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AUTUMN MEETING.

The Business Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 23rd September, at 5 p.m.

The Silver Club, the Royal or King William IV. Medal, the Royal Adelaide Medal, and the Gold Medal of the Club will be competed for on Wednesday, 24th September. Entries close on Tuesday, 23rd September, at 5 p.m.

The Annual Ball will take place on the evening of Thursday, 25th September.

SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 20.—Littlehampton; Mr. Tod-Heatley's Prize.
Sept. 21.—Alnmouth; Handicap Cup.
Sept. 27.—Luffness; President's Medal and Mr. Tait's Star.
Buxton and High Peak; Competition for Medal;
also Handicap Sweepstake.
Littlehampton; Mr. A. J. Constable's Medal.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 4, 5, 6.—Alnmouth; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 4, 7, 8, 10.—Royal North Devon; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 4.—Clapham; "Cronin" Medal.
St. Nicholas, Prestwick; Bailie Watson's Medal.
Oct. 7, 8, 9.—North Berwick; Amateur Golf Tournament.
Carnoustie and Taymouth; Sweepstake Competition.
Oct. 8.—Royal Liverpool; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 11.—Tantallon Autumn Meeting; Club Medal, Victoria Jubilee Cup.
St. George's (Sandwich); Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 13.—Royal Isle of Wight; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 18.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells.
Clapham; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 25.—Luffness; Wemyss Challenge Handicap Medal.
Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition,
under Handicap, with Sweepstake.
Oct. 26.—Alnmouth; Final Competition for Handicap Cup.

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NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 1.—Great Yarmouth; Autumn Meeting.
Carnoustie and Taymouth; Sweepstake Competition.
Clapham; "Cronin" Medal.
Nov. 4.—Great Yarmouth and Cambridge University; at
Yarmouth.
Nov. 29.—Royal Liverpool; St. Andrews Meeting.
Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under
Handicap, and Sweepstake.
Royal Isle of Wight; St. Andrews Meeting.

DECEMBER.

- Dec. 6.—Clapham; "Cronin" Medal.
Dec. 23.—Royal Isle of Wight Christmas Meeting.
Dec. 26.—Bembridge Gold Medal, Eaton Memorial Putter
and Fisher Prize.
Clapham; Challenge Handicap Cup.
Dec. 27.—Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition,
under Handicap, with Sweepstake.

JANUARY.

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

To Golfers!

SURELY no apology is necessary for bringing before the public a weekly journal devoted to the doings and sayings of golfers, both past and present.

The extension of what has been justly termed the National Game of Scotland has made such rapid strides in the last few years, that there is hardly a place of any notoriety in the British Islands, and in India and many of the Colonies, that does not boast of its Golfing Green, either in its immediate vicinity, or, within easy reach; and yet, although it is a game in which more interest is taken than in any other pastime, with the exception perhaps of Cricket and Football, there is at present no journal in existence which makes the "Royal and Ancient" and now popular Game its principal subject of attention.

Our object is to supply this great want. As we cannot possibly clash with any other interest, and as we have been promised the support of many of the "learned and witty" of our golfing brethren, we boldly and unhesitatingly launch our "bonny bark" on that "happy sea" which is now crowded by sailors, whose distinguishing feature has been, and we trust may long continue to be, that of "GOOD FELLOWSHIP."

THE SPREAD OF GOLF.

WITHIN the last decade the game of Golf has spread with enormous celerity all over the country, and particularly in England. Wherever a public common adjacent to some town has been found available, a breezy, undulating upland, or a stretch of links near the sea shore, there a small nucleus of enthusiastic golfers have formed themselves into a club, and have endeavoured, with praiseworthy courage and enlightened spirit, to carry the benefits and objects of the game to the obdurate understanding of the neighbouring population. Their efforts have invariably been crowned with quite an exceptional amount of success in the career of new undertakings, especially as in many cases the general public using the same recreation ground have looked askance at the game, and have scarcely attempted to conceal their disfavour of it. By the exercise of a little tact, an ample manifestation of that spirit of give-and-take which is the essence of all true sport, golfers have for the most part been enabled to conquer all unreasoning prejudice against their sharing the public commons with other classes of the population, and to recruit their ranks from the very persons who frigidly held aloof in an attitude of potential enmity.

Look how the game has extended all over the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and into the nooks and crannies of Europe. At one time the clubs which could be numbered outside the limits of Scotland reached a no higher figure than probably a round dozen; but now their number is legion. Great organizations of golfers, like those at Sandwich, Wimbledon and Hoylake, compare not unfavourably in point of importance, wealth, and playing capabilities with the great lawgiver at St. Andrews; and on any points which fundamentally affect the rules governing the same, the co-operation and decision of the largest English Clubs must be important factors in shaping and directing the policy. So widespread has Golf become in these islands that it might without exaggeration be said that a golfer could tee his ball on the shores of the Moray Firth, and with but small interruptions here and there play it along greens fringing the East coast of Scotland, southward to the Thames, westward to the British Channel, through a large portion of Wales, finishing, if he chose, amid some of the most picturesque beauties of the North of Ireland. In this way an enthusiast, intent upon a golfing holiday, could amuse himself in a manner which would be characteristically unique.

Taking into account, therefore, the enormous strides which Golf has made in popular favour, the great amount of literary, historical, and archæological interest attached to it, the large number of questions awaiting a platform for free discussion, and the want which has hitherto been keenly felt for a newspaper devoted to golfing interests exclusively, the conductors of this journal deem the moment opportune for claiming public recognition and support. It is desired to afford all golfers a platform from which they may air and discuss, in the interests of the sport so dear to us all, many of the difficult and disputed questions which

are continually arising for solution. "A fair field and no favour" will be the guiding principle of the Journal. We shall welcome from all quarters whence they may come particulars as to matches, competitions, new greens, or of any other subject of interest affecting the game.

The conductors of this Journal play the game themselves, know all its laws, and have, therefore, no ground to fear that they will be accused of being empirics. A consciousness of this source of strength does not prevent them, however, from making their bow to golfers with becoming modesty. They ask for—they are certain they will receive it—unstinted support. In return they will endeavour to be impartial in their conduct of the Journal's policy, just, without being severe, in their criticism, and upright in all their dealings.

ST. ANDREWS.

It may be laid down as a general proposition that all first-class Links are very far from being readily accessible. It is natural that this should be so, as Golf can only be played in perfection where bunkers do most abound, and a bunker presupposes an out-of-the-way nook by the seaside. At any rate this description holds true of St. Andrews, or partially true, one ought perhaps rather to say, since the great railway companies more immediately interested in northern traffic have now, by an expenditure of millions of money, waged successful war with the estuaries of the Forth and Tay, and brought St. Andrews into better touch with the outside world. Altruism is perhaps not one of the strongest points of character in the golfer there resident, and it may not be irreverent darkly to hint that it is perhaps questionable whether he duly appreciates the advantages of facilitated intercourse thus presented to him. Rather does he evince a sneaking kind of longing for the old days, when the vicissitudes of Burntisland and Ladybank had to be encountered, to say nothing of the joys of Leuchars old station on a rainy day. How welcome was the melancholy refrain of the old Ladybank porter (immortalised by Mrs. Oliphant), "Dun-dee cairrage—change cairrages for Pairth" for his monotonous chant indicated a tolerably speedy termination to all troubles, and once arrived, the satisfaction of the traveller was akin to that of having holed a round in eighty-five in a gale of wind.

Two or three minutes after passing Guard Bridge and the Eden, the last bunker to be crossed, the golfing enthusiast will begin to move uneasily in his seat, and plaster his nose against the window on the left, eager to catch the first glimpse of the historic green and the golfers upon it. In a few days' time he will perchance be more fully alive to the fact that for five or six hundred yards the railway runs parallel to the Links, and forms their boundary upon that side. It is a hazard cross-grained to the last degree; better indeed be in every possible bunker than amongst those pitiless sleepers, stones and rails, where often enough broken shaft, damaged tempers and jagged gashes in the ball proclaim a hole irretrievably lost.

The St. Andrews caddie scents his prey from afar, and whilst yet the train is in the offing bands of them will bear down on the station, awaiting its arrival with expectant eagerness. If the golfer has ever shown his nose in the place before, aye, though it were twenty years ago, he will be recognised, and so will his clubs; but if this is his first visit, we can but wish him luck in his selection of his henchman, for they are decidedly susceptible of classification. After a day or two in the place, he will begin to ask himself the familiar question, "What he can do the round in," and his friends will not be behindhand in propounding to him the same conundrum. And here let it be said that in the writer's opinion this continual counting of scores in match play is to be deprecated. Many players are far too prone to make a fetish of their scores, in disregard of the fact that the two methods of play, far from being identical are distinct, and often opposed to one another; that far more freedom of action and general enjoyment is to be extracted from the older and more orthodox

game of playing for the match, and letting the score, if any, take care of itself.

But it will not be out of place to give a general idea of what a good player may expect to do at St. Andrews. In the first place, it is to be observed that there is no green in the world so sure to find out any weak spot; the course is so long, the holes so far apart, the wind blows with such diurnal persistency from some point or other of the compass, that long and accurate driving, especially through the green, is a *sine quâ non* of success. It is the second shot of a long driver which tells; those intermediate shots which on the majority of greens are not so much required. The holes here are so arranged that they are (in most meteorological circumstances) just within reach of two (or three, as the case may be) really good drives; but then there must be no half-hit ball in the sequence. The holes are thus for the most part fairly easy for five, but difficult fours. Nor is there any lead into the putting-greens, no punch-bowls or hollows, rather does nature incline to thwart the honest endeavour by every means in her power, for she has constructed sundry little table lands, in which man has cut the holes; the approaches to these are broken and undulating, whilst the greens themselves are all too small and often too keen to loft upon with any chance of remaining. This peculiarity has therefore developed a stroke which *habitués* of the green play to perfection—the running shot up to the hole with cleek or iron, although it must be said that every other description of iron shot is also sure to be required. When to this we add that the knack of raising a ball perpendicularly out of a bunker, thorough judgment of long and short putts, artistic little lofts with mashy or iron are all of vital importance, it will be seen that considerable experience and ability are requisite.

The course is varied week by week by going out on the right-hand side, returning on the left, and *vice versa*, the white flags indicating the out-going, the red the home-coming holes. In point of difficulty there is but little to choose between the two, though it is generally thought that the holes on the right are slightly easier of negotiation than the others. The medal round is always the same, viz, the right course, and a brief description of it may be given. The first hole can be reached on a calm day in two shots, both of which must be the best of which a fine driver is capable, otherwise, if the carry of the second shot is not perfection, the Swilcan Burn adds two strokes to a possible four. The second hole is rather longer, and usually requires two and an iron, the third shot being often a difficult one, for nature here is at her worst, and endeavours by means of an ugly ridge to guide the medalist's ball into one of the bunkers guarding the hole; a too vigorous shot on the other hand is trapped in a hazard beyond the putting-green. The "Principal's Nose," a trio of bunkers situated where one would most prefer to go, and a formidable bunker in front of the putting-green are the distinguishing features of the third hole, for which four is first-class play. A similar figure may reward the player who can drive the fourth in two, and then we get the long hole, some 520 yards in length, situated on a putting-green, whose excellence is proverbial. Did it not savour of frivolity to say so in such a solemn connection, we might venture the remark that there would be room enough to play a cricket match upon it, and that a splendid wicket could be obtained. The two succeeding holes present difficulties in almost every form familiar to the golfer, and one in the special guise of the Eden River, with its selvage of tough sedge, flanking the seventh or high hole, on the left. If the golfer has arrived at this point in an average of five a hole, he will have done well; it under it excellently well, whilst thirty-seven or thirty-eight will still allow him to complete his half-round in forty-five, for the short hole can be reached by an iron or cleek from the tee, and the last hole by a drive and an iron.

