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MAY.

- May 23.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.  
Edinburgh Watsonians : Club Prizes.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.  
Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Club : Monthly Medals and Mementos in all three classes.  
Ardeer : Captain's Prizes.
- May 23 to 25.—Great Yarmouth : Whitsuntide Meeting.
- May 25.—Royal Montreal v. Quebec, at Quebec.
- May 28.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- May 29.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.  
Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Medal.
- May 30.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : The Crowther Cup.  
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Royal North Devon : Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.  
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.  
Dundee Advertiser : Leng Medal.  
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal and Mickoll's Cup.  
Royal Montreal : Buchanan Cup.  
Ardeer : Captain's Prizes.
- May 30.—Troon : Spring Meeting.

JUNE.

- June 2.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
- June 3.—Edinburgh Viewforth : Prize Competition (Musselburgh).
- June 4.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
- June 5.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Secretary v. Treasurer.
- June 6.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal  
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bailie Wilson's Medal (to be played off).  
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.

- June 6.—Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal ; Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.  
Tantallon : Summer Meeting.  
Edinburgh University : Challenge Cup and Club Prizes  
Rochdale : Secretary's Trophy (Silver Shield).  
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.  
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.  
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup (fifth Competition).  
Seaton Carew : Gray Trophy.  
Calcutta : Cup.
- June 9.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.  
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
Hayling Island Ladies : Bath Challenge Star.  
Falkirk : Monthly Handicap.  
Royal Blackheath : Summer Medal and Monthly Medal.
- June 10.—Edinburgh Warrender : Club Medal and Prizes.
- June 12.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
- June 13.—Southport : Summer Meeting.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal Handicap (final).  
Gullane : Competition for Club Prizes.  
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.  
Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.  
Formby : Captain's Prize.  
Alnwick : Marsh Painting.  
Wiltshire and District : Monthly Medal.  
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Cup.  
Rochdale : Captain's Prize.  
Wimbledon Ladies' : First Prize Meeting.  
Glasgow v. Prestwick St. Nicholas : Annual Match.
- June 15 to 17.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- June 17.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- June 18.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
- June 20.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.  
Calcutta : Cup.  
Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Disley : Second Summer Handicap.  
Epsom : Monthly Medal.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.  
Lea Hurst : Monthly Competition.  
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.  
Haddington : Aitchison Medal.  
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.  
West Herts : Gold Scratch Medal and Club Dinner, and Summer Meeting.  
Redhill and Reigate : Midsummer Medal (scratch).
- June 20 to 23.—Felixstowe : Summer Meeting.
- June 25.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- June 26.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.  
Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
- June 25-27.—Bowdon : Captain's Cup.
- June 27.—Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.

- June 27.—Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.  
 Edinburgh University: Captain's, the Senatus, and other Prizes (at North Berwick).  
 West Lancashire: Monthly Medal.  
 Felixstowe: Monthly Challenge Cup.  
 Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.  
 June 29-30.—Harrison, Edinburgh: Aggregate (entry 6d.).  
 June 30.—Luffness: Club Handicap Medal.  
 Edinburgh Viewforth: Silver Medal (Braids).

## JULY.

- July 3.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.  
 July 4.—Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.  
 London Scottish: Monthly Medal.  
 Prestwick St. Nicholas: Eglinton Medal.  
 Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.  
 Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.  
 Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.  
 Bowdon: Monthly Competition.  
 July 7.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal.  
 July 10.—Durham: Osborn Cup.  
 July 11.—West Herts: Monthly Medal.  
 Littlestone: Monthly Medal.  
 Guildford: Monthly Handicap.  
 Lanark: Gold Ball, and other Prizes.  
 July 14.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.  
 July 15.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.  
 July 18.—Dublin: Monthly Medal.  
 Gullane: Club Gold Medal, and other prizes.  
 Disley: Third Summer Handicap.  
 July 24.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.  
 July 25.—Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.

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On Tuesday, the 5th inst., the report of the special committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club on the proposed rules was submitted to the club, but it was not adopted. On the contrary, the special committee was instructed "to bring up a further report at the autumn meeting, on the understanding that they will not introduce any change into the fundamental rules of Golf, but will re-arrange and consolidate the rules as they now stand." Mr. Grace was instructed to send a circular to all members of the club giving the terms of the resolution, and requesting members to assist the committee by sending to him suggestions for the improvement of the form and arrangement of the rules. It is to be hoped that the suggestions which the committee will receive from members will result in a fresh report which will be acceptable to the club generally. Mr. Grace has already received notices of certain proposed alterations for the autumn meeting.

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*Scene*—New Golf Links on South Coast. Golfer to young lady at bar of new hotel near by: "Can we have some caddies?" Young lady, after some hesitation: "Yes, I think so; but you will be sure to bring them back, won't you?" FACT!

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## TO MR. J. E. LAIDLAY

Great Scottish crack  
 "The man to back,"  
 Excelled by none,  
 Equalled by few;  
 Another laurel won,  
 All praise be due.  
 For trophy gained,  
 Be it retained  
 Where Royal game  
 Its home doth claim.

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A "Rheumatic Golfer" writing from Aix-les-Bains says:—The following story was told me by my neighbour at *table d'hôte* here, and it may be new to your readers as it was to me. I call it "a large order for Golf." Some ladies having heard a great deal about the game of Golf were desirous of introducing it into their neighbourhood, and seeing an advertisement no doubt in the columns of your valuable paper, of some of the club and ball makers who offer to supply all the requisites for playing the game, wrote to the advertiser to send them a supply of what was necessary. The parcel was forwarded in due course, but imagine the surprise of the sender on receiving in reply, a note to the effect that the articles enclosed had been received, and they all appeared to be very nice, but he had omitted to send the *Links*, which they were told were necessary for playing the game, and would he be good enough to forward them also, as soon as possible. It seems this may be a good puzzle for philologists in their efforts to discover the origin of the word *Links*."



## THE PROPOSED NEW RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Since you have opened up the question of the proposed alterations of the rules of Golf by the article in your last issue, it may not be unfitting that opinion should be expressed on this subject through your columns, which are now widely read by the golfing world. Those who entered into, or read, the correspondence which took place in the *Field* several years ago (and which was published in "The Golfing Annual" with an article by Sir Walter Simpson on the subject) will remember that the question raised was whether there was a need for any alteration or not. Many golfers of the old school will agree, I am sure, with me that no such alteration was proved to be necessary.

Times, however, have changed, and with them I fear, to some extent, the feeling on the subject, and we are now face to face with, and actually hold in our hand, "Proposed new Rules for the Game of Golf," coming from the Royal and Ancient Club itself.

I may say at once that I consider this change of feeling to have been brought about to a great extent by the great increase of Golf in England, and the fact of its being played in many places "ill adapted for the purpose." The rules of any game would need alteration if played in circumstances different from those under which it was intended to be played. Such places need their own local rules, no doubt, but that is not to say that there exists a need for the alteration of the standard rules which have for years been recognised as defining the game.

The other circumstance which has, I think, brought about this cry for new rules is the great increase of medal or score play. In the old days there was little or nothing except match play. Now we are made giddy with an incessant whirl of monthly medals, weekly handicaps, and cups and prizes for score play without end. The idea has thus sprung up of assimilating match and medal play; hence the proposed alterations. Your correspondent, in your last issue, regards this "assimilation" as the great advantage of the new proposals. I must beg to differ with him. To reduce match to the level of medal play is to alter the former entirely. You afford, in your article a good example of what I mean. In dealing with the proposed rule, that in match play the ball striking the opponent or his caddy, the opponent loses a stroke, but in medal play it is considered a "rub of the green." You say "this is illogical." Certainly, if you are trying to combine match and medal play. But I hold that they are two separate games. In match play the "opponent" is a necessary factor in the game; in medal play the man you play with becomes your "companion" in the competition, and you play your balls independent in every way of each other.

I have a copy of the proposed new rules, and have gone over them carefully with Mr. W. T. Linskill, a well-known authority on the game, who I may say endorses the sentiments expressed in this letter. Without taking up your space by criticising the new proposals individually, I may say that such alterations as (1) allowing a player to lift under penalty from anywhere he pleases and tee his ball; (2) to do away with the "lost ball

lost hole" rule; (3) to reduce the penalty of a lost hole in many cases only to the loss of a stroke; (4) and the abolition of stymies is to radically alter the Royal and Ancient game, and I am sure that Mr. Hall Blyth will have the support of many Scottish golfers, proud of the name, in his vigorous protest against such alteration.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

A SCOTTISH GOLFER.

## GOLF MATCHES ON PUBLIC GOLF COURSES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your last issue appeared a letter signed "Dundonian" objecting to a Carnoustie club playing a match on the Carnoustie Links on a Saturday against a visiting team. All the other Carnoustie clubs were advised of the match, and they kindly consented to allow the players engaged in the match the preference that day. If "Dundonian" is a member of any of the other clubs, his course was to complain of the conduct of his committee; if he is not a member he had no better right than the members of the visiting team. I am glad to say that with the exception of about three couples who were evidently of the "Dundonian" breed, who grumbled, and who were allowed to start during the match, every facility was afforded the players in the match to get away from the tee promptly.

"Dundonian" should be aware that the great bulk of the Carnoustie club players can only play on a Saturday afternoon, and if he belongs to the class that can play every or any day he might have had the generosity or gentlemanly feeling to allow his less favoured brethren an opportunity of testing their strength against another club.

It is useless to attempt to follow "Dundonian" in his remarks as to Golf match playing, as it is very evident that for some reason, possibly his want of golfing skill, he has never been allowed to take part in one.

"Dundonian's" letter proves, if proof were required, the wisdom of the Carnoustie local authority in securing the links as a public ground instead of leaving it in the hands of people like your correspondent.

I fear "Dundonian" is a better judge of "impertinence" (*vide* his letter) than of the customs of Golf.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

ANTI-SNOBBERY.

Barnhill, May 9th, 1891.

## ST. ANDREWS AS A CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Before the championship of 1891 is forgotten, the following reflections of one who was at St. Andrews last week may be of interest. When I say that St. Andrews is not a championship course, I simply state an opinion almost universally held by those unconnected with St. Andrews. I do not mean to imply that Mr. Laidlay is not entitled to be looked upon as champion golfer; on the contrary, his winning on such a green proves that he is a player of super-excellence.

Ben Sayers has a saying that, "the man who can putt, can play anybody." To that I would add, "on St. Andrews." Long straight driving used to be a difficult accomplishment, but the bulger has simplified that. With a bulger anyone can drive a long ball, and as straight as is required on St. Andrews. St. Andrews links is a paradise for wild drivers. With a bulger and a putter you may defeat Mr. John Ball, on St. Andrews, if it is your day for the putts coming off, and not his. Spectators leaving Mr. Laidlay to follow Mr. Ball and Mr. Sharpe homeward, heard with astonishment, "Ball three down," and this with six to play. "It is a day of surprises," said one. It is a green for surprises, I thought. As it turned out "the man who could putt" beat not "anybody" (he afterwards succumbed to Mr. Doleman) but Mr. Ball. By the way, both Mr. Ball and Mr. Laidlay were playing with the bulger, and Mr. Ball drove over the railway with it, too; so that it does not accomplish all that is claimed for it. Indeed, there



was hardly a straight-faced club to be seen at St. Andrews last week. Mr. Leitch being the only player of note who did not use the bulger.

No! St. Andrews links do not present a sufficient number of difficulties, or a sufficient variety of shots, to enable the accomplished and versatile player to overcome the moderate. After the burn is crossed at the first hole there is not a hazard to be negotiated with the approach shot till the seventh hole is reached. The eleventh hole is a dangerous one, but usually falls to the lucky player. From there homewards, the holes, with the exception of the seventeenth, are not at all formidable; what bunkers exist are in the direct line, so that straight driving may be said to be at a discount. The approaches at St. Andrews are nearly always full drives. If the player has got his long shots away, he rarely finds himself with an awkward length approach shot to play (that is an awkward shot to anyone but an accomplished player). For instance, where a full cleek shot would take a ball too far, and a full iron shot would be short, or where a full iron shot would be too much, and yet the distance is more than a wrist with an iron. The ninth and tenth holes at St. Andrews present this shot, and some very primitive attempts (by aspiring champions) to approach these holes were witnessed. The favourite method of these tyros was the jerk, but the ball always manifested a tendency to go wide of the hole to the right. The seventeenth is another hole where two long drives may leave some such shot, and here I saw more than one player get on the road with a fozzled approach. The St. Andrews authorities need to fill up the bunkers on the direct line, and cut bunkers on each side of the course to punish wild driving, and also to cut a big bunker directly in front of each hole, and vary the length of the hole more (there are too many the same length; it makes the round monotonous). St. Andrews might then be a championship course.

The writer of this letter would not be safe in St. Andrews if he was known. A window in an old ruin is pointed out where someone was once hung out. They might hang him out at a window of the club-house.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ONE WHO PLAYED.

Edinburgh, May 13th, 1891.

## QUESTIONABLE DECISION ON GOLF CLUB LAW.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I send the following case as a warning to members of ladies' Golf clubs. The moral is that their rules should be drawn up in such a clear and comprehensive fashion as to prevent any chance of cavil or misapprehension.

The case occurred in this way. A bracelet was offered to be played for, by members of a ladies' local Golf club, in twelve competitions, the winners to play against each other for final possession of the prize.

F. M. won the last competition. The bracelet was then awarded to her by the acting-secretary to keep *pro tem* until the final was played off. She had played previously in two competitions during the same year, and on these three occasions her entrance-fees were accepted, and cards given to her by the acting-secretary, who carried out all the duties of secretary, receiving entrance-fees, giving cards, adjusting handicaps, and managing the competition.

A few days afterwards F. M. received a letter from the secretary to say that she was disqualified from winning a prize under Rule XIX. because her annual subscription was not paid. Rule XIX. is worded thus:—"None but members whose subscriptions are paid can compete" (for medals or prizes). It is admitted that F. M. was not aware of being in default.

F. M. replied that, having been allowed by the secretary to compete without demur, on three occasions, he was not competent to object to her playing for the final, at the same time tendering her annual subscription, which was immediately accepted by the secretary, who added that he would refer the case to the committee of the club. F. M. then applied to be heard in person before the committee. This request was refused by the secretary. Upon this F. M. forwarded to the secretary a letter addressed to the committee with the same

request. The secretary sent a reply to the effect that the committee decided, under Rule XIX., that F. M. "was disqualified from winning a prize in a competition," and that "the committee thought the case too clear to require her attendance."

It must be here noted that the penalty to be inflicted under Rule XIX., on members who have not paid their subscriptions for the year, is that "They cannot compete," not that they are disqualified after competition from winning a prize, and that in the present case, the secretary having failed to send notice of non-payment or warning of the consequences, conduced to the default; also, by accepting entrance-fees, giving cards, and permitting competition on three occasions, condoned the same. Moreover, F. M.'s annual subscription having been paid before the final competition between the winners, it would seem clear that she was qualified to play it off with them.

The questions for consideration are:—

1. Has the secretary of a club any power to disqualify a member from retaining a prize, which she has won and received from him or his deputy, in the absence of any rule of the club to that effect, and failing any objection on the part of any competitor?

2. Must it not be *ultra vires* on the part of a secretary to object to his own act?

In the present case, on the principle of *qui facit per alium facit per se*, when the acting-secretary accepted F. M.'s entrance-fee, and allowed her to compete, this must be taken as the act of the secretary himself.

Finally, it is submitted that either the secretary took upon himself power to disqualify or he lodged an objection.

In the former case there is no rule of the club to give him any such power. In the latter he is obviously barred from objecting to his own act.

Therefore, as to the committee, there was neither disqualification nor objection; consequently nothing for them to adjudicate upon.

I am, Sir, &c.,

REDUCTIO AD ABSURDUM.

## Review.

TURF TALES. By Captain Armstrong. London: W. Lucas, 42, Essex Street, Strand. One Shilling.

This is a collection of sporting tales which have been running their course for some time past in *Illustrated Bits*. For the most part, they deal with that not altogether lovable phase of human nature which haunts, as the passion of its life, the betting ring, the stable, the society of the fashionable jockey, and the malodorous tout. The author of these tales wields a sprightly pen, and manifestly knows a good deal of the shady side of horse racing, as well as the inner workings of all that pertains to society in its myriad forms connected with the turf. He is a keen student of human nature, and contrives to blend rather successfully just enough of that element of love to brighten his pages, and to render tolerable, the rogueries and sharp practices of many of his otherwise repellant characters. The book is illustrated with free and easy breadth and, as the French would say, *pour rire*. Readers with a proneness to admire horse flesh and all that pertains to it will find here enough to interest them, and to while away an odd hour or two which might otherwise hang heavily on their hands.

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## THE GOLFING BORE.

The bore is the man who, knowing you play much better than he does, takes none of your advice but goes on his own weak erratic way, using the wrong clubs, and avenging himself for the indignity conferred on him when you mildly and timidly asked him to play short by placing you in the sand, in the position of a shrimp which only shows a little bit of head and "two lovely black eyes"! This man spoils the foursome through his "pride and prejudice," which are as dull as Jane Austen's. Yes, he is a bore. But he is not the man I am thinking of. Such a one as he may indeed find salvation in his having stimulated you to play the better because of his inferior work, although in Golf, as elsewhere, "evil communications corrupt good manners," and if you are not a particularly virtuous man demoralisation is apt to set in. The bore who is worthy of his hob-nails is a more desperate character still. The want of ability is bad. The want of desire to learn is worse. Worst of all is the ability which turns itself into a Niagara of speech whereby to commend itself. The bore is sometimes an uncommonly good player; but in this case his boredom consists in his goodness ending with Golf, and the short work he makes of the endeavours of other men in different and higher directions. He would rather be writ down "duffer" anywhere than after his title "golfer."

