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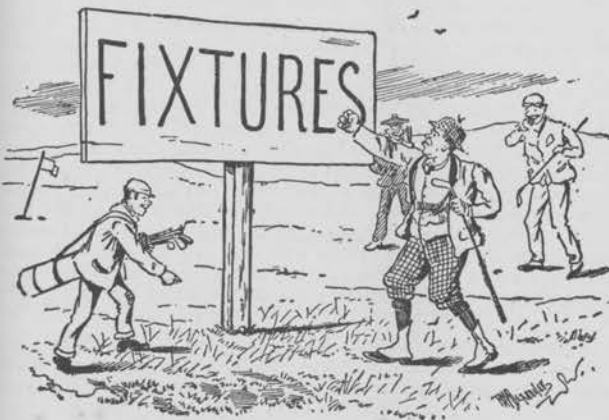
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OCTOBER.

- Oct. 31.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup.
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Haddington : Ross Medal.
Royal Montreal : Buchanan Cup.
Dundee : Club Cross.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Vice-President's Prizes.
Haydock Park : Legh Challenge Cup.
Epsom : Rosebery Gold Medal.
Alnmouth : Handicap Cup.
Ilkley : Buckley Cup ; Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Autumn Meeting.
Royal Dublin : Open Handicap Prize, value £10.
Troon : Sandhills Medal.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Prestwick Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall : Monthly Handicap (Final).
Berkhamsted : Autumn Meeting.

NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 3.—Hayling Island Ladies' : Bath Challenge Star.
West Cornwall : Ladies' Monthly Handicap (Final).
Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
Nov. 5.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers : Winter Meeting.
Nov. 6-7.—Tooting : Autumn Meeting ; General Meeting.

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- Nov. 7.—Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Killick Gold Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Alnmouth : Handicap Cup.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Lefroy Prize.
Seaton Carew : Wilson Shield.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal.
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup.
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.
Lanark : McCall Tournament Prize.
Lundin : Handicap Medal.
West Cornwall : Winners of Autumn Handicap.
County Down : Wallace Cup.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Captain Larke's Prizes.
Glasgow : Wilson and Scott Medals.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Melbourne : Monthly Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.
Nov. 7-9.—Gullane : November Meeting.
Great Yarmouth : November Meeting ; Autumn Meeting.
Nov. 9-10.—West Cornwall : Club Challenge Cup.
Nov. 10.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup (final).
Great Yarmouth v. Cambridge University.
Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Nov. 11.—West Cornwall (Ladies) : Winners of Autumn Handicap.
Warwickshire : Moncrieff Hole Competition.
Nov. 12.—Warwickshire : The Club v. Oxford University.
Nov. 12-13.—Bath : November Meeting.
Nov. 13.—Warwickshire : Foursome Competition.
Nov. 14.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Wilpshire and District : Monthly Medal.
Alnwick : H. Marsh's Painting.
Warwickshire : Shaw Gold Medal.
Nairn : Pullar Medal.
Lanark : Gold Ball, and other Prizes.
Formby : Pearson Prize.
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition.
Tooting : Monthly Medal.
Nov. 16-21.—Nagpur : Grand Annual Meeting.
Nov. 19.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
Nov. 21.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Disley : First Winter Handicap.
West Lancashire : St. Andrews Meeting.
Alnmouth : Marsh Painting (Final).
Lytham and St. Anne's : The Bury Cup.
Warwickshire : Savile Cup (Tournament).
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Whitley : Doctors' Cup (final).
Royal Wimbledon and London Scottish : Joint Medal.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
County Down : County Down Railway Cup.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Monthly Optional.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Open Championship meeting for 1891 has come and gone, and as the battle will hereafter be often fought over again in the imaginations and in the discussions of all golfers who took part in or witnessed one or more of the many stirring episodes of the contest, it may not be out of place to set down one or two of the impressions which the circumstances of the meeting and the incidents of the day's play have left on the mind of a mere spectator.

