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MARCH.

- Mar. 21.—Disley: Fifth Winter Handicap.
Birkdale: Club Medal.
Whitley: Wyndham Cup.
Royal Epping Forest: Quarterly Medal.
Aberdeen: Pickop Cup.
Brighton and Hove: The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Dublin: Monthly Medal.
Redhill and Reigate: Club Medal.
Disley: Fifth Winter Handicap.
King James VI.: The Mac-Leish Cup (4th round).
Formby: Monthly Medal.
Epsom: Monthly Medal.
Haydock Park: Club and Williamson Medals.
Manchester: Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 24.—Whitley: Joicey Cup.
- Mar. 26.—Pau: Scratch Silver Medal; Ladies' Cup.
Southport: Spring Meeting.
- Mar. 27.—Crawford Club (Crawford): Easter Meeting.
Harrison Club (Edin.): Captain & Vice-Captain.
- Mar. 28.—Seaford: Monthly Medal.
Southport: Captain's Cup.
Luffness: Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Great Yarmouth: Easter Prize Meeting.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight: Spring Meeting; Foursome Tournament (entries close March 27th).
Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.
Royal Jersey: Spring Meeting.
Haydock Park: Legh Challenge Cup.
Haddington: Hogarth Medal; Wilkinson Trophy.
Aberdeen Match, Aberdeen Club v. Dalhousie Club, Carnoustie.
- Mar. 28-30.—Guildford: Easter Meeting.
County Antrim: Spring Meeting.

- Mar. 28-30.—Littlestone: Easter Meeting.
Great Yarmouth: Easter Meeting; Annual Dinner.
- Mar. 28-31.—Felixstowe: Easter Meeting; Monthly Challenge Cup.
Hayling: Easter Meeting.
Royal Jersey: Spring Meeting.
- Mar. 28 to April 4.—Royal North Devon: Easter Meeting.
- Mar. 30.—Southport: Competition for Walker Cup.
Royal Liverpool: Easter Monday Competition.
Royal Isle of Wight: Eaton Challenge Shield; Mr. Longman's Prize for Best Handicap, Score limited to 18 strokes; Annual General Meeting, 4.30.
West Lancashire: Easter Meeting.
Aldeburgh: Flintham Cup.
Lytham and St. Anne's: Easter Meeting.
Hayling: Fisher Foursome Challenge Cups.
- Mar. 31.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Lord Robartes' Gold Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight: Foursome Tournament (continued).
Hayling Island Ladies' Club: Easter Meeting; Routledge Cup; Scratch, Treasurer's and Handicap Prizes.

APRIL.

- Apr. 1.—Hayling: Houldsworth Challenge Plate (open).
Royal Jersey: Bumble Bee Medal; Annual General Meeting.
- Apr. 1-2.—Royal Cromer: Easter Meeting.
- Apr. 2.—Prestwick: Spring Meeting.
Royal Jersey: A Challenge Cup; Club Dinner.
- Apr. 3.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.
Harrison Club (Edin.): Medal.
- Apr. 3-4.—Calcutta: Club Gold Medal; Captain's Cup.
- Apr. 4.—Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Prestwick St. Nicholas: Kilmarnock Trophy.
Birkdale: Club Cup and Hayward Prize.
Brighton and Hove: Berens Medal.
Haydock Park: Captain's Cup.
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.
Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.
Bowdon: Monthly Competition.
Aldeburgh: Monthly Medal.
King James VI.: The Mac-Leish Cup (2nd round).
Redhill and Reigate: Allen Medal.
Edinburgh "Dispatch": Braids' Tournament (and succeeding Saturdays).
Aberdeen Club: Scratch Medal and Burgmann Cup.
Royal Jersey: Clutton and Plummer Cups; Monthly Prize and Sweepstake.
- Apr. 6.—Calcutta: Foursome Tournament.
- Apr. 6-7-8.—Harrison Club (Edin.): Cup and Prizes.
- Apr. 7.—Birkdale: Ladies' Prize.
Pau: Morris Post Cup; Ridley Challenge Prize and Cup.
Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal (final).
Royal Blackheath: Monthly Medal.
- Apr. 9.—Pau: Macdona Challenge Cup and Badge.
King James VI.: Kinnaird Cup.
- Apr. 11.—Whitley: Emmerson Prize.
Littlestone: Monthly Medal.

- April 11.—West Herts : Monthly Medal.
 Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
 Tooting Bec : Monthly Medal.
 Lanark : Gold Ball and other Prizes.
 Dublin : Black Watch Gold Medal.
 King James VI. : The Mac-Leish Cup (3rd round).
 Edinburgh C. A. Club : Spring Meeting at North Berwick.
 Wilpshire and District : Gray Medal.
 Edinburgh Watsonians : Club Prizes.
 Forfar : Spring Meeting.
- Apr. 11-13.—Lytham and St. Anne's : Spring Meeting : Two Scratch Medals, Six Handicap Prizes, and Terry Cup.
- Apr. 14.—Pau : Havemeyer Cup ; Ladies' Club.
 Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
 Whitley : Joicey Cup.
 Minehead : Spring Meeting.
 Royal Blackheath : Spring Medal and Singapore Cup ;
 Annual Dinner ; General Meeting, 4.30 p.m.
 Hayling Island Ladies' Club : Bath Challenge Star.
- Apr. 15.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- Apr. 16.—King James VI. : Spring General Meeting.
- April 16-17-18.—Aberdeen Club : Spring Meeting.
- Apr. 16-18.—Royal Wimbledon : Spring Meeting.
- Apr. 17.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
 Harrison Club (Edin.) : Medal.
- Apr. 17-18.—Calcutta : St. Andrew's Silver Tankard ; Duffers' Cup.
- Apr. 18.—Whitley : Wyndham Cup.
 Birkdale : Club Medal.
 Disley : 6th Winter Handicap.
 Dublin : Monthly Medal
 Gullane : Spring Meeting.
 Bowdon : Championship Meeting.
 West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
 Formby : Captain's Prize.
 West Herts : A Silver Medal.
 Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
 Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.
 King James VI. : Club Gold Medal ; Imrie Silver Cup ;
 Pullar Inkstand ; The Mac-Leish Cup (4th round).
 Epsom : Monthly Medal.
- Apr. 20.—Brighton and Hove : Captain's Prize Tournament.
 Harrison Club (Edin.) : Cox Medal and Prizes.
- Apr. 22.—Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.
 King James VI. : The Mac-Leish Cup (5th round).
- Apr. 22-24.—Royal Liverpool : Spring Meeting.
- Apr. 23.—Calcutta : Foursome Tournament.
- Apr. 23-24.—Tyneside : Spring Meeting.
- Apr. 24 and 25.—Whitley : Crawley Prize.
 Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
 Seaford : Monthly Medal.
 Birkdale : Mackenzie Cup.
 Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
 Brighton and Hove : Mr. H. R. Knipe Prize.
 Luffness : Hope Challenge Cup ; Wemyss Challenge Medal.
 Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
 Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Eastbourne : Spring Meeting.
 West Lancashire : Spring Meeting.
 Tooting : Spring Meeting, Annual General Meeting, and Club Dinner.
- Apr. 25.—Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
 King James VI. : The Mac-Leish Cup (6th round).
 Haydock Park : Legh Challenge Cup (final).
- Apr. 25-29.—Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.
- April 27.—Cambridge University : Linskill Cup and Pirie Medal (terminal competition) ; Extraordinary General Meeting, Lion Hotel, 8.30.
- Apr. 28.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
 Birkdale : Final Ties Ladies' Prize.
- Apr. 30.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
 Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.
 Guildford : Spring Meeting.

Owing to the snow, the South Lynn Vase competition of the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club has been postponed till Tuesday, 31st inst. and following days.

The amateur championship tournament, which takes place this year at St. Andrews, will begin on the 7th May, and those wishing to enter the competition will require to communicate with the secretary of the Royal and Ancient club not later than the 2nd of that month.

MY DOZEN BALLS.

They lay in tissue side by side,
 They filled one pasteboard box ;
 Their graves are severed far and wide
 In sand and bent and rocks.

The same fond golfer bent his back,
 As each flew from the tee.
 He mourned each deep and ghastly hack,
 Where can my dozen be ?

Nine midst the whins that bloom so well,
 On Braid's high hill are laid ;
 No caddy knows the place they fell ;
 Far off the course they strayed.

The sea, the blue lone sea hath one,
 By Berwick's rocky shore ;
 An all-round game he played, yet none
 Will slice him any more.

One sleeps in Gullane's valley blessed,
 About yon ugly drain ;
 He lost the colour on his breast
 On a pelting day of rain.

And one, o'er her St. Andrews towers
 Uprear their storied walls ;
 She faded in the evening hours—
 Last of my dozen balls.

And parted thus they rest, who played
 The glorious game with me,
 Whose well-knicked forms so oft I prayed,
 Dead by the hole to see.

So sweet they sang, when high in air
 On pinions strong upborne ;
 I watched them with a mother's care,
 Yet am I left forlorn.

Edinburgh, November 29th.

A. D.

Why was the Oxford and Cambridge Golf match a foregone conclusion ?

Because Oxford had not a *Chance*.

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ADVICE TO YOUNG GOLFERS.

IV.

Although it looks quite a simple matter it is by no means so easy as it appears to hit the ball properly, and a few attempts will soon convince the beginner of this fact. In order to play any stroke well the following instructions require to be remembered. The rule of "keep your eye on the ball" must be rigidly adhered to. From the moment of taking up the stance the eye should never be removed from the ball till it is struck. This cannot be too carefully attended to, as players are apt unconsciously to allow their eye to be diverted during the swing. Some golfers refine the above rule, and maintain that the eye should be kept on the exact part of the ball intended to be struck, viz., the furthest back part; and this is no doubt quite true, but if one fixes his eye on the ball he will instinctively direct his attention to the place he means to strike.

The part of the face of the club with which the ball is to be struck is also of importance, more especially in clubs which have loft on them, such as brassies and spoons. If hit too near the heel the ball will not fly straight but will be "heeled," i.e., it will in its flight curve round to the right. Again, if hit too near the toe of the club the ball will be "drawn" or "pulled," and it will curve round to the left. The proper point of impact is the centre of the face, the maker's name across the top of the head is usually a good index of the correct spot.

To recommend a cure for "heeling" or "pulling" which will be applicable to every case is hardly possible. In some cases "heeling" is caused by standing too near the ball, and in others by standing too far away. At first sight this last explanation seems rather incredible, but when a player stands far back from his ball he usually allows for the extra distance and falls forward in his swing, although he may not be aware that he is doing so. The converse applies to "pulling." Heeling, however, is as often the result of "slicing" or "putting on cut," as of striking the ball with the heel of the club. Slicing is done by drawing in the arms toward the body during the downward swing. The club face ought to be travelling in the same line that the ball is to follow—straightforward. But when sliced, the club is not only travelling forward but it is also travelling diagonally across the line the ball is to follow—from right to left. The result is that the ball receives two motions, the one impelling it forward and the other putting a spin upon it, which has the effect of making it circle round to the right. If the "pulling" or "heeling" arises from a defect in style, such as is above indicated, the cure obviously is to adopt a better style, but, on the other hand, if the player is merely out of form he ought not to try and correct his being temporarily off his game (to which all golfers are liable) by cultivating peculiarities of play, as for instance turning in the toe of his club to prevent heeling. His best remedy is to take a rest for a few days, or to Golf himself out of it. The follow through recommended in last number, if properly played, prevents slicing to a large extent.

Professional golfers sometimes utilise "putting on cut" and "pulling" in places where the curved flight enables a finer stroke to be thereby played, and it is admitted that a drive with a little "cut" or "pull" will travel further than an entirely straight stroke will. It is always, however, a risky business to try such strokes; they had much better be left alone.

Above all things, avoid topping the ball. It is one of the worst possible faults, and is destructive alike to both club and ball. A stroke that is aimed too low and touches the ground before hitting the ball, or is "sclaffed," as it is called, is not nearly such bad form, though it is more destructive to the green.

Just as "heeling" may be the result of standing too far away from the ball, so may topping be the result of using too long a club; the golfer feeling that his club is too long for him will involuntarily pull himself back in his swing and top the ball. Of course topping may obviously be the result of too short a club as well, but generally speaking the fault lies in the player—want of practice, removing the eye from the ball, and many other things of the like nature produce this result.

Golf is a game of skill and not of brute force. It should therefore be kept in view that the main thing is to hit the ball properly. Of course, it cannot be expected that a long drive can

be made unless the ball is hit hard as well as accurately, but one's greatest strength should never be put into a drive. Under ordinary circumstances 200 yards may be considered about the average length of professional driving. Anything from 150 to 200 yards is good for an amateur.

Straight driving should be particularly aimed at. A long erratic drive is seldom anything else than vexatious, and a stroke about half the distance in the right direction will in the majority of cases lead to lower scores.

