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Fixtures.

SEPTEMBER.

- 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.
Warwickshire; Cup Competition.
Troon; Sandhills and Club Medals.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 1.—Prestwick; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 2 and 4.—Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club; Autumn Meeting.
Manchester Gold Medal and Handicap Prizes; Hermon Challenge Cup and Handicap Prizes.
Guildford; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 4.—Clapham; "Cronin" Medal.
St. Nicholas, Prestwick; Bailie Wilson's Medal.
Royal Jersey; Autumn Meeting.
Redhill and Reigate; Allen Medal.
United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake.
Oct. 4, 5, 6.—Alnmouth; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 4, 7, 8, 10.—Royal North Devon; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 7, 8, 9.—North Berwick; Amateur Golf Tournament.
Carnoustie and Taymouth; Sweepstake Competition.
Oct. 8.—Royal Liverpool; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 9.—Innerleven; Autumn Meeting.
Troon; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 11.—Tantallon Autumn Meeting; Club Medal, Victoria Jubilee Cup.
St. George's (Sandwich); Autumn Meeting.
United Service (Portsmouth); Poynder Challenge Cup.
Oct. 13.—Royal Isle of Wight; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 15 and 16.—Worcestershire; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 16 and 18.—Aberdeen; Autumn Meeting.
London Scottish; Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 18.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells.
Clapham; Autumn Meeting.
Felixstowe; Final Competition for Elcho Prizes.
Redhill and Reigate; Club Medal.
Oct. 20.—Felixstowe; Prize, value 3 guineas, given by the Club.

- Oct. 21.—Felixstowe; Monthly Challenge Cup.
Oct. 25.—Luffness; Wemyss Challenge Handicap Medal.
Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, with Sweepstake.
Redhill and Reigate; Autumn Meeting.
United Service (Portsmouth); The Captain's Prize.
Troon; Sandhills and Club Medals.
Oct. 26.—Alnmouth; Final Competition for Handicap Cup.

NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 1.—Great Yarmouth; Autumn Meeting.
Carnoustie and Taymouth; Sweepstake Competition.
Clapham; "Cronin" Medal.
United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake.
Nov. 4.—Great Yarmouth and Cambridge University; at Yarmouth.
Nov. 22.—West Lancashire; Autumn Meeting.
Nov. 29.—Royal Liverpool; St. Andrews Meeting.
Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, and Sweepstake.
Royal Isle of Wight; St. Andrews Meeting.

DECEMBER.

- Dec. 6.—Clapham; "Cronin" Medal.
United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake.
Dec. 23.—Royal Isle of Wight Christmas Meeting.
Dec. 26.—Bembridge Gold Medal, Eaton Memorial Putter and Fisher Prize.
Clapham; Challenge Handicap Cup.
Felixstowe; Club Prize, value 2 guineas.
Dec. 27.—Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, with Sweepstake.
Felixstowe; Monthly Challenge Cup.

JANUARY.

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

GOLF AT EDINBURGH.

Although no formal order has as yet been issued by the authorities at Edinburgh for the closing of Bruntsfield Links as a golfing green for the use of the public, it has come to be finally recognised, not only by golfers themselves, but by the inhabitants generally, that it is no longer desirable to continue play there.

When this once-famed public recreation ground for golfers in and around the capital of Scotland came under the control of the municipal authorities is not very clear. History is not very precise on that point, but it seems to be pretty clearly established that the local Town Council had the links under its charge as far back as the time of David I., in the twelfth century. At that time it was known as the Borough Moor,

although the ground, in despite of its name, was largely covered with stately oaks and bosky thickets. All this ground, over which for probably more than 200 years golfers have sent balls whizzing, as well as the adjacent hills and valleys, is rich in historical associations. If sanguinary battles invest any locality with a claim to be considered classic, then no part of the country is more entitled to be so described than the Borough Moor of Edinburgh. It was here, in 1303, that the English troops under Count Guy of Namur fought with the Scottish patriots in the struggle for the restoration of the Baliol dynasty by Edward III.; and it was here, in 1513, that James IV. mustered his forces before setting out for that ill-starred conflict at Flodden, in which he himself was slain, together with the flower of Scottish nobility. Who that knows the locality as golfer or citizen does not feel his imagination fired when he recalls the immortal description in "Marmion"?

But different far the change has been,
Since Marmion from the crown
Of Blackford Hill saw that martial scene
Upon the bent so brown:
Thousand pavilions, white as snow,
Spread all the Borough-moor below
Upland, and dale, and down.

In 1508 James IV. granted to the magistrates of the city a charter which is known as the Golden Charter, under which a large portion of the Borough Moor was "feued," the stately oaks were laid under contribution by the woodman's axe, open spaces were cleared, fine mansions were erected, and policies walled in, a large portion, however, being preserved amid the general distribution for the public use, the golfers being enabled to establish a practically prescriptive right to pursue their game amid all the thunders of denunciation in later years, and legislative attempts at prohibition.

About twenty years ago the adjacent estate of Warrender Park was opened up for feuing purposes, and since then the lustre of Bruntsfield Links as a golfing centre has slowly but surely waned, until within the past few years the game has been carried on under conditions far from agreeable to golfers, while to the residents in the neighbourhood it had become a source of actual danger. Among Edinburgh golfers it was a common aphorism that "the man who could play golf on Bruntsfield could play anywhere." There was more significance in this remark than might at first sight appear.

The surrounding neighbourhood is now one of the most densely populated in the city, and as a result of this the links have been sadly cut up by footpaths running in all directions. Almost throughout the entire day there is a continuous stream of pedestrians crossing and recrossing the line of play, and in such circumstances it may be readily imagined that those who in late years have had the hardihood to attempt the "far and sure" game on Bruntsfield have had their patience, skill, and nerve subjected to no ordinary test. Each hole in the round of seven had a distinctive danger peculiar to it. A ball played from the first teeing-ground, slightly out of line, brought the unwary golfer into the midst of irate and voluble washerwomen, who regarded the game as an invention of the Evil One, and all its exponents as his agents, against whom they had combined to register an awful oath of implacable enmity. Even when the player had escaped this initial difficulty, the presence of a gang of carpet beaters directly in the line of play was a never-failing source of lively oburgation and discussion as to the golfer's right of way. To shout "fore" to a Bruntsfield carpet beater was simply to provide him with capital entertainment, the derisive laughter with which it was invariably received indicating that the warning cry was looked upon in the light of an excellent joke. The obstacles to be surmounted at the other holes were not a whit less exciting, and the erratic driver had good reason to congratulate himself if he succeeded in completing the round without bringing down a nursemaid or her infant charge, landing his ball in a baker's shop window, or playing "two more" off the tramway rails, to the amazement of passing strangers, who regarded the stranded golfer as a mild type of the harmless lunatic.

Accidents of a more or less serious nature were of almost daily occurrence, and as letters began to appear in the newspapers calling attention to the danger that existed to all persons having occasion to cross the links, it soon became evident that

golf on Bruntsfield was doomed. Determined, however, to secure a *quid pro quo*, and relying upon their rights secured by charter in the event of their being compelled to abandon Bruntsfield, the members of the various clubs began to look about for another suitable green. The Braid Hills—a low range of hills, 700 feet above the level of the sea, lying to the south, and commanding numberless beautiful panoramic views of the city and its environs—was ultimately fixed upon, and backed up by the strong advocacy of the *Evening Dispatch*, whose editor is an enthusiastic golfer, the hills, after long negotiations, and even parliamentary legislation, were acquired by the town as a public recreation ground. The services of Mr. Peter McEwen and Bob Ferguson, the well-known professional, were then secured, and after due deliberation and careful survey, a very attractive course of eighteen holes was marked out, and the Green formally inaugurated by the Corporation in May, 1889. For some considerable time after the opening the Braid Hills enjoyed an unenviable notoriety as a trap for golf balls. The hillsides being covered with a dense growth of whins, a long drive, or one slightly out of line, was almost certain to result in a lost ball. To many a novice a round on the Braid Hills was a very expensive pastime, and numbers of loafers found for a time a lucrative occupation in searching for lost guttas. Gradually, however, the whins were cleared away, and the green is now, in the matter of popularity and patronage, second to none.

The opening of the Braid Hills has given an impetus to the game that is nothing short of marvellous. It has brought hundreds of embryo golfers into the field, and new clubs have sprung up in all directions. So great had the pressure become, that it was no unusual thing to find thirty and forty balls on the first teeing-ground on a Saturday afternoon. In order to relieve the congestion which frequently occurred at several of the shorter holes, it was decided in July, 1890, to partially alter the course by lengthening the distance between the holes, and this new arrangement has been found to work admirably. Like all golf courses of a hilly nature, the round on the Braid Hills, especially if the weather be a trifle warm, is by no means a gentle promenade. To players who are not in the best of condition, stout of limb, and full breathed, one round of the eighteen holes is found to be more than enough, and there are comparatively few, even of the most insatiable golfers, who care to tackle the course a second time on the same day. Of course it must not be forgotten that the Braid Hills lie at some distance from any mode of conveyance other than private vehicles, so that in a year or two, when the line of tramways is extended in that direction, and the course brought within easy walking distance, the game itself will be played under much less fatiguing conditions.

The caddie nuisance, which prevails to such a disagreeable extent at Musselburgh, has so far been avoided at the Braid Hills, and while it is always possible to secure the services of a lad to carry clubs, there is none of that annoyance and importuning to which strangers are subjected when they visit the seaside green. With the exception, perhaps, of the whins, the Braid Hills offer little in the way of hazards, only one, "The Rockies," laying claim to anything like novelty as a "sporting" hole. In this case the teeing-ground is placed on a high plateau, and unless the drive carries across the valley and well over the hill-top on the other side, the chances are in favour of the golfer finding himself in very "bad country" among the loose boulders with which the hillside is covered. There can be no doubt that in the purchase of the Braid Hills the Corporation of Edinburgh have made an investment for the public good, the value and wisdom of which will never fail to be recognised and appreciated by the community at large, and more especially by all Edinburgh golfers.

The regulations for the Braid Hills course have now been published, and have been received on every hand with satisfaction and approval. Golf on the Braid Hills, especially on Saturday afternoons, was rapidly acquiring an unenviable notoriety for the amount of squabbling and quarrelling that took place at the starting-point. Matters may be said to have reached a climax a fortnight ago, when several "scenes" of a most discreditable character occurred, ending in about fifty teed balls being scattered and wildly scrambled for by their respective owners. In such circumstances it may be readily conceived that the golfer gifted with ample lung power and a corresponding amount of effrontery usually had the best of it, while the timid player with a natural

aversion from mixing himself up in noisy altercations fared very badly indeed.

After careful consideration the Parks Committee of the Edinburgh Town Council have decided that the management of the Braid hills shall be left entirely in their own hands, the proposal to appoint a small committee of golfers to co-operate with them not having been considered a desirable arrangement. The decision is unquestionably a wise one, the broad and liberal spirit displayed by the Parks Committee in dealing with all matters connected with the Braids as a golfing green leaving no shadow of doubt that the interests of golfers generally will be perfectly safe with them.

On arriving at the first teeing ground, players will, under the new rules, be provided with numbered cards regulating the order of play, so that in future the unseemly wrangling which was of too frequent occurrence will henceforth be conspicuous by its absence. The caddie question too, has been most effectually dealt with, by the Committee, and in a few weeks the Braids caddie will offer a model, which many other golfing green authorities (Musselburgh, take note!) would do well to imitate. Each carrier of clubs will be licensed, a regulation charge will be made, and in other respects the Braids caddie will be subjected to stringent rules that will make him a comparatively useful and innocuous member of society. The two principal regulations on this head are as follows:—

"Players employing caddies shall pay them at the following rates: For one round of the green, one shilling and sixpence; for every round after the first, one shilling; and if any round shall not be completed within three hours, sixpence for every additional hour or part thereof. The sums shall include the cleaning of the player's clubs by the caddie.

"No person shall act as a caddie for hire without having in force at the time of his so acting a licence as after provided. Licences to act as caddies will be granted by the magistrates to such persons as they shall think fit, and the magistrates hereby authorised to grant such licences accordingly. A register of every licence so granted shall be kept by the clerk to the magistrates, and every such licence shall be signed by the said clerk, and shall continue in force for one year only from the date thereof, or until the twenty-fifth day of May next ensuing to such date, unless the same shall be sooner forfeited, revoked, or suspended. Every caddie shall wear on the breast of his outer garment a badge having thereon the word 'Caddie,' and the number which shall be issued to him on his being licensed."

It is thought by a large number of golfers that the caddie's fee is decidedly too high. At the outside one shilling a round would have been sufficient, and it is by no means unlikely that in this detail the regulations will require to be altered.

In the meantime, however, there will be no great demand for caddies on the Braids, as the large majority of players there prefer to carry for themselves, and they are not likely to be weaned from this practice by the present regulation charge. The week ending on Saturday the 13th has proved to be one of the busiest on the Braids since the opening. The figures show an attendance of 1,490 gentlemen and 140 ladies, making a total of 1,630. The visitors to the course included the Rev. Dr. Campbell of Montreal.

With the publication of the regulations for the Braids, the curtain has been formally rung down on Bruntsfield Links as a golfing green. Although the "long" game will be totally prohibited, it is very probable that a short hole course will be allowed. This will be a great boon to many golfers, more particularly of the artisan class, who on the short winter afternoons, will find it next to impossible to enjoy a game on the Braids, and will be only too glad to avail themselves of the short hole course at Bruntsfield should it be sanctioned. A few suggestions are heard that the long game might be allowed, say between the hours of 6 and 8 a.m. in the summer months, but it has been aptly pointed out that the early morning pedestrian has just as much claim to be protected from flying golf balls as those who use the links later in the day.

THE CHIEL.

Sir Henry James, Q.C., M.P., was among the spectators at the North Berwick greens during last week. Sir Henry is not a player, but his friend, Mr. Balfour, is to be seen regularly enjoying the game.

THE DREAM OF AN ANCIENT CADDIE,

A LAY OF THE LINKS OF PAU.

Supposed to have been recited at a Cwma given at the villa of JOHANNES MORRISCUS PALUS, A.D.V., Kal. Feb. on the last day of the Battel of the Medal Consule Julio Grévy, 1882.

On my couch I restless lay
Three hours before the break of day,
A vision passed my eyes before
And this is that methinks I saw.

I saw a fair and verdant plain
With bushes here and there,
And little flags that lazily
Waved in the gentle air;
Bathed in the sunshine's glorious light
I saw a river clear and bright
That rushed past merrily,
I saw the slopes of fair côteaux
And far-off hills all clad with snow
That shone like a burnished shield;
I marked the distant spires and town
And Henry's tower looked proudly down
On many a copse and field.
I wot 'twould take a limner rare
To paint a scene so passing fair
As shows thy plain, my own Billère.

