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- Mar. 7.—Birkdale : Mackenzie Cup.
Aberdeen : Burgmann Cup and Scratch Medal.
Bowdon : Second Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Berens Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Tantallon : Spring Meeting.
Edinburgh University : Challenge Shield ; McEwan Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Allen Medal.
Luffness : President's Prize Clubs.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
Cambridge University v. Old Cantabs.
Monifieth : Panmure Medal and Average Medal.
Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup.
Mar. 10.—Pau : Duke of Hamilton's Medal and Pendant ; Macnab Challenge Cup and Badge.
Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
Mar. 12.—Pau : Havemeyer Cup.
Mar. 13-14.—Calcutta : Madras Silver Medal and a Cup.
Mar. 14.—Pau : Annual Meeting to elect Officers.
Whitley : Crawley Prize.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup Competition.
Tooting Bec : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Monthly Medal.
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup (6th competition).
Eton College : Gold Medal and Club Handicap.
Wilshire and District : Gray Medal.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 16.—Royal Eastbourne : South Lynn Vase Tournament.

- Mar. 18.—Royal Epping Forest : Spurling-Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
Mar. 19.—Pau : Scratch Gold Medal—Ladies' Club.
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 20.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
Mar. 21.—Disley : Fifth Winter Handicap.
Birkdale : Club Medal.
Whitley : Wyndham Cup.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal.
Aberdeen : Pickap Cup.
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Disley : Fifth Winter Handicap.
King James VI. : The Mac-Leish Cup (4th round).
Formby : Monthly Medal.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Haydock Park : Club and Williamson Medals.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 24.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Mar. 26.—Pau : Scratch Silver Medal ; Ladies' Club.
Southport : Spring Meeting.
Mar. 27.—Crawford Club (Edinburgh) : Easter Meeting.
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.
Mar. 28-30.—Guildford : Easter Meeting.
Great Yarmouth : Easter Prize Meeting.
County Antrim : Spring Meeting.
Great Yarmouth : Easter Meeting ; Annual Dinner.
Mar. 28-31.—Felixstowe : Easter Meeting ; Monthly Challenge Cup.
Hayling : Easter 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.
West Lancashire : Easter Meeting.
Aldeburgh : Flintham Cup.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Easter Meeting.
Mar. 31.—Hayling Island Ladies' Club : Easter Meeting.
Cornwall County Golf Club : Lord Robartes' Gold Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : Foursome Tournament (continued).

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APRIL.

- Apr. 1.—Hayling: Houldsworth Challenge Plate (open).
 Apr. 1-2.—Royal Cromer: Easter Meeting.
 Apr. 2.—Prestwick: Spring Meeting.
 Apr. 3.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.
 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.
 Apr. 6.—Calcutta: Foursome Tournament.
 Apr. 7.—Birkdale: Ladies' Prize.
 Pau: Morris Post Cup; Ridley Challenge Prize and Cup.
 Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal (final).
 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.
 King James VI.: The Mac-Leish Cup (3rd round).
 Edinburgh C. A. Club: Spring Meeting at North Berwick.
 Wiltshire and District: Gray Medal.
 Apr. 11-13.—Lytham and St. Anne's: Spring Meeting; Two Scratch Medals, Six Handicap Prizes, and Terry Cup.
 Apr. 14.—Pau: Havemeyer Cup; Ladies' Club.
 Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.
 Whitley: Joicey Cup.
 Minehead: Spring Meeting.
 Apr. 15.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.
 Apr. 16.—King James VI.: Spring General Meeting.
 Apr. 16-18.—Royal Wimbledon: Spring Meeting.
 Apr. 17.—Durham: Osborn Cup.
 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.
 Disley: Sixth Winter Handicap.
 West Lancashire: Monthly Medal.
 Formby: Captain's Prize.
 King James VI.: The Mac-Leish Cup (4th round).
 West Herts: A Silver Medal.
 Redhill and Reigate: Club Medal.
 Monifieth: Gilroy Challenge Cup.
 King James VI.: Club Gold Medal; Imrie Silver Cup;
 Pullar Inkstand.
 Epsom: Monthly Medal.
 Apr. 20.—Brighton and Hove: Captain's Prize Tournament.
 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. 24 and 25.—Brighton and Hove: Spring Meeting.
 Luffness: Wemyss Challenge Medal.
 Whitley: Crawley Prize.
 Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.
 Seaford: Monthly Medal.
 Birkdale: Mackenzie Cup.
 Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
 Brighton and Hove: Mr. H. R. Knipe Prize.
 Luffness: Hope Challenge Cup; Wemyss Challenge Medal.
 Nottingham: Monthly Medal.
 Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.
 Royal Eastbourne: Spring Meeting.
 West Lancashire: Spring Meeting.
 Tooting: Spring Meeting, Annual General Meeting, and Club Dinner.

- Apr. 25.—Felixstowe: Monthly Challenge Cup.
 King James VI.: The Mac-Leish Cup (6th round).
 Haydock Park: Legh Challenge Cup (final).
 Apr. 25-29.—Monifieth: Gilroy Challenge Cup.
 Apr. 28.—Whitley: Joicey Cup.
 Birkdale: Final Ties Ladies' Prize.
 Apr. 30.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.
 Minchinhampton: Spring Meeting.
 Guildford: Spring Meeting.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. H. A. LAMB.

The long and valuable services which Mr. Henry A. Lamb has, in the capacity of honorary secretary, given to the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, of which he is now the captain, were fittingly acknowledged at a special general meeting of the members, at the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club on Saturday afternoon last. The recognition took the form of the presentation to the club of a portrait of Mr. Lamb, a replica to himself, both the work of Mr. John Pettie, R.A., and his election as a life member of the club. The gift was accompanied by a beautifully illuminated list of the names of the subscribers. The picture is an admirable portrait, and, considered generally, a magnificent work of art. Mr. Lamb is represented in golfing costume, wearing the red jacket, and carrying under his left arm a "bulger." Mr. W. R. Anderson presided, and there was a large attendance of members. The notice calling the meeting having been read by Mr. Norman R. Foster, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Chairman remarked that he should not detain them by any lengthened introductory observations before proceeding to the formal business of the meeting, as he should have a later opportunity of dwelling upon the virtues of their retired secretary, Mr. Lamb. It was sufficient, he thought, to say at present, and he was sure he was expressing the feeling of the whole club, that it was with great regret that they felt compelled to recognise that Mr. Lamb's long and faithful service, given so ungrudgingly and gratuitously to this club, had come to an end. He had, therefore, now only formally to move, and he was sure the resolution would be carried with acclamation:—"That this extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club desires to place on record its very high appreciation of the long and faithful official connection of Mr. Lamb with the executive of the club, extending over some seventeen years, and as a mark of that appreciation begs his acceptance of the membership of the club." He did not think it was necessary that the resolution should be formally seconded, feeling sure that it would be accepted as expressing the cordial sentiment of the club.

The resolution was passed with acclamation.

Mr. Lamb, who was warmly cheered, said, in reply: I have simply to say that I thank you exceedingly for the marked honour you have conferred upon me in electing me a life member of the club. I thank you very much indeed.

The Chairman then observed that, by way of introduction to the less formal business of the meeting, what he might describe as the more individual recognition of Mr. Lamb's services, he should read the minutes of the club appointing a sub-committee to consider the form of testimonial to Mr. Lamb on his retirement. Having done so, he proceeded to say that the generous response made to the circular issued by the sub-committee enabled him that night to present to the club this magnificent painting of their late secretary, by Mr. John Pettie, R.A.—(at this point the picture was unveiled amid cheers)—which he commended to the care of Mr. Foster, as secretary, and of the committee and all succeeding secretaries and committees of the club to be held as one of its most cherished properties, being, as it was, a monument to the faithful services of one who had laboured in the interests of the club, doing his business faithfully and without fear or favour for seventeen years—a monument to a gentleman who had, by his never-failing urbanity, and by all those qualities which endeared a man to his fellow-men, well earned the honour he had the pleasure, as their spokesman, of paying Mr. Lamb that day. (Cheers.) Their generous response had afforded the further pleasure of enabling him to present, in the name of the club, to Mr. Lamb a replica of Mr. Pettie's beautiful picture, also painted by him, along with an illuminated list of the names of the subscribers to the testimonial. He was sure that Mr. Lamb, or, at all events, his family, would not consider this the least of the compliments they sought to pay him. They begged Mr. Lamb's acceptance of this picture with their sincere wish that he might long live to enjoy his well-earned rest from official Golf, and that his stroke might be for many years to come "far and sure," as they all knew it had been in the past. He should not consider he had done his duty on this occasion if he did not mention before he sat down the debt of gratitude they owed to Mr. John

Pettie, R.A., for the beautiful work of art he had created to hang on these walls. It had been, he knew, a labour of pleasure to him to paint their late secretary. Mr. Pettie had himself told him that Mr. Lamb so attracted him from the first time he saw him that he felt able to throw into the picture the very best work that was in him. He felt, in fact, at first sight (as they had all felt any time in those long seventeen years of Mr. Lamb's office) drawn to him with a feeling almost akin to love. The result they saw in that magnificent picture which it was theirs now to enjoy, with this slight temporary exception. They were not for a time to enjoy it all to themselves, as Mr. Pettie had stipulated that they should spare it to him for the forthcoming exhibition of the Royal Academy, where it would be hung on the line, and would, he was sure, be considered one of the finest portraits in that exhibition. (Cheers.) He begged formally to move:—"That the best thanks of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club are due, and are hereby accorded, to Mr. John Pettie, R.A., for his magnificent picture of Mr. Lamb, and that the secretary be instructed to communicate this resolution to Mr. Pettie." (Cheers.)

The motion was cordially agreed to.

Mr. Lamb, who was again cordially cheered on rising to acknowledge the presentation, said he really did not know how he was to find words to express the feelings that arose in him on that occasion. They were quite too much for him. He had been very much more practised in their service with his pen than with his tongue, and the latter, he was afraid, was a poor thing to trust to upon this occasion. He could only apologise for the imperfect acknowledgment he made, and would rely on the kind indulgence which he had been accustomed to have extended to his shortcomings. His service to the club, extending over a long period, had been one of love. He had enjoyed it most thoroughly, and it was a time he should look back upon as the happiest in his life. His work was made easy and pleasant by the cordial and kindly relations which existed between him and the various treasurers, captains, committees, who had held office, as well as the members generally. They had most certainly rewarded him far beyond his merits, or any service he had been able to render them. ("No, no.") They had made him a life member, an honour which he highly prized; they had conferred immortality upon him by having his portrait painted by an eminent Academician—an honour which he could not have conceived in his wildest dreams; and they had further presented him with a replica to hang in his own house, where he knew it would give great pleasure to his own family. He thanked them with all his heart for that kindly act. They had also raised him from the humble position of secretary to the highest in the club, namely, the captaincy. They had, in fact, piled honours and gifts upon him in such a way that he was almost speechless. With regard to the portrait, as far as one was a judge of his own likeness, he thought it excellent. At all events, it was a life-like portrait of the bulger, and one felt inclined to slip it out from under the arm and try a swing with it. (Laughter.) He should always remember with a sense of satisfaction that he had assisted in the developing of this club from the small and insignificant body it was in its earliest years to what it had now become—worthy to take its place proudly among the great ones of the earth in the very front rank, and able to make its voice heard and its influence felt to the very ends of the golfing world, whose limits were only co-terminous with the commencement of space. (Cheers.)

At the call of Mr. Cornelius Thompson, three hearty cheers were given for Mr. Lamb.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Gane a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. W. C. Anderson, who has long acted as hon. treasurer of the club, and a like compliment having, on the motion of Mr. J. M. Anderson, been paid to the chairman, the proceedings, which were brief, but exceedingly cordial, terminated. Later in the evening a club dinner was held.

"HENRY LAMB."

A few lines in his honour on his retirement from the office of hon. sec. of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, and on the presentation of his portrait, and his election as a life member.

'Tis good to greet a trusty well-tried friend,
One who many a gracious act has don't,

One who, with sympathetic mien, oftimes
Has cheered the novice tempted to despair,
And oft, to those of more advanced degree,
Wise counsel given. To such—our hearty thanks,
And recognition 'tis pleasant task to give!
Thirteen years and more, as secretary,
Henry Lamb has served us well and true!
In the times of conflict and secession,
When foes within there were, and foes without,
And when Conservators, with scant goodwill,
Would fain have stopped our game, 'twas Henry Lamb
That helped by firm and prudent tact, safely,
Mid doubts, and hostile views, our club to guide
To prosperity, and place of honour!
Strong is now our club. Foes are now our friends!
And even Womankind look not askance,
Themselves they play! They've formed a Ladies' Club!
His task well done! With pride his work reviews!
Well satisfied, he now his post resigns—
Victor in full many a hard-fought match,
In difficulty calm, sober in success,
Foremost he stands, a golfer famed, well skilled,
From Caerleon to fair Edina's seat,
Or place, revered, of Scotland's patron saint
His name is known! In him we've gained renown!
And that, in times to come, it may be told
How prized his service was, and all his worth,
His portrait in our club we've placed, to mark
Our goodwill, our esteem. Oft may we see
His kindly smile! Oft! hear his cheery voice!
Long! may he grace our glorious game and share
Our festive board! Long! honoured member be!

W. G.

Wimbledon Club,
28th February, 1891.



"Engaged."