A clean style of hitting should be cultivated. The ball should neither be topped nor sclaffed, and should be struck so as to fly straight. Beginners should not be disheartened because they cannot drive long balls. If the strokes be properly played, it will not be any length of time if sufficient practice can be obtained before a fairly long ball will be driven. Attempts should never be made to press (i.e., to put great strength into the strokes) as this inevitably leads to fozzling and disaster.

Three-quarter and half shots are generally only used for approaches, and there is considerable distinction between the modes of playing these and of playing full strokes, the stance is different. In three-quarter and half shots the right foot should be slightly in advance of the other, with the ball opposite the player's body. The right arm, from shoulder to elbow, should be kept close to the side (not raised as in driving), and the club swung in an upright direction, more than round the shoulder. The club should be gripped further down the shaft, and the play should be almost entirely from the wrists, hence, they are often called "wrist shots."

In three-quarter strokes the club is swung round as far as possible; in half shots less, according to the distance it is desired to send the ball. For half shots the right hand should be allowed to open as the club goes back, a hold being retained by the thumb and first finger, and as the club descends the old grip with the fingers is renewed.

Accuracy of hitting is of first importance in these strokes. In no case is it desirable to play half or three-quarter strokes with a wooden club. A short spoon was formerly used, but is now superseded by the cleek and iron. The iron is the club most usually employed.

A number of golfers in playing wrist shots aim low, and take the surface off the turf with the cleek or iron. This is done to steady the stroke, and, there can be no doubt about the fact that it has this effect. Still it cuts up the green in a way that is generally avoidable, and beginners are better to learn not to take turf.

Some golfers again play wrist shots with a dig, that is, they do not sweep the ball away but come down smartly behind it, and the moment after the ball is struck the iron is buried deep in the turf, and very often cuts out a large sod. This kind of play is effective, but it is distinctly bad form. If the stroke is aimed too far back the ball will go no distance, if too far forward the iron will come down right on the top of the ball. Moreover, a dig can only be played on soft turf, and this is not to be found on every green.

Mashies are used by few players for full shots on the green.

Where a short high loft requires to be made, such as crossing a hazard to land on the green, the more loosely the club is held the more "dead" will the ball fall, and the shorter distance will it run after it lands. In fact, if the club could be held so loosely as just to prevent its slipping out of the hands the ball would fall practically dead. Accurate play is, however, difficult with a loose grip, and it is hardly a stroke for a beginner to try.

(To be continued.)

J. A.

IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

A golfer's life depends on nought
But that to Golf allied,
And life is worthless if to him
His pastime is denied;
And still more worthless life becomes,
Despite his vigorous arm,
When he, alas! goes off his game
And finds he's out of form.

ALPHA.



PLAGIARISM!

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—When my eye lit upon the opening sentences of Mr. Andrew Lang's letter in your last issue, and I found myself stigmatized by "our only" essayist as a literary criminal of the deepest dye, I realised for the first time what must have been the feelings of a certain well known and widely appreciated novelist at the insinuations of the P—M—G—. I can think of no other historical parallel worthy of the occasion. As, however, the first overpowering sensation of bewildered horror at such an accusation, emanating from so revered a pen, began to subside, and I read the letter to the end, it appeared to me intended not so much as a serious indictment of plagiarism—for my pseudo-accuser frankly states his belief that I never *did* read his story—as an attack on the one man one idea theories of certain critics, to bash in whose heads Mr. Lang uses me as his niblick, thus:—

Truly pious critics, he argues, lay down the axiom that the same idea never occurs to two minds. Here is a story similar in many respects to one I wrote some years ago. According to the critics, therefore, this obscure scribbler of the name of Milford must perforce be a plagiarist. Now I feel convinced that he never *has* read my story which, appearing as it did in a local St. Andrews magazine, was not at all likely to come under the eyes of a base English pock-pudding. Therefore the truth is that he is *not* a plagiarist. But it has already been proved that the critics say (or would say, if they troubled themselves over so insignificant a creature) he *is* a plagiarist. Therefore critics and Truth are not synonymous, which view I beg humbly to endorse.

But however jestingly made or subsequently neutralised by courteous assurance of belief in the culprit's real innocence, a charge of plagiarism coming from a writer of Mr. Andrew Lang's standing, necessitates a serious answer. In the first place, then, I feel convinced Mr. Lang will believe me (I don't care about the pious critics) when I assure him that I have never read, nor, until I saw his letter, had I ever even heard of "The Cheela's Round." I am, therefore, entirely ignorant of the special points of resemblance between his story and mine, beyond those he particularly specifies—the main idea of Golf play under mesmeric influence, and the Thibetan source of that mysterious force. The petticoats, I see, I am fully credited with. Now, Sir, mesmeric influence has always been a favourite *motif* of mine, and I have used it in many stories commencing with the first shilling shocker which alienated my friends, and started me on the downward path of sensationalism; but for the idea—the bare idea only—of combining the apparently incongruous elements of Golf and hypnotism, I am indebted to Mr. Alfred Lubbock who suggested the theme to me when asking me to write a story for the paper he did so much to launch. I may mention that Mr. Lubbock's ignorance with regard to "The Cheela's Round" equals my own. For the mention of Thibet as the hub of mysticism, the travels in Ladak of one of my personal friends must be held accountable.

I hope you will excuse the inordinate extent to which I have trespassed on your valuable space, and I trust also that Mr. Andrew Lang will acquit me of at all events intentional plagiarism. As I have before intimated, the pious critics may "go hang."

I am, Sir, &c.,

FRED. C. MILFORD.

THE GOLF LINKS AT CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I here give you the length of the holes on the University links at Cambridge, which I think may prove interesting to some of your readers. For the measurements I am indebted to Messrs. P. W. Everett, A. M. Joshua, and R. A. Nicholson.

	Yards.		Yards.
1. The Road	236	11. The Valley	253
2. The Magazine	281	12. The Burn	226
3. The Hut	360	13. The Chimneys	257
4. The Gas-tank	332	14. The Short	200
5. Eastward Ho	328	15. The Bridge	209
6. The Duffers' Ditch... ..	282	16. The Abney	316
7. The Rifle Range	332	17. The Quarry	381
8. Feversham Ditch	245	18. Home	378
9. The Hedge	212		
10. The Hole Across	200	Total	5,028

About $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, as the crow flies, including distances from hole to teeing grounds. The distance actually traversed must be fully four miles. The full medal course is a trifle longer than the above measurements. It may be also noted that there are no very short holes.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. T. LINSKILL,

Hon. Sec. C.U.G.C.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The other day, I was playing a single at Musselburgh. The course was covered with snow to the depth of about an inch, thereby causing the balls to sink in. One time, my ball landed in a little drift of two inches or so deep. I scraped away the snow behind my ball, of course "teeing" it by the manoeuvre. My opponent objected, but, as I could see no rule to prevent my action, I would not concede the point. If any of your readers could solve this problem, I would be greatly obliged.

2. While putting out on one of the greens on the Braid Hills course, the "iron circle" of the hole happened to project. My opponent putted on, but his ball struck the projecting iron and rested against it. He pushed the iron down, thereby causing his ball to fall into the hole, and claimed the hole. Is this legal or not?

I am, Sir, &c.,

"DUBIUS."

Edinburgh, March 13th, 1891.

[(1.) Where snow lies in isolated patches on the course, or covers the putting-greens to any extent, it is the customary practice for players in matches to come to some arrangement among themselves before starting as to what should be done when the ball lies on snow or on ice. Thus, when a ball lies on a patch of snow on the course, but not in a recognised hazard, it is usually agreed to lift and drop behind without a penalty. In a recent competition at Luffness, where the snow was found to cover the links, it was agreed before starting, on the recommendation of Tom Morris, to allow the competitors to remove the snow surrounding their ball without any penalty being incurred; and in Saturday's medal competition at Tooting it was agreed on the suggestion of Tom Dunn to lift the ball off snow, not in a hazard, and drop behind without the loss of a stroke. In a note to Rule VI. of the St. Andrews rules ("clearing the putting-green") it is stated that "when ice or snow lies on the putting-greens, parties are recommended to make their own arrangements as to its removal or not before commencing their match";

and this guidance is usually followed. If our correspondent, however, made no arrangement with his opponent before starting, the presumptive understanding was that the balls should be played as they lay. In those circumstances our correspondent was wrong in scraping the snow away behind his ball, and his opponent was strictly entitled to object. (2.) In this instance the opponent was not entitled to press down the iron rim projecting above the lip of the hole. It is the duty of the player or his caddie to see that he has a fair, unobstructed putt into the hole; and the rule allows him to remove loose obstacles, and inferentially, of course, to see that the rim is not likely to catch his ball, because the rim is simply intended to preserve the circular form of the hole intact, and is not really a factor in the game. If, however, a player neglects to take this desirable precaution, either wilfully or otherwise, then he has no sort of right to touch the hole after having played his stroke. All that he is entitled to do is to remove the flag-stick after playing, should his ball lodge against it.—ED.]

A BALL IN WHINS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—My reading of the rule, regarding which I wrote to you ten days ago, has now been fortified by the support of two of the best authorities in Scotland. I do not consider myself at liberty to give their names, but I enclose them for your private information; and you will agree with me that, in Scotland, no two golfers of more experience and authority could be found.

I enclosed each of them a copy of my letter to you. Both agree in the view I take.

I shall quote the essential words of the two opinions. One says that, "when the ball has been dropped the hazard should be between the ball and the hole." "This," he adds, "would prevent many disputes. For instance, were any one inclined to do so (not to say it is done) the party in the hazard might drop the ball, no doubt, from behind the hazard, but by dropping it over his shoulder he might direct the ball either to the right or left and escape the hazard; and yet he might say that he had dropped the ball behind." The veteran golfer who expresses this opinion, and whose authority is unquestioned all over the golfing world, adds some further sentences to the same effect strengthening his argument.

The other opinion comes from a player whom I venture to call the most experienced amateur in Scotland, if not in the United Kingdom. He says: "I have gone carefully into your query, and in *all cases* the hazard from which you lift ought to be played across again if it is in the line of the hole—that is to say, the spot where the ball is lifted from should be kept between the player and the hole."

With these opinions to support me, I submit, Mr. Editor, that you were wrong in your reading of the rule.

I am, Sir, &c.,

TOOTING.

[We acknowledge with ready alacrity the authority of the names submitted by our correspondent; but, after all has been said, the difference between us is narrowed down to a very small point. The opinion of our correspondent's first authority is based on the assumption that the drop has been a dishonest one. He supposes a case where a player, in lifting out of a hazard, drops the ball over his shoulder by putting on "screw" to the right or to the left with his fingers, so as to secure a favourable lie for his next shot across the intervening hazard. We do not doubt that, among caddies and the lower order of professionals, while playing among themselves, such a barefaced evasion of the true spirit of the rule has been attempted with success, just as pulling a horse while seeming to ride him hard and legitimately is not unknown among a certain order of jockeys. But our previous opinion, which we staunchly adhere to, was given on the assumption—the only basis upon which any dispute can be settled—that the drop out of the hazard was honest, fair, and in true conformity with the requirements of the rule; and to admit that an opponent has a right to recall a drop because, in his opinion, a ball, honestly and squarely dropped, may have rolled advantageously to the player, owing to the uneven ground behind the hazard, would infuse such an element of individual caprice into the game as to render its progress intolerable, irksome, and highly inharmonious. There is this further point to be urged in opposition to the authorities with whose aid our correspondent seeks to back his interpretation of the rule. They do not know the locality in which the incident in dispute took place. We have the advantage over them in this respect that we both know the locality and the players. Tom Dunn, the local professional, was promptly consulted at the time; he visited

the spot at the request of the players, and, after hearing both sides, and seeing for himself the lie of the ground, he decided adversely to the contention of our correspondent. Our correspondent will admit that Tom Dunn is no mean authority on all points of the game, and that his opinion is, at least, of equal weight with the opinions quoted above. To the second opinion quoted by our correspondent we say "ditto" most heartily. It is the view we urged in a previous note; but it says nothing to show that we were wrong in claiming that a player who honestly drops behind the hazard may profit by an advantageous roll of the ball, as he must suffer in an equal degree from a disadvantageous one. The point to be kept in view is that the roll of the ball after it has been dropped is beyond the control of the player.—ED.]

THE DERIVATION OF THE WORD "CADDIE."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR.—This word comes from a remote source, having many ramifications.

Its root is believed to be the Aryan form "KAP," to contain, whence "kap-ala" (Sanskrit), a bowl, "keph-alee" (Greek), a skull, "kaba" (Hebrew), to be concave, "kub" (Arabic), a cup.

The Teutonic family used the aspirated "h" in substitution for the guttural "k," which they seem to have had some difficulty in pronouncing, and so came "haubith" (Gothic), "haupit" (high German), "heafod" (Anglo-Saxon), "head" (English).

The Celtic family retained the guttural "k," and so we have "caput" (Latin), "capo" (Italian), "chef" (French), "caddie" (Scotch), "chief" (English).

In English the two extremes meet, and we can say "chief head," which is a reiteration or parallelism expressing a superlative.

