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## MARCH.

- Mar. 26-30.—St. George's, Sandwich : Spring Meeting.  
Mar. 27.—Crawford Club (Crawford) : Easter Meeting.  
Harrison Club (Edin.) : Captain's 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.  
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.  
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.  
Wiltshire 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.

- Apr. 14.—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.
- Apr. 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 Cup.  
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.  
Elie Golf House Club : Spring Meeting.
- 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).  
Royal High School, Edinburgh : Spring Competition over  
North Berwick ; Lord Advocate's Cup ; Millidge Medal,  
and other prizes.
- Apr. 25-29.—Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.
- Apr. 27.—Cambridge University : Linskill Cup and Pirie Medal  
(terminal competition) ; Extraordinary General Meeting,  
Lion Hotel, 8.30.
- Apr. 28.—Whitley : Jockey Cup.  
Birkdale : Final Ties Ladies' Prize.
- Apr. 30.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.  
Guildford : Spring Meeting.
- MAY.
- May 1.—Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.  
Durham : Blagdon Cup.  
Guildford : Spring Meeting.  
Alnwick : Spring Meeting.  
Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Medal.
- May 1-2.—Lanark : Hutchinson Cross (scratch), Forest Cup, Gold  
Ball, and Bingham Prize.  
Calcutta : Blackheath Gold Medal.
- May 2.—Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.  
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bailie Wilson's Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Sub-  
scription Prizes.  
Lanark : Spring Competition for Hutchinson Cross, Forest  
Cup, and Gold Ball.  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.  
Guildford : Spring Meeting.
- May 2.—Epsom : Rosebery Gold Medal.  
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup (4 Competition)  
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.  
Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.  
Redhill and Reigate : Allen Medal.  
Rochdale : Club Silver Medal.  
Royal Belfast : Spring Meeting.
- May 5.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
- May 5-6.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Spring Meeting.
- May 6.—Durham : Spring Meeting.
- May 6-8.—Bath Ladies : Prize Meeting.
- May 7.—Whitley : Emmerson Prize (final).
- May 7-9.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Amateur Championship  
at St. Andrews.  
London Scottish : Spring Meeting.
- May 8.—Whitley : Crawley Prize (final).
- May 8-9.—Brighton and Hove : Spring Meeting.
- May 9.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal and Scratch  
Medal, &c.  
Birkdale : Club Medal.  
Whitley : Wyndham Cup.  
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.  
Edinburgh University : Challenge Cup and Club Prizes  
(at Gullane).  
Alnwick : H. Marsh Painting.  
Wilpshire and District : Monthly Medal.  
Rochdale : Captain's Monthly Prize.  
Dublin : Lumsden Medal.
- May 9-11.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Spring Meeting.
- May 12.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup ; Kentish Gold Medal  
Whitley : Jockey Cup.  
Hayling Island Ladies' Club : Bath Challenge Star.
- May 15.—Durham : Osborn Cup.  
Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Medal.
- May 16.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : Mackenzie Cup.  
Whitley : Spring Meeting.  
Great Yarmouth : Whitsuntide Meeting.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bennie and M'Laren Prizes.  
Disley : First Summer Handicap.  
Epsom : Monthly Medal.  
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.  
Felixstowe : Club Prize.  
Formby : Spring Meeting.
- May 16-18.—St. George's, Sandwich : Whitsun Meeting.
- May 16-23.—Royal North Devon : Spring Meeting.
- May 18.—Great Yarmouth : Whitsuntide Meeting.  
Royal Isle of Wight : Whit-Monday Meeting ; The Bem-  
bridge Sailing Club Prize ; Club Prize.  
West Lancashire : Whitsuntide Meeting.
- May 18-19.—Felixstowe : Whitsuntide Meeting.
- May 18-20.—Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- May 19.—St. George's (Sandwich) : Champion Challenge Cup (open  
to all amateurs).
- May 20.—Southport : Ladies' Meeting.  
Royal Epping Forest : Noakes Cup.
- May 23.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.  
Edinburgh Watsonians : Club Prizes.

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## NEW COURSE AT EALING.

The Golf club which is being formed at Ealing, being unable to obtain the ground first decided on, has at last obtained a ground which promises first-rate Golf. It will be convenient for golfers in the west of London, as the links are situated in the Park, Twyford Abbey, within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the Ealing Broadway Stations, and about the same distance from Sudbury Station on the London and North-Western Railway. The chief features of the ground are the River Brent which flows through the Park, and numerous plantations in ring fences, and dry ditches, of which Patrick, who laid out the course last Monday, has taken every advantage. The putting-greens by the river will be hard to beat anywhere; the other greens will be good, but will take some time to get into condition. Altogether, Patrick may be congratulated on having laid out a most sporting course, and one that when once in condition will compare most favourably with any round London. There are 12 holes at present, varying from 180 to 450 yards, the whole round being just two miles. It will have a bunker that we hope may be peculiar to itself in the shape of cows, as the club use the ground subject to the grazing rights of their landlord. The ground will be ready for play about the second week in April. Two rooms in a cottage opposite will be used temporarily as a club-house, while there is an inn hard by where lunch can be obtained. The club is already waxing great in numbers, and will hold its first general meeting on Saturday, April 4th, at the Bell Inn, Ealing, at five o'clock.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS GOLF TOURNAMENT.

This match will be played on the links at Tooting Bec, near Balham Station. The first ties must be played off on or before Saturday, 18th April; second ties on or before 25th April; third ties 2nd May; fourth ties 9th May; final tie on or before 16th May. The match will be decided by holes.

The following are the pairs drawn, the figures after the names indicating the handicap, to be adjusted between players by the higher number receiving three-fourths of the difference between the two.

Mr. H. L. Mulholland, M.P. (20), plays Lord Elcho, M.P. (16); the Marquis of Granby, M.P. (20), plays Mr. W. C. Grant (*Scotsman*) (18); Mr. Felix Skene (clerk, House of Lords) (5) plays Mr. W. H. Fisher, M.P. (16); Sir H. Maxwell, M.P. (16), plays Sir W. Houldsworth, M.P. (16); Mr. A. J. Robertson (*Times*) (6) plays Mr. T. W. Legh, M.P. (16); Hon. W. H. James, M.P. (20), plays Mr. J. S. Robb (*Glasgow Herald*) (7); Mr. Geo. Baird, M.P. (20), plays Mr. H. Broadhurst, M.P. (13); Capt. J. McCalmont, M.P. (20), plays Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P. (9); Lord Balfour of Burleigh (16) plays Mr. Donald Crawford, M.P. (18); Mr. W. Jeans (*Dundee Advertiser*) (15) plays Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P. (6); Mr. C. L. Anstruther (clerk, House of Lords) (9) plays Mr. A. Mackintosh (*Aberdeen Free Press*) (18); Mr. J. Bell (*Times*) (14) plays Mr. W. Austen Leigh (clerk, House of Lords) (15); Mr. Seymour Keay, M.P. (12), plays Mr. F. Hardcastle, M.P. (16); Mr. H. B. St. John (clerk, House of Lords) (15) plays Mr. T. Milvain, M.P. (17); Mr. R. G. Webster, M.P. (20), plays the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P. (14); Mr. J. P. Croal (*Scotsman*) (4) plays Mr. Gerald Balfour, M.P. (14).

The committee consist of Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P., Mr. Seton-Karr, M.P., Mr. Broadhurst, M.P., and Mr. J. P. Croal.

A Golf club has been formed at Hunstanton, a well-known seaside resort on the Norfolk coast. Excellent ground has been found within a mile or so of the railway station, on the sea-banks in the direction of Holme. George Fernie, of Troon, has been entrusted with the laying out (in the first instance) of a nine-hole course, which, if necessary, can easily be enlarged to eighteen holes without much expense. Mr. H. L'Estrange, of Hunstanton Hall, is the president of the club, and Dr. Whitty is honorary secretary and treasurer. It is expected that the course will be in order for playing by the middle of April.

## A SORE RUB ON THE GREEN.

(An incident which actually occurred at Golf at Nagpur, Central Provinces, India.)

I saw four gowffers on the Nagpur "green"  
At airie morn. The air was cauld and keen:  
The grass was weet wi' dew. Swankie and Jack  
Made up a "foursome" wi' Colquhoun and Mac.

The "globes" were poised upon the natty "tees":  
Jack had the "honour." Mark wi' what swaggerin' ease  
He wags the souple "driver" tae an' fra,  
Syne swings it ower his shouthers for the blaw.

Wi' sudden swoop the blaw descends, an' now  
The striker e'es the ba' wi' anxious brow:  
The ba' flees half a furlong thro' the air,  
Syne seeks the grun' and soon reposes there.

The rival ba' is swipit frae the tee  
By lang Colquhoun, wha fairly lousps wi' glee  
Tae see 't outstrip the first by mony a yaird,  
Afore it settles on the level swaird.

Short-lived the triumph, for behold! a kite,  
Whether frae curiosity or spite,  
Spyin' the ba' in flecht thro' its domain,  
Swooped down, an' grippin' it, flew aff again;

An' in its talons bearin' it mony a rood  
Back towards the spot whar' still the gowffers stood,  
Draip it sae deftly in a pesky hole;—  
Colquhoun and Mac can scarce their wrath control,

An' loudly claim their richt to plant the ba'  
As near as micht be whar' it first did fa';  
But Jack declares the accident a "rub,"  
An' cites the rules of the St. Andrews Club.

This is at length agreed tae, but alas!  
The hole is deep an' maist overgrown wi' grass;  
Sae out ahint the hole the ba' is tossed,  
An' by another rule a stroke is lost.

Mac swears it wud a perfid saunt provoke  
Tae lose baith half the tee-drive an' a stroke:  
Wi' airm cleek in han' he plays "twa mair";—  
Hech! Mac, ye gowk, are ye sae green a player

As nae tae ken a gowffer maun preserve  
An even temper, else his aim 'll swerve?  
Ye straik that ba', wi' wrathfu' han' an' e'e,  
Sae 't didna traivel far an' gaed agee.

Sae wi' alternate strokes the game proceeds:  
Nae mair ill-chance its even course impedes.  
Ayont a bunker deep the flag is seen,  
Close by the hole upo' the level green.

Baith ba's wi' tentie han' an' practised eye  
Aboon the bunker deep are lofted high.  
Colquhoun an' Jack wi' "putter" in han' proceed  
Wi' equa' skill tae "lay their lang putts dede."

Mac "holes" in seven, but Swankie wins in six,  
Thanks tae thon kite there an' its plaguey tricks.  
I saw na mair, I cud nae langer stay  
Tae watch the further fortunes o' that day.

J. C. FRASER,  
Captain, Nagpur Golf Club.

Nagpur, February 26th, 1891.

We have been asked by the Photographic Society of Great Britain, to state that an exhibition of Collotype printing by various English and Foreign firms, will be on view daily, till April 14th, between 2 and 9 o'clock, at 50, Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury. Admission on presentation of a visiting card.



### THE CADDIE QUESTION AT ST. ANDREWS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am pleased to learn from the *Scotsman* of 14th inst., which contains a letter from Mr. A. D. Fordyce, giving a positive denial to the statement of Mr. Hall Blyth, at the meeting of the Tantallon Club, "that the scheme for the benefit of the caddies had so far not been a success."

Mr. Fordyce in his letter states as follows: "Ever since the scheme was put into practical operation everything has worked without a hitch, to the satisfaction of caddies and members of the club alike." This is good news, and I hope it will prove a perfect success, and be adopted by all clubs of good standing all over Great Britain and Ireland; and let me say that both North Berwick and Gullane should follow the St. Andrews plan, or adopt a scheme of their own.

May I ask Mr. Fordyce, or any other member of his committee, to answer the following questions through your columns for the benefit of visitors and golfers who, like myself, annually visit the capital of Golf, and who do not happen to be members of the Royal and Ancient Club.

1. How does the scheme work so far as engaging caddies by the day or week by personal interview; or can any one telegraph Tom Morris to secure a certain caddie?

2. Have strangers and visitors, not members of the club, permission to select any caddie to carry, or professional to play with him or them, from the overseer at the club-house door, or do the two principal club-makers, Messrs. Forgan and Morris, keep a register of professionals and caddies at the disposal of strangers, at their respective places of business?

3. Do the members of the Royal and Ancient Club have the right of preference and first pick of the caddies, and is it intended by them to use this preference to the disadvantage of strangers and leave them only the poor and bad caddies? Surely not! What then is their plan?