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Two country girls, who might be enjoying a holiday from domestic service, were lately observed walking down the aisles of St. Paul's Cathedral. Under the magnificent dome one of them stood and gazed around with an air of such wonder that her silence conveyed to an onlooker the impression that her probably limited vocabulary did not furnish her with the wherewithal to convey her impressions. A feeling of sympathy kept him within earshot during the delightful pause. At last the spell was broken. "Oh, dear, Sarah! wouldn't this place take a long time to sweep out?"



Musselburgh will soon suffer a serious deprivation. The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers are now, or will in a couple of months be, in possession of a Golf course which they can call their own. This migration on the part of the club has been expected for nearly a year. In the spring of last year it became known that the Company were on the look-out for a new course, and their endeavours to secure a suitable track of ground have been followed with much interest by the golfing world. Unsuccessful in their endeavours to secure, on terms agreeable to both parties, a portion of Belhaven Links, near Dunbar, the club turned attention towards the close of last summer further east. The expanse of links, situated to the east of the picturesque village of Gullane—a village, as all East Lothian golfers know, blessed with a charming course of its own—caught the eye of the far-sighted members of the committee charged with the matter. Negotiations with Mrs. Hamilton-Ogilvy, of Biel, were opened up in due course; terms were arranged, and the club was successful in obtaining a lease of the ground upon which they had cast longing eyes. When the course is completed, the parish of Dirleton will occupy the altogether unique position of embracing within its limits four first-class Golf courses, and part of a fifth. Not more than a quarter of an hour's walk from the village, and within sight of the Firth is the "hundred-acre park" or "howe," the new ground of the Honourable Company, otherwise known locally as Muirfield Green. The park is on the estate of Archerfield, and on the farm of Muirfield. The course which is expected to be ready for play at the beginning of April, has a slight drawback in respect that it is not so accessible as might have been wished. Drem, which is the nearest railway station, is four miles distant; but arrangements have been made for a service of conveyances being kept up between the station and the course during the season.

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It is not stated in any code of rules whether it should be said, speaking of the rapid spread of Golf, that golfers are not letting grass grow under their feet; or should one say they are, or are they a mushroom growth?

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However that may be, in some districts the coast is not only dotted with them, but literally striped. Some years ago a match was played from the first tee at North Berwick to the top of Gillon Hill. (As far as we remember only one of the players got there, the other got under a barricade.) Already we can conceive a match from Edinburgh to Dunbar as playable. The day may come when Londoners will play an East Coast match to Edinburgh. Fancy a bye in from Dunbar! However this may be, it is said a new green is talked of for Eyemouth.

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RECIPROCITY.—MCSTIMY.—"Dreadful bore, that fellow McPutter. Do you know that he kept me at a street corner for half an hour this cold morning, telling me what a good Golf player he is?"

McGOLFER.—"And how did you get rid of him?"

MCSTIMY.—"I began to tell him what a splendid player I am, and he left at once."

SUNDAY GOLF IN EPPING FOREST.—A correspondent, signing himself H. C. J., and writing from Chingford to a London evening newspaper, says:—"I see in your impression of Friday that the question of playing Golf on Sunday in Epping Forest was raised at the sitting of the Common Council, and that the Council confessed that they had no power to prevent it. Surely they have, if they care to exercise their powers. If Golf is allowed, why not cricket, and if cricket, why not football and hurdle-racing? I fail to see any difference. One is as much a desecration of the Sabbath as the other, and it speaks little for us, who boast of the way our Sabbath is kept, that such gross violations of common decency are allowed. Moreover, apart from a religious point of view, the game of Golf, as now carried on at Chingford, is a nuisance to the inhabitants and all who journey there to enjoy a little fresh air after six days' toil. The golfers entirely monopolise the place, and at times it is absolutely dangerous to walk even along the high road for fear of a passing-ball. The subject is one which requires immediate attention. By bringing it forward you will ventilate a great grievance."

For a long time the want of a ladies' Golf club has been felt by the ladies of Brighton and those of the surrounding neighbourhood, but, thanks to the energy of four or five ladies, this want has now been supplied, and Tuesday, the 17th inst., was the opening day. The Southdown ladies' links are situated near Burgess Hill (nine miles from Brighton and on the main line from London), and are of an exceedingly sporting kind, where a most enjoyable day's play may be enjoyed. The opening day was extremely well attended by the *élite* of Brighton society, and gave every promise that the Club would prove an unqualified success. The club has already 100 members. The Brighton and Hove Club have given kindly support by permitting Ramage, their professional, to give instructions to the ladies once a week.

The Richmond (Surrey) Golf Club has been so rapidly formed that the opening of the new links in the Old Deer Park took place on Tuesday the 3rd inst., at 4.30 p.m. The park is not open to the public, so members will be able to play in strict privacy.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., over the links at Chingford a 36-hole match was played between Mr. A. H. Molesworth, of the Royal Wimbledon Club, and Tait, the Royal Epping Club professional. Tait won by five holes up and four to play, and also the bye by one. The weather was beautiful and the putting-greens were in good order.

Mr. J. S. Kinley writes:—Playing over the new course at Portrush, County Antrim, on Thursday last, with Mr. Tom Gilroy, as my opponent, Mr. Gilroy holed out the 18 holes, both forenoon and afternoon under 80. Details as follows:—Forenoon, Out, 4 6 4 4 3 3 5 3 = 38; In, 6 5 4 2 3 3 4 5 = 37, total 75. Afternoon, Out, 4 5 5 4 6 3 3 7 4 = 41; In, 6 4 4 3 4 4 5 3 = 37; total 78.

INTERNATIONAL GOLF MATCHES.

An international march at gowff,
Thae English chieftains propose;
Nae doobt they think it easy wark,
O' Scotchmen tae dispose;
But by ma troth just let them try,
Oor gowff tae overturn,
An' syne they'll maybe find they're nigh
Anither Bannockburn.

ALPHA.

LOW SCORING AT GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Thursday, the 26th February last, a caddie named Christmas Stephens (commonly known as "Christmas"), went round the links of the Great Yarmouth Golf Club in the remarkably fine score of 68. The score was checked by Mr. W. P. Fulcher, a scratch player of the Great Yarmouth Club, who saw every ball holed out. Stephens' figures were as follows:—

Out ...	5	5	3	4	5	3	3	4	3 = 35	total 68.
In ...	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	5	4 = 33	

The Royal Western India Golf Club, at Nasik, held a general meeting of the members on Wednesday, the 17th September, District Judge Baker in the chair. Mr. W. G. Betham, the secretary, in his second annual report, states that the club is progressing steadily. The membership is now 85, 14 new members having joined, among them being Lord Harris. Regret is expressed at the death of Mr. Merriman, and the departure of Mr. Melvin from India.

It is related of the bellman of Inveraray about the middle of last century, being told by the Duke of Argyll to ring his bell and warn the people not to fish in Loch Fyne till such time as they got his Grace's permission. The bellman proceeded to make the announcement in his own vernacular—"Take notice that if any one is found after this day fishing in the Loch, he will be persecuted with three great persecutions; first, he will be burnt, syne drowned, and then hanged, and if he comes back any more he will suffer a far more worse death. By order of his Grace the Duke of Argyll, King of the Highlands, and Emperor of all the Europes in Scotland."

GOLF AT RICHMOND.

As in all good links the soil here is of a light, sandy nature. The ground is of sufficient extent to admit of a good eighteen-hole course; but it has been thought advisable for the present to adopt the shorter round of nine holes, of which the following is a description.

In striking from the first tee, which is close to the Pavilion, it takes three long drives over excellent turf to reach the hole. Should, however, the player get off the course, either by toeing or heeling his ball, he will land himself in long bent grass, from which he may find some difficulty in emerging. An oak tree, which partly guards the approach to the hole, brings the iron into requisition; but if the ball be struck too freely it will land in the rough grass which skirts the putting-green. The second hole, which adjoins Kew Gardens, is a shorter one, and should be reached in a drive and a cleek shot. Long wiry grass, at rather more than a hundred yards from the tee, provides a good hazard; but having safely negotiated this, the player will find himself on excellent turf, within easy reach of the hole. An over-driven ball runs the risk of landing in a fosse about twenty yards beyond. A long drive from the tee to the third hole brings the player to a fine stretch of beautiful turf, which forms one of the features of the links. Another long drive is required to reach the putting-green. The fourth hole is on uprising ground, and takes a drive and a short iron. The fifth, on the other hand, is on a slight slope. A straight drive from the tee escapes a plantation on the left, and a wrist shot off the iron then lands one on the putting-green. The sixth hole, on uprising ground, requires somewhat similar play. The seventh hole is the most prominent in the round, both in respect of its sporting character and its picturesque situation. A long drive from the tee lands one on good turf. The second shot requires to be carefully taken, as a large pond intercepts the direct line of play. It may be played short so as to clear the pond in the next stroke, or the hazard may be avoided by playing to the right. In either case a third shot, with the cleek, is needed in order to reach the green. In making for the eighth hole, a carry of about 120 yards from the tee will clear this pond, which may again be avoided by playing round. A long drive and an iron are then required to land one on the putting-green. To reach the home hole, a full drive is necessary.

The nature of the ground does not permit of such a variety of hazards as are to be met with on some well-known links; but the course has been so planned by Tom Dunn, of Tooting Bec, that the long bent grass which abounds throughout the links is fully utilised to enable the crack hand to bring all his skill into play.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that, for a nine-hole course, this is a very long one, where good driving will tell; and as the putting-greens are exceptionally fine, the links will be found to afford scope both for the long driver and the steady putter.



GOLF IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Yet another county has been carried away by the golfing mania. In the centre of England the dismounted cavaliers will be seen in scarlet of another cut hunting the wily ball to earth. By-the-by, one illustration of the growing popularity of the game—a fearful and wonderful illustration—is to be seen on the top and place of honour of one of Huntley and Palmer's biscuit tins, other games such as polo, bicycling, boating, and lawn tennis relegated to the sides. How the misguided golfer in the picture can hope to strike the ball standing as he does would puzzle anyone but the ever hopeful beginner.

In Leicestershire two golf clubs have been formed, one in Charnwood forest, round the hanging stone rocks, and one on the Oadby racecourse. The Charnwood Forest Club have the use of a ground particularly well adapted for the game, 460 feet above the sea, most charmingly situated, bracing air and fair prospect of wood and plain, river and mountain, turf of the right kind, good rabbit grass that the vulgar sheep will not attack, fern, gorse, walls, and a hedge or two, up hill and down hill, terrible punishment for the random driver, although perhaps too much discouragement for the half-hearted tyro.

Here Alec Herd has been called in to impart the St. Andrews swing for as long a time as the finances of the new-born club can stand. The disadvantage under which we labour is the fault of the people who placed Leicester and Loughborough where they did, unmindful of the wants of futurity, Leicester being ten miles distant and Loughborough four; but the railway that will soon be made by Sir William Watkin will bring both these places to a station within two miles of us. Possibly the summer will force us to alter the positions of some of the holes where the rock comes near the surface, but we shall not be compelled to give up the game, as is the case on most inland courses, by reason of thick grass and daisies. I have played several rounds without losing a ball, and who could expect to say more on a new green with great capabilities. But let none come and see for a month or so, or should any golfer, a desirer of universal experience, venture to come at once, let him leave his putter at home and practice on his lawn for a couple of days with his iron.

The Oadby racecourse I have not seen; but it cannot ever hope to be fit for play unless the idea of limiting the number of members to 40 gives way to an ambition to attain more nearly to the number of the Birmingham caucus—400. Indeed, it must be self-evident to all that a man must be kept who will give his full time to keeping the green in order, and a rent must be paid, and a small pavilion erected to give shelter in the wet and to keep in safety the implements of agriculture with which the earnest golfers plough their erring course from hole to hole. If this should meet the eye of any who have friends within easy reach, I trust they will without undue solicitation urge them to join our brotherhood.

I am, Sir, &c.,

R. C. F.

Quorn, February 24th, 1891.

PATENT GOLF CLUBS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Regarding your article on the "Ross Putting Cleek, I am afraid that I cannot endorse the fact of its being a new invention. I had one built for myself some years ago, and carried it in my set for some time, to use as a putter if needed, or to play a left-handed shot when required. It has long been relegated to the retired list of "Fads."

It may truly be said of Golf clubs "that there is nothing new under the sun." I have seen clubs of all sorts of form and shape. There is nothing new in Park's patent loftier, or driving cleek, and I have seen irons made on the same principle long before he was born.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ONE OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

February 24th, 1891.

OUGHT THE STIMY TO BE ABOLISHED.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—If the day ever comes when the stimy is abolished Golf will then have been robbed of one of its great beauties.

There is nothing specially difficult about the stroke, which only requires practice to manage it easily; besides, if it be to many players such a very difficult thing, the more reason why it should be preserved.



(1) Lofting over the ball.

(2) Drawing the ball, or putting on side.

The above diagram shows two ways in which the stimy can be played, and I am decidedly of opinion that No. 1 is the better of the two, and it is the stroke which I would earnestly entreat those gentlemen to try who condemn it, and who are waiting to sign a card for its total abolition.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Edinburgh, February 24th.

R. J. B. T.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you, or some of your correspondents who may be qualified to speak on the subject, kindly inform me through your columns if it is permissible to overcome a stimy by laying the shaft of your iron flat on the ground, the head being behind your ball, and drawing the iron quickly towards you, to cause your ball to spring over your opponent's and fall into the hole.