The word "caddie" seems to have preserved the original root signification of a "bowl" or "receptacle," whence a messenger or carrier. It has long been applied in Scotch to boys who gain their livelihood by running errands. It does not imply reproach like the word "cad" in English.

Captain Burt in his published letters from the north of Scotland, written a century-and-a-half ago, says:—"Cawdys are very useful blackguards who attend coffee-houses and go errands. They are often considerably trusted and have seldom proved unfaithful."

In an old Scotch poem we read:—

"Where will I get a little page?
Oh, where will I get a caddie?
Who quick will run to bonny Aboyne,
Wi' this to my rantin' laddie."
I am, Sir, &c.,

WEBSTER GLYNES.

Wimbledon Club, March 7th, 1891.

PAINT FOR GOLF BALLS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will some of your readers kindly say what is the best kind of paint to use for golf-balls?

I am, Sir, &c.,
March 10th. "BULGER."

CURIOUS GOLFING INCIDENTS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your letter, on the above subject we have had lots of deaths from Golf balls. How a little bird could survive a crack from any of the players who carry from 200 to 230 yards, or less, would be more curious still.

Sir, I wish, with your leave, to tell you how I saved a man's life by my keenness for Golf. When an apprentice club-maker 20 years ago at Carnoustie, in the winter time, I used to hurry home to my dinner, and play a few holes during the hour. One

cold day in January, playing the valley or third hole, on coming to "Jocky's burnie" imagine my surprise to find an old man named John Lindsay on his back in the burn, his bald head and hands being all that were above water, and himself in the last stage of exhaustion. Being unable to pull him out, I had to take to the burn also, as about 16 stone weight of a man in his condition was enough for a lad. Needless to say I got very wet, and a severe cold afterwards. Having got him out, it was some time before he recovered his breath; but at last he was able to get out between gasps, looking earnestly at me and with tears in his eyes, "Eh, laddie, gif ever ye come tae my housie, a'll be awen' ye a gless o' whiskey for this."

I am, Sir, &c.,

GEORGE LOWE, Professional.

Lytham, and St. Anne's Golf Club,
St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, Lancashire,
March 7th, 1891.

THE CARRUTHERS' CLEEK.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read with interest the letters of Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Gregor Macgregor on the "patent golf cleeks." While not possessing the mechanical ingenuity of my friend, Mr. Macgregor, I have, like him, seen the evil of the unnecessary weight of iron in the hose, and have tried to effect a remedy. I have made suggestions to makers, as to ways of altering this. Any maker can shorten the length of the hose of the cleek, without infringing on Mr. Carruther's patent, and so do away with an objection to that gentleman's cleek, viz., exposing the end of the shaft to the weather.

I think the shortening of the hose to the extent of Mr. Carruthers' cleek takes away its graceful appearance, giving it much the appearance of a garden hoe. Were Mr. Forrester, the inventor of the mashie, and the centre balance-cleek and iron, to reduce the length of the hose of his patent cleek by an inch or less, and make it thin in the style described by Mr. Macgregor, adding the metal thus saved to the blade of his cleek, he would produce a "driving cleek" which could not be excelled, and would keep him first place in the rank of inventors. As it is, a player, armed with one of Forrester's driving cleeks, an iron and a concentrated mashie, for bunkers and approach shots, may safely face the most difficult course, with entire confidence in his success.

From experience, and from the known opinions of golfers of the highest eminence, I am inclined to advise brother golfers to try a "Forrester centre balance"; but after all, one may go back to an anecdote related in your own columns, and say, in the ca ddie's words, "There's no muckle wrang wi' that end o' the club."

I am, Sir, &c.,

AN OLD GOLFER.

Edinburgh, March 14th, 1891.

EMINENT GOLFERS—MR. J. E. LAIDLEY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Your correspondent, J. A., raises what is undoubtedly an interesting point. With reference to Mr. Laidley's score of 36 at Musselburgh, when each hole was done in 4, I certainly gathered from that gentleman that he alluded to the medal round. He himself would be the proper person to set this point at rest, but, as he is at present abroad, I fear it must rest in abeyance. As to his score of 72 for the double round, I am able to state with authority that it was made over the medal round.

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. S. C. EVERARD.

The Club House, St. Andrews,
March 11th, 1891.

THE DERIVATION OF THE WORD "LINKS."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The word "Links" is derived from Anglo-Saxon, *hlink*=a ridge, a balk of land left unploughed, a linch.

So says the Encyclopædic Dictionary (q. v. for cognate words), while it derives "link" from Anglo-Saxon, *hlence*.

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. M. B.

March 16th, 1891.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Some discussion has taken place in your columns regarding the meaning of the word "Links." It is not easy to get a definite explanation, but the following is from an old and good authority. "Links" is the name given in Scotland to tracts of land generally near the shore, corresponding to the Downs of England. The name is supposed to be derived from the waving or crooked form or outline of lands situated along the margin of water of any sort, whether sea, river, or lake. They are now allied to the national game of Golf in Scotland.

I am, Sir, &c.,

T. C.

Edinburgh, March 14th, 1891.



The golfers of the House of Commons are to have their field-day as well as the hunting men. The first suggestion was that there should be a match between the two sides of the House. It was, however, found that the Opposition would be as hopelessly out of it as in an Irish debate. Mr. Broadhurst plays an excellent game, but when he reckoned up his men, he discovered that he was a leader without an army. One or two Gladstonians are said to make feeble efforts at the game, but they could not be ranked as competent players. The first proposal has, therefore, been given up, and it is now intended to have a handicap tournament, conducted in the usual way. The management of it has been taken by Mr. Seton-Karr, and the handicappers are to be Sir Herbert Maxwell and Mr. Broadhurst. The play will take place either at Wimbledon or Tooting.

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It has also been decided to open the handicap to Peers, golfing members of the Press Gallery, and the clerks of both Houses of the Legislature.

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The House of Commons Golf match ought to be an interesting one. A good many of our legislators, both in the Upper and Lower House, are pretty good players. Mr. Balfour's form is pretty well known, and he ought to be a hard nut to crack for any Parliamentary golfing colleague who is pitted against him, and however generously handicapped. Mr. Broadhurst is a rattling, dashing player, with a good full swing, a steady hand and a sure eye. Lord Granby and Sir Herbert Maxwell both drive "a pretty ball," and so does Mr. Legh. A match between the

Lords and the Commons, six or eight a side, would be productive of some good sport. Lord Wemyss is a pretty good player, and so is Lord Aberdeen; while Earl Ferrers and Lord Leconfield, though comparatively recent recruits to the game, show excellent form and style. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, as becomes a Scotsman, knows a good deal about the game, and Lord Herschell may have tried his hand at it while sojourning at Pau. Lord Cranbrook has a pretty little course at Staplehurst, and no doubt has fallen a victim to the hickory and the gutta. Lord Salisbury has a little course at Hatfield, and Lord Granville at Walmer, while Lord Rosebery's form used to be pretty well known on Musselburgh links a good many years ago. There is thus plenty of good golfing material from which to select in the making of a match.

A silver cup has been presented to the Hayling Island Ladies' Golf Club by Mr. W. Scoresby Routledge, to be competed for under scratch competition at the Easter and autumn meetings of 1891, and again in 1892. The player who returns the best scratch score at each meeting is to hold the cup between the matches, and if won at three meetings by the same player it becomes her property. Should the cup not have been won three times by Easter, 1893, then all the previous holders of the cup play together, the best score winning it.

For some time the question of starting a Golf club has been under discussion at Gibraltar. It has been felt that an important garrison such as that of the Rock ought not to be behind Malta, Cairo, and many other places abroad where the Royal and Ancient game already flourishes. A club is at length in process of formation, and it has already been resolved to lay out a course on the Campamento. Capt. Cummings, R.A., the hon. secretary, along with Capt. Elliot, of the Black Watch, visited the proposed course on the 6th inst., accompanied by Dr. Walter Reid, H.M.S. Camperdown, originator of the United Services Golf Club, Portsmouth; and, having played over the ground, finally laid out the course. It will take up the ground on the west and south sides of the Campamento, so that play may be interfered with as little as possible by rifle practice. Advantage is taken of everything that can form a hazard and give interest to the game—such as sandy lies, rough ground, fences, and plantations. Upon the whole, when properly taken in hand, the Gibraltar Golf Club is certain to prove a very important addition to the attractions of service at the Rock. Beyond cutting, rolling, and watering the greens, and removing some stones lying about, little else requires to be done. In a week or two it is hoped that the course will be in playing order, with a good field of players every afternoon; in fact, there are many golfers in the garrison who only want the opportunity to practise the noble art. There are also a number of golfers in the Channel Squadron now lying in the Bay, and there is already talk of a challenge between the two services.

On the nomination of Mr. Broadhurst, M.P., the Duke of Fife has been elected a member of the Cromer Golf Club.

"My husband is a very unfortunate man," said Mrs. Knowall; "he joined the Golf club, and the very first time he went he broke one of the best records they had."

Willie Fernie, the Troon professional, showed good form the other day playing over the neighbouring links at Prestwick. Playing with Mr. Franklin Adams, Fernie made two rounds of the links in 76 and 78=154, which equals the record for a double round in one day. The first of these rounds was—out 37, in 39=76. The first to establish this record was Willie Campbell who, while he was located at Prestwick some years ago, made the double round in 77 and 77=154. A noticeable feature of one of Fernie's rounds was that, starting at the ninth hole he, coming in, completed the five holes to the club-house in 5 4 4 4=21. Three of these holes are rarely within two full drives, and the extent of ground covered is considerably over a mile. The "Wall Hole," or third of the above series, is hardly in any circumstances within two shots from the tee.

In regard to the question of regulating the employment of caddies at North Berwick, nothing of a tangible nature has yet resulted. The suggestion that similar regulations to those in force at St. Andrews might with advantage be adopted here originated with the North Berwick School Board. Whilst this body can of course act only indirectly respecting the employment of the caddies, its unanimous recommendation to those in authority may be expected to possess considerable weight.

The subject was broached at a meeting of the School Board about a year ago, when nothing of a satisfactory nature resulted. The consideration of the question had then, however, an indefinite termination compared with that at the meeting recently, when Provost Brodie's motion was unanimously agreed to. Still an important change was then contemplated, if one might judge from the fact that at the recent meeting it was laughingly remarked that, seeing the Board had discussed the question last year, it was a pity North Berwick should have allowed St. Andrews to take the initiative.

The caddies at North Berwick are not averse from any innovation in the form of new rules and regulations, provided they may not suffer pecuniarily thereby. Although an occasional rumour—probably idle—as to some effects of the St. Andrews rules does not seem to give the utmost satisfaction amongst a few, it would be premature to speak of their attitude towards this particular scheme until further indication is given of its adoption, and the matter has been brought prominently before the caddies as a body. It may be confidently anticipated, however, that the links authorities and the clubs connected with the green will heartily meet the School Board in so far as any change may be advisable for the mutual benefit of golfer and caddie. Probably something further may be learned at the next meeting of the Board in the beginning of April.

The London County Council have issued a notice to the Tooting Bec Golf Club, stating that the Parks and Open Spaces Committee have decided that the regulation limiting the game to two o'clock on Saturday afternoons shall not extend to the months of November, December, January, February and March. This is good so far as it goes, but there is no practical reason why the months of October and April should not have been included, seeing that the Common is very little used by the general public on Saturday afternoons in those months. As a matter of experience it is found that the half-holiday public do not begin to appear on the Common until four o'clock on Saturday afternoons, and this only when the weather is very fine. As the golfers do not interfere with the enjoyment of other sports, and as the weather is too cold and damp in October and April to render promenading on the damp grass a safe and exhilarating pastime, it is to be hoped that the Council will be induced to again reconsider their decision, and if they should not find it practicable to include those months within the exemption, to at least grant an extension of time for the benefit of hard-worked City golfers until four o'clock in October and April.

At a large and influential meeting, under the presidency of the mayor, Col. Thoyts, the Cheltenham Golf Club was floated during the past week. At the invitation of the chairman, Mr. Cronge described at length the progress that had been made towards obtaining a suitable ground by Messrs. Rintoul, Burgoyne-Wallace, Tillard, and himself, and stated that after many inquiries they had come to the conclusion that Prestbury Park afforded the best *locale* for the links. The occupier of the park had met them most amicably, and they found that 400 acres would be available for the proposed links, which would allow ample space for a course of eighteen holes if necessary. The ground had been practically tried by Messrs. Rintoul and Tillard, both experienced golfers, and they were of opinion that no better ground could be obtained in the neighbourhood. The formation of a strong working committee was then proceeded with, Mr. Burgoyne-Wallace being elected secretary, and, as the membership roll exceeds 100, the links will be opened at an early date.

R. J. YOUNGER. C. F. BADELEV. E. C. P. BOYD. G. B. GRUNDY. W. H. DAVIDSON. J. W. B. PEASE.



H. T. KNIGHT. H. G. WHIGHAM. H. M. BRAYBROOKE. W. H. MCPHERSON. D. A. M. BROWN. A. E. RIPLEY.
J. L. LOW. (Capt. Cambridge). P. BALFOUR. A. M. CHANCE.

