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"Far and Sure."

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## Fixtures.

### OCTOBER.

- Oct. 29-31.—Hayling; Autumn Meeting, Annual Meeting, and Club Dinner.  
Oct. 30.—Nottingham Golf Club; Medal.  
Oct. 31.—Cambridge University; Linskill Cup and Pirie Medal; General Meeting, Lion Hotel.

### NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 1.—Great Yarmouth; Autumn Meeting. Carnoustie and Taymouth; Sweepstake Competition. Clapham; "Cronin" Medal. United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake. Royal Ascot; Club Cup and Silver Putter. Hayling; The Treasurer's Cup. King James VI., Perth; Handicap Competition.  
Nov. 4.—Great Yarmouth and Cambridge University; at Yarmouth.  
Nov. 6.—Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers; Winter Meeting and Dinner.  
Nov. 7 and 8.—Tooting Bec; Autumn Meeting. Special General Meeting and Dinner (8th).  
Nov. 8.—West Herts; Handicap Medal. Lytham and St. Anne's; Professional Tournament.  
Nov. 15.—Disley; First Winter Handicap. Epsom; Monthly Medal. Dublin; Monthly Medal Competition. Lytham and St. Anne's; Captain's Cup Competition.  
Nov. 19.—Royal Epping Forest; Monthly Competition.  
Nov. 22.—West Lancashire; Autumn Meeting. Formby; Sweepstake Competition.  
Nov. 29.—Royal Liverpool; St. Andrews Meeting. Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, and Sweepstake.

- Nov. 29.—Royal Isle of Wight; St. Andrews Meeting. Royal Ascot; Mr. Haig's prize. Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup. West Herts; Winter Meeting, Club Medal, Mr. Wallace's Cup, and Dinner.

### DECEMBER.

- Dec. 1.—Cambridge University; St. Andrew's Medal.  
Dec. 6.—Clapham; "Cronin" Medal. United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake. Royal Ascot; Club Cup and Silver Putter. Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers; Dinner, Windsor Hotel.  
Dec. 13.—West Herts; Handicap Medal. Lytham and St. Anne's; Captain's Cup Competition.  
Dec. 17.—Royal Epping Forest; Monthly Competition.  
Dec. 20.—Disley; Second Winter Handicap. Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup. Formby; Sweepstake Competition. Epsom; Monthly Medal. Dublin; Monthly Medal Competition.  
Dec. 23.—Royal Isle of Wight; Christmas Meeting.  
Dec. 26.—Bembridge; Gold Medal, Eaton Memorial Putter and Fisher Prize. Clapham; Challenge Handicap Cup. Felixstowe; Club Prize, value 2 guineas. Southport; Club Prize.  
Dec. 27.—Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, with Sweepstake. Felixstowe; Monthly Challenge Cup. Royal Ascot; Mr. Haig's prize.

ST. ANDREWS.—Two caddies playing a match on the left-hand course arrive at last hole but one. The ball is drawn by one of the players into the whins, and, after a vain search for it, during which his opponent helps him, he slyly drops another, and shouts out, "Oh, here it is; I've gotten it at last." Opponent rushes up, shouting out, "That's no' your ba'."

FIRST CADDIE.—"Aye, its ma' ba'; what maks ye say it's no' ma' ba'?"

SECOND CADDIE.—"It canna' be your ba'."

FIRST CADDIE.—"What for is't no' mine?"

SECOND CADDIE.—"Weel, it canna' be yours, for I jist pickit it up mysel' about five minnits ago, and" (taking it out of his pocket) "there it is."

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## THE BEST OF GAMES.

By all who have handled a club in anything like a decent way, Golf is acknowledged to be the best of games. To the uninitiated it wants the brilliancy of cricket, or the activity of tennis; but when the player is possessed of the true passion of the game, Golf reigns supreme. Mr. Kerr in his excellent work on curling, claims for his favourite pastime the title of "Scotland's ain game"; but his enthusiasm has got the better of his judgment, for from Scotland the game of Golf has radiated all over the civilised world, and Scotch children are "teethed with a golf club handle."

It is an *ancient* game. Its origin dates back into Scotch myth-lore. A club-and-ball game has always been native to Scotland, whether on grass, or ice, or road, or sand. Even to those who have never seen Golf played, "shinty" or "carrick" is familiar. When I left St. Andrews (where my style and success are still remembered by many players) and settled in my country manse, far from the excitement of the glorious game, I had short holes made in a small park which had never been broken up in the memory of man. My wife and I used to amuse ourselves putting there. The parishioners were alarmed at my weakness: "Preserve 's a'!" one old farmer remarked, "his heid's shurely turned noo, for he's playing at the carrick wi' 's wife."

As early as the middle of the fifteenth century the game had assumed its modern form. The miscellaneous striking of numbers on a side to get the ball through the "aillie" became changed into the cool and scientific game of one man driving the ball into a small circular hole. And so enthusiastically was the game taken up by the people of Scotland, that the King was afraid that its practice might interfere with the more useful accomplishment of archery; accordingly statutes were passed prohibiting its exercise as an "unprofitabill sport."

The invention of gunpowder was a godsend to golfers, for archery lost its national importance as a military exercise, and the game of Golf was again enthusiastically indulged in. Even the Sabbath day of puritanical Scotland was forgotten at times in the excitement of the game. In the Perth Kirk-session records of 1604 it is recorded that some boys were made to appear in the place of public repentance in presence of the whole congregation, for "playing at the gowf in the North Inch in the time of preaching." In the same year the minister of Blairgowrie adopted a more effectual plan for putting down the playing at shinty on Sunday between sermons. He had warned the young, and had "sessioned" them, to no effect. One Sunday, however, he appeared, and taking off his coat and placing it on his staff, which he had stuck into the ground, he solemnly exclaimed:—

"Stand ye there,  
As Minister o' Blair,  
While I, John Ross,  
Get a game at the ba'."

Keenly then did he enter into the contest; but, instead of striking the ball, he, under pretence of being exceedingly blind in his aim, struck the *shins* of the youths, till he sent them all limping home. There was no more desecration of the sabbath with this game.

But Golf is also a *royal* game. King James VI. was so taken with it that he appointed a burgess of Edinburgh as club-maker to his Highness. Afterwards, as there was "no small quantity of gold and silver transported zairly out of his Highness' kingdom of Scotland for bying of Golf balls," the King appointed some Scotchmen to make them, prohibiting the use of foreign balls for twenty-one years. From that time the game took firm hold on all ranks of the community, from the King down to the meanest of his subjects who could afford to procure a club and ball. King Charles I. was very fond of the exercise; he was enthusiastically engaged at the game on the links of Leith when he received the first account of the Irish rebellion. The Duke of York, afterwards James II., was also a keen player; often was he seen on the links of Leith tackling some of the nobility. Two English noblemen, who followed his Court, and who boasted of their expertness in golfing, one day argued with the Duke that the game was of English origin. As there was no exact means of deciding its nationality, it was agreed that the result of a foursome between the Duke and a Scotsman on the one side, and the two English noblemen on the other

side, should decide the controversy for ever. This was a popular stroke on the Duke's part. With a shoemaker, who was a splendid player, as his partner, the Duke was victorious. Nor did he forget the shoemaker; for he gave the workman money sufficient to build a comfortable house in the Canongate, in the wall of which he ordered a stone bearing the golfing motto "Far and Sure" to be placed, as a memorial of the important match.

It was, however, more than half a century after that event before golfing societies were instituted. The oldest Golf Club—the Edinburgh Burgess—was formed in 1735; but the latest Club Directory embraces no fewer than 277 clubs, thus showing how far and sure the royal and ancient game has been driving during the last century and a half into courses hitherto unexplored. Nowhere has the game made more rapid strides during the past year or two than in Ireland, which is as it should be, seeing that the chief ruler of the country is Mr. A. J. Balfour, who is one of the keenest Scotch golfers.

It was towards the end of the life of Allan Robertson, the greatest golfer that ever lived, that the game took a wonderful spurt of popularity. The balls then in use were made of leather stuffed with feathers; good ones cost about three or four shillings a piece; and they did not last long, for one cut of an iron or half an hour's rain was fatal to the "featherie." This matter of expense considerably crippled the game. But in 1848 Mr. Campbell, of Saddell, brought some gutta-percha balls from London to St. Andrews, their cost being a fourth part of the price of the feather ball. Reluctant was the champion to give in, for he and many others earned their livelihood by the manufacture of the feather balls; still very soon they were earning as much by the manufacture of the cheaper balls. Now, Golf is the cheapest of all high class pastimes.

The game is, besides, *eminently attractive* by reason of its healthy associations, and suitability for all ages and classes and seasons. The elastic turf thrills new nerve into the sedentary man; the gentle exercise does not produce fatigue, but stimulates to fresh energy; the game itself is so engrossing—when well played—that all care and worry are driven to the winds, and mind and body are equally freshened. All, too, can get a match, from the first-class player, whose skill has brought the game to perfection, down to the duffer who is delighted when occasionally he drives a brilliant ball, to be spoken about for nights with an enthusiasm little less than that of the angler about his five-pound trout. A glance at St. Andrews' links on a spring or autumn day will present a strange congeries of players. The professor from the University determined to drive over the heights of Olympus, bursting from the class-room to the bright open air; the no less eager student, anxious to store up the exhilarating energy from the game for his "poring over miserable books" during the midnight hours; the clergyman from the country, half *incognito*, away from the trammels of visiting and parish recognitions; the veteran senator, glad to run over for a day to stretch his cramped limbs over the glistening braes, and even pleased to "rax" his arms with iron play in some deep sand bunker or tough-set whin; the country squire, hunting for a good appetite from the hunger-engendering sea breeze over the crackling bents; the gallant officer who has for years served his country with brilliant distinction under a tropical sun; the shopkeeper stealing away from his uphill money making to get a "glisk" of the fresh air which will clear his lungs of the constant smell of paraffin, or ale, or cloth, or bread, or drugs; the cautious betting player or loafer, who calculates his match so as to make sure of his half-crown, "playing for certainty and not for fame"; and the clamorous caddie, who lives by carrying clubs, keen to see his master win, whatever be his master's style or grade in the game;—young and old, rich and poor, strong and weak, are all there ready for their tussle. Even the veteran soldier, who is so lame that he cannot walk the round, is privileged to have his pony, on which he can ride between the strokes. What game can suit so many varied players? What game is so generally bracing without engendering fatigue? What game is so continuously absorbing in all its general and varied details? What game is so independent of the tyranny of the seasons? Truly the national game of Scotland is unequalled for such advantages; Golf will be played so long as links exist in any clime:

"And it requires no prophet's skill to trace  
The royal game through each succeeding race."

J. G. MCPHERSON.

## Tee Shots.

The Bournemouth Golf Club has been launched under very favourable circumstances. The Earl of Malmesbury, Lord Alington, the Earl of Portarlington and Lord Wimborne have consented to become patrons. Captain G. Maxwell Good has been elected president, Lieut.-Col. Pott, captain. The duties of honorary secretary and treasurer have been kindly undertaken by Dr. Bucknill and Mr. Aynor H. Sanderson. The links are at Balmer Lawn, which is within a few minutes' walk of Brockenhurst railway station, twenty-five minutes by fast train from Bournemouth East, and can be reached from Waterloo in about two hours. The ground is one of the most picturesque in the kingdom, being actually in the New Forest, with a very fine sweep of grass, bounded and studded with grand patriarchal oaks and beeches. We hear that the first list of members is almost full, and there is every prospect that the club will have a successful and prosperous career.

A correspondent writes:—"I lately spent a day in Kent, and was introduced to a new game of Golf—Garden-Golf, or Lawn-Golf it might be called. It can be recommended to those who wish to play without spoiling their lawns, and seeing clods of turf knocked up. The plan is this: after arranging your course, and cutting the holes, lay down a piece of cocoa-nut matting about a yard square at each teeing ground. On this you place an india-rubber tee, which is attached to a peg by a piece of string about 2 yards long. You settle your ball on this, tee off and play an iron shot without any detriment to the turf; if you arrive near the hole you have only to use your putter. The course I saw was a trifle too difficult for ordinary beginners, as it involved lofting over thick beds of shrubs and ivy, thereby often causing a lost ball. But the idea of a matting to start from at each teeing place, on a ladies' course in a garden is a good hint to those who do not care to see their lawn with sundry iron marks on it.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AS A BUNKER.—"How well the Chief Secretary gets out of a bunker," observed a golfer to another. "Yes," was the reply, "he's had plenty of experience in the House of Commons."

Viscount S. was advised by his medical man to take to Golf. Purchasing a set of clubs, he sallied forth to play for the first time. His caddie returned before the completion of the round with his arms full of the fragments of the set, with instructions to have another supply ready for his lordship by the next time he came down. On his lordship's second attempt the caddie again returned with every club smashed except the niblick. On the club maker expressing his regret at the sight of the wreck, his lordship replied, "Not at all, my dear fellow; I feel this game is doing me a deal of good; I did not know I had so much strength."

THE GOLF-KILT (a tip for wet weather).—A gentleman playing for the competition at Wimbledon, on Saturday last, had what appeared to be a kilt over his knickerbockers. On closer inspection, it turned out to be a light waterproof, somewhat after the shape of a kilt. His partner was somewhat chaffed by spectators for being beaten by a man in a petticoat. However, the petticoated gentleman had the best of the laugh afterwards, as he was about the only man in the club who had dry knickerbockers, and could sit and smoke his pipe in comfort without the bother of changing his clothes. He ought to bring out a patent for this. He informed those around him that it did not in the least interfere with his play, and kept him perfectly dry from his waist downwards.

We hear that a professional foursome which is likely to attract general attention, and which will be watched with particular interest by golfers in the West of Scotland, has been arranged between four well-known players, Willie Fernie (ex-champion) and his brother, George Fernie, on the one hand, and Willie Campbell and his brother, Ben Campbell, on the other. The date of the event has not yet been fixed, but it will

likely come off some time in December, probably about Christmas. The match will, of course, be played over both Troon and Bridge of Weir. Fernie and his brother make a formidable combination when playing together, as they have often done. Of Campbell's prowess, individually, every golfer is aware, but not so much is known of what he can do in partnership with his brother. The combination will, no doubt, warrant the prediction that a close match will be the result.

We have not yet heard it proposed to introduce the royal and ancient game into the Island of St. Kilda, though from what we hear it may be coming to that. On the east the game has advanced so far as the German Ocean will permit it, but on the west, as far as Scotland is concerned, Machrihanish is the most westerly point at which the game has been played. From what we hear, however, we believe it is not unlikely that the familiar "Fore" will at no distant date become a household word in one of the principal islands off the mainland of Scotland; and it is not improbable that Machrihanish may have a rival nearer hand than at present.

Overheard on a links near London:  
ELDERLY ENGLISH STRANGER, (shivering in an ulster, and watching the movements of a band of cheery golfers, to deaf old gentleman), "Did you ever see such a childish, idiotic game as this?"

DEAF OLD GENTLEMAN.—"Eh?"

ENGLISH STRANGER (again repeating the question in a louder tone, and with a pitying shrug of the shoulders).—"There must be something peculiar in the constitution of the Scottish mind to take to such a stupid game as this."

DEAF OLD GENTLEMAN.—"Oo, aye, it's no' a bad game for the likes o' you and me"

Elderly English stranger passes on, not feeling quite satisfied with the sympathetic tone of the response.

A Fact at afternoon tea:

LADY VISITOR.—"You will be glad to hear, my dear—you, who are always preaching that every man should have a distinct hobby—my husband has at last got one."

HOSTESS.—"Indeed, what has he taken up?"

LADY VISITOR.—"Oh, it is some new game called Golf."

HOSTESS (whose husband is a keen golfer, holding up her hands in pious horror).—"My poor darling, stop it *at once*; let him take to anything else; drink, if he likes, but not Golf."