I think the benefit fund is a splendid idea, and by training both caddies and professionals to cultivate a saving disposition, and to lay by something for a rainy day, old age, and cold winters like the present, it is truly a scheme deserving support.

I hope that some of the Musselburgh clubs will start a plan of the same kind, as the loss of the Honourable Company will be sorely felt in that town when that club migrates to Muirfield.

Apologising for occupying so much valuable space, which I only presume to do as a lover of Golf and a life-long friend of the professionals and caddies, to whose benefit I hope in time to come to add my mite,

I am, Sir, &c.,

March 16th, 1891.

VIATOR.

### PLAGIARISM!

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Mr. Lang has comparatively little to complain of. A few ideas have been borrowed, but I see by your advertise-

ments that Messrs. Currie have patented my hand "Grasp"—the Grasp I have used all my life. I protest! The hands are mine, though the voice is Currie's. The use of them is my birthright. I shall not allow Currie to do me out of it. But Currie may have my blessing. I hereby give it him. I refuse to give my hand to anyone who is so cordial. It was not fair to take my hand without leave. I being unprepared they have been shaken off. I resume my rights (and my lefts, too).

With that grasp I shall grip. He shall not part us; no one shall part us save Mr. D., the tall, lean old gentleman with a stoop, who goes about rather thinly clad, carrying a scythe.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. G. SIMPSON.

March 19th, 1891.

### THE PROJECTED CLUB AT DEAL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I regret to say that a difficulty has arisen in connection with the scheme for the establishment of a Golf Club at Deal, which will delay the immediate realisation of that project.

It is the more disappointing, as a short time since things looked so promising. I had every reason to believe that we should by this time be in a position to inaugurate the club, to the satisfaction of those gentlemen who have so kindly given me their support in this undertaking. We do not intend to relax our efforts, and trust that by the exercise of a little patience we may yet realize our hopes.

I gladly take this opportunity of making my grateful acknowledgements to Lord Northbourne, Lord Guilford's Trustees, the Deal Corporation, Jesus Hospital, and the War Department, for their courtesy, and the readiness with which they met our proposals. I also am under great obligations to Mr. R. Mason, of Lincoln's Inn Fields, who has quite gratuitously devoted a large portion of his valuable time during the last few months in carrying on the negotiations in his usual skilful manner.

In Golfing language we have carried all but the last bunker, but that, like the famous "maiden" at Sandwich, has, so far, been too much for us; but with that dogged determination to get over a difficulty for which golfers are proverbial, we yet hope to negotiate it.

I am, Sir, &c.,

35, Cranley Gardens, March 23rd, 1891.

GUY PYM.

### CURIOUS GOLFING INCIDENTS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Some years ago when at Hoylake, I was told the following story, and my informant vouched for the truth of it. Mr. R. W. Brown, a cheery and good golfer, generally known as "Pendulum Brown," from the regularity of his swing, possessed the unusual cat-like faculty of seeing almost as well by night as by day. He often went out to have a quiet round of the links after sundown, accompanied by a faithful caddie with a lantern, to search for his balls. On one occasion he went out and played from the tee, one of his ordinary drives of, say, 150 yards. On following up the ball, neither he nor his caddie could find it. He went back to the tee and played another ball with precisely the same result. He returned again and played a third shot, but found to his grief that he had lost a third ball. Early next morning he went out to search for the missing globes, and to his amazement found them all three at the entrance to the *same rabbit-burrow*.

Upon recounting this story, I am generally asked by my friends to "have a glass of something hot," and to tell them another. I won't say whether I believe it or not, but, if you are up to the calculation, I should like to know what the odds would be in such circumstances against finding *two* of the balls and then *three* in one and the same hole.

I am, Sir, &c.,

FRANCIS G. FAITHFULL.

Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, March 23rd, 1891.

PAINT FOR GOLF BALLS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I advise "Bulger" to buy some prepared paint from his club and ball-maker. I suppose he knows that the old paint must first of all be quite removed. This can be done with the help of caustic potash.

I have seen Aspinall's enamel paint used with good effect.

I am, Sir, &c.,

March 22nd, 1891.

KORUNEPHOROS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—If "Bulger" will soak the golf-balls in a strong solution of soda slightly warmed, then paint them when thoroughly dry with two coats of Aspinall's enamel, he will find it very effective. I have tried this some years with success.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Ranelagh Golf Club,  
Barn Elms, Barnes, S.W.,  
23rd March, 1891.

W. G. BEAK.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should recommend "Bulger" very strongly to try McPherson's "Foochow" enamel. It is thoroughly reliable, and leaves the ball white and glossy. It has the advantage also of being always ready for use.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Hoylake, March 23rd.

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THE DERIVATION OF THE WORD "CADDIE."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Amongst many of your readers I have read your correspondent, Mr. Glynnes', philological letters with interest, but I wish to lay before you a slightly different derivation, or at least history, of the word "caddie," or "cadie."

It is exceedingly probable that younger brothers or cadets were the original fags whose useful services led to the word caddie, which now belongs exclusively to Golf; but some think "caddie" is connected with cadger, catch, cacciare, capere, doubtless going back to the same Aryan root KAP, being simply another way to the hole.

I am in favour of caddie=cadie=cadet=capitulum.

I am, Sir, &c.,

March 23rd, 1891.

H. M. B.

SAYERS v. KIRKCALDY AT ST. ANDREWS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I think last week's notice of the above match, although quite correct as far as it went, scarcely gave Sayers his due. The following is a fair statement:—

In a three-ball match between Mr. D. Leitch, Sayers, and Andrew Kirkcaldy, Sayers beat both—Kirkcaldy losing by one at the last hole. A second round of eighteen holes was played, and Sayers again defeated both. Kirkcaldy losing by one, as in the first round. Kirkcaldy and Sayers also played a single; when Sayers lost by four and three to play, as will be seen from the above. Sayers played three matches against Kirkcaldy, winning two and losing one. Only the one in which he was beaten was given, and I think it only right now to state the other two.

I would like to see a home and home match for £25 or £50 aside between these professionals. I am confident in saying that Kirkcaldy would have little difficulty in arranging such a match with Sayers.

I am, Sir, &c.,

JUSTICE.



Mr. Lindsay G. Ross for some years a member of the Warrender Golf Club, in Edinburgh, and who has filled the office of captain in the Harrison Club since its start, begins teaching Golf on the Braids course at Edinburgh next month. A native of St. Andrews, his pupils, whom we hope will be numerous, may rest assured of being taught the true golfer's swing. Mr. Ross has always taken a warm interest in the Harrison and Warrender Clubs, and carries with him to his new sphere the best wishes of their members.

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The Golf links at the charmingly situated seaside village of Ballantrae, on the Ayrshire coast, is at present in process of extension. The course, which was laid out about fourteen years ago, and has hitherto consisted of the orthodox minimum of nine holes, is to be extended to the orthodox maximum of eighteen, and, judging from the appearance of the new ground in its rough state, it looks capable of affording excellent facilities for Golf. The club have voted an adequate sum of money to carry out the improvement, and they expect that the work of reclaiming and laying out will be finished by early summer. The extension gives the club about fourteen hundred lineal yards additional ground to go over, and the whole circuit of the course when completed will be about three miles. The preliminary expenditure, it may be noted, will be about £40, so that it is evident that the ground, at the present moment, is not very far from playable condition, and it is expected that the extension will eventually be of better golfing quality than that which is being now played over. In any case the tyro is more likely to feel at home on it, for the course is considerably broader, and, therefore, more favourable to erratic driving than the older and narrower course which did not afford so much elbow room. Altogether the improvement is likely to be highly appreciated by the numerous visitors to the locality during the summer, as, it need hardly be said, it will be by the members themselves.

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The Woodford Golf Club was formed in the autumn of 1890, for playing over the common behind the Board Schools, Woodford Green, and extending as far as Chingford Hatch. A course of nine holes, which can be extended to eighteen if necessary, has been laid out under the supervision of Tom Dunn, of Tooting, and the necessary steps have been taken during the winter for forming the greens and preparing the course, &c., by Lambert, of Musselburgh, the club professional, whose services have been permanently engaged, and who is in attendance daily. Suitable rooms have been taken at No. 3, Manor Cottages, opposite the school buildings, and about seven minutes' distance from Woodford Station on the G.E.R., as a club-house; and accommodation for dressing, &c., is provided for members. The professional will be prepared to lend clubs, and to explain the game to anyone desirous of going over the course, on Wednesday afternoons. Gentlemen residing in Woodford, Wanstead, Chigwell, Loughton, or within three miles of the links are eligible for election as playing members, and the annual subscription is one guinea, with an entrance-fee of one guinea.

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The Right Rev. Monsignor Edward Williams, Canon of Clifton, and President of Prior Park College, Bath, died on

the 9th inst., after a short illness. "His loss will be keenly felt," writes a correspondent, "not only by his clerical brethren, but by a large circle of friends of all denominations, including golfers on many greens. Taking to the game in middle life, as an original disciple of the Kingsdown Club (now located at Bath) he soon developed very accurate approach and putting powers, and on the short, but difficult, ladies' round few could touch him. A genial presence, cultivated wit, and fascinating amiability, coupled with keen golfing enthusiasm and practical exposition of the art, procured him the affection and esteem of all members of the two Bath clubs, and made him a welcome visitor, not only at Westward Ho! and Malvern, where he was a member, but also at St. Andrews, Prestwick, Machrihanish, Nairn, and other links.

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Saturday was a delightful golfing day in Ayrshire, and though there were no competitions there was a great deal of play, the greens at both Prestwick and Troon being crowded. The ground was in first-rate condition, and some interesting singles and foursomes took place.

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The committee of the Ranelagh Golf Club, Barn Elms, have arranged for members to play on Sundays throughout the summer.

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Baroness de Worms has consented to become president of the Southdown Ladies' Golf Club, which has now over one hundred members.

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## AFTER THE MATCH.

(A soliloquy over a pipe.)

The competition now is past  
In which I thought I would excel ;  
My game was bad from first to last,  
It grieves me on such facts to dwell.  
That putting all my hopes did blast ;  
These topped drives, too. But never mind,  
Next time I'll make that medal fast,  
If luck is not just so unkind.

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A new Golf club has been started in the West of England. The Tavistock Golf Club saw the light in the first month of the year. A nine-hole course has been laid out on Whitchurch Down, ten minutes' walk from the town of Tavistock. Thanks to the new line of the London and South-Western Railway Company, Tavistock is now reached from Plymouth in twenty-five minutes, so that the naval and military lovers of the game stationed there have a Golf course close at hand. The club starts with forty members, and a club-house is in course of erection. A good deal of labour has been required to clear the ground, but the natural turf is excellent, and, where necessary, greens have been laid. It is intended to extend the links to eighteen holes, for which there is ample room. The course was planned under the advice of Gibson of Westward Ho! permission having been kindly given by the Lords of the Manor of Tavistock (his Grace the Duke of Bedford) and Whitchurch (Messrs. Harris, Bulteel & Co.)

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Athelred writes:—Some people seem to have misunderstood the matter. They seem to suppose there is to be a Whig column, and I receive lots of contributions. (Is it allowable to suggest to contributors not to trouble themselves to put any address on stamped envelopes ; or to put two stamps which is the fee they will have to give when the rejected articles are returned by me ? [Something has given way in this argument.] I hope, Sir, you won't mind asking them to fire their tee shots at you, and perhaps you will for once find room for a few of those I have kept. One man asks, "Why are tees made of sand?" Was I right in saying:—because one can't always get snow?

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Another asks ever so many questions about strong language

at Golf (a subject much discussed at present in your columns). I have explained that a code of oaths is being compiled to suit all greens. In the meantime all that one must remember is (1) that the ten minutes rule, applies ; (2) that you are expected to cause an earthquake if possible ; at the very least, to wither a whin bush.

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Another man misunderstands the text, "Swear not at all." Of course, this means you are to select some one person, thing, or abstract idea at which to swear clearly and continuously. Here is a very sad case. His reverence might embody his expressions of contrition in his next sermon, perhaps. The gentleman writes:—

"Sir, I'm a preacher ; and golfer somewhere ;  
But I can't fleece my flock with due care ,  
For with such words as 'tuts'  
I miss many putts,  
Of the length which go in when I swear.  
Now, sir, 's that fair? Eh?"

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Here, Sir, lastly, is a wooden-putterer's version of your "Pendulum" using puttists' version of "Ricketty—dicketty—dock":—

Player (before using the "Pendulum"):—

"Kick it in, flick it in flop!  
For I've two for the medal, old cock."

