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NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 28.—Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Royal Liverpool : St. Andrews Day Meeting.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Winter Meeting and Dinner.
Warwickshire : Club Cup Competition.
Cambridge University *v.* Royal Epping Forest (at Chingford).
Birkdale : Captain's Cup.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Nov. 30.—Royal Isle of Wight : St. Andrews Day Meeting ; Moreton Cup ; St. Andrews Cross.
Burnham (Somerset) : Gold Medal Handicap.

DECEMBER.

- Dec. 1.—Royal Blackheath : Photographic Society's Gold Medal ; Calcutta Cup and Monthly Medal.
Dec. 3.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
Dec. 4.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Dec. 5.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The Berers' Gold Medal.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Muntz Prize.
Lundin : Handicap Medal.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.

- Dec. 5.—Melbourne : Monthly Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
County Down : Wallace Cup.
Rochdale : Secretary's Trophy.
Seaton Carew : Gray's Trophy.
Warwickshire : Lefroy Prize.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Niblick Jug.
Birkdale : Monthly Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Subscription Prizes.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Dec. 8.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Birkdale : Club Ladies' Prize.
Dec. 12.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Nairn : Pullar's Medal.
Wilpshire : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Military Gold Medal.
Tooting : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Medal Competition.
Formby : Pearson Prize.
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition.
Didsbury : Captain's Prize.
Dalhousie : Handicap Match (second).
Dec. 16.—Royal Epping Forest : Spurling-Kentish Gold Medal.
Dec. 17.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
Dec. 19.—Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup ; Club Prizes.
Disley : Second Winter Handicap.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Sutton Coldfield : Lloyd Prize.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
County Down : County Down Railway Cup.
Tooting : Special Prize (limited to 18 handicap).
Lytham and St. Anne's : Bury Cup.
Dec. 22.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Dec. 23, 24 and 28.—Royal Isle of Wight : Single Tournament, for Prize value £10, given by the Club (entries close 22nd).
Dec. 26.—Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Christmas Meeting.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : Christmas Meeting ; Bembridge Gold Medal ; "Eaton Memorial Gold Putter."
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup Competition.
Ilkley : Christmas Cup.
Manchester : Club Prizes.
Richmond : Christmas Meeting.
Birkdale : Captain's Cup.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; Monthly Medal and Optional Sweepstake.
Dec. 26-28.—Guildford : Christmas Meeting.
Dec. 28.—Burnham : Monthly Medal.
Dec. 28-29.—Royal Eastbourne : Winter Meeting.

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GOLF IN SINGAPORE.

Even in the unchanging East things must sometimes move. The cause of the present revolution is Golf; and its leader is Goldney (Mr. Justice Goldney, of the Supreme Court, Singapore). Through Golf and Goldney women mourn for absent husbands; and over the tennis lawn and the garden party there rests the sad thought that those who should be there are absent. For in truth Golf is a grasping pursuit. The habit seizes a man (like alcohol, cards, or mining shares); and the tears of his wife, or the smiles of someone else's wife, alike fail to move him from his infatuation. In these circumstances it is not surprising that the more infatuated devotees of the new vice (new in Singapore) seek to bend the customs of the place to their own practices. The civil and military servants of the Crown complain that the merchants are unable to be on the links until half-past four o'clock of an afternoon; and the merchants complain that the lawyers are sometimes so late as five o'clock. It is really for these reasons that it is urged that, while the compulsory closing of the port on Sundays is being considered, there might also be framed a clause prohibiting Europeans from working on any day after 4 p.m. And it is also proposed to prohibit the practice of holding directors' meetings, and the like, in the afternoon. The argument, as stated for His Excellency's consideration, is that between 4.30 and 6 p.m. is the only period of the Eastern day fit for active out-door recreation; and that the present late hours of business tend to drive many young men to the demoralising habit of going out in the early morning. That is the alleged reason of the agitation for compulsory closing of business at 4 p.m.; and it is pointed out that the European assistants of the mercantile houses would cheerfully join in the demand but for fear of their employers. The real reason of the agitation, however, is to facilitate Golf; and, although we are aware of the danger of running counter to a strong popular feeling, it seems proper to say that the compulsory early closing movement is not more defensible than that for closing the port on Sundays.

As touches the complaints of "wives and mithers maist despairin'," the remedy is to endeavour to enlist in the practice of Golf the wives of ourselves and of our friends. As has been already noted, the game lends itself readily to pleasant costumes, and it is less destructive of toilette artifices than many others. It may be noted that some people have proposed to purchase Mr. Koek's late property of Clare Grove, and to lay out on it a ladies' Golf course, removing thither, as a kind of side show, the ladies' tennis ground and the Tanglin Club. To that there could be no great objection; nor need the trifling outlay of sixty or eighty thousand dollars stand in the way. But, for the present, the race-course might be the scene of the ladies' exploits; and, in any case, we have the resource of the links now laid out at Tanglin Barracks—links which the Northamptonshire officers, with their habitual gallantry, would be happy to place at the ladies' disposal, especially as such a use of military lands might tend to modify public feeling about the military exaction. The main thing is to see that the new habit of Golf is not allowed to lessen the amusements of women in the East. When we consider how few such amusements are as compared with the continual gaieties of an English provincial town, or the bright and vivid life of a woman dwelling in a London suburb, it will be seen that we must not lessen the narrow list of recreations which we place at the feet of those who share our sad and dismal exile. Mr. Justice Goldney has already incurred much just censure. He, who appeared to be a pattern husband, has sanctioned a daily divorce. We would fail in our duty did we omit to warn him, while yet there is time for repentance and atonement.

It may, of course, be urged that, having described Golf as the new vice, we err in seeking to bring women also under its thrall. That, of course, is to fall into the provincial error of regarding vice and virtue as fixed and unchanging qualities. The standards of vice and virtue are as varying as the rules of fashion or the principles of political economy. Further, the contention was that the Golf habit is a vice when it is selfish and overruling. When we submit the game to the refining influence and tender grace of woman; when we share its bitter exasperations with those who share our other sorrows; when we talk over its vexations and worries with those who console us in the other rebuffs of life; when we allow ourselves to be prettily coaxed to play again to-morrow; when we gently kiss away the tears that spring from an ill-directed drive or an unfortunate putt; then what was a selfish and vicious habit becomes a noble and virtuous joy; and Golf is saved and Goldney pardoned.—*The Straits Times*.

PERTH ARTISAN GOLF CLUB.—The first round of the competition for the Lamond medal and prizes presented by Captain Bald, of Kilgraston, took place on the North Inch on Saturday. Best scores:—Mr. W. Anderson, 55; Mr. W. Young, 59; Mr. A. Strachan, 60; Mr. J. Cobb, sen., 60; Mr. J. Brown, 61; Mr. A. Re., 63; Mr. J. Cobb, jun., 64; Mr. John M'Arthur, 64; Mr. J. Brough, 65; and Mr. F. Grant, 65.

GOLFING UNION OF IRELAND.

An adjourned meeting of the delegates of the Golfing Union of Ireland was held in the Royal Hotel, Belfast, on the 13th inst. Present:—Mr. W. H. Mann (captain County Club), in the chair; Mr. H. Herdman (Royal Belfast). Mr. George C. mbe, Dr. Magill and Mr. E. Young (County Down), Mr. H. Adair and Mr. A. W. Gausson (Killymoon), Mr. R. Daniel, Mr. James Dickson, and Rev. E. F. Campbell (Dungannon), Mr. R. A. Collingwood (Portsalon), and Mr. Hugh C. Kelly, honorary secretary, *pro tem*. The following resolutions were passed:—1. That a Golfing Union be and is hereby established. 2. That the union be managed by a council consisting of a president, three vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and delegates from the different clubs of the union. 3. That Lord Ranfurly be president. 4. That Captain M'Calmont, M.P., and Mr. J. S. Alexander be vice-presidents, and that the third vice-president be not appointed for the present. 5. That Mr. George Coombe be honorary secretary. 6. That Mr. Hugh C. Kelly be honorary treasurer. 7. That there be one delegate from each club and one extra delegate for each 150 members, or part thereof, over and above the first 150 members, always provided that there be not more than three delegates from any one club. 8. That the subscription from each club to the union be £1 1s. per each delegate the club is entitled to have. 9. That the following clubs be the original clubs forming the Golfing Union of Ireland:—The County, County Down, Royal Belfast, Killymoon, Dungannon, Aghnacloy, Ballycastle, Portsalon, Buncrana. 10. That any club wishing to join the union shall be proposed by members of the council and seconded by another, and may be admitted on getting a majority of the votes of those members of the council present at the next meeting. 11. That all clubs of the union shall be entitled to have their fixtures published by the union before the 1st December, and two cards of such fixtures be sent to the secretary of each club. 12. That the union take steps to establish an Irish championship, open to members of all recognised Golf clubs, to be competed for on links appointed by the union. 13. That the discussion of the adoption of a uniform method of handicapping be postponed to a subsequent meeting of the union. 14. That the honorary secretary be empowered to call a meeting of the council at any time he may consider necessary, and shall be required to do so on receiving a requisition signed by the delegates of any two clubs. 15. That Messrs. H. Herdman, G. Combe, and H. C. Kelly be appointed a sub-committee to draw up rules both for the union and championship meetings, and submit same to a subsequent meeting of the union.

ADVICE TO YOUNG GOLFERS.

XI.

Weather is a very important factor in the game. In dry weather the putting-greens become very keen, and the least touch makes the ball roll about in a bewildering sort of fashion. They are apt also to become lumpy. Wet weather has quite a contrary effect. The greens turn very heavy, and the ball requires to be smartly struck, even for a short putt. But when in this state the greens will generally be found to be very "true," and to afford ample opportunity for good play.

Perhaps the most important item in the way of weather is wind, and it may not be amiss to say a few words on this head. Wind affects the game in two ways, (first) it affects the player, and (second) it affects the ball during its flight. A tall largely built man is much more susceptible to the effect of wind on his play than a smaller and more slightly built man is. The reason appears to be that, in the case of a big man, the wind having more surface to take hold of, catches his shoulders and interferes with his swing more than in the case of a small man. One would suppose quite naturally that the extra strength of the former would enable him to counteract the effect of wind more successfully, but this does not appear to be so in practice.

It is hardly necessary to refer to the effect of wind on the flight of the ball in the long game, as this must be patent to all. But it may be remarked that in playing against a head-wind, if the

stroke is in the least degree pulled or heeled, the effect of these will be very much exaggerated. The only way to do, is to drive straight into the teeth of the wind, and the lower the ball can be kept the better. It is also very difficult to play approaches on a windy day. Iron shots cannot be "pitched" to advantage, so that it is safer to run the ball up to the flag.

Putting too, is affected as much as any part of the game, and allowance must be made for the effect of the wind in judging the strength.