Homeward bound, if playing for score, the golfer will find that the eleventh hole presents features of peculiar interest. The descent to Avenus by this path is on occasions a regular glissade, and there may often be heard sounds of lamentation, mourning and woe. With the tee at its utmost stretch, the distance is that of a long cleek-shot, the club of course varying with the wind, which here often blows strongly crosswise, and a good deal against the player, under which circumstances a full play-club shot barely reaches the sloping table whereon the hole lies. Any slice or heel meets with retribution on the right; on the left a pulled ball is buried in a deep shelly bunker. A slight

deviation to the right, though the shot is a fairly good one, and we are in the depths of a small and difficult bunker, behind which the hole lies, its area being materially increased by the very strong lead into it of the narrow passage some fifteen yards in width, lying between it and the shelly bunker on the left. Further, if the tee-shot is too strong, the Eden, fifteen yards beyond the hole, gives us the choice of treating the ball as lost, or hammering away in the uncertain ground in the endeavour to regain the course. The ideal shot is a very high-lofted ball, with a carry of about 150 yards, and no roll—such shots as were played to perfection thirty years ago by the old-fashioned long spoon. The hole is really a three hole, but taking into consideration its manifold difficulties (amongst which must be included the very sloping putting-green), it is often good policy, especially with a fine score, to make a certainty of the unambitious four, rather than risk the fearful penalties entailed by the very slightest inaccuracy. The next hole but one brings us again to the Hole o'Cross putting-green, which may be reached by two rakers, but nine times out of ten two shots and an iron are required. On the way are eleven bunkers at various stages of the journey, some of which are nearly certain to trap an indifferent shot; if a five is recorded here it means good play. Returning, the long hole is good in six, excellent in five, because of its length (yet the writer has twice seen it done in three); then come two possible fours or useful fives, and a second point of interest is reached, the crucial seventeenth hole, which, like its predecessor the eleventh, has wrought havoc with many a winning score, in this case all the harder to bear, as the goal is so nearly won. The tee-shot presents undoubted difficulties; the enormous swipers of the earth have it in their power to risk a great deal for a very incommensurate advantage. They can, if they choose, "go for the corner of the dyke," as it is called, which means that they have to carry, first, a portion of sandy road and wall forty yards from the tee; secondly, some disused trucks and old railway plant; thirdly, a portion of the station-master's garden, forbidden territory, enclosed by a twelve foot high palisading; fourthly, a second portion of the wall jutting out like the apex of a triangle; and, lastly, a second and villainously bad portion of the road aforesaid. Practically, however, the same result can be obtained with a minimum of risk by playing away to the left in the first instance, a second good shot will put us within reach of the hole for iron or cleek, and here it is that the trouble comes in. The hole is on a very narrow and usually pretty keen green, immediately behind a bunker. If it is approached from the right, the most machine-like accuracy of strength and direction is necessary to avoid this bunker on the left, and the road, often heavy with broken granite, on the right. A six "with a card behind you" is not far wrong, and a five may be said to be exceptionally good, even though the hole is to be reached in three. A swipe over the Swilcan Burn is the last tee-shot, and every stroke that the player saves on ninety for the whole round will bring him closer to a medal.

Ninety is a good, fair, first-class figure, and as to exceptional performances, it may be said that the medal has been won three times in eighty-three, the monthly handicap twice at eighty-three from scratch, and once at eighty-two, and amateurs have broken eighty in match play some half-dozen times.* For many years young Tom Morris's seventy-seven, made in a tie for prizes, was unsurpassed, but in 1888 this record was broken by Hugh Kirkaldy with seventy-four, and again, nine months later, with seventy-three. In his seventy-four the first half of the journey was completed in the truly astonishing score of thirty-three, made up as follows: 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 2, 4. But setting aside such exceptional performances, we may look upon figures between eighty and ninety as good; probably eighty-five is never beaten except by a really first-class man; and if the stranger can compass this sort of form, he will most assuredly be fit to take his place in the best of company wherever he goes. H. S. C. EVERARD.

* Since the above was in type, Mr. A. F. Macfie, has won the monthly handicap from scratch in 78.

PROBLEM No. 1.

A and B playing, find balls touching, or nearly so; B being nearest the hole lifts; A in playing takes an enormous divot of turf, thereby leaving a hole to replace B. What happens?

THE EMPLOYMENT OF CADDIES.

At a General Meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, held on the 24th September, 1889, the Committee was "authorized to draw up regulations for the employment of Caddies on the St Andrews Links."

The subject was afterwards remitted to a Sub-Committee to consider and report. The following report has been drawn up:—

"The Sub Committee, appointed to consider the question of rules for the employment and regulation of the caddies have to report as follows:—

"1. That they have been in correspondence with between 46 and 50 of the leading Golf clubs of the country, with the view of finding out the rules adopted by them, and how far they are observed; also, whether the clubs are of opinion that any thing further should be done in the way of framing a common code of rules.

"2. That the answers they have received show that the majority of Golf clubs are experiencing the same difficulty, as to the employment of caddies, which the Royal and Ancient club is experiencing, and would be thankful if rules could be adjusted that would be uniform and obligatory; one secretary suggesting that St Andrews might do for Golf what the M.C.C. has done for cricket.

"3. That while those clubs which have complete control of their greens (such as Hoylake, Sandwich, Prestwick, &c.) can frame what rules they please, they would not object, so far as the Committee can discover, to a common code of rules for all the clubs of the country.

"4. That several clubs which have no control of their greens (the links being public "Commons") have succeeded in adjusting rules, which have been observed on their links much better than existing rules are observed at St Andrews, to the great advantage and convenience of the players.

"5. That if the Royal and Ancient Club waits till a new Police Bill for Scotland gives it the control of its links, so as to enable it, in conjunction with the local authority, to enforce regulations for the employment of caddies, it may have to bear the inconveniences under which it at present suffers for many years to come.

"6. That even after such a bill become law, the club might be in less favourable position than now for suggesting rules which would be accepted by the other clubs of the country; inasmuch as, if all could fall back on police authority, each might frame its own rules independently of the rest.

"7. That for the comfort and convenience of golfers, and of those members of the club who do not play Golf, as well as for the benefit of the caddies themselves, it is extremely important that some definite regulations be issued by this club to prevent the importuning of players in front of the club-house and also at the railway station. Cases have occurred in which visitors have been accosted at the station, and induced to employ the services of caddies at exorbitant rates for a series of weeks; and in which caddies, hired by the year by residents, have deserted their regular employers by the bribe of extra fees from casual visitors.

"8. That the existing tariff at St Andrews is higher than that at any other club in the country, with the exception of Musselburgh.*

* The following is the tariff at the Links undermentioned:—
Aberdeen.—1s. first round, 6d. second round; double on the first day of the Spring and Autumn Meetings.

Aberlady.—1s. first round, 6d. second round.
Ashdown Forest and Turnbridge Wells.—6d. each round;
Professionals, 2s. 6d.

Cambridge.—1s. a round for men, 8d. for boys.
Carnoustie.—1s. for first round, 6d. for second.

Cromer.—6d. a round.
Dunbar.—6d. a round.

Glasgow.—6d. a round, 9d. on medal days.
Gullane.—1s. first round, 9d. second; 2s. 6d. for the day.

Innerleven.—2d. each round, 1s. on medal days.
Isle of Wight (Bembridge).—1st Class caddies, 6d. round of 9 holes; 2nd Class, 4d.

"The Sub-Committee recommends the Committee of Management to propose one or two simple resolutions for the employment of caddies, for consideration and adoption at the Autumn Meeting of the club.

"The following are suggested:—

"1. That the club authorise the payment of an officer, through whom the members of the club shall be requested to engage their caddies.

"2. That a register of caddies be kept by him; that the names of all who wish to carry clubs be entered on it; and that anyone who has employed a caddie, and found him efficient, may place a recommendation of him on the register.

"3. That a list of registered caddies be hung up in the club-house.

"4. That the tariff for caddies be fixed as follows:—Eighteenpence for the first round, one shilling for a second, and for every subsequent round. During the spring and autumn medal weeks, 2s. for every round; for a professional going out with a player, 2s. 6d. for each round, in addition to his caddie's fee; for a professional teaching the game, 2s. 6d. for each round, or part of a round.

"5. That a Benefit Fund be established, for the help of deserving caddies, who are invalidated and unable to carry, or are in necessitous circumstances and deserving of help, and that the club subscribe the sum of, say £25 or £50, towards this Fund."

WILLIAM KNIGHT, *Convener.*

At a meeting of the Committee of Management, held on Monday, the 7th of July, the above report was adopted; and the Committee resolved that it be printed and circulated amongst the Members previous to its being brought before the Autumn Meeting of the club, to be held on the 23rd of this month.

C. S. GRACE, *Secretary.*

THE BULGER.

From him that heeeth from the Heel,
Or toeth from the Toe,
The Bulger doth his vice conceal:
His drive straight on doth go.

To him who from the Toe doth heel,
Or from the Heel doth toe,
The Bulger doth his faults reveal,
And bringeth grief and woe.

And the poor Slicer's awful fate,
Who doth a-bulging go,
Is sad indeed to contemplate:
The Bulger is his foe.

But whoso plays the proper game,
His ball who striketh true,
He findeth all clubs much the same:
A goodly thing to do.

MORAL.

Bulgers and Mashies, Presidents,
Are for weak players made;
As spectacles and crutches be
For eyes and limbs decayed.

G. H.

(Reprinted from *The Scots Observer.*)

Malvern.—9d. a round; badge boys receive 5s. a quarter as retaining fee.

Monifieth.—9d. a round.
Montrose.—9d. for first, 6d. for second, and 3d. for third round; 1s. 6d. for the day.

Oxford.—8d. each round.
Perth.—1s. a round on ordinary days; 1s. 6d. on Saturdays; 2s. 6d. on medal days.

Royal North Devon (Westward Ho.).—8d. each round, 1st Class; 6d. each round, 2nd Class.

Warwickshire.—6d. first round, 3d. for each additional.

THE PILGRIM'S SCRIP.

IF any golfer ever reads the "Pilgrim's Progress," it is scarcely possible for him to help regretting that John Bunyan was not a golfer. There, at hand, or beneath his feet, would have been found such a wealth of allegory. Even the poor ordinary golfer, who has given names to the features of links, has seemed inspired with some small measure of his genius. At the "long hole going out" do we not struggle on to the blessed "Elysian Fields" after cruel peril of "that parlously named bunker Hell," in which urk monsters of many shapes, from Giant Despair, to Apollyon, the Destroyer? But the imagery has not been half exhausted. That very company to which John Bunyan introduces us, do we not meet them all, and recognise them as old friends upon the links? Who does not know, only too well, Mr. Talkative—talkative in season and out of season, on the stroke and in the club? Who has not laughed, in cruel triumph, with Mr. Faint-heart as his opponent? And who has not cursed him, by all the gods of Golf, when mated with him as a partner? And Feeble-mind, and Presumption and Simple, do we not know them all? We only wish we could catch the last named a little more often. And there is Mr. Obstinate, and Mr. Pliable, and the "man with the muck-rake" or putter, who goes crawling round all the bunkers when he might win a splendid crown by boldly flying over them. And Mr. Despondency is always with us, and all his family, namely Mr. Never-up, Mr. Bad-lie, Mr. Hard-luck, and Mr. "I-can't-hole-it." And besides all these there is Mr. Heel and Mr. Toe, Mr. Pull and Mr. Slice, Mr. Top, and Mr. Sclaff and Mr. Baff, to say nothing of Mr. Miss-the-Globe, whom we all know. They are a noble company to go golfing with, and all our friends. And amongst them we may now and then find a Mr. Great-heart, a Mr. Far-and-Sure, and a Mr. Lay-them-dead, with whom we may struggle on through all the valleys of humiliation, and win the match at last. There are also Mr. Filthy-lucre, Mr. Match-maker, and Mr. Cannot-count, but these we need not reckon in the rank of friends. We may pass them by, if we cannot redeem them, and leave them to some giant or monster or Slough-of-Despond. Mr. Facing-both-ways we meet on every putting green. "Oh, I'm so sorry," he says, as he lays you a stimy. "Serves him jolly well right" you know is what his true face is expressing; "he's had all the luck so far, time I had some." This Mr. Facing-both-ways has a less courteous brother, (his is a very large family), who says in like circumstances, "Oh, it isn't a stimy, —there's lots of room—you can't miss it." You believe him just as much as you believe the dentist, who tells you that "it won't hurt" As soon as you have played, and missed it, you will very likely hear him say to his partner, "Oh, I knew he couldn't hole it; I don't think it was on, really, you know." Then he comes up to you with all the sympathy of the crocodile and says, "It's great rubbish, you know; stimies ought to be abolished, don't you think so?" After that it is a thousand to one that you miss your tee-shot. There is a great deal to be done in little ways of this sort. Mr. Facing-both-ways is up to all these dodges. More

coarsely a great deal may be done by moving about a brightly polished cleek-head, or a good shiny-toed boot, while your adversary is putting out. The beauty of all these little schemes is that it puts your adversary off quite as much to have to speak about them as to suffer them in silence. But there is a limit to the advantages you can gain by these means. About a third is the utmost you can expect to take off an adversary's game without transgressing the rough bounds of commonly decent behaviour. Then you will, of course, stand very near the hole, so as almost to overshadow it, while your adversary is putting, and very near him, and his ball, while he is driving off.