I am, Sir, &c.,

SECRETARY.

THE DERIVATION OF THE WORD "HAGGIS."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Scotland's National dish is chiefly composed of sheep's liver and heart minced with oatmeal and suet and "a curn o' spice."

It is sewn up in a sheep's maw and boiled. Skill in cooking is required to take care that the bag does not burst in the pot, and the water spoil the contents.

Robert Burns' "Address to a Haggis" is very fine.

In Scotch, the verb to "hag" means to chop with a sharp heavy instrument. The word is akin to the Icelandic "hoegg," and the Swedish Gothic, a "hugga." The topplings of trees and pieces of felled timber are termed "hags." The form "Haggis" is the ancient plural form of "Hags"; like "ballis" for balls, "bowis" for bows, "sportis" for sports, &c., "Haggis" being the "hags," or chopped fragments of the sheep's liver, heart, &c.

Of course, if "haggis" is a plural form, it would seem un-

grammatical to say "a haggis"; but in truth the word pudding is understood, and the full expression "a haggis pudding."

In pronouncing the old plural form "-is," it is wrong to give it the sound of "-iss." The true sound is like the English plural form "ies." In order, therefore, to represent the proper sound, the word should be written in modern style, as "haggies."

I am, Sir, &c.,

Wimbledon Club, February 28th.

W. G.

THE CADDIE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A very constant complaint of golfers is, that the men employed to carry the clubs are of such a low class—consisting, to a large extent, of loafers, drunkards, and generally out-at-elbows individuals.

A remedy for this state of affairs is, to my mind, ready at hand, as Colonel Newman, of the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society, 20, Charing Cross, S.W., is prepared to train for duty as caddies pensioned soldiers and sailors residing in the neighbourhood of the various links round London. These are respectable and sober men.

Golf clubs are being every day opened in different places, and in most of the provincial towns there are some of the above pensioners resident who could be regularly employed by the various clubs, and a register might be kept and a badge supplied to the men so employed, which would denote their official connection with the club.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. A. ST. Q.

GOLF IN THE NORTH OF LONDON.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Can you kindly inform me where the links are situated on the Metropolitan Line (St. John's Wood Branch). I see golfers going down the line, and presume the links are near Harrow or Neasden. I should be much obliged if you could tell me.

I am, Sir, &c.,

C. B. H. H.

Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall, S.W.,
March 1st, 1891.

BALL IN WHINS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Here is a point on which I should like your opinion, and that of experienced golfers.

A ball lies in whins. It was dropped behind the hazard, but it fell on uneven ground and ran clear of the whins with an easy run up to the hole.

The rule provides that a ball in whins may be lifted and dropped any distance behind the hazard with the loss of a stroke.

My contention is that the ball must be dropped so that the player shall in playing have the hazard between him and the hole. My opponent says No, that you may drop so that with good luck you may lie clear.

It is evident, I think, that the only fair interpretation of the rule is that the player must keep the hazard between his ball and the hole. Any other interpretation would lead to all sorts of disputes, some of them very unpleasant.

I am, Sir, &c.

TOOTING.

March 3rd.

P.S.—Perhaps it is right to quote the whole rule. It is in these terms:—

"In match or medal play a ball may, under a penalty of two strokes be lifted out of a difficulty of any description and teed behind the hazard, the spot at which the ball was found being kept between the player and the hole. The hazard in the case of whins or bushes may be considered as the entire group.

"In the case of whins the ball may be lifted and dropped any distance behind the hazard with the loss of one stroke."

[We are disposed to think our correspondent is forcing an interpretation of the rule which it cannot legitimately bear. If a player in lifting out of whins keeps the direction in which he played his ball, and drops behind the whins or uneven ground which causes his ball to accidentally roll clear, as was the case here, he cannot be held responsible for what the fortune of the game has allotted to him. As often as not a ball dropped behind a whin hazard falls into an iron scrape caused by a preceding player, and in this case the player who has to lift is very severely punished, because it is almost impossible to loft the ball out of the cut sufficiently to clear the hazard. That drawback, however, must be borne as philosophically as one can bear it. By allowing your opponent to say that he is not satisfied with the position in which the ball has rolled, after acknowledging that the line taken is the correct one, and that the player originally had the hazard between him and the hole, would open up a wide field for capricious choice on his part which would, to say the least, render the progress of the game irksome and far from pleasant. All that the rule provides for is that the player must face the hole standing behind the hazard, that he must drop his ball from his head, and what becomes of it thereafter is part of the good or bad luck of the game.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should much esteem an authoritative ruling on the following questions.

1. In what position and where is the player to stand having lifted and wishing to drop ball?

2. Assuming of course that the ball has been fairly dropped, and owing to the formation of the ground runs, instead of stopping exactly where it first touched the ground, what shall happen?

3. If it chance that a ball, after having been fairly dropped, shall not remain where it first comes in contact with the ground, but shall roll into a position greatly to the disadvantage of the player, or *per contra*, shall run so that it is greatly to the advantage of the player, and even being clear of the hazard, what shall be the proper honest and straightforward compliance with the rule and bye-law.

4. Take the following hypothetical case: giving a hazard 12 yards long, the centre of which is the direct line of play, and the ball shall be found say only 3 feet from either extreme end. Where shall player stand to drop ball when lifted? Behind centre of hazard or simply behind hazard, keeping spot where ball was found directly between player and hole?

5. Should only extreme end of hazard be in line of play and ball enter there. Behind which part of hazard shall ball be dropped?

Although only interested for the moment in one point, yet I have deemed it advisable to open up the question in every form in order that the same may fully discussed and settled once and for all through the medium of your columns.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. D. M.

[(1.) According to the rule quoted above, which, we believe, is the Wimbledon modification of the St. Andrews rule, the position to be assumed by the player is clearly defined. He drops the ball at the line of entry to the hazard, keeping of course as much of the hazard between him and the hole as is entailed by the direction of the stroke which foundered. (2.) The player's responsibility for the subsequent career of the ball ceases when, on the assumption of our correspondent, the ball has been fairly dropped and from the correct position at the point of entry behind the hazard. (3.) On the foregoing hypothesis everything has been done by the player to comply to the best of his power with an honest carrying out of the rule, and he cannot complain if the ball should roll so as to worsen his position, nor can his opponent object should, on the other hand, the lie of the ball be improved. The roll of the ball is beyond the player's control. (4.) The player drops his ball as near as may be convenient to the point where it entered the hazard, taking the line of flight of the lost stroke as a guide in taking up position to drop. This, however, would not apply to those cases of a ball entrapped among whins on the edge of the putting-green, because in many instances were the line of flight taken the ball would be dropped clear of any obstacle, and probably on the green itself. In this case it may be necessary to go at right angles to the line of entry and place the centre of the hazard between the player and the hole. A sense of what is fair and honest in submitting to the penalty ought to be the main guiding motive of every player.—ED.]

MATCH HANDICAP TABLE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In answer to "An Inquirer" I enclose form showing at which holes strokes should be taken on a nine-hole course, and which, I believe, is correct mathematically, the length of the holes not being taken into consideration.

1	5								
2	3	7							
3	2	5	8						
4	2	4	6	8					
5	1	3	5	7	9				
6	1	3	4	6	7	9			
7	1	2	4	5	6	8	9		
8	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	
9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

I am, Sir, &c.,

GLOUCESTER.

March 2nd, 1891.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am reluctant to again trouble you, but I should like to be allowed to put myself right with "A Competitor" in regard to his letter in your last issue. My statement as to the relative number of golfers in England and Scotland was not a guess, but the *onus* of proving (to use a legal phrase) that it was not so falls upon "A Competitor." I am not of his mind in thinking that the matter "is a mere detail." It shows, for instance, if two greens in England and two greens in Scotland are chosen as championship greens, that the former is in point of numbers, and presumably in other respects, getting more consideration than she is entitled to. With regard to Mr. Macdonald (whose name by the way is very suggestive of a Scotchman in disguise), I should be quite prepared, in the event of that international tournament which he proposes coming off (there is no reason why it should not) still to back the Scotchmen against the English combination.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. MCB.

Ayr, February 27th, 1891.

THE DERIVATION OF THE WORD "LINKS."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I be allowed to add to Mr. W. G.'s letter, which is short of the principal points as given me by the best of instructors.

The best example of links I know of are from Arbroath on the East to Monifieth on the West, in Forfarshire. We will start to the West of Arbroath. The first rough uncultivated ground is Elliot, called so from the burn or brook of Elliot, or links of Elliot. The next ground of this description begins at Carnoustie, but as the water-course is called the Barry burn, they are correctly the links of Barry. No better example can be given of burn links to golfers than in playing the 16th or Factory hole, where an iron shot easily carries three *links* or turnings of the burn's course. Further West (where the cannons' reports get blessed for short putts missed), where there is no Golf played, are the links of Buddon, from the Buddon burn. In short, it is the irregular turns or *links* of the various burns, and to no other derivation can the name be properly applied. I may mention a few places where Golf is played that the word "links" may be fairly applied—St. Andrews, Prestwick, Carnoustie, Monifieth.

I am, Sir, &c.,

GEORGE LOWE, Professional.

Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club,

St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, Lancashire.

28th February, 1891.

EMINENT GOLFERS—MR. J. E. LAIDLAY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read with great interest the article in last week's issue regarding Mr. Laidlay. We golfers in this town are all specially proud of Mr. Laidlay, as he learnt his game on Musselburgh Links, and although perhaps it is a little irrelevant to introduce the subject here, I think I am warranted in saying that our green has produced golfers—both amateur and professional—second to none.

A number of your readers who know Musselburgh must, of course, be aware that there are two different rounds played on that green, the one called the "Medal" round, which is the round, and the other called the "Figure of Eight" round, which is considered to be at least two strokes easier than the "Medal" round. Now, some doubt seems to exist as to which of these rounds was played when Mr. Laidlay made certain of his brilliant scores; and, looking to the importance of two strokes in such scores, I think it would be well to have any doubt removed.

I have always understood that when Mr. Laidlay holed every hole in 4, this was done on the "Figure of Eight" round, as was also his 35 in 1882.

The Medal scores speak for themselves, as, of course, they must have been played on the "Medal" round. I also gather that the 72 for two rounds must have been done on this round, as, so far as I can recollect, the "Figure of Eight" round was not on that year at all, and also judging from the fact that the score begins with three 5's, presumably for the three long holes down. Perhaps Mr. Everard could set these points at rest.

As I am writing you on the subject, I may mention that Mr. Laidlay, when playing in a competition, did the three holes down to Formans in 11. They are all long holes, and 5 each is excellent Golf.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Musselburgh.

J. A.

BALL STRIKING OPPONENT'S CADDIE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As to your remarks on my letter last week on the above question, I may say that I agree with your reading of the rule. I hold the rule, however, to be absurd as applied in such a case as that referred to, and I think the sooner it is altered or modified the better.

I am, Sir, &c.,

INQUIRER.

HOYLAKES GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—There two statements in the correspondence column of last week's GOLF that I cannot allow to pass unchallenged. First, allow me to correct Mr. J. MCB., who states that the entrance-fee to the Prestwick Club is "the highest in the land." This is not so, the entrance-fee to the St. George's Club at Sandwich is higher; and I think also that to the Royal Wimbeldon, but of the latter I am not quite positive.

A "Brither Scot" accuses Mr. H. A. Lamb of making a very wild statement in his letter in your issue of the 20th ult., when he states that at Hoylake you may scuffle quite half your tee shots with impunity. I think the wildness is in a "Brither Scot's" contradiction and not in Mr. Lamb's statement. At Hoylake you can top your tee shot at the 1st and 2nd holes, scuffle it very often with perfect impunity at the 4th, top as much as you like at the 5th, and at the 6th when the tee is to the right of the black hut, but not when it is to the left. You are not often much punished at the 7th; at the 8th there are two little bunkers opened up in front of the tee, but I have seen topped balls run clean through them, and very rarely seen one caught. The 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th tee shots must be clean ones. At the 13th a scuffled ball may be punished or may not,

the 14th is an iron shot and must be lofted, but the 15th may be scuffled and so may the 16th, and very often you may top the 17th tee shot, but not when the tee is behind the rough ground. In front of the 18th tee a bunker and cop have now been erected.

A scuffle, allow me to inform a "Brither Scot," is not precisely the same as a top, but means a hard but badly hit low shot, that "sort of" plays at ducks and drakes along the links, and ought always to be punished. Besides the tee shots you may at Hoylake top shots through the green very frequently, and also a good few approach shots. The air is grand, the turf about the best I know, and the Company first rate; but although I am probably as fond of Hoylake Green as anybody, it is not a good championship course and certainly ought not to be the *only* English green on which that competition is played.

I am, Sir, &c.,
A MEMBER OF THE R.L.G.C.

HONOURS TO A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER.