The most disappointing and tantalizing wind, is one blowing across the course; it helps in no way, and makes the game very difficult to play at all well. When the wind is with the course, one way or other, it is not so irritating, because it helps either going out or coming in. Of course, the advantage gained going with the wind does not anything like compensate for the loss of strokes sustained in playing against it.

A beginner cannot do better than spend a little of his time in watching the play of some good golfer—professional or amateur. If professional play is to be seen—and what green has not got its professional—so much the better. Professional golfers as a rule not only play better, but also have a better style than amateurs, and it is to this latter, that the beginner should pay most attention. By observing the game of good golfers, he will see the way in which each particular kind of stroke ought to be played, and he will also be able to form some idea of a model for his own play. If he takes sufficient interest in the game, and will make the acquaintance of some good professionals, he will find that as a rule they are a very respectable and intelligent class of men, and he will get a great many hints of no small value from them. If a beginner aims at being a good golfer in a golfing sense, he will find it to his advantage to engage a professional to play against him occasionally, and to coach him. The information and assistance which can thus be obtained are well worth the small fee paid therefor. More can be learned in a couple of hours from a good coach than in as many weeks from studying treatises on the subject.

It is of the utmost importance that every player should be well acquainted with the rules of the game. The number of good golfers who know next to nothing of the rules is simply astonishing, and every week one sees the most absurd questions submitted to the Editor of this paper for his ruling and advice. No man who has the slightest pretension to being a golfer, should remain in ignorance of the rules. He cannot be said to play the game unless he plays according to recognised rules, and how can he do so if he knows not what these rules are? Moreover, questions often arise in the course of the game, whether friendly matches or competitions, and it is, to say the least of it, very awkward not to know what ought to be done in any case of difficulty. In a competition either by holes or strokes one may find himself disqualified if he gets into a difficulty, and in extricating himself therefrom commits some breach of a rule of which he was unaware. Perhaps his score may be good enough to have placed him on the prize list but for his being disqualified. Such circumstances have arisen before. If there are no local rules, the St. Andrews rules are usually held to apply.

Golfers should always play according to the rules, whether engaged in competitions or not. It is to be regretted that, in friendly matches, breaches of the rules are frequently permitted on both sides. This tends to encourage loose play, and a doubtful morality in serious matches. There is no room for compromise. Either one plays the game or he does not; and if he does the former, the rules must be observed and obeyed in every particular. Many persons without in the least intending to do anything unfair, lay down their club behind the ball in sand, some even scrape away the sand behind, and all players of this stamp feel aggrieved if asked to hole out short putts. Their opponents often have some delicacy in challenging such proceedings, but this should not be allowed to interfere. If any hesitation is felt about objecting to illegal practices, a simple way of remedying matters for the future is to avoid playing with a partner who indulges in any objectionable acts.

The score should always be kept, whether in playing for strokes or holes. It is useful to refer to the score-book, and observe what improvement is being made. It also gives one a good general idea of his average game.

Most friendly matches are played for holes, but it will be found a pleasant change to play for score, and this will

certainly help in competitions. It is possible to play a very good hole game, but to have, say, one bad hole which would inevitably spoil a score. Stroke and hole play will be treated of in next article, but it may be observed that an excellent plan is to go out and play with the fixed intention of not exceeding a certain figure. This gives one something to play up to, as the saying is, and, even if a partner cannot be found, there is an object in view to animate the game and the player.

(To be continued.)

J. A.

SANDWICH LINKS.

AIR: "Laird o' Cockpen."

There's a game I maun sing o', o' lang pedigree,
That taks a firm haud where'er it may be;
Tae speir ye the name o't, I guess ye're no' dowff,
It's the king o' a' games is the Royal game o' gowff.

The doctor's a keen hand an' lang heided chiel,
When he planned oot the links he feared no' the deil (Deal);
But, ma certy, tae play her, she taks a' ye ken,
An' ye're ready for ane frae "the auld tappit hen."

They may crack aboot bunkers an' hazards galore,
Auld Nature's provided them here by the score;
There's "Hades" an' "Suez" ye've a' tae get owre,
It's gowff ye maun play tae the best o' yer power.

There's ane croons them a', "the Maiden" by name,
Ye may search the warld owre, nane equals her fame;
Tae see yer ba' fleein' abune her proud heid,
Ye'll ken, if ye've *struck* her, she's gie nearly deid.

But if, when ye tap her, she owre the heid lies,
Think o' the gran' practice "the Maiden" supplies;
It's nae use o' flytin', its a' for yer guid,
Ye'll ken what tae dae—the next time ye lead.

The greens are perfection, sae keen an' sae true,
Tae miss a short putt, ye're gie loose i' the glue;
Nae need o' excuses, 't'ill no' dae ava',
The fact is, ye tried—but the hole was owre sma'.

Sin' things are sae perfect, an' naething gangs wrang,
Ye micht play a' the day an' hear naething strang;
Wi' braw patent clubs an' ba's, caddies forbye,
It's paradise noo, there's nane can deny.

Then fill up yer glasses, an' join in wi' me,
An' drink tae St. George's, wi' a' honours three;
It stands oot triumphant, weel gairded wi' forts,
An' adds tae the glory that gilds the Cinque Ports.

Tooting Bec.

TOM DUNN.

RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—The draw in the second stage of the contest at present going on for prizes presented by two of its members is as under:—Mr. J. B. Stewart and Mr. J. M. Brown; Mr. Thomas Carruthers, jun., and Mr. J. M. Pörtous; Mr. Richard Fleming and Mr. D. A. Morrison; Mr. W. N. Scott and Mr. D. C. Wingate; Mr. Adam and Mr. J. L. Wilson; Mr. John R. Scott and Mr. R. Brownlie, jun.; Mr. A. B. M'Kechnie and Mr. Neil Robson, jun.; Mr. John Buchanan and Dr. Sandeman; Mr. James Kay and Dr. Mudie. The above players, along with the following fourteen gentlemen, who received byes in the first stage, have all to play off by next Saturday, when the second round concludes:—Rev. Thomas Carruthers and Mr. Robert Craig; Mr. David Craig and Mr. W. Aitken; Mr. R. Park Lyle and Mr. W. J. Mirlées; Mr. John Lockie and Mr. A. Symington; Mr. John Thomson and Mr. John Campbell; Captain Ross and Mr. R. Stevenson; Mr. R. B. Mitchell and Mr. A. N. Lindsay.

HERIOT GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the gold charm took place at the Braids on Saturday. Mr. Robert Bowie proved the winner with the net score of 88.

GOLF, AS SOME PLAY IT.

"I'll play ye fur ha'f-a-croon, an' it il no break ony o' us wha ever loses."

"Ha'f-a-croon! Man a' wadna excite ma'sel fur sic a triflin' sum; na! na! I've played fur a soverign afore noo, and wun tae, but I wadna be bothered playin' fur ha'f-a-croon; the fac' is, I'm no much carin' about playin' fur onything. However, I'll gaun a roond wi' ye ta gie ye a game; an' tae mak' it a wee bit mair excitin' for yersel', I'll play ye fur a gill an' a sixpenny ba' if yer on?"

"No, I'm no on; I'm gie shair a' wadna play fur a sixpenny ba' onyway!"

"Weel! mak' it a' shillin' ane; dinna think ye'll fricht me wi' tryin' tae mak' me believe yer in the habit o' playin' for big stakes; I'm doubtin' yer Gouf extends nae further than yer back green; hooever, its a' the same tae me, if yer feer'd tae play, just say si, and we'll say nae mair about it."

"Oh! if it comes tae that, I'm no feer'd tae play ye, an' if ye like tae double the stakes I'll play ye a' roond."

"Very weel! twa gills an' a shillin' ba'; wul ye tak' the honour?"

"It's a' the same tae me; but maybe I'll no get it again? so I'd better tak' it!"

"A' richt, fire away; hullo, tapped it! that's no a very guid start!"

"Never you mind about the start; play away or I'll maybe tap yer heed."

"Dinna git sae fiery aboot it, man, the best 'ill mak' a mistake some time or ither; I've seen me dae that ma'sel."

"Hech! man a' hit it fair on the heel; it was you speakin' when a' wus playin' made me dae that. A' wish ye wud haud yer tongue. That's a grand second tho'!"

"Aye, it's no a bad ane, an it 'll tak a lot o' beetin'."

"Jist ca canny a wee, friend; yer beginnin' tae bounce owre sin' in the game? I'm no feer'd fur the like o' they shots! but—"

"Man! I'm lyn' awfu' bad; richt in a hole. I got it oot no si bad, but Iv'e gien ma ba' an awfu' cut!"

"Ye'll be saier cut than that afore I'm dune wi' ye! Play the ane mair. What's that yer da'en? teein' yer ba'?"

"Teein' ma ba'! no likely, a' wus jist lookin' tae see if it wus mine, dinna be feer'd, my man. I'll no tak' ony unfair advantage o' ye! I think that yen'll dae; its on the green, an' lyn' deed. Yer playin' the like, aren't ye?"

"Aye!"

"Toots man! Ye never looked at it; ye'll better play the odds noo, I think? It wants legs! Aye be up ta the hole; the hole winna come ta you."

"Play away, d— it, an' no talk si much."

"I'm playin' the like; an' its ta the bottom; hoo does that mak' ye feel?"

"Hud yer tongue, man, fur ony sake, we're a lang way fra hame yet."

"That's ane up, then, a' suppose? An my honour an' I intend ta keep it, mind that."

"Is'nt that awfu'! hit it fair on the tae; a' dinna ken what's the maiter wi' me the day; but never mind, a' aye put in a guid second and third; it does na maiter si much fur yer first shot."

"Ah! weel, I'll try an' put in a guid first onyway; an' I think it's no a bad ane? Play the odds, ay, an' the twa mair; I'll play the ane aff twa. No up, tho'!"

"Ay, play the like."

"An' its a guid ane. I should dae it in five? That's the odds, is'nt it? Weel! I've this fur the hole, an' it's in, makin' us a square; that wasna a bad putt?"

"You could na miss it; ye had a straicht run in. Go on, then; if I dinna play ony better this hole I'll gaun hame. That's twa better drives this time tho', but I doubt I've got

into the bunker? O'! ay; wha can play oot o' there? An' look at you, ye lucky deevil, lyn' richt on the edge!"

"Ay, man, I'm lyn' bonny, an' I'll land it on tae the green! Hoo mony is that ye've played? Six?"

"No, it's only five."

"Is it! it's mair! Ye played five in the bunker, and ane tae here. I've played four, an' it's you to play."

"No near strong enough, I'm no' puttin' a' ta'! I'm fair sick o' this! a' wish I hadna started."

"Weel, that makes ane up."

"I don't think we should play ony mair, there's the rain on, an' it's lookin' awfu' bad, besides I'm no wantin' tae git wet through tae the skin; I ance played in a poorin' wet day, and I didna git the better o't for a week. Ay! it's getting gie heavy, I think we'd better be gaun, an' I'll play ye some 'ither day."

