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APRIL.

- Apr. 22-24.—Royal Liverpool : Spring Meeting.  
Apr. 23.—Calcutta : Foursome Tournament.  
Apr. 23-24.—Tyneside : Spring Meeting.  
Apr. 24 and 25.—Whitley : Crawley Prize.  
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : Mackenzie Cup.  
Luffness : Hope Challenge Cup; Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove : Mr. H. R. Knipe Prize.  
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Eastbourne : Spring Meeting.  
West Lancashire : Spring Meeting.  
Tooting : Spring Meeting, Annual General Meeting, and Club Dinner.  
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.  
King James VI. : The Mac-Leish Cup (6th round).  
Haydock Park : Legh Challenge Cup (final).  
Royal High School, Edinburgh : Spring Competition over North Berwick; Lord Advocate's Cup; Millidge Medal, and other prizes.  
West Cornwall : Monthly Prize Competition.  
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal and Nicholls' Cup.  
Ardeen : Spring Meeting.  
Apr. 25-29.—Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.  
Apr. 27.—Cambridge University : Linskill Cup and Pirie Medal (terminal competition); Extraordinary General Meeting, Lion Hotel, 8.30.  
Apr. 28.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.  
Birkdale : Final Ties Ladies' Prize.  
West Cornwall : "Seton Trophy."  
Apr. 30.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.  
Guildford : Spring Meeting.

MAY.

- May 1.—Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.  
Durham : Blagdon Cup.  
Guildford : Spring Meeting.  
Alnwick : Spring Meeting.  
Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Medal.  
Innerleven : Spring Meeting.  
Lanark : Hutchinson Cross (scratch), Forest Gold Cup, Ball, Handicap.  
Calcutta : Blackheath Gold Medal.  
May 2.—Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.  
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bailie Wilson's Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Lanark : Hon. Mrs. Bingham's Links, &c. (Handicap).  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.  
Guildford : Spring Meeting.  
Epsom : Rosebery Gold Medal.  
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup (4 Competition)  
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.  
Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.  
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.  
Rochdale : Club Silver Medal.  
Royal Belfast : Spring Meeting.  
Rochdale : Spring Handicap Silver Medal.  
May 4.—Brighton and Hove : Captain's Prize Tournament.  
May 5.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.  
May 5-6.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Spring Meeting.  
May 6.—Durham : Spring Meeting.  
May 6-8.—Bath Ladies : Prize Meeting.  
May 7.—Whitley : Emmerson Prize (final).  
May 7-9.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Amateur Championship at St. Andrews.  
London Scottish : Spring Meeting.  
May 8.—Whitley : Crawley Prize (final).  
Machrehanish : Spring Meeting.  
May 8-9.—Brighton and Hove : Spring Meeting.  
May 9.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal and Scratch Medal, &c.  
Birkdale : Club Medal.  
Whitley : Wyndham Cup.  
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.  
Edinburgh University : Challenge Cup and Club Prizes (at Gullane).  
Alnwick : H. Marsh Painting.  
Wilpshire and District : Monthly Medal.  
Rochdale : Captain's Monthly Prize.  
Dublin : Lumsden Medal.  
Tooting : Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove : Mr. H. Knipe's Prize.  
Seaton Carew : Wilson Shield.  
Rochdale : Captain's Prize.  
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
May 9-11.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Spring Meeting.

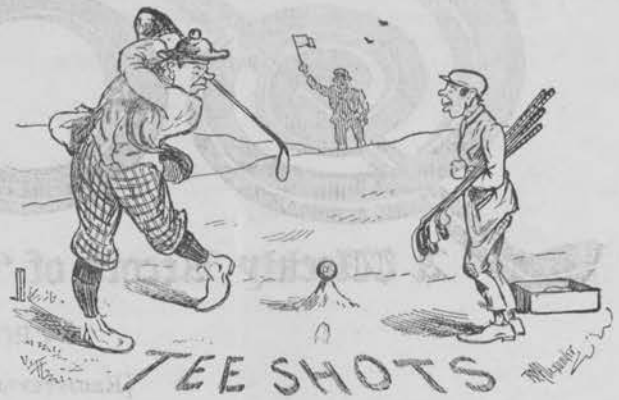
- May 12.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup; Kentish Gold Medal  
Whitley : Joicy Cup.  
Hayling Island Ladies' Club : Bath Challenge Star.
- May 15.—Durham : Osborn Cup.  
Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Medal.  
Dalhousie Club, Carnoustie : Half-yearly Meeting, 8 o'clock.
- May 16.—Dublin : Monthly Medal  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : Mackenzie Cup.  
Whitley : Spring Meeting.  
Great Yarmouth : Whitsuntide Meeting.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bennie and M'Laren Prizes.  
Disley : First Summer Handicap.  
Epsom : Monthly Medal.  
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.  
Felixstowe : Club Prize.  
Formby : Spring Meeting.  
Falkirk Tryst : Foursome Handicap Tournament.  
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.  
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Cup.  
Dalhousie Club, Carnoustie : Spring Meeting.
- May 16-18.—St. George's, Sandwich : Whitsun Meeting.  
Littlestone : Whitsuntide Meeting.
- May 16-23.—Royal North Devon : Spring Meeting.
- May 18.—Great Yarmouth : Whitsuntide Meeting.  
Royal Isle of Wight : Whit-Monday Meeting ; The Bembridge Sailing Club Prize ; Club Prize.  
West Lancashire : Whitsuntide Meeting.  
Buxton and High Peak : Club Medal.
- May 18-19.—Felixstowe : Whitsuntide Meeting.
- May 18-20.—Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes
- May 19.—St. George's (Sandwich) : Champion Challenge Cup (open to all amateurs).  
Falkirk Tryst : Monthly Handicap.
- May 20.—Southport : Ladies' Meeting.  
Royal Epping Forest : Noakes Cup.
- May 23.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.  
Edinburgh Watsonians : Club Prizes.
- May 28.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- May 29.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.  
Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Medal.
- May 30.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : The Crowther Cup.  
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Royal North Devon : Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.  
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.  
*Dundee Advertiser* : Leng Medal.  
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal and Nicholls' Cup.
- May 31.—Troon : Spring Meeting.

## Club Notices.

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**S**T. ANDREWS Golf Club and Ball Makers' Handicap Medal and Prizes, 16TH MAY, 1891.

**S**EAFORD GOLF CLUB.—CHALLENGE CUP.—  
The first Competition will take place on Whit Monday. The Competition will be decided by playing two rounds of the Links of 18 holes. The Competition is open to members of the Club only. A Cup will be presented to the winner. Entries must be made to the Hon. Sec. not later than three days before the Competition. Entry money, 2s. 6d., must be paid before starting. Play will commence at 10 a.m. J. FLETCHER FARNCOMBE, Hon. Sec.



The Staines Golf Club, which was started in October of last year, has now firmly established itself, and numbers over fifty members. The links are on Shortwood Common, and the clubhouse about five minutes' walk from the railway station. The course of nine holes, though not difficult, presents many pretty hazards, and the putting-greens are being got into first-rate order. The subscription is two guineas, and communications should be addressed to the honorary secretary, Tudor House, Staines.

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The committee of Luffness Golf Club have considered the objections arising out of the recent competition, and have sustained unanimously the decision of Mr. Hope.

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### THE GOLFER'S TOAST.

Here's to all golfers from duffer to don,  
May the former improve day by day ;  
May the don to his victories yet add on,  
And win the games he has still to play.

ALPHA.

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Mr. F. W. Wyndham, the captain of the Whitley Golf Club, and co-lessee of the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, took his annual benefit at that theatre, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. As a proof of Mr. Wyndham's large circle of friends in the North, it is pleasing to learn that the Royal was crowded to the doors, and the number of seats booked previous to the performance was the largest ever known. The entertainment was under the patronage of the Marquis of Londonderry, the Earl of Durham, and others. The principal item on the programme was "Bardell v. Pickwick," Mr. Wyndham appearing as the prosecuting counsel, the other parts being played by amateurs, among them being several of the leading Golf players in the North.

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A new Golf club has been organised, and a new Golf course laid out at Kilmalcolm. The links, which have just been placed on a playable footing by Willie Campbell, Bridge of Weir, are situated near Barclaven Moor, and are within ten minutes' walk of the railway station. The course is a nine-hole one, and, though it is not very long, it provides a very interesting round, the hazards being trees, broom, old walls, marshy ground, etc. The turf is of very fine quality, and ought in its natural state to provide very good putting-greens.

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It has been found necessary to postpone the Whitsun meeting of the Great Yarmouth Golf Club to the 23rd and 25th May, as on Whit Monday there will be a large camp of Volunteer Artillery on the links.

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At the Ranelagh Club the other day the conversation turned upon the disqualification of a player for stopping in his round for lunch, and the question was put, whether one might indulge in a high tea (on no account to be printed tee)? The querist is still pausing for a reply!

"Mrs. Macphairson, I wis hearing your wee boy, Tommie, his inventit a new club."

"Deed, ay, Mrs. McTurk. It's for pitting ba's intil bunkers—the wee cuttie—stoup!"

"The wee blackgyaird!"

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"Robert," said the fair young scratch of the ladies' course to the worthy green-keeper, "you are now an elderly man, and, if you will permit me to say so, wear your years with grace—"

"Ech?"

"I say you are an aged man now, and must have many sunny memories of Old Philp—perhaps even as a dear, wee, toddling boy! His parents, for instance—are they really dead?"

"I'm no shair, bit I ha'e guid reason for thinking no. He maun ha'e been a gey tyeuch yin, Auld Philp's faither!"

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"Mr. Robert, Mr. Robert!" cried the anxious young thing. "Is my husband out to-day? He only began yesterday, and we find he has this morning stolen away with all his clubs, and without waiting for his breakfast—dear Arthur!"

"Mem—fifteen divots at 'e second hole!"

"I beg your pardon!"

"Fifteen divots at 'e second hole! My instructions is peremptory till bury a' sich in yon bunker tae the Nor'-Wast!"

"Monster! Have you killed him?"

"Me and the committee uses a different word, mem; bit I ha'e authority frae them that there's nae objection to the freens o' deceased offenders pitting up heid-stanes i' the pairish kirkyaird—at the corp's chaigres, of coorse."

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COURTESY ON THE GREEN.—"Robert," says to me a toon leddy the efternin wi' a by, ornar heid for size and ither things, wi' only yin club, bit twa perambulators an' servant lasses a wheeling them—the wee cutties!—says she, "Maister Robert, they men ahint me is hurrying maist impairment! Wull 'ee tak' chaige o' my weans for a quarter of an hour," says she, "till I gang back and speak till 'em?"

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POINT OF GOLFING LAW.—"Maister Secretary," said Robert, firmly, "afore me and you goes further 'egither, I maun ha'e a judeccial exposition on the pint following, tae wit. Shortly before the hour o' twal the day I wis stawnin' in front o' the fift' hole gaun oot—quait fortuitous 'e ken—an' says a wee Maister Perjink wi' spectacles an' impudince corresponding, 'Old man git oot!' An', says the ither, 'ye'll jist bide whaur ye air! Ye kin remove naething growing!' 'Na, na! the rale pint is this, things connectit wi' the upkeep of the green! The —! Noo, Maister Secretary."

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"Robert! Inhuman monster! Ye're stawnin' on ane o' my weans!"

"Div'ee tell? Losh! I thoct I heard something cheeping!"

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Peter Jackson, junior's, ball, after a sweeping drive over fateful ground of trebly accursed repute, lies beautifully; but is picked up by an old woman, who returns it to the player with winning courtesy—"Ye ken, Mister, I ha'e nae use for't!"

Peter Jackson, junior, has given up all idea of studying for the Church.

## Review.

GOLF AND GOLFERS: PAST AND PRESENT. By J. Gordon McPherson, M.A., PH.D., F.R.S.E. 1s. 6d. William Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh and London: 1891.

Of making of books on Golf there is no end, but no one who has caught the prevailing infection will say of the little volume before us that the perusal of it is a weariness to the flesh. The writer, the Rev. Dr. J. Gordon McPherson, of Ruthven, Perth-

shire, is a valued contributor to GOLF, and the volume consists of a series of articles which, written originally for this and other papers and periodicals, are now republished "at the request of many excellent and enthusiastic golfers of the new school as well as of the old." Probably there is no class of the community who have so caught the Golf fever as the gentlemen of the cloth. In parts of the country that might be named, there are clubs of clergymen who have solemnly set apart Monday in each week as a regular field day, when they may indulge in the pleasures of the game to their soul's content, by way of corrective to the serious occupations of the Sunday. If rumour speaks truth, indeed, a half-hour is sometimes stolen from the Sunday evening meditations for a little preliminary practice, when nobody is looking, in lofting shots over the study writing-table into the spittoon by the fire-side. On the green, we can vouch for it, they are the jolliest of partners and the keenest of opponents, even though frailer mortals may take comfort with regard to their future when listening to the wealth and strength of anathema of which some of the brethren are capable upon occasion. Dr. McPherson is not a golfer of yesterday. Five-and-twenty years ago, when a student at St. Andrews, he was playing foursomes, as he tells us, with the late Mr. John Blackwood, of Straththyrum, one of the keenest players that ever touched a club, and it was there, five-and-twenty years ago, as he recalls with legitimate pride, that he made the lowest amateur score on record. "That record of 80"—the match was against young Tommy Morris—"has not since been beaten, though the links are now six strokes easier for play." Heavens! what a fate it was sent a player of such calibre and enthusiasm to be buried in an obscure Perthshire village, practically banished from his favourite pastime! What "flexibility of adaptation" is here? For fifteen years he never touched a club till last New Year's Day, when he played a game over the Braid Hills. Only those who have undergone a period of exile from a recreation which has become a passion can realise how infinitely pathetic is the following picture. Let those happy souls who enjoy their bi-weekly game year in and year out contemplate the picture without a shudder if they can:—

"During that interval he had been accustomed to look at his old weapons of war with the same personal fondness that a veteran angler studies his deadly hooks. That mid-noon—a rare old Hugh—which Major Boothby gave him for its remarkable powers of letting the donor have a chance of holing from its approach stroke! That split-ash-shafted grass-club (also a half-century Hugh), which could jerk a ball out of a cup with a force not unlike that given by the black-headed weapon of Captain Stewart! And so on! The glory of play seemed to have departed by the depressing isolation of a country parish work, and the happy reminiscences of the brilliant work done by the several clubs seemed to be all that would be left to a once very keen player."

But "pictured scenes of young delight" had "sunk deep into his breast" and fondly reverting unto years passed by, the reverend author has produced a book full of enthusiasm and interest about the history of the game, full of pleasant reminiscences about the doughty deeds, the pawky humour of the stalwarts, amateur and professional, of a generation ago, and full of hints, also, which modern votaries of the game may profit by.

In the first chapter we have a description of "St. Andrews Links Thirty Years Since," with the characters, not forgetting the caddies who frequented them. While it is interesting to note the changes which time and modern innovations have made in the Mecca of the golfing world, one can hardly help noticing in Dr. McPherson the infirmity common to men who are getting past the meridian of life for extolling the past—the good old days—at the expense of the present. Now-a-days, he thinks, "the niceties of the game are minimised, and force is taking the place of skill. The time was when a mistake at any place was severely punished; now, the course can be 'skuttered' without much loss." Of more general interest is the chapter on "Niceties in Golf," containing shrewd advice with regard to wrist shots, quarter shots, approaches, and stymie play. The writer of this notice, who claims only the negative merit of being assiduous in practice, is glad to acknowledge that he has already proved the soundness of Dr. McPherson's hints for stymie play. Having been fairly successful in the lofting plan of playing a stymie, he has always

adhered to it, but latterly he has tried "putting a screw on," and thereby in one match halved one hole and won another. There is a chapter on match-playing and medal-playing in Golf, where of course quite different elements come into account. Steadiness is defined as the distinguishing feature of the medal-player, and brilliancy that of the match-player. From this chapter we make the following extract in order that the suggestion embodied in it may get the consideration to which it is entitled:—

"The tournament system by holes instead of strokes is a standing confession of the marked difference between the two styles of play, and of the superiority of this test to bring out the really best players. Perhaps it could be improved upon a little more. Might not this plan be worth thinking about? Let the several competitors play two rounds of the links, and have their strokes marked; then let each player take the lower number of strokes out of these scores for each successive hole. In this way his selected round will be very much better than either; and it will show better his real place as a golfer. Of course a selection for more than two rounds would bring out the *type* play of the man; but that would be inconvenient with a number of competitors. The four lowest scorers would be on the short list for a personal tussle by holes. Each player would tackle the other three in singles. The one who gained the most of these singles would be champion. That is the general plan; modifying details would require to be introduced. In that way the elements of steadiness and brilliancy, nerve and skill, pluck and power, would be best brought out."

Other noticeable chapters are "The turning-point of a Golf Match," "Mannerism in Golf," "Finesse in Golf," in all of which are given, along with reminiscences of famous matches—models of what Golf-match reporting ought to aim at—numerous instances of critical skill being displayed just at the right moment to change the whole fortune of the day. A sore experience prompts the writer to observe that another piece of advice might usefully be given, and that is, never conceive too low an opinion of the capabilities of your opponent, and never assume, when you are four or six up at the turn, that you have got him in hand completely. To fuzzle a hole just then may put new life into your opponent, and send him off on a career of hole-winning, and finally lose you the match.

Throughout the book are interspersed specimens of the dry, pungent humour of the characteristic Scotch caddy. There is the well-known anecdote of Bill Strath, of St. Andrews, who, when asked if he saw a certain Professor on the green, would remark, "Ou ay, he's at the Ginger-beer Hole, tappin' his ba's, and d—ing awfu'." Another example is the inimitable criticism of the St. Andrews caddy when he was disgusted at the miserable play of a learned Professor:—"Ye jist skutter at gowf; it's easy enuch teachin' laddies Greek an' thae things; but it needs a hied tae play gowf."

We cannot more fitly conclude this notice of "Golf and Golfers" than by quoting from the introduction to the work, which has been written by Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P.:—"No one who has the least knowledge of, or interest in, the game—and the number of such is increasing (south of the Tweed at all events) by leaps and bounds—no one who cares for its history, or for the anecdotes illustrative of the doings of its heroes, professional and amateur, can do otherwise than derive much keen enjoyment from the book." It should be added that the volume, which is published at the modest price of eighteenpence, bears the following dedication on its title-page:—"To the Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, LL.D., M.P., the Chief Secretary for Ireland, an accomplished scholar, a strong thinker, a distinguished statesman, and a keen golfer, this volume is gratefully dedicated by the author."

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### THE PAYMENT OF CADDIES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In the hope that all interested in Golf read GOLF, I trust you will find me space to make an appeal on behalf of committee men.

My appeal is that every one who hires a caddie will ascertain the terms of remuneration of every club where he may be a player or a guest, and to never exceed the same.

As a committee man I have to take my humble share in framing for the general welfare the rules and regulations, and by my position I am bound to see them carried out. In doing my duty to the club I now find it most difficult to obtain the services of a caddie when I require one.

I would ask members and visitors alike to consider the difficulties of those who are working hard in their interests, and to conform strictly to the rules. If this does not fully satisfy their philanthropy let me appeal to them that, in order to meet their case, they will out of their overflowing abundance forward to the officials such amount as their conscience may require towards a fund for the general benefit of the caddies the distribution of such fund to be left to the discretion of the committee. Otherwise, a great injustice and wrong is being done to those who have the regulation and the welfare of their respective clubs in their keeping.

Not only committee men but all who read this and act on my appeal, and see that their friends do the same, will after a very short space of time find themselves better served in every way. I appeal to the honour of every man to uphold the committee, or oust it.

April 9th, 1891. I am, Sir, &c.,  
COMMITTEE.