Every little helps. Tee your ball before he does, so that it may catch his eye, or, better still, while he is teeing his, so that he has to wait for you if it is his honour, and press every advantage allowed you by the rules to its utmost limit, because, even if it do you no direct good, it will be of indirect service in annoying your opponent. The risk you run in all this is almost infinitesimal, because, if you succeed by these tactics in making your adversary lose his temper, you will have the whole sympathy of the gallery on your side, for all these are such very little things that they will escape the eye of everybody except him whom they were intended to annoy.

It is thus that Mr. Golfy Wiseman lays up his inheritance. John Bunyan was a tinker, so he ought to have been able to hit the ball a good blow. At all events he would have made the sparks fly out of a good many golfers we know of. Mr. Facing-both-ways is a very interesting study when he gets a very vain golfer in his toils, and every golfer is very vain. He beats you, and then he says "Well, you know, you ought to have won that match. You did win it really, you know, you'd be certain to win it another time. Morally speaking you did win it, but, yes, you owe me half-a-crown." So you go out and play him again, with the result that you soon owe him another. See him again with a very long driver opposed to him. He comes up to the long driver as they approach the tee, and says to him, indifferently, "By Jove, I saw young Jehu"—our long-driving friend's especial rival in length of drive—"drive a tremendous ball here yesterday. It went right on and on over that far hill yonder"—he points to one about a quarter of a mile off. As a matter of fact young Jehu was not playing Golf yesterday, so of course Mr. Facing-both-ways never saw him, nor could any human Jehu drive as far as the said hill, but our long driver does not realise this, and grunts and puffs and presses to show Mr. Facing-both-ways how much further he can drive than young Jehu's "boasted force," and of course misses the ball almost altogether, and Mr. Facing-both-ways is happy.

There is also another dreadful bad character at Golf, whom John Bunyan does not mention, Mr. Forever Scribbling-about-it. We wish to goodness we could hear rather less of him.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

An important Golf tournament for amateurs will take place at North Berwick, on October 7, 8, and 9, to be followed on the 10th by a small professional competition.

Tee Shots.

That grand old Scotsman, Professor Blackie, writes:—"I was a great Golf player in my young days at Aberdeen, and rejoice to think that England has had the sense to borrow so manly and healthful a recreation from Scotland."

The result of the Park and Kirkcaldy match for £100 came as a surprise to golfers who remembered the previous performances of both players. The beating of Park was decisive, and Kirkcaldy is now entitled to be placed in the foremost rank of professional players. Will he remain there? It would seem that a new era of big professional matches is dawning, and certain it is that Kirkcaldy will be the recipient of one or more challenges at no distant date to contest his supremacy.

OVERHEARD IN A CRICKET PAVILION.—First cricket-golfer to second ditto.—"Have you seen my new brassie, it's a regular scorcher?"

Second ditto.—"No, who made it?"

Non-golfing cricketer (interrupting).—"What is it, is it a new disease?" Yells of derisive laughter.

A new Golf course has been laid out by Fernie at Skinburness, a pleasant little health resort on the English side of the Solway, two miles from Silloth. The game of Golf is making rapid strides in the north of England, the latest addition to the number of clubs being that of Dalston, Carlisle, by which the opening game at Skinburness will be played on an early date in competition with the Dumfries Club. The holes are rather on the "short-side," but the course is a very attractive one, pleasantly situated, delightfully quiet, and open to the fresh ozone-laden breezes, for which the Solway is famous.

Golf bids fair to become the favourite recreation of the "fine old country gentleman." Lord Leconfield has recently laid out a nine-hole course on his estate at Petworth in Sussex. It is also stated that Lord Granville has had a nice little course laid out at Walmer Castle. There is a course at Hatfield, but Lord Salisbury as yet has not succumbed to golfing enthusiasm. All that is wanted now is a Golf course at Hawarden, and then there could be arranged a series of home and home politico-Golf foursomes between Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour on the one hand, and Mr. Gladstone and Lord Granville on the other. Some golfer ought to present the ex-Prime Minister with a set of Golf clubs.

A good story is going round among golfers just now. The scene was Kinghorn Links, in Fifeshire, the teeing ground, with a fair lady devotee of the game in the foreground. She had raised her club and made a grand swish at the ball, and was then walking off in a direction which she supposed it had gone, when her graceful and prideful steps were arrested by a young native, attired in single-brace suspended trousers, and bare-footed, shouting, "Hey, wumman, ye hae forgotten ye'er ba'." The process of teeing and driving had to be repeated.

Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P., is one of our well-known legislators who drives a very pretty Golf ball. Writing recently advocating the claims of curling to southern sympathies, he says:—"Of late years the development and popularity in the south of one of our Scottish national games has been phenomenal. North of the Tweed we have played Golf for centuries by stealth, and now we blush to find it fame. The excellence of some of your English links is already such as to threaten the prestige of Prestwick and even the ascendancy of St. Andrews. The incredulous smile which used to greet our defence of the manliness of pursuing a little ball into a rabbit-hole with implements very ill-adapted for the purpose has disappeared with the sympathy born of a knowledge of the

game. It is now our turn to assume an I-told-you-so complacency. But there is another Scottish game, neither inferior to Golf in antiquity nor in the charm it throws over its devotees. Curling, as a popular game uniting the interest of men of all ages and classes, and as an institution in every town and parish, corresponds in the north far more nearly than Golf with cricket in the south." Certainly when "icicles hang by the wall," and Golf cannot be readily enjoyed, let curlers "soop" their hardest, and spread the light as to an exceedingly interesting and healthful pursuit.

A lady, who was taken into dinner by an ardent golfer, inquired, "I often see you out in your red coat; does it require many dogs to play Golf?"

Another lady on another occasion inquired, "What is this game of Golf?" "Oh!" replied one of those old ladies who know everything, "I can tell you all about it. It is played by two men, one of whom is a gentleman and the other is a common man; the common man sticks a ball on a lump of dirt and the gentleman knocks it off."

Mr. Cyril Flower, M.P., has presented to the Cromer Golf Club a magnificent silver bowl, to be played for, and held for one year by the winner, but to remain the property of the club. The first competition takes place this autumn.

Golf has even penetrated within the hitherto sacred precincts of the Channel Squadron. A proposal has been made to form a Channel Fleet Golf Club. Sir Michael Culme Seymour has recently become a convert to the game, and Dr. Walter Reid and Dr. P. Handyside, of H.M.S. *Camperdown*, are players who have learnt in Scotland how to tee and play an admirable ball.

It is likely that a Golf course will shortly be inaugurated at Bournemouth. A committee has already been appointed for the purpose of selecting a suitable site, probably at Brockenhurst, where there is a splendid stretch of gorse-covered moor about twenty minutes' drive from the railway station, to which trains run frequently. There is ample room for an 18-hole course. It is also suggested that there is suitable ground for a smaller course not far from the East station, where invalids and ladies might be able to play. We cordially hope that the efforts of the local executive will meet with prompt support.

Correspondence.

OUGHT THE STIMY TO BE ABOLISHED?

To the Editor of GOLF.

STR,—A short time ago, I read somewhere a discussion in regard to the stimy difficulty, in which it was pleaded by one of the opponents that the stimy was "symbolical of the uncertainty of all mundane affairs." I should not like to go so far as to claim so abstruse and recondite a value for the humble gutta as this; but certainly the difficulty which it personifies as a factor in the game is unquestionably a real, and to some minds, a pressing one.

A certain class of players have arisen within the last ten or twenty years, whose anarchical notions as to crucial points of the game, would, if preached within the hearing of the starch conservative golfers of other days, have simply petrified them with horror. Balls are lifted out of a hazard and dropped in defiance of all rules and consecrated tradition, grass and stems of bushes are ruthlessly trampled under foot, frequently a short putt both in medal and match play is not holed out, the player being certain that he can get home in one, which is not always so easy a matter as one fondly imagines; and now we

hear from time to time a hubbub created against the unfairness of the stimy, and in favour of the necessity of its abolition.

Why should it be abolished? In my judgment, it is one of the most delicate and intricate points of the game. If you are successful in holing your ball, the stimy notwithstanding, it is certain to be the feature of the round, and the match in which you are engaged; and it is the one point upon which your opponent will seize to expatiate among condoling friends in the club-house upon "the hard lines" which overtook him. The point as to the unfairness of the stimy to your opponent is really not worth considering. It is his business, or my business, to circumvent by adroit and well-judged play the difficulty which bars my progress; it is I who have to "warstle with the little cuss"; and I object to any agitation or to any Golf legislation which would tend in the direction of simplifying or refining away hard points in the game, which are, and have always been, recognized as legitimate.

As far as my knowledge and observation of caddies go, they are opposed to its abolition. I have seen professionals on Scotch greens practice hard at the hole in order to clear the stimy with the iron. Many times they fail of success, but many times they succeed; and when the stroke can be achieved in the course of a hotly contested match, it never fails to bring honour, applause and satisfaction to the executant.

I hope you, sir, and all sound golfers will protest against plausible and insidious attempts to refine away difficulties in the game, to make Golf, in fact, a species of free and easy croquet. Long years of trial and experience have shown beyond all manner of doubt, that the stimy is by no means unfair, and that it can be overcome by patience, perseverance and dexterity.

I am, &c.,

ONE OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

[Our correspondent has raised an interesting point, and we shall be glad to learn the views of other correspondents.—ED.]

Competitions.

PARK v. KIRKCALDY.

The great four-green match between Willie Park, jun., of Musselburgh, and Andrew Kirkcaldy, of St. Andrews, for £100, was concluded on Friday week at St. Andrews, when Kirkcaldy won by eight holes up and seven to play. Though the result was generally anticipated, seeing that Kirkcaldy had shown better form all through, the interest in the last day's play was most intense, fully 3,000 persons following the game.

With 36 holes to play, Kirkcaldy started with the advantage over his opponent of three holes—an advantage not to be underrated when the last stage happens to be played on his own green. The match, however, has been singularly close throughout, for while Park stood one up on the first day's play at Musselburgh, Kirkcaldy, in the second stage at Prestwick, turned the tables on his opponent, and the conclusion of the play at Troon on Friday last found him leading on the match by three holes. It was with these three holes in hand that the St. Andrews man began work. On the last day of the match play was timed to begin at eleven o'clock, but before that hour a considerable number of people had found their way to the Links, and the crowd was very much augmented on the arrival of the special train from Edinburgh. The probable result of the match was the sole subject of conversation, and naturally Kirkcaldy's chances were very much fancied. Fortunately the weather was fine; indeed, when play started it could scarcely have been better, there being little wind to speak of. The course, notwithstanding a busy season's play, was in capital order, every care having been taken to bring the putting-greens into tip-top trim. The duty of settling any differences which may arise in the play was deputed to Sir Alexander Kinloch, of Gilmerton, Colonel Boyd, and Mr. Blackwell; and old Tom Morris supervised the arrangements generally.

In presence of a very large crowd, Kirkcaldy, who had the honour, drove the first ball of the final stage. Without incident both crossed the burn with the iron, but Park had to play the odds on the green. He got within holing distance, and the result was a half in 5. In their second to the corner of the Dyke both players got well forward, and each had a wrist shot to play to the green, Kirkcaldy having to clear the corner of the bunker. He played it beautifully, got within holing distance, and was home in 4. Park, who had overrun the hole, took one more. Kirkcaldy accordingly led by one on the day's play. He improved his advantage at the next hole, where a magnificent mashie shot enabled him to get home in 4. Park, who was wide in his second, failed slightly on the green. Going to the next hole Park was a bit unfortunate, a fine second leaving him in the bunker short of the hole; and although he got on the green with his niblick, Kirkcaldy was within possible holing distance in the like. Park's fourth was strong, and it lost him a half, for Kirkcaldy got down in 5. Kirkcaldy now stood three up on the day's play, but part of his advantage he lost at the next hole, where an indifferent second, and a third which was faulty in line, led to his playing 2 more on the green. Kirkcaldy five up on the match.

At the Heather Hole, Park had again hard lines in respect that his drive was bunkered. It cost him a stroke to get clear, and as Kirkcaldy was well forward in his second the latter had no difficulty in securing the hole in 4, against Park's 5. Going to the High Hole, the St. Andrews man maintained the remarkably fine game he had played up to this point. His approach here was perfect, for it laid him safely on the green, while Park being too strong was in the bents. The latter, giving the odds, put too much into it, and he had to play two more. It now looked as if the hole was Kirkcaldy's; but Park snatched it out of the fire by getting down a good put, which brought about a half in 5. Nothing could have been finer than the Champion's play at the Short Hole. His iron shot from the tee was brilliant, and after Kirkcaldy had played the odds on the green, which left him within holing distance, Park had a long put for the hole. He got it home, secured the hole, and thus reduced Kirkcaldy's lead on the day's play to 2. The last hole of the half-round being halved in 4, the game remained at the turn with Kirkcaldy 5 up on the match.