Methought that plain was occupied
By divers groups of men:
Arrayed they were in garments pied,
'Twould seem that in some strife they vied
For attending squires by their side
Carried their weapons keen,
With which they every now and then
Smote hard upon the green
Whereon a little ball would fly
Upwards through the azure sky,
Or else perchance less deftly struck
They in some treacherous bunker stuck,
And often there burst forth a roar,
Which sounded in my ears like "fore"!

Also methinks I did descry
The forms of ladies fair,
Who laughed and chatted merrily
And tripped along so daintily
And blessed Lord David Kennedy,
All as the sport they share.
With that I spoke a grizzly wight
Who wandered to and fro;
I said, "Fair Sir, pray tell to me
"What may be doing this company
"And is this place you know"?
Then answered straight that grizzly wight
(After at me he'd ta'en a sight),
"These folk contend in Golf's grand fight
"And these are the Links of Pau"!

And so they were—I knew them now
For many a cheerful day, I trow,
I've passed on that fair plain;
There many a pleasant game I've played,
And many a lasting friendship made
And hope to do again;
For golfers' friendships real and true
Stand the stern test of time;
I shall in sweet remembrance hold
All brother golfers young and old
Till tolls my funeral chime!
And now the vision somewhat cleared
And more distinct the forms appeared
Methought I knew them well,
And who they were and how they looked
Be it now my task to tell.

First I remarked an aged man
Tall and erect and spare,
We grieve that illness now forbids
That he our sports should share.
For surely he may our best thanks claim,
Who five and twenty years ago
With Duke Ham., Brand, and Chatelheraut
Founded the Links of Pau.
He has three sons on yonder field
And still we are proud to win the shield
That bears Anstruther's name.
And then in slow procession went
Kind Oliphant our President
Attended by his Henchman true
Brave Hewetson ;
And then passed by with glass in eye
A youth of whom men prophesy
That he's the coming man.
For but a short time has he played,
But wondrous progress has he made
That young Canadian.

And next, most tastefully arrayed
Passed one who closely sought the shade
Of Puggaree and 'brella.
Precise is he and slow to move,
But all his brother golfer's love
Our dandy Jemmy Mellor !

Then Stewart passed and General Bell
And many more 'twere hard to tell,
And persevering Potter ;
And d'Audibert and Delamere
Who the dread bushes seldom clear
And oft are in the water !

And who are these who drive so hard
I see thy champion form, Kennard !
And Hutchison the ready,
And Lumsden bold from Scotland cold
And Wright in foursomes steady.

Our Captain next stepped forth so keen
Arrayed in Lovat's mixture green
Fierce is his glance and stern his mien
His teeth are grimly shut ;
But why that cry of wild despair
Why torn his beard and waving hair
Why flies that iron club in air
Sir Victor's missed his Putt !!

I heard the sound of chariot wheels
And drew myself aside,
Driving a very little steed
But none the less at headlong speed
With cigarette in mouth awry
Our Secretary past did fly.

Him followed soon his brother tall
All in the pride of youth,
What though young Morris' laughing eye
Be dimmed by Pau's wild revelry,
What though through the cotillon
He rushes like a Tourbillon
When he ought to be in bed,
What though from *not* his own champagne
His temples throb, his eyeballs strain
And aches his weary head,
Yet though the foe be dormy three
Nowise disheartened e'er is he,
But struggles on most valiantly
E'en to the bitter end.

Ye brothers ! 'tis a pleasant sight
When ye two oft 'gainst Brooke and Wright
Columbia's fame in friendly fight
So gallantly defend.

But hark ! what deep tones strike mine ear
Whose diapason voice do I hear ?
And who is this comes proudly forth ?
I wot a chieftain from the North !
(Reminds me much of Ruthven's Lord
What time with hand upon his sword
He bade Queen Mary sign).
Sternly does he each rule enforce
And chides all who from Golf's strict laws
Should deviate but a line.

Woe fall the wretch whose shade may fall
Upon that angry chieftain's ball
When he is bound to strike,
And who is there dare sneeze or wink
Or smile or sigh or even think
When he doth play the like ;
I wot that wretch's soul would be
Consigned to sad futurity.

But yet a gentle giant he,
And famed for quiet courtesy ;
I know he would not willingly
Hurt timid mouse or lively flea ;
For often seen have I,
What anguish tears that manly breast
When from that grandly bearded chest
Comes forth this wailing cry ;
" Now tell me, all ye golfers true
" If luck like this ye ever knew
" Another d—d bad lie !"

And who's this last comes waddling forth
Like Falstaff, " larding the lean earth."'
Whenever Father Sol his rays
On hill and dale and plain displays,
Topping and fozzling helplessly,
The only good he possibly
Can be to golf society
Is that his flask is daily filled
With Cognac's choicest juice distilled,
Which he will always blithely share
With all his brother golfers there ;
Now who is this unwieldy elf ?
Why, dash my buttons !—'tis myself.

With this I woke, and all this stuff would seem
But a poor ancient Caddie's foolish dream !

Reviews.

GOLF. By Horace G. Hutchinson. THE BADMINTON LIBRARY OF SPORTS AND PASTIMES. (Second edition). London : Longmans, Green and Co.

No more forcible illustration of the immense rapidity with which Golf has spread within the past decade could be adduced than the publication of this volume. It is, indeed, an epoch-making book in the history of the game. Mr. Robert Clark, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Forgan, and Sir Walter Simpson have all been toilers in the same field. Each has produced a book born of rich and copious golfing experience ; but no previous book treating of Golf, with perhaps the exception of Sir Walter Simpson's, can lay claim to approach the present volume in detailed scientific analysis of all departments of the game. It is the latter-day golfer's *Vade-mecum*. At first sight it is not a little singular that it should have been left to the graceful pen of an Englishman to expound for the benefit of initiated and uninitiated alike the inner mysteries of a game which is recognised on all hands as distinctively Scottish in character and tradition. Yet to those who have seen Mr. Hutchinson play the game, or to those who have read the numerous fugitive golfing sketches that have come from his pen, this will be no matter of surprise to them. They will be inclined rather to select as appropriately applicable to him the phrase *totus teres*

atque rotundus; for with both Golf club and pen is he able to claim a prominent share of public recognition. Standing as he does in the front rank of amateur golfers, able to cope single-handed with the best trained professional ability, he has manifestly taken advantage of his opportunities to closely study and examine with a kindly critical eye the many diverse aspects of the game. The conclusions deduced from his experience and observation are embodied in these pages, with the result that he and his fellow-contributors have produced a volume which to the trained golfer reads from start to finish like a romance.

To borrow Mr. Hutchinson's own phrase, he has supplied "the backbone" of this book. Or it might be said, adopting the nomenclature of the dining-table, that Mr. Lang and Lord Wellwood have served up piquant and appetising *hors d'œuvres*, Mr. Hutchinson (assisted by Sir W. Simpson), substantial and well-dressed *entrées*, and Mr. Everard and Mr. Balfour a fitting *dessert* to such a repast. Mr. Lang discourses pleasantly and quaintly of the origin and history of the game, telling probably all that can be known with any degree of established certainty as to its historical genesis and development in this country. His text is illustrated by a number of curious drawings, which lend a high archaeological interest to the volume. Lord Wellwood selects no particular theme whereon to discourse, but taking an all-round survey of the game, he imparts with a good deal of lightness and pungency an amount of valuable instruction which ought to be bettered by golfers while in actual play. Mr. Hutchinson's chapter on "Elementary Instruction" is a lucid exposition of how the game ought to be approached by beginners, the positions in which they should stand, and the manner in which the various clubs should be swung. After all, the best instruction that a beginner can receive is a good example of how certain shots ought to be played; but none the less every golfer just beginning the game ought to imitate the player so humorously hit off by Mr. Balfour, and fix these five guiding principles in his dressing-room and repeat them every morning—(1) Do not take your eye off the ball; (2) Do not aim too long; (3) Aim to pitch to the left of the hole; (4) Be up; (5) Don't press." This is the kernel of instruction, which long and wide experience has found to be particularly valuable to all beginners. Probably the most important chapter in the book is that which treats of "Etiquette and Behaviour." Every golfer, whether young or old, ought to lay closely to heart the considerations herein advanced, especially in view of the great progress of the game, and the large number of recruits to golfing ranks, unfamiliar with traditions, which the past few years have witnessed. Mr. Hutchinson has throughout written temperately and judiciously; here and there his thought is, perhaps, mellowed over a trifle too much with the pale cast of philosophy, but he has contrived to light up his pages with many amusing stories and illustrations, and with gleams of a peculiarly mordant satire emanating from a Scottish origin.

To golfers generally, and particularly to Scottish golfers, the chapter contributed by Mr. Everard on "Some Celebrated Golfers" will be found to be splendid reading, chronicling as it does the golfing struggles and prowess of a long generation of golfers, many of whom are dead, while others of them are still in active play. Mr. Balfour closes an entertaining and instructive volume with a chapter on "The Humours of Golf," in the course of which he tells many amusing stories, and altogether displays a buoyancy and lightness in his treatment of the subject which are, to say the least of it, remarkable in a statesman burdened with the present day cares and anxieties of administering a great department of the State. One great charm of the book is its numerous excellent illustrations, and Messrs. Hodge, Furniss and Shute have unquestionably done their work well.

GOLF. By W. T. Links. London: George Bell & Sons.

The contributor of this unpretentious little volume to "The All-England Series" of handbooks of athletic games, now being issued by Messrs. Bell and Sons, is entitled to be placed in the foremost rank of amateur golfers. What he writes, therefore, comes with a large amount of authority, and he has certainly succeeded within the short space of forty pages in imparting a large amount of concentrated information, which should be especially valuable to players beginning the game

for the first time. We cannot agree, however, with Mr. Links when, in writing of the Golf course, he advocates the destruction of all whins as an abomination and desolation to the pursuit of the game. In the majority of inland courses in England they form the only hazard which Nature has supplied, and on greens like Wimbledon, Tooting, the Braids at Edinburgh, Musselburgh, and even St Andrews itself, to cut up all the bushes with an unsparing hand would be to rob the game of half its joy. Bushes compel straight, careful, judicious play; the fozzler and the topper are caught in the toils at once; and hence, to the beginner, it is important that he should learn among as many diverse hazards as possible, in order to school his eye and nerve. The book is written with great clearness, and is thoroughly practical in character. It is not overlaid with minute details and illustrations, but gives with bright, comprehensive condensation all the preliminary advice that a beginner at the outset of his golfing career may fitly encumber himself with. It is an admirable little volume to carry in the pocket, even while one is playing. The illustrations of "Old Tom" are a little blurred and indistinct, but, like Mercutio's wound, they will serve.

SCOTLAND (Part I.); Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the Highlands.

By M. J. B. Baddeley, B.A.; 37 maps and plans by J. Bartholomew, F.R.G.S. London: Dulau & Co.

Golfers and sportsmen generally who meditate making a tour in the north of Scotland either now, or hereafter, could not do better than equip themselves with this very complete and compact volume. It is the Baedeker, or rather the Baddeley, of Scotland, and forms part of "The Thorough Guide" series of books, practically descriptive of the whole of the interesting features in the British Isles, now being issued by Messrs. Dulau. For completeness of information, just of that kind which the tourist is continually in search of, it would be difficult to surpass this book. Particulars are given of railway fares from all large stations in England right away to Inverness, the times and the charges of the Highland coaches on the bye routes, the lochs where fishing may be had, the best and most comfortable hotels, how to make circular tours in the west and north of Scotland by means of the ordinary steamers, the heights of the Scottish mountains and passes, a sketch of a climber's three weeks' tour among the "bonnie heather hills," and a large quantity of other detailed information whose utility can only be measured just at that embarrassing moment when the pinch comes. Apart from the text, which is concisely and picturesquely written, an outstanding feature of especial value to the traveller is the wealth of map illustration contained in this volume. It is well known that Mr. Bartholomew has earned a deservedly high reputation for finish and detail in this department, and certainly his workmanship in this volume must enhance, if that be possible, his already established fame as a cartographer. The maps are minute to a fault, and they are coloured in varying tints so as to indicate the heights of the various mountains, while railway and steamer routes are so clearly traced that a glance is sufficient to tell the tourist where to go and how to go. We have tested the guide at many points where our personal knowledge of the district was tolerably complete; and we have found the examination in every case to be altogether satisfactory.

GOLF LINKS, EAST AND WEST.

Games are, as a rule, characteristic of the country whence they come, and of no game can this be more truly said than of Golf. Emanating from a people whose preponderating qualities are of the slow, deliberate, ponderous sort, it is in every sense a game whose practice conduces to the development of qualities of this description. The golfer must have pluck, strength, absolute self-control, and abundance of staying power. The hot-headed, impulsive, dashing and inconsiderate player is not the man who carries off the cups and salvers of the club. Such prizes fall to the victorious play of the thoughtful and deliberate golfer, and adorning *his* sideboard may, if not carried off by burglars—a consummation quite within the limits of the possible

—carry down his name to a yet remote posterity. And, in these days, when notoriety is the great desideratum, even the repute of champion golfer is not to be despised.

Not only is robustness of physique promoted by the practice of Golf, but it cherishes and develops also a robustness of mind that many other athletic games are more likely to dissipate than otherwise. The golfer must dare and do nobly, and perhaps, in the end, have nothing but the consciousness of honest effort to reward him.

The cricketer *may* play his ball or wield his bat in full view of a thousand admiring eyes, but for the most part the finest strokes of the Golf player are only seen by his adversary, or are displayed before the unthinking gaze of his caddy. The space covered by a Golf course precludes the possibility of an entire game being witnessed by a crowd. When a ball is buried deep in the sand of some most impracticable bunker, or embedded among furze bushes or rush-tufts, the fine discrimination that can decide by which weapon—cleek, niblick, heavy iron, or “mashy”—its speedy and triumphant exit may best be obtained, is not in the least apparent to the lookers on, even when there are any.