### DESIGNS FOR MEDALS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—We purpose designing a medal for competitions such as would be applicable for general use amongst such clubs as are not prepared to go to the expense of a special die, and we shall feel grateful for any suggestions from honorary secretaries as to a suitable subject for the obverse. The reverse could be left blank for the usual engraving.

We are, Sir, &c.,  
158 to 162, Oxford Street, MAPPIN & WEBB,  
London, W., April 15th, 1891.

### A BALL IN WHINS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Mr. Everard has strengthened my case by making it known that Tom Morris takes the view for which I contend.

May I be permitted to suggest that your note to my last letter was entirely inconclusive, and that your reference to the play of caddies was not a considerate one. I have seen many professionals play, and their game is scrupulously fair, which is more than can be said for many amateurs who take up the game late in life, and never give themselves the trouble to learn the rules.

Mr. Everard and you make the good faith of the drop the test of its admissibility or inadmissibility. Is every golfer to learn thought reading? Besides your point falls to the ground if you test it by another rule. You have said that the rules assume that every one plays fair. They do not. If they did the rule which provides that if you hit your opponent or your opponent's caddie you lose the hole, would be an indefensible one. It is justified only by the assumption that your opponent would spoil your game if he could. The rule very often acts harshly. You are pitted against a wild player; he slices his ball, and it comes at right angles and hits you, though you are nearly a mile out of the line. Where is the fairness in that? But it is necessary to prevent carelessness or worse on the part of players of all sorts, and the rule is accepted everywhere.

I am, Sir, &c.,

April 6th, 1891.

J. P. CROAL

### THE VERB "TO HOLE."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In the review of "Famous Golf Links" in your last issue, I notice Mr. Hutchinson is reproved for his use of the word "held," the use of which in the phrase "he held the putt" &c., is called an undoubted solecism. The reviewer further asks whether the expression has ever been heard at St. Andrews or North Berwick, evidently regarding the word as solely of English use. I venture to take up the cudgels for Mr. Hutchinson, and maintain that the word "held," as used by him, is not a "solecism," inasmuch as it does not "differ from the established usage of writing and speaking" (in golfing language), which is, I believe, the definition of the word.

I have frequently heard the word applied in the sense Mr. Hutchinson uses it on St. Andrews and many other Scottish greens, and that by Scottish golfers who have never strayed to southern pastures.

I am, Sir, &c.,

CANTAB.

Dalhousie Club, Carnoustie, April 4th, 1891.

["Cantab." might easily have taken up the cudgels in a better cause than in the defence of a somewhat barbarous solecism. There is no justification, even in golfing language, for distorting the verb "to hole," and to make it conjugate as if it were the verb "to hold." Our correspondent proves nothing beyond the fact that a bad and inveterate habit is hard to eradicate.—E.D.]

### A PUTTING INCIDENT AT NEWHAVEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The report in your last issue of the opening of a new Golf links at Newhaven, and of the great difficulties experienced by most of the players in dealing with a sloping putting-green, will suffice to illustrate with great force a question which I have heard discussed by several golfers, viz. :—whether it is true Golf to place the hole in such a position as that described.

During the Easter holidays I was playing on a sea-side links, on which there was more than one green upon a slope, so great that on several occasions fairly good players took from five to ten strokes to hole the ball after it was on the green. Several of these strokes went within an inch or so of the hole, and then rolled four or five yards down the hill. In fact, it was purely a question of luck as to where the ball chose to stop, and chance took the place of skill.

In my humble opinion, while every effort should be directed by the committee of the green to make the approach to the putting-greens as difficult as possible, when he is once on the green the golfer's difficulties should cease.

It is a subject in which it would be interesting to have the views of other golfers.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A CONSTANT READER.

### ENGLISH GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In about the year 1860, at Westward Ho! four idiots (so called then), were following two white balls over the Northam Burrows—three of the number were clergymen, two of them distinguished schoolmasters, both double first-class men, and the other a barrister of exceptional ability—under the tuition of the Rev. Golfstone Gossamer. I had seen them often, but my special attention was called to them when I was breaking in a horse on the beautiful springy turf of what is now the Royal North Devon Golf links. It was raining hard, and the black suits of the three clergymen shone like wet mackintoshes. They took little notice of me, though I was nearly pitched off when I pulled up for a moment to witness the exertions of the barrister in his drive from the tee. All the sympathy I got was, "you should come down and play." "How," I afterwards remarked, "can educated men waste their time in such a childish dribbling game." These ideas, from that date to now, have been held by hundreds who have never taken the hickory wand in hand.

My first game. I lunched with a disciple of the Rev. Golfstone Gossamer, who has since been made famous by the inimitable sketches of Major Short Spoon. His other guests were an admiral, whose hands were as hard as a log ship, and a colonel, who, for about forty years, had been liberally supplied with ramrod soup, the one as awkward and strong as they are made, the other as stiff as a poker. It was snowing slightly, and I was induced, having nothing to do, to accompany them to the links. The said disciple was, in theory, a professor and yet a thorough duffer; but I gratefully accepted the loan of his clubs, and his copious instructions. He took me as his partner, and paid special attention to my style. And after I had got my hands and feet placed according to his directions, and made a few misses, I found I was able to drive as far as my teacher, and with quite as much precision as my opponents. I know on one occasion I covered forty-five paces from the tee, and nearly carried a bunker thirty yards distant. Our average strokes for the hole were about twelve or fourteen, but he did some in as few as eight or nine. None of the holes then were more than from 150 to 200 yards, and some shorter. After a very exciting match, we won at the last hole by one.

Strange to say, after this experience I altered my opinion with regard to the Educated Quartette. I became the possessor of clubs and balls, and have since agreed, with many practitioners of the noble art, that life without Golf is a poor affair.

I am, Sir, &c.,

OLD GOLFER.

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## THE WAIL OF A GOLF COURSE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It is not out of the abundance of time that I write you, but out of the friendship that I bear you." I cannot say that I was unaware of your illness for I have watched you for some years being hacked to pieces, but it has been out of my power to send you my sympathy until now. I quite agree with you in many points, and feel quite convinced that your physicians are merely practising upon you with the set purpose of seeing how long it is possible for you to exist while undergoing such torture. They know quite as well as I that your only hope of recovery lies in nature being allowed to take its course. Many times I have watched some of our students trying to extract your tumour with little mashies and about seventeen different new patent cleeks (which latter must be used, for the sake of euphony, for I think a cleek by any other name would look as neat). Why don't they carry a spade? They would get through the work in half the time. Oh! I see it now! It is because any one could come with a spade, which would make it too common, and they like to practise with the smaller instruments, because the operation of digging with them is more difficult, and has the appearance of fast becoming a very high-class art.

Why do these students use the cleek? Well, I do not like to say, but were I some one else I should say, just to show off when company are present at the dissecting-room to witness the agonies of silent sufferers like you. I am in hopes that some professor will shortly invent a new patent lymph to preserve your health and that of other greens, which, if administered to you while living, will be better than all the new instruments put together, and give the students less to answer for when the day of reckoning comes.

When you are sufficiently recovered I hope you will join me in getting up an Anti-Vivisection Society.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

Edinburgh, March 21st, 1891.

R. J. B. T.

## THE BRAIDS TOURNAMENT INCIDENT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am always much interested in answers given in your valuable journal to questions as to Rules.

In your last issue "H. M. B." asks a question answered by you, which if it is not impertinent on the part of a golfer I would be inclined to give a different answer to. The question is (*see* GOLF, April 17th) "If B had holed quickly and then seen A's ball setting itself in motion, would he have been within his rights in stopping it with club or foot?"

The answer you give is:—"Certainly not. The incident described is a piece of luck which not infrequently happens . . . . The player is entitled to profit by it."

Now, in our Hoylake Rules (and also, I think, in the Rules of the Royal and Ancient, though on this point I cannot be certain, not having a copy of the Royal and Ancient rules by me), the following rule applies:—"When a player's ball rests on the lip of the hole his opponent, after holing in the 'odd' or the 'like,' shall be entitled to strike away the ball which is at the lip of the hole, claiming the hole if he shall have holed in the 'like' and the 'half' if he shall have holed in the 'odd.' But no player shall be entitled to play until his opponent's ball shall have ceased rolling."

I take it the case in question is that A's ball had ceased rolling because "H. M. B." says "stopped." "B" might then play as quickly as he liked, and holing his ball, he had a perfect right to knock "A's" ball away, ere it began to move again, claiming a "half." I do not think there is anything in the term "lip of the hole," as nine inches is certainly within the spirit of the rule I have quoted. I think the whole question rests on whether "A's" ball had "stopped." If so, then you will pardon me, I think, when I say that your decision is wrong. The case has happened

to me more than once on a windy day, and the rule, as I read it, has never been questioned.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

A BRITHER SCOT.

Hoylake, April 17th.

[We hasten to assure "A Brither Scot," and all other Scottish brethren, that his and their criticism is welcome. The rule he quotes, however, has no application to the incident in question. A ball lying 9 inches from the hole cannot by any possibility be viewed as a ball lying "on the lip" of the hole. Many a good golfer who fancies himself to be a sure putter has missed an easy putt of 9 inches. A ball "on the lip" of the hole means a ball almost hanging over the rim of the hole and ready, by the mere shock of the opponent's ball falling into the hole, to drop in by the shaking of the ground. The incident comes under Rule IX. par. 24: "Whatever happens to a ball by accident, such as being moved or stopped by any person not engaged in the match . . . must be reckoned a rub on the green and submitted to." Our contention is, that the force which moved the ball was an intangible something outside the match, a puff of wind, the bending of a leaf of grass, or the disturbing influence of a foot tread. There could be no justification for "B" interposing his club or his foot to hinder the ball rolling into the hole. To allow a player such a discretionary power would lead to all kinds of unfair tactics; and any player who attempts to deal with his opponent's ball in the manner suggested by our correspondent ought to be promptly disqualified. That the incident has occurred to "A Brither Scot" more than once proves nothing but this, that he is endowed with an easy complaisance in submitting to penalties not provided for by the rules.—Ed.]

## GOLF ON THE RIVIERA.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have just returned from the south of France, and think it may be of interest to many golfers to know that very good links will be opened next season on the Riviera. Through the kindness of Mr. Corbett, the English Banker at Hyères, I was enabled a few days ago to visit the links, and we also played a foursome.

I feel pretty confident that with some few alterations it will become a very sporting round of 9 holes.

They are most conveniently situated, close to the station of Les Salines, which is about 4 miles from Hyères, the start for the first hole being within 150 yards of the station. The round has been laid out by the Pau professional, and Mr. Corbett has several men at work removing the meadow reeds which grow there, and sowing grass in their place.

A young Frenchman, who was employed on the links at Pau, is now looking after the greens. He is enthusiastic over the game, and also a good player and Golf-club maker.

The links are close to the sea, with lovely views over the Isles of Hyères and the hills around, and altogether will be welcomed by those who prefer bright sunshine, lovely flowers and the purest of air for the fog and east wind of a winter in England.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

C. HOME SINCLAIR.

East Sheen,

April 11th, 1891.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The golfing season at Cambridge is rapidly drawing to a close, and it is most satisfactory to note the leaps and bounds the game is making in popularity, not only here, but all round the county. Since October 1st, the large number of 120 new members have joined the Golf club. During the vacation there has been a lot of play, and the green is still in capital order.

This term, the cup and medal will be competed for, and there will be the usual weekly handicaps, as well as matches with other clubs. The new club-house has been begun, and will be ready by the October term. In consequence of its erection, some important changes will be made in the course, and the home hole and first teeing ground will be under the club windows.

Three professionals from St. Andrews are to be in attendance, and the caddies are to be registered. The St. Andrews medal will not be competed for this term.

The general meeting of the club for the election of president, captain, secretary, treasurer, and committee, for the important October term, will be held on Monday evening, April 27th, at the Lion Hotel at 8.30, when all members should try and be present.

The links close for play on May 12th, and re-open on October 1st. I am glad to learn that a town club is talked of.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. T. LINSKILL, Hon. Sec.

Cambridge University Golf Club, April 20th, 1891.

WEMYSS GOLF CLUB.—A match between sides chosen by the captain and secretary was played on Saturday last, the 18th inst., over the links Fourteen players a-side. The captain's side won by fourteen holes.

DORNOC.—On Saturday last, the 18th inst., Provost Sutherland's prize was again competed for. Captain Leslie with a score of 82, less 8=74, was the winner.

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—The winners of the club's monthly silver medal during the past year competed for a gold charm on Saturday afternoon, the 18th inst. Eleven of the twelve eligible members competed, the following being the result:—Vice-captain James Laurie, winner of the charm, score 78, scratch; Mr. G. Williamson, 81, scratch; Mr. W. Brown, 86, less 3=83; Mr. R. Ramsay, 85, scratch; Mr. J. Claucher, 92, less 7=85; Mr. A. Tod, 92, less 7=85; Mr. D. Laurie, 89, less 3=86; Mr. J. Burd, 91, less 3=88; Mr. J. Ireland, 89, scratch; Mr. R. Williamson, 97, less 5=92; and Mr. J. Whyte, 99, less 3=96.

DUNFERMLINE CLUB.—The Reid medal was competed for on the Ferryhills course on Saturday afternoon. Two rounds of the course of nine holes were played. The trophy was won by Mr. P. Goodall with an actual score of 78, plus 2=80. The following were the next in order in the cards returned:—Mr. W. Aikman, 92, less 8=84; Mr. W. Robertson, jun., 94, less 8=86; Mr. James Mathewson, 104, less 18=86; Mr. A. B. Don, 98, less 10=88; Mr. J. C. Macbeth, 106, less 18=88; Mr. R. H. Robertson, 97, less 8=89; Mr. R. Husband, 107, less 18=89; Mr. R. N. Wardrop, 108, less 18=90; Mr. R. Reid, 106, less 15=91; Mr. R. A. Wood, 108, less 15=93; Mr. W. Simpson, 108, less 15=93.

KIRKWALL.—The members of the Orkney Golf Club engaged in the first handicap competition for the season for Sheriff Armour's gold medal, which becomes the property of the member who wins it oftenest during the next six months, at Deerness Links, on Saturday. Weather fine, but the ground heavy. First five scores were as follows:—Dr. Bell, 113, less 9=104; Mr. McCowan (scratch), 107; Mr. D. Stewart, (scratch), 111; Mr. Buchanan (scratch), 112; Mr. L. Howman, 127, less 12=115.

INNERLEITHEN.—The monthly competition for the Ballantyne medal took place in fine weather on the Leithen course on the 16th inst. There was a very good turn-out of members. The following are the best scores:—Mr. R. T. Robertson, 95, less 14=81; Mr. J. R. Smith, 100, less 15=85; Mr. H. Ballantyne, jun., 101, less 15=86; Mr. J. Paton, 107, less 20=87, and Mr. J. S. Smail, 95, less 8=87—tie; Mr. M. G. Thornburn, 93, less 5=88; Mr. W. Lyon, 101, less 8=93; Mr. R. C. Smail, 106, less 6=100; Mr. A. Yellowlees, 114, less 12=102; Mr. W. Blackwood, scratch, 128.



ABERDEEN.

The spring meeting of the Aberdeen Club was held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 16th, 17th and 18th, over the club's private green at Balgownie Links. At the half-yearly meeting, which was held in the club-room on Thursday, the only business before the members was the consideration of a plan and estimates for certain alterations and additions proposed to be made on and to the club-house. After some discussion these were approved of, and instructions given to the council to have them carried out. The members then adjourned to the green to compete for the Johnston cup and the silver cross, the latter prize played for under handicap. Fifteen couples started. The weather was very unfavourable, a strong north-westerly wind prevailing accompanied with drenching showers, the conditions later in the day being all against good play. As a consequence, the cards handed in were very few, and the scores, with one exception, above the average. The exception was Mr. James Milne, who, playing in the forenoon, returned with an 85, and succeeded in carrying off both prizes. The following are the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. James Milne ...	85 scr. 85	Capt. H. V. Brooke	92 scr. 92
Mr. W. R. Reid ...	94 5 89	Mr. W. F. Orr ...	93 scr. 93
Mr. F. K. Weir ...	92 2 90	Mr. B. S. McLellan	98 4 94

On the Friday the weather conditions were much more favourable. The wind was still strong from the north-west and somewhat troublesome, but there was an absence of rain, and players went round in something like comfort. The prize played for was H.R.H. Prince Leopold's cup, and there was a large muster of the leading players. Ten couples started for the round of 18 holes, and some very fine work was accomplished. On comparing the cards handed in, it was found that Mr. J. McK. Ferguson had won the cup with the fine score of 80, coming in five strokes below the next in order. The following are the lowest scores:—

Strokes.		Strokes.	
Mr. J. McK. Ferguson ...	80	Captain H. V. Brooke ...	90
Mr. R. A. Nicholson ...	85	Mr. Fred. McCrae ...	91
Mr. W. R. Reid ...	85	Mr. J. Williams ...	92
Mr. W. F. Orr ...	86	Mr. B. S. McLellan ...	94
Mr. C. C. Macdonald ...	89	Mr. J. C. Dove Wilson ...	96

The meeting was brought to a conclusion on Saturday with the usual monthly competition for the Pickop cup, a prize played for under a handicap by holes. Eleven couples started, and the following was the result of the competition:—Major Craigie beat Dr. G. Ogilvie by 5 up and 3 to play, Mr. J. A. McClymont beat Mr. H. Ranken by 3 up and 1 to play, Dr. J. Macdonald beat Dr. J. Ogilvie by 5 holes, Mr. W. F. Orr and Mr. J. C. Dove Wilson halved, Mr. J. R. Whyte beat Mr. F. K. Weir by 4 holes, Mr. D. Littlejohn beat Mr. W. Moir by 4 up and 2 to play, Mr. W. R. Reid beat Mr. R. A. Nicholson by 4 holes, Mr. Fred. McCrae beat Mr. C. C. Macdonald by 4 holes, Mr. J. A. Adamson beat Mr. W. Grahame-Walker by 7 up and six to play, Mr. W. G. Jamieson beat Mr. H. W. Holland, Mr. W. C. H. Jopp beat Mr. T. Todd by 3 holes.

Over the old course on the Aberdeen links the members of the Victoria Club had their usual competition for their scratch prize, and Messrs. J. Williams and John R. Smith's prizes. The weather was favourable, and thirty players in all started. An inspection of the cards showed that Mr. Robert Anderson (2) had won the scratch prize with a score of 88, while Mr. David Gunn with a score of 96, less 13=83, had carried off Mr. Williams's prize for players in the first class. Mr. Smith's prize (for second-class players) fell to Mr. D. W.

Clark with a score of 106, less 10=96. The following are a few of the best cards :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. D. Gunn	96	13	83	Mr. J. Russell	89 +3 92
Mr. R. Anderson (2)	88	4	84	Mr. A. McCon-	
Mr. J. Forrest	89	4	85	nachie	90 +3 93
Mr. D. J. Innes	90	5	85	Mr. Alex. Cooper	95 s r. 95
Mr. G. Mortimer	90	4	86	Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	94 +3 97
Mr. W. H. Reid	92	5	87	Mr. G. Barron	98 1 97
Mr. J. B. Banks	94	5	89		

The members of the Bon Accord Club competed for Mrs. Longair's prize, which was decided by one round of the green. Some very good scores were handed in, Mr. F. Watt carrying off the prize with a score of 86, less 15=71. The following were the lowest scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. Watt	86	15	71	Mr. J. Florence	91 7 84
Mr. R. Reid	93	14	79	Mr. P. Webster	99 12 87
Mr. J. Michie	98	18	80	Mr. J. Fraser	99 11 88
Mr. J. Ogilvie	92	11	81	Mr. J. W. Murray	94 5 89
Mr. H. Glass	92	9	83	Mr. G. Flett	92 2 90
Mr. L. Anderson	89	5	84		

At the same time the members engaged in a hole match between teams chosen by the captain and secretary. After a closely-contested game, it was found that victory rested with the captain's team by six holes.