Again, the golfing bore is he who plays a losing game with clenched teeth and silent imprisoned tongue. The writer once (standing *dormy* at the moment, be it confessed!) ventured to draw the attention of a clergyman, with whom he had played a round of St. Andrews, to the gorgeous clouds piled up above the sinking sun which turned the waters of the Eden into blood. The man of G—, Golf, I mean, instantly and ill-naturedly said he had no heart for such things, and shut off the subject, inwardly, no doubt, regretting he could not shut off the sunser, which, however, other men continued to enjoy; some of whom, one may charitably assume, were not on the winning side. This is a specimen, and a very mild one, of the negative bore! He is impervious to other and higher impressions.

The man who studies his putt too closely on a full green must not complain if he be included among the bores, however large-viewed he may be on the subject of sunsets, or however pleasantly he may be able to play a losing game. The word "bore" moreover would surely require an unduly narrow definition were it to exclude the not uncommon player who cannot go ahead until you have changed your position to one side or the other; who finds your shadow clouding his ball from a distance of, say, fifty yards or thereby—and that at mid-day; whose nervous organisation is so sensitive that your lightest remark puts him off his game, or who complains of a tremor of earthquake if you shake the ash from your cigar. The world is wide, surely, and such men ought scarcely to appear on any links south of Dornoch—and a magnificent green, by the way, they will find that to be if they get so far. There the seals that lie on the Gizen Briggs may flap over from one side to the other without making too much noise—unless indeed when strong easterly winds prevail!

It is to be feared all golfers are bores, more or less, to non-golfers. It seems that the most reticent of men on other subjects no sooner take to Golf than eloquence descends upon him. As a cure for stammering nothing may equal Golf. Let the afflicted one begin the game; let him be gradually and gently drawn into the circle of after-play enthusiasts; let the edge of the larynx be eased by a little whisky and water; let the epiglottis be mildly irritated by a Henry Clay, and a little unexpected friction occur between his partner and his opponents, and assuredly there will be a liberation or loosening of the voice. His phrases will in a month's time trip as lovingly from his tongue as do those of a town councillor after dinner—at the town's expense! Golf, indeed, might make the dumb speak, as certainly as it makes the lame walk:—Is not the church too far distant on Sundays?

Where all are bores in the club-house none have the right to complain. It is not so outside. You are walking with a companion who, reasonably enough, takes no more interest in your Golf than you do in his sketching or amateur photography. He mentions in a modest way a sea-side resort where he thinks of going to sketch, and asks your advice about quarters, and so

forth. But you do not deal in such small proportions; you do not even go halves—you go the whole hog, utterly oblivious of the man's perfectly legitimate demand for information, and his natural appropriation of the claims of friendship. For the name of the place has conjured up a vision of the links hard by, and, overcome with the remembrances of some splendid play of your own, you rush into elaborately detailed accounts of some interesting foursomes, and one peerless single when you broke the record—magically avoiding all the bunkers, and never missing a putt. Your friend looks at you from time to time, and with the blindness due to love of the game, the sneer on his face you mistake for a lively sign of interest in your story, until you are pulled up suddenly with his "confound your Golf! an infernally stupid game it all appears to me." It is well to admit that you have written yourself down a bore, in his sight, and you ought to ask his pardon.

Perhaps of all golfing bores for inappropriate persistence there are none who come near the caddies. The thin whisky-dried shanks carry them to street corners in the city, where a man may try to forget he is a golfer, and pretend, at least, to have an interest in other things—although, of course, the main current of his life flows with what Mr. *Punch* once called the "Golf Stream." He is watching for you at the railway station. If you go to business one way he chooses a point whence he commands at the same time your possible and pardonable choice of another. He meets you at lunch-time, by chance, and begs you will remember that "things is dull down the way." The strong boots you gave him a fortnight ago have been exchanged for a pair of nondescript slippers high at the toe and heelless. Whisky and cold have blown his nose to flaming point, and one can scarcely refuse the poor wretch his railway fare back to the miserable lounging outdoor life he dignifies by the name of "home." One knows all the while, of course, if he ever gets there, it will be by help of some other victim's coins—found between the nearest drink-shop and the railway station.

The natural history of boredom has yet to be written: when it is, Golf will, I think, be found to give way to no other amusement either in quality or quantity of the article in question.

BUNKER HILL.

ROYAL MUSSELBURGH CLUB TOURNAMENT.—The results of the second ties in the tournament by holes, which is being played by the Royal Musselburgh Club, were declared on the 11th inst. as follows:—Mr. J. Baillie, with an allowance or 2 holes, beat Mr. Paul Della Torre, with an allowance of 5 holes; Mr. W. Kirsopp (8) beat Mr. J. M. Henry (8); Dr. Ballantyne (5) beat Mr. C. Carey (5); Mr. R. Millar (6) beat Mr. J. L. Millar (6), scratched; Mr. W. A. Dudgeon (5) beat Mr. F. Sim (6); Mr. J. Gibson (4) beat Mr. J. Mackintosh (6); Mr. W. Dougall (7) beat Mr. T. T. Gray (1); Mr. D. S. Duncan (5) beat Mr. J. Paul (2); Mr. A. McLennan (8) beat Mr. G. G. Smith (plus 3); Mr. J. C. Sharp (2) beat Mr. C. Huie (1); Mr. J. M. Brown (6) beat Mr. D. S. Lunan (5); Mr. J. D. Gibson (4) beat Mr. W. D. Husband (9); Mr. F. J. Renwick (2) beat Mr. J. W. Dickson (8); Mr. J. Young (5) beat Mr. A. Brunton (6); Dr. Craigie (9) beat Mr. C. Mitchell (1); Mr. T. A. Begbie (1) beat Mr. T. Thompson (9).

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## RULES AGAINST GOLFERS.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews have appointed a committee to revise their code of rules. The club has taken a very proper step. The committee has been entrusted with a very responsible and delicate task. More lies with this committee than whether Golf will retain its newly-acquired position as a British game, or whether it will be in a condition to take a leading part in the coming struggle for popularity between the savage and the civilised groups of recreation, the animal killing and the ball striking groups.

It is not the spread of the game, nor the fact that for a large and influential proportion of its votaries Golf is a new game, nor even the demand for more clearly stated rules than formerly, which gives the task of this committee its importance. When the hermit crab grows too big for his shell, or the boy for his ditto jacket, it is not a critical moment. Each in his own way—the former by conquest the latter by purchase—gets a new "Reach-me-down." Even growing pains are not serious. Boys give a howl, and there the matter ends. Golfers have for some years past been less reticent. But no one is forced to read and (it is to be hoped that ere long nobody will care to read) whether Golf pains and penalties are fair or not, or to discuss whether the ball in the whins should be penalised in the same way as he or any man is penalised elsewhere. Hanging balls,\* cases in which golfers swing (or get beheaded) and fall dead, when strokes are the proper penalty, or when ten minutes with the option of a find (fine) is enough, are all matters of which either wisdom or folly may rule about without seriously affecting the game. The prevalent taste for precision, profusion, and printer's ink will not prevent ultimate uniformity of rule. A Solon, a Lycurgus, or an association must arise sooner or later, to codify the rules of play. If no Solon, or similar spoil-jaw, arise to fix the rules it won't matter. Many a better (and more betted on) match was played in the days when Beau Austins dressed, and were yet men. The numbers of tappit hens which seem to have been betted and drank over these matches reads amazing. How were there no disputes with such perfunctory rules? That is what the committee must find out.

In other words, before plunging eagerly into the sea of confusion, buffetting the rough waves raised by the windy babble of beginners, and landing triumphantly with *the* code, let them be sure that it is a master-piece of legislation which Golf requires. We think not. On the contrary, in the interests of Golf we sincerely hope if they try to produce an exhaustive code they will utterly fail. It is not yet the time for such a work to be undertaken, either by them or by an association. Golfers must first be clear what Golf is, on what lines its development is to proceed, if there must be progress. An analogy will explain. Professor Tait has latterly made a perfect code of the Physics of Golf—the game of nature which we must play and under which, curse as we may, we heel, spin, and land our ball in a whin. But it was not Professor Tait who produced the result. Without his teaching, players, ignorant as to Golf physics, might continue to lay down laws to account for gyrations of balls wild enough to tempt Newton to rise again if he did not reflect that his doing so would make matters worse, perhaps induce his apple to reverse nature and upset her game, to fly from a pie to a tree, and finally go off as pollen on a bee's leg. The game of physics is in too firm a position for us to be anxious on this point. But Golf is man-made, yea, Scots-made; and as Longmans' "Shipman" points out, her highest prizes must be sought for now in England. This proves the nationality of Golf, although this leads us (this being not the direction indicated by the index which we always look at when anything is pointed out) to reflect that if these trophies are like our ablest men they would remain in England. In this case there would be no southern grumbling in consequence. Being then human of origin, Golf may be killed; matter cannot. But neither matter nor Golf can be fostered by rules. Solan geese, aërolites, and balls play under one rule, flying over Luffness. Whether Professor Tait sees it is so, we are quite unconscious of the fact till he points it out. Equally, seen or not seen, code or no

code, the Luffness spare ball will continue to relieve the one in difficulties as much as before.

It is Golf—what it is, and is to be—that calls for attention. We want axioms first, rules afterwards. Attraction is the main principle in physics. What are the attractive elements of Golf, must be as certainly and clearly stated before "how to enjoy them" is worth making the subject of a booklet at all.

We offer the committee a few hints and comments. Our views they may not adopt, but upon the points we raise, we urge them to give no uncertain sound.

For one thing, golfers ought to be reminded of the true issues at stake. Volumes could be filled with letters written to sporting papers within a few years, in which "fair and unfair," "consistent," &c., were urged for or against Golf rules. It is not too much to say that any rule which is made with a view to fairness, is bad. No one seems to have noticed that laws of a State and of a game are on a different footing. "All laws are declaratory," says Grotius (or some similar wisacre). He is speaking of laws of a land, and, according to him, these are declaratory of eternal principles of justice applied to human affairs. Fair, right, just, consistent, are criteria here relevant. On the other hand, Golf laws are declaratory, not of eternal justice but of a game called Golf. Justice is a most undesirable element in any game, and yet it is urged against penalties and stymies for ever.

We could see the mistakes "law" has led golfers into. Were Golf a sudden invention, like lawn tennis, or if words of exact meaning were employed, such as "moral," "unfair," "bad," they might be said socially as well as golfingly; but in the one case, contrary to amusement is meant, in the other contrary to justice. The penalty-grumblers forget this, and talk nonsense akin to discussing the ethical aspect of bunkers, or the eternal principles of "Tiddly-Winks."

The committee will do well to study and set forth what principle was discussed, what divided golfers into two clear united parties some years ago, when one party wished a code and the other stood up for St. Andrews rules. No one could in reality have supported the latter as a specimen proving legislative talent. No one had the candour to discover he supported it for its meagreness (which was the truth) and its merit. This meagreness analysed, is found to be composed of principles which would justify loyal support being given to the poorest puppet who ever represented a cause.

St. Andrews declared, and we hope will, by its revised code, again declare, that Golf is a game played by gentlemen, that rules are mere jottings to assist the memory, that Golf looks to loyal golfers freely to protect her, and foster her growth, that hitherto she has been safe unarmed, and prefers to perish, if need be, rather than hedge herself round with rules.

It is not English and Scottish golfers who range under separate flags. Everything should be done to show that Golf will not live except on loyal support. One turns away sick from Golf correspondence, the chicanery, the quibbling, the petty-foggery of sharp practice proposed. St. Andrews should enlighten them. One feels already that the St. Andrews code is fuller than the boastedly universal Bembridge one. In it one can read this rule, "Golf is a game for gentlemen." This is a thousand rules in one. Bembridge rules are for prisoners. They represent the wrong attitude, although curiously enough their author, the late Captain Eaton, was in himself a perfect exponent of all that is lacking from his rules.

We must leave for another occasion the consideration of other axioms. If we are to have extremes, we are not sure that no printed rules at all would be better, and merely this, our first axiom should keep the game simple, efficient, and within reach, better than a tower of Babel, built of codes and controverted quibbling circumventions. Certain it is when rules were fewer, so were disputes. Even within our memory bigger stakes were played for, and for other people's money too, with fewer references to the captain and his council than now. Year after year, for a hundred years at least, a certain club has met month after month, made and played matches, and betted and paid the stakes. It is in proportion as the passion for printed rules has grown that references have increased.

At these meetings (and it would be the case in nearly all clubs), there were enough gentlemen to interpret our axiom; and where there are a few such those associating with them, who do not ape their gentility, are as exceptional as shy, northern

\* Hanging was formerly the penalty for not golfing in a red coat. This is a legitimate inference from the fact that they used to hang men (and women, too) for wearing green.

snobs whose accent, in talking with a duke, takes not a deeper tone from Forth or Clyde, or of Aberdeen awa! instead of being more Englished (this word is angled from an acknowledged English living classic's flow of phrase).

It is not necessarily impossible for Golf to be played honourably under the strictest codes. But codes of the prevalent tone defy all comers, risking their reputation on their invulnerable composition. Gallant golfers come tripping o'er the links to take part in this tournament of chicanery. For a certainty the codes cannot defend Golf. She will be beaten off the links, or sink from the weight of her arms. We remember matches which alone required a volume. One, for instance, we followed and lost a bet upon, which we won according to the majority of disputants in a problem case at present being discussed in GOLF, and as any one must decide who admits the authority of codes. A veteran golfer, lately deceased, was playing, and as the codes stand he lost a hole each time he had to play from sand. How could any code provide exceptions for his, and all, frailties of age. He touched sand because his hand shook from age. The codes force his adversaries to have claimed each touch, and to have insulted him, distressed him. As it was, our axiom was applied. He got hints, and once the penalty was exacted. He tried not to err, and failed, and no more was said. But he, too, applied the axiom. He refused from that day to play for other people's money. *Requiescat in pace.* But he is not the last of a band who prove that Golf needs not all these restrictions which are bidding fair to make a match definable as "a mode of practising for competitions." We doubt not there are many ready at this moment to say, "well, what else is it?" Many there are who never heard of a club match. There are players good enough for the match who would not understand the well-known Golf dinner challenge from an old player "Me' self and a friend will play Mr. — and Mr. —."

We may be challenged to produce some specimens of the kind of axioms we have in view. It is said that once upon a time, as near as might be on this very spot of earth, a certain Draeden had his den. The inhabitants arose with the avowed intention of "drawing the Draeden out." He set us a wise example.

"The Draeden leuch, and stalked awa'  
And was oot o' sight in a banbaqua."

WALTER G. SIMPSON.

**THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.**—We have the Secretary's authority for saying that no remark at all was made at the Delegates' Meeting about the amateur championship not having been held at Prestwick this year.

The Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Club hold their first competition for monthly medals in all three classes on Saturday, May 23rd. The rain will now have shown how good this course will become in a few more weeks.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE CLUB.**—The members of this club played their monthly competition for the medal over the Braids course on the 12th inst., when Mr. William Whyte proved the winner with a net score of 79.

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## ST. ANDREWS SPRING MEETING.

The term "spring meeting" varies somewhat in its signification, and conveys a meaning to the country parson widely different from that associated with the phrase by golfers militant. In spring time the reverend ecclesiastic, clothed in propriety and garments of sombre hue, hies him from country to town, reversing the process adopted by the town-dwelling golfer, who makes for Bunkerland, and arrays himself when there in integuments of dazzling beauty. So variegated are his patterns sometimes, so immaculate the purity of his spots, that a hyper-sensitive opponent has been heard to declare his inability to play up to his game by reason of these distracting influences. Of more than ordinary interest was the spring meeting at St. Andrews this year, for in addition to the competition for the silver cross and Bombay medal, the amateur championship had been announced as a fixture for the last three days of the second week in May. That this arrangement, by which so much excitement is compressed into a short space of time is not regarded with unanimous approval, was made plain some time before the meeting. Those of our readers who look at the *National Observer* will have noticed some correspondence on the question, and further a numerously signed petition to the executive of the Royal and Ancient set forth some valid grounds of objection to the arrangement. But it was pointed out that the committee were powerless in the matter, which had been settled in accordance with a duly minuted resolution to the effect that wherever practicable the Amateur Championship should be played for in the same week as the Spring medals of the club on whose links the competition is held. Whether so much strong food consumed in such a short space of time is good for the golfing palate, or the reverse, is perhaps a debatable question. As was natural, candidates for honours began to arrive some few days before the commencement of the fateful week; the members of the Royal and Ancient to practise for the medal, the strangers to familiarise themselves with the green and its manifold hazards. The arrival of Mr. Ball and his young compatriot, Mr. Hilton, aroused considerable interest, and their opening round which they played together resulted in a halved match, the play being quite worthy of their reputation. With so many fine golfers on the spot, several most interesting combinations were naturally to be looked for, and the critic whose active days are past, might have taken almost any match at random, and witnessed a first-class exhibition of the game. Perhaps the best performance of the whole week was that of Messrs. Ball and Hilton, who defeated an extraordinarily strong couple in Hugh Kirkaldy and Mr. S. Mure Fergusson. The victors, hard pressed throughout, accomplished the very unusual score of 80, the vanquished, the scarcely less creditable one of 82. But while this remarkable foursome was in progress, Mr. J. E. Laidlay was accomplishing a similar feat, indeed he "went one better," and holing out in 79, defeated the brilliant Andrew Kirkaldy by two holes. It is perhaps no betrayal of confidence to say that the latter was considerably astonished at the result, which still further goes to prove how closely the first-class amateur is treading on the heels of the very first among the professionals. It is indeed not very many months since Mr. F. A. Fairlie defeated Andrew Kirkaldy on his own green by a yet larger majority of holes than Mr. Laidlay, and capped that victory by recently winning the medal at Hoylake with the very finescore of 80. Tuesday May 5, saw Mr. Mure Fergusson defeat Mr. Hilton by 6 and 5 to play; and Mr. David Leitch also won a couple of rounds from him. The young Hoylake player's luck was not in the ascendant that day, but in the light of subsequent events, he can afford to disregard this temporary occultation of his star. While matters were thus being fought out on the greensward outside, the business meeting of the Royal and Ancient was being conducted within. As to this, it may be stated without impropriety, and as bearing upon the competition for the Amateur Championship, that Captain W. H. Burn proposed a resolution worded as follows:—"That the following be added to the rules of Golf: In all competitions which are decided by holes, the player may remove his opponent's ball from any position it may occupy on the putting-green, but such act of removal shall be equivalent to the opponent having played his ball in turn and holed it."