## A CRITIC ON GOLF.

ONE of those superior persons who occasionally illumine the stately pages of our weekly contemporaries with an unconscious gleam of humour has just contributed to the columns of the *Spectator* an article, entitled "A Word against Golf." With the characteristically precipitate haste of a discoverer, the writer hastens to inform a too credulous public that they ought to beware of Golf, that they ought to be on their guard against certain demoralising tendencies associated with its pursuit, and that generally they ought to be warned against the game much in the same way as they should be warned against a too confiding reliance in the rose-coloured expectations held out by the prospectus of a bubble company. No doubt his intentions are good; but his intentions do more credit to the soundness of his heart than to the judicial balance of his mind or his knowledge of the game. Indeed, the article of the *Spectator's* critic might with equal appropriateness be headed "a word in praise of Golf"; for it is not until the reader reaches the

few concluding paragraphs of his two-column criticism, eked out with a judicious sprinkling of barren platitudes, that the pith of his objection against the game is learned. Even on the writer's own showing the game is admitted to have attractions and fascinations for the leisured classes of both sexes which scarcely any other outdoor pastime can lay claim to; and while most golfers will probably be disposed to admit the reasonableness of the critic's objection to the touting caddie nuisance, it is but fair that this critic should know that a resolute attempt is being made by all large golfing organisations to lessen and, if possible, abolish that evil.

But the first sentence of our critic's article contains an inaccuracy. He says: "The conquest of England by the specially Scotch game of Golf is now as complete as the conquest of Scotland by the specially English game of football." Since when has football been a specially English game? It has been quite as specially a Scottish game—probably more so—as an English one. Would the *Spectator's* critic like to have chapter and verse for this inference? In several Acts of the old Scottish Parliament the pursuit of football by the common people was mentioned many times and its practice legislated against. In 1457, in the Parliament of James II. (14th Parliament, cap. 64, 6th March 1457) occurs this reference, among others, to football—"And that the futeball and Golfe be utterly cryed downe and not to be used." This is the first time that Golf and football are bracketed together in an Act of Parliament; but in the reign of James I. (Parliament 2, cap. 17, 26th May, 1424) the practice of football is absolutely prohibited; while the Parliament of James III. in 1471 and the Parliament of James IV. in 1491 passed enactments such as this: "Item, it is statute and ordained that in na place of the realme there be used futeball, Golfe, or uther sik unprofitable sportes, for the common gude of the realme and defense thereof." Surely, then, there is lineage enough here to show that football was very widely spread among the Scottish people even at so early a period as this, that its practice must have attained to a high pitch of universality before Parliament was constrained to step in and prohibit its pursuit as a menace to national defence, and that, at least, it must have been a common form of amusement in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries among the Scottish people, and not of comparatively recent importation from England as our critic would lead his readers to suppose.

Now we come to a most wonderful discovery on the part of the *Spectator's* critic, which will cause the faces of golfers south as well as north of the Tweed to broaden into a genuine smile of amused surprise. The discovery is really so original that it would be a hazardous task to paraphrase it. After sounding a note of praise at the prowess of two noted English golfers—Mr. Horace Hutchinson and Mr. John Ball, jun., our critic proceeds:—"Besides, the game (of Golf) is evidently adapted to the temperament of the

average Scotchman. The characteristic of the Englishman is coolness, exhibiting itself in good humour, pliancy of limb, and ease of manner; the characteristic of the Scotchman is perfervidness, exhibiting itself in strenuosity, in enthusiasm, and in excess—of application to study, of absorption in money-making, and still (of a Saturday night and among working men) of drinking." Bating a little obscurity in the Johnsonian phraseology of these sentences, our critic would seem to plume himself upon having made a physiological discovery which ought to rank, did a heedless world but recognise it, as equal in importance with that of the circulation of the blood. His argument reads thus:—"You Scotch are a stiff, angular, ill-conditioned, rigorous, badly balanced, sordid, drunken race; you English are a race of trained acrobats, pliant and as boneless as an eel, suave and complaisant amid all adverse circumstances, polite and temperate to a fault. It is true, no doubt, that you unregenerate Scotch have played Golf for 800 or 1,000 years with conspicuous success, and that you English only took to the game yesterday; but then nature erred in its selection of means to an end, and I, the *Spectator's* critic, having made a notable discovery, and having admonished nature that she was wrong, will set to work in restoring the game of Golf to its rightful dominion and to its rightful owners." "Coolness," forsooth! Has the critic ever seen, has he ever heard, the irritable brotherhood, English as well as Scottish, in a bunker? But having discovered in the Scotch the deleterious quality of "strenuosity" (whatever that may mean), and denied them the genteel attribute of "pliancy of limb" possessed by their more fortunate southern neighbours in the exercise of Golf, the *Spectator's* learned critic goes on to lay down this marvellous dictum:—"Besides, the science of golf-club making has been carried to such perfection, that the game can hardly be said to be one of force at all. The distance to which a Golf ball can be driven depends upon the fulness of the swing given to the club by which it is hit, and upon the weight of the lead in its head, not upon the strength of the arms that swing it. Englishmen are not more muscular than Scotchman; as a rule, indeed, they are not so muscular. But they take to athletic exercises which require not so much power of muscle as suppleness of joint, with greater readiness."

Like Charles I.'s head in Mr. Dick's memorial, our critic lugs in by head and shoulders once again his favourite theory about pliancy of limb. He is altogether wrong, moreover, when he urges that all Golf play depends primarily upon swing and not upon either force or muscle. Your *dilettante* player who is ever thinking upon the correctness or the fulness of his swing, who merely allows the club to tap the ball with its own momentum, and puts no "back" into his tee shot, has generally an unhallowed end before he finishes his medal round. Force and muscle, and a very great deal of both, combined, of course, with genuine skill, are needed in all Golf play worthy of the name. Again, on what data does our critic base his assertion that "the science of Golf-club making has been

carried to such perfection that the game can hardly be said to be one of force at all?" Scarcely any industry has been more conservative than that of Golf-club manufacture. Golf clubs in all their evolutionary stages adhere to the same pattern, the difference between the old and the new school being a tendency on the part of latter day club-makers, owing to the spread of Golf, to meet the requirements necessitated by the rough and often unsuitable ground over which the game is now played. As a matter of fact, however, the great improvement in connexion with the Golf-club maker's art, has taken place in the manufacture of the balls. Active and enterprising minds like those of Mr. Henry Lamb, Willie Park, Forrester of Elie, and one or two others have evolved the bulger driver, the bulger cleek, and the lofting iron, within the past few years, and although a very widespread section of golfers swear by the innovation, for all practical purposes it may be fairly said that the new departure is in its experimental stage. To say, therefore, that good Golf play is dependent in inverse proportion to the weight of the head, the perfection of manufacture, the unassisted fulness of swing or "pliancy of limb" shows, to put it frankly, an absolute ignorance of the science of the game.

Next, we have a doleful lamentation that Golf is a selfish game, that it precludes the golfers' womenfolk from participating in its absorbing joys, that it is, unlike croquet or lawn tennis, inimical to "easy conversation," and that, in short, it tends to the separation of the sexes. This is far from being a true description of the effects or tendency of Golf. Our competition columns bear witness to the widespread interest of ladies in the game, and alike at St. Andrews and all golfing centres throughout the kingdom mixed foursomes between the lady and gentlemen players are a common daily incident. There is plenty of conversation, plenty of gaiety to be met with on the golfing links; and although there may be no pier, no band, no concert, no theatre, no formal saunter or dress parade, there are enough of compensating advantages to be enjoyed in bracing exhilarating sea air, a wide expanse of charming country far from the din and turmoil of a city, and a brief respite from the enervating social gaieties incident to all town life.

Passing over for the present a point raised about the prejudicial effects of absorption in Golf on the intellectual work of students, the *Spectator's* critic has had his ire roused by the appearance of the poor tatterdemalion caddie, and he warns English Golf clubs to protect themselves against the inroad of what he describes as the Scottish invader's "camp-follower." It would seem that our critic has paid a flying visit to St. Andrews or Musselburgh, and the little barefooted caddie had come between the wind and his nobility by soliciting the privilege of carrying his clubs. The *Spectator's* critic does not say whether he tried the experiment of hiring one of those golfing sons of nature; perhaps the critic only carried a cleek and an iron.

At any rate, the critic's anathemas do nothing to solve the caddie problem. Unhappily no satisfactory substitute for the flesh and blood carrier of clubs has yet been invented. Here, then, is a fine field for the enterprise and ingenuity of the *Spectator's* critic. We can promise him that all golfers will hail his reform, when it has been found, with enthusiasm, and there is a good deal more money in it than by writing in the columns of a contemporary on a subject which he imperfectly understands. Until golfers are so aided to abate the evil, the residuum of the golfing population in the person of the caddie will be with us, just as the touting loafer, who runs after the hansom which carries the Gladstone bag of the *Spectator's* critic in the hope of earning a copper, will resist all the repressive influences, short of decapitation, that can be applied.

There is one piece of base coin emanating from the mint of the *Spectator's* critic which we should like to nail to the counter. "The simple truth is," quoth the *Spectator's* critic, "that Golf is associated in Scotland, as is no other game, with misery, drunkenness, squalor, and the demoralisation of the young belonging to the poorer classes." Knowing all classes of the Scottish people, probably, a good deal more intimately than this self-appointed critic, we pronounce his assertion to be a calumny. Intemperance, and enough of it, prevails among caddies and professionals, but not to a greater extent than among cricket professionals, scullers, racing men, and other classes connected with sport in England and elsewhere, and who from their education, training, and the temptations to which their life is exposed, have not sufficient *morale* to steer an even keel between the Scylla of a well-ordered, well-regulated life, and the Charybdis of social perdition. But to damn in one comprehensive generalisation, backed up by no proof, the whole of the poorer classes in Scotland who are associated with Golf as drunken, miserable, and squalid, is the licence of "irresponsible frivolity," not just and temperate criticism. Indeed, after reading this article, imagination essays to picture the *Spectator's* critic as a golfing personality, say at St. Andrews. He is one of your cleek and iron players, and "skelps" round the green at five miles an hour, setting at rude defiance all golfing etiquette. He drives into parties on the green and off it; divots fly "thick as autumnal leaves that strew the brooks in Vallombrosa"; bunkers have no horrors for him, because he plucks his ball out again, and scurries forward with renewed zest; the caddies look at the ball battered, as if by a battle-axe, beyond all recognition and semblance of rotundity; then they look at the panting, perspiring player, and drop sententious, homely criticisms which act upon the hearer for whom they are intended like molten lava; old Tom looks "dour" and askance at the havoc made upon his greens; and, finally, all golfers within the orbit of this player's flight register the internal prayer, "I'd rather be a kitten and cry mew" than such a golfer as this.

## Correspondence.

FELIXSTOWE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In this week's issue of your interesting paper, I notice a very bitter allusion to that rising seaside resort on the East Coast, Felixstowe. The writer is a lady, and she strangely asserts that "a week at Felixstowe is as much as human nature can be expected to endure." If this is the case, we shudder to think of the sufferings of the hundreds, nay thousands, of holiday folks who every year spend weeks, and sometimes months, of the summer season at the place which "Ismailia" so bitterly maligns. Or may we suggest that "Ismailia" takes a jaundiced view of the attractions of Felixstowe, and that those who flock every year in greater numbers to that haven of rest on the shores of the German Ocean are not exactly the set of devoted martyrs which her words conjure up? It is true that they do not find the flaunting attractions of Margate or Scarborough, nor a London on the sea-coast, like Brighton; but there are many who will think this anything but a disadvantage, when they are seeking repose for jaded nerves and weary brain. In Felixstowe they find a splendid air, fine bathing, plenty of society, and a constant round of healthy amusement. What more can any reasonable human being want? Felixstowe is not, it is true, distinguished by grandeur or picturesqueness of scenery. Still, any one who has seen it on a brilliant summer's day, with its long row of gaily coloured bathing tents, its cheerful throngs of pleasure-seekers, with the splendid sea dancing and flashing in the sunshine, the flitting shadows on the Naze, and glimpses of Harwich and the grand reaches of the Orwell closing the distance, must be cynical indeed if he does not feel exhilarated by the spectacle. I am not an inhabitant of Felixstowe, and therefore I may claim to speak without prejudice. At any rate, common gratitude would not allow me to remain silent in the face of so dreadful a libel on a spot to which I owe very many happy hours.

May I add one word on behalf of the "royal and ancient" game which has lately had to run the gauntlet in the daily and weekly press? It seems to have made itself especially obnoxious among the ladies. With profound humility and deep respect, I should like to ask why? Am I to understand that it is because Golf is a pitiless despot, which insists on separating Darby from Joan? If this is the charge, I do not hesitate to assert that it is totally unfounded. I will go much further, and call upon the irritated Joan to thank Golf with all her heart as the genial influence which keeps Darby at her side. It is true that a golfer cannot remain all day tied to his wife's apron strings (a thing which every sensible woman detests), but at any rate his devotion to the game keeps him within reach of his better-half, and gives her the comfortable assurance that he is not playing the part of the gay bachelor in Paris, or absent "on particular business" in some not less dangerous locality.

These considerations I submit to those who censure Golf as one of the latest enemies to domestic peace.

And remain,

Yours faithfully,

H. L. H.

### PLAYING THE WRONG BALL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Under the head of "Playing the Wrong Ball" in your issue of 17th inst. a decision is given by you which seems hardly justified by the only rule which can be brought to bear on the case in question. As far as I can see, St. Andrews has no rule to meet the case, and the only one which applies runs as follows:—(41.) "If a player inadvertently plays a ball belonging to a party outside the match he incurs no penalty, and if the mistake be discovered the ball must be replaced, the players

playing their proper balls. Should, however, the mistake not be discovered until he has 'holed out,' the hole shall stand good, the ball being returned." [See Isle of Wight Golf Rules, par. 41.]

There appears to be no rule which obliges the player, either in medal or match play, to go back and replay his game with a fresh ball dropped or teed after he has made the discovery that he has played one or more holes with a ball which does not belong to him.

Supposing he were allowed to play all the holes over again with a fresh ball, or the original one (if discovered before the round was completed), does he not in a manner render himself liable to disqualification for having already played at one or more of the holes?

I would submit that having once played out one or more holes without the mistake being discovered by the player himself or his opponent, the player is bound to go on, his score counting as if he had all along played with his own ball. The ball inadvertently played can be returned as stated in the above rule. It is to some extent probably a matter of chance whether he makes a score which wins. In the case in point, it is stated he did bring in the winning score, but suppose he did not, and had gone back to replay the holes again, and had then made the winning score, would he be allowed to count it, after having besides gained the advantage, slight though it might be, of acquainting himself with the strength of the putting greens he had already played over?

I am aware that the rule I have quoted above refers firstly to match play, but there being no rule under medal play applicable, we can only fall back upon the old-established one that, "the ordinary rules of Golf, so far as they are not at variance with these special rules (medal play), shall also be applicable on medal days.

I am, &c.,

73, Jermyn Street, S.W.  
October 25th, 1890.

J. W. W.

[We do not see that our correspondent has helped to solve the difficulty. He quotes a code of rules which were not those under which the match was played at Burntisland. The circumstance of playing the wrong ball as it occurred at Burntisland is a novel and interesting one, to which no rule in black and white strictly applies in the St. Andrews code. But what has common sense to suggest on the point? If no penalty in medal play is to be attached to a player who wins by playing the wrong ball in such circumstances as were described, then there is nothing to prevent an unscrupulous player resorting to a variety of dodges in order to appropriate the good tee shot of a player coming from behind. Without power to penalise in the local executive authority for such an infringement as was described, Golf would become a chaotic scrimmage on competition days for the balls lying nearest the hole.—Ed.]