INTER-UNIVERSITY GOLF MATCH.

(Wimbledon, March 3rd, 1891, from a photograph by Messrs. RUSSELL, Wimbledon.)

TYPES OF GOLFERS.

THE COCK O' THE GREEN.

Alexander McKellar, the "Cock o' the Green," was probably one of the most enthusiastic golf players that ever handled a club. When the weather would at all permit, he generally spent the whole day on Bruntsfield Links, and he was frequently to be found engaged at the "Short holes" by lamp-light. Even in winter, if the snow was sufficiently frozen, he might be seen enjoying his favourite exercise alone, or with anyone he could persuade to join him in the pastime. McKellar thus became well known in the neighbourhood of the Green; and his almost insane devotion to golf was a matter of much amusement to his acquaintances. So thoroughly did he enter into the spirit of the game, that every other consideration seemed obliterated for the time. "By the la," or "by gracious, this won't go for nothing," he would exclaim involuntarily, as he endeavoured to ply his club with scientific skill; and when

victory crowned his exertions, he used to give way to his joy for a second or two by dancing round the golf holes.

McKellar, however, was not a member of any of the Clubs, and notwithstanding his incessant practice, he was by no means considered a dexterous player. This is accounted for by the circumstance of his having been far advanced in years before he had an opportunity of gaining a knowledge of the game.

No sooner was breakfast over than McKellar daily set off to the green, and ten to one he did not find his way home till dusk; and not even then if the sport chanced to be good. As a practical jest on the folly of his procedure, it occurred to his "better half" that she would one day put him to the blush by carrying his dinner, along with his nightcap, to the Links. At the moment of her arrival McKellar happened to be hotly engaged, and apparently without feeling the weight of the satire, he good naturedly observed that she might wait, if she chose, till the game was decided, for at present he had no time for dinner!

PAST AND PRESENT.

TO those whose minds are tinctured with a modicum of classical lore the description of the beginning of things in general, as furnished by Hesiod and Ovid, will be not unfamiliar. We read how out of chaos was evolved order, how matter was formed, and how Prometheus and Minerva between them fashioned man; then follow descriptions of the four Ages, those of Gold, Silver, Brass and Iron, each succeeding one being baser than its predecessor, in proportion, presumably, as its representative metal. In Golf we may perhaps find a certain analogy if we care to pursue it, with, of course, some differences here and there. Thus all Links must originally have been, in the words of the poet, "a crude and unwrought mass," then they must have taken suitable shape, and some Prometheus must have arisen to fashion a golfer, though who that Prometheus was, even Mr. Andrew Lang could probably not inform us. But the new creature began to Golf, and in a Golden Age, when probably all balls lay teed, the greens as yet unknown alike to winter ravagers, schoolboys, and the like, and to the ruthless summer visitor, delver of turf, and oath-compelling, for we are told that "mortals were acquainted with no shores beyond their own." We read also that "punishment and the fear of it did not exist," but this, while of course eminently proper and desirable in so far as it applied to one's own case, must have held good equally for our friend the enemy, and there are few joys of life comparable with that of seeing him expending three shots in a sodden bunker with sand of the consistency of dumpling paste and lead-filings, especially if at the time he was "shaping" well to win an important hole. "Nor was wretched old age to be looked for, but ever the same in hands and feet did they delight themselves," we read of these favoured people. Clearly then Tom Morris must be a survival, a connecting link between the Golden Age and the present, which, as we shall show further on, may be suitably labelled as the Age of Iron. Succeeding to the Golden Age came the Silver, when "for the first time men entered houses, which were caverns, shrubs and twigs fastened together with bark," these rustic *penetralia* symbolising in effect the meagre and uncomfortable club-houses built for himself by the aboriginal, such for instance as that which until very recently survived at Montrose. Passing from the Age of Brass, wherein perhaps wooden niblicks began to be soled with that metal, we appear to enter the present age, that of "hard Iron."

"Immediately every species of crime burst forth in this age of inferior metal," as we read, and this is somewhat the view which the *laudator temporis acti* is apt to take of the present situation.

Undoubtedly it may be fitly described as an Age of Iron, of hard hitting, brute strength, iron against wood; but why this is so is not quite so easy to see. Perhaps, just at present, there happen to be an unusually large supply of

exceptionally powerful men in the first rank of golfers; powerful, that is to say, not only in general physique, but specially so in those parts of the human frame which at Golf are more particularly called into requisition. Take for instance this batch, which it will be admitted are pretty fairly representative of first-rate Golf of the present day:—Rolland, Archie Simpson, W. Fernie, Andrew and Hugh Kirkcaldy, Mr. John Ball, jun., Captain W. H. Burn, Mr. J. E. Laidlay. As compared with former champions these players are surely all more gifted with strength. Behold their vast amount of wrist power, and such distances they all drive with every sort of iron and cleek! How then will they compare with the leaders of the past? The year before last a match was played at St. Andrews, which the writer watched with considerable interest—an interest separate and distinct from that attaching to ordinary every-day encounters, for, as it seemed to him, it was a match wherein the new school was pitted against the old, an antagonism representative of styles; of iron *versus* wood, of strength *versus* skill. A handicap competition had been arranged, on the completion of which it was found that Andrew Kirkcaldy and Jamie Anderson had tied for the first prize, the former being scratch, the latter in receipt of four strokes in a scoring round. Now Jamie at the present time may be said to be just about as good as ever he was, if he chose to practise with any sort of regularity he certainly would be; he may be taken therefore as a fair representative of golfing prowess of the past, a connecting link between the championship form of to-day and that of ten or fifteen years ago. On the occasion mentioned his score was 82, which less 4 strokes made him 78, the actual score made by Kirkcaldy. But it was in playing off the tie that the contrast was apparent, Kirkcaldy's great power and hard hitting told their tale (especially as the green then happened to be rather heavy), and the school of iron triumphed easily. Yet Jamie Anderson, be it remembered, won the championship in three successive years, and it is certain that at any time of his life he would have regarded a score of 82 over St. Andrews Links as being as satisfactory a performance as he could reasonably expect. How would Allan Robertson have fared with these cracks of to-day? He was a small man, lacking, like Jamie Anderson, the power of the modern school, who drive at least as far with their irons as the others with their long spoons, or even play clubs. What is held to be true in the racing world is probably true also at Golf, that "a good big-'un will beat a good little-'un." As the tendency of every branch of sport is in the direction of improvement, and of record breaking, so it is in Golf. No doubt some allowance must be made for improvements in material; the balls most certainly are better now than of old, and on that account the average of driving is very considerably longer. The tendency of some links is to become easier, owing to the wearing down of whins, whilst others, such as Prestwick, are unfortunately so altered that no comparison of scores is possible. Against this again must be set the point (well brought out by

Mr. Horace Hutchinson in the Badminton book) that when a man is playing really well it is immaterial to him whether a course is broad or narrow, for he will always be on the line, and whether virgin sward or turnip fields lie to his right and left, he remains serenely unconscious of the fact.

Perhaps the medal round at Musselburgh has undergone less alteration than its classic companions. Here a score of 160 to 162 would formerly have been a sure win for a championship, but our latter-day elect, or some of them, would think themselves considerably off colour if they failed to be well under 40 per round. If these remarks hold true of professionals, the amateurs no less, rather more in fact, have made marvellous progress, and if a team of ten first class players from their ranks could now be pitted against any ten players of say between 1840 and 1870, we fancy the betting would be all in favour of Mr. John Ball, jun., and his nine companions. Altogether it appears difficult to avoid the conclusion that the present race of players are more able than their predecessors (to whom let all honour be due). It is in the nature of things that this should be so; but it is to be feared that the propounder of such an assertion may be regarded in some quarters as an heresiarch of pestilent type, for some there are who still hold that that age must be bad which abjures the use of the long spoon, and knows the baffly no more; an age for whose description no metal can be found base enough: in the words of Juvenal

"Pejoræque sæcula ferri
Temporibus, quorum scelere non invenit ipsa
Nomen et a nullo posuit Natura metallo."

H. S. C. EVERARD

ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST. ANDREWS.

CADDIES' BENEFIT FUND.

The following are the final resolutions of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club as to the employment of caddies, and the caddies' benefit fund. These resolutions of the club have been come to after many meetings and a great deal of work by the committee of management and sub-committees; but as both schemes are now finally passed, and have become law as they stand, it may be interesting to the other clubs of the country to know their terms.

The Royal and Ancient Club is sanguine that the golfing community on the one hand, and the caddies on the other, will recognise their wisdom, and cordially carry out their provisions.

The benefit fund, already collected, amounts to over £200, and sixteen of the caddies have begun to subscribe to it.

I.—OBJECTS.

1. The relief of caddies, or professional golfers, who from old age, illness, accident, or other unavoidable causes, are deprived of regular work.
2. The temporary assistance of the widows and children of caddies or professional golfers who have been left destitute.

II.—FUNDS.

1. The benefit fund shall consist of such annual grant as the club may make at any general meeting.
2. Donations and subscriptions from members and others.
3. One-tenth of the whole amount collected in handicap matches

and golfing sweepstakes (the papers of which are exposed on the club table).

III.—MEMBERSHIP.

1. Only those whose names are on the authorised club register shall receive aid from the benefit fund.
2. Caddies who themselves contribute to the fund shall be entitled to receive a grant during illness, or in old age, or temporary deprivation of work, in proportion to the amount they have paid in.
3. A caddie, whose name is from any cause removed from the club register, shall receive no grant from the fund, but in the event of his name being restored to the register, his privilege in connection with the fund shall be restored also.
4. Any caddie, who voluntarily ceases to subscribe to the fund, may, if the committee see fit, receive back his past subscriptions.

IV.—CADDIES' CONTRIBUTION.

1. The amount which the caddies themselves contribute shall be at the rate of 2d. per week, from 1st October to 30th June, and 4d. per week during July, August and September.
2. This amount to be paid each Saturday to the officer of the club; but in the event of any caddies being unable to pay regularly, from want of work, or any other satisfactory reason, his payments may be deferred with the sanction of the committee; and in the event of any caddie wishing to pay his contributions in advance, he may do so.

By Order,

St. Andrews,
February, 1891.

C. S. GRACE,
Secretary.

The following regulations for the employment of caddies have been adopted by the committee of management under instructions from the general meeting of the club in September, 1890:—

A register of caddies, in alphabetical order, approved by the committee, will be found in the club-house, and members, in accordance with the resolution of the club at the general meeting in September, 1890, are required to select their caddies from it. (If no particular selection be made the caddies are to be employed in the order of the register.)

If at any time it be found necessary to have an additional temporary register of caddies, the permanent one must be exhausted before the supplementary is resorted to.

TARIFF FOR CADDIES.

1. During the months of July, August and September:—1s. 6d. for each round or part of a round.
 2. During the rest of year:—1s. 6d. for first round or part of a round, 1s. for each subsequent round or part of a round.
- N.B.—The spring and autumn meeting weeks are excepted from the above.

3. During the spring and autumn meeting weeks, exclusive of the medal round:—2s. for each round or part of a round.

4. For the medal round, 5s.

5. For whole medal week inclusive of the medal round, 25s.

TARIFF FOR PROFESSIONALS.—Playing with a member, 2s. 6d. for each round, or part of a round, and his caddie's fee. Teaching a member, 2s. 6d. for each round or part of a round.

Members may make special arrangements for lengthened periods with registered caddies, provided the club tariff be not exceeded.

The committee reserve power to suspend a registered caddie for misconduct for a period to be determined by them, and in grave cases to remove a caddie's name from the register.

NOTE.—In all probability there will be a fund of from £50 to £75 per annum at the disposal of the committee for the assistance of registered caddies, in case of need. Caddies registered before the 14th of February, 1891, will have a prior claim to the benefits of this fund, which will be administered by rules hereafter to be framed.

By Order,

C. S. GRACE, Secretary.

This term at Cambridge has been most successful. The 'Varsity have won all their matches with Great Yarmouth (a strong team), Royal Epping Forest, Old Cantabs and Oxford. The links remain open during the Easter vacation, and are in capital condition. Next term matches will take place with Epping and Brighton, and possibly Mr. A. Molesworth will bring a Wimbledon team to Cambridge. The links close for play on May 12th, until October 1st, by which time the handsome new club-house will be erected and furnished.

PRESTWICK LINKS.

As a centre of Golf, Ayrshire occupies in the West of Scotland the position that Fifeshire does in the East. It is now, and is likely to remain, the chief seat of Golf in the West, and it contains more Golf links and more Golf clubs than all that remains of the West of Scotland placed together. And what St. Andrews is to Fifeshire and the East, Prestwick is to Ayrshire and the West, the richest in incident and the most important in the recent annals of Golf. In respect of historical records within the last thirty years Prestwick with its premier club occupies a place not second even to St. Andrews and the Royal and Ancient. As compared with the antiquity of the Royal and Ancient it is, of course, a comparatively modern institution, but during three of the four decades of its existence it has kept pace with its elder and larger rival in maintaining, promoting, and encouraging the game of Golf. St. Andrews is the Mecca of the golfer, but Prestwick is the Medina, and no enthusiast would consider his pilgrimage complete who had not visited the last named place as well as the former.