The scores for the first round were as follows:—

KIRKCALDY—

Out ...	...	...	5	4	4	5	6	4	5	3	4	—40
In ...	...	...	4	3	4	6	6	5	5	5	4	—42
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82

PARK—

Out ...	...	...	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	2	4	—42
In ...	...	...	5	3	4	4	6	5	5	6	4	—42
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84

In the second round Kirkcaldy still maintained his superior form, and the match ended at the eleventh hole, when the St. Andrews man stood eight up. The scores for this round, so far as it was played, were as follows:—

KIRKCALDY—

Out ...	...	...	5	4	4	5	5	5	4	5	4	—41
In ...	...	...	6	3								

PARK—

Out ...	...	...	6	6	4	5	5	5	5	3	4	—43
In ...	...	...	5	4								

Kirkcaldy's game on Friday (writes a Golf correspondent) from first to last—and more especially during the first round—was of a very high order. The chief characteristic of his Golf was its wonderful steadiness. His approaches were marvelously fine, and he used the wooden putter with telling effect. Now and then he made mistakes in his long game, but as a rule his driving was "far and sure." His opponent, again, more than once drew his tee balls badly; he did not approach nearly so well as the St. Andrews man, and he was not so good on the green. What luck there was in the game was unquestionably against Park.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT PRESTWICK.

The open championship contest, which is played by rotation over St. Andrews, Musselburgh, and Prestwick, in the usual course of events, fell to be played over the links of the Prestwick Golf club, on Thursday, 11th inst. The contest which then took place drew the pick of all the talents to the green over which, exclusively till within twenty years ago, the open championship was annually played. The meeting will be a memorable one, establishing, as it does, an epoch in the history of the royal and ancient game. For the first time in the annals of the open championship, instituted thirty years ago, the cup passes from the keeping of a long line of professionals into the hands of an amateur, and what invests this circumstance with all the more significance is the fact that it was won against, perhaps, the best combination of professional talent that was ever drawn together on a like occasion. To Mr. John Ball, junr., Hoylake, a member of the Royal Liverpool, is the honour of accomplishing this feat due, and to Mr. Ball belongs, further, the unique distinction of holding at one and the same time the trophies emblematic of both the amateur and the professional championships; and as he won the former in a field (at Hoylake in May last), which included all the known amateurs of first-rate talent, he is justly entitled to be considered, at the present moment, as the supreme head in point of golfing qualification, of the whole brotherhood of golfers. Mr. Ball is to be congratulated on his latest and most notable success, and the club to which he belongs ought to be proud of the honour which their member brings to their green. Mr. Ball deservedly came through at the top. He did so by means of a good and persistently steady game. No golfer probably ever holed out thirty-six holes without making a mistake, and Mr. Ball might have saved half-a-dozen strokes on the double round; but his whole play, from the tee to the hole, was characterised by great steadiness and care, and his 164 was in the circumstances a notable performance. His score is, it is true, four above the lowest the cup has been won in over the same ground, and is ten strokes above the best two consecutive rounds of the links, viz., two 77's by Willie Campbell, Bridge of Weir; but it is to be noted that the weather conditions on Thursday, so far as low scoring was concerned, were not good. A strong north-west squally wind prevailed, and of all winds a north-west is the most difficult to cope with on Prestwick, and therefore the most likely to prevent low scoring. In the circumstances then, Mr. Ball's score was a splendid performance. The steadiness of his play may be gathered from the fact that in each round he went out in 41 and came home in 41; and here again, it may be noted, as indicative of the adverse effect of the wind going out, that these 41's out were eight in excess of the record out—viz., 33 also by Willie Campbell.

The players started in the following order:—

Ben Sayers, North Berwick, and J. McKay, Monkton.

Mr. L. Robertson, Troon, and Mr. D. Leitch, St. Andrews.

Ben Campbell, Bridge of Weir, and Davie Ayton, St. Andrews.

Geo. Fernie, Troon, and J. Cunningham, Prestwick.

Willie Furnie, Troon, and Davie Grant, North Berwick.

Mr. D. Anderson, Carnoustie, and Bob Mearns, Aberdeen.

Mr. R. Adam, Irvine, and J. Kay, Seaton Carew.

Willie Park, jun., Musselburgh, and Davie Brown, Musselburgh.

J. Mair, Prestwick, and Mr. C. Whigham, Prestwick.

Tom Morris, St. Andrews, and Mr. C. Hutchings, Royal Liverpool.

D. M'Ewan, Musselburgh, and R. B. Wilson, St. Andrews.

Mr. A. R. Paterson, Prestwick, and Willie M'Ewan, Musselburgh.

Mr. R. Hutchison, Prestwick, and Mr. J. E. Laidlay, Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers.

A. Wright, Prestwick, and D. Anderson, St. Andrews.

Mr. D. H. Gillon, Prestwick, and Mr. D. D. Robertson, Troon.

Archie Simpson, Carnoustie, and Hugh Kirkcaldy, St. Andrews.

W. Boyd, Prestwick, and Andrew Kirkcaldy, St. Andrews.

Willie Campbell, Bridge of Weir, and Mr. John Ball, junior, Royal Liverpool, Hoylake.

A. Monaghan, Prestwick, and Mr. J. Whigham, Prestwick.

Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson, Royal North Devon, and J. Allan, Prestwick.

The start was made at half-past ten, Ben Sayers then driving off; and it was well past noon before the last couple got away. It is not at all improbable that the interval that elapsed between the first couple and the last couple starting from the tee may have had some bearing on the result. It is certain that the wind decreased in force very considerably between the time at which Ben Sayers, Willie Fernie, and Willie Park went out, and the time that the eventual winner went out, and that the latter was somewhat favoured in this respect. This circumstance was a good deal referred to during the progress of the contest, and it has been a good deal commented on since. What advantage there was in the uncertain ways of the wind, Mr. Ball certainly had, as against the players named, but it is also to be noted that he played under exactly the same condition; as such first-rate professional talent as Archie Simpson, Andrew Kirkcaldy, and Hugh Kirkcaldy.

The wind seemed to disconcert all the players without exception in the journey out. Hugh Kirkcaldy had the lowest score for nine holes, going out in the first round, viz., 39, and this he accomplished probably from getting the wind at its lowest. Willie Park equalled this in the second round. In the trial rounds of the previous part of the week 35's and 36's were common, and, making allowance for competition play, the score out should have been reduced to an average of 38. The actual average was nearer 48, even among the professionals.

A good deal of interest centered in the relative performances of Park, and the younger Kirkcaldy, in view of the result of the great match between them in the previous week, but, as indicated, the conditions were not favourable to the institution of a comparison. All that can be said is that the former began badly, and ended well (with the lowest score of the day for a single round to his credit), and then the latter, after crediting himself with the lowest score for the first round ended badly, and the result, as undernoted, was a tie between them.

The cup, which constituted the principal emblem of the championship, was subscribed for about twenty years ago by the leading clubs of Scotland, and in addition to this there is also a badge subscribed for by the club under whose auspices the championship is played. Besides these the Prestwick Golf Club subscribed for the occasion £30 in money prizes, which sum was divided as follows: first, £13; second, £6; third, £3; fourth, £2; fifth, £1 10s.; sixth, £1; seventh, £1; eighth, £1; ninth, £1; tenth, 10s. It will be noticed that the amateurs within the prize list do not take the money prizes, the prize which their score entitles them to going to the next best professional score.

The links at Prestwick were in splendid playing condition, and the putting greens spacious and almost as perfect as Nature and art could make them; and it was the general comment of professionals from far and near that Prestwick links for all-round Golf are unequalled. The arrangements on Thursday were under the superintendence of Mr. Harry Hart, secretary of the club, assisted by Charlie Hunter, and everything went off without a hitch. The members of the club kept the scores.

The following are the summarised results:—

Mr. John Ball, jun. (Champion Cup and Badge).

First round... 5 3 5 4 4 6 3 5 6 5 5 4 5 4 6 5 4 3—82 } Total
Second round 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 6 5 5 5 5 4 4 5 4 5 4—82 } 164

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Total.	
Willie Fernie ...	85	82	167	Tie, and
Archie Simpson ...	83	84	167	divide £19
Willie Park ...	90	80	170	Tie, and
Andrew Kirkcaldy...	81	89	170	divide £5
Mr. H. G. Hutchinson	87	85	172	
Davie Grant ...	86	87	173	Tie, and
Hugh Kirkcaldy ...	82	91	173	divide £2 10s.
Willie McEwen ...	87	87	174 (£1)	
Davie Brown ...	85	90	175 (£1)	
Mr. J. E. Laidlay ...	89	88	177	
J. Kay ...	86	91	177 (£1)	
Mr. D. Leitch ...	93	86	179	
Davie Anderson ...	90	90	180 (10s.)	
A. Wright ...	92	89	181	
Ben. Campbell ...	93	88	181	
J. Allan ...	93	88	181	
Davie Ayton ...	97	85	182	

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Total.
Mr. D. Anderson ...	91	91	182
Ben Sayers ...	90	93	183
Geo. Fernie ...	92	94	186
R. B. Wilson ...	96	91	187
R. Mearns... ..	95	94	189
Mr. D. D. Robertson	94	95	189
Mr. R. Adam ...	91	99	190
Mr. Jas. Gibson, Prestwick (sub.)... ..	95	98	193
J. Mair	98	96	194
J. Cunningham ...	104	95	199
Mr. C. Whigham ...	93	106	199
J. McKay	96	104	200
Mr. D. H. Gillan ...	100	104	204
Mr. L. Robertson ...	108	104	212
Willie Campbell ...	86	retired	
Mr. C. Hutchings... ..	91	retired	
Mr. R. Hutchinson..	96	retired	
W. Boyd	101	retired	

D. McEwen, though present, turned ill and could not play. Mr. A. R. Paterson, Mr. J. Whigham, Tom Morris and A. Monaghan did not return cards. It should be stated that the Messrs. Robertsons, Whighams, and Gillan are very young amateur players.

ST. ANDREWS.

The tournament for the Jubilee Vase was continued and brought to a close on Saturday the 6th, in beautiful weather, by the victory of Mr. H. A. Bethune. He had a bye in the forenoon, but in the afternoon, with an allowance of 7 strokes, he tackled Mr. Tait, playing scratch, and who had defeated Mr. Keyser (9) in the forenoon by 6 and 5 to play. Mr. Bethune played a first-class game, and obtained victory by 3 and 2 to play, becoming the holder of the vase for the ensuing year.

The chief event in the golfing world last week was the championship at Prestwick, and the victory of Mr. J. Ball of Hoylake is very popular at St. Andrews, where he is well known. The late Mr. Hunter, Tom Morris's son-in-law, used to predict great things for his friend, Mr. Ball, and stoutly held to the opinion that there was no amateur either in England or in Scotland able to meet him on level terms. He has been in steady practice for the last half-dozen years, and is likely to give a good account of himself for the next half-dozen years to come. During the last nineteen years, St. Andrews men have won the championship nine times, and Musselburgh representatives eight times. It was quite expected this year that Andrew Kirkcaldy, with the remarkable form which he exhibited in his bye-match with Willie Park, would have brought the championship to St. Andrews. He has, however, to come to his best yet, and with his style of driving he should keep in the van for many years, and do good work to maintain the prestige of his native green. *Apropos* of the recent article in the *Scots Observer* on the decadence of Golf in St. Andrews, it should not be forgotten that the Ancient City sends forth yearly some of her best exponents of the game to other greens, both in Scotland and across the Border, as for instance, Fernie of Troon, Burns of Warwick, young Bob Kirk and Herd. It is rather to the vast spread of Golf, and the consequent demand for good players as green keepers rather than to the lack of native talent, that St. Andrews does not maintain a greater number of first-class professionals at home.

The chief event next week will be the autumn meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. Last year the premier club broke the record in the number of competitors on the medal day, and, from all that can be learned, this year is not likely to be one whit behind.

Mr. Buckle of the *Times* spent his holidays this year in St. Andrews, and during the month of August he was daily on the links with his club. Judging from his style he is only a recent convert to the game.