Meeting here and there a solitary golfer with his caddy on the bluff shoulders of the lighthouse hills at Cromer, his opponent a hundred yards ahead perhaps, and striding along, too, as if for the dear life, the female mind is struck with the loneliness of the game. Where could such a game have come from, but from the land of the silent Scot? Who could have invented such a game, but the man of few words, and of persistent work? One cannot help feeling that the country which gave birth to Golf, was a country whose sons loved Nature, not with a volubility and demonstrativeness that found vent in many words, but with the deep, patient devotion, whose intensity found it nothing but a joy to traverse miles of marsh and meadow, of steep acclivity, and of slippery descent, ever in her company. And where is Nature more lovely than on those lighthouse hills, that slope steeply and brokenly down to a lonely shore, skirting a sea that is, as it were, lonely too, for passing ships keep far from the coast, and boating is not greatly in vogue at Cromer. Looking over the wide North Sea, with no sheltered bay near into which to run, small craft have but a sorry chance when squalls arise off that unprotected shore. When days are long, and Nature scarcely knows a night, out of that broad sea, one views the sun arise, and into those farthest-off waves, one sees it sink a flaming sheet of red. He who would play Golf at Cromer had need be no weakling, for the hills are steep, and clothed in part with furze and bracken to the knee; and a stiff breeze is blowing up there, nine days out of ten, a breeze that has to be reckoned with when one is playing for the holes near the edge of the cliffs, or the ball goes bounding over, or, it may be, is carried out to sea, much to the discomfiture of the indiscreet or inexperienced player.

A greater contrast it would be almost impossible to find, than that which exists between the Golf course of Cromer, and that of Westward Ho! Cromer, bluff and steep and shelving, and bewildering to all but those who know it; Westward Ho! level, low, and straight, varied, landward by a clear lakelet, a little stream, several ditches, and numerous patches of marsh; seaward, by groups of sand hillocks, and clumps of rushes that grow close and thick, and prick like pins; and so, northward, for a thousand acres, flanked by the protecting “Pebble Ridge,” till Appledore is reached, and the Torridge, weary of her wanderings among the sweet Devonian Hills, debouches into Bideford Bay and is lost for ever. The Golf course at Westward Ho! is as protected by Nature as that of Cromer is exposed. Eastward and southward the ground ascends always, from the links, until it forms a chain of low hills, against whose side fair Northam nestles, and from the back of which runs the road that leads to quaint Clovelly, whose beauty, like a dream, haunts the grey days of this work-a-day and suffering life. Northward the estuaries of Taw and Torridge, backed by the cliffs that outline that lovely coast, break northern blasts that otherwise might beat somewhat wildly there. Westward, the bay within a bay, on whose brink Westward Ho! stands, widens out into the open sea, and at eventide the sun smites into flame the far-off Isle of Lundy, that all day long has stood a shadowy ghost in grey upon the farthest wave, and striking the lighthouse with its revealing light, every angle and niche of the building starts out gleaming

in snowy white, so clear and so distinct, that it seems impossible to believe that it is invisible at most other times. But so it is. On many a summer day how often does some quivering westward flash strike into life as it were that granite isle, that riseth black and menacing out of the Bristol Channel, amid the rush and roar and ceaseless thunder of conflicting currents, and the fearful strife of the terrible tide race.

And the red-coated golfers, who, loath to leave even though the day be over, are still busy, cease a moment to gaze out seaward at the vision of beauty and wonder that displays itself before them. Even while they watch, the sun drops down behind that line of fire where sky and ocean meet. The vision fades; no white-walled lighthouse like a guardian angel, stretching out warning hands to keep frail vessels from the grinding fangs of granite boulders, stands on her far-off pedestal. Black and lone lies Lundy in the West, till the lighthouse lamp is lit, and all around is flooded with the warning light.

MARIAN VERRAN.

Correspondence.

COUGHT THE STIMY TO BE ABOLISHED?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Neither your Problem nor the vexed question of stimies, presents any real difficulty to a student of the old laws of Golf. For in them we find that the true game is essentially one of *holes*. The counting is by the “odd,” the “like,” “two more,” etc. The ball, once played off, must not touch, or be touched by, anything connected with either player; except a legitimate club, used in a legitimate manner by the owner of the ball. The penalty is, in every case, loss of the hole by the side touched, or wrongly touching. [Of course any person, other than the players and their caddies, is to be regarded merely as a chance obstacle on the links which, so far at least as the laws of *Golf* are concerned, may be struck with impunity.] In this true game, stimy or no stimy, the ball furthest from the hole must be played. The modern six-inch rule is an innovation, altogether contrary to the spirit of the true game.

When two balls touch, the last player has of course (in the rigorous game) lost the hole. He has wrongly touched his adversary's ball. But few have ever been Spartan enough to enforce this penalty.

When the balls lie near one another, that furthest from the hole must be so played as not, *in any way*, to interfere with the other's position. Witness the Draconic severity of the rule against even *touching* sand in a bunker. If you must not improve your own lie, it follows *à fortiori* that you must do nothing which may in any way injure that of your adversary.

The counting by *strokes*, with its inevitable accompaniments (such as abolition of stimies, lifting out of difficulties and losing one or more strokes, etc.) is a mongrel game, introduced by competition for medals or prizes, when the players are so numerous that an exhaustive carrying out of the true game is impossible.

The Club House,
St. Andrews, N.B., 20th Sept.

I am &c.,
P. G. T.

SIR,—With regard to “One of the Old School's” letter on the subject of “stimies,” I humbly submit to the law as it stands, and hope it will not be altered.

What with “lifting” from certain places, dropping or teeing, &c., with or without penalties, the rules of Golf laid down by the Royal and Ancient Club at St. Andrews have been encroached upon to a great extent already, and any further encroachment is to be deprecated.

No one can reasonably find fault with the rules, or the game, as played at St. Andrews, and in my opinion, the closer we stick to the rules governing the game in Scotland, the sooner shall we in England become proficient exponents of an art that is almost second nature to our Scotch brethren.

Being a novice, I feel that my ideas are of no value, and your foot-note to "One of the Old School's" letter is my only excuse for troubling you with these few remarks.

I conclude by wishing your new publication every success, and by promising you to do all in my power to make its birth known to all golfers.

I am, Sir, yours, etc.,
A NOVICE.

GOLF AT BOURNEMOUTH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The question has frequently been asked:—"Why has Bournemouth no links?" and truly it is a question very difficult to reply to. The town is beautifully situated, it has immense waste spaces in its immediate neighbourhood; it has a resident population of between thirty and forty thousand; it is a resort of wealthy visitors, both in summer and winter; and it is very dull. Truly there are excellent cricket, football, and tennis clubs, but it has no links! I venture to ask for your help to press this matter on the Bournemouth people, as I am sure but little is wanted to establish the game successfully.

A few gentlemen have lately taken the matter in hand, and so far as I can see there is now a probability that their efforts will meet with success. Before I left home a Committee had been appointed to decide upon the spot for establishing the links, and as there is a great choice at hand I cannot conceive that there should be much difficulty in this first step. At Brockenhurst there is a splendid stretch of gorse-covered moor, on high ground; the distance from either railway station is covered in twenty minutes, and trains run very frequently. An arrangement may probably be made with the Railway Company to stop certain trains adjoining the ground, and a more admirable, picturesque, or easily got-at-able spot it would be difficult to equal. There is also ample room for the full complement of eighteen holes.

But I should like the scheme to include a smaller ground, where invalids and ladies may find accommodation; and I think there is a site not far from the East Station which would be desirable in every particular.

I see no difficulty in raising the funds that would be required for making both the grounds I have indicated as good as any links in the Kingdom, and I hope the proposed scheme will be taken well in hand, and be brought to a successful end, as no place I know of would be a more delightful residence for golfers; and those inhabitants and visitors who now find that time hangs rather heavily on their hands would be provided with a healthy and most pleasant source of recreation.

I am, Sir, &c.,
BOURNEMOUTH.

Paris, 4th September, 1890.

A contest of a peculiar nature took place at Kinghorn, Fifeshire, a week ago, between a visitor belonging to Edinburgh and one of the residents. The conditions were that they were to play a game at tennis, play a round of the Golf course, swim 100 yards, run 100 yards, and shoot several rounds with the rifle. The visitor was beaten in the first three events, and the Kinghorn man was declared victor.

Much to the delight of Wimbledon golfers the butts on the common are now being dismantled. The bricks lining the trenches at the butts have been sold, and are being thrown down and carted away. The conservators will probably make it a winter work for the unemployed to throw the mounds into the trenches, and restore the common to its former uniform level before the days of the Rifle Association.

Can the whole history of Golf furnish a parallel to the rapid growth of the Ranfurly Golf Club at Bridge of Weir? Within little more than a year the club has completed its membership, and closed its lists. It has the elements of enduring, and in any case its rapid rise and development are unprecedented, and furnish indisputable testimony, if such were required, to the growing popularity of Golf.

THE DECADENCE OF ST. ANDREWS.

QUITE recently in the *Scots Observer* a writer, who evidently knew his subject, stated with pith and vigour certain criticisms as to the supremacy of St. Andrews as a golfing centre, and the lack of enthusiasm shown by her hierarchy of professional players to promptly answer a challenge when sent forth by the premier representative of another Scottish green. Attention might again be usefully directed to the subject for one or two reasons. In the first place, St. Andrews, through the person of Andrew Kirkcaldy, has re-established that supremacy whose decadence has been lamented, somewhat prematurely, in some quarters; and in the next place a brilliant amateur golfer in the person of Mr. John Ball, Jun., has vanquished a field comprising the best contemporary professional players, and for the first time in the history of seriously competitive Golf holds the trophies of amateur and professional championship.

The writer of the article to which we have called attention answers the questions which he himself puts regarding the alleged deterioration of St. Andrews links as a playing ground. Detractors of some sort or other there will always be. No golfing course that can be devised by the wit of the most ingenious expert will attain to the ideal of the ultra-fastidious in the matter of hazards, lies, tees, soil, climate and caddies. Sandwich, Prestwick, and Westward Ho! are unquestionably formidable rivals to St. Andrews; but somehow or other every little circle of golfers who debate the respective merits of those greens, whether philosophically, hotly, or doggedly, invariably break up with the tacit acknowledgment, deeply rooted at the bottom of their minds, that all competitors lack an indefinable something which St. Andrews possesses—whether it be time-clustered tradition attaching to the place, or some kind of charm which lingers round the calibre of her players, past and present, is not at all clear.

But the writer of the article, denounces St. Andrews and its players in good set terms, because challenge after challenge have been allowed to pass unheeded by her professional golfing heroes, and that there has been a lack of enthusiasm on the part of her champions—as was not the case in bygone days—to do battle for the traditionary honour of the ancient town. As far as the past few years are concerned all this is true enough. It were bootless for us to inquire here as to the causes which led to the abeyance of professional matches, or to revive certain malodorous stories which were current regarding the conduct of those who were principally engaged in them. But the important point to bear in mind is that by far the great majority of the best professional players are nothing more nor less than caddies, golfing hewers of wood and drawers of water. Their lives are, in a homely but perfectly well understood phrase, "a hunger and a burst." They eke out a precarious existence, either as carriers of clubs or as play-

ers; they enjoy no well-defined *status*, like their brethren in county cricket. Emulation in play there is in plenty, but no incentive is held out to them as a class, whereby the general *morale* might be heightened and improved. They are absolutely unattached, and are responsible to no one supreme regulating authority; and though the position of greenkeeper, or club maker, is not by any means to be decried, still the prizes of the profession, as understood in ordinary everyday life in other walks, cannot be said to be endowed with a superabundant stock of the world's "gear."

Old Tom Morris, Willie Park, Archie Simpson, Campbell, Fernie, and one or two others, are not only splendid players, but they are enterprising solid business men. If they attend to their business as club makers, they cannot attend to their play, which deteriorates in consequence. Rather than trust to the fleeting chances of the game a grand player like Bob Ferguson elects to accept the modestly solid comfort of greenkeeper, and any day of the week may be seen wheeling a barrow on Musselburgh links, or filling up the deeply indented "skelps" of your casual cleek and iron golfing citizen. And this is all that a wealthy organisation of golfers can provide. But what about the others? The players we have mentioned might be, and no doubt are, able out of their own resources to stake £100 or £200 for a match, but how is the unattached player, fighting to keep the wolf from the door, to get anything like this sum to back his prowess? The writer of the article speaks of cricketing counties like Yorkshire, Notts and Surrey, but the professionals here are under the control of an executive, and receive remuneration in the course of the season, which, among the pick of them may be variously estimated from £200 to £300 a year. Does the professional Golf-player ever receive a benefit bringing him in £1,000? To be able then to play a match for a modest stake, the Golf professional must possess a character and a general stability of conduct which inspire some private gentleman with confidence enough to trust him; and those are just the qualities in which, as a general rule, he is lacking. The truth is that the professional golfer, as a class, lacks the prime quality of all success—character; and it is just on this point that amateur golfers as a whole might do much to rehabilitate him. Why should not the leading clubs have, say, three or four first-class professionals of character and established conduct attached to their organisations as paid servants, making it known among other professional players lower down in rank, at each green, that a kind of graded promotion will take place in the event of a vacancy? The club in that case would become the backer of its best man, and it would become so with confidence. At any rate, if golfers want high professional talent they must foster it, and provide some incentive more enduring than prevails at present. The executive of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club appear to recognise this. They have proposed legislation on the caddie question which is undoubtedly in the right direction, by no means the least important provision being that which

seeks to institute a benefit fund for necessitous and deserving caddies. We hope to see their proposals bear good fruit in time, and we shall do all in our power to further them.

Tee Shots.

A genial correspondent writes with reference to the recent achievement of Mr. John Ball, jun., in the open championship:—"Johnny Ball has done it this time and no mistake. There will be great 'jubilations' at Hoylake when he comes home. It is probable that a dinner will be given to him at the October meeting. . . . Old John has been getting lots of congratulatory letters from all parts of the country. He had one last night from Sir Victor Brooke, and is very pleased. The champion had not a ghost of a notion that he would win. He backed himself to win for £2, and then laid 30s. against himself, and stood 10s. to nothing and won this huge stake. The Duke of Portland 'isn't in it with him as a plunger.'"

The chief topic of conversation among golfers in the west of Scotland during the past week has, of course, been the result of the championship contest. The victory of Mr. Ball is a very popular one, and is recognised even by the professionals themselves, as having been no fluke, but as being on the contrary the outcome of commanding superiority over all his competitors. Mr. Ball's style of play was very much admired by all who witnessed it; and his unassuming demeanour throughout presented an admirable example of what all successful golfers ought to be. He possesses in an eminent degree, too, the faculty of being wholly absorbed in his game to the exclusion of all outside influences. We have never seen a more imperturbable player—a player who was so little affected by the casual movements of spectators, or other like small disturbances. In this respect his behaviour through the links was in striking contrast with that of some professional players of high rank. Willie Park and Archie Simpson are the two professionals most like the champion in their indifference to what is going on around them.