Who would not be a professional golfer? We wonder whether there is any member of the community who is held in more general esteem, who is more profoundly admired, or who possesses in a greater degree all those qualities which go to make up a popular hero? The skill at the command of the professional quite naturally elevates him above the mass of his fellows who pursue the game of Golf, and in their eyes the value of the exceptional gifts which give him this pre-eminence is not to be lightly measured. His efforts may awaken envy, but they will not fail to be generously and fully appreciated at the same time. It seems to be the case that the possession of ability of that kind which all golfers strive after, but in most cases fall very far short of attaining, confers not only more or less fame but also wins its way directly to men's hearts. How else are we to account for the extraordinary sympathy which exists between the golfing fraternity and the professionals? Here we have had the other week at Carnoustie a very remarkable manifestation of this fact. It is true that Archie Simpson is "a prince among good fellows," as well as one of the ablest exponents of the game of Golf that we have; but the expressions elicited from the community in which he had made his stay for the last seven years on the occasion of his departure for Bembridge, in the Isle of Wight, were of a nature far beyond what merely personal considerations could account for. Archie had done honour to Carnoustie. He had proved himself a credit to the "Royal and Ancient" game in the district, a capable and painstaking teacher, a warm-hearted friend, ever ready to do a good turn, and endearing himself to all with whom he came in contact by his genial and obliging disposition. These qualities have been recognised in no half-hearted fashion. They evoked as genuine a display of admiration as could be conceived. It must have been a proud experience in the career of the young professional to have been so fêted, to have had so many valuable gifts showered upon him, to have had his praise even sung in song; but on all hands these honours were admitted to be justly due and not more than deserved.

The farewell celebrations began on Monday evening, the 23rd ult., when the members of the Caledonia Club assembled in their club-house to offer their tribute of respect and esteem.

The captain, Mr. David M. Boath, presided, and introduced the business of the evening in a felicitous little speech. Archie Simpson, he went on to say, had endeared himself to them by his native manliness of character, his chivalry when meeting opponents, and his consideration and kindness for friends. In losing him they all felt they were losing a friend. Though an able exponent of the game of Golf, Archie never spoke slightly of any one who was not so good in playing the game as he was. He was certain that Archie would some day, and that soon, carry off the blue ribbon of the golfing world, and none of his acquaintances would welcome that day with greater enthusiasm than his friends the members of the Caledonia Golf Club, and none would follow his future career with greater interest than they. Mr. Boath then, in the name of the members of the Caledonia Club, presented Archie with a Gladstone travelling bag, a handsomely fitted dressing-case, and a silver-mounted pipe.

In accepting the gifts Archie thanked the donors for such valuable expressions of their good will. The happiest years of his life, which had not yet been a long one, had been spent in Carnoustie, where he had been received with great kindness and had made many friends. To those friends he attributed much of his success, and to the encouragement they had so readily given him. Though he was leaving Carnoustie he would not forget it, nor the friendships he had formed there.

Mr. John Lowson, Mr. J. R. Wilson and Mr. D. D. Paton also spoke in complimentary terms of Archie's many excellent qualities. Songs by Mr. C. G. Spank, Mr. W. Ferrier, and others, contributed to make the evening's proceedings most enjoyable.

On the following evening another interesting "function" came off within the Kinloch Arms Hotel, where Archie's friends, not confined to golfing circles, entertained him to dinner, and presented him with two massive pieces of silver plate. A large number of gentlemen were present, many coming from Monifieth, Arbroath and Dundee.

Provost M'Corquodale was unable to be present, but wrote as follows:—"I very much regret having engaged myself for this evening, and so being unable to be with you. I must express very great disappointment that our golfing circle of Carnoustie is about to lose its brightest ornament, one who is a credit to our burgh. Exemplary in his conduct on the Golf course or in private, he holds the respect of us all, and will take with him sincerest good wishes from his many friends in Carnoustie."

In the absence of the chief magistrate, Commissioner Ramsay fulfilled the duties of the chair, and read letters of apology from several other gentlemen regretting their inability to be present. The chairman was supported on the left by the guest of the evening, and on the right by Mr. William Young, while Captain M'Donald, Monifieth, officiated as croupier. An excellent repast, purveyed by Mr. Greenhill, having been done ample justice to, a long toast list was entered upon, Captain M'Donald replying for the "Army and Navy and Reserve Forces."

The principal business of the evening was then introduced by the chairman in a racy and spirited speech, in the course of which he remarked that the gifts which he was now about to hand over to the guest of the evening were not to be valued for their intrinsic worth, but rather that they were heartily tendered to him as a sincere expression of the esteem with which the donors regarded him, and of their deep regret at parting with him. All the golfing world knew of Archie's prowess as a golfer, but those present also knew the personal character and worth of their guest. They all wished him every success and prosperity in the little island in the English Channel for which he was so soon to leave, and all of them would follow with keenest interest his future career. He concluded by handing over the handsome testimonial. The salver bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Archie Simpson, along with cups, on the occasion of his leaving Carnoustie for Bembridge, Isle of Wight, 24th February, 1891."

Archie, in a modest little speech, expressed the feeling of pride with which he regarded the position in which they had placed him. The gifts were magnificent and unexpected, and he would never look upon them but they would recall to him the many happy days he had spent in Carnoustie, and the many friends he had made there. It was mainly to his friends here that he was indebted for a large measure of his success. They had cheered and encouraged him in the face of many disappointments. He assured them that their kindness would never be forgotten by him, and that it was not without a deep sense of regret that he bade them farewell.

The following toasts were proposed and responded to:—"The Trade of Carnoustie," by Mr. A. B. Milne, replied to by Mr. Greenhill; "The Magistrates and Commissioners of Carnoustie," by Mr. Alex. Cumming, responded to by the Chairman; "The Golfing Fraternity," by Mr. Jas. Bonar, jun., replied to by Mr. Robert Simpson; and "The Strangers," by Mr. High, replied to by Mr. M'Culloch.

In proposing "The Press," Captain M'Donald said they must have all seen with pleasure the institution of a journal devoted solely to the game of Golf, an excellently conducted paper which gave very full reports of all matters of interest to golfers, both relating to the district as well as to all other parts of the country. They must feel gratified to have the representative of GOLF present with them that evening.

Mr. Frank Boyd, in responding, expressed thanks for the exceedingly complimentary reference that had been made to GOLF, and conveyed the assurance that no trouble would be spared to make the golfers' own and only paper a complete success. During the evening songs were given by Captain M'Donald, Archie Simpson, Messrs. R. Scott, J. W. M'Culloch, G. Miller, J. Bonar, jun., &c. The following song written expressly for the occasion was sung with extraordinary verve and enthusiasm by the company:—

Archie Simpson's gaen awa'
Frae freens an' neighbours ane an' a';
But there's a heart will brak in twa
Should he no come back again.

Chorus—Will ye no, &c.

Ye trusted in Carnoustie freens,
They trusted you, dear Archie,
They kent you golfin' on the Links,
Wi' ever-laughin' cheery face.

Chorus—Will ye no, &c.

Sport an' pleasures a' in vain
On Carnoustie Links to him,
To distant Isle o' Wight he's gaen—
We'll hope to see him back again.

Chorus—Will ye no, &c.

Oh, Archie! dinna gang awa'
What ails you at the place awa,
I'm sure your aye made welcome here
By a' the freens that you hae here.

Chorus—Will ye no, &c.

Next day another presentation took place, and a very tangible one it was, too, namely, a well-filled purse of sovereigns subscribed for by the members of the Dalhousie Golf Club. The presentation was made by Mr. James Prain, in the unavoidable absence of the captain of the club. "I am safe to say," remarked Mr. Prain in handing over the gift, "that I have never known of a sum of money contributed more spontaneously than this has been, an evidence, if any be required, that Archie, by his conduct here, both on and off the links, has gained for himself our respect as a man and our admiration as a golfer. We shall miss him as an able exponent of the game, and for this reason we cannot help feeling sorry that he is leaving. At the same time we are glad for his own sake that he is getting such a good start in his profession, and if his success should prove at all commensurate with our wishes he will have no reason to regret the step he is taking. And now, Archie, in name of the club, I have great pleasure in handing you this purse. In saying good-bye, I need scarcely add that we shall all be extremely glad to see you back among us now and again when your duties will admit of it, and that we anticipate with confidence the time, not far distant, we hope, when your devotion to Golf and your undoubted skill as a player will secure for you the highest honours of the green." Archie having returned thanks for the gift, those present cordially wished him good-bye.

Archie took up the duties of his appointment at Bembridge on Monday, the 2nd inst.

ANOTHER NEW CLEEK.

The army of inventors promises soon to rob golf of its manifold terrors, and recently the veteran Tom Morris has been applying his genius in designing a cleek specially adapted to play cupped balls. The result is a very serviceable-looking implement, and those who have been playing with it speak in high terms of Tom's idea. The straight sole of the ordinary cleek is somewhat rounded, whilst the greatest breadth of the blade is nearest the front. In general appearance it is egg-shaped, but a little elongated, the length from heel to toe being three inches. It is admirably balanced, and the rounded sole permits of the cleek being used at any angle. Besides being useful for cupped balls, it will also prove very serviceable for hanging balls. Altogether the cleek is likely to meet a felt want, and Tom is to be congratulated upon having evolved out of his own thought and experience what will prove a friend to many a golfer. The cleek has been patented.



TROON GOLF CLUB.

Twenty couples started, some of them for the final competition for the Sandhills handicap gold medal, and some of them for places in the monthly handicap gold medal final on Saturday. Those who went out in the earlier part of the day were more fortunate than those who waited till the afternoon. A strong wind blew from the west all day, but in the afternoon it was accompanied by torrents of rain, and in these conditions high scoring was the order of the afternoon. The conditions for the final possession of the Sandhills medal are the best aggregate of four scores out of the twelve monthly competitions during the year. The monthly medals competition is for the privilege of playing in the finals at the end of the twelve months, for the absolute possession of the three medals, according to handicap. On Saturday the following are those that went out:—Messrs. John M. Cowan, J. Adam Anderson, Thos. R. Stewart, Wm. C. Wilson, D. Macmillan, David Fullarton, W. D. Strachan, Wm. Brown, D. S. McPhee, George Morton, Robert F. Wilson, George Drummond, R. R. Main, A. C. Burton, Wm. Jarvie, A. S. Henderson, Hugh Lauder, Charles Aird, T. B. McMichael, Alexander Raeside, Robert Scott, Alex. Walker, Irvine, Jas. W. Walker, Robert Dundas, John Merry, Wm. Morrison, A. Porteous, A. Foulis, A. T. Craig, W. W. Spiers, John Lauder, James Wilson, jun., Robert Brown, And. McMurray, James Irvine, D. Findlay, And. Johnston, R. White, W. Findlay, N. D. McMichael.

A number of those who went out later in the day did not finish, the elements, about four o'clock putting a summary stop to operations on the part of nearly all the players. Some, however, struggled through to the end, and, for the most part, tore up their cards. In all, eighteen cards were handed in, and on their being classified it was found that Mr. Wm. Morrison, ex-captain of the club, had by much the best scratch score, viz., 87, made up as follows:—5 4 7 6 5 5 4 4 6 6 5 4 4 5 4 5 4 4=87. Mr. Morrison being, however, four under handicap, his medal score was 91. The result of Saturday's play did not affect the result as to the possession of the Sandhills medal, which was found to have been won by Mr. And. Johnston, Troon, whose lowest aggregate handicap scores had been compiled as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
April	110	24	86
May	109	24	85
August	107	22	85
October	99	18	81
Aggregate			337

The next best aggregate was over twenty strokes above this.

Undernoted are the scores of those handicapped:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Wm. Morrison	87	+4	91	Mr. J. Merry	104	4	100
Mr. A. Raeside	111	20	91	Mr. Chas. Aird	114	14	100
Mr. R. Scott	115	24	91	Mr. T. B. McMichael	110	6	104
Mr. R. F. Wilson	108	14	94	Mr. Jas. Wilson, jun.	123	18	105
Mr. Geo. Drummond	114	18	96	Mr. A. T. Craig	112	6	106
Mr. S. Foulis	99	scr.	99	Mr. A. C. Burton	117	10	107
Mr. Wm. C. Wilson	113	14	99	Mr. W. Jarvie	119	12	107

The three classes for the monthly medals are those handicapped (1) 0 to 4; (2) 5 to 14; (3) 15 to 24; so that the lowest scorers under these handicaps in the above are placed in the list, and if they have been already placed, then the next lowest scorer.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

The members of the Prestwick Golf Club competed for the monthly handicap gold medal on Saturday, under conditions that deprived the competition of all pleasure. The following were the competitors:—Capt. Bertram, Messrs. Jas. H. Wilson, E. A. Miller, Edward Gallie, R. B. Bryce, J. B. Brown, W. J. Anderson, Sheriff Lees, Cecil

Kennard, W. Lowers-Clark, John M. Neil, H. O. C. Grant, J. W. King, T. A. Gallie, D. D. Whigham, Walter C. Alston, W. S. Wilson, R. N. Fairlie, F. E. Villiers, Wm. Houldsworth, James M. Glen.

A comparison of the cards showed that Capt. Bertram had won the medal. Very few cards were handed in, and the only complete ones were the following:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Capt. Bertram	...	97	15 82	Sheriff Lees	...	103	12 91
Mr. W. J. Anderson	102	18	84	Mr. J. B. Brown	...	122	24 98
Mr. E. A. Miller	...	108	18 90	Mr. Jas. H. Wilson	...	120	6 114

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.