Playing over the old course on Tuesday, the 14th inst., with Mr. D. J. Innes, Mr. A. McConnachie, of the Victoria Club, holed out the round in the lowest figures done this season, viz., 78. His individual figures were as follows :—5 4 3 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 4 4 5 3 5 5 5 4=78.

BATH GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting was held at Sham Castle on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7th and 8th. The weather was bitterly cold, with a strong north-east wind and occasional sleet showers, which were not in favour of low scoring. The club has lost since its last meeting one of its best and most enthusiastic golfers, viz., the late Dr. Williams, whose death was noticed among the "Tee Shots" in a recent number of GOLF.

Spring meeting, Tuesday morning, April 7th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. A. B. Hill	97	14	83	Capt. Comber	126 30 96
†Col. Ricketts	110	24	86	Major Anderson	108 11 97
Mr. McKillop	120	27	93	Mr. Johnstone	126 27 99
Capt. Archdale	100	7	93	Rev. N. Thompson	131 30 101
Mr. P. V. Turner	106	12	94	Mr. Cradock	124 18 106
Capt. Crawford	108	14	94	Rev. Mr. Baynham	127 15 112
Mr. Willan	110	14	96	Rev. Mr. Leir	148 30 118

\* Winner of open challenge medal and memento.

† Winner of club handicap prize.

Tuesday afternoon :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Col. Ricketts	107	24	83	Mr. Stillop	118 27 91
†Capt. Crawford	98	14	84	Mr. A. B. Hill	108 14 94
†Mr. Crawford	100	16	84	Major Anderson	108 11 97
Mr. Barstow	115	23	92	Mr. Johnstone	125 27 98
Mr. Williamson	106	14	92	Rev. Mr. Baynham	114 15 99
Mr. P. V. Turner	104	12	92	Mr. Fyffe	140 30 110

\* Winner of St. Andrews cross and two-thirds of sweepstakes.

† Winner of one-third sweepstakes.

Wednesday morning, April 8th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. McKillop	112	27	85	Mr. Johnstone	123 27 96
Capt. Crawford	99	14	85	Rev. Mr. Thompson	126 30 96
†Mr. G. H. Clarke	101	16	85	Mr. Houldsworth	106 9 97
Mr. P. V. Turner	99	12	87	Mr. Willan	112 14 98
Col. Ricketts	109	20	89	Mr. Cradock	117 18 99
Major Anderson	102	11	91	Capt. Comber	130 30 100
Mr. A. B. Hill	103	12	91	Dr. Maitland	125 21 104
Mr. H. C. Barstow	92	23	92	Rev. Mr. Baynham	125 15 110
Capt. Archdale	101	7	94	Col. Clarke	148 30 118

\* Winner of prize presented by Mr. McKillop. † Club prize.

Wednesday afternoon :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. P. V. Turner	92	12	80	Col. Ricketts	114 20 94
†Mr. McKillop	112	27	85	Capt. Archdale	103 7 96
Mr. G. H. Clarke	102	16	86	Mr. Willan	113 14 99
Mr. A. B. Hill	99	12	87	Capt. Comber	130 30 100
Mr. Johnstone	117	27	90	Rev. Mr. Thompson	133 30 103
Mr. Cradock	111	18	93		

\* Winner of silver tankard and two-thirds of sweepstake.

† Winner of one-third sweepstakes.

BALLANTINE GOLF CLUB.

The extension of the Golf links, which gives nearly an additional mile, was played over last week for the first time. The links are now about three miles in extent, and are in very fair order. Some well-contested foursomes were engaged in. Rev. George Gladstone and Rev. F. J. Williamson, the secretary, played against Dr. Fullarton and Dr. Temple, and, after three competitions, parted exactly equal. Mr. John McCulloch and Mr. Lewis Temple each did the round on Saturday in 90.

BRUNTSFIELD LINKS GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, 9th inst., this time-honoured club took a new departure by holding a competition for four handicap prizes (presented by the captain, ex-captain, secretary, and Mr. James Inches respectively) over North Berwick links. A field of thirty entered the lists, and, on comparing cards, it was ascertained that Mr. C. D. Rutherford had secured the captain's prize with a net 81, the other prizes going to Messrs. W. Croall, R. Macdonald, and T. Miller. Subjoined are the best scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. D. Rutherford	99	19	81	Mr. J. Ainslie	96 5 91
Mr. W. Croall	94	14	82	Mr. J. D. Paterson	94 2 92
Mr. R. Macdonald	95	8	87	Mr. A. Melvin	110 18 92
Mr. T. Miller	103	14	89	Mr. D. McLaren	90 +3 93
Mr. A. Usher	94	4	90	Mr. J. Turner	95 2 93
Mr. J. S. Stevenson	95	4	91	Mr. T. Aitken	111 18 93

BUCKIE.

On Wednesday, the 15th inst., the monthly handicap competition for the captain's medal took place over the Strathlene Links here. Mr. John Keir proved to be the winner with a score of 91, less 12=79. The best of the remaining scores were :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. John Macdonald	92	10	82	Mr. J. Johnston	94 scr. 94
Mr. R. Annand	92	6	86	Dr. Duguid	106 12 94
Mr. W. F. Johnston	92	scr.	92		

At the same time the Webster challenge belt was played for by Mr. John Johnston (the present holder) and Dr. Duguid, and resulted in a tie.

CORNWALL COUNTY GOLF CLUB.

The second half-yearly competition, under handicap, for the gold medal given to the county club by their president, Lord Robartes, took place on Tuesday, March 31st. Mr. Marriott, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, carried off the prize somewhat easily, thanks to the liberal handicap of 27 strokes. The weather was perfect, and although the play in some cases was not quite up to the usual form, the scratch player, Mr. Edyvean, did two good rounds, but could not succeed in face of the 27 limit handicap in carrying off the trophy. Below is given the result of the day's play :—

	1st and 2nd		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
	Round.	Round.			
Mr. R. C. E. Marriott, D.C.L.I.	60	58	118	27	91
Mr. B. F. Edyvean	57	50	97	scr.	97
Mr. E. Cochran	55	54	109	11	98
Dr. Elliot, A.M.S.	63	63	126	27	99
Mr. C. H. Hext	52	55	107	5	102
Mr. R. P. Edyvean	64	66	130	27	103
Major Carden, D.C.L.I.	60	53	113	9	104
Mr. Melvill Sandys	58	57	115	9	106
Mr. H. J. Willyams	72	63	135	27	108
Mr. Young-Jamieson	58	62	120	11	109
Hon. Geo. Molesworth, D.C.L.I.	68	69	137	27	110
Mr. H. Mansel	57	64	121	9	112
Col. Parkyn	82	63	145	27	118

The final winter monthly competition took place the same afternoon. The weather was fine, and a field of fourteen competed. The winner was found in Mr. R. Pease, who, although a comparative novice at the game, bids fair to make a golfer of the first class. The optional sweep was won by Dr. Elliot, Mr. Young-Jamieson being second.

	1st and 2nd		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
	Round.	Round.			
Mr. R. Pease	59	65	124	40	84
Dr. Elliot, A.M.S.	61	65	126	48	86
Mr. W. Matthews	59	51	110	22	88
Mr. Young-Jamieson	53	54	107	18	89
Colonel Parkyn	66	64	130	40	90
Mr. R. P. Edyvean	60	63	123	30	93
Mr. B. F. Edyvean	50	47	97	scr.	97
Mr. E. Cochran	53	57	110	12	98
Hon. George Molesworth	72	68	140	40	100
Mr. Melvill Sandys	55	58	113	12	101
Mr. C. H. Hext	56	51	107	5	102

Major Carden, Mr. Marriott and Mr. H. Mansel made no return.



The competition between the winners of the six monthly handicaps played through the winter resulted as follows:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Col. Parkyn ...	62	68	130	40	90
Mr. W. P. Matthews ...	58	59	117	22	95
Mr. R. P. Edyvean ...	60	67	127	30	97
Mr. Melvill Sandys ...	55	56	111	12	99
Mr. E. Cochran ...	55	57	112	12	100
Mr. R. Pease ...	61	69	130	30	100

CORNWALL COUNTY LADIES' CLUB.

LADY ROBARTES'S GOLD MEDAL.

The first competition for the gold medal presented to the Ladies' Club by the President, Lady Robartes, took place on Friday afternoon, the 10th inst., having been postponed from the 3rd inst., when the weather was too bad for play. This being the first scratch competition played by the members, a considerable amount of interest was naturally taken in the result. After a very close game between Mrs. Edyvean and Mrs. Young-Jamieson, who played together, they finished a tie. The deciding round was played off, and Mrs. Edyvean succeeded in carrying off the coveted prize by two strokes. A considerable number of spectators were on the "green," and as all the competitors appeared for the first time in their pretty club uniform, the old Bodmin racecourse looked at its best.

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Gross.		1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Grs.
Mrs. Edyvean ...	60	53	113	Miss A. Barnett ...	61	62	123
Mrs. Young-Jamieson ...	60	53	113	Miss A. Alms ...	62	68	130
Mr. Simpson ...	53	63	116	Miss C. Alms ...	61	71	132
Miss Fenwick ...	61	61	122	Miss K. Peter Hoblyn ...	71	66	137

Deciding round—Mrs. Edyvean, 50; Mrs. Young-Jamieson, 52.

Mrs. Simpson won the optional sweep, Miss A. Barnett taking second prize.

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.

The Cumbrae Golf course has recently been extended from six holes to nine holes, and has been otherwise altered and improved. The half-yearly meeting took place on Monday last week, when the Arthur cup was competed for under the most favourable conditions as regards the weather. When the cards were handed in the following were found to be the best scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Alex. Russell ...	111	18	93	Mr. J. C. Sharpe ...	114	7	10
Mr. W. McFarlane ...	108	5	103	Mr. H. W. Davidson ...	122	8	114
Mr. J. L. Davidson ...	119	14	105				

Mr. Russell is accordingly the winner of the cup, and holds it for the next six months. The competition for the McFarlane gold medal was also concluded on Monday, the winner being the competitor who has the best aggregate of four scores out of twelve competitions. The result was found to be that Mr. J. C. Sharpe was the winner with 376 strokes for the 72 holes, or an average of 94 strokes per medal round. Mr. W. McFarlane was second with 377; Mr. T. McFarlane, 382; Mr. Archibald Cameron, 398. The vice-captain, Mr. A. Russell, has intimated his intention of presenting a gold medal to the club for competition.

DUMBARTON GOLF CLUB.

The members of this club competed for the monthly medal on Saturday last week. The weather was fine, and there was a large turnout of competitors. The best scores were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. Hardwicke ...	88	12	76	Mr. John Kenzie ...	91	8	83
Mr. J. McClelland ...	82	2	80	Mr. A. Herd ...	84	scr.	84
Mr. W. Aitken ...	91	8	83	Mr. J. Liddle ...	97	12	85

The tie between Mr. W. S. Anderson and Mr. G. Reid for the previous month's medal was played off, and resulted in favour of Mr. Anderson.

ANNANDALE CLUB (LOCKERBIE).—On Saturday afternoon a match took place on Lockerbie Hill, the course of the Annandale Golf Club, between Mr. James Halliday, Greenbank, who had for partner Mr. David M'Jarrow, Fairfield, and Mr. Donald Stewart, Mayfield, who was partnered by Mr. John Duncan, Dryfesdale Place. The course was in excellent condition, and, barring a strong wind, the day was favourable for the game. In the first round of nine holes Mr. Stewart and Mr. Duncan secured four holes, Mr. Halliday and Mr. M'Jarrow two, and three were halved. The winners of the first round started the second with stronger play, and by the time the fifth hole was reached had the match in hand, which they won by six holes, Mr. Halliday and Mr. M'Jarrow playing up keenly to the last half-dozen holes.

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal handicap and sweepstakes were played for on April 10th and 11th. The putting-greens are still very difficult, as, although fairly level, owing to a long spell of dry weather, they have been difficult to get into order; but as the new ground has only been opened about a fortnight, this defect will soon be remedied. Results:—

GENTLEMEN.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Col. Maitland, C.B. ...	90	scr.	90	Mr. G. Marshall ...	124	16	108
Capt. Hon. N. Byng ...	117	25	92	Sir Staveley, G.C.B. ...	137	25	112
Mr. M. Edye ...	120	22	98	Col. Dausey ...	138	18	120
Mr. H. Keppel ...	112	14	98	Mr. C. Powell ...	142	16	126
Sir G. Duntze, Bart. ...	104	scr.	104	Mr. L. Powell ...	156	25	131
Col. Stack ...	125	19	106	Mr. H. Staveley ...	145	18	123
Mr. Maudslay ...	119	10	109	Comte J. Rochaid ...	176	45	131
Mr. J. Nation ...	97	+12	109	Mr. Guy Chetwynd ...	188	18	170

LADIES.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Stephenson ...	126	5	121	Miss Graiyer ...	133	scr.	133
Miss Nation ...	134	10	124	Miss Stack ...	155	16	139
Miss M. Gordon ...	142	16	126	Miss A. Graiyer ...	141	scr.	141
Miss B. Gordon ...	132	5	127	Mrs. W. Stephenson ...	160	28	132

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The sixth and final winter handicap was contested on Saturday, April 18th. The weather was fair, but the greens were very bare and keen, and the scores were not so good as usual. Rev. J. Bourne secured a win for the winter medal, and also took the first sweepstake prize; his score of 102 was the best gross score made. The second and third sweepstakes fell to Rev. G. O'Brien and Mr. A. Hutton. The following were the best returns:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Rev. J. Bourne ...	102	13	89	Mr. H. Garrett ...	115	16	99
Rev. G. O'Brien ...	127	36	91	Mr. J. Mills ...	125	25	100
Mr. A. Hutton ...	114	22	92	Mr. A. H. Dixon ...	126	25	101
Mr. S. Thackeray ...	113	19	94	Mr. W. Bell ...	105	scr.	105
Mr. G. Hutton ...	116	22	94	Mr. J. D. Milne ...	123	18	105

No returns from several players.

DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap for the Club Medal took place on Saturday. The day could not have been finer, and the "greens" were in excellent condition. Everything, therefore, tended towards low scoring. Owing to the match reported below, the entries for the medal were not so numerous as usual, and perhaps it was unfortunate that the two clashed, although it was a circumstance that could not be avoided. Mr. A. T. Johns was easily the winner, with a gross score of 102—handicap, 30; nett, 72. The following were the returns handed in:

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. T. Johns ...	102	30	72	Mr. J. Lumsden, jr. ...	91	7	84
Mr. E. H. Johns ...	97	19	78	Mr. J. Lumsden, sen. ...	93	9	84
Mr. G. C. May ...	101	21	80	Captain D. Kinloch ...	90	5	85
Mr. J. Rutherford ...	108	28	80	Mr. W. Keating ...	114	28	86
Mr. J. H. S. Russell ...	98	16	82	Mr. W. H. Russell ...	122	30	92
Mr. W. H. Dodd ...	107	25	82	Mr. H. M'Kean ...	131	30	101
Mr. J. M. Dickson ...	99	16	83				

The match arranged between Captain K. M'Laren's and Mr. J. W. Peisley White's teams was played on Saturday at Dollymount. The former team was composed of seven officers of the Curragh Brigade and five of the Dublin District, the latter of twelve members of the Dublin Golf Club, but the team must not be at all considered as representing the strength of the Club, as it was more or less a private match. Play commenced at a little before 12 o'clock, but it was considerably later before the last couple got away. As will be seen from the subjoined list, the match between Captain Kinloch and Mr. J. Lumsden, jun., was very even, the latter working hard to avoid defeat, and it was a matter of give and take all through. Just the reverse was the case with Mr. J. D. S. Lockhart and Mr. J. H. Pigot, the former playing an exceptionally strong game, doing the round in 82, and never giving his opponent a chance. Mr. Lockhart's driving and approaching were very fine, indeed. Captain M'Laren and Mr. J. W. Peisley White were very even on the first half round, and it was only on the return half that Mr. White got away from his opponent. Mr. Hibbert proved altogether too much for Mr. May, although the latter played a very good game. Mr. J. M. Dickson, Mr. George Green, and Mr. A. L. Figgis played well for their side, scoring 13 between them; but Captain M'Laren's team was all round too strong for their opponents, and won by 14 holes to the good. After luncheon several most interesting foursomes were played, each being on the whole very even. A most enjoyable day was spent on "The Bull," and a return match will probably

take place at no distant date. The following is the result of the match:—

CAPT. M'LAREN'S (A.D.C.) TEAM.		MR. J. W. PEISLEY WHITE'S TEAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Capt. D. Kinloch	1	Mr. J. Lumsden, jun.	0
Mr. J. C. Aitken	4	Mr. "Surgeon"	0
Mr. J. D. S. Lockhart	12	Mr. J. H. Pigot	0
Capt. K. M'Laren	0	Mr. J. W. Peisley White	6
Major Wylie	0	Mr. J. M. Dickson	6
Capt. Chichester	3	Mr. V. Kyrke	0
General Moncrieff	3	Mr. J. Brown	0
Mr. Ingram	3	Mr. A. P. G. Henderson	0
Capt. Kevill-Davies	2	Mr. E. H. Johns	0
Major Inglis	0	Mr. George Green	3
Mr. Hibbert	5	Mr. G. C. May	0
Mr. Bolton	0	Mr. A. L. Figgis	4
Total	33	Total	19

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the Osborn cup was played on Friday, April 17th. Result:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	3rd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Hutchinson	34	37	41	112	20	92
Dr. O. F. N. Treadwell	34	33	31	98	3	95
Mr. A. McKinlay	41	35	34	110	15	95
Mr. H. E. Ferens	49	37	39	125	30	95
Mr. J. Duncanson	34	33	37	104	8	96
Mr. E. S. Robson	38	38	38	114	10	104
Mr. G. P. Blagdon	40	41	35	116	10	106
Mr. W. Oldham	43	49	50	142	24	118

EDINBURGH BURGESS CLUB.

In fine weather, the spring meeting of the Edinburgh Burgess Club took place on the 16th inst., at Musselburgh, when there was a muster of members considerably more numerous than at the corresponding meeting last year. The club opened its competitive season as usual with play for the gold medal, which in a sense carries with it the championship of the society for the year. This medal is, of course, a merit award, but in order that the competition may have interest as well for the rank and file of the club as for the "cracks" there was also offered for competition at this time the handicap medal of the society, and several prizes presented by members of the club. The field was one of thirty-seven players, as compared with twenty-seven at the spring meeting last year, and with the exception, perhaps, of Mr. A. M. Ross, who is at present in London, most of the best players of the society took part in the competition. The weather, upon which depends so greatly the success of a meeting of this kind, was fair and bright, and the course was in good order. One thing alone told against very low scoring. A strong westerly wind prevailed, into the teeth of which players had to drive coming up the sea stretch. This wind was no doubt troublesome on the homeward journey, but it was scarcely so strong as to account altogether for the general tendency of the cards to be high. Two rounds of the green decided the competition, and as play did not begin till early in the afternoon, it was six o'clock before the return of all the cards enabled the result to be ascertained. The best of the scores for the first nine holes was that of Mr. J. Swan, whose 43 promised to secure him, given at all similar play in the second half, a high, if not the highest, place among the actual cards. The next best score for the nine holes was that of Mr. Gregor M'Gregor, the winner of the gold medal last year with 87. Mr. M'Gregor, though taking one too many to the third and second last holes, completed the round in 46. Mr. J. Williamson, who was playing with Mr. Oliver Thomson, had the first nine holes in 48, while Mr. Thomson, very much "off colour," took 53. In the second round Mr. M'Gregor maintained the same steady form as he had shown in the first. He improved upon the first half by a stroke, and his card of 91 for the 18 holes again secured him the custody of the gold medal—Mr. Swan, who played his first competition as a member of the club, following off in the second round and taking 49. The handicap medal was won by Mr. A. M'Donald, who was fortunate enough at the corresponding meeting last year to find his way into the prize list. After the competition, the members of the club dined together in the club-house, when a very enjoyable social evening was spent. The details of the day's play are as follows:—

GREGOR M'GREGOR (Gold Medal).