"Not a' ta'? if ye dinna finish the roond, I'll claim the match, I'm no carin' for a shoo'r o' rain!"

"Very weel, I dae! If yer gaun doon my way I'll stand ye a nip."

"Weel! there's no much pleezure playin' yersel', so I'll come along wi' ye, an' I'll hae the gill oot you ony way."

"I'm gie suir ye winna, no the day."

"Oh! that's no ha'f guid enough!"

"My freend, let me tell ye it's a guid thing the rain has come on, or ye'd be blawin' the 'ither way. Are ye comin' in?"

"Mak' it a gill atween us then!"

"Ay! some ither time. Twa nips Mrs. —. Here's tae oor next meetin', and I hope it's no wet."

"It's a pity for me it's turned oot wet the day."

"I dinna see it; I'm aff hame, so guid nicht."

J. K.

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The Scotsman says:—"The two volumes of GOLF which have just been issued will be of much interest to golfers, both in England and in Scotland. GOLF is in capable hands. It is edited by a golfer of experience and ability, who deals from week to week with the many knotty points that are submitted to him. A glance through the correspondence columns shows that the volumes would have a special value if it were for no other reason than that they help to elucidate no end of vexed questions of rules and niceties of interpretation. All sorts of points have cropped up, and on many of them the editor has given his correspondents valuable assistance in determining them. But besides the correspondence there are many other contents of interest in the volumes. A series of readable articles, accompanied by photographs, sketching the achievements of the most noted golfers of the day; descriptions of the new greens which are being opened in England and Scotland almost every week, critical articles dealing with subjects of such vital importance to golfers as the St. Andrews new rules—these and other articles arrest attention in looking through the volume. The editor has been fortunate in numbering among his contributors Mr. Horace Hutchinson, Mr. Everard, and other well-known golfers."

The Aberdeen Free Press says:—"GOLF has completed its second volume. The weekly issues of the organ of "Ye Royal and Auncient" game from March 20th to September 11th of this year are bound together in handsome red covers. GOLF has justified its existence, and it ought to have a long and prosperous life. It is well worth being bound on account of the mass of information which it contains as to greens and competitions, as well as on account of its articles and letters regarding the practice of the game. There is a complete index which shows, by the way, that the weekly periodical is not a dull record. 'Broadhurst, M.P., driven into' is one of the items under the heading of Tee Shots; and another item—'Damns like ony ordinary gowfer'—suggests that the future compiler of golfing anecdotes will find the volume very useful."

Ο ΤΟΛΦΙΣΤΗΣ.

(The following fragments of a Platonic dialogue have been discovered at the Bodleian Library: the MS. is extremely defective, but any inquiries about it may be addressed to the Professor of Greek at Cambridge, or the Professor of Ancient History at Oxford.)

GLAUCON.—Why, Socrates; you are just the person with whom I was anxious to fall in.

SOCRATES.—I too am glad at seeing you again. But for what reason have you been inquiring about me? for I think that I told you to-day I would be a spectator of the games.

GLAUCON.—Yes, you did; but I had a question to put before you, which made me anxious to see you with all speed. You remember, Socrates, how we talked for a long time yesterday on the subject of education at the house of Cephalus?

SOCRATES.—How could I forget it?

GLAUCON.—And that we agreed that the proper kind of education is given by music and gymnastic, which are to be combined into a harmonious whole, each element being used to counteract the effects of excess in the other?

SOCRATES.—Such was our conclusion.

GLAUCON.—Now, Socrates, I want to ask you to make clear to me what is the best form of this gymnastic. For you must know that I have spent much time in thinking how my own sons should be trained in gymnastic, in order that they may not grow up to be effeminate dandies, nor on the other hand brutalised athletes, but may, by steering their way between these two extremes, be in their old age healthy both in body and mind.

SOCRATES.—Surely, you lay upon me no light task, seeing that the theories upon this subject are many and various: but I shall undertake the inquiry, if you are willing to assist me in the search.

GLAUCON.—By all means.

SOCRATES.—Well, concerning this gymnastic, what kind are we to lay down as best? Will it not be of that kind which best fulfils the function of gymnastic?

GLAUCON.—Surely.

SOCRATES.—And did we not say yesterday that the function of gymnastic was not to train the body, as the many believe, but to train the mind?

GLAUCON.—Yes, such was our statement.

SOCRATES.—Then, surely, my friend, that branch of gymnastic will be the best, which not only makes the body capable of enduring fatigue, but also furthers the development of the mind?

GLAUCON.—It must be so.

SOCRATES.—What kind of gymnastic then will best be able to do this? For our young men enter upon many and various exercises in gymnastic, and each declares that the branch to which he has devoted his care is of all the best, taking it amiss if any one try to show to them that they cannot all be on the right path.

GLAUCON.—To settle the question will require discussion at great length.

SOCRATES.—Nay, it will certainly require some time: but surely the solution is nearer than you think, and something has escaped you.

GLAUCON.—How do you mean, Socrates?

SOCRATES.—Let us argue the question thus. We proved, did we not, that things often appear to be different from what they really are?

GLAUCON.—That was assuredly shown to be the case.

SOCRATES.—And that things which appear to be good are often not good, and things which appear to be bad are often not bad?

GLAUCON.—Most certainly.

SOCRATES.—Then the best kind of gymnastic may be one which does not appear to be the best, and that the one which does so appear is not really such as it seems to be.

GLAUCON.—True.

SOCRATES.—Then that kind of gymnastic will be best which gives the best training to the body with a view to the development of the mind, though it may not appear to do so to the majority of people, but seems to be of all such pursuits the least fitted to fulfil its function.

GLAUCON.—But what kind can this be?

SOCRATES.—By the gods, my simple friend, it surely cannot be that you do not recognise that I have been aiming at the game of Golf, and that it is this which is the best form of gymnastic?

GLAUCON.—Not only, Socrates, was nothing further from my expectations, but even as it is, when I see what is your meaning, I cannot agree with you. For it seems to me that Golf both appears and is a bad thing, in that it does not effect the result of true gymnastic.

LYCOPHRON.—I too, Socrates, disagree with your statement: for though Golf is now being cultivated in an increasing ratio, it is only by those who have passed the prime of life, while our young men rightly regard it as a useful amusement for the feeble, rather than a suitable exercise for the vigorous.

SOCRATES.—Let us then argue the question; or are you not willing?

LYCOPHRON.—For my part, I consent.

GLAUCON.—And I too will take a side in the discussion; for I do not believe, Socrates, that you can ever prove that Golf is the best form of gymnastic.

SOCRATES.—Truly, I have a powerful enemy to encounter; but I must not shrink from the contest. For it seems that the reason why Golf is not held to be the best form of gymnastic by others than those who practise it themselves is, that of all kinds it appears to be the most puerile and senile—I mean, to be an exercise fitted only for children and old men, and at the same time to be deficient in that element of pleasurable excitement which, owing to the desire of all men for what is pleasant, is considered to be an essential quality in every good form of gymnastic. Or am I mistaken in my conjecture?

LYCOPHRON.—It may be that you are right: for certainly of all kinds of gymnastic, Golf involves the smallest amount of the feeling of pleasurable excitement.

SOCRATES.—Well, let us call in Morris to our counsels, in order that when I mention any advantage which experience can alone show to be or not to be possessed by the game, he may be able to prove or disprove my statements. Are we agreed thus to carry on the discussion?

LYCOPHRON.—By all means.

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SOCRATES.—And among such incidental advantages, may we not reckon the fact that the golfer falls in with many men of great intellectual power, on the occasions on which he indulges in his form of recreation?

GLAUCON.—Why, Socrates, you are making a confusion, and cannot keep yourself free from an error which you blame in others. For if the golfer meet when golfing with men of distinction, and discuss with them on such occasions subjects of great and noble character, he will be prevented by this from deriving a proper benefit from the exercise itself, though doubtless the mind may be improved.

SOCRATES.—You have forgotten what we laid down at the beginning of our discussion, that the object of gymnastic is not twofold but simple, and that while gymnastic has its own end, the exercise in itself aims at producing a state of the body such as may tend to assist the development of the mind.

GLAUCON.—But still you are making a confusion, and yourself have forgotten that it is impossible for a man to do well more than one thing at the same time.

SOCRATES.—Nay, my good sir: the golfer, in so far as he is a golfer, does not spend his time in discussing great subjects with the men of intellect whom he meets, but by the pursuit of a branch of gymnastic in common with such men he gains an acquaintance which he may not otherwise obtain. And in this way friendship arises between souls that have something in common, and the golfer has the opportunity of entering upon important discussions, at times other than those in which he is engaged in gymnastic, with men who have attained distinction in different branches of culture. Is it not so?

GLAUCON.—I agree.

SOCRATES.—And this advantage is not to be lightly reckoned; for every day more and more of our famous citizens, our philosophers and our politicians, our men of science and of letters, are beginning to cultivate the game of Golf, and a time will some day come when.....

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TO A HAYLING CADDIE.



We rejoice to see that a practical step has been taken in Ireland to found a Golfing Union for that country. It comes most appropriately upon our suggestion in last week's issue for a Golfers' Association for the three kingdoms, and the Irish golfers are heartily to be congratulated upon the energy and enterprise they have shown. It is a long step in the right direction, and ought to afford encouragement for the lethargic golfers in Scotland and England. One of the principal features of the Union will be the foundation of an Irish Open Championship, and a uniform method of handicapping. This is as it should be

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The many golfing friends of Mr. A. Stuart will be interested to know that he is a candidate for Parliamentary honours. He means to contest one of the divisions of Glasgow, and it is certain that all golfers in and out of the constituency will heartily wish him a success in this enterprise equal with that which he has attained on various links. Mr. Stuart would add immense strength to the growing Parliamentary contingent of golfers.

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In George Eliot's life by Mr. Cross, several references to Golf are found in the great novelist's letters to John Blackwood. With her fine sympathy, George Eliot could understand the fascination of the game, and so on one occasion she told the publisher that he was not bound to write to her again "until a wet day makes Golf impossible." Subsequently, in the course of a letter about "The Spanish Gipsy," she says:—"I almost envy you the excitement of Golf, which helps the fresh air to exhilarate, and gives variety of exercise."

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The Committee of the Littlestone Golf Club have arranged a Christmas meeting at which will be held a tournament for foursomes under handicap allowances. Competitors to choose their own partners, opponents being balloted for. Members must send in their names and respective partners to the hon. secretary in London, on or before 19th December.

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The "Home" Golf Ball Press Company now produce a Golf-ball press, producing a ball the same diameter as "27½ Red Gutty," as well as a small 27. This has been done in order to meet a very general demand. They now also offer a special paint for Golf-balls—"Elastic Paint"—which they guarantee will not chip or crack, and which will be found to give the fullest satisfaction in every way.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on Saturday at the Braid Hills to play for their monthly trophy. Owing to the early darkness only nine holes were played, Mr. James S. Williamson being declared the winner with a score of 47, less 5=42. Twenty players started.

