

St. Andrews, N.B. RUSACK'S HOTEL, THE MARINE (on the Links). The Golf Metropolis—Parties boarded. Special terms to Golfers and families. W. RUSACK, Proprietor and Manager. Tele-grams:—Rusack, St. Andrews, N.B. Telephone No. 1101.

A GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION.

The following circular has been issued to club secretaries as the result of our article advocating the foundation of a Golfers' Association. We hope that Golf clubs will give a widespread adhesion to the scheme :—

"Lyric Club, "London, W., "November, 1891.

"DEAR SIR,—You have doubtless already read the editorial article from GOLF which I send on the opposite page, and you may also remember that more than a year ago I sent you a prospectus concerning the formation of a social club for golfers in London.

"In that prospectus were the following words :—"From its members also, among whom it is hoped would be numbered many old Golf players from the northern clubs, a special committee might be selected composed of representative authorities on the game, to whom disputed points might be submitted for decision, and who, in fact, would occupy the same relative position to Golf as the M.C C. does to the cricketing world; perhaps in due course they might be able to solve the vexed question as to how a set of laws might be compiled from existing rules for the game that would prove generally acceptable to all Golf clubs throughout the world."

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"The social club above mentioned has now taken a more definite form, several hundred names have already been received and candidates come in almost daily. We hope to be able to open the Club-house, which will be situated near Pall Mall, on 1st January, 1892, or very shortly afterwards. "In connection with this club I am trying also to organise

"In connection with this club I am trying also to organise such an Association as is suggested, and I should be glad to hear from you if your committee will give its support to the scheme; if you will send me the names of any of your members who would serve on a committee I should be glad to record them.

"I may perhaps add that I have already in 'The Golfers' Club'a great many of the leading representative players in the south of England.

"Awaiting your reply,

"I am, dear Sir, "Yours very truly, "A. S. BAIRD DOUGLAS."

NEW LINKS AT HUDDERSFIELD.

Huddersfield is not going to be behind other towns in having its golfing links. A few gentlemen, who have recently taken to the game, having begun on some Scotch links, are determined to have it introduced here. With this object they called together some of their friends, and about twenty cheerfully responded to the call, they undertaking to become guarantors for a sum of money sufficient to cover the initial cost of renting the ground, preparing it and engaging the services of a professional and a ground man. Before forming a club and finally settling matters the services of Tom Dunn, of Tooting Bec, were obtained to give his opinion as to the capability of the ground. After Dunn had surveyed it, he unhesitatingly gave it as his opinion that it was thoroughly well suited for Golf, that it would make an excellentlinks. A course of eighteen holes was then planned by him. The links are at Fixby, about a mile and a-half from Huddersfield. When they are reached the views of the surrounding country (which extend to a distance of some twenty miles) are grand.

A description of the course may be interesting to golfers who are likely to visit these parts. The start for the first hole begins at the lodge, and is about a drive and an iron. The second and third requiring somewhat similar play, no special feature is observable in these three holes; but the holes from the third to the fifteenth are full of sport. In striking to the fourth hole a long drive will carry one over a deep fosse. The second shot is a very critical one, and compels the player to calculate whether to take his driver and go for it or play short, he having to run the gauntlet of two pluntations with a fosse on one side. The hole is prettily situated on a plateau on the hill side, and very accurate play is required with the iron to reach the green.

The fifth hole, although it is only a drive, requires another correct shot to land on the summit of a hill. Number six needs two full drives and an iron to get home, two stone dykes having to be crossed and a deep quarry to be avoided on the right of the hole. Playing to the seventh the same number of strokes is required before the green is reached ; here two dykes, a pond, and plantation intercept the path of the player, although the two latter can be avoided by playing considerably to the right. Leaving here the next hole is again beset with difficulties. A deep fosse and two dykes must be crossed before the green is reached ; this hole also requires two drives and an iron. Going to the ninth two long drives can reach the green, but here a dyke and fosse have again to be crossed. The tenth calls for little comment; beyond crossing a fosse, a drive and an iron will reach the green, but the next hole has a dyke and deep quarry, and takes two drives to reach it. The twelfth is prettily situated in a hollow, a dyke and ditch running parallel to the hole. The next hole introduces two more dykes to cross, a drive and an iron landing one on what has been fitly termed The fourteenth is a long hole, and a little the "Punch Bowl." uninteresting until the approach is reached, when a deep fosse has to be crossed, the site of the hole standing prominently on a plateau.

In driving for the next a very sporting shot from the high ground over a cluster of trees at the foot of the hill makes the player brace himself up for an effort. When accomplished another good shot will reach the green.

The last three holes have less variety than the preceding ones, but they bring in some picturesque views of the land surrounding them. The course is quite tree of any crossing, and taken altogether the sport is really good, requiring some skilled and careful play to make a low score. When once the green is in order (operations have been begun with a staff of men mowing and rolling) the score of 84 would be fine play. There is in addition to excellent turf a great deal of undulating ground.

A ladies' links was also marked out, consisting of nine holes, and is adjacent to the long round.

Golfers are welcome to the use of the links on applying to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Huth, Huddersfield.

DEATH OF SIR VICTOR BROOKE.

A wide circle of golfers, and sportsmen generally, will learn with great regret the comparatively sudden death of Sir Victor Brooke, which took place at Pau on Monday of last week, after an attack of inflammation of the lungs. Sir Victor and Lady Brooke, who was herself in very delicate health, had been in the habit of spending the winter at Pau, where they owned the Villa Jouvence, for the last thirteen or fourteen years, and they were the leaders of the best English society there. Lady Brooke's health did not admit of her going out much, but Sir Victor, who was a keen sportsman, had for two or three seasons been master of the Pau foxhounds, and captain of the Golf club. Victor Alexander Brooke was born in 1843, his father, the second baronet, having married in 1841 the Hon. Julia Henrietta Anson, Maid of Honour to the Queen (who was godmother to Sir Victor). He succeeded his father in 1854, was educated at Harrow, and married in 1864 the daughter of Sir A. E. Bellingham, by whom he leaves a family of five sons and three daughters, the eldest of whom is Mr. Arthur Douglas Brooke.

While quite a young man he evinced a great taste for natural history and a love of field sports, and at the age of twenty had shot one of the biggest wild elephants ever killed in India. This was in July, 1863, while shooting with Colonel Douglas Hamilton on the Hassanoor Hills. One of the tusks of this animal was "the largest on record for an Indian elephant." Its total length (outside curve) was 8 feet; its greatest circumference, 1 foot 5 inches; and its weight, 90 lb. The other tusk was diseased and broken, measuring only 3 feet 3 inches in length, 1 foot 8 inches greatest circumference, and weighing only 49 lb. For so young a sportsman this was a grand trophy, but it was only one of a large series which fell to his rifle from time to time, his walls being hung with the heads of many a deer, antelope, and wild sheep secured by successful stalking. He was no less skilful with the gun than with the rifle, and was a wonderfully good rabbit shot. In his own park at Colebrook, in 1885, he killed in one day 740 rabbits to his own gun. He used exactly 1,000 cartridges, and fired from his right shoulder for one half of the day, and from his left the other half. The last shot killed a woodcock "back" from the left shoulder—a remarkable performance. Although a heavy weight, he could show many a good man the way across country; and his mastership of the Pau Hounds will be in the recollection of many of our readers.

As a horse breeder, too, he had some experience, and in the summer of 1890, in company with his eldest son, Mr. Arthur Brooke, he visited three of the largest horse ranches in the province of Alberta, N.W. Canada, for the purpose of acquiring information in regard to the prospect of breeding weight-carrying hunters for the English market. On his return he wrote a graphic account of his journey and all he saw at the Canadian ranches.

He made a name also as a naturalist. On the subject of deer and antelopes, his knowledge was second only to that of the late Edward Blyth, and his experience of these animals in various countries enabled him to publish many valuable observations on their affinites and life history. He made a large and valuable collection of the heads and

He made a large and valuable collection of the heads and horns of deer and antelopes, with the intention some day of publishing an illustrated monograph on the subject, a work which would have proved invaluable to sportsmen as well as naturalists, had he lived to carry out his intention. It is to be feared also that much of his knowledge will have died with him, for although, as regards the classification and synonymy of the deer tribe, his views have already been printed; yet these, after all, are only the outlines of what would have proved, if completed, a much larger and most valuable work.

Notwithstanding the troubles of late years in Ireland, Sir Victor Brooke continued upon the best terms with his tenants in Fermanagh, where his loss will be much deplored.

As a golfer, Sir Victor Brooke was widely known on the Southern greens. He was a familiar figure at Wimbledon, Hoylake, and other places, but Pau was the chief place where he played. Possessing a good eye and strong physique, standing over six feet, he soon became a good player, and in course of time took a fair share of the prizes. He was elected captain of the Pau Golf Club, and with an able assistant in the late Mr. Arthur Post, as secretary, he did a good deal towards improving the Golf course, and in making Pau the popular winter resort for golfers that it now is.

Lawn tennis was one of his chief hobbies, but although keen about the game, and playing a good deal with the Renshaws, Lawford, and other good players, he never became quite a firstclass player. At one time, being a little out of form at Golf, he suddenly took to hunting, and soon became Master of the Pau Fox Hounds; giving up much of his time to them, he soon improved the Hunt considerably. Athough not exactly brought up in the saddle, he became a bold and fearless rider across country, and, being in possession of good horses, he was always able to be with his hounds. The residents of Pau will sadly miss him, where, whether it was hunting, shooting, racing, Golf, or anything connected with sport in any way, he was always ready to go heart and soul into the thing, and give all the help he possibly could. His sad death will indeed throw a gloom over a place where for so many years he has been so popular and well-known a resident.

The Journal des Etrangers, of Pau, says :-

"From an accident in the hunting field dates the commencement of the illness to which he finally succumbed. Too enthusiastic and adventurous to take care of himself, an injury which a more prudent man might easily have survived gradually sapped his originally strong constitution. He always insisted that there was nothing the matter with him, and ignored the warnings of his doctors and his friends. A few weeks ago a report reached Pau that he had been taken seriously ill in Ireland. Immediately after this he returned to Pau to

recuperate. A week's constant attention at the hands of Doctor Bagnell and tender nursing of Lady Brooke, and Sir Victor considered himself perfectly recovered. He insisted on resuming his ordinary active life : riding, bicycling, &c. Only last Tuesday he attended the meet of the Pau Hounds at Ousse. On Wednesday he went to the Plaine de Bilhères on his bicycle, and talked enthusiastically of all he meant to do during the coming season. Alas, it was not to be. His triumphs are over; the gallant heart has ceased to beat; the courteous genial greeting, which endeared him to all, we shall never hear again. All his life he lived at too high pressure, and when serious illness came in the form of pneumonia, his constitution had no elasticity to throw it off. He is gone, and with him disappears one who did more to make Pau popular than any living man ; one whose presence was, as the oxygen in the air we breathe, a stimulant strong but pure."

MY CADDY.

Who daily comes to meet my trap, And—touching jerkily his cap— Seizes umbrella, clubs, and wrap? My Caddy.

Who makes a little sandy tee, And, down upon his bended knee, Adjusts the Golf-ball carefully? My Caddy.

Who, if I make a decent hit, Is sure to let me hear of it? Who flatters me a little bit?

My Caddy.

Who, when the balls erratic fly, Can always an excuse supply, "The stance was bad," or else "the lie"? My Caddy.

Who if to pieces I should fall And top, and pull and slice the ball, Knows better than to talk at all? My Caddy.

Who, when from hazard blind and bad, He telegraphs the signal glad— "All clear," becomes "a clever lad"? My Caddy.