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(Ditto, after):—

"What a pendulous chouse,  
Hang you and your mouse!  
Nipped it, and lippeded, oh! lawk!  
3 by the clock  
I've got to chalk.  
Licked in the tie, too,  
I say, Alpha, say! how could I try, do  
Beeta (n)?"

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"Weel, you see," said a Scotch worthy, who was criticising the new minister, "frae Monday till Saturday he's inveesible, and on Sawbath he's incomprehensible."

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Robert, an obese green-keeper, has been struck on the stomach by a golf ball without his knowledge—"Govv, Dick! Aw'm gettin' awfy hungry!"

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He was recently accosted by a player thus: "The Doctor has been doing tremendous work to-day, Robert. He has been putting like the devil. Do you know what that means?" "Brawly, div I ken that! Brawly!"

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He is a devoted and chivalrous husband. A summer or two ago, a Punch and Judy show was brought from town to amuse the children of the village school, which roused the usually placid Robert. "Man, I had tae come awa'—I couldna stawn the way that man wis gawn for his wife!"

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His knowledge of fiction is not extensive. He is telling of the inauguration of a monument to Alexander Selkirk, the supposed original of Robinson Crusoe, "Man, d'ye ken? There wis in the purcession, a black mon they ca'd Friday—for some reason unknown to me!"

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But his arithmetic is not to be sneezed at. He was giving (in the best of faith) too little change at the club bar, and the customer mildly remonstrated, "I'm afraid you must give me a little more than that, Robert." "Oo, ay! Three fowers is twal!"—a fact, indeed, but, in the circumstances, of staggering irrevelancy.

GOLF IN BRITTANY.—A young lady (a scratch player) on some links not more than 200 miles from St. Malo, was heard to remark—"That it was 'un peu trop fort' that anyone should holloa 'fore just as she was holing out on the best green, and would have done the hole in 'four.'" Oddly enough, until explained to her, she did not see she had been within a measurable distance of perpetrating a pun.

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Through the courtesy of a correspondent, we have been furnished with the following extracts from a letter recently received from Mr. Tom Peter, a medallist of the old Innerleven Golf Club, as well as of the Royal and Ancient, whose charming little work is reviewed in another column. Both Mr. Tom Peter and his brother O'Brien Peter, were noted golfers in their day, especially on their home green at Leven, and the neighbouring green at St. Andrews. The family is now settled in British Columbia, and our little journal has found its way into the hands of a good old golfer, even in that remote portion of the British Empire.

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Mr. Peter's letter is dated 26th February, and he writes:—"A friend who has come from Victoria, has brought me the copy of GOLF kindly sent by you, and for which many thanks. It is capital, and the 'Language of Golf' pictures are first-rate. Altogether it is a very creditable publication, and doubtless will have a large circulation. I see a good anecdote told of 'Auld Tam,' which is very characteristic of him. The picture of Bigge-Foozle playing the blind hole in one, is excellent, and 'Anything for an Excuse,' is not a bit exaggerated. The Dr. McPherson, to whom reference is made, I knew very well when he was a student at St. Andrews. He was a powerful player, though I never played with him. A favourite match used to be old Mr. McPherson and Dr. Burrell, against my brother James and me; and a very equal match it was. Mr. McPherson was a more effective player than he looked, capital at his approach to the hole, and in putting into it. He was a very steady driver and never foozled.

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"A portion of GOLF'S 'Christmas Greeting' comes home to me vividly. The words are as follows:—"A merry Christmas. This is the cordial message we send to golfers, the wide world over. . . . It is just possible that to those sundered wide from present day associations of their native land, our little message may come "like the sweet scent of violets in a pathway," recalling with a cherished fondness, the happy early days they spent with Golf club and ball." How true that is I feel, now that I am removed from my native land, and from those with whom I have spent so many happy days, and the best portion of my life, and not the least pleasant portion of it, with my good friends at the fine game of Golf. A copy now and again of GOLF will be very welcome." *Quæ regio in terris nostri non plena laboris.*

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## Review.

REMINISCENCES OF GOLF AND GOLFERS. By H. Thomas Peter, member of the Innerleven and other Golf Clubs. Edinburgh: James Thin.

The author of this charming little book is a well-known Scottish golfer, who, together with his brother, Mr. O'Brien Peter, played the game with conspicuous success nearly half a century ago. His reminiscences belong to that interesting transition period when the feather ball was superseded by the more durable and better flying gutta-percha ball, and he is enabled within the compass of this small volume to tell a great deal that is fresh and interesting of celebrated players at St. Andrews and elsewhere during this period. Mr. Peter, adopting the Virgilian principle of *Hæc olim meminisse juvabit*, tells with a picturesque brevity some fresh stories of the great Golf players of half a century ago—Allan Robertson, Willie and James Dunn, Tom Morris, Tom Alexander, Andrew Strath, George Condie, Sir David Baird, George Glennie, Patrick Alexander, J. O. Fairlie, Sir Robert Hay, and others. We hope that his example will be largely followed by the older school of

golfers, because there is no more interesting reading for the younger generation of players than to be made acquainted with the big matches, the personal peculiarities and style, the incidents and the humour surrounding the achievements of some noted golfer in days long gone by, when a Golf match in Scotland was a very noteworthy event indeed.

Mr. Peter tells us that he began to play Golf when a student at Madras School, St. Andrews, in 1837. Though the old Innerleven course was his home green, he played over the majority of greens then existing in Scotland. He even visited Hoylake long before Golf was thought of there, and while strolling with a friend over what was then the race-course he hazarded the prediction that it would not be long before Golf was played there; and he was right. Hoylake is now one of the most important Golf organisations of the country. Having known St. Andrews for fifty years Mr. Peter has something to say about the old "Union Parlour," and the average number of players who "teed off" at St. Andrews on great occasions. Fifteen or twenty couples were considered to be a large number of players at the October meetings in those days, but last year showed how enormously the game had spread, with no deterioration in the calibre of the players, when seventy or eighty couples started in the autumn competition. Some entertaining stories are told of the celebrated club-maker, Hugh Philp, "a dry, hard man, rather gruff to strangers, but quite the reverse to those who knew him; with a fund of dry, caustic humour, but withal a kind heart. If a man after a match went to him complaining of a club, Hugh would merely say, 'You'll hae lost your mauch?' and conversely with the jubilant." Allan Robertson was the ball maker in those times, and Tom Morris was his assistant, and an interesting description is given of the old feather ball. The author shows clearly enough that the great spread of the game is due primarily to the cheapness and durability of the gutta ball. The old feather ball cost 2s. 6d., and the best quality 4s. and 5s., and in wet weather it was sometimes needful in an important match to tee a fresh ball at every hole. This price, of course, was prohibitive, except to those players blessed with a long purse and inexhaustible enthusiasm for the sport. Mr. Peter claims the credit of having first brought the gutta ball to the notice of golfers at the spring meeting of the Innerleven Club in 1848. While returning from a two years' residence in France he passed through Edinburgh, and he espied a notice in a "laigh" shop in St. David Street announcing "New Golf balls for sale." He bought one, and by its means was able most thoroughly to beat an opponent who, under the old régime ball, was invariably invincible. This, however, does not prove that Mr. Peter is entitled to the credit of being the discoverer of the gutta ball. Since the balls were made and on sale, it shows that a demand, perhaps a very small one, was in operation for the new material. We believe the genesis of the gutta ball to be this. Sir Thomas Moncrieff (some say Mr. Campbell, of Saddell) brought a piece of gutta-percha with him from London to Musselburgh. It was believed to be suitable for a Golf ball, and a piece was cut off, softened, and rolled in the palm of the hand into the shape of a ball. The surface was quite smooth and had no nicks. When the material was hard and consolidated, the new ball was given to Willie Dunn, the club-maker there, to experiment upon. It was found that the ball would not fly, and eventually it was discarded and thrown aside. The caddies picked it up and hammered it, *faute de mieux*, round the green, it being discovered that the more it was hacked with the cleek and the iron, the better it flew. This revelation suggested the nicking of the ball while soft with the shoemaker's hammer, and hence the hand-made ball which eventually ousted the feathery.

Mr. Peter says that curling is the only other game that excites his enthusiasm akin to Golf, and he advocates the classification of Golf clubs after the fashion of curling clubs, all being affiliated to one parent club. Probably we shall hear more about this proposal later. He also pleads for the wearing of red coats by golfers instead of the "oddments" of the wardrobe. He thinks that greater variety and animation is lent to the appearance of the links by the wearing of the red coat, and he is undoubtedly right. Altogether this little book of 55 pages is full of interesting facts and reminiscences, and it is one which should be in the hands of every golfer.

## Eminent Golfers.

V.—MR. A. MACKENZIE ROSS.

There are few better known or more popular golfers north of the Tweed than Mr. A. Mackenzie Ross. It may almost be said of him that he was born with a club in his hand, for his early associations were indelibly mixed up with the royal and ancient game. On attaining the comparatively early age of sixteen he made a most successful appearance over the old Bruntsfield Links of Edinburgh, now deserted in favour of the hilly and commodious Braids. His performance on that occasion stamped him as a golfer of exceptional ability, and the prognostications which were then formed of his powers have been amply confirmed by subsequent results. Possessed of a free, easy graceful style, in addition to that inseparable condition of success, an unruffled temper, Mr. Ross is at once the embodiment of all a golfer should be. He is one of those players who never knows when he is beaten; and his maxim, "play your own game and never mind your opponent," has stood him in good stead on many exciting occasions. His method might well be copied by all who wish to play a pretty as well as an effective game. It recalls the easy, effortless, unpretentious but always elegant and effective style of old Willie Park. For coolness and imperturbability he has few equals, and he is thus seen at his best when engaged in competition playing. Many of his club mates, who can fairly hold their own in a "friendly," have no chance whatever when engaged in the more serious business of playing for a prize. It is to this he owes in large measure the extraordinary collection of medals and trophies now in his possession. Mention may be made of a peculiarity in Mr. Ross' method of putting. Most players stand in a direct line with the ball, some even get in front of it. With Mr. Ross it is different. He addresses himself to the ball from behind, which has the very obvious advantage of giving the player a clear view of the hole without the risk of any impediment. In this he maintains the traditions of the stirring times when young Tommy Morris and Davie Strath were constant but ever friendly rivals. Of the many remarkable performances accomplished by Mr. Ross—space forbids the suggestion of detail—his success for seven years in succession in the Bruntsfield Gold Medal Competition will stand out as noteworthy. He subsequently secured the Burgess Gold Medal—over Musselburgh—seven years consecutively, on one occasion travelling two thousand miles to take part in the competition. The "Leven" Gold Medal—for some time regarded as carrying with it the amateur championship of Scotland—twice fell into his hands. On one occasion he played a match over North Berwick with J. Ball, Tertius, but had to admit the superiority of the English



crack by four up and three to play. On another occasion over the same course he engaged in a contest with the late Davie Strath of pleasant memories, the amateur receiving a third. After a splendid struggle, Strath pulled the match out of the fire by a long putt at the home hole. In this contest Mr. Ross holed out ten times in succession in four each, but Strath, not to be outdone, did six holes in three each and two in two each. Although familiar with most greens, Musselburgh has been his "happy hunting ground." He has done the orthodox two rounds in 76—38 each, thus establishing a record. A better performance even than that was his securing the second hole—usually a six—twice in succession in three, a feat which may never again be witnessed. The scratch prize in the first Braids Tournament of 1889 also fell to him. On the 23rd September, 1890, while in North Berwick, snatching a brief interval of rest from the care and worry of the International Exhibition, he engaged in a foursome with Mr. R. H. Harvey, of London, and the well-known professional, Bernard Sayers—Mr. Ross' partner being the right honourable gentleman who at present watches over the destinies of the sister Isle (Mr. A. J. Balfour). A good game terminated in a tie. Mr. Ross' fame and distinction have not, however, been confined to the golfing green. He has become perhaps the most successful Exhibition caterer of the present day. In 1886 he held the contract at the Edinburgh Exhibition, which however was a small venture compared with that of Manchester in the following year, when he paid the enormous sum of £50,000 for six months' rental. This was speculation with a vengeance, but, as rumour credits him with having netted the "modest" little sum of £40,000 over the transaction, the cautious Scotchman was amply recompensed for his enterprise. The year 1888 saw him in Brussels where he was presented with the diploma of honour and a gold medal. Last year's Exhibition brought him back to his native town. Quite lately he secured the contract for the Royal Naval Exhibition at Chelsea from quite a host of competitors. As Mr. Ross has now taken up his residence in the metropolis, we may expect to see him on some of our London greens. He continues to be the proprietor of the Café Royal Hotel, one of the best conducted establishments of the kind in the grey Metropolis of the North. To those who know him best—for Mr. Ross is not a man of many acquaintances—he is much esteemed, alike for his kind heart and his unassuming, unobtrusive generosity. Success has not turned his head, and his services are invariably at the disposal of old friends who have not mounted the ladder of life so rapidly.