The Ladies' Golf Club held their autumn meeting on Wednesday last. The weather was charming, and as usual the "function" was marked by a large and brilliant attendance of spectators. The field was of unusual proportions, as the list of players given below will show. Indeed all the season the attend-

ance of ladies at the links has been exceedingly large, as many as 160 of the fair sex going over the green during the course of an afternoon. The following was the order of start:—

Miss Loyd Nicol and Miss C. T. Boyd; Miss Westley and Miss Madeline Heath; Miss M. Bethune and Mrs. Banbury; Miss Sherman Miller and Miss Piers; Miss Harris and Mrs. Bell; Miss Gil'iat and Miss Dalmahoy; Mrs. Gray and Miss Moir; Mrs. Scratton and Mrs. Howell Scratton; Mrs. Best and Miss Best; Mrs. John Moir and Mrs. Kerr; Miss Riddle Webster and Mrs. Bayley; Mrs. Falconar Stewart and Miss Falconar; Miss Christian Brown and Miss Lilian Brown; Miss Tait and Miss Murray-Honey; Miss Kermack and Miss Milne; Miss Dunn and Miss Graham; Miss L. Bethune and Miss J. K. Stewart; Mrs. Thomson Carmichael and Miss Thomson Carmichael; Miss Ridpath and Mrs. Gordon; Mrs. R. A. Hull and Miss Farmer; Mrs. Fergusson and Mrs. Henderson; Miss M. Dunlop and Miss Nora Bell; Miss L. Sherman Miller and Miss A. Sherman Miller; Miss Sant and Miss Hamilton; Mrs. James Boyd and Mrs. Christopher Heath; Mrs. Walter Cook and Miss Scott; Miss Ritson and Miss C. Farmer; Miss M'Grigor and Miss Mercer; Miss Goldney and Miss Magor; Miss Aitken and Miss Horsburgh; Miss Hooper and Miss J. A. Bell; Miss Bethune and Miss H. M. Stewart; Miss Rowe and Miss H. Ridpath; Miss M. Finlay and Miss M. G. Finlay; Miss E. J. Stevenson and Miss L. M. Stevenson; Miss M'Neill and Miss J. M'Neill; Mrs. J. T. Inglis and Miss Newall; Miss G. Finlay and Miss G. H. Finlay; Mrs. Macfie and Miss A. Moir; Miss Culme Seymour and Miss L. Culme Seymour; Miss Fair and Miss Rosie Fair; Miss J. M. Bethune and Miss A. M. Stewart; Miss Isabel M. Chiene and Miss B. D. Chiene; Mrs. Hogarth and Miss Balfour; Miss Johnstone and Miss S. Johnstone; Miss Edwards and Miss Constance Scott; Mrs. Everard and Miss Orman; Miss Agnes Grainger and Miss J. J. Boyd; Miss M. Walsh and Miss Henderson; Lady Campbell and Mrs. Benson.

The course consists of 18 holes, and as usual two rounds were played for a conclusion. When all had handed in their cards the result was announced as follows. Winner of 1st medal—Miss J. K. Stewart, 102; 2nd, Miss H. M. Stewart, 103; 3rd, Mrs. Walter Cook, 106. The next best scores were made by Miss Moir, 107, and Miss Scott, 108.

On Saturday the Monifieth Golf Club, represented by 25 players, journeyed to St. Andrews to meet an equal number of the St. Andrews Golf Club. As the result showed, the teams were very equally matched. The St. Andrews men won 55 holes from their opponents, but the Monifieth gained 48, leaving a balance of 7 holes in favour of the local team. The following are the details of the play:—

ST. ANDREWS.		Holes.	MONIFIETH		Holes.
W. Greig	0	D. Anderson	5		
T. Auchterlorne	6	W. Smith	0		
R. Braid.....	0	D. Dargie	2		
J. Anderson	4	G. Wright	0		
J. Tingey	6	D. Dempster	0		
J. Herd	0	J. Fairweather	0		
P. Thomson	0	A. Hutchison	6		
W. Kirk	0	D. Robertson	1		
R. Black.....	3	W. Hutchison	0		
J. Turpie	0	D. L. Low	3		
A. Miln	2	A. Moir	0		
J. Gatherum	4	T. Christie	0		
J. Lorimer	0	Capt. Hunter	1		
W. Alexander	6	J. Drimmie	0		
A. Carstairs	0	G. Adam	5		
J. Liddle	8	J. Kennedy	0		
J. Mitchell	0	J. Henry	8		
A. Campbell	1	J. Nicol.....	0		
L. Gourlay.....	0	T. Brimer	6		
A. Mason	7	P. Malcolm	0		
J. Angus.....	0	D. S. Bisset	0		
J. P. Lorimer.....	0	A. S. Black	5		
W. Stark	0	A. C. S. Paterson	3		
A. Dargie	0	W. Lowson	3		
J. M'Cormick	8	A. Bowman	0		

ABERDEEN.

Since the opening of their Club Room in the early part of June, a good deal of play has been going on among the members of the Aberdeen Club over the Balgownie Links. A large number of strangers have visited the green of late, and speak very highly of it. As on other greens, the wet season has been against the ground, making the grass and whins grow much faster than they can be cut down. But Gilbert Heron, the energetic green keeper, and his assistants, have done wonders. The various putting greens are now very much enlarged and improved, and no doubt in a short time the Balgownie course will be as good as any golfer need wish for. The course is an exceedingly pretty one, and affords excellent opportunities for all kinds of shots. Every hole has its distinctive feature and hazard, and the round is a thoroughly sporting one.

During the latter part of the summer, owing to new arrangements, several of the long holes had to be shortened, and one or two of the more difficult hazards left out, thus admitting of some exceptionally low scores. Robbie Mearns, one of the club's professionals, during that period accomplished two splendid performances, completing the round on the first occasion, on Wednesday, August 20th, when playing with Mr. W. Milne, at 69, his figures being made up as follows:—3, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3, 5, 3, 5, 5, 3—69. In the following week, on Tuesday, August 26th, playing a three-ball match with Mr. W. Milne and Annand, he broke this record, accomplishing the round in 68, his detailed figures being as follows:—5, 5, 4, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4, 5, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4—68.

On the 21st of August, Captain W. H. Burn, of St. Andrews, broke the amateur record. Playing with Captain H. C. Best, he accomplished the round in a wonderfully steady 72, made up as follows:—4, 5, 7, 4, 5, 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 3—72. Mr. W. G. Jamieson, the member of Council who undertakes the supervision of the green arrangements, made several changes on the medal day, Saturday, the 6th inst., and the round is now much more difficult. About 20 couples started to play for the prizes, but very few cards were returned, as the majority of players came to grief at one or other of the hazards; moreover the putting greens, especially those newly made, were exceedingly stiff, owing to the late heavy rains, and holing out was rendered very difficult and uncertain. There is no doubt, however, that they will be in first-rate order after being played over a few days. The following are the scores handed in:—Mr. Fred M'Crae, 85; Mr. W. Moir, 92; Mr. W. G. Jamieson, 94; Mr. G. Milligan, 95; Dr. Joseph Ogilvie, 97. Mr. M'Crae won the scratch medal, and Mr. Milligan (with nine off) the Bangalore cup (handicap prize). Mr. J. M'K. Ferguson did the round in 82, but omitted to hand in his card.

We are rather surprised to learn that the Aberdeen Club, with its large membership, has not been engaged in any matches with stranger clubs this season. The only match in which it has taken part was with one of the local clubs, the Victoria, early in the spring, which it won very easily. This is an omission that ought to be rectified as early as possible.

The club's autumn meeting takes place in the second week of October, when the Charles Chalmers cup, the club's gold medal, and the Fordyce gold cross (handicap) will be competed for.

The other two Aberdeen clubs, playing over the old course on the Aberdeen Links, viz, the Bon-Accord and the Victoria, had a closely-contested match early in July. Twenty-three players started on each side, and the result was a victory for the Victoria by one hole, the scores being Victoria, 35 holes; Bon-Accord, 34 holes. On the 30th of August the Victoria played the Aboyne Club over their own green, and gained a very easy victory, the local men having no chance whatever against the strangers. The match, however, will have the good effect of giving an impetus to the game on Deeside. The course on the Aberdeen Links is at present in very fair condition, though now that Association Football has again set in, it will be a difficult matter to keep it so. The lowest scratch score made over the green of late was an 82 registered by Mr. A. Cooper on the 26th of July.

Further north, at Nairn, a large number of visitors have been enjoying their favourite pastime over this prettily situated green. Saturday, August 16th, was a "high" day, as, in addition to the first competition for a handsome inkstand, presented by the

captain, Mr. W. C. Newbigging, the monthly Pullar medal was competed for, as were also prizes presented by Mr. M. Brodie, and Mr. Laing, secretary. The day was unfavourable, showers falling occasionally, while the wind was somewhat gusty. Notwithstanding this drawback, a large number of competitors entered, and the result was that the medal fell to Mr. K. M. Marshall, a young player from Edinburgh, who completed the round in 102 (18 off) 84. Mr. D. Young, Nairn, one of the best players in the club, came in for the second prize with the excellent score of 87 (scratch), while Mr. A. F. Steele, Inverness, secured the third prize with 89 (scratch). Through the courtesy of the club a 12 aside match between the Inverness and Buckie Clubs was played over the Nairn green on Wednesday, August 20th, when the Invernessians won by 27 holes, the scores being Inverness, 41 holes; Buckie, 14. At Nairn, as elsewhere, record breaking has been indulged in, Dalgleish, the green-keeper, in the last week of July, completing the round in 75. This now stands as the best professional record, while the amateur record has been reduced from 82 to 79, Mr. Sutherland, Dornoch, and Mr. Miller, Glasgow, both completing the round in August at this figure. The autumn meeting took place on the 30th of August, when the Cawdor Cup and other prizes were competed for. Forty couples started, and on the conclusion of play it was found that Mr. Lobban, Inverness, had won the cup with the scratch score of 86, and Mr. Hercules Ross the Lord-Lieutenant's prize with 94, less 15 of a handicap, 79. Mr. L. Macrae won Mr. Brodie's prize with 85, Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P., coming next with 86.

Some very brilliant play has been witnessed at Nairn during the last few days of fine weather, the most notable score being that of Mr. T. Mackay, who did the round in 80—a score which has only once been excelled, and that by a single stroke, since the course was extended. The fourth ties in the tournament for Mr. Newbigging's prize have now been mostly played off, among those left in being Mr. Finlay, M.P., Mr. Young, Master William Finlay, and Dr. Cruickshank.

The fair sex are showing a great amount of interest in the game in the North, more especially at Dornoch and Nairn, several very interesting competitions among the ladies having taken place of late over both greens. So enthusiastic have the Nairn ladies become in the matter, that they have taken steps to erect a club-house for themselves, and have raised the necessary funds by a subscription all round.

The Inverness Club held their annual competition for a handsome cup presented by Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P., over their course at Muir of Ord on Saturday, August 23rd. The competition was a handicap one, and was decided by holes. As the weather was delightful, and the greens in very good condition, there was a large turn out of members, and at the conclusion of the various ties it was found that Mr. A. F. Steele (scratch) was the winner. Mr. Steele was cordially congratulated by Mr. Finlay on his victory.

The members of the Dornoch Club held their usual tournament over the Dornoch Green, in the fourth week of July. The tournament opened on Wednesday, July 23th, with a match between the Glasgow Club and a team representative of the northern counties, 14 men aside, for a challenge trophy to be played for annually between a team from the northern counties and any other Golf club. The match resulted in an easy win for the Glasgow men, who gained 50 holes as against their opponents' 10, thus winning by 40 holes. On the second day the club's scratch silver medal and a prize of the value of £1, Dr. Murray's challenge vase (played for twice a year), and 22 other handicap prizes, were played for. Great interest was taken in the competition for the silver medal, and on the cards handed in having been compared, it was found to have again, for the third successive year, fallen to Mr. J. Sutherland, secretary of the club, with a score of 83, Mr. James Kirk, St. Andrews, being next, with 84. Mr. Sutherland also won the challenge vase with an aggregate of 162. The meeting concluded on Saturday with the usual weekly and fortnightly competitions, and was one of the most successful ever held at Dornoch.

A new course of nine holes was opened at Stornoway in the month of July by Major Jackson of Swordhale, Mr. Machardy, captain of the Inverness Golf Club, and the members of the Stornoway Golf Club. The course lies on the Melbost Links, within three miles of the burgh, and runs parallel with the east

shore of Broad Bay, from within a few hundred yards of the farm-house of Melbost. Stretching outwards for over a mile and a-half, it terminates at a point overlooking the sea-shore, and consists of five out and four home holes.