### LENGTH OF DRIVES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In reply to "Ancient Caddie's" letter in your last issue, I may inform him that although the first hole at Wimbledon is, according to the Chart, registered as 220 yards, with a following wind it is constantly driven in one, and I have frequently seen it holed out in two. Douglas Rolland, who no doubt is about as long a driver as there is now, told me that his longest carry was 235 to 240 yards with no wind; that would be equivalent to carrying some 15 yards beyond the first hole at Wimbledon. Perhaps the reason why the first green at Wimbledon is not oftener driven in one, is that where the ball pitches for a good shot, there is a lot of thick coarse grass which very often prevents the ball running more than a few yards. If the green at Alnmouth is a hard level course, and a strong gale was at the back of the players, I am surprised at scratch players not being able to over-run the hole with their tee shot. Rolland is an exceptionally long driver, but with a strong following wind a good driver ought to have certainly run past the hole. Rolland told me that his longest drive with a run was 265 yards at Prestwick (without wind) but this distance has often been beaten. It depends a good deal on the state of the ground.

I am, &c.,

A. L.

## THE GOLF-WIDOW'S LAMENT.

Oh! who a golfer's bride would be,  
Fast-mated with a laddie  
Who every day goes out to tee  
And with him takes the *caddie*.

When Donald came to "ask mamma,"  
Of Hymen's links he prated:  
The *links* that now enchain him are  
At Musselbro' located.

I used to be his all in all,  
As he himself confesses;  
But I've a rival now—the ball  
He constantly *addresses*.

I own I feel inclined to scoff,  
And get a little "fashy,"  
When other *spoons* he tells me of,  
And raves about his *maschy*.

I think a club's a horrid place,  
As is my wifely duty;  
He vows his *club*'s a lovely *face*,  
And calls his *cleek* a beauty.

I hate the wretched game! And can  
There be the least disguising,  
That its effect upon a man,  
Is most demoralising?

Though Donald knows how greatly I  
Detest dishonest dealing,  
He *loses honour*, blames the *lie*,  
And doesn't stick at *stealing*.

And then the awful words they use!  
(I cannot understand 'em).  
Like "bunker," "stymie," "divot," "fooz-  
le"—taking some at random.

I cannot gauge a "niblick's" charm,  
I can't appraise a "gutty,"  
A "bulger" fills me with alarm,  
And what on earth 's a "putty."

Sweet sisters mine, take warning, then,  
Augusta and Adolpha!  
Wed cricketers or football men,  
But bar, oh bar, the golfer!

L. S.

(From the *St. James's Gazette*.)

THE ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.—The fine weather which has been enjoyed during the present month at Westward Ho! was broken on Saturday, the 25th inst., when a south-westerly gale, accompanied with rain, ushered in the day. The rain cleared off about three o'clock, and five competitors started to play for the monthly medal and the memento accompanying it, a pair of handsome silver salt cellars, which were won by Mr. A. Boyd, who managed notwithstanding the gale, in getting round in 102, less 3=99; Mr. C. A. Smith, 117, less 17=100; Mr. Wilson, 125, less 24=101. Messrs. Arthur and Cooke made no returns.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.—Weekly handicap Saturday, October 25th, R. A. Nicholson, 84, scratch 84; A. F. Foster, 105, less 20=85; D. M. Brown, 86, scratch 86; A. M. Joshua, 93, less 7=86; C. H. Pasteur, 103, less 16=87; C. A. Cancellor, 105, less 12=93; H. A. Adamson, 128, less 30=98. Many returned no cards. Wind and very heavy rain.

## Competitions.

## PROFESSIONAL MATCH AT CHINGFORD.

TAIT V. GOW.

On Saturday last a professional match was played over the Chingford Links between Robert Tait, the professional of the Royal Epping Forest Golf Club, Chingford, and James Gow, of Messrs. Slazenger and Sons, Golf Club and Ball Makers, London. The match was for £10 a-side, and was to consist of two rounds, or 36 holes. A good deal of interest attached to the affair, from the fact that both players are first-class players, and bear names well known in Scotland, Tait having been from Musselburgh and Gow from Earlsferry. They had, therefore, a very fair following throughout the play, a circumstance not unworthy of emphasizing, as the weather which prevailed during the entire contest was of the most unfavourable and uncomfortable description. Nevertheless, the crowd were well rewarded by a display of skill which, on the whole, and having regard to the surroundings, was highly creditable to the players. In the first round the play was remarkably even, and the taking of the last hole by Tait, who thus stood one up, was accompanied by a mild display of excitement. In the second round Gow failed to maintain his position, though keeping close to his opponent, and the result seemed evident when the first four holes were in succession secured by Tait. The match closed with the eleventh hole of the second round, or the twenty-ninth of the match, the local man being then eight up. Besides being on his own ground, with which he was necessarily more familiar than Gow, who, we understand, has only recently played over it, Tait has the additional advantage of a bigger and more robust frame, which told markedly in the driving, and no doubt stood him in good stead in the dreary, drenching rain which fell with pitiless steadiness throughout the play. In other respects the combatants appeared well matched, though in some points Gow's play seemed to indicate insufficient practice. Both have a good style, and while, as already mentioned, Tait is the longer driver of the two, their intermediate approach, and putting play, taking Saturday's operations as a standard, leave little to choose between them. It is but fair to add, moreover, that Gow has recently been seriously indisposed.

The Chingford course may be described generally as an open one. The hazards are not numerous, nor are they very formidable. A few bits of young plantation are dotted here and there in the line of play, but are easily negotiable. There are also two spots where the ground is broken, and where water sometimes accumulates, but by a careful player these can readily be avoided. The most serious obstacles are the shallow, but narrow grass-grown ditches which intersect the course in some parts, and of which the largest is what is termed Chingbrook, though it cannot always boast of running water. The distances between the holes vary greatly. Some are only from 70 to 100 yards apart, and between a few as much as from 350 to 400 yards intervene. The course, as well as the surrounding ground, which has at one time been laid out in narrow rigs, is thickly covered with strong natural grass. This has, however, been well kept down upon the course, and the greens on Saturday were, barring the wet, all that need be desired.

Tait recently broke his own record with a score of 71, and some curiosity was evinced on Saturday as to whether he would repeat the performance or better it. He was, however, a long way above it on the first round, but his score on the second was a very good 75, and probably, having secured the match at the eleventh hole, he did not exert himself in the remainder, which were played as a bye, as he otherwise might have done.

A start was made in a drizzling rain, a few minutes after eleven o'clock, Mr. J. G. Glover, captain of the Royal Epping Forest Golf Club, acting as umpire. Gow, having won the toss, led off with a clean straight drive, well up. On the other hand, Tait made an unpromising start. Probably through nervousness, he failed to get well under his ball, and though the effect of his full swipe was to land his ball not very far behind his opponent's, it accomplished the distance at a height of only a few feet from the grass, and by means of several leaps and bounds. He, however, atoned for this mishap by a splendid iron shot for his second, which placed him two yards on the green. Gow's second, also an iron, was too strong, landing him a couple of feet beyond the green. Both balls were, nevertheless, almost equi-distant from the hole, and the tape had to be resorted to. Gow was found to be furthest off, and followed with a splendid long put, using the cleek, as did both players for this purpose in nearly every case. His ball lay dead about two inches short. Tait's third left him a couple of yards short, but he failed to hole out in his fourth, missing what appeared to be an exceedingly simple put. Gow, of course, easily holed, and thus drew first blood in four to Tait's five. Both made capital drives for the second hole, Tait being further up, though not lying so well as his opponent. Gow used the iron for his second, but his ball fell short of the green by three

yards, while Tait's second landed him half a dozen yards beyond it. With his third Tait got about two yards to the right of the hole, while Gow considerably overshot it. The fourth stroke in each case brought the ball within a few inches of the hole, which was thus halved in five. Both made long drives for the third hole, but unfortunately for Gow his ball landed in one of the narrow ditches or ruts before-mentioned. After expending three strokes upon it without success, he prudently gave up the hole, for which Tait had a promising lie, but did not play out. Thus matters were so far equalised. The tee for the fourth hole is confronted by a small enclosed plantation, which, however, can be cleared by a moderate drive. Tait failed in his drive, but having imparted a most remarkable toe to his ball, it skimmed round the left of the semi-circular enclosure and landed well in line. Gow drove straight and high over the timber, but did not manage to get much nearer the green than his opponent. In both cases the second stroke (iron) left the ball short. Tait's third still left him short of the hole by a couple of yards, while Gow succeeded by means of a very smart put from the bottom of a slight slope in getting within a foot of it. Tait a second time missed an easy put, and Gow, holing easily, won in four, and stood one up. The fifth green lies on the further side of a dry ditch, whose edges present rather an ugly appearance in consequence of the thick growth of coarse grass and an occasional wild rose bush, and parallel with the course of which it is customary to drive. Both players got well off, Gow driving almost level with the green in a good line, and Tait equally well up, but rather much to the left. The latter, using the iron, had a splendid long second, which placed him clear of the ditch and just beyond the green. Gow was equally successful as regards the ditch with his second, and reached the near edge of the green. Tait lofted very neatly, but his ball stopped short about a yard from the hole in a good line. Gow's third was the best piece of putting yet witnessed. He lay about a dozen yards from the hole, which he only failed to negotiate by two or three inches. Both holed in four, thus dividing the honour. For the sixth hole, which is a short one, Tait had the better drive, being hole high to the right. Gow's second was a bad one, taking him just beyond the near edge, while Tait succeeded in placing his ball within two yards of the hole. Gow with his third exhibited another piece of fine long putting. His ball touched the edge of the hole, but rolled round it and passed a few inches beyond. Tait holed with his third, and again equalised matters. The way to the seventh hole is intersected by a narrow belt of high trees, with clumps of young plantation on each hand. Both got well over the trees, but Tait heeled to the right and lay badly. Gow's drive was straighter, but he lay short by fully thirty yards. His second, an iron, still left him short of the green, but near the edge. Tait expended two indifferent iron strokes in reaching the green, when Gow followed with another excellent long put, which, however, was fruitless, the ball being diverted by some unnoticed obstacle to the right when within a few inches of the hole. Tait, who lay fully four yards off, managed with his fourth to save the hole with a very creditable put. The hole was thus halved for four. For the eighth hole, to which there is a clear course, both had good drives, and both with their second exceeded the green, at the far side of which the hole was. Gow's third, off the cleek, went beyond the hole about half a yard, while Tait, with the iron, got within eight inches of it. Gow played rather carelessly, it seemed, with his fourth, as the ball circled the edge of the hole and sped away on the green. Tait of course easily holed, and was thus one up. The position was, however, equalised at the ninth green, which is bordered on its left by a clump of trees, with considerable undergrowth. Gow's second landed him short of the green by a dozen yards, while Tait, who used his iron with needless vigour, drove his ball across the green and into an undergrowth of wild rose and blackberry bushes at the root of a tree, from which it was hopeless to think of extracting it except by the demolition of its surroundings. The hole, therefore, went to Gow, who, had he played it out, must at least have taken four. Thus on the first half of the first round the players stood even. The first hole of the home half fell to Tait with three against Gow's four. For some little way back Tait had been showing more confidence in himself, and his approach play was generally better. His second gave a very easy lie, which, on Gow with his third failing to reach the hole with a fine long put, he utilized, and again secured the lead. Going to the eleventh hole Tait somewhat marred his drive, while Gow with his got very well up. The former, however, with a full iron stroke landed right on the green, which Gow slightly overshot, using the mashie to extricate him from rather a bad lie. The third strokes were both excellent long puts, and landed both balls about a foot from the hole, which was halved in four. The twelfth hole is a long one, and though the green was reached in two, it required five strokes from each contestant to halve it. Tait had a splendid drive, exceeding Gow's by fully thirty yards, but after reaching the green both players showed some looseness in putting. Long drives gave them a good start for No. 13, but Gow, taking the cleek for his second, turned up too much of the turf to make his stroke effective, and he fell a long way short of the green. Tait, with a full iron stroke, went beyond the green and into the grass-covered ditch which bounds the

further side. With the mashie Gow made the green, but wide, with his third. Tait took two to get out of the ditch and on to the green. With his fifth he got within eighteen inches of the hole. Gow's fourth left him short by a couple of feet, and he completely fozzled his fifth, thus giving Tait the chance of saving the hole, which was halved in six. No. 14 is another long hole. Both got off for it with fair drives, and Gow, with a long iron stroke, gained the green in two. Tait with his second struck the ground and drove his ball into a ditch. He extricated it with his third, but misfortune pursued him, for he landed in a bramble bush on the far side of the ditch from the green. In playing out of this he overshot the green and got into the rough surroundings. He thereupon gave up the hole, which Gow might probably have secured in four. This placed them again on a level. In the drive for the fifteenth hole Tait had considerably the advantage, and while Gow with his second failed to make the green altogether, Tait with the corresponding stroke got well up, but about ten yards from the hole. Gow, using the cleek for his third, putted about a yard to the left of the hole, while Tait just missed it and went beyond about two feet. The hole was halved in four. Chingbrook intervenes between the tee and the sixteenth hole, the green being immediately on the bank, which at some points carries high and dense bushes of wild rose and bramble interwoven. The drive, however, is a long one, without running any risk from the ditch, and both players appeared to put all their force into it. Gow's second was a lucky one. He had a clear course between him and the green, so far as regards any growth, and that fortunate circumstance accounts for his escape from the effects of a weak stroke, or the topping of his ball. After leaving his club the ball struck the ground at the near side of the ditch, and rebounding, just cleared the hazard and scampered across the green. Tait's drive left him in a line with one of the dense bushes alluded to, but he deftly lofted his ball over it, and landed it just at the far side of the green. With his third he putted within a couple of feet to the left of the hole, and Gow following came short some eight inches. The hole was halved in four. For the seventeenth hole both made indifferent drives, going wide in directly opposite directions. The rain had by this time become a steady down-pour, and must have told to some extent on the players. Tait, who landed on the High Beech Road, got on the green with his second, a capital iron stroke, and Gow followed with a similar stroke, gaining a slightly more advantageous position than his opponent. Tait's third brought him within a foot of the hole, and Gow with his third all but stymied him. There was scanty room to pass, but Tait managed it, and the hole was thus halved in four. The last hole of the first round, which is another long one, and, besides being out of sight from the tee, has in its course some nasty hollows with a good deal of water, such as may be seen in a disused brick-field. Gow contented himself with a short but safe drive, while Tait, exercising more vigour, landed his ball in one of the hollows alluded to, but, luckily, clear of water. He got well out with his second and lay in advance of his opponent, whose third brought him level with the green on the left, but ten yards off. Tait, with his third, got inside his opponent, but about two yards from the green, which slopes away to the right. The hole was at the far right corner. Gow's fourth was bad approach play, and only just managed to reach the green. Then followed probably the best bit of Golf during the match. Taking the ground with much care, Tait, using the iron, lofted his ball very neatly over the intervening grass and on to the slope, down which it ran in a wide semicircle, landing about eighteen inches from the hole. Gow, with his fifth, somewhat compensated for the maladroitness of its predecessor. He followed Tait's line, but did not take a wide enough sweep, and rolled round a couple of feet short of the hole, which was easily taken by Tait in five, leaving him one up on the first round.