Chief among the circumstances was the unprecedented number who entered, speaking roughly, nearly double that of last year, and approaching a third more than the total that comprised the field on the same ground three years ago. Another notable feature was the composition of the field, which contained a larger number of amateurs, both absolutely and relatively, than has ever been known before. Absolutely, the number of amateurs was thirty-eight out of a total of eighty-one, and relatively they amounted to forty-seven per cent. of the whole, as compared with thirty-six per cent. last year, nineteen per cent. in 1889, and forty per cent. in 1888. Needless to say that the events of last year, when the professionals for the first time suffered defeat at the hands of an amateur, account for the increased proportionate influx of the amateur element. There has been an impression abroad for some time, attributable to the issue of last year's contest, and to events that happened subsequently, that the professional was deteriorating, and that the amateur, having once obtained the ascendancy, would keep it. Those that harboured such an impression, and, acting upon it, proposed to make capital or win championship honours on the hypothetical shortcomings of the professional, were destined to have that impression rudely dispelled. The professionals triumphantly reasserted their superiority, and re-established that prestige which thirty years of unbroken success entitled them to, but which the fortunes of the field last year seemed to indicate they were in danger of being deprived of; and there seems little likelihood that, in the near future, they will again have to make way for an amateur champion—at all events, over St. Andrews Links.

The field was, of course, from its size, bound to be of a somewhat miscellaneous composition. Apart altogether from the question of players of the first rank, it is doubtful if a very large proportion were entitled to rank as even second-class players. It is true that there was not a man in the van of the professional battalion absent, and, with very few exceptions, the leading men of the amateur army took part in the battle. Yet the larger proportion, judged from the standard of championship honours, were raw recruits who have only just entered on their education. And mediocrity was pretty equally apportioned between those who represented the amateurs and those who represented the professionals. The unprecedented size of the field no doubt gives, *prima facie*, a certain *éclat* to the occasion, but it is certain that it is of no real advantage. In this case it was rather a serious disadvantage, and might have led to disaster; and there can be no question that, if it grows any bigger, or is again even as big, it may be too unwieldy for management under present conditions. It would have been so on the 6th but for the accidental circumstance that many of the players did not go out in the second round. But for the absenteeism, voluntarily or involuntarily, in the second round, darkness would certainly have put an end to an unfinished competition. The last couple in the first round did not get away till half-past twelve—three and a-half hours after the first couple were despatched, and, as it was nearly one o'clock before the first couple went off in the second round, it is easy to infer at what hour the last of the forty-one couples would have finished. It is to be feared that, in the rear guard, a good many strokes would have been added on account of lost balls. The experience of the day, in fact, teaches a second lesson against postponing the meeting till a later period of the year than the beginning of September, when there is good daylight till eight o'clock. Perhaps the Musselburgh authorities had better take a note of this, and reflect on what would have been the consequence if, with this entry of eighty-one players, the championship had been played over the nine-hole course at Musselburgh. The result would have been simply a deadlock, or the play would, of necessity, have had to be spread over two days.

After all, however, there should be really no call upon the authorities to deal with so large a number of players. The best way out of the difficulty is for competitors to exercise a little patience and forbearance, especially on the part of the amateurs. There is some excuse for a second-class professional entering for the championship, because putting the winning of the cup out of the question, he has the off chance of winning a prize. With the second-class amateur, however, it is different. He has nothing whatever to gain, and a good deal to lose in reputation. By placing his own performance in contrast with the performances of those endowed with the highest skill, he invites a comparison that makes him look more insignificant than he really is. With a good local reputation, he is usually much the inferior of those who are entitled to aspire to the highest honour of the golfing year, and his real form is

apt to come into painful prominence when contrasted with the highest form we are acquainted with. The number of amateurs who are qualified to compete with the professionals on nearly equal terms might be counted almost on the fingers of one hand. The ten fingers would certainly represent the number who, even in their own estimation, have any hopes of winning the championship. Most of the remainder take part in the contest for the fun of the thing, and for the honour (it is a questionable honour) and distinction of having been considered worthy (that is to say, have considered themselves worthy) to appear in a contest where only the most conspicuous and tried skill can hope to excel. If those would-be aspirants for championship honours wish to come before the public in this way, let them endeavour to obtain some distinction by playing for the amateur championship. Their chances of success are not quite so uncertain there; but if they insist upon playing in the premier event, they are simply courting defeat, and the only effect produced otherwise is to add to the inconvenience of the legitimate combatants, and the difficulties of the management.