But who, if it should come to pass The ball is lost in whins or grass, Too frequently becomes "an ass." My Caddy.

Who, if I suffer from "a rub," Or badly lie in sand or scrub, Had *better* hand the proper club? My Caddy.

Who, when I'm down a hole or two, Has sometimes all that he can do A weary task to worry through? My Caddy.

Who, though I hurry through the green, Should ever at my heels be seen, Attentive, tireless, and keen ? My Caddy.

Who, when the foe walks proudly in, Is heard to swear through thick and thin That luck alone has let him win? My Caddy.

Who, ever anxious to defend My interests from end to end, Ought to be treated as a friend? My Caddy.

MAURICE NOEL.

WARKWORTH.

A Golf club has been started at Warkworth, in Northumberland. Could there be a more beautiful place for it? There is so much of interest in and around the little village, as there is all over beautiful wild Northumberland, that it will speedily become a very favourite resort of Golf-players, running other places very hard in the way of popularity.

To begin with, Warkworth is a very old corner of the country. When you have toiled down the lane from the station and up the steep street, where, believe me, you will need a stout cane or an alpenstock ! the first thing that faces you is the grey ruin of an ancient castle, of which the keep is in excellent preservation, thanks to the Duke of Northumberland, and especially to Earl Percy, who often comes here with his family. The moat, the fortifications, the tower, and the *oubliette* may still be visited. You can roam from room to room, stand in the spacious chamber where Hotspur slept, and picture the scenes that have taken place in the grand banquetting-hall.

There are quaint little passages here and there. There are wells in unexpected nooks, and windows which give you a wide sweep over sea and moor, and wood, and river. River! Yes, the silvery Coquet winds about, and in and out among the reeds and the rushes, the sweeping broom, and the over-arching trees. And when you have rowed gently up the stream, past the meadows where the kine are feeding and the Cheviot sheep are standing, knee-deep in grass and flowers, treading out the scent of the wild thyme and the hare-bell ; then you will suddenly come to a landing-place, screened off from view by lowgrowing bushes, and giant undergrowth of fern and briony. Be sure you stop, and go up the steps, and make friends with the custodian, for he knows all the true and romantic story of the hermit who lived in the cave that you have come to see.

It is a wonderful cave, a wonderful spot for a man to spend and dream away his life in.

Bit by bit he carved out that exquisite little chapel, and fashioned those cells—living, praying, fasting, dreaming—beside the tomb of his lady-love, keeping watch and ward and vigil incessantly up there in his eyrie, far up in the face of the lonely cliff.

All these things you will see in Warkworth ; and, beside these, you will find the sea, the loud, resounding sea—beating its heart out on the sands over yonder. Marvellous shells and fragments of sea-treasures you will also find thrown in for nothing. It will make a change to lie on the sandy shore and do nothing ; but, with face up-turned to the deep blue sky, to watch the gulls as they soar, and circle, with white wings overhead ; and to dream, and dream your own mysterious dreams of what you mean to be—and to do. Of course, Warkworth will be popular with golfers. It cannot fail to be. There is so much to attract, to charm, to please. The most active, everyday young person has still somewhere, tucked-in out of sight, a curious lingering fondness for the past, with all its by-gone fascination. And this place is full of memories.

To the southerner it will be a powerfully attractive spot. Only' shall we lose the quiet charm, and the primitive peace, and the old-world delightfulness of the little village, as we know it now?

No one builds much there. But, will Golf mean an incursion of masons, bricklayers—cheap villas and jerry-builders? Heaven forbid !

Go—for you will learn to love the place—and Golf cannot fail to be a success there, where sea and land will combine to make the game additionally charming : but be content with what you will find.

The inns are good and homely; lodgings may be had; houses—when empty—are cheap enough. Take the place as it is: you will find it delightful; and make up your mind neither to spoil it by your presence, nor to be spoilt by its charm. In return, you will obtain health, vigour, pleasure, and the chances of an exceptionally good game, with an uncommonly nice set of people by way of company.

MARY S. HANCOCK

THE LANARK GOLF COURSE.

Among the numerous inland Golf links very few, if any, are superior to the Lanark course. It is situated on the moor, and is within fifteen minutes' walk of the railway station. Unlike a large number of other links, the grass is short, and the soil sandy. Indeed, a considerable part of the ground has a striking resemblance to many of our coast courses. A few years ago the putting-greens were levelled, and since then the club, which was established as far back as 1851, has greatly prospered. The ground is of that fine undulating character so dear to the heart of every true golfer. Several of the holes are on knolls, and these necessitate the skilful use of the lofting iron, which is undoubtedly the most trying implement the golfer is called upon to use. The hazards are numerous and varied, comprising whins, rushes, ditches, burns, and, most terrible of all, a couple of sand-pits. It will thus be seen that the course is a thoroughly sporting one. In going to Tinto, the player tees his ball in front of the club-house. A good drive takes him over the rising ground, and a well-judged brassy shot lands him on the edge of the green. He should then hole out in 4 or 5. There are several pitfalls on the way to Tinto. If the ball is heeled, then it goes whack against the engine-house, and, missing that, it will probably land in the plantation. Moreover, the approach shot requires to be carefully played, as there are rushes on the left and a marsh on the right, into which many a ball finds its way, to the disgust of the player. The Carstairs hole is the longest, but to a steady driver it presents no difficulties. A topped ball comes to grief in the rushes or the burn ; and a too strong approach loses a stroke, as the ball runs into a hollow. The Dodger is a regular heart-breaker. It is only 117 yards from the tee, but in front of it there is a great yawning sand-pit, and behind a clump of whins and another pit. Between the two bunkers the ground is about twenty yards in width, and it requires the nicest calculation to land on the green. Many of the members, who know every inch of the course, often fail to negotiate the Dodger satisfactorily. The Bunker hole frightens no one but the "topper" and the "heeler." Steady drivers should do the Quarry in 3, while the Paraffin will test the skill of the good lofter. Over 300 yards have to be traversed before the Burn hole is reached. Two fine "swipes" and the ball should be near the green. Four strokes is capital play for this hole, but anyone taking 5 need not despair of winning a prize. Smyllum is just the length of a good drive, but, as the ground rises to the height of 15 feet immediately from the tee, the player requires to "loft" with accuracy. The Brae is a somewhat tantalising hole. Unless the "gowfer" is sure of clearing the ditch, he should play short, as he is afterwards able to reach the green with his next stroke. To reach the Militia is an easy matter, but skilful putting is required to get down, as the green is uneven and extremely keen. It is best to play strongly to the Ditch, as a weak drive will be heavily penalised. On each side of the Knowe there is a quantity of rushes, and it pays to be strong rather than weak. Three is good play for this hole as well as for the last. Neither Clark's nor the Home hole presents any The committee are considering the propriety of difficulty. extending the links to the standard size-that is, eighteen holes. After this is done the club will probably attract more members, because, in addition to a high-class Golf course, the district can boast of possessing a most bracing atmosphere and some of the finest scenery to be found in Scotland. It may be interesting to add that the record score is 112 for twenty-eight holes, made in a club competition by Dr. A. H. Vassie, a young and promising golfer.

PRESTWICK.

On Saturday the members took part in the competition for the November handicap gold medal. The weather was unfavourable, rain falling during the greater part of the day. The following is the result of the game of eighteen holes :---Mr, D. W. Kidston and Mr. John F. Macnair tied for first place at 91, the former in receipt of 20 and the latter 6 of odds : Mr. J. S. Higginbotham was at 95, with 24 of odds ; Mr. W. Towers Clark, 95, with 18 ; Mr. C. E. Grant, 97, with 20 ; Mr. W. S. Wilson, 95 at scratch ; Mr. P. Davidson, 99, with 24 of odds.

A GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION.

AST week we published two communications of importance bearing on this subject. One was an item of news chronicling the foundation of a Golfing Union in Ireland, and the other was an interesting letter, signed "D. D.," who gave some particulars as to how the authorities at St. Andrews have dealt with suggested reforms and recommendations affecting the rules, and how they incontinently "smothered" the courteous invitation of the Royal Wimbledon Club to take the initiative in founding a Golfers' Association. It will probably surprise most golfers, particularly the somewhat lethargic players in Scotland, that a practical step in Home Rule has been spontaneously taken by our friends across St. George's Channel. But to those who have closely followed, as we have done, the current drift of golfing public opinion, there seems to be no cause for astonishment that Irish golfers have promptly acted on their own initiative. In their eyes it would seem that the handwriting has long been on the wall; and with much practical good sense, enterprise, and public spirit, they have refrained from expending useful energy in the seemingly vain attempt to goad the Royal and Ancient into action, and have promptly cut the Gordian knot by acting for themselves. Irish golfers are to be congratulated on the step they have taken, and we wish their Union a hearty success.

Since the article appeared in these pages a fortnight ago' advocating the establishment of a Golfers' Association, a practical step has been taken, with commendable promptitude, towards eliciting the willingness or otherwise of Golf clubs throughout the country to join such an Association. In another column will be found the copy of a circular which has been addressed by Major Baird Douglas to the secretaries of Golf clubs, asking for their adhesion to such an organisation. It is to be hoped that secretaries will not throw aside the letter as unworthy of attention. The question should be brought before the members of the Committee, or before a general meeting of the members of the various clubs, and it should be argued out on its merits fairly and squarely. Nothing is to be gained by shelving the proposal, because it is daily becoming an urgent question whether or not such a proposed government should be constituted. No golfer can pretend to say that the existing condition of affairs is satisfactory. The letter of "D. D.," who knows a good deal more than most people about this question, throws a somewhat unpleasant sidelight on the whole controversy; and it is abundantly clear, as time goes on, that St. Andrews will not deign to recognise any movement among golfers outside its own circles. It is a matter for deep regret that this should be so. The genius of the time is against them, however, and no attempt on their part to shield themselves within a somewhat ludicrous triply-encased dignity ought to hinder golfers elsewhere in the country from doing something to prevent Golf, its laws, authority, and spirit from becoming a confused, meaningless jumble of traditionary obiter dicta. Take an illustration of what we foresee is likely to happen in a month's time. Some clubs will doubtless adopt the new and revised code of rules, which come into force at St. Andrews with the New Year. Other clubs who have never heard of the new code, and who do not care very much whether there be a new code or not, prefer to play under the old rules, with which, at all events, experience has made them tolerably familiar. The result is that, owing to the absence of a recognised golfing legislative authority, two codes of rules, diametrically at variance on several important points, are being observed, and the consequence will be that when a player of the new code meets a player of the old code doubt, confusion and dispute are sure to be the inevitable product. Can players as a class contemplate this result with equanimity?

It is because we believe that the formation of a Golfers' Association would tend to the welfare of the game as a whole that we earnestly urge all Golf clubs to consider the project brought under their notice by Major Baird Douglas. There is plenty of useful and important work for such an Association to overtake; and as the initiative in this instance has not been taken by any of the great Golf clubs in the South, but by an authority outside, though intimately connected with Golf, there can be no room for the manifestation of anything approaching rival jealousy. Should Major Baird Douglas receive a sufficient number of adhesions to the scheme deemed likely to constitute a workable nucleus, it is to be hoped that a meeting will be promptly called embracing delegates of all the clubs, and the movement set to work on a firm and secure basis. The promoters may rest assured that soon after the Association is founded Golf clubs which at present may feel disposed to hold aloof will join in order to create a federation which shall be practical in its aims, wide-reaching in its scope, and for the benefit of all classes of players.

TROON GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday the monthly competition took place for the Sandhills gold medal. The weather was very unpropitious for good scoring. Mr. R. Scott was first, with a score of 109, less 20=89; Mr. Thomas Johnston next, 99, less 8=91; Mr. James Wilson, jun., 112, less 12=100.