Mr. F. W. Wyndham, the co-lessee of the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, is an ardent player, and is well known at all the golfing greens in the district. Mr. J. B. Radcliffe ("Saxon" of the *Newcastle Journal*, and an authority on all matters pertaining to sport) is also one of the best players in Northumberland.

Golf club-makers evidently entertain a somewhat poor opinion of exhibitions as a means of advertising their wares. A golfer might wander for days through the various courts in the Edinburgh International Exhibition without meeting with anything to remind him of his favourite game beyond a few balls shown by the various india-rubber exhibitors.

One reason given in explanation of this dearth of Golf exhibits is, that club-makers throughout the country find business from day to day so increasingly brisk, that they have neither the time, nor for that matter the inclination, to produce clubs for purely exhibitory purposes. In an out-of-the-way corner of the North Court, Mr. William Fergie, Archer's Hall, Edinburgh, shows an assortment of clubs that are well worthy of favourable notice. Mr. Fergie has hitherto been better known as a manufacturer of bows and arrows for the Royal Company of Archers. Finding that the Canadian hickory specially imported by him for bows was well adapted for club shafts, he has during the past three years turned his attention to club making, and is now meeting with a gratifying measure of success. The fact that among his customers are several prominent members of the Royal and Ancient Club, who are also members of the Archers' Company, speaks well for the quality of his workmanship. Mr. Fergie's clubs are remarkably neat and well finished, and so far as first-class material can

make them, are probably second to none in point of strength and durability. Mr. Wm. Nicolson, Pittenweem, shows a number of cleeks, and a Liverpool firm have a few club-heads included in an exhibit of a miscellaneous character.

GOLFERS' NUTRIMENT.

In one of the most interesting chapters of the Badminton book on "Golf," Mr. Horace Hutchinson deals with the all-important question of nerve and training for golfers in medal or match play. He counsels golfers, whether professional or amateur, to "eat heartily, for you will find your nerve all gone if you try to play Golf on an empty stomach. . . . the nerves and muscles must be fed for the work before them, otherwise there will ensue a dreadful sinking feeling before the end of the round. . . . A golfer will not do work unless he is fed." This is unquestionably true and sound advice, as most golfers who have played a heavy ding-dong match on a long course will vouch for their own experience. The question then comes to be, how is nutriment in its most easily portable form for the golfer to be carried? Bovril (Limited) have submitted to our test a number of boxes of Bovril lozenges, and also a quantity of their meat extract; and unquestionably they supply in its most concentrated form the nourishment which is so much needed by all players at that critical intermediate hour between breakfast and luncheon, when the sinking feeling engendered by an empty stomach is so distressing, and so fruitful of deteriorated play. We have tried these meat lozenges under many diverse conditions while playing, and have always found that they prevent headache, and that feeling of lassitude which unfailingly supervene for lack of nourishment just at the right moment. The boxes can be carried in the waistcoat pocket, and are, therefore, less likely to incommode the player than a bundle of sandwiches and a pocket flask, so frequently recommended. To golfers, hunting men, anglers, climbers of mountains, literary men, rowing men, and tourists they are invaluable, and ought to form an adjunct of their ordinary equipment. To one class of golfers in particular—the professionals—we recommend the substitution of Bovril as a "refresher" during the intervals of a match in place of the copious draughts of heavy beer, and, sometimes, bad, fiery whiskey, which have hitherto, to their serious detriment, too often formed the staple resource of their refreshment.

THE GROWTH OF GOLF.

"The royal game of Golf" is about to secure a new distinction—the highest which, in these days, any pastime can enjoy. It is soon to have an organ of its own in the Press. Time was when a few class newspapers covered the whole ground, devoting portions of their space to separate games and sports. But now-a-days amusement is sought in so very determined a fashion by so many sections of the public—each sport and game has so many devoted adherents, who think, apparently, of that and that alone—that every pastime must needs have a paper all to itself, wherein the faithful may find all they desire to know about their favourite diversion. When, therefore, a game like Golf arrives at the dignity of a special Press representative, we may be sure that it has made itself eminently and permanently popular—that it is no longer the fad of a few, but the pleasure of many. For ourselves we are by no means surprised at the vogue it has attained. Rather might one wonder that its progress has not been more rapid than it has. To be sure, its votaries require a good deal of open space to turn round in, and a certain sort of earth-superficies is necessary for the proper pursuit of the pastime. But these requirements are more readily supplied than might be supposed. Nature yields them in tolerable profusion, and they can be utilised without preliminary expense, such as is incurred in the laying out of tennis lawns and cricket "pitches." Moreover, Golf can be enjoyed at all times of the year and by everybody, old or young. It is no "violent delight"; it does not fatigue, and its rules are easily mastered. It is a genial and a healthy pastime, and it may be said, indeed, that the more golfers there are, the better.—*The Globe*.

Competitions.

THE BRAIDS, EDINBURGH.

The new course at the Braids was opened on Friday last, and is now in full swing. The distance between the holes has in some instances been doubled, and as the new ground is in many parts obstructed by whins and the grass is very heavy, the round at present is much in the same condition as the original course was in its earlier stages. The putting greens, too, are simply like miniature stubble fields, and, in short, the new round will take a lot of hard work and care before it is in anything like fairly good condition. The whins and long grass have revived all the old troubles of losing balls, and during the past day or two the loafers about the hills have been doing a brisk trade. Under the most favourable conditions the new course will probably add about eight or ten strokes to the round, and up to date Mr. D. Lynn's (Thistle Golf Club) 86 is the best recorded score.

THE "SCOTSMAN" GOLF CLUB.

Twenty-four members of the *Scotsman* Club competed for the Braid Hills cup on the 13th, and the result was a tie between Mr. R. H. Thom and Mr. R. G. Duthie, the former finishing in a very creditable 87 less 11=76, and the latter in 95 less 19=76.

The monthly medal of the *Scotsman* Golf Club was played for over the Braids on Wednesday, and was won by Mr. John Geddie, with a score of 96 less 30=66. This is Mr. Geddie's first success as a competitor in prize competitions, although he has been an ardent follower of the game for many years. In playing the round Mr. Geddie gave his partner, who is a prominent figure in the press golfing world, and may be said, theoretically at least, to hold records over the leading Scottish greens, a sound drubbing—8 up and 7 to play.

THE ELECTRIC (EDINBURGH).

A strong feeling of indignation prevails among the members of the Electric Golf Club (Edinburgh), in reference to a paragraph which recently appeared in a West country athletic journal, dealing with the late medal competition of the club. The journal in question had the bad taste to state that a number of the players intentionally returned high scores in order that their handicaps might not be interfered with, in view of the forthcoming autumn competition. The committee of the club held a special meeting last week, and resolved to demand an apology and the retraction of what they regard as a very offensive slander; otherwise the committee are determined that other steps shall be taken to vindicate the character of their club.

WARRENDER CLUB, EDINBURGH.

The Warrender Golf Club held their annual outing on Monday, the 15th, at Leven. The first round was played for the Gilfillan belt and other prizes handicapped, when the following were successful:—1, A. B. Porter, 90, less 1=89; 2, F. Mathie, 96, less 4=92; 3, L. G. Ross, 90, plus 4=94; 4, G. Muat, 116, less 18=98; 5, J. K. Andrews, 106, less 6=100; 6, J. Grahamslaw, 119, less 18=101.

EDINBURGH THISTLE.

The Thistle Club, Edinburgh, which in the spring won the Edinburgh *Evening Dispatch* trophy, carrying with it the championship of the Braids for the year, held one of its numerous prize competitions on Saturday, the 13th. Nineteen couples started, and, as usual, the excellent "grit" possessed by the Thistle was shown by the large number of fine scores handed in. A special prize was tied for by Messrs. Harvey and Lynn with the scratch score of 77, and the other handicap prize winners were:—R. S. Thomson, 69; J. Hutchison, 70; A. Elder, 71; J. S. Williamson, 72; D. Lynn, 73; W. Cunningham, 75; A. Parker, 75; D. Grant, 76; A. Martin, 76; R. Harvey, 77; T. Weston, 78; J. McRuvie, 79; P. Brown, 79; E. Harvey, 79; G. Masterton, 79; D. Scott, 79.

THE EDINBURGH ST. ANDREWS CLUB.

This club played for the monthly medal on Saturday the 13th, the winner turning up in Mr. William Paterson, with 78, less 3=75.

NEWBIGGIN GOLF CLUB.

The Newbiggin Golf Club held their eighth competition for the gold medal on the Newbiggin links on Thursday, the 11th. Ten members

competed, Mr. J. L. Bell ultimately being declared the winner. Net scores: J. L. Bell, 93; G. Millons, 95; W. Farr, 96; J. G. Sharp, 97; T. A. Hutton, 101; James Hedley, 102; Dr. Rosser, 102; E. Short, 106; W. Millons, 109. Mr. W. A. Temperley retired.

The tie for the president's (Colonel Angus) prize given for competition among the members of the club was played off at Newbiggin on Friday afternoon. Only two members competed, Mr. W. Temperley and Mr. T. B. Bewick.

TYNESIDE.

The winners in the summer handicap played off for possession of the prize (valued at £10) on the Ryton Willows last Thursday afternoon. The winner turned out to be Mr. T. A. Hutton, who, with a handicap of 18, managed to beat Mr. W. Farr (6) by one stroke. Mr. Farr was unfortunate in being caught in a heavy thunderstorm, which considerably interfered with his play. His two rounds, therefore, of 46 each, were, in the circumstances, very good play. Mr. Hutton has lately improved his play, and is to be congratulated on his success: Net scores:—

Mr. T. A. Hutton	85	Mr. G. W. Williams. . . .	92
Mr. W. Farr	86	Mr. Jas. Hedley	92
Mr. Jas. Tennant	91	Mr. R. Brumell	95

Messrs. R. T. Thomson, T. B. Bewick, and W. Putnam absent.

NORTH BERWICK.

Several interesting matches were played over the links at North Berwick on Thursday, the 18th inst. In the forenoon Mr. J. E. Laidlay played Mr. Horace Hutchinson. On each side the play was first-rate. Although completing the round in the remarkably low figure of 71, Mr. Hutchinson lost to his opponent by one at the home hole. An excellent performance was the 30 for the home half of the round credited to Mr. Hutchinson. Mr. Laidlay got once or twice into difficulties, and lifted his ball; but he played a splendid all-round game. Mr. Balfour, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Sayers (professional) played in a foursome with Mr. Napier and Mr. Blaikie. The former couple, giving three holes, succeeded in halving with their opponents. Mr. Balfour and Mr. Horace Hutchinson played the Hon. Mr. Lyttleton and Mr. J. E. Laidlay, the first-named couple winning an interesting game by one hole.

COUNTY ANTRIM GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, the 13th, was a busy day on the Portrush links, there being three separate events to be brought off. The weather was highly satisfactory from a spectator's point of view, though not ideal as regards golfing, a brilliant sun and a high wind not being conducive to low scoring. For the monthly competition there were over thirty entries, a good many of whom, from reasons best known to themselves, and not difficult to surmise by others, sent in no return. The silver cup was carried off by Mr. W. S. Gordon, who met with the reward due to painstaking and regular practice, and who must for the future be classed amongst the short odds players. The following are the net scores under 100. It will be seen that the best actual score was made by Mr. H. Agnew:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. S. Gordon	92	32	60
Dr. C. L. Magill	93	30	63
Mr. H. Agnew	85	22	63
Mr. J. McKeown	98	30	68
Mr. J. S. Ussher	101	24	77
Mr. J. R. MacDonald	111	33	78
Mr. J. D. Meharg	112	33	79
Mr. H. J. Johnston	88	6	82
Colonel Beresford Knox	116	33	83
Mr. W. H. John	103	20	83
Mr. E. H. Clarke	102	18	84
Mr. R. H. McClelland	120	33	87
Mr. G. D. Arthurs	111	24	87
Mr. W. H. Webb	113	22	91
Mr. E. Young	106	12	94
Major Ormsby	118	22	96

The holder of the Auchnacloy Challenge Trophy, Mr. D. J. Stewart, was challenged for the possession of this beautiful prize by Mr. J. Patrick and Mr. S. Wilson, and succeeded in holding it against both gentlemen.

The great feature of the day was the match between Herd, the Portrush professional, and Day, the professional of the Royal Belfast Golf Club, being the first match of the kind in Ireland. This trial of skill between two such scientific exponents of the game had been looked forward to with the keenest interest for some time, and the players were followed by a crowd numbering several hundreds, among whom

were many ladies, whose gay costumes added an element of brightness to the scene. The match was arranged to consist of thirty-six holes; the first half to be played at Portrush, the second half of the game at Holywood. A start was made punctually at a quarter-past three, Herd, as a matter of professional etiquette, taking the honour. At the sixth hole Day was 2 up, but Herd, making a splendid rally, got the next two holes in 2 and 3, and halving the next in 5, made all even on the out holes. In coming home, Herd completely collared his opponent, ending with 5 up to carry to his credit at Holywood. At the eighteenth hole the Portrush man seemed to brace himself up for a brilliant finish, and succeeded in a high degree. His drive was a few yards beyond the hole, a distance afterwards measured as 280 yards, a phenomenal feat, even taking into account the following wind, and the longest drive on record on these links. Scores:—Herd, 72; Day, 82. Neither man was seen at his best, and through the game Day had decidedly the worse luck. On his own ground at Holywood, even if he is unable to turn the tables, he will assuredly do much to equalise matters, and so gratify his numerous golfing friends in the North of Ireland, with whom his superior manners and thorough knowledge of the game have rendered him extremely popular.

LUFFNESS GOLF CLUB.