VICTORIA CLUB, ABERDEEN.—MEMBERS' MATCH.

A Members' match between sides chosen by the Captain and Secretary of the above Club was concluded on Saturday over the Aberdeen Links. Fifteen players started on each side, and the match was, as usual, decided by holes. The result was a victory for the Secretary's side by 7 holes, his team securing 34 holes, while the Captain's side gained 27 holes. Full score as follows :—

Secretary's Side.		Captain's Side.	
	Holes.		Holes.
J. Russell.....	1	A. McConnachie	0
D. J. Innes	0	J. Forrest	3
R. W. Beedie	0	J. B. Banks	7
G. F. Thomson	1	J. Hazelwood	0
W. Anderson	2	Jas. R. Smith	0
T. McRae	0	J. Duncan	2
Bev. R. Semple	0	Rev. Prof. Cameron.....	0
T. Crighton.....	0	T. Niven	2
D. Jessiman.....	5	J. Smith	0
A. Gemmell.....	1	B. McCann	0
G. Barron	7	A. Cumming	0
G. Fulton.....	6	G. Robertson.....	0
W. Ruxton	0	C. Robertson.....	2
D. W. Clark	11	W. J. Jamieson.....	0
W. Addie, Secretary.....	0	J. Law, Captain	11
Total	34	Total	27

Majority for Secretary's side, 7 holes.

DORNOCH CLUB.

On Thursday afternoon, September 11th, the usual fortnightly competition by the members of this club for the secretary's aggregate prize, along with that for Mr. Urquhart's inkstand, took place. Mr. W. G. Orr, with a scratch score of 79, stood first for the former, while Mr. George Kennedy, with a score of 78 (less 6), 72, occupied that position for the latter prize. Both the scores are reckoned exceptionally fine play.

FORRES CLUB.—ANNUAL COMPETITION.

The annual competition of the Forres Golf Club took place on Wednesday afternoon, September 10th, when there was a large attendance of members, fourteen couples starting. The day was cold and dull, and a strong gale interfered with accurate play. The game, which lasted over two hours, was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and as the greens were in excellent condition, some fine putting was witnessed. When the cards were given in it was found that the Captain's team had a majority of 5 holes over that of the President, the game being one of holes. Full score :—

President's Team.		Captain's Team.	
	Holes.		Holes.
R. B. Finlay	10	Dr. Milligan	0
J. Sutherland	0	Mr. M'Hardy.....	1
W. Finlay	0	Mr. Rush.....	3
T. C. Hedderwick.....	0	G. Bain	3
Rev. Mr. Stevenson	0	Mr. M'Iver.....	1
Alex. Fraser	9	D. K. Stewart	0
A. Macpherson	1	W. M'Donald	0
John Leask.....	0	R. Urquhart	0
D. C. Brown	0	Sheriff Spittal	1
H. Macintosh.....	0	George Milne.....	7
Mr. Hutchison	0	Provost Burn.....	3
James Gordon	0	R. M'Kenzie	11
D. M'Lennan.....	8	L. Hamilton	0
Dr. Leslie Milne	0	J. Birnie	4
Total	28	Total	33

Majority for Captain's Team, 5 holes.

BEMBRIDGE.

Our correspondent writes :—The links at Bembridge have had a good rest this summer, and it has done them good. They are now in perfect condition, and golfers are putting in an appearance there.

For weeks there was no play at all, and Beveridge said, "It's that damned boatin' that's playin' a' the muscheef!" It certainly is cooler sitting on the stern of a boat than going on for niblick practice in the big bunkers. Mr. David Brown, the popular captain of the Royal Isle of Wight Golf Club, has been several times coaching his eldest hopeful, but I should not be surprised before long to see the eldest hopeful coaching his father. Mr. Dudley Ward has laid down the tiller, and taken up the driver, and is hard at work practicing for the October meeting. With his handicap he ought to do some good.

"Ruddigore" has gone off his play in the meantime; he got nearly to the top of the tree, but since doing a hole in one, he has gone back in his play. I don't know whether he has started a new book or not, but he must have filled up his old one.

Dr. Walter Reid has been on the green several times lately enjoying some play before starting for the Mediterranean on board H.M.S. "Camperdown." He is getting up a Channel Fleet Golf Club, about which I shall have something to say hereafter.

Owing to a new rule in the club at Bembridge, a good many of the "turf-cutters" have been got rid of, and members will find the green in fine order on the 13th of next month, when they will have the last chance of putting in a good score for the captain's handsome prizes.

The United Service Club at Haslar is in full swing, and many novices are to be seen daily, however, the grass being very heavy they cannot do much damage. Officers of all the branches of the services have taken to the game, and generals and admirals to junior subalterns daily wield the erring driver.

The course is a tricky one, and it needs an engineer to negotiate the peculiar hazards. There is one who can do it, and his name is Dumbleton, whose favourite amusement is making records.

Among the many players who have been seen playing lately were Lieut. Innes Gairdner, R.N., Lieut. Heathcote, R.N., Dr. Reid, R.N., Capt. Dumbleton, R.E., Major Gordon, Col. Greig R.A., Mr. Bonham-Carter, Mr. Cobb, R.E., Mr. D'Esterre, Mr. Henery, Commander Henderson, R.N., Col. Conybear, R.E. Major Wolfe Murray, Major Honison-Craufurd, A.D.C., Col Walker and others.

ELECTRIC CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was held over the Braids, on Friday, in fine weather. The greens were very keen. Mr. J. M'Nab won with the scratch prize with a score of 81.

LANARK.

The first competition at the annual meeting of the Lanark Golf Club was held on Friday. The weather was perfect, and the greens were in excellent condition. The prizes were all decided by the play of two rounds of fourteen holes each, and after all the players had gone round, it was found that the claret jug—the scratch prize of the meeting—had been gained by Mr. James Arthur Vassie with a score of 119 for the twenty-eight holes. This score also carried off the Purdie Cup (first handicap prize.) The gold ball (handicap) was tied for by Mr. Vassie and Rev. W. Vassie with 120 net, who were followed by another tie between the Hon. A. Y. Bingham and Rev. W. Smith in 122 net.

CARLISLE v. DUMFRIES.

A match was played on Friday at Dalston, near Carlisle, in beautiful weather, between the Carlisle and Dumfries Clubs, which have not met for eight years. The players started in the following order, the first named being Carlisle men :—The Rev. T. W. Stephenson against W. N. Blake, R. B. Lattimer against J. Leitch, T. Cochrane against Frank Reid, Dr. Helm against R. Wright, Dr. Murphy against H. Govan, Captain Langton against

the Rev. J. A. Campbell, Dr. Dowie against Henry Scott, R. W. Cowen against L. Starkey, Dr. M'Donald against A. N. Ferguson. The visitors won by 26 holes.

CORNWALL COUNTY GOLF CLUB.—AUTUMN MEETING.

THE PRESIDENT'S GOLD MEDAL.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. H. Hext	55	49	104	6	98
Mr. Young-Jamieson	54	59	113	15	98
Mr. M. Sandys	56	58	114	15	99
Mr. J. O. Adams	59	61	120	18	102
Mr. R. P. Edyvean	74	67	141	36	105
Mr. E. Cochran	58	61	119	13	106
Mr. B. F. Edyvean	50	52	102	owes 5	107
Mr. J. O. Adams	76	108	184	36	148

The autumn meeting took place on Friday, Aug. 29. The above half yearly handicap for the president's (Lord Robartes') gold medal was competed for, for the first time, and resulted in a tie, which has not been played off yet.

LADIES' HANDICAP

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Alms	65	58	123	22	101
Mrs. Edyvean	55	63	118	10	108
Mrs. Young-Jamieson	64	55	119	10	109
Mrs. Simpson	70	77	147	30	117
Mrs. Salmon	74	76	150	25	125
Miss Every	76	76	152	25	127
Miss Fenwick	73	69	142	15	127
Miss Young-Jamieson	84	84	168	40	123
Miss Peter Hoblyn	123	114	237	45	192

Mrs. Every and Mrs. Fenton made no returns. The ladies of the County Club met to try conclusions in their Autumn Handicap on the same date. The weather was perfect, and a large company assembled to witness the play, which took place over a nine hole course.

COVENTRY GOLF CLUB.

The autumn handicap commenced on Sept. 6, with a competition for a leather golfing case presented by Mr. W. Hillman. The prize was easily won by Mr. Frank Smith.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
F. Smith	94	13	76	G. Floyd	106	16	90
E. Blackburn	120	34	86	J. Powers	110	18	92
H. Smith	105	16	89	H. Rotheram	114	18	96
A. Rotheram	115	26	89	K. Rotheram	116	20	96
W. Wyley	130	40	90	Alec. Rotheram	117	16	101

LEA HURST PARK CLUB.

Mr. S. E. Arkwright, J.P., president of this club, has presented a challenge cup for competition every half-year, the winner twice in succession, or three times not consecutively, to retain possession of the trophy. The first competition took place on Saturday, September 6th. Owing to a strong wind play was heavy, accounting for the bad rounds. Scores:

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. C. Arkwright	138	30	108
Capt. E. Walker	139	30	109
Mr. V. Mellor	193	80	113
Mr. E. Lee	161	40	121
Sir J. C. Lee	167	40	127
Mr. C. H. Hill	159	30	129
Dr. J. C. Innes	138	scr.	138
Major Levett	156	20	136
Mr. B. A. Moody	175	30	145
Mr. I. Johnson	206	40	166
Hon. C. W. Trollope	267	100	167
Mr. H. A. Johnson	215	41	175

HAWICK GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, September 6th, Mr. G. H. Douglas won the monthly medal with a score of 88 owed 3=91, Mr. Walter Hume running up with 96=2=94.

KINGHORN GOLF CLUB.

An unusually exciting tussle took place on Saturday, September, 6th, for the Provost's charm, it being only at the second attempt that Mr. Thomas Smith, Kirkcaldy, managed to carry it off from Mr. J. Macpherson, with whom he had previously dead-heated. The weather was lovely, and the greens in splendid order. Subjoined are the best returns:

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. T. Smith	81	4	77
Mr. J. MacPherson	91	14	77
Mr. J. Wyllie	95	16	79
Mr. J. Davidson	91	12	79
Mr. H. P. Malden	95	12	83
Mr. G. Hepburn	97	14	83
Mr. W. Mann	98	13	85
Mr. T. Scott	90	6	84

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

Mr. Tod-Heatley's prize was competed for on Monday, 18th August, there being thirteen entries. Mr. Richard Holmes, Junr., returned the best nett score, 87, and Mr. R. A. Blagden the second, 90. Unfortunately several of the competitors started later than the advertised time, and objections were lodged; but a friendly arrangement was made to play the match over again on Monday, the 25th August, when the position of affairs was considerably altered, only six competitors putting in an appearance. Mr. Farmer returned the best net score, 95, Mr. Arthur Holmes on this occasion taking the second prize with 98. Appended are the scores:—

	Gross.	Handicap.	Net.
Mr. C. Farmer	115	20	95
" A. Holmes	118	20	98
" A. J. Constable	119	20	99
" R. Holmes, Junr.	124	20	104
" R. F. Fisher	110	5	105
" R. A. Blagden	No return.		

The Monthly Club Handicap was won by Mr. A. J. Constable.

Mr. A. J. Constable's Medal was competed for on the 20th August, but, owing to cricket and other diversions, a very small field put in an appearance. The winner for the second time was Mr. J. Horn, who is now in a fair way to become the possessor. Appended are the scores:—

	Gross.	Handicap.	Net.
Mr. J. Horn	102	10	92
" A. J. Constable	188	15	103
" R. A. Blagden	141	30	111
" C. Farmer	141	15	126

These links are pronounced by golfers to be extremely difficult, and this accounts for the very high scores returned as compared with other links. The difficulties of the first hole, which is 450 yards long, are probably equalled by few in the United Kingdom. The whole course is at this time of the year still encumbered by grass, but in the course of another month or so, and during the next six months, it is well worth playing on, especially as the greens are particularly true and good. More members are much wanted to enable a little money to be laid out on improvements, which will render the course one of the prettiest in the south of England.

FRASERBURGH.

The prosecution of the staple industry—the herring fishing— at Fraserburgh, practically stopped play on the 1st July last, but "operations" will now be started in earnest and continued up to the 30th June, 1891. The Golfing season at Fraserburgh owing to trade arrangements is from 1st October to 30th June, and it is no uncommon sight to see members of the club playing a foursome in a heavy snow-storm in the dead of winter. Two gold medals, one scratch and the other handicap, are annually presented to the club and played for monthly, which creates quite a competitive spirit among members and helps the progress of the game. Though the present year has still one competition to go, Mr. Joss has so many points at his credit that the handicap medal of 1890 is already virtually his. For the scratch medal, Mr. Match and Mr. Mitchell are about

equal, but the chances are that the former will become the winner of the scratch trophy.