BRIDGE OF WEIR—RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—The second round of the competition at present going on for Messrs. Weir and Scott's prizes closed on Saturday afternoon, with the following result. The fourteen gentlemen who received byes in the first round played off in this stage. Mr. J. B. Stewart beat Mr. J. M. Brown, by 2 holes up and 1 to play; Mr. T. Carruthers, jun., beat Mr. J. M. Porteous by 7 holes up and 6 to play; Mr. R. Fleming a bye from Mr. D. A. Morrison; Mr. W. N. Scott beat Mr. D. C. Wingate by 5 holes up and 4 to play; Mr. W. Adam beat Mr. J. L. Wilson by 3 holes up and 4 to play; Mr. R. Brownlie, jun., beat Mr. J. R. Scott by 2 holes up and 1 to play; Mr. Neil Robson, jun., a bye from Mr. A. B. M'Kechnie; Dr. Sandeman beat Mr. John Buchanan by 7 holes up and 4 to play; Dr. Mudie beat Mr. James Kay by 4 holes up and 3 to play; Rev. Thomas Carruthers, M.A., beat Mr. Both Lockie beat Mr. A. Symington by 5 holes up and 4 to play; Mr. John Thomson beat Mr. J. M. Campbell by 2 holes up and 1 to play; Mr. R. Stevenson a bye from Captain Ross; Mr. R. B. Mitchell beat Mr. A. N. Lindsay by 2 holes up.



SCENE: English Railway Station. Tom Morris has just arrived to play over neighbouring links. Enthusiastic secretary, who meets Tom, spies a member of his club at the station, and forthwith introduces him, with an intimation that Tom is going out to try their course.

INNOCENT GOLFER (loquitur) .- "What ! do you play Golf, too ?"

TOM MORRIS (drily).—" Oh, aye, I've tried aince or twice !"

PROPOSED GOLF CLUB FOR ROTHBURY.—A movement is on foot to start a Golf club for this historic Northumbrian health resort. Nature has provided the inhabitants of the town with a suitable piece of land in close proximity to the town, and a splendid course could be laid down at little expense. It is proposed to hold a general meeting of the inhabitants shortly to discuss the affair, and it is extremely probable that at an early date Rothbury, following the good example set them by other towns in the county, will have a Golf club worthy of the place.

A professional who is a good player and a good teacher will find scope for his ability during the winter months at Tenby in South Wales. As will be seen by our advertisement columns such an opening is at present vacant; and as this is the off season in the north there ought to be many professionals who should be glad of this desirable opportunity to enrich their experience.

The Caterham and Kenley Golf Club, which has recently been formed, is now in full play. The links are on Kenley Common, which is one of the most picturesque spots in the county of Surrey. The course is decidedly a sporting one of nine holes, covering a distance of one and a-quarter miles. Nearly one hundred members have already been elected, and as soon as that number is reached it is proposed to impose an entrance-fee.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, after delivering his Rectorial address to the students of .Glasgow University, visited Edinburgh on Saturday, and opened a bazaar in the Masonic Hall in aid of the funds of the Edinburgh Conservative Working Men's Association. At the close Mr. Balfour went round the stalls, and at the Association stall was presented with a set of Carruthers' patent Golf clubs by Mr. Carruthers, who is a member of the Association. Mr. Balfour, in accepting the clubs, thanked Mr. Carruthers, saying he had heard of his invention before, and thought that it was an important one.

THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE CLUB.—The new course for the use of the members of this club will soon be ready for play. The committee have leased suitable premises for the purposes of a club-house, and it is expected that when the necessary alterations have been completed the rooms will be equal to any of a similar nature in the country. The estimated cost of the alterations is \pounds 500. The membership roll is increasing daily, and the Newcastle Club promises to take a prominent position amongst our leading Golf clubs.



ST. ANDREWS AND THE NEW RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR, -I observe in your paper of 27th ult. an inquiry about our new rules. You may state in your next issue, if you see fit, that it is quite true that a new code will come into force on 1st January. The rules were adopted at last autumn meeting, and not referred back to the committee for final adjustment, as your correspondent seems to think. I may say that I hope to let each member of this club have a copy of the rules this week, and I shall also send a copy to the secretary of each club whose address I can obtain. Any secretary overlooked can apply to me, and I shall be most happy to send him a copy. I believe your advertising columns this week will give the public information as to how copies can be purchased.

I am, Sir, &c.,

C. S. GRACE.

Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews,

November 30th, 1891.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Surely it is time the St. Andrews Club, or committee, bestirred themselves. Here, where there are a lot of beginners, nobody will get any rules because they say it is no use, as the St. Andrews club are going to revise, alter, and perhaps add some new rules; so they might as well wait till that is done. When will that be? Why does not the Sandwich Club take the matter in hand, or some other powerful club.

I am, Sir, &c., "A BEGINNER."

Wiltshire, November 28th.

METHOD OF SCORING HOLES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have frequently thought about the existing method of scoring holes, and have come to the conclusion that it is right. At first sight it seems as if an injustice was done to Mr. Jones (see last issue), but one must remember two things :—(1.) That Golf has an arithmetic of its own : you are told to play 2 more 3 more, 1 off 2, and so on. What so barbarous as to be told to play your 5th or 6th stroke? The number of strokes is not the point, but to reach the bottom of the hole in one less than your opponent. Similarly, you must not count yourself 1 and your opponent 3, but your opponent 2 up. The difference between the two players, whether in strokes or holes, is the only matter of importance.

November 30th, 1891.

(2.) In a club match Mr. Jones is but a unit of his side, and scores nothing for it; of what interest is it to his captain that he won 4 when he lost 7 holes? It would only lead to "confusion worse confounded" if records of holes lost, halved, and won had to be kept by each individual. In a club match a club record is surely sufficient, except of course in cases of extraordinary play.

To put it in another way, the Royal and Ancient manner of counting might be compared to a merchant and his books; the balance only is carried on from hole to hole.

It is the iniquitous system of scoring every miserable round that leads to despising the excellent forms of counting handed down by our fathers. To think that a day might come when Mr. Jones would not understand the sarcasm of Mr. Brown calling out, "Play the old 2 more"! O tempora, O mores !

I am, Sir, &c.,

KORUNEPHOROS.

THE WAIL OF AN EXILED SCOT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—This country is one of the few places on the globe that the Almighty blighted by making it unfit for Golf. The whole country is either deep, soft, white sand, or palmetto-covered prairie. You may imagine, then, how I envy my late fellowgolfers in St. Andrews, North Berwick, Gullane, Luffness, and Musselburgh, every foot of which greens 1 know by heart.

I would remonstrate humbly with you on two points which I think you are not quite reasonable on. First, you and your correspondents' strictures on the committee of the Royal and I do not object because I happen to be a member, Ancient. but because I know that the complaints are not just. There is no body of men who live so entirely in the atmosphere of Golf as they do, and have done all their lives; they are practical students of the game, and have been so from their youth up, and are really more "professional" in Golf than many of those who make their living by playing for money. They also have the welfare of the game at heart, and naturally they move very cautiously in sanctioning any new rule, or wording of rule. Twenty years ago no golfer needed to consult printed rules for guidance in play; everyone knew what the rules were and meant. If any player took a sneaking advantage of his opponent by moving sand in bunker, walking up his putt, &c., &c., why the opponent simply made it very soon known that so-andso had some curious tricks, and at once so and so found himself "left," as the "Amurricans" say. As an old golfer, I hate to read all these petty squabbles and questions on wording of rules that appear so often in your columns. They mostly come, I expect, from men who have taken to Golf late in life, and have not begun to learn, as I did, by carrying clubs for an old Edinburgh Academical on Leven links, when caddies were hard to get. (I was nine years old then, and made a good caddie.)

The awful proposal of abandoning the "stimie" was an instance of reckless beginners knowing little about the game clamouring for abolishing a shot that requires an old hand to play. Surely as Englishmen learn the game they will yearn for fewer rules and bye-laws. Then the offering at a tournament a prize for the longest drive! At a first-rate tournament, too. I may expect to read next that at the conclusion of the Canterbury week's matches a prize was offered for the biggest hit off the bat. I was always taught that "any beginner" (generally the word "fool" was used) "could drive." Give prizes, if you like, for approach shots or long putts, but not for long drives.

My second point is, that English clubs, many of them in play for only a few months in the year, are always sneering at the Royal and Ancient rules and rulers, and proposing wonderful new rules for themselves. I think that they should remember that Golf is played on many inland links now where no old golfer would have deigned to put his foot. On these greens everything from the hazards to the players is diametrically Then, again, Golf is a Scotch product just as much as cricket is an English one. In Scotland cricket is played a great deal, and played well, as many names in the 'Varsity and other firstclass teams testify. But suppose the Scotch cricketers were to propose an alteration in the rules (say abolition of leg-beforewicket, equivalent to the "stimie"), what a howl of derision would arise in England—justly, too. So should it be in Golf. When my father's keeper took me out first to learn how to shoot a grouse his advice always was, "Tak' time and haud tae." I would recommend this advice to the would-be legislators. The game is a mighty good one as it is. Do not spoil it by cutting and hewing and lopping and adding. I apologise for this long letter, but please remember that I am a wretched exile, and so have mercy upon me.

I am, Sir, &c.,

"PETER PEEBLES."

Sarasota, Florida, 17th November, 1891.

FORFARSHIRE.

The monthly sweepstakes competition of the *Dundee Advertiser* was played at Monifieth on Saturday. Owing to the miserable weather there was only a meagre turn-out of players. The sweepstakes were won as follows:—First class, lowest and second average, R. Donn; first average, Alexander Buchan; third, William Duguid; fourth, James U. Wallace. Second class, lowest and second average, John Wynd; first average, Peter Williamson; third, John Livingstone. Third class, lowest, James Buik; first average, James Brown. Considering the weather and hard nature of the ground, the scores, especially of the second class, were good.

A match of some interest took place at Monifieth on Saturday afternoon between the well-known Monifieth combination, William Young and George Wright, on the one side, and Messrs. William Still and James Melville, the two leading players of the *Dundee Advertiser* Club, on the other. Unfortunately, the weather was of the most wretched description—rain mingled with hail falling heavily, and a strong breeze from the south-east blowing. The Monifieth team took the lead at the second hole, Wright, with a long put, getting down in 3. At the Roses they increased their advantage to 2. The Buddonness hole, however, went to the *Advertiser* men, who also secured the Pyramids, making the match square. After halving the Plantation hole, the press men came away with a good game, winning the Wilderness, the Cross, and Long holes, and making them 3 up. Going to the East Camp, Wright had a raking tee-shot, nearly reaching the green, and the same player following with an extraordinary putt, got down in 3. Winning the West Camp at 4, the Monifieth men were now only one hole behind. "Tom Morris" was halved at 4. At this stage the match became exciting and close, the *Advertiser* men being I up and 2 to play. The ticklish North Gates hole, however, was won by the representatives of the press, and this decided the match in their favour by 2 up and 1 to play. The last hole was also played out. The Monifieth men had the bad luck to get into a deep hole on the course, and play finished by the *Advertiser* men being 3 holes up on the round.

ARDEER V. ST. NICHOLAS.