"O come hither, come hither, thou freckled-faced lad,
I prithee come here to me;
Now what do they call thee, small half-washen Cad?"

"Nay, Sir, I'm a Golf Caddie."

"And what dost thou do, with thine air so sad,
Is it fractions or stepmother's rod?"

"I carry the clubs, and the pay isn't bad,
For smiting the orb on the sod!"

"And what are thy duties, thou gipsy shrimp,
With thy boots and thy clothes so torn?"

"I follow the gentlemen, Sir, who limp
O'er the green so parched and worn."

"Dost think, little Arab, this club so true
Can smite into Panconehay?*

Come, answer me straight and don't look so blue!"

"Pon life, sir, I scarce can say.

Some drives 'em, some lofts 'em, and some with a thump
Scarce sends 'em a yard or two.

Keep your eye on the ball, do not play for a bump,
And that's the style for you.

(Heroically)—I can track the sphere as it cleaves the air
On its way to kingdom come;

And mark it down in its shingly lair,
Or when dropping in gorse so plum!

And the sandiest sandhill that decks the shore
With its mounds of green and grey,

Or the deepest 'scrope' that a rabbit e'er tore
Can't hide it from me, they say;

But when I have found it, if forced to speak,
Or restore my too precious prey,

Sometimes you must know that my flesh is weak
And its wont in my pocket to stay.

But, pray, don't be hard on a half-taught lad,†
Or think that he wants to cheat,

And stol'n fruit, well—is sweet."

D. C. L., The Court-Martial.

* The 8th hole, a place of torment, called the Chinese Gehenna.
† A touching appeal to Mr. Goschen for "more ligh."

BRUNTSFIELD SHORT HOLE GOLF CLUB.—The first social gathering of this club was held on Friday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall Edinburgh. There was a large attendance, and Councillor Mackenzie, who presided, was accompanied to the platform by representatives from a number of the Golf clubs in the city. After a service of tea, the chairman said that he supposed he had been asked to preside because he was a member of the Town Council. Being a Town Councillor was no doubt an honour; but sometimes it was not very pleasant, and they had lately passed through a crisis, and were for a week or two more used to kicks than halfpence. (Laughter.) They were accused of extravagance—(hear, hear)—but he did not think any one would grudge what had been spent on golfing. (Applause.) The idea of this short hole Golf course originated a few years ago, when the long game was prohibited on Bruntsfield Links. The Town Council sanctioned the short game, and when the Short Hole Club was formed, it had a membership of 133. That was eighteen months ago, and this season there was a membership of 245. (Applause.) He was also informed that golfers to the number of about 180 played daily on the short course during the months of July and August, and that in the competitions about 800 took part. (Applause.) This club supplied a felt want, and the course was of great advantage to beginners, and he was of opinion that the city authorities might do something more to keep it in better order. (Applause.) It would not take a great deal of expense, as the services of a man for a few hours every other day during the season would have a very considerable effect. But the Town Council at present had an economical fit, and did not believe in spending money, especially on small things, and anyone who brought up such a proposal would immediately be met with objections. But he hoped something would be done in this direction, and advised those connected with the club to instruct the secretary to write to the Town Clerk, calling attention to the matter, and asking that something should be done to keep the green in better order. (Applause.) Seeing that the course contributed so much to the well-being of the citizens—old and young—it was most likely that the Council would agree to do something to put and keep the course in proper order. (Applause.) Thereafter a lengthened programme of vocal and instrumental music was gone through.

BEGINNERS AND COURTESY OF THE GREEN.

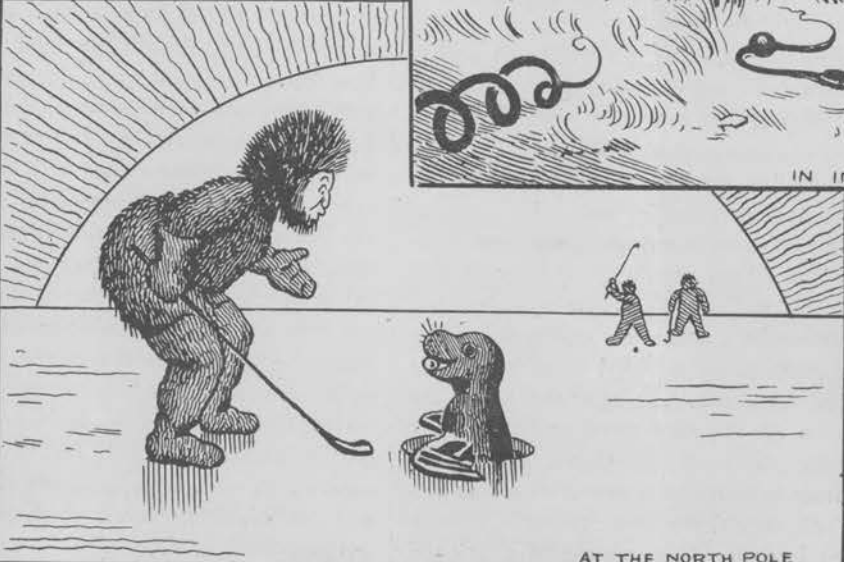
FROM time to time the various aspects of this question have been discussed in our correspondence columns. Sometimes it is the players accustomed to the strict etiquette of the Scottish greens who lament the hazardous dash of inexperienced beginners in the South; at other times it is the turn of the beginners to complain either that they have been needlessly pressed, or that attempts have been made to pass them while struggling, like strong men in adversity, with the stern realities of miry ditch, or unlovely, repellent whin bush; while occasionally a gentle peacemaker, remembering that he was once a beginner himself, and schooled by long years of philosophic niblick playing, interposes between the combatants, and seeks to impart a little of that wisdom, patience, and calm which he himself has acquired in laborious experience of the game and its observances. There is, then, in the ranks of the golfing army two divisions of players, not absolutely hostile one to the other, but suspicious of one another, and ready when the occasion serves to break out into antagonism and mutual recrimination. This, however, is not a feature peculiar to Golf alone. In every other kind of sport the same active principle of incompatibility is seen. We who have been cricketers or football players can well remember the contempt, dashed with a spice of malice, with which the incomparable ones of the team bowled at our legs or unmercifully kicked our shins. It is the same old story; it is the pride of knowledge and skill warring against the darkness of ignorance and the struggling effort of uninstructed power to realise an ideal. It is a difficulty with which no code of laws can successfully cope, because the seat of the malady is to be found in the multitudinous variety of human disposition, and the evil is dependent for correction, not so much upon the strict observance of rule as upon those graces of friendly intercourse, that element of the indefinable *je ne sais quoi*, quaintly indicated by Montaigne as part and parcel of all human relationship—toleration, patience, kindness, courtesy, mutual help and guidance.

It behoves all skilled players, on whatever links they play, to remember in moments of hasty impatience, when delayed at some parts of the course, that they, too, were beginners once; that their skill and dexterity of which they have just reason to be proud were not acquired by them, not only without laborious effort, but possibly only after creating similar discomfort and delay to that which they now complain of in other players. They should be as tolerant and patient as circumstances will permit of the struggles and endeavours to play shown by a couple of beginners in front of them. When the green is not crowded there is no great harm done to anyone by a little waiting at the tee, if the preceding players have not the good sense or consideration to allow the strong players to pass them. Undue and dangerous pressing from behind on the part of strong players is never justifiable, and should the sweet music of a well-spiced ball be changed into the dying groans of a stricken

player in front, whose skull may have been cracked, it would need a great deal of palliation to prevent the coroner's jury from returning a verdict of manslaughter.

Beginners, on the other hand, should learn quickly what is expected of them. First of all they should at once know that the purchase of a club, a cleek and a ball are not enough to equip them to play the *role* of golfer satisfactorily. Much more is needed than this. They should study the rules and understand exactly what they may do and what they may not do. They should never be averse from asking the advice or opinion of more experienced players; and as Mr. A. H. Doleman, a golfer of great authority belonging to the old school, advises in another column, they should spend a probationary period in match play with, if possible, opponents much stronger than themselves as opponents. We have published during the year a series of interesting articles entitled, "Advice to Young Golfers." They are written by a good player who understands his subject thoroughly, and much useful advice, and many serviceable hints, not only in playing the game, but in the etiquette of the green, may be gleaned by players who have recently taken to the game. Beginners should also try to avoid, as far as possible, getting among the crowd of golfers on competition days. They should either start an hour earlier or an hour later than the majority of the players, and when there is likelihood of the green being comparatively clear. When, however, they are pressed from behind by strong players, courtesy, as well as their own comfort, dictates that they should not delay the whole green by vainly endeavouring to push ahead. Here is an illustration in point. Two strong players were following a couple, one of whom was a beginner. The last named got into bushes, water, ditches, and all kinds of nameless hazards. He scorned to lift his ball and drop; he played every ball out. At one point he got into long grass, and the two following players were standing behind him. He played five strokes, and could not get his ball beyond a few inches. Finally, in despair, he was heard to mutter, "Oh, dear, I shall never be able to play this game." Then he picked his ball up, ran to the green, dropped it and calmly began to putt out. All this time there were four or five couples waiting behind, and the "general and casing air" reverberated with unpleasant profanity. Again, beginners should learn to forget that their own ball is not the be-all and end-all of the game. How often does one see a beginner rushing madly ahead after his own ball, and paying not the slightest heed to his partner, panting thirty yards in the rear. Nor is a player justified, whether old or young in the practice of the game, in insisting upon the strict letter of the law when his ball is lost. If the ball cannot be found immediately, the succeeding couple ought to be signalled to go on, and when once this is done no surreptitious methods should be resorted to in order to gain the lost position. Finally, let both classes of players remember that it is kindness and consideration for all sorts and conditions of players which constitute the lubricant of the machinery of Golf.

GOLF IN MANY LANDS





THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The letter of Mr. D. Lamb, which appeared a short time ago, contained in its last line such an important statement that I cannot help referring to it. The words were these, "but also in a match game, which is, after all, the real test of a golfer." I wish the hundreds, I might almost say thousands, of young players who are now endeavouring to follow our noble game would read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the above words. Nearly every beginner furnishes himself now with one of these new-fangled scoring cards, and carefully sets down every stroke, no matter whether he has taken a *three* or a *twenty* to the hole. Now the effect of this is two-fold. First, it causes on busy days a great block on the green. Just fancy yourself lying dead in two, while your opponent, who is playing five more, will persist in holing out, merely to see what his round is. In the second place, the player who is continually counting his score never, in my opinion, experiences the true pleasure of the golfer. A tall score at one or two holes, more especially if these happen at the beginning of the game, causes him to have little interest in the game for the rest of the round. But how different, and how infinitely greater, the pleasure is the true game—match play. No old golfer bothers about holing out when he sees he has irretrievably lost the hole. No, his only thought now is to win the next, and to square the match. Thus the interest and excitement go on to the finish, and should you stand all even and one to play, the feeling, both in the minds of players and spectators, is one which cannot be described to outsiders; you must be a golfer and a match player if you wish to enjoy it.