First round	5	5	5	4	5	6	6	4=46
Second round	4	5	5	5	7	5	4	6=45

In the handicap competition the best scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
*Mr. A. M'Donald	102	14	88	Mr. P. Taylor	96	scr. 96
Mr. R. S. Bryson	96	6	90	Mr. H. B. Ferrier	96	scr. 96
Mr. A. B. Doughty	105	14	91	Mr. K. Watson	104	8 96
Mr. J. Swan	92	scr.	92	Mr. Alexander Gray	97	scr. 97
Mr. A. Gunn	102	8	94	Mr. J. Williamson	97	scr. 97
Mr. J. Paterson	112	18	94	Mr. T. Aitken	98	scr. 98
Mr. J. P. Omond	112	18	94	Mr. A. J. Hodge	102	4 98
Mr. G. M'Gregor	91	+4	95	Mr. J. Easton	102	4 98
Mr. J. F. Cockburn	107	12	95	Mr. R. Ireland	114	16 98

\* Handicap medal.

ELIE GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of the Golf House Club, Elie, took place on Saturday last, when there was a good turn-out of members. The meeting was favoured with good weather, and the links were in first-rate condition.

For the Thomson silver club (scratch) the following members started:—Sir Ralph Anstruther and Mr. —; Mr. J. E. Laidlay and Dr. S. C. Fowler; Mr. W. Morgan and Mr. T. Sime; Mr. J. H. Outhwaite and Mr. J. M. Shepherd; Mr. J. M. Bow and J. J. Cook; Mr. John Ferguson and Rev. R. B. Blyth; Colonel Outhwaite and Rev. A. Legge; Mr. Chas. Orr Paterson and Mr. A. Thomson; Dr. Ferguson and Rev. George Laing; Mr. D. W. Bowman and Mr. G. R. Fortune; Mr. J. Scott Davidson and Mr. H. M. Ketchen. The cards having been handed in Mr. J. E. Laidlay was found to be the winner, with a score of 63.

In the afternoon the Henry gold medal (handicap) and sweepstake were played for, the following members starting:—Sir Ralph Anstruther and Mr. —; Mr. A. Bethune and Mr. W. Morgan; Mr. J. F. Berwick and R. A. Taylor; Mr. J. H. Outhwaite and J. M. Shepherd; Mr. J. J. Cook and J. M. Bow; Mr. J. E. Laidlay and Dr. Fowler; Mr. T. Sime and D. W. Bowman; Rev. A. Legge and Colonel Outhwaite; Mr. C. G. Dawson and Dr. Ferguson; Mr. C. Orr Paterson and A. Thomson; Rev. A. B. Blyth and Mr. John Ferguson; Mr. H. M. Ketchen and J. Scott Davidson; Mr. G. R. Fortune and Mr. —. The cards being examined, the following were found to be the winners:—Henry gold medal and 1st sweepstake, the Rev. A. Legge, 73, less 8=65; 2nd sweepstake, Mr. J. H. Outhwaite, 71, less 5=66; 3rd sweepstake, Mr. T. Sime, 69, less 2=67; 4th sweepstake, Mr. J. E. Laidlay, 64, plus 4=68; 5th sweepstake, Dr. Ferguson, 80, less 10=70; 6th sweepstake, Mr. W. Morgan, 76, less 5=71, and Mr. C. Orr Paterson, 76, less 5=71.

FETTESIAN-LORETTONIAN GOLF CLUB.

Splendid golfing weather favoured these old Scotch public school-boys on Monday, the 13th inst., when they held their annual spring meeting over the Musselburgh links. The inducements to competition were the gold medal (scratch) and the silver cup (handicap) but with Mr. J. E. Laidlay—who has had uninterrupted possession of the former since the institution of the club—in the field again, the result of the scratch competition was a foregone conclusion. Mr. Laidlay, who played a very steady game throughout, never leaving himself too much to do at short range, once more made good his almost prescriptive right to the gold medal with a card which read as follows:—First round, 6 5 5 3 6 5 4 4 3=41; second round, 5 6 5 3 4 5 4 5 4=41; total, 82. The silver cup handicap fell to Mr. G. H. Gibson Carmichael, who also played steadily throughout, and finished with two 48's, reduced by handicap to 78. Subjoined are the leading handicap scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. G. H. Gibson Carmichael	96	18	78	Mr. H. F. Caldwell	94	9 85
Mr. Douglas Paton	93	12	81	Mr. J. E. Laidlay	82	+4 86
Mr. C. Cathcart	97	15	82	Mr. H. L. Sanderson	96	10 86
Mr. J. F. Bayley	95	12	83	Mr. F. W. M. Kitto	90	2 88
Mr. C. W. Berry	100	16	84	Mr. F. A. Macfarlane	105	16 89
Mr. A. Neilson	102	18	84	Mr. A. H. Cathcart	98	9 89
				Mr. A. Marshall	103	12 91

EDINBURGH BRAIDS GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition of the Braids Golf Club was held over the Braids course for the gold monthly medal and the second stage of the Murray charm. Scoring was high, owing to the strong wind. The best scores were as follows:—Medal, Mr. J. Johnston, 83, less 4=79; Mr. J. S. Campbell, 86, less 5=81; and Mr. R. E. Nicol, 93, less 10=83.

WHITLEY CLUB.—The Wyndham cup (the gift of the captain, Mr. F. W. Wyndham), was played for over the Whitley course last Saturday, this being the seventh competition for the trophy. The players were favoured with beautiful weather, and the result was in favour of Mr. Hedley, who won somewhat easily. The scores were:—Mr. J. Hedley, 105, less 7=98; Mr. J. Hansell, 123, less 13=110. The remainder of the competitors made no return.

FORFARSHIRE COMPETITION.

The annual general meeting of the Montrose Royal Albert Golf Club was held last week within the club-house, when there was a large attendance of members. The treasurer presented his annual report which showed that receipts amounted to £481 2s. 11d. The expenditure on the new club-house had been £343 3s. 3d., while the ordinary annual expenditure was £122 12s. 7d., there being thus left a balance of £15 7s. 1d. in favour of the club. The following office-bearers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Captain, the Hon. the Master of Arbuthnott; secretary, Dr. Stone; treasurer, Mr. Arthur Dickson, solicitor; members of council, Rev. Robert Duncan and Mr. W. M. J. Paton. The captain, secretary, treasurer and the two councillors along with the medal-holders form the council for the year. The following new members were admitted: Right Hon. J. Campbell Bannerman, M.P., Belmont Castle, Meigle; Colonel T. H. Ochterlonie, the Guynd; Mr. Thomas Congleton, Sheriff Clerk of Forfarshire; and Captain W. H. Ritchie.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the members competed for the original gold medal, when the following couples started:—Mr. A. J. Pearson and Mr. R. B. Pearson; Mr. A. R. Duncan and Mr. P. Chalmers; Mr. W. Smith and Dr. James Key; Rev. T. A. Cameron and Mr. M. M. Prain; the Hon. the Master of Arbuthnott and the Hon. W. Arbuthnott; Mr. A. Smith and Mr. A. Lyall; Mr. D. S. Campbell and Dr. Soutar; Dr. Mackie and Rev. R. Forgan. Mr. P. Chalmers of Auldbar and the Rev. R. Forgan tied for the medal with 91 each, and on the tie being played off the trophy was won by the Rev. R. Forgan.

At a later part of the day the first round of the competition under handicap, for the Foote-Millar cup was played with the following result:—Mr. W. Pearson (3) beat Mr. R. C. H. Millar (9) by 8 up and 7 to play; Dr. Stone (5) beat Rev. T. A. Cameron (4) by 1; Dr. Key (6) beat Dr. Mackie (6) by 11 up and 7 to play; Hon. W. Arbuthnott (8) beat Mr. A. Smith (3) by 1; Hon. the Master of Arbuthnott (5) beat Rev. R. Duncan (12) by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. D. S. Campbell (9) beat Mr. A. Lyall (9) by 3 up and 1 to play; Dr. Soutar (5) beat Mr. R. Pearson (3) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. R. H. Millar (8) drew with Mr. A. G. Pearson (4); the Rev. R. Forgan (scratch) and Mr. A. R. Duncan of Abbeythune got byes.

At the annual business meeting of the Forfar Golf Club Mr. John F. Craik was elected president, and Messrs. D. M. Graham and J. W. Adamson vice-presidents. Mr. Brodie was again elected to the post of secretary and treasurer, an office which he has now held for twenty years. A committee of management was also appointed. The Forfar Golf Club continues to prosper, there having been no fewer than thirteen new members added during the year.

The members of the Monifieth Golf Club have commenced to compete for the Gilroy challenge cup, which will be played for in heats every Saturday and Wednesday alternately until won. As the result of the ballot, the following four couples secured byes which exempted them from playing in the first heat:—Mr. Thomas Lillie and Mr. David Anderson; Mr. David B. Hampton and Mr. Robert Christie; Mr. W. T. Baillie and Mr. James C. Burns; Mr. Thomas Douglas and Mr. W. Lorimer.

In the first heat which came off on Saturday afternoon, the players with one or two exceptions, were badly partnered. Subjoined is the result:—Mr. I. Drimmie, jun., beat Mr. A. S. Black by 1; Mr. A. R. C. Paterson scratched to Mr. J. R. Fairweather; Mr. John Hendry beat Mr. D. S. Bissett by 8; Mr. Geo. Wright beat Mr. Alex. Grieve by 17; Mr. Geo. Fox beat Mr. W. Hanton by 2; Mr. James M'Intosh scratched to Mr. D. Dempster; Mr. W. Livie beat Mr. W. Andsley by 13; Mr. W. Rennie beat Mr. E. C. Paterson by 4; Mr. D. Dargie beat Mr. R. B. Cowan by 4; Mr. Thomas Bruce scratched to Mr. W. Fox; Mr. D. G. Glennie scratched to Mr. G. Macadam; Mr. G. Pearson beat Mr. George Davidson by 8; Mr. G. Smart scratched to Mr. D. Smyton; Mr. W. Young beat Mr. W. Hutcheson by 2; Mr. J. Johnston beat Mr. Alex. Bowman by 9; Mr. D. L. Low beat Mr. Andrew Walker by 3; Mr. W. S. Wilson beat Mr. John Walker by 4; Mr. S. G. Macdonald scratched to Mr. I. Drimmie; Mr. J. H. Dunlop and Mr. W. Adie absent; Mr. A. Johnston beat Mr. H. Christie by 3; Mr. D. Robertson beat Mr. A. Moir by 4; Dr. Gowans scratched to Mr. D. Hanton; Rev. R. Steven scratched to Mr. J. M. Walker; Mr. Tom Christie beat Mr. Alex. Christie by 1.

The best scores were made by Mr. George Wright, at 82; Mr. David Robertson, 83; Mr. John Hendry, 84; and Mr. David Dargie, 86.

In fine golfing weather the monthly competition of the Carnoustie Caledonian Club took place on Saturday last. A large number of players started, and low scoring was the feature of the afternoon. The sweepstake prizes were won as follows:—1. Mr. J. H. Duncan, 92, 13 below average; and 2. Mr. Archibald Colquhoun, 87, 11 below. The prize for the lowest score was won by Mr. David Winter with 83. Mr. David Whitton played the round at 88, and Mr. David Kidd at 96.

A painful sensation has been created in Montrose by the disappearance of the Rev. J. A. St. Clair, minister of Melville Parish Church, a familiar figure on the Golf course, and a member of the Royal Albert Club. As rumours regarding his mysterious departure from the town had got abroad—one report stating that he had been seen in London—the church was crowded on Sunday to see if he would occupy the pulpit. After a long and awkward pause the session clerk intimated that the Rev. Mr. St. Clair had not put in an appearance and had not sent a supply, and they were thus placed in a very unfortunate position. One of the laymen then offered up a prayer, and after the singing of a psalm the congregation dispersed. Mr. St. Clair is married, and has a family of four sons. The youngest is not a fortnight old. Mrs. St. Clair, it is averred, has also had the misfortune to lose the assistance of one of her servants within the last few days.

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The first of four monthly competitions for a prize presented by the captain, Mr. J. Shepherd, took place on Saturday, the 18th inst., when Mr. G. F. Smith, with a fine score of 85, less 4=81, put in a win. The following returns were also handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Hornby ...	92 7 85	Mr. D. Webster ...	108 11 97
Mr. E. Hewer ...	96 6 90	Mr. J. S. Beauford...	104 6 98
Mr. W. Potter ...	93 2 91	Mr. P. S. McCulloch	106 8 98
Mr. J. Fairclough...	94 3 91	Mr. G. Rheam ...	112 13 99
Mr. J. Cullen ...	97 5 92	Mr. G. R. Cox ...	104 3 101
Mr. H. Eccles ...	106 14 92	Mr. J. E. Pearson...	116 15 101
Mr. J. Shepherd ...	97 4 93	Mr. H. H. Hosack	118 16 102
Mr. J. F. Shepherd	118 25 93	Rev. J. B. Richardson	137 25 112
Mr. F. S. M. Dixon	99 3 96	Mr. J. Rose ...	128 15 113
Mr. W. F. Chadwick	104 8 96		

Eleven players made no return.

GIRVAN GOLF CLUB.

The third and concluding scratch competition for the Heneage medal took place over the Girvan course on Saturday, when, the weather being fine, there was a large turn-out of members who took part in the contest. As the result of the day's play it was found that Mr. Robert Brown, banker, was the winner of the medal, his scores being as follows:—1st competition, 89; 2nd competition, 92; 3rd competition, 87. Total, 268. Mr. Jas. Brewster, banker, was second with an improving score, and there was a tie for third place between Mr. John Eaglesome and the Rev. C. A. Thomson.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

The links at Alexandra Park were in a state of congestion on Saturday, there being over a hundred couples out playing. The occasion was the annual competition for the Stewart cup (handicap), for which fifty-nine couples started. The cup is competed for annually, the winner in three consecutive competitions being entitled to claim it as his property. The weather on Saturday was all that the most fastidious could desire. An examination of such cards as were handed in, however, showed that the scoring all over was above the average. The winner of the cup was found to be Mr. Jas. Raeside, with 87, less 15=72.

FIRST DIVISION.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Nellie ...	81 2 79	Mr. Arch. Wilson...	80 scr. 80
Mr. John Storrar ...	82 3 79	Mr. Andrew Muir...	84 3 81

SECOND DIVISION.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. cp. Net.	
Mr. Geo. Macdonald	88 11 77	Mr. Sheriff Lees ...	86 7 79
Mr. W. C. Cunningham ...	84 6 78	Dr. Ogilvie...	87 8 79
		Mr. James Tullis ...	87 8 79

THIRD DIVISION.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Jas. Raeside ...	87 15 72	Mr. John Guthrie ...	92 14 78
Mr. D. Fullerton, sen.	89 14 75	Mr. E. J. C. Welsh	93 15 78
Mr. W. M. Shanks	89 14 75	Mr. W. M. Paton...	94 16 78
Mr. And. Welsh ...	90 12 78	Mr. A. M. M'Donald	94 16 78

Actual scores under 90 not already mentioned were:—Mr. And. Morison, 82; Mr. D. Bone, 83; Mr. T. M. Motion, 84; Mr. John Doleman, 85; Mr. A. Porteous, 86; Mr. David Robertson, 86; Mr. W. Doleman, 88; Mr. Jas. Meek, 88; Mr. T. Ross, 88; Mr. D. Colville, 89; Mr. J. Webster, 89; Mr. R. Turnbull, 89; Mr. A. W. Tod, 89.

HARRISON GOLFING CLUB.—The fortnightly competition for the club's gold medal was held in Harrison Park, Edinburgh, on Friday, the 17th inst., when the medal was won by Mr. D. Menzies with a score of 49, less 2=47, for ten holes.

## GLASGOW UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The Golf section of the Glasgow University Athletic Club held their spring meeting on Saturday. By courtesy of the Troon Golf Club the meeting took place over the links at Troon, and the weather was of the most favourable description. The principal competitions were for the Fraser gold medal and gold memento (scratch); and for the club gold medal (handicap); and the following joined in the competition:—Mr. J. G. Sewell, Mr. A. K. Murray, Mr. R. Hutcheson, Dr. Bruce Goff, Mr. J. S. Carrick, Mr. G. Gillespie, Mr. S. Fowles, Rev. G. E. Lee, Mr. Arch. Campbell, Mr. Robt. Brown, Mr. C. E. Beckett, Mr. W. N. Sime, Mr. F. W. Robertson, Mr. Charles Aird, Mr. Andrew McMurray, Mr. N. D. McMichael. Mr. J. S. Carrick was found to be the winner of the scratch medal with 89, and Mr. And. McMurray was second with 90. We were unable to ascertain who won the handicap medal, or to obtain any of the other scores. Mr. J. S. Carrick was the winner of the Fraser medal when it was last played for, with a score of 88.

## GULLANE.

Members turned out pretty largely on the occasion of the spring meeting at Gullane on Monday, and they were favoured with lovely golfing weather. The competition took place under hole and handicap conditions, one round of twelve holes deciding the different matches. Some fifty competitors drove from the tee, and scratch players were fairly well represented. In the first round of ties Mr. S. H. McCulloch and Mr. G. Gordon Robertson had a very fine match. Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, whose game has been improving remarkably of late, won his tie with something to spare. Mr. R. Melrose had rather a stiff tussle with Mr. D. Brown, the former only winning after a tie. Mr. Irvine Williamson, Edinburgh, had a fairly tough match with Mr. J. C. Baldwin. In the second round Sir Walter Dalrymple met Mr. S. H. McCulloch, the former succumbing to the young and promising North Berwick player only by a hole after tying. Mr. Garden G. Smith and Mr. R. Melrose had a very fine match. A good game took place in the third round of ties between Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Lugton, the Gullane representative only giving place to his opponent after tying. Mr. G. G. Smith had a somewhat easier task than in the previous round, although his opponent played a very fair game. The fourth round of ties produced rather an exciting match between Messrs. Smith and McCulloch. Dr. Alexander had rather a tough match with Mr. Croal. Mr. Williamson more easily disposed of his opponent. The result of the fifth round, or semi-final, left Mr. Garden G. Smith and Dr. Alexander to do battle in the final, but, owing to the late hour, the decision of the tie had to be postponed. Appended are the results:—

FIRST TIES.—S. H. McCulloch, North Berwick (scratch), beat Mr. G. G. Robertson, Edinburgh (scratch), by 1 hole; Sir Walter H. Dalrymple, Bart., of Leuchie (allowed 3 holes), beat Mr. W. McIntosh (allowed 1 hole) by 5 up; Mr. T. Binnie, Saltcoats (allowed 1 hole), beat Mr. J. A. Robertson, Edinburgh (allowed 4 holes), by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. T. Lugton, jun., Edinburgh (scratch), beat Mr. James Murdoch, Edinburgh (allowed 8 holes), by 2 up; Mr. H. Parker, Edinburgh (allowed 3 holes), beat Mr. J. Gillespie, Edinburgh (allowed 4 holes), by 6 up; Mr. T. D. Thomson of Eastraig (allowed 4 holes), beat Mr. John Watt, Muirfield (allowed 5 holes), by 4 up; Mr. George Aitchison, Edinburgh (allowed 5 holes), beat Mr. J. F. Paxton, Edinburgh (scratch), by 4 holes; Mr. J. Miller, Edinburgh (allowed 6 holes), beat Mr. J. C. Law, Edinburgh (scratch), by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. R. Melrose, Edinburgh (allowed 2 holes), beat Mr. D. Brown, Edinburgh (allowed 2 holes), after a tie by 1 hole; Mr. Garden Smith, Musselburgh (scratch), beat Mr. J. M. Mackay, Edinburgh (scratch), by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. D. N. Cotton, Edinburgh (allowed 3 holes), beat Mr. J. Ayton, Edinburgh (scratch), by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. H. M. Bell, Edinburgh (allowed 2 holes), beat Mr. J. C. S. Miller, Edinburgh (scratch), by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. D. Paterson, Edinburgh (allowed 2 holes), beat Mr. A. W. Belfrage, Edinburgh (allowed 4 holes), by 4 up; Mr. Irvine Williamson, Edinburgh (allowed 3 holes), beat Mr. J. C. Baldwin, Edinburgh (allowed 1 hole), by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. Dryborough, Edinburgh (allowed 4 holes), beat Mr. James Law, Edinburgh (allowed 5 holes), by 1 up; Dr. A. H. Bryce, Edinburgh (allowed 5 holes), beat Mr. A. G. Gillespie, Edinburgh (allowed 4 holes), by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. A. S. Douglas, Edinburgh (scratch), beat Rev. J. Kerr, Dirleton (allowed 4 holes), by 2 up; Mr. R. Muir, Edinburgh (allowed 4 holes), beat Mr. J. Macinlay, Edinburgh (allowed 2 holes), by 8 holes; Mr. H. Wakelin, Edinburgh (allowed 3 holes), beat Mr. Thomas Aitken, Edinburgh (allowed 6 holes), by 4 up; Dr. Alexander, Edinburgh (allowed 4 holes), beat Mr. T. S. Thomson, Edinburgh (allowed 4 holes), by 1 up; Mr. A. B. Thomson, Edinburgh (allowed 3 holes), beat Mr. H. B. Bryden, Edinburgh (scratch), by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. Paul, Haddington (allowed 5 holes), beat Mr. W. Macgregor, Edinburgh (allowed 6 holes), by 3 up; Mr. James G. Croal, Haddington (allowed 4 holes), beat Mr. C. Hemingway, Sheffield (scratch), by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. S. Burnet, Haddington (allowed

3 holes), beat Mr. Mark Binnie, Haddington (scratch), by 9 holes; Mr. D. McGregor, Edinburgh (scratch), beat Mr. M. McNeil, Haddington (allowed 4 holes), by 2 up; Mr. T. Lugton, Edinburgh (scratch)—a bye.