The Ladies' Golf Club at Wimbledon was opened on Saturday, 21st inst., and a good many ladies turned out. The greens were considered very good, but some of the holes are a trifle too difficult.



## GRASS.

WESTWARD HO! once had a golfing correspondent in whom it might take a pride. His style was that which is now known as Macaulayese. There were sheep on the links of Westward Ho!—sheep which did the golfer service in cropping the grass and converting it into mutton, but an occasional disservice in unconsciously catching his eye, or, with painful consciousness, his Golf ball. But these harmless necessary sheep were far from mere monosyllables to the Macaulayan scribe. In his phrase, they were “thousands of woolly mowing machines”—a right serviceable metaphor, and a right serviceable form of mowing machine.

In the autumn of the present year of grace, 1890, the distribution of grass, which on Golf links is a curse rather than a blessing, has been unequal. Of ordinary years we say that they were good years or bad years for grass, as the case may have been. Last year, for instance, was everywhere a very grassy year. But this year the grass scourge has been capricious. On the whole, it has not been a year of heavy grass, but on the links of the West of Scotland the grass has been heavy almost beyond precedent. The woolly mowing machines have not been able to “overtake” it. Prestwick, when the championship was played there, was as woolly as a merino mowing machine. One of the golfers complained that he had lost his ball on one of the putting-greens. On some parts of the course the grass was so long that some of the golfers themselves were hardly visible in it. Losing a ball on the putting-green is bad, but there is a kindred cricket story which is even more lurid. It was some years ago that the first M.C.C. team went down to play in Devonshire. They did not know much about cricket in the West Country in those days. When the team came back, someone at Lord’s asked the captain, “Well, how did you get on in Devonshire?” “Oh, very well.” “What are the wickets like?” “Oh, they’re good enough wickets in their way—more grass on them than there is at Lord’s, but not bad when you’re used to them. A brace of partridges got up between the wickets one day when we’d got about half through the innings—but they’re not so bad when you know them.”

That is just how it is with these very heavy putting-greens. They are generally good greens *when you know them*. You may putt very firmly, and the ball will run true. But they take a deal of knowing, and a deal of putting. No doubt the lost ball on the green, and the brace of partridges between the wickets must both be taken “*cum grano salis*—with a leetle cayenne pepper,” as the learned Mr. Jorrocks has it, but it is strange that the West coast greens were so grassy, while the East coast showed no unusual growth at all. Of course, it rains more on the West, but this is no new thing—it does that every year.

St. Andrews and North Berwick were not more than usually grassy. In many places we could do with a little

more. There are rather many bald patches which, more especially at North Berwick, the Green Committee might beneficently get a little turf on. The grand old Scottish links are rather behind the English in the work they put upon the green. The Scotsman seems to have a pious awe, worthy of a classic Greek, of interfering with the bald places and the bad places of a Golf links. “So it has come to be, and it is not for human Green Committees to interfere with it,” appears to be his feeling. There is a horrid place in a pit at North Berwick, which you get into unless your second shot to Point Garry coming in is a perfectly correct one. There is a rock above you—you lie on black soil as bare as a bone, and as hard, off which no known Golf club will take you any distance. Why do they not put us a little turf upon it, and so make our happy hunting grounds even happier than before?

But of grass, in the metaphorical sense in which flesh is grass, there is to spare at North Berwick. It is crowded, and it is not surprising it should be so. It has infinite variety, even if you keep on the course—which is not easy, and you can go round it three times a day. But, above all, it is a place at which existence is possible, even if you do not Golf. It is so pretty, and pretty in such a heart-winning way, that you can spend a happy time only looking at it. Therefore it is crowded. Golfers are busy, and swarm about the first tee like bees the whole day, only they make no honey. These are not the people that surprise us. One of our worst surprises is the ubiquity of the North Berwick woman—a solitary lady, whose mixture of injured dignity and physical fear at the sound of the word “fore,” is a very interesting study. She always walks along the centre of the course under cover of a sunshade. There is never more than one in sight at any moment, but that one is always exactly where your drive should go.

Moreover, there can be no room for doubt in the mind of any moderately reasonable man that the links of North Berwick is the field in which the dragon’s teeth were originally sown, and that they are still prolific. For there are men who spring up in front of you out of the ground—not only in a single night but in a single moment. They did not start from the first tee in front of you; they are never seen to finish a round; they have no caddie, no relations or friends—but there they are. They appear before you, fully armed, with Golf clubs and case, and, for a hole or two, haunt the exact spot on which you want to pitch your ball. Then when they have driven you to the very extreme of irritation they are removed, as mysteriously as they were created, and are never seen again. As a rule they are bad men for the grass; they cut up divots and do not put them back, and you get into the wounds and say bad things of them.

In the long grass at Prestwick our golfing armies swore terribly (as Mr. Mackay tells us they once did at Carnoustie). Grass does not matter—in fact, is all the better on a well kept putting-green—and the putting-greens were

lovely. If the moment of inspiration be aptly seized—that *moment psychologique* of which we hear so much—a long putt is more likely to be holed on a stiff green than on a keen. But this long grass on the course was death to very many. To a weak driver, who could not beat the ball out of fog, it meant murder. Of grass on golfing greens, whether human or vegetable, the virtue in respect of its quantity is, as Aristotle would tell us, in the mean. What a pity Aristotle was not a golfer. Human nature is seen very naked in a bunker.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

#### A NEW GOLF SHOE.

A new Golf shoe has just been patented and introduced to the notice of golfers by Mr. Alfred Schacht, a member of the Royal Blackheath, and Redhill and Reigate Golf Clubs. The contrivance is simple and ingenious. It consists of a thin leather sole studded with nails, but *minus* the heel. The shoe has a somewhat ample toe-cap of thin leather, which fits closely upon the ordinary walking boot, and is fastened above the heel and at the sides by an arrangement of buckles and straps which press the under-sole close to the boot, and preserve absolute rigidity while walking.



A pair of these shoes has been tested by us in circumstances which admit of no doubt as to their utility. The shoes were worn in a medal round, while rain was falling, and when the ground at the tee, and throughout the green was saturated with moisture, and consequently very slippery. The hold obtained of the ground by the foot was secure and reliable; in fact there was no difference between this shoe, so far as foothold was concerned, and the ordinary golfing boot. It can be adjusted to the boot in a minute; there is no need for players to change their boots; these shoes can be carried in the club-bag, or in the coat pocket; and to City gentlemen anxious for a round in the morning, or in the afternoon, those shoes would be of great serviceableness by reason of the time and trouble that would be saved in changing boots. Messrs. Slazenger and Sons, Golf club-makers, 56, Cannon Street, E.C., are the manufacturers of the shoe, and as we believe it will be found to supply a much felt want, we recommend golfers to give the new Golf slipper a trial.

HE COULD NOT BE AN ELDER.—There was a vacancy for the eldership in a northern parish. The good minister had long intended that it should be filled by a certain farmer, who seemed to have all the qualifications necessary for the proper fulfilling of the duties of this office. But the farmer declined the proffered honour, nor would he render a reason for his refusal. Again and again did the minister sound him, tell him that he was the fittest man for the post, and use every endeavour to make him an elder. It was of no use; the farmer stubbornly maintained his point, and kept his reasons to himself. At last the worthy minister succeeded in worming his secret out of him. "Hoo can a man be an elder," said he, "and sell a horse!"



#### EDINBURGH EVENING DISPATCH GOLF TOURNAMENT.

Arrangements for the annual competition among Edinburgh and Leith clubs for the *Evening Dispatch* Braids challenge trophy have been in progress for two or three weeks, and some announcement of the clubs and players that will be engaged this year is now possible. The competition begins on Saturday, April 4th, and will extend over three Saturdays. Each competing club sends two couples, who play against two couples from the club against which they are drawn by ballot. The draw takes place on Saturday, March 28th, in the Café Royal Hotel, and, being on the system adopted in the championship competition, it decides the order of the play to the close. Great interest was taken in the competition last year, especially in the later stages. This year the interest appears to have in no degree diminished, though the number of clubs entered (up to this date) is two less. The Burgess and Royal High School clubs, which put forward strong teams last year, will not be represented in this competition, but all the clubs that succeeded in winning their way into the later stages have again entered. Several new clubs are represented, these taking the place of minor clubs that have been unable to raise sufficiently strong teams. Among these are the Morningside and the Blackford, both of which have come into existence since the Braids course was opened. The Edinburgh Thistle, the present holders of the trophy, are again strongly represented. The following is a list of the clubs that have entered, arranged in alphabetical order, with the names of the gentlemen who will probably represent them:—

- BLACKFORD.—Messrs. T. C. Kay and A. Robertson; Messrs. J. Sanderson and C. Scott.
- BRAIDS.—Messrs. John Johnston, H. Craigie, J. S. Campbell, J. O. Walker, George Borthwick, and W. J. Walker. (Teams not fixed, but to include four out of these six.)
- BRUNTSFIELD ALLIED.—Messrs. W. Niven and J. Swan; Messrs. T. Hogg and T. Aitken.
- CARLTON.—Mr. John Taylor and Dr. Haultain; Messrs. W. B. Taylor and W. G. Paxton.
- ELECTRIC.—Messrs. J. A. Stewart and J. Bell; Messrs. J. M'Nab and J. Johnston.
- GRAMPIAN.—Messrs. Andrew Rutherford and Charles Huie; Messrs. Stewart Carse and W. P. Connolly. Reserves: Messrs. W. R. Findlay and J. Gibsone.
- HARRISON.—Messrs. R. Glass and D. Black; Messrs. James Glass and W. M. Smith.
- LEITH.—Messrs. W. M. Archibald and C. Gibson; Messrs. A. Strath and J. Keddie.
- LEITH CALEDONIAN.—Messrs. Andrew Henderson and A. S. Muir; Messrs. Charles Garvie and John J. Brown.
- LICENSED VICTUALLERS.—Messrs. Donald Fisher and J. B. Strachan; Messrs. J. Stenhouse and George J. Morrison.
- MORNINGSIDE.—Messrs. D. MacLaren and James Paul; Messrs. A. J. Hodge and J. H. B. Carlyon.
- REGISTER HOUSE.—Messrs. J. M. Marr and F. Taylor; Messrs. P. Grant and A. M. Runciman.
- ST. ANDREW.—Messrs. Alexander Auchterlonie and James Knowles; Messrs. James Steven and John Pearson.
- "SCOTSMAN."—Messrs. D. Coutts, A. Hamilton, R. Melrose, J. Robb, and R. Stewart. (Teams not finally fixed, but will include four out of these five.)
- SEAFIELD.—Messrs. J. Gardner and D. Blair; Messrs. S. F. Notman and R. Gibson.
- STOCKBRIDGE.—Messrs. George M. Millar and D. M. Jackson; Messrs. R. Robinson and W. G. Munro, jun.
- TEACHERS' CLUB.—Messrs. John King and Thomas King; Messrs. Jenkins and Forrest.

THISTLE.—Messrs. R. Harvey and J. Nelson; Messrs. D. Lynn and G. Masterton.

VIEWFORTH.—Messrs. O. Thomson and J. Hay; Messrs. H. M. Knight and T. G. Buchan.

WATSONIAN.—Messrs. John Henderson and J. W. S. Paterson; Messrs. James Balsillie and G. A. Ross.

With twenty clubs entered, twelve will obtain byes for the first round, in which only eight clubs will actually play. The byes will begin the second round immediately after these eight clubs have started the first, and the surviving four of the eight will follow on in the second round after they have finished their first. There will thus be eight clubs left in at the conclusion of the first day's play. These will be reduced to two on the second Saturday, and the deciding round will be fought out on the third Saturday. The start will not be earlier than one o'clock on the first day, possibly a little later, according as the committee shall decide at next Saturday's meeting. This will suit the convenience of many of the players who are engaged in business till noon on Saturdays. Other arrangements will be notified later.

KING JAMES VI. CLUB (PERTH) v. FORFAR.