I have made these few remarks with the object of trying to induce young players to engage more in match play, and except on medal days, or when they have the green nearly all to themselves, to leave scoring alone. Hammering away in a bunker or ditch for five minutes is not conducive to good play. Pick the ball up and go on to the next hole. By this means I am firmly persuaded there would be less of these inevitable blocks on busy days, which is very trying to the tempers of many good players.

Agreeing, then, with Mr. Lamb that match play is the real test of a golfer, let us apply this to the Championship. If a Championship meeting is to be worthy of the name, then match play, it seems to me, should not only form a feature in it, but a principal feature. Every golfer, of course, knows that medals are competed for by strokes merely because every club has to make a virtue of necessity; to compete by holes would extend the time beyond reasonable limits. But when you come to the Championship the case is different, and if the test is to be a real one, the time must be much extended to what it is at present. Seeing that the numbers entering for the Championship are much larger than formerly, it is absolutely necessary that there should be a weeding-out process. To accomplish this, I would suggest that the competition consist of a first and a second stage. The first stage by strokes; the second by holes. In order, however, that a player might compete in the second or final stage it would be necessary for him to play himself into the first

twelve in the first stage or stroke game competition. I think we may reasonably conclude that the best men would get into the first twelve. However, I do not make that an absolute number. The Championship committee might make the number larger or smaller as they saw fit. In the second or final stage, every man should play a match of eighteen holes against every other, the competitor winning the greatest number of matches to become the champion. In the event of a tie, let a thirty-six hole match be played to decide the greatest golfing event of the year.

Many think that this would require too long a time. But, as I have said before, if the Championship is to be a real test, it cannot be done in much less than a week, and the plan I have sketched could be done in that time, or very little more. Moreover, even at present most of the professionals in going to the Championship meeting spend several days, so that, as far as they are concerned, the time would not be very much increased. I have thought it unnecessary to go into the question of cost (no doubt an important item in the matter), but the number of clubs, both in Scotland and England, interested in the Championship is so large now that every expense, I am persuaded, would be easily met, and that in the most liberal manner.

I do not wish to go into mere details, as I think these can be best dealt with by a committee; but I would like to observe two things:—First, that I approve of a 10s. entrance fee. Second, all professional competitors getting into the second stage should have, *at least*, their full expenses paid during the whole of their stay at the meeting.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ALEXR. H. DOLEMAN.

Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Might I remind "Mid-Spoon" of what he appears to forget, namely, that the "open" Championship is not exclusively intended for the benefit of Scotch professionals within a few minutes' walk of St. Andrews.

At least this is what I suppose he means when he objects to the competition taking place away from that ground.

Surely, there are numbers of professionals in different parts of England equally unblest "with a superabundance of money for expenses," who must find a journey to St. Andrews and back, and a residence at that place, quite as much beyond the limit of their income as that of a Fifeshire player who has to travel from his native place to Sandwich or Portrush.

If "Mid-Spoon's" suggestion were carried out, many of the best professionals would be yearly shut out from the opportunity of competing, and the "open" Championship would degenerate into a local monopoly unworthy of the name.

If it be proved beyond all doubt that the majority of the best golfers—not the "majority of competitors," mind you—are to be found in the neighbourhood of St. Andrews, then by all means let them have the advantage, say, of having the competition held three years in every five on that links; but in the name of justice let the other golfing centres of Great Britain and Ireland have a look in for once in a way now and then.

I am, Sir, &c.,

EGERTON M'C. MACDONA.

Hoylake, Birkenhead,
November 21st, 1891.

IRON CLUB HOUSES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Seeing a letter in your paper from the Hon. Secs. of the Ilkley Golf Club, inquiring about a Golf club-house, I would draw their attention to the buildings turned out by the Wire Wove Waterproofing Company, 108, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., and venture to suggest that they should

write to them for plans and specifications before deciding on a corrugated iron one.

This Company erected a very commodious and picturesque pavilion for us last spring, which has given us every satisfaction, and has been greatly admired by members of other clubs. The cost is moderate, and the materials used appear to be excellent. I should be glad to give them all particulars if they like to write to me.

I am, Sir, &c.,

THOS. HOLT, Hon. Sec.

Burnham Golf Club, Burnham, Somerset,
November 18th, 1891.

METHOD OF SCORING HOLES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you, or some of your numerous readers, kindly inform me in your next issue why it is the custom in reporting Golf matches to record only the holes made by each player, after deducting those made by his opponent, thus:—Mr. Brown 7, Mr. Jones 0. Would it not be better to say Mr. Brown 11, Mr. Jones 4? The result would of course be the same, and it would then be plain to the uninitiated.

I am, Sir, &c.,

F. TYLECOTE,

Macclesfield, November 23rd.

[The only thing to be said in favour of the present method of scoring holes is that it is simple, plain, and as clear as daylight, even to the uninitiated. Custom has made this patent to all players, and it would only add an element of confusion were the method suggested by our correspondent to be adopted. The match is usually one of 18 holes, and when a player says he is 4 up and 3 to play, it is seen at a glance how the game stands. There is no advantage that we can see in recording the minimum number of holes won by the defeated player. At the same time we should be glad to hear the views of all players interested in the question.—Ed.]

A GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It was with pleasure that I read your editorial of last week, again bringing before the golfing world the necessity for some movement in the direction of forming a Golfing Association.

Until lately it has been the hope of many supporters of the movement that the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews would see the necessity for doing something in this direction, and by so doing keep, to some extent, the high position it has long held in Golf. But as that club has first treated the suggestion of the Royal Wimbledon Club—that the Royal and Ancient should so move—with scant courtesy by allowing the appeal to lie upon the table, not deigning to answer it in any way, and then, after appointing a committee of its own members to revise the rules for the purpose ostensibly of bringing about a uniformity of code, has refused *en bloc* many suggestions unanimously recommended by its own committee, while, at the same meeting, it adopted one or two of the same suggestions from private members, the supporters above mentioned feel that it is now hopeless to look for any assistance from St. Andrews as a club.

After reading the recommendations of the St. Andrews Committee, I hoped that the question of uniformity of rule was almost settled, and accordingly the action of the general meeting of May last came upon me with a shock which no mere expression of a difference of opinion on such a subject could have effected. What the feelings of the individual members of the committee must have been, it is difficult to imagine. How their unanimous recommendations, arrived at after much consultation, were simply negated without any discussion on their merits; how the committee was told that no fundamental change of rule would be accepted from it as a body, but would be, and was,

accepted from a private member; how the committee submitted to this rebuff, and set about the simple clerical duties assigned to them with a meekness and humility worthy of all praise, and how the laws remain, apart from the grammar, much as they were, despite the fact that it was for the purpose of a thorough revision that the committee had been appointed in response to cries from all quarters for uniformity, are matters of notoriety in the golfing world.

With this knowledge I agree with you that the time is now ripe for the formation of an association for the purpose of arranging the question of rules and other important matters in Golf. But I am of opinion that the Association should be formed apart from any one club, and that the first step is to ascertain how many clubs are in favour of such an Association. By inviting, through your columns, the secretaries of the different clubs to consult their clubs on the point, and send to you answers to the invitation within fourteen days, you would confer a favour upon those desirous of forming such an Association.

I am, Sir, &c.,

D. D.

ADVICE TO YOUNG GOLFERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The last communication of your correspondent, "J. A.," relieves me of the necessity of replying to a former communication of his regarding spoons and iron-play. I am delighted to see that his opinion now practically agrees with mine. Let us hear no more of spoons becoming obsolete, and very soon there will be a great improvement in the look of our links, while cupped-lies will become the exception and not the rule. It would be a bad look-out for your humble servant if our long and short spoons became obsolete, and last, but not least, the use of wooden clubs through the green by protecting our lovely turf here, will, I know, take away that anxious look from the face of our green director, which so often appears when he sees the divots flying in all directions.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ALEX. H. DOLEMAN.

Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club,
November 21st, 1891.

ST. ANDREWS AND THE NEW RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The statement in your leader of last week that a new code of rules has been adopted by the Royal and Ancient, and will come into force with the New Year is good news, but is it correct? The only information of a definite nature about the new rules, which I can call to mind, is that they were adopted at the autumn general meeting of the Royal and Ancient, and referred back to the committee for final adjustment!

What is the final adjustment, and when will golfers in general be able to obtain a copy of the finally adjusted new rules?

This is a question of great importance to clubs who, like the St. George's and many others, have a rule that the rules of the game of Golf, as far as applicable, shall be those adopted from time to time by the Royal and Ancient. We are now within measurable distance of the New Year, and would be extremely glad to know what the final adjustment may be.

Many clubs, doubtless, whose rules vary in a few slight particulars from those of St. Andrews, are only waiting for the publication of the new rules to adopt them, and to these clubs it would be a great boon to know something definite at once about the new rules.

If a Golfing Association is to be formed at once (and it would supply a great want), it would save these numerous clubs much anxiety, as the very first work of such an Association would be to draw up a code of rules.

It is to be hoped that the Royal and Ancient will take the lead

in the formation of such an Association, because most golfers, whether they have been to St. Andrews or not, look up to the Royal and Ancient as the great authority on Golf, and would regret to see such an august body taking anything but the lead; but, as you say, if the Royal and Ancient decline the honour, there are other powerful clubs who could do it.

Judging from the business-like way in which the St. George's Club is managed, there is no doubt that, if driven to take the lead in the formation of a Golfing Association, the undertaking would be a success, and would command strong support from clubs in England, at all events.

Trusting that your columns will very shortly contain something absolutely definite about the new rules,

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. K.

November 20th, 1891.

THE LINKS O' MANLEY.

AIR: "Willie brewed a peck o' maut."

Oh, Captain, wilt thou gang wi' me?
We'll drive the ba' frae aff the tee,
An' crack our jokes baith crouse an' free,
Upon the links o' Manley, O.

Let ithers boast o' Blundellsands,
Of Hoylake, Southport, an' St. Anne's,
Or famous links in Scottish lands;
Gie me the links o' Manley, O.

It's true nae bunkers there are seen,
But ithers hazards come between;
Its fence has barbs as sharp's a preen,
Ye maun tak tent at Manley, O.

Then let us sing to Manley's praise,
We hope to play there a' our days,
For tho' we whiles gang ithers ways,
We aye come back to Manley, O.