It was a somewhat discreditable thing to a golfing centre like St. Andrews that it could not provide a sufficient number of competent markers to accompany the players. There was no lack of men who were presumably competent to undertake the duty, which, of course, includes also the knowledge and ability to keep the players right on any ordinary difficulty as to the rules. The necessity of qualified markers seems to have been considered of so much importance that among the few printed directions to competitors was this one, that "approved markers must be provided." Really the St. Andrews standard of an "approved marker" must be a very comprehensive one, or the condition must have been interpreted with a freedom that was not conducive to satisfactory results, for the duty seemed for the most part to have been relegated to the schoolboys of the locality. The presumption is, that they were "approved" by the authorities, but how far they were on that account competent and satisfactory to those personally concerned, and to the general body of the players, is another matter. The virtues of Golf have been lauded from the dawn of history, but it is questionable if unselfishness is one of the virtues which it either teaches or strengthens in human nature. Evidently, those of the St. Andrews golfers who were not playing preferred to watch those who were, to contributing to the success of the meeting by taking part, albeit a subordinate one, in the active forwarding of the play.

Indeed, the whole management, so far as an outsider could judge, seemed to be of a decidedly free and easy character, pretty much a matter of go-as-you-please and come-as-you-please. In the matter of markers, the duty of supplying them ought to be undertaken by the members of the club, who are otherwise responsible for the superintendence of the meeting. They are the parties best situated for regulating the supply, and in any case it is an invidious duty to put on a large number of strangers. How the arrangement works could be seen on Tuesday last week, when inexperienced boys took up the duties that ought to have been fulfilled by experienced golfers.

The management, too, made a decidedly bad beginning by disqualifying ten of the players, on account of their not having, in virtue of a new and not generally known rule, given in their names to Tom Morris on the night of Saturday preceding the day of the competition. The rule hitherto in force, a common sense enough one, was for the intending competitors to give in their names up to the eve of the day of the competition. It is very desirable that after the ballot every player should take his part in the contest, and I know of no means by which this can be more certainly insured than by having all the players on the ground. By the rule, with the existence of which no means had been previously taken to acquaint the competitors, ten players were disqualified, a most undesirable result, and a result that gave rise to needless dissatisfaction and endless grumbling on the part not only of those who were disqualified, but of those who were not. The disqualified men were allowed to compete under a sort of implied protest, and they did so, of course, against the wishes of some of those who had complied with the rule. Indeed, the situation resolved itself into a sort of triangular protest. The committee protested against the proscribed players, they, in their turn, protested against the decision of the committee in prohibiting them from playing and the legitimate players protested against both. It was not certain that the committee had really disqualified the ten late comers. They were certainly allowed to play, and thereby consume a precious part of the limited time of the meeting, and it was only at the last moment that they were informed that they were disqualified. It will occur to most persons who reflect on the matter that if the new rule is acted up to it is likely to lead only to confusion.

But the Open Championship has reached that stage that its importance demands, radical reform in various directions; and I should not be surprised if, before another meeting comes round, the whole matter is subjected to what it needs, a thorough revision.



Mr. J. Henry Johnson, Patent Agent, 115, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, has issued a new and enlarged edition of his "Hints to Inventors." The book gives in a concise form all the information which those desirous of obtaining letters patent for their inventions may care to know, while the patent laws of other countries, with tables of cost, also serve to make the book handy and useful.

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On the lawns around Fan Court, Chertsey, the seat of Mr. C. D. Stern, an excellent ladies' links, consisting of nine holes, has been laid out by Tom Dunn, of Tooting Bec. The nature of the ground brings in a variety of skilful play.

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Tom Morris visited Newcastle last week, and laid out the new eighteen-hole course for the use of the members of the City of Newcastle Club. The course is on the Newcastle Town Moor, within easy distance of the city, and Tom's opinion is that it will be one of the best inland greens in the country. The total length of the course is 4,535 yards. The list of members is being added to daily, and now numbers nearly 150.

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At the Richmond autumn meeting Mr. E. H. Stevenson won the competition for the longest drive with a ball that carried 174 yards 5 inches. The ball that was played with was one of Slazenger's "Trufite's."