The first of the two September meetings was held over Luffness links on Saturday the 13th, and the weather being in a decidedly kindly mood, no fewer than fifty-four players answered to their names. The inducements to competition were a handsome claret jug, presented by Mr. F. D. Valentine Hagart, captain of the club, and several valuable prizes provided out of the club funds; and, all being competed for under handicap, the tussle for them was very keen. Curiously, so far as actual merit was concerned, the first card handed in was the best, Mr. H. B. Bryden's 79 fortunately placing him second in the prize list, although many would have been pleased to see him a rung higher after such a good display. His figures, the inward half of which will repay perusal, were as follows:—

Out... ..	6	4	6	4	5	4	5	3	5	= 42
In	3	4	3	4	5	5	4	4	5	= 37

The claret jug was gained by Mr. T. Binnie, whose net 78 was also above the average. Subjoined are the leading scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. T. Binnie	86	8	78	Mr. W. T. Armour	86	scr.	86
Mr. H. B. Bryden	79	scr.	79	Mr. W. Merriles	90	4	86
Mr. J. M'Kinlay	90	10	80	Mr. T. Aitken	91	4	87
Mr. A. Dryburgh	95	14	81	Mr. J. F. Paxton	91	4	87
Mr. J. A. Robertson	93	12	81	Mr. T. A. Begbie	90	3	87
Mr. D. Fisher	95	14	81	Mr. L. Bilton	95	8	87
Mr. T. Lugton	82	scr.	82	Mr. J. Williamson	96	8	88
Mr. D. Ritchie	83	scr.	83	Mr. A. Murray	88	scr.	88
Mr. E. J. Smith	92	9	83	Mr. A. M. Millar	97	8	89
Mr. W. Morris	92	9	83	Mr. W. Jenkins	94	5	89
Mr. W. Gillam	87	3	84	Mr. R. M'Gowan	98	9	89
Mr. J. T. W. Lamb	98	14	84	Mr. J. Richardson	97	7	90
Mr. G. M'Gregor	84	scr.	84	Mr. A. M. Ross	91	scr.	91
Mr. J. Smith	96	12	84	Mr. F. Bryden	100	9	91
Mr. W. Greenhill	98	12	86				

On playing off the tie for fourth place, Mr. D. Fisher was successful.

THE NEW FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The fifth monthly handicap for the club gold medal was held on the Lyndhurst links on Thursday, Sept. 11th, in perfect weather. There were fewer entries than usual, and the play of some of the members who have been showing better form lately was not as good as might have been expected. The greens were in good order, and one or two of the holes were considered much improved, a new green for No. 8 hole giving general satisfaction. The intermediate lies have been somewhat improved, and as the heather disappears and the grass comes up, there will be a marked change for the better. Lieut. J. H. Goldfinch succeeded in carrying off the medal, and also winning with Mr. J. Jeffreys the foursome match for the shield. The following is a list of the scores:—

MEDAL HANDICAP.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Lieut. J. H. Goldfinch, R.N.	104	12	92	Capt. H. Aitchison, R.N.	132	14	118
Capt. E. Maxwell, R.N.	120	25	95	Col. A. Macleay	138	16	122
Col. W. Pott	111	9	102	Mr. J. Goldfinch	147	25	122
Capt. Mailand	123	18	105	Lieut. A. C. Heathcote, R.N.	139	12	127
Mr. J. Jeffreys	131	18	113	Mr. W. C. Fairley	168	30	138
Mr. E. Charlton	122	9	113				

FOURSUMES FOR SHIELD.

Scores.			Scores.		
Lieut. J. H. Goldfinch, R.N.	58	Col. A. Macleay	70	Mr. W. C. Fairley	70
Mr. J. Jeffreys	58				
Lieut. A. C. Heathcote, R.N.	62				
Capt. Maitland	62				

Col. W. Pott and Mr. J. H. Goldfinch made no return.

TRESSADY GOLF CLUB.

The first medal meeting of this club was held on Thursday, Sept. 11th, and proved a great success. The new course was in excellent order, thanks to the skill and attention bestowed on it by the greenkeeper, John Bannerman. The medal was won by Mr. Linley Sambourne, a young player of great promise, whose success was deservedly popular.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. L. Sambourne...	98	18	80	Mr. T. A. Fort ...	93	8	85
Mr. H. E. Richards	82	scr.	82	Mr. V. T. Watney	102	12	90
Mr. H. A. Newton...	90	6	84	Mr. F. J. Dryhurst	129	18	111

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

A perfect golfing day favoured the members of the above club on Saturday, the 13th, when their autumn competition was played over the links at Hall-road. In addition, the greens were in first-rate order, so it is not surprising that the results compare favourably with those of other meetings. The pride of place again went to Mr. H. H. Hilton, who, with a score of 80, won the club challenge cup and accompanying memento. The next best scratch scores were those of Messrs. J. W. Fowler and James Fairclough (captain of the club), 85; Mr. G. R. Cox, jun., 87; and Mr. T. Henderson, 89. For the handicap prizes, Mr. Henderson came first, with an excellent score of 89—12=72, thereby winning the first club prize, putting in a win for the Lady Forwood shield, and having the right of possession for a year of the Welch challenge cup. The shield has now been won by Messrs. A. Durandu, G. Grieve, W. Witherspoon, and T. Henderson; and these gentlemen will have to play off, under special handicap, for the final possession of this valuable trophy next month. Mr. Fairclough won the second club prize, and Mr. Hugh Verdon the third. The first, second, and third sweepstakes were gained respectively by Messrs. Fairclough, Cox, and Fowler. Saturday's play also decided the possession of the Banks salver. Mr. T. H. Luzmore proved successful against Messrs. Lewes, Chadwick, and Storey, each of whom found the glorious uncertainty of Golf adverse to them on this occasion. Forty-four couples started from the tee, and the following were the returns which did not exceed 100:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. T. Henderson ...	89	12	77	Mr. R. Kerr Waddell	101	10	91
Mr. J. Fairclough ...	85	4	81	Mr. T. H. Luzmore	103	12	91
Mr. H. Verdon ...	112	30	82	Mr. T. M. Reade	108	17	91
Mr. G. R. Cox, jun. ...	87	4	83	Mr. D. Inglis ...	112	21	91
Mr. J. W. Fowler ...	85	scr.	85	Mr. J. Shepherd ...	99	7	92
Mr. R. Goold ...	94	8	86	Mr. J. B. Hunter	104	12	92
Mr. T. A. Kirkwood	95	9	86	Mr. W. Bell ...	110	18	92
Mr. A. Chisholm ...	96	10	86	Mr. N. W. Brook	110	18	92
Mr. W. Thompson ...	102	16	86	Mr. G. Seatree ...	112	20	92
Mr. O. Blundell ...	103	17	86	Mr. A. C. Ziegler	117	25	92
Mr. H. H. Hilton ...	80	owes	7	Mr. G. Newsom ...	98	5	93
Mr. L. J. Ferguson ...	92	5	87	Mr. G. Grieve ...	108	15	93
Mr. J. K. Crooks ...	102	15	87	Mr. J. E. Pearson	109	16	93
Mr. H. Owen ...	102	15	87	Mr. Shelmerdine, jun.	113	20	93
Major Munn ...	104	16	88	Mr. H. C. Reynolds	118	25	93
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon	93	4	89	Mr. A. G. Rankine	102	8	94
Mr. C. M'Laren ...	99	10	89	Mr. W. Roughton	102	8	94
Mr. H. Christie ...	111	22	89	Mr. T. Leicester	109	15	94
Mr. S. A. Hermon ...	98	8	90	Mr. G. H. O. Salt	114	18	96
Mr. C. R. Luzmore ...	99	9	90	Dr. Davidson ...	103	6	97
Mr. J. Yates ...	102	12	90	Mr. A. Stookes	106	9	97
Mr. T. Gray ...	106	16	90	Mr. E. L. Lewes	107	10	97
Mr. C. C. Deane ...	95	4	91	Mr. Durandu, jun.	109	12	97
Mr. T. B. Grimdale	95	4	91	Mr. G. A. Thomson	117	20	97
Mr. A. Durandu ...	99	8	91	Mr. L. D. Stoddart	99	1	98
Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe	99	8	91	Mr. Sandeman, jun.	117	18	99
Mr. W. H. Allan ...	101	10	91	Mr. J. A. Beausire	121	22	99

GREAT YARMOUTH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The autumn prize meeting of this club was held on Wednesday, the 10th, and Thursday, the 11th. The weather on both days was perfect for golfing, the sun shining brightly, accompanied by a cool fresh air. There were twenty-two entries. Miss Palmer won the challenge clock, this being the seventh and final competition. Mrs. Bovill, a new member and a most successful player, gained the challenge barometer

(scratch). Miss Shelley, hon. sec. Bath L.G.C., not only played a steady game on the eighteen holes on Wednesday, but elicited universal admiration by the splendid stroke of 131 yards in the driving match; she also (after having tied with Miss Pettit, Miss Muriel, Miss Frere, and Miss J. Hartcup) was fortunate in winning the prize presented by the club for the approach shot match. Miss Pettit, Aldeburgh L.G.C., recorded the lowest score ever made on the ladies' course, *i.e.*, 56, and gained the visitors' prize given by Lady Florence Cecil. At five o'clock the prizes were presented to the winners by the Captain, Miss FitzRoy.

WEDNESDAY.—Handicap prize, a travelling clock, presented by Mr. John Penn for the best score of the first round, won by Miss Kate Palmer; scratch prize, a barometer, presented by Miss FitzRoy, for the best aggregate score of the two rounds, this prize to be played for three years, the winners to play for the final possession after the sixth competition, won by Mrs. Bovill; first scratch prize, a silver scent bottle, presented by Mrs. Nightingale, won by Miss FitzRoy; second scratch prize, a grouse-foot brooch, presented by Mrs. Comerford, won by Mrs. Baker; first handicap prize, a gold buckle, presented by Col. Anderson, won by Miss Maud Kemp; second prize, sweepstakes, won by Mrs. Bovill; prize for the longest drive, a photograph frame, presented by Miss Theresa Brown, won by Miss Shelley.

THURSDAY.—Visitors' prize, scratch, a silver button-hook, presented by Lady Florence Cecil, won by Miss Pettit; scratch prize, a pencil case, presented by Miss FitzRoy, won by Mrs. Bovill; first handicap prize, a gold brooch, presented by Mrs. Cummins, won by Miss Frere; second handicap prize, sweepstakes, won by Mrs. Rider Haggard; prize for the approach stroke match, a golf club bag, presented by the Ladies' Golf Club, won by Miss Shelley; third handicap prize, a gold ring, presented by Mrs. Burton-Steward, won by Miss FitzRoy.

WEDNESDAY.—TWO ROUNDS (18 HOLES).

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	
Miss Shelley ...	129	14	115	Mrs. Baker ...	155	10	145
Mrs. Bovill ...	146	16	130	Miss Frere ...	160	10	150
Miss K. Palmer ...	146	4	142	Miss Kemp ...	164	36	128
Miss FitzRoy ...	147	4	143				

Miss Tuck, Miss Waters, Miss Alderson, Miss Hunt, Mrs. Bellamy, Miss Muriel, and Miss Bathurst, no returns.

THURSDAY (9 HOLES).

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Pettit	56	owes	61	Miss Hartcup	74	4	70
Miss FitzRoy	70	2	68	Miss Shelley	76	3	73
Miss Frere	70	5	65	Mrs. Baker	78	5	73
Mrs. Rider Haggard	71	3	68	Miss Waters	88	18	70
Mrs. Bovill	71	4	67	Mrs. Brown	90	18	72
Miss Palmer	72	2	70	Miss Kemp	88	14	74

Miss Muriel, Miss Tuck, Miss Hunt, Miss Bathurst, Mrs. Bellamy, and Miss Alderson, no returns.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the 13th inst. The weather was beautifully fine, and the course in good order. Mr. H. Davenport, who has been showing very consistent good form, was again at the top of the list. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. Davenport ..	94	13	81	Mr. H. W. Street	107	18	89
Mr. H. L. Forbes...	99	15	84	Mr. F. W. Bovill	114	23	91
Mr. J. M. Bruce ...	101	16	85	Mr. J. Kenrick ...	98	6	92
Mr. J. A. Ross ...	92	4	88	Mr. W. M. Rhodes	118	16	102
Mr. W. Du Buisson	106	18	88				

Mr. C. D. Heatley (122) and Mr. C. W. Dent (131) not handicapped. No returns from Col. Jelf Sharp, Mr. A. W. McDonnell, Mr. C. J. Scott, Col. G. Lamb, Mr. W. P. Treach, and Mr. A. H. Robinson.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, 13th inst. The following were the scores made:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net		Gross.	Hcp.	Net
Mr. T. A. Fison ...	102	18	84	Mr. C. E. McLaren	104	11	93
Mr. P. Brune ...	101	12	89	Mr. W. R. Anderson	103	9	94
Mr. Scott-Moncrieff	102	12	90	Mr. H. C. Blyth ...	95	scr.	95
Mr. R. Clutton ...	108	18	90	Mr. A. A. Common	105	7	98
Mr. G. P. Leach ...	111	20	91	Capt. J. Tattersall...	107	8	99
Mr. T. R. Mills ...	96	5	91	Mr. Stanley Boulter	119	20	99
Mr. A. Wolfe Murray	96	3	93	Mr. R. H. Caird ...	121	11	110
M. E. Sidgewick ...	104	11	93				

Amongst others who made no return may be mentioned:—Messrs. T. Glover, J. H. Hedderwick, Sir T. Troubridge, Messrs. J. S. Lockhart, R. H. Usher, Dr. Harrison, Messrs. F. Barry, F. H. Hedderwick, W. R. Harrison, W. H. Peto, and J. Abernethy, jun.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The third competition of the present year for the De Worms challenge cup took place on Saturday, Sept. 13th. As so many members are away at present, the number of players was much smaller than usual. The links, however, were in grand order, and, after a close struggle, Major Marriott just won the cup with a net return of 83. Score:

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Major Marriott ...	107	24	83	Mr. F. G. Horne	110	18	92
Mr. H. E. Acklom...	94	10	84	Mr. H. R. Knipe	116	22	94
Mr. T. S. D. Selby	101	16	85	Mr. R. B. Reid ..	120	26	94
Mr. S. S. Schults ...	98	10	88	Mr. C. O. Walker	111	14	97

Eight players made no return.

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

The annual autumn competition of this club was begun on Friday, the 12th inst., and brought to a conclusion on the following day (Saturday), the weather conditions being superb, and the greens in unimpeachable order. (The result of Friday's competition was given in last week's issue.) On the second day, Mr. D. W. Stewart's cup was played for under handicap, Mr. Paterson proving successful with 116 net, the Hon. A. V. Bingham being second with 117, and the Rev. W. Vassie next with 118, Messrs. Vassie and J. Vassie, jun., tying for fourth place with 121. The scores made at this and the May meeting decide the destination for the year of the Chesterfield Cup (scratch), which is gained by the lowest aggregate scorer for six rounds of eighty-four holes. Last year it fell to Dr. A. H. Vassie, and, as he again won on Saturday with 372, he, according to the conditions regulating the contest, now carries off the cup in perpetuity. The Rev. W. Vassie was second, only a stroke behind Dr. Vassie, and Mr. John Vassie, jun., was third with 382.

KINGHORN GOLF CLUB.