The following are the detailed scores of the first round; the cross indicating that the hole was given up and not played out:—

		FIRST ROUND.											
		TAIT.											
Out	...	...	...	...	5	5	+	5	4	3	4	4	+
In	...	...	...	...	3	5	5	6	6	4	4	4	5
		GOW.											
Out	...	...	...	...	4	5	+	4	4	4	4	5	4
In	...	...	...	...	4	5	5	6	5	4	4	4	6

After an hour's interval the second round was entered on under a drenching downpour; and here it may be noted that, from the outset, Tait played with increased confidence, while Gow appeared to play with less vigour, though displaying the same care which characterised his efforts in the first round. For the first hole both drove rather wide, and Gow had a bad lie. He fell short of the green with his second, while Tait landed at the far edge. Gow's third brought him beyond the hole to the left, while Tait, with a fair put, reached within two feet of it. Gow missed a not difficult put with his fourth, while Tait holed in four, thus securing first honours on the round. Going to the second hole Tait got very well off, but Gow topped his ball. Lying pretty well, he used the brassie, but not effectively. Tait's second, with the



iron, brought him a little off the green to the right, while Gow, taking the iron for his third, got on the green about eight yards beyond the hole. With a splendid long put Tait got within six inches of the hole in three, while Gow, playing his fourth, made a wide put, which landed him two feet to the right. Tait holed in four, making him two up on the round, or three on the match. Even play characterised the progress to the third hole. Gow, with the mashie, got about two yards from the hole in three, while Tait, in the same number, gained a nearer position, and holed in four, his opponent falling short with the corresponding stroke. Tait thus stood three up on the round. For the fourth hole Tait drove straight and clear over the intervening clump of trees and well up towards the green. Gow followed suit, but lay much shorter than his opponent, and took two mashie strokes to reach the green. Tait, with his second, landed near the hole, which he took in three, being thus four up on the round, or five on the match. Tait's drive for the fifth hole was one of the best of the match. He went very well up, and the direction was excellent. Gow had a fair drive as to length, but it was a bit wide. He followed with two iron strokes, reaching within three yards of the green in three. Tait got on the green with a good second, but lay at some distance from the hole. Some indifferent putting was exhibited, and the hole was halved in five. In negotiating the sixth hole both players got well off, and showed good approach play in their second strokes. The hole was easily taken and halved in three. Vigorous drives were made for the seventh hole, but Tait had a narrow escape from the coppice to the right of the course. He gained the green, though short of the hole, with his second, while Gow showed rather indifferent approach play, his third taking him just beyond the green. He followed with a long put, in which he had distinctly hard lines, for the ball touched the edge of the hole, but rolled slightly away, lying almost in the line between it and his opponent's ball. Tait, however, got round with this third but failed to reach the hole, which he then took with his fourth, being thus five up on the round and six on the match. With his drive Tait almost gained the eighth green, while Gow had the ill-luck to land amongst a thick growth of wild rose and bramble, which adorns a shallow, dry, grass-covered ditch half way to the hole. He made one ineffectual attempt with the mashie to extricate his ball from a practically hopeless position and then wisely gave up the hole, which Tait, playing out, took in three, leaving him seven up on the match. For the ninth, or last hole of the out half, the drives were good, Gow being, as was usually the case, a bit behind his opponent. With his second the latter got rather short of the green, while Tait went right to its far side. Gow's third was a neat approach shot, but the slope of the green caused the ball to roll and marred its effect. Tait, with his third, putted short of the hole by half-a-dozen feet, while Gow, missing the hole with his fourth, placed his ball in the direct line between his opponent and the hole. This was hardly a stimy, however, as the slope would, at any rate, have necessitated playing slightly up the green. Tait played accordingly, clearing his opponent, but just missing the hole, which was halved in five. The play for the tenth hole was close, but Gow with his third made a weak though well-directed put, leaving the chance to Tait, who seized it, and holed out in three, being thus eight up on the match, or "dormie." Gow made a gallant fight for the eleventh hole. Both made the green in two, and with the third each had a close put, Tait's being the better of the two. The hole was halved in four. The match was thus won by Tait by eight up and seven to play.

SECOND ROUND.

		TAIT.											
Out	...	...	...	...	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	3	5
In	...	...	...	...	3	4							
		GOW.											
Out	...	...	...	...	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	+	5
In	...	...	...	...	4	4							

After the match had been decided a "whip up" was made amongst the spectators who had followed the play with the view of having a small stake on the bye. The play was pretty even on the remaining part of the round, but Gow proved the stronger player, and secured the bye by two holes and one to play.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club began on Thursday, the 23rd inst., and the attendance was large, fine dry weather favouring the players. The greens were in very good order, but keen, and in need of rain, of which, however, they had more than was pleasant on Saturday, when it rained incessantly all day. The honours of the meeting go, without exception, to Mr. A. H. Molesworth, whose wonderful scores deserve them. He wins eight prizes, scratch and handicap, and accomplishes a record of the links in club competition play. The scores are given below, and as usual show a carefully handicapped list.

The autumn general meeting of the club was held on Thursday at the club-house, when Mr. Henry A. Lamb was unanimously elected captain; he retires from the hon. secretaryship, as does Mr. W. C.

Anderson from the hon. treasurership, bearing with them a warm vote of thanks from the club for their many years' services. The two offices are now combined, and Mr. N. R. Foster assumes the duties of hon. secretary and hon. treasurer.

The morning players on Thursday were a good deal bothered by a sham fight taking place on the common, most of the Guards quartered in London having come down for that purpose. So many Guards and spectators being about it was almost impossible to play. Many players gave it up as a bad job, and went home to lunch; other keen ones made a waiting game of it, and spent some three or four hours going round. But waiting occasionally from half-an-hour to an hour on the tee is not, as a rule, conducive to good scoring.

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Mr. R. H. Pringle	88	7 81	Mr. A. Lubbock	...	96 5 91
Mr. E. Field	...	93 11 82	Hon. Capt. A. Hewitt	98	7 91
Mr. H. P. Cumming	89	6 83	Mr. R. F. Denniston	102	11 91
Mr. W. D. Scott-Moncrieff	...	94 11 83	Mr. W. W. Branston	109	18 91
Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell	86	2 84	Mr. W. R. Portal	...	109 18 91
Mr. Temple Thomson	88	4 84	Mr. H. Jackson	...	111 20 91
Mr. F. J. Walker	...	90 6 84	Mr. A. N. Cumming	98	6 92
Mr. W. D. Bovill	...	93 9 84	Mr. R. H. Usher	...	108 16 92
Mr. Guy Pym	...	93 9 84	Mr. R. Clutton	...	110 18 92
Mr. W. Bazalgette	...	94 9 85	Mr. F. M. Smith	...	110 18 92
Mr. F. Skene	...	92 6 86	Mr. J. Gane	...	114 22 92
Mr. J. Franklin Adams	98	12 86	Mr. H. Buskin	...	95 2 93
Mr. F. Hardcastle	100	14 86	Mr. R. Thomson	...	98 5 93
Mr. T. Smith	...	101 15 86	Mr. R. H. Caird	...	102 9 93
Mr. W. C. Anderson	103	17 86	Mr. A. M. Kirkham	109	16 93
Mr. H. A. Lamb	...	87 scr. 87	Mr. R. Whyte	...	99 5 94
Mr. J. L. Ridpath	96	9 87	Mr. J. M. Henderson	100	6 94
Mr. Bruce Dick	...	99 12 87	Mr. J. H. Driver	...	103 9 94
Mr. J. H. Ellis	...	97 9 88	Mr. W. Michie	...	103 9 94
Mr. H. W. Bradford	103	15 88	Mr. J. Blair	...	112 18 94
Mr. N. R. Foster	...	89 scr. 89	Mr. C. Morris	...	95 scr. 95
Mr. J. R. Hutchison	89	scr. 89	Mr. J. Taylor	...	107 12 95
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	95	6 89	Mr. E. Wight	...	109 14 95
Mr. E. Turle	...	101 12 89	Mr. H. W. Horne	...	104 8 96
Mr. A. W. McDonell	105	16 89	Mr. M. Tabuteau	...	105 9 96
Mr. C. T. Parsons	...	106 17 89	Mr. H. L. Warde	...	114 18 96
Mr. W. Johnston	...	107 18 89	Mr. J. Anderson	...	116 20 96
Col. A. Moncrieff	...	107 18 89	Mr. J. G. Gibson	...	99 2 97
Mr. L. Craven	...	109 20 89	Mr. D. F. Park	...	115 18 97
Mr. R. Dalryell	...	98 8 90	Mr. W. Lyon	...	116 17 99
			Mr. J. Murray	...	113 13 100
			Mr. W. Rutherford	...	105 4 101

THE "ANDERSON" BEAKERS.—25th October :

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. H. Molesworth	...	78 scr. 78	Mr. C. Plummer	...	90 scr. 90
Col. Kennard	...	86 5 81	Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell	92	2 90
Mr. J. A. Ross	...	84 2 82	Mr. J. M. Henderson	96	6 90
Mr. N. R. Foster	...	83 scr. 83	Mr. J. Wallace	...	96 6 90
Mr. T. W. Lang	...	94 10 84	Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	96	6 90
Mr. W. Rutherford	...	89 4 85	Mr. M. Tabuteau	...	99 9 90
Mr. R. H. Caird	...	94 9 85	Mr. E. Field	...	100 10 90
Mr. F. Hardcastle	...	99 14 85	Mr. W. Johnston	...	108 18 90
Mr. H. A. Lamb	...	86 scr. 86	Mr. H. Buskin	...	93 2 91
Mr. W. Bazalgette	...	95 9 86	Mr. R. F. Denniston	...	102 11 91
Mr. W. D. Scott-Moncrieff	...	97 11 86	Mr. R. H. Pringle	...	98 6 92
Mr. W. C. Anderson	103	17 86	Mr. G. Nicol	...	100 8 92
Mr. H. P. Cumming	93	6 87	Mr. J. Taylor	...	104 12 92
Mr. F. Skene	...	94 6 88	Mr. Bruce Dick	...	104 12 92
Mr. A. N. Cumming	94	6 88	Mr. A. W. McDonell	109	16 93
Mr. A. C. Adam	...	96 8 88	Mr. E. Webb	...	114 20 94
Mr. A. Davidson	...	98 10 88	Mr. J. L. Ridpath	...	104 9 95
Mr. E. Turle	...	100 12 88	Mr. J. Murray	...	108 13 95
Gen. Grant	...	102 14 88	Mr. J. Anderson	...	114 18 96
Mr. R. H. Usher	...	104 16 88	Mr. W. L. Purves	...	97 scr. 97
Mr. J. Franklin Adam	101	12 89	Mr. H. Jackson	...	118 20 98
			Mr. C. J. Scott	...	117 18 99
			Mr. H. W. Horne	...	111 8 103

GOLF ON NAZING COMMON.

Mr. Walter F. Lyon writes:—

"Perhaps your readers might be interested in hearing of the opening meeting, last Saturday, of a new Golf club which has been lately started on Nazing Common, within easy driving distance of Broxbourne Station, in Essex. The club has been got together, in a great measure, by the vicar of Nazing, the Rev. J. W. Goddard, who has only lately come

into the benefice, and who, happening to be a keen golfer, at once spotted the common adjoining his church as a fit and proper place for the royal and ancient game. Backed by local enthusiasts, he has succeeded in floating what bids fair to be a not unworthy rival to any of the best golfing links in England. There are the full complement of eighteen holes, over a widespread common of very good turf, which only needs the aid of a roller to make the greens first rate; the hazards are quite equal—if not more numerous in number—to any inland course, consisting of a ticklish road, a water-brook to drive over, trees to negotiate, and some capital ditches, all lying amidst very pretty and really country scenery, with, I understand, good accommodation for lodging in the neighbouring farmhouses.

"The club is at present located in a comfortable hostelry kept by a Mr. Ridley, who seems bent on making himself and belongings agreeable to the club. Owing to the wretchedness of the weather last Saturday, there was a lean attendance at the meeting, and very little play took place. A formal meeting of the club was held at the time advertised, namely, four o'clock, Mr. Bury, of St. Leonard's, Waltham Cross, being in the chair, when the rules of the club were proposed and passed—a second meeting, next Saturday, to affirm the same, being resolved upon. A committee was appointed, and the Rev. Mr. Goddard elected treasurer, and other matters arranged.

"The club has closed the original member list, and only fifteen remain to be filled of the one guinea a year members, after which an entrance-fee probably will be imposed, if the committee see fit to do so.

"I may add that there are a good many members from the neighbouring districts, with great hope of more joining."

#### LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

The autumn competitions of the club were held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 15th and 16th, in almost a hurricane of wind, which swept many a well meant shot into trouble, and materially increased the scores on both days. On the 15th the players started level in a competition for the president's challenge cup, but none of the local performers could come near a new member of the club, Mr. G. H. Goldney, once well known, like many other golfers, on the cricket field, and now a golfer of standing and repute, and one, moreover, who has lately been playing a game that would make him a formidable opponent in well-nigh any company. The handicap, the next day, resulted in a tie between this gentleman (scratch) and the Rev. F. W. Parsons (12), but on playing off the tie, the scratch man displayed a form that was not to be denied, and ended the winner by four strokes.

This green is fast improving under the care of Douglas Rolland, and the new club-house, which has just been erected by the munificence of two of the members, is a very great convenience to players from a distance.

The scores of the handicap were as follows:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. G. H. Goldney	96	scr	96	Rev. C. E. Smith	137	18	119
Rev. F. W. Parsons	108	12	96	Mr. C. B. Heygate	159	25	134
Mr. Edgar Wight	118	12	106	Mr. A. Glover	157	20	137
Mr. J. O. Scott	128	18	110	F. Jefferson	177	25	152

Messrs. J. S. Scott, F. Scorer, A. Maude, and A. F. Rooke made no return.

On the 23rd, in dull and somewhat cold weather, albeit good weather for Golf, the Ladies' level competition was played over 18 holes, and resulted in a victory for Mrs. Parsons, who came in with a grand score of 93. This is at present considerably the best score made on the ladies' green, and when it is taken into consideration that at Limpsfield the ladies' course is a real golfing course, of no mean length, and with plenty of hazards, the score must be allowed to be deserving of high praise, and Mrs. Parsons received many congratulations on her good play. Mrs. Parsons thus becomes the holder of Mrs. Norman Watney's challenge cup, and wins the club silver medal. Miss A. Haldane Stewart was second with a good score of 98.

The ladies' handicap, which was played the next day for a gold brooch presented by Mr. G. H. Goldney, brought together a field of ten competitors, and resulted finally in the victory of Miss A. Haldane Stewart, who played a steady good game throughout, her card at the end showing 100 gross, 90 net. Miss Ethel Boyson was second, with 120 gross, 96 net. Scores as under:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Miss A. H. Stewart	100	10	90	Miss K. Watney	122	20	122
Miss Ethel Boyson	120	24	96	Mrs. Landale	117	14	103
Miss MacNiven	124	24	100	Miss Watney	121	18	103
Mrs. Parsons	125	4	101	Mrs. Timins	140	22	118
Mrs. Smith	114	12	102	Miss A. Boyson	164	24	140

#### FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting opened on Saturday, the 18th inst. (and briefly noticed in last week's issue) in boisterous weather, which put good

scoring out of the question. The principal prizes were those annually offered by Lord Elcho, the present captain of the club, for competition by those members who by staying a month in Felixstowe during the current year had qualified themselves as resident players. Of the winners of the eight previous heats there were present on Saturday, Mr. S. Mure Fergusson, Mr. Hugh Cumming, Mr. G. Thompson, Mr. Hibberd, Mr. G. Quilter, Mr. D. J. Dunlop, and Mr. W. K. Allen. The first place was gained by Mr. Fergusson, who also took the prize offered by the club under handicap by his score of 88. Mr. H. P. Cumming took the second of his lordship's prizes with the moderate score of 106. Scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. S. M. Fergusson	88	scr	88	Mr. J. C. Fowlie	109	8	101
Mr. J. H. Morley	104	13	91	Mr. L. G. Thompson	126	24	102
Mr. A. Morley	112	20	92	Mr. C. J. Blackburn	119	16	103
Mr. J. M. Henderson	103	8	95	Mr. H. Browne	123	20	103
Mr. F. W. Wilson	105	9	96	Mr. H. J. Hibberd	110	6	104
Mr. H. P. Cumming	106	6	100	Mr. J. Greig	114	8	106
Mr. C. G. Havell	109	9	100	Mr. W. K. Allen	123	14	107
Mr. C. G. Tunks	113	12	101	Mr. G. G. Kennedy	142	24	118
Mr. G. Thompson	115	14	101	Mr. D. J. Dunlop	131	9	122

No returns from Capt. F. Ord, Dr. J. Harper, and Messrs. R. E. Peake, K. M. Macdonald, H. Furniss, D. B. Roffey, R. C. Lindsay, G. R. Quilter, H. Smith, J. Porteous, C. Cheston, E. Hawkins, C. H. Downes, W. Pearce and J. Murray.