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In the match between Mr. A. D. Blyth and Mr. S. Mure Fergusson (two very powerful drivers) at Sandwich, it was found that teeing off for the ninth hole Mr. Blyth drove a ball which took six and a-quarter seconds to fly through a slightly cross-wind, while the flight of Mr. Mure Fergusson's tee shot was five seconds. It would be interesting to know the total carry and distance in yards of both balls.

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Tom Morris, who recently visited Newcastle for the purpose of laying out the new course for the City of Newcastle Club, played a match last Friday at Whitley against the hon. sec. of that club (Mr. Radcliffe), with the result that the veteran was only beaten by one hole.

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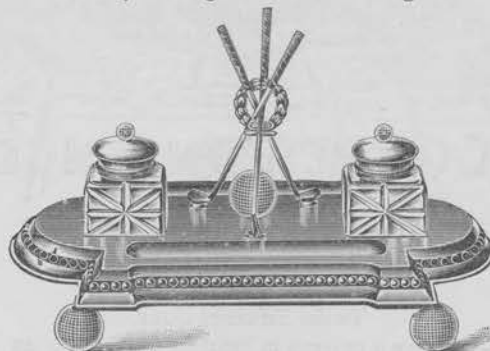
The Ayton Golf course on Ayton Law and East Reston Haughs, ten minutes' walk from Ayton, was opened by Sir Walter G. Simpson, baronet of Ballabraes, to-day at 2.30 p.m. There was a large attendance.

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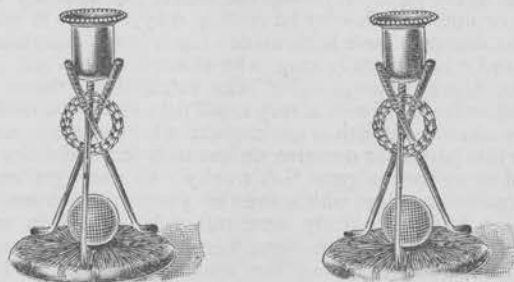
Visiting golfers who are still at North Berwick—and there are now a comparatively large number for the fog end of the season—have been favoured with really delightful weather during the past week, amongst those enjoying the Royal Game being Sir William Des Vaux. The late Governor of Hong Kong is quite an enthusiastic golfer. Mr. J. E. Laidlay, the amateur champion, paid a visit to the green early last week: but he did not stay to engage in a round of the course. George Sayers, a younger brother of Ben, left on Monday for the north of England, having accepted a temporary engagement as professional to the Beverley Club.

NOVELTIES FOR PRIZES.

Messrs. Mappin and Webb, the well-known London silver-smiths, have designed some beautiful ornaments appropriate to Golf, and most suitable for prizes in connection with club tournaments, or marriage and birthday presents to gentlemen and lady players. The drawings which we subjoin illustrate some of the many novel and appropriate articles. For example, here is an inkstand, showing in the centre an ingenious arrange-



ment of three Golf irons with a ball, all perfectly modelled, the whole being supported by a similarly well designed representation of two Golf balls. An almost similar arrangement is followed in the case of the two candlesticks. Here the irons and ball



are utilised to support the capitol of each candlestick, and the effect of the grouping is undoubtedly artistic, as well as novel. The articles are manufactured in the material known as Prince's plate, and Messrs. Mappin and Webb have registered the designs. Such articles as these ought to be a welcome relief to the cups, bowls, and other stereotyped articles one is so familiar with at Golf club prize meetings.

THE CROMER PROFESSIONAL AT BLACKHEATH.—Thanks to the interest taken in him by Mr. Richard Winch, of Blackheath, Willie Aveston, professional to the Royal Cromer Golf Club, has spent a few days at Blackheath. Mr. Winch arranged a series of matches for him, the first of which was at Rochester against Crawford (late of Pau), professional to the Rochester Golf Club. With the score "all even" at the fifth hole the match had to be abandoned owing to the exceedingly bad weather. The remaining matches were at Blackheath, where on Tuesday morning Aveston (score 113) beat the Blackheath professional, G. Brews (score 117) by 5 up and 3 to play, the loser having certainly the worst of the luck. On the afternoon of Tuesday Mr. Walter Richardson also succumbed to the Cromer professional by 3 up and 2 to play; no scores were kept, but Aveston's play was not so good as it had been earlier in the day. The third match was on Wednesday afternoon against Mr. Alfred Schacht, who was destined to prevent Aveston taking away an unbeaten record. Playing up to his best form Mr. Schacht (score 113) beat the professional (score 121) by 5 up and 4 to play. It is, however, only due to Aveston to say that the previous day's exertion may have somewhat taxed his energies.