A few of the members of the Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club played for Bailie Wilson's medal, and Messrs. Boon and Howat played off their tie for the previous week's prizes on Saturday. The weather was very bad, and only the following six couples went out to face the wind and rain: Messrs. A. Boon and J. Howat; J. Andrew and A. J. Larke; W. Paterson and D. Steven; J. Gray and H. M. Giles; D. Walker and M. Smith; D. Fergusson and C. I. Highet. In playing off the tie Mr. Howat, who had ten of a handicap, gained so much on his opponent, who played from scratch, that the latter retired at the thirteenth hole. Only three cards were handed in, and of these that of Mr. A. J. Larke showed the lowest score, and that gentleman was accordingly declared first for the medal. The scores were:—Mr. A. J. Larke, 98, less 16 = 82; Mr. J. Andrew, 88, less 3 = 85; Mr. H. M. Giles, 101, less 12 = 89.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

The committee have decided to allow play, for the purpose of handicapping for the final round in the cup competition on 18th April, on any day in the week till the 12th prox., the first round in the day to be the score handed in to the secretary. A large number of members have availed themselves of the privilege, the following being a few of the best scores made during the week ending March 1st:—Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt, 97 and 88; Mr. Vernon Leese, 101; Mr. E. B. Woodford, 104; Archd. Hamilton, 109; Mr. Neville Lubbock, 96; Horace White, 113. Ten new members were elected at the last committee meeting, and several ladies.

ABERDEEN.

The weather here on Saturday was not of the most favourable description for golfers, the high wind prevailing interfering considerably with scoring, which as a rule was high. The members of the Bon-Accord Club competed over the Aberdeen links for one of their handicap prizes—viz., one presented by Mr. Ogilvie, an ex-captain of the club. There was a good turn-out of members, and the scoring, considering the wind, was fairly good. Mr. James Ogilvie, with a score of 94, less 12 = 82, proved to be the winner of the prize for the month. The following are a few of the best cards handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. James Ogilvie...	94	12	82	Mr. J. F. Florence	98	7	91
Mr. L. Anderson	89	5	84	Mr. A. Smart	97	5	92
Mr. W. Smart	89	+2	91				

DISLEY v. RYLEY.

A match was played on Saturday, February 28th, at Alderley, between the Disley Golf Club and the Ryley's Golf Club, and was won by the visitors by 21 holes.

DISLEY.

	Holes.
W. Bell	1
R. Hutton	2
H. Garrett	1
Rev. J. Bourne	8
A. Monkhouse	0
A. Hutton	9
G. Hutton	3
J. Mills	3
	27

RYLEY'S.

	Holes.
C. Harvey	0
D. Tonge	0
A. Harvey	0
G. Redmayne	0
L. Marriott	6
F. McLaren	0
C. Stoert	0
G. Bickham	0
	6

WHITLEY CLUB.—The Routledge Cup was competed for on Saturday for the second time this season. A large number of novices turned out for the event, premier honours finally resting with Mr. T. Leathart, with a net score of 102. Scores:—Mr. T. H. Leathart, 127, less 25 = 102; Dr. S. Robson, 154, less 30 = 124. This contest is confined to members with not less than 15 strokes handicap allowance.

BURNTISLAND GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the winter medal took place on Saturday in gusty weather, and consequently scoring was higher than usual. Messrs. A. Lyon and J. Morgan succeeded in tying for the first place, the former with 75, less 9 = 66; and the latter with 78, less 12 = 66; Mr. A. Elder followed with 75, less 5 = 70; Mr. W. Duncan, 76, less 4 = 72; and Mr. J. Begg, 78, less 6 = 72.

NORTH BERWICK.

A large number of visitors and residents frequented the green on Saturday, and, as usual on the week previous to the medal competition, several members of the Tantallon Club engaged in a round of the course. The weather in the forenoon was favourable, albeit somewhat breezy. As the day advanced, however, quite a gale sprung up, and some of those who drove from the tee later in the afternoon found it convenient to finish before arriving at the home disc. Amongst those who played over the links during the day were General H. C. Brewster, Sheriff Melville, Major Isaacson, Dr. Argyll Robertson, Mr. Charles Chambers, Mr. J. Wharton Tod, Mr. A. Stuart, Mr. W. Gibson Blossom, Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, Mr. Frank Kinloch, Mr. R. G. Suttie, Mr. F. T. Tennant, and Mr. John Forrest.

In a friendly foursome Sheriff Melville and Mr. Tod were opposed to Mr. Stuart and Mr. Kinloch. Two rounds of the green were played, Mr. Stuart and his partner winning both. Dr. Argyll Robertson and Mr. Chambers engaged in a single. The first round resulted in favour of the latter by two up and one to play, Mr. Chambers also winning a close and good game in the afternoon. Playing with W. Thomson, Ben Sayers completed the round in 73—40 out and 33 home. This was a fine score considering the strong wind. Mr. Gordon Robertson had a good match with G. Douglas, professional. In a single between Mr. James Mitchell and Mr. J. D. Rattray, the former proved successful by four up and three to play. General Brewster and Mr. Maxwell were round in company, Major Isaacson had a couple of rounds with Captain Suttie. Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple and Sir David Baird were round the green in company on Tuesday of last week, and it may be somewhat interesting to mention that Sir David played throughout the game with very old feather balls, size 20. Mr. John R. Whitecross and Mr. John Forrest engaged in a single on Wednesday. Each played a strong game. Mr. Whitecross, with the aid of a third, succeeded in defeating his opponent after some excellent play, by four holes up and three to play. Ben Sayers, Davie Grant, and W. Thomson engaged in a three-ball match on Thursday afternoon. Sayers, allowing Thomson seven strokes, succeeded in beating both of his opponents, and Grant was successful over Thomson. The match throughout was pretty equal, however, each of the professionals showing a fine all-round game.

FORFARSHIRE.

The annual general meeting of the Monifieth Golf Club was held last Friday evening, within Low's Dining Hall. The attendance of members was very large, and Mr. David Dempster was called upon to preside. It appeared from the financial report that the funds of the club were in a very satisfactory state. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, Mr. David Dempster being elected captain, and the following to serve upon the committee of management, namely, Messrs. George Wright, James Burns, James Young, and Alex. Johnston.

Before proceeding to the next item of business—the election of the secretary—Mr. Andrew Walker, who has now filled that office for a quarter of a century, and to whom the club is mostly indebted for its present flourishing condition, intimated that it was his intention to retire at that time from office, assuring them, however, that he would still continue to take an interest in the welfare of the club. The meeting would not hear of Mr. Walker's retirement, but urged him strongly to continue at the post which no other could fill so well, and ultimately he was re-elected secretary for the next three years.

An interesting announcement was next made by Mr. David Anderson, of the Grange, a gentleman who has already done much to encourage good play amongst the members of the club. Mr. Anderson is to give a gold medal to the best all-round player during the forthcoming season. It was left to the committee to arrange with the donor relative to the conditions under which the medal should be played for.

A proposal to increase the subscription in order that the club may contribute more to meet the additional expenses incurred in connection with the upkeep of the green was agreed to. It was also resolved to start the medal competitions as soon after one o'clock as possible, so as to give the golfers outside of the club better accommodation on the links on Saturday afternoons, as the players on the course were increasing enormously. A good number of new members were admitted. The first competition for the season—for the Panmure medal—takes place to-morrow (7th) when there is sure to be a large turn-out of members.

LEA HURST GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for a club presented by Dr. Innes took place on Saturday, February 21st. The weather was very unfavourable, being foggy and cold, which stopped many members from playing. The club was won by Mr. F. C. Arkwright. Scores:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. C. Arkwright	147	10	137	Mr. Moody...	177	25	152
Rev. J. A. Lorbey ...	163	25	138	Mr. H. H. Middleditch	177	25	152
Mr. T. Clarke ...	164	25	139	Mr. P. Middleditch...	184	20	164
Mr. J. B. M. Smedley	176	25	151				

ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The Golf season opened at Alnmouth last Saturday, with the first contest for a monthly cup. The cup will be competed for in a series of nine monthly competitions. The weather was favourable for the game, and there was a very large attendance of members and friends, and twenty-two players started for the trophy. The scores were as follows:—

	1st Round	2nd Round	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Oliver ...	50	47	97	14	83
Mr. G. F. Charlton ...	49	49	98	6	92
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe ...	47	47	94	scr.	94
Mr. C. A. Kidley ...	43	53	96	2	94
Mr. T. L. M. Orde ...	52	56	108	12	96
Mr. F. W. Wyndham ...	65	55	120	23	97
Mr. T. A. Hutton ...	59	53	112	15	97
Mr. J. de C. Paynter ...	57	45	102	4	98
Mr. J. Robertson ...	51	57	108	9	99
Mr. S. Osborne ...	55	55	110	11	99
Mr. A. H. Marsh ...	63	56	119	18	101
Mr. R. T. Thomson ...	52	50	102	scr.	102
Mr. G. Blagdon ...	65	49	114	10	104
Mr. J. G. Sharpe ...	60	58	118	13	105
Mr. T. Tate ...	60	53	113	7	106
Mr. R. M. Hansard ...	60	63	123	14	109
Mr. E. Paynter ...	66	65	131	20	111
Mr. J. Lowrie ...	58	61	119	7	112

Messrs. E. Grey, H. C. Smith, H. E. Browne, J. Milton, made no returns.

Mr. Marsh an artist who has lately been resident in the district, has presented the club with a picture to be played for by the members.

ST. ANDREWS.

The monthly handicap of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club came off on Wednesday, 25th ult., with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp.Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Robertson Reid	97	10 87	Mr. H. S. C. Everard	91	scr. 91
Mr. C. E. Gilroy ...	88	scr. 88	Mr. R. Gilroy ...	97	4 93
Mr. R. B. Sharp ...	89	scr. 89	Mr. A. F. Macfie ...	94	scr. 94
Mr. J. L. Luke ...	95	6 89	Mr. D. I. Lamb ...	96	scr. 96
Mr. E. J. Jackson ...	101	11 90	Mr. H. B. Gilroy ...	106	9 97
Mr. W. R. Sharp ...	100	9 91	Col. D. W. Mackinnon	104	5 99

Mr. J. R. Reid won the handicap, and also put in a win for the optional prize.

On Monday Ben Sayers, North Berwick, Andrew Kirkcaldy, and Mr. D. Leitch played a three-ball match. In the outward journey Ben had the best of the game, and turned 4 a-head. Homeward, however, Kirkcaldy played a grand game, and the match was only concluded in Sayers' favour by a single putt, Kirkcaldy beat Leitch. Though he lost in holes Kirkcaldy had the best score, it being 45 out and 37 in; total, 82. Sayers' score was: out, 40; in, 43; total, 83.

INNERLEITHEN v. SELKIRK.

An interesting match between the above clubs (ten men aside) was played at Innerleithen on Saturday. There was a high wind, otherwise the day was favourable, and the greens were in good condition. The following are the details of the play, from which it will be seen that Innerleithen obtained the victory by twenty-five holes:—

INNERLEITHEN.		SELKIRK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. G. A. D. C. Ferguson	5	Mr. W. H. Gray	0
Mr. A. Robertson	5	Mr. J. Thomson	0
Mr. W. Lyon	4	Mr. A. Weir	0
Mr. M. G. Thorburn	6	Mr. C. Alexander	0
Mr. J. S. Smail	2	Mr. D. C. Alexander	0
Mr. H. Ballantyne, jun.	0	Mr. John Connachie	6
Mr. G. H. Gibson-Carmichael.	5	Mr. G. McNeill	0
Mr. J. M. Gunn	0	Mr. G. T. Scott	4
Mr. R. T. Robertson	6	Mr. D. M. Mackintosh	0
Mr. A. Yellowlees	2	Mr. H. Hunter Blair	0
	35		10

Majority for Innerleithen, 25.

WARRENDER GOLF CLUB.—This club held their first competition for the year over the Braids, Edin., on Thursday, 26th ult., for Smart and Alexander medals, and other prizes. There was a good turn-out of the members, and the weather was excellent, but the putting-greens were found to be very rough. The following are the prize-winners:—1, L. G. Ross, 83, plus 4=87, Smart medal and first prize; 2, T. Carruthers, 95, less 7=98, Alexander medal and second prize; 3, and 4, R. Glass, 93, plus 2=95, and G. Campbell, 113, less 18=95, tie; 5, and 6, F. Mathie, 102, less 5=97, and W. G. Grieve, 102, less 5=97, tie; 7, D. Stocks, 113, less 14=99; 8, P. King, 118, less 18=100.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the play for the first competition for Mr. H. Sawyer's prize, the conditions for which are the best aggregate of three scores under handicap made on the third Saturdays of February, March, April, May, September, October, November, December, 1891. The fog on Saturday, the 21st ult., interfered somewhat with the early starters, as it was very dense, but the greens, as usual, were in first-class order, and are in no way responsible for the high figures returned. We note the winner's handicap. When will it be possible for all clubs to reduce their limit to 18 strokes. Do please, Mr. Editor, have a word to say on this subject as soon as convenient. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
A. C. Bartholomew	115	30 85	F. J. Patton	99	2 97
H. Sawyer	98	11 87	F. L. Govett	113	16 97
R. A. H. Mitchell	92	scr. 92	E. M. Hadow	122	24 98
J. Oswald	98	5 93	C. Hamilton	106	6 100
Col. Eden	109	14 95	H. C. Clarke	116	16 100

No returns from H. Blackett, H. H. Longman, H. Eden, E. Ponsonby, H. de Paravicini, Rev. J. Stewart, Rev. H. Wilson, E. H. Saulez, P. Laming, C. E. Haig, &c.