There was a capital field of players on Saturday, the 13th, for the Bucher Medal (scratch) and the Captain's Trophy (handicap), and the conditions being extremely favourable, some excellent scores were recorded. Both awards fell to Mr. Thomas Smith, whose best actual score of 79 was reduced to 75 by an allowance of four. His second round of 38 is seldom beaten. The next best scores were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. G. Hepburn ...	93	14	79	Mr. Frank Renwick	92	8	84
Mr. J. Macpherson	94	14	80	Mr. J. Wyllie ...	101	16	85
Mr. W. Mann ...	95	13	82	Mr. A. Macpherson	86	0	86

The first half of the fourth competition for the Dunsire Cup took place on Saturday. There was a good turn-out of competitors. At the start a thunderstorm burst, and for about half an hour rain fell in torrents. Mr. James Wyllie came in first with a score of 93, less 16=76. Other good scores were:—Mr. James Davidson, Kirkcaldy, 90, less 12=78; Mr. George Hepburn, Kinghorn, 93, less 14=79; Mr. J. Ross, Edinburgh, 97, less 16=81; Mr. George Oswald, 98, less 6=92; Rev. J. D. Hay, 101, less 16=85.

WIMBLEDON.

The butts at Wimbledon are being dismantled, much to the delight of golfers. The play at present is not very brisk, many of the members probably lingering at holiday resorts while the good weather holds out. The putting-greens are a little rough and coarse, the recent dry weather having baked the ground hard and made the lies bad generally throughout the green. On Saturday the weather was fine but windy. Among the players to be noticed on the course were, Messrs. H. P. Cumming, H. W. Horne, H. H. Batten, W. R. Anderson, A. Davidson, jun., A. H. Molesworth, P. Walker, G. Chatterton, F. Clarke, Genl. Elliott, R. Usher, C. Parsons, C. A. Cameron, W. Michie, J. M. Henderson, J. Jackson, Hon. Ivo Bligh, Guy Pym, P. M. Thornton, J. Hay Wilson, F. B. Wallace, W. Bazalgette, and Fleetwood Sandeman.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

We hear, on good authority, that the season at "Royal Ascot" opens next Saturday, with the renewal of the competition for Mr. Charles Haig's prize. On the following Saturday, October 4th, the monthly competition takes place, continuing on the first Saturday in each month till the end of the year. Thanks to the green committee the course is now in good order, as much work has been done during the wet summer that could not have been attempted in a dry season.

The Ascot ladies have been busy all the summer, and it would be hard to imagine a livelier scene than Ascot Heath, during a ladies' competition. There was a very large muster last Thursday, when Mrs. Clement presented two prizes, which were won by Miss Barron, first, and Miss Magniac, second. It should be made known that Miss Magniac's handicap is 18, and, as she put out a scratch player in the second round, we venture to hope that the handicapping Committee will be for once a vigilance committee. *Verb. sap.*

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The September handicap competition for the club medal took place on the 20th inst., and resulted in a tie between Mr. F. P. Browne, the present holder of the Allen Medal, and Mr. W. H. Pelly (ex-captain). Scores:

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	
Mr. F. P. Browne ...	96	14	82	} tie.
Mr. W. H. Pelly...	98	16	82	
Mr. T. H. Oyler...	102	18	84	
Mr. D. Pym ...	107	22	85	
Mr. W. B. Avery...	105	16	89	
Mr. C. O. Walker ...	102	12	90	
Mr. W. K. Steele ...	120	30	90	
Mr. L. Horner ...	96	4	92	
Mr. G. Allen ...	110	14	96	
Mr. C. Hall ...	119	22	97	
Mr. A. H. Eve ...	112	15	97	

Over 100 "no returns."—Mr. W. R. Kersey, Mr. T. S. Donaldson Selby, Mr. Hamilton Kenrick, Mr. H. P. Knipe and Mr. Irevarth. Mr. A. C. Collier, an honorary member, made an 89 (gross), but not for competition.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday afternoon the wind blew with quite the force of a gale in the face of the competitors. The elements acted as a tonic to some, while others could not contend against them. Mr. Leach surprised himself and the other members by his excellent score. Mr. Purves played an exceedingly steady round, and stands in the favourable position of having the lowest average score during the year, which carries with it the captaincy of the club for the ensuing season, and a medal in recognition thereof. The handicapping committee has something to do next Saturday to take care of those competitors whose score is under the recognised standard of 70 strokes for the round. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
— E. Leach ...	78	16	62	J. Tennant ...	76	4	72
A. F. Trechmann...	81	13	68	A. Robinson ...	84	10	74
P. A. Raps ...	77	8	69	H. Simpson ...	93	18	75
W. Purves ...	74	5	69	C. B. Williamson	89	10	79
J. F. Wilson ...	90	20	70	F. Purvis ...	89	6	83
Rev. F. L. Cope...	91	20	71	E. W. Walker ...	104	20	84

C. Cooper, P. Jack, and R. Pease made no returns.

HAYLING ISLAND.

Our Isle of Wight correspondent writes:—"Members of the Golf Club have received circulars, urging the desirableness of providing the accommodation of a club house, and suggesting that an additional annual subscription of three guineas be charged to that already paid, viz., one guinea. This seems rather strong for a young club. I should think that some arrangement might be made with the hotel, and rent two or three rooms, to be used as club rooms exclusively. There is already a good pavilion. The above plan works very well at Bembridge, and the Royal Isle of Wight Golf Club is considerably stronger. The hotel at Hayling is admirably situated for the convenience of golfers, and quite luxurious enough for any true sportsman, and I should think the proprietors would be only too glad to get permanent tenants.

I hear the green has been greatly improved lately, so I must go and sample it some day soon. The club has some good prizes to be competed for now, amongst them the Club Gold Challenge Medal, Club Silver Medal, Club Bronze Medal, Captain's Challenge Cup, Treasurer's Challenge Cup, Hardecastle Cup, Houldsworth Plate, Fisher Cup, and Bennett Cup.

There are 18 good holes, and many fine and dangerous hazards through the green. The penalty for getting into a rabbit hole or scrape, with which part of the links abound, has been a problem difficult to solve.

FORFARSHIRE.

A sudden and disagreeable change in the weather rendered golfing impracticable last week, though of course, a few enthusiasts ventured out on the least indications of "clearing up." A cold drizzle and boisterous wind however awarded their enterprise. Fortunately there were few competitions to be interfered with. It seemed likely that the match at Monifieth on Saturday, between the local club of that name and the Carnoustie, would have been stopped, but after a most unpropitious forenoon the weather became bright and pleasant.

The monthly average competition of the Caledonian Club of Carnoustie ought to have taken place on Saturday, but an intimation was sent out by the secretary in the course of the week stating that it had been postponed.

The above club has reached a further stage in the competition for the Leith Medal, and we give the result of the play in the third heat.

A handicap allowance of strokes is allowed to the weaker players, and the game is decided by holes:—Mr. J. R. Wilson (7) beat Mr. G. Simpson 1 up; Mr. J. Hogg beat M. J. Ireland (4) by 1 up; Mr. J. M'Andrew, jun., beat Mr. W. Young (1) by 2 up; Mr. Chas. Ferrier (10) beat Mr. W. Ferrier by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. G. Fox, jun., beat Mr. J. H. Duncan (10) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. W. Harris beat Mr. D. Myles (5) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. P. Morrison beat Mr. W. K. Lorimer (5) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. D. M. Bouth beat Mr. J. Lamb (1) by 4 up and 3 to play.

As the result of the ballot for the fourth heat, a sharp tussle is likely to take place between Messrs. J. P. Morrison and D. M. Bouth. The players go out in the following order:—Mr. J. R. Wilson (13) v. Mr. J. Hogg; Mr. J. M'Andrew, jun., v. Mr. C. Ferrier (15); Mr. G. Fox, jun., v. Mr. W. Harris (5); Mr. J. P. Morrison v. Mr. D. M. Bouth.

Mr. David Anderson has justified anticipations by winning his tie and carrying off the Panmure Medal of the Monifieth Golf Club. As we mentioned last week, Mr. Anderson has recently shown excellent form, and though he had a redoubtable opponent in Mr. James Young, who has on two previous occasions carried off the trophy, and in addition can claim the honour of having won it, will be a record score—namely, 79 strokes, the former started the favourite. The match attracted a goodly number of spectators who were rewarded by witnessing a splendidly contested game. Mr. Anderson came in at his former figure of 83, and won the match by 3 strokes. As this is the first time Mr. Anderson has won the medal, his success is highly popular.

During the last few weeks the Broughty Golf Club have been playing off the heats in the competition for the Archibald Cup—an ancient Scottish drinking cup, presented by Mr. W. M. Archibald. The drawing of players for the semi-final round resulted in Mr. David Bisset being pitted against Mr. James Bowman, the latter receiving 11 strokes; and Mr. W. K. Lorimer, with an allowance of 5 against Mr. David Smyton. The two latter played off their tie on Monifieth links last week, and the match from start to finish was close and exciting—Mr. Lorimer coming in victor by 1 hole. He will now have to meet either Mr. Bisset or Mr. Bowman in the final round.

The first of a home and home match between the Monifieth and Carnoustie and Taymouth Clubs was played over Monifieth Links on Saturday. Twenty-eight couples started. The match resulted in an overwhelming victory for the home club, it being found when the last card had been handed in that Monifieth was 56 holes up. For the home team Mr. D. Dempster came in at the remarkably fine score of 81, while Mr. W. Young and Mr. D. Robertson both came in at 83. The lowest score made by the visitors was 87, three players coming in at that figure—Mr. R. Munroe, J. Butchart and D. Ramsay, jun. The following is the complete result:—

MONIFIETH.		TAYMOUTH AND CARNOUSTIE.	
	Holes		Holes
D. Anderson ...	0	J. Simpson ...	0
J. Young ...	0	R. Munroe ...	1
D. Dargie ...	6	J. Bell ...	0
W. Young ...	5	J. Butchart ...	0
G. Wright ...	7	A. Boyle ...	0
J. R. Fairweather ...	0	T. Jamieson ...	0
A. Hutcheson ...	2	A. Cant ...	0
J. Hendry ...	0	D. Ramsay, jun. ...	5
D. Robertson ...	4	J. Ogilvie ...	0
W. Hutcheson ...	6	G. Whyte ...	0
J. Burns ...	2	D. Ramsay, sen. ...	0
T. Brimer ...	5	W. Fisher ...	0
T. Christie ...	1	R. Ferrier ...	0
Captain Hunter ...	7	W. White ...	0
D. D. Smith ...	0	J. Johnson ...	2
J. Nicoll ...	0	D. Bell ...	1
A. Ritchie ...	2	A. Lawson ...	0
D. Smyton ...	4	G. Low ...	0
J. H. Dunlop ...	0	G. Fox ...	0
D. Drimmie ...	5	J. Walker ...	0
A. R. C. Patterson ...	4	A. Jamieson ...	0
J. M. Walker ...	0	A. E. Gray ...	0
W. T. Baillie ...	0	W. Yule ...	4
G. Pearson ...	8	G. Ogilvie ...	0
W. Livie ...	1	J. Dewars ...	0
W. Hanton ...	0	D. Kidd ...	6
D. Hutcheson ...	0	J. Lamb ...	2
D. Hanton ...	1	D. Ogilvie ...	0
77		21	

On Saturday afternoon on the Carnoustie course the return half of a home and home match between the Victoria Club, of Montrose, and the Caledonia, of Carnoustie, was decided. Each club was represented by eleven players, and the local men had an easy win, finishing up with 24 holes to the good. Appended are the details:—

CALEDONIA.		VICTORIA.	
	Holes		Holes
D. Winter ...	0	W. Cobb ...	0
J. M'Andrew, jun. ...	3	H. W. Thomson ...	0
J. Hogg, jun. ...	4	L. S. Smith ...	0
G. Fox, jun. ...	7	J. Thorn ...	0
W. Harris ...	0	C. R. Murray ...	0
W. Ferrier ...	1	A. Wilkie ...	0
D. M. Bouth ...	0	D. M'Kenzie ...	3
J. Ireland ...	0	J. Sim ...	1
D. Smith ...	8	A. Cuthbert ...	0
I. Drimmie ...	1	W. Edward ...	0
J. P. Bruce ...	0	J. Cameron ...	0
24		4	

MONTROSE.

At Montrose lately a good many players have been out, but there have only been two club matches of importance. For the Mercantile Club's silver badge there was a large turn out of competitors, and some excellent play was witnessed. Mr. Alex. Low was the winner of the badge and first money prize at 91—4 below his average. Mr. Alex. Keillor won the prize for the lowest score on the green, coming in at the very creditable score of 82. The other prize winners were James Wishart, 93—1 above; David Valentine, 106—1 above; James C. Pairman, 92—5 above.

The members of the Montrose Mechanics Club, on Saturday the 13th, competed for their autumn medal and gold cross. There was a fairly good turn out, and the greens being in good condition low scoring was the rule. Edward Cobb came in at 82, and with this score won the medal. Mr. J. C. Pairman, for the best average, carried off the cross.

KIRRIEMUIR.

The monthly handicap medal and first prize of the Kirriemuir Club have been gained by Mr. Samson (with odds) at 78. The next best scores were (with odds) Mr. Lindsay, 79; Mr. Thyn, 80; Mr. Milne, 81; Mr. Graham, 84; Mr. Whyte, 87; Mr. Paterson, 89; and Mr. Scott, 95.

ST. ANDREWS.

If rumour speaks correctly, there is shortly to be a change in the ownership of St. Andrews links. These famous links formed at one time part of the common of St. Andrews, but owing to pecuniary difficulties into which the city fell the common was disposed of to a neighbouring proprietor. The articles of sale, however, contained certain reservations, which preserved to the inhabitants of St. Andrews the inalienable right to golf over the Golfing Links, and over the rest of the common the right of recreation and amusement according to use and wont. These rights have always been respected, and the enjoyment of which are a most important factor among the inducements which St. Andrews holds out to those who come to reside in it during the summer months. The Royal and Ancient Golf Club has always assumed the duty of maintaining the golfing links, and it now proposes to step into the position of the proprietor with the view, it is understood, of forming an all-round course, or alternately, and, what would be better, forming a double course. This is almost rendered imperative by reason of the largely increased number of golfers who now frequent St. Andrews. During the season there is not a day but there are from 40 to 60 matches, forenoon and afternoon, and unless one is booked the day before he has little chance of getting a round. This is frequently a grievance by those who take a run across from Edinburgh, Dundee, or other towns, to enjoy a game; and, whichever scheme may be adopted, it will certainly add to the golfing attractions of the home of Golf.

The stinky question which was discussed by "One of the Old School," in the last number of GOLF, has been pretty well threshed out in the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse, and, as it has been in the past, the stinky is likely to continue "one of the most delicate and intricate points of the game." One of the matches of "other days" we remember, in which Tommy Morris and Davie Strath were trying to overcome each other, and the shot which evoked the most enthusiasm was a stimed ball which was lofted right into the hole!