A home-and-home match between these clubs had been arranged to be played at Ardeer on Saturday, but owing to the state of the weather it was postponed. All the players were forward, but only five couples ventured out, and of these only one couple finished the game of eighteen holes. In the afternoon the weather improved somewhat, and the following matches were played :--Mr. Andrew Crawford was 4 up in the first and 2 up in the second round against Mr. John Colville. Mr. D. Bone and Mr. C. L. Randall beat Mr. W. Milne and Mr. R. Adam in a match of eighteen holes by four up. Mr. G. M. Rennie was four up on both rounds against Dr. Colville, Mr. H. M. Gills and Mr. James Laird were 2 up and 1 to play against Mr. J. Hamilton and Mr. Andrew Muir. Captain Larke and Mr. James Meikle in a match of eighteen holes beat Mr. Hugh Colville and Mr. A. Robertson by 4 holes. Mr. W. T. Morton was 1 up against Mr. M. P. Fraser.

XX.-ARCHIE SIMPSON.

A very remarkable illustration of how the game of Golf tends to become a family possession is afforded in the case of the Simpsons. All six brothers have been players of ability, golfers of whom their native village of Earlsferry has had no cause to be ashamed; and that quaint little East of Fife hamlet, as everybody knows, or ought to know, has turned out some notable exponents of the game. Of the six brothers the names of three are familiar to golfing circles, namely, Jack Simpson, winner of the championship in 1884, and now located at Elie as green-keeper; Robert, who combines with a similar position at Carnoustie an extensive club-making business; and Archie, the subject of the present notice—who a short time ago entered upon his duties as professional and green-keeper at Bembridge, Isle of Wight—has latterly gone to Prestwick. For the last seven years Archie Simpson has been recognised as deserving of a place in the front rank of golfing celebrities. His record is a most brilliant one, yet we feel justified in believing that his career has even more to hope from the future, for Archie Simpson is still a very young man.

So constantly has his name been before the public of recent years in connection with big Golf events that it is hardly any wonder if he should appear to the uninformed imagination as a solid-built, square-shouldered Scotsman, upon whom the hand of Time has begun to show. The idea might be natural, but it would nevertheless be as far from correct as could possibly be. A little over medium height, with slight but well-set and agile frame, you would certainly imagine that Archie is much older than he looks, even were you to forget how long he has been gaining honours as a professional golfer. Yet he is only twenty-five years of age, and this fact impresses one with the phenomenal character of his success.

Born at Earlsferry in the year 1866, Archie Simpson, like so many other boys of the place, grew up a golfer. When little beyond school age he was winning prizes in the local competitions, and in his fifteenth year he had the remarkable honour of coming in with the lowest score of the day in a club match played at St. Andrews. With the development of his powers he soon began to make a name for himself, his taking style and strong

driving being the admiration and envy of all whom he encountered. He was only eighteen years of age when he threw in his lot with the professionals, being then in the employment of his brother Robert, at Carnoustie A big tournament held at Leven gave him the opportunity of justifying his choice. It appeared as if the slim stripling of eighteen were to have a walk over, as he secured a lead on the first round of six strokes, coming in with the low score of So. The second round was done at 85; but his brother Jack had put on one of his characteristic spurts, and took the first prize with 86 and 78, so that Archie took second place, while Willie Campbell was third with 86 and 84. A notable feature of this match was the circumstance that both brothers broke the existing record for the Leven course. Following upon this came a tournament at Carnoustie in which Archie Simpson also took the second prize. The same year at St. Andrews the greatest ambition that can possess the desire of the professional golfer came so near being realised in his case that we can imagine the youth, not yet nineteen, must have felt keenly the hard chance which snatched the cup of victory from his lips. In the first round he played a magnificent game coming in at 83, the lowest score of the day. The second round was done at 89, but a single putt decided the championship in favour of Bob Martin.

In the following year Archie Simpson distinguished himself in a number of competitions. At Elie and Kinghorn he took

third prizes, and he also got third place at Montrose after a most exciting match in which a tie for the second prize resulted with Ben Sayers, Willie Campbell and himself. In an open tournament at North Berwick a stiff encounter took place between Archie Simpson and Willie Fernie for the premier position, but the latter came out the winner on the tie being played off. In the great two days' tournament at Troon he secured the third prize. It was, however, in the tournament with which the Sandwich green was inaugurated that Archie Simpson secured his first great professional success. The meeting extended over eight days, and was attended by the whole professional talent in the country, most of whom, fresh from engaging in a tournament at Littlestone, were in the pink of condition. Archie beat all his opponents, and in the final round found himself opposed to Rolland. The two Earlsferry men treated the spectators to a display of driving of a most prodigious nature, and an intensely interesting match resulted in a tie, which being played off decided the victory in favour of Simpson.

In May of last year in a tournament at Bridge of Weir, got up by the members of the Ranfurly Castle Golf Club, Archie Simpson again came decisively to the front and carried off the chief honours, producing in the four rounds of the links the splendid card of 151, made up as follows, 39, 36, 37, 39. Fernie took second place and Sayers the third.

took second place and Sayers the third. In the championship contest at Prestwick last year, as readers of GOLF hardly require to be reminded. Archie Simpson tied with Fernie at 167, Mr. John Ball, jun., winning the cup and badge at 164. In the professional tournament at North Berwick m October last, Archie was a winner, defeating Sayers upon his own green, much to the annoyance of the local golfers. Archie's latest appearance in a contest of this nature was at St. Anne's-onthe-Sea in the following month, when a tournament was held under the auspices of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club. Here he took second place, Fernie being first and Hugh Kirkaldy third.

Archie Simpson has won a splendid reputation for himself as a match player, even though on one occasion fortune seemed to have turned her back upon him. This was in the famous match with Willie Campbell for £100 a-side, played over four greens, a contest which excited extraordinary interest, and drew together the biggest throngs that ever assembled to witness the game of Golf. It was in the year after his Sandwich success that Archie accepted Campbell's challenge, but since that performance Simpson had "gone off his play," and

since that performance Simpson had "gone off his play," and there can be no question that he committed an error of judgment. Though worsted in this encounter Archie had no reason to be ashamed of the result when the trying circumstances under which the match was contested are borne in mind. "Frequently," says Mr. Everard, in his very impartial account of this meeting, "did the men have to drive down a living avenue of human beings, extending from hole to hole, the spectators being packed ten to twelve deep on each side; and the wonder was how play could be carried on at all under such conditions."

In a home-and-home match for $\pounds 25$ a-side Archie Simpson not long after inflicted a severe defeat upon J. O. F. Morris. In playing over the Carnoustie course Archie secured a lead of seven holes Morris showed improved form upon his own green, and the first round at St. Andrews was halved at &2, the play being of an intensely exciting nature. In the second round the Carnoustie man still kept to the front with very strong play, and at the close had increased his majority by five holes, having done the round at &1. Archie was thus 12 holes up in this match. Another famous fight of which the young Carnoustie professional was the hero was his match with Willie Park, jun., in 1887. The latter had just won the championship at Prestwick when he was called upon to accept a challenge thrown down by Archie Simpson "to play any man in the



world" for \pounds too a-side. Conditions were soon arranged and the first stage of the match was played over Musselburgh course. Simpson gave a magnificent display, beating the champion on the day's play by as many as nine holes. Archie has seldom played better than he did that day, and his score of 153 was a remarkable achievement. It was thus made up -38, 36, 38, 41. At Carnoustie the match was more equally contested, but the local man maintained his advantage so well that with eight holes to play Park had to admit defeat. The round was played out, however, and Simpson got three more holes to the good of his opponent.

The characteristics of Archie Simpson's style are an easy and far from ungraceful suppleness and pliancy of frame, a long swing, and extraordinary power of wrist. He throws his whole body into the stroke, though the exertion seems to cost him nothing. Playing every part of the game with scientific accuracy, it is nevertheless in driving that he excels, and some of his achievements in this direction have become historical. One of his shots at St. Andrews, Mr. Everard records, "was from the medal tee, going out from the fifth to the sixth hole, and he practically compassed the distance in that one shot, having to play but a short run up to the hole with a putter for his second. The distance from hole to hole is marked at 359 yards." Among other performances which may be put to the credit of Archie Simpson is that of having established a record for Dornoch course. His score of 74 made on Carnoustie links also stands unapproached, and remains for the record on that green.

Courteous and affable in his manner—ever ready to render assistance or to impart instruction to beginners with a patience that never seems to weary and a good nature that nothing would appear to be able to get the better of—Archie Simpson has the happy knack of making friends. It is needless to say that his many admirers have a strong and abiding faith in his future, and anticipate—not without reasonable grounds of hope, it must be admitted—no inconsiderable addition to the honours which he has won as a professional golfer.

F. BOYD.

THE ROYAL GAME OF GOLF. Tune-"There grows a bonnie briar bush."

Our first King James was fond o' games, But gowff he liked the best,

- And aye since then our wisest men
- Its virtues hae confess'd. For far an' near fresh greens appear
- Increasin' day by day ;
- New Clubs arise and greatly prize Our Royal game to play.
- There's nocht I ken sae guid for men As exercise and air,

And gowff's the game that gies that same, A' sports beyond compare.

Sae tee your ba', and drive awa' Whene'er a chance ye hae ;

Twill gie ye health, mair worth than wealth Our Royal game to play.

A foursome set o' lads weel met Has pleasures nane can feel

Except the few, 'gainst foemen true, Quite worthy o' their steel.

For nane e'er thinks when on the Links O' cares that on us weigh ;

We travel miles wi' cheery smiles Our Royal game to play.

Each ither Club should hae a rub Against its neebor men,

And tho' aince beat the match repeat, And fecht it ower again ;

'Twill gie new zest to dae our best-Bring friendship by the way ;

Sae let us mix and matches fix Our Royal game to play.

> W. DOUGALL, Ex-Captain, Royal Musselburgh Golf Club.



ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for club prizes resulted in a tie for the handicap prize between Miss Barron and Hon. E. Milman, with net scores of 86, Miss Barron being returned the winner of the scratch prize with a gross score of 92. Scores :—

	Gros	s. Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Barron	9	2 6	86	Miss E. Barron	94	5	89
Hon, E. Milman .	9	4 8	86	Baroness Berkeley	100	10	90
Miss R. Maitland .	10	5 17	88	Miss V. Hanbury	109	19	90

Over 100: Miss A. Maitland and Miss E. Frankland.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

The autumn tournament of the above club has just resulted in a deservedly popular win for Mr. T. Hyde (5), who, in the final, defeated Mr. W. R. Lee (19) handsomely, 5 up and 3 to play. Mr. Hyde's play throughout has been most sound, and his matches with the Rev. A. T. Scott, Mr. F. A. Lee and Mr. Newington were productive of excellent Golf. The entries, twelve only, were miserably small for the size of the club; whether from a diffidence on the part of members worthy of a better cause, or from a lamentable inability to appreciate the joys of match play, we have hitherto failed to discover.

The usual competition for the monthly medal took place November 28th. The attendance was but meagre. The winner, an exceedingly promising golfer, who after the manner of young players, has progressed "by leaps and bounds," and so baffled the handicapping committee, should do yeoman service for the club at a future day. Scores :--

Gross. Hcp. Net.							Icp. 1	Net.
Mr. H. A. Curteis Rev. A. T. Scott Captain Lyell	91	5	86	Mr. J. O. Scott		98 111 101	18	93

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, November 19th, a handicap tournament by holes was held for a handsome go'd bangle kindly presented to the club by Mrs. Burrell, of Brighton. There were eighteen entries, but unfortunately the weather was so wet and unsettled in the morning only eight ladies played. The match ended in a tie between Miss Birch and Miss Andrews, which was played off the following day, and Miss Andrews proved victorious by 5 holes up and 3 to play.

First Round.—Miss Birch, giving 13, beat Mrs. Lucas, 7 up; Mrs. Wilson, giving 5, beat Mrs. Hyde, 11 up; Miss Lee, giving 5, beat Mrs. Green, 1 up; Miss Andrews, giving 18, beat Mrs. Astbury, 4 up and 3 to play.