SECOND TIES.—Mr. S. H. McCulloch, beat Sir Walter H. Dalrymple by 1 hole after a tie; Mr. T. Lugton, jun., beat Mr. T. Binnie, by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. H. Parker, beat Mr. T. D. Thomson by 1 hole; Mr. T. Miller, beat Mr. George Aitchison by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Garden Smith, beat Mr. R. Melrose by 1 hole; Mr. D. N. Cotton, beat Mr. H. M. Bell by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. I. Williamson, beat Mr. J. D. Paterson by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. Dryborough, beat Dr. A. H. Bryce by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. S. Douglas, beat Mr. J. Mackinlay after a tie by 1 hole; Mr. A. B. Thomson, beat Mr. A. Paul after a tie by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. James G. Croal, beat Mr. J. S. Burnet by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. D. McGregor, beat Mr. T. Lugton by 1 hole.

THIRD TIES.—Mr. S. H. McCulloch, beat Mr. T. Lugton, jun., after a tie, by 1 hole; Mr. Garden Smith, beat Mr. T. Miller by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. I. Williamson, beat Mr. D. N. Cotton by 2 up; Mr. James G. Croal, beat Mr. D. McGregor by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. S. Douglas, beat Mr. A. Dryborough by 3 up; Dr. Alexander, beat Mr. A. B. Thomson by 1, after a tie.

FOURTH TIES.—Mr. Garden Smith, beat Mr. S. H. McCulloch by 1 hole; Mr. I. Williamson, beat Mr. A. S. Douglas by 5 up and 4 to play; Dr. Alexander, beat Mr. James G. Croal by 2 up and 1 to play.

FIFTH TIES.—Mr. Garden Smith, beat Mr. I. Williamson by 2 up; Dr. Alexander, a bye.

The Luffness protest has now been disposed of by the committee of management, who have unanimously upheld the decision of Mr. Hope that their absence from the draw disqualified Messrs. Haddon and Inches from participating in the prize list.

## LUDLOW GOLF CLUB.

The annual handicap was played on April 8th, in pouring rain and snow, with the following results:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Rev. L. Bagot	111	10	101	Mr. F. H. Sitwell	117	scr.	117
Rev. E. S. Hewitt	105	scr.	105	Rev. A. Hawkins	148	25	123
Mr. Prescott-Decie	111	5	106	Miss Prescott-Decie	153	20	133
Mr. W. H. H. Sitwell	129	15	114	Mrs. R. D. Harley	167	25	142

First prize, silver cigarette box (given by Mr. F. H. Sitwell, captain of the club), Rev. L. Bagot; second prize, cigarette case (given by the club), Rev. E. S. Hewitt; third prize, six balls (given by the club), Mr. W. Prescott-Decie.

## LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

As briefly noticed in our last, the spring meeting of the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club took place at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea on Saturday and Monday last, April 11th and 13th. The weather was favourable on both days, and there was a larger attendance of members than at any previous competition meeting of this successful club. The events of the first day, Saturday, were:—"The Clifton gold medal" (presented two or three years ago by the Lady Eleanor Cecily Clifton) with gold memento, for the best scratch score; and three handicap prizes; and the final for "The Mugliston cup" presented by the ex-captain of the club, Mr. J. Mugliston, to be played for in six monthly competitions (of which we have given the scores as played) and to be played out for under special handicap by the six winners. This was an attractive programme, and it brought seventy-eight competitors from all parts of the kingdom. Cards were given out from 9 a.m., and shortly after that hour many couples were well away on the links in the first competition—that for the Clifton gold medal—the starting being satisfactorily arranged by George Lowe, the professional to the club. Taking the day's play, the scores were not up to the average, and no doubt this may be accounted for in a great measure by several of the holes having been altered and the distances lengthened since the last previous competition. The best scratch score of the day was 91 by Mr. M. Pole, Sowerby Bridge, and he was the winner of the medal and memento. The first handicap prize was taken by Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury, with 98, less 16=82; the second handicap prize by Mr. W. Fletcher, Manchester, with 93, less 8=85; and the third handicap prize by Mr. Nicholas Cockshutt, Preston, with 105, less 19=86. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. S. F. Butcher, the second by Mr. W. Fletcher, and the third was divided by Mr. M. Pole, and Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton. The unsatisfactory nature of the scoring was shown by the fact that out of seventy-eight competitors twenty-eight declined to send in any return. Subjoined is the full score:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury	98	16	82
Mr. Walter Fletcher, Manchester	93	8	85
Mr. Nicholas Cockshutt, Preston	105	19	86
Mr. M. Pole, Sowerby Bridge	91	4	87

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton ... ..	92	5	87
Rev. G. E. Badeley, Blackpool ... ..	101	13	88
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's ... ..	96	6	90
Mr. Joseph Hornby, Liverpool ... ..	98	6	92
Mr. H. Fisher, Wrea Green ... ..	106	14	92
Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Chelford ... ..	93	scr.	93
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore ... ..	94	1	93
Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossall ... ..	107	14	93
Mr. F. Topp, Little Hulton ... ..	111	18	93
Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester ... ..	102	8	94
Mr. W. Stewart, Lancaster ... ..	95	scr.	95
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby ... ..	100	5	95
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ... ..	112	17	95
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's ... ..	120	25	95
Mr. F. Hermon, Hoylake ... ..	100	4	96
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham ... ..	106	10	96
Mr. J. A. Tweeddale, Wilmslow ... ..	109	12	97
Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool ... ..	112	15	97
Mr. W. Potter, Liverpool ... ..	101	3	98
Mr. R. J. Kerr, Manchester ... ..	104	6	98
Mr. C. Howarth, Chorlton-cum-Hardy ... ..	106	8	98
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's ... ..	107	8	99
Mr. S. Gask, Lytham ... ..	113	14	99
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham ... ..	112	12	100
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ... ..	113	13	100
Mr. J. E. Pearson, Liverpool ... ..	115	15	100
Mr. P. Musgrave, Bolton ... ..	118	18	100
Mr. W. H. Crossland, Manchester ... ..	126	25	101
Mr. H. Jellicorse, Preston ... ..	112	10	102
Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's ... ..	117	15	102
Mr. G. Haig, Manchester ... ..	113	9	104
Mr. G. Harper, Ashton ... ..	118	13	105
Mr. A. W. Carrington, Lytham ... ..	130	25	105
Mr. J. Eccles, jun., Ashton ... ..	115	8	107
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham ... ..	120	13	107
Mr. P. Swanwick, Wilmslow ... ..	127	20	107
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's ... ..	116	8	108
Mr. E. W. Hermon, St. Anne's ... ..	133	25	108
Mr. Jordan Bradbury, South Shore ... ..	133	25	108
Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's ... ..	127	16	111
Mr. W. Cross, St. Anne's ... ..	129	16	113
Mr. F. W. Catterall, St. Anne's ... ..	133	18	115
Mr. F. J. Pearson, St. Anne's ... ..	159	25	134
Mr. Marcus Bles, Manchester ... ..	162	25	137

No returns from Messrs. T. C. Midwood, Salford; R. B. Hardman, St. Anne's; E. Redfern, St. Anne's; J. Mugliston, Lytham; F. Carlisle, Knutsford; H. Bowman, Manchester; Dr. Forbes Dick, Lancaster; Messrs. O. H. Wade, Lytham; W. G. P. Miller, Thistleton; J. E. Prestwich, Farnworth; K. Lythgoe, St. Anne's; W. P. Fullagar, Lytham; W. Taylor, Oldham; W. J. Crighton, Manchester; E. Harrison, St. Anne's; J. H. Uttley, St. Anne's; A. Entwistle, Bolton; A. Darbyshire, Manchester; A. E. Fair, Lytham; J. A. S. Fair, Lytham; C. A. Birley, St. Anne's; F. H. Smith, Bolton; T. Fair, Lytham; C. H. Atkinson, Singleton; R. T. Gillibrand, Darwen; S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's; Dr. Eason, Lytham; W. H. Hampson, South Shore.

The same round, but under special handicap, was taken to decide the winner of the Mugliston cup, and the following was the result:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham ... ..	106	5	101
Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool ... ..	112	9	103
Mr. R. J. Kerr, Manchester ... ..	104	scr.	104
Mr. H. Jellicorse, Preston ... ..	112	4	108
Mr. G. Harper, Ashton ... ..	118	7	111
Mr. J. M. Rea, St. Anne's ... ..	116	4	112

The Rev. C. Billington was therefore the winner of the cup.

At six o'clock in the evening the Lady Eleanor Cecily Clifton came to the club-room at St. Anne's Hotel, accompanied by the captain of the club the Rev. W. G. Terry—Mrs. Terry, and some other ladies, and was there received by Mr. J. Talbot Fair, honorary secretary, and a large number of members. The object of her Ladyship's visit was to present the Clifton gold medal to the winner.

The captain (Rev. W. G. Terry), in introducing her Ladyship spoke of the interest she had always taken in everything connected with St. Anne's, not only in its institutions but also in the pursuits and amusements of the people. He thought he might go so far as to say that without her Ladyship that club would not have existed, for it was owing to the Lady Eleanor Cecily Clifton that there was any St. Anne's, and if there had not been any St. Anne's there would not have been any Golf club. (Laughter and applause.) He thought that the members of the Golf club owed a debt of gratitude to her Ladyship in presenting the handsome medal to the club. (Applause.) It would be the means of bringing down the best players amongst them, and promoting good play on their links. (Applause.)

The Lady Eleanor Cecily Clifton then presented the medal and memento to Mr. Pole; and a Highland piper in full and remarkably handsome costume then struck up a spirited march on the bagpipes and paraded the room.

Mr. A. H. Doleman proposed a vote of thanks to her Ladyship for her gift of the medal and for her kindness in coming to present it; and this being seconded by Mr. R. J. Kerr, was carried with acclamation.

The honorary secretary, Mr. J. Talbot Fair, announced that Lady Cecily had also promised a silver medal to the club to be played for by the lady subscribers. (Applause.)

At seven o'clock a party of the members, numbering about thirty, dined together at the St. Anne's Hotel under the presidency of the ex-captain, Mr. J. Mugliston, in the unavoidable absence of the captain. Mrs. Holloway had provided a most excellent dinner complete in all its appointments, a well selected menu well served, and enjoyed by all present. After dinner a few hours were very pleasantly passed, the other prizes being presented, toasts being proposed and responded to, and songs sung, whilst in the course of the evening the Highland piper contributed his share to the harmony, receiving much applause. This closed the first day's proceedings.

On Monday the weather was again fine, and there was again a large attendance of members, though perhaps not quite so numerous as on the Saturday. The events for Monday were "The ladies' gold medal" with gold memento for the best scratch score; three handicap prizes; and "The Terry silver claret jug" (under handicap, limited to 18 strokes) with accompanying memento, for the best net aggregate scores of both days' play. Sixty-two players faced the tee, the starting being again attended to by George Lowe. The ladies' gold medal and memento were won by Mr. F. Hermon, Hoylake, with a gross score of 90. He was followed by Mr. S. A. Hermon with 92, and by Mr. W. Potter, Mr. G. F. Smith, and Mr. R. J. Kerr, each 93. The first handicap prize was taken by Mr. H. Fisher, 98, less 14=84, the second handicap prize and the third fell to Mr. F. Hermon, 90, less 4=86 and Mr. S. A. Hermon, 92, less 6=86, and they arranged for the division. The full score was as follows:—

	Gross	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. Fisher, Wrea Green ... ..	98	14	84
Mr. F. Hermon, Hoylake ... ..	90	4	86
Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's ... ..	92	6	86
Mr. R. J. Kerr, Manchester ... ..	93	6	87
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's ... ..	95	8	87
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton ... ..	93	5	88
Mr. Joseph Hornby, Liverpool ... ..	94	6	88
Mr. G. Harper, Ashton ... ..	102	13	89
Mr. J. A. Tweeddale, Wilmslow ... ..	103	14	89
Mr. W. Potter, Liverpool ... ..	93	3	90
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby ... ..	95	5	90
Mr. J. Mugliston, Lytham ... ..	102	12	90
Mr. G. Haig, Manchester ... ..	100	9	91
Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's ... ..	106	15	91
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ... ..	108	17	91
Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's ... ..	116	25	91
Mr. C. Howarth, Chorlton-cum-Hardy ... ..	100	8	92
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury ... ..	104	12	92
Mr. N. Newall, Preston ... ..	103	10	93
Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Lytham ... ..	100	13	93
Mr. W. Stewart, Lancaster ... ..	94	scr.	94
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's ... ..	100	6	94
Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester ... ..	102	8	94
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's ... ..	104	8	96
Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's ... ..	111	15	96
Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's ... ..	112	16	96
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore ... ..	98	1	97
Dr. A. M. Eason, Lytham ... ..	106	9	97
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ... ..	110	13	97
Mr. Jordan Bradbury, South Shore ... ..	122	25	97
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham ... ..	107	9	98
Mr. F. Topp, Bolton ... ..	116	18	98
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham ... ..	115	12	103
Mr. P. Swanwick, Wilmslow ... ..	123	20	103
Mr. Walter Fletcher, Manchester ... ..	111	7	104
Mr. E. W. Hermon, St. Anne's ... ..	133	25	108
Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossall ... ..	124	14	110
Mr. T. C. Midwood, Salford ... ..	131	20	111
Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton ... ..	137	25	112
Mr. W. Cross, St. Anne's ... ..	130	16	114
Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton ... ..	134	20	114

No returns from Rev. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's; Mr. R. B. Hardman, St. Anne's; Rev. Canon Hawkins, Lytham; Messrs. J. E. Pearson, Liverpool; J. J. Doyle, South Shore; A. E. Fair, Lytham; J. E. Prestwich, Manchester; Rev. G. E. Badeley, Blackpool; Messrs. E. Redfern, St. Anne's; W. Newbigging, St. Anne's; C. A. Birley, St. Anne's; W. E. Fairlie, Chelford; J. Eccles, jun., Ashton; G. H. Uttley, St. Anne's; W. H. Harrison, Lytham; W. J. Crighton,

Manchester; W. G. P. Miller, Thistleton; E. Harrison, St. Anne's; C. W. Fisher, Blackpool; H. Nuttall, Manchester; A. Tod, St. Anne's.

The best net aggregate scores for the Terry silver claret jug and memento were as follows:—

	Apr. 11.	Apr. 13.	Total.
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury ... ..	82	92	174
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton ... ..	87	88	175
Mr. H. Fisher, Wrea Green ... ..	92	84	176
Mr. J. Hornby, Liverpool ... ..	92	88	180
Mr. F. Hermon, Hoylake ... ..	96	86	182
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's ... ..	90	94	184
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby ... ..	95	90	185
Mr. R. J. Kerr, Manchester ... ..	98	87	185

and some half-dozen others following closely after. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. H. Fisher, the second and third were divided by Mr. F. Hermon and Mr. S. A. Hermon.

At the close of the play, about 6 p.m., Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park, accompanied by a party of ladies, attended at the club-room to present the ladies' gold medal, and the other prizes.

Mr. J. Talbot Fair, honorary secretary, said that as the captain was not able to be present, he would ask Mrs. Miller if she would have the kindness to present the prizes. He begged on behalf of the council and members of the Golf club to thank Mrs. Miller and the ladies for giving that handsome medal to the club. (Applause.) Their thanks were especially due to Mrs. Miller who had collected the money and had attended to everything connected with the medal. (Applause.) He then announced the winners of the several prizes, and Mrs. Miller presented each in turn.

Mr. S. A. Hermon proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Miller for having so kindly and so gracefully presented the prizes on that occasion. It was very gratifying to them to have the prizes presented by Mrs. Miller. (Applause.)

Mr. S. F. Butcher seconded the vote of thanks, and said that it was an undoubted pleasure for those who did not live here at all times to come down to St. Anne's, and especially so when they saw ladies come to the Golf room, and when they knew that Mrs. Miller was so much interested in the club. (Applause.) The honorary secretary put the resolution, which was carried with applause.

Mrs. Miller in reply said that she and the ladies had had great pleasure in giving the medal to the club. (Applause.)

Mr. J. Talbot Fair said that he wished to announce that Mr. W. Pitt Miller had expressed his wish to give a gold scratch medal to be played for at the autumn meeting.

MORAY CLUB.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 15th inst., the members of this club played off the fifth competition, over the Lossiemouth course, for the Mayer tea set. The weather was favourable, and there was a large turn-out of competitors. The best scores were as follow:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. Davie ... ..	86	scr.	86	Dr. Millar... ..	95	3	92
Mr. W. Christie .. ..	92	3	89	Mr. J. Adams ... ..	104	8	96

FORFAR GOLF CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

The business meeting was held in the County Hotel, Forfar, when Mr. John F. Craik, manufacturer, was elected president for the ensuing year. The financial statement showed the club to be in a flourishing condition. Thirteen new members were admitted.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., the club medal, Whyte gold cross, and handicap medal were played for. Notwithstanding the ticklish nature of the green, and a strong south-easterly wind, some excellent scores were made. The medal score of Dr. W. F. C. Lowson in 80 was an excellent performance. He also won the cross with the lowest aggregate scores in the autumn and spring competitions in 163 strokes. Mr. Wm. Lowson won the handicap medal in 82, with 3 odds. Detailed are the three best scores:—

Dr. Lowson—								
Out ... ..	5	3	2	5	5	5	4	6
In ... ..	5	6	3	5	5	4	4	4
Mr. Brodie—								
Out ... ..	4	5	3	6	6	5	4	4
In ... ..	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	4
Mr. Lowson—								
Out ... ..	4	4	3	6	5	6	4	4
In ... ..	6	6	4	5	5	4	4	5

ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the gold charm (confined to medal winners of the past season) was held over the Braids on Friday, 17th inst., in splendid golfing weather. The greens were extremely keen, and accurate putting was a matter of great difficulty. Mr. J. A. Stewart was the winner with the score of 83, plus 4=87.