CHORUS—

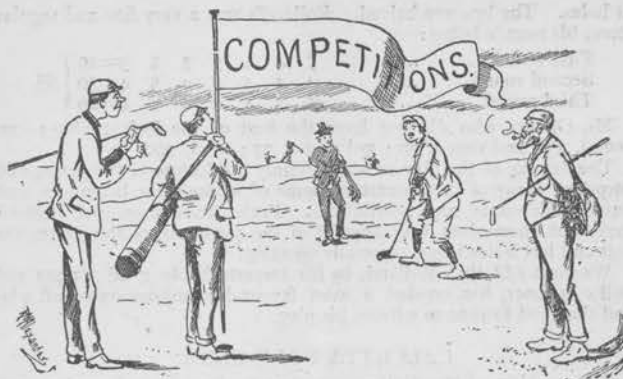
We are na daft, we're no that daft,
But just keen gowfers you an' me,
Wi souple drivers in our hauns,
We'll drive the ba' frae aff the tee.

(Sung at the First Annual Dinner of the Manchester Golf Club, 21st March, 1891.)

HAWICK CLUB.—The Bombay medal competition took place on the Hawick course on the 17th inst., when there was a fair muster of players, the weather being favourable. Details:—James Barrie, 84, plus 1=85, and James Purves, 93, less 8=85, tied for first place; Dr. Barrie, 94, less 7=87, and J. S. Turner, 101, less 14=87, tied; W. Pitcairn, 113, less 14=99; James Scott, 118, less 15=103.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal competition was played over the Braids on Saturday. There was a small turn-out. The excessive rainfall has saturated the course, and made good scoring rather difficult. The winner of the medal was Mr. D. Coutts, who accomplished the round in 83 (scratch). Mr. J. Walter was second with a net score of 88. Lately several of the holes have been lengthened. It is to be regretted that the course shows signs of rough usage, large pieces of turf being cut up and left lying. At the eighth hole some of the players found great difficulty in holing out, the balls refusing to lie on the steep slope on which this hole is placed. With a touch of frost this green may become as bad as the seventeenth on the old course.

LEITH.—The autumn competition for the medal and club prizes of the Seafield Golf Club took place over Leith Links on Friday and Saturday. Thirty-seven members played, and Mr. John Cochrane carried off the medal and first prize with a score of 79, less 12=67. The other prize-winners were:—Mr. T. Anderson, 77, less 6=71; Mr. W. M. Gardner, 88, less 17=71; Mr. R. Robinson, 72, plus 1=73; Mr. D. Blair, 79, less 5=74; Mr. J. Calder, 81, less 7=74; Mr. H. Arnott, 83, less 9=74; Mr. M. Golder, 85, less 11=74; Mr. J. Chalmers, 87, less 13=74.



ALNMOUTH CLUB.

Messrs. F. W. Wyndham and Thos. Tate played off their tie for the Marsh prize on the 18th inst. The weather was of a wretched description, and the scores were high. First honours fell to Mr. Wyndham, the result being: Mr. F. W. Wyndham, 125, less 21=104; Mr. T. Tate, 113, less 7=106.

The season was brought to a close at Alnmouth on Saturday last, the final competition being for the Marsh water-colour drawing. The members of the club must be congratulated upon the successful season just terminated; the club contests have been well patronised, and the game has decidedly increased in popularity in the north, thanks to the efforts of such clubs as the Alnmouth. The finalists for the Marsh prize, numbered nine in all, but Mr. H. A. Brown was an absentee, and eight players started. Mr. W. Smith was declared the winner; he is only a young exponent of the pastime, but was in good form. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. Smith	103	12	91	Mr. E. Hunter	109	10	99
Mr. T. Deighton	95	1	94	Mr. F. W. Wyndham	119	19	100
Mr. J. W. Pease	108	13	95	Mr. W. H. Warlow	121	17	104
Mr. J. De Paynter	100	3	97	Mr. E. S. Robson	113	9	104

BRUSSELS GOLF CLUB.

The challenge cup, presented by Mrs. Scobell, was played for on Saturday, November 14th, and won by Capt. Rentjens. The day was perfect, and the greens greatly improved. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Capt. Rentjens	126	30	96	Mr. N. Morton	162	40	122
Mr. E. R. Hodson	106	9	97	Mr. W. C. Greene	153	29	124
Mr. S. T. Scobell	137	29	108				

No returns from other players.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

The inter-monthly cup was played for on Saturday, November 14th, at Fairfield Links. The ground was in a very pasty condition owing to the recent heavy rains, and it was due to this and the threatening appearance of the weather that the attendance was not larger. The scores of the competitors are as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. Coventry	114	24	90	Mr. E. Micholls	108	14	94
Mr. G. C. Greenwell	101	10	91	Mr. W. L. Shipton	111	15	96
Mr. A. Shipton	116	24	92	Capt. Darwin, R.N.	116	15	101
Mr. J. Strang	109	16	93	Mr. C. F. Wardley	125	22	103

COTSWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The links over which the members of this club are to play were opened on Thursday last, the captain, Mr. Frank Sartoris driving off the first ball in a most successful manner.

The opening match was played between Mr. J. G. Gibson, captain of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, and Douglas Rolland, the well-known professional of the Limpsfield Club, who won at Westward Ho! in 1889 two important competitions, one a tournament by holes, and the other an aggregate scoring competition of two rounds (*vide* GOLF of 6th instant).

The match was a very fine one, and just suited to the two players, as long carries were absolutely necessary, owing to there being no run on the balls, in consequence of the late rains. The course consists at present of only seven holes, as laid out by Mr. J. G. Gibson, but can, when funds will permit, be easily increased to eighteen, as Rolland pointed out.

There was little to choose between the players in driving, but Rolland's fine approaches won him the match by 5 up and 4 to play over the

21 holes. The bye was halved. Rolland's was a very fine and regular score, his rounds being:—

First round	5	4	4	5	3	5	3=29	} 88
Second round ...	...	4	4	4	5	4	5	4=30
Third round ...	...	5	4	4	4	4	4	4=29

Mr. Gibson, who did not have the best of the luck, taking:—1st round, 33; 2nd round, 30; 3rd round, 37; total, 100.

The driving of the players was certainly the feature of the game, and surprised many of the spectators, some of whom were beginners, and hardly believed in such possibilities. Both Mr. Gibson and Rolland expressed themselves very hopeful of the prospects of the green, the first and last holes being especially sporting.

We must add that Rolland, by his imperturbable good temper and polite manner, has created a most favourable impression on all who had the good fortune to witness his play.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

The opening of the Golf season was celebrated on Saturday, 31st October, by a tiffin, which was in every way a great success. Between seventy and eighty gentlemen were present, and after tiffin the opening-day matches were played. The greens, on which a great deal of attention had been bestowed during the rains, were found to be in excellent order; but, so little practice having been possible for some time back, high scoring prevailed, and several players came to grief in the numerous irregularities caused by horse-hoofs not levelled down since the rains. This year three cups were presented, one for the best scratch score, another for the best handicap score, and a third for beginners, who receive more than five strokes on the round. In the end, Mr. F. H. E. Lamb and Mr. J. R. Stewart were found to have tied with 48 strokes over the new course, and Mr. H. Wood won the Duffer's cup, with a net score of 49 over the old course. On playing off the tie, Mr. Lamb won the scratch cup, and Mr. Stewart carried off the handicap prize.

The following are the principal scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. J. R. Stewart ...	48 2 46	Mr. John Adamson ...	51 scr. 51
Mr. W. T. Reid ...	50 3 47	Mr. H. C. Begg ...	51 scr. 51
Mr. C. Little ...	50 3 47	Mr. G. C. Hannah ...	54 3 51
*Mr. F. H. E. Lamb ...	48 scr. 48	Mr. W. E. Hitch ...	53 2 51
Mr. R. D. Murray ...	50 2 48	Mr. J. C. R. Johnston ...	53 2 51
Dr. R. Cobb ...	53 4 49	Mr. H. C. Boyd ...	52 scr. 52
Mr. L. G. Dunbar ...	49 scr. 49	Mr. J. E. K. Boyd ...	55 3 52
Mr. D. Morgan ...	52 3 49	Mr. Norman McLeod ...	55 3 52
Dr. R. C. Sanders ...	52 3 49	Mr. R. L. Morgan ...	53 1 52
Mr. G. A. Ormiston ...	52 2 50	Mr. F. E. Patteson ...	54 2 52
Mr. C. A. Smith ...	55 5 50	Mr. W. M. Yule ...	56 3 53

* Tie—Mr. Lamb, 48; Mr. Stewart, 55.

The chief scores for the Duffers' competition were as follow:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Wood ...	58 9 49	Mr. E. S. Sawyer ...	59 6 53
Mr. G. W. Caine ...	54 2 52	Mr. W. Orell ...	58 5 53
Mr. H. C. Dring ...	58 6 52	Mr. J. D. West ...	53 scr. 53
Mr. F. W. Ewan ...	61 9 52	Mr. C. S. Addis ...	54 scr. 54

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, November 17th, the terminal competition for the Linkskill cup and Pirie medal took place over the University Links at Coldham Common. The course was not in its best condition, owing to the late heavy and continuous rains:

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. L. Barrow ...	93 14 79	Mr. F. M. Rudd ...	107 18 89
Mr. C. E. Hambro ...	90 8 82	Mr. E. D. C. Strode ...	97 7 90
Mr. P. W. Everett ...	91 9 82	Mr. G. H. Joshua ...	99 9 90
Mr. C. E. Marriott ...	100 18 82	Mr. G. R. M. Harvey ...	102 12 90
Mr. C. Pigg ...	90 5 85	Mr. I. H. Maxwell ...	101 10 91
Mr. K. McDowall ...	115 30 85	Mr. W. Watson ...	107 16 91
Mr. John L. Low ...	86 scr. 86	Mr. F. P. Woodward ...	109 18 91
Mr. J. E. Pease ...	91 5 86	Mr. E. E. Eddowes ...	117 25 92
Mr. A. M. Joshua ...	91 5 86	Mr. T. Williamson ...	102 9 93
Mr. H. Parker ...	96 10 86	Mr. B. Preston ...	102 8 94
Mr. H. A. Adamson ...	104 18 86	Mr. J. H. Percival ...	120 26 94
Mr. H. E. Phillips ...	111 25 86	Mr. G. L. Chiene ...	107 12 95
Mr. W. P. Godwin ...	114 28 86	Mr. H. B. Harris ...	111 16 95
Mr. E. C. P. Boyd ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. H. C. Laurance ...	114 16 98
Mr. C. Hutchinson ...	95 6 89	Rev. A. G. Ingram ...	129 30 99

Several members made no return.

At a meeting held the same evening at the Lion Hotel the following officers were elected for next term: Mr. J. L. Low (Clare), captain; Mr. W. T. Linkskill, hon. sec.; and Mr. A. M. Joshua, treasurer. The following were elected on the committee: Messrs. R. A. Nicholson (Trinity), P. W. Everett (Trinity), A. M. Chance (Trinity), C. L. Barrow (Jesus), A. J. L. Hill (Jesus), and W. Watson (Jesus).