Second Round.—Miss Birch, giving 18, beat Mrs. Wilson, 1 up; Miss Andrews, giving 5, beat Miss Lee, 4 up and 3 to play.

Final.-Miss Birch and Miss Andrews, even, tied, Miss Andrews won.

TAYNUILT.—A meeting of residenters favourable to the forming of a Golf club was held in Taynuilt Hotel on the evening of Friday last Mr. A. A. L. Campbell, of Lochnell, occupied the chair. It was unanimously resolved that a committee should be appointed, consisting of Dr. Macnaughton, Mr. D. Macdonald (Taynuilt), and Mr. David Baird, to select a suitable course, and to take steps towards the formation of a club, to be called the Bonawe Golfing Club.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, November 21st.—Cup presented by Lieut.-Col. Pott for best eighteen holes (two rounds):--

Gross, Hcp. Net. Mr. F. Stokes 81 scr. 81 Mr. A. Pontifex 108	8	100
Mr. R. H. Hodge. 94 10 84 Mr. D. W. Preston 124 :	22	102
Mr. M. Collett 109 18 91 Rev. O. K. Prescot 129	25	104
Mr. D. H. W. Rob- MajGen. Truell 127	22	105
son Burrows 105 12 93 Rev. J. M. Collard, 127 1	8	109
Mr. E. W. Charlton 100 6 94 Major Lang 144	0	114
Mr. W. Fisher 117 22 95 Mr. J. M. Gold-		
Mr. J. M. Gold- finch, sen 136	22	114
finch, R.N 99 4 95 Mr. C. R. Hutchings 144 2	15	119
LieutCol. W. Pott 102 6 96 Mr. S. Radcliffe 165	0	135
Mr. F. N. Hervey., 112 14 98		

Prize presented by Mr. F. Stokes for best nine holes, won by Mr. R. H. Hodge-46, less 5=41.

Mr. F. Stokes's second round is herewith given as an example of good and steady play over naturally rough ground, and greens as yet small, the course having been occupied for one year only. Mr. F. Stokes's second round :-4 4 4 4 4 5 4 4=37.

BRADFORD ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.

G	ross. Hcp.	Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net	£2.
Mr. E. R. Wethey	91 scr.	91	Mr. G.W. Douglas., 156 22 13	4
			Mr. S. Cowan 165 30 13	
Mr. H. Steel	114 4	110	Mr. J. H. Ackroyd., 179 36 14	3
Mr. T. G. Greig	113 scr.	113	Mr. C. E. Scott 187 36 15	1
Dr. Dunlop	141 22	119	Mr. D. Gardiner 195 36 159	9
			Mr. R. Bacchus 203 36 16	
Mr. O. Firth	142 14	128	Mr. J. W. Young 211 36 17	5

There were several other members out who did not return their scores.

The club having decided to admit ladies as members, a number have already availed themselves of the privilege, and several of them were out on the links on Saturday enjoying a quiet game.

The game is now becoming popular in the district, and the club has every prospect of a successful future. The course has been enlarged to nine holes, and it is intended to commence work on the putting-greens and teeing-grounds, so that they may be ready for the ensuing spring season.

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

There was a fair attendance of members on November 30th to compete for the monthly gold medal handicap, which fell to the present holder, the Rev. T. Crump, with the good net score of 81. The weather was fine, and the greens in good order. The following were the best cards sent in :—

Gross.Hcp. Net.						Gross, Hcp. Net.			
Rev. T. Crump	95	14	81	Mr. G. E. King	444	III	10	IOI	
Mr. T. W. Colthurst	90	6	84	Mr. T. Holt		121	20	101	
Mr. W. S. Holt, jun.	108	14	94	Mr. A. G. Ross		131	27	104	
Rev. Canon Kennard	119	18	IOI	Rev.G.E. Peake		115	6	109	

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the St. Andrews handicap medal took place on Tuesday, November 24th, over the links at Cambridge. The day was very dull, damp, and foggy. The following result will show that Mr. C. E. Hambro won the medal with a fine score :--

Gros	s. Hcp.	Net.	Gross, Hcp. Net.					
Mr. C. E. Hambro 85	7	78	Mr. G. L. Chiene 104 14 90					
Mr. H. E. Phillips 104	25	79	Mr. P. W. Everett 99 9 90					
Mr. W. Watson 05	14	81	Mr. E. C. P. Boyd. oo ser oo					
Mr. J. E. Pease 89	5	84	Mr. A. M. Joshua 96 5 91					
Mr. W. P. Godwin., 113	28	85	Mr. G. H. Joshua 100 9 91					
Mr. C. Hutchinson. 91	6	85	Mr. A. M. Joshua 96 5 91 Mr. G. H. Joshua 100 9 91 Mr. H. B. Harris 107 16 91					
Mr. J. H. Percival III	26	85	Mr. E. D. C. Strode, 98 7 91					
Mr. J. McKeown 97			Mr. E. E. Eddowes. 117 25 92					
Mr. N. Dimbleby 101								
Mr. Heron Maxwell of	10	86	Mr. A. H. Marshall, 118 24 04					
Mr. W. Hartree 101	15	86	Mr. H. A. Adamson 113 18 95					
Mr. C. L. Barrow 97	10	87	Mr. F. P. Woodward 114 18 96					
Mr. R. A. Nicholson, 8	scr.	87	Mr. C. Wansborough 112 15 97					
Mr. A. M. Chance 89	scr.	89	Mr. C. E. Marriott., 117 17 100					
			Mr. J. R. Donald 122 18 104					

Twelve players made no return.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB v. ST. NEOTS.

Played at Cambridge in very cold weather on Saturday. Scores :--

ST. NEOTS.			UNIVERSIT	Υ.	
	1	foles.			Holes
Capt. H. A. Kinloch		0	Mr. W. T. Linskill		2
Mr. S. M. Mellor		4	Mr. P. W. Everett		
Mr. A. C. McNish	***	6	Mr. A. H. M. Cox		
Mr. T. C. Fitzherbert			Mr. H. Glazier		
Mr. J. G. Duberly		1.1	Mr. F. E. Swainson		
Mr. J. Ennals			Mr. H. B. Harris		
Mr. W. J. Hughes		3	Mr, C. Pigg		
Mr. A. B. Brakenburg			Mr. C. J. Dunlop		
Mr. F. T. Good			Mr. H. A. Adamson		11
Mr. F. Day			Mr. C. E. Marriott		
			nut of Di manifort		1
		22			1.1
		17			30

Cambridge won by 22 holes.

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal handicap. On October 31st, owing to the amount of surface water standing on the course, only fifteen holes could be played, with the following result :

Gross. Hcp. Net. Gross. Hcp. Net. Rev. E. P. Spurway 93 18 75 | Mr. E. J. Maguire 106 20 86 Mr. J. H. Haviland 103 20 83 |

On November 28th sixteen holes only were playable, although the course was much improved. The following were the players :---

 Gross. Hcp. Net.
 Gross. Hcp. Net.

 Mr. A. H. Evans ... 90
 18
 72
 Mr. B. Rendall ... 108
 24
 84

 Mr. F. Haviland ... 101
 22
 79
 Mr. W. H. Belcher
 121
 28
 93

 Rev. E. P. Spurway
 97
 18
 79

 93

The course has lately been very much improved by removing the last two holes, which, owing to surface water, were unplayable, and making new holes more in the centre of the course. The position of the teeing grounds have also been altered with a view to keep them well out of the way of the putting-greens, and at the same time opening out more scope for good play. A further alteration of one hole is in process, and when this is finished the full course of eighteen holes will be available all the year round, and will afford more genuine sport even than hitherto.

CROOKHAM v. MARLBOROUGH.

Six members of the Crookham Golf Club journeyed to Marlborough on Saturday, November 21st, to do battle with the Marlborough Golf Club over the Marlborough links. After a most interesting and exciting match, Marlborough were left winners by three holes up. Only thirteen holes could be played owing to want of daylight. Appended is the score :—

CROOKHAM.				MARLBOROUGH.							
222 2 222 223		Ho	les.			Ho	les.				
Mr. A. H. Evans			0	Mr. R. G. Durrant			0				
Rev. E. P. Spurway			0	Mr. C. A. Cancellor	***						
Mr. E. T. Maguire		22.0	0	Mr. A. S. Eve							
Mr. B. H. Rendall			0	Rev. C. E. Thorpe							
Mr. F. Haviland			5	Mr. Stewart		***					
Mr. W. H. Belcher	***		õ	Rev. J. L. Cumming							
			-				-				
			5				8				

The Crookham monthly medal will be played off early in next year.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

A special competition was held on November 28th for a cup given by the president of the club, Mr. W. J. Legh, of Lyme. The weather was exceedingly stormy and interfered very much with the play, Mr. R. Hutton's score of 102 being the best gross return. Mr. Cummins, with a net score of 96, took the first sweepstake prize, the second and third being divided between Messrs. Greenwell and Mills. The four members who have made the lowest gross returns will play off for the cup under match rules, Mr. Hutton and Rev. J. Bourne having first to play off the tie for the fourth place. The following were the best returns :--

Gross, Hcp. Net.							Gross, Hcp.		
Mr. T. D. Cummins	103	7	96	Rev. J. Bourne .	÷.,	106	5	101	
Mr. G. Greenwell	105	5	100	Mr. J. A. Hutton .		114	12	102	
Mr. J. Mills	120	20	100	Mr. H. Liebert .		120	18	102	
Mr. R. Hutton	102	I	IOI	Mr. R. Mellor .		127	25	102	

GOLF.

EALING GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, November 21st. The green has not yet recovered from the soaking of the last few weeks and still is wet, but when the ground has dried the course will be good. Scoring was very level among the first men.

Gros	Gross	Gross Hcp. Net'				
Mr. T. A. Common 92	20	72	Mr. E. Bird 108	18 90		
Mr. P. M. Bigge 91	18	73	Mr. J. B. Chamber-	and the second		
Mr. R. S. Yeo 92	18	74	lain 121	24 97		
Mr. J. Rogers 95	20	75	Mr. H. E. Pegg 130	24 106		
Mr. F. Carver 84	7	77	Mr. E. G. Hamilton 130	24 106		
			Mr. C. B. Bone 132			
Dr. Dunbar Walker 95	IO	85	Mr. A. G. Low 149	24 125		
			Mr. T. Boyton 160	noth'cpd		

Several others, no returns.

Ladies' medal. November 21st :---

(Gross.	Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Hamilton Miss A. L. Carver Miss Watts	147 24 123	Miss F. A. Carver 168	17 134 30 138 30 152

EASTBOURNE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A match was played on Friday, November 20th, on the ladies' links, against the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, the gentlemen giving a stroke a hole, with the following result :--

EASTBOURNE	LADIES.			ROYAL	BOURNE			
		н	oles.				He	les.
Miss K. Lawrence		***	3	Dr. Fooks		1.51		0
Miss Buchanan			6	Col. Boyd				0
Miss Starkie Bence			4	Mr. Elmsley			10(0(0)	
Miss M. Lawrence			0	Col. Shaw				
Miss Dowker				Capt. Harriso				
Miss A. M. Routled				Mr. Burge				
Mrs. H. Von E. Sco				Major Harris				
				Mr. Rivett Ca				- 0022C
Miss Mills								
11135 111113	10000			ATTI LAUTERO	0.4440		(0.0.0)	A.;
			14					20
								43

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

The usual competition for the monthly challenge cup took place on Saturday, the 28th November. The links were almost deserted, there being but five pairs playing. Mr. C. G. Havell won the competition with a very creditable net score of 90, his return being 90, less 10. His first round of 45 was a good one, as there was a strong southerly wind blowing. No other competitor sent in his score.