But though it is true that the links at Prestwick are of comparatively recent formation, and the duration of the club just co-existent with the links, it is well known, at any rate in the district, that Golf used to be played over an improvised course years before the present state of matters was evolved; and that, among others, the late Earl of Eglinton and Col. Fairlie of Coodham (the latter in his day one of the best and most widely known golfers in the country) used to play Golf at Prestwick prior to the laying out of a regular link, and prior to the institution of a regularly constituted club. Moreover, it is not unlikely that Golf was played in the neighbourhood of Ayr long anterior to any certain record on the subject, and that even in respect of antiquity Ayrshire can go as far back as Fifeshire. The late Robert Howie Smith, compiler and editor of the "Golfer's Year Book for 1866," and sometime editor of the *Ayrshire Express*, unearthed from some forgotten source the record—whether it is historical or traditional or is merely legendary, I am unable to say—that in pre-Reformation times, to settle some deadly feud, a match at Golf took place on "Ye linkes atte Air, for his nose between a monk of Crossraguel and a Lord of Culzean." The stake was a peculiar one from our point of view, but in those days when men's principal business was cutting each other's throats, it was a not unlikely one. The chronicle is apparently silent as to the sort of *quid pro quo* offered by the layman as against the monk's nose, and also as to whether or not the ecclesiastic forfeited his organ of smell. It is at any rate interesting to find that in those blood-thirsty times, members of the army and the church found leisure to meet on the Golf links in the settlement of a dispute through the medium of the Royal and Ancient game. History is also silent as to the exact position of "Ye linkes," but there was presumably then a good deal more suitable ground in the immediate neighbourhood of Ayr than there is now.

It is invidious to make comparisons sometimes, and I am not anxious to set off Prestwick against St. Andrews, especially to the disadvantage of the latter. But every thing in this objective world is comparative, and one must have some approximate equivalent to set one's comparisons against. There is one circumstance that gives Prestwick the advantage over St. Andrews, the circumstance that a considerable portion of the links is the property of the club. Lord Wellwood has aptly written that "A fine day, a good match, and a clear green... make up a golfer's dream of perfect happiness." The last essential here is always a feature of Prestwick links. The familiar "Fore" is a word that is almost unknown there. The club has the exclusive right of playing over the ground, and, in virtue of their proprietary, and leasehold rights, may even warn all outsiders off the links, and the result of this is that there is always a clear green. Of course, the club do not exercise their exclusive rights in an arbitrary way. Needless to say that they are not in the habit of warning pedestrians off the ground, or of refusing the use of the green to applicants for a day's Golf, still the private character of the links is a guarantee against any outside interference, and the casual pedestrian, aware that he is on the ground by the goodwill of the club, takes care not to interfere with their game.

St. Andrews is of course more cosmopolitan than this, the

right to play Golf being common; but the result is that a clear green is the exception there, while it is the rule at Prestwick.

Prestwick Golf club came early to the front as a promoter of the game. In 1860, it instituted the Open Championship, an institution which has lasted till the present day, and is now likely to be permanent. For eleven years this important event was played over Prestwick alone; but in 1878, as is well known, young Tom Morris by winning the championship-belt three times in succession became its possessor; and after being a year in abeyance the meeting was reconstituted under its present conditions, these conditions providing for the event taking place in rotation over Prestwick, St. Andrews and Musselburgh.

When some six years ago it was decided, on the initiative of the Royal Liverpool Golf club, to establish a championship meeting confined to amateurs, Prestwick was one of the three greens (St. Andrews and Hoylake being the two others) over which it was decided the contest should take place. It is true that at a meeting, at Hoylake, last May, it was agreed that Prestwick should be left out, and that the meeting should take place alternately at Hoylake, and St. Andrews. What led to this hasty, unwise, and altogether unexpected decision has not yet transpired, but it is a quite uncalled for blow at the *prestige* of Prestwick, and has given great dissatisfaction to golfers in the West of Scotland. It is to be hoped that strong pressure may be brought to bear on those responsible in the matter, in order that in the not distant future this uncalled for interference with the original selection of greens for the competition may be reviewed, and that Prestwick may be placed in the position it has hitherto held, and the conditions of the amateur championship again placed on a footing satisfactory to golfers in the West whose rights have been unaccountably set aside. As it is, the amateur championship which should have taken place at Prestwick this year has been fixed to take place at St. Andrews.

Prestwick has always taken a leading part in the settlement of important professional matches. The links are as eminently adapted in every way for these contests, and provide as good a test of Golf, as the best links in the kingdom. There is no living golfer of repute among the professionals who has not played in important matches over the ground. Old Tom Morris was custodian of the green for thirteen years, till he was, on his being transferred to St. Andrews, succeeded by Charlie Hunter twenty-two years ago. Many of Tom's most important triumphs were won over Prestwick, including the winning of the championship four times. Young Tommy who was brought to Prestwick from St. Andrews when he was only a few weeks old, was initiated into the mysteries of the game, at Prestwick, and when at the early age of thirteen he left it he was beginning to make his mark as a player. His subsequent career brought him often back to Prestwick, and his most important laurels were won over the ground where he first began to handle the clubs. Every important match of recent years, those in which Fernie, Park, Campbell, Simpson, Sayers, Kirkcaldy and others, have taken part were, in some of their stages, played over Prestwick, so that the record of Prestwick contributes largely to the recent history of Golf.

The links are situated on the Ayrshire coast at Prestwick, a well-known West of Scotland watering place three miles north of Ayr. So far as convenience in the matter of being easily got at is concerned, Prestwick is the most favourably situated links in the Kingdom. The town is for all practical purposes situated on the main line, and all the expresses north and south pick up and set down passengers there. The club-house door is within thirty yards of the station platform, and the first tee is within the same distance. The club have a private entrance from the station, so that in this respect the links could not be more favourably situated. As originally laid out, the round consisted of twelve holes, the space within which they were included forming a compact area with clearly defined boundaries. The boundaries were the railway on the east, the Pow Burn and "The Wall" on the north, the Sandhills on the margin of the sea on the west, and the public road on the south. This enclosure constitutes what may be called the classic portion of the present links, that portion over which some of the most memorable contests in modern Golf took place. More recently the links expanded to the north, over "The Wall," the burn was crossed, and the club strayed into "meadows green and pastures new." When "The Wall" is crossed the Golf is of a somewhat

different character from what it is on the older portion, not unlike the new ground that was added to North Berwick, though a good deal more varied. Indeed the links is one of the most diversified I know, and contains every species of hazard, with the exception of rabbit holes. There is not a rabbit on the whole ground nor the signs of one, although the newer portion was at one time a warren, and is so styled in the title deeds of the property. The older portion of the ground, which is a links *inter se*, is of an undulatory character, and has never been used for any other purpose than playing Golf. The new ground, with the exception of two Cyclopean hazards, each including the crossing from the tee with one drive, of the immense sand-hills called the "Himalayas," and the Pow Burn, are of a less undulatory character. At the eighth hole, which is on the new ground and is the most elevated in the round, the golfer who has still some of Nature's promptings left in him is apt, on a clear day, to linger in view of one of the most picturesque prospects by sea and land to be anywhere met with. The length of the round is altogether about 6,000 yards. The long holes are the third, the ninth (over 500 yards) the tenth, the twelfth, the thirteenth, and the seventeenth. The only holes within a cleek shot being the second and the fifth (over the "Himalayas"), and possibly the seventh. The putting-greens are a feature of the links, and for quality, variety, and condition are not surpassed anywhere. It is not the case, as somewhere ignorantly stated, that they are artificial. Though one or two of them have been in part relaid they are for the most part natural, with all the natural inequalities of surface for which the older portion of the links at least are famous, and which lend such a charm to holing out. It requires very careful Golf to go round in 80 strokes, but the record is, of course, considerably below this. Willie Campbell, who before his transference to Bridge of Weir, was for some years located at Prestwick, has gone three consecutive rounds in 77. But he has repeatedly gone round in less, and as a matter of fact established the record at 71. He also holds the record for the nine holes going out (easier than the nine holes coming in, and including the three short holes) in 32. There are few records to beat these, and they have never been approached over Prestwick.

As stated, Prestwick became early a liberal patron of Golf, and the traditions of the club have under the management of recent years been kept up, though professional Golf seems likely to some extent to fall into abeyance. Since Campbell left there has been no professional of conspicuous merit to maintain the *prestige* which his presence undoubtedly lent to the links from the professional point of view. Charlie Hunter, at one time a noted golfer, is not so young as he once was, and now devotes himself more to turning out high-class clubs and balls than to playing matches; but Prestwick is likely to be always chosen where important matches are involved.

Mr. Harry Hart has been secretary for over 22 years, and his experience during that extended and important period makes him an authority on matters pertaining to the annals of Golf during that time, and he has come in contact with and is well known to every golfer of repute during his tenure of office, whether amateur or professional. Probably, Mr. Hart has had as important a hand in all that concerns the welfare of the game of Golf, during a quarter of a century, as any living golfer.

J. M'BAIN.

GEORGE GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The members of this club played their first monthly competition for the season over Musselburgh Links on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. W. G. Munro won the medal with the score of 94, less 9=85.

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—The quarterly competition for the M'Dougal silver medal took place on the Grangemuir course on Saturday afternoon, under most favourable auspices as regards the condition of both weather and green. There was a large turn-out of competitors. At the close James Laurie, Anstruther, vice-captain of the club, was declared the winner with a scratch score of 75.

EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW GOLF CLUB.—This club held a competition on the Braids on Saturday for their monthly trophy and six club prizes. The following is the result:—Medal and first prize, Mr. John B. Strachan, 91, less 8=83; 2, Mr. John Stewart, 91, less 7=84; 3, Mr. D. M. Jackson, 86, scratch; 4, Mr. A. Auchterlonie, 87, scratch; 5 and 6, tie between Mr. John Pearson, 91, scratch, and Mr. William Peterson, 93, less 2=91.



LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE MUGLISTON CUP.

On Saturday, the last of the series of six competitions for the silver cup presented by the ex-captain of the club, Mr. J. Mugliston, took place on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, and forty-seven players faced the tee. The best net score of the day was made by the Rev. C. Billington, of Lytham, 96, less 15=81, and he took the silver memento, and is now qualified to play in the final. The next best scores were:—Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester, 99, less 12=87; Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossall, 103, less 16=87; Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore, 90, less 2=88; Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester, 96, less 8=88; Mr. J. Eccles Ashton, Preston, 102, less 14=88; and about a dozen others under 100 net. The following have been the winners in the five previous competitions for this cup:—on October 18th, 1890, Mr. H. Jellicorse, Preston, with 95, less 13=82; on November 15th, 1890, Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's, with 94, less 11=83; on December 13th, 1890, Mr. G. Harper, Ashton, Preston, with 106, less 18=88; on January 17th, 1891, Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool, with 107, less 17=90; on February 14th, 1891, Mr. R. J. Kerr, Manchester, with 92, less 7=85. The winners in the six competitions will play off for final possession of the cup on the first day of the Spring Meeting, Saturday, the 11th of April. At the competition on Saturday last the best gross score was Mr. A. H. Doleman's 90. The first and second optional sweepstakes were divided by Mr. F. C. Morgan and Mr. F. E. Rowe, and the third sweepstake was divided by Mr. Doleman and Mr. Prestwick. The following is the full score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Rev. C. Billington...	96	15	81	Mr. M. Pole	99	4	95
Mr. F. C. Morgan...	99	12	87	Mr. E. Micholls	112	17	95
Mr. F. E. Rowe ...	103	16	87	Dr. A. M. Eason ...	108	9	99
Mr. A. H. Doleman	90	2	88	Mr. S. Butcher	117	18	99
Mr. R. H. Prestwich	96	8	88	Mr. J. A. Brown	108	8	100
Mr. J. Eccles ...	102	14	88	Mr. H. Fisher	116	14	102
Mr. G. Harper ...	103	14	89	Mr. H. N. Brown...	125	23	102
Mr. R. Lythgoe ...	105	15	90	Mr. R. Hampson ...	127	25	102
Mr. E. Catterall ...	106	16	90	Mr. A. W. Carrington	128	25	103
Mr. S. Gask ...	108	18	90	Mr. T. H. Miller	123	17	106
Mr. W. Fletcher ...	99	8	91	Mr. P. Musgrave	126	20	106
Mr. A. B. Scholfield	99	7	92	Mr. A. Tod...	126	20	106
Mr. J. Talbot Fair	104	12	92	Mr. N. Nugent	126	20	106
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft	107	14	93	Mr. C. H. Atkinson	129	20	109
Mr. J. Buckley. ...	113	20	93	Mr. J. E. Champney	144	22	122
Mr. G. F. Smith ...	99	5	94	Mr. E. W. Hermon	176	25	151

No returns from Mr. F. W. Catterall, Mr. R. Dewhurst, Mr. J. E. Pearson, Mr. J. J. Doyle, Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Mr. C. W. Fisher, Mr. S. Fisher, Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Mr. E. Harrison, Mr. W. H. Harrison, Mr. S. A. Hermon, Mr. R. B. Hardman, Mr. J. E. King, Mr. J. Mugliston, Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, Mr. E. M. Whipp.