The members of the club thinking that the present course was somewhat circumscribed, approached Lord Saltoun about two months ago on the subject of an extension of the round. The proposed course, if completed, would be nearly three miles in length, is possessed of all the hazards and variety so dear to golfers, and would in short be one of the very finest in the northern half of Scotland. Unfortunately the club was not able to make the necessary arrangements at the moment, but members hope to be able to meet his lordship's wishes soon, and thus be able to have a course second to none in the north. The membership of the club has for some years back been from thirty to forty, but the ensuing season is likely to see a large accession of strength and "merrier times" on the links than have been witnessed for many years back.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and optional subscription prizes, all under handicap, were played for at Hoylake on Saturday, the 6th inst., in fine weather, some twenty-five couples competing. It was found that Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright had won the medal with a very creditable score of 89—8=81; this secured for him a win in for the first optional subscription prize, and also the first sweepstake. Mr. C. T. Dixon secured a win in for the second optional subscription prize with his score of 108—25=83, Messrs. A. Turpin and C. T. Dixon dividing the second and third sweepstakes. The result of the play was as follows:

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright...	89	8	81
Mr. A. Turpin ...	88	5	83
Mr. M. Pole ...	96	13	83
Mr. C. T. Dixon ...	108	25	83
Mr. C. Darbyshire ...	96	12	84
Mr. A. Hood ...	104	20	84
Mr. E. H. Higgins ...	102	17	85
Mr. H. Keep ...	105	20	85
Mr. H. Janion ...	112	27	85
Mr. R. Goold ...	98	12	86
Mr. J. Hornby ...	98	12	86
Mr. E. Whineray...	96	10	86
Mr. G. F. Milligan ...	106	20	86
Rev. J. G. Denison ...	94	7	87
Mr. A. H. Higgins ...	95	7	88
Mr. J. Dun ...	96	8	88
Mr. H. Owen ...	108	20	88
Mr. J. Moore ...	115	27	88
Mr. E. J. B. Farrar ...	93	4	89
Dr. P. Davidson ...	98	9	89
Mr. R. Haigh ...	106	17	89
Mr. "John Hopper"	89	owes 1	90
Mr. J. Ball, jun. ...	83	owes 7	90
Mr. G. R. Cox ...	94	4	90
Mr. T. R. Bulley ...	102	12	90
Mr. W. Bates ...	113	23	90
Mr. C. Macdonald ...	114	24	90
Mr. J. Graham, jun. ...	102	11	91
Mr. J. White ...	115	24	91
Mr. C. Roberts ...	96	4	92
Mr. J. Cullen ...	98	5	93
Mr. R. F. Miln ...	101	8	93
Mr. J. A. Roberts...	109	15	94
Mr. G. G. Hamilton ...	102	7	95
Mr. W. Thomson...	116	19	97
Mr. J. B. Lloyd ...	118	20	98
Mr. J. K. Crooks ...	115	15	100
Mr. A. J. Harvie ...	140	} not	
Mr. C. B. Taylor ...	121	} handicapped.	

Sixteen competitors made no return.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

On account of the great improvement of these links, the number of members has considerably increased, and at a meeting lately held it was decided to give a monthly silver medal; and on Saturday, Sept. 6th, the first of the series was competed

for. As the holiday season is fast drawing to a close, the number of entries was comparatively small. From the appended scores it will be seen that Mr. J. B. Pettit has the honour of taking the medal for the first time:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. B. Pettit...	91	scr.	91
Mr. A. Fell ...	115	18	97
Mr. C. Salmon ...	108	8	100
Mr. J. G. Anderson ...	108	3	105
Mr. H. Theobald ...	116	10	106
Mr. G. Gibb ...	107	scr.	107
Mr. B. Thornbury ...	116	9	107
Mr. J. H. Davidson ...	111	scr.	111
Mr. A. S. Ellis ...	130	18	112
Mr. F. A. D. Bright ...	139	27	112
Mr. A. E. Longstaffe ...	127	10	117
Mr. W. E. Long ...	131	12	119
Mr. C. E. Salmon ...	129	8	121
Mr. O. T. Hodges ...	155	27	128

The following gentlemen made no returns: Messrs. H. Gwyn-Jeffreys, W. H. Richards, Garrett-Smith, Mitchell, and F. H. Colt.

MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB
(GLOUCESTERSHIRE).

The monthly medal day of this club took place on Saturday, September 6th. Notwithstanding the heat of the weather, the scores were quite up to the average, Mrs. C. A. Gillanders winning with the first rate total of 85—9=76. Miss Bower secured the Ladies' medal with 109—36=73. A competition also took place for boys under sixteen on the same day, which was won by G. Chapman 98—20=78, W. Chapman securing the prize for the lowest gross score, with a round of 86. The score is as follows:

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. A. Gillanders ...	85	9	76
Mr. E. P. Little ...	102	24	78
Mr. H. Woolwright ...	98	20	78
Mr. L. Grist ...	99	20	79
Mr. A. R. Grieve...	116	35	81
Mr. H. Bishop ...	111	30	81
Mr. Winterbotham ...	108	25	83
Mr. E. N. Witchell ...	111	25	86
Mr. G. Jenkinson...	109	23	86
Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell ...	92	4	88
Mr. C. A. Guise ...	123	35	88
Mr. G. J. Holloway ...	125	35	90
Mr. C. Ritchie ...	108	18	90
Mr. F. H. Playne...	108	18	90
Mr. G. Sotheron-Estcourt	125	29	95
Mr. H. Goldingham ...	118	20	98
Mr. H. E. Dawbeney ...	118	20	91
Mr. R. Brodie ...	124	25	99
Mr. C. C. Turnbull ...	126	25	101

Major Chapman and Messrs. W. Chapman, H. Clifford, H. Clifford, jun., J. Olver, F. Bryan, W. A. Lucy, W. Bishop, and J. T. Woolright made no return.

Miss Bower ...	109	36	73
Miss Guise...	107	33	74
Miss Colquhoun ...	122	36	86
Miss Golightly ...	108	18	90
Miss J. Golightly ...	105	14	91
Miss Denne ...	120	28	92
Miss M. Ricardo ...	127	20	87
Miss B. Stanton ...	137	30	107
Miss Capel ...	155	45	110

Miss J. Denne and Miss A. Ricardo made no return.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

In weather more in keeping with midsummer than September, the monthly medals were played for on Saturday, September 6th, in the Alexandra Park, no fewer than sixty-five members trying conclusions. The putting greens were in excellent trim, but, as the grass between the holes was rather long, heavy lies were frequent. Despite this drawback, two scores of under 80 were handed in, Mr. John Martin returning a 77 (net) and Mr. W. Milne (scratch) a 78. Other actuals

under 90 were:—Messrs. A. W. Wilson, 86; T. M. Motion, 86; and J. A. Shaw, 88. The competitions resulted as follow:

CLUB MEDAL.					
Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. V. Scott ...	87	4	83	Mr. J. R. Motion...	85 scr. 85
Mr. D. G. Rose...	85	scr.	85		

WILSON MEDAL.					
Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Mitchell...	93	11	82	Mr. R. Lawrie ...	96 11 85
Mr. J. Mack ...	89	5	84		

SCOTT MEDAL.					
Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Martin ...	92	15	77	Mr. C. M. Ross...	99 18 81
Mr. J. W. J. Watt	98	18	80		

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The September competition for the Allen medal took place on the 6th inst., and Mr. Browne, who had been spending a month on the Littlestone Links, showed the good result of such an outing by a marked improvement in his play which made him an easy winner.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. P. Browne	92	20	72	Mr. C. Hall ...	113 22 91
Mr. A. Schacht	84	5	79	Mr. W. B. Avery	107 16 91
Mr. H. Pelly ...	108	18	90	Mr. L. Horner...	99 4 95

No returns from Messrs. W. R. Kersey, Jarvis Kenrick, L. B. Coubro, and C. J. Trevarthen.

The monthly pool resulted in favour of Mr. C. Hall, with 37 net. Mr. A. F. Waters taking second prize for 39.

INVERNESS GOLF CLUB.

There was a large muster at the Muir of Ord on Saturday, the 6th, when the annual contest for Sheriff Thorn's medal took place. The medal was won by Mr. John Birnie with a score of 87, Mr. Gunn coming next with 90.

ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The seventh competition was held on Sept. 9th, with the following results:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. P. French ...	52	46	98	14	84
Mr. E. Paynter...	58	53	111	23	88
Mr. G. P. Blagdon ...	50	60	110	20	90
Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	45	47	92	2	90
Mr. J. Robertson ...	56	52	108	18	90
Mr. J. Hutchinson ...	57	51	108	16	92
Capt. Roberts ...	53	59	112	20	92
Mr. G. W. Walters ...	46	46	92	scr.	92
Mr. R. T. Thomson ...	46	48	94	scr.	94
Mr. G. F. Charlton ...	50	52	102	7	95
Mr. J. de C. Paynter ...	50	50	100	4	96
Mr. J. Tennant...	52	50	102	5	97
Mr. J. Lowrie ...	56	51	107	9	98
Mr. F. T. Ridley ...	54	52	106	7	99
Mr. F. W. Wyndham...	61	64	125	23	102
Mr. R. B. Barker ...	63	61	124	16	108

Mr. J. W. Pease (16), Mr. J. B. Radcliffe (scratch), Mr. G. T. Scott (18), Mr. J. P. Milton (15), and Mr. J. Lorimer (14) made no return.

STONEHAVEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap of this club took place last week at Cowie. There was a good turn-out of players. The medal was won by Mr. A. L. Wood with a score of 97. Considerable interest was taken in this competition as, if Major W. Disney-Innes, of Cowie, had won it this time (which would have been three times in succession), he would have secured the pendant. The Major played a good game, but was unfortunate on the greens in his putting, and lost the pendant by two strokes, his total being 99.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, September 3rd, the usual handicap competition was held for the gold medal, resulting in a tie between Mrs. Campbell and Miss Andrews with the net score of 102.

This was played off on Saturday, September 6th, Mrs. Campbell winning with net score 100. Eighteen holes.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Campbell.	130	28	102	Miss Moor ...	137 20 117
Miss Andrews .	110	8	102	Miss E. Martin .	153 28 125
Mrs. Stewart...	129	22	107	Miss Martin ...	163 33 130
Miss Birch ...	122	6	116		

The other members who played were Miss N. Haggard, Miss Fox, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Aitkens, Miss Bone, Miss Frewen, Miss F. Martin, Miss Lee, Miss Reid, Miss Wix, Miss A. M. Simpson.

On Saturday, Sept. 6th, a ladies' and gentlemen's open four-some handicap match was played in lovely weather. The prizes were books kindly presented by Mr. Fox and Mr. Haggard. Results:

FIRST ROUND.—Mrs. Stewart and Rev. G. Moor (23) beat Mrs. Campbell and Mr. H. Campbell (28), 2 up and 1 to play; Mrs. Stone and Mr. H. Andrews (36) beat Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Parsons (37), 3 up and 1 to play; Miss Andrews and Col. Campbell (20) beat Miss Stone and Mr. H. Stone (36), 3 up and 2 to play; Miss E. Martin and Capt. Campbell (20) beat Mrs. Peckham and Mr. Mentzendorff (40), 4 up and 3 to play.

Miss Mentzendorff and Mr. Suthery (40); Mrs. Aitkens and Mr. J. Andrews (34); Miss Martin and Mr. P. Andrews (28); Miss Bone and Mr. F. Swainson (24); Miss Wix and Mr. Simpson (40); Miss Lee and Mr. Grieve (25); Miss Moor and Dr. Magrath (16); Mrs. Craven and Dr. Wilson (37); Miss N. Haggard and Mr. R. Birch (30); Miss Birch and Mr. G. Birch (17); Miss Fox and Mr. Gossage (30); Mr. G. Moor and Mr. Hoare (40) byes.