HOLYWOOD LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

That the fascination which Golf exercises on men and women alike is not on the decrease was proved on the 23rd ult., when, in spite of unfavourable conditions of links and weather, nearly half the members entered for a competition by holes under handicap. The prize was a valuable silver toilet-box, presented by George S. Clark, Esq., Royal Belfast Golf Club. This is not the first encouragement of the kind given by members of the premier Irish Golf Club to the Holywood Ladies' Club, and we hope it is a sign that the prejudice against lady golfers, if it exists at all, is but slight. The prize was won by Miss Garratt, whose steady play was admired by all present. A "Carruthers'" cleek was given as a consolation prize to Miss S. Shaw, who played a good game, but was beaten in the final. In the fourth round Miss Garratt and Miss Mulligan tied, and had to play a deciding hole for the match, which was won by the former.

First Round.—Miss C. E. McGee beat Miss L. Garratt by 3 up and 2 to play; Miss Roper beat Miss Knox, 1 up; Miss Hamilton beat Miss Macrory by 4 up and 3 to play; Mrs. Clark beat Mrs. Taylor.

Second Round.—Mrs. Young, a bye; Miss Mulligan beat Mrs. Shaw by 1 up; Miss Garratt beat Miss Kirby by 4 up and 3 to play; Miss S. Garratt beat Miss MacLaine by 3 up and 1 to play; Miss S. Shaw, a bye; Miss McLean beat Miss M. Knox by 1 up; Miss Roper, 2 up.

Third Round.—Miss Mulligan beat Mrs. Young by 5 up and 3 to play; Miss Garratt beat Miss S. Garratt by 1 up; Miss S. Shaw beat Miss McLean by 2 up; Mrs. Roper, a bye.

Fourth Round.—Miss Garratt beat Miss Mulligan by 1 up; Miss Shaw beat Mrs. Roper by 2 up.

Final.-Miss Garratt.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The tenth monthly medal competition was played for on Saturday last in weather of the worst possible description. Only eight cards were returned, most of the members either retiring or refusing to brave the elements. The result was a tie between Mr. P. N. Lee, 115, less 15 ± 100 , and Mr. W. M. Barwick, 140, less 40 ± 100 . As Mr. Lee has previously held the medal it now goes to Mr. Barwick, who also takes the prize offered by Waggott of Musselburgh, the new clubmaker and professional.

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

Mr. Farmer's medal, 20th November :---

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.				G	ross.	Hcp.	Net.	
Mr. E. C. R. Goff . Mr. A. J. Constabl	100 le 106	6 11	94 95	Mr.	D.	Munro		128	30	98	

Club sweepstake, 21st November :--

	pross. Hcp			ross. Hcp.	
Mr. C. Bartlett Mr. R. Holmes, jun. Mr. H. E. Harris	106 11	95 Mr	J. C. Constable A. Holmes		

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB,

The final round of the competition for the silver cleek, presented to the club by Mr. Patrick M'Intyre, of Linden, through the captain, Mr. J. M. Bruce, was played over the Caulfield links on Saturday, October 25th, and resulted in its being won by Mr. R. F. Gow, with a handicap of 7 strokes a round. As will be seen from the appended scores, the winner, without his handicap, was a good first. A great many players who took part in the first round were prevented by the prevailing epidemic and absence from town from playing the final round. When the results were posted, the captain in a felicitous speech, presented the cleek to Mr. Gow, who suitably responded. The health of the liberal donor, Mr. M'Intyre, was then duly honoured, and a hearty vote of thanks for his generous gift accorded to him. The scores were :--

Silver cleek competition, of two rounds, October 3rd and 24th :--

		Gross	Hcp. Net.
Mr. R. F. Gow 197	14 183	Mr. Jas. Turnbull 216	scr. 216
Mr. J. M. Bruce 204	8 196	Mr. H. G. Callaway 248	32 216
Mr. Jas. Stephen 243	44 199	Mr. L. K. S. Mac-	
Mr. M. G. Anderson 224	14 210	kinnon 233	14 219
Mr. Thos. Brentnall 238	24 214	Mr. A. Laing 26	44 223
Mr. G. W. Bruce 250	36 214	Mr.I., C. Mackinnon 27	36 237
Mr. Alister Clark 223	8 215	Mr. C. W. Brebney 299	44 255

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The following are the scores for the November portion of the sixmonthly competition ending December :--

	Gross	. Hcp	. Net		G	coss.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. T. Ashwell	88	8	80	Mr. J. Johnstone		105	6	99
Mr. W. H. Hutton								
Mr. J. C. Warren	92	+2	94	Mr. John Russell		105	scr.	105
Mr. J. Doleman	97	scr.	97	Mr. J. G. Dobson		148	18	130

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The chief autumn competition of the club for the challenge cup and sweepstakes took place on Friday, November 27th. The day was very fine, but the ground very wet. Very few members competed, probably because of the wetness of the course. Mr. W. D. Davidson, the hon. secretary, carried off the cup and first "sweep" with the score of 81, which is record for the links. Mr. H. T. Knight also handed in a good card, which beat the former record of 86. Mr. Davidson's card was made up as follows :—

Out		1444	3	3	5	6	4	4	5	4	4=38 4=43	81
In	1444	2016	7	4	4	4	6	5	5	4	4=43	01.

Result :

(ross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hep.	Net.
Mr. W. D. Davidson	81	scr.	81	Rev. F. H. Hall	108	18	90
Mr. C. W. Surridge	104	20	84	Mr. J. Hall	116	25	91
Mr. H. T. Knight	85	SCr.	85	Mr. T. P. P. Powell	104	12	92
Mr. H. Nicholls	90	5	85	Mr.E.G.Carmichael	105	13	93
Mr. F. H.Stewart	90	4	86	Mr. L. Armitstead.	104	IO	94
Mr. A. R. Hamilton	.95	8	87	Mr. F. C. Bramwell	IIO	15	95
Mr. J. G. Smith	97	9					05

The rest made no return.

The Inter-Collegiate silver iron was won on Thursday by Magdalen (Mr. W. D. Davidson and Mr. F. H. Stewart), who beat Queen's (Mr. H. J. Whigham and Mr. G. M. T. Smith) in the final by 8 up and 7 to play. Full result :--

First Round.—Exeter, Trinity, Queen's, Brasenose, New; byes. Wadham beat Balliol; Magdalen beat University; Lincoln beat Oriel.

Second Round .- Trinity beat Exeter ; Magdalen beat Wadham ; Queen's beat Lincoln ; Brasenose, w.o., New. Third Round.—Magdalen beat Trinity ; Queen's beat Brasenose.

Final.-Magdalen beat Queen's.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY V. COVENTRY.

Played at Coventry on Monday, November 23rd, and won by the home team by 9 holes. Oxford won four matches to Coventry's four, and two were halved.

Oxford.			COVENTRY.		
	H	oles.			oles.
Mr. H. J. Whigham	***	3	Hon. and Rev. H. C. Mond	crieff	0
Mr. F. H. Stewart		0	Mr. H. Smith		7
Mr. H. Nicholls		4	Mr. H. Rotherham		Ó
Mr. A. E. Ripley		I	Mr. A. Rotherham	110	0
Mr. A. R. Hamilton-		0	Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair		0
Mr. J. G. Smith	***	0	Mr. H. W. Bainbridge		700023070
Mr. F. H. Campion		0	Mr. G. Hillman		3
Mr. L. Armitstead		0	Mr. F. Smith		ő
Hon. D. H. Cairns		0		28.	7
Mr. J. C. Smith		2	Rev. F. R. Evans		ó
and from the second		12			
		IO			19
22 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	12 14				

Majority for Coventry, 9 holes.

PERTH ARTISAN CLUB.

The final competition for the Lamond medal, and other prizes presented by Captain A. C. Bald, was played on Saturday on the North Inch. The weather was of the most wretched description, and the rain on the hard frosty ground made the greens in such a condition that it was very difficult to judge the distance. The following are the prizewinners: —Mr. W. Munro, 144, 13 below (winner of the medal and first prize); Mr. A. Duncan, 143, 7 below; Mr. J. Younger, 135, 2 below; Mr. John M'Arthur, 130, 1 below; Mr. W. Young, 125, at number; Mr. W. Robson, 146, at number; Mr. James M'Arthur, 157, 1 above; Mr. J. Ailan, 147, 2 above; Mr. J. Brough, 127, 2 above; Mr. W. Anderson, 111, 3 above ; Mr. James Robertson, 146, 3 above ; Mr. A. Strachan, 124, 3 above. The last three gentlemen tied for the last prize.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

*Capt. C. Coles		99	10	89	Mr. C. Wintle	144	Gross.F	24	94
					Mr. C. O'Malley				
					Mr. W. Jackson				
Mr. L. E. G. Abn	ey	104	12	92	Mr.H. F. Highton	1	124	25	99
Mr. C. E. S. Foyer		117	25	92	Mr. R. B. Davis	555	114	14	100
			~	-	nd ult., with the fo		1.1		

Result of week ending the 28th November :-

C	Fross.	Hcp.	Net.	Mr. W. H. Miller	Gross.	Hep.	Net.
Mr. Chas. Bramley	103	20	83	Mr. W. H. Miller	120	25	95
Mr. A. J. Davies	106	21	85	Mr. L. E. G. Abney	108	12	96
Mr. M. Friend	97	7	90	Mr. R. Dawson	121	25	96
Mr. Neville Leese	101	IO	91	Mr. W. B. Westhead	105	8	97
Mr.W.F. Thompson	III	20	91	Capt. W. E. Beak	109	12	97
Mr. W. Russell	104	11	93	Mr. A. Waldy	116	18	98
Mr. H. H. Batten.	106	II	95	Mr. H. F. Highton	123	25	98

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Monday, November 30th .- This day saw the finish of the second heat in the foursome tournament for the two cups presented by Messrs. E. F. S. Tylecote and C. M. Baker, the result of the matches having been as follows :--Messrs. F. S. Ireland and G. O. Jacob walked over ; Messrs. C. M. Baker and J. H. Ellis, giving 3 strokes, beat Messrs. A. Schacht and G. Spurling by 3 up and 1 to play ; Messrs. H. Gillon and W. O. S. Pell, giving 10 strokes, beat Messrs. H. H. Turner and W. H. M. Christie by 9 up and 8 to play ; Messrs. W. R. M. Glasier and E. A. Walker, receiving 6 strokes, beat Messrs. J. G. Gibson and T. W. Stubbs by 1 hole ; Messrs. A. T. Drysdale and R. M. Richardson, receiving 5 strokes, beat Messrs. C. W. Harrison and A. H. Newing-ton by 1 hole ; Messrs. G. H. Frean and J. W. G. Andras, giving 3 strokes, beat Messrs. W. Meikle and W. Morrisby 3 up and 2 to play ; Messrs. Robert Whyte and John Osmond, giving 2 strokes, beat Messrs. J. R. J. Bramly and W. E. Hughes by 1 hole ; Messrs. G. C. Snelling and E. F. S. Tylecote, giving 14 strokes, beat Messrs. W. A. Adam and C. Lethbridge by 3 up and 2 to play. heat in the foursome tournament for the two cups presented by Messrs. E. Adam and C. Lethbridge by 3 up and 2 to play.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, 21st ult., the above club played off the monthly competitions for the Gordon challenge cup and captain's prize, and competed for the monthly medal and sweepstake. The day was fairly fine, but owing to the recent incessant rainy and damp weather, the course was very wet, which was doubtless responsible for the high scoring ; under the circumstances, Mr. Gould-Smith's 92 gross and Mr. Kerr 94 gross, were very good. There was a fair attendance of members, and the following are some of the best scores handed in :-

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	G	ross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. C. Kerr 94	IO	84	Mr. S. N. Dimbleby	103	IO	93
Mr. J. Gould-Smith. 92	2	90	Mr. A. S. Johnston.	99	5	94
Capt. J. W. Greig 100	8	92	Mr. S. Kemp	108	14	94
Mr. F. F. McKenzie 106	14	92	Mr. Geo. Thompson	108	12	96
Mr. A. Fraser 110	18	92	Mr. J. W. James	113	14	99

ROYAL EPPING FOREST V. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

The above match was played at Chingford on Saturday last, when the home team managed to wipe off the thrashing they received when last they met the Cambridge men on their own ground. The visitors arrived on the ground at 11.30 a.m., having driven from Ponder's End, but only fifteen strong instead of eighteen, having unfortunately been obliged to leave one or two of their "strong men" behind. The match was immediately got "under weigh" with the result as under.