It will be seen that this has reference to that treble *vexata questio* which disturbs the peace of mind of every golfer. The frame of the resolution naturally considering that the fifty gentlemen who had entered for the Amateur Championship might be taken as representative of the best amateur play in the country, had canvassed thirty-eight of this number, among whom he found only six dissentients from his view. Fortified by these opinions, held as it now transpired, by the great majority of the most capable players, he had no difficulty in making out a strong and logical case. But strength and logic notwithstanding, the motion was easily defeated, and the irreconcilable antagonism with which representative St. Andrews looks upon any change whatever was once more abundantly demonstrated. It might have been supposed that the wishes of so large a body of the fines players would have carried some weight, but inasmuch as good player must always be outnumbered and swamped by those greatly inferior to



them in skill, the latter were, and must remain, masters of the situation, the competitors being bound by the rules of the green over which the competition takes place. Neither in the matter of the proposed new rules were the Royal and Ancient much more accommodating. Having been goaded into action much against their will by repeated communications from eminent golfers and clubs south of the Tweed, they have at last consented to a grammatical revision of the rules, on the understanding that their fundamental principles be not tampered with. For this tardily wrung concession, it is to be hoped that the English clubs will be humbly grateful, and restrain their inclination to reply "thank you for nothing," remembering always that St. Andrews is a sacred institution, loftily superior to them, eminently conservative, not to say obstructive, in its instincts, and repudiating, though in courteous, well-considered language, all necessity of recognising the propaganda of revolutionists. Still, it is to be noted as a curious fact that a proposal to alter in a fundamental way one of the previously existing laws, was accepted with joyful alacrity, and no one may now ground his club in a hazard without undergoing the penalties in that case made and provided.

Wednesday, the medal day, saw the largest field of entries ever recorded for the spring medal, viz., fifty-seven couples. Out of these Messrs. Charles Hutchings, A. Stuart, J. E. Laidlay, W. H. Burn, H. S. C. Everard, the Brothers Lamb, C. E. Gilroy, C. E. S. Chambers, A. F. Macfie, S. Mure Fergusson, R. B. Sharp, and B. E. Goff might have been expected to furnish the winners, any one of these being capable of playing a strong enough game to win. Others there were also who had won their spurs on other greens, though not quite so well known at St. Andrews. The day did not turn out a particularly favourable one for very low scoring, as a most persistently strong boring wind severely taxed the driving powers on the return journey, and probably more than counterbalanced the good service it was able to effect on the way out. The winner turned out to be Mr. H. S. C. Everard, who, despite three bad holes in the incoming returned a card of 88, which held its own against all subsequent assaults, and in fact was not beaten at any after stage of the day's proceedings, although it was equalled by Mr. Laidlay in playing off the tie at 89 for the Bombay medal, against Messrs. Macfie and Chambers, his score for the tie being better than that of his adversaries by three and six strokes respectively. The usual club dinner followed, whereat discussion was rife as to the chances the next day's play might bring forth. Those who had the good fortune to be drawn early in the list for the Amateur Championship had perhaps the more advantageous situation, for at the bottom was a bunch of good players, most of whom could clearly not survive very long. Thus, Messrs. Macfie, Goff, Molesworth, Everard, Laidlay, Mure Fergusson, and A. R. Patterson were all huddled together in disagreeable propinquity, and the necessity arose in the very first round of either Mr. Laidlay or Mr. Mure Fergusson going to the wall. On the other hand, Mr. Hilton first of all drew a bye, and then escaped with a walk over, his exceedingly formidable antagonist, Mr. F. A. Fairlie, with his Hoylake honours fresh upon him, being unable through indisposition to appear. To his situation in the draw, Mr. Ballingall, a quite unknown player, is probably entitled for the position he was able to take, a striking commentary on which is the fact, that a few days previously Mr. D. Leitch gave him a third, and defeated him by five and four to play, Mr. Leitch himself succumbing in the tournament to an antagonist whom he would probably defeat with ease nine times out of ten. It is however, fair to say that the former was suffering from a gathered finger. Mr. T. Gilroy, an old and well-known golfer, did excellently well, and fully deserved his success. He overthrew successively four strong opponents, young Mr. A. G. Tait a brilliant player in private, but essentially lacking in the case-hardening necessary for big competitions, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. R. T. Boothby, who is probably destined to take a leading place in Golf, and be a fit upholder of the very numerous family honours, and last, not least, the redoubtable hero of a hundred fights, Mr. W. H. Doleman, on this occasion luckily for Mr. Gilroy a good deal off his game. It does not appear to have occurred to the critics that Mr. R. B. Sharp is a gentleman able at times to hold his own in any company. One of them, indeed, with an altogether extraordinary lack of taste and understanding, takes upon himself to write that Mr. Ball probably thought he could close with him at any time, and infers that he held him beneath his notice. Those who know Mr. Ball's generous appreciation of all good play, may be trusted to estimate this impertinent rubbish at its true worth. If the critics do not know the sort of game Mr. Sharp has in him, it is obvious that their acquaintance with golfing matters stands in much need of improvement. Those who really did know his play did not regard his victory as such an extraordinary miracle; they knew that he could out-drive Mr. Ball, and this advantage was palpable at the deciding hole of the match, and had in fact much to do with his victory. As a matter of fact, he played a winning game all through, and fairly beat the champion on his merits, with a good score of 85. He, however, did not maintain this form, and succumbed in the succeeding round to deceptive Mr. Doleman. Mr. A. Morrison, of Troon, was within an ace of defeating Mr. Hilton, who

only snatched a victory after being two down and three to play. The best authentic score made during the tournament was 81, made by Mr. Hilton against Mr. R. H. Johnston, and also by Mr. Laidlay against Mr. Everard. The latter had also a fine round, 84, but lost a well-fought match by three and two to play, the eighth and ninth holes in two and three by Mr. Laidlay being very severe upon him. When the issue was narrowed to the semi-final and final, public opinion pretty accurately gauged the result. But the unexpected happened as usual; Mr. Laidlay, having practically won his match against Mr. Hilton on the outward journey, entirely lost his advantage and ought indeed to have lost the match, but at the crucial point it was his antagonist's turn to fail, who, instead of winning the twelfth hole and getting himself all square, by lamentable putting actually lost it to a moderately played five; he having required four putts to hole out when not more than eight yards from the hole. This made a difference of two holes on the match, for whereas instead of being square, he was now 2 down and 6 to play. This grand opportunity lost, he had ultimately to succumb, though all that mortal man could do he did to stave off defeat, which he only acknowledged at the twentieth hole, after the most stubborn fight that has ever been seen in the final of this competition. Victor and vanquished alike are to be congratulated, and though the winner's score, 88, is not to be compared with some of his earlier rounds, yet under the circumstances it might very easily have been exceeded. Thus ended the Amateur Championship of 1891, and Scotland's best amateur proves himself once more pre-eminent in Scotland's national game.

#### ANOTHER GOLF CLUB IN KENT.

Among the various Golf clubs which have sprung up in the south of late years, few have started under such favourable auspices as the one which has just been formed in the neighbourhood of the ancient cathedral city of Rochester. The links are situated at Oakleigh, Higham, in one of the prettiest parts of the county, and not the least attractive view to be obtained from the ground is that of the shipping passing up and down the Thames. Not only are the links picturesquely situated, but they possess the great advantage of being within easy railway communication of Maidstone, Gravesend, Sheerness, Rochester, and Chatham, or, if players from the two last-named places prefer it, a pleasant drive of half-an-hour's duration will bring them to their destination. Mr. Charles Lake, who is a well-known sportsman and cricketer, has generously given the links free of charge, so that the initial expenses have been reduced to a minimum. So far the venture has proved more successful than the most sanguine of its promoters anticipated. Within a fortnight no fewer than fifty members joined, and it has been decided that in future an entrance-fee of three guineas shall be charged in addition to the annual subscription of two guineas. Included amongst the members are some well-known golfers, of whom we need only mention Mr. Kenneth McDonald, Mr. Alfred Schacht, captain of the Redhill and Reigate Golf Club, and the Hon. Ivo Bligh. A strong and influential committee has been formed in the locality, of which the Earl of Darnley has consented to become president. Mr. Thomas Winch, of Chatham, to whom the credit of initiating the club belongs, has been chosen captain, and a better choice it would have been difficult to make, as no sportsman in the district is better known or more generally liked. The secretary is Mr. H. H. Prall, of Rochester, to whom all communications should be addressed. The club has been very fortunate in securing the services of Charles Crawford, a professional hailing from Musselburgh. Under his supervision the links have been laid down in an admirable manner, and, in the opinion of competent judges, they will eventually be second to none in the Kingdom. The links are three and a-half miles round, and never cross. Moreover, the ground possesses natural hazards, streams, ditches, reeds and trees being plentifully distributed over the course, so that players will have ample opportunities of displaying their skill. Considering the short period which has elapsed since the club was formed, the links are in excellent order, and it is proposed to start open competitions in about a month's time.

NEWINGTON GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The monthly competition for the gold charm was played over Musselburgh Links on Wednesday, the 13th inst., Mr. T. L. Walker being the winner with a score of 97.



TRANSLATION OF AN ARISTOTELIAN  
FRAGMENT IN THE BODLEIAN.

CONCERNING Golf, and how many parts of it there are, and how we ought to play it, and as many things as belong to the same method, let us speak, beginning from the Tee according to the nature of the treatise. For there are some who begin not only after teeing the ball, but also immediately after breakfasting themselves: but this is not Golf, but incontinence or even licentiousness.

Now it is possible to play in several ways: for perhaps they strike indeed, yet not as is necessary, nor where, nor when; as the man who played in the Parks and wounded the infant: for this was good for him, yet not absolutely, nor for the infant. Wherefore here as in other things we should aim at the mean between excess and defect. For the player in excess hits the ball too often, as they do at cricket; and the deficient man cannot hit it at all, except by accident (*κατὰ συμβεβηκός*): as it is related of the man who kicked his caddie, as they do at football. For the beginning is to hit it: and the virtue of a good golfer is to hit well and according to reason and as the professional would hit. And to speak briefly, to play Golf is either the part of a man of genius or a madman, as has been said in the *Poetics*.

And because it is better to hit few times than many—for the good is finite, but the man who goes round in three hundred strokes stretches out in the direction of the infinite—some have said that here too we ought to remember the saying of Hesiod, "The half is better than the whole," thinking not rightly, according at least to my opinion: for in relation to your adversary it is much better to win the Hole than the Half. And Homer is a good master both in other respects and also here: for he alone has taught us how to lie as is necessary, both as to the hole (*καθόλου*), and otherwise.

Again, every art and every method, and likewise every action and intention aims at the good. Some, therefore, making a syllogism, aim at a Professor: for Professors, they say, are good (because dry things are good for men, as has been said in the *Ethics*), and this is a Professor: but perhaps they make a wrong use of the major premise. At any rate, having hit him, it is better to act in some such way as this, not as tragedians seek a recognition (*ἀναγνώρισις*); for this is most unpleasant (*μυαρόν*), and perhaps lead to a catastrophe. It is doubted, whether the man who killed his tutor with a golf-ball acted voluntarily or involuntarily; for on the one hand he did not do it deliberately, since no one deliberates about the results of chance, as, for instance, whether one will hit the ball this time at any rate or not: yet he wished to kill him, and was glad having done it: and probably on the whole it was a mixed action.

Are we, then, to call no man happy till he has finished

his round, and, according to Solon, to look to the end? for it is possible to be fortunate for a long time and yet at last to fall into a ditch: and to the man in the ditch there seems to be no good any more, nor evil. But this is perhaps of another consideration: and, at any rate, it has been discussed sufficiently among the topics of swearing. But it is a question whether a caddie can be called happy, and most probably he cannot; those who seem to be so are congratulated on account of their hope (*διὰ τὴν ἐλπίδα μακαρίζονται*).

A. G.

(From "Echoes from the Oxford Magazine.")

GROANS OF AN IRISH CADDIE.  
AIR, "THE WEARIN' O' THE GREEN."

I.

Oh! Paddy dear, an' did ye hear  
The news that's in the pubs?  
Them golfers is removin'  
All the shamrocks wid their clubs.  
The puttin' grass, so nately swep,  
Is nowheres to be seen,  
For the mischief's in that mashie-club  
That's rippin' up the green.  
I met wid Arty Balfour,  
An' he tuk me by the hand,  
An' sez he—"I've sliced the soil mysel',  
So, shure, I onderstand."  
It's the most uprippit coun-thery  
That iver yit was seen:  
From Dollymount to swate Portrush  
They're wearin' out the green.

II.

Oh! some in coats o' cruel red,  
An' some in tartan knicks,  
An' some wid ties o' chaney blue,  
Bud all o' thim wid sticks.  
An' they batthers at a weenie ball  
That's lyin' on the sod,  
An' hits it—no! they hammers it,  
An' digs out pounds o' clod.  
If the ball wint wid the surface thin  
Them two'd complete the scene—  
Bud no! it's sleepin' where it lay,  
Like a mushroom, white an' clean.  
It's the most uprooted coun-thery  
That iver yit was seen:  
From Aughnacloy to Kinnegar  
They're slicin' off the green.

III.

They comes wid drivers, cleeks, an' spoons,  
An' clubs o' quarest name,  
An' they calls a hape o' sand their tay,  
Bud it's whiskey that they mane.  
An' they calls the sods they're flittherin' out  
Big "divots" as they fly,  
For they can't spake dacent English,  
Like yersilf, Paudeen, an' I.  
Oh! who's to save poor Oireland  
Whin they've shtript our Immirald Queen,  
An' nothin's left bud bogs an' rocks  
Contagious to be seen  
In the most un-grass-ful coun-thery  
That iver yit has been—  
Augh! divil take that mashie-stick,  
For it's KILLIN' out the green.

Belfast.

W. F. COLLIER.

## Eminent Golfers.

### VII.—MR. F. G. TAIT.

To frequenters of St. Andrews links the figure of Mr. Frederick Guthrie Tait is as familiar as the college steeple upon which they are so frequently instructed to play. It is possibly the case that the researches of golfing students, especially those south of the Tweed, have hitherto failed to reveal to them the fact that this gentleman is a player of the very highest merit. This failure might be due partly to the extreme but enviable youth of the subject of this sketch (for at this moment of writing he is still, in the law's phraseology, an infant), partly to the fact that hitherto he has rarely played on any greens but the one above mentioned, differing therein from the cosmopolitanism of Mr. Laidlay and others who have achieved renown in proportion to the number of clubs of which they are distinguished ornaments. "Freddy" Tait is the son of a gentleman whose reputation is world-wide as Senior Wrangler, Professor of Physics, of Natural Philosophy, and what not; in fact, his knowledge is all-embracing, "whatever can be known, he knows it," and like Juvenal's versatile Greek, who by the way also included geometry amongst his many accomplishments, he is never to be non-plussed. The general robustness of the gifted Professor is traceable also in his sons, all of whom with one exception took to Golf as ducks to water, but—and this is the irony of it—the one who did not play could, if he managed to hit the ball, outdrive all his brethren, splendid swipers though they are. "Freddy" was educated at Edinburgh Academy, Sedburgh School, Edinburgh University, and Sandhurst, and is now a junior lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion Leinster Regiment. During his boyhood, when he came over to St. Andrews for the holidays, he was regarded by contemporary youngsters as a suitable object of the hero worship often characteristic of that age. It is narrated by some of these, with sentiments of befitting reverence, how he was the hero of three remarkable exploits in the course of one day, to wit, firstly, how he drove a ball through a man's hat; secondly, how he drove a long iron shot up to the sixth hole green—how the ball pitched in the hole and remained there; thirdly, how, having lost a knife while pottering about on the sands in the morning, he went down late in the day, when the tide was up, waded about, and, feeling something with his foot, discovered that the knife had got

inserted between two of his toes. Needless to say, such performances as these stamped him forthwith as one whom boys would delight to honour. While still quite a lad he saved a comrade from drowning, under circumstances which proved him to be of that mettle which reckes naught of self where duty points the way, risking, as he did, his own life, and acting with a coolness and intrepidity which would have been highly creditable in one of far maturer years. Whilst good at all sports which he has tried—cricket, shooting, Rugby football—Golf is perhaps the one at which he most excels. Whilst still in the embryo stage, before attaining years of discretion, he was sufficiently advanced to be a capital match for such a master of the game as Mr. A. F. Macfie, at the odds of a third. This gentleman, in fact, regarded him as a kind of youthful prodigy, and an interesting study in development. A year or two passing over the head of Mr. Tait, the odds of a third

became a vanishing quantity, so far as Mr. Macfie was concerned, or for that matter anybody else, and, to come to the present time, it was in playing with him, in August, 1890, that Mr. Tait accomplished the feat which brought him prominently into notice. After each gentleman had holed the round in 81 in the forenoon, while Mr. Macfie repeated this figure in the second round, his opponent improved upon it to the extent of four strokes, thus making, so far as can be learnt, the lowest score any amateur has ever compiled, and equalling that of young Tommy Morris, which stood for so many years unchallenged. The round, however, was not the same as that with which Tommy's name is identified, this having been the right or medal course, while what is known as the left course happened to be the arrangement when Mr. Tait made the score in question. This, however, cannot be held to make much difference, for on the medal course the outgoing journey is easier, the return more difficult, and *vice versa*, so that so long as the same distance is traversed, as was the case on this occasion, it may be said that the two

performances are not far removed in point of actual merit. The fact that Tommy's score was made in a scoring competition for prizes, is perhaps sufficient warrant for regarding it even now as the best performance on record, for the 73 and 74 of Hugh Kirkaldy and Mr. Tait's 77, were all made in match play. Not that this detracts from their merit, nor is it to be insinuated for a moment that these three scores are to be accepted as otherwise than absolutely correct, for they are one and all confirmed by ample independent testimony, but there is a wide difference, as most golfers know, between playing avowedly for score, and counting up the total that happens to have been made when a match has been completed. But look at it as we may, Hugh Kirkaldy and Mr. Tait at present hold the field.