NAIRN.

The Pullar monthly medal was competed for here on Saturday, and was won for the month by Mr. A. F. Steele, Inverness, with the scratch score of 83. The other principal scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. J. Simpson	...	104	18 86	Lt.-Col Mackinnon	...	110	18 92
Mr. K. Macrae	...	90	3 87	Mr. G. M. Brown	...	102	10 92
Mr. T. L. Fraser	...	108	18 90	Mr. L. Macrae	...	98	3 95
Rev. Mr. Chisholm		94	2 92	Dr. Cruickshank	...	110	12 98

MOFFAT CLUB.—On Saturday the members of the above club turned out in force, under very favourable circumstances, to compete for the Johnstone medal, over the course at Chapel farm. The cards showed that Mr. John Duncan, rector of the Academy, had won the medal with the total score of 97.

NORTH BERWICK.

The course here during last week was pretty busily occupied, and a number of friendly matches of some interest took place. On the arrival of the early trains on Saturday, however, the teeing-ground presented scarcely so animated an appearance as is usual at North Berwick when the sunny weather tempts the golfer from the city and town to while away a pleasant hour over these favourite links. The friendly games played last week were productive of several scores under the eighty. On Thursday Mr. John Forrest, a well-known local "crack," registered the very low figure of 73 for the round—38 out and 35 home. Giving Mr. J. R. Whitecross a third, Mr. Forrest succeeded in beating his opponent by four holes up and three to play. Mr. Whitecross played a good steady game; but he had ultimately to succumb to the exceptionally fine play of Mr. Forrest, the details of whose score were:—

Out	...	3	6	4	3	4	5	2	3	4	4=38	73
In	...			5	4	4	3	3	6	6	4=35	

Playing the better of the two balls G. Douglas and W. Thompson, Ben Sayers lost by four holes and three to play. On Friday, in a similar game, Ben was more successful, halving the match with his opponents after having held a lead at the "Redan" by two up and three to play. Sayer's score for this round was the splendid one of 72. A foursome was engaged in on Saturday, Sir A. Napier and Mr. Hadow opposing Major Isaacson and Mr. Turnbull. An equal match resulted in a half, and a second round also produced a close game. Sayers, David Grant, and W. Thomson, had a three-ball match on Saturday afternoon, close play resulting in Ben taking the first place and Davie the second. Mr. J. Henderson and Mr. G. Nelson engaged Mr. J. Forrest and Mr. A. Hutchison in a foursome, the former couple gaining a close match.

FORFARSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, at Monifieth, the tie for the Panmure medal of the Monifieth Golf Club between Messrs. George Wright and David Robertson, who, the previous week, came in at 80 strokes, was decided. Mr. Wright took the lead, and maintained it throughout, winning the medal at 85 strokes. His opponent was a little excited, and played nothing like his average game. The tie for the second, third, and fourth sweepstakes in the third class was also played off in the end of last week, the result being as follows:—Mr. R. B. Cowans second, Mr. Irvine Drimmie, jun., third, and Mr. David Cowans fourth. The tie for the average first and second sweepstakes in the first class between Messrs. George Wright and George Fox was halved, as was also the tie for the average first and second sweepstakes in the second class between Messrs. William Fox and William Harris.

The next competition in connection with the above club is for the Gilroy challenge cup. The first heat falls to come off on Saturday, April 18th, and every Saturday and Wednesday alternately until won. All entries require to be made to the secretary, Mr. Andrew Walker, on or before Friday, May 17th.

The tie for the gold cross (scratch) of the Carnoustie and Taymouth Golf Club was played off on Saturday. On the previous week, in playing for this trophy, Messrs. David Ramsay, jun., James Ogilvie, and Alexander Boyle came in at 86 strokes each. After playing the deciding round the cross was won by Mr. Ramsay with the score of 91. His opponents took 100 strokes each for the round.

The monthly sweepstakes competition of the Dalhousie Golf Club was played on Saturday at Carnoustie. The weather was intensely cold, but there was a large attendance of members. The following were the prize-winners:—1st, Mr. H. M. Robinson, 89, less 8=81; 2nd, Mr. David Scott, jun., 91, less 6=85; and 3rd, Mr. C. E. Gilroy, 86 (scratch). The following were some of the best scores made:—Mr. Robert Gilroy, 91; Mr. S. C. Thomson, 85; Mr. D. McIntyre, 96; Mr. J. L. Luke, 97; Mr. John Mathewson, 98; Mr. J. Jones, 98; Mr. H. B. Gilroy, 98; Mr. D. Scott, 99; and Mr. R. L. Watson, 99.

At the annual meeting of the Dundee Courier Golf Club the following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. D. C. Thomson; captain, Mr. Jas. McIntosh; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Geo. Smart. The club is in a very flourishing condition, and a number of new members were admitted. The president has intimated his intention of giving a medal for annual competitions.

The quarterly competition of the Dundee Advertiser Golf Club was played at Monifieth on Saturday last, when a large number of members put in an appearance. The weather on the whole was favourable, but the scoring was above the average. However, Mr. William Still was in grand form, and completed the round with the good total of 80 strokes, made up as follows:—

Out	...	4	3	5	5	5	5	4	5	5=41	80
In	...		6	5	4	5	5	3	4	4=39	

It may be stated that Mr. Still played the round at the same figure the previous Saturday. Mr. James Melville was next with 93, Mr. Robert Donn 94, and Mr. John Macrae 99 in the first class. Mr. Alexander Davidson, with 102, was best in the second class, while Messrs. Allan Bell and Robert Lorimer were lowest in the third class, showing cards

with 125. The Leng medal, Honeyman gold medal, and club cross went to the scratch players in the first, second, and third class respectively. Sweepstakes were won as follows:—First class: 1, Mr. William Still; 2, Mr. Robert Donn; 3, Mr. John Macrae; 4 and 5 (tie), Messrs. Jacob Clark and Alex. Buchan; 6, Mr. Peter Wallace. Second class: 1, Mr. Alex. Davidson; 2, Mr. John Livingstone; 3, Mr. W. F. Black. Third class: 1, Mr. Robert Johnston; 2, 3, and 4 (tie), Messrs. Allan Bell, Robert Lorimer, and John Honeyman. Mr. James C. Smith, club-maker, Monifieth, kindly handed a brassey to the committee as one of the prizes.

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.

The turn-out at the competition for the McFarlane monthly handicap gold medal on Saturday was large, the conditions as to weather and state of the ground and the putting-greens being very favourable. The cards handed in showed the successful competitor to have been Mr. W. McFarlane. The scores for the round of eighteen holes were, according to the order of merit, as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. McFarlane	95	5	90	Mr. A. Cameron	112	6	106
Mr. J. C. Sharpe	102	7	95	Mr. J. Waddell	129	18	111
Mr. T. McFarlane	109	5	104				

It is proposed to extend the course to nine holes, and to otherwise improve the links, and this we understand will be carried out immediately.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The St. Andrews University Golf Club journeyed to Musselburgh on Saturday, and played a return game with the Edinburgh Teachers' Golf Club. The conditions were two rounds of the green, and fifteen men a side. Good weather favoured the match, which ended in a substantial win for the students, by 49 holes. Mr. D. W. M. Hodge of the Varsity team, went round in 83 strokes. The details of the game are:—

ST. A. U. G. C.		Holes.	EDINBURGH TEACHERS.		Holes.
Mr. T. Carmichael	...	4	Mr. R. Forrest	...	0
Mr. P. C. Anderson	...	1	Mr. T. King	...	0
Mr. D. W. M. Hodge	...	2	Mr. J. King	...	0
Mr. R. Johnstone	...	0	Mr. W. Jenkins	...	0
Mr. R. Barclay	...	7	Mr. J. C. Ross	...	0
Mr. Alan Cant...	...	2	Mr. J. Brown	...	0
Mr. Walter Anderson	...	0	Mr. C. Taylor	...	2
Mr. J. Lang	...	1	Mr. J. Christie	...	0
Mr. H. M. Kyle	...	4	Mr. J. Thomson	...	0
Mr. Alex. Mackenzie	...	6	Mr. J. Balsillie	...	0
Mr. J. Williamson	...	0	Mr. T. Adams	...	0
Mr. G. F. Frost	...	5	Mr. W. Stephen	...	0
Mr. R. B. R. Mair	...	4	Mr. J. Craig	...	0
Mr. W. W. Wilson	...	7	Mr. C. Symington	...	0
Mr. A. G. Abbie	...	8	Mr. A. R. Anderson	...	0
		51			2

Majority for St. Andrews University, 49 holes.

REMARKABLE PERFORMANCES AT CARNOUSTIE.

A noteworthy achievement has just been accomplished at Carnoustie by Mr. John Dewars, a well-known local golfer. This gentleman has had the reputation of playing a very steady game, though his form had hitherto been regarded as not exactly of the first class. Twice in the course of one week, however, he has succeeded in performing a feat which, in the single instance, would be considered something worth boasting about, but which, by its rapid repetition, pertains to the domain of the miraculous. One of the longest holes in the Carnoustie course—the fifth, or Bowling-green hole—was recently taken by Mr. Dewars under the period we have mentioned at the phenomenally low figure of three strokes. On the first occasion Mr. Dewars was playing with Mr. Thomas Anderson, and had taken two long drives to the bowling-green hole. His second ball lay considerably short of the putting-green, and Mr. Dewars for the approach played a three-quarter iron shot. The ball dropped a short distance in front of the disc, and, to the astonishment of the players, rolled into the hole. A day or two after Mr. Dewars went out, and this time had as his opponent Mr. David Kidd. A strong breeze of wind was blowing from the north-east, and, in going to the bowling-green, both players favoured with the wind, lay at two each on the edge of the green. Mr. Kidd putted rather hard, and his ball ran past the hole. There was every appearance, however, that the hole would still be halved, but Mr. Dewars, playing with great caution, got down at three. It may be mentioned that, very rarely, even by the best of players, has this hole been done in three strokes, and the credit, therefore, of having taken it twice in succession at that score is very great indeed. A bit of good play in connection with the last-named encounter may be noted here. Coming down to the Lower Factory hole the advantage was on the side of Mr. Kidd. Both players had fairly good tee-shots, and then Mr. Dewars, taking his iron, laid the

ball almost dead. Mr. Kidd played "the like" with a low shot, and was lucky enough to find the hole at two.

ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB v. ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.

This fixture came off on Wednesday, and was a close and exciting match throughout. A gale of wind unfortunately prevailed and the conditions were rather adverse to good play. When two-thirds of the players had returned the University led by three holes, but in the last four couples the tables were completely turned, and the Royal and Ancient pulled off the match by a majority of 24 holes. The following are the details of the individual results:—

ROYAL AND ANCIENT.		UNIVERSITY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. Macfie...	0	Mr. T. Carmichael...	2
Mr. H. S. C. Everard...	6	Mr. J. T. Paterson...	0
Mr. R. B. Sharp...	0	Mr. P. C. Anderson...	6
Mr. C. E. Gilroy...	3	Mr. D. W. M. Hodge...	0
Mr. Jas. Cunningham...	0	Mr. R. Johnstone...	2
Mr. W. H. Burn...	0	Mr. A. Cant...	2
Mr. R. Gilroy...	9	Mr. R. Proudfoot...	0
Col. MacKinnon...	10	Mr. H. M. Kyle...	0
Mr. J. L. Luke...	1	Mr. W. Anderson...	0
Mr. J. Robertson Reid...	7	Mr. A. MacKenzie...	0
	36		12

PROFESSIONAL MATCH.—SAYERS v. KIRKCALDY.

Last week Ben Sayers of North Berwick paid a short visit to St. Andrews, and had several rounds of the green. The last and most interesting match was on Thursday afternoon, the 12th inst., when he played Andrew Kirkcaldy for a small stake. The weather was rather boisterous, but some very good play was witnessed. The local man, however, assumed the lead at an early stage of the match, and at the turn he was four a-head. This advantage he continued to maintain, and at the third hole from home victory was declared in Kirkcaldy's favour by four and three to play. Kirkcaldy also won the bye. His score for the round was 82.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

March 14th, Monthly Medal. The snow which fell on Monday and Tuesday was still very much in evidence on Saturday, and made anything like a good score an impossibility. Under these circumstances Mr. J. H. Bovill's net 91, and Mr. S. Mure Fergusson's gross 92, stand out as very fine performances. Much snow was lying on six of the greens, and made balls into very good imitations of the planet Saturn. The Chalk-pit was a real hazard, as several players found out, the sides being lined with snow some feet in depth. A great diversity of opinion seemed to exist as to what might or might not be done when a ball was in snow, and it would be convenient, seeing that snow interferes with about five out of twelve monthly medals now-a-days, if the Editor of GOLF would give an opinion on this subject as regards medal play.

