwick; Amateur Golf Tournament. Carnoustie and Taymouth; Sweepstake Competition.
 Oct. 8.—Royal Liverpool; Autumn Meeting.
 Oct. 9.—Innerleven; Autumn Meeting. Troon; Autumn Meeting.
 Oct. 10 and 11.—Whitley; Inaugural Prize Meeting; the Davison, Wyndham, and Hamilton Cups.
 Oct. 11.—Tantallon Autumn Meeting; Club Medal, Victoria Jubilee Cup. St. George's (Sandwich); Autumn Meeting. United Service (Portsmouth); Poynder Challenge Cup. West Herts; Handicap Medal.
 Oct. 13.—Royal Isle of Wight; Autumn Meeting.
 Oct. 15 and 16.—Worcestershire; Autumn Meeting.
 Oct. 16 and 18.—Aberdeen; Autumn Meeting. London Scottish; Autumn Meeting.
 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.
 Oct. 25.—Felixstowe; Prize, value 3 guineas, given by the Club.
 Oct. 21.—Felixstowe; Monthly Challenge Cup. Royal Blackheath; Glennie Medal.

- Oct. 23-25.—Royal Wimbledon; Autumn Meeting.
 Oct. 24-25.—Royal Eastbourne; Autumn Meeting.
 Oct. 25.—Luffness; Wemyss Challenge Handicap Medal. Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, with Sweepstake. Redhill and Reigate; Autumn Meeting. United Service (Portsmouth); The Captain's Prize. Troon; Sandhills and Club Medals. Royal Ascot; Mr. Haig's prize.
 Oct. 26.—Alnmouth; Final Competition for Handicap Cup.

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.
 Nov. 4.—Great Yarmouth and Cambridge University; at Yarmouth.
 Nov. 8.—West Herts; Handicap Medal.
 Nov. 15.—Disley; First Winter Handicap.
 Nov. 22.—West Lancashire; Autumn Meeting.
 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.

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. 20.—Disley; Second Winter Handicap.
 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.

JANUARY.

- Jan. 18.—Royal Epping Forest Golf Club; Quarterly Meeting and Monthly Competition.

We hear on very good authority that a ladies' Golf club will shortly be started at Wimbledon, and that the conservators of the Common have given their permission. A course has already been partly chosen. Now is your time, ladies; such a club has long been wanted.

NOTES BY A MIDDLE-AGED BEGINNER.

The alternate disappointments and gleams of hope which accompany the endeavours of an old sportsman to learn Golf can have little importance in the eyes of any but his own immediate circle, and in the writer's case, alas! the progress made is altogether out of proportion to the interest aroused in his mind for the game itself, since he was first attracted to the arena by the solicitude of two friends respectively famous in the cricket and running worlds. The propaganda diligently pursued by them has resulted in the enrolment of several recruits varying in age, which alone offers an excuse for the jotting down of the following reflections and facts.

That the practice of Golf is compatible with excellence at cricket is the profound conviction of the writer, an earnest devotee to the latter English game. If evidence be required to support this opinion, it is forthcoming in the scornful reply made by Lord Bessborough—the Nestor of the cricket field—in the writer's presence, to a critic who deprecated a youthful aspirant to the Harrow eleven wielding his golf club in the holidays. On the other hand, we have Mr. Horace Hutchinson's published dictum,* that a would-be proficient at Golf should endeavour to "forget all he ever learned" at Lords or the Oval. Golf, therefore, is more likely than cricket to lose in style in consequence of its being now frequently taken up by cricketers in the winter season; so that batsmen, bowlers, and fieldsmen may infest the links at Wimbledon, North Berwick, or St. Andrews, with little fear of imperilling their aptitude for their summer pastime.

Many, indeed, are the pleasant memories connected with an introduction to Golf and golfers, not the least of these being the sociability inseparable from the surroundings. Once and once only has the writer felt as if the opening of the ground beneath him would alone relieve his embarrassment, viz., on finding how deeply he had wounded the susceptibilities of his mentors by innocently applying the apparently appropriate designation of "sticks" to those sacred implements known to the initiated only as "clubs." "Don't for pity's sake do it again, my dear fellow," was the mildest among the remonstrances elicited by this heinous offence.

Any attempt to dilate upon the technicalities of the game, or to describe the various sensations produced by the vicissitudes thereof, might lead to further breaches of the unwritten code known to and enforced by proficient golfers, so we shall content ourselves with an expression of unqualified astonishment at the force of stroke and accuracy of aim both as to direction, and what billiard-players call "strength" achieved by thorough experts.

It is impossible to forget that at no other game does a beginner receive so much encouragement, out of all proportion to his merits as a player, while non-proficients really get more of the game than successful rivals, this being in critical quarters objected to as a fault in Golf. Not one, however, at which the tyro need cavil.

Any beginner on the links will be painfully conscious of the difficulty presented by the simple act of striking a ball with a well-defined club head; even skilled tennis and cricket players, accustomed by long habit to keep the eye on the ball, failing from time to time altogether, and he must be esteemed a fortunate man in whose case numerous and various implements do not succumb shattered and useless in disastrous contact with mother earth.

The multiplication of links all around the coast is now frequently the means of preventing an annual family visit to the seaside proving a penance to any overworked paterfamilias of active habit. Such an one in former days would bitterly lament the absence of the athletic recreation which he had left far behind him together with those mental labours, the effects of which it was his duty and desire to counteract. It is now happily almost impossible to find a seaside place where Golf cannot be played within easy distance. Even the wives, supposing—as is by no means improbable—they do not play themselves, find ample reward in that increased health and happiness which accrues to their spouses; albeit with a show of plausibility, some dames have been heard to deprecate too prolonged a sojourn by the

sad sea waves, on what but for the golfers' presence, might almost be styled a desert island, and which at certain seasons of the year deserves the name of a marsh.

Convinced as each votary of Golf will doubtless be of its merits, many probably fail to realise the antiquity of this game, while to a mind attracted by historic research, the fact of being in touch with the past forms not the least of the titles to honour claimed by this healthful and popular pastime. The following notes may therefore prove acceptable; some of them being suggested in a privately printed paper on the antiquity of Golf, by Mr. C. H. Compton, Associate of the British Archaeological Society.

Golf seems to be a branch of the original game of "ball," which is so ancient that, according to Herodotus, men attributed its invention to the Lydians, who therewith allayed the pangs of a pre-historic famine. The father of history is prudent enough not to express belief in this legend, which may be dismissed as absolutely baseless.

The question has been asked whether the form of this pastime which Homer (*Odyssey VI.*) assigns to Nausicaa, daughter of Alcinous, king of Phaeacia, when she went to the river side with her maidens to wash their garments and indulge in play, had most affinity to Golf or cricket. But Homer's language, which is indifferently represented by Pope's translation, does not weaken the evidence of Greek lexicographers to the effect that sundry varieties of the game of catch and other hand-play, together with the game of football, comprised the full extent of ball-play in ancient Greece. Nausicaa may, as Chapman has it, have "struck the ball," but if so, it is pretty certain that it was with her hand. We are merely told that after partaking of refreshment, the princess and her maids played at ball, and after they had folded the linen, and were about to start homeward, the royal laundress flung a ball at one of her maids, which missed her and fell into the water. Pope's version runs:—

"And while the robes imbibe the solar ray,
O'er the green mead the sporting virgins play:
(Their shining veils unbound.) Along the skies
Tost, and retost, the ball incessant flies."

And again,—

"Forth from her snowy hand Nausicaa threw
The various ball; the ball erroneous flew,
And swam the stream: loud shrieks the virgin train,
And the loud shriek redoubles from the main."

In the notes to Pope's translation (Edition 1771, Vol. VI., p. 284) the annotator mentions a fragment of Sophocles, which represents Nausicaa on this occasion as practising unexpected catching, such as may very often be seen during spare moments at a cricket-match, one name for which with the Greeks was *φενίς*, "deception (?)" (Hesychius). But all we learn from Homer is that she pelted or "corked" the damsel, an act which suggests the recreation of a monkey in a cocoanut palm rather than Golf.

If the principles of evolution may be applied to ball-play, as is admissible if not necessary, there are many steps to be discovered before we can trace the descent of Golf on the one hand, and cricket and base-ball on the other, not to mention fives, tennis, and rackets, from the Homeric game of "catch." By the way, the implement racket has its prototype in the instrument used at Constantinople by the Emperor Manuel Comnenus at the game of *chaugān*.

It may be suggested tentatively, that football was developed from hand ball, and hockey from football, the last two games being the same in principle, though the implements are different. Polo is a kind of hockey, though the late Colonel Yule under the word "*chicane*," in his admirable Anglo-Indian Glossary, calls the Persian *chaugān*, "now well known in England under the name of polo," "horse golf."

About the year A.D. 700 this equestrian hockey or Golf passed to Constantinople, where to play at it was called *τετρακίσιον*, and thence passed in a pedestrian form under the name *chicane* to Languedoc.

A rudimentary form of fives and tennis is to be recognised in the ancient Greek game in which the player kept striking the ball to the ground with his hand so that it rebounded to meet successive strokes.

The exact position of Golf in this evolutionary process from

* "Hints on the Game of Golf," Rule IV.

the pristine game of ball cannot be determined, and as the opinion of experts differs thereon, the subject may be recommended for future consideration in these columns. Possibly both Golf and pall-mall or mall may be regarded as remote descendants of hockey, altered to suit the convenience of players when a comparatively small number engaged in the game. On this supposition the goals became smaller and smaller, and at last—the defence element being given up—the contest resolved itself into a trial of skill in sending the ball through a hoop or into a hole or a series of holes. It seems probable, however, that the nature of soil and country available had something to do with the precise form in which this ancient game has been handed down to us in Scotland, a fact not detracting from the interest or researches into its remoter past.

The still more complicated question of the evolution of cricket demands altogether separate treatment. It seems that though we need not go to the Children of Lud for the invention of the game of ball, we must betake ourselves to Holland for the origin of the name "Golf." Professor Skeat says the name is taken from that of a Dutch game played with a mall and ball, the Dutch *kolf* being defined by Sewel as "a club to strike little boulds or balls with, a mall-stick."

Mr. Andrew Lang, however, in his opening chapter in the Badminton Series, shows that this Flemish sport was certainly not modern Golf, although the Dutch and English games seem to own the same names, and may have sprung from a common origin. The pictures in the Badminton volume relating to the above-named Dutch pastime of *kolf*, should not, therefore, escape the notice of our golfers, who otherwise may be led to think the two diversions identical.

Mr. Compton, in his above-named treatise, contends that the leather ball stuffed with feathers, which the Romans styled "paganica," was identical with the golf balls in vogue amongst ourselves until they were superseded in 1847 by those of gutta-percha make. This may or may not be the case, but it is a matter of small importance, in the absence of any evidence that the *paganica* was struck with a club or stick. As to the antiquity of the game he tells us (as did Mr. Andrew Lang in the Badminton Series) how the Scots national game was forbidden North o' Tweed, during the reign of James II. (A.D. 1457), and demonstrates further that such prohibition was repeated under the succeeding monarch, James III. The object in view seems to have been the protection of archery directly as a sport, and indirectly as a means of national defence; and the prohibition in question seems to have been framed on similar lines to those of an English statute, passed during the thirty-ninth year of the reign of Edward III. (A.D. 1349), when "Cambuca"—a game played with a ball and crooked club, with which Strutt, in his "Field Sports," identifies Golf—was placed on the *index expurgatorius* of mediæval athleticism. Despite these blows aimed at its very existence, Golf became a royal diversion in Scotland when once the invention of gunpowder had minimised the value of archery as a means of warfare, so that James IV., in 1503, engaged the then Earl of Bothwell in friendly competition, while several entries amongst the Lord High Treasurer's accounts spreading over the next three years give the sums expended for the King on "golf clubbis and ballis."

The following statements suggest that the taste proved hereditary in the Stuart family. Queen Mary was accused of heartless conduct towards her late husband, Lord Darnley, for seeking recreation at Golf and pall-mall near Seaton soon after his death. James I. of England established the Blackheath Golf Club. James II. of England and VII. of Scotland, then Duke of York, played with one Patterson, a shoe-maker, in a foursome against two Englishmen at Edinburgh, the Scots pair carrying off the victory. Charles I. was golfing on the links at Leith, when a message reached him to the effect that the Irish rebellion of 1641 had broken out. These items of historical gossip are common property, but few people know that early in the year 1744, when Charles Edward Stuart resolved to make an attempt to regain the throne for his father, the Chevalier de St. George, he was found by the Scottish gentlemen who came to confer with him regarding this eventful campaign, playing at Golf in the gardens of the Roman Villa Borghese.*

It was improbable that the princes of the House of Brunswick

when settled in England should become votaries of a game which then hailed almost exclusively from Scotland, so that the only Prince since known to have cared for Golf was the late Duke of Albany.

As regards the game itself the next few years will probably see a still greater advance both in the number of players, and the style in vogue; while in the suburbs of London alone (Wimbledon, of course, excepted) does there seem any probability of Golf standing still, and this because new members may very likely prefer to play on links farther from the metropolis. It is however pleasant to have the game close to one's own doors, so that existing Clubs may still hold their own around the great city, even if a foursome enjoyed after nine o'clock in the morning involve an altercation with divers nursemaids, and the stolid opposition of numerous unfriendly pedestrians.

P. M. THORNTON.

PROBLEMS.

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEM No. 1.—A, immediately after his stroke, makes his caddie replace the divot carefully. B's ball is then placed on it, and he plays his stroke. Note.—A divot is not always replaced with the idea of the cut piece of turf growing again, but to fill up the hole, and prevent the balls of other players resting in it.—DORMY ONE.

Is not problem 1 a little too easy even for a first number? Of course, what happens is that B swears horribly.—R. D. M.

PROBLEM No. 2.

About the middle of a round, and during a very closely contested game, A and B playing the same maker's balls, strike off from the tee. The drive is over a hill, and it is impossible to see where the balls fall. A's ball is seen going to the right, and B's ball to the left. Only one ball can be found, and it is on the right. On examination it is found to be a ball belonging to B, but as A drove to the right he claims it as the ball he drove, and thinks the balls have been changed at some former hole. B admits going to the left, and, though astonished to find his ball on the right, claims it as the one he drove. What happens?—DORMY ONE.