It will be necessary to give the details of this score which are as follows:—

Out ... 5 5 5 4 4 5 5 3 4 = 40  
Home... 4 4 3 5 4 4 4 5 4 = 37 77

His record breaking did not stop here, for, as has been noticed in a former issue, he succeeded in holing the Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells links in 76, a score which has in its turn been eclipsed by Douglas Rolland with 74. During the summer of 1890 Mr. Tait had been playing a consistently good game, and on August 5th, or three days after he had thus made himself famous, the tournament for the Calcutta cup commenced. In this competition he started at scratch—the previous winners from scratch, and also Mr. J. H. Blackwell being penalised to the extent of one hole, and Mr. J. E. Laidlay to the extent of two. It fell to Mr. Tait's share to encounter each of these gentlemen, but so far from requiring any extraneous assistance he in each instance disposed of these formidable players by far more than the odds conceded; he defeated each of them, indeed, by some five or six holes, and so well did he play that Mr. Laidlay gave it as his opinion that he was the best amateur St. Andrews had ever produced. After these two victories he was looked upon, and not unnaturally, as a very probable winner of the cup; but it is not an easy thing to get through to the end of a tournament, and he was compelled to succumb to Mr. Nimmo, who was then playing a remarkably strong game, and had, moreover, the advantage of receiving four holes up from Mr. Tait. Mr. Nimmo also hitherto had carried all before him, and was only disposed of in the final round with much difficulty by the ultimate winner. Having only been elected a member of the Royal and Ancient very recently, Mr. Tait has not hitherto had much opportunity for medal play, and at the autumn meeting he returned the, for him, rather high score of 95, but of course such comparative reverses must be expected. He showed to better advantage in the North Berwick tournament afterwards; having experienced once or twice particularly hard lines, he, nevertheless, ran into the last four. Mr. Tait is a very good driver, against a head wind often particularly so; he stands a good deal "open," with the ball apparently nearer his right than his left foot, affording a marked contrast to Mr. Laidlay and his followers. He has a very quick swing, and holds his right hand a good deal round the club, sometimes too much so, and then naturally he begins to draw. He is an accurate putter with a cleek, with which club moreover, he plays excellent approach shots up to the hole, being one of the few players who make use of this very telling stroke, of which Bob Martin used to be the chief exponent. In fine, a general favourite, nobody need ever wish for a better partner in every sense of the word, no one need wish for a more generous opponent; and it may be hoped that his military duties may now and again permit of his visiting the links, in order that his right hand may not forget its very large share of cunning.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

[The sketch is taken from a drawing by Mr. T. Hodge, which, in turn, was taken from an instantaneous photograph by his son, Mr. Donald Hodge. It represents Mr. Tait watching the effect of an approach shot after it has been played.—Ed.]

**NEW COURSE AT FORT WILLIAM.**—On Saturday last a new course was opened at Fort William, when a silver medal, presented by the president, was played for by the members of the newly-formed club. The course is situated on the heights above the town within ten minutes' of either end, and commands a magnificent view. During the winter months it has undergone considerable improvements in the way of clearing off whins and drains where necessary. The course consists of nine holes covering about a mile and a half in the round, and for the most part is in a satisfactory condition, except that the putting-greens are somewhat rough and uneven. This was of course unfavourable to good play, and the least score of 107, made by Mr. A. McDougall, was in the circumstances highly creditable. Mr. W. D. Barclay stood a good second. The course will be a new attraction to the place, and will doubtless be taken full advantage of by the summer visitors. The president of the club is the ex-Provost McLeish; vice-presidents, Provost McIntyre and ex-Provost McKenzie; captain, Mr. Murray, British Linen Bank; treasurer, Mr. W. D. Barclay, Bank of Scotland; secretary, Mr. C. Livingston, head master public school.

**EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW CLUB.**—A match between teams chosen by secretary and treasurer was played over the Braids on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for treasurer's team by four holes.



#### ABERDEEN.

There was a most unpleasant change in the weather here on Saturday, heavy showers of snow and sleet falling at intervals all day. Competitions therefore were carried on under most disagreeable conditions, and the turn-out of players was smaller than usual. The members of the Victoria Club competed over the usual links course for their captain's prize, and, considering the weather, some very good cards were returned. On comparing the cards handed in, the following were found to be the lowest, the first on the list scoring three points, the second two points, and the third one point:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. McConnachie	82	scr. 82	Mr. J. Hazlewood	97	9 88
Mr. W. H. Reid	91	6 85	Mr. Alex. Cooper	89	scr. 89
Mr. A. M. Dunn	87	scr. 87	Mr. J. Russell	97	scr. 97
Mr. G. Mortimer	93	5 88			

#### ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of this club came off on Saturday, the 9th, and Monday, the 11th inst. From an athletic point of view the weather was all that could be desired, though on the Monday some golfers complained that they were put off by the heat of the sun and the brilliancy of the spring colouring. But this is as it may be. Some gentlemen, for whose golfing opinion the writer has the highest respect, said that the putting-greens never played better, while others, for whose golfing opinion he has also the highest respect, declared they never played worse. Certain it is that, owing to the few showers (would they had been heavier) we have lately had, the greens were not so perniciously fast as they have been since Easter. The prizes competed for were:—the spring challenge cup for the best aggregate scratch score, to which was added a very handsome silver cup, presented by Mr. H. Lucas, the captain, a prize for the best aggregate net score, and prizes for the best gross and net scores in Saturday's play. Mr. W. H. Richardson took the scratch prizes, as was indeed right and proper, though his Monday's score was decidedly unworthy of him. On Saturday, however, after going out but moderately, he returned in 41, which is probably an amateur record here. The spring challenge cup last year was won by Mr. F. G. Tait, and if it is always held by players of his and Mr. Richardson's calibre, the club generally will be all the better pleased. Mr. C. F. Cameron took the sweep on Saturday, and the net prize for that day, and Mr. Percy Andrews, a most painstaking and steady golfer, the sweep on Monday and the aggregate net prize. Scores at this meeting can be counted for the "Blackheath" cup, too. Scores:—

#### Saturday, May 9th—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. F. Cameron	102	22 80	Mr. H. S. Little	107	15 92
Mr. A. H. Newington	92	7 85	Mr. W. E. Hughes	99	6 93
Mr. J. S. Sawyer	93	8 85	Mr. J. S. Scott	103	10 93
Mr. H. P. St. John	100	15 85	Mr. Coombe-Williams	115	22 93
Mr. J. Mews	95	9 86	Mr. Bruce Dick	103	9 94
Mr. Percy Andrews	106	20 86	Mr. W. Austen Leigh	109	15 94
Mr. W. H. Richardson	...	87 scr. 87	Rev. A. T. Scott	100	5 95
Mr. J. O. Scott	108	19 89	Mr. F. H. Andrews	113	16 97
Mr. G. Flanagan	107	16 91	Mr. W. P. Metcalfe	113	16 97
Mr. H. Banister	114	23 91	Mr. C. H. Gossage	115	18 97
			Mr. L. W. Andrews	119	22 97

About twenty others went round.

#### Monday, May 11th—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. P. J. Andrews	96	20 76	Mr. W. E. Hughes	98	6 92
Mr. J. S. Scott	94	10 84	Mr. C. H. Gossage	110	18 92
Rev. C. C. Woodland	97	12 85	Mr. W. H. Richardson	94	scr. 94
Major Spens	110	20 90	Rev. A. T. Scott	99	5 94
Mr. J. S. Sawyer	99	8 91	Mr. J. Mews	107	9 98

About ten others went round.



## BATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of this club took place on May 6th, 7th, and 8th, on the links on Hampton Down. The weather was all that could be desired during the three days. The meeting opened on May 6th, with a match between the ladies and gentlemen of the Bath Ladies' Golf Club, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Wilcote Lofters' Club, which resulted in a victory to Bath of 54 holes:—

BATH CLUB.			LOFTERS' CLUB.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Miss M. Miles ...	0	Miss A. Dawkins ...	5		
Miss Fitz Roy ...	0	Miss Henry ...	0		
Miss R. Shelley ...	0	Miss M. Henry ...	1		
Miss D. Marshall ...	0	Miss G. Langley ...	4		
Miss E. Marshall ...	12	Mrs. G. Dawkins ...	0		
Miss D. Johnston ...	8	Mrs. Henry ...	0		
Miss Johnston ...	9	Miss F. Paget ...	0		
	29		10		
Mr. P. V. Turner ...	5	Mr. G. Norris ...	0		
Mr. A. B. Hill ...	7	Hon. R. Capel ...	0		
Mr. Willan ...	0	Mr. G. Dawkins ...	2		
Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	16	Mr. T. Dawkins ...	0		
Rev. L. J. Fish ...	1	Mr. G. Henry ...	0		
Col. Ricketts ...	5	Hon. P. Wyndham ...	0		
Mr. Mackillop ...	9	Mr. N. Kingscote ...	0		
Mr. Wood ...	1	Mr. A. Hoare ...	0		
Mr. Johnston ...	0	Capt. Wyld ...	7		
	44		9		

In the afternoon scratch foursome were played, which resulted in Mrs. Arthur Hoare and Mr. Wood winning the first prize, and Miss M. Miles and Mr. Hill the second.

On Thursday, May 7th, play was resumed by scratch singles in the morning for the open challenge prizes and the captain's medal for the Bath Ladies' Club, which Miss Fitz Roy secured. The challenge prize was won by Miss A. Dawkins, of the Wilcote Lofters' Club, and the lady visitors' prize by Miss Henry, of the Malmesbury Club. The second member's prize was won by Miss D. Johnston. Mr. Winterbotham, of the Minchinhampton Club, won the open challenge prize for gentlemen, and Mr. Archdale the visitors' prize. Rev. J. H. Ellis, after tying with Mr. Wood, won the members' prize.

## LADIES.

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Net.		1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Net.
Miss A. Dawkins ...	40	42	82	Miss R. Shelley ...	45	50	95
Miss Henry ...	44	42	86	Mrs. Davies ...	45	50	95
Miss Fitz Roy ...	46	44	90	Miss M. Henry ...	51	44	95
Miss D. Johnston ...	49	42	91	Miss E. Marshall ...	49	48	97
Miss G. Langley ...	48	44	92	Miss Heaven ...	50	49	99
Lady E. Somerset...	46	46	92	Mrs. P. Taylor ...	50	50	100
Mrs. Hill ...	43	49	92	Mrs. A. Hoare ...	44	56	100
Miss Golightly ...	44	50	94	Miss F. Paget ...	53	53	106
Miss Miles ...	47	48	95	Mrs. Henry ...	54	54	108
Miss Johnston ...	47	48	95	Mrs. Freer ...	58	54	112
Miss J. Golightly ...	51	44	95	Mrs. Dawkins ...	52	62	114

Miss D. Marshall and Miss Airey no returns.

## GENTLEMEN.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Winterbotham ...	43	41	84	Mr. A. B. Hill ...	49	52	101
Mr. Archdale ...	41	46	87	Mr. Willan ...	48	52	100
Mr. H. H. Bishop ...	47	44	91	Mr. Mackillop ...	50	54	104
Mr. Wood ...	46	48	94	Col. Ricketts ...	56	53	109
Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	47	47	94	Mr G. Dawkins ...	59	58	117
Mr. G. Norris ...	48	48	96	Hon. R. Capel ...	60	62	122
Mr. P. V. Turner ...	46	50	96	Col. P. Taylor ...	65	61	126
Mr. A. Hoare ...	50	49	99	Mr. N. Kingscote ...	77	68	145

In the afternoon, a challenge match was played by the ladies of the Bath Club and the ladies of the Malmesbury Club, which resulted in a victory to Malmesbury of 18 holes.

## BATH CLUB.

	Holes.
Miss Fitz Roy ...	0
Miss Shelley ...	0
Miss D. Marshall ...	0
Miss E. Marshall ...	4
Miss Johnston ...	0
Miss D. Johnston ...	2
Mrs. Hill ...	0
Miss Heaven ...	2
	8

## MALMESBURY CLUB.

	Holes.
Miss M. Miles ...	8
Miss Henry ...	3
Miss M. Henry ...	8
Mrs. P. Taylor ...	0
Miss Golightly ...	5
Miss J. Golightly ...	0
Lady E. Somerset ...	2
Mrs. Henry ...	0
	26

On Friday, handicap singles and handicap foursomes were played, which resulted in Miss F. Paget becoming the winner of the first single handicap prize, and Miss J. Golightly the second of the ladies; and Rev. Norton Thompson first of the gentlemen, and Col. Ricketts second.

## LADIES:

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mrs. P. Taylor	...	94	20 74	Miss J. Golightly	...	84	15 69
Miss E. Marshall	...	96	18 72	Miss D. Marshall	...	99	24 75
Miss Heaven	...	115	19 96	Mrs. A. Hoare	...	95	18 77
Miss Shelley	...	96	14 82	Mrs. Henry...	...	97	28 69
Mrs. Dawkins	...	112	30 82	Miss M. Henry	...	82	12 70
Miss G. Langley	...	91	12 79	Miss V. Johnson	...	90	15 75
Lady E. Somerset	...	107	12 95	Mrs. Freer	...	113	30 83
Mrs. Hill	...	100	12 88	Mrs. Davies	...	95	15 80
Miss Paget	...	94	27 67	Miss D. Johnston	...	95	14 81
Miss M. Miles	...	88	14 74				

An extra prize for the scratch play for ladies of the Bath Club only on Friday's play was won by Miss Miles.

## GENTLEMEN.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. G. Dawkins ...	111	20	91	Mr. Mackillop ...	114	25	89
Col. P. Taylor ...	115	25	90	Col. Ricketts ...	102	20	82
Dr. Maitland ...	99	21	88	Rev. N. Thompson ...	110	30	80
Mr. Norris ...	98	12	86	Mr. Hill ...	102	12	90
Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	96	12	84	Rev. J. G. Fish ...	105	17	88
Mr. P. V. Turner ...	98	10	88	Capt. Wild ...	113	23	90
Mr. A. Hoare ...	99	12	87	Mr. Harding ...	138	30	108
Mr. Worburton ...	116	23	93	Mr. C. Harding ...	108	20	88

Mr. G. Henry, Mr. Nigel Kingscote, and Mr. Johnston no returns.

In the handicap foursomes, the first prize was won by Miss F. Paget and Col. Ricketts, and the second prize by Mrs. Freer and Mr. Fish.

## BUCKLE.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., the monthly handicap competition for the captain's medal took place, when Mr. W. F. Johnston proved to be the winner with a scratch score of 74.

## BUTE GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the McCall gold medal handicap, played for monthly, took place on the links at Quochoag on Saturday last week. The weather, though fairly good, was not altogether favourable from the golfer's point of view, and scoring was somewhat higher than usual. The results were as follows:—Rev. J. Saunders, 119, less 13=106; Mr. A. McGaw, 115, less 6=109; Mr. A. Primrose, 111 (scratch); Mr. A. H. Milroy, 129, less 17=112.

## BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The tournament for the captain's prize, a handsome silver jug and beakers, commenced on Monday, May 4th, terminating on Thursday, the 7th, the final heat being played between Mr. Wilson Hoare and Mr. C. O. Walker. After a well-contested match victory rested with Mr. Walker by three up and two to play. The winner throughout played a steady and consistent game, securing him in the end a popular and well-deserved victory.

First Round.—Major Marriott (18) beat Mr. H. J. Percival (18); Mr. W. Hoare (5) beat Mr. P. A. Willett (14); Mr. W. O. Baily (5) beat Mr. F. G. Horne (17); Mr. H. W. Street (16) beat Mr. D. Horner (10); Mr. J. Brock (8) beat Capt. Golding (25); Col. Hough (30) a bye; Major Dudgeon (27) a bye; Mr. H. T. Ross (24) beat Mr. F. Sherlock (24); Mr. W. W. Thompson (16) beat Mr. S. S. Schultz (9); Mr. P. W. Carr (22) beat Mr. A. J. Stanley (15); Mr. C. O. Walker (12) beat Mr. R. W. Ker (19); Mr. C. G. Heathcote (20) beat Mr. A. Denman (6); Rev. T. H. Belcher (11) a bye; Capt. D. Boycott (17) beat Mr. H. E. Acklom (8).

Second Round.—Mr. J. H. Crouch (22) beat Mr. G. R. Burnett (25); Mr. W. Hoare (5) beat Major Marriott (18); Mr. W. O. Baily (5) beat Mr. H. W. Street (16); Mr. J. Brock (8) beat Col. Hough (30); Major Dudgeon (27) beat Mr. H. T. Ross (24); Mr. P. W. Carr (22) beat Mr. W. W. Thompson (16); Mr. C. O. Walker (12) beat Mr. C. G. Heathcote (20); Capt. D. Boycott (17) beat Rev. T. H. Belcher (11).

Third Round.—Mr. W. Hoare (5) beat Mr. J. H. Crouch (22); Mr. J. Brock (8) beat Mr. W. O. Baily (5); Mr. P. W. Carr (22) beat Major Dudgeon (27); Mr. C. O. Walker (12) beat Capt. D. Boycott (17).

Fourth Round.—Mr. W. Hoare (5) beat Mr. J. Brock (8); Mr. C. O. Walker (12) beat Mr. P. W. Carr (22).

Final Heat.—Mr. C. O. Walker (12) beat Mr. W. Hoare (5).