COURSE FOR INNELLAN.—A Golf club has been formed at Innellan. The course is on the hill above the Established Church, and is being laid out by Willie Campbell, of Bridge of Weir. It is expected to be completed early in November. The young laird, Mr. A. P. Bouverie Campbell Wyndham, is president, and Mr. Miles S. Gibson is secretary.



THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AND ST.
ANDREWS MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—We have a proverb in Scotland that “it is an ill bird that files its ain nest.” I decline, therefore, to suppose that the recent unwarrantable attacks made upon the committee of the Royal and Ancient are from the pen of one of its members. This may account for a good deal of the ignorance displayed of the facts of the case, but it does not excuse the audacity of the author or authors, whoever he or they may be. It is possible that mistakes may have been made; but it is by experience we learn, and it is extremely easy to be wise after the event. Since first the Open Championship was established, things have changed entirely. From a very small field of professionals the list now numbers more than can conveniently compete in one day; and on this particular occasion no less than 82 candidates came forward to try for the great Golf trophy. Of these, just one-half were amateurs, a class which, even by your correspondent’s own admission, had “previously been rather backward in coming forward.” The committee were, therefore, it appears, more or less justified in not taking the amateur element, and their fixtures, too much into account. In future this will not be so. Again, as soon as the committee knew that the proximity of the St. Andrews and Hoylake meetings would probably prevent Mr. John Ball from being present to defend his well-merited honours, they at once met to see if any change could be made, and finding this impracticable, they instructed their secretary to write a courteous letter to that effect: which effectually does away with any charge of discourtesy, either intentional or otherwise. It is somewhat unfortunate, too, for your correspondent, that while Mr. John Ball, Mr. Hutchings, and Mr. Hilton were all three present at the contest for the championship, they were also the ones who took premier places at the Hoylake meeting.

It has always been the custom for the championship meeting to be held *after* the autumn meeting of the club, which is probably well known to all; but it is perhaps not equally well known that it was an instruction to the committee of management of the Royal and Ancient, from the club in full meeting assembled 5th May, 1891, that, “no competition of any kind other than for the medals of the Royal and Ancient should be encouraged or sanctioned during the entire medal week.” Consequently the committee (which met on August 31st) had to choose either the *previous* week, which custom did *not* sanction, and which probably would have given rise to even greater grumbling, and when the green was crowded up to the hilt, or the week *following* the medal week, which appeared to them to offer the greatest advantages to the greater number. Of course there may be a select few, whose business is Golf, who may not see things in this light, which is unfortunate for them; but no one expects to please everybody.

As to the advertising of the meeting, I believe this was done in the usual way, and that it was efficaciously done is proved by the enormous field of players. Since GOLF, however, has ousted the *Field* seemingly from the various golfing clubs South of the Tweed, no doubt, in future, an advertisement might be

placed with advantage in its columns; but one may be pardoned for saying that in a contest which takes place *with unvarying routine* exclusively in Scotland, the omission of an advertisement in a very young paper published in London, and comparatively unknown in Scotland, was not a very astounding one. The professionals of most clubs (I may safely say of all clubs) can have free access to its papers, and thus be saved all expense in purchasing for themselves either sixpenny ones or twopenny ones out of their hard-earned gains; and in closing the list on Saturday night the committee acted up to their duly advertised intention, and as Sunday—a *dies non*—intervened, it cannot be said that they acted in any other than a judicious manner, in order to give themselves time to make the draw, and get the same printed and issued, so that competitors from a distance might know at what hour on Tuesday morning they were likely to start. It is to be hoped that this rule will be as rigidly enforced in all succeeding competitions, and that it has hitherto not been so is a proof of the slipshod inheritance which this much maligned committee on this occasion succeeded to. It would be well also that in future intending competitors should make application in writing to the secretary, who should have entire and undivided charge, which was not the case in this instance, and arose not from any fault of the committee, but from motives which, however unintelligible to outsiders, at least “leaned to virtue’s side.” To say, moreover, that the list closed three days before the competition was played is, under the circumstances, and in point of fact, an exaggeration. The “ludicrously abortive attempt to parade a document signed by the legitimate competitors” (to permit a handful of men who had been too careless to acquaint themselves with the conditions of the contest to compete along with their more prudent brethren) did not owe its origin or anything else to the committee, who had no choice in the matter, but had simply their duty to discharge, which they did fearlessly and honestly; and, though they might exonerate themselves still further by implicating others, would, I am sure, scorn to take shelter under any such course.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ONE WHO KNOWS.