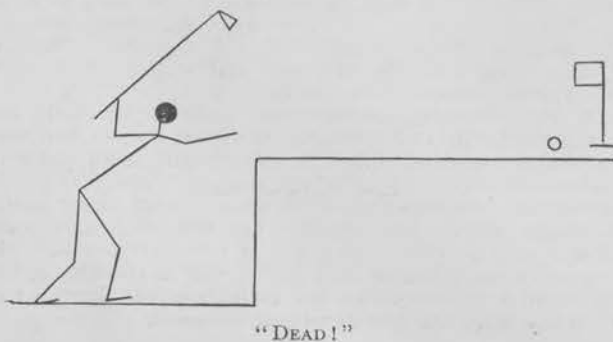
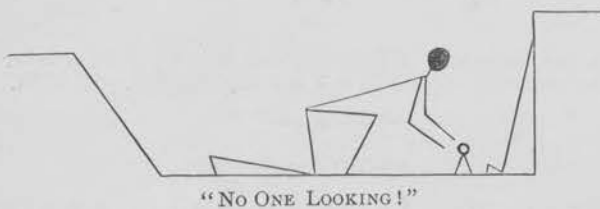
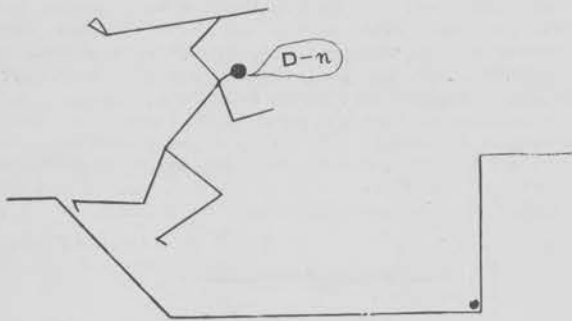
RECEPTION OF MR. JOHN BALL, JUN.

On Tuesday evening, 23rd ult., a large company sat down to a dinner at the Stanley Hotel, Hoylake, which was held in honour of Mr. John Ball, jun., having won the Golf Championship at Prestwick during the previous week. The gathering consisted mainly of a number of the champion's intimate friends, including the Rev. W. S. P. Skelding (who presided), Messrs. T. O. Potter, J. Ball, sen., C. Smith, C. Roberts, C. N. Stewart, J. B. Smith, T. R. Evans, J. Jolly, W. Yates, Dr. Land, D. Ball, W. Moore, J. Campbell, W. H. Edwards, F. H. Williams, and many others. After dinner the Vicar proposed the usual toasts, which were suitably responded to. The toast of the evening was suitably proposed by Mr. Bell in a few appropriate sentences. The harmony of the evening was well sustained by Messrs. T. O. Potter, J. Campbell, Theo. R. Evans, Land, Edwards, Williams, and several others, while Mr. Farnal presided at the pianoforte.

A very interesting statement was made of Mr. Ball's performances by Mr. C. Roberts, which showed that he had been successful in winning almost every competition for which he had entered, beginning at the age of 15 by winning the boys' medal, and ever since carrying on his successful career almost without a break. The company was also much entertained with a history of how the father of the champion had distinguished himself in the early days of Golf at Hoylake, and by his example encouraged his son to perform the deeds which have now made him famous all over the world.

* Ewald's "Life of Prince Charles Edward Stuart," Vol. I., p. 77.

"His power of extricating himself out of what appeared the most hopeless difficulties was little short of magical."—*Vide Field.*



Correspondence.

OUGHT THE STIMY TO BE ABOLISHED?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "One of the Old School," has a delightfully easy way of getting rid of the real and substantial objection raised by many to the existing rule with regard to stymies, when he states that "the unfairness of the stymie to your opponent is really not worth considering."

Many a time have I heard golfers of the "old school" argue against the abolition of the stymie, but even the most conservative of these have usually been willing to admit the "hard-lines" suffered by an opponent when a stymie is laid, and have merely sought to defend the existing rule on the grounds of the undesirability of doing away with the skilful stroke required to overcome the difficulty when it occurs.

Now, sir, I believe that most golfers will admit that the element of chance should, so far as is possible, be eliminated from what is purely a game of skill. Moreover in my opinion the unfairness of the stymie is greatly aggravated by the fact that in nearly every case where a stymie is laid by an opponent the event is brought about by bad play on the part of the striker, who, in playing his stroke, has failed to hole his ball, owing either to misjudgment of strength or fault in direction. The point, therefore, naturally arises whether it be fair that A should suffer and have unforeseen difficulties placed in the way of his playing at the hole, because forsooth his opponent B happens to have made an indifferent stroke.

On the other hand I hold that if A, in playing his stroke, lays himself a stymie—which must be due to bad play on his own part, and for which therefore B cannot in any way be held to be responsible—the question of unfairness does not apply.

I can see no reason why the rule with respect to stymies should not be altered so as, in a measure, to meet the views of both parties, and I would suggest that in the event of a stymie being laid by an opponent the ball nearest the hole should be liftable, but that should a player lay himself a stymie the rule should hold good as it at present stands.

Were a rule framed on this basis the element of unfairness would be done away with, and yet "One of the Old School," and others of his way of thinking, might still occasionally have the opportunity afforded them of "circumventing by adroit and well-judged play the difficulties which bar their progress," and which in its creation would be due to bungling play on their own part.

Your correspondent P. G. T., although writing in favour of the stymie, in reality gives the very strongest evidence in support of my contention when he states "if you must not improve your own lie it follows *à fortiori* that you must do *nothing* which may in any way injure that of your adversary." It is surely self-evident that the position of player A is seriously injured if B in playing lays him a stymie.

I remain, Sir, yours etc.,

D. D.

SIR,—I feel sure that every golfer will feel deeply grateful to you, and to your correspondent, for starting a discussion on the stymie question. It is the tendency of the present age of golfers to obviate all difficulties which arise in the game of Golf. This tendency, if it spreads much farther, will tend to lower the tone of the game. A stymie is one of the hardest difficulties to overcome, and it needs a considerable amount of skill and practice to accomplish it. Why (as your correspondent of the "old school" rightly asks) should the difficulties of this noble game be abolished? Is it to be a game without difficulties? All the hazards on a course might as well be abolished, and thus turn it into a game devoid of skill. Is this not incongruous, to say the least of it?

It would spoil one of the most interesting features of this splendid game; it would abolish nearly all the excitement, which is such a prominent feature in this enjoyable pastime. And, Sir, I feel sure that all lovers of this ancient game would be deeply thankful to you if, through the medium of your

columns, you could squash those golfers who would fain have such an interesting part of the game abolished, and help to launch their stupid suggestions into an everlasting oblivion.

I am &c.,

24th September, 1890.

R. J. B.

SIR,—During a foursome on the Minehead Links, a stymie occurred. One ball lay about eighteen inches from the hole, while the other was ten feet away. The player, our Captain, Mr. W. Richardson, in order to win, played his ball straight on the stymie, sending his opponent's ball the same distance over the hole, and landing his own ball in the hole—as fine a following stroke as could be played. If stymies are abolished you will have to go to the billiard-table to see such play.

I am &c.,

J. C.

GOLF AT PAU.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In the name of the Committee of the Pau Golf Club, I send you our programme for the coming season of 1890-91, and trust that, although we are so far away from England, you will publish our engagements. We are far away it is true, but nevertheless we have been in existence for a good many years, as the Pau Golf Club was founded in 1856.

Pau, as a great many of your readers already know, has been a winter resort for English people during certainly the last fifty years, and when in 1856 the Pau Golf Club was founded, it merely consisted of a few gentlemen who paid the Commune of Billère the small sum of £1 4s. for the right of making the few holes that constituted the links. Since the war of 1870 there has been a steady increase in the membership of the Club, so much so that last season (1889-90) we counted no fewer than 104 members and 92 lady members, and we now pay an annual rent of £60.

The links themselves (18 holes) are rather difficult to describe, but I have heard more than one competent golfer say that, "they are as good inland links as can be found anywhere." For the last five years we have had as Secretary Mr. A. H. Foster Barham (now H. M.'s Vice Consul at Pau), who has done marvels for the welfare of the Club; and every one last year, at the meeting for the election of officers, deeply regretted to hear that he was resigning his post. In the person of Joseph Lloyd we have an excellent professional, who was well known at Hoylake some years ago under the title of "the General." He is a first-class player, takes great interest in and gives excellent lessons and turns-out, and repairs clubs to everybody's satisfaction. The Club-house also has been made most comfortable, thanks to Mr. Foster Barham, and on an average at least a dozen members lunch there every day—M^{de}. Segalas supplying us with excellent fare at the very moderate rate of 2s. a-head.

With that, dear Sir, I will no longer transgress on your valuable columns, only hoping that we shall see a goodly number of your readers among us next season, and all who come may be sure beforehand of receiving a hearty welcome.

J. MORRIS POST,

25th September, 1890.

Hon. Sec. Pau Golf Club.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I take the liberty of suggesting that you should devote a small portion of your space to chronicling the births, marriages, and deaths of golfers? This would be particularly valuable for this reason. I have just returned from a long stay in the East, and on meeting an old golfing friend the other day in the street, and whom I had not seen for many years, I inquired naturally for his wife. As it turned out my question was a most maladroit one. My friend's wife had been dead 18 months, and although the fact had been announced

in the customary fashion in one or two of the daily newspapers, I had not seen it. As your journal will appeal directly to all golfers both at home and abroad, it might be worth while to devote a portion of your space to chronicling those events in which we are all so much interested?

I am, &c.,

Carnoustie, Sept. 24th.

BANGALORE.

[The suggestion is a good one, and we shall be only too pleased to throw our advertisement columns open for this purpose—of course, for a consideration.—ED.]

PHOTOGRAPHY AND GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I ask whether any of your readers can tell me which is the best kind of camera and lens for taking golfing pictures?

I am, &c.,

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER.

Brighton, 27th September 1890.

A RUB ON THE GREEN.

SIR,—While playing a foursome to-day over North Berwick links, I put my partner's ball into the quarry at Point Garry. Before we or our caddies got forward, a lady picked up the ball and threw it on the green. We claimed a "Rub on the Green," and my partner played the ball as we found it; but our opponents objected, and ruled us back to the quarry. Were they right in so doing, or were we entitled to benefit by the lady's kindness?

I find the rule as to "Rubs on the Green" is, "Whatever happens to a ball by accident, such as being moved or stopped by any person not engaged in the match, or by the fore caddie, must be reckoned as a 'Rub on the Green,' and submitted to."

I am, Sir, yours, etc.,

Edinburgh, September 27th, 1890.

R. H. S.

[Our correspondent and his partner were right, according to St. Andrews rules, in claiming a Rub on the Green. The rule is explicit enough, and is consonant with all practice. The lady was not engaged in the match.—ED.]

RETRIBUTION.

The cricket bat's for Johnny Bull, the rifle's for Rudolph,
But Sandy puts undeviating confidence in golf.
And absolute supremacy's accorded to the game
By ev'ry Caledonian who's worthy of the name.

But Jamie was a renegade, a traitor to his clan,
A very overweening and impertinent young man;
There wasn't any mortal thing he didn't claim to know,
And he actually hinted that the game of golf was *slow!*

His very scathing satire would continually fall
On folks "who tramped uneven ground to bang a little ball";
He classed them all complacently as lunatics—but then
The games of golf that *he* had seen were only played by men.

When bonny Jessie took the club he quickly changed his *toon*,
He yearned to play a game with her that calls for a "long spoon";
And swears to insignificance each other pastime sinks—
Because he wears the chain of Love, he dotes upon the Links.

From *Fun's Sunny Days*.

Mr. A. Sinclair, Hoylake, and Mr. John Ball, sen., had a great match with Mr. Denniston and Jack Morris last week. It was a case of hammer and tongs all the way round—one up, all even, etc. Mr. Sinclair and his partner got two up at the field, and won the match at the lake by three up and two to play

THE INCOMPLETE GOLFER.

Scene: The Railway Station, St. Andrews.

CAMBUCATOR.

PISCATOR.

CAMBUCATOR.—Whither away, Piscator, with thy rods, nets, lines, and cans of bait, wherein I trust you have not forgotten the roe of the salmon, a very deadly lure, as Father Izaak tells us.

PISCATOR.—Nay, friend, the law forbids it, natheless it is a good bait; but whither fare you?

CAMBUCATOR.—Even to the links, to stretch my legs at Golf, a game familiar to the Roman Emperors, as Suetonius testifies of Augustus, and never spoken against in Holy Writ.

PISCATOR.—I have heard of it, and read of it more than enough. The sport is to chase a small ball at full speed, your opponent striking at it in the opposite direction.

CAMBUCATOR.—Nay, not so, but lo! the train has gone while we were discoursing; nay, curse not so, Piscator, 'tis an ill-habit and scares the fish—I pray you come and be my disciple at Golf. Here no man swears, here all is peace and honesty and brotherly kindness, for I would have you know that Golf is the tranquil man's diversion, the old man's exercise, the dull man's whetstone, the sick man's purge, and the wise man's business, for hereby he winneth many half-crowns.

PISCATOR.—Have with you then, and first may I call you master, for that I am a novice and neophyte in the sport, and need your counsel?

CAMBUCATOR.—So be it, yet, for fashion's sake, let us have, as they say, a pound on the hole and a pony on the round, for the teacher is worthy of his hire.

PISCATOR.—With all my heart; and now tend me to Master Morris's to buy me clubs, for I have none of my own, being a stranger in this country, and to this noble and ancient game.

CAMBUCATOR.—With all my heart, 'tis but a step, and here we are at Master Morris's. The top of the morning to thee, Master Morris; here is my friend Piscator, a novice at the Golf, who would purchase of thy wares.

MASTER MORRIS.—Nay, methinks I have seen this gentleman before to-day playing at Sand—

PISCATOR (*hurriedly*).—Not so, Master Morris, 'twas my twin brother, of London; we are, indeed, each other's very image, so that many mistake us. Let me see thy wares!

CAMBUCATOR.—Here is a play club, a putter, a cleek, an iron, a brasse, a niblick, a mashey, some balls, and now are you equipped; but first let us put our stakes in the hands of Master Morris, who shall deliver them to the winner, that there may be no misreckoning, nor unseemly discussion.

MASTER MORRIS.—My faith, Master Cambucator, ye're no blate! Here is a heavy wad to tak out o' a beginner.

CAMBUCATOR.—That is no concern of thine, sir, and now call our caddie and to the tee. Piscator, this little heap of sand whereon my ball is placed is called the tee.

PISCATOR.—And therefore is Golf deemed a tedious and

fatiguing game. Oh, Master, Master, why smitest thou me so shrewdly?

CAMBUCATOR.—Verily my putter shall be better acquainted with thy shins, if thou playest on words, not balls! See how I address myself to my ball thus, and lo, I have smitten him shrewdly. Now, Piscator, take thy club, holding him thus, and do as you saw me do.

PISCATOR.—Alas, I have missed him. Give me that other club. Ah, master, I can hit neither with the first nor the second stick.

CAMBUCATOR.—Try again, ye can play the two more, as we say. Featly smitten, thou hast out driven me. And now, alas, I am in the Burn; and how is this, Piscator, thou liest dead by the hole!

PISCATOR.—Chance hath favoured me. Take out thy ball and play the like. Ha, ha, thou art wide of the hole! Play once more, and yet again. Oh, Master, I have holed out, thy sovereign is mine.

CAMBUCATOR.—Now ———— !

PISCATOR.—Nay, Master, swear not, see how thy caddie looks askance on thee. 'Tis my honour, "Sure and Far," indeed; but what dost thou, Master, in the Scholar's bunker!

CAMBUCATOR.—I am bewitched, and thou art no beginner! Thou hast scooped me in, Piscator, let our wager be set aside, and we play for the normal half-crown.