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

A large number of players put in an appearance at Newcastle on Saturday to compete for a valuable cup, very kindly presented by a member of the County Down Golf Club, by holes under handicap against a ground score. We believe this is the first competition of the sort that has taken place in Ireland, and it has, on the whole, proved a decided success. The day was not very favourable for good golfing, and occasional very heavy showers wet some of the players through. A ground score is an imaginary one, and when the cards of the entrants are handed in they are compared with this score, the player who beats it by most holes, or goes nearest to beating it, is declared the winner. On the scores being examined, it was found that Mr. John Black—five holes down—had come nearest to beating the very difficult score set the competitors by the members of council. The club provided a prize for the runner-up, which was tied for by no less than six players, viz.:—Messrs. A. N. Charley, F. F. Figgis, F. Finlay, J. N. R. Pim, B. Magill, and Ernest Young. On Saturday, 7th inst, the second competition for the Wallace Cup was held, and Mr. H. Gregg was returned the winner, with a score of 94, less 6=88. The above tie was played off on Saturday, 21st inst., with the following result:—Mr. B. Magill, 2 up; Mr. E. Young, 1 up; Mr. J. N. R. Pim, 5 down; Mr. A. N. Charley, 5 down; Mr. F. W. Finlay, 6 down; Mr. F. F. Figgis, 9 down.

The competition for the club monthly prize and second competition for railway cup was played on Saturday, 21st inst. The following are the net scores under 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. B. Magill ...	96 16 80	Mr. W. Lindsay ...	106 16 90
Mr. E. Young ...	95 12 83	Mr. F. W. Finlay ...	114 24 90
Mr. T. S. Ferguson ...	104 15 89	Mr. T. Dickson ...	99 7 92
Mr. J. N. R. Pim ...	109 20 89	Major De La Cherois ...	116 20 96

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The first winter handicap was contested on Saturday, November 21st. The weather was dull and calm, but most of the scores were bad. Mr. J. D. Milne, with a net score of 87, secured a win for the medal, and also took the first sweepstake prize. The following were the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. D. Milne ...	105 18 87	Mr. E. Hutton ...	115 18 97
Mr. S. Thackeray ...	109 20 89	Mr. R. W. Hutton ...	100 1 99
Mr. H. D. Tonge ...	102 12 90	Mr. G. C. Greenwell ...	105 5 100
Mr. J. E. Mills ...	118 25 93		

The rest of the players made no return, or were over 100 net.

DURHAM CLUB.

At a special meeting of the Durham Club, Mr. G. P. Blagdon (hon. sec.), resigned office on account of having been appointed Mayor of Durham, and in consequence had not the necessary time to devote to the interests of the club. A vote of thanks was passed to him for his services, and Mr. F. W. Cluff was appointed his successor. It was also agreed to increase the course to nine holes, and a committee was appointed to carry out the necessary alterations.

FORFARSHIRE.

A foursome match, in which a great deal of local interest was centred, was played over the Monifieth course on the afternoon of Saturday last, in brilliant weather, and in the presence of a goodly attendance of spectators. The match was between William Young and George Wright, of Monifieth, as opposed to Bob Munro, of Carnoustie, and Alexander Simpson, of Monifieth. Munro and his partner won the first hole, and very close play was displayed all the way going out, the scores at the ninth hole being, Young and Wright, 43; Munro and Simpson, 44, and square in holes. Coming in, however, Young and Wright played a very strong game, and won the match by 3 up and 2 to play. The two by-holes were played, and were halved. The scores in the homeward half were:—Young and Wright, 41; Munro and Simpson, 44; the totals being 84 and 88 respectively.

At a meeting of the committee of the Forfar Golf Club, held within the club-house, on Saturday last, Mr. Alexander Cobb, Montrose, was unanimously appointed keeper of the course, and Mrs. Cobb keeper of the club-house. It may be mentioned that there were no fewer than 154 applications for the situations.

The arrangement regarding the maintenance of the Monifieth course is, it appears, not working so smoothly as had been anticipated, and considerable friction is understood to exist among local clubs regarding the matter. A year ago the Panmure Club, on the understanding that the four other clubs who play on Monifieth Links would assist with annual subscriptions, appointed a green-keeper. The result was for a time satisfactory to all concerned, a number of much-needed improvements being carried out. Latterly, however, it seems to have occurred to some of the contributing clubs that they were not getting that share

of the green-keeper's services to which they are entitled, it being asserted that his time is devoted exclusively to the needs of the Panmure Club. Action is being taken with the view of having this complaint removed.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for the Bury cup, presented by S. F. Butcher, Esq., Bury, took place on the links of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, on Saturday last. The prize is for the three best net scores out of six competitions. On Saturday there were fifty-two competitors. The day was remarkably fine, and some good scores were made. The best gross scores were by Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's, 96; Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool, 97; Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's, 98; Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham, 99; Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's, 99. The best net score was by Mr. R. Hampson, 97, less 16=81, with Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton, 109, less 25=84, second; four others below 90, and thirteen others between 90 and 100. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. R. Hampson; the second by Mr. W. H. Harrison; and the third by Mr. Talbot Fair, Lytham. It was one of the most enjoyable days for Golf that there has been for some time past. The score was as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool ...	97	16	81
Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton ...	109	25	84
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ...	99	13	86
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham ...	99	13	86
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham ...	101	13	88
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's ...	96	7	89
Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's ...	98	8	90
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ...	107	17	90
Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck ...	104	13	91
Mr. D. MacIver, Lymm ...	111	20	91
Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossall ...	106	14	92
Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's ...	106	13	93
Mr. F. Topp, Bolton ...	109	16	93
Mr. A. Tod, St. Anne's ...	113	20	93
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's ...	100	6	94
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham ...	105	9	96
Mr. R. B. Hardmann, St. Anne's ...	114	18	96
Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton ...	116	19	97
Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's ...	119	20	99
Mr. S. Gask, Lytham ...	119	15	104
Mr. W. H. Crossland, Manchester ...	124	20	104
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's ...	124	20	104
Mr. W. Cross, St. Anne's ...	121	16	105
Mr. H. M. Ormsby, Rossall ...	123	18	105
Dr. C. de M. Palmer, Buxton ...	126	20	106
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's ...	124	17	107

No returns from Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton; Mr. W. C. Butler, Millbrook, Carlisle; Mr. J. Mellor, Failsworth; Mr. J. Eccles, Preston; Mr. C. Howarth, Manchester; Rev. A. T. Davidson, Scorton; Mr. G. H. Huthwaite, Barrow-in-Furness; Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool; Dr. Forbes Dick, Lancaster; Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Lytham; Mr. A. W. Carrington, Lytham; Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore; Mr. R. T. Gillibrand, St. Anne's; Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's; Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's; Rev. G. E. Badeley, Blackpool; Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's; Mr. G. Harper, Preston; Mr. E. Catterall, St. Anne's; Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore; Mr. J. Muirhead, Blackpool; Mr. M. Bles, Manchester; Dr. Eason, Lytham; Mr. W. H. Hampson, Blackpool.

MACCLESFIELD.

The first monthly handicap match of the Macclesfield Club was played on the ground at Upton on Saturday, the 7th inst. Fifteen members entered, but nine only returned their cards. The following is the result:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. C. J. Edmondson	108	20	88	Rev. F. Cobbold	124	15	109
Dr. Duffus	94	scr.	94	Mr. L. New	146	36	110
Mr. F. Tylecote	106	10	96	Mr. W. H. Cameron	133	20	113
Mr. J. W. Burgess	112	8	104	Mr. J. Webster	163	36	127
Mr. A. G. Gray	117	12	105				

No returns from Messrs. G. C. Greenwell, F. Edmondson, M. H. Hall, S. Adshhead, G. C. Swindells, and A. Sheldon.

NORTH BERWICK.

On Saturday fine weather favoured golfers, and, especially in the afternoon, a good many took advantage of the opportunity of enjoying a round over the links here. Play proceeded very pleasantly, the course at this stage of the season seldom being too briskly occupied. The starting-box, which was still availed of weekly after the height of the golfing period, has now been dispensed with for the season. Ben Sayers and W. Thomson had a friendly tussle on Saturday forenoon.

The younger professional played very finely, and managed to finish in 76. He had, however, to succumb to Ben, who was in good form, by 3 and 2 to play. Sayers covered the round in 74, made up as follows:—

Out ...	5	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	4	4=41
In ...	4	5	3	3	4	5	6	3=33		74

Playing in a single on Thursday of last week, Mr. J. R. Whitecross, the veteran Tantallon captain, had a glimpse of the form of his best golfing days. Mr. Whitecross completed the round in a finely compiled 77. Although frequently "amongst the eighties" in his scores for the round, Mr. Whitecross has not exhibited so good an all-round game for a considerable time. Among those who engaged in play over the links here during the past week were Sir W. Des Vœux, Colonel Outhwaite, Captain N. M. Wylie, Messrs. Wolfe Murray, G. Wylie, C. L. Blaikie, J. R. Whitecross, F. T. Tennant, J. Menzies, and A. Hogg. Ben Sayers has arranged to pay a holiday visit to one or two of the greens in the north of England early next month, and will probably have a round at Beverley and Seaton Carew. Several of the younger local professionals have left this season for English greens. George Sayers and J. White are at present located in Yorkshire, and J. Lumsden is now also about to cross the Border.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The weekly handicap was played on Friday, November 20th, with following result:—

First-class:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. H. Stewart	89	4	85	Mr. H. Nicholls	97	5	92	
Mr. J. C. Smith	102	15	87	Mr. A. R. Hamilton	100	8	92	
Mr. D. H. Cairns	103	15	88	Mr. A. E. Ripley	100	7	93	
Mr. H. T. Knight	93	4	89	Mr. R. W. Macan	105	9	96	
Mr. A. J. Boger	98	9	89	Mr. W. D. Davidson	99	scr.	99	
Mr. F. H. Campion	103	12	91					

Second-class:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. J. Palmer	110	25	85	Mr. J. Hall	118	30	88	
Mr. C. W. Surridge	113	25	88					

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. GUILDFORD.