NORTH BERWICK.

The course here continues to be busily occupied. On Saturday last a large number of players drove from the tee; but there were few matches of more than average interest, a good many well-known golfers attending the Gullane spring meeting. Amongst those who visited the links in the earlier part of last week were Mr. J. E. Laidlay and Mr. W. M. De Zoete. Mr. Laidlay played a fairly good game in a friendly tussle with Mr. De Zoete; but it was evident that he was still somewhat out of form. Mr. De Zoete succeeded in beating his opponent. On Tuesday of last week Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple and Ben Sayers engaged Mr. Graham Murray and Mr. De Zoete in a foursome, Sir Walter and the professional winning an interesting match by two at Pointgarry. Playing his own ball in a 36-hole match against Sayers and Mr. Maxwell, Sheriff Melville succeeded in beating his opponents at the last hole. He was left a very long putt to win, and he managed to get it home finely. On Friday Mr. John Forrest, who will, by the way, be one of the representatives of North Berwick in the amateur championship contest at St. Andrews next month, engaged in a couple of rounds with Mr. De Zoete. In the first round Mr. Forrest won by 5 up and 4 to play. The second produced a splendid and an equal game, Mr. Forrest just winning by 1. Mr. G. Gordon Robertson and Mr. S. H. McCulloch had a round on Friday, the former winning a rather close game. Amongst others who played round the green during the week, were General H. C. Brewster, General Ralston, Captain R. G. Suttie; Messrs. W. G. Bloxson, C. Blaikie, J. R. Whitecross, F. T. Tennant, and A. Hogg. Visitors to this resort are now rapidly arriving, and the several hotels are becoming brisker daily.

The members of the Newington club competed for their charm and other prizes over the North Berwick links on Tuesday of last week. The following players took part:—Messrs. Blair, Webster, Corran Thin, Stevenson, Crawford, Déwar, Rutterford, Small, Doig, Elder, Hay, Mickel, Lambert, Peacock and Park. Mr. J. D. Blair proved the winner of the charm with a net score of 102.

PAU LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Mrs. Newall's prize, two handsome silver-backed brushes, was played for on Monday, the 6th inst. Miss Kays and Miss Swan tied. The first-named won on playing off.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss M. Kays ... ..	73	11	62	Miss Levett ... ..	75	scr.	75
Miss Swan ... ..	82	20	62	Lady Nugent ... ..	88	12	76
Miss Berners ... ..	82	14	68	Mrs. Maud... ..	88	12	76
Miss Cunningham... ..	81	13	68	Miss Anderson ... ..	87	11	76
Miss Fitzgerald ... ..	80	20	69	Miss Hook... ..	97	20	77
Mrs. Bradish ... ..	84	14	70	Mrs. Jones ... ..	94	16	78
Hon. E. St. Aubyn ... ..	73	3	70	Hon. Mrs. Chetwynd ... ..	94	15	79
Lady Kilmaine ... ..	90	20	70	Mrs. Walker ... ..	99	20	79
Hon. El. St. Aubyn ... ..	81	11	70	Miss K. Anderson ... ..	91	11	80
Mrs. F. Newall ... ..	89	16	73	Miss Ellis ... ..	100	20	80
Hon. M. St. Aubyn ... ..	93	20	73	Miss Herbert ... ..	102	20	82
Hon. M. Mostyn ... ..	93	20	73	Hon. Mrs. Bingham ... ..	92	8	84
Miss Baring ... ..	91	18	73	Mrs. Foster-Barham ... ..	104	18	86
Miss Ross ... ..	82	8	74	Miss Pemberton ... ..	98	12	86
Miss Craigie Halket ... ..	90	16	74	Miss Kays ... ..	104	16	88
Mrs. Fitzgerald ... ..	95	20	75	Mrs. Scarisbrick ... ..	113	20	93
Hon. Ev. St. Aubyn ... ..	84	9	75	Miss Surtees ... ..	121	20	101

Also played, Miss N. Ross, Miss Potter, Mrs. Surtees, Mademoiselle de Longueuil, Mrs. Boreel, Mrs. Talbot Crosbie, Hon. V. Mostyn.

On Wednesday, the 8th inst., representative teams of Biarritz and Pau played a match for prizes valued at £15, presented by Lord Howth. The conditions were that the Biarritz team were to start off with three holes up each lady.

BIARRITZ.

- Mrs. Horn.
- Mrs. Leman.
- Miss Bostock.
- Miss M. Daniell.
- Mrs. Crawshay.

PAU.

- Miss M. Newall.
- Miss Newall.
- Hon. E. St. Aubyn.
- Miss Levett.
- Hon. Mrs. Bingham.

Pau won by eighteen holes.

The return match between the ladies of the Pau and Biarritz Golf Clubs was played at Biarritz on Thursday, the 16th inst. Scores:—

PAU.	Holes.	BIARRITZ.	Holes.
Hon. E. St. Aubyn ... ..	0	Mrs. Wilson Hoare ... ..	3
Miss Newall ... ..	5	Mrs. Leman ... ..	0
Miss Madge Newall ... ..	4	Miss Wane ... ..	0
Miss Levett ... ..	1	Miss Lindley ... ..	0
Hon. Ev. St. Aubyn ... ..	8	Mrs. Wynne Howell ... ..	0
Hon. Mrs. Chetwynd ... ..	0	M. Lassalle Herrou ... ..	4
	18		7

Pau won by 11 holes.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

CUP COMPETITION.

The handsome cup given by Mr. R. D. Matthey, a member of the committee, was played for on Saturday, the weather being simply perfect. Though modestly offered by the donor as a £5 5s. cup, it was unanimously conceded to be of double the value. Upwards of thirty, who had previously qualified themselves for a handicap, took part in the contest. The course has recently been considerably lengthened, and one more water drive has been brought in, which, together with a new green—at present a little rough—is considered to add at least five strokes to the record of the old one. The ultimate winner, Mr. Horace White, evidently meant business from the first, and early stripped for the fray.

An optional sweepstake was added as second and third prizes, which were respectively won by Mr. W. Russell and Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt. The club is filling up fast, and the committee are seriously contemplating an entrance fee in the near future. Subjoined are a few of the best scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. Horace White	97	18	79	Mr. E. B. Woodford	105	14	91
Mr. W. Russell	95	12	83	Mr. V. Leese	101	9	92
Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt	92	6	86	Mr. C. Bramley	112	20	92
Mr. Neville Lubbock	92	6	86	Mr. C. Woodhouse	114	18	96
Mr. H. H. Batten...	99	11	88	Mr. A. Hamilton	114	18	96
Mr. L. E. G. Abney	101	12	89	Mr. E. T. Sacks	123	25	98
Mr. R. B. Davis	103	14	89	Mr. A. J. Davies	123	25	98
Mr. A. E. Bateman	111	21	90	Mr. B. N. Lubbock	117	18	99
Mr. J. F. Leese	116	25	91				

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

This club has now obtained the use of Sudbrook Park, Petersham, (near Richmond Park), which proves to be much better adapted for Golf than the "Old Deer Park." A course of 18 holes has been marked out, presenting a variety of natural hazards, some of which are of a very sporting description, including ponds, ditches, hedges, &c. The soil is light and sandy, and the turf throughout the entire course is so good that no mowing is at present required between the putting-greens, some of which are already getting into good condition. Tom Dunn, of Tooting Bec, who has planned the course, considers that this will rank among the finest of inland links. Like the Old Deer Park, Sudbrook Park has the advantage of being private ground. The use of it for playing Golf will be rented from the farmer-tenant. A temporary club-room has been engaged at the "Fox and Duck" Inn, Petersham, three minutes walk from the Lodge gates, where clubs, &c., may be left, and luncheon, tea, and refreshment may be obtained. The Park is one-and-a-half miles from the Richmond railway station, and half mile from the "Star and Garter." It is also within two miles of Twickenham, Teddington, and Kingston Stations. It is believed that the improvement in the course will more than compensate for the increased distance from the station; whilst the rural situation and picturesque surroundings will enhance the attractions offered by the Richmond Golf Club.

ROCHDALE GOLF CLUB.

The second event of the season (the captain's monthly prize) was played under handicap, on Saturday the 11th inst., in fine golfing weather and with a fair turn-out of members. The scores were as follows:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. Edgar Brierley	139	27	112	Mr. Allan Stevens	155	18	137
Mr. F. G. Padwick	120	3	117	Mr. James Blackburn	157	18	139
Mr. B. W. Schofield	136	18	118	Mr. L. A. Porritt	176	36	140
Mr. A. M. Stevens...	139	18	121	Mr. T. Jamieson	149	9	140
Mr. E. B. Petrie	124	+2	126	Mr. R. W. Schofield	170	27	143
Mr. R. Godby	135	9	126	Mr. A. Bell...	144	scr.	144
Mr. A. H. Crowther	147	18	129	Mr. John Elliot	172	27	145
Mr. George Walker	154	24	130	Mr. C. A. Linley	173	27	146
Mr. James Broadbent	130	scr.	130	Mr. W. W. Shaw	167	18	149
Mr. T. T. Kenyon...	137	6	131	Mr. R. B. Brierley	184	27	157
Mr. R. G. Heape	150	18	132	Mr. F. Broadbent	210	36	174
Mr. L. Shawcross...	151	18	133	Mr. J. P. Fielden	227	36	191
Mr. G. D. McLennan	129	+5	134	Mr. G. L. Collins	246	36	210
Mr. James Elliot	146	9	137				

As will be seen, the prize fell to Mr. Edgar Brierley, while Mr. Padwick made a capital second.

LEVEN.—An annual match was played between Messrs. J. T. Ireland and James Kerr v. Messrs. W. Marshall and Thomas Porter, when the latter won the match at the mile dyke, being 6 up and 5 to play. A strange thing was that Messrs. Ireland and Kerr never got the lead until the eleventh hole.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

The competition for Mr. H. Sawyer's prize took place on Saturday. The following are the scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. C. Cottrell	95	12	83	Capt. Lyon...	93	3	90
Mr. C. E. Haig	113	30	83	Dr. Paterson	121	30	91
Mr. Longman	99	15	84	Mr. H. Eden	103	11	92
Mr. J. Oswald	88	3	85	Mr. W. R. L'Amey	104	11	93
Mr. C. Hamilton	91	3	88	Mr. C. C. Clarke	111	18	93
Mr. H. Sawyer	97	9	88	Mr. G. Pigot	116	22	94
Col. Eden	102	14	88				

No returns from Mr. H. Blackett, Sir T. Dyer, Messrs. E. E. Hanbury, W. H. Leese, G. Palmer, Rev. H. Wilson, Mr. C. H. Stanley.

ROYAL ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The counter attractions of a race meeting in the neighbourhood will account for the small number of ladies who competed for Baroness Berkeley and Mrs. Patton's prizes on Thursday, April 16th, Miss Ethel Barron won the scratch prize with a score of 91, and tied for the handicap prize with Miss Magniac.

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Miss E. Barron	91	3	88	Miss M. Maitland	117	22	95
Miss Magniac	102	14	88	Miss Davis	119	24	95
Mrs. H. C. Clarke...	101	12	89	Hon. E. Milman	101	2	99
Miss I. Barron	95	3	92	Baroness Berkeley	107	8	99

One hundred and over: Miss R. Maitland, Miss M. Magniac, Miss Morris, Miss Mason and Miss R. Haig.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The competitions for the spring medal (scratch) and the Singapore cup (under handicap, limited to eighteen) were decided on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The day was a favourable one for Golf; for some unaccountable reason, however, no good scores were made. Thirty-eight players started, and cards were returned by all but four. Messrs. E. F. S. Tylecote and F. S. Ireland tied for the medal with scores of 123. A score of 134, less 18=116, brought Mr. John Osmond in the winner of the cup.

On the evening following the competition, the annual dinner of the club was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Eighty members and guests were present. The outgoing captain, Mr. Robert Whyte, occupied the chair, which, in the course of the evening, he vacated in favour of Mr. John George Gibson, who was installed captain, with the ancient rites and ceremonies of the club.

The scores of the day are given below:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*Mr. J. Osmond	134	18	116	Mr. J. S. Sawyer	134	9	125
†Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	123	6	117	Mr. W. H. Richard-son	128	2	126
†Mr. F. S. Ireland	123	5	118	Mr. G. C. Snelling	147	21	126
Mr. W. E. Hughes	125	7	118	Mr. W. R. M. Glasier	156	30	126
Mr. A. Schacht	125	7	118	Mr. W. O. S. Pell	129	2	127
Mr. H. H. Turner	127	8	119	Mr. T. A. Raynes	135	8	127
Rev. J. H. Ellis	133	12	121	Mr. C. M. Baker	145	18	127
Mr. W. A. Adam	151	30	121	Mr. J. R. J. Bramly	142	13	129
Mr. F. J. Walker	129	7	122	Mr. T. W. Stubbs	150	21	129
Mr. W. H. M. Christie	152	30	122	Mr. W. G. Barnes	159	30	129
Mr. E. A. Walker	130	7	123	Mr. Fred. Gilbert	152	21	131
Mr. W. Morris	138	15	123	Mr. C. Lethbridge	153	21	132
Col. E. E. Larking	148	25	123	Mr. C. B. Lindsay	160	28	132
Mr. A. T. Young	132	8	124	Dr. T. Skinner	163	30	133
Mr. G. Spurling	138	14	124	Mr. F. Graves	173	40	133
Mr. J. G. Gibson	124	+1	125	Mr. W. G. Kentish	154	18	136
Mr. Robert Whyte	127	2	125	Mr. M. H. Richard-son	157	18	139

\* Winner of the Singapore cup. † Tied for the spring medal.

No returns from Mr. A. H. Baker, Capt. H. Gillon, Mr. G. O. Jacob and Mr. J. M. Sawyer.

On Thursday, the 18th inst., Messrs. Tylecote and Ireland played off their tie with the result that Mr. Tylecote won by three strokes, his score being 126 against Mr. Ireland's 129.

MOFFAT.—Mr. W. Johnstone, of Bodesbeck, monthly-medal was played for on Saturday, the 11th inst. There was a good turn-out of competitors, the day being favourable for the game, but owing to the greenkeeper having placed the new holes on the slopes, the scoring was rather higher than usual. The medal was won by Mr. McGibbon with the score of 104, Mr. Salmond next with a score of 105, and Mr. Dowding, 106.

BANK OF SCOTLAND GOLF CLUB.—This club held their second monthly handicap competition on the Braids on Friday, the 17th inst. Thirteen couples started, and at the close the winner was found to be Mr. G. G. Crease, with a net score of 78.

ROYAL ENGINEERS GOLF CLUB.

A special competition for a silver flask, or golfer's companion, took place on Wednesday, the 8th of April, in good weather. The flask, a very handsome one, was presented by the honorary members of the club belonging to the Hampshire Regiment stationed at Chatham. The competition was played under handicap, and resulted as under, nineteen entries being made :-

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners like Capt. Campbell and Mr. C. W. Gwynn.

\* Winner of silver flask. † Winner of Forrester patent cleek, presented by Major Preston.

The remainder over 100, or no return.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., the April competitions for the Kentish cup were played off, and on Wednesday the Noakes cup and the Spurling-Kentish gold medal were competed for. On both days the weather was rather dull, but still fine golfing weather. The putting-greens are now in very good condition, and the play through the green very good. Fair musters of members turned out for each competition.

KENTISH CUP.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners like Mr. Ford G. Barclay and Mr. J. G. Glover.

Others over 100.

SPURLING-KENTISH GOLD MEDAL.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners like Mr. F. F. McKenzie and Mr. J. Read.

\* Tie, to be played off.

NOAKES CUP (limited to 10 strokes).

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners like Mr. F. F. McKenzie and Mr. J. C. Shaw.

\* Tie, to be played off.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, April 4th. The monthly prize :-

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners like Capt. Fairlie and Rev. H. W. P. Yorke.

\* Winner of prize.

† Divided sweepstakes.

Fifteen players made no return.

Saturday, April 11.—A prize presented by Col. McKenzie, handicap limited to 18, to be played for twice a month, and won by the player making the eight best net scores in the year.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners like Mr. W. Field and Capt. Fairlie.

\* First sweepstake.

† Second sweepstake.

Five players made no return.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competitions were played on Thursday and Saturday, the 9th and 11th of April, with the following result :-

BADGER CUP AND SWEEPSTAKES.

Table with 5 columns: Name, 1st Round, 2nd Round, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners like Mr. J. V. Saunders and Mr. J. Kinmond.

No return.

CLUB PRIZE.

Table with 5 columns: Name, 1st Round, 2nd Round, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners like Mr. T. Southwick and Mr. J. C. Kinmond.

The weekly sweepstake was played on Saturday, the 18th inst., with the following result :-

Table with 5 columns: Name, 1st Round, 2nd Round, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners like Mr. C. Loyd Carson and Mr. J. F. Wilson.

No return from Mr. J. H. Mitchell.

ROYAL MUSSELBURGH CLUB.

On Thursday, the 16th inst., the spring meeting of the Royal Musselburgh took place at Musselburgh. The green was in good order, and the weather was remarkably fine, but the strong westerly wind which prevailed was not very favourable to low scoring on the home-ward journey. The prize for actual scoring was the Mackinlay cup and a gold medal, and some other prizes were awarded under handicap. The muster of members was larger than last year, and seventeen couples started. Mr. Garden Smith, the winner of the cup last year with 89, played all through in most excellent and careful style, and came in once more the winner with the low score of 87. He took the first nine holes in 43, and though in the second round he took one more stroke, his play at the last hole, which he took in two, was exceptionally good. Mr. Marcus J. Brown was off form, but his score of 89 was a creditable performance. The winner of the handicap was Mr. R. Bathgate, with 104, less 18=86. The details of the day's play are as follows :-

Garden G. Smith (Mackinlay cup) :-

Table showing scores for Garden G. Smith: First round 5 6 5 4 6 5 4 4 4=43, Second round 6 6 4 5 6 6 4 5 2=44.

The following were the best scores in the handicap competition :-

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners like Mr. R. Bathgate and Mr. W. Urquhart.

EDINBURGH G.P.O. GOLF CLUB.—The Edinburgh General Post Office Golf Club, which has just been formed, and which begins the season with a membership of forty, held its first competition on Monday, the 13th inst., on the Braids under favourable conditions. There was a fair turn-out of members, and the following were the scores of the prize-winners :-1, Silver medal and first prize, Mr. J. A. Stewart, 83 (scratch); 2, Mr. H. J. Harrison, 92, less 7=85; 3, Mr. Peddie and Mr. Milton (tie), 117, less 30=87.



SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

A delightful day's pleasure has been recorded for the golfers who took advantage of the Snook on Saturday afternoon. The greens were in apple-pie order, and the weather simply perfect. From the large entry, success is again recorded to the favourably handicapped, Mr. C. J. Bunting requiring the serious consideration of the committee. The score was very good on merit, and deserved the hearty congratulations of the members, which it received. The scores were a follow:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. J. Bunting...	80 12 68	Mr. H. Simpson ...	94 15 79
Mr. L. K. Fawcitt	84 14 70	Mr. E. W. Walker	99 20 79
Mr. Wm. Purves ...	75 4 71	Mr. A. B. Wilson ...	101 20 81
Rev. F. L. Cope ...	91 19 72	Mr. W. S. Merry-	
Mr. R. Elliott ...	85 13 72	weather ...	98 15 83
Mr. O.K. Trechmann	87 9 78	Mr. P. B. Kent ...	93 10 83
Mr. A. Robinson ...	84 6 78	Mr. C. Trechmann	105 20 85

Messrs. A. B. Crosby, S. Walker, G. E. Casebourne, H. Doughty, W. S. Woodiwi, A. Trechmann, A. Livingstone, J. Hardy, jun., P. A. Raps, T. E. Pyman, A. Gladstone, Rev. — Savory, and Rev. — Wickwar made no returns.