There was a sharp white frost during the previous night ; the sun appearing about mid-day drew this from the ground, which together with the effect of the recent heavy rain rendered the "going" rather heavier, but the putting-greens were in very fair condition.

The visitors were afterwards entertained to lunch, and returned to Cambridge vià Liverpool Street during the evening,

EPPING 1	ORESI	245		CAMBR	IDGE.		
		1	Holes.			He	oles.
Mr. J. G. Gibson	(4,4,4)		0	Mr. J. L. Low	and a		3
Mr. J. Gould-Smit	h		5		n		
Mr. W. M. Rhode			4	Mr. C. E. Bethune			
Mr. A. Denman			Ó	Mr. A. M. Chance			
Mr. F. W. Robert			IO	Mr. J. B. Whitelaw			
Mr. A. S. Johnston	1		5	Mr. E. D. Strode			
Mr. S. R. Bastard		1600-		Mr. C. Hutchinson			
Mr. Jas. M. Kerr				Mr. G. H. Joshua			0
Mr. J. W. Greig		444	2220	Mr. W. Watson			1
Mr. C. E. Greig			100				0
Mr. W. R. Stikem				Mr. C. L. Barrow		145	0
Mr. H. E. Fisher		440	3	Mr. F. G. T. Findla	iy	24	0
Mr. S. N. Dimble	by				Sec. 1	1.12	3
Mr. H. Hawkins		14440	0	Mr. H. Parker	2.2		3
Dr. C. G. Tunks				Mr. A. M. Joshua		-	0
			-				1
			60				8

Royal Epping Forest won by 52 holes.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

The St. Andrews day meeting of this club took took place on Monday, when nine couple started to compete for the St. Andrews cross (scratch), a prize of the value of $\pounds 5$, kindly given by Mr. H. Bradby, and the Moreton cup. Owing to the late rains the greens were rather heavy, but otherwise in excellent order, and reflect great credit on Arthur Jackson, who has taken great pains with them since his appointment as custodian.

Mr. J. Mudie and Mr. F. Quick tied for the scratch prize, and on playing off the tie Mr. J. Mudie came off the winner. Annexed is the full score :-

	Gross	. Hcp	. Net	. Gross	. Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. F. Quick	95	10	85	Mr. W. Gordon 104	. 9	95
†Capt. R. Alexander	100	13	87	Capt. J.F.C. Hamilton 106	01	96
†Major Bethune	96	4	92	Sir H. Pottinger 110	14	96
Mr. W. F. Fisher	96	3	93	Colonel E. Howard		
§Mr. J. Mudie	95	2	93	Brooke 112	14	98
Major Monckton	114	21	93	Rev. C. Shilson 114	14	100
* Mr. Bradby's prize, sweep.	and §	first St. A	swee	p. † Second sweep. ws cross, Moreton cup.	‡ T	hird

Were over 100 net, or made no return :--Colonel Le Marchant, Major Lawrence Gordon, Captain Twyham, Messrs. A. F. Brown, F. Crooke, P. Henery, and M. Tabuleau.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The silver iron, presented by Mr. A. H. Lushington, a foursome handicap, was begun after the autumn meeting, and resulted as follows :-

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First Ties .- Lieut, -Col. Mayne and Mr. C. C. Renton, giving 3 Strokes, beat Messrs, A. H. Lushington and E. J. Edwards; Mr. C. A. Teape and Capt. Prendergast, giving 3 strokes, beat Messrs. H. Spencer and G. Christie; Mr. G. Hornby and Major-Gen. Renton, giving 2 strokes, beat Capt, Robin and Mr. D. Turnbull; Messrs, R. Latimer and W. H. Monckton, Messrs. O. Belk and C. E. Lewis, Major Scott and Mr. E. F. Oakeley, Capt. Fairlie and Rev. H. Yorke, Mr. T. C. Robin and Capt. Mohl, had byes.

Second Ties.—Messrs. O. Belk and C. E. Lewis, giving 2 strokes, beat Messrs. R. Lattimer and W. H. Monckton; Major Scott and Mr. E. F. Oakeley beat Lieut.-Col. Mayne and Mr. C. C. Renton; Mr. G. Hornby and Major-Gen, Renton, giving 2 strokes, beat Mr. C. A. Teape and Capt. Prendergast; Mr. T. C. Robin and Capt. Mohl beat Capt. Fairlie and Rev. H. Yorke.

Third Ties .- Major Scott and Mr. E. F. Oakeley beat Messrs. O. Belk and C. E. Lewis; Mr. G. Hornby and Major-Gen. Renton, giving 2 strokes, beat Mr. T. C. Robin and Capt. Mohl.

Final.-Major Scott and Mr. E. F. Oakeley, receiving 2 strokes, beat Mr. G. Hornby and Major-Gen. Renton.

The winners receive silver memento badges given by the club, and the four left in the final divide sweepstakes.

A prize presented by Major Little was played for on Saturday, November 21st. Score :-

	Gross	Hcp.	Net.	G	ross.	Hcp.	Net.
*†Major C. E. Little	100	15	85	Mr. T. Lattimer	107	14	93
Mr. D. Turnbull	104	15	89	Mr.W.H. Monckton	110	17	93
Mr. C. A. Teape	90	SCr.	90	Mr. H. Spencer	98	4	94
LieutCol. Mayne	99	9	90	Mr. A. C. Salmonson	106	12	94
Mr. C. C. Renton	100	IO	90	Rev. W. Holland	112	18	94
†Mr. G. Christie	108	18	90	Mr. G. Hornby	95	SCr.	95
Mr. O. Belk	IOI	IO		Mr.A.H.Lushington			95
Gen. Renton	105	14		Capt. Fairlie			95
Major Scott	92	scr.	92	Mr. A. Gordon	96	scr.	96
		6		Dr. Haddu			96
	106		92	LieutCol. P. Robin	116		98
Capt. Robin	97	4	93	Capt. Apthorpe .,			III
* Winner	of p	rize.		† Divided sweepstake	es.		

Ten players made no return.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The St. Andrew's day competition of the above club took place at Hoylake last Saturday. The weather was very cold and miserable; a strong wind prevailed, with rain, making the play difficult, and putting the players to much discomfort. Twenty-five couples contended, and it was found that Mr. John Ball, jun., had won the St. Andrews gold cross with a score of 90. For two club handicap prizes of the value of ζ_5 each, the club was divided into two classes. First class, from scratch to 14 in the handicap, was secured by Mr. T. W. Crowther; second class from 15 to 30 in the handicap, was won by Mr. J. K. Housden.

The first sweepstakes were won by Mr. A. G. Steel, the second and third being divided between Messrs, Chas, Hutchings and F. A. Fairlie. The result of the play was as follows :--

First class, scratch to 14 in the handicap :-

				. Hcp. Net
Mr. T. W. Crowther	93 3	90	Mr. John Farrar 113	10 103
Mr. A. G Steel I	07 13	94	Mr. Jas, Fairclough. 110	5 105
Mr. F. A. Fairlie	92 +4	96	Rev. J. G. Denison. 111	6 105
Mr. C. Hutchings	94 +2	96	Mr. C. T. Dixon 118	13 105
Mr. F. P. Crowther.	96 scr.	96	Mr. C. J. Crowther. 118	12 106
Mr. G. R. Cox 1	02 4	98	Dr. J. B. Hunter 118	12 106
Mr. John Ball, jun	90 +9	99	Mr. G. O. Bird 121	13 108
Mr. C. Darbyshire I	05 7	99	Mr. H. W. Hind 121	12 109
Mr. E. Whineray I	04 4	100	Mr. J. E. Pearson 119	9 110
Mr. G. G. Hamilton I	06 5	IOI	Mr. Wm. Dod 126	14 112
Mr. A. Turpin I	03 scr.	103		1000 0000
Nine competitors ma				

Second class, 15 to 30 in the handicap :-

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. K. Housden. 119	17	102	Mr. J. H. Silberbach 128	19	109
Mr. St. Clare Byrne 125	21	104	Mr. Sandbrook 133	24	109
Mr. C. J. G. Duranty 123	18	105	Mr. P. Brown 136	26	110
	23	106	Mr. E. H. Higgins, 130		

Twelve competitors made no return.

In the afternoon Messrs. F. A. Fairlie and W. E. Fairlie played a round against Messrs. John Ball, jun., and Chas. Hutchings, the latter couple winning by one.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last, undeterred by a south-west gale, accompanied by rain, fifteen competitors started for the monthly medal, the Kentish gold medal, and the Houldsworth cup, and the usual sweepstakes. The memento with this month's medal, a handsome silver-mounted ivory paper-knife. Scores :-

1		Gross,	He	o. Net.		Gross.	Hep.	Net.
	Mr. W. E. Dunsford	93	6	87	Mr., F. T. Cooke	. 120	18	102
	Mr. J. J. Harding	93	5	88	LtCol. Winterscale	114	10	104
	Mr. T. G. Keats	114	25	89	Mr. R. B. Molesworth	1119	5	114
	Capt. Chichester	116	18	98	Mr. A. W. Cruick			1
	Mr. C. S. Carnegie.	106	6	100	shank	. 136	18	118
	Mr. F. Dowell	115	14	IOI				
	37	a 1	1.5	en l				

No returns :- Dr. Cooke, M.S.; Mr. Wilson Hoare, M.S.; Major Pigott, M.S.; Revs. E. C. Pigott, M.S., and R. W. S. Vidal, M.S. The daily average of players during the week between 20 and 30.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal, November 28th. Scores :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross, Hcp. Net.
Mr. H. Marsh 97 14 83	Gross, Hcp. Net. Mr. M. A. O. Mac-
Mr. W. Morley 98 15 83 Mr. J. Marray 97 12 85 Mr. C. W. Harrison 101 12 85	kenzie 101 10 91
Mr. J. Murray 97 12 85	Mr. T. Smith 103 12 91
MI. C. W. Harrison 103 10 05	Mr. J. Franklin
Mr. N. R. Foster 84 +2 86	Adams 100 8 92
Mr. W. L. Purves 86 scr. 86	Mr. A. Davidson 102 10 92
Mr. W. Gordon 95 9 87	Mr. C. Macdona 116 24 92
Mr. H. S. Colt 87 scr. 87	Mr. H. W. Bradford too IF 04
Mr. J. S. Russel 91 4 87	Mr. J. M. Henderson 99 4 95
Mr. A. Pollock 92 5 87	Mr. F. Skene 100 5 95
Mr. W. D. Bovill 94 7 87	Mr. C. A. Pidcock 107 12 95
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SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, November 28th. The weather was very windy, and as bad as it could well be for anything like low scoring A fair number of competitors started, but there were very few scores handed in.