PISCATOR.—Not so; I will teach thee to set traps for youth. See, I have holed in five and thou owest me another gold piece.

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End of the Round.

MASTER MORRIS (*handing Piscator the stakes*).—I *thocht* I had seen ye at Sandwich, Mr. Piscator; ye're an auld hand.

PISCATOR.—May be, may be, Master Morris; but what aileth Cambucator? Ho, Master, another round in the afternoon with thee!

CAMBUCATOR.—Nay, once bit, twice shy. Thou canst give me a half, and I play thee no more on even terms. 'Twill be long ere I recover my shekels—a pest on thee for a deceitful fair spoken English Golfer. There is no more faith in mankind; the good days of Golf are ended. Beshrew thee, and so fare ill, and I trust never to be in company with thee while I live. [*Exit* CAMBUCATOR.]

PISCATOR.—These be ill-gotten gains, Master Morris, I shall put them out in charity, and so good day to you.

MASTER MORRIS.—Good day to you, sir, you have read Master Cambucator a lesson, and, I trust, to his soul's profit.

ANDREW LANG.

Overheard at a links not 100 miles from London.

Young Lady to her Young Man.—"Do you understand how this new game of Golf is played?"

"Oh yes, the men get what they call caddies, who hunt about in the bushes and long grass till they find a good round stone, and then they try and hit it into a rabbit-hole."

Tee Shots.

We are glad to hear that an attempt is being made to acquire the remainder of the land between the boundary of the St. George's Club and Deal, for the purpose of starting a new Club, to be called the Cinque Ports Golf Club. This will give an uninterrupted course of four miles straight on end, and will make the Sandwich Golf links pre-eminent, both as regards size and the character of the ground. The promoters are also arranging for the building of a first-class hotel, which will be the headquarters of the club. Negotiations are now going on with the different proprietors of the land, and as soon as they have been placed on a satisfactory basis a circular will be issued, including a plan of the new course.

A new club has been formed called the "Whitley Golf Club," the headquarters being at Whitley, a fashionable seaside resort near Newcastle. The following officers have been elected:—President, Mr. J. T. Davison; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Lowthian Bell, J.P.; T. Milvain, M.P.; Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.; G. F. Boyd, J.P.; R. S. Donkin, M.P., and Jas. Tennant, J.P. The captain is Mr. F. W. Wyndham, and the hon. sec. Mr. J. B. Radcliffe. An excellent course has been chosen by the captain and secretary, the links in the neighbourhood being admirably suited for bringing out the best features of the game. Already the club is an assured success; it will open with a membership exceeding one hundred—indeed, so numerous are the applications to join, that it is contemplated to limit the number of members. The president (Mr. Davison) has given a challenge cup, value twenty-five guineas, to be played for at the inaugural meeting, which takes place October 10th and 11th. Mr. F. W. Wyndham also gives a cup value fifteen guineas, and other prizes to be played for during the season have been promised by several members.

As every one knows, Principal Tulloch was a theologian of the advanced school, and when it became known that he was to write the article "Devil" for the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, his friends quizzed him as to how he was to treat the subject. "Oh," replied he, "I will treat the subject historically," and, historically it was treated, his own opinion of "the enemy of mankind" being carefully concealed. All the more credence, therefore, may be given to the following story about a bunker on St. Andrew's links with the classic name of "hell." In the seventies when the "rain it raineth every day" caused the hopes of the British farmer to sink to zero, the bunkers became miniature lakes, and it became doubly hazardous to come within their capacious embrace. One day the Principal and a friend were out golfing, when the latter got into the aforesaid bunker. "Oh, Principal," he exclaimed in dismay, "I've got into hell." "A good thing for you it is full of water just now," was the Principal's comforting rejoinder.

Brown, of Musselburgh, completed the eighteen holes at North Berwick on Saturday, the 13th, with the low score of 70. Out—5, 5, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 2, 4, 3—38. In—4, 3, 3, 3, 5, 6, 3, 3, 2—32; total, 70.

It was rather curious to notice that at Wimbledon the other day there were no fewer than five left-handed players on the course. It is rare to meet so many left handed players at one time.

Club makers, as a rule, are not fond of making left-hand clubs. It reverses, so to speak, their whole method of procedure in the making of clubs, and consequently entails a good deal of painstaking labour. There are, undoubtedly, many first rate left-handed players, but they do not come so prominently to the front (any more than the left-handed batsmen), as their right-handed brethren. Why is this, seeing that each kind of player has been accustomed from earliest infancy

to the use of a particular hand? The play of high class professional players might be greatly enhanced were they to strive to become ambidextrous—that is to say, to use both hands with equal effectiveness in play—and thus be able to play a ball lying badly in a bunker, near a wall, or near palings (as on the race course at Musselburgh) without appreciable detriment to the power, direction, or accuracy of the stroke. Let Park, Campbell, and Kirkcaldy look to this, and carry a left-handed cleek or iron in their bags, because there will be many important tussles between these players in the future, and the whole match may depend upon the player who can make the best left-handed stroke.

All golfers who had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Peter Steel will learn with regret the recent news of his death. He was a familiar figure at Wimbledon, Westward Ho, Hoylake, Pau, Blackheath, Hayling Island, and other well-known golfing centres.

We are sorry to hear that a sad accident has happened to Mr. H. Beecher, well-known on Wimbledon, Westward Ho, Sandwick, and other links. While out grouse driving in Scotland, he had the misfortune to get shot in the eye, and on his arrival home, the doctors found it necessary to remove it. We are glad to hear that the operation was most successfully performed, and that Mr. Beecher is now progressing most favourably.

The Tyneside Golf Club is nothing, if not enterprising. In view of the approaching visit of Mr. Balfour to Newcastle on October 18th, the Hon. Sec. of the club wrote to the distinguished visitor, inviting him to take part in a game at Golf on the Ryton course. Mr. Balfour replied from North Berwick as follows:—"I am greatly obliged to you for your letter just received, requesting me to take part in a game on the links at Ryton. I need not say that it would give me very great pleasure to accede to your very hospitable invitation, but I fear that the programme which has already been made out for my Newcastle visit puts it quite out of my power."

The cry is still they come. We believe that negotiations are in progress for the formation of several new golfing greens near London, including one on the Hurst Park race course. It may not be generally known that Hurst Park was originally the 'Appy' Ampton race course.

A FACT.—Wimbledon, 1889.—A well-known member of the London Scottish Golf Club comes up to a novice at the game, and says:—

"Have you got a match, Sir?"

Novice.—"No! but I have a *fusee*, if that will do."

Mr. W. Renshaw, the ex-champion lawn tennis player, was golfing at Wimbledon lately. He seems to have pretty well given up lawn tennis for Golf, and says he now prefers Golf. He seems to be coming on well.

We hear that Douglas Rolland, the greenkeeper at Malvern, is to be engaged as professional at the Limsfield course, near Godstone, Surrey. Rolland is a very superior member of his class, one of our very best players, and probably the longest driver off the tee who can be found even among professionals. He is a native of Earlsferry in Fifeshire, where the recollection of his big match a few years ago with the present champion, Mr. John Ball, jun., is still vivid. There ought to be a career for Rolland in the big matches of the future.

TAKING DOWN THE MASHERS.—Two gentlemen starting play at Carnoustie. First player lands his ball in the burn, and on a boy fishing it out and throwing it over, the gentleman tees his ball for second drive. Player number two says: "You should

not tee your ball." Number one says to boy: "Should I no' tee my ball, laddie?" Boy replies: "Gouffers does na tee them." Player number one asks: "Are we not gouffers?" Boy, with twinkle in his eye, replies: "No, y'er workin' men."—*Tableau*.

When playing up to the factory some Carnoustie players were coming down, and one drove his ball into the burn. A boy got out the ball and held it in his hand. Another boy said to him: "Gie him his ba'?" "No, I'll no gie him his ba' till he gie's me a hap'ney."—"O, gie him his ba' (adds boy number two) he's a workin' man." Number one replies: "No, he's no' a workin' man; he's a butcher."

THINGS ONE WONDERS WHY.—Why the gentleman who, although receiving about 9 handicap, invariably goes round in about 2 below scratch on non-medal days, and generally has "no return" affixed to his name on medal days; why in a foursome the worst player generally tells his partner what club he ought to take, and where he ought to go; why the middle-aged, portly beginner will try that "slow-back, body-contorted, swagger swing," and tops his ball; why so many would have won the medal if they could only have holed all their puts; why that infernal white dog running about lost them about six strokes; why the long driver could not put, and the good putter could not drive; why the iron shots always kicked in the wrong direction; why should the old golfer, when the young golfer tells him he did most of the holes in 4, smile; and why so many must have come home so awfully well.

Young John, the champion, was out on Hoylake green while the above match was in progress, but not playing. It may be truly said of him that he does not put on what is conventionally known as "side." A stranger came up to him and asked whether he knew if the champion had returned to Hoylake, and was to be seen. Johnny replied that he did not know!

Overheard on a green not a thousand miles from Hoylake.—*A fact*.
Brown (loquiter).—Well, Smith, you'll give me a third, and lay me two to one.

Smith (severely).—Mr. Brown, Golf's not a game that should be prostituted to gambling, like billiard playing, and pigeon shooting, and horse racing, but it's for gen'lemen to engage in for their pleasure, and recreation, and exercise; BESIDES, *there's no two to one in it; but I'll lay you six to four*.

(We hear whisperings about a very big match which is in course of arrangement.)

A correspondent writes:—"You are no doubt aware of the large bunker at St. Andrews, which is designated in the vulgar name commonly used for describing the infernal regions. I was once travelling in a railway carriage from St. Andrews with a friend, and seated opposite to us was a demure old lady. Describing quite innocently an account of a foursome in which he had just been engaged, my friend, who perhaps talks rather boisterously, especially when describing a good match, said 'that he had driven his partner into Hell.' At this expression the old lady looked somewhat severe, but when my friend added that he had taken him out beautifully with a long spoon, the old lady gave one faint gasp, and looked steadfastly out of the window until we arrived at the next station, where she got into another carriage." We do not know whether this is original, or even the correct version of an old story, but we insert it as a caution against the indiscreet use in public of golfing terms which are only known to the initiated!

Definition of Golf given by "Brilliana," in the *Gentlewoman* of 27th September, 1890:—"Golf is a game which, to many, becomes an infatuation, a veritable delirium. People, particularly men, will give up every sport, every game for Golf, once they are bitten with the fever. . . ." St. Andrews is the home of Golf, every thought, every speech, turns on Golf. At breakfast

"how they play," "who they play with," is diligently discussed. Then comes the game itself, and at luncheon the whole "game" is talked over and commented upon, and theories expounded why a stroke should or should not be played in a certain way. Then comes the second round, followed by a little putting on the ladies' links. At dinner the whole day's procedure has to be discussed and re-discussed, and the bunkers and the burn theorised, until the onlooker becomes perfectly dazed and amazed with the *mysteries* of the game. Most excellent and true, oh, "Brilliana." And there are a good many other places we know of now-a-days in the Southern half of the Island affected in much the same way."

Overheard on the Braids after the opening of the new course, which on the first day was holed in periods varying between three and four hours:

First Golfer (evidently recent "convert"), who at the 10th hole looks travel-stained and weary. "Really now, do you believe that Smith holed the full round in 280? He must have been in superb form."

Second Ditto—"Oh yes, I quite believe it, although as you say he must have been playing splendidly. What makes it all the more certain is that he counted the score himself."

Competitions.

ST. ANDREWS.

Ever since the Easter holidays in April last, the number of golfers on St. Andrews Links has been unprecedented, and the climax of a busy season was reached last week, when the autumn meeting of the "Royal and Ancient" was held. In what may be termed the "off-days" from 50 to 60 singles and foursomes went the round of the green both forenoon and afternoon, and on the medal day a record number was reached when 75 couples entered the field to do battle for the honour of the club. In such a congregation of golfers a considerable amount of "shop" was talked over, not the least interesting being the loss of prestige which Scotland recently sustained at Hoylake and at Prestwick. It was said to be a not improbable sequel that a London Association of Golfers would be formed, which would be a formidable rival to the Royal and Ancient and become a lawgiver in Golf, with little respect to the traditions of the game. Be that as it may, the *perferendum ingenium Scotorum* has been fairly excited, and an international in Golf may be looked forward to as amongst the fixtures of the future. Little as yet has come out of the proposed legislation with regard to caddies and professional golfers. At the business meeting of the club on Tuesday evening the matter was not taken out of the come stage, and whatever may be the outcome of the regulations respecting the caddies, there is little doubt but that amongst many golfers the scale of remuneration for professionals is regarded as very illiberal, and is calculated to discountenance and relegate the professional golfer to a still lower level than that which he presently occupies. *En passant*, the "comps." and "readers" in the English press are not yet up to the terminology of Golf. In the *Speaker* last week, the writer of an article on St. Andrews, and in which Golf came in for a brief notice, was made to speak consistently throughout of the "shut" game in place of the "short" game. If the "shut game" is ever to become a phrase in the vocabulary of Golf, it must have some reference to Mr. Horace Hutchinson's *bête noire*, the stinky which so often closes the highway to the hole.

Mr. Gilzean Reid, president of the Institute of Journalists, and Mr. Arthur H. Courtenay, Master of the Queen's Bench, Dublin, were frequently on the links during the past month.

To proceed from the general to the particular, something must now be said of last week's matches and medal day. The "cracks" on the green included Horace Hutchinson, J. E. Laidlay, A. F. Macfie, Leslie M. Balfour, F. G. Tait, Mure Fergusson, A. Stewart, H. S. C. Everard and others equally well known. Mr. Hutchinson was indefatigable. His Monday's match was noticed last week. On Tuesday, with Mr. Laidlay as partner, he tackled Mr. Leslie Balfour and Mr. Mure Fergusson. At the beginning of the day he and Mr. Laidlay had their opponents well in hand, but in the long run the match concluded in favour of Mr. Balfour and Mr. Fergusson by 1 hole. On Thursday Mr. J. H. Blackwell, jun., and Mr. Hutchinson had two rounds with Capt. Barn and Mr. D. Leitch, and in which the latter couple were successful. In his Friday's match, Mr. Hutchinson had for partner Capt. Jackson,

and they defeated Mr. D. I. Lamb and Mr. F. G. Crawford by 4 and 3 to play. On Tuesday Mr. F. G. Tait played a first-class game and defeated Mr. Macfie by 2 holes. The same day Mr. Everard had two rounds with Mr. Chas. Hutchings. Mr. Everard secured the first round, but accounts were squared in the afternoon when Mr. Hutchings became victor. Mr. Mure Fergusson defeated Mr. Leslie M. Balfour by a couple of holes. Mr. McNeil and Hugh Kirkcaldy (prof.) had a fine match with Mr. Rotherham and Andrew Kirkcaldy (prof.). The latter couple proved too weighty for their opponents, and won the match by 3 at the burn. On Thursday Sir Guy Campbell and Mr. Leslie M. Balfour had a very close match with Mr. E. S. Balfour and Mr. E. Lehmann. The first round was halved, but the second was won by Sir Guy Campbell and partner by a single hole. Mr. Chas. Hutchings lost by one hole in a single with Mr. W. E. Fairlie. Mr. Macfie and Mr. Tait defeated Capt. Burn and Mr. D. Leitch by one hole in the first round and by two holes in a second.