The competitions for the club cup and for the silver putter took place on Saturday, Feb. 28th, and resulted in another win for Mr. Mitchell for the scratch prize, Mr. C. Hamilton coming out first for the handicap.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. C. Hamilton...	85	6 79	Col. Eden ...	105	14 91
Mr. J. Oswald ...	89	5 84	Mr. H. Eden...	103	11 92
Mr. E. H. Saulez ...	107	22 85	Mr. H. H. Longman	107	15 92
Mr. C. C. Clarke ...	104	18 86	Mr. H. Blackett ...	100	8 92
Mr. H. C. Clarke ...	103	16 87	Rev. J. Stewart ...	103	10 93
†Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell	91	scr. 91	Mr. W. R. L'Amey...	108	14 94
			Mr. R. Thorold ...	126	30 96

* Winner of club cup.

† Winner of silver putter.

Over 100, or no returns:—Mr. F. J. Patton, Mr. C. C. Bayley, Mr. L. B. Keyser, Mr. E. Ponsonby, Mr. H. Sawyer, Rev. H. Wilson.

LADIES' ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

Glorious weather brought out a large number of ladies to compete for the club prizes on Thursday, February 26th, with the following results:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Miss Hanbury ...	98	24	74	Mrs. H. Blackett ...	91	scr.	91
Miss F. Magniac ...	97	22	75	Mrs. H. Sneyd Kyn-			
Miss M. Magniac ...	99	18	81	nersley ...	103	12	91
Miss L. Bannatine ...	102	15	87	Miss Magnaie ...	107	14	93
Mrs. H. C. Clarke ...	100	12	88	Mrs. Mackenzie ...	118	24	94
Miss C. Clive-Bayley	112	24	88	Miss Morris ...	107	10	97
†Miss Ida Clement ...	89	scr.	89	Mrs. Gordon Patter-			
Mrs. Saulez ...	92	3	89	son ...	121	24	97
Miss C. Bruce ...	97	8	89	Hon. E. Milman ...	100	2	98
Lady Berkeley ...	97	8	89	Miss Mason ...	99	scr.	99
Miss R. Haig ...	90	scr.	90	Miss C. Schneider ...	123	24	99
Miss Clive-Bayley ...	101	11	90				

* Winner of handicap prize.

† Winner of scratch prize.

Over a hundred, or no returns:—Mrs. Patton, Miss Schneider, Miss Ingham, Miss Patton, Miss Foster.

WARWICKSHIRE v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

This match was played at Oxford on Wednesday, February 18th, in good golfing weather; but the frost of the previous night had played havoc with some of the damper greens. The matches were in some cases fairly close, but in only one case were the visitors up. Appended is the score:—

WARWICK.			Holes.	OXFORD.			Holes.
Col. Boothby	...	...	0	Mr. J. B. Pease	...	...	3
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	...	...	0	Mr. H. J. Whigham	...	...	6
Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncrieff	...	...	0	Mr. R. H. Dun	...	...	5
Mr. F. C. Hunter-Blair	...	...	0	Mr. F. H. Stewart	...	...	7
Mr. T. Latham	...	...	0	Mr. W. D. Davidson	...	...	3
Hon. R. Lyttelton	...	...	0	Mr. A. E. Ripley	...	...	7
Mr. R. O. Milne	...	...	0	Mr. G. B. Grundy	...	...	5
Mr. A. Rotherham	...	...	0	Mr. G. M. Style	...	...	2
Mr. G. F. Twist	...	...	6	Mr. A. Gordon	...	...	0
Mr. N. W. Brown	...	...	0	Mr. G. E. King	...	...	0
Mr. F. Smith	...	...	0	Mr. H. C. Stewart	...	...	1
Mr. S. H. le Fleming	...	...	0	Hon. D. H. Cairns	...	...	0
Total	...	...	6	Total	...	...	39

Majority for O.U.G.C., 33 holes.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

The following were the scores at the monthly medal meeting, February 14th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Carr	100	12 88	Mr. H. C. Blyth	95	scr. 95
Mr. D. S. Hindmarsh	98	10 88	Mr. Balcome	110	15 95
Mr. J. C. Wadham	105	16 89	Mr. A. D. Blyth	95	scr. 95
Mr. G. D. Rowe	106	15 91	Mr. L. Wilson	107	12 95
Mr. O. W. R. Hewitt	99	7 92	Mr. G. Foord-Kelcey	113	18 95
Mr. T. W. Lang	104	10 94	Mr. F. Skene	103	7 96
Mr. T. R. Mills	99	5 94	Mr. W. C. Anderson	116	20 96
Mr. A. Carr	112	18 94	Mr. D. Gibson	117	18 99
Mr. T. W. Legh	114	20 94	Mr. R. Lawson	103	6 97

The following gentlemen either made no return or their scores were over 100: Messrs. F. H. A. Booth, H. B. Fox, Dudley Stuart, E. H. Dunn, W. Radcliffe, R. C. Harrison, Capt. A. G. B. Urnston, Messrs. O. R. Luxford, N. C. Adam, Sir T. Troubridge, Messrs. A. Flint, J. H. Hodson, C. Thompson, W. R. Anderson, E. Banbury, J. B. Joyce, Col. Shewell, and others.

ST. NEOTS v. HUNTINGDON.

Played at St. Neots on February 25th, on the links recently laid out there. The day was; the greens being as good as could be expected. The home team won by 5 holes.

ST. NEOTS.			HUNTINGDON.		
Holes.			Holes.		
A. C. McNish	...	9	F. Sweeting	...	0
H. Ennals	...	0	—Fitzherbert	...	14
F. T. Good	...	0	R. Lindsell	...	5
F. Day	...	0	C. Desborough	...	4
A. B. Brackenbury	...	11	J. P. Maule	...	0
W. H. Hillyer	...	8	—Gunning	...	0
	28			23	

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

The season of 1891 has opened most auspiciously for this club, which is slowly but surely improving its links and its position among the numbers of other clubs springing up in all directions. A considerable sum of money has this autumn been spent in improving the course, and now the committee have taken upon themselves the further responsibility of leasing larger and more commodious premises, consequent upon the rapidly increasing number of members, and which it is hoped will satisfy the requirements for many years to come. From the fact of its central position and the wonderful efficacy of its waters with all forms of gout and rheumatism, and also in consequence of its beautiful surroundings, Buxton is yearly becoming more and more a health and pleasure resort, and unquestionably additional attractions have been added to the town by the institution of the Union Club, a social club, equally accessible to visitors as to residents, both this and the Golf club fulfilling a long-felt want. The latter is now in the fourth year of its existence, and during the past season the number of visitors using the links has been more than treble that of the previous one. A word of praise is due to the club's professional, Mr. Lowe, who is doing his duty well, and to the satisfaction of all the members. The course under his care is vastly improved, and the putting-greens are second to none elsewhere. The club numbers upwards of 150 members. The following competitions have recently taken place:—

On January 31st, the Micholl's cup competition and monthly medal, with sweepstake:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. Micholls	115	16 99	Dr. Palmer	140	24 116
Mr. Jas. Strang	117	18 99	Major Munn	129	12 117
Colonel Fernley	124	23 101			

The Micholl's cup is given for the best average in the monthly medal competition during the year, not less than six competitions to count.

For the inter-monthly, which took place on February 14th, and has to be won thrice to be kept, the following scores were handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Captain Darwin, R. N.	119	30 89	Mr. J. Strang	121	18 103
Mr. J. C. Kay	117	20 97	Mr. W. L. Shipton	130	18 112
Colonel Fernley	124	23 101			

GOLF AT BIARRITZ.

The spring handicap was played last week over the Biarritz links. On Tuesday, 17th February, the first ties resulted as follows:—Major Adams (18), defeated Lt.-Col. Broadwood (28), by 2 holes; Mr. W. Boyd (30), defeated Mr. A. Dunn (30), by 9 holes; Mr. C. Logan (20), defeated Mr. E. A. Hambro (10), by 2 holes; Major Hall (30), defeated Mr. Campbell (36), by 1 hole; Mr. G. Goldney (4), defeated Mr. C. Mocatta (30), by 6 holes; Mr. C. De Lacy Lacy (10), defeated Major G. Grant (18), by 1 hole; Mr. M. Wingfield (18), defeated Mr. P. Leman (20), by 1 hole; Col. Fraser (30), defeated Mr. Insole (28),

by 5 holes; Mr. G. C. Wylie (6), defeated Mr. J. Boyd (28), by 6 holes; Mr. A. C. Jones (18), defeated Mr. J. Wingfield (32), by 2 holes; Sir Geo. Houston Boswall (12), defeated Mr. R. Prisleau (30), by 6 holes.

On Thursday, 16th February, the winners of the second ties were:—Mr. G. C. Wylie (6), defeating Major Adams (18), by 1 hole; Mr. W. Boyd (30), defeating Major Hall (30), by 1 hole; Mr. M. Wingfield (18), defeating Mr. A. C. Jones (18), by 1 hole; Col. Fraser (30), defeating Mr. G. Goldney (4), retired; Mr. C. Logan (20), defeating Mr. C. De Lacy Lacy (10), by 5 holes and 4 to play; Sir Geo. Houston Boswall a bye.

Next day the third ties were played. Mr. C. Logan (20), won from Mr. W. Boyd (30), by 6 holes; Mr. G. C. Wylie (6), won from Sir G. Houston Boswall (2), by 6 holes; Mr. M. Wingfield (18), won from Col. Fraser (30), by 5 holes.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., the final ties were contested. Mr. G. C. Wylie having drawn a bye Mr. C. Logan played Mr. M. Wingfield, and after a neck and neck contest was successful by 2 holes. In the afternoon in the presence of a large concourse of spectators Mr. C. Logan and Mr. G. C. Wylie met for the last tie. Mr. Wylie had to give Mr. Logan the large allowance of 14 strokes, and this was beyond his powers. After a hotly contested match Mr. Logan won by 5 and 4 to play.

There are always, both morning and afternoon, many players on both the ladies' and gentlemen's links, which are in very good order. The ladies play for a handicap every week. The last was won by Miss A. Hayne, and prizes given by Mr. Hugh Renwick and Mrs. Steinkopf were carried off by Miss Bostock and Miss Coles.

THE ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

Play took place on Saturday in beautiful weather for the Monthly Medal, with the memento, a pearl and gold golfing pin, and the usual sweepstakes. The attendance of members and visitors was good, there being 41 players present. Capt. Chichester won the medal and first sweep, Rev. R. W. S. Vidal and Mr. W. H. Toller divided second sweep.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Capt. Chichester,			Major Harding, M.S.	110	14 96
R.N., M.S.	108	27 81	Mr. W. King, M.S.	118	18 100
Rev. R. W. S. Vidal,			Mr. W. E. Law,		
M.S.	95	7 88	M.S.	138	27 111
Mr. W. H. Toller,			Capt. Snow, M.S.	131	18 113
M.S.	97	9 88	Mr. W. Dimpleby,		
Mr. F. T. Cooke,			S...	144	24 120
S...	114	24 90	Mr. J. H. Mudie, S.		
Mr. F. Hopkins, S.	109	18 91	Mr. J. J. Harding,		
Lt.-Col. Winterscale,			M.S.		No return.
M.S.	104	10 94	Mr. J. W. Cooke, S.		

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last a prize, presented by a member of the club, Mr. G. Harper, was played for on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, and fifty competitors faced the tee. The prize—a handsome Golf club case—was won by Mr. M. Pole, Sowerby Bridge, with 88, less 6=82; followed by Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham, with 97, less 14=83; Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore, 87, less 2=85; Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's, 102, less 17=85; and twenty-one others under 100 net. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. Talbot Fair, Lytham; the second by Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore, and the third by Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton. The best gross score of the day was Mr. Doleman's 87. The following is the full score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. M. Pole	88	6 82	Mr. E. Harrison	113	18 95
Mr. J. Talbot Fair	97	14 83	Mr. J. M. Rea	104	8 96
Mr. A. H. Doleman	87	2 85	Mr. A. B. Schol-		
Mr. J. E. King	102	17 85	field	104	7 97
Mr. G. F. Smith	93	5 88	Mr. J. Hornby	107	10 97
Mr. J. Eccles, jun.	104	14 90	Mr. G. Haig	108	9 99
Major H. M.			Mr. A. Tod	123	20 103
Ormsby	112	22 90	Mr. W. H. Cross-		
Mr. T. H. Miller	108	17 91	land	128	25 103
Mr. I. A. Brown	100	8 92	Mr. F. Topp	122	18 104
Mr. F. E. Rowe	108	16 92	Rev. W. G. Terry	124	18 106
Mr. G. Harper	107	14 93	Mr. W. Cross	124	16 108
Mr. C. Haworth	102	8 94	Mr. R. B. Hardman	130	22 108
Mr. A. Darbyshire	109	15 94	Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft	124	14 110
Mr. E. Young	109	15 94	Mr. E. M. Whipp	129	17 112
Mr. J. H. Hulton	111	17 94	Mr. C. H. Atkinson	133	20 113
Mr. S. Gask	113	18 95	Mr. O. H. Wade	144	25 119

No returns from the following: W. P. Fullagar, H. Bowman, J. S. Beaufort, R. H. Prestwick, H. Parke, C. W. Fisher, J. A. S. Fair, A. M. Eason, R. E. Pain, T. C. Midwood, H. Crabtree, T. W. Shaw, R. Lythgoe, W. H. Harrison, G. E. Badeley, N. Cockshutt.