St. Andrews, October 26th, 1891.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am pleased to see you take the part of the disqualified players, but I would like to suggest, for your consideration, how the Championship should be played for in future, as we mean to bring it to St. Anne’s next year, if they did bunker us at St. Andrews with their early entry. I do not think entry beforehand, with nothing to pay, is workable. Suppose I enter, say, ten players from here, on the chance of being there, and none of us turn up? It means whoever we are drawn against having to wait for hours before they can start. If the entry is free, the fair and only way is to draw, as it always has been done, the night before by the competitors personally entering.

As the game has now so increased, I would suggest a ten shilling entrance-fee, to go into prizes, the competition to extend over three days for score, the first day one-fourth of the competitors to fall out, the second day one-fourth more, leaving half the original entry to compete for the final, the best aggregate of the three days’ play of 108 holes to be Champion. I am confident that by this method the very best players would be winners.

I am, Sir, &c.,

GEORGE LOWE, Professional.

St. Anne’s-on-Sea, Lancashire.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Are the arrangements at present constituted the best that can be devised for deciding the open and amateur meetings, and are they a test of *all-round* play?

With the view of bringing forward suggestions on the subject, I make the following proposal, which might apply to both meetings:—

First day.—Stroke competition of two rounds. The sixteen players with the lowest scores only to remain in the competition. The lowest scorer to be presented with a silver medal.

Ties to be decided by playing three holes to ten, or more if necessary.

Second day.—The competition to be continued by holes. Arrange the sixteen players in the order of their scores, thus:—First round.—No. 1 against No. 16, No. 2 against No. 15, No. 3 against No. 14, and so on. Second round.—The winners of first round to play as follows:—No. 1 against No. 8, No. 2 against No. 7, No. 3 against No. 6, No. 4 against No. 5.

Third day.—Third round.—No. 1 against No. 4, No. 2 against No. 3. Fourth and final round.—No. 1 against No. 2.

The winner of final round to be presented with a gold medal. By this arrangement *all* the strongest players would presumably remain in till nearly the end of the tournament, and closer contests would result.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ANDREW MORISON.

19, Montgomerie Drive, Glasgow,
October 5th, 1891.

BEGINNERS AND THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read the letter of your correspondent, Mr. Franklin-Adams twice through, and I presume he is quite serious when he advocates the compiling of written instructions for people who desire to acquire a knowledge of Golf. I should have thought it was obvious that Golf, like cricket, football, and every other game worth playing at, can only be adequately acquired by practice, by seeing other people play, and by playing with experienced players. I do not quite see where the fun came in when many years ago Mr. Franklin-Adams and three friends attempted to play Golf with no knowledge of the game beyond what they could learn from the printed rules. I do not think it would amuse me to watch four intelligent men, who had never seen a pack of cards, attempt to play a rubber with no further knowledge of whist than they could gather from a copy of the "Club Code."

I should like to see expunged from the laws of Golf all such useless information as "The game of Golf is generally played by two sides," &c. Rules need only be intelligible to a person who has acquired a technical knowledge of the subject to which they refer.

I am, Sir, &c.,

T. T. A. A.

September 26th, 1891.

THE BUNKER RULE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A few weeks ago I troubled you with a question about touching the edge of a bunker in addressing, and you were good enough to give a careful reply, which showed me that, at any rate in the light of the present rules and their usual interpretation, I had been rather exacting towards my opponent. I hope that neither you nor he will think that I wish to press the claim any further if I ask permission to say a few words on the general question, which subsequent correspondence seems to indicate as an interesting one.