The committee have decided to give a prize to be played for at the end of the year by the winners of the monthly medal during the year. Mr. B. Howell has given a prize, to be called the Caddies' Pool Prize, the proceeds of which will form the nucleus of a benevolent fund for the caddies, and the conditions under which this prize will be played for will be posted in the club shortly. Medal scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
* Mr. J. H. Bovill...	107	16	91	Mr. A. H. Mathison	112	14	91
† Mr. B. Howell...	102	6	96	Mr. H. T. Cattley	118	20	98
Mr. S. Mure Ferguson				Capt. A. F. Maitland	120	18	102
son	92	+5	97	Mr. L. R. Erskine	115	12	103
Mr. C. E. Nesham	101	4	97	Mr. T. Ramsbotham	122	18	104
* Winner of medal.				† Winner of optional sweepstakes.			

* Winner of medal. † Winner of optional sweepstakes.

Sixteen members made no return.

COUNTY (ANTRIM) GOLF CLUB.

LINKS, PORTRUSH.—The usual monthly competition took place on Saturday last, only five players succeeding in returning a net score below the century, the silver cup falling to Mr. John Patrick, the captain of the club.

The following were the five best scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Patrick ...	106	26	80	Mr. J. S. Kinley	126	30	96
Mr. E. Young ...	101	14	87	Mr. R. R. Gilroy	97	scr.	97
Mr. T. Gilroy ...	87	+2	89				

The next event of interest is the Easter meeting on March 28th and 30th. On the former day the Portlengone Challenge Cup will be played for, and on the second the Corry Cup will form the programme, together with an open competition under handicap, open to members of all recognised Golf clubs. The course, which is one of the finest in the world, is now in splendid order, and a large field is expected at Easter. Intending competitors will do well to secure hotel accommodation without delay.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The second club medal competition, postponed from December 20th, took place on Saturday last. The scoring for some reason was poor. Several competitors made no returns.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Betham	102	13	89	Mr. R. L. Worsley	121	20	101
Mr. W. J. Drewitt	115	25	90	Mr. G. Crowther	105	scr.	105
Mr. R. Simpson	114	24	90	Mr. R. Latchford	130	25	105
Mr. S. B. Leggett	118	25	93	Mr. C. A. Colman	124	13	111
Mr. T. C. P. Gibbons	122	25	97	Mr. T. O. Clinning	134	18	116
Mr. J. C. Barrett, jun.	119	18	101	Mr. T. Docksey	154	25	129

ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

A very small field turned out for the first out of nine competitions, for a painting presented by A. H. Marsh, Esq., members at a distance thinking the links after the late snowstorm would not be playable, and also having a counter-attraction at Whitley. Patches of snow were freely sprinkled over the course, causing nearly all the players to come more or less to grief. The scoring was high, the two first tying at 94, about 9 strokes above scratch form. The tie will be played off on the 28th inst. Until the middle of November a competition will be held over these links on every alternate Saturday. Scores:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. E. Brown...	52	49	101	7	94
Mr. J. Hedley...	55	49	104	10	94
Mr. W. Smith...	56	55	111	16	95
Mr. R. M. Hansard...	54	55	109	14	95
Mr. R. Simpson...	57	57	114	18	96
Mr. H. E. Paynter...	56	61	117	20	97
Mr. T. L. M. Orde...	54	56	110	12	98
Mr. J. G. Sharpe...	55	57	112	13	99
Mr. J. de C. Paynter...	56	54	105	4	101
Mr. J. L. Oliver...	58	53	111	9	102
Mr. J. Lowrie...	56	54	110	7	103
Mr. J. Robertson...	63	55	118	9	109
Mr. T. Tate...					Retired.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, March 16th, the handicap tournament by holes, which has been going on during the whole term, was brought to a conclusion, Mr. Nicholls, the treasurer, beating Mr. Grundy by four up and three to play—a most popular victory. Neither played their best game, but Mr. Nicholls, getting the lead at the beginning, maintained it to the end, winning as above stated. It will be seen that the matches in the semi-final were both very close, and the handicapping committee may be congratulated on a most successful tournament. This is the last competition of the term, and therefore the last played on the Headington Links, which the club are obliged to give up on March 25th. The new links are to be in the Happy Valley, near North Hinksey, and will in time be made very good, having some most sporting natural hazards, and very good sandy turf. A lease of the ground has not yet been obtained, but the committee believe that there will be little difficulty in obtaining it. A nine-hole course will be made over the Cowley Marsh, where the original ground of the club was, and which will be playable over in the winter months for those members who have not time to go as far as the Hinksey links.

Result of the tournament was as follows:—

First Round.—H. Pelham (3) (a bye), T. P. Powell (5) (a bye), D. G. Hogarth (6) (a bye), W. D. Davidson (2) (a bye); Hon. D. H. Cairns (5) beat W. G. Pennymann (7); R. W. Macan (3) beat E. G. M. Carmichael (8); L. A. Selby-Bigge (3) beat A. R. Hamilton (3); G. B. Grundy (3) beat F. H. Stewart (2); R. H. Dun (3) beat H. C. Stewart (4); W. H. McPherson (scratch) beat G. M. Style (2); J. G. Smith (7) beat C. E. Brownrigg (3); H. J. Whigham (scratch) beat R. Lodge (3); J. B. Pease (scratch) beat W. B. Skene (4); A. H. Mowbray (7) (a bye), H. Nicholls (3) (a bye), A. Gordon (3) (a bye).

Second Round.—Pelham beat Powell; Davidson beat Hogarth; Cairns beat Macan; Selby-Bigge lost to Grundy; Dun lost to McPherson; Smith beat Whigham; Pease beat Mowbray; Nicholls beat Gordon.

Third Round.—Pelham lost to Davidson by 3 up and 1 to play; Cairns lost to Grundy by 5 up and 4 to play; McPherson lost to Smith by 3 up and 2 to play; Pease lost to Nicholls by 2 holes.

Fourth Round.—Davidson lost to Grundy by 1 hole; Smith lost to Nicholls by 1 hole.

Final.—Nicholls beat Grundy by 4 up and 3 to play.

DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The second heat for the captain's (Mr. John Petrie) prize was played on Saturday, on the Links, Dollymount, under the most favourable circumstances. The weather was all one could desire, and the greens were in very good order. Certainly golfers in Ireland have a great

advantage over those in England and Scotland at present, as snow lie on most of the greens in both the latter countries, making play somewhat difficult, if not impossible. On no day during the past winter has the weather been such as to prevent play at Dollymount.

The following is the result of Saturday's handicap:—Professor Palmer (11) beat Mr. G. W. McMurdo (12) by 1 up; Mr. H. Tandy Cannon (18) beat Mr. A. L. Figgis (16) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. H. Pigot (3) beat Mr. W. Keating (10) by 10 up and 8 to play; Mr. D. Christie (6) beat Mr. W. R. Joynt (17) by 2 up; Mr. J. Lumsden, senr. (2), beat Mr. R. R. Lauder (18) by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. J. H. S. Russell (9) beat Mr. J. Brown (9) by 1 up; Mr. V. Kyrke (9) beat Mr. J. W. P. White (3) by 2 up and 1 to play; Dr. A. Traill a bye.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, Saturday, March 14th:—

	Out.	In.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. John Morison ...	50	52	102	15	87
Mr. Thos. Ogilvy ...	50	54	104	15	89
Mr. W. M. Wyld ...	58	57	115	25	90
Mr. R. A. Nicholson ...	52	52	104	10	94
Mr. Sherard Ashington ...	51	66	117	20	97
Mr. John Betham ...	59	55	114	16	98
Mr. E. O. Clinning ...	61	61	122	24	98
Mr. W. E. Bland ...	56	66	122	18	104
Mr. Herbert Dorning ...	66	64	130	25	105
Mr. Thomas Docksey ...	81	79	160	30	130

No returns were made by Messrs. H. B. Barlow, R. E. Haslam, Robert Howarth, W. D. Howarth, Dr. Irvin, and W. T. Rowley.

MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on Thursday, March 5th. A strong westerly gale made play very difficult, and high scoring was the order of the day. A very interesting match was played between the ladies of the Minchinhampton and Stinchcombe Hill Clubs, six on each side, over two rounds of the ladies' course, the victory being secured by the home team by 12 holes to 7. Medal scores:—

LADIES.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Chaplin	... 116	25	110	Mrs. Chaplin	... 135	25	110
Mrs. Storry...	... 125	28	97	Miss B. Stanton	... 130	16	114
Mrs. Lynch-Blosse...	... 117	13	104	Miss M. Miles	... 120	5	115
Miss Johnstone	... 140	35	105	Miss Ridding	... 116	scr.	116
Mrs. Pierce Taylor	110	5	105	Mrs. A. E. Smith	... 147	30	117
Miss J. Golightly	111	5	106	Miss H. Ridding	... 125	7	118
Mrs. Davies	... 114	6	108	Miss Smith...	... 139	20	119
Miss Golightly	... 113	4	109	Mrs. A. Hoare	... 141	16	125
Miss Grist	... 134	25	109				

Mrs. Cartwright and Miss Chambers made no return.

GENTLEMEN.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. F. Woolright	110	18 92	Mr. E. N. Mitchell	125	22 103
Mr. C. Harding, jun.	114	20 94	Mr. A. Hoare	116	7 109
Mr. H. H. Bishop...	113	18 95	Mr. G. Sotherton-		
Mr. A. S. Winter-			Estcourt ...	133	24 109
botham ...	105	10 95	Mr. J. Bryan	145	35 110
Mr. H. Goldingham	118	22 96	Mr. W. J. Chamber-		
Mr. E. P. Little ...	117	18 99	layne ...	145	35 110
Mr. W. Ruegg ...	134	35 99	Col. Pierce Taylor...	143	22 121
Mr. W. Davies ...	124	22 102			

LADIES' MATCH.

MINCHINHAMPTON.	Holes.	STINCHCOMBE HILL.	Holes.
Mrs. W. Davies ...	1	Mrs. Lynch-Blosse ...	0
Miss Golightly ...	1	Miss Ridding ...	0
Miss J. Golightly ...	5	Miss H. Ridding ...	0
Mrs. Pierce Taylor ...	3	Miss Orde ...	0
Miss M. Miles ...	0	Miss C. Graham ...	7
Miss B. Stanton ...	2	Mrs. A. Hoare ...	0
	12		7

WILPSHIRE AND DISTRICT GOLF CLUB.—The return match was played on Saturday last between sides chosen by the captain and treasurer, and resulted in the captain's side winning by 4 holes. The Gray monthly average gold medal was won by Dr. Barwise, who reduced his former score by 48.

WHITLEY CLUB.—The third competition for the Crawley prize was played off last Saturday in disagreeable weather, the links being in a bad condition owing to the snow. The winner turned out to be Dr. Limont, his total being 104, less 12=92.

UNITED SERVICE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and sweepstakes were played for on Saturday, March 7th, in strong wind and rain at intervals.

The following cards were handed in under 100 net:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Lieut. Mercer (York Regiment) ...	113	36	77	Lieut. Gairdner, R.N. ...	92	3	89
Mr. L. G. Bonham-Carter ...	101	20	81	Major Sykes, R.E. ...	122	20	92
Lieut. Puxley, R.A. ...	94	12	82	Lieut. Heathcote, R.N. ...	117	25	92
				Col. Maitland, R.E. ...	114	20	94

BIARRITZ GOLF CLUB.

A handicap was played for, over the Biarritz Links, by holes, for a prize presented by Lord Kilmaine. The first ties were begun March 5th.

FIRST TIES.—W. E. Roller (16) beat Major Clowes (10) by 1 hole; J. Boyd (28) beat H. Somers-Cocks (14) by 2 and 1 to play; H. C. Bradshaw (10) beat Lord Kilmaine (20) by 4 and 3 to play; P. E. Leman (20) beat Prince de Rohan (36) by one hole; E. Hambro (10) beat C. De Lacy Lacy (10) by 3 and 2 to play; C. Coote, junr. (28), beat Major Grant (18) by 4 and 3 to play; R. T. Combe (12) beat Major Hall (30) by 1 hole; C. Logan (14) beat C. Prisleau (32) by 1 hole; C. Coote, senr. (22), beat M. Wingfield (18) by 4 and 2 to play; W. Hoare (6) beat W. Boyd (28) by 1 hole after a tie; General Gildea (28) beat J. Campbell (36) by 3 holes.