INTER-UNIVERSITY GOLF MATCH.

This match took place on the Wimbledon Links, on March 3rd. The day was bright, but a high wind rather interfered with some of the play. There was a good attendance to witness the match.

CAMBRIDGE.	Holes.	OXFORD.	Holes.
Mr. R. A. Nicholson, Trinity	2	Mr. W. H. McPherson, Lincoln	0
Mr. D. A. M. Brown, Trin.	2	Mr. J. W. B. Pease, New	0
Hall...	6	Mr. H. G. Whigham, Queen's	0
Mr. E. C. P. Boyd, Trinity...	2	Mr. H. T. Knight, Exeter	3
Mr. A. M. Chance, Trinity...	0	Mr. W. H. Davidson, Magd.	0
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, Pemb.	1	Mr. G. B. Grundy, Brasenose	0
Mr. J. L. Low, Clare	4	Mr. A. E. Ripley, Trinity	2
Mr. R. J. Younger, Jesus	0	Mr. P. Balfour, Balliol	0
Mr. C. F. Badeley, Jesus	1		
Total	16	Total	5

Result—Majority for Cambridge, 11 holes.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

The regular fortnightly handicap was played on Wednesday, February 18th, with the following result:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Capt. Costley	124	36	88	Mr. H. J. Allen	146	36	110
Capt. Dunn	112	20	92	Mr. W. H. Richards	140	30	110
Mr. E. O. Durrant	105	9	96	Mr. T. A. Rees	112	scr.	112
Mr. L. R. Wood	134	36	98	Mr. P. B. Hart	119	6	113
Mr. St. G. Caulfield	113	13	100	Mr. G. H. Logan	121	7	114
Mr. P. B. Norris	131	27	104	Mr. L. Harper	154	36	118
Mr. A. T. Lewis	106	1	105	Mr. A. E. Harrison	143	20	123
Col. Lewes	126	20	106	Col. Lloyd	128	3	125
Mr. H. T. Smyth	134	27	107	Miss Wood	184	52	132
Col. Voyle	118	11	107	Mr. F. E. Remfry	171	36	135
Mr. C. Coffin	138	30	108				

Messrs. B. A. Newbury and G. Prust retired.

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The fog, which hung heavily over Beverley on the morning of the 26th ult., threatened to altogether prevent the competition for the "Ladies' Badge," which had been fixed for that day, but towards noon the sun came out, the mist rolled somewhat away, and the committee decided that an attempt should be made to carry out the first serious competition of the club. Golf in a fog was, unfortunately, the result, the promise of finer weather having proved delusive, but those who took part in the game had, nevertheless, no cause for regret. As the club has only been very recently started, the members are complete novices at the "Royal and Ancient" game, but what they lack in experience they make up for in enthusiasm, and many of them, judging from the form they even now display, will prove themselves something more than average players in the near by-and-bye. A good deal of trouble had been taken with the putting-greens, but at this time of the year the heavy clayey soil is difficult to contend with, the greens are dead and uncertain, and anything approaching accurate putting is very difficult to obtain. Miss Boulton, the winner, enjoys a lawn-tennis reputation which is not confined to the East Riding. The following scores were returned:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Total for 18 holes.
Miss Boulton	58	53	111
Miss S. G. Stephenson	56	58	114
Mrs. Caulfield-Stoker	64	58	122
Mrs. Thompson	62	62	124
Miss V. H. Stephenson	69	59	128
Miss M. E. Thompson	72	57	129
Mrs. Duncombe	68	64	132
Mrs. Mannsell	71	67	138
Mrs. Robinson	77	75	152

THE NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

Monthly competition, February, 1891. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. F. Smith ...	89	6	83	Mr. F. W. Dobson...	116	18	98
Mr. P. A. Nash ...	111	27	84	Mr. W. H. Hutton...	128	27	101
Mr. S. Davidson ...	96	9	87	Mr. Groves Hine ...	129	27	102
Mr. E. Williamson..	98	9	89	Mr. F. T. Green ...	120	18	102
Mr. J. Hall ...	116	27	89	Mr. John Russell ...	103	scr.	103
Mr. F.W. Thompson	99	9	90	Mr. C. S. Wardle...	115	9	106
Mr. R. D. Oswald...	92	scr.	92	Mr. J. Johnstone ...	116	9	107
Mr. S. Groves ...	104	12	92	Mr. F. Bannister ...	130	21	109
Mr. J. C. Warren...	93	scr.	93	Mr. J. G. Dobson...	129	18	111
Mr. J. Henderson ...	110	15	95	Mr. C. F. Dobson...	124	9	115
Mr. J. McMeeking..	100	3	97	Mr. W. R. Hamilton	151	27	124
Mr. P. W. Allen ...	115	18	97				

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. GREAT YARMOUTH.

This match took place on Saturday, February 23th, over the links at Cambridge in magnificent weather. One round, or eighteen holes, was played, and each club was represented by nineteen players. As a rule, both at Yarmouth and Cambridge, the "Bloaterville" golfers have proved too much for their Light Blue antagonists, but on this occasion the home team pulled off the match by twelve holes, the following being the result:—

GREAT YARMOUTH.	Holes.	CAMBRIDGE.	Holes.
Mr. W. P. Fulcher	1	Mr. R. A. Nicholson	0
Mr. J. G. Gibson	2	Mr. W. T. Linskill	0
Mr. G. H. Ireland	2	Mr. D. A. M. Brown	0
Mr. A. Walker	0	Mr. A. M. Chance	4
Mr. Robert Whyte	3	Mr. E. C. P. Boyd	0
Mr. H. Gillon	4	Mr. J. L. Low	0
Mr. A. H. Newington	0	Mr. H. M. Braybrooke	5
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	3	Mr. C. Pigg	0
Mr. P. V. Broke	1	Mr. R. J. Younger	0
Mr. W. E. Hughes	0	Mr. C. F. Badeley	1
Mr. F. S. Ireland	6	Mr. G. T. Warner	0
Mr. E. G. Ashton	0	Mr. J. E. Pease	3
Mr. H. M. Bell	0	Mr. A. M. Joshua	4
Capt. Best, R.N.	0	Mr. H. P. Frean	2
Mr. D. B. Roffey	0	Mr. E. D. C. Strode	6
Mr. Adam F. Young	0	Mr. C. M. Hutchinson	2
Mr. J. S. Sawyer	0	Mr. T. H. Watson	1
Mr. W. Mickie	0	Mr. P. W. Everett	0
Dr. Browne, R.N.	0	Mr. G. C. Skipwith	6
Total	22	Total	34

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The Buckley Cup was competed for on Saturday last, the winner proving to be Mr. H. Dorning. The following were the scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. Dorning ...	106	25	81	Mr. W. Bowker ...	116	10	106
Dr. Irvin ...	91	7	84	Mr. G. D. S. Crow-			
Mr. R. E. Haslam...	99	7	92	ther ...	111	5	106
Mr. J. C. Barrett, jun.	114	18	96	Mr. R. Latchford ..	134	25	109
Mr. M. Kennedy ...	125	25	100	Mr. R. L. Worsley ..	129	20	109
Mr. C. A. Colman...	120	20	100	Mr. T. O. Clinning ..	131	18	113
Mr. E. P. Stephenson	117	16	101	Mr. W. J. Drewitt...	140	25	115
Mr. W. W. P. Shat-				Mr. H. Kennedy...	133	17	116
well ...	107	5	102	Mr. R. Simpson ...	141	24	117
Mr. G. Crowther ..	102	scr.	102	Mr. J. Coney ...	147	25	122
Mr. T. W. Pemberton	116	14	102	Mr. T. Pocksey ...	150	25	125
Mr. R. G. Hayward	111	8	103	Mr. S. B. Leggatt...	152	25	127

THE ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last the February competitions for the Gordon Challenge Cup and the Captain's Prize were played off at Chingford. The weather was beautifully fine in the morning, but about one o'clock the wind suddenly chopped round to the south, and brought up a dose of London smoke in the shape of a pretty thick fog, but happily this all cleared off about three in the afternoon. The course was in first-rate condition, and the putting-greens very good, although somewhat too keen.

There was a very large muster of members, and a very fair number of returns handed in, of which the following are some of the best:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. D. Womersley...	99	18	81	Mr. E. Howard ...	110	18	92
Mr. H. E. Richards	101	20	81	Mr. C. E. Greig ...	99	6	93
Mr. J. Gould-Smith	86	4	82	Mr. J. S. Pearce ...	109	16	93
Mr. N. Womersley...	107	25	82	Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger ...	115	22	93
Mr. G. F. Sanders...	96	9	87	Mr. J. G. Glover ...	106	12	94
Mr. G. Thompson ...	99	12	87	Mr. J. W. Greig ...	104	7	97
Mr. Ernest Flint ...	102	15	87	Mr. J. W. James ...	115	18	97
Mr. Ford G. Barclay	105	18	87	Mr. Fred Hines ...	122	25	97
Mr. E. C. Walbourne	109	22	87	Mr. R. T. Glover ...	124	27	97
Mr. J. G. Fowler ...	105	16	89	Mr. G. H. C. Lea ...	112	14	98
Mr. A. Fraser ...	108	18	90	Mr. A. Gibbs ...	125	27	98
Mr. W. J. Bowyer...	115	25	90	Mr. H. C. Fisher ...	111	12	99
Mr. R. C. Kerr ...	104	12	92				
Mr. John Walker, junr. ...	104	12	92				

Messrs. D. Womersley and H. C. Richards will play off the tie on Saturday next.

SEAFIELD GOLF CLUB, LEITH.—A hole competition for Captain Adamson's prize (a handsome silver-mounted liqueur stand), and other prizes presented by members, has just been concluded, the captain's prize being won by Mr. George Sinclair. The other prize-winners are Mr. J. Gardner, Mr. H. Arnott, and Mr. F. P. Cochrane.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The sixth and last competition for the winter optional subscription prizes, under handicap, took place at Hoylake last Saturday, in perfect spring weather, warm and bright. Forty couples competed. On the cards being examined, it was found that the best scratch score was made by Mr. John Ball, jun., 79.

Out ... 5 7 3 4 5 4 4 4 5=41
In ... 5 5 3 4 3 5 5 4 4=38 } 79

Mr. H. H. Hilton was 83, Mr. W. E. Fairlie and Mr. A. H. Higgins 87, Mr. A. Turpin, 89, and Mr. F. A. Fairlie, 90. The competition being under handicap, two long handicapped players secured the respective wins in for the two optional subscription prizes, viz., Mr. J. J. Crosfield the first with his score of 94, less 18=76, and Mr. Percy Eccles the second with 102, less 22=80. The six winners of the respective classes will play off on Saturday, 6th March, under special handicap. The first sweepstakes was won by Mr. J. J. Crosfield, and the second and third were divided between Messrs. Percy Eccles and A. H. Higgins. In a foursome in the afternoon Messrs. John Ball, jun., and R. W. Brown defeated the Messrs. F. A. and W. E. Fairlie three up and two to play. The result of the medal play was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. J. Crosfield... 94 18 76	Mr. Theol. Turpin... 110 20 90
Mr. A. H. Higgins... 87 7 80	Mr. Chas. Holt... 102 11 91
Mr. H. Pierce... 100 20 80	Rev. T. P. William-son... 101 9 92
Mr. Percy Eccles... 102 22 80	Mr. J. H. Wild... 106 14 92
Mr. W. S. Harris... 103 20 83	Mr. F. L. Craigie... 109 17 92
Mr. Geo. Bird... 99 15 84	Mr. J. Moore... 117 25 92
Mr. St. Clare Byrne... 109 25 84	Mr. R. W. Brown... 97 4 93
Mr. W. E. Fairlie... 87 2 85	Mr. J. A. Smith... 110 16 94
Mr. John "Ferran"... 97 11 86	Mr. G. "Marshall"... 102 7 95
Mr. John Ball, jun... 79 +7 86	Mr. Herbt. Farrar... 99 2 97
Mr. Wm. Bates... 109 23 86	Mr. W. H. Potter... 109 12 97
Mr. A. Turpin... 89 2 87	Mr. A. Travis... 117 20 97
Mr. T. W. Crowther... 91 4 87	Mr. Jas. Hume... 122 22 100
Mr. J. G. Rodger... 107 20 87	Mr. E. Whineray... 104 3 101
Mr. R. J. Kerr... 95 7 88	Mr. C. B. Taylor... 120 18 102
Mr. J. B. Hunter... 109 12 88	Mr. L. S. M. Munro... 109 6 103
Mr. G. F. Milligan... 105 17 88	Mr. G. N. Francis... 122 18 104
Mr. H. H. Hilton... 83 +6 89	Mr. S. Jones... 109
Mr. W. H. Wilson... 103 14 89	Mr. Chas. Crowther... 116
Mr. Wm. Thomson... 106 17 89	Mr. A. J. Harvie... 121
Mr. H. E. B. Harrison... 109 20 89	Mr. John Stewart... 125
Mr. F. A. Fairlie... 90 scr. 90	Mr. A. Huntingdon... 134
Mr. Jas. Fairclough... 95 5 90	Mr. A. St. Clare Byrne... 142
Mr. Regd. Haigh... 107 17 90	

PAU GOLF CLUB.