On Monday and the following day Mr. Mure Fergusson continued in good form, and came in easily ahead. The weather was fine, and the scoring consequently showed an improvement.

The prize offered by the club on Monday was a very pretty case of silver spoons; and in addition, for the best second round, a silver match box. Two members, Mr. C. G. Tunks and Mr. Arthur Morley, tied at 41 net for this prize, and have not yet played off for possession of the prize.

The committee have resolved to engage an assistant green-keeper, who will also be a good player, so that members will have no cause in future to complain of inadequacy in the teaching staff. It is thought that ample work will be found for him in instructing and private matches. The scores on Monday were as follows:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. S. M. Fergusson	85	scr	85	Mr. H. Smith	104	8	96
Mr. H. J. Hibberd	93	6	87	Mr. J. Greig	106	8	98
Mr. C. G. Tunks	99	12	87	Mr. G. R. Quilter	102	3	99
Mr. K. Macdonald	105	17	88	Mr. J. C. Fowlie	107	8	99
Mr. A. Morley	108	20	88	Mr. J. H. Morley	112	13	99
Rev. B. P. Oakes	112	24	88	Mr. J. Harper	117	18	99
Mr. J. M. Henderson	97	8	89	Mr. C. G. Havell	109	9	100
Mr. G. Thompson	103	14	89	Mr. C. H. Downes	127	24	103
Mr. D. B. Roffey	101	9	92	Mr. L. G. Thompson	128	24	104
Mr. R. C. Lindsay	102	9	93	Mr. E. Hawkins	125	18	107
Mr. C. J. Blackburn	110	16	94	Mr. G. G. Kennedy	135	24	111
Capt. W. St. G. Ord	113	18	95				

No returns from Messrs. R. Peake, Harry Furniss, Porteous, and Browne.

On Tuesday, in the competition for the monthly medal, the scores were:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. S. M. Fergusson	83	scr	83	Mr. J. M. Henderson	102	8	94
Mr. H. J. Hibberd	95	6	89	Mr. C. G. Tunks	108	12	96
Mr. J. Greig	97	8	89	Mr. J. C. Fowlie	107	8	99
Mr. C. G. Havell	98	9	89	Rev. R. P. Oakes	125	24	101
Mr. C. H. Downes	115	24	91	Mr. L. G. Thompson	127	24	103
Mr. T. H. Smith	100	8	92	Capt. W. St. G. Ord	122	18	104
Mr. K. Macdonald	109	17	92				

No returns from Mr. R. E. Peake, Mr. Harry Furniss, Mr. G. Thompson, Mr. D. B. Roffey, Mr. R. C. Lindsey, Mr. J. Porteous, Mr. J. C. Blackburn, Dr. James Harper, and Mr. Ed. Hawkins.

#### ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

A fine golfing day on Tuesday, the 21st, caused the play over the Blackheath links to be above the average; there was scarcely any wind, the atmosphere was clear, and the putting-greens were in first-rate order. The competition was twofold. It was the tenth contest for the gold medal struck in honour of the late Mr. George Glennie, a gentleman whose name will always be identified with the Royal Blackheath in particular, and with Golf generally. Mr. J. G. Gibson, the winner in 1886 and 1887, was again at the top of the list, and his success is noteworthy from the fact that he completed the 21 holes in 115 strokes, which is the best on record for these links, and is a point better than the previous "best," which, curiously enough, was credited to himself in 1887 and 1888. The Penn handicap cup was also decided on the same day, and secured by Mr. Newington, who also came second for

the Glennie medal, with the good record of 119. From the return which is appended it will be seen that the handicap committee were most happy in their allowances. Two tied at 119, two at 120, three at 121, two at 122, and four at both 123 and 124. There was the customary members' dinner at the club-house. Details:—

GEORGE GLENNIE GOLD MEDAL.

Mr. J. G. Gibson (winner) ... .. 115

GEORGE GLENNIE GOLD MEDAL AND PENN HANDICAP CUP.

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*Mr. A. Newington	119	8	111	Mr. T. A. Raynes...	133	10	123
Mr. F. G. Ireland	120	8	112	Mr. C. Lethbridge	145	21	124
Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	129	12	117	Mr. C. M. Baker	142	18	124
Mr. W. K. Graham	131	12	119	Mr. G. C. Snelling	145	21	124
Mr. R. Whyte ...	122	3	119	Major Anstruther...	133	9	124
Mr. F. J. Walker	127	7	120	Mr. W. M. Christie	146	21	125
Mr. W. K. Kentish	138	18	120	Mr. E. A. Walker	133	6	127
Mr. W. E. Hughes	127	6	121	Mr. H. H. Turner	136	8	128
Mr. F. Gilbert ...	139	18	121	Mr. W. G. Barnes	150	21	129
Mr. G. H. Ireland	121	scr.	121	Mr. J. G. Baillie...	144	12	132
Capt. H. Gillon ...	126	4	122	Mr. C. B. Lindsey	154	21	133
Mr. W. Morris ...	137	15	122	Mr. W. G. Drysdale	145	12	133
Mr. W. C. S. Pell ...	127	4	123	Mr. G. F. Sanders	150	10	140
Mr. J. R. Bramley	136	13	123	Mr. G. O. Jacob...	165	21	144
Mr. A. Schacht ...	132	9	123	Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	no return.		

\* Winner of cup and second for medal.

Previous Winners of the George Glennie Medal.—Mr. John Penn, 1881; Mr. H. A. Lamb, 1882; Mr. H. A. Lamb, 1883; Mr. F. C. Crawford, 1884; Mr. W. H. Richardson, 1885; Mr. J. G. Gibson, 1886; Mr. J. G. Gibson, 1887; Mr. F. Stokes, 1888; Mr. F. Stokes, 1889.

NORTH BERWICK.

During the past week few matches or competitions of any importance have engaged attention in golfing circles here. Although on Thursday, 23rd inst., some busy play was witnessed in single and foursome friendly games, none of these were of special interest, and on the following day the green presented an aspect of quietness consistent with the very advanced stage of the season. Perhaps the most interesting foursome on Thursday was that in which Sir George Clark, partnering Ben Sayers, opposed Mr. Parrott, of San Francisco, with Charlie Crawford, jun. A game characterised by very equal play resulted in favour of the latter couple by one at the home hole. Miserably wet weather attended the early play on Saturday last, and to this fact was doubtless owing to the small influx of golfing visitors per rail for the day. Some four couples arrived in the morning from Gullane and engaged in a round of the green. Messrs. David Stevenson and Charles Stevenson had a single, and there were also a few other friendly matches. In some instances scoring proved exceedingly high, the very sodden state of the greens deceiving a few of the less brilliant exponents of the royal game, and so facilitating returns for the round of over a hundred. The prospects of golfing in the winter season are comparatively favourable, and indication is already given that the few visiting golfers who choose to enjoy regularly their favourite game here in the winter months will show an increase in number this year. In the county, on Saturday, most interest centred in the competitions at Luffness, where play took place for the Wemyss medal, and also for the trophy of the Haddington Club.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.—AUTUMN MEETING.

There was a very large assembly of golfers at the second autumn meeting of the Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells Golf Club, which continues to grow in popularity. The competition extended from Saturday the 18th till Monday the 20th inst., but the scores on the first day were not satisfactory on account of the high wind. In the competition on Saturday, J. S. Scott won the first prize, a silver sugar basin and sifter, with a net score of 73, Mr. A. W. Massy being the second with a net score of 81, and winning the second prize, a silver cream ewer. The third prize, consisting of twelve Golf balls, were divided between Messrs. Mews, Dick and Skene, each tying with net score of 83. On Monday, in the general competition, Mr. L. Andrews headed the list with a net score of 73, and received the first prize, consisting of a pair of silver candlesticks, whilst Mr. J. Mews, with three strokes more, gained the second prize, six kingfisher silver teaspoons, and Mr. Flanagan gained third prize, a box of balls, with a net score of 78. In addition to these prizes the Stonehouse cup, presented by Mr. F. D. Banister (with a pair of silver muffineers by the club as a memento), was competed for, being given to the player with the best aggregate

score on the two days, the handicap being limited to 18. It was won by Mr. J. Mews with the following scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Saturday...	91	15	76
Monday ...	100	17	83

The club's gold medal (with silver sugar bowl and tongs as a memento) was also competed for, being given to the one with the best aggregate gross score, and was awarded to Mr. Felix Skene, whose score was:—Saturday, 88; Monday, 100; making a total of 188. The prize, a claret jug, for those with handicap over 18, went to Mr. T. H. Oyler, with the score of 88 and 82, making a total of 170. Saturday's score:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
J. S. Scott ...	93	20	73	F. A. Lee ...	106	14	92
A. W. Massy ...	106	25	81	F. H. Andrews ...	115	23	92
J. Mews ...	100	17	83	C. H. Ashton ...	120	28	92
Bruce Dick...	95	12	83	Major Margary ...	128	30	92
F. Skene ...	88	5	83	Rev. C. C. Woodland	106	13	93
J. Magrath ...	103	13	85	A. J. Bowman ...	124	30	94
Rev. R. T. Thornton	105	20	85	Colonel St. Clair ...	123	28	95
J. J. Freeman ...	116	30	86	W. Austen-Leigh ...	111	16	95
F. Coombe Williams	116	30	86	H. J. Fisher ...	111	14	97
F. Wear ...	114	28	86	T. C. Johnson ...	115	18	97
Lawford Andrews ...	108	20	88	F. Stone ...	130	33	97
T. H. Oyler ...	107	19	88	G. B. N. Flanagan...	119	21	98
A. H. Newington ...	97	7	90	A. D. Stevenson ...	119	19	100
Rev. A. T. Scott ...	95	5	90	P. J. Andrews ...	128	25	103
W. B. Dick ...	107	17	90	F. D. Banister ...	144	36	108
J. O. Scott... ..	113	22	91	J. Ramsay Parsons...	144	36	108
H. E. Lawrence ...	104	13	91	G. Birch ...	149	25	124
W. E. Hughes ...	99	7	92				

Monday's scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
L. Andrews ...	92	19	73	Rev. A. T. Scott ...	95	5	90
J. Mews ...	91	15	76	J. S. Scott ...	101	11	90
G. B. Flanagan ...	99	21	78	W. E. Hughes ...	97	7	90
T. C. Fox ...	100	18	82	J. S. D. Selby ...	105	15	90
C. M. Thornton ...	110	20	82	F. D. Banister ...	125	36	90
T. H. Oyler ...	101	19	82	J. Magrath ...	109	18	91
W. Golding... ..	113	30	83	A. H. Newington ...	99	7	92
J. O. Scott... ..	106	22	84	F. A. Lee ...	106	14	92
W. Massy ...	107	22	84	P. J. Andrews ...	118	25	93
H. E. Lawrence ...	92	13	86	C. A. Ashton ...	121	27	94
F. H. Andrews ...	110	23	87	W. R. Lee... ..	115	21	94
Rev. C. C. Woodland	100	13	87	F. Skene ...	100	4	96
H. J. Fisher ...	121	14	87	Major Marriott ...	120	23	97
Rev. R. T. Thornton	107	20	87	Major Spens ...	120	23	97
A. D. Stevenson ...	106	19	87	H. Banister ...	125	28	97
H. S. Little ...	106	18	88	Major Margary ...	128	30	98
L. Horner ...	97	9	88	Col. St. Clair ...	126	27	99
F. Swainson ...	107	18	89				

Their were about ten players over one hundred. An extremely handsome silver cup was presented by the Blackheath members of the club for the best two aggregate scores made at any two of the two days' meetings, which take place between this and the next autumn meeting inclusive, and the play for it at this meeting was to the advantage of J. Mews, L. Andrews, and J. S. Scott.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

Last Saturday, October 25th, the season on the Ascot Links, to all intents and purposes, opened, as, although there are contests and competitions during the summer months, the competitors consist almost entirely of local members. Last Saturday the starters for Mr. Haig's prize numbered golfers from all parts, notably Mr. Mure Fergusson, who lately competed at Felixstowe and St. Andrews; Mr. Patton, the hon. sec., fresh from a visit to Westward Ho!; Mr. Keyser, who played in the semi-final round of the Jubilee Vase Tournament at St. Andrews; and Mr. H. de Paravicini, who returned to his native heath with his Brighton honours thick upon him, having won no less than three prizes there during his short autumnal visit. The course is still difficult, but, thanks to a liberal amount of mowing and rolling, is improving every day, and no fault can be found with the greens. The fearful downpour of last Saturday is alone accountable for the following poor returns:—

MR. C. E. HAIG'S PRIZE.

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
G. W. Ricketts ...	98	10	88	F. E. Speed...	115	18	97
Capt. Cooper-Key ...	105	16	89	L. B. Keyser ...	109	9	100
F. J. Patton ...	93	2	91	C. C. Bayley ...	118	18	100
C. C. Clarke ...	113	22	91	F. A. Walroth ...	120	15	105
C. E. Cottrell ...	103	12	91				

No returns from E. Ponsonby, H. F. de Paravicini, H. C. Clarke, A. Elliott, Col. Needham, Mure Fergusson, and E. H. Saulez.

GLADWYNS GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club closed on Saturday last. Some very good cards were sent in for the numerous prizes. The winning score for the Purves Cup is the best yet made in a competition. The greens were in excellent order, but the lies through the course were not so good as usual at this time of year. The best scores for the principal prizes follow :—

QUARTERLY CHALLENGE CUP.—Miss Broke, 85, less 12=73.

PURVES CUP (limited to 15 hcp.).—P. V. Broke, 65, plus 5=70; H. S. D. Gill, 78, less 2=76; H. Broke, 85, less 9=76.

OXFORD CHALLENGE CLEEK (two rounds limited to 12 hcp.).—

	1st.	2nd.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
H. Broke ... ..	83	84	167	19	148
H. S. D. Gill ... ..	79	75	154	4	150
G. Broke ... ..	82	87	169	19	150
Rev. J. L. Green ... ..	84	86	170	19	151

OPTIONAL PRIZE.—Rev. J. L. Green, 83, less 8=75.

VICAR'S PRIZE (limited to one club).—H. S. D. Gill, 73, scr.=73; Miss M. Broke, 95, less 20=75; P. V. Broke, 74, plus 5=79.

MARSH PRIZE (for 18 best holes during meeting, half handicap).—G. Broke, 61, less 4=57; P. V. Broke, 57, plus 2½=59½; Miss Marsh, 70, less 10½=59½.

AGGREGATE PRIZE (two best rounds during meeting):

	1st.	2nd.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Marsh ... ..	88	93	181	36	145
Miss M. Broke ... ..	93	95	188	40	148
H. S. D. Gill ... ..	73	75	148	scr.	148
P. V. Broke ... ..	65	73	138	+10	148

Miss E. M. Heathcote won the captaincy of the club for the year with a scratch score of 81.

NEWBIGGIN CLUB.