Wednesday was wholly occupied with the medal competition. Quite half a gale of wind prevailed and blew right across the course. It was not so uncomfortable for sightseers as it was to the competitors, who frequently found their balls diverging into unexpected quarters. Despite this drawback, however, the meeting was most successful. As already indicated, the field was without precedent, and doubtless a perusal of the list given below will tell its own tale of from what widely separate parts of the United Kingdom its component parts are made up. We overheard one well-known Indian officer say that he had not played in the medal competition for fifteen years, but he had become so infected with the enthusiasm of the moment that he could not help once more trying conclusions as of old. The start was made at 10 a.m. by Mr. H. Baxter, of Gilston, the captain-elect for the ensuing year. Not figuratively but in reality he set the ball in motion by striking off first from the tee. He thereby became winner of the Royal Adelaide Medal and the silver club and balls. The following players then went off in the order given, it taking nearly six hours to get them all away from the tee.

Mr. J. Riddell-Webster and Col. W. Marshall; Mr. G. Mitchell Innes and Mr. J. O. Fairlie; Mr. John L. Luke and Mr. R. Gilroy; Mr. W. Walkingshaw and Rev. W. W. Tulloch; Mr. J. H. Farmer and Mr. W. H. Scratton; Mr. J. H. Blackwell, jun., and Mr. F. G. Tait; Mr. Leslie M. Balfour and Mr. S. Mure Fergusson; Mr. J. McNeil and Mr. Thomas Johnston; Mr. C. Chambers and Mr. Murray-Gourlay; Mr. T. Jeffery and Mr. H. Kermack; General Graham and General E. M. Playfair; Mr. Alex. Gray and Mr. George Glover; Colonel Boothby and Captain G. H. Jackson; Mr. H. S. C. Everard and Mr. T. Gilroy; Colonel F. J. Outhwaite and Captain Macleod Wylie; Captain J. R. Scott and Lieut.-Colonel Boyd; Dr. John W. Moir and Professor Chiene; M. F. W. Marshall and Mr. E. A. Carswell; Mr. A. Marshall and Mr. G. H. Gibson Carmichael; Mr. W. S. Wilson and Mr. F. C. Crawford; Captain G. C. Cheape and Mr. J. H. Baxter; Mr. James Cheape and Mr. H. Lindsay Carnegie; Mr. C. F. Montgomery and Dr. R. O. Adamson; Mr. D. S. Hinlmarsh and Sir W. Hamilton-Dalrymple, Bart.; Mr. George Bayley and Mr. George Todd; Mr. J. T. Inglis and Sir Guy Campbell, Bart.; Mr. H. A. Bethune and Mr. A. N. Stewart; Mr. Henry A. Lamb and Captain W. H. Burn; Mr. James T. Stewart and Dr. W. A. Finlay; Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson and Mr. A. Stuart; Colonel A. D. Fordyce and Captain H. C. Best, R.N.; Mr. S. H. le Fleming and Mr. J. N. Newall; Mr. Charles K. Aitken and Mr. John C. Watson; Mr. Allan Briggs and Dr. Guy Grindlay; Viscount Dalrymple and Mr. J. T. Cathart; Mr. W. T. Linskill and Mr. C. F. Oliphant; Mr. S. Oliphant and Mr. R. T. Boothby; Mr. A. H. Wallace and Colonel J. M. Kerr; Major Randle Jackson and Mr. H. Aitken; Mr. Robert Fergusson and —; Mr. Alexander Foote and Captain G. M. Boothby; Mr. C. P. Finlay and Mr. G. T. Chiene; Mr. J. A. Dalmahoy and Mr. D. J. Simson; Mr. J. E. Laidlay and Mr. Charles Hutchings; Mr. E. J. Jackson and Mr. R. A. Hull; Mr. Elliot S. Balfour and Dr. John Goff; The Master of Ardmott and Mr. A. W. Inglis; Mr. George A. Gilroy and Mr. W. R. Sharp; Mr. W. Gordon and Mr. George Kermack; Mr. James Mylne and Mr. William Home Cook; Mr. John Oswald and Mr. Ernest Lehmann; Mr. Andrew Syme and Mr. D. M. Macnab; Rev. F. R. Evans and Mr. A. Rotherham; Mr. D. I. Lamb and Mr. R. B. Sharp; Mr. G. A. L. Whitelaw and Mr. James Mellor; Mr. W. R. Anderson and Mr. J. Lionel Ridpath; Mr. Henry Cook and Mr. Henry Chayne; Mr. Edward Scratton and Mr. F. Murray-Honey; Lord Kingsburgh and Colonel W. Cunningham; Mr. H. B. Simson and Mr. T. Tate; Mr. A. G. G. Asher and Mr. A. R. Paterson; Mr. B. P. Lee and M. J. H. Millar; Mr. Jas. Cunningham, jun., and Mr. R. Herbert Johnston; Mr. D. Maitland and Mr. A. Denniston; Mr. Charles Anderson and Mr. A. F. Macfie; Mr. C. E. McLaren and Mr. C. M. Smith; Major W. B. Craigie and Mr. A. M. Guild; Mr. M. J. Paterson and Mr. R. J. Kerr; Mr. B. Hall Blyth and Mr. Robert Craig; Mr. E. R. Blackwell and Mr. G. Maitland Heriot; Mr. F. G. Tulloch and —; Colonel P. McLaren and Mr. E. Miller; Dr. W. Laidlaw Purves and Mr. W. Maitland Dougall; Mr. W.

Thorburn and Mr. F. G. Mitchell Innes; Major N. G. Chalmers and Major P. Chalmers.

The first player who went away, whose chance was favourably considered, was Mr. F. G. Tait. Mr. Tait holds the amateur record of the green, and from the manner in which he began, he promised fairly to excel himself. For the first six holes his score was 27, which is at least ten strokes less than the average; but at the high hole, he came to grief. Lying well forward in two, he approached the hole with his cleft, he missed and got bunkered, took two to get out, and registered a 7. From this point Mr. Tait completely broke down, and he figured at the close amongst the nineties. In spite of his break-down, however, Mr. Tait is an all-round golfer of the first degree of merit, and with greater experience he will yet prove no unworthy rival to any one who can be brought against him. The next to attract attention were Mr. Leslie Balfour and Mr. Mure Fergusson. Mr. Balfour was last year's winner, and, until almost the close of the round, his chances of once again achieving this distinction were bright, but in going from the third hole to the dyke, he drove over the railway line into the park, and lost 10 strokes. He also lost another couple at the burn, by over-driving the green, and getting into the road, which quite put him out of the running. Then came Mr. Horace Hutchinson, who won the premier honours of the meeting six years ago, and obtained a second place last year. Mr. Hutchinson had not been in first class form for some time; but on the present occasion he played a strong game, and landed with a score which had only a couple of bad figures in it—these were at the ginger-beer hole going out, and at the first homeward hole. His total was 85. Mr. Laidlay and Mr. Macfie also made a good exhibition of Golf, but the luck of the green was against them.

At the close of the day it was found that Mr. Hutchinson's score was unchallenged, and he was accordingly declared winner of King William IV.'s Medal. The club's gold medal was won by Mr. A. H. Stewart, a comparative outsider, with the score of 86. The details of the winning scores are as follows:—

MR. HUTCHINSON

Out	...	...	...	5	6	4	6	5	5	4	3	5=43
In	...	...	...	6	3	5	4	6	4	4	5	5=42
85												

MR. A. H. STEWART

Out	...	...	...	5	6	4	6	6	5	5	3	4=44
In	...	...	...	5	4	4	4	6	4	5	5	5=42
86												

Following the medal winners were H. F. Macfie, 87; Capt. W. H. Burn, 87; J. E. Laidlay, 88; G. Maitland Heriot, 88; F. C. Crawford, 89; H. A. Lamb, 89; Leslie Balfour, 90; H. S. C. Everard, 91; E. Blackwell, 91; R. B. Sharp, 92; J. R. Blackwell, 93; S. Mure Fergusson, 93; E. S. Balfour, 95; F. G. Tait, 95; T. Gilroy, 95; Dr. Grindlay, 95; W. S. Wilson, 95; W. Maitland Dougall, 95; J. Murray-Gourlay, 97; D. I. Lamb, 97; R. T. Boothby, 96; Chas. Hutchings, 96; C. M. Smith, 97; Colonel Boothby, 97; Captain J. H. Jackson, 97; C. R. Aitken, 97; S. Oliphant, 97; R. Gilroy, 98; Dr. Moir, 98; C. Chambers, 98; F. C. Tulloch, 98; Dr. L. Purves, 98; Captain Boothby, 99; E. A. Carswell, 99; John C. Watson, 99; T. Jeffery, 100; J. T. Inglis, 100; Geo. A. Gilroy, 100; Colonel W. Cunningham, 100.

Gun fire at 6.15 p.m. announced the close of the meeting. Tom Morris acted as starter and Mr. C. S. Grace, the secretary of the club, superintended the arrangements. The annual dinner took place in the club house in the evening.

The ball which took place in the town-hall on Thursday evening was a great success. The hall was beautifully decorated, and with good music the dance was most enjoyable. Amongst others present were the following:—Mr. J. H. Baxter of Gilston, Captain of the Club; Lady Erskine of Cambu, Miss Erskine, Miss M. Erskine; Miss Anstruther of Balcanachie; Colonel Anstruther Thomson of Charleton and Miss Anstruther Thomson; Sir Guy and Lady Campbell; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scratton, Kinloch House; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Grace, Professor and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. James T. Cathcart, yr. of Pitcairnie; Mr. William Cathcart, Major and Mrs. Jackson, Marquis de Salicito; Mr. J. O. Fairlie of Myers, and Mrs. Fairlie; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fairlie, Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Mr. J. H. Farmer, Mrs. Farmer, Mr. S. Le Fleming, Mr. Bayley, Mrs. Bayley, Miss Hooper, Miss Coventry, Mr. F. W. Marshall, Mr. Chas. Todd, Mrs. C. Todd, Mr. E. G. Fortune, Mr. J. B. Fortune, Mrs. Crombie, Misses Fortune (3), Mr. A. Lawson, Mr. Bruce Gardyne, Miss Bruce Gardyne, Miss Gibbs, Lieutenant G. P. C. Gray, R.N.; Mr. C. Mortlock, Mrs. Gray, Miss Gilliat, Mrs. McNeil, Miss McNeil, Miss M. Smith, Mr. R. S. McNeil, Mrs. W. S. Sidney, General Dalmahoy, Mr. J. Dalmahoy, Mrs. Dalmahoy, Miss Dalmahoy, Mr. W. S. Linskill, Mrs. Linskill, Mr. Hodge, Mrs. Hodge, Miss Hodge, Captain Jackson, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Kuecher, Miss Fair, Miss M. Newall, Mr. J. Fair, Mr. H. Fair, Mr. E. Jackson, Mrs. E. Jackson, Miss Poole, Miss Aitken,

Captain Aitken, Mr. Aitken, Miss Westley, Mr. J. H. Millar, Mrs. Murray Honey, Miss Murray Honey, Mr. Robertson Ross, Mrs. Robertson Ross, Mr. Murray Honey, Mr. W. H. Scratton, Mrs. W. H. Scratton, Mr. Wallace, Mr. G. Kermack, Miss Kermack, Miss G. H. Finlay, Miss M. Finlay, Mr. J. Longmore, Mr. J. Balfour, Mr. A. M. Finlay, Mrs. Major Bethune, Misses Bethune, Mr. H. A. Bethune, Mr. R. A. and Mrs. Hull, Miss Ritson, Mr. G. T. Chiene, Miss Chiene, Mr. C. F. Oliphant, Mrs. Farmer, Misses Farmer (2) Mr. A. F. Farmer, Mr. A. D. Farmer, Mr. C. J. L. Boyd, Miss A. J. Boyd, Mr. J. A. Gilray, Mr. R. A. Pitcairn, Mr. G. S. Pitcairn, Mr. A. H. Pitcairn, Miss Hannay, Mr. Style, Mr. L. J. Percival, Mr. G. P. Crookenden, Mr. F. Rowe, Mrs. Fergusson, Miss Fergusson, Miss R. Johnstone, Miss J. E. M. Aitken, Miss Lindesay, Mr. Guy Lindesay, Mr. Bramwell Davis, Mrs. Bramwell Davis, Mr. D. S. Hindmarsh, Miss Campbell, Miss Hargreaves, Mr. C. E. M'Laren, Mrs. Miller, Mr. W. R. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. F. W. Phipps, Mr. H. S. Wedderburn, Miss Wedderburn, Miss M. Wedderburn, Mr. H. Jopp, Mrs. H. C. Best, Miss Best, Miss Lamond, Mr. J. Lionel Ridpath, Mrs. Ridpath, Miss Ridpath, Miss H. Ridpath, Miss M. Grant, Mrs. Eiloart, Mr. A. Rotherham, Mr. Rotherham, Mr. K. Rotherham, Mr. C. Forbes-Drummond, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. C. M. Smith, Mr. F. C. Crawford, Mr. Henry A. Lamb, Mrs. Macfie, Mr. A. M'Laren, Captain M'Laren, Miss M'Laren, Miss C. Preston, Mr. C. C. Boyd, Mr. Carswell, Mrs. W. Gordon, Mr. W. Gordon, Mr. W. B. Simson, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Forrest, Miss Thorburn, Dr. John Goff, Miss Eleanor Campbell, Surgeon G. Shewan, Mr. H. Shewan, Mr. Horace Hutchinson, Miss Walsh, Miss N. Newall, Mr. W. Normand, Mr. J. Harvey, Mr. Arthur Bethune, Mr. Frank Bethune, Miss Bethune, Mr. Leslie Boase, Mr. H. Balfour, Mr. William Johnstone of Allanhill, Miss Johnstone, Miss S. Johnstone; Mr. James R. Dawson, jr. of Balado; Mr. Cattnach, Auchentorlie; Mr. William A. Donaldson, Beechgrove; Mr. Henry Johnstone, Allanhill; Mr. T. T. Oliphant, Mrs. Oliphant, Miss Oliphant, and Mr. S. Oliphant, of Queen Mary's; Miss Bruce, Lingo; Mrs. Moir, Miss Moir, Miss A. Moir, Mrs. Dunlop, Miss Dunlop, Miss Wise, Mr. H. Bell, Mrs. H. D. Bell, Miss Dyer, Mr. H. Stevenson, Mr. Mackenzie, Miss Pitcairn, Miss Bayley, Miss A. Montgomery, Captain Purvis, R.N.; Captain Parkinson, Mrs. Purvis, Miss Purvis, Miss Kirk, Miss Maud Kirk, Miss Ella Turner, Captain Carthew Yorstoun, Mrs. Yorstoun, Mr. Murray Gourlay, Mr. H. Blackwell, jun.; Mr. C. L. Freeman, Mrs. Seton Carr, Miss J. J. Boyd, Mr. James Forrest, Mr. E. C. P. Boyd, Lieut. Colonel Boyd, Mr. J. L. Alexander, Mr. G. Grindlay, Mr. R. O. Adamson, Misses Bett (2), Miss Guthrie, Miss Hay, Mr. David Bett, Mr. William Bett, Miss L. Stewart, Miss F. Stewart, Mr. L. M. N. Stewart, Mr. W. S. Wilson, Mr. Harry Aitken, Mr. Ernest Lehmann, Mr. E. S. Mitchell-Innes, Mr. Herbert Boase, Captain Oldfield.