No doubt many others besides myself have felt disappointed in finding how very difficult it is to arrive at ultimate authority regarding *Golf-principles*. I will not say *Golf-rules*, for these are known to differ with locality, but chats with old golfers invariably give one the impression that there are certain principles underlying all rules to which exceptional cases can generally be referred: a sort of *Golf-equity* resembling that which makes whist such a fine game, and the production of such a book as "Card Essay's, Clay's Decisions, and Card Table Talk" possible. And this reassuring impression makes the disappointment keener when one finds that these principles are so difficult to get at. Some few weeks ago I thought for a moment that I had grasped one of these principles which I might roughly formulate, "You must not touch anything in a hazard." I saw at once that my own play had not been quite strict enough, and set

about correcting it—meanwhile observing that of older players for verification. The formula is an attractive one, and makes the game very simple, though, if consistently adhered to, I am inclined to think it would be much harder than the present game. There are many things which some players constantly do which the application of the rule in the widest sense would forbid. For there are four words in even this simple precept whose limitation is doubtful. To take the last first:—What is a hazard? I have been called to order for removing dung when "off the course." Is "off the course" for such purposes a hazard? For my own part, I think it would be simpler if this were the case, though one might want a chalk line sometimes. But then a chalk line round a bunker would often be a great help.

The next ambiguous word is the word "in." Does it mean that when the ball is bunkered, nothing far or near must be touched? This is rather the case I intended to suggest in my former letter: a part of the bunker quite away from the ball was struck—"an impression" made. Was this wrong? But I do not wish again to raise this point. Let me take as another example, clearing the putting-green when a ball is bunkered close to the hole. This question has recently attracted attention at Blackheath.

The chief ambiguity of the word "anything" has reference to the existence of whins and fern. Here again I am trenching on the question with which you have already dealt, about touching whin or fern in addressing. I gather that any reasonable sweeping of such vegetable growths is by present customs allowable, and that to claim the touching of fern or whins in a hazard (where they generally grow) as a misdemeanour would be an innovation. But there still remains the difficulty, where the line is to be drawn? If they may be touched, they may be touched with vigour; and you, sir, have fully indicated the difficulty we here encounter on p. 386 of the second volume.

I have described four words in my simple dictum as a doubtful limitation; and concerning the fourth (or rather the first), the word "touch," it seemed to me at first that the attractive simplicity of the rule lay chiefly here. It covered the lifting of break-clubs, and the hitting of anything whilst addressing. It seemed to me that when the ball lay in a bunker, to the player who wished to avoid all risks the course was clear—I hope this is not an unseemly pun. He might simply advance to a convenient position, poise his club at such a height as to be in contact with air alone, and descend with such vigour as he could muster on the bunkered ball. And here it was that I found my rule most at variance with practice. I call it *my* rule in order to relieve others of responsibility. It has been quoted to me by many old golfers in the actual words I have used; but of course they did not mean it to be expanded as I have expanded it. I could, however, give you authorities among old golfers, both for and against, on any of the corollaries I have suggested as legitimate expansions of this dictum.

I don't think any one plays the full rule, but many people expand it up some little by-path of their own. Therefore, is this letter rather vague? Is it a general grumble, perhaps? I do not wish to trouble you for a decision on any of the above points, which are admitted to be indefinitely decided. I have a thorough sympathy with the dictum myself, and should like to see it adopted with all its consequences. The game would be harder, but much simpler. Is it possible that it will be found profitable to adopt some such generalisation in "the new rules"? For my own part I have a great admiration for the "St. Andrews Rules," and I would undertake to deduce the whole principle from them; but what is the good of this when St. Andrews players flatly deny the deductions?

May I remark, in conclusion, that I am not forgetful of a promise made some months back to furnish figures referring to quite a different matter—the relative importance of a stroke a short holes and long? By the kindness of Mr. W. Ruherford I have been furnished with an abundance of material accumulated at Sandwich: and the delay necessary for its analysis will I hope, be compensated by the greater completeness of the results obtained.

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. H. TURNER.

MADE-UP BALLS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It is generally considered that made-up balls should be kept some time before being used. Can any of your readers inform me whether they harden or season sooner by being kept in a dry, warm air (such as over a stove)?

I am, Sir, &c.,

A CONSTANT READER.