The professional match between J. Kay, of Seaton Carew, and T. Chisholm, of Coatham, which was fixed for Wednesday, has been unfortunately postponed, in consequence of Chisholm having met with an accident to his hand. No doubt an early date will be fixed for this interesting competition.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

The spring competitions of this club were held on the 16th and 18th inst., and were favoured with splendid weather. The greens were keen and dry, but in excellent condition, in spite of the very dry season. As will be seen below, the scratch medals were won by Mr. N. R. Foster and Mr. H. A. Lamb, the latter of whom also carried off the scratch aggregate. Mr. T. W. Lang, on Thursday, won the Bombay cup with a very good score of 77 net, and on Saturday Mr. T. Franklin-Adams with 77 net, and Mr. W. Bazalgette with 78 net, won respectively the Anderson beakers and Ridpath bowl, the latter prize being limited to 9 strokes of handicap. The handicap aggregate has still to be decided, there being three ties for it. On the Saturday the members dined together, and under the presidency of their genial captain, spent a pleasant evening.

CLUB GOLD MEDAL, April 16th.—Mr. N. R. Foster, 83; Mr. A. H. Molesworth, 85; Mr. H. A. Lamb, 86; Mr. T. W. Lang, 87; Mr. W. L. Purves, 88; Mr. R. Thomson, 89; Mr. W. D. Davidson, 89; Mr. C. Morris, 90; Mr. J. H. Mudie, 90; Mr. A. Lubbock, 91; Mr. A. H. Boyd, 91; Mr. G. Nicol, 91; Mr. J. G. Gibson, 92.

BOMBAY CHALLENGE CUP.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. W. Lang ...	87 10 77	Mr. J. C. Fowlie ...	100 9 91
Mr. W. D. Davidson	89 9 80	Mr. W. W. Branston	107 16 91
Mr. G. F. Muir ...	94 14 80	Mr. W. Johnston ...	109 18 91
Mr. N. R. Foster ...	83 scr. 83	Mr. A. L. Tweedie	109 18 91
Mr. G. Nicol ...	91 8 83	Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	92 scr. 92
Mr. H. Becher ...	95 12 83	Mr. H. Buskin ...	94 2 92
Mr. C. A. Pidcock	97 14 83	Mr. J. W. Wright...	96 4 92
General Elliott ...	103 20 83	Mr. J. D. Charrington	100 8 92
Mr. R. Thomson ...	89 5 84	Mr. R. F. Denniston	101 9 92
Mr. A. H. Boyd ...	91 7 84	Mr. A. Davidson ...	102 10 92
Mr. P. Strickland...	92 8 84	Mr. C. Routh ...	108 16 92
Mr. A. F. Brown ...	96 12 84	Mr. A. Pollock ...	99 6 93
Mr. J. Blair ...	103 18 85	Mr. J. F. Adams ...	105 12 93
Mr. H. A. Lamb ...	86 scr. 86	Mr. E. Turle ...	105 12 93
Mr. J. H. Mudie ...	90 4 86	Mr. J. Anderson ...	111 18 93
Mr. A. Lubbock ...	91 5 86	Mr. W. J. Cundell...	105 11 94
Mr. F. J. Walker ...	92 6 86	Mr. H. W. Bradford	109 15 94
Com. Hon. A. R. Hewitt ...	93 7 86	Mr. J. Kerr ...	97 2 95
Mr. J. Gane ...	108 22 86	Mr. K. Whyte ...	100 5 95
Mr. F. J. Walker ...	95 8 87	Mr. R. H. Pringle...	101 6 95
Mr. J. Murray ...	99 12 87	Mr. H. W. Horne...	103 8 95
Mr. F. H. Hardcastle	101 14 87	Mr. E. Field ...	105 10 95
Mr. W. F. Lyon ...	104 17 87	Mr. M. A. O. Mac-	
Mr. A. H. Molesworth	85 +3 88	kenzie ...	105 10 95
Mr. W. L. Purves...	88 scr. 88	Mr. J. Taylor ...	107 12 95
Mr. A. Adams ...	98 10 88	Mr. J. N. Maitland	113 18 95
Mr. W. Gordon ...	98 9 89	Sir Wm. Style ...	115 20 95
Mr. E. M. Protheroe	98 9 89	Mr. C. Macdona ...	119 24 95
Mr. J. L. Ridpath...	98 9 89	Mr. J. H. Driver ...	105 9 96
Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	100 11 89	Mr. H. Batten ...	110 14 96
Mr. G. Chatterton...	107 18 89	Mr. J. M. Hender-	
Mr. C. Morris ...	90 scr. 90	son ...	103 6 97
Mr. Guy Pym ...	98 8 90	Mr. H. T. Grundtvig	115 18 97
Mr. W. Bazalgette...	99 9 90	Mr. F. Baden Powell	115 18 97
Mr. J. H. Nelson ...	100 10 90	Mr. A. G. Gibson...	118 20 98
Mr. Bruce Dick ...	100 10 90	Mr. R. Durnford ...	109 10 99
Mr. W. D. Scott		Mr. A. M. Kirkham	115 16 99
Moncrieff ...	102 12 90	Mr. W. Bruce Dick	114 13 101
		Mr. J. L. Muir ...	120 18 102

THE "ANDERSON" BEAKERS.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Franklin-Adams	89 12 77	Mr. W. C. Anderson	106 17 89
Mr. W. Bazalgette..	87 9 78	Mr. J. Blair ...	107 18 89
Mr. J. Gane ...	101 22 79	Mr. A. G. Gibson...	109 20 89
Mr. R. F. Denniston	89 9 80	Mr. A. H. Molesworth	87 +3 90
Mr. A. H. Boyd ...	88 7 81	Mr. R. Thomson ...	95 5 90
Mr. P. Strickland ...	89 8 81	Mr. F. J. Walker ...	96 6 90
Mr. C. Routh ...	97 16 81	Mr. G. Farie ...	97 7 90
Mr. R. Whyte ...	87 5 82	Mr. W. D. Scott	
Mr. R. Clutton ...	100 18 82	Moncrieff ...	102 12 90
Mr. H. Marsh ...	97 14 83	Mr. E. Wight ...	104 14 90
Mr. A. H. Bennett .	98 15 83	Mr. E. M. Protheroe	100 9 91
Mr. H. A. Lamb ...	84 scr. 84	Mr. M. A. O. Mac-	
Mr. J. L. Ridpath...	93 9 84	kenzie ...	101 10 91
Mr. C. Macdona ...	108 24 84	Mr. J. H. Nelson ...	101 10 91
Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell	82 2 85	Mr. G. F. Muir ...	103 12 91
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	91 6 85	Mr. J. Murray ...	103 12 91
Mr. E. Sidgwick ...	94 9 85	Mr. H. H. Batten...	105 14 91
Mr. A. L. Tweedie .	103 18 85	Mr. W. Austen Leigh	107 16 91
Mr. J. M. Henderson	92 6 86	General Elliott ...	111 20 91
Mr. A. Davidson ...	96 10 86	Mr. J. H. Driver ...	101 9 92
Sir H. Pottinger ...	102 16 86	Sir A. Moncrieff ...	110 18 92
Mr. C. M. Smith ...	91 4 87	Mr. F. Baden Powell	110 18 92
Hon. A. R. Hewitt .	94 7 87	Mr. C. Plummer ...	93 scr. 93
Mr. C. L. Anstruther	97 10 87	Mr. T. W. Lang ...	99 6 93
Mr. H. Becher ...	99 12 87	Mr. W. Gordon ...	102 9 93
Mr. N. R. Foster ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. W. Michie ...	102 9 93
Mr. W. L. Purves ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. R. Durnford ...	103 10 93
Mr. F. E. Faithfull	92 4 88	Mr. E. Field ...	103 10 93
Mr. R. Temple		Mr. A. M. Kirkham	109 16 93
Thomson...	92 4 88	Mr. R. H. Pringle...	100 6 94
Mr. W. D. Davidson	94 6 88	Mr. D. B. Roffey ...	102 8 94
Mr. F. Skene ...	94 6 88	Mr. H. Seton-Karr	104 10 94
Mr. H. W. Horne...	96 8 88	Mr. Bruce Dick ...	105 10 95
Mr. E. A. Walker...	96 8 88	Mr. A. Todrick ...	105 10 95
Mr. W. J. Cundell .	99 11 88	Mr. E. Turie ...	107 12 95
Mr. T. Smith ...	100 12 88	Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	96 2 94
Mr. J. R. Dunlop		Mr. H. Buskin ...	98 2 96
Hill ...	104 16 88	Mr. H. P. Cumming	102 6 96
Mr. W. F. Lyon ...	105 17 88	Mr. E. Oliver ...	116 16 100
Mr. T. Mackay ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. T. R. Smith ...	110 9 101
Mr. W. Rutherford .	93 4 89	Mr. H. W. Brad-	
Mr. A. Lubbock ...	94 5 89	ford ...	116 15 101
Mr. A. Pollock ...	95 6 89	Mr. D. F. Park ...	124 18 106
Mr. G. Nicol ...	97 8 89	Mr. C. F. Grundtvig	128 18 110
Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	100 11 89		

THE "KENNARD" GOLD MEDAL.—Messrs. H. A. Lamb, 84; A. H. Molesworth, 87; R. A. H. Mitchell, 87; R. Whyte, 87; W. Bazalgette, 87; N. R. Foster, 88; W. L. Purves, 88; A. H. Boyd, 88; T. Mackay, 89; P. Strickland, 89.

THE "RIDPATH" BOWL.—Mr. W. Bazalgette, 87, less 9=78. HANDICAP AGGREGATE.—Messrs. J. Gane, 86, 79=165; P. Strickland, 84, 81=165; A. H. Boyd, 84, 81=165; W. D. Davidson, 80, 85=165.

SCRATCH AGGREGATE.—Messrs. H. A. Lamb, 86, 84=170; N. R. Foster, 83, 88=171; A. H. Molesworth, 85, 87=172; W. L. Purves 88, 88=176.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition in connection with the club took place on Saturday, the 11th inst., with the following result:—

	1st and 2nd Round.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
	1st	2nd			
Mr. W. E. Buckley	55	49	104	16	18
Mr. R. A. Nicholson	47	51	98	10	88
Mr. H. B. Barlow...	55	56	111	18	93
Mr. Thomas Aitken	62	61	123	30	93
Mr. W. M'Gregor..	56	49	105	10	95
Mr. W. T. Rowley	55	59	114	18	96
Mr. R. O' C. N. Deane	57	58	115	18	97
Mr. Peter Johnson	73	68	141	30	111
Mr. T. O. Clinning	69	68	137	24	113

A number of players made no return. The tie for a silver cup presented by Mr. William Walker was also played off on Saturday, the 11th inst., Mr. William M'Gregor won with the following score:—56, 49=105, less 10=95.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the monthly medal took place over the Braids on Saturday. The winner was Mr. C. M. Henderson, with a net score of 87. Other scores were:—Mr. G. Borthwick (scratch), 90, and Mr. E. A. Roberts, 92.

## ST. ANDREWS.

The proposed new rules of Golf were issued to the members of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club last week, and will be considered at the meeting a fortnight hence. No final conclusion will be come to, however, until the autumn. Meantime the proposed new rules are likely to give rise to abundant discussion. It may be mentioned that the rules were considered by a committee of golfers who met in Edinburgh, and occupied the greater part of two days in discussing and getting them into shape. The proposal to abolish the stymie is keenly resented by the more conservative of golfers in St. Andrews.

Last week was an extremely busy one on the links. The spring holidays in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Dundee set free quite an army of golfers, and some excellent matches were played. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Low, Monifieth, played two rounds, both of which were closely contested. The first named won both rounds by a single hole. Mr. Wallace beat Colonel Thomson by 2 and 1 to play. Mr. R. Gilroy and Mr. W. O. Cunningham had a round with Mr. Charles Gilroy and Mr. G. Gilroy. The balance of holes, however, was with the former, who received a third. Mr. Macfie beat Capt. Burn by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. David Leitch and Mr. J. Turgie beat Mr. W. Young and Mr. D. Baxter by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. Bertram and Mr. Crosby lost by 3 at the burn in a foursome with Mr. Lee and Mr. Murray. Mr. Fowler and Mr. Frazier were worsted in an encounter with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Mackie, who won by 6 up at the hole across. Dr. Cowrie had a round with Mr. D. Corstorphine, and beat him by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. R. B. Sharp giving Mr. Robertson a half won by 2 up and 1 to play in the forenoon, but lost by a similar number of holes in the afternoon. Mr. Sharp had a round in a single with Mr. Lake; Mr. Crosby lost by 5 up and 3 to play in a single with Mr. R. Archibald; Mr. Mackie beat Mr. Brown by 3 at the dyke; Mr. Murray and Hugh Kirkcaldy lost a round to Mr. Cameron and Mr. W. E. Lee by 1; Mr. Edward Scratton defeated Mr. Keyser at the Ginger-beer hole by 6; Mr. Everard played the best ball of Mr. J. Robertson and Tom Morris. In the first round he lost by 3 up and 2 to play, and in the second by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. Jas. Cunningham had two rounds with Mr. D. Lamb. Mr. Lamb gained the first round by 2 at the burn and the second by 5 at the Ginger-beer hole; Mr. Erskine had a round with Mr. Morgan. Mr. Campbell had a fine single with Mr. Fowler, and gained the match by 1. Col. Fordyce, giving Col. Kerr a third, won the match by 2 at the burn. Mr. Guild and Mr. J. Kirk beat Mr. Thomson and Mr. W. Dolman by 4 and 3 to play. Hugh Kirkcaldy played the best ball of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Low, and after a keen tussle the match was halved. Mr. C. S. Grace, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, is now taking the entries for the amateur championship. A large field is anticipated.

## ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

The following were the scores returned for the monthly medal competition, 11th April, 1891:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. Nicholls	99	15	84	Mr. W. P. Matthews	107	15	92
Mr. R. C. Harrison	109	24	85	Mr. Leslie Wilson	103	10	93
Mr. G. E. B. Kennedy	104	16	88	Mr. J. B. Joyce	111	16	95
Mr. F. J. Welman	92	4	88	Mr. H. B. Fox	110	15	95
Mr. C. E. Hambro	106	18	88	Mr. W. R. Anderson	107	9	98
Mr. J. C. Wadham	103	12	91	Mr. T. A. Fison	113	13	100

About thirty gentlemen either did not return their cards, or their scoring was over 100.

## ORKNEY CLUB.

The members of the Orkney Club held their monthly handicap competition, for Sheriff Armour's gold medal, at Deerness Links, on Saturday. The following are the scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Dr. Bell	113	9	104	Mr. A. Buchannan	112	scr.	112
Mr. McEwen	107	scr.	107	Mr. L. Howman	127	12	115
Mr. D. Stewart	110	scr.	110				

KINGHORN GOLF CLUB.—The two ties in connection with the tournament came off on Saturday, April 11th. Mr. Henry Maiden, Kirkcaldy, beat Mr. Turnbull, Kirkcaldy, and Mr. George Oswald, Kinghorn, beat Mr. James M'Pherson, Kirkcaldy, by 8 holes, less 2=6. The remaining two couples, in connection with the tournament opened on Saturday, played on the 16th inst. The weather was fine, but the putting-greens were very keen. Mr. Lennie, Kirkcaldy, beat Mr. David Thomson, Kirkcaldy, by 4 holes, and Rev. Mr. Burnett, Kinghorn, beat Mr. John Strachan, Kirkcaldy, by 11 holes. The final competition for the Greig charm, played for during the winter months, also took place. Only Kirkcaldy members competed. The charm was won by Mr. James M'Pherson, Kirkcaldy, with a score of 94, less 14=80. Mr. Thomas Smith was second with a score of 85, his second round being done in 37.

## THE EDINBURGH DISPATCH BRAIDS TOURNAMENT.

The tournament among Edinburgh and Leith clubs for the *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch* trophy was brought to a most successful close on the Braids, on Saturday afternoon. The weather was again delightful, bright and mild, with only a moderate easterly wind, and the crowd of spectators, both ladies and gentlemen, present to witness the final stage was possibly the largest that has yet assembled on any occasion on the Braid Hills. On all hands the chances of the rival teams, the Carlton and the Stockbridge, were keenly discussed prior to the opening of the match, but those who really knew the merits of the players on both sides were not disposed to prophesy regarding the probable result. That each side would make the boldest effort to gain for itself the championship among Edinburgh and Leith clubs went without saying, and as both teams had shown capital "form" in the earlier stages of the tournament, one was justified in looking forward to a stiff fight in the decisive round. The course was, taken all over, in excellent order for the match, but accurate putting was rendered very difficult by the dry state of the greens, which a shower of rain in the morning would have vastly improved. In some cases they were very keen, in others the very reverse, so that there was difficulty in knowing how exactly to play when nearing the hole. It had been hoped that a beginning would be made with the play between two and three o'clock, but in order to suit all the players the time had eventually to be fixed for half-past four.

The starting-point presented a most animated appearance as the hour for play approached. Visitors who reached the hill early had perched themselves on the knolls overlooking the first teeing ground, and had passed the time of waiting in studying the charming prospect which the hill affords. Golfers had left their own game in their desire to see that of others, and the more eager of the onlookers, determined to make good their position from the first, had ranged themselves immediately behind the teeing ground. As the crowd, which was of very large dimensions, had thus disposed of itself, the first couple to drive off played through what may be termed an avenue of spectators. In the first foursome, Mr. J. Taylor and Dr. Haultain, of the Carlton, met Mr. G. W. Millar and Mr. W. G. Munro, junr., of the Stockbridge; while in the second match, Mr. W. B. Taylor and Mr. W. G. Paxton, of the Carlton, were pitted against Mr. D. M. Jackson and Mr. R. Robinson, of the Stockbridge. Those in charge of the arrangements of the tournament had some difficulty in steadying the crowd at the starting-point, but at length quietness reigned, and the first balls were driven by Mr. J. Taylor and Mr. Millar. The onlookers were sufficiently numerous to provide an ample "gallery" to each foursome—certainly, for the players' convenience, a much too numerous following. All had come out with the intention of seeing the game, and all were determined that they should; and it was only by dint of great exertions on the part of those anxious to give the players a fair field, and by the judicious use of the rope, that anything like elbow room was secured for the teams.

The Carlton beat their opponents by two holes on the double foursome and won the trophy. The scores were (approximating where the holes were not played out):—

## FIRST FOURSOME.

Carlton	4	6	4	5	4	4	5	5	6	5	4	4	5	5	4	=84.	
Stockbridge	5	7	6	5	5	4	6	5	3	5	4	5	6	4	6	6	=93.

## SECOND FOURSOME.

Carlton	5	6	4	5	5	4	6	5	3	4	4	4	5	5	6	4	=84.
Stockbridge	4	5	5	5	3	7	5	3	8	4	4	5	4	6	4	3	=85.