Mr. Broadhurst, M.P., is a keen golfer, who learned to play at Blackheath. He is under promise to come to St. Andrews this year, but there is no word as yet of his arrival. In "Tee Shots" last week it is stated that Sir Michael Culme Seymour has recently become a convert to the game. It may be added that Lady Culme Seymour and the Misses Culme Seymour are accomplished golfers, and never miss an event of the St. Andrews Ladies' Golf Club. This club held its annual tournament last week. It was one of the most successful events of the season. No fewer than 89 ladies taking part in the play. Additional animation was lent to the proceedings by a large and brilliant assemblage of spec-

tators. Some of the ties were very close and exciting, and the interest was maintained from beginning to end. The following are the results of the various rounds:—

FIRST ROUND.—Miss A. Fanshawe beat Miss Piers; Mrs. Everard beat Miss Constance Scott; Miss Bethune beat Miss L. Bethune; Miss A. M. Stewart beat Miss J. K. Stewart; Miss J. M. Bethune beat Miss Aitken; Miss I. M. Chiene beat Miss F. Hodge; Mrs. Wolfe Murray beat Miss M. Laurence; Miss M. Bethune beat Miss Hooper; Miss Landale beat Miss M'Grigor; Miss J. M'Neill beat Mrs. Best; Miss Moir beat Miss Nora Bell; Miss H. Stewart beat Miss C. T. Boyd; Mrs. Scrutton beat Miss Falconar; Miss Murray Honey beat Miss Marion Grant; Mrs. Howel Scrutton beat Miss M. Dunlop; Mrs. J. T. Inglis beat Miss Dalmahoy; Miss Tait beat Miss Rosie Tait; Mrs. George Banbury beat Miss F. Fanshawe; Miss J. A. Bell beat Miss Lamond; Miss B. D. Chiene beat Miss A. Moir; Miss Ridpath beat Mrs. E. Finlay; Miss Newall beat Miss Scott; Miss Walsh beat Miss Best; Mrs. R. Fergusson beat Mrs. Henderson; Mrs. Macfie beat Miss Annie Blair.

SECOND ROUND.—Miss Fergusson beat Miss J. Riddle Webster; Miss Sant beat Miss Nona Stewart; Lady Campbell beat Miss Fair; Miss Meta Montgomery beat Miss Murray; Miss E. E. Moir beat Miss H. Ridpath; Miss J. J. Boyd beat Miss Graham; Miss N. Campbell beat Miss G. H. Finlay; Mrs. John Moir beat Miss Culme Seymour; Miss Farmer beat Mrs. Gray; Miss Gilliat beat Miss Orman; Miss Cicely Farmer beat Miss Blair; Miss Henderson beat Miss M. Finlay; Miss Orphoot beat Miss M. G. Finlay; Miss C. Hodge beat Miss H. Grainger; Mrs. Jas. Boyd beat Mrs. Malet Barrow; Mrs. Hay beat Miss L. Culme Seymour; Miss Horsburgh beat Mrs. Tait; Mrs. Kerr beat Miss Oliphant; Miss Fanshawe beat Miss Lindesay; Miss Heath beat Miss A. Fanshawe; Mrs. Everard beat Miss Bethune; Miss J. M. Chiene beat Mrs. Wolfe Murray; Miss M. Bethune beat Miss Landale; Miss Moir beat Miss J. M'Neill; Miss H. Stewart beat Miss Falconer; Mrs. Howel Scrutton beat Miss Murray Honey; Miss Tait beat Mrs. J. T. Inglis; Mrs. Geo. Banbury beat Miss J. A. Bell; Miss B. D. Chiene beat Miss Ridpath; Miss Walsh beat Miss Newall; Mrs. Macfie beat Mrs. R. Fergusson.

THIRD ROUND.—Miss Fergusson beat Miss Sant by 1; Miss Meta Montgomery beat Lady Campbell by 2; Miss J. J. Boyd beat Miss E. Moir by 7 and 6 to play; Mrs. John Moir beat Miss N. Campbell by 1, after a tie; Miss Gilliat beat Miss Farmer, retired; Miss Henderson beat Miss C. Farmer, retired; Miss Orphoot beat Miss Hodge by 1, after a tie; Mrs. James Boyd beat Mrs. Hay by 6 and 4 to play; Miss Horsburgh beat Mrs. Kerr by 3 and 2 to play; Miss Heath beat Miss Fanshawe by 7 and 6 to play; Mrs. Everard beat Miss A. M. Stewart by 1; Miss Bethune beat Miss J. M. Chiene by 6; Miss H. Stewart beat Miss Moir by 6 and 4 to play. Miss Tait beat Mrs. Scrutton by 3 and 2 to play; Miss B. D. Chiene beat Mrs. George Banbury by 7 and 6 to play; Mrs. Macfie beat Miss Walsh by 4 and 3 to play.

FOURTH ROUND.—Miss Montgomery beat Mrs. Fergusson by 3 and 2 to play; Miss J. J. Boyd beat Miss Moir by 5 and 4 to play; Miss Gilliat beat Miss Henderson by 5 and 4 to play; Mrs. James Boyd beat Miss Orphoot by 2; Miss Horsburgh beat Miss Heath by 1; Mrs. Everard beat Miss M. Bethune by 3 and 2 to play; Miss H. Stewart beat Miss Tait by 1; Miss Chiene beat Mrs. Macfie by 2.

FIFTH ROUND.—Miss Montgomery beat Miss J. J. Boyd by 4 and 3 to play; Miss Gilliat beat Mrs. James Boyd by 5 and 4 to play; Mrs. Everard beat Miss Horsburgh; Miss Chiene beat Miss H. Stewart by 2.

SIXTH ROUND.—Miss Montgomery beat Miss Gilliat by 3 and 1 to play; Mrs. Everard beat Miss Chiene by 1, after a tie.

FINAL.—Miss Montgomery beat Mrs. Everard by 3 and 1 to play.

On Monday there was a considerable influx of golfers into St. Andrews, the medal week being the *raison d'être* of the augmented ranks. Mr. Laidley and Mr. Horace Hutchinson were among the arrivals, and the latter had a fine foursome in the afternoon. The sides were: Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Mure Fergusson against Mr. Balfour and Mr. F. G. Tait. All along Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Fergusson had the lead. Going to the burn hole, Mr. Balfour missed his cleekshot, and they took six to hole out. Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Fergusson were down in 5, and led off with first honours. They also secured the dyke hole, owing to a missed put by Mr. Balfour, and winning the ganger beer hole stood 3 ahead. Hole about followed, and then the fortunes of war went in favour of the other side, so that when the end hole was reached Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Fergusson had only one to the good. They, however, never lost the lead, and at the third hole from home stood "dormy," and won the match at the dyke by three. Mr. Laidley had a single with Mr. Macfie. The latter was 4 holes ahead at the turn, but by the time the dyke was reached, his lead was reduced to one. In playing the burn hole, however, Mr. Laidley bunkered, and eventually lost the match by 2.

In a single with Mr. Mure Fergusson, Mr. Horace Hutchinson lost by 2 at the burn. Mr. Leslie Balfour defeated Mr. F. G. Tait by 3 at the dyke. Mr. Boyd and Mr. Robertson defeated General Graham and General Playfair by a single hole. Mr. Grindlay and Mr. E. Black-

well had round about. Mr. R. H. Johnston had two rounds with Dr. J. Goff, and was successful in both matches.

IRVINE.

The members of the Irvine Golf Club competed for the monthly handicap medal over the links on Saturday, with the result that Mr. J. F. Wilson won the medal with the score of 102 less 20=82.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The September monthly handicap match takes place on Saturday, 22nd. This club is the most westerly in England. The links are on the western side of St. Ives Bay, Lelant Towns. They are of nine holes, and the hazards consist of sand bunkers, roads, rushes, as at Westward-Ho, a sand pit known as "Hades," and hedges. The links are held by trustees on a lease of 21 years. The greens are good and increasing in size, and the club now numbers over a hundred members. Lelant station is within a few hundred yards of the club room, and a road is now being put in order which will shorten the distance. The match course is 2 miles 792 yards.

GOLF MATCH AT WILPSHIRE.

The Wilpshire and District Golf Club (Lancashire), recently formed through the influence and exertions of Mr. James Bertwistle, now numbers forty out of a possible fifty members, to which number the club has been limited. Hollow Head Farm, behind the Grange, the residence of Mr. Edgar Appleby, the first president, has been taken and links formed, making a nine-holes course, with a total length of 1,821 yards. The course is situated about 750ft. above sea level, and commands an all-round panoramic view, embracing the coast line from the estuary of the Ribble to Morecambe Bay, with Black Combe in the distance forming a fine background to smoky Barrow on one side, with Pendle rising close at hand, and far away beyond, the summits of Ingleborough, Wharfedale, and Penygant may be described on the other. On Saturday afternoon a match was played between the captain (Mr. James Bertwistle) and Mr. Withers, a closely contested well-played game resulting in a win for the captain. Subsequently the players and a number of the members, including Mr. James Sharples, the treasurer, partook of a *recherche* repast at the Wilpshire Hotel, admirably served by Mr. and Mrs. Law. The toasts were the health of Captain Bertwistle, proposed by Mr. Withers; and "Success to the Wilpshire and District Golf Club." In responding to the former, the captain intimated his intention of presenting a medal for competition between the members of the club, the first round to be played at the autumn meeting between the 5th and the 12th of next month.

TROON CLUB—THE EDINBURGH MEDAL.

The members of the Troon Club turned out in considerable force to take part in the annual competition for the Edinburgh medal, a piece of silver plate, presented, as an inscription bears, by "some Edinburgh golfers, residing in Troon during August and September, 1881." The weather was on the whole favourable, though play was interrupted by a heavy thunder shower, with thunder in the distance. The following thirty-four players went out: Messrs. R. White, J. A. Anderson, A. Adams, J. Wharrie, D. D. Robertson, Martin Bell, T. B. A. McMichael, J. Merry, Laurence Robertson, Geo. Drummond, R. Lynn, H. Cowan, A. C. Robertson, McTaggart Cowan, James Stevenson, John Martin, John Lochhead, J. M. Jamieson, D. Fullarton, D. Thomson, J. Grieg, R. Dundas, R. Brown, Charles Aird, D. Reid, Philip Robertson, Alex. Walker, J. W. Walker, A. Gilmour, L. W. McIntyre, T. W. Robertson, W. J. Anderson, J. B. Wilson and Neil D. McMichael. The best three cards out of nineteen handed in were as follows, the winner of the medal being the first named:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Neil D. McMichael	94	12	82
J. M. Jamieson	103	16	87
H. Cowan	88	scratch	88
D. Reid	98	8	90
F. W. Robertson	91	scratch	91
L. Robertson	91	scratch	91

NAIRN.

Three competitions of much interest took place over the Nairn course on Saturday, September 13th. The first event was the final tie for the captain's (Mr. W. C. Newbigging) prize, between Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P., and Mr. K. J. Marshall, Edinburgh. The latter made a remarkably good score for so young a player, and won by 6 strokes without handicap, his score being 96 against 102 by Mr. Finlay, who did not play his usual game. The second event was the competition for a cup presented by Major Randle Jackson, of Swordale, open to proprietors and residents in the counties of Ross, Inverness, and Nairn. Major Jackson made a strong effort to win, doing the round in 88, but Mr. A. F. Steele, Inverness, who completed the round at the fine figure of

82, won both the cup and the Pullar monthly medal. At the close the prizes were presented to the winners by Major Rose, of Kilravock, Lord-Lieutenant of the county, who heartily congratulated them on their success.

The usual autumn business meeting of the club took place in the club-house on Tuesday, September 16th, Mr. Newbigging, the captain, presiding. The secretary, Mr. Laing, reported that the past year had been the most prosperous in the club's existence. The ordinary yearly membership, which last year was 145, was this year 173, while the casual membership had increased from 111 to 146. The club is also to be congratulated on the condition of the course. The older portion is now in excellent playing order, while the Cawdor ground, though still somewhat rough, has been vastly improved by the season's play; and, considering that at the beginning of the year it was undistinguishable from the whin cover on either side, its condition, and especially that of the putting greens, favoured greatly by the recent heavy rainfall, is wonderfully good. In connection with the extension of the course on the Cawdor ground, and the improvement of the course generally, it should be mentioned that the club would not have been in a financial position to undertake the work that has been accomplished but for the timely assistance of Mr. Finlay and Mr. Pullar, who gave donations of £25 and £10 10s. The new ladies' course, which was formed in the early part of the summer, has been a conspicuous success, and it is generally acknowledged that it is one of the best, if not the best, of ladies' courses in the kingdom. Three new cups were presented to the club during the year, as well as a number of special prizes, which were competed for during the season. A change of professional and green-keeper, which was effected during the year, was attended with satisfactory results. The treasurer's accounts showed that the income for the year was £275 15s. 4d., and the expenditure £235 7s., leaving a balance of £40 8s. 4d. The reports were, on the motion of Mr. Finlay, unanimously adopted, Mr. Newbigging being unanimously re-elected captain, Earl Cawdor re-appointed president, and Mr. Pullar added to the list of vice-presidents.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.

The following is the result of the third and fourth rounds for the Marshall, Wane and Allan prizes:—

THIRD ROUND.

Jas. Gibson (scratch), beat A. Dunbar (8), by 2 up and 1 to play.
Jas. Howat (3), beat John Wallace (6), by 2 holes.
D. Bone (scratch), beat Andrew Crawford (6), by 7 up and 6 to play.
Jas. Andrew (scratch), beat A. J. Larke (8), by 2 up and 1 to play.
Andrew Boon (scratch), beat W. A. Kennedy (8), by 2 up and 1 to play.
John Andrew (8), beat M. Smith (12), by 1 hole.
R. Pyper (12), beat C. I. Highet (6), by 4 up and 3 to play.
A. Turnbull scratched to A. McDowall (3).

FOURTH ROUND.

Jas. Gibson (scratch), beat John Andrew (8), by 2 up and 1 to play.
D. Bone (scratch), beat Andrew Boon (scratch), by 2 up and 1 to play.
Jas. Andrew (scratch), beat J. Howat (8), by 5 up and 4 to play.
R. Pyper (12), beat A. McDowall (3), by 5 up and 4 to play.
The semi-final tie will be played on Saturday, and the concluding tie on the following Saturday.

THE ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CLUB (F.P.)

This club will hold their autumn competition over North Berwick links on Saturday the 27th inst., when the Stevenson Medal, the Sanderson Medal, and other prizes will be competed for.