SECOND ROUND.—Mrs. Stewart and Rev. G. Moor beat Mrs. Stone and Mr. H. Andrews, 2 up; Miss E. Martin and Capt. Campbell beat Miss Andrews and Col. Campbell, 2 up and 1 to play; Mrs. Aitkens and Mr. J. Andrews beat Miss Mentzendorff and Mr. Suthery, 1 up; Miss Bone and Mr. F. Swainson beat Miss Martin and Mr. P. Andrews, 2 up; Miss Lee and Mr. Grieve beat Miss Wix and Mr. Simpson, 2 up; Mrs. Craven and Dr. Wilson beat Miss Moor and Dr. Magrath, 1 up; Miss Birch and Mr. G. Birch beat Miss N. Haggard and Mr. R. Birch, 3 up and 2 to play; Mrs. G. Moor and Mr. Hoare beat Miss Fox and Mr. Gossage, 2 up, and 1 to play.

THIRD ROUND.—Mrs. Stewart and Rev. G. Moor beat Miss E. Martin and Capt. Campbell, 4 up and 3 to play; Miss Bone and Mr. F. Swainson beat Mrs. Aitkens and Mr. J. Andrews, 2 up and 1 to play; Miss Lee and Mr. Grieve beat Mrs. Craven and Dr. Wilson, 1 up; Miss Birch and Mr. G. Birch beat Mrs. G. Moor and Mr. Hoare 1 up.

FOURTH ROUND.—Mrs. Stewart and Rev. G. Moor beat Miss Bone and Mr. F. Swainson, 1 up; Miss Birch and Mr. G. Birch beat Miss Lee and Mr. Grieve, 1 up.

FINAL ROUND.—Miss Birch and Mr. G. Birch beat Mrs. Stewart and Rev. G. Moor, 4 up and 3 to play.

Mr. W. R. Lee kindly undertook the arduous task of handicapping, and to him the thanks of the club are due for the satisfactory and efficient way in which he performed this unenviable duty. Tea was given in the cricket pavilion by Miss Haggard and Miss Fox to all members and several friends who were present in the afternoon.

LARGO.

Members of the Lundin Golf Club played on Saturday, September the 6th, for their handicap medal and several prizes, the latter consisting of articles pertaining to the game. The green was in splendid condition; the weather was all that could be desired for good golfing. After the cards had been handed in, it was found that Mr. D. W. F. Parlane had won the medal, his score being 104, less 16—88. The other prize winners were: Mr. A. Coutts, 98, less 9—89; Mr. John Wood, 97, less 6—91; Mr. John Bremer, 90, plus 2—92; Mr. John Kennedy, 97, less 4—93; and Mr. T. Nicoll, 97, less 2—95.

MONIFIETH MEDAL COMPETITION.

The members of the Monifieth Club competed on Saturday, the 6th inst., for the old-established trophy, the Panmure medal; and they could not have desired finer weather than they were favoured with, it being bright and mild, with a cool breeze from the eastward. There was as usual a large turn-

out of players, who were all got away in good time. As several of the crack members have of late been playing pretty equal, a good deal of interest was manifested in the contest. Last time it was played for David Dargie won the medal, but he was unable to keep it on Saturday, and Mr. David Anderson, of the Grange, and Mr. Jas. Young beat all the others and came in on equal terms—their scores being very creditable—83 each. Mr. Anderson has for some time been coming well to the front, having tied with Mr. Wm. Young for the scratch trophy at a recent competition, but lost the tie. Jas. Young has been off his game for several years, and it is satisfactory to see him again taking a leading place. He mismanaged at the last hole, taking five to get down. Mr. Young, with his characteristic steadiness, almost got in to the tie, being only one stroke behind. The next best were Messrs. George Wright, 85; David Dempster, 87; David Dargie, 88; David Smyton, 89; and Captain Hunter, 89. This is now the third round that has been played for the gold medalette presented by Mr. S. M. Low, and which goes to the player with the best aggregate score of three out of four rounds. With the best two scores the leading players stand as follows:—George Wright, 81+86=167; David Dempster, 81+87=168; W. Young, 86+84=170; David Anderson, 88+83=171; David Dargie, 84+88=172. The average medals of the club were also competed for on Saturday, and were taken by Jas. Ross at 101, being 13 below his average. The prize winners were:—First Class: 1, David Anderson, 83, 1 below; 2, Capt. Hunter, 89, 1 above; 3 and 4, tie, Jas. Young, 83, Wm. Young, 83, and George Wright, 85. Second Class: 1, David Smyton, 89, 6 below; 2, Arthur Forsyth, 93, 4 below; 3, David Hanton, 94, 3 below; 4 and 5, tie, Alex. Bowman, 94, William Lowson, 24, George Macadam, 98, all two below. Third Class: 1, Jas. Ross, 101, 13 below; 2, George Liddle, 113, 7 below; 3 and 4, tie, Wm. Fox, 100, and John Pearson, 110, both 5 below.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The ninth and last competition for the summer handicap cup took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., over the club course on Ryton Willows. The putting greens were in excellent order, though the green was somewhat rough, the continuous rain having the effect of making the grass too luxuriant for accurate play. The winner proved to be the worthy president of the club, Mr. Jas. Tennant, who, with a handicap of six, returned a net score of 85, Mr. T. A. Hutton being second at 87 net. No member having scored a dual win, the nine different winners will play off on Thursday, September 18th, for the absolute possession of the prize. Annexed are the respective scores:

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Jas. Tennant ...	44	47	91	6	85
Mr. T. A. Hutton ...	53	52	105	18	87
Mr. R. T. Thomson ...	43	45	83	scr.	88
Mr. Fred. Smith ...	48	52	100	12	88
Dr. W. G. Black ...	44	47	91	1	90
Dr. G. W. Ridley ...	46	48	94	3	91
Dr. W. T. Wilson ...	51	49	100	6	94
Mr. J. G. Sharp ...	54	52	106	12	94
Mr. W. Farr ...	52	49	101	6	95
Mr. B. Brumell ...	58	54	112	17	95
Mr. W. A. Temperly ...	64	59	123	25	98
Mr. G. F. Charlton ...	48	51	99	scr.	99
Mr. F. W. Wyndham ...	54	62	116	16	100
Mr. W. Putnam ...	54	63	117	15	102
Mr. H. C. Smith	made no return.				

BURNTISLAND GOLF CLUB.

No competition held under the auspices of this club is more looked forward to than the annual one for the old gold and silver medals, at one time the property of the old Burntisland Club, which was founded in 1828, and now in the custody of the present club. The silver medal dates back to 1828, and it may be of interest to state that Mr. James Morrison and Mr. William Stenhouse, the first two victors, for it are still alive. On Saturday, September 6th, a field of fully twenty entered the lists, and after a splendid day's golfing, it was found that Mr. Thomas Watts had won the gold medal with a score of 68—2=66, and Mr. J. Connel the silver medal with 74—6=68. The other prize winners were:

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	
Mr. D. Stevenson	77	8	69	Mr. J. C. Wallace	74	2	72
Mr. J. Ross ...	71	scr.	71	Mr. W. Duncan...	76	4	72
Mr. J. Wood ...	73	1	72	Mr. H. Addison...	82	10	72

CARNOUSTIE AND TAYMOUTH.

The monthly sweepstake competition was held on Saturday, September 6th, when there was a fair turn out of players. The weather was extremely warm, and the play, in consequence, was above average. The sweepstakes were won as follows:—First, John Dewars, 100 (one above average); second, third, fourth tied for by Mr. Jas. Simpson 84, David Ogilvie 95, and David Ramsay, sen., 95—all three above. At the close of the competition a meeting of the members of the club was held, when arrangements were made to play a match with the Monifieth Club at Monifieth on the 20th current.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The seventh competition for the Wilson gold shield was decided on Saturday, the 6th September. A glorious day, if anything, rather too warm for comfortable golf favoured the competitors, and only a few turned out to compete. They were duly despatched on their way by the hon. sec., Mr. C. Cooper,

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and they had the pleasure of playing on faultless putting greens, the turf being almost as true as a billiard table. Mr. O. K. Trechmann played an excellent game, and completed the twenty-one holes in 125 strokes, thus proving to be the winner for the second time this year. Mr. A. Robinson was unfortunate, again having to put up with second honours, having played a steady and careful game. Scores :

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. O. Trechmann	125	23	102
Mr. A. Robinson	119	15	104
Mr. G. Newby... ..	122	15	107
Mr. W. Purves	117	8	109
Mr. S. Strover	140	30	110
Major M. Gray	119	9	110
Mr. E. W. Walker... ..	142	30	112
Mr. Merryweather... ..	146	30	116
Mr. P. A. Raps	128	12	116
Mr. C. Cooper	130	12	118
Mr. S. Walker	127	11	118

Messrs. A. Gladstone, T. E. Pyman, W. S. Woodwells, and C. B. Williamson made no returns.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS COLF CLUB.

The second round in the handicap tournament for Messrs. Marshall, Wane, and Allan's prize was completed on Saturday, the 6th September, with the following result :

Mr. R. Pype (12) beat Mr. D. Ferguson (8) by 3 up and 2 to play.

Mr. J. Gibson (scratch) beat Mr. W. Hunter (scratch) by 6 up and 5 to play.

Mr. D. Bone (scratch) beat Mr. J. Craig (8) by 6 up and 5 to play.

Mr. A. J. Larke (8) beat Mr. R. J. M. Wilson (3) by 8 up and 6 to play.

Mr. C. I. Hignet (6) beat Mr. A. Muir (3) by 7 up and 6 to play.

Mr. Wallace (6) beat Mr. R. Raeside (8) by 1 hole.

Mr. Andrew (8) beat Mr. J. Gray (4) by 1 hole.

Mr. M. Smith (12) beat Mr. W. T. Fergusson by 6 up and 5 to play.

Mr. A. Crawford (6) beat Rev. Mr. Anderson (12) by 4 up and 3 to play.

Mr. J. Andrew (scratch) beat Mr. J. Hamilton (4) by 5 up and 3 to play.

Messrs. J. Hewat, A. Dunbar, A. Boon, A. Turnbull, A. Macdonald, and W. A. Kennedy received byes.

MJNEHEAD GOLF CLUB.

The August meeting began on Tuesday, the 26th, in storms of wind and rain, and heavy scoring was the rule. The medal was won by a score of 94, by W. R. Richardson. Seven couples defied the weather. Wednesday was very little better as to weather, but scoring was somewhat improved. Three tied for the first prize with net scores of 90, Dr. Hayes winning with a score of 88, Mr. H. D. Brown the second. Ten couples competed. Thursday the weather was most favourable, the first prize being won by Dr. Ollerhead with a net score of 84, Dr. Hayes the second prize with a score of 88. Friday's p'ay resulted in another tie at 90, and, oddly enough, by the same players as on Wednesday, and with the same scores (90). On the ties being decided, Dr. Hayes took the first prize, and the Rev. W. P. Michell the second. Eleven couples. Saturday was a golfer's day, the weather being beautifully fine and free from wind. The links were given up in the morning to the ladies, who showed in great force, nine couples competing for the three prizes. The first was won by Miss Dawkins; second, Miss Ollerhead; and the third by Miss M. Richardson. The afternoon play of the members resulted in Dr. Hayes again carrying off the first prize, with a net score of 84, the second by W. H. Richardson.

CALEDONIA GOLF CLUB.

Play in the second heat for the Leith medal belonging to the club has just been concluded at Carnoustie with the following result :—

Mr. G. Simpson beat Mr. J. Morton by 6 up and 5 to play.

Mr. J. R. D. Wilson beat Mr. H. Whyte by 4 up and 3 to play.

Mr. D. Smith scratched to Mr. J. Ireland

Mr. J. Hogg beat Mr. D. R. Stewart by 2 up and 3 to p'ay.

Mr. D. Rosser scratched to Mr. W. Young.

Mr. J. Cowan, jun., scratched to Mr. W. Fenier.

Mr. C. Fenier beat Mr. R. Sellar by 6 up and 5 to play.

Mr. J. H. Duncan beat Mr. A. B. Walker by 2 up and 1 to play.

Mr. G. Fox, jun., beat Mr. C. C. Spark by 2 up and 1 to play

Mr. D. Myles beat Mr. J. H. Dunlop by 6 up.

Mr. W. Harris beat Mr. J. Anderson by 6 up.

Mr. R. W. Thornton scratched to Mr. J. P. Morrison.

Mr. W. K. Lorrimer beat Mr. I. Dummie by 7 up.

Mr. J. Lamb beat Mr. J. P. Bruce by 4 up.

Mr. W. W. Booth beat Mr. G. Fraser by 3 up and 1 to play

SELKIRK GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and president's prize (handicap) were competed for on Saturday, September 6th, in magnificent weather, with the following result :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. McBain	97	13	84	Mr. J. Connochie..	95	5	90
Mr. J. Walker	98	13	85	Mr. G. Wright	96	4	92
Mr. J. Scott	92	4	88				

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