The annual match between King James VI. Golf Club and Forfar took place on the North Inch at Perth on Saturday, under favourable weather conditions. Scores:—

PERTH.		FORFAR.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. Dunsmore	10	Dr. Lowson	0
Mr. H. H. Greig	9	Mr. R. Younger	0
Mr. R. M'Kay	4	Mr. James Brodie	0
Mr. R. Halley	0	Rev. James M'Laren	0
Mr. James Donaldson	1	Mr. Wm. Lowson	0
Mr. James Patterson	5	Mr. J. F. Craik	0
Mr. A. T. Jamieson	7	Mr. J. W. Lowson	0
Mr. A. T. Mackay	0	Mr. Wm. Shepherd	3
Mr. James Hay	0	Mr. L. R. Falconer	5
Mr. R. Garvie	4	Mr. Robert Bruce	0
Mr. Alex. Robertson	3	Mr. R. F. Myles	0
Mr. John Robertson	12	Mr. J. M. Ramsay	0
Mr. Wm. Garvie	7	Mr. A. B. Wylie	0
Mr. Alex. M'Gillivray	13	Mr. W. Y. Esplin	0
Mr. J. F. Haig	7	Mr. J. Anderson	0
Total	82	Total	8

INNERLEITHEN v. HAWICK.

An eight aside match between these clubs was played at Innerleithen on Saturday afternoon. The majority of the ties were very close, and on both sides some good play was witnessed. The best score of the day was, however, made by an Innerleithen player, Mr. G. A. D. C. Fergusson, whose score was 79 for the two rounds. The weather was favourable, and the greens were in capital condition. The following are the details of the play, from which it will be seen that Innerleithen obtained the victory by twenty holes.

INNERLEITHEN.		HAWICK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. G. A. D. C. Fergusson	4	Mr. James Barrie	0
Mr. Andrew Robertson	0	Mr. G. P. Ross	1
Mr. William Lyon	0	Mr. Walter Hume	5
Mr. M. G. Thorburn	3	Dr. Barrie	0
Mr. J. S. Small	4	Mr. A. H. Craw	0
Mr. R. C. Small	7	Mr. R. Michie	0
Mr. R. T. Robertson	4	Mr. T. Pitcairn	0
Mr. Andrew Yellowlees	4	Mr. J. Thomas	0
	26		6

THE BRAIDS GOLF CLUB.—This club held their spring competition over the Braids course on Saturday. There was a large attendance. The course in the lower parts was very wet, and putting was difficult. The following is the result of the meeting:—The gold medal, captain's prize, and second prize were tied for by Mr. J. O. Walker with 86, less 6=80, and Mr. R. Grossart with 103, less 23=80. The third prize was won by Mr. J. Sullivan with 99, less 18=81; the fourth by Mr. R. E. Nicol with 92, less 10=82; the fifth by Mr. A. Black with 92, less 9=83; and the sixth by Mr. E. Rhead with 91, less 7=84.

SEAFIELD CLUB, LEITH.—A competition for the club medal and other prizes took place over Leith Links on Friday and Saturday, with the following result:—Mr. J. Gardner, 69, less 5=64; Mr. R. D. Monteith, 80, less 16=64 (tie); Mr. W. Dougall, 75, less 10=65; Mr. R. J. Henderson, 68, less 3=65; Mr. A. Foster, 74, less 9=65 (tie); Mr. G. Steedman, 81, less 15=66; Mr. R. Gibson, 73, less 7=66; Mr. H. Arnott, 78, less 12=66 (tie).

LEITH GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medals were played over Leith Links. The handicap and scratch medals were won by Mr. R. Hutchison, sen. Score:—68, less 4=64.

MELROSE v. SELKIRK.

In view of the approaching competition for the Border trophy, the institution of which has already done much to stimulate the interest taken in the game in the Border district, the result of the above match, played on the Melrose course, will be interesting to many who are on the alert for any indication of how the trophy competition is likely to result. Doubtless, Innerleithen will be pretty well in it, as their course, which is rather a peculiar one, is the scene of operations this year:—

MELROSE.		SELKIRK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Dr. Calvert	4	Rev. Mr. Gray	0
Mr. Robertson	3	Mr. Thomson	0
Mr. Simson	4	Mr. Penman	0
Mr. Robson	1	Mr. Connachie	0
Mr. Bogie	3	Mr. Alexander	0
Mr. Dickson	4	Mr. M'Intosh	0
Mr. Watson	1	Mr. Lidderdale	0
Mr. Monro	0	Mr. Blair	2
Mr. Lothian	3	Mr. J. Connachie	0
Mr. Ritchie	9	Mr. Weir	0
	32		2

BUTE GOLF CLUB.

The members of the above club competed for the M'Call gold medal over the links at Quochag, Kingarth, on Saturday, the 14th inst. The links were in good condition and the weather fine, and there was a large turn-out of competitors. At the conclusion of the eighteen holes the following were found to be the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. Mr. Saunders, Kingarth	105 14 91	Mr. D. Crawford, Kingarth	105 5 100
Mr. A. M'Gaw, Rothesay	103 8 95	Mr. A. Milley, Rothesay	133 20 113
Mr. A. Primrose, Rothesay	96 scr. 96		

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB.

The following were the scores on Saturday, 14th inst., for the March monthly medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. J. Wellman	89 4 85	Mr. D. Ward	115 18 97
Mr. J. C. Tattersall	103 10 93	Mr. O. R. Luxford	115 14 101
Mr. G. Foord-Kelcey	113 18 95	Mr. F. A. Fison	118 15 103
Mr. J. W. Harrison	117 22 95	Mr. J. C. Wadham	116 12 104
Mr. R. C. Harrison	122 24 98	Mr. H. C. Robinson	131 24 107

No returns from Messrs. R. J. Treloar, B. Joyce, T. R. Mills, W. R. Anderson, W. H. B. Goldney, A. Flint, Grant Suttie, H. H. A. Morton, Col. Shewell, Major Hungerford, Col. Jones, Rev. F. Savage, and others.

RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.

Two members of the above club, at Bridge-of-Weir, have given valuable prizes to be competed for under handicap. The donors are Mr. R. B. Mitchell, and Mr. Neil Robson, and the competition will be by holes after the fashion of the amateur championship. The competition gives promise of being highly successful, to judge of the number who have entered. No less than 31 couples have given in their names. The order of play was decided on Tuesday, when the ballot resulted as follows:—Dr. Mudie and Mr. D. Brown, junr., Messrs. A. M. Brown and A. C. Weir; Messrs. Gordon Cowan and Neil Robson; Rev. T. Carruthers and Mr. James McAulay; Messrs. T. Christison and E. A. Walker; Messrs. R. Alexander and James Fleming; Messrs. J. B. Stewart and H. M. Colville; Messrs. A. M'Crindle and W. S. Curphey; Messrs. J. M. Porteous and R. Stevenson; Messrs. D. C. Wingate and W. Colville; Messrs. M. A. More and Capt. Ross; Messrs. Thomas Frame and W. M'Clure, junr.; Rev. J. Murray and Mr. J. M'Donald; Messrs. T. Carruthers, junr., and D. A. Morrison; Messrs. John Sangster and J. Kay; Messrs. R. Brownlee, junr., and A. Symington; Messrs. J. S. Howie and W. B. Baxter; Messrs. J. Roland and R. Cassels; Messrs. R. B. Mitchell and A. T. Taylor; Dr. Sandeman and Mr. Thos. J. Scott; Messrs. W. Pritchard and W. M. Campbell; Rev. W. Low and Mr. W. Holms; Messrs. R. P. Lyle and Wm. Aitken; Messrs. A. Wingate and Wm. Brown; Messrs. E. C. Allan and John Robertson; Mr. George Taylor and Rev. J. Abernethy; Messrs. Alexander M'Pherson and W. Scott; Messrs. John Thomson and J. R. Scott; Messrs. R. F. Blair and J. A. Scott; Messrs. J. Campbell and A. C. Whyte; Mr. R. Fleming a bye; Mr. W. A. Aitken a bye.

BANK OF SCOTLAND GOLF CLUB.—The first monthly handicap competition of this club was held at the Braids on Saturday, when eight couples started. At the close, J. Clark was found to be the winner with a score of 99, less 9=90.

NORTH BERWICK.

In the early portion of last week a storm of wind and rain interfered with the royal game; but, with an improvement in the weather, golfers were soon induced to resume their favourite pastime. On Thursday, Sayers had an admirable round. Playing his own ball against the better of the balls of G. Douglas and W. Thomson, he finished in 68. This figure only exceeds by two strokes that of his remarkable record for the green, although it should be said that at present the course is about a stroke or two easier than the medal round. Against the exceptional game of Ben his opponents had to succumb by as many as six holes with five to play. Sayers secured the out half of 10 holes in 35, or equal to an average of 3½ per hole. A score 33 for 8 holes home gave him a total for the round of 68, he details of which are:—

Out ... ..	4 4 4 4 3 4 3 2 3 4=35	} 68
In ... ..	3 4 4 3 3 5 7 4=33	

A few persons accompanied the players round the green. On Saturday, Mr. John Forrest and Mr. Alex. Hutchison engaged Mr. J. Henderson and Mr. G. Nelson in a foursome. The former couple won an exceedingly close match, thus reversing the result of last week's game, when Messrs. Henderson and Nelson were successful by one. Mr. David Stevenson and Mr. C. Blaikie had a couple of friendly games on Saturday. Colonel Stewart engaged in singles with Sayers and Thomson, the professionals winning. Amongst those who also played over the long course last week were Lady Clark, Miss Florence Anderson, Misses Maxwell, Sir G. Clark, Sir A. Napier, Mr. Andrew Stuart, Mr. F. V. Hagart, and Mr. R. J. Younger, of Cambridge.

The postponed Tantallon spring meeting has been fixed for the 11th of April. It is to be hoped that favourable weather may attend the gathering and that the disappointment in this respect may be more than counterbalanced in the enjoyment of a splendid day's Golf on the 11th. As far as concerns the arrangements of the club there is never the slightest doubt as to the success of the meeting, the popular club being fortunate in possessing the services of one of the most efficient and courteous of secretaries in the person of Mr. W. G. Blossom.

The Carlton Golf Club had a pleasant meeting over the North Berwick course on Saturday, the occasion being the half-yearly competition for the scratch silver cup and the vice-president's allowance medal, and a number of attractive prizes in kind. Together with the handicap trophy was offered a special prize gifted by Mr. G. S. Turnbull, captain of the club. Mr. John Taylor, a player well-known in North Berwick, gained the merit award with a score of 87. In the handicap list Mr. Alex. Macbeth was first with 97, less 11=86, thereby winning both the medal and captain's prize. Mr. A. Brunton took second place in the allowance order with a net figure of 103, less 10=93. The members turned out well, and the competition was altogether very successful.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The fifth monthly medal competition took place on Saturday last. Mr. J. Betham having already recorded a win, Mr. C. A. Colman becomes the holder for the month. Scores:—

Mr. J. Betham ... ..	Gross. Hcp. Net.	97 11 86	Mr. J. C. Barrett ... ..	Gross. Hcp. Net.	121 18 103
Mr. C. A. Colman ... ..	104 13 91	Mr. E. P. Stephenson ... ..	125 16 109		
Mr. G. Crowther ... ..	93 scr. 93	Mr. W. J. Drewett ... ..	134 23 111		
Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell ... ..	96 3 93	Mr. H. Dorning ... ..	132 15 117		
Mr. R. G. Hayward ... ..	107 8 99	Mr. R. P. Bell ... ..	149 25 124		
Mr. R. Simpson ... ..	124 22 102				

EDINBURGH INSTITUTION F.P. GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of the above club was held over Musselburgh links on Friday, the 20th inst. The weather was very cold, and very windy. Twenty-three members competed for a special prize presented by Mr. Gibb, and other club prizes. Two rounds of the green were played, when the following were the winners:—

*Mr. A. Henderson ... ..	Gross. Hcp. Net.	91 4 87	†Mr. C. Keene ... ..	Gross. Hcp. Net.	95 4 91
†Mr. J. Drummond ... ..	100 10 90	§Mr. J. Anderson ... ..	99 6 93		
†Mr. M. J. Brown ... ..	89 +2 91	§Mr. F. Renwick ... ..	99 6 93		

\* Special prize. † Second prize. ‡ Third and Fourth prizes.  
§ Fifth prize.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on Saturday at the Braid Hills to play for their monthly trophy. The afternoon being fine, there was a large turn-out of members. Twenty-five players started. Several of the players had to retire, the hill being so crowded with players. The trophy was won by Mr. R. Harvey, with a score of 78, less 3=75; Mr. P. Brown being second with a net score of 79.