The members of the Ladies' Golf Club competed on Thursday for two handsome prizes presented by Mr. J. H. Baxter. They were won by (1) Miss Bethune and (2) Mrs. Everard.

LUFFNESS GOLF CLUB.

A most successful season of this popular club was brought to a close on Saturday by the annual competition for the president's medal and other prizes. The second of the September meetings of the club generally attracts a large field of players, and in this respect Saturday's competition was no exception to the rule. Indeed the muster was the largest on any prize day this season—the players numbering between seventy and eighty—and as the president's medal day has attractions for both scratch and handicap men, the field embraced a good representation of each class. The medal itself is a merit award, and so are the Tait star and silver putter, which were competed for in the afternoon, but added to these there were a number of handsome handicap prizes from the club funds. These were an elegant liqueur frame, silver-mounted, as first prize, a neat carriage clock as second, a silver-mounted ink-stand of appropriate design as third, a silver-mounted drinking-born as fourth, and an aneroid as fifth prize. Though pleasant and bracing, the weather was decidedly against low scoring, from the fact that all day a strong westerly wind—of the strength at times of half a gale—swept the course, making it no easy matter either to keep the line through the green, or to calculate line and distance at the hole side. On the other hand, the condition of the course was all in favour of good cards. It was as near perfect as could be, and its tip-top state at the end of a busy season said a good deal for Shepherd's careful keeping. Previous to the play the annual general meeting of the club was held in the club-house under the presidency of Mr. F. V. Hagart, who retires at this time from the captaincy after holding that office for three consecutive years. Mr. John Congalton, the secretary and treasurer, submitted to the members a most satisfactory report as to the material prosperity of the club for the year ending 25th September. The receipts, including a balance of £174 14s. 6d., at last audit, amounted, it appeared, to £423 13s. 2d., while the expenditure had been £296 11s. 11d., leaving a balance in hand at this time of £127 2s. 3d.

A satisfactory feature of the report was the absence from it of any arrears of subscriptions. The meeting approved of the report, and re-elected Mr. Congalton secretary and treasurer; at the same time making the appointment of Mr. B. Hall Blyth, C.E., as captain. Messrs. F. V. Hagart, J. J. W. Lamb, James Smith, and John Richardson were elected members of committee in room of those retiring. The admission by the committee of twenty-one members under the new conditions affecting membership was approved by the meeting. The secretary stated that Mr. Hagart had communicated with Mr. Hope of Luffness as to an increase in the membership of the club being made; and that Mr. Hope's agents, in reply, had written to the effect that Mr. Hope was personally in favour of the membership being increased by another fifty members if that was also the mind of the club; but that he thought any formal action of the club in the matter might be delayed for a few months, as this season's golfing was pretty well over, and new members might not care to pay a full year's subscription for a few months' playing. As no notice of motion on the subject had been given, in accordance with the rules, the matter was allowed to stand over in the meantime. After transacting this business, the members on the spot at this early hour—ten o'clock—took part in the first draw, which left a clear field for the large contingent from Edinburgh, which arrived later in the forenoon. In the course of the day Mr. H. W. Hope of Luffness and the master of Polwarth visited the links. Mr. Congalton, as usual, superintended the dispatch of the numerous couples, who left the first tee in this order:—

Messrs. F. V. Hagart, Edinburgh, and T. D. Thomson of East-craig; T. Lugton, Edinburgh, and C. L. Blaikie, do.; B. Hall Blyth, Edinburgh, and A. Wallace, North Berwick; William Palmer, Dirleton, and Gregor McGregor, Edinburgh; J. A. Robertson, Edinburgh, and A. Drybrough, do.; R. Melrose, Edinburgh, and N. M. Wylie, do.; J. J. W. Lamb, Aberlady, and R. H. Blaikie, Edinburgh; T. Gordon, Edinburgh, and J. Hannan, do.; H. B. Bryden, Edinburgh, and J. Lees, do.; D. A. Stevenson, do., and Irvine Williamson, do.; T. Binnie, Saltcoats, and W. W. Whyttcock, Gullane; John Dun, Edinburgh, and T. Aitken, do.; the Hon. Evan Charteris, Gosford, and T. W. Todrick, Spittal; A. Gillam, Luffness, and A. Miller, Musselburgh; W. Merriles, Haddington, and J. S. Burnet, do.; J. Reid, Drem, and T. Black, Haddington; J. Edgar, Prestonpans, and D. Ritchie, Gullane; T. A. Begbie, Queenstonbank, and A. Murray, Gullane; J. D. Paterson, Edinburgh, and R. McGowan, do.; R. Muir, do., and James Law, do.; J. Pebb, do., and John Richardson, do.; W. G. Paxton, do., and W. M. Croal, do.; R. Horne, Tranent, and W. T. Armour, Edinburgh; R. Macdonald, do., and W. Urquhart, Dalkeith; J. Winton, Gladsmuir, and Martin McNeill, Haddington; C. Carey, do., and J. S. Watson, do.; J. Stenhouse, do., and A. B. Drynan, do.; A. M'Lennan, do., and J. Stirling, Haddington; J. Mackinlay, do., and E. Peek, do.; D. Fisher, do., and B. Paxton, do.; A. Macpherson, do., and J. G. Croal, Haddington; E. Johnston Smith, Edinburgh, and J. S. Stevenson, do.; J. H. Inches, do., and D. Leitch, St. Andrews; R. Dundas, Edinburgh, and J. Smith, do.; D. Alexander, do., and J. Balsillie, do.; Dr. Purves, do., and W. Burt, do.; John Deans, Fenton, a bye.

All was plain enough sailing till the third hole was reached, but turning to come down the hill the play was in the teeth of the wind, the full force of which was only now felt. At the high holes further on the "sou'-wester" played havoc with balls indifferently hit, and accurate putting on the more exposed greens was almost impossible. The weather notwithstanding, three of the scratch players out, Messrs. Bryden, Wallace, and Leitch, finished the eighteen holes in 85, and one handicap player, Mr. T. Binnie, with an actual of 86, less 4, placed himself at the head of the handicap prize-list. Mr. Binnie's success on Saturday was the more remarkable in that only a week ago he occupied a similar position in the Gullane Club competition. Messrs. Bryden, Wallace, and Leitch accordingly tied for the president's medal, and the tie between Mr. Bryden and Mr. Wallace for second and third places on the prize list—Mr. Leitch's penalty of two strokes relegating him to fourth place there—was decided by their cards in the second eighteen holes played. In the afternoon Mr. Leitch easily disposed of his two opponents. He improved upon his first card by three strokes, doing the eighteen holes in 82, made up as follows:—Out, 5 4 4 6 5 2 6 5 6=43. In, 4 4 4 3 5 5 5 4=39. It will be noticed that the bunker hole was a 2—a result brought about by Mr. Leitch having from the sand a fine pitch, which luckily found its way home. Mr. Bryden's second round was 91, and Mr. Wallace's 94, so that the former took the second handicap prize. Considering the weather Mr. Leitch's 82 was a wonderfully fine performance, but the afternoon saw an even better card handed in. This was in the competition among the scratch players for the Tait star and silver putter, which fell to Mr. D. A. Stevenson by virtue of an actual of 81. This really fine round of Mr. Stevenson's was made up as follows:—

Out	...	...	4	6	4	6	5	3	3	5	5	5	4	1
In	...	...	6	3	3	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	0

The following are the details of the scoring:—

HANDICAP COMPETITION.

T. Binnie ... 86 less 4 82	J. Smith ... 103 less 12 91
H. B. Bryden ... 85 ,, 0 85	C. L. Blaikie ... 94 ,, 2 92
A. Wallace ... 85 ,, 0 85	J. Dunn ... 94 ,, 2 92
D. Leitch ... 85 plus 2 87	A. Gillam ... 95 ,, 3 92
I. Williamson ... 96 less 8 88	J. S. Burnett ... 101 ,, 9 92
J. Richardson ... 95 ,, 7 88	A. Macpherson 100 ,, 8 92
F. V. Hagart ... 89 ,, 0 89	D. A. Stephenson 94 ,, 0 94
J. Balsillie ... 99 ,, 10 89	W. W. Whyttock 94 ,, 0 94
W. T. Armour ... 89 ,, 0 89	T. Black ... 104 ,, 10 94
T. D. Thomson 100 ,, 10 90	J. G. Croal ... 106 ,, 12 94
A. Millar ... 98 ,, 8 90	R. Melrose ... 103 ,, 8 95
M. M'Niell ... 104 ,, 14 90	J. Hannan ... 101 ,, 6 95
G. M'Gregor ... 91 ,, 0 91	J. Reid ... 107 ,, 12 95
N. M. Wylie ... 97 ,, 6 91	R. M'Gowan ... 104 ,, 9 95
R. H. Blaikie ... 94 ,, 3 91	W. G. Paxton ... 99 ,, 4 95
T. Gordon ... 109 ,, 18 91	R. Horne ... 113 ,, 18 95
D. Ritchie ... 91 ,, 0 91	J. Stirling ... 107 ,, 12 95

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL COMPETITION.

D. Leitch (medal) 85	T. Binnie 86
H. Bryden 85	F. V. Hagart 89
A. Wallace 85	W. T. Armour 89

TAIT STAR AND SILVER PUTTER COMPETITION.

D. A. Stevenson (star and putter) 81	R. H. Blaikie 88
D. Leitch 82	H. B. Bryden 91
W. T. Armour 86	C. L. Blaikie 93

WIMBLEDON.

The first Monthly Medal of the Autumn season was competed for on Saturday, 27th ult., and the players were favoured with summer weather, warm sun, and no wind. The medal was won by Mr. H. W. Horne with the excellent score of 80 net, and he was closely followed by Mr. F. J. Walker, net 81, and Mr. Alfred Lubbock, net 82. No doubt these scores will receive deserved attention from the handicapping committee.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr H. W. Horne... 90 10 80	Col. A. Moncrieff... 107 18 89
Mr. F. J. Walker... 88 7 81	Mr. R. F. Denniston 101 11 90
Mr. A. Lubbock ... 88 6 82	Gen. Eliot 108 18 90
Mr. W. D. Davidson 94 11 83	Mr. J. Gane 108 18 90
Mr. J. R. Hutchison 84 — 84	Mr. H. Buskin 93 2 91
Mr. A. Davidson ... 95 10 85	Mr. W. Bazalgette... 100 9 91
Rev. J. H. Ellis ... 95 9 86	Mr. Guy Pym 100 8 92
Mr. A. H. Molesworth 87 — 87	Mr. J. Croft 106 14 92
Gen. R. Grand ... 101 14 87	Mr. D. F. Park ... 110 18 92
Mr. C. J. Stewart... 103 16 87	Mr. A. P. Simpson 110 18 92
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron 94 6 88	Mr. J. M. Henderson 99 6 93
Mr. H. P. Cumming 95 7 88	Mr. J. H. Driver ... 102 9 93
Mr. E. Field 99 11 88	Mr. W. Michie ... 102 9 93
Mr. E. Oliver ... 104 16 88	Mr. J. F. Adams ... 105 12 93
Mr. N. R. Foster ... 89 — 89	Mr. A. L. Tweedie 112 18 94
Mr. G. C. Wylie ... 97 8 89	Mr. R. H. Usher ... 111 16 95
Mr. W. C. Anderson 106 17 89	Mr. W. L. Wærde ... 115 18 97
Mr. W. Johnston ... 107 18 89	Mr. F. E. Faithfull. 99 no hcp.

No returns from Messrs. G. Chatterton, J. Jackson, R. Thomson, P. Robertson, A. B. Hepburn, C. Marsham, H. H. Batten, F. Hog, J. M. Maitland, P. Strickland, R. Temple Thomson, H. H. Playford, D. B. Roffey, W. R. Kermark, E. M. Protheroe, W. Glynes, F. Sandeman, W. R. Portal, and C. Plummer.

DORNOCH.

On Saturday forenoon, September 20th, in cold and windy weather, the weekly competition for Mr. Urquhart's inkstand was held. In spite of the unfavourable weather conditions, some excellent scores were handed in. Messrs. J. Campbell and W. F. Orr tied for first place with 80, each playing scratch; while next in order came Mr. H. A. Kennedy (scratch), 85; Mr. J. Sutherland (scratch), 88; Mr. G. R. Kennedy (scratch), 89; Mr. W. S. Fraser, 107 less 12=95.

On Saturday forenoon the final competition for the secretary's aggregate prize came off. Mr. M. Macdonald won the prize (a time-piece), with an aggregate of 485 for the six best competitions, or an average of 80.5, while Mr. Bridgeford came next with four strokes more. In the afternoon the fortnightly competition for the Singapore Cup and Mr. Urquhart's prizes were held. Mr. Alex. Innes stood first for both prizes with 86, less 8=78, while next him came Mr. G. R. Kennedy (scratch), 81; Mr. M. Macdonald (scratch), 84; Mr. W. S. Fraser, 96, less 12=84; Mr. W. F. Orr (scratch), 85; Mr. G. Bridge-

ford, 92, less 7=85; Mr. J. Campbell (scratch), 86; Mr. A. Angus, 97, less 9=88.

RECORD BREAKING.

Mr. J. Sutherland, secretary of the club, did another fine performance on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Playing with Mr. Orr, he succeeded in accomplishing the round of 18 holes at the remarkably fine total of 75 strokes, this being the amateur record for the green. Mr. R. Adam, of the Leven Thistle, is the only other player who has succeeded in holing out in the same number of strokes, a feat which he accomplished at the recent tournament. The details of Mr. Sutherland's score are as follows:—Out—4, 3, 4, 7, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4,—39; in—4, 4, 5, 4, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3—36. Total, 75.

NORTH BERWICK.

What may be regarded as the principal event of the golfing season here is almost with us. Although it is understood that Mr. J. Ball, jun., Mr. J. E. Laidlay, and Mr. Horace Hutchinson will not engage in the amateur tournament beginning on Monday next, the attractiveness of the meeting will doubtless ensure the presence of a large and representative field of amateur talent. Through the kindness of admirers of the game, several very handsome prizes will be offered for competition, and as trophies of the meeting the committee will be able to announce cups of the respective value of 25, 17, 15, and 5 guineas. On Thursday of the tournament week eight of the foremost professionals will engage in foursomes and singles over the course, and these matches will doubtless draw a large crowd of the golfing public. It is understood that, owing to business matters, Willie Park, of Musselburgh, will be unable to attend the meeting, Willie Campbell, Bridge of Weir, taking his place. The professionals will be Tom Morris, of St. Andrews; Willie Campbell, of Bridge of Weir; Willie Fernie, of Troon; Davie Grant, of North Berwick; Andrew Kirkcaldy, of St. Andrews; Bernard Sayers, of North Berwick; Archie Simpson, of Carnoustie; and C. Crawford, jun., of Musselburgh.