Friday, 8th.—In lovely weather about forty players started for the various prizes under competition in the spring meeting. The course

was in grand order, but the greens were very fast from the recent dry weather. Mr. C. O. Walker, still keeping up the fine form he had shown in the tournament, tied with Mr. A. J. Stanley for the Sandeman cup and club prize, with the net return of 84. In playing off the tie on Saturday afternoon, Mr. A. J. Stanley just won by one stroke; Mr. Walker and Mr. W. Carr, who played a very fine round, decided the sweepstakes. Score:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. C. O. Walker	94	10	84	Mr. W. O. Baily ...	97	5	92
*Mr. A. F. Stanley	99	15	84	Mr. J. F. Chance...	108	16	92
†Mr. W. Carr ...	91	6	85	Mr. A. Denman ...	99	6	93
Mr. S. S. Schultz ...	95	9	86	Mr. F. G. Horne ...	110	17	93
†Mr. G. R. Burnett	112	25	87	Mr. R. W. Kerr ...	112	19	93
Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	98	10	88	Mr. W. Stuckey ...	120	27	93
Mr. H. E. Acklom	97	8	89	Capt. D. Boycott ...	109	15	94
Mr. P. A. Willett ...	103	14	89	Rev. O. C. Vincent	112	18	94
Mr. H. W. Street ...	105	16	89	Mr. J. H. Crouch ...	115	20	95
Mr. W. Hoare ...	95	5	90	Mr. H. T. Ross ...	119	24	95
Colonel Hough ...	120	30	90	Mr. C. G. Heathcote	117	20	97
Mr. F. F. S. Tylecote	97	6	91	Mr. H. R. Scott ...	117	20	97
Mr. J. Brock ...	99	8	91	Mr. J. Campbell ...	121	24	97

\* Tie for Sandeman cup, club prize, and first sweepstake.

† Wins second sweepstake.

‡ Wins Harvey Spiller cup (over 18 strokes handicap).

Fourteen players made no return.

Saturday, 9th.—The meeting was brought to a most successful conclusion to-day, the excitement being kept up to the end. Every event was closely contested, and the handicap committee certainly deserve a word of praise for their labours. Mr. S. S. Schultz and the Hon. Ivo Bligh tied for the Buckley bowl and club prize, with the return of 82 net, Major Marriott running them very close with 83 net. Mr. Schultz won the tie which was played off in the afternoon, taking the Buckley bowl and club prize. He also won Mr. P. A. Willett's prize for the best net aggregate score with 168 net. The Hon. Ivo Bligh took Mr. Knipe's prize for best second half of the course with 45, less 5=40, and divided the sweepstake with Major Marriott. Mr. W. Carr again played a fine round of 90, winning the Nesham bowl for best gross aggregate score with 181, and every one was pleased at the success of the captain, whose performance was decidedly the best that has so far been done in a competition on these links. The following is the score for Saturday:

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. S. S. Schultz	91	9	82	Mr. R. W. Carr	112	20	92
†Hon. Ivo Bligh	92	10	82	Mr. A. J. Stanley	106	13	93
‡Major Marriott	101	18	83	Mr. W. W. Thompson	108	15	93
§Mr. W. Carr	90	6	84	Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	100	6	94
Mr. T. S. O. Selby	100	16	84	Mr. J. F. Chance	110	19	94
Mr. H. R. Scott	109	20	89	Capt. D. Boycott	110	15	95
Mr. L. Horner	100	10	90	Mr. F. G. Horne	112	17	95
Mr. W. Hoare	96	5	91	Mr. H. R. Knipe	121	25	96
Mr. C. O. Walker	99	8	91	Mr. B. Wontner	126	30	96
Mr. P. A. Willett	105	14	91	Rev. T. H. Belcher	108	11	97
Col. Hough	121	30	91	Mr. R. W. Kerr	118	19	99
Mr. H. W. Street	108	16	92	Mr. C. W. Johnson	129	30	99

\* Wins Buckley bowl, club prize, and Willett prize. † Wins first sweepstake and Knipe prize. ‡ Wins second sweepstake. § Wins Nesham prize.

Sixteen players made no return.

#### CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

The final ties for the captain's silver cup, referred on the 13th inst., were keenly contested for, and resulted as follows:—

First Ties:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. R. Macdonald	48	49	97	6	91
Mr. A. C. Marshall	46	50	96	5	91
Mr. D. A. Campbell	50	Retired.			

Second Ties:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. W. R. Macdonald	46	49	95	6	89
Mr. A. C. Marshall	48	48	96	5	91

\* Winner of cup.

The annual competition for the silver tankard, presented in 1885 by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, was played for on the 17th and 18th April. A Duffer's cup for beginners, whose handicaps are 12 points and upwards, was also competed for. The first day's play being round the old course, and the second round the new course, all the difficulties of the links had to be negotiated, and in spite of the intense heat prevailing an unusually large field competed. A creditable score (net 84) by Mr. Wm. Thomson entitled that gentleman to become holder of the trophy for the year, and to receive a

small gold medal and a silver cup as prizes. Mr. Thomson having elected to take the tankard, the Duffer's cup fell to Dr. R. McLeod, who netted 92 in the match and 102 in the beginners' competition. Appended are some of the leading scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. W. Thomson	100	16	84	Mr. R. D. Murray	96	6	90
Mr. R. L. Morgan	91	6	85	Mr. H. C. Clogstoun	106	16	90
Mr. J. R. Stewart...	97	11	86	Mr. J. H. Lane	106	16	90
Mr. A. C. Marshall	92	4	88	Mr. W. H. Cheetham	95	4	91
Dr. R. C. Sanders...	94	5	89	Mr. L. G. Dunbar...	92	scr.	92
Mr. F. G. Stewart...	107	18	89	Mr. J. C. R. Johnston	95	3	92
Mr. John Adamson...	90	scr.	90	Mr. F. H. Lamb	92	scr.	92
Mr. H. C. Begg	90	scr.	90	Mr. G. W. S. Caine	110	18	92
Mr. W. Mitchell	100	10	90	Dr. R. McLeod	110	18	92

\* Winner of the St. Andrews silver tankard.

For the Duffer's cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Thomson...	100	scr. 100	Mr. F. G. Stewart...	107	2 105
*Dr. R. McLeod ...	110	8 102	Mr. H. C. Clogstoun	106	scr. 106
Mr. E. Pearce	108	4 104	Mr. J. H. Lane	106	scr. 106
Mr. T. Fraser	110	6 104	Mr. G. W. S. Caine	110	4 106

\* Winner of the Duffer's cup.

#### COVENTRY GOLF CLUB.

An interesting competition was played on the Coventry links on May 13th, for a handsome prize, given by Mr. Hugh Rotherham. The scratch score of the holes had been fixed, and each player played a match against the ground score under handicap. The arrangement was found to be an excellent one, enabling a match play competition to be finished in the day. The following is the result:—Mr. E. Blackburne (26) 4 up; Mr. F. Smith (12) 3 up; Mr. H. Smith (11) 2 up; Mr. T. Latham (11) 2 up; Mr. G. F. Twist (9) halved; Mr. A. Rotherham (11) halved; Rev. F. R. Evans (11) 1 down; Mr. J. Powers (11) 3 down; Mr. A. P. Pridmore (17) 3 down; Mr. R. A. Rotherham (20) 5 down; Mr. F. Twist (17) 7 down; Mr. J. Cash (17) 7 down. Several others made no return.

#### DALHOUSIE GOLF CLUB.

This club has just made a handsome addition to its club-house. Notwithstanding that this is the third alteration to the building, the present addition does great credit to the architect, Mr. Thomas S. Robertson, Dundee. The accommodation of the house as it previously existed, and was used by the members, was one club-room 30 feet by 18 feet, two rooms each 14 feet square and a small lavatory, and the usual adjuncts; and the building externally had rather a poor appearance. The rapid extension of the membership in recent years rendered it necessary to do something to re-arrange and improve the house. The committee of management, therefore, with the approval of the club, obtained a design for its reconstruction on an enlarged and improved form in which the old buildings were to be utilised as far as possible as parts of the new arrangement. They were thus able to show a commodious building for a comparatively small expenditure. The building now contains a hall 50 feet by 13 feet, a club-room averaging 35 feet by 27 feet, a dining-room 22 feet by 19 feet, two smaller rooms respectively 20 feet by 15 feet, and 12 feet diameter, the latter being in the tower, bar and bar parlour, box-room, three small dressing-rooms and a greatly enlarged lavatory, and other accommodation according to the most modern requirements. The hall is heated by a Musgrave stove, and altogether every kind of comfort has been attended to. Externally the members' portion of the building is in the Scottish baronial style, and is elegant and imposing. It has a tower at the south-east angle, and presents other pleasing features of this increasingly much admired style. Advantage has been taken of the two distinct colours of the rock of the neighbourhood—the grey forming the groundwork of the structure, and the red decorative bands on it. The cost is estimated at about £1,250. We intend in the autumn to give a sketch of the Carnoustie Golf course, which has also been undergoing alteration during the last three or four years, and is now considered to be about finished.

#### DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY CLUB.

The members of this club competed for the championship and silver medal on Saturday last. This club has recently had some life put into it, and the membership now numbers about 50. The great drawback to Golf in this district has been the long grass in summer, but the committee have recently purchased a large lawn-mower, which it is expected will enable the members to enjoy their favourite game all the year round. On Saturday nineteen players competed, and at the conclusion it was found that Mr. H. A. Timms was the champion with a score of 82, Dr. Rowand being second with 84, and Mr. W. M. Blake third with 86. A handicap competition was also arranged, the following being the winners:—Mr. Gordon Lennox, 97, less 20=77; Mr. R. P. Murray, 99, less 20=79; Mr. Law Starkey, 92, less 12=80.

## DINARD GOLF CLUB.

Prizes given by Colonel Stack were played for on May 14th, with following results:—

## LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss N. Dausey ...	133	20 113	Miss M. Leather ...	137	10 127
Miss M. Kidstone...	138	20 118	Miss M. Gordon ...	136	5 131
Miss B. Gordon ...	119	scr. 119	Miss M. B. Stephen-		
Miss Forbes ...	123	3 120	son ...	137	scr. 137
Miss E. Leather ...	148	25 123	Mrs. W. Stephenson	162	20 142
Miss Nation, Miss Stack, Lady			Duntze, and Miss Duntze did not		

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## GENTLEMEN.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Maudsley ...	108	14	94	Colonel Kidstone ...	131	15	116
Mr. M. Edye ...	133	22	111	Comte J. Rochaid...	165	45	120
Sir G. Duntze, Bart.	108	+7	115				

Capt. Hon. N. Byng, Mr. J. Nathan, and Colonel Dausey did not send in returns.

## DUNFERMLINE CLUB.

The gold medal presented to the club by Mr. R. Lockhart, New York, was competed for on the course at the Ferryhills on Saturday last. Two rounds of the course of nine holes were played. The trophy was won by Mr. Robert Reid, the president of the club, with a score of 95, less 15=80. The following are some of the other scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Aikman ...	90	8 82	Mr. R. Telford ...	94	8 86
Mr. R. H. Robertson	92	8 84	Mr. J. W. Robertson	93	6 87
Mr. P. Goodall ...	80	+5 85	Mr. H. Alexander...	88	+2 88
Mr. D. M. Scott ...	100	15 85			

## DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The fourth competition for the Osborn cup was played on Friday, May 15th. Result:

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	3rd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. W. Wyndham	34	45	41	120	24	96
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe ...	34	35	33	102	scr.	102
Dr. O. F. N. Tread- well ...	...	33	39	33	105	1
Mr. E. S. Robson	...	32	43	40	115	10
Rev. A. Robertson	...	43	45	61	149	36
Mr. H. E. Ferens	...	45	49	41	135	20

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## EASTBOURNE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The May meeting took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., in beautiful summer weather, and the course in first-rate order, the greens being, if anything, rather too keen. Several very good scores were handed in. Results as follows:

Gross.			Hep.			Net.			Gross.			Hep.			Net.		
Miss O. Hoare	...	87	15	72	Miss Davenport	...	94	12	82								
Miss Lawrence	...	92	19	73	Mrs. Matheson	...	100	17	83								
Miss Poyntz	...	102	27	75	Miss A. L. T. Drake	...	88	4	84								
Miss Dowker	...	89	14	75	Miss F. Harris	...	111	27	84								
Miss H. Poyntz	...	100	24	76	Miss F. Raper	...	102	16	86								
Miss K. Lawrence...	...	83	4	79	Miss A. T. Drake...	...	94	7	87								
Miss S. Bence	...	88	9	79	Miss H. Lambert	...	108	20	88								
Miss Scott	...	101	22	79	Miss G. Bell	...	117	27	90								
Mrs. Von E. Scott...	...	93	13	80	Miss M. Lawrence...	...	102	11	91								
Miss G. Mills	...	95	15	80	Miss Baddeley	...	118	24	94								
Miss Currie	...	107	27	80	Miss Harris	...	130	27	103								
Mrs. Richardson	...	95	14	81	Miss Cobham	...	136	27	109								
Miss Buchanan	...	89	7	82													

The quarterly medal for the best scratch score was won by Miss K. Lawrence, who, having won it twice previously, now retains it, and also wins Miss Phillip's prize for the best score. The prize presented by Mrs. Lawrence for the best score with handicap limited to 20 was won by Miss O. Hoare, who also won the prize presented by Colonel Shaw for the best approach shots. The prizes presented by Mrs. S. Bence for the best score with handicap over 20 was won by Miss Poyntz, and the putting prize, presented by the hon. sec., was won by Miss Dowker.

COMMERCIAL BANK CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The first of a series of monthly competitions took place at Musselburgh on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., with the following result:—1, Mr. J. Sutherland, 87, less 4=83; 2, Mr. C. E. Huie, 88, scratch; 3, Mr. J. Gibson, 93, 4=89.

LEITH GOLF CLUB.—The Leith Golf Club played their monthly medal competition over Leith links on Saturday. Mr. J. Duncan won the scratch with a score of 67. Mr. D. Leith and Mr. G. Paterson tied for handicap medal. This being the final competition over Leith links, Mr. Duncan wins the scratch charm, and Mr. Gibson and Mr. R. Hutchison tie for handicap charm.

## EPSOM GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, May 16th.—Medal competition:—

	1st.	2nd.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Round.	Round.				
*Mr. A. C. Barton ...	54	50	104	12	92
Mr. W. E. Hayman...	57	55	112	18	104
Mr. E. H. Sweet ...	57	59	116	15	101
Mr. E. R. H. Burlton	60	60	120	18	102
Mr. P. Robertson Rodger	62	58	120	15	105
Mr. Tatham Hughes ...	64	60	124	18	106
Mr. F. McNair ...	65	63	128	20	108
Mr. J. W. Potter ...	70	66	136	12	124

\* Winner of the monthly medal.

Several members made no return.

## FORFARSHIRE.

The members of the Montrose Star Golf Club held their annual competition for the silver cup last week. There was a fair turn-out of players, while the weather was good, and the greens in excellent order. The cup was won by Mr. J. Thow with the score of 83, the next best scorers being Mr. C. R. Murray, with 86, and Mr. J. Sheret, 92. At the annual meeting of the club the following office-bearers for the season were appointed:—Captain, Mr. J. Thow; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Sheret. Members of committee:—Messrs. William Greenhorn, G. Low, R. R. Balfour, David Wilkie, C. R. Murray, P. R. Graham, and P. Anderson.

At the annual meeting of the Kirmuir Golf Club, held in the Hill Verandah, under the presidency of Mr. John Duncan, the following office-bearers were elected:—Patron, the Earl of Airlie. Hon. members—Sir T. Munro, Bart.; Colonel G. Kinloch, of Logie; Mr. Leonard Lyell, M.P. President, Mr. John Ogilvie, of Lidsen; vice-president, Mr. David Wilkie, of Ardmore; committee of management, Messrs. Phyn, Duncan, and Doig. The following is the result of play for medals and prizes:—Scratch medal, Mr. W. Anderson, 86; Mr. P. Graham, 86, a tie. Handicap medal and first prize, Mr. T. M. Wilson, 101, less 36=65; second prize, Mr. Stewart Lindsay, 98, less 20=78; third prize, Mr. George Barry, 106, less 27=79; fourth prize, Mr. Peter Graham, 86, less 6=80. The next best scores were:—Mr. Doig, 101, less 20=81; Mr. Mill, 89, less 7=82; Mr. Anderson, 86, less 3=83; Mr. Scott, 88, less 5=83; Mr. Whyte, 92, less 8=84; Mr. Paterson, 101, less 15=86; Mr. Phyn, 91, less 3=88; Mr. Wallace, scratch, 93.

At the last meeting of the Town Council of Brechin, a letter was submitted from Mr. John Reoch, jun., requesting, on behalf of a number of gentlemen that the Town Council would grant them facilities for playing the game of Golf on Trinity Muir, and that they be permitted to lay out a course of seven holes. The application was unanimously granted.