Gross. Hcp. Net. Mr. A. P. White ... 115 18 97 | Mr. E. Bedford ... 124 25 99

ST. ANDREWS.

Twenty-seven members of this club, composed of fellows of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, journeyed to St. Andrews on November 7th to compete for scratch and handicap prizes. These consisted of the Argyll Robertson scratch medal, given by the captain of the club, Dr. D. Argyll Robertson ; a handicap prize given by the capitan of Grainger Stewart, President of the Royal College of Physicians; and three handicap sweepstake prizes. The weather was most favourable, the day being the finest of the stormy autumn.

After a very pleasant match, it was found that the captain had secured his own medal, showing that he had not forgotten how to handle his clubs, and thus achieved another victory on the scene of many a golfing success. On congratulating Dr. Argyll Robertson, who is about to depart for a seven months' trip round the world, the members wished him part for a seven months trip round the world, the members wished him a pleasant and prosperous journey and a safe return. The first handi-cap prize went to Drs. A. M. Sanderson and Sockman (equal), the second to Mr. Cathcart, and the third to Drs. W. A. Finlay and Bal-lantyne (equal). The handicap order of some of the other players was as follows : Mr. John Duncan, Drs. Argyll Robertson, Ronaldson, Naismith, P. A. Young, Blackie, Haultain, Melville Dunlop, Symington. Fellows of the college, who wish to join the club, are requested to communicate either with Dr. Russell Wood, 9, Darnaway Street, or Dr. Noel Paton. 4. Melville Street Edinburgh.

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The monthly handicap was played on Wednesday November 25th, in rainy weather, with the following result :-

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	G	ross.	Hcp. 1	Net.
Mr. W. R. Sharp	. 93	9	84	Mr. H. S. C. Everard	93	+2	95
Mr. H. B. Gilroy	. 99	9	90	Mr. C. Stirling	105	8	97
Mr. R. Gilroy	. 95	4	91	Mr. A. Lindsav		14	
Mr. C. E. Gilroy	. 92	+1	93	the second s			1.6.6

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This club has been fortunate in having very fine days for their competition, but the ground is still very wet, and the lies in places bad. No fault can be found with the greens, which are excellent. In the match with Oxford University, the home team's better knowledge of the course helped them to win a very interesting game. The following are the returns under 100 net :—

Mr. Power's prize : -

Mr. H. J. Nutt

THEFT OHOLD PHILES				
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. Blackburne 119	30	891	Mr. K. Rotherham 114 20 94	
Mr. A. Rotherham 103	12	10	Rev. F. R. Evans 112 14 98	
Mr. H. Smith 99	8	91	Mr. F. Twist 116 18 98	
Mr. A. P. Pridmore 114	22	02	Mr. W. F. Wyley 129 30 99	
Mr. H. J. Nutt 121	27	94	Mr. J. Cash 122 23 99	
Club monthly cup :				
Gross. 1	Net. H	Icp.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
			Mr. F. Twist 109 18 91	
Mr. H. Smith 94	8	86	Mr. J. Cash 115 23 92	
Mr. A. Rotherham 100				

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Mr. J. Powers .. 103 14 89 Mr. T. Latham ... 112 13 99 Rev. C. Vecquery... 130 40 90 Mr. E. Blackburne 123 24 99

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The members of this club have lately been trying, with success, a somewhat novel form of competition, introduced from Great Yarmouth by an ex-member of the United Service Golf Club. The object of the scheme is to decide a competition by holes, without the lengthy process of everyone playing everyone else. The competition is conducted by all the players pitting their scores against a fixed round, with which an imaginary Col. Bogey challenges all comers, and it is won by the player who inflicts most condign punishment on, or suffers least ignominious defeat at the hands of this, Col. Bogey.

The number of strokes received as handicap in this competition is deduced from the handicap allowance of each player in medal play, by an abstruse calculation of an eminent mathematician, the holes at which the strokes are to be taken being decided for the particular links on, which the competition takes place. The consciousness that all is not lost after one egregiously bad hole early in the round, maintains the interest to the end, and thus gives the competition a great advantage over medal play for erratic players.

over medal play for erratic players. The round with which Col. Bogey challenges the world at Haslar was undoubtedly played in fine weather, and with his eye pretty well in, being as follows :--

First Half			6	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	5=43	k.
Second Half	5440	1222									5 = 43	

The result of the competitions up to date show that Col. Bogey requires some beating, and he has never been really tackled except once, by a particularly fine round of Lieut. Temple, R.M.A., 88 with 8 strokes allowed. The results have been as follows :-October 24th, Dr. W. Reid, R.N. (2 strokes), 5 down; October 31st, Dr. W. Reid, R.N. (2 strokes), 4 down; November 7th, Dr. W. Reid, R.N. (2 strokes), 1 down; November 7th, Dr. W. Reid, R.N. (2 strokes), 1 down; November 14th, Lieut. Templer, R.M.A. (8 strokes), 6 up; November 21st, Lieut. Templer, R.M.A. (5 strokes), and Capt. Vidal, R.E. (6 strokes), both even.

Another form of Golf, suggested by the brilliancy of the recent full moon, has also been tried by some members of the club. Two singles were played on November 16th, and again on November 17th, starting at 9 p.m. To see what could be done, strict medal rounds were played, everything being holed out to the uttermost inch. The greatest difficulty was experienced on the putting-green, as, by perversity of nature, the ball always seemed to be in the pitch darkness of the player's shadow, and not a few strokes were lost in addressing the ball.

Éach player had a fore-caddy to spot the ball by the tell-tale thud, and, in evidence of the straightness and accuracy of the play, it may be mentioned that not half-a-dozen balls were lost altogether by the four players in thirty-six holes. The score recorded should be sufficient evidence to those who know these links, and the hazards of what is possible by moonlight; the play of the professional, C. Calloway, being under the circumstances almost extraordinary, as the light was by no means good, even for an English full moon. The scores were as follow :---

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			Total.			ıst Half.	2nd Half.	Total.
C. Calloway Lt. Templer, R.M.A				Capt. Vidal, R Lt. Poole, R.M				115 120
November 17th :		and				rst	and	
	Half.	Half.	Total.					Total.
C. Calloway	47	49	96	Lieut. Poole		57		114
Lieut. Templer	55	50	105	Captain Vidal	***	53	66	119

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

A cold, fine morning on Saturday was followed by a deluge of rain, which played havoc with the links. The November competition for the club cup resulted thus :--Mr. H. T. Hickman, 123, less 30=93, first; Mr. C. G. Graham, 109, less 11=98, second; and Mr. A. Rotherham, 104, less 5=99, third. The next best scores were :--Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncrieff, 105, less 3=102; Mr. J. W. Liddell, 114, less 11=103; and Mr. C. Humphries, 124, less 20=104. The Lefroy prize will be played for on Saturday next.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last the winter meeting of the West Herts was held at Bushey. The prizes played for consisted of the club winter medal (scratch), and three handicap prizes. The first, the captain's cup; second, a pocket aneroid barometer, presented by Mr. F. E. Upfield Green; third, a pipe, given by Mr. Edward T. Burr, for players handicapped over 18 The extraordinary amount of rain which has fallen lately rendered the course heavy in parts. Scores in consequence ruled high, and though four or five of the steadiest players went round in the morning, Mr. Thomson Glover's 99 was the lowest of their returns. Hopes were entertained that Mr. Arthur Melville, who holds the amateur record of the green, 79, would come in somewhere in the eighties, but he, like everyone else, came to grief after a good start, and his card showed 98. Mr. R. S. Clouston, the last year's winner, eventually again won the medal with the high score of 95. The captain's cup was secured by Mr. John E. Ewer, with a net of 86, which also gained the prize given for members with handicaps over 18. For the second prize, Mr. H. Jaycey, Mr. J. D. Patullo, and Mr. Denton Scholes returned scores of 89 net ; the tie has not yet been decided.

Though a beautiful day, play was not quite as pleasant as usual, owing to the soft state of the course in places. It was, however, cheering to see the work that had been effected by the green committee, who have been taking every advantage of the wet weather to put the new eighteen-hole course into as good order as the old. Indeed, when again favoured with a spell of dry weather, some of the new greens bid fair to surpass the old, and this, as anyone who knows the course will admit, is saying a good deal.

The annual dinner, to which some sixty members and guests sat down, the captain, Mr. A. H. Wallace, presiding, was held at The Hall, Bushey, at 6.15 p.m. After the usual loyal toasts, a new departure in Golf dinners was inaugurated. One of the members, Mr. R. André, the well-known artist in black and white, provided a most entertaining show by exhibiting, through the agency of a magic lantern, some fourteen or fifteen caricatures of prominent members. As these were quite unmistakable, and full of jovial humour, both in the sketches themselves and in the verses with which the genial artist described each portrait, the evening was rendered the most successful since the formation of the club. Mr. André most generously presented the original sketches to the club, and they after the show were sold to the members present for the respectable sum of \pounds_{17} odd.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
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Mr. H. Jaycey 104 15 89	Mr. J. A. Simson 108 8 100
	Mr. A. H. Wallace 109 9 100
	Mr. T. BurrellBewick 105 2 103
Mr. R. S. Clouston 95 5 90	
Dr. H. Rudyard 115 25 90	Mr. C. Davies 132 25 107
	Mr. W. Wilson 117 10 107
Mr. O. W. F. Hill . 115 21 94	Mr. W. Webster 119 11 108
Mr. A. A. Macnab . 118 24 94	Mr R. W. Sedgwick 141 30 111
Mr. Thomson Glover 99 3 96	Mr. W. R. Carter 128 16 112 Rev. O. C. Cockrem 140 28 112
Mr. E. F. Maitland 114 18 96	Rev. O. C. Cockrem 140 28 112
	Mr. T. J. Peacock . 145 29 116
Mr. B. M. Barton . 107 8 99	Mr. C. E. Fry 141 22 119

WHITLEY CLUB.

The final for the Joicey cup, value 15 guineas, was played off at Whitley on November 24th, eight competitors starting in all. Mr. F. W. Wyndham, the captain of the club, played one of his best games, with the result that he carried off premier honours, his victory being very popular. Scores :—

Gr	oss. Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp. Net
Mr. F. W. Wyndham Mr. J. W. Wood Mr. J. Milton I Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	95 5 105 12	90 93	Mr. T. A. Hutte Mr. H. C. Smith	on 110	15 95

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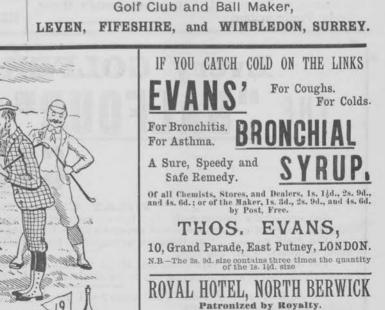
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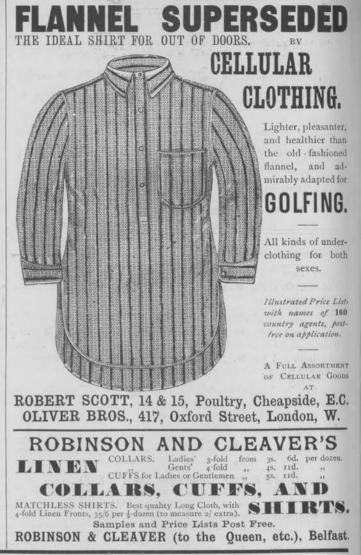
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