A very fair following of spectators were not disappointed in anticipating a good game over the links at North Berwick, on Thursday, 25th ult., when the Chief Secretary for Ireland, with the well-known amateur, Mr. A. M. Ross, opposed in a foursome, Mr. R. M. Harvey with Ben Sayers. Three rounds were covered. In the first the professional and his partner won by two holes; the second resulted in a halved match, and in the third Mr. Balfour and his partner won by 2. As evidencing the first-rate character of the play, the two last rounds were completed in 78, whilst the game throughout was interestingly equal, the couples ending all level over as many as 54 holes.

Mr. Balfour's stay at North Berwick for the present is nearly over. The right hon. gentleman has already left his hotel residence in the town, journeying from Whittinghame to have a round of his favourite game. Golfers in this district, visiting and resident, will miss his familiar figure, as almost daily of late he might have been seen—often minus a cap—playing in single or foursome friendly matches over the green.

NORTH BERWICK LADIES' CLUB.—SEPTEMBER GATHERING.

For September the gentlemen's links here have been unusually well occupied, the starting-sheet being rapidly filled daily. Friday last was, however, rather an exception to the rule. Play over the ordinary course then slackened somewhat, and the explanation was to be found in the fact of a counter attraction at the ladies' own green. For the autumn gathering of the Ladies' Club this year a new departure in the shape of foursomes of the fair and the sterner exponents of the national game enhanced appreciably the attraction of the meeting, which, for the first time since the inauguration of the club, lasted over the whole day. In the forenoon the ladies engaged in the usual play amongst themselves, the foursome competition taking place later in the day. Four handsome prizes represented the generosity of the club for the early play, and on this occasion the committee, through the kindness of Mr. Blossom and Miss Drake, had also to offer respectively a gold club and cleft in miniature, and a fine cloth brush with silver back. A very pretty and valuable gold crescent brooch set in pearls was the coveted prize, gifted by Mr. G. Dalziel for the afternoon play, the lady competitor of the winning couple to become the fortunate possessor. The Chief Secretary for Ireland kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the successful ladies, whilst at the home green a large and fashionable company of ladies and gentlemen assembled, amongst whom were General H. C. Brewster, Lady Walter Dalrymple, Hon. Mrs. Spens, Hon. Mrs. Balfour, Hon. Mrs. Wylie, Sheriff Melville, Professor Blaikie, Rev. Dr. Sprott, Colonel and Mrs. Dods, Mrs. N. M. Wylie, Mrs. G. Dalziel, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Harvey, Mr. Walter M. De Zoete, Miss Melville, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Gillies Smith, Mrs. Mylne, Mrs. Hindmarsh, and Mr. Austen Leigh.

Ben Sayers started the lady competitors at 10 a.m., Miss Lubbock and Miss N. Lubbock drove first from the tee, followed by Miss A. T. Drake and Miss A. L. T. Drake, Miss G. Hunter and Miss H.

M'Culloch, Miss Dalziel and Miss Maud Anderson, Miss Mina Sprott and Miss Stewart, Miss Maude Shearer and Miss L. M. Smith, Miss Hay and Miss Napier, Miss Coventry Gillies Smith and Miss Ada Gillies Smith, Miss Blanche Anderson and Miss Spens, Miss Monda Smith and Miss E. Wylie, Mrs. Savory and Mrs. Margaret Henderson, Miss Mylne and Miss Cathcart, Miss Louie Blaikie and Miss Ada Hunter, Miss Jessie Mathew and Miss F. Mathew, Mrs. George Brown and Miss Brown, Miss Burke and Miss M. Duncan, Miss Edith M'Culloch and Miss Florence Anderson, Miss P. M. Cutler and Miss J. M. Cutler, Miss L. C. Houldsworth and Miss Adeline Harvey, Miss Hunter and Miss V. Sprott, Miss A. Henderson and Miss J. Henderson, Miss M. L. Thomson and Miss Meta Montgomery, Miss Isobel Menzies, and Miss F. French, Miss Bloxson and Miss Madeline Campbell, Miss Alice Montgomery, Miss Darbyshire and Miss Muriel Campbell, Miss Kittney and Miss J. Bouthill, Miss Mary Stevenson and Miss L. Duncan, Miss Netta Spens and Miss Jessie Crum-Ewing, Miss Sprott and Miss Evelyn Campbell, Miss Booker and Miss Nicholl, Miss Eleanor de Zoete and Miss Evelyn Harvey, Miss Bouyer and Miss Gladys Darbyshire.

In their out play the ladies had to contend with a strong westerly wind, which at the start in many instances dispelled fond hopes of getting on the first green from the tee stroke. In the first of the two rounds engaged in Miss Blanche Anderson, who plays a strong driving game, led in the scoring, whilst the Misses Gillies Smith, who are almost invariably to the front, and who have frequently been complimented on the excellence of their play, also exhibited a fine game. Although completing the two rounds in the very fair figure of 71, Miss Blanche Anderson threw away her advantage of the forenoon in the second round by rather weak play at the putting green. The Misses Gillies Smith played a steady game, but their scratch figures were sufficiently high to oust them from a place in the prize list, which on this occasion was wholly under handicap conditions. Miss Darbyshire, a young girl, won Miss Drake's prize, whilst Miss Madeline Campbell gained Mr. Bloxson's award, confined to players with a limit of 9 strokes. The club awards, limited to those with a maximum allowance of 18, were carried off by Misses Drake and Menzies, and the open awards by Misses Mathew and Henderson. The scores were as appended:

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Darbyshire	90	36	54	Miss Menzies	83	18	65
Miss M. Campbell	74	6	68	Miss Jessie Mathew	91	36	55
Miss A. L. T. Drake	80	18	62	Miss I. Henderson	96	34	62

None fatigued by their first two rounds of the green, the lady competitors assembled promptly again at 3 p.m., when they joined the gentlemen honorary members of the club in foursomes as follows:—

Miss Booker and Mr. Henry S. Nicholl—Miss Jessie Crum-Ewing and Mr. H. C. Savory; Miss Spens and Major Wylie—Miss Blanche Anderson and Mr. Edward M'Candlish; Miss Dalziel and Mr. David Stevenson—Miss Wylie and Captain Wylie; Miss R. L. Smith and Mr. H. F. Smith—Miss C. Gillies Smith and Mr. C. R. Gillies Smith; Miss Edith M'Culloch and Dr. R. H. Blaikie—Miss F. French and Mr. Hall Blyth; Miss Napier and Mr. Walter Blaikie—Miss Maud Anderson and Mr. Gordon Robertson; Miss L. M. Smith and Mr. R. F. Smith—Miss Mabel Sprott and Mr. C. L. Blaikie; Miss Gillies Smith and Rev. F. L. M. Anderson—Mr. Frank Dalziel and Miss Ada Gillies Smith; Miss Florence Anderson and Mr. Harvey—Miss T. Maude Shearer and Mr. G. F. Melville; Miss Sprott and Mr. J. G. Cheyne—Miss Meta Montgomery and Mr. Dalziel.

The lowest score, 69, being returned by Miss Ada Gillies Smith and Mr. F. Dalziel, the lady was declared the winner of Mr. Dalziel's handsome gift, Miss Gillies Smith, her sister, and Rev. F. L. M. Anderson were the second couple.

The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour arrived on the green about half-past five, and presented the successful ladies with their prizes in a graceful and appropriate manner. At the close the Chief Secretary was awarded with three cheers.

Captain N. M. Wylie, Mr. G. Dalziel, Mr. Hall Blyth, and Mr. D. Stevenson superintended the arrangements of what proved an exceptionally interesting and attractive gathering.

THE ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL CLUB.—AUTUMN MEETING.

Saturday was a medal day amongst the members of the Royal High School Club, about thirty players arriving in two contingents per forenoon and afternoon trains from Edinburgh, to engage in their annual autumn competition for the merit and allowance trophies of the club. Although they were favoured with dry weather, a westerly gale interfered considerably with the play. The turn out was somewhat smaller than had been anticipated, especially considering the exceptional attractions of the competition in the form of prizes. These consisted of the Stevenson scratch gold medal (which was naturally regarded as the blue-ribbon of the meeting), the Sanderson handicap silver medal, two special awards of the captain, and eight allowance club prizes in

kind. In the forenoon some of the best scores were registered—an 88, two 92's, and a 93 being handed in. The first figure, returned by Mr. George Lawson, the captain of the club, ultimately proved sufficient to gain for him the merit trophy, with claret jug. Mr. George Smith carried off handicap honours with a net return of 84—102 less 18. The captain's first prize was won by Mr. D. Anderson, whilst no fewer than four competitors handed in net scores of 92 for the second prize. A list of the principal scores is appended:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	
Mr. George Lawson	88	0	88	
Mr. George Smith	102	18	84	
Mr. D. Anderson	93	5	88	
Dr. Cowrie	92	0	92	} Tie.
Mr. H. H. Harley	92	0	92	
Mr. E. Harley	104	12	92	} Tie.
Mr. K. Duncan	104	12	92	
Mr. T. S. Kay	99	4	95	
Mr. R. Greenless	113	18	95	
Mr. E. L. Steel	111	16	95	

Mr. H. H. Chapman succeeded in carrying off the extra prize.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above club began Thursday afternoon, 25th ult., over the Ryton course. The principal prize for competition was a £5 cup, presented by the club, to be won outright in one competition and played for under handicap. Mr. G. F. Charlton, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, presided over the details of the contest. The first returns were made by Mr. Charlton and Mr. Radcliffe. The former was handicapped by a sprained wrist, and his total, 97, was too heavy for his best form, particularly when it is considered that he is a scratch player. Mr. Radcliffe's gross was 90—plus 1=91, which as matters turned out was the best on merit, but was six above standard scratch play. After the majority of cards were handed in, it was found that Messrs. C. A. Ridley and W. G. Williams had through pure inadvertence driven from the wrong tee. The committee were called on to discuss the point, and, acting up to the rules of the game, they disqualified Mr. Ridley and Mr. Williams, expressing at the same time their sympathy with the former player's hard luck (Mr. Ridley's net score being 87). The winner ultimately turned up in Dr. A. Wilson, who, with a handicap allowance of 9 strokes, had a total of 85. Appended are the scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Dr. A. Wilson	94	9	85	Mr. G. F. Charlton	97	scr.	97
Mr. F. T. Ridley	94	7	87	Mr. G. W. Williams	99	2	97
Mr. C. A. Ridley	91	3	81	Mr. J. W. Wood	103	6	97
Mr. E. S. Osborne	101	12	89	Mr. J. G. Sharpe	111	12	99
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	90	0	91	Mr. J. Lorimer	110	10	100
Mr. F. Smith	103	12	91	Mr. W. Putnam	116	15	101
Mr. F. W. Wyndham	108	16	92	Mr. W. D. Robb	125	22	103
Mr. W. T. Teasdale	100	6	94	Mr. W. A. Temperley	132	25	107
Mr. B. Brumell	111	17	94	Mr. R. Young	115	15	100
Mr. C. W. Muir	116	22	94	Mr. J. Mathew	126	18	108
Mr. H. C. Smith	99	3	96	Mr. J. Tate	130	20	110
Mr. C. M. Bell	108	12	96				

Messrs. J. Tennant, J. Milton, T. A. Hutton, J. F. Spence, and F. Babington made no return. Mr. F. T. Ridley was first and Mr. E. D. Osborne second for the optional prize.

BEMBRIDGE.

Our Isle of Wight correspondent writes:—"There are already many rooms engaged at the Spithead Hotel for the Autumn meeting of the Royal Isle of Wight Golf Club. Golfers and sea rovers are to have more accommodation in the way of houses at this rising and sporting little place. Mr. Newman, builder, Ryde, has leased a lot of ground from Colonel Moreton, and is about to erect eight new houses for the benefit of visitors as well as his own, besides those already nearly finished.

"The weather on the island has been almost too warm for Golf lately, but we have noticed on the 'Duver' the well-known form (I mean figure, not play) of Major Monckton, Captain J. F. C. Hamilton, Mr. Lingard-Monck, and Mr. Latimer Le Marchant. Mr. Ralph Dalzell, who has been staying in Ryde lately, has spent much of his time at Bembridge, and is playing a strong game. Mr. David Brown, Lord Justice Bowen, Mr. Tabuteau, Mr. Tabor, Lord Colville of Culross, Mr. Dudley Ward, Colonel Howard Brooke, Mr. Fisher, and others, are now to be met with on the green. I must not forget the beaming countenance of the muscular 'Bishop,' who imagines that he ought to be at Buxton, but he cannot get anybody to do his duty. Four rounds a day, however, will do him more good than Buxton. The Colonel has gone there, Sequah having failed to do him any good, but we hope to

see him back, properly fixed up for the October meeting. There are some ladies playing at Bembridge now who do the full round, and know how to do it, too, and consider 'ladies' putting' poor sport."

LANCASTER GOLF CLUB.

The second autumn meeting of this club was held on the links at Cockerham in perfect golfing weather on Wednesday, the 10th inst. The fine natural putting greens were in excellent order, and the velvety turf throughout the course afforded irrefragable lies to the far and sure, but to the feeble or erring the numerous hazards meted out severe, if condign, punishment. The prizes competed for were: (1) The club silver cup, which is to be played for annually at the autumn meeting until won three times in succession by any one member, when it shall become his property; (2) the silver quaich, to be played for monthly until next autumn meeting, when it shall become the property of the member who has scored the greatest number of wins; (3) the council prize, a golf scarf pin. Eighteen players took part in the competition, the following of whom returned their cards:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Dr. Forbes Dick	99	10	89
First prize—Silver Cup.			
Mr. W. Stewart	90	scratch	90
Second prize—Silver Quaich.			
Dr. Frank Gemmel	122	30	92
Third prize—Scarf Pin.			
Mr. B. H. Cookson	130	30	100
Mr. J. Swan	111	10	101
Mr. B. Scholfield	112	10	102
Dr. Cassidy	145	40	105
Mr. A. W. Hunt	191	50	141
Mr. Thompson	120	(not handicapped)	

ELGIN v. NAIRN.