On Saturday, November 21st, a match was played over the Guildford course between the above clubs, represented by ten players on each side. Both sides had to put up with disappointments at the last moment, Oxford being unable to play Mr. H. T. Whigham, who was to have captained the team, and Guildford losing the assistance of Mr. A. A. Cammell, who was too unwell to play. The course was very heavy, and worm casts were all too conspicuous; but the greens were in fair order, and the weather was fine, so that it was possible to enjoy the game. Considering that the majority of the visitors had not played over the course before, the balance in favour of Guildford of 17 holes shows that the match was a good one. Mr. H. H. Playford and Mr. Bulmer Howell proved themselves towers of strength for the home side, and it is stated on good authority that the former gentleman's score is accounted for by a habit which he is developing of always laying his iron approaches stone dead. Scores:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		Holes.	GUILDFORD.		Holes.
Mr. W. D. Davidson	...	0	Mr. J. A. Ross	...	4
Mr. H. T. Knight	...	2	Mr. C. E. Nesham	...	0
Mr. R. B. Pearson	...	3	Mr. J. Kenrick	...	0
Mr. F. H. Stewart	...	0	Mr. Bulmer Howell	...	8
Mr. H. Nicholls	...	0	Mr. A. Denman	...	0
Mr. R. H. Dun	...	0	Mr. H. H. Playford	...	10
Mr. A. E. Ripley	...	2	Mr. H. L. Forbes	...	0
Mr. P. Balfour	...	0	Mr. D. L. Poole	...	1
Mr. J. S. Smith	...	0	Mr. W. M. Corrie	...	3
Hon. D. H. Cairns	...	2	Mr. A. Davidson	...	0
		9			26

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

There was a fair turn-out on Saturday, the 14th inst., for the Bar cup competition, there being over 20 entries, but the fact of the handicap being limited to 20 strokes prevented anything like a large entry. When first starting the competitors' ardour was rather damped by a very heavy shower, which could easily have been dispensed with, as an exceptionally high tide had made the links decidedly soppy, and in places the surface water was plentiful. However, the weather must be uncommonly bad to prevent a golfer enjoying his game, and Saturday's competition was very successful. The cup was presented to the club by some members of the Bar, and is exceedingly handsome. It was first played for last spring, when it was won by Mr. G. C. May, who,

THE SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

For the second competition for the club cup the honorary secretary (Mr. C. Cooper) had no less than fourteen couples under his charge, being the largest turn-out of members that has been seen for some time. No doubt this was accounted for by the crisp November morning, which made a day on the Snook most enjoyable. It was not, however, one on which low scores were likely to be general, as the north-westerly wind blew with considerable force, and carried balls into bunkers either going out or coming home. From the scores below it will be seen that Mr. J. F. Whitwell was the fortunate member, who played quite a surprising game for one who has been so favourably treated by the handicappers; 46 strokes to go out is play of first-rate order; coming home (against the wind) bunkers seemed to be more numerous, and the winner took 51 to complete the remainder of the round. Mr. F. W. Purvis was again playing his usual steady game, and also went out in 46, but he took 44 to come home. This score with a trying gusty wind on the port quarter was certainly a fine piece of play, and had Mr. Purvis not been so unfortunate as to get into both ponds he would have just about tied with Mr. Whitwell. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. F. Whitwell...	97	17	80	Mr. O. K. Trechmann	105	12	93
Mr. F. W. Purvis...	90	7	83	Mr. A. Robinson	103	10	93
Mr. R. E. Leach...	101	15	86	Mr. C. Cooper	102	7	95
Mr. S. Walker...	98	8	90	Major M. Gray	106	10	96
Mr. C. J. Bunting...	103	13	90	Rev. F. L. Cope	113	17	96
Mr. W. Purvis...	97	7	90	Mr. A. B. Crosby	109	12	97
Mr. A. Massingham	104	13	91	Mr. M. H. Horsley	122	25	97

Messrs. F. N. Friend, W. Ropner, C. O. Trechmann, H. Simpson, P. Wood, W. S. Woodiwi, and G. Newby made no returns. Members are reminded that the annual dinner is to be held on Saturday next, at the Royal Hotel, West Hartlepool, at 6 p.m. sharp.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the Saville Challenge Cup tournament (by holes) began in dull weather. A fine day's play resulted thus:—Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncreiff, giving nine strokes, beat Captain Shaw by five up and three to play; Colonel Boothby, giving 16, beat Mr. S. J. Wheble by 8 up and 7 to play; Mr. C. G. Lefroy, giving 17, beat Mr. B. Meade by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. N. Heathcote, playing even, beat Mr. T. W. Liddell, by 2 up and 1 to play. The second round must be finished before Saturday, when the November competition for the club cup will be decided.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly handicap was played off on Tuesday and Thursday last, when about sixty members competed. Mr. A. B. Sanders won easily, with Mr. P. A. Lushington second. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. B. Sanders...	89	27	62	Mr. C. O. G. Leve-	104	20	84
Mr. P. A. Lushington	92	18	74	son-Gower	112	28	84
Mr. A. D. Jones...	107	30	77	Mr. P. M. T. Hill	114	30	84
Mr. T. B. Henderson	108	30	78	Mr. P. Scoones	90	5	85
Mr. W. A. Lindsay	109	30	79	Mr. R. F. Fuller	106	21	85
Mr. G. A. C. Phipps	88	7	81	Mr. C. E. G. Lever-	115	30	85
Mr. H. D. G. Leve-	91	9	82	son-Gower			
son-Gower				Mr. W. D. Monro			

EDINBURGH CORPORATION GOLF CLUB.—The usual monthly handicap competition took place over Leven Links on Saturday. In addition to the medal three prizes, presented by Councillor Younger and one by the club, were competed for. The day was fine, and a most enjoyable game was the result. At the close of the play it was found that the medal and first prize had been gained by Mr. Hew Morrison, librarian; Bailie Macpherson was second, ex-Councillor Smith Clark third, and Councillor Mackenzie gained the fourth prize. A sweepstake competition was afterwards played. Councillor Mackenzie came in first, Bailie Macpherson second, and Councillor Mitchell Thomson third. Councillor Lang Todd obtained the use of the club-house for members, and he also very kindly provided luncheon and other refreshments for them during the day.

PRESTWICK.—On Friday, the 20th inst., an interesting foursome was played over the links here—Mr. J. A. Nielson and Archie Simpson opposing Mr. E. D. Prothero and Willie Fernie. The match was one of thirty-six holes—two rounds of the green—and at the close of the first half Mr. Prothero and Fernie stood six holes up, the play on the whole being somewhat indifferent. In the second round Mr. Nielson and Simpson reduced the heavy odds against them, but failed to pull off the match, losing by 2 up and 1 to play.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The St. Andrew's competition was held on the links at Hall Road, on Saturday, in lovely weather.

The St. Andrew's challenge gold cross was won by Mr. Charles Hutchings with the scratch score of 82. The following made the next best scratch scores:—Messrs. W. Potter, 85; J. Hornby, 87; G. R. Cox, jun., 88; W. F. Fletcher, L. D. Stoddart, and J. W. Fowler, 89.

Messrs. J. B. Hunter, 92, less 11=81, and J. E. Pearson, 92, less 11=81, tied for the Rogerson Shield (which takes with it the first club handicap prize), and the Parson prize, the gift of the Rev. J. Miles Moss. Messrs. F. Gittins, 98, less 15=83, and J. M. Martin, 113, less 30=83, tied for the third club handicap prize. Messrs. Hunter and Pearson divided the first and second sweepstakes, and Captain Chamier and Mr. Wm. Potter divided the third.

The prize for the best aggregate of seven scores during the season was won by the captain, Mr. G. R. Cox, with an average of 84, less 6=78; next to him was Mr. J. W. Fowler, average 85, less 5=80.

According to custom the usual St. Andrew's dinner took place in the evening in the club-house, under the presidency of the captain.

The monthly cup, played for during the last six months, was awarded to Mr. J. E. Pearson.

The following are the scores below 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. B. Hunter...	92	11	81	Mr. A. Chisholm...	96	7	89
Mr. J. E. Pearson...	92	11	81	Mr. T. H. Luzmore	97	8	89
Mr. F. Gittins...	98	15	83	Mr. P. S. M'ulloch	100	11	89
Mr. J. M. Martin...	113	30	83	Mr. Frank Harrison	104	15	89
Mr. Wm. Potter...	85	1	84	Mr. R. Goold	94	4	90
Captain Chamier...	102	18	84	Mr. Wm. Bell	98	8	90
Mr. H. A. Bowring	102	18	84	Mr. C. Y. C. Dawbarn	102	12	90
Mr. J. Hornby...	87	2	85	Mr. T. Henderson	100	8	92
Mr. W. Fletcher...	89	4	85	Mr. Wm. Bowker	112	20	92
Dr. Davidson...	91	6	85	Mr. T. E. Sampson	122	30	92
Mr. Wm. Thomson	98	13	85	Mr. R. J. Kerr	95	2	93
Mr. Malcolm Rollo	99	14	85	Mr. Alex. Stookes	97	4	93
Capt. Matthews...	103	18	85	Mr. W. F. Chadwick	100	7	93
Mr. C. Hutchings...	82	4	86	Dr. Williams	111	18	93
Mr. G. R. Cox, jun.	88	2	86	Mr. Geo. Segar	120	27	93
Mr. L. J. Ferguson	91	5	86	Mr. R. H. Prestwich	101	7	94
Mr. W. Roughton	94	8	86	Mr. J. J. Yates	105	12	94
Mr. T. A. Kirkwood	95	9	86	Mr. T. Mellard Reade	109	14	95
Mr. W. H. Allan...	96	10	86	Mr. L. P. Gibbons	111	16	95
Mr. O. Blundell...	100	13	87	Mr. W. Staveley			
Mr. S. E. Job...	101	14	87	Taylor	101	5	96
Dr. D. Harrison...	110	23	87	Mr. T. Henderson, jr.	105	9	96
Mr. L. D. Stoddart	89	1	88	Mr. H. Durand, jr.	108	11	97
Dr. Hewer...	92	4	88	Mr. Wm. Buckley	117	20	97
Mr. G. Newsom...	93	5	88	Mr. G. H. O. Salt	115	18	97
Mr. G. Durand...	113	25	88	Mr. Alex. Stoddart	109	11	98
Mr. J. W. Fowler...	89	scr.	89	Dr. Bushby	116	18	98
Mr. J. Fairclough	91	2	89	Mr. H. C. Reynolds	120	22	98
Mr. F. F. M. Dixon	92	3	89	Mr. David Inglis	120	21	99

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB—LADIES' COMPETITION.—The monthly competition for the gold medal presented by the vice-captain, took place on the 16th inst. The weather was all that could be desired for a ladies' Golf competition. The greens and course were in better order, not so spongy as they were for the competitions on the previous Saturday. When the cards were handed in, Miss Ross was found to be the winner. The next best to the winner were Miss J. Harley, Miss Henry, and Miss M'Millan.

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.—GENTLEMEN'S COMPETITION.—The tie which resulted last monthly competition for the James Allan gold medal was played again on Saturday. The weather was splendid, and the course, as a result, was dotted with golfers, both ladies and gentlemen. When the cards were handed in, it was found that the two players had again tied—Mr. John M'Farlane with a score of 136, less 18=118, and Mr. James Waddell with a score of 123, less 5=118.

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