No time was lost in putting the winners in possession of the trophy. Councillor Kinloch Anderson took up his stand on a knoll near the shelter, and the crowd gathered around and below him. In making the presentation, Councillor Kinloch Anderson, commented on the antiquity and growing popularity of the game, remarking that he was quite certain that they would agree with him when he said that in Edinburgh and the vicinity Golf had greatly increased in popularity during the last few years. Musselburgh green, the nearest to Edinburgh, having become overtaxed with players, the Corporation of Edinburgh, at the instigation of the *Dispatch*—indeed, he might almost say that they largely owed that beautiful hill to suggestions in the columns of that newspaper—(applause)—had taken into consideration the proposal to acquire the Braids. He did not know that the ratepayers of Edinburgh always homologated what the Town Council did; but he was quite sure that in every respect they homologated the action of the Council in the acquisition of the Braids. (Applause.) He saw that proved more and more every tournament played on the course. The desirableness of having a Golf course in the vicinity—almost within—the city, was shown in the large and increasing numbers taking advantage of it every week, and he was sure nothing pleased the Corporation more than the fact that the public were taking full advantage of the hill. (Applause.) The tournament which now came to a close had been one of close contests throughout. It had in the end resolved itself into a

rial of strength between clubs representative of the north and south sides of the city, and he was sure the northern players did not grudge the southerners their victory. (Applause.) He ventured to predict that the tournament would in course of time become the most important in the east of Scotland. The Braids course was getting into better condition every day, and by-and-by they would get it into such condition as to induce all the best players to come to it. (Applause.) He concluded by handing over the trophy to Mr. G. S. Turnbull, captain of the Carlton Club—who briefly replied—and by handing gold pendants to the winning team. The members of the Stockbridge team received the silver pendants, presented by Mr. Strathers, jeweller, for the runners-up. The Carlton team also won the clubs, given by Messrs. Goudie, and the dozen balls for the couple giving the best account of themselves in any stage of the tournament went to Messrs. Millar and Munro, of the Stockbridge. Councillor Kinloch Anderson humorously explained that Councillor James Robertson's prize—a silver-mounted horn spoon to the team getting the worst beating in the tournament—could not be presented, as the Braids and Register House clubs had tied for it. Before the gathering dispersed a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Councillor Kinloch Anderson, on the call of Mr. Smith, captain of the Thistle club, the holders of the trophy last year.

THE PARLIAMENTARY GOLF MATCH.

On the links at Tooting Bec, the ties in the above tournament have been in progress during the past few weeks. The figures after the names indicate the handicap, to be adjusted between players by the higher number receiving three-fourths of the difference between the two. The following is the result of the

First Round.—Lord Elcho, M.P. (16), beat Mr. H. L. Mulholland, M.P. (20), by 8 up and 7 to play; The Marquis of Granby, M.P. (20), beat Mr. W. C. Grant (*Scotsman*) (18) by 2 up; Mr. Felix Skene (clerk, House of Lords) (5) beat Mr. W. H. Fisher, M.P. (16), by 1 up; Sir H. Houldsworth, M.P. (16), beat Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P. (16), by 2 up; Mr. A. J. Robertson (*The Times*) (6) beat Mr. T. W. Legh, M.P. (16), by 1 up; Hon. W. H. James, M.P. (20), beat Mr. J. S. Robb (*Glasgow Herald*) (7) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. H. Broadhurst, M.P. (13), beat Mr. George Baird, M.P. (20), by 2 up; Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P. (9), beat Captain J. M'Calmont, M.P. (20), by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Donald Crawford, M.P. (18), beat Lord Balfour of Burleigh (16); Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P. (6), beat Mr. W. Jeans (*Dundee Advertiser*) (15) by 7 up and 5 to play; Mr. C. L. Anstruther (clerk, House of Lords) (9) beat Mr. A. Mackintosh (*Aberdeen Free Press*) (18) by 9 up and 7 to play; Mr. W. Austen Leigh (clerk, House of Lords) (15) beat Mr. J. Bell (*The Times*) (14) by 2 up; Mr. Seymour Keay, M.P. (12), walked over, Mr. F. Hardcastle, M.P. (16), scratched; Mr. H. B. St. John (clerk, House of Lords) (15) beat Mr. T. Milvain, M.P. (17), by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. R. G. Webster, M.P. (20), walked over, Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P. (14), scratched; Mr. Gerald Balfour, M.P. (14), beat Mr. J. P. Cralp (*Scotsman*) (4) by 5 up.

Second Round.—The ties in this round have to be played off on or before Saturday next, the 25th inst. Two have been decided as follows:—The Marquis of Granby, M.P., beat Lord Elcho, M.P., by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. J. Robertson beat the Hon. Walter H. James, M.P., by 7 up and 6 to play.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The half-yearly competition for the gold challenge medal, presented by the officers of the 6th Regimental District, was held over the links on Warwick Common on Saturday, the 11th inst. The day was very fine, with a stiff breeze from the north-east, and the links and putting-greens were in excellent condition. There were nineteen competitors for the medal, which was won by Mr. O. Mordaunt with a low net score of 85, the returns of Capt. Cowan and Mr. Harold Smith being also in the eighties. The following was the score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Rev. O. Mordaunt... 109 24 85	Rev. G. W. Barnard 105 10 95
Capt. Cowan ... 104 16 88	Hon. R.H. Lyttelton 101 6 95
Mr. H. Smith ... 101 12 89	Rev. G.E.R. Bedford 116 20 96
Mr. Hunter-Blair ... 98 7 91	Mr. C. G. Graham... 107 11 96
Mr. G. F. Twist ... 99 8 91	Hon. Rev. Moncreiff 100 3 97
Gen. Dandridge ... 123 30 93	Rev. W.C.R. Bedford 109 10 99

Above 100 or no returns: Messrs. T. Latham, E. Fisher, S. J. Wheble, T. H. Ashton, F. Smith, F. D. Perry, and Capt. Hamilton, R.N.

The second competition for the Paterson prize was held on Saturday in beautiful weather, while the putting-greens were in splendid condition. Twenty-four started. Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair was the winner with 95, less 7=88; Mr. F. A. Bainbridge, 102, less 13=89; and Mr. C. G. Graham, 100, less 11=89, tied for second place. The next best scores were:—Captain Shaw, 108, less 18=90; Mr. Wel-

lesley Ricketts, 101, less 10=91; Mr. G. H. Norris, 105, less 12=93; Mr. G. F. Twist, 103, less 8=95; Mr. T. Latham, 101, less 5=96; and the Rev. E. H. Oldham, 105, less 9=96. Mr. Hunter Blair was also returned the scratch winner with 95.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

On Friday, the 17th inst., there was a good turn-out of members and others interested in the game to see a match between Peter Fernie, from Wimbledon, and W. Walker, the local professional. Walker's record for the round is 72, and the match seemed rather in his favour from his knowledge of the course. But from his score of 87 against Fernie's 83, it will be seen that he was thoroughly out of form. Fernie's second round of 40, for a man who has never played the course before, is a distinctly good one, and had his putting been up to his other play, it would have been considerably lower, the first hole was halved in five. Walker having got into difficulties and Fernie missing an easy putt for four. Both topped their drives at the second, but by good iron play holed out in four. In playing the third hole Fernie was dead stymied by the tree on the right, but played what was the sensational shot of the day, drawing his ball beautifully on to the green, and lying within six feet of hole in 2. By bad putting, however, he let Walker have a half. The fourth hole fell to Walker in 4, Fernie being too far up the hill with his second. The short hole was halved in 4, Walker laying a dead stymie. This compliment Fernie returned at the sixth hole, which was also halved. At the seventh hole both pulled into the new course, but Fernie, playing a splendid second, secured the hole in 4. Walker's second was in the burn at the long hole, while Fernie's was some distance above the green. This hole resulted in a very lucky half for Walker, as Fernie, finking the burn, played short with his iron. At the last hole Walker overdrove the green, which has only been done once before, while Fernie, lying in the green, holed out in 3, and was thus 1 up in the first round. Scores—Fernie, 43; Walker, 46. The first hole of the second round fell to Fernie, making him 2 up, but this Walker equalised by taking the second and third in 3 each. Both crossed the burn well in 2 at the fourth hole which resulted in a half in 4—all even, but the next three holes fell to Fernie, who thus won the match by 3 up and 2 to play. In the forenoon Fernie gave his assistance in laying out the new course of 18 holes, which, owing to the rapid growth of membership since the formation of the club a year ago, has now become a necessity. The new ground is fully as sporting as the old, and has rather a better quality of turf. Fernie speaks in very high terms of its capabilities as a course, and the committee hope to have it ready for play in July.

On Saturday last, a silver cup, presented by a member, was played for, under handicap over the club course at Bushey, the same being in excellent condition and weather fine.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. K. Stuart ... 90 14 76	Dr. C. Denn Christ-
Mr. Howard H. Williams... 99 16 83	mas ... 128 30 98
Mr. A. B. Chalmers 94 9 85	Mr. C. Davis ... 125 25 100
Mr. B. M. Barton... 96 10 86	Rev. H. T. Lane ... 131 26 105
Mr. R. S. Clouston 95 8 87	Mr. J. A. Langlois 126 20 106
Mr. W. R. Carter... 106 18 88	Mr. E. F. Jackson 128 22 106
Mr. A. H. Wallace 98 9 89	Rev. O. C. Cockrem 136 28 108
Mr. T. Glover ... 96 6 90	Mr. W. G. Barton 138 30 108
Mr. W. Wilson ... 112 20 92	Mr. W. T. Boydell,
Mr. J. C. Taylor ... 117 22 95	jun. ... 159 30 129
Mr. D. Scholes ... 116 20 96	Dr. Rushworth } 103 Not
	Mr. J. Forbes } 131 handi-
	Mr. D. McMillan } 138 capped.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly competition of the above club was played over the links at Hall Road on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Mr. C. McLaren. The following are the returns that did not exceed 100. Seventy-two players competed:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. C. McLaren ... 94 10 84	Mr. T. A. Kirkwood 100 9 91
Mr. F. T. Wright... 97 12 85	Mr. N. W. Brook... 103 12 91
Major Munn ... 102 16 86	Mr. J. N. P. Newton 110 18 92
Mr. F. W. Taylor... 106 20 86	Mr. A. Stookes ... 100 7 93
Mr. J. W. Fowler... 87 scr. 87	Mr. H. Kerr Waddell 111 18 93
Mr. L. D. Stoddart 88 1 87	Mr. C. E. Deane ... 98 4 94
Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe 95 8 87	Mr. G. F. Smith ... 98 4 94
Mr. John Yates ... 99 12 87	Mr. H. J. C. Anderson 104 10 94
Mr. L. J. Ferguson 93 5 88	Mr. H. Durandu, jun. 105 11 94
Mr. G. Newsom ... 93 5 88	Mr. G. H. O. Salt... 112 18 94
Mr. C. Taylor ... 110 22 88	Mr. G. Grieve ... 110 15 95
Dr. Davidson ... 95 6 89	Mr. H. Rowland ... 110 14 96
Mr. W. Turnbull ... 95 6 89	Mr. F. Litchfield ... 111 15 96
Mr. W. Potter ... 91 1 90	Mr. P. O'Brien ... 114 18 96
Mr. F. Gittins ... 105 15 90	Mr. T. Shelmerdine,
Mr. J. Rose ... 108 18 90	jun. ... 119 20 99

HAYLING GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., a well-contested game was played by the caddies of this club over the whole eighteen holes, for prizes generously presented by the Rev. T. Filmer-Bennett. The first prize consisted of a bag and ten clubs, value £3 3s.; second ditto, four clubs, value £1 10s. In addition, each caddie received 4s. for their day's work. Score:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
A. Goldring ...	99	95	194	16	178
A. Court ...	95	92	185	3	187
T. Court ...	107	106	213	16	197
G. Churcher ...	110	110	220	18	202
H. Slidell ...	120	106	226	18	208
H. Ward ...	128	120	240	28	220
H. Goldring ...	127	123	250	24	226
A. Ife ...	127	120	247	18	229
F. Goldring ...	133	125	258	28	230
W. Bound ...	138	128	266	30	236

BORDER CHALLENGE GOLF TROPHY.

INTER-CLUB COMPETITION.

The shield was competed for this year over the Innerleithen course on April 18th. The clubs competing are Hawick, Melrose, Selkirk, Innerleithen, and Kelso, each club being represented by ten men, and the club returning the lowest total of strokes to be the winner, and to hold the shield until the next competition. Any club winning the shield three times is to retain it as its own property. Play is regulated by the rules of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, with the special rules applicable to the course over which the competition takes place. The shield is silver plate set in oak—the design of Messrs. Edward and Son, Glasgow. It is circular, and is 21 inches in diameter. In the scroll round the border are the coats of arms of the several towns. Last year, the first year in which the shield was played for, the competition took place at Hawick, and the Selkirk team were successful in first winning the trophy. Their average score was 92.

This year the Selkirk team were again successful, their average score being 90.7. The weather was all that could be looked for, and the green was in first-class order for Golf. The following are the scores of the various teams:—

SELKIRK.—Mr. D. C. Alexander, 100; Mr. G. Wright, 97; Mr. W. H. Gray, 89; Mr. J. Jamieson, 86; Mr. J. Thomson, 90; Mr. G. T. Scott, 93; Mr. R. Hardie, 83; Mr. A. Weir, 87; Mr. C. Alexander, 86; Mr. J. Connochie, 96. Total, 907.

HAWICK.—Mr. W. Hume, 97; Mr. G. Douglas, 87; Mr. Jas. Barrie, 87; Mr. R. Michie, 102; Mr. A. H. Craw, 111; Mr. T. Hodgson, 95; Mr. P. Cruickshanks, 91; Mr. J. Reyburn, 112; Dr. Barrie, 113; Mr. G. P. Ross, 93. Total, 988.

INNERLEITHEN.—Mr. R. T. Robertson, 94; Mr. R. C. Smail, 93; Mr. A. Robertson, 93; Mr. W. Lyon, 101; Mr. W. Bertram, 89; Mr. J. S. Smail, 96; Rev. T. D. Millar, 94; Mr. J. Ballantyne, jun., 92; Mr. G. Thornburn, 96; Mr. G. A. D. C. Ferguson, 95. Total, 943.

MELROSE.—Mr. C. Munro, 104; Dr. Calvert, 92; Mr. C. A. Ritchie, 99; Mr. A. J. Lothian, 96; Mr. F. T. Robertson, 91; Mr. A. T. Simon, 93; Mr. W. Pennycook, 104; Mr. T. S. Bogie, 102; Mr. A. D. Robson, 92; Mr. J. Dickson, 88. Total, 961.

KELSO.—Mr. A. Stevenson, 101; Mr. W. M. Maxton, 114; Mr. J. Scott, 126; Mr. W. Rutherford, 75; Dr. Rutherford, 97; Mr. J. Forsyth, 113; Mr. A. P. Stevenson, 101; Mr. J. Newton, 113; Mr. T. D. C. Smith, 105; Mr. W. Bennet, 116. Total, 1,061.

ROYAL ENGINEERS v. ROYAL ARTILLERY.

This return match was played at Chatham on Saturday, April 18th, and resulted in a win for the Royal Engineers by 6 holes. The match was played in beautiful weather, with a hot sun, which made the putting-greens very keen and difficult. The several matches were not so well contested as in the previous match, some heavy scoring resulting on both sides. Score:—

ROYAL ARTILLERY.	Holes.	ROYAL ENGINEERS.	Holes.
Major Crookenden ...	5	Lieut. Burnaby ...	0
Major Anstruther ...	1	Lieut. Palmer ...	0
Capt. Lindsay ...	8	Lieut. Hume ...	0
Capt. Bunbury ...	0	Lieut. Fanshawe ...	9
Col. Harman ...	0	Lieut. Dumaresq ...	2
Lieut. Metcalfe ...	0	Lieut. Walker ...	4
Col. Burgman ...	0	Major Macdonald ...	5
	14		20

KING JAMES VI. GOLF CLUB (PERTH).—On Saturday the annual spring competition for the club gold medal, the Imrie silver cup, the Pullar inkstand, and several sweepstake prizes took place on the North Inch. The weather was all that could be desired, but, unfortunately, putting-greens were in bad condition. The following was the order of play:—Mr. R. Dunsmore and Mr. R. Halley, Mr. R. Keay and Mr. H. H. Greig, Mr. R. Mackay and Mr. James Donaldson, Mr. William Garvie and Mr. James Paterson, Mr. Alexander Robertson and Mr. D. Wood, junr.; Mr. A. Jamieson and Mr. J. C. Dow, Mr. Thomas Chalmers and Mr. James Howat, Mr. John Thomson and Mr. George Buist, Mr. R. A. Hay and Mr. D. S. Dow, Rector Chambers and Mr. James Hay, jun.; Mr. John Halley and Mr. James Stewart, Mr. John teewart and Mr. L. Grant, Mr. J. F. Haig and Mr. A. McGillivray, Mr. D. Halley and Mr. A. H. Crawford, Mr. John Robertson and Major Chalmers, Mr. P. W. Campbell and Mr. Dan Wylie, Mr. J. Marshall and R. M. Robertson, Mr. John Bruce and Mr. William Robertson. Mr. R. Dunsmore was winner of the gold medal with 113; the Imrie cup was carried off by Mr. R. Mackay in 116; while Mr. James Hay, junr., was successful in gaining the Pullar inkstand in 118, less 8=110. The winners of the sweepstake prizes were Mr. R. M. Robertson, Mr. James Hay, jun., and Mr. R. Dunsmore. The fourth round in the Macleish cup competition also took place, with the following result:—Mr. G. Buist beat Mr. D. Wood, jun., by 1 hole, Rector Chambers beat Mr. J. Donaldson by 4 up and 3 to play, Mr. R. Mackay beat Mr. James Paterson by 3 up and 2 to play, Mr. A. Jamieson and Mr. Wm. Gargie tied. The best rounds were as follows:—Mr. R. Dunsmore, 58 and 55; Mr. R. Mackay 61 and 55; Mr. R. Keay, 58 and 60; Mr. James Hay, jun., 58 and 60; Mr. R. Halley's second round, 57; Mr. J. Paterson's first round, 59.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION GOLF CLUB.—The first annual meeting of the Corporation Golf Club was held on the 16th inst., Councillor Robertson presiding. There was a large attendance of members. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Lord Provost Boyd, president; Councillor Robertson, captain; Councillor Macnaughton, secretary; and Mr. George Somerville, Procurator-Fiscal, treasurer. Members of committee—Councillor Younger, Councillor A. D. Mackenzie, Councillor Kinloch Anderson, Mr. J. Smith Clark, S.S.C., and Mr. Hew Morrison, librarian. The following new members were admitted:—Councillor J. A. Robertson, Councillor A. D. Mackenzie, and Councillor John Jamieson. The first competition will take place probably on the first Wednesday of May, at North Berwick, for the Golf trophy presented to the club by Mr. Slater.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The Scotsman club met on the Braids course to play for their monthly medal on the 16th inst. Fourteen couples started. The weather was bright, and favourable for low scoring. This, however, turned out to be no easy task owing to the putting-greens being dry and keen, the sloping nature of the ground on which many of the holes are placed adding to the difficulty. On cards being handed in, Mr. T. H. Newlands was found to be the winner with a score of 99, less 14=85; Mr. J. Pearson being second with a stroke more. The spring competition of this club took place over the Braids course on Saturday in delightful weather. Forty members took part in the competition. The following is a list of the prize-winners:—1 and 2 (tie), Mr. H. Arnott, 96, less 16=80, and Mr. J. Pearson, 110, less 30=80; 3, Mr. T. Young, 114, less 30=84; 4, Mr. D. Coutts, scratch, 85; 5, Mr. J. J. Webster, 96, less 10=86; Mr. D. Blain, 89, less 2=87; Mr. R. H. Thom, 90, less 3=87; Mr. R. G. Duthie, 93, less 6=87; Mr. T. Brotherton, 99, less 12=87; and Mr. J. M'Intyre, 109, less 22=87, tie for the sixth, seventh, and eighth prizes.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—The members of this club met on the Braids on Saturday to play for the club's monthly trophy. As usual, there was a large turn-out, twenty-three players starting. The afternoon being fine, the green was in good condition. The competition, which was keenly contested, resulted in Mr. James Clement winning the trophy with a score of 95, less 22=73. Mr. R. Harvey, sen., who played a strong game, finished with a score of 77, less 3=74, and secured second place.

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