The members of the Montrose Mercantile Club last week travelled to Elliot Links and had a friendly encounter with the Arbroath Club. Nineteen couples started, and a very pleasant match resulted in a win for the visitors of ten holes. Score:—

ARBRATH.	Holes.	MERCANTILE.	Holes.
Mr. R. Scott ...	10	Mr. G. McIntosh ...	0
Mr. A. Edwards ...	0	Mr. C. Burgess ...	6
Mr. J. Duncan ...	0	Mr. D. Wyllie...	6
Mr. J. Arbuthnott ...	0	Mr. G. Croal ...	3
Mr. A. D. Lowson ...	0	Mr. J. Thow ...	3
Mr. D. Greig ...	0	Mr. J. Christie...	2
Mr. J. Doig ...	0	Mr. C. R. Murray	3
Mr. K. Corstorphine ...	0	Mr. John Hendry	2
Mr. J. Howie ...	0	Mr. Jas. Wishart	4
Mr. D. B. Smith ...	2	Mr. D. Clark ...	0
Mr. A. Yule ...	3	Mr. James Scott	0
Mr. D. Brown...	4	Mr. A. Cook ...	0
Mr. A. L. Braid ...	4	Mr. G. Addison ...	0
Mr. A. Mann ...	0	Mr. G. Sharp ...	1
Mr. C. G. Greig ...	0	Mr. J. G. Mowat ...	5
Mr. J. D. Mackay ...	0	Mr. J. Calderhead	4
Mr. J. Aitken ...	2	Mr. G. Edward ...	0
Mr. D. B. Walters ...	2	Mr. J. L. Strachan	0
Mr. G. Macdonald ...	2	Mr. J. Johnstone ...	0

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Some excellent performances have been accomplished this season by Mr. William Young, of Monifieth. A few weeks ago, playing in a competition, he went round the links at 76. Last week, however, while playing a round with Mr. William T. Baillie, he managed to beat that score, coming in at 75, which is only three strokes more than an average of four strokes to each hole. A record of 75 for Monifieth Links was established by Mr. David Robertson last year, and this has



now been equalled by Mr. Young, the details of whose play are as follows:—

Out ...	...	...	4	3	3	6	6	5	4	4	3=38	75
In ...	...	...	4	5	4	5	4	3	4	4	4=37	

Last Friday evening the half-yearly meeting of the Dalhousie Golf Club was held in Lamb's Hotel, Dundee. Mr. G. A. Gilroy, captain, presided, and there was a good attendance. Mr. D. M'Intyre, the secretary, reported that the cost of the alterations and additions to the Club-house would be £1,225. With the exception of improvements afterwards resolved upon there had been little or no extras on the original plan. The debenture debt now amounted to £1,627 10s. Approval was expressed with the report. Plans were submitted of a new workshop for the clubmaker and a caddies' shelter, which the committee recommended should be erected at the south-east corner of the club enclosure. The cost for this, together with enclosing wall and railing was estimated at £400. The plans and specifications were approved of, and it was agreed that the work should be proceeded with immediately, it being understood, however, that the caddy shelter would be erected to the north of the club-house. The committee further recommended that the entrance-fee should be increased to five guineas, and the chairman having spoken in support of the proposal, Dr. Anderson gave notice of a motion in terms of the committee's suggestion. A letter was read from Mr. W. Caesar, secretary of the Golf Links Bazaar, which is to be held at Dundee next year, soliciting assistance, and asking whether the Dalhousie Club would take charge of a stall. Considering that the bazaar was such a long way off, it was resolved to defer consideration of the matter until the next half-yearly meeting, at which the treasurer's annual financial statement will be submitted. The following office-bearers were then elected:—Messrs. J. Fullerton, R. B. Sharp, and A. G. Morgan, in room of councillors retiring; Mr. James Prain, jun., captain; and Mr. D. M'Intyre, hon. secretary and treasurer. Votes of thanks were awarded to the retiring captain and councillors. The subject of local bye-laws was brought before the meeting by Mr. R. B. Sharp, and it was agreed that where it was impossible to play from the other side of a hazard the ball be dropped a club's length from the place where it entered, a stroke of course being lost.

The spring competition of the Dalhousie Club took place at Carnoustie on Saturday. The weather was bright, but bitterly cold, and a strong northerly gale prevailed. There was a large attendance, no fewer than thirty-six couples taking part in the competition. This large number was got away without any delay however, as, according to the maintenance arrangements with the Police Commissioners the local clubs are entitled to the priority of start throughout the day on their respective half-yearly medal days, and timely announcement had been made of the fact. Cooper, the greenkeeper, had spared no trouble to have the course in splendid condition. The players went out in the following order:—Messrs. C. E. Gilroy and David Anderson, Messrs. Allan Proctor and James Isles, Messrs. John Sharp, jun., and Robert Gilroy, Messrs. H. B. Gilroy and H. M. Robinson, Messrs. James Cunningham and H. S. C. Everard, Messrs. A. G. Morgan and Geo. Halley, Messrs. P. D. Mitchell and Irvine Drimmie, Messrs. W. Scott and Geo. Gilroy, jun., Messrs. W. Gibson, jun., and A. R. C. Paterson, Dr. Anderson and Mr. Jas. Prain, Messrs. Alfred Pattullo and S. M. Low, Capt. Livingston and Dr. Stirling, Messrs. Alex. Johnston and S. C. Thomson, Messrs. J. F. Pullar and J. G. Miller, Messrs. John C. Scott and E. Carmichael, Messrs. G. D. G. Carmichael and P. Chalmers, Messrs. G. A. Gilroy and James Fullerton, Messrs. W. S. Melville and W. Martin, Messrs. John Jones and R. L. Watson, Messrs. R. B. Sharp and D. I. Lamb, Mr. D. M'Intyre and Major Chalmers, Messrs. J. W. Carmichael and W. H. Cox, Mr. John Mathewson and Dr. A. B. Campbell, Messrs. A. W. Boase and William Thomas, Messrs. James Watson and W. Ballingall, Dr. Templeman and Lord Provost Mathewson, Messrs. William Lowson and James Brodie, Messrs. George Younger and D. R. Gilroy, Messrs. W. Anderson and James Duncan, Dr. Merry and Dr. P. Campbell, Messrs. R. B. Don and H. H. Gordon, Messrs. John Henderson and J. S. Kennedy, Messrs. C. M. Boase and Robert Brough, Messrs. W. O. Cunningham and W. R. Sharp, Messrs. James Melville and Allan Mathewson, Messrs. C. C. Crole and P. C. Scott.

On the cards being handed in and scrutinised, it was found that the club medal had been carried off by Mr. D. I. Lamb with the remarkably fine score of 82 strokes, and that Mr. Robert Gilroy, jun., was a good second with 86, the Moir medal falling to him. Among the best scores were the following:—Messrs. R. B. Sharp and G. E. Gilroy, 88; Mr. H. S. C. Everard, 89; Messrs. James Brodie and Alex. Johnston, 92; Mr. G. D. G. Carmichael, 93; Mr. H. M. Robinson, 95; Mr. James Melville, 96; Dr. Anderson, 96; Mr. G. Gilroy, jun., 96; Mr. W. Gibson, jun., 97; Mr. John C. Scott, 97; Mr. G. A. Gilroy, 97; Mr. John Jones, 97; Mr. D. M'Intyre, 97; Mr. James Cunningham, 98; Mr. S. C. Thomson, 98; Mr. W. Lowson, 99; and Mr. W. Anderson, 99; Mr. Lamb was also winner of the first sweepstake with 82, the second and third being divided between Mr. Alex. Johnston, 92, less 9=83, and Mr. G. D. G. Carmichael, 93, less 10=83.

On Saturday the members of the Montrose Mechanics' Club competed for their spring medal. The weather was extremely cold and stormy. Mr. William Cobb won the medal with the score of 85 strokes. The gold cross was secured by Mr. Alex. Cobb at his number—94; the other prize-winner being Mr. George M'Intosh, 87—3 above.

The exceptionally dry spring which has been experienced is telling very perceptibly on the greens in the district. At Carnoustie the operations of the Dalhousie club in the direction of improving certain parts of the course by spreading soil mixed with seed are still rather undeveloped and rough in consequence of the want of rain. The compost put on the west greens, and the sand spread over the course were nearly all blown by the high winds.

Another low score was compiled on the Monifieth course on Saturday. Mr. George Young, last year's champion of the Monifieth Club, playing with Mr. W. Young, did the round in 76 strokes. There was a strong cross-wind blowing, and when entering "the camps" a heavy fall of snow came on, which accounts for the high figures at the fourteenth and fifteenth holes. Appended are the figures of the round:—

Out ...	...	...	3	4	5	5	5	3	4	4=38	76
In ...	...	...	4	5	3	5	5	5	3	4	

Mr. Young's score was 81.

Another couple of rounds in the foursome between Messrs. W. Young and G. Wright against Messrs. D. Dargie and A. Hutchison have been played at Monifieth. The match in the first two rounds, as previously mentioned, stood square, and on Friday evening last a third round left matters unchanged. On Saturday a fourth round was played, when Mr. Dargie and Mr. Hutchison came in two holes up.

The members of the Edzell Golf Club had a competition last Saturday, when, notwithstanding showers of snow and a northerly blast cold enough for mid-winter, there was a good turn-out of players. The prize-winners were Mr. F. Carr, 91—12 below; Mr. J. Fearn, 84—11 below; Mr. H. Watt, 103—11 below; Mr. W. Robertson, 84—10 below. Mr. T. Bennet with 80 and Mr. D. Nairn and Mr. J. Cooper with 81 were the lowest scorers.

#### FORRES.

Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P., has presented to the Forres Club for monthly competition a silver challenge cup, the first competition for which took place on Wednesday last.

#### GIRVAN GOLF CLUB.

The Girvan Golf Club which, after being in abeyance for a series of years, was reconstituted about six months ago, has already been placed on a basis of assured stability. Its membership numbers 70 names, and play over the course laid out by Willie Fernie, the Troon professional, in December, is being largely indulged in by the members. The links, which is of nine holes, is likely to turn out a really good one of its size, all that it wants being the assiduous nursing of the putting-greens, which are, of course, not what they may be expected to be a year or two hence, and plenty of play. The latter requisite is being supplied, and will to a greater extent when the summer visitors arrive, and a judicious expenditure of money on the putting-greens will put them on a footing of equality with those of the other well-known Ayrshire greens.

An interesting exhibition match was played by Mr. John Merry, a member of the Troon club, and Fernie, on Thursday, the 14th inst., which was witnessed by a crowd of spectators, members of the club and others, that testified to the interest the game is creating in the district. Fernie who allowed his opponent half a stroke a hole played a very fine game, and, considering that there was a high wind from the north, his score for the eighteen holes was a very good one, as may be noted:—

First round ...	...	...	4	3	5	3	5	4	4	4	4=36	75
Second round ...	...	...	5	4	3	5	5	5	5	3	4=39	

Mr. Merry went round in 41 and 45, total 86, and lost the match by one hole. Fernie's play was very much admired by the large following.

**DUMBARTON CLUB.**—The first of three competitions for the club gold medal was held on Saturday. The weather was unfavourable. Mr. W. Lossie took first place with the very low score of 73.

**KINROSS.**—The monthly competition for the gold charm took place on Saturday afternoon on the Lochside course. After two rounds of the green Mr. W. G. Downie was found to be the winner of the charm with a net score of 103. The following were the prize-winners:—Mr. W. G. Downie, 103; Mr. J. M. Ross, 121; Mr. Joseph Sands, 123; Mr. T. Dobbie, 129.

**SCOTSCRAIG GOLF CLUB.**—The three members who tied for the Wizard medal have played off, the successful man in the tie being Mr. A. S. Black, who holds the medal for twelve months.

**ANNANDALE V. MOFFAT.**—A match was played over the course of the former on Lockerbie Hill on Saturday afternoon last, seven men a side. The result was:—Annandale, 20 holes; Moffat, 22 holes.

## GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

A series of competitions for special prizes presented by Mr. Lobban, commenced on Alexandra Park, Glasgow, on Saturday. There was a bitterly cold north wind blowing, and play was interrupted by heavy showers of rain and hail. Notwithstanding this drawback, however, there was a large turn-out, 41 couples going off from the tee. The play on Saturday was by strokes, but the successful competitors will henceforth compete by holes. The following are the results in divisions according to handicap:—

## FIRST DIVISION.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. Milne ... 79 scr. 79	Mr. J. Storrar ... 82 3 79
Mr. D. G. Miller ... 81 2 79	Mr. A. A. Guthrie... 83 4 79

## SECOND DIVISION.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Dr. J. Clark ... 85 9 76	Mr. A. M'Lean ... 85 8 77
Mr. R. Hogg ... 87 11 76	Rev. J. Anderson ... 84 5 79

## THIRD DIVISION.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. Duncan ... 85 12 73	Mr. J. Donaldson ... 95 16 79
Mr. A. Lauder ... 92 16 76	Mr. J. Hay... ... 97 18 79
Mr. J. Rhind ... 93 16 77	Mr. J. French ... 97 18 79
Mr. J. M. Falconer 91 12 79	

Some of the better scratch scores were:—Mr. J. R. Motion, 81; Mr. George Gillespie, 82; Mr. R. Philp, 82; Mr. A. Wilson, 83; Mr. W. Doleman, 86; Mr. T. M. Motion, 86; Mr. J. M. Gray, 87; Mr. A. Blair, 87; Mr. J. Hamilton, 88; Mr. J. Blair, 89.

Mr. W. Duncan and Mr. W. Strachan played off their tie for the last monthly medal, when the former won.

## HAWICK CLUB.

The Kelso players having failed to turn up as arranged, a match between teams chosen by the secretary and Mr. G. P. Ross was arranged on Saturday afternoon. Considering that part of the game was played in a blinding snowstorm, Messrs. Barrie and Ross had a capital round in 83 each. Details:—Secretary's team: Mr. James Barrie (secretary), 0; Mr. P. Cruikshank, 0; Mr. R. Michie, 6; Mr. A. Fisher, 0; Mr. R. Thomson, 0; Mr. James Reyburn, 4; Mr. Wm. Pitcairn, 0; total, 10. Mr. G. P. Ross's team: Mr. G. P. Ross, 0; Mr. G. H. Douglas, 3; Mr. W. Hume, 0; Mr. W. Robson, 5; Mr. John Reyburn, 6; Mr. W. P. Ross, 0; Mr. James Scott, 4; total, 18.

## ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., in misty weather, the final round of the Buckley cup was played on the above links. The Rev. Irton Smith (scratch) beat Mr. L. Johnson (receives 21), by 4 holes up and 3 to play.

The heavy rainfall of the past few days has greatly benefited the course, and the new putting-greens which during the drought had become parched and fiery are now wonderfully revived and improved.

On Tuesday, the 12th inst., George Kay, the professional, in a friendly game with a member, completed the 9 holes in 43, a record which will take some lowering by the amateur division.

There are two events set down for competition during the Whitsuntide holidays, for which a large number of members have already entered. The links have been well patronised during the past few weeks by members, and a good many visitors have been out who have expressed themselves as delighted with the sporting character of the links. The club now numbers 140 members.

## KILMALCOLM GOLF CLUB.

The newly-constructed course at Kilmalcolm was formally opened on Saturday, Mr. Neil Robson, in the absence of the hon. president, performed the ceremony by driving the first ball in the presence of a large gathering of members of the club and others. Among the matches subsequently played was a foursome in which Mr. Robson and Dr. Mudie were partners against Mr. A. T. Taylor and Mr. R. B. Mitchell, all well-known members of Bridge of Weir Club. The first-named couple had a rather easy victory over their opponents, winning by 5 up and 4 to play. Another foursome, Mr. A. Symington and Mr. J. Duncan, against Mr. Geo. Taylor and Mr. Thomson, proved a more interesting contest, and was not decided till the last hole when Messrs. Symington and Duncan won by a hole. The weather was cold but otherwise fine.

BEARSDEN.—The first ladies' competition of this club took place on Saturday last. In spite of the cold afternoon, a large number of on-lookers visited the course. When the cards were handed in it was found that Miss T. M'Pherson had secured the first place with a score of 65, and that Mrs. Broadley, Mrs. Hutton, and Mrs. Probes had tied for the second place with scores of 70. On playing off, the second place was given to Mrs. Probes, the third to Mrs. Hutton, and the fourth to Mrs. Broadley.

## LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

The spring competitions took place on Monday the 11th and Tuesday the 12th inst., in magnificent weather. The field of competitors was, however, somewhat thinned by the prevailing epidemic of influenza. Scores:—

## LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mrs. Cecil E. Smith. 88 12 76	Miss Leveson Gower 110 24 86
Miss Ethel Board ... 95 16 79	Miss Thompson ... 93 6 87
Miss Watney ... 93 12 81	Miss Stewart ... 121 27 94
Miss Pamela Stewart 96 12 84	Miss Board... ... 119 22 97
Miss K. Watney ... 103 18 85	Miss A. Boyson ... 120 22 98

## GENTLEMEN.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. Charles Leveson Gower ... 108 18 90	Mr. Cecil Leveson Gower ... 122 27 95
Mr. J. S. Scott ... 96 6 90	Mr. Norman Watney 123 27 96
Mr. C. N. Watney... 106 16 90	Mr. John Bromley... 124 20 104
Mr. C. T. Parsons... 108 13 95	

On playing off the ties the prize was won by Mr. C. N. Watney, with 105 gross, 89 net.

Several players made no return.

## LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The Whitsuntide meeting of this club was held on Saturday, the 16th, and Monday last, the 18th inst. Weather was not very propitious, but on the whole the competitions were got through satisfactorily. About fifty players were upon the green, and upwards of forty members took part in the competitions. The best scratch score was that of Mr. H. S. Colt, viz., 82, which is the lowest score yet recorded for the champion scratch gold medal competition played at the three meetings during the current year.

The aggregate handicap prize for scores on the two days of this meeting was likewise secured by Mr. Colt with 83, plus 82=165, Mr. A. W. Stone being second with 167 (215, less 48); (2) Mr. R. S. Jones secured the medal in the competition among the monthly medal winners with a score of 95, less 9=86. (1) Mr. Bannan's bowl (handicap limited to 18 strokes) was won by Mr. L. R. Erskine, with 94, less 10=84.

The club prize for players with handicap over 18 strokes, was taken by Mr. A. W. Stone with 106, less 24=82.

Full list of scores will be given in our next.

At an extraordinary meeting of the club held on Saturday evening it was resolved that the entrance-fee be now raised from two guineas to three guineas until the membership reaches 300, and that thereafter it shall be five guineas. Including elections made last week, the club now numbers about 280 members.

## MACHRIHANISH GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of the Machrihanish Golf Club took place on Saturday last week, when a large number of the members put in an appearance. Of the representatives of the club present, twenty-nine members competed for the gold medal (scratch) and a series of handicap prizes. At the conclusion of the round of eighteen holes it was found that Mr. J. Greenlees had won the medal with the very fine score of 81. It is worthy of note that the medal had been gained five years in succession prior to the present year by Mr. James Lyon. The details of Mr. Greenlees' score were:—

Out ... .. 6 6 3 4 5 6 4 5 3=42
In ... .. 5 5 5 3 4 5 4 6 2=39

In handicap order the following are some of the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. Jas. Greenlees 81 +3 84	Mr. D. Cameron ... 93 scr. 93
Mr. J. H. Templeton 97 10 87	Mr. A. M'Pherson 99 5 94
Mr. A. H. Gardiner 84 +3 87	Mr. R. Rae ... 109 15 94
Mr. A. Rae ... 87 scr. 87	Mr. W. Hunter ... 105 10 95
Mr. J. Lyon ... 84 +5 89	Mr. R. L. Orr ... 102 6 96
Mr. W. Greenlees ... 90 scr. 90	Mr. J. Colvill ... 116 20 96
Mr. D. MacCallum 98 8 90	Mr. R. Y. Maxtone 115 18 97
Mr. A. M. Greenlees 94 3 91	Mr. J. MacEwing ... 102 4 98
Mr. W. Norman Scott ... 91 scr. 91	Mr. G. E. Inglis ... 119 20 99
Mr. R. Aird ... 103 10 93	Mr. D. Colville ... 108 9 99

WARRENDER GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The May competition of this club was held over the Braid Hills Golf course for "Cannon" medal and other prizes. After completing the round and comparing cards the following were found to be successful:—(1) Mr. D. Stocks, 83, Cannon medal and first prize; (2) Mr. W. G. Grieve, 91; (3) Mr. F. Mathie, 95; (4) Mr. W. H. Menzies, 95. At the quarterly meeting of the club the members were informed by the captain that the club-room would be ready for their possession in about a fortnight. The club has been very fortunate in acquiring a lease of this room, which is in Mr. Frier's premises, close to the first teeing ground.