HARRISON GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—This club held its first competition for the season, on Friday, 13th inst., in Harrison Park. The ground was very heavy. About twenty players were out. The medal was won by Mr. T. A. Buttar with a score of 45, less 2=43, for en holes.

HOLYWOOD LADIES' GOLF CLUB v. KILLYMOON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

This most enjoyable match was played on the Killymoon links, on Saturday, the 14th inst., between the ladies of the Hollywood and Killymoon clubs. The Hollywood ladies arrived by the 11.15 train from Belfast, and after a brief stay at Glenavon, arrived at the links soon after twelve o'clock. An exciting contest took place, play being good and steady on both sides and the teams well matched, as was shown by the fact that at the conclusion of the first round of nine holes, they had each scored the same number. Then the real battle began but the Hollywood ladies laboured under the disadvantage of being strangers to the course, and were, therefore, unacquainted with the hazards. The result was a victory for the home team of six holes up. After the match the party were entertained to luncheon at Killymoon Castle; by Mr. and Mrs. Moutray. Fair weather as usual favoured the Killymoon club, for the day was perfect from a golfer's point of view, there being neither rain, wind, nor sunshine to interfere with the play. The following is the score:—

KILLYMOON.		HOLYWOOD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss C. Adair ... ..	3	Miss Garratt ... ..	0
Miss Cox ... ..	4	Mrs. Roper ... ..	0
Miss H. Carter ... ..	0	Mrs. Pim ... ..	2
Miss E. Carter ... ..	0	Miss B. Kerby ... ..	6
Miss N. Adair ... ..	0	Mrs. G. M. Shaw ... ..	5
Mrs. Moutray ... ..	11	Miss Kerby ... ..	0
Miss Donaldson ... ..	0	Miss C. E. McGee ... ..	5
Miss Gunning ... ..	1	Mrs. Taylor ... ..	0
Miss Congdin ... ..	5	Miss S. Garratt ... ..	3
	24		18

The return match is fixed for Friday, April 3rd, on the Hollywood links.

THE ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last the above club held its quarterly medal meeting at Chingford. The early players this time getting all the worse of it, as they had to play through two very sharp snow storms. Towards the afternoon the weather cleared, and turned out beautifully fine in the evening. The green was still rather wet, which accounts for the rather high scoring. A very large number of members turned out, and a very fair number (over 50) of returns made, of which the following are the best:—

Mr. J. Gould Smith ... ..	Gross. Hcp. Net.	89 4 85	Mr. C. A. Tewson ... ..	Gross. Hcp. Net.	110 16 94
Mr. H. F. Gilmour ... ..	107 20 87	Mr. W. Noakes ... ..	101 6 95		
Mr. H. C. Fisher ... ..	101 12 89	Mr. J. W. Greig ... ..	102 7 95		
Mr. A. S. Johnston ... ..	95 5 90	Mr. F. C. Lewis ... ..	105 10 95		
Mr. R. C. Kerr ... ..	102 12 90	Mr. F. G. Barclay ... ..	113 18 95		
Mr. J. G. Gibson ... ..	91 scr. 91	Mr. C. Howard ... ..	113 18 95		
Mr. G. F. Sanders ... ..	100 9 91	Mr. F. H. Pyman ... ..	116 20 96		
Dr. H. Hawkins ... ..	101 10 91	Mr. T. Kerr ... ..	113 15 98		
Mr. G. Spurling ... ..	103 12 91	Mr. W. Francis ... ..	120 22 98		
Mr. J. Walker, junr. ... ..	104 12 92	Mr. T. N. Mapleston ... ..	119 20 99		
Mr. P. V. Broke ... ..	96 3 93	Mr. S. R. Bastard ... ..	110 10 100		
Mr. T. Brown ... ..	120 27 93	Mr. J. G. Glover ... ..	112 12 100		
Mr. G. C. Smythe ... ..	108 14 94	Mr. J. W. James ... ..	118 18 100		
Mr. Brace Colt ... ..	109 15 94	Mr. W. J. Bowyer ... ..	125 25 100		
Mr. C. Flint ... ..	109 15 94				

The following are the prize winners:—Quarterly gold challenge medal, gold memento and sweepstake, Mr. J. Gould Smith; iron and ½-dozen balls, Mr. A. S. Johnston; cleek and ½-dozen balls, Mr. H. F. Gilmour; 1 dozen balls, Mr. H. C. Fisher; special putter, Mr. C. Flint; brassy niblick, Mr. R. C. Kerr; driver, Mr. J. C. Gibson, Mr. G. F. Sanders, Mr. H. Hawkins, and Mr. G. Spurling, tied

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

The competition for Mr. H. Sawyer's prize was played for on Saturday:—Messrs. H. F. De Paravicini, 101, less 13=88; F. L. Govett, 104, less 16=88; W. Ramsay L'Amey, 103, less 11=92; H. Eden, 104, less 11=93; A. C. Bartholomew, 119, less 18=101.

The following made no returns:—Mr. F. J. Patton, Mr. H. Blackett, Sir T. Dyer, Rev. J. Stewart, Col. Eden, Mr. H. H. Longman, Mr. G. Pigot, Mr. C. Bayley, Mr. E. Ponsonby, Mr. J. Nickison, Mr. B. Keer Pearse, and Mr. W. H. Leese.

GIRVAN CLUB.—Favoured with very fine weather, the members of the above club turned out in force on Saturday last to play in the first of three scratch competitions for the Henegage medal. Mr. A. Brown, banker, Girvan, made the lowest score, 89, for the double round of eighteen holes.

ABERDEEN.

After a week of very boisterous and disagreeable weather, culminating in the biggest snow-storm of the season, which effectually put a stop to Golf, play was resumed here last week. Both the Victoria and Bon-Accord Clubs had competitions set down for Saturday, over the old course on the Aberdeen Links, the members of the Victoria competing for Messrs. J. Williams' and John R. Smith's prizes. As the weather was on the whole favourable, there was a good turn-out of players, and some very creditable cards were handed in. On these being compared it was found that Mr. Williams's prize (for which first-class players only are eligible to compete) was won for the month by Mr. A. Mitchell, with a score of 90, less 4=86; Mr. Smith's prize (for second-class players) falling to Mr. G. G. Cameron, with a score of 103, less 6=97. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Mitchell ...	90 4 86	Mr. G. Mortimer ...	97 4 93
Mr. A. McConnachie ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. W. H. Reid ...	98 5 93
Mr. A. M. M. Dunn ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. J. Gow ...	101 8 93
Mr. W. Bowman ...	96 8 88	Mr. G. G. Cameron ...	103 6 97

The competition amongst the members of the Bon-Accord Club was for the captain's prize, and here also there was a good turn-out of competitors, and some good work accomplished. At the close of the competition it was found that Mr. Lewis Anderson, with the capital score of 86, less 5=81, occupied the leading place, while Messrs. G. Simpson 99, less 10=89; and J. Ogilvie, 100, less 11=89, have a tie to play off for the second and third places. The following are a few of the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. L. Anderson ...	86 5 81	Mr. J. W. Murray ...	95 5 90
Mr. G. Simpson ...	99 10 89	Mr. J. Florence ...	97 7 90
Mr. J. Ogilvie ...	100 11 89	Mr. A. Smart ...	96 5 91

BUCKIE.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 18th inst., the members of the Buckie Club held their first handicap competition for the Captain's medal, over the course at Strathlene. There was a very good turn-out of players, and the result was that Dr. Duguid, with a score of 100, less 12=88, was found to be the winner. The following are a few of the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. Duguid ...	100 12 88	Mr. J. Simpson ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. W. F. Johnston ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. J. Johnston ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. R. Annand ...	98 6 92	Mr. J. Macdonald ...	104 10 94
Mr. J. Keir ...	105 12 93	Mr. A. Marshall ...	107 12 95

At the same time Mr. J. Macdonald contested with the present holder of the challenge belt (Mr. W. F. Johnston), but did not succeed in wresting it from him, the scores at the finish being: Mr. Johnston (scratch), 89; Mr. Macdonald, 104, less 10=94.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY v. MONTROSE VICTORIA.

An interesting match took place at St. Andrews, on Thursday, between the above clubs. There were eighteen men aside, and several of the ties were very interesting; and this was rendered the more notable, happening as they did between some of the best players on either side. The result, however, on the whole, was greatly in favour of the local team, who beat their opponents by 39 holes. The following are the details of the play:—

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.		MONTROSE VICTORIA.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. T. Carmichael ...	0	Mr. Walter Reid ...	0
Mr. P. C. Anderson ...	5	Mr. Wm. Cobb ...	0
Mr. D. W. M. Hodge ...	0	Mr. L. S. Smith ...	0
Mr. R. Barclay ...	0	Mr. H. A. Thomson ...	6
Mr. R. Johnstone ...	7	Mr. R. R. Balfour ...	0
Mr. Alan Cant ...	0	Mr. C. R. Murray ...	1
Mr. Walter Anderson ...	0	Mr. Jas. Thon ...	4
Mr. John Lang ...	13	Mr. D. M. Menzie ...	0
Mr. H. M. Kyle ...	3	Mr. W. Smith ...	0
Mr. Alex Mackenzie ...	4	Mr. D. Robertson ...	0
Mr. J. C. Williamson ...	0	Mr. John Sim ...	1
Mr. R. L. Proudfoot ...	2	Mr. Alex Cuthbert ...	0
Mr. R. B. R. Mair ...	0	Mr. Walter Mitchell ...	3
Mr. W. W. Wilson ...	1	Mr. Wm. Edward ...	0
Mr. A. G. Abbie ...	6	Mr. James Cameron ...	0
Mr. C. A. King ...	0	Mr. Geo. Addison ...	0
Mr. P. O. Macdonald ...	9	Mr. D. Lyall ...	0
Mr. W. J. H. Paton ...	4	Mr. W. F. Melvin ...	0
	54		15

A large influx of golfers is expected during the Easter holidays.

WHITLEY CLUB.

The Wyndham Cup (the gift of the popular Captain, Mr. F. W. Wyndham) was played for on Saturday, this being the fifth competition

this season for the trophy. The weather was fairly good for the sport, but the course was heavy, and prevented good play. The scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. Wilson ...	104 7 97	Mr. R. Aitkin ...	125 22 104
Mr. J. Scott ...	132 30 102	M. J. Hansell ...	130 18 112

Messrs. G. W. Williams, G. F. Boyd, and J. Hedley made no returns.

CLEVELAND CLUB.

The Cochrane cup contest was set down for decision over the Coal-ham Links on the 20th and 21st inst., and created a deal of interest amongst the members. A large number of competitors started for the prize, and premier honours were carried off by Mr. McKinley with a net score of 89. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. McKinley ...	107 18 89	Mr. C. E. Scott ...	110 10 100
Mr. J. White ...	114 22 92	Mr. J. Rodham ...	113 10 103
Mr. H. Roberts ...	93 scr. 93	Rev. J. Wallace ...	132 27 105
Mr. John Scott ...	106 12 94	Mr. R. McCurrach ...	130 25 105
Mr. D. McKenzie ...	100 5 95	Mr. J. W. Kyle ...	126 20 106

Several of the players made no returns.

THE ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competitions for the Badger cup and club prize took place on Thursday and Saturday, the 12th and 14th of March. There was a good deal of snow on the links on the 12th, which interfered considerably with the play. Scores:—

BADGER CUP.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. H. Mitchell ...	60	62	122	12	110
Mr. C. Humphries ...	67	75	142	30	112
Mr. N. Brown ...	63	62	125	12	113
Mr. J. Kinmond ...	69	74	143	30	113
Mr. T. Latham ...	66	61	127	7	120
Mr. A. G. Hatton ...	87	77	164	40	124
Mr. T. Kinmond ...	75	74	149	20	129
Mr. F. Glover ...					No return.