Play for the Town of Pau gold medal and St. Andrew's cross, Feb. 16th and 18th, thirty-six holes. Gold medal, scratch; St. Andrew's cross, open handicap:

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. V. Brooke, jun... 199 36 163	Hon. W. Chetwynd... 231 50 181
†Mr. W. Lawrence... 174 6 168	Mr. J. Hutchison... 182 scr. 182
Major Lévelt... 246 72 174	Mr. R. Boreel... 191 8 183
Mr. N. Newall... 194 20 174	Major Newall... 227 50 187
Lord Kilmaine... 248 72 176	Mr. C. Hutchings... 181 +6 187
Mr. H. Jellicorse... 199 20 179	Major Bethune... 200 12 188

* Winner St. Andrew's cross. † Town medal.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, Feb. 21st.—The secretary's prize and optional sweepstakes: Col. McKenzie having now won this prize (a carriage clock) three times, it becomes his property.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*†Col. McKenzie... 89 5 84	Mr. R. Reynolds... 116 23 93
†Mr. O. Belk... 104 17 87	Mr. W. H. Monckton... 119 26 93
†Mr. C. E. Lewis... 107 20 87	Capt. Robin... 98 4 94
Mr. C. A. Teape... 93 3 90	Mr. E. Edwards... 121 27 94
Mr. W. Field... 103 13 90	Capt. Sumner... 104 9 95
Mr. D. Turnbull... 107 16 91	Mr. T. Lattimer... 113 18 95
Mr. A. Lushington... 98 5 93	Mr. T. W. Barker... 103 6 97
Capt. Fairlie... 102 9 93	General Renton... 112 11 101
Capt. Le Feuvre... 105 12 93	

* Winner of prize. † Divided sweepstakes.

No return from nine players.

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal competition, Saturday, 28th February. The first place was gained by Mr. C. G. Tunks with a score of 98, less 12=86, Mr. H. J. Hibberd was second with 88 net, and Mr. C. G. Havell third with 91 net. The weather was lovely, and a large number of players competed.

KIMBERLEY GOLF CLUB.

The first medal day of the Kimberley Golf Club passed off most successfully. The start was not made until 3.30, when Messrs. McVean and Harden, two novices, started. An hour later as many as twenty-four competitors were busy at it, and great was the excitement and animated the scene. Every man had at his command a whole sheaf of clubs, but the majority seemed to keep the paraphernalia in view, merely for the sake of effect, for many stuck manfully to the one club, which looked more like the hockey stick of boyhood than any of the others. The keen-eyed Nind, who had hardly heard of Golf a month ago, sailed in a smiling winner and secured the glittering bauble. Keen is the eye of a cricketer, and steady his nerves! Mr. A. Ramsey, who is a scorcher at the noble game of Golf, played with exceeding steadiness, and knowing every shade of meaning of every single club, came in a good second. No. 5 is another cricketer who knows not a great deal about Golf, but who nevertheless got in ahead of several noted teasers. Darnie though, the demon bowler of the Veterans, is alas! where the diamonds are, at the bottom (or nearly), of the sieve.

A great number of visitors arrived and accompanied the different players round the course, the chief interest being centered in the play of Messrs. Ramsay and McKay, two of the scratch men. The links were in good order, and the veldt and mimosa bushes, which are now in blossom, looked so fresh and bright that one might almost suppose himself far away from dusty Kimberley. The majority of the players, as may naturally be supposed, are novices, and to arrange a handicap when the players vary from 90 to 180 strokes for the round is no easy matter. The handicapping was left to the captain, and we think he may congratulate himself on having satisfactorily performed his duties. Two prizes were offered, a silver medal for the first and six golf balls for the second. The first prize falls to Mr. C. E. Nind, who made the round in 125, less 45=80. The second prize is well won by Mr. A. Ramsay, who started scratch and did the round in 94, one of the best records of the club. He played a good game right through, and his score comprises one 3, five 4's, and five 5's, his highest being eight. Mr. Ramsay is an old player, and a medallist of the Montrose Club.

Mr. Nind's winning score is a vast improvement on the form displayed by him in last month's competition, when he totalled over 170 for the round, which fully entitled him to the liberal handicap made him. Mr. McVean came in a good third.

The score of the different competitors is given below, with the exception of Mr. Cecil Smith, who omitted to hand in his card:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. C. E. Nind... 125 45 80	Mr. D. Skirving... 118 10 108
Mr. A. Ramsay... 94 scr. 94	Mr. S. Stokes... 160 50 110
Mr. R. D. McVean... 107 10 97	Mr. G. Towert... 136 25 111
Mr. H. J. McKay... 102 scr. 102	Mr. R. Solomon... 141 30 111
Mr. J. Harden... 127 25 102	Mr. R. Hamilton... 142 30 112
Mr. A. E. Caldecott... 132 30 102	Mr. R. Ford... 143 30 113
Mr. W. T. Anderson... 142 40 102	Mr. J. S. Hyslop... 129 15 114
Dr. J. E. Mackenzie... 103 scr. 103	Mr. D. J. Haarhoff... 173 50 123
Mr. P. W. Mallett... 134 30 104	Mr. W. Durward... 159 30 129
Mr. J. H. Lange... 136 30 106	Mr. W. Wells... 184 50 134

The next medal day will take place in April.

EPSOM GOLF CLUB.

Monthly Medal Competition, Saturday, February 21st, 1891.—A thick fog and the fact that the course has been considerably lengthened accounts for the high scores. Only three returns under 100 net were made:—F. Barry, 98, less 4=94; R. M. Tabor, 110, less 15=95; G. F. Burgess, 113, less 15=98.

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.—Mr. A. J. Constable's monthly medal was competed for on Friday, the 20th ult., only six members putting in an appearance. The course was in first-rate condition, and the weather all that could be desired. Mr. C. E. Farmer was successful in winning the trophy for the third time, and so becoming the owner with the very excellent score below stated. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. C. E. Farmer... 92 14 78	Mr. A. Holmes... 105 15 90
Mr. H. E. Harris... 109 22 87	Mr. R. Holmes, jun... 104 12 92
Mr. E. C. R. Goff... 105 15 90	Mr. R. A. Blagden... 119 20 99

The monthly club handicap sweepstake was played off on Saturday, the 21st inst., when again only a very few players appeared. Saturday's score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. H. E. Harris... 111 22 89	Mr. H. Ferrier-Kerr... 113 15 98
Mr. R. Holmes, jun... 101 12 89	Rev. G. Moor... 133 36 98
Mr. A. Holmes... 112 15 97	Mr. C. Bartlett... 136 30 106

TORQUAY AND ST. MARY CHURCH GOLF CLUB.

It may interest some of your readers to hear some particulars about the above club, which is in a most flourishing condition, and which is situated in close proximity to that beautiful seaside and health resort, Torquay. The links are on the top of Walls Hill, Babbacombe, and though destitute of sand, combine all sorts of hazards, consisting of whins, walls, pits, chasms, in the rock, &c., with splendid turf, which furnishes most excellent lies. The course is a nine-hole one, and none of the holes can be called short, and with the exception of two are all furnished with some difficulty to be overcome. There are magnificent views from it, comprising the coast line of Devon up to and beyond Teignmouth and Exmouth, and, on a very clear day, Portland Bill may be descried.

The club now numbers sixty-nine members, and there is a prosperous ladies' club. B. W. Day, of Musselburgh, is club-maker, custodian, and professional, under whose care the greens are in very perfect condition. There is a monthly medal played for during the season from October to April, and several prizes are generally offered by members for competition. Visitors are admitted to the club on a small weekly or monthly subscription, and there are good lodgings and hotels in Torquay.

The club has latterly been busy playing matches with Exmouth, both ladies and gentlemen, but have not shone. The first match was:—

EXMOUTH.		TORQUAY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Dunsford...	11	Capt. Livingstone...	0
Mr. Pine Coffin...	0	Mr. W. H. Fowler...	4
Mr. Upton...	0	Mr. Dykes...	4
Capt. Hemphill...	5	Mr. Norris...	0
Mr. Cripps...	4	Mr. B. Lucy...	0
Rev. C. Carr...	0	Genl. Saunders...	1
	20		9

Mr. Beresford played a magnificent round, and reduced the record to 86.

On Thursday, February 19th, the Exmouth Ladies' Club paid a visit to Torquay, and defeated the home club by 16 holes.

EXMOUTH.		TORQUAY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Bloxsome...	0	Miss Bethune...	0
Miss Morant...	7	Miss Guise...	0
Mrs. Dunsford...	4	Miss Hawkes...	0
Mrs. Compton Lundie...	5	Miss L. Bethune...	0
	16		0

Miss Bloxsome and Miss Bethune played a very interesting round, halving the match at the last hole.

On Thursday, February 26th, Torquay paid a return visit to Exmouth, and again suffered defeat, mostly owing to the fact that they had been unaccustomed to playing in sand, of which there is a superabundance at Exmouth. Result:—

EXMOUTH.		TORQUAY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Dunsford...	5	Capt. Livingstone...	0
Mr. Pine Coffin...	1	Mr. W. H. Fowler...	0
Mr. Upton...	0	Mr. Dykes...	0
Mr. Cripps...	5	Mr. C. Kerr...	0
Capt. Hemphill...	1	Mr. N. Harvey...	0
Rev. C. Carr...	5	Genl. Saunders...	0
	17		0

The monthly medal was played for on Friday, February 27th, in lovely summer-like weather, and resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Dr. W. F. Crowdy	111 16 95	Mr. B. Lucy	124 16 108
†Mr. J. M. Cripps	104 2 102	Mr. T. G. Harkness	122 14 108
Rev. G. T. Warner	121 16 105	Mr. N. W. Bushby	136 20 116
Capt. Livingstone	107 scr. 107	Mr. B. Dykes	125 8 117
Mr. W. E. Norris	124 16 108		

Four other gentlemen made no returns.

* Takes the medal and club prize.

† Takes the sweepstakes.

WHITLEY CLUB.—The seventh competition for the Joicey cup took place on the 24th ult., at Whitley, in excellent golfing weather. There was a fair number of entrants for the cup, but only two returns were made. Mr. J. Hansell with a handicap allowance of 22, again proved the victor. Scores:—Mr. J. Hansell, 117, less 22=95; Mr. R. T. Thomson, 96, plus 5=101.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The weekly handicap was played on Friday, Feb. 27th, being the largest in entries this term, and resulted as follows:—

FIRST CLASS.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. D. Davidson	84	7 77	Mr. L. A. Selby Bigge	92	8 84
Mr. H. Nicholls	87	9 78	Mr. A. R. Hamilton	94	8 86
Mr. G. B. Grundy	88	9 79	Mr. J. C. G. Sykes	97	10 87
Mr. G. E. King	89	10 79	Mr. A. W. Gordon	96	9 87
Mr. W. R. Hardie	94	15 79	Mr. T. P. Powell	105	16 89
Mr. H. C. Stewart	92	12 80	Rev. H. Hall	108	18 90
Mr. H. J. Whigham	82	scr. 82	Mr. R. W. Macan	102	9 93
Mr. J. B. Pease	82	scr. 82	Mr. W. M. Lindsay	113	18 95
Mr. R. C. Carter	101	18 83	Mr. R. Lodge	99	3 96

SECOND CLASS.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. D. Leigh	92	22 70	Mr. J. Wells	104	30 74
Mr. E. G. M. Carmichael	94	24 70	Mr. L. Armitstead	95	20 75
Mr. B. Murray Smith	100	29 71	Mr. W. Storr	103	25 78
Mr. G. Twist	108	35 73	Mr. A. J. Boger	106	20 86
			Mr. J. Griffiths	123	30 93

YORK GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the monthly handicap competition was played on the recently formed links on Knavesmire, near York. The course at present is a twelve-hole one, and the ground is decidedly rough. There is also a pretty thick covering of long wiry grass in several rather extensive areas.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. M. Taylor	79	11 68	Mr. W. Dixon Green	96	20 76
Mr. H. V. Scott	78	9 69	Mr. P. Newman	98	15 83
Capt. Ruck	71	scr. 71	Mr. W. H. Cooper		
Mr. E. W. Smithson	71	scr. 71	Patten	93	10 83
Major-Gen. Stevenson	72	scr. 72	Mr. J. T. Ware	96	11 85
			Capt. Coke	101	11 90

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—A committee of this club appointed to offer for a lease of over six acres of land immediately adjoining the club's present course, with the view of an extension, have failed in their endeavours to secure the same, the land having been re-let to the present tenant at £3 15s. per acre, being over the sum the club were inclined to give. There is now little likelihood of the course being extended for some time to come.

CRAIL GOLFING SOCIETY.—The annual match for the cup took place on Saturday. The heavy wind made good play impossible. Mr D. Bowman was the winner with a score of 101.

FRASERBURGH.—The monthly competition for the handicap gold medal came off on Saturday. There was a pretty large turn-out of members, but quite a gale of wind was blowing all day, and scoring was therefore high. The following are those that obtained places:—R. Mutch, 88, less 3=85; Mathuen Ritchie, 88, less 2 86; J. Brown, 91, less 4=87; J. Cranna, jun., scratch, 88, and George Stephen, 95, less 3=92.

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