## MORAY CLUB.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 13th inst., a strong team of the Inverness Club paid a visit to the course at Lossiemouth to play the Moray Club. The weather, which was very threatening and rainy in the fore part of the day, cleared up beautifully, and allowed an enjoyable game to be played. The Inverness Club includes several prominent scratch players from Nairn and Forres in its membership, and the Moray "loons" were thus hopelessly overmatched. Only five of the home team managed to keep level or better with their opponents, the remainder were heavily "down." The result was a win for Inverness by 47 holes, as will be seen from the following score:—

INVERNESS CLUB.		MORAY CLUB.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. F. Steele ...	0	Mr. J. Rodger ...	1
Mr. A. Birnie ...	8	Mr. W. Macdonald ...	0
Mr. J. Birnie ...	6	Dr. Millar ...	0
Mr. D. Young ...	4	Mr. F. Davie ...	0
Mr. A. M'Hardy ...	0	Rev. A. Lawson ...	1
Mr. J. L. Guild ...	3	Mr. J. M'Isaac ...	0
Mr. P. Park ...	5	Mr. W. Christie ...	0
Mr. L. Macrae ...	4	Dr. G. H. Mackay ...	0
Mr. J. Sutherland ...	5	Mr. J. C. Ruxton ...	0
Mr. W. Gunn ...	0	Mr. J. Adams ...	1
Mr. W. Mackenzie ...	1	Mr. G. Falconer ...	0
Mr. J. Mackenzie ...	0	Mr. J. Munro ...	0
Mr. F. M'Ivor ...	0	Rev. J. Macdonald ...	0
Mr. P. H. Smart ...	5	Mr. F. W. Gibb ...	0
Mr. D. H. Chisholm ...	9	Mr. J. S. Jeadon ...	0
	50		3

Majority for Inverness, 47 holes.

On the conclusion of the match the home team entertained the visitors to a substantial luncheon in the club house, where the members of the two clubs pledged each others' healths. Several foursomes were also engaged in with interesting results. The best actual round in the match was that of Mr. J. Birnie, Inverness, who did the course in 78 strokes. Several other players were within a few strokes of him.

## NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., a match was played v. the New Forest Golf Club, with the following result:—

NEW FOREST.		NEEDLES.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Lieut. P. de Crespigny, R.N. ...	8	Mr. G. Palmer ...	0
Lieut. J. Goldfinch, R.N. ...	0	Lieut. C. B. Collins, R.E. ...	1
Mr. A. Goldfinch ...	0	Mr. W. Graham ...	0
Mr. R. Hargreaves ...	0	Mr. F. Graham ...	7
Capt. Aitchison, R.N. ...	0	Mr. F. Tankard ...	9
Mr. J. Jeffreys ...	5	Lieut. E. H. Wills, R.A. ...	0
	13		17

## NEWBIGGIN CLUB.

This club began its summer season on the 14th inst., the weather being fairly good. The captain of the club (Mr. Lowthian Bell) has presented the club with a medal to be played for in a series of bi-monthly contests, possession being gained by a majority of wins in the series of twelve competitions. The result of the first contest was in favour of Mr. Radcliffe with a net score of 95. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	95 scr. 95	Mr. G. Longstaffe...	111 3 108
Mr. G. J. Fenwick	118 20 98	Mr. J. G. Sharpe ...	114 5 109
Mr. J. L. Bell	105 1 104	Mr. B. Brumell ...	129 18 111
Mr. C. D. Ismay	138 32 106	Mr. W. A. Temperley	138 20 118
Mr. J. Hedley	110 3 107		

The strong wind interfered considerably with the players. During the season a prize given by the club and by the hon. sec., will be played for. The game promises to become very popular at this pleasant resort.

## NORTH BERWICK.

The course here during the past week showed comparatively little appearance of animation, and on Saturday the influx of visitors per rail was lessened to an appreciable extent owing to the inclemency of the weather. The day was bitterly cold, a chilling east wind blowing over the links. Until the end of the month the green may now be expected to remain pretty quiet; but, with the advent of the genial month of June, the links will doubtless resume their sprightly aspect and justify the promise so early given of a bright and busy "season" at this favourite resort. The Tantallon summer meeting falls to be held early next month, and June will again see the ladies' fine course beginning to form a centre of special attraction. The several enjoyable meetings of last year amongst the fair votaries of the fascinating game have doubtless been a source of many a pleasant afterthought, and the approaching season, with its opportunities for sociable intercourse and

friendly rivalry, will be regarded with delight both by visiting and resident members of the popular club. During the past year the long course has in the quieter months been unusually well occupied by lady visitors, and in mixed matches the gentler sex have frequently been very successful. Amongst friendly matches engaged in last week over the ordinary course were the following:—On Thursday, Mr. Alexander Stuart and Ben Sayers played two rounds, the professional giving a third. A close game in the first round ended in favour of Mr. Stuart by one at the home hole. In the second round the result of an equally interesting match was exactly reversed. At Pointgarry-in the couple were all even and one to play, and Sayers, winning the last hole, was successful by one. Captain R. G. Suttie and Mr. G. Wylie were also round the green in company on Thursday, and Mr. Bloxson was engaged in a friendly match in the evening. On Saturday Mr. John Penn and Sayers had a single of two rounds, the professional giving half-one. Sayers was in excellent form; but, as his opponent also played finely, the odds proved too much for the professional, and Mr. Penn defeated him in both instances at the home hole.

The Fyshe medal competition forms one of the most interesting events of the programme of the Bass Rock Club, and only the very unfavourable weather could account for the rather meagre attendance of competitors on Saturday. The play is decided by holes, and under handicap conditions. The several matches were productive of no surprises with the exception, perhaps, of the defeat of Mr. Rattray, who has gained the monthly handicap trophy on three out of five occasions, by as many as five up and four to play. Appended are the results of the first round:—Mr. J. B. MacLachlan (14 strokes) beat Mr. T. Johnston (14) by three up and two to play; Mr. A. Hogg (5) beat Mr. J. Greig (14) by five up and four to play; Mr. A. Merriles (14) beat Mr. E. Bradbury (15) by four up and three to play; Mr. G. Reid (9) beat Mr. G. Milne (18) by three up and two to play; Mr. J. Mitchell (2) beat Mr. J. D. Rattray (5) by five up and four to play. Byes were secured by Mr. J. Henderson (2), Mr. A. Hutchison (8), and Mr. G. Tait (18). In the second round the couples play off as follows:—Mr. Tait and Mr. Hogg, Mr. MacLachlan and Mr. Reid, Mr. Merriles and Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Hutchison.

At Gullane, on Saturday, the members of the Edinburgh Collegiate (F. B.) Club competed for the merit gold medal and pendant, and a special handicap prize given by Mr. St. Clair Cunningham. A strong wind blew over the course. The scratch medal was gained by Mr. H. B. Bryden with an actual of 85, and this figure sufficed also to give him first place in handicap order. Mr. G. G. Robertson was second with 88 (scratch), and Mr. J. Williamson and Mr. G. Paxton followed with net scores of 95, less 4=91.

The members of the Dunbar Castle Club engaged in their annual competition for the scratch medal, handicap trophy, and other prizes, over the links there on Wednesday of last week. On a return of cards the merit medal was found to have been gained by Mr. W. Duncan, with an actual of 93. Mr. A. Horne gained the handicap trophies and sweepstakes with a net score of 97, less 6=91. Provost Brand was reappointed captain of the club, and Mr. R. M. Rogers, secretary and treasurer.

## PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS CLUB.

Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club had an extra field-day on Saturday, the occasion being a handicap competition for prizes presented by two members—Mr. T. McLaren and Mr. T. R. Binnie. Fifteen couples started. The links were in excellent playing condition, and the putting-greens true, but there was a cold north wind of considerable force blowing, which somewhat interfered with the scoring. The first prize fell to Mr. A. J. Larke, and three divided for second and third as undernoted:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. J. Larke	96 16 78	Mr. R. Pyper	101 16 85
*Mr. D. Bone	81 scr. 81	Mr. T. McLaren	101 14 87
*Mr. J. Howat	89 8 81	Mr. W. J. Templeton	101 12 89
*Mr. W. Robertson	105 24 81	Mr. T. Weir	108 18 90
Mr. R. Raeside	96 14 82	Mr. A. Muir	100 9 91
Mr. W. T. Ferguson	113 30 83	Mr. H. M. Giles	103 12 91
Mr. Jas. Andrew	87 3 84	Mr. A. Crawford	102 10 92
Mr. M. Smith	102 18 84	Mr. J. Bowden	112 20 92
Mr. D. Walker	106 22 84	Mr. M. Muir	118 24 94
Mr. Jas. Gibson	85 scr. 85	Mr. J. Mercer	114 18 96

\*Tied.

The others gave no returns.

Willie Fernie, Troon, has been doing some very good work over Troon links recently. Last week he was out several times with his brother George, and had three rounds in 75, 76, and 78. High north winds have prevailed nearly all the week.

DORNOCH.—On Saturday, in showery, cold weather, the competition for Provost Sutherland's prize took place. It was won by Mr. Hugh Munro with a score of 88, less 10=78.



## RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.

The competition for the prizes presented by Messrs. Black and Aikman has been advanced another stage with the following results:—Mr. E. A. Walker beat Mr. W. Scott by 8 up and 7 to play; Mr. Jas. Fleming beat Rev. W. Low by 2 holes; Mr. A. Lymington beat Mr. J. Ronald by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. R. Scott beat Mr. J. M. Campbell by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. T. Taylor beat Mr. J. A. Scott by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Jas. Sangster beat Mr. R. Stevenson by 2 up and 1 to play; Rev. J. Abernethy beat Mr. J. S. Howie (absent); Mr. W. Brown beat Mr. W. Holms (absent); Mr. J. M. Campbell and Mr. R. Fleming, who tied for the monthly medal, played off the tie last week, and Mr. Campbell won.

The proposed Golf course at Largs, on the Ayrshire coast, has become all but an accomplished fact. The club has been already formed, and a meeting of the members and those favourable to the proposal, was held the other day, Major Eckford, one of the joint honorary secretaries, presiding. The proceedings were altogether in favour of at once taking steps with a view to the formation of a course over the ground at first most favourably reported upon, that situate at Routenburn. A sub-committee was appointed to take the steps necessary to the acquiring of the ground for the purpose of having it converted into a Golf course. It was intimated that the Earl of Glasgow had signified his willingness to become the honorary president, and that a number of gentlemen in the neighbourhood had agreed to become hon. vice-presidents. Willie Campbell, the Bridge of Weir professional, was down at the end of last week looking over the ground, and we understand that his opinion of the ground is highly favourable to its capabilities as a Golf course.

## ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The return match between the Royal Dublin and Royal Belfast Golf Clubs took place on Saturday on the links at Dollymount, in weather far from pleasant. The wind blew hard from the north-west across the course, with heavy showers of hail and sleet, and the greater part of the day was bitterly cold. Notwithstanding all this, a most enjoyable day was spent, for it takes a great deal to mar the pleasures of Golf, and few golfers mind an occasional wetting. Never did the greens look better, and the same may be said of the links generally, everything being in first-rate order and condition, and a word of praise is certainly due to Brown, the club professional, under whose care the links have shown a vast improvement. The clubs played eleven a-side, and a start was made by the first couple about 12.30. Previous, however, to this several foursomes went half a round, in order that the strangers might get some idea of the ground. As will be seen from the subjoined list, the match was very even, the Royal Dublin being winners by 4 holes. Messrs. Hugh Shaw (the scratch player of the Royal Belfast) and C. H. Meares played very well for their side, beating their opponents by 8 and 7 holes respectively. The former, playing Mr. Charles, never gave his opponent a chance coming home, although they were all even at the 9th hole, and Mr. Meares proved quite too much for Mr. H. Lumsden, as he kept ahead all through. Messrs. Christie, Wilson and Brown, of the Royal Dublin, did excellent service for their side. The other matches were very even, being almost a case of hole about between each couple. The following is the result of the match:—

ROYAL DUBLIN.		HOLES.		ROYAL BELFAST.		HOLES.	
Mr. R. H. Charles	...	...	0	Mr. Hugh Shaw	...	...	8
Mr. John Petrie	...	...	0	Mr. G. M. Shaw	...	...	1
Mr. J. Lumsden, jun.	...	...	0	Mr. H. J. Johnston	...	...	1
Mr. J. W. Peisley White	...	...	0	Capt. Molesworth	...	...	0
Mr. H. Lumsden	...	...	0	Mr. C. H. Meares	...	...	7
Mr. J. Lumsden, sen.	...	...	0	Mr. T. M. Irwin	...	...	0
Mr. D. Christie	...	...	4	Mr. Hy. Herdman	...	...	0
Mr. J. H. S. Russell	...	...	1	Mr. S. C. Kelly	...	...	0
Mr. T. M. Dickson	...	...	2	Mr. J. S. Alexander	...	...	0
Mr. D. M. Wilson	...	...	9	Mr. A. L. Wheeler	...	...	0
Mr. J. Brown	...	...	5	Mr. Jas. Henderson	...	...	0
		21				17	

The monthly medal was competed for by those members of the Royal Dublin who did not play in the above match, but the competitors were not numerous, and only a few made any return. Mr. J. Rutherford was the winner with a gross score of 98, less 25=73. The following were the returns handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Rutherford	...	Mr. H. Tandy Cannon	117 25 92
(winner) ...	98 25 73	Mr. H. McKean	123 30 93
Mr. A. L. Figgis	106 22 84	Dr. A. Traill	111 15 96

In the final heat for the captain's prize played between Mr. J. Lumsden, senr., and Dr. A. Traill, the former allowed the latter 9 strokes. Mr. Lumsden was 2 up at the 9th hole, and won the 10th, but Dr. Traill won the 11th, making it again 2 up to his opponent. The 12th and 13th holes were halved, but Mr. Lumsden then ran out of the match winning by 4 up and 3 to play, thus securing the captain's prize.

Her Majesty, the Queen, has been graciously pleased to grant permission to the club to use the title of "Royal," and has commanded that henceforth the club shall be styled "The Royal Dublin Golf Club."

## ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, the 12th inst., in midsummer-like weather, the above club played off the May competition for the Kentish cup. The day was glorious, but the greens sadly want rain. Being an off-day with many only a very few members competed, and still fewer handed in their cards. Taking into consideration, however, the state of the green, the winning score was good. The following are the best returns made:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Thos. Brown	99 18 81	Mr. F. F. McKenzie	109 14 95
Mr. S. N. Dimbleby	99 15 84	Mr. J. W. Greig	107 8 99
Mr. F. H. Pyman	108 20 88	Mr. G. C. Smythe	114 14 100

## SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

In the most boisterous weather, accompanied by a heavy fall of snow, the twenty-first competition for the old club challenge cup and the seventh competition for the new club challenge cup took place on Saturday, the 16th inst. So severe was the snow that many of the players preferred abandoning the game. Of those who continued to brave the storm, Mr. Seymour Walker returned a very good card, showing the low gross score of 75. Mr. A. Robinson is unfortunate in again being in second position, which he has frequently held during the competitions. Mr. J. F. Wilson showed an improved game in playing up third with the vice-president, Mr. Philip Wood, M.A. The scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. Walker	75 6 69	Mr. W. S. Merry-weather	91 15 76
Mr. A. Robinson	77 6 71	Mr. E. R. Whitwell	96 20 76
Mr. J. F. Wilson	91 19 72	Mr. F. W. Purvis	84 6 78
Mr. Philip Wood	81 9 72	Mr. A. Gladstone	99 20 79
Mr. G. Newby	78 5 73	Mr. R. Elliott	91 12 79
Mr. C. J. Bunting	83 8 75		

Messrs. A. Massingham, E. Hutchinson, E. R. Whitwell, J. Tennant, Rev. A. McCullagh, Rev. F. L. Cope, Mr. P. A. Rap, and Mr. W. S. Woodiwis made no returns.

The new course of eighteen holes has been laid out, and it is anticipated that they will be in good playing order by the middle of July or the first week in August, when special prizes will be offered for competition, and all the golfers of the district will be invited to compete. The new course will be of a very sporting character, and will obviate the disadvantage which exists at the present third hole in both outward and homeward bound players meeting on the same green.

The final 28 holes of the match between Kay of Seaton Carew and Chisholm, of Cleveland Golf Club, took place over the Cleveland ground with the following result:—Kay, first round, 85; second round, 90=175. Chisholm, first round, 98; second round, 102=200; Kay thus giving Chisholm a thorough good beating.