DORNOCH.

On Saturday, September 13th, the weekly competition for the Singapore Cup, and Mr. Urquhart's prize came off in beautiful weather. The turn-out of competitors was very good, and some fine scores were handed in. Captain Leslie, with a score of 87 (less 8), 79, won both prizes, the following being the next best scores:—A. Innes 88 (less 8), 80; J. Campbell (scratch), 81; W. F. Orr, Glasgow (scratch), 82; J. Sutherland (scratch), 84; G. R. Kennedy (scratch), 85; W. S. Fraser 98 (less 12), 86; H. A. Kennedy (scratch), 88; A. Morrison 96 (less 8), 88.

THE WATSONIANS.

The autumn meeting of the Watsonian Club was held over North Berwick links on Saturday. The first prize was secured by Mr. Buchan, who is better known as captain of the Viewforth, with an excellent score of 78. The other prize-winners were Messrs. T. King, 80; J. Henderson, 86 less 4=82; G. Lawson, 84; Mr. G. W. S. Paterson, 87 less 3=84; J. King and Mr. W. Muir tied with 85; W. G. Grieve, 87; J. Balsillie, 88; J. Turner, 91; W. Gibson, 91; F. Ross, 93; and Mr. J. Walker, 93.

STEWART'S COLLEGE.

Undeterred by the trials and difficulties which beset the golfer on the new Braids course, the members of Daniel Stewart's College Golf Club played there on Saturday for the Bruce Challenge Medal and prizes. The winners were Messrs. J. Clarke, 91 less 4=87; J. C. Brown, 92 actual; J. Paterson, 108 less 5=103.

GULLANE GOLF CLUB.

The season of the Gullane Club closed on Saturday with the competition for a handsome drinking cup presented by the retiring captain, Mr. Harry Parker. Following the practice adopted at this competition, a number of valuable prizes were offered by the club, and these included a marble timepiece, barometer, opera glasses, &c. All the awards were played for under handicap conditions, and this fact accounts in large measure for the numerous field of competitors. In the matter of weather the day opened as badly as possible, the early couples starting in a drenching rain. These who drew big numbers were more fortunate, as the day had cleared before they were called upon to start. A fresh wind kept off the rain clouds, and better golfing weather was not wanted than that experienced during the remainder of the day. The course was in splendid trim, and considering the play which takes place on the green, its condition is highly creditable to the keeper, Litor. Putting was extremely true, and the surprise is that some remarkably low scores were not returned. As it was, high cards were a feature of the play—the by no means low figure of 31 winning the captain's prize. Mr. Lugton, as hon. secretary, was at his usual post, and sent the competitors off in the following order:—

J. J. Fulton, Edinburgh, and W. M'Intosh, Edinburgh; G. G. Robertson, Edinburgh, and H. W. Murray, Edinburgh; I. Williamson, Edinburgh, and W. Palmer, Dirleton; G. W. Elmslie, Edinburgh, and Captain N. M. Wylie, North Berwick; R. H. Pringle, Edinburgh, and James Currie, Edinburgh; T. D. Thomson, Easterraig, and T. Binnie, Saltcoats; S. H. M'Culloch, North Berwick, and R. Melrose, Edinburgh; A. B. Thomson, Edinburgh, and A. W. Belfrage, Edinburgh; W. Macgregor, Edinburgh, and A. Drybrough, Edinburgh; D. A. Stevenson, Edinburgh, and J. A. Robertson, Edinburgh; S. Dalziel, Edinburgh, and A. N. G. Aitken, Edinburgh; C. Herbert, Edinburgh, and R. M'Gowan, Edinburgh; John Morrison, Edinburgh, and W. Morris, Edinburgh; J. F. Paxton, Edinburgh, and John Watt, Muirfield; J. G. Croal, Haddington, and H. Wakelin, Edinburgh; F. Lockhart Thomson, Edinburgh, and James Gillespie, Edinburgh; A. M. Rose, Edinburgh, and T. A. Begbie, Queenstonbank; St. Clair Cunningham, Edinburgh, and J. C. Baldwin, Edinburgh; A. G. Gillespie, Edinburgh, and Thomas Miller, Edinburgh; J. S. Stevenson, Edinburgh, and J. S. Burnet, Haddington; Dr. W. B. Alexander, Edinburgh, and W. G. Paxton, Edinburgh; James Souter, Edinburgh, and Gregor M'Gregor, Edinburgh; A. Murray, Gullane, and A. Paul, Haddington; J. Richardson, Musselburgh, and T. Lugton, jun., Edinburgh; J. C. Sharp, Edinburgh, and T. Lugton, sen., Edinburgh.

One round of the green was played, and the results were as under:—

	Actual.	Allowance.	Total.
S. H. M'Culloch ...	81	0	81
W. M'Intosh ...	89	6	83
A. Drybrough ...	96	12	84
J. Richardson ...	92	8	84
James Currie ...	91	6	85
T. Binnie ...	91	6	85
S. Dalziel ...	99	14	85
A. N. G. Aitken ...	103	18	85
T. Lugton, jun. ...	85	0	85
A. Murray ...	86	0	86
G. G. Robertson ...	87	0	87
H. W. Murray ...	86	plus 1	87
T. D. Thomson ...	97	10	87
T. A. Begbie ...	87	0	87
J. C. Baldwin ...	89	2	87
T. Miller ...	105	18	87
J. S. Stevenson ...	93	6	87
G. M'Gregor ...	87	0	87
T. Lugton ...	89	2	87

The tie for the third and fourth prizes was not decided. Previous to the competition, the annual business meeting of the club was held in the club-house. Mr. T. D. Thomson, of Easterraig, presiding. A financial statement was submitted, showing a credit balance of £37 17s. 4d. It was reported that the erection of the club-house had cost £550, and on this account there is a debit balance of £110. It was agreed that the balance at the credit of the club be paid towards the reduction of the debit balance against the club-house. A special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. B. Hall Blyth and Mr. M'Intosh, W. S., for their services in connection with the club-house. Mr. J. A. Robertson was elected captain, and Mr. T. Lugton was re-appointed hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. T. A. Begbie was added to the committee in room of Mr. Clapperton, who retired. Owing to the

increased membership of the club, it was agreed to impose an entrance fee.

BURNTISLAND CLUB

Fully better scores were registered on Saturday in the third or penultimate stage of the prize competition. Several prizes were added, and the best scores were as follows:—A. Jackson, 71, less 7=64; A. Foster, 71, less 4=67; J. C. Wallace, 70, less 2=68; J. Thomson, 77, less 9=68 (tie); John Blyth, 70, less 1=69; J. Begg, 76, less 6=70; J. Wood, 71, less 1=70; T. Scott, 77, less 7=70 (tie).

LEVEN THISTLE.

The final heat for the prize clubs presented by Mr. W. L. Boase has just been decided between Messrs. J. T. Ireland and John Cormie. The competition was under handicap, Mr. Cormie being in receipt of four holes from his opponent. Both played a good game, and with four holes to play the handicap player was leading by two holes; but after that he never got a half, Mr. Ireland carrying away all the four, winning the clubs and the match by two holes. The scores were—Ireland, 86; Cormie, 95.

CUPAR.

The seventh competition of the season for the Jubilee Medal, played for under handicap conditions, came off over the course at Annsmuir, near Ladybank, on Saturday afternoon. There was a good turnout of competitors, notwithstanding that the weather was most unpropitious. The greens were in a good but very heavy condition which helped the "coaching" hands splendidly in their approaches. Shortly after the commencement of play a severe thunderstorm broke over the district, and entailed the stoppage of several of the competitors. Despite these unfavourable circumstances, the play of some of the members was highly creditable. Two rounds of the greens, or eighteen holes, were played. The following members took part in the contest:—Mr. D. Duke and Mr. H. Matthew, Mr. George Harris and Mr. David Duncan, Mr. James Kidd and Mr. John Christie, Mr. David George and Mr. D. M. Lamond, Dr. W. Sneddon (honorary secretary) and Master James Watt, Mr. H. D. Henderson and Mr. Hugh S. Robson. At the conclusion of the competition, after all the cards had been returned and revised, it was found that Mr. D. M. Lamond was the winner of the medal with a score of 94, less an allowance of 18 odds=76. The winners of the sweepstakes were:—1, Mr. D. M. Lamond, 76, with odds; 2, Mr. George Harris, 78, less odds; 3, Dr. W. Sneddon, 84, less odds. Subjoined is the result of the competition:—D. M. Lamond (winner), 94, less 18=76; G. Harris, 82, less 4=78; Dr. W. Sneddon, 88, less 4=84; J. Watt, 108, less 18=90; D. Duncan, 97, less 6=91. The leading scratch scores were those of Mr. George Harris with 82, and Dr. W. Sneddon, 84.

GRANTOWN.

The fortnightly match for the captain's medal (confined to local players) came off on Saturday. It was won by Mr. Harvey, who scored (scratch) 91. Mr. Winchester being second with a scratch score of 95. The first competition for the Ladies' Gold Medal took place on the ladies' course, Miss Winchester being first with a scratch score of 88, Mrs. Hunter (allowed 10) coming second with 90. A handicap, open to Merchistonians, residing in the district, was also played, J. R. Burgess with the low score of 84 being first, H. M. Cowie second with 95, and T. O. Mathieson and A. N. Haig dividing the third prize with a score of 101.

SELKIRK GOLF CLUB.

Nineteen couples took part in a competition on Saturday for the Turnbull and Hastie Medals and Mackintosh Cup. A sharp thunderstorm, with very heavy rain, occurred at the time of the draw, but the competition was carried on under a clear sky. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Ettrick View, served tea in the golf-house during the afternoon for the benefit of the competitors. The best scores were as follows:—George McNeill, 94, less 4=90; James Lewis, 102, less 12=90; J. G. Dennistoun, 108, less 16=92; Robert Hardie, 93 (scratch); J. Jamieson, 94, less 1=93; W. H. Robson, 99, less 6=93; A. M'Bain, 102, less 9=93; R. Laurie, 101, less 8=93; R. Brydon, 110, less 16=94; J. Walker, 105, less 10=95; F. N. Scott, 98, less 1=97; A. D. Robson, 102, less 5=97; A. Weir, 98 (scratch); H. H. Blair, 109, less 11=98; J. Moir, 107, less 9=98.

ELIE AND EARLSFERRY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The closing competition for the season began on Friday, the 19th inst. This is the first year of the club, and it has proved highly successful. The club has already a large number of members, and the various competitions which have taken place during the season have proved a great

attraction to the visitors to Elie and Earlsferry. The fair devotees to the game have entered into it most enthusiastically; the links which form part of the recreation park being daily thronged. Before this club was formed the tennis courts were crowded by the fair sex, and tennis was all the cry; but now that ladies have tasted the pleasures of Golf the tennis courts are all but forsaken, and on all sides little or nothing is heard among them but Golf talk. The links as a ladies' course are unrivalled by any in the kingdom, and great credit is due to George Forrester, the popular club-maker, who laid them out, and to Smith and Forgan, the green-keepers, who have assisted him in keeping them in order. The putting-greens were in wonderfully good condition, being much better than those of links of many years standing.

On Saturday forenoon the finals of the mixed foursomes were played off, and in the afternoon Lady Anstruther, of Balcaskie, lady patroness of the club, who was accompanied by Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bart., presented the prizes to the successful competitors. Mr. Andrew Thomson, of Craigforth, who introduced Lady Anstruther, congratulated the winners, and intimated that Mr. and Mrs. Scott Davidson, junior, of Cairnie, had kindly agreed to give a cup to the club to be competed for annually. He also stated that he would give a prize, and that Mr. Aiton Taylor had kindly handed back to the club the prize, a beautiful silver golf cruet, which he had won in the competition, to be competed for next year. The prizes were of a very handsome description, consisting of gold brooches, gold lace pins, silver mounted paper-knife, silver mounted cut crystal scent-bottle, &c.

Mrs. Kirkwood and Miss May Thomson tied for the scratch prize, and in playing off the tie Miss May Thomson won. Mrs. Taylor, Miss Thomson, and Miss May Thomson tied for the first handicap prize, and on playing off the tie Miss May Thomson took the first prize, Miss Thomson the second, and Mrs. Taylor the third. Twenty-two members took part in the single, and twenty-one couples entered for the mixed foursomes.

The following were the results:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Net.
Miss May Thomson...	36	34-1	69
Miss Thomson ...	34	37-2	69
Mrs. Taylor ...	36	37-4	69
Mrs. Kirkwood ...	36	34	70
Miss D. Ferguson ...	36	37-3	70
Miss Fowler ...	36	38-3	71
Miss Martin ...	41	37-6	72
Mr. Aiton Taylor ...	32	32+2	66
Mr. H. Ketchen ...	34	36+2	72
Mr. I. Martin ...	36	37	73
Miss Ferguson ...	44	35-5	74
Miss B. Ferguson ...	41	41-6	76
Miss Ada Gosman ...	40	40-4	76
Mr. Scott Davidson ...	38	36+2	76
Miss D. Glover ...	38	45-4	79
Miss M. Glover ...	40	43-4	79
Miss Orr Paterson ...	47	40-8	79
Miss K. Fowler ...	42	45-5	82
Miss Fowler ...	43	43-4	82
Mrs. Cotton ...	47	42-6	83
Miss Gosman ...	48	43-6	85
Miss M. Orr Paterson ...	45	52-8	89

ABERDEEN.—VICTORIA CLUB.

The members of this club competed on Wednesday and Saturday, September 17th and 20th, over the Aberdeen links, for Messrs. Durward and Thomson's prizes. The prizes are played for by handicap, Mr. Durward's prize going to first-class players, and Mr. Thomson's to second-class players. After a good competition, it was found that Mr. Durward's prize had been won by A. McConnachie with the excellent scratch score of 81; while Mr. Thomson's prize fell to W. Merrylees with 108 (14 off) 94. Among the remaining cards handed in the following had the lowest scores:—G. Mortimer, 86; J. M. Beveridge, 90; A. Mitchell, 91; J. B. Banks and A. Cooper, 92 each; A. M. M. Dunn, 96; and J. Stewart, 99.

THE SCOTTISH EQUITABLE.

The secretary's team of the newly-formed Golf club, the "Scottish Equitable," completely overwhelmed the captain's side in a match played at Musselburgh on Saturday last, the former winning 35 holes against the latter's 7.

THE BLACKFORD CLUB.

The Blackford Club journeyed to Musselburgh on Saturday to play for the scratch charm, which was won by Mr. C. C. Scott, with a score of 88, Mr. A. Robertson taking a similar handicap prize with 90.