Teams representing the Moray and Nairn Clubs met in friendly rivalry over the Lassiemouth green on Saturday, the 20th ult., in rather disagreeable weather. There were 14 players on each side, and the match resulted in a victory for the visitors by 49 holes. A return match will take place over the Nairn course on 4th October. The following are the scores:—

Nairn.	Holes.	Elgin	Holes.
D. Young	4	W. Macdonald	0
J. Birnie	7	F. Davie	0
W. Laing	0	J. Urquhart	5
A. Lobban	14	A. Lowden	0
D. Macrae	4	T. Greenstreet	0
P. Park	9	Dr. Mackay	0
J. Guild	0	W. Christie	0
R. Murray	0	J. Rodger	6
E. E. Simpson	10	J. Munro	0
D. Mackenzie	0	J. Ruxton	0
R. McRae	6	J. McIsaac	0
G. Bain	0	W. McVey	2
W. Matthews	7	F. Gibb	0
A. Lobban	0	J. Gordon	0
Total	61	Total	13

Majority for Nairn, 49 holes.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The September handicap match was played on Saturday 27th ult., in rather unfavourable weather, the fog coming in from the sea being very dense at times. The result was as follows:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. R. F. Tyacke	122	18	104	Mrs. H. N. Harvey	167	35	132
Mr. C. S. Trevithick	105	scr.	105	Mr. Adrian Stokes	151	18	133
Mr. Wyly Grier	159	35	124	Mr. G. W. Jevons	167	33	134
Mr. W. J. Taylor	160	35	125				

Messrs. T. Mudge, H. N. Harvey, J. Vivian, P. Marrack, and E. Boase who had entered, were unable to play. The October match will take place on Saturday, 25th inst.

ABERDEEN—BON-ACCORD CLUB.

The members of this club concluded their proceedings for the season by engaging in the annual competition for their challenge cup. Play took place on Saturday, 27th September, over the Aberdeen Links, and

as the weather was exceedingly favourable there was a large turn-out of competitors. When the cards handed in had been compared, it was found that Mr. William Smart was the winner of the trophy with the fine score of 81, the following coming next in order:—A. Smart and J. Florence, 88 each; L. Anderson, 90; G. Simpson, 93; A. Jaffray, 94; A. R. Williams, 95; J. W. Murray and J. Fraser, 96 each; A. Stewart, 97; and R. Milne, 99.

FORRES.

The first round in the competition for Colonel Mackenzie's cup took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 25th. The weather was not particularly favourable, a strong gale blowing, while a heavy shower of rain in the early part of the game interfered a little with the scoring. Eighteen players took part in the contest, including Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P., and the Hon. and Rev. R. Moncrieff, Tamworth. The weather improved towards the close of the game, and continued favourable, so that the players were enabled to finish their ties under suitable conditions. The greens were in capital condition, and some fine play was witnessed. The nett scores, after deducting handicaps, were as follows:—Mr. Andrew Davidson, 86; Mr. D. K. Stewart, 92; Mr. J. Sutherland, 96; Mr. G. Milne, 97; Mr. A. Fraser, 100; Mr. H. Mackintosh, 101; Mr. R. Mackenzie, 108; Mr. Hutchison, 119; Mr. Leask, 115; Mr. McLennan, 107; Mr. R. B. Finlay, 101; Mr. L. J. Hamilton, 135; Mr. James Gray, 131; Mr. James Gordon, 125. The Hon. and Rev. R. Moncrieff, Dr. Milligan, Mr. William Macdonald, and Mr. Alexander Macpherson drew byes.

FORTROSE AND ROSEMARKIE.

The members of this club held their September competition for Mr. Fletcher's, of Rosehaugh, medal on Thursday, September 25th. There was a strong westerly breeze blowing across the links which interfered with low scoring. The medal was won by Mr. W. S. Geddie with the nett score of 97, the next best scorers being Captain Lawrence, 99; Mr. T. Henderson, 100; Mr. N. Wilson, 105; and Mr. J. Henderson, 112. On the same day the return match between the married and single members was played, the married team winning by 4 holes. The sweepstakes went to Captain Lawrence and Mr. G. Finnie.

MUSSELBURGH LADIES CLUB.

The closing competition of the season took place on Saturday afternoon, when nine couples put in an appearance, and, after drawing for places, played the usual round of thirty-six holes in the following order:—Miss Maggie Wakein and Mrs. Wm. Millar, Miss A. Smart and Miss Beattie, Miss Nellie Tennant and Miss M'Intosh, Miss M. G. Wakelin and Miss Wyllie, Miss Blanche Robertson and Miss B. Britton, Mrs. Husband and Miss Fimister, Miss G. Thomson and Miss Smart, Miss Sharp and Miss Britton, Miss Tennant and Miss Barton. Owing to unfavourable weather, and also on account of the rough state of the green, the scores were higher than usual, and it so happened that ties had to be played for all the prizes. The first prize (scratch), a gold bangle presented by Mr. William Kirkwood, Chicago, was gained by Miss Maggie Wakelin, after playing a tie with Miss M. G. Wakelin, their scores being 100 each. The second prize (handicap), a gold brooch presented by Mrs. Burnet Smith (Annie S. Swan), was taken by Miss Nellie Tennant (113, less 10=103), after a tie with Miss Smart (114, less 6=108), who thus secured the third prize. Miss Beattie (127 less 18=109) obtained the fourth prize, for which the following ladies also tied:—Miss Blanche Robertson (115, less 6=109), Miss Wyllie (127 less 18=109), and Miss M'Intosh (127, less 18=109). The next best scores were Miss Fimister, 111, and Mr. Husband, 112 (both scratch). The prizes were distributed by Councillor Robertson, Edinburgh.

NEWBIGGIN CLUB.

The ninth competition for the Club Gold Medal took place last Saturday at Newbiggin in fine weather, but a rather boisterous wind interfered somewhat with the play. The course is in splendid condition at present, and Andrew Hogg, the custodian of the track, had the putting greens in excellent order. When the cards were handed in, the winner was found to be Mr. J. G. Sharp, handicap, 8; net score of 89. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. G. Sharp	97	8	89
„ J. L. Bell	95	2	93
„ D. Rosser	109	11	98
„ J. Hedley	104	5	99

Several players above one hundred retired.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, September 27th, saw the renewal of the competition for Mr. C. E. Haig's prize, when the following returns were made. The grass is still very long, which will account for the bad scoring, and the dearth of competitors. The club cup and silver putter will be played for next Saturday, the 4th October.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. Eden	100	16	84	Mr. E. Ponsonby	111	21	90
„ H. C. Clarke	104	16	88	Col. Eden	109	14	95
„ H. Sawyer	103	15	88	Mr. E. H. Sanley	117	18	99
„ L. B. Keyser	98	9	89				

No return from Mr. F. I. Patton, Mr. C. E. Cottrell, Mr. C. Ponsonby, Col. Lewis, Mr. H. H. Longman, and others.

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, 25th September, a strong muster of ladies competed for the monthly handicap and scratch prizes. Miss Mason won the scratch prize with 85, and Miss Throckmorton the handicap with 83 net, after a tie with Mrs. Sanley. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Throckmorton	107	24	83	Miss I. Clement	83	0	93
Mrs. Sanley	86	3	83	Miss Merewether	113	20	93
Miss Mason	85	0	85	Miss E. Chapman	102	8	94
Miss Chesney	102	15	87	Miss M. Clement	103	9	94
Miss Chapman	99	10	89	Mrs. Gosling	110	15	95
Mrs. H. C. Clarke	100	10	90	Mrs. Williamson	117	22	95
Mrs. H. Taylor	112	22	90				

Other returns 96 or over.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.

The semi-final in the tournament for Marshall Wane and Allan's prize took place over the links on Saturday, the two couples being Mr. D. Bone (o) and Jas. Andrew (o); Robert Pyper (12) and Jas. Gibson (o). Mr. Andrew broke down, and Mr. Bone had an easy victory by 8 up and 7 to play in the twenty-four holes. Mr. Gibson giving a half to Mr. Pyper had no chance of getting into the final, and he was eventually thrown out by 4 up and 3 to play. An interesting game will be witnessed in the final to-morrow, when Mr. Bone, a strong player, will try conclusions with Mr. Pyper, giving him a half.

PRESTWICK CLUB.

The competition for the September gold medal took place on Saturday, the weather being dull and a high wind blowing. The turn out of competitors, smaller than usual, included the following:—Mr. R. Hutchison, Mr. F. E. Dubs, Mr. J. Kemp, Capt. Bertram, Mr. Archibald Walker, Mr. W. H. Kidston, Mr. J. S. Higginbotham, Mr. J. B. Brown, Mr. MacTaggart Cowan, Mr. J. R. Fleming, Mr. T. A. Gallie, Mr. F. E. Villiers, Mr. J. S. Alston, Mr. Hickson Fergusson, Mr. W. S. Wilson, Mr. William Alston, Col. D. D. Whigham, Mr. R. A. Brown, Dr. Naismith, Mr. A. H. Cooper, Mr. R. MacFarlane, Mr. J. W. King, Mr. Walter Alston.

The result of the round was that Mr. R. Hutchison won the medal. The best scores were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. Hutchison	87	4	83
Mr. MacTaggart Cowan	110	24	86
Mr. J. B. Brown	111	24	87
Mr. Archibald Walker	113	24	89

The best scratch score was that of Mr. R. Hutchison—87; the next best being that of Mr. J. S. Alston—95.

An interesting foursome competition, in which Mr. R. Cowan, Ayr, and Mab Allan (professional), Prestwick, played against Mr. E. D. Prothero, Seaton Carew (who holds the record of Seaton Carew Links), and Walter Neilson, Ayr, took place over Prestwick on Saturday. The former couple gave their opponents four strokes, and after being three down at the turn won the match by two at the last hole.

ARDEER CLUB.—AUTUMN MEETING.

The most important meeting of the year in connection with this club—the Autumn meeting—took place on Saturday, the weather here as elsewhere in the West of Scotland on that day being somewhat unfavourable for golf. From its position in the almost immediate neighbourhood of its greater rivals, Prestwick and Troon, the claims of Ardeer as a golfing course are apt to be overlooked. Nevertheless, the club here is a very flourishing one, and though its constitution is

comparatively recent, golf has been long played on the ground, which is said to have been used for this purpose by the then Earl of Eglinton, fifty years ago. The locality is well known from the juxtaposition of the Ardeer Iron Works, the lights of which, it is stated, are sufficient to enable devotees of the game to do the round—a nine-hole one—at night. Be that as it may, the golfer when he is off his game, may have the consolation on a clear day of one of the finest views of Arran, and the majestic outline of Goatfell, and the whole Firth of Clyde.

The annual business meeting of the club took place in the morning, when Mr. John Hayes, barrister, was elected captain, in the room of Mr. Alexander McDowall, of Kilmahew, Ardrossan, who retires; Mr. Archibald Campbell, 113 West Regent Street, Glasgow, was re-elected secretary; and Mr. Allan, treasurer. The following were appointed an acting committee:—Mr. McDowall (ex-capt.), Rev. J. F. Graham, Mr. A. Robertson, and Mr. J. S. Crawford. The report showed that a large accession to the membership during the year had brought the numerical strength of the club up to about 200, and it was remitted to a committee to consider the advisability of raising the entrance fee, at present three guineas.

The prize competitions then took place when thirty-seven players went out. The prizes consisted of Scratch gold medal, and several handicap prizes; the latter being divided into grades, viz., (1) for those from scratch to nine, and (2) for those from ten upwards. The cards handed in showed the average scoring to have been above the average, while a number of cards were handed in. The lowest scratch score for the 18 holes was 83. This would have entitled the scorer, Mr. Robert Adam, Irvine, to the medal, but the rules of the competition excluded Mr. Adam, who had only entered for the handicap prizes. The trophy accordingly went to Mr. James Laird who held out the round in 1889. Mr. Adam may, however, well forego the advantage of carrying off the trophy, as he has already won it four times. Undernoted are the results: Winner of Medal Mr. James Laird, 89.

FIRST GRADE HANDICAP PRIZES.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	
1st Jas. Laird	89	8	81	
2nd Wm. Martin	93	5	88	Tie.
3rd R. Adam	83	plus 5	88	
Jas. Stewart	99	7	92	
Jno. Thomson	94	2	92	
Rev. J. F. Graham	93	0	93	
Sir W. Wedderburn	102	8	94	
Geo. Drummond	104	7	97	
Dr. Colville	104	5	99	

SECOND GRADE HANDICAP PRIZES.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	
1st J. Gardiner	98	15	83	Tie.
2nd M. P. Fraser	99	16	83	
3rd Jas. Fergus	101	18	83	
W. Mowat	101	12	89	
H. Colville	108	16	92	
J. Colville	111	14	97	
A. A. Todd	114	15	99	
W. Reid	118	18	100	

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The links at Goldham re open for play on October 1st, when the professionals will be in attendance. There will be the usual weekly handicaps, and the terminal competition for the Linskill cup, the prize medal, and the club medal.

GEORGE GOLF CLUB.

The semi-final of the handicap competition for Mr. Robertson's cup was played over Musselburgh on Saturday afternoon. The usual two rounds of eighteen holes were played, and the result was as follows:—Mr. W. M. Archibald (86, plus 1=87) beat Mr. R. Kay (95, less 6=89), and Mr. D. M. Jackson (79, plus 3=82) beat Mr. G. W. Millar (87, plus 3=90). Messrs. Archibald and Jackson will therefore meet in the final for the possession of the cup.

BURNTISLAND.

The last of four competitions for prizes presented by the captain, vice-captain, and Mr. R. Fergusson took place on Saturday. Twenty-five players turned out. Mr. A. Jackson again came in first with a score of 74, less 7=67. J. Robertson and J. Wood were next with 70 each, but the latter, like Mr. Jackson, having already won a place for the final competition, drops out, leaving J. Robertson, J. Wood, A. Jackson, and W. Addison to play in the final for the four prizes. The winners of the other added prizes were:—W. Duncan, 75, less 4=71,

and J. W. Connel, 75, less 4=71=tie; J. Adamson, 73, less 1=72, J. Isles, 80, less 8=72, and J. Gilmour, 81, less 9=72=tie; J. Venters, 75, less 2=73; H. Addison, 83, less 10=73; T. Scott, 80, less 7=73; J. C. Wallace, 75, less 2=73.

KINGHORN CLUB.

On Saturday, Kinghorn Golf Club played a competition for the Kinghorn challenge medal. A very large number of competitors came forward, and notwithstanding heavy greens and a strong gale blowing from the west, some of the finest scores of the season were handed in. The medal has been won by Mr. George R. Hepburn with the lowest net score made this season. The following is the result:—Mr. George R. Hepburn, 84, less 14=70; other very good scores were Mr. James Wyllie, 91, 16=75; Captain M'Pherson, Kirkcaldy, 76, scratch; Mr. James Davidson, Kirkcaldy, 91, 12=79; Mr. M'Kendrick, Kirkcaldy, 93, 14=79; Mr. William Renton, Kirkcaldy, 104, 24=80; Mr. G. B. Key, Kirkcaldy, 94, 14=80; Mr. James M'Pherson, 95, 14=81; Mr. William Mann, 94, 13=81; Mr. Thomas Smith, Kirkcaldy, 87, 4=83; Mr. Thomas Scott, Kirkcaldy, 91, 8=83. A charm, presented by the donor of the medal, goes to the winner, Mr. George R. Hepburn.

LEVEN.

The Thistle Golf Club held their autumn competition on Saturday. Thirty-five couples started, in rather unfavourable weather for low scoring, there being a high westerly wind. The scratch medal was won by Mr. W. Marshall with a score of 86, while Mr. D. Pattison carried off the handicap medal at 94=14, 80, Mr. P. Ballingall being second with 82. The Reid trophy, which is for the best aggregate in three competitions throughout the year under handicap, was won by Mr. John Bremner—scores, 83, 82, 89=254.