## ST. ANDREWS.

After the excitement and bustle of the championship the past week has appeared comparatively quiet on St. Andrews links. One or two days, however, which happened to be kept as holidays in neighbouring towns were exceptions, and this was particularly the case on Monday, when, favoured with excellent weather, a large number of matches went the round of the green. On Wednesday the members of the Ladies' Golf Club had their annual spring field day. This event opens for them their golfing season, and, considering their want of practice during the winter, the scores given below are very good. The names of the players were as follows:—Mrs. Scratton and Mrs. D. I. Lamb; Miss Moir and Miss A. Moir; Mrs. Hay and Mrs. Muirhead; Mrs. Wolfe Murray and Mrs. Henderson; Miss J. K. Stewart and Miss M. Bethune; Miss Riddle Webster and Miss F. Hodge; Miss Ord; Miss E. Moir and Miss J. M. Bethune; Mrs. Gray and Miss H. Stewart; Mrs. Everard and Miss Stewart; Miss Houston and Miss Henderson; Mrs. Duff and Mrs. J. Moir; Miss Dalmahoy and Miss Gilliat. Two rounds were played for a decision and at the close it was found that the medal had been won by Miss H. Stewart at 105. The next in order were Miss Dalmahoy, 106; Miss Moir, 110; Mrs. Lamb, 112; Miss M. Bethune, 115; Miss J. K. Stewart, 115; Mrs. Henderson, 116; Mrs. Wolfe Murray, 117; Miss Houston, 117.

The medal competition of the children's Golf club was held on Saturday when there was a large field of the youngsters. The scoring in many cases was remarkably good. The following were the results:—Senior Girls.—1, Miss Georgina Syme, 92; 2, Miss Ada Muirhead, 96.

Junior Girls.—1, Miss Violet Lamb, 100; 2, Miss Delta Moir, 113. Senior Boys.—1, Frank Dalmahoy, 77; 2, Edward Scratton, 79; Ian Moir, 79.

On playing off the tie Edward Scratton won in 39. Junior Boys.—1, Harold Wolfe Murray, 95; 2, David Lamb, 108. The same day the St. Andrews clubs played for the gold medal presented for competition by the Royal and Ancients. There was a good turn-out, but the high wind told heavily against the scores. After a

keen competition the medal was tied for at 88 by Mr. Laurence Auchterlonie and Mr. W. Greig, both of the St. Andrews Golf Club. The next best were Mr. J. Kirk, Thistle, 90, and Mr. R. Robb, Thistle, 90. The tie will be played off on Saturday.

There is at present on view in the club smoking room an excellent portrait of Tom Morris. Mr. Stevenson, R.S.A., has one of the rooms of the club fitted up as a studio, and is busily engaged on his Golf picture. The principal figures sketched in comprise Mr. Everard, Mr. Laidlaw, Mr. Ball, Mr. Blackwell, Mr. MacPherson, besides other well-known golfers.

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

The Whitsuntide meeting of this popular Golf club commenced on Saturday last, in very fair golfing weather, and with the presence of a very large number of golfers. The competition on Saturday was for the Gemmel Cup, competed for under handicap limited to 18 strokes. This was won by Mr. Hambro with a score of 80, R. H. B. Pringle, the Hon. A. Grosvenor, the Hon. Scott Moncrieff, Cornelius Thompson, Felix Barry, J. C. Wadham, Colonel Cox, and Mr. Bovill making scores of 88, 86, 87, 87, 88, 88, 88, and 89 respectively. Between fifty and sixty couples competed in the event. Among those who took part in Saturday's sweepstakes were some of the best known golfers who are here to play for St. George's Challenge Cup, open to all amateurs. Amongst these Mr. A. F. Macfie and Mr. C. Hutchings holed out in 87 and 89 respectively. The best known names amongst the numerous entries for the Challenge Cup are Mr. Macfie, Messrs. F. A. and W. E. Fairlie, J. Ball, jun., H. Hilton, F. G. Tait, C. Hutchings.

#### THE EDINBURGH VIEWFORTH GOLF CLUB.

A fine afternoon favoured the competition held by this club on Wednesday, the 6th inst., on the Braid Hills. Owing to the drought, the greens were very tricky, but, notwithstanding, some good scores were made. Mr. Hay's score of 80 was in the circumstances a very fine one made up as follows:—

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

The prize-winners were: Mr. A. D. Wood, 86, less 14=72; Mr. J. Hay, 80, less 2=78; Mr. H. J. Harrison, 83, less 4=79; Mr. F. Ross, 92, less 12=80. Other scores were, less handicap: Mr. J. Richardson, 82; Mr. O. Thomson (scratch), 83; Mr. A. M. Miller, 83; Mr. J. Beattie, 88; Mr. W. B. Wise, 94; Mr. F. Taylor, 97; Mr. J. Watson, 97. On this occasion the silver monthly medal goes with the first prize, and was won by Mr. Wood, who, as the result of the several competitions last year, had his name engraved on it.

A hole tournament has been for some time in progress; and some very interesting games have been played. The following ties have still to be played off:—Mr. J. M. Marr (5) and Mr. H. J. Harrison (4); Mr. A. Jamieson (12) and Mr. F. Taylor (7); Mr. James Allan (12) and Mr. F. Ross (8); Mr. J. Beattie (4) and Mr. A. Hodge (9). The chief prize is a print, handsomely framed in oak, of the celebrated painting by Charles Lees, R.S.A. of "the Golfers" and there are, in addition, several club prizes.

#### THE PARLIAMENTARY GOLF MATCH.

This match has now passed into the annals of golfing history. It has excited a good deal of interest and curiosity among the outside public as well as among golfers generally; and although the matches were on the whole productive of good sport, and a few close finishes, they revealed in a certain number of cases a somewhat predominant inequality in the handicapping. Our legislators played with rare vigour throughout, and in many cases they showed surprisingly fine form, as one or two seasoned Scottish golfers in the Press Gallery found to their dismay. Mr. T. W. Legh, Lord Elcho, Lord Granby, Mr. Seton-Karr, Mr. Walter James, Mr. Finlay, Mr. Gerald Balfour, Sir W. Houldsworth, Sir H. Maxwell, and Mr. Fisher, played well throughout, and died very hard.

For the past two months Tooting Common has been the tapping hunting ground of the comic artist and the sentimental maiden. When it was known that the Chief Secretary for Ireland intended to be a competitor, even the golfing enthusiast, intent upon his game, could not refrain from noticing the large influx of strangers about the course, and especially of the number of ladies to be seen hovering about the greens and the teeing grounds. Sometimes one heard the caddie being eagerly asked, "Which is he?" and then somehow or another the fair ones ceased to be further interested in the sport when they learned that the golfing personalities were Smith and Jones, with a shilling on the match, and not Mr. A. J. Balfour playing off his tie. Suspicious looking artistic gentlemen, armed each with a Kodak camera, stalked furtively after an innocent pair of players guilty of no crime; smartly dressed matrons with their more smartly dressed daughters, portly old gentlemen, and noisy little boys with fishing bait and lines left their favourite Saturday pastimes to follow an hon. member and impede his progress from tee to hole by their embarrassing intentions. Unfortunately, Mr. Balfour was too absorbed in piloting the Land Purchase Bill through Committee of the House

of Commons to be able to attend to a Golf match; and thus he was compelled to scratch, and so disappoint the onlookers who were continually lying in wait for his appearance with the clubs. Mr. St. John and Mr. Skene were the two players left in the final, and after a very close game the former won. The following are the full scores:—

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

Second Round.—The Marquis of Granby, M.P., beat Lord Elcho, M.P., by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. J. Robertson beat the Hon. Walter H. James, M.P., by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. Felix Skene (5) beat Sir W. H. Houldsworth, M.P. (16), by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P. (6), beat Mr. Donald Crawford, M.P. (18), by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. Gerald Balfour, M.P. (14), beat Mr. R. G. Webster, M.P. (20), by 9 up and 7 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. Felix Skene (5) walked over, Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P. (9), scratched, owing to illness from influenza. Mr. H. B. St. John (15) beat Mr. C. L. Anstruther (9).

Final.—Wednesday, the 13th inst., was the day set aside for the concluding stage of the Parliamentary Golf competition, the opposing parties being Messrs. H. B. St. John and Mr. Felix Skene. The latter had to concede eight strokes. These were taken at the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 14th and 16th holes. The excitement may, therefore, be imagined when, with two holes to play, the competitors were all even; nor did the interest abate one iota when Mr. St. John was downy at the 17th hole, and a halved match was, therefore, not improbable. The fact that Mr. Skene went round in 91, and Mr. St. John in 95 may be interesting. These figures, however, can scarcely be taken as the standard of the play, for owing to the hard and dry condition of the green anything like accurate shots with the iron were almost out of the question. Mr. Skene had the honour at starting, and made a fine iron approach to the first hole, which was halved on the handicap—the actual strokes being 5 to 6. Mr. Skene led off with a long drive for the second hole, but heeled with his next stroke, and got into the whins from which he had to play to the side. A lucky stroke by Mr. St. John carried him safely over the ditch. This he followed up with a judicious iron shot; but threw his chance away on the putting green for the second hole, which, like the third, was halved. Mr. Skene won the 4th hole (4 to 5), Mr. St. John receiving a stroke, secured the 5th, and was equally successful at the 6th. Splendid play by Mr. Skene gained for him the 7th hole, in four, to Mr. St. John's six. Both were unlucky when driving off the tee for the 8th hole; but Mr. St. John made a good approach shot, and won the hole by 6 to 7. The 9th hole was halved in four, and Mr. St. John was, consequently, one up at the turn. He was unlucky enough to get into the whins, however, from a long and otherwise excellent drive for the 10th hole, which was remarkable for some splendid play by Mr. Skene, who got on to the green in two, and ultimately won the hole by 4 to 6—the handicap notwithstanding. The 11th and 12th holes were won by Mr. St. John; the 13th was won by Mr. Skene, who, with a grand shot nearly reached the green in one; the 14th went to Mr. St. John, and the 15th and 16th to Mr. Skene. They were level at this point, and were still even at the approach shot to the 17th hole. This, amidst much excitement, went to Mr. St. John. Each player got into trouble on driving from the tee for the 18th hole, and had to lift and lose; but Mr. St. John played the odd on to the green, and ultimately won the match by two holes.

#### THE NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The spring cup competition of this club took place on Thursday, the 14th inst., when twenty-eight members competed in weather which was unfavourable to low scoring. The cup goes to the player making the lowest score from scratch, and is held by him till the autumn competition, and he also receives a medal. Mr. J. Harris has proved the winner on the last three occasions, but on Thursday Mr. R. S. Clouston succeeded in obtaining possession of it.



Prizes were also given for the lowest scores under handicap, and in the competition open to members who are allowed nine strokes or less, Mr. D. A. Crawford was the winner. Mr. Clouston tied with Mr. Crawford, but was ineligible for this prize, being the winner of the cup. Mr. A. T. Ashwell won the prize open to members with handicaps of over nine strokes.

Mrs. J. C. Warren offered a prize (a pair of salt-cellar) to be competed for under handicap limited to eighteen strokes, and this also was won by Mr. Ashwell.

After the competition several foursomes were played by members, and in one of these Messrs. Harris and Clouston beat Messrs. Doleman (the captain) and Warren by two holes.

Spring cup competition, 14th May, 1891. Scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. S. Clouston	90	scr. 90	Mr. R. F. Smith...	106	6 100
Mr. R. D. Oswald...	93	scr. 93	Mr. W. H. Hutton	107	27 80
Mr. D. A. Crawford	93	3 90	Mr. J. Henderson ...	107	15 92
Mr. J. McMeeking	94	3 91	Mr. S. Davidson ...	107	9 98
Mr. J. C. Warren...	95	scr. 95	Mr. J. Johnstone ...	108	9 99
Mr. J. Harris ...	97	+3 100	Mr. P. A. Nash ...	110	27 83
Mr. C. S. Wardle ...	100	9 91	Mr. P. W. Allen ...	114	18 96
Mr. A. C. Beckton	100	3 97	Mr. F. Dobson ...	115	18 97
Mr. F. W. Thompson...	102	9 93	Mr. R. Evans, jun.	116	18 98
Mr. A. T. Ashwell	103	27 76	Mr. A. Barrow ...	116	27 89
Mr. C. F. Dobson...	104	9 95	Mr. E. L. Manning	127	18 109
Mr. J. Hall ...	105	27 78	Mr. T. D. Partington	141	Not

No returns from Messrs. John Russell, J. Dobson, F. Bannister, and S. Groves.

#### THE NEW FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The final handicap competition between the winners of the gold medal for the previous twelve months took place on the Lyndhurst links on Monday, May 11th, for holding. There were eight winners entitled to compete (three having won it twice), but only six turned up at the tee. Lieut. J. Goldsmith, R.N., succeeded in carrying it off. The scores as follows:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Hcp.	Net.
Lieut. J. Goldfinch, R.N. ...	48	43	scr.	91
Capt. Aitchison, R.N. ...	59	55	12	102
Lieut. P. de Crespigny, R.N. ...	49	56	scr.	105
Mr. A. Goldfinch ...	56	58	9	105
Rev. H. White ...	64	64	14	114
Mr. A. P. Beaumont ...	68	70	18	120

The first of a series of six (monthly) handicap competitions for ladies who have been elected hon. members of the club, for a gold Golf brooch presented by a few of the members, took place on the Lyndhurst Links last week. Scores as follows (one round of the links):

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Norris ...	94	25 69	Miss Bryan ...	94	15 79
Miss R. Cameron ...	83	10 73	Mrs. M. Peto ...	94	15 79
Miss Mason ...	91	15 76	Miss E. Sykes ...	100	20 80
Miss V. Lushington	92	15 77			

#### WHITLEY CLUB.

The tie between Messrs. Radcliffe and Treadwell for the Anderson cup was replayed at Durham on the 15th inst. In consideration of the last-named being more familiar with this course than his opponent, the players were rehandicapped, and Mr. Radcliffe was only called upon to allow the handicap instead of 7. The final result was in favour of Mr. Radcliffe, the scores being:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	102	scr. 102	Dr. O. F. Treadwell	105	1 104

Mr. F. W. Wyndham proved successful in the Osborne cup competition with a net score of 96, with a handicap allowance of 24, his gross being 120.

FRASERBURGH.—The scratch gold medal was played for over the new course on Wednesday and Saturday last. First place was taken by Mr. Noble with 91. The next scores recorded were:—Mr. Joss, 99; Mr. Mutch, 100; and Mr. Cranna, 106.

HARRISON CLUB.—The fortnightly competition for the gold medal, played in Harrison Park on Friday last, resulted in a tie between Mr. Andrew Tait, Mr. J. Blyth, and Mr. J. Campbell, each 48, less 2=46; and Mr. Phillip Brown, 52, less 6=46, for ten holes.

EDINBURGH COLLEGIATE FORMER PUPILS' GOLF CLUB.—This club competed at Gullane, on Saturday last, for the gold medal and pendant (scratch), and also for a handicap prize presented by Mr. St. Clair Cunningham. There was a fair turn-out of players, and the green was in excellent order. The gold medal, as well as the first handicap prize, were won by Mr. Harry Bryden, the scores being:—Mr. H. Bryden, scratch, 85; Mr. G. Robertson, scratch, 88; Mr. W. Paxton, 95, less 4=91; Mr. J. Williamson, 95, less 4=91.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on the Braid Hills on Saturday last and played for their monthly trophy. The result was a tie between Mr. F. Hastie, 83, less 6=77, and Mr. D. Grant, 84, less 7=77. Twenty members competed.

BRUNTSFIELD LINKS CLUB.—The spring meeting of this club was held at Musselburgh on the 12th inst. The weather was extremely fine, and there was a good muster of members present. The club competed for the gold medal, which is awarded to the best scratch player, and the ladies' cup and the Turnbull-Morison cup, which are offered under handicap. The latter is played for half-yearly, and becomes the property of the member who first wins it three times. The gold medal was won last year by Mr. D. M'Laren with a score of 83, the Ladies' cup and the Turnbull-Morison cup being carried off by Mr. J. D. Paterson. Mr. J. Turner won the gold medal with a score of 87, and his allowance of 2 placed him first also in the handicap, and winner, therefore, of both the cups with a net score of 85. The following were the best scores:—Mr. J. Turner (gold medal, ladies' cup, and Turnbull-Morison cup), 87, less 2=85; Mr. W. Kirkhope, 101, less 12=89; Mr. W. Lees, 97, less 7=90; Mr. C. Cowper, 96, less 6=90; Mr. J. Maxwell, 94, less 3=91; Mr. W. Bryce, 97, less 6=91; Mr. W. Miller, 103, less 12=91; Mr. D. M'Laren, 89, plus 3=92; Mr. J. Taylor, 90, plus 3=93; Mr. J. Pringle, 101, less 8=93; Mr. W. Croal, 101, less 8=93; Mr. C. D. Rutherford, 106, less 12=94; Mr. A. Usher, 99, less 4=95; Mr. W. Phillips, 105, less 10=95; Mr. G. Greenhill, 112, less 16=96; Mr. J. Stevenson, 99, less 2=97; Mr. R. Melrose, 102, less 4=98; Mr. T. Gray, 103, less 4=99.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION CLUB V. EDINBURGH MINISTERS' CLUB.—A match between the Edinburgh Corporation Golf Club and the Edinburgh Ministers' Golf Club was played over the Braids course on the 11th inst., eight on each side. Scores:—

MINISTERS.	Holes.	CORPORATION.	Holes.
Rev. John Glasse ...	0	Councillor Mitchell Thompson	1
Rev. Charles McGregor...	0	Mr. Somerville, Procurator-	
Rev. Andrew Gray ...	6	Fiscal ...	3
Rev. C. J. Ritchie ...	3	Mr. Laing, City Assessor ...	0
Rev. Alexander Kennedy ...	1	Councillor Macpherson ...	0
Rev. George Kirkwood ...	0	Councillor Mackenzie ...	0
Rev. J. Park ...	12	Ex-Councillor McIntosh...	2
Rev. Alexander Neil ...	3	Convener Ramage ...	0
		Councillor Macnoughton ...	0
	25		6

The Ministers' Club thus won by 19 holes. The best score was that of the Rev. Mr. Gray, who did the round in 85 strokes.

REGISTER HOUSE GOLF CLUB.—The following is the result of a hole handicap competition of this club held over the Braids course for prizes presented by Mr. F. Taylor and Mr. A. Cromb:—1, Mr. A. M. Runciman, 5; 2, Mr. P. Grant, 4; 3, Mr. D. Stewart, 11; 4, Mr. A. Cromb, 1.

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