CLUB PRIZE.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. Lloyd Carson ...	72	59	131	35	96
Mr. J. H. Mitchell ...	52	55	107	10	97
Mr. J. V. Saunders ...	68	77	145	45	100
Mr. G. B. Blyth ...	79	60	139	35	104
Mr. C. Humphries ...	65	70	135	30	105
Mr. J. Kinmond ...	70	71	141	30	111
Mr. F. Glover ...	78	84	162	50	112
Mr. J. F. Wilson ...	85	75	160	45	115
Mr. T. Kinmond ...	72	76	148	20	128
Mr. A. G. Hatton ...	87	82	169	40	129
Mr. N. Brown ...					No return.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap of this club came off on Saturday, 14th inst., with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. S. Jones ...	98 12 86	Mr. R. H. Hedderwick ...	102 10 92
Mr. P. R. Don ...	96 7 89	Mr. W. T. Cotton ...	119 18 101
Mr. T. H. Oyler ...	107 18 89	Rev. J. H. Sampson ...	126 18 108
Mr. F. W. Stringer ...	126 36 90	Mr. C. Wintle ...	154 24 130
Mr. P. G. Spence ...	99 8 91	Mr. C. W. Dent ...	152 16 136

The course was in good order, and promises well for the Easter meeting.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., in a downpour of rain, the postponed competition for the Kentish cup was played off. Only a few members were bold enough to face the elements, and still fewer returns were made. The course was swimming in "casual water," and the putting-greens were very wet. Mr. E. Walbourne, 101, less 18=83; Mr. G. Thompson, 98, less 12=86; Mr. G. C. Smythe, 119, less 14=105.

On Wednesday the 18th inst., the March competition for the Spurling-Kentish gold medal and the Noakes cup were played off. The morning was rather threatening, but towards the evening the sun came out, and a good drying wind set in, so the late players had the advantage. But the course was still rather wet.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. M. Kerr ...	97 8 89	Mr. G. Thompson ...	106 12 94
Mr. A. S. Johnston ...	95 5 90	Mr. Nathan Womersley ...	118 20 98
Mr. G. C. Smythe ...	104 14 90		
Mr. H. T. Rutherford ...	120 27 93		

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

Consequent upon the unsettled state of the weather, and so much snow lying in drifts upon the links, few competitors played in the competitions for the inter-monthly cup.

Table of scores for Buxton and High Peak Golf Club. Columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Includes Mr. W. R. Bryden, Mr. J. C. Kay, Capt. Darwin, Mr. Jas. Strang, Mr. W. L. Shipton, Mr. R. Crook.

LEA HURST GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, March 15th, the first competition for a cup given by the committee was played for. The weather was dull and cold, and the greens were only in fair condition.

Table of scores for Lea Hurst Golf Club. Columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Includes Mr. J. C. Innes, Mr. C. Hill, Mr. W. A. Milner, Mr. B. A. Moody, Mr. H. Strutt, Mr. P. Middleditch, Mr. Marsden-Sandley, Mr. A. Clay.

DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly handicap for the club medal took place on Saturday, when the club was again favoured with excellent weather. The "greens" and "tees" are much improved under the supervision of the professional whose services the club have secured.

Table of scores for Dublin Golf Club. Columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Includes Mr. J. H. S. Russell, Mr. J. Lumsden, Mr. A. L. Figgis, Mr. J. M. Dickson, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. W. Keating, Mr. T. R. McCullagh, Mr. J. Lumsden, jun., Mr. J. H. Pigot, Mr. D. Christie, Mr. J. W. P. White, Mr. A. F. G. Henderson, Mr. Granby Burke, Mr. J. M. Davis.

COVENTRY GOLF CLUB.

The scratch gold medal, with captaincy of club and handicap sweepstakes, was played for on March 19th. The returns were not good. Mr. Hillman and Mr. A. Rotherham divided the sweepstakes and tied for medal.

On March 23rd a handsome prize, given by Mr. Hillman, was played for under handicap, Mr. O. Petre winning with the excellent net score of 78.

GOLD MEDAL AND HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES.

Table of scores for Coventry Golf Club Gold Medal and Handicap Sweepstakes. Columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Includes Mr. W. Hillman, Mr. A. Rotherham, Mr. G. F. Twist, Mr. O. Petre, Rev. A. R. Evans, Mr. A. P. Pridmore, Mr. H. Smith-Turberville, Mr. E. F. Chance, Mr. H. J. Nutt, Mr. F. Twist, Mr. E. Blackburne, Mr. F. Smith.

MR. W. HILLMAN'S PRIZE.

Table of scores for Mr. W. Hillman's Prize. Columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Includes Mr. O. Petre, Mr. T. Latham, Rev. F. R. Evans, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. A. P. Pridmore, Mr. R. Hill, Mr. F. Twist, Mr. G. F. Twist, Mr. F. Smith, Mr. A. Rotherham, Dr. Fenton.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The fifth winter handicap was contested on Saturday, March 21st, in cold and stormy weather. Mr. G. Lees secured a win for the medal and also took the first sweepstakes prize.

Table of scores for Disley Golf Club. Columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Includes Mr. G. Lees, Mr. S. Thackeray, Mr. T. C. Norris, Mr. R. Hutton, Mr. W. Ball, Rev. J. Bourne, Mr. G. H. Norris, Mr. A. Hutton, Mr. T. Mills, Mr. G. Hutton, Mr. J. Mills.

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for the Osborne cup took place on Friday, March 20th. Result:—

Table of scores for Durham Golf Club. Columns: Name, 1st Round, 2nd Round, 3rd Round, Gross, Hcp, Net. Includes Mr. G. P. Blagdon, Mr. A. McKinlay, Dr. O. F. N. Treadwell, Mr. E. S. Robson, Mr. J. Hutchinson.

Messrs. H. W. Roberts, B. Wynyard, and T. Wilcox retired.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH v. ROYAL ARTILLERY.

A match between the above-named clubs was played at Woolwich on Wednesday, the 18th inst., each side being represented by eight players. The Woolwich course consists of nine holes, and was played round twice by the contending couples.

Table of scores for Royal Blackheath v. Royal Artillery. Columns: Name, Holes. Includes Mr. J. G. Gibson, Mr. G. H. Ireland, Mr. W. H. Richardson, Mr. W. O. S. Pell, Mr. Robert Whyte, Capt. H. Gillon, Mr. W. E. Hughes, Mr. F. J. Walker, Mr. H. A. Bethune, Major A. W. Anstruther, Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote, Capt. P. J. T. Lewis, Major H. H. Crookenden, Mr. J. Burton, Capt. P. H. Dorehill, Capt. W. St. P. Bunbury.

Majority for Blackheath, 30.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

The annual competition for the Bombay silver medal, under handicap, was played on Friday and Saturday, 20th and 21st February. Both days were perfect for Golf, but the Ballygunge sports rather thinned the number of competitors.

Table of scores for Calcutta Golf Club. Columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Includes Mr. A. B. Stewart, Mr. J. P. Hewett, Dr. R. C. Sanders, Mr. J. Muir-Mackenzie, Mr. J. A. Toomey, Mr. A. C. Marshall, Mr. W. T. Reid, Mr. H. J. S. Cotton, Mr. J. H. Lane, Mr. H. C. Begg, Mr. J. F. Macnair, Mr. G. A. Ormiston, Mr. H. Clogstoun, Mr. L. G. Dunbar, Mr. W. M. Yale, Mr. C. Seton-Lindsay, Mr. A. F. Simson, Mr. J. Davenport, Mr. J. F. Finlay, Mr. P. Playfair, Mr. E. Rule.

\* Winner of the Bombay medal. † Winner of the Duffers' cup. ‡ Winner of the second prize.

The following are the scores for the Duffers' cup:—

Table of scores for Duffers' Cup. Columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Includes Mr. A. B. Stewart, Mr. J. P. Hewett, Mr. J. A. Toomey, Mr. H. J. S. Cotton, Mr. J. H. Lane, Mr. H. Clogstoun, Mr. C. Seton-Lindsay, Mr. J. Davenport, Mr. E. Rule.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club cup and a sweepstakes took place on the 7th inst. After the morning rain the putting-greens were somewhat slow, but a good field turned out.

Table of scores for Sutton Coldfield Golf Club. Columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Includes Mr. J. H. Chevasse, Mr. F. Rathbone, Rev. H. E. Wilson, Capt. C. L. Wilson, Mr. G. P. Peyton, Mr. P. A. Bourke, Mr. S. H. Knyvett, Mr. A. H. Lloyd, Mr. G. A. Muntry, Rev. F. G. Oliphant, Rev. W. Bedford, Major Baker.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the club cups, the old cup to be a prize chosen by the winner of the new silver salver, took place in a cold east wind which was far from pleasant. Victory has again to be recorded in favour of one of the recent members with the limit handicap. Mr. Merryweather's score for the first seven holes being 49, and for the second half, coming home against the wind, the low score of 37 was returned; this is very good play and clearly shows a marked improvement, requiring a readjustment of the handicap allowance. Mr. Seymour Walker, who was third in the previous competition, has now the second place of honour with a well played score of 75 gross. Messrs. K. E. Leach and Mr. C. J. Bunting tying for third honours. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. S. Merryweather ...	86	20	66	Mr. C. J. Bunting ...	90 15 75
Mr. Seymour Walker	75	7	68	Mr. L. K. Fawcett	90 14 76
Mr. R. E. Leach	85	10	75	Mr. R. Elliott	89 13 76

The following withdrew during the competition:—Messrs. W. Somerville Woodiwis, C. Trechmann, A. B. Crosby, G. Newby, P. A. Raps, W. Purvis, A. Robinson, H. Simpson, A. F. Trechmann and Chas. Cooper.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The March competition for the club medal, on Saturday last, took place in somewhat unfavourable weather. There was a strong wind, bitterly cold, and occasional showers of snow and sleet; but nevertheless, a field of twenty-five faced the tee. Mr. W. H. Pelly, ex-captain of the club, became the winner with a net score of 84.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. H. Pelly ...	102	18	84	Mr. F. P. Browne ...	111 16 95
Mr. H. B. Fox ...	103	17	86	Mr. W. B. Avery ...	113 18 95
Mr. David Pym ...	104	16	88	Mr. F. T. Oyler ...	116 19 97
Mr. A. Schacht ...	97	5	92	Sir H. T. Wood ...	124 27 97

Over 100 net, or no returns:—Mr. L. Horner, Mr. E. S. McEuen, Mr. W. Nimmo, Mr. T. C. Tucker, Mr. H. D. Tucker, Mr. G. H. Emmet, Mr. A. Hamilton Kenrick, Mr. Greensill Allen, Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. C. Hall, Mr. W. W. Long, Mr. Amsden, and Mr. Link.

Notice has been given to propose at the approaching general meeting that the membership be limited to 200, and that new members be only elected to vacancies that may occur after completing that number, at an entrance-fee of £5 5s., and an annual subscription of £3 3s.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The first quarterly competition of the present year for the De Worms challenge cup took place on Saturday, March 21st. The weather was of the worst description, as a strong north-westerly gale was blowing, with heavy snow storms, which made the links very difficult, and accounts for the small number of returns. Mr. C. E. Nesham, however, was in fine form, and carried off the cup with the good return of 92, less 4=88. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. E. Nesham	92	4	88	Mr. A. Pollock	108 8 100
Major Crookenden	99	9	90	Mr. G. Sandeman	108 8 100
Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	98	7	91		

Twenty-five players made no return.

BRIGHTON v. LITTLEHAMPTON.

A match between these clubs was played on the links at Littlehampton on Thursday, the 19th inst., when the visitors won by 33 holes. Score:—

BRIGHTON.		LITTLEHAMPTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Brock	7	Mr. A. Holmes	0
Mr. H. W. Street	7	Mr. R. Blagden	0
Mr. G. Sandeman	6	Mr. C. E. Farmer	0
Mr. H. E. Acklom	5	Mr. R. Holmes	0
Mr. S. S. Schultz	5	Mr. G. Goff	0
Mr. D. W. Duncan	3	Mr. H. E. Harris	0
	33		0

COVENTRY GOLF CLUB.