The final competition for the gold medal took place on the Newbiggin Links, last Saturday afternoon, in favourable weather for the game. This was the twelfth contest for the medal, and the record for the competition up to Saturday stood: Mr. J. L. Bell, 3 wins; Mr. J. G. Sharp, 3 wins; Mr. T. A. Hutton, 3 wins; Mr. G. F. Charlton, 1 win; Mr. J. Hedley 1. The struggle for premier honours therefore lay between the three first named. Mr. Sharp played well from the start. When the cards were handed in he was found to be the winner with a score of 96, less 5=91. Messrs Tate, Longstaff, and Rosser only competed for the optional prize. The season at Newbiggin is now finished, and it is pleasing to learn that it has proved very successful, and owing to the committee having decided that the gold medal should be competed for twelve times during the summer months, instead of over the whole year, the entries have shown a large increase on those of previous years. Scores:—Mr. J. G. Sharp, 96, less 5=91; Mr. J. Tate, 103, less 8=95; Mr. J. L. Bell, 99, less 1=98; Mr. D. Rosser, 113, less 11=102; Mr. G. Longstaff, 106, less 3=103; Mr. T. Hutton retired.

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of the above club was held on Friday, October 24th, at Pinkerknowle. The prizes to be competed for were the president's cup (given by T. Millvain, Esq., Q.C., M.P., and which is played for twice a year, under handicap, viz., at the spring and autumn meetings) and a dozen Golf balls. The course consists of six holes, and is exactly a mile round. It is exceedingly difficult to negotiate, both on account of the numerous hazards, and being an inland green and the grass generally on the long side. The scores, as a rule, are not pleasing to a golfer's eye. In fact, although the club has been in existence for nearly three years, no card has yet been handed in with a smaller gross than 102, which record of the green is held by Dr. Treadwell. A strong westerly wind made matters worse for the players.

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	3rd Rnd.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. E. S. Robson ... ..	38	41	39	118	10	108
†Mr. G. P. Blagdon... ..	40	42	40	122	12	110
Mr. J. Duncanson ... ..	43	45	39	127	15	112
Dr. O. F. N. Treadwell... ..	42	35	41	118	4	114
Mr. A. McKinlay ... ..	43	43	40	126	12	114
Mr. F. W. Cluff ... ..	48	43	48	139	25	114
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe... ..	38	38	40	116	scr.	116

\* Winner of the cup. † Winner of the Golf balls.

Messrs. G. F. Charlton, J. Hutchinson, and Captain Roberts retired.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting took place on Wednesday, the 15th, and Thursday, the 16th inst., and, considering the weather, was fairly well attended. Wednesday opened in a downpour of rain, but this ceased before ten o'clock, and was succeeded by high winds, which continued through both days of the meeting. Mr. Fitton who won the autumn cup last year, was again successful in carrying it off; he thereby wins it out and out. The Parker cup, a scratch prize in memory of one of the oldest members of the club, was played for for the first time, and won by the Rev. H. Foster. Below are the scores :—

October 15th :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. H. G. Fitton ... ..	97	16	81	Rev. L. B. Bubb ... ..	105	19	86
Mr. W. E. Paterson ... ..	93	11	82	Capt. Archdale ... ..	100	12	88
Mr. J. N. Swann ... ..	93	11	82	Mr. W. A. Lucy ... ..	106	18	88
Mr. W. M. Binns ... ..	96	14	82	Mr. E. G. B. Martin ... ..	105	17	88
Mr. R. V. Berkeley ... ..	105	23	82	†Rev. H. Foster ... ..	87	+2	89
†Mr. J. H. Blackwell ... ..	81	+2	83	Major W. L. Lewis ... ..	98	9	90
Rev. C. Black ... ..	94	11	83	Mr. A. C. Cherry ... ..	105	16	89
Mr. H. de Satgé ... ..	101	17	84	Mr. H. W. Acland ... ..	108	12	96
Capt. O. S. Vale ... ..	106	22	84	Mr. C. E. Moilliet ... ..	115	19	96
Mr. A. S. Archdale ... ..	99	13	86	Mr. H. R. M. Porter ... ..	125	25	100
Mr. H. N. B. Erskine ... ..	101	15	86	Mr. L. J. Fish ... ..	121	18	103

\* Wins autumn cup and club gold medal. † Visitor. ‡ Wins Parker cup and club gold medal.

Ten players sent in no returns.

IRON CLUB PRIZE :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Capt. O. S. Vale ... ..	50	11	39	Mr. W. F. Paterson ... ..	53	5	48
Mr. W. M. Binns... ..	52	7	45	Rev. W. Bedford ... ..	56	7	49
Rev. H. Foster ... ..	45	+1	46	Mr. A. S. Archdale ... ..	56	6	50
Mr. E. F. Chance... ..	47	1	46	Mr. H. N. B. Erskine ... ..	58	7	51
Mr. H. de Satgé ... ..	55	8	47	Mr. H. W. Buck ... ..	61	10	51
Mr. R. V. Berkeley ... ..	58	11	47	Mr. H. W. Acland ... ..	58	6	52
Major W. L. Lewis ... ..	52	4	48				

No returns from twelve players.

October 16th :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Capt. O. S. Vale... ..	99	22	77	Mr. A. S. Archdale ... ..	101	13	88
†Mr. J. N. Swann... ..	93	11	82	Mr. P. V. Turner... ..	107	16	91
‡Rev. C. Black ... ..	96	11	85	Mr. R. V. Berkeley ... ..	114	23	91
†Mr. W. M. Binns ... ..	99	14	85	Capt. Archdale ... ..	104	12	92
§Mr. J. H. Blackwell ... ..	84	+2	86	Rev. W. Bedford ... ..	106	14	92
Mr. W. E. Paterson ... ..	97	11	86	Mr. R. E. Lyon ... ..	115	22	93
Mr. H. G. Fitton... ..	101	15	86	Mr. H. R. M. Porter ... ..	118	25	93
Mr. E. F. Chance... ..	90	3	87	Rev. L. B. Bubb ... ..	114	19	95
Mr. H. de Satgé ... ..	104	17	87	Mr. C. E. Moilliet ... ..	115	19	96

\* Wins Malvern challenge claret jug and first club prize. † Wins Mr. E. F. Chance's challenge prize and second club prize. ‡ Tie for third club prize. § Visitor.

No returns from eleven players.

FOURFOME CUPS :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. E. F. Chance... ..	92	7	85	Rev. W. E. Pollard ... ..	102	14	88
Mr. W. E. Paterson ... ..	98	12	86	Mr. H. G. Fitt ... ..			
Mr. A. S. Archdale ... ..	98	12	86	Mr. H. W. Buck... ..	107	17	90
Capt. Archdale ... ..	98	12	86	Mr. W. M. Binns ... ..			
Rev. L. J. Fish ... ..	99	13	86	Mr. A. H. Lechmere ... ..	109	19	90
Mr. C. Toppin ... ..	99	13	86	Capt. Vale ... ..			
Mr. H. W. Acland ... ..	93	5	88	Mr. R. V. Berkeley ... ..	120	24	96
Rev. H. Foster ... ..	93	5	88	Mr. H. Porter ... ..			

ROYAL BELFAST GOLF CLUB.

Golf has become so popular now-a-days in the North of Ireland, that it is needless to say there was the customary large turn-out of the members of this club for their autumn meeting, held at Holywood, on Saturday, 18th inst. Indeed, the Kinnegar course is rather limited in extent for the numbers who attend now on these occasions. There were forty-six entries for the various scratch and handicap prizes, and, with so many competing in singles on a nine-hole round, there is always sure to be a congestion on some portion of the links. This was aggravated on Saturday by the fact that for a considerable part of the day a strong breeze from the North blew right across the course, any "sliced" or "heeled" drives being badly punished, the balls being carried off the course into the whins or long grass, where a considerable time was spent by some of the players in looking for them. The present course at Holywood is a pretty long one, four out of the nine holes being from 300 to 400 yards and only one hole being within

driving distance from the tee, unless by an exceptionally long carry. In these circumstances, and with the breeze, which prevailed to the disadvantage of the players, low scores were not to be looked for, the two best being those of Messrs. T. Gilroy and H. Shaw, who once more had a stiff fight for the scratch prize—the Murphy-Grimshaw plate—the former winning with 93, made up as follows:—First round, 6 5 4 5 4 6 5 4 6=45; second round, 7 5 5 4 5 6 6 5 5=48. Mr. H. Shaw's score was 97, and Mr. H. Gregg was close up with 100.

The first and second prizes in the handicap—fifteen and under—went to Messrs. T. Gilroy and H. Gregg respectively, and similar prizes—handicap over fifteen—to Messrs. A. N. Charley and R. E. McLean, who tied at 88 net for these and the Lowry Corry medal (handicap). This tie will have to be played off.

The following are the scores in the handicap under 100 net :

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. N. Charley... 108	20 88	Mr. H. Gregg... 100	6 94
Mr. R. E. McLean ... 108	20 88	Mr. F. W. Finlay ... 121	24 97
Mr. A. Duffin ... 121	30 91	Mr. H. Shaw ... 97	scr. 97
Mr. S. Wilson, jun... 112	20 92	Mr. W. A. Chapman 121	24 97
Mr. H. Agnew ... 112	20 92	Mr. F. E. Cuming ... 119	20 99
Mr. T. Gilroy... 93	scr. 93		

The contest for the Iota cup by holes, under handicap, is at present being carried on from week to week, and is expected to be finished early next month. A prize, presented by the captain of the club—Mr. I. H. MacIlwaine—will be competed for, also by holes, under handicap, by the members, on November 8th.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly competition for the cup presented by Mr. H. Everard was held over the links on Warwick Common, on Saturday the 18th. After the recent rain the greens had been carefully rolled, and were consequently in a high state of excellence. There were upwards of thirty players on Saturday, sixteen of whom competed for the cup :

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. J. C. Gibsone 99	15 84	Mr. R. F. T. Perkin 119	26 93
Mr. R. O. Milne ... 104	16 88	Mr. H. F. Thursby 112	18 94
Dr. Watson..... 118	30 88	Capt. Pratt..... 121	26 95
Hon. R. Lyttelton... 104	13 91	Mr. J. W. Traill ... 112	17 95
Mr. I. W. Liddell... 104	11 93	Mr. F. Hunter-Blair 103	7 96
Rev. E. H. Oldham 104	11 93	Mr. T. H. Ashton... 103	4 99

No returns from Mr. G. Bonyer, Mr. C. G. Graham, Capt. Shaw and Mr. J. F. Shaw. Amongst other players on the green during the competition were the Rev. O. Mordaunt, Mr. Pratt, R.A., Mr. P. A. Leaf, Major Gibsone, Mr. Harrington Smith, Mr. P. A. Cobbold, Rev. J. P. Way, Mr. B. Meade, Mr. A. Moore, Mr. Stewart, Mr. E. M. J. Paterson, Judge Chalmers and Mr. J. E. Corbett.

The club has now nearly completed the fourth year of its prosperous existence. It was started in November, 1886, the Earls of Warwick and Aylesford being elected patrons, Col. Boothby president, and Mr. F. C. Hunter-Blair hon. secretary and treasurer, which offices still continue to be held by the same gentlemen. The numbers have increased from fifteen in November, 1886, to 154 at the present moment, several new candidates being down for election at the next ballot. About one-half of the members hail from Leamington, but the club also recruits largely in Warwick and the neighbourhood, several of the members residing so far afield as Eastbourne, Blackheath, and St. Andrews. During the past twelve months forty-one members have been elected, which is the largest number elected since the first year. During the past year there have also been forty-two competitions on the links for five silver challenge cups, four silver presentation cups, one silver challenge niblick, one silver presentation medal, three gold challenge medals, eight bronze presentation medals, and one set of engraved glasses. Many improvements have lately been effected in the club rooms at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, which now present all the appearance of a regular Golf club-house, the rooms being fitted throughout with lockers for the use of the members, and provided with newspapers, periodicals, and all other requisites. Under these auspicious circumstances, and with the popularity of the royal and ancient game gradually extending in the Midlands, the Warwickshire Golf Club may fairly consider itself to be "up to date."

FORFARSHIRE.

The competition for the Foote-Millar Handicap Cup engaged in by the members of the Montrose Royal Albert Club was concluded last week. Dr. Soutar played the Rev. Mr. Cameron, on Monday, in most unfavourable weather. The doctor managed to beat his opponent by four up and three to play. The final heat was played off on Friday between Dr. Soutar and Dr. Stone. The match was very evenly contested, and after an exciting finish Dr. Stone was found to have won the medal by one hole.

A foursome of exceptional interest has been engaging the attention of golfers in the country this week, between Captain Murchison partnered with Archie Simpson, the Carnoustie professional, against Captain Barclay and Bob Dow, of Montrose. The conditions of the match were that two rounds should be played, the first at Montrose, the second at Carnoustie. On Friday last, in excellent weather, the first round was played when Old Bob showed himself invincible on his own green, and, well-aided by his partner, they pulled off the match with great ease.

The "stolen hole" controversy at Montrose continues to rage fiercely. A few weeks ago it was stated that while Dr. Stone, the Secretary of the Royal Albert Club, held by the bargain made with the Town Council as to keeping on the course marked out and agreed upon when the Council gave off the ground for a circular course, a number of the members refused to recognise it. On behalf of the last-named section a threat was made at a recent meeting of the Town Council to spend a thousand pounds in support of their contention, and the regulations of the Council have been set at defiance.

Before taking any action against the Royal Albert, the Town Council decided to ascertain the feeling of the other clubs in the town upon the matter. In response to this appeal, a special meeting of the Victoria Club was called, when the proceedings of the Royal Albert were strongly condemned. It was unanimously resolved to support the Town Council, it being considered that the arrangement with the authorities was binding on all golfers.

On their side, the members of the Royal Albert did not remain idle. They invited golfers to meet them in the club-house one evening last week to discuss the question, as also the subject of a general tee. About forty persons were present. As to continuing the disputed hole—if the Council can be brought round to consent—a vote was taken, when twenty-two voted for and six against the proposal, the rest of those present declining to vote. On the tee question a considerable amount of discussion took place. It was ultimately decided to continue the present tee during the day, except Wednesday and Saturday, and that for these two days and the evenings of the other days of the week, a tee was agreed on at the metal-bridge, being half-way between the present and the old one.

The return foursome between W. Young partnered with David Bisset opposed to Geo. Wright partnered with Alex. Bowman was played on Monifieth course, on Saturday. The match was close and interesting, and Young and his partner managed to turn the tables upon their opponents, coming in one hole up. Wright and Bowman did the outgoing half in 43 and were one hole to the good. Coming home, however, Young and Bisset settled down to work, and eventually earned a well-merited victory. The scores were:—Wright and Bowman 90; Young and Bisset 92. The latter, though beaten in strokes, won by one hole as mentioned. Wright and Bowman won the first match by four holes.

Under very unfavourable conditions as regards weather the members of the Dundee Advertiser assembled at Monifieth on Saturday morning, to engage in the competition for the quarterly medal and sweepstakes. The rain cleared off, however, in the course of the forenoon, but left the greens heavy. Notwithstanding these drawbacks some good scores were made. In players of the first class: W. Still came in at 84, J. Inglis 93, Arthur Forsyth 94, and J. Melville 95; second class, A. Buchan 102, W. F. Black 106, J. Smith 107. F. Currie was winner in the third class at 131. The medal winners were: Average first class, J. D. Brown; second class, A. Buchan; third class, Finlay Currie.

The members of the Montrose Mechanics' Club on Saturday afternoon competed for their silver medal and gold cross. There was a good turnout, and the greens were in capital order. The gold cross was won by J. C. Fairman, while J. McGregor carried off the silver medal, and J. Milne was awarded a special prize.

The Forfar Golf Club held their autumn competition for the club medal and president's prize on Saturday, on the Cunningham Course. A strong wind interfered very much with play, while heavy rains had produced a very unfavourable effect upon the putting-greens. Dr. W. F. C. Lowson came in, however, at the splendid score of 83. He was followed by Mr. J. Brodie at 87, and Mr. J. F. Craik at 89. The president's prize—a set of clubs—was also won by Dr. Lowson.