SECOND TIES.—W. E. Roller (16) beat J. Boyd (28) by 3 holes; P. E. Leman (20) beat H. C. Bradshaw (10) by 2 and 1 to play; E. Hambro (10) beat C. Coote, junr. (28), by 5 and 4 to play; C. Logan (14) beat R. T. Combe by 3 and 2 to play; W. Hoare (6) beat C. Coote senr. (32), by 6 and 2 to play; General Gildea a bye.

THIRD TIES.—W. E. Roller (16) beat P. E. Leman (20) by 6 and 5 to play; C. Logan (14) beat E. Hambro (10) by 5 and 3 to play; W. Hoare (6) beat General Gildea (28) by 2 and 1 to play.

FOURTH TIES.—C. Logan (14) beat W. E. Roller (16) by 5 and to play; W. Hoare a bye.

FINAL TIE.—C. Logan beat W. Hoare (6) by 2 and 1 to play.

TANTALLON GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the annual business meeting of this club was held in Dowell's Rooms, Edinburgh—Mr. B. Hall Blyth C. E., presiding. There was a good attendance. The Secretary (Mr. W. G. Bloxson) reported as to the continued prosperity of the club. At last general meeting there were 292 members on the register. During the year 44 new members were admitted, making the total membership 336. From this 24 had to be deducted—resignations 19, deaths 4, and struck off 1—leaving the present strength of the club at 312. The finances were very satisfactory. Starting the year with £93 16s. on hand, the balance-sheet now showed £126 14s. to the good. On the motion of the Chairman, who spoke of the report and balance-sheet as being eminently satisfactory, the report was adopted unanimously. In reference to the club's subscription to the green, the secretary stated that a request had been made that it should be increased, and the committee proposed that the club should in future pay 5s. of poll-tax per head. This, the secretary understood, would be quite satisfactory to the green committee, and it was pointed out that the club's subscription would consequently be increased from £50 to £75. The committee's suggestion was agreed to, the arrangement being considered as very satisfactory. Some conversation then took place as to limiting the membership of the club, which was now getting so large. The limit was proposed severally to be 350, 320, and 300; and on a vote being taken the limit was, by a considerable majority, fixed at 300. The committee were empowered to fix the spring meeting this year either for the 28th March or 11th April, but in future it was resolved that the spring meeting be held on the second Saturday of April. The members of council were re-elected as follows:—Sir W. Hamilton Dalrymple, Bart., president, Messrs. J. R. Whitecross, captain, Peter Brodie, B. Hall Blyth, George Dalziel, James Law; and W. G. Bloxson, secretary and treasurer. Mr. James L. Guild suggested that some steps should be taken towards making regulations for the caddies. He understood that the St. Andrews Club had made certain regulations, and he thought it would be good for North Berwick if some similar arrangements were made. The chairman said he did not wish to discourage Mr. Guild, but he took it that any action on the subject must come from the School Board in the first instance. The arrangements had not, as he understood, been successful at St. Andrews. The subject then dropped, no action being taken.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday. The course was in a heavy, sodden condition owing to the melted snow. Deep wreaths blocked up the ditches and hollows, while in the majority of cases the bushes were surrounded by a deep embankment of partially melted snow which caused embarrassment to not a few players. Hard luck, owing to these obstacles, was a plaintive topic of lamentation.

among players, who but for them would possibly have returned an ideal score. There was a good turn-out of members, the medal being won by Mr. Hanbury with the exceedingly good score, considering the state of the green, of 86, less 10=76. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. J. Hanbury ... 86 10 76	Mr. E. Johnstone ... 106 13 93
Mr. A. Clarke ... 96 16 80	Mr. A. F. Waters ... 105 12 93
Mr. E. A. Walker ... 89 6 83	Mr. F. Taylor ... 104 11 93
Mr. J. P. Croal ... 88 4 84	Mr. J. W. Grover ... 109 16 93
Mr. A. J. Robertson ... 93 6 87	Mr. W. Jeans ... 111 16 95
Mr. J. S. Robb ... 94 7 87	Mr. W. C. Grant ... 116 20 96
Mr. T. Legh, M.P. ... 105 18 87	Mr. T. R. Pace ... 115 16 99
Rev. J. H. Ellis ... 93 6 87	Sir H. Maxwell, M.P. ... 111 14 99
Mr. J. Bell ... 103 14 89	Mr. T. J. Melville ... 127 20 107
Mr. J. B. Wood ... 98 8 90	Mr. G. H. Wans- brough ... 125 18 107
Mr. A. McCall Smith ... 108 18 90	Mr. E. W. Morrish ... 148 25 123
Mr. J. Verran ... 100 9 91	Mr. A. D. Hutchinson ... 162 25 137
Mr. A. Mackintosh ... 111 20 91	

*Medal

Several members made no returns.

ROYAL ARTILLERY v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

The first of the two inter-regimental matches between the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, played annually in the spring, took place at Woolwich on the 14th of March, and resulted in a victory for the Royal Engineers by thirteen holes.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Holes.
Mr. W. L. Palmer ... 0
Major A. T. Preston ... 1
Mr. A. H. B. Hume ... 4
Mr. G. L. Fanshawe ... 15
Mr. S. Crookshank ... 0
Mr. R. S. Walker ... 0
20

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Holes.
Major H. H. Crookenden ... 4
Capt. W. St. P. Bunbury ... 0
Major J. F. Harman ... 0
Lt.-Col. H. Buchanan-Dunlop ... 0
Capt. E. G. Nicolls ... 2
Mr. F. H. Metcalfe ... 1
7

The return match is fixed for the 18th of April, at Chatham.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition was held on Wednesday, March 4th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. H. W. Buck ... 101 21 80	Mr. A. S. Archdale ... 102 13 89
Mr. F. Hookham ... 106 25 81	Mr. J. W. Jeakes ... 115 25 90
Mr. H. Ingleby ... 101 17 84	Mr. J. Foord-Kelcey ... 103 13 90
†Mr. J. P. Bookless ... 96 10 86	Capt. L. Clarke ... 109 18 91
Mr. W. M. Binns ... 102 14 88	Rev. L. B. Bubbs ... 111 19 92

* Wins monthly cup and junior challenge prize. † Wins senior challenge prize.

Twelve others made no return.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, March 7th, monthly prize and sweepstake:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Col. McKenzie ... 89 4 85	Col. McDougal ... 114 22 92
Capt. Lewis ... 106 20 86	Mr. A. Robertson ... 116 24 92
Mr. T. W. Barker ... 94 6 88	Mr. E. F. Oakeley ... 119 27 92
Capt. Sumner ... 95 7 88	Capt. Feuvre ... 105 12 93
Lieut.-Col. Mayne ... 98 10 88	Mr. T. D. Turnbull ... 110 16 94
Mr. A. C. Salmonson ... 108 20 88	Capt. Robin ... 100 4 96
Mr. C. A. Teape ... 94 3 91	Capt. Cavendish ... 123 27 96
Mr. T. Lattimer ... 109 18 91	Mr. O. Berk ... 114 17 97
Mr. R. Reynolds ... 114 23 91	Mr. A. L. Scott ... 119 22 97
Mr. A. H. Lushington ... 97 5 92	Lieut.-Col. Robin ... 119 21 98

Nine players made no return.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

The fortnightly handicap was played on Wednesday, March 4th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. C. Coffin ... 115 28 87	Mr. A. P. Hart ... 116 7 109
Mr. G. Prust ... 111 20 91	Mr. T. A. Rees ... 111 1 110
Mr. P. B. Norris ... 118 22 96	Miss Wood ... 171 53 118
Capt. Westby ... 120 22 98	Mr. L. Harper ... 154 36 118
Mr. H. J. Allen ... 135 35 100	Mrs. Remfry ... 163 42 121
Mr. G. H. Logan ... 111 8 103	Mr. H. V. Span ... 140 18 122
Mr. St. G. Caulfield ... 117 7 104	Col. Voyle ... 133 11 122
Mr. E. O. Durrant ... 106 scr 106	Col. Lloyd ... 131 4 127
Mr. A. T. Lewis ... 107 1 106	Mr. J. H. Hender- son ... 181 26 155
Mr. R. T. Dixon ... 129 21 108	

Mr. J. R. Garwood, Col. Lewis, and Mr. L. R. Wood retired.

STONE HAVEN.—The monthly medal was played for on Wednesday, the 11th inst., and resulted in a tie between Messrs. W. B. Cormack and J. C. Robertson, with a score of 80.

PAU GOLF CLUB.

Play for Havemeyer prize (open handicap):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Capt. Walker ... 108 27 81	Col. Buscarlet ... 103 14 89
Mr. F. C. Lawrence ... 99 17 82	Mr. J. Mellor ... 95 4 91
Mr. G. P. Elwes ... 96 13 83	Hon. A. V. Bingham ... 106 14 92
Mr. T. S. Henry ... 83 scr. 83	Mr. V. Brooke ... 107 14 93
Mr. J. R. Hutchison ... 84 scr. 84	Mr. R. Boreel ... 97 4 93
Mr. N. Newall ... 94 9 85	Mr. D. MacNab ... 110 16 94
Mr. A. P. Howell ... 103 17 86	Mr. H. Jellicorse ... 105 10 95
Mr. Naylor-Leyland ... 102 16 86	Mr. S. Platt ... 111 15 96
Major Bethune ... 93 6 87	Major Newall ... 122 25 97
Mr. A. G. Harene ... 103 16 87	Mr. H. Goldney ... 105 4 101
Col. McClaren ... 102 14 88	Mr. T. Page ... 141 36 105
Mr. M. Post ... 98 9 89	Hon. W. Chetwynd ... 139 25 114

PAU LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Result of match for the Havemeyer prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mrs. A. Troyte ... 78 18 60	Miss Berners ... 84 14 70
Lady Herschell ... 84 20 64	Miss K. Anderson ... 81 11 70
Lady Nugent ... 75 10 65	Hon. M. Mostyn ... 90 20 70
Miss Baring ... 81 16 65	Mrs. Maud ... 85 15 70
Miss Hutton ... 78 13 65	Miss N. Ross ... 80 10 70
Miss M. Newall ... 67 scr. 67	Mrs. Platt ... 77 6 71
Hon. E. St. Aubyn ... 68 1 67	Miss Newall ... 71 scr. 71
Mrs. M. Post ... 77 10 67	Hon. Mrs. Bingham ... 77 6 71
Miss F. Barham ... 87 20 67	Miss Hodson ... 90 19 71
Miss M. F. Barham ... 87 20 67	Mrs. F. Newall ... 87 14 73
Miss Pemberton ... 82 15 67	Hon. Ev. St. Aubyn ... 81 7 74
Miss Kayne ... 82 14 68	Hon. M. St. Aubyn ... 95 20 75
Miss Parr ... 88 20 68	Mrs. Reid ... 96 20 76
Mrs. Jones ... 83 15 68	Mlle. De Lassurce ... 86 10 76
Miss Hook ... 89 20 69	Miss Anderson ... 87 9 78
Lady A. Townshend ... 87 18 69	Miss Kindersley ... 88 7 81
Miss Levett ... 69 scr. 69	Miss Cunningham ... 93 9 84
Hon. V. Mostyn ... 79 10 69	Mlle. De Longneuil ... 93 8 85
Miss C. Halkett ... 83 14 69	Mrs. Scarsbrick ... 106 20 86
Mrs. Odell ... 89 20 69	Miss Y. Newall ... 95 7 88
Mrs. Boreel ... 87 17 70	Miss Ellis ... 118 20 98

Mrs. Troyte wins the Havemeyer prize, and Lady Herschell wins the sweepstakes.

Also played, Mrs. Walker, Miss Ross, Hon. Ed. St. Aubyn, Mlle. De Longneuil, Mrs. Greig, Miss James.

NORTH WILTSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—The second medal day was held on Thursday, March 5th. The match was played in a very strong wind, which added considerably to the scores. The following were handed in:—Ladies (9 holes)—Miss Rudge (medal), 69, plus 6=75; Miss E. Rich, 76; Miss Rudge, 80; Miss Heneage, 90; Miss Ransome, 93; Miss Clutterbuck, 104; Miss H. Smith, 119; Miss Buchanan, 121; Miss Stancomb, 141. Gentlemen (18 holes)—Mr. Clutterbuck (medal), 144; Mr. W. Ransome, 145, plus 4=149; Col. "Niblick," 175.

ELECTRIC CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of this club took place on Friday, the 13th inst., over the Braids at Edinburgh, under conditions far from favourable to low scoring. The snow lay all over the course, and was especially deep in the furrows. The competitors took an average of three hours to complete the round. The medal was won by Mr. H. M. Knight (scratch.)

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.—The match for the silver medal was played for on March 7th for the eighth time, and resulted in a victory for Mr. A. F. Stewart with a score of 115, less 18=97; Mr. J. B. Pettit, 100, scratch, 100; Mr. S. R. Bastard, 107, less 6=101; Mr. F. D. Bright, 133, less 27=106; Mr. E. Garrett, 138, less 27=111; Mr. J. Fry, 135, less 18=117.

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