CRAIL GOLFING SOCIETY v. EAST OF FIFE CLUB.

A return match between these two clubs was played over the Grange-muir course on Saturday afternoon. The former match was played with ten men a side, on which occasion the Golfing Society was 18 holes up; but both were two men short on Saturday. A strong westerly wind prevailed, making the in game very difficult, play off the course being frequent. Much interest being attached to the match, there were a good many onlookers present. Finishing shortly before six o'clock, the following result was declared:—Major Roger beat by R. Ramsay, 7 holes; R. Reid and J. Laurie, square; W. Reid beat by W. Wilson, 1; J. Duncan beat by G. Williamson, 5; G. Corstorphine beat by W. Brown, 2; H. Lillie beat by W. Bonthron, 3; J. Pratt beat by D. Laurie, 4; and J. White beat by J. Fairweather, 4. Majority for East of Fife Club, 26 holes; and on both matches, 8 holes.

DUNAVERTY GOLF CLUB (CAMPBELTOWN).

The autumn meeting of the Dunaverty Golf Club took place on Friday in a storm of wind and rain, and the scores consequently were, as a rule, heavy. The two scratch men, Messrs. Gardiner and Greenlees, made excellent scores, considering the weather. There was a very large turn out, and the list of prizes was a tempting one. The following are the best scores:—1, Charles Douglas, 102, less 20=82; 2, A. H. Gardiner, scratch, 86; 3, James Greenlees, scratch, 88; 4, Wm. Greenlees, 94, less 5=89; 5, C. J. N. Fleming, 103, less 12=91; A. Ronald, 107, less 12=93; J. Moffat, 103, less 8=95; William Reid, 110, less 15=95; A. M. Greenlees, 99, less 3=96; D. C. Greenlees, 100, less 3=97; James Taylor, 104, less 4=100; William Hunter, 108, less 8=100.

GULLANE CLUB.

The tie between Mr. J. Richardson, Musselburgh, and Mr. A. Drybrough, Edinburgh, for the third and fourth place at the competition a week ago was decided by the cards in the Luffness competition on Saturday. Mr. Richardson's actual was 95, while Mr. Drybrough's was 114, and the former—who gave his opponent 4 strokes—thus won the tie easily.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

A large contingent of the members of Troon Golf Club turned out

to compete for the Sandhills gold medal and the club monthly medals on Saturday. The competitions were all under handicap. The Sandhills medal is a pretty gold pendant, which becomes the property of the winner. The club medals are in three classes—(1) One for competition among those players at scratch, or having not more than 4 of a handicap; (2) those having from 5 to 14 of a handicap; and (3) those having from 15 to 24 of a handicap, and the winners each month at the close of the season compete among themselves for possession of the medals. The weather on Saturday was not altogether favourable for low scoring, a high wind from the Firth of Clyde blowing across the course, and the number of cards handed in was smaller than usual, and the scoring above the average. The following went out:—Messrs. John Wallace, W. A. Thomson, Wm. Renwick, Robert Lynn, John M. Cowan, Neil D. McMichael, John Merry, T. B. A. McMichael, Lawrence Robertson, A. C. Robertson, Hugh Cowan, J. Moon Lipscomb, M. M. Bell, James Robertson, J. Adam Anderson, Hugh Lander, Rev. A. L. Henderson, John McGlashan, Robert Blyth, W. Forrest Salmon, James Muirhead, H. G. Cooper, Dr. J. Alexander, James A. Shaw, Alexander Walker, Andrew Johnston, Andrew McMurray, A. T. Craig, W. C. Wilson, J. F. Wilson, J. B. Wilson, J. M. Bishop, Charles Aird, W. P. Stewart, W. M. Paton, D. D. Robertson, H. D. McIntyre, S. W. McIntyre, W. Findlay, and Robert White. A comparison of the cards handed in showed that Mr. J. Adam Anderson was the winner of the Sandhills medal. The best scores handed in were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
J. A. Anderson...	101	14	87	D. McMillan ...	109	18	91
L. Robertson ...	88	0	88	John Merry ...	96	4	92
F.B.A.McMichael	95	6	89	N. D. McMichael	104	12	92
J.F. Wilson ...	108	18	90	Robert Lynn ...	100	8	92

Winner of first-class medal.—Laurence Robertson, 88—0=88.

Winner of second-class medal.—J. Adam Anderson, 101—14=87.

Winner of third-class medal.—J. F. Wilson, 108—18=90.

INNERLEITHEN CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Panton medal took place on Saturday, and resulted in a draw between R. T. Robertson, 103 less 15=88; J. M. Gunn, 106 less 18=88.

HAWICK.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday afternoon, when there was a good turn out of players. Mr. George Douglas was first with 88, plus 5=93; and Mr. W. Hume second with 98, less 2=96.

FORFARSHIRE.

Our correspondent writes:—Splendid golfing weather was enjoyed in the beginning of last week, and at no time in the course of the present year have the greens been in better condition than they are just now. On Friday and Saturday, however, a strong westerly gale was blowing, and the effect upon the various competitions that took place on the latter day was very appreciable. To add to the tribulations of players at Monifieth was the novelty afforded by a reversed course.

The Carnoustie folks, such of them as are members of the Taymouth and Carnoustie Golf club, at all events, will require to exercise some self-control, or the consequence will be an unenviable reputation. It is true they were badly beaten by the Monifieth Club, but the display of feeling, made at a subsequent stage of the evening, had no justification. Next time these clubs meet it is to be hoped a better spirit will prevail, and that the defeated team will bear misfortune with a good grace. It was the same feeling which, if we mistake not, kept these clubs at daggers drawn for several years.

We understand that Mr. David Anderson, of the Grange, the Panmure medallist, has intimated his intention of presenting a number of clubs—to be competed for in classes—to the Monifieth Golf club.

The autumn business meeting of the Panmure Golf club is to be held at Dundee on Friday (October 3rd), and the gold medal and silver cross will be competed for on the following day. We believe the entries promise to be numerous.

The business meeting of the Dalhousie Club was held in Lamb's Hotel, Dundee, on Friday evening last, under the presidency of the Captain, Mr. George A. Gilroy. The most important matter brought up for decision was a proposal to alter and extend the club-house buildings. It was stated that the estimated cost of the contemplated change was £1250. After a short but animated discussion, it was resolved by

16 votes to go on with the work against 5 votes in favour of hanging up the subject until the spring meeting. The following new members were admitted:—The Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Messrs. John Low, W. Lyon Mackenzie, Victor Fraenkl, James Cox Methven, Samuel C. Thomson, Walter M. de Zoete, and J. More Smeiton. The alterations in the rules of the club, of which notice had been given at a previous meeting, were, with certain amendments, agreed to.

The autumn competition of the above club was held on the Carnoustie Links on Saturday. There was a very large attendance, and no fewer than 70 players started. As already indicated, the boisterous wind gave a good deal of trouble, but this fact notwithstanding, some very superior play was shown. The Brand Medal fell to Mr. Henry Lamb, with the fine score of 84. He took 45 to go out, but on the return journey displayed grand form, coming in at 39. Mr. David Anderson carried off the Guthrie Medal, with just one point more than Mr. Lamb's score. He went out in two strokes less than the last-named gentleman, but required 42 to get home.

The following are the details of Mr. Lamb's play:—

Out	...	...	...	5	5	5	5	6	4	5=45
In	...	...	...	4	5	4	4	5	4	4=39
84										

Mr. David Anderson's score was thus made up:—

Out	...	...	...	5	4	4	4	6	4	6	4	6=43
In	...	...	...	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	5=42
85												

Mr. A. F. Macfie came in with a very creditable 86, and was followed by Mr. H. S. C. Everard at 87, and Mr. W. Anderson at 89. Messrs. T. Gilroy, J. L. Luke and R. B. Sharp went the round in 90. Among the next best scores were Messrs. Jas. Brodie and A. P. Matthewson, 91; Jas. Melville, 92; R. Gilroy, D. Scott, junr., W. R. Sharp, and D. M'Intyre, 93; H. B. Gilroy, 94; R. A. Hull and J. Lamb, 95; R. Keay, S. C. Thomson, and A. R. C. Paterson, 96; Dr. Anderson and Major Chalmers, 97; J. Sharp, junr., J. Fullerton, S. M. Low, and J. K. Prain, 98.

The Broughty Ferry Club on Saturday was given the opportunity of taking their revenge on the Perth Artisans and they did it in a merciful fashion. The result of the first half of a home and home match between these clubs played at Perth, was the defeat of the Ferry by 15 holes. On Saturday afternoon, on Monifieth course, the memory of this reverse was wiped out. There were twenty players a-side, and on the cards being totalled it was found that the local players had 109 holes to their credit, while for the visitors only one player was up, Mr. G. Reid enjoying the unique distinction on his side of beating his opponent. For the Broughty Ferry, Mr. W. Young made a splendid display. Going out he finished the half at 36, and in the return, despite having to drive in the teeth of a gale of wind, his score was 43, the round thus being done in 79. The details of the match are appended:—

BROUGHTY.		ARTISAN.			
W. Young	...	8	W. Anderson	...	0
Geo. Wright	...	10	J. Cobb, jun.	...	0
A. Moir	...	2	R. Halley	...	0
J. H. Dunlop	...	0	J. Brogh	...	0
A. Bowman	...	6	J. M'Arthur	...	0
J. Nicholl	...	1	A. Strachan	...	0
D. Smyton	...	15	J. Younger	...	0
D. Bisset	...	0	J. Leitch	...	0
W. Baillie	...	10	W. Young	...	0
W. K. Lorimer	...	4	J. Cobb, sen.	...	0
I. Drimmie, jun.	...	10	P. Robertson	...	0
A. Walker	...	2	G. Martin	...	0
T. Lillie	...	0	J. Colborn	...	0
Jas. Bowman	...	0	G. Reid	...	2
R. B. Cowan	...	8	W. Strathearn	...	0
W. Smith	...	10	D. Halley	...	0
W. Lowson	...	11	R. Carter	...	0
R. Don	...	2	D. M'Laren	...	0
D. Hunter	...	10	J. Williamson	...	0
W. Pattullo	...	10	J. Robson	...	0
109				2	

The report submitted at the annual business meeting of the Arbroath Golf Club held on Saturday was of a very gratifying character. There is no want of money while the membership is increasing. The interest taken in the proceedings was manifested by a pretty full attendance of members. Office-bearers for the year were elected as follows: captain, the Hon. F. J. Bruce, of Seaton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Alexander; together with the usual committee of management. After the meeting several matches were played, the greens being in first rate order.

On Saturday afternoon the Y.M.C.A. club of Carnoustie competed for their monthly medal and a number of other prizes. D. Bell at 88 and J. Fox at 97, each 4 below their average, tied for the medal and first and second prizes. The third place was taken by G. Fox, junr., at 91, 3 above, and the other prizewinners were H. Patrick 122, 6 above, G. Winter 116, 7 above; and Jas. Ness, 118, 8 above.

The Dundee Advertiser club held their monthly sweepstake competition at Monifieth on Saturday forenoon, in which seven couples took part. The winners were—first class, lowest player, Messrs. Jacob Clark and Arthur Forsyth, tie; first average, Jacob Clark, (2) James U. Wallace, 3, Arthur Forsyth, 4, John Inglis. Second class—lowest player, P. Wallace; first average, P. Wallace, 2, W. M. Cromb. Third class, F. Currie.

The handicap medal of the Arbroath Golf Club has been won by Mr. David Greig. The final tie was played off last week when Mr. Greig overcame his opponent, Mr. William Alexander, by 9 strokes.

Much activity has been displayed at Montrose of late, and a number of club contests have come off. Boisterous weather is, however, much complained, and record scores have been out of the question. The Victoria club and the Star club had competitions on the same day, and fixed for the same time, an arrangement which was not calculated to contribute to their mutual convenience and comfort. In the competition for the medal of the Victoria Club a large number of players started, and the trophy was gained by Mr. Walter Read, with the excellent score of 85. The members of the Star club competed for their Mowatt and Hastie medals, and Mr. C. R. Murray was the winner of both with a score of 94.

The second competition of the Montrose Ladies' Golf Club took place in the end of last week, and the turn out was very gratifying, twenty-eight ladies taking part in the contest. Miss Annie Watson took first place, winning the gold medal with a score of 110 for the two rounds. Mrs. R. H. Miller, at 116 won the silver medal. Mrs. Captain Boothby was third at one stroke higher while Miss Robertson and Miss Watson tied for the next place with 119 each.

COUNTY (ANTRIM) GOLF CLUB.

LINKS, PORTRUSH.—The lady-golfers had a field day on Tuesday last on these links, for the second time since the formation of the county club. For this occasion a handsome pearl and gold bracelet was presented anonymously by a member of the club as a first prize, to which the club added a second and third prize of the value of £2 and £1 respectively. The weather was all that could be desired, and a large number of friends assembled to witness the contest, while a number of gentlemen of the county club were in attendance to act as scorers. The match was two rounds of the short course, eighteen holes, and the scrutiny of the cards showed that the first prize had fallen to Miss Emily Gordon, the second to Miss Helen Cox, and the third to Miss F. Hamilton. All three ladies are to be congratulated on their success, their playing being of a most creditable kind—steady, cool, and painstaking. It will be noticed in the list that follows that the three winners made the three lowest gross scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Miss Emily Gordon	133	22	111	Miss Brooks	186	32	154
Miss Helen Cox	140	25	115	Miss F. Gordon	188	30	158
Miss F. Hamilton	137	20	117	Miss Carter	189	30	159
Miss Ina Gunning	153	32	121	Miss K. Webb	190	30	160
Mrs. Russell	149	18	128	Mrs. Adair	183	22	161
Miss Cunningham	153	23	130	Miss Congdon	195	32	163
Miss C. Adair	143	10	133	Mrs. M'Calmont	204	40	164
Miss K. Hamilton	162	26	136	Mrs. Batt	205	40	165
Miss N. Adair	166	22	144	Miss Batt	205	40	165
Miss Gordon	156	11	145	Mrs. Mann	191	24	167
Miss Fleming	183	32	151	Miss Grace	212	40	172

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

A meeting of the Disley Golf Club was held on Saturday, September 20th, when the fifth Summer Handicap was contested. There was a gale of wind blowing which interfered much with the play, and the scoring was not good. Mr. H. C. Garrett took the first sweepstakes, and also secured a win for the summer handicap medal, the second and third sweepstakes falling to Rev. J. Bourne and Mr. G. Hutton. The scores were as follows:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. H. C. Garrett	128	28	100	Mr. T. Norris	150	36	114
Rev. J. Bourne	122	18	104	Mr. R. Hutton	129	15	114
Mr. G. Hutton	125	20	105	Dr. Hodgkinson	118	3	115

No returns from Messrs. Be'l, Monkhouse, D. Tonge, A. Hutton, G. Norris, Milne, and Rev. J. O'Brien.