On March 16th a match was played between the above club and Sutton Coldfield on the Coventry links. The home team proved too strong for the visitors, as the following result shows:—

SUTTON COLDFIELD.		COVENTRY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Rev. W. C. R. Bedford	0	Rev. Hon. R. C. Moncrieff	11
Mr. F. Rathbone	0	Mr. T. H. Ashton	5
Mr. W. E. Chance	0	Mr. G. F. Twist	11
Mr. K. Wilson	0	Mr. H. Rotherham	5
Mr. J. H. Chevasse	0	Mr. A. Rotherham	7
Mr. F. Winder	0	Mr. W. Hillman	16
	0		55

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The following are the scores for the monthly medal competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. H. Hutton	107 27 80	Mr. John Russell	97 scr. 97
Mr. J. Hall	112 27 85	Mr. C. F. Dobson	106 9 97
Mr. P. A. Nash	114 27 87	Mr. G. C. Heine	124 27 97
Mr. D. A. Crawford	91 3 88	Mr. J. G. Dobson	116 18 98
Mr. I. Bannister	109 21 88	Mr. J. McMeeking	103 3 100
Mr. J. C. Warren	89 scr. 89	Mr. C. S. Wardle	110 9 101
Mr. E. Williamson	100 9 91	Mr. R. D. Oswald	102 scr. 102
Mr. R. Tullie	101 9 92	Mr. S. Davidson	114 9 105
Mr. F. W. Dobson	110 18 92	Mr. J. Johnstone	123 9 114
Mr. P. W. Allen	113 18 95	Mr. J. Henderson	129 15 114

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the gold medal was held on Saturday, the 14th inst. Snow was still lying in patches about the links, which interfered somewhat with the play and prevented a good attendance.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Campbell	115 21 94	Miss Fox	136 18 118
Miss Andrews	106 3 103	Mrs. R. Parsons	145 25 120
Miss Birch	108 2 106		

Miss Lee, Mrs. Lucas, Miss Middle, Mrs. Stone, and Mrs. Peckham, no returns.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Graham challenge cup (which is played for annually as a tournament by holes) was brought to a conclusion on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when Mr. N. W. Brown was returned the winner in the final competition with Mr. Lyttelton by the majority of one hole. There were originally thirteen entries for the competition, but some of these retired, owing to the heavy snowstorm, which played havoc with the links during part of last week. The following are the details of the tournament, which was productive of some excellent Golf, and one or two singularly close matches:—

First Round.—Mr. S. J. Wheble, Mr. N. W. Brown, and Mr. E. W. Nelson had byes; Capt. Cowan, receiving eight strokes, beat Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair by one hole; the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton, giving three strokes, beat Mr. J. W. Liddell by seven up and six to play; Mr. T. Latham, giving three strokes, beat the Rev. E. H. Oldham by one hole; Col. Boothby and Mr. W. MacLaren retired, leaving Mr. C. G. Graham and Capt. Shaw byes.

Second Round.—Mr. N. W. Brown, giving seventeen strokes beat Mr. Wheble by eight up and seven to play; Mr. E. W. Nelson and Mr. C. G. Graham retired; the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton, giving eight strokes, beat Capt. Cowan by three up and two to play; Mr. T. Latham, giving nine strokes, beat Capt. Shaw by three up and two to play.

Third Round.—Mr. N. W. Brown (a bye); the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton, receiving two strokes, beat Mr. T. Latham by two holes.

Final Round.—Mr. N. W. Brown, receiving one stroke, beat the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton by one hole.

The first competition for a silver prize, presented by Mr. Montgomery Patterson for handicaps (18 and under) was played on Saturday. The weather was bitterly cold, and there were occasional snow showers. There were 19 competitors, whose positions were as follows:—Mr. T. Latham, 95, less 5=90, first; Hon. R. H. Lyttelton, 98, less 6=92, second; Mr. F. Smith, 106, less 11=95, third. The next best scores were—Mr. Berkeley Lucy, 114, less 18=96; Rev. E. M. Oldham, 106, less 9=97; Rev. G. Barnard, 109, less 10=99; and Mr. A. Rotherham, 107, less 8=99.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The club gold medal, to which was added a second prize, was played for on Tuesday, March 3rd, with the following result:—

First Round.—Miss Crane beat Miss Clarke, Miss E. Howe beat Miss Edlmann, Miss Hunt beat Miss Stanger Leathes. Byes: Miss Middleton, Miss Grantham, Miss Gray, Miss Chambers, and Miss D. Mackenzie.

Second Round.—Miss Crane beat Miss E. Howe, Miss Middleton beat Miss Hunt, Miss D. Mackenzie beat Miss Chambers, Miss Grantham beat Miss Gray.

Third Round.—Miss Crane beat Miss Middleton, Miss D. Mackenzie beat Miss Grantham.

Final.—Miss D. Mackenzie beat Miss Crane. On Monday, March 9th, the club played for the silver sugar basin. Returns as follows:—

Rounds.		Rounds.	
1st.	2nd.	1st.	2nd.
Miss D. Mackenzie	45 40 85	Miss Whieldon	49 58 107
Miss Hunt	41 45 86	Miss E. Howe	57 50 107
Miss Ward	44 58 102	Miss Stanger Leathes	58 54 112

Miss Gray, Miss Chambers, Miss Crane, Miss Middleton, Miss Clarke, and Miss Grantham made no returns. A foursome match of holes, was played on the 18th inst., on the Warwick Links, between the above club and the Warwickshire Ladies

Golf Club, nine pairs from each club entered, and were drawn and played as follows:—

N. W. L. G. C.		W. L. G. C.	
Holes.		Holes.	
0	Miss Clarke and Mr. G. Saville	0	Miss K. Combe and Mr. N. Brown
0	Miss Chambers and Mr. Perry	0	Mrs. F. Page and Mr. Liddell
0	Miss Hunt and Mr. Everard	0	Miss J. Bullock and Rev. E. Oldham
6	Miss Crane and Mr. Wheble	3	Mrs. S. Smith and Capt. Shaw
1	Miss Edlmann and Mr. G. Graham	0	Mrs. Grundy and Hon. R. Lyttelton
4	Miss Ward and Mr. Dyson	0	Mrs. Richmond and Rev. F. Page
3	Miss Middleton and Rev. H. Green	0	Hon. Mrs. R. Lyttelton and Mr. M. Brown
0	Miss Ashton and Mr. Leaf	0	Miss E. Baly and Mr. Latham
0	Miss D. Mackenzie and Mr. Traill	0	Miss Boothby and Mr. G. Bowyer
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22		7	

Majority for North Warwickshire Ladies' Golf Club, 15 holes. Foursomes for sweepstakes were then played, but, as time did not admit of the match being finished, the remaining rounds were played off on the following Saturday, when Miss D. Mackenzie and Mr. G. Graham were decided the winners.

On Saturday, March 21st, the club played for the Monthly silver medal. Scores as follows:—

	1st. Round.	2nd. Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Crane	45	48	93	9	84
Miss Ward	54	46	100	12	88
Miss Middleton	44	45	89	scr.	89
Miss Stanger Leathes	49	52	101	8	93
Miss E. Howe	59	52	111	16	95
Miss Hunt	52	44	96	scr.	96
Miss Edlmann	52	57	109	5	104

A travelling clock, kindly presented by Mr. Alcock, was played for on Monday, March 23rd. Returns as follows:—

	1st. Round.	2nd. Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Ward	45	40	85	12	73
Miss D. Mackenzie	37	42	79	scr.	79
Miss Chambers	44	51	95	12	85
Miss Edlmann	48	47	95	5	90
Miss Crane	44	53	99	9	90
Miss E. Howe	51	57	108	16	92
Miss Ashton	52	50	102	9	93
Miss Grantham	48	62	110	12	98
Miss Middleton	50	52	102	scr.	102
Miss Stanger Leathes	53	60	113	8	105

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The last of the winter monthly competitions took place on Saturday, the 21st inst., with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. P. S. McCulloch	95 10 85	Mr. J. E. Pearson	115 15 100
Mr. H. Eccles	105 17 88	Mr. J. Kirke Crooks	116 15 101
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon	92 3 89	Rev. J. B. Richard-son	131 30 101
Mr. E. Hewer	95 6 89	Mr. F. C. Calthrop	129 25 104
Mr. J. Hornby	99 10 89	Mr. H. H. Hosach	122 16 106
Mr. J. E. Dean	102 12 90	Mr. H. Owen	128 15 113
Mr. G. R. Cox	96 3 93	Mr. J. S. Remer	148 25 123
Mr. J. Shepherd	100 4 96		
Mr. G. F. Smith	100 4 96		

The following made no return:—Messrs. H. N. Bushby, J. K. Osgood, F. A. Rockliff, J. F. Shepherd, D. Webster, R. D. Welch, J. Wrigley.

The following winners of the six winter monthly competitions will play off at the spring meeting on the 16th May under special handicap:—Messrs. G. R. Cox, F. E. M. Dixon, J. Shepherd, J. B. Hunter, W. Roughton, and P. S. McCulloch.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal handicap competition was played over the club's course at Bushey, on Saturday, 14th inst. Play was rather difficult, owing to the state of the course after the late snowstorm. Below are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. B. M. Barton	90 12 78	Mr. R. S. Clouston	99 8 91
Mr. H. H. Williams	102 18 84	Mr. E. R. Harby	119 24 95
Mr. A. B. Chalmers	97 11 86	Mr. J. A. Simson	105 9 96
Mr. A. A. MacNab	112 24 88	Mr. C. Davis	121 25 96
Mr. A. H. Wallace	99 9 90	Mr. J. E. Ewer	124 26 98
Mr. W. R. Carter	113 22 91	Mr. H. Dunkley	129 25 104

Not handicapped:—Mr. D. Scholes, 127; Mr. H. T. Lane, 131; Mr. S. W. Langlois, 133; Mr. S. C. Taylor, 136.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Although such terrific weather has been experienced in the south of England, we have had no frost or snow in Jersey, and Golf has not been interfered with. Visitors attracted by our charming climate and beautiful links are coming over in large numbers, and a good golfer from the Forest heads the list. The additional accommodation is now nearly completed, and will be ready for the meeting which begins on the 28th inst.

Saturday, March 14th, a Saturday sweepstake:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. P. de Crespigny	92 6 86	Capt. Summer, 40th Regiment	101 9 92
*Com. Fairlie, R.N.	95 9 86	Mr. O. Belk	106 17 92
Mr. T. W. Barker	93 6 87	Capt. T. Robin	98 4 94
Mr. A. C. Salmonson	108 20 88	Capt. Lewis	114 20 94
Mr. A. G. Robertson	113 24 89	Mr. E. F. Oakeley, 40th Regiment	122 27 95
Col. McKenzie	93 3 90	Rev. H. W. Yorke	114 16 98
Lieut.-Col. Mayne	100 10 90	Com. H. Littledale, R.N.	136 27 109
Mr. D. Turnbull	106 16 90		
Lieut.-Col. Stevenson	109 18 91		
Capt. Cavendish	118 27 91		

\*Divided.

Ten players made no returns.

STINCHCOMBE HILL GOLF CLUB.

After a week's postponement on account of the snow, the March competitions were brought off on the 18th inst. Although the green was for the most part clear of snow, it was none the better for it, and the day was altogether so uninviting that the entry was a small one. The difficulties of handicappers were well exemplified in the case of Mr. Kinnear, a beginner who has come on so rapidly as to leave the rest of the field nowhere. The ladies' play resulted in a tie between Mrs. Lynch-Blosse and Miss Violet Graham, and on playing off the former improved on her round, and won with the score 61, less 15=46. The club has arranged to hold an open prize meeting on April 28th and 29th, when some handsome prizes will be offered for competition. Scores:—

GENTLEMEN.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. E. A. Kinnear	109 30 79	Mr. J. Bengough	129 35 94
Mr. C. Gillanders	96 8 88	Mr. A. Hoare	103 8 95
†Rev. T. H. Philpott	111 22 89	Mr. S. A. Peto	100 12 97
Mr. F. Peto	112 22 90		

\*First prize.

†Junior prize.

LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mrs. Lynch-Blosse	66 15 51	Miss C. Graham	63 7 56
Miss V. Graham	78 27 51		

\*First prize.

Mrs. Gillanders, Mrs. Granville-Browne, and others, made no return.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal competition took place over the Braids course on Wednesday, the 18th inst., eight couples playing the round of eighteen holes. The course was somewhat soft from the recent rains, and in the valley a large pond between the twelfth and thirteenth holes formed by the accumulated surface water proved a formidable hazard for the unlucky player. One player had the ninth hole in one, his partner taking it in two, and placing the twelfth hole also to his credit in the same figure. Mr. W. M. Gilbert won the medal with the score of 101, less 22=79; Mr. R. G. Duthie being second with 91, less 10=81.

The competition for the Braid Hills Cup and a prize presented by a member took place on Saturday. The scoring was higher than usual. Both cup and prize were won by Mr. J. Pearson with the score of 119, less 30=89, second place being tied for by Messrs. J. Mercer, T. H. Newlands, and J. M'Intyre with net scores of 93. The lowest actual was that of Mr. D. Coutts, 96, scratch.

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