LUFFNESS.

The members of this club held their last meeting of the season, the challenge handicap gold medal, gifted by Lord Wemyss, on Saturday. The prevailing disagreeable weather tended to reduce the number of competitors. Besides the blue-ribbon of the meeting, a gold pendant was also competed for. This award of Lord Wemyss falls to the member winning the medal most frequently in the course of the season. Mr. J. D. Paterson, who had already gained it twice, proved the winner, although on this occasion he was out of the running for the medal. Mr. M. M'Neil was the fortunate competitor in the play for the medal, the principal returns being as appended: Mr. M. M'Neil, 90, less 14=76; Mr. J. Williamson, 89, less 8=81; Mr. F. V. Hagart, 84 (scratch); Mr. W. Merriles, 88, less 4=84; Mr. J. G.

Croal, 97, less 12=85; Mr. J. Richardson, 94, less 6=88; Mr. J. S. Burnet, 97, less 8=89; Mr. C. Craig, 93, less 4=89; Mr. J. D. Paterson, 97, less 8=89; and Mr. J. Stirling, 101, less 12=89.

The Haddington Club also competed over Luffness links on Saturday, the awards being the medal presented by Major Ross and several handicap prizes. The attendance of competitors was good, and played right pretty keen. Appended were the principal returns:—Mr. M. M'Neil, 90, less 8=82; Mr. W. T. Ferme, 97, less 12=85; Mr. W. Merriles, 88 (scratch); Mr. J. G. Croal, 97, less 7=90; Mr. I. Richardson, 94, less 3=91; Mr. A. Paul, 107, less 16=91; Mr. J. Stirling, 101, less 8=93; Mr. J. S. Burnet, 97, less 4=93. In playing off the former tie between Mr. A. Paul and Mr. J. Stirling for the Aitchison trophy (the match being under hole conditions), Mr. Paul was successful by two.

**DUNBAR GOLF CLUB.**—In the competition for the medal and quigh amongst the members of this club, on Saturday, a score of 91, by Mr. Robert Cunningham, proved sufficient to gain for him the principal award, whilst Mr. W. T. Armour succeeded in winning the quigh, at 93. Mr. Robert Cunningham also gained the first sweepstake prize, Mr. C. Innes and Mr. J. M'Kinlay following with second and third places respectively.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.**—The weekly handicap sweepstakes were played for on Friday, the 17th, with the following results:—1st class.—W. D. Davidson, 89, less 15=74; G. B. Grundy, 91, less 13=78; H. J. Knight, 90, less 7=83; W. H. McPherson, 85, add 1=86; J. B. Pease, 87, less 1=86; H. Nicholls, 99, less 12=87.

2nd class.—L. A. Selby-Bigge, 96, less 28=68; F. H. Stewart, 101, less 24=77; C. E. Brownrigg, 105, less 27=78; Rev. F. H. Hall, 114, less 36=78; W. G. Pennyman, 110, less 20=90.

Fourteen members made no return. The 1st class consists of all who have a handicap of 18 and under, the 2nd class of all who get more than 18.

The weekly handicap was played on Friday, the 24th inst., with the following result:—

1st Class.—R. Lodge, 85, less 15=70; A. W. Gordon, 91, less 13=78; L. Selby Bigge, 94, less 12=82; F. H. Stewart, 101, less 18=83; J. B. Pease, 85, less 1=84; W. R. Hardie, 100, less 16=84; G. M. Style, 86, less 11=85; W. H. McPherson, 85, plus 1=86; H. Nicholls, 100, less 12=88; W. M. Lindsay, 106, less 18=88; D. C. Greenlees, 94, less 4=90; T. P. Powell, 112, less 16=96; J. C. Sykes, 113, less 10=103.

2nd Class.—W. S. Hamilton, 104, less 36=68; G. C. Twist, 118, 40=78; E. G. Carmichael, 106, less 27=79; D. G. Hogarth, 108, less 27=81. The second class consists of all those members who have a handicap of more than 18.

**LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.**—On Friday, the 17th inst., the third competition for the challenge cup offered by the president took place on the links. Mr. E. Goff won with a capital net score of 90. Score:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. E. Goff	115	25	90	Mr. G. Wellesley	115	12	103
Mr. A. Holmes	102	10	92	Rev. G. Moor	129	25	104
Mr. R. A. Blagden	118	25	93	Mr. A. J. Constable	119	12	107
Mr. H. E. Harris	121	25	96	Mr. J. C. Constable	137	30	107
Mr. C. Farmer	109	12	97				

On Saturday, the 18th inst., the monthly handicap was played, and was won by Mr. R. A. Blagden with a net total of 85. Score:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. R. A. Blagden	110	25	85	Mr. E. Goff	122	25	97
Mr. Barry	Retired.			Mr. A. Holmes	108	10	98
Mr. J. C. Constable	122	30	92	Mr. A. J. Constable	112	12	100
Mr. C. Bartlett	120	25	95	Mr. R. Holmes	115	10	105
Mr. H. E. Harris	121	25	96	Mr. C. Farmer	126	12	114

**ARCHERFIELD GOLF CLUB.**—The annual tussle among the members of this small but select East Lothian Club, for the Hamilton Ogilvie gold medal (scratch) and other prizes, took place at Dirleton on Saturday the 18th. There was a really good field of competitors, and, despite a nasty cross wind, scoring was well up to the average. After tying with Mr. John Edgar at 86, Mr. J. A. Begbie, Queenstonbank, secured the Hamilton Ogilvie medal by four strokes on playing off, and Mr. John Young won a clock (competed for under handicap), presented by Mr. A. W. Belfrage, C.E., Edinburgh, on his retirement from the club.

**HARRISON GOLF CLUB (EDINBURGH).**—This club held a hole tournament last week for four prizes, when the following members won:—1, L. G. Ross, scratch; 2, J. Allan, 4 holes; 3, D. A. Henderson, 2 holes; 4, D. T. Menzies, 2. The tie for the gold medal was played over Musselburgh Links yesterday, when J. Campbell won.

**ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.**—Saturday, Oct. 18th.—The secretary's monthly prize and optional sweepstake:

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*†Capt. Prendergast,			Mr. A. L. Scott	116	22	94	
40th Regt. ....	105	22	83	Mr. E. F. Oakeley,			
†Capt. Fairlie, R.N.	96	9	87	40th Regt. ....	122	27	95
†Mr. A. C. Salmonson	110	23	87	Capt. Robin	100	4	96
Mr. T. C. Robin	98	9	89	Lieut.-Col. Mayne	106	10	96
Col. McKenzie	96	6	90	Mr. W. Field	109	13	96
Dr. Copeland	114	23	91	Rev. H. Yorke	112	16	96
Major Scott, R.A.	94	2	92	Capt. Sumner, 40th			
Dr. Hodder	109	15	94	Regt. ....	108	9	97
Lieut.-Col. McDou-				Mr. W.H. Monckton	123	26	97
gal, 40th Regt. ...	116	22	94				

\* Winner of prize. † Divided sweepstakes.

No returns from Messrs. H. Spencer, Lushington, Turnbull, P. Robin, and Cuming, Capt. Cavendish, Capt. Withington, and Capt. Burney.

**KING JAMES VI. GOLF CLUB (PERTH).**—On Thursday the 23rd the members of King James VI. Club, Perth, held their second autumn competition on the North Inch, Perth. The prizes included the Hay Robertson medal and the club's silver medal (both scratch) and three handicap prizes—a silver cup and two clubs, presented by the captain, Mr. R. Dunsmore. The weather was very favourable, and there was a large attendance of competitors, the following couples taking part:—R. Dunsmore and R. Halley, R. Keay and James F. Pullar, A. Robertson and H. H. Greig, W. Garvie and Rector Chambers, W. Robertson and A. Frazer, J. Creerer and A. Jamieson, G. T. Cairncross and J. Robertson, Dan. Wylie and J. F. Haig, J. Chalmers and E. Campbell, W. S. Leitch and A. M'Gilvary, D. S. Dow and James Hay, jun., George C. Roy and L. Grant, Dan. Halley and R. A. Hay, R. W. Robertson and J. Marshall, J. C. Dow and John A. Robertson. At the close it was found that the Hay Robertson medal had been won by Mr. Robert Keay at 121, and the club's silver medal by Mr. Robert Halley at 122. Owing to some dispute, decision as to the winners of the other prizes was deferred.

**WARRENDER GOLF CLUB.**—On Wednesday afternoon, the 22nd inst., the members of the Warrender Golf Club held their autumn competition over Musselburgh Links. The weather, though dull, was all that could be desired for good play. The game, as usual, consisted of two rounds of the green, or 18 holes. The trophies offered on this occasion were the Inglis gold medal (scratch), entitling the winner to a gold charm presented by the club, the Cannon silver medal (handicap), and half a-dozen other prizes presented by members of the club. Eight couples started, and on the return of the cards it was found that Mr. L. G. Ross had gained the Inglis gold medal with a score of 87, made up as follows:—First round, 5 5 6 3 5 6 5 5=46; second round, 4 5 4 4 5 4 5 5=41; total, 87. The following were the winners of the handicap prizes:—Mr. J. Watson, 101, less 13=88; Mr. D. G. Robertson, 99, less 10=89; Mr. J. K. Andrews, 97, less 6=91; Mr. T. S. Kay, 91, scratch; Mr. W. J. Grieve, 94, less 3=91, and Mr. L. G. Ross, 87, plus 4=91—tie. Previous to the competition the club held their annual meeting, when the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Captain, J. K. Andrews, S.S.C.; treasurer, David Stocks; secretary, Francis Mathie.

**ROYAL PERTH GOLFING CLUB.**—The autumn general meeting of the Royal Perth Golfing Club was held in the club-house, Perth, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. After the meeting, eight couples adjourned to the North Inch and competed for the Buccleuch gold medal, the Pitfour silver medal, and the Athole cross. On the cards being handed in, the following was found to be the result of the competition:—The Buccleuch gold medal was won by Mr. Charles Anderson at 120 strokes, the Pitfour silver medal by Mr. Melville Jamieson, jun., at 121 strokes, and the Athole cross by Mr. T. Henry Anderson at 123 strokes.

**THE ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.**—The first of the monthly competitions for the Gordon challenge cup and captain's prize took place on the club links at Chingford on Saturday last. The bad weather prevented a large attendance of members, but, considering the deadness of the greens, some really good scores were handed in, of which the following are the best:—J. M. Ken, 93, less 10=83; Dr. H. Hawkins, 96, less 10=86; W. F. Gilmour, 110, less 24=86; W. P. Bowyer, 105, less 18=87; S. R. Bastard, 103, less 15=88; L. S. McKenzie, 104, less 14=90; J. W. James, 116, less 18=98; G. Thompson, 112, less 12=100.

**LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.**—The members of Littlestone Club competed on Saturday last for the Dockrell cup, which was secured by H. T. Wright with a score of 93. The handicap prize was taken by L. Fawell with 87.

**EDINBURGH CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' CLUB.**—The first meeting of the Edinburgh Chartered Accountants' Golf Club was held at Gullane on Tuesday, the 21st inst., in splendid weather. The first ball was struck off by the captain (J. A. Robertson). Thereafter eight couples started, under the supervision of the secretary (James Gow), in the following order:—J. A. Robertson (captain) and A. Davidson Smith, James Brown and H. Hay Brown, D. N. Cotton and James Paterson, Fred. J. Crawford and J. T. M. Greig, Alex. M'Kelvie and F. W. Martin, J. Gordon Robertson and H. L. Sanderson, W. L. Pattison and James Gordon. James Brown and W. L. Pattison tied for the club medal with the following scores:—James Brown, 88, less 4=84; W. L. Pattison, 94, less 10=84. The tie was played off in the afternoon, and W. L. Pattison won with 92, less 10=82. The following are the best scores: James Brown, 88, less 4=84; W. L. Pattison, 94, less 10=84; W. Greenhill, 93, less 8=85; A. Davidson Smith, 105, less 18=87; James Gordon, 98, less 10=88; D. N. Cotton, 102, less 12=90; H. L. Sanderson, 96, less 6=90; James Greig, 110, less 18=92; James Paterson, 104, less 12=92.

**REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.**—The autumn meeting of this club on the 25th October was not favoured by the elements. During the whole day there was a more or less steady downpour, but in spite of these unpropitious circumstances a field of twenty members went to the "tee." The Captain's prize—a handsome silver vegetable dish with revolving cover fell to Mr. T. S. Donaldson Selby—an old member of the Redhill club, but who now plays principally at Brighton. Messrs. Greensill Allen and W. H. Pelly, local players, tied for the second prize (given by the hon. sec.), Mr. C. O. Walker, of Brighton, taking fourth honours. Mr. Allen's gross score of 88 was a capital performance on so unfavourable a day, as also was the 91 by Mr. Jarvis Kenrick (the captain) who was not fortunate in his "lies." The full scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. T. S. Donaldson Selby	92 14 78	Mr. F. P. Browne	100 13 87
† Mr. Greensill Allen	88 9 79	Mr. C. F. Waters	99 12 87
† Mr. W. H. Pelly	95 16 79	Mr. W. B. Avery	104 16 88
Mr. C. O. Walker	94 12 82	Mr. C. Hall	115 22 93
Mr. D. Pym	104 20 84	Mr. F. C. Milford	118 24 94
Mr. Jarvis Kenrick (captain)	91 4 87	Mr. L. S. Horner	100 4 96
		Mr. R. C. Haldane	114 13 101

\* First prize. † Ties for second prize.

Messrs. J. Armstrong and Kenneth Munroe, Sir Henry Trueman Wood, Messrs. D. D. Fenning, C. J. Trevarthen, T. C. Oyler, and Hamilton Kenrick, also played but made no returns.

We learn that the membership of this club is increasing so rapidly that it is contemplated to raise the entrance fee to two guineas.

**DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.**—The autumn meeting of the club was held on Saturday under very favourable circumstances in point of weather, but it is to be regretted that the turn out of members was not larger. The competition was for the Lumsden medal, which the winner holds for six months, and receives a miniature of the original, together with two-thirds of the sweepstake, the runner-up receiving one-third of the sweep. Mr. G. N. McMurdo was the winner with a gross score of 107, handicap 35, net 72, Mr. W. Hone being runner-up. Considering that Mr. McMurdo is only a beginner, his score is very good indeed, and he promises to be a very good golfer. Probably the fact of his being a crack rifle shot has helped him considerably in endeavouring to overcome the difficulties of the game. The following were the returns handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*G. N. McMurdo	107 35 72	J. W. P. White	101 17 84
†W. Hone	103 25 78	J. H. S. Russell	116 30 85
V. Kyrke	99 19 80	G. C. May	116 30 86
J. Lumsden, sen.	91 9 82	J. Lumsden, jun.	95 8 87
A. L. Figgis	110 28 82	Major Wylie	105 scr. 105
J. Brown	106 23 83		

\* Winner. † Second.

The remaining competitors made no return. The former winners of the medal were:—Colonel Hill, May, 1886; J. Lumsden, sen., October, 1886; Captain Berkeley, May, 1887; Captain Berkeley, October, 1887; C. A. Owen, May, 1888; J. Lumsden, sen., October, 1888; Major MacDonald, May, 1889; George Ross, October, 1889; J. W. P. White, May, 1890.

**DUNFERMLINE CLUB.**—The second annual competition for the Lockhart gold medal took place on Saturday afternoon over the Ferryhills course, and, despite unfavourable weather, was taken part in by a large number of members. The medal was won by Mr. J. T. Spence with a score of 94, less 13=81. The following were the best of the other scores:—Messrs. H. Alexander, 91, less 8=83; W. C. Aikman, 95, less 8=87; R. Reid, 102, less 15=87; J. W. Robertson, 94, less 6=88; P. Goodall, 84, plus 5=89; W. Robertson, jun., 97, less 8=89.

**TROON CLUB.**—The members of Troon Golf Club, to the number of eighteen couples, engaged in their monthly handicap competition on Saturday, under conditions as to the weather which, however seasonable they may have been, were not favourable to playing Golf. The competition was for the Sandhills gold medal, and for places in the lists for the monthly medals, of which there are three. The following went out:—David Reid, Daniel MacMillan, J. M. Jamieson, David Fullarton, James Wood, Wm. Milne, Robert F. Wilson, Rev. John Anderson, J. M. Orr, Wm. Jarvie, Rev. A. L. Henderson, Hugh Lauder, Alex. Mackie, Dr. Alexander, A. T. Craig, Laurence Robertson, James A. Shaw, Robert Lynn, Andrew Johnston, Andrew McMurray, James Irvine, Adam Wood, W. C. Wilson, J. T. Goudie, Duncan Cook, J. M. Cowan, Chas. Aird, James Wilson, jun., J. M. Lipscomb, T. B. A. McMichael, James Wilson, James W. Walker, Wm. Findlay, Robert White, N. D. McMichael, and James Robertson. The round was interrupted by heavy squally showers of rain, and, as a consequence, a very small proportion of the cards taken out were returned, the play being apparently not good. When the fifteen cards handed in came to be compared the winner of the Sandhills medal was found to be Mr. Andrew Johnston, 99, less 18=81. The successful competitor for a place in the list limited to four handicap was Mr. Robert White, 87, less 0=87. For a place in the list limited to handicap five to fourteen, Mr. Robert Lynn, 100, less 8=92. For a place in the list limited to handicap fifteen to twenty-four, Mr. Andrew Johnston, 99, less 18=81. Undernoted are the scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
A. Johnston	99 18 81	R. Lynn	100 8 92
R. White	87 0 87	C. Aird	107 14 93
D. Fullarton	107 18 89	N. D. McMichael	103 8 95
L. Robertson	90 0 90	R. F. Wilson	110 14 96
J. Wilson, jun.	108 18 90	Rev. J. Anderson	99 2 97
J. M. Jamieson	107 16 91	A. T. Craig	104 6 98
W. Jarvie	92 0 92	J. T. Goudie	99 0 99
J. A. Shaw	92 0 92		

**SELKIRK GOLF CLUB.**—An interesting and well contested match was played over Selkirk Links betwixt teams selected by the captain and secretary, on Saturday, 25th October, 1890, the weather was good and the greens were in first-class order, the play on both sides was very good, the captain's team winning by one hole. Scores:—

CAPTAIN'S TEAM		SECRETARY'S TEAM.	
J. Thomson, capt.	4	D. C. Alexander, sec.	0
C. Alexander	0	J. Jamieson	2
J. Connochie	0	J. Buchane	1
G. B. Anderson	0	J. Walker	2
H. Kemp	0	H. Hunter Blair	0
A. C. S. Inglis	0	Jas. Turnbull	1
R. Lawrie	4	T. Paterson	0
R. Welsh	0	J. Turnbull	0
D. Walker	0	F. S. Roberts	0
H. B. Brown	1	F. B. Brown	0
G. Robertson	0	W. Jamieson	2
	9		8

**PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.**—One of the fixtures of the above club was played on Saturday, and in spite of the unpropitious weather there was an unusually large turn out of the members of the club. The objects of the competition were valuable prizes presented by Mr. A. J. Larke, and Mr. T. McLaren, an ex-captain of the club, and played for under handicap. Twelve couples started, and when the cards came to be examined it was found that the scoring was above the average, the lowest scratch being 86. The prize winners were:—W. J. Templeton, 93, less 18=75; John Gray, 86, less 10=76; And. Crawford, 93, less 12=81. The other scores were:—A. J. Larke, 98, less 16=82; And. Muir, 95, less 12=83; T. Weir, 101, less 18=83; W. Beaton, 99, less 15=84; R. Pyper, 100, less 16=84; And. Boon, 86, less 0=86; Jas. Andrew, 89, less 3=86; Jas. Howat, 96, less 10=86; C. I. Hight, 99, less 10=89; J. Hamilton, 102, less 12=90; H. M. Giles, 104, less 12=92; J. Bowden, 112, less 20=92; W. J. Fergusson, 125, less 30=95; A. M. Boyd, 120, less 24=96; T. Oliver, 117, less 20=97. No returns: J. Gibson, G. M. M. Rennie, Rev. Jas. Rennie, R. Raeside, J. Wallace, and T. McLaren.

**EPSOM GOLF CLUB.**—Medal competition, Saturday, October 18th.—W. F. Morley, 102, less 13=89; W. Tatham Hughes, 112, less 18=94; P. Robertson Rodger, 113, less 18=95; C. P. Colin Jones, 120, less 24=96; A. C. Barton, 115, less 14=101; J. Hatchard-Smith, 132, less 30=102; Rev. H. Biddell, 115, less 11=104; A. Kennedy, 150, less 30=120.

The competition for the Brooks cup (level course) and Rosebery gold medal (handicap) was decided on Saturday last. T. Withers secured both prizes. Result: T. Withers, 98, less 6=92; E. Burlton, 113, less 18=95; F. Barry, 100, less 4=96; T. Hughes, 115, less 18=97; W. F. Morley, 112, less 13=99; A. C. Barton, 115, less 14=101.

**PROFESSIONAL FOURSOME.**—A professional foursome of some local interest was played over the links, at Troon, on Saturday afternoon, the two couples being George Fernie and David Walker, both of Troon, and James Mair and Alexander Wright, both of Prestwick. The match, which was one round of the links, turned out one-sided, and was chiefly remarkable for the very fine game played by Fernie and his partner. The Troon men assumed the lead almost from the commencement, and it soon became apparent that they were an easy match for their opponents, who, however, played a good game. They were five up at the turn, and the match eventually finished when they were seven up and six to play. Undernoted is the score of the winners:—

Out ... ..	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4=38	} 76
In ... ..	6	5	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	4=38	

This is a remarkably low score for a foursome, being just one stroke above the professional foursome record of the green (75), a record which was established by Willie Fernie and George Fernie, playing against Jack Kirkcaldy and And. Kirkcaldy in August last.

**WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.**—The monthly handicap match was played on Saturday, in weather such as evidently did not suit the members, since the only card we have seen excepting the two returned ran up to over 200. There was a heavy north-west gale right off the Atlantic, with only brief intervals when heavy rain ceased. R. F. Mackie, 135, less 18=117; W. M. D. La Touche, 154, less 35=119. No returns from T. Grier, C. S. Trevithick, T. Madge, W. J. Taylor, T. H. Cornish, A. Stokes, W. Grier, R. Read, H. N. Harvey, J. Vivian. The club year ends on Nov. 30th, and the final match for the year will be played on the Saturday preceding.

**VICTORIA CLUB (Aberdeen).**—The ties between Messrs. A. Cooper and G. Mortimer for final possession of Mr. Durward's prize (for first-class players), and between Messrs. A. Gemmell, W. Merrylees, and C. Robertson for Mr. Thomson's prize (for second-class players), were duly brought off over the link's course on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. In the competition for Mr. Durward's prize, Mr. Cooper was started scratch, while Mr. Mortimer had 3 strokes of an allowance. A splendid tussle was witnessed between the pair, in which both men exhibited some capital golfing, and it was only towards the close of the game that Mr. Cooper managed to secure the lead, finishing with a score of 82 as against Mr. Mortimer's 87 (3 off) 84. The competition in the second class was not so closely contested. Mr. Gemmell, who was started scratch, as against 5 strokes given to Mr. Merrylees and 8 to Mr. Robertson, coming in the winner with a score of 103. The annual general meeting of the club was held in the club-room on Saturday, when the council's report and treasurer's balance-sheet showed that the club was in a very flourishing condition. Thereafter, office-bearers for the ensuing year were appointed, Mr. W. J. Jamieson being elected captain, while W. Addie was re-elected secretary and treasurer; Messrs. W. Bowman, A. M. M. Dunn, J. B. Banks, J. Hazlewood, and T. Crichton being elected members of council. The prizes won throughout the season were next presented, Mr. A. Cooper receiving Mr. Durward's prize (a gold medal), and Mr. W. J. Jamieson's prize (a field glass). The captain's prize (a gold medal) fell to Mr. R. W. Beedie, while Mr. A. Gemmell carried off Mr. W. Thomson's prize.

**DORNOCK.**—Golfers over this green had a very busy week of it, commencing on Monday, October 20th, and finishing on Friday, the 24th, when the first competition for a handsome silver challenge cup presented to the club by Mr. Sidney Platt, Skibo, and played for by holes, was duly brought off. The weather on the opening day (Monday) was very disagreeable, the first round being played in a downpour of rain. In consequence, a number of those who entered failed to turn up. The result of the first round was:—W. F. Orr (scratch) beat G. Bridgeford (6 strokes) by 3 up and 2 to play; J. Sutherland (plus 2) beat J. Morrison (13) by 5 up and 3 to play; M. Macdonald (plus 1) beat J. Campbell (scratch) by 4 up and 3 to play; Hugh Munro (16) beat Alex. Innes (7) by 1 hole; Captain Leslie (7) beat D. Peters (13) by 6 up and 5 to play; P. Park and A. Morrison drew byes. On the second day (Tuesday) P. Park (9) beat M. Macdonald (plus 1) by 6 up and 5 to play; J. Sutherland (plus 2) beat A. Morrison (10); and after after a tie, W. F. Orr (scratch) beat H. Munro (10) by 4 up and 3 to play. On Wednesday the competition was continued in beautiful weather, and P. Park (10) beat J. Sutherland (plus 2) by 2 up and 1 to play; while W. F. Orr (scratch) beat Captain Leslie (7) by 5 up and 4 to play. In playing the final round, W. F. Orr and P. Park (8) tied twice, and a third round had to be played before a final decision was arrived at on Friday, when, after a keen and close contest throughout, Mr. Orr won by 3 up and 2 to play. Captain Leslie presented the cup to Mr. Orr in the Sutherland Arms Hotel, in presence of a large gathering of golfers. The trophy has to be won three times successively before a player gets absolute possession of it. The final weekly competition of the season was held on Saturday forenoon, in cold but good golfing weather. With a score of 86 less 7=79, Mr. Alexander Innes won Mr. Urquhart's inkstand, &c., which now becomes his property, he having taken it six times during

the season. Mr. M. Macdonald stood next him with five wins. On Saturday the following were the next best scores:—Messrs. W. F. Orr (scratch) and J. Campbell (scratch), 81 each; Mr. P. Park, 90, less 8=82; Captain Leslie, 91, less 8=83; Mr. A. Morrison, 92, less 8=84; Mr. J. Morrison, 99, less 12=87; Mr. D. Malcolm, 87, plus 1=88; Mr. A. Angus, 97, less 9=88.

**FORRES.**—The monthly competition for the Stuart gold medal resulted as follows:—Mr. A. Macpherson, 110, less 26=84; Dr. Milligan, 103, less 8=95; Mr. John Sutherland (scratch), 97; Mr. Alexander Fraser, 115, less 18=97; Mr. D. K. Stewart, 117, less 16=101; Mr. George Milne, 118, less 16=102; Mr. John Leask, 138, less 26=112.

**KINGHORN.**—On Saturday, Kinghorn Thistle Club played the final for the Dunsire gold charm. Mr. John Alexander was the winner with a score of 88, less 15=73.

**PORTOBELLO GOLF CLUB.**—The final competition for the season was held last Friday and Saturday over Musselburgh Links. Thirty members turned out to compete for a handsome silver medal, presented by Major Christian, patron of the club, to be played for annually under handicap. A gold charm goes along with the medal, which becomes the property of the winner. Prizes were also given by honorary members and the club. Two rounds of the links were played. On comparing the cards handed in it was found that Mr. A. Morgan had gained the patron's silver medal, with the creditable score of 84, less 2=82. The details of his score are:—1st round, 5, 5, 5, 3, 6, 5, 5, 6, 4=44; 2nd round, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5=40. Mr. W. A. Purves took second place with 99, less 16=83; Mr. John Shepherd came in third with 90, less 6=84; Mr. H. B. Ferrier, with the scratch score of 84, plus 2=86; and Mr. Geo. Jamieson, with 104, less 18=86, tied for the fourth prize. The next best scores were: J. McIntosh, 97, less 8=89; A. C. Johnston, 115, less 22=93; W. Lumsden, 100, less 7=93; E. Suding, 114, less 18=96; J. Adamson, 95, plus 2=97; J. Smart, 107, less 9=98; R. J. Henderson, 106, less 8=98.

**PRESTWICK CLUB.**—The competition for the Prestwick monthly medal took place on Saturday. The weather conditions were not attractive, and, as a consequence, fewer ventured out than usual. The following were the competitors:—Mr. Charles E. Hay, Capt. Bertram, Mr. J. H. Wilson, Mr. G. R. Fleming, Mr. J. B. Fergusson, Mr. McTaggart Cowan, Mr. Thomas A. Gallie, Mr. J. B. Brown, Mr. Alexander Neilson, Mr. F. E. Villiers, Capt. Blackburn, Mr. Robert Cowan, Mr. Hickson Fergusson, Mr. John A. Neilson, Mr. D. D. Whigham, Mr. Robert Gillan, Sheriff J. M. Lees, Mr. A. R. Paieson. Notwithstanding the unfavourable character of the weather, the cards, when they came to be examined, showed the medal to have been won with a score that was considerably under the average, viz., that of Mr. McTaggart Cowan, 100, less 24=76, Capt. Bertram coming within two of this. The lowest scratch was 88, made by Mr. J. H. Wilson. Undernoted are the best scores handed in:—McTaggart Cowan, 100, less 24=76; Capt. Bertram, 93, less 15=78; J. H. Wilson, 88, less 6=82; J. B. Fergusson, 105, less 18=87; J. B. Brown, 116, less 24=92; C. E. Hay, 120, less 20=100; T. A. Gallie, 114, no handicap.

**BLAIRGOWRIE.**—The annual competition for the Henry-Anderson silver medal, also for the Muir-Mackenzie silver cross (handicap) took place on Saturday. The winner of the medal was J. Sharp, jun. (scratch), 93.

**FRASERBURGH.**—The year's play for the scratch and handicap gold medals was brought to a conclusion on Saturday. Mr. Alexander Mitchell has won the scratch medal, and Mr. G. M. Joss the handicap medal.

**DUNBAR.**—The club medal and quaigh were competed for on Saturday. Mr. R. Cunningham won the medal with a score of 91, and the quaigh was won by Mr. W. T. Armour in 93.

**CUPAR CLUB.**—On Saturday the final in the Jubilee (handicap) competitions was played. The finalists were Mr. William Watson, Dura Den, and Mr. George Harris, Cupar. Mr. Watson won the medal with a score of 80.

**BURNTISLAND.**—The competitions for the winter medal took place on Saturday. Twenty players turned out. Mr. A. Lyon came in first with a score of 75, less 9=66.

**INNERLEITHEN.**—The competition for the Pantom medal took place on Saturday. The winner was G. A. D. C. Ferguson, 78 (scratch).

**THE EDINBURGH VIEWFORTH GOLF CLUB.**—The last competition of the season for the silver medal took place over the Braids course on Saturday. Result:—Medal and prize, Mr. A. D. Wood, 95, less 14=31; second prize, Mr. J. M. Marr, 92, less 7=85.

**STOCKBRIDGE.**—At the monthly competition of the Stockbridge Golf Club at Leith on Saturday, Mr. E. A. Rhead won the handicap medal with the score of 93, less 10=83.