THE LATE LORD PRESIDENT INGLIS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The annual meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, at St. Andrews, is a fitting occasion to recall the dignified figure of one who graced not only the bench but the golfing links, and to reproduce a golfing function which he discharged thirteen years ago, with all that urbanity which marked throughout the distinguished career of Lord President Inglis as a man, judge, and golfer.

The well-known figure of his lordship will be long remembered as he crossed the links of a morning to the club—leaving in his hoch the trace of a well-matured cigar—to join in a foursome which then so distinguished the play on St. Andrews links, and added such a charm to the meetings. For twenty-eight years he was a member of the club, and in 1877 filled the office of captain.

During this period Tom Morris, jun., who had risen to the first rank as a professional golfer, was his lordship's constant partner in his foursome matches, and after Tommy's death Lord Glencorse kindly undertook to inaugurate a memorial which had been erected to his memory in the Cathedral churchyard of St. Andrews. It was designed and executed by Mr. John Rhind, and shows a *bas-relief* figure of Tommy about three-quarters of the size of life in a well-chosen and characteristic attitude, wearing a golfing jacket with the Scotch "Balmoral," which was such a well-known head-mark on the links. The player is represented bending over an "iron," as if about to play a wrist shot to the hole. Beneath the *relievo* is the following inscription written by the late Principal Tulloch: "In memory of 'Tommy,' son of Tom Morris, who died 25 December, 1875, aged 24 years. Deeply regretted by numerous friends and all golfers. He thrice in succession won the champion belt, and held it without rivalry and yet without envy. His many amiable qualities being no less acknowledged than his golfing achievement, this monument has been erected by contributions from sixty golfing societies."

The Lord Justice General ascended the platform erected in front of the monument, and addressing the assembly said: "The monument which we are met to unveil is dedicated to the memory of the late Tom Morris, the younger. It is a simple, modest and characteristic erection; and I think it adequately expresses the sentiment of the members of not less than sixty golfing clubs, by whose contributions the requisite funds have been obtained. It is inscribed with the familiar name of Tommy, a name by which he was best known to all his numerous admirers. There is something in these familiar names of great significance, and in this case I think the name expresses a kindly regard which he secured from all who knew him by his amiable disposition, by his simple and unaffected manner, and by his manly independence. It would be idle to an audience such as I see around me to speak in detail of his golfing achievements, for these were known to you all; but I think I will not be accused of extravagance if I say he was the greatest golfer of his day. In the year 1860, if I am not incorrectly informed, the Prestwick Club instituted a champion belt, which was competed for annually for a good many years, and always changed hands every year. But at length Tommy succeeded in gaining the belt for three years in succession, and thus, according to the rules of the competition, he was entitled to it in absolute property, and I have no doubt it remains in the hands of his family as a most treasured possession. It is also recorded of him that he went round the links of St. Andrews on one occasion with the unparalleled score of 77—37 out and

40 coming home. Every golfer mourned his loss most sincerely, for he was not only a prime golfer, but a very fine young man—cut off in the prime of his life. But the time of grief is now gone by, and all that remains of Tommy is a pleasant memory; but I think you will allow me to say that we have some consolation still, for although we have lost him we have still a Tom Morris—old Tom—and I think I may venture to say that there is a great deal of life in that old dog yet. Long may he live to maintain his reputation. I have nothing further to say than to ask you to give a vote of thanks to two gentlemen who have been mainly instrumental in having this monument erected—I mean Major Bethune, the honorary treasurer, and Mr. J. G. Denham, honorary secretary, to whose exertions we owe a great deal. I now desire the monument to be unveiled."

I am, Sir, &c.,

EDINBURGENSIS.

GOLF IN A HURRICANE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Did any of your readers ever play Golf in a hurricane? I have played in one with a blizzard, and a tornado thrown in. I got my experience on Monday, 21st September, in this present year of grace. It was capital sport, and for the benefit of the uninitiated I will tell you how it is done.

Don't try to play a good ball from the tee; if you do so, it will be carried right over your head and landed, say, thirty yards farther from the hole than it was before being played. Don't make any tee, but, to save it being blown away, stick the ball firmly into the turf, take your metal putter and strike the ball on the top. By so doing you may get it a dozen yards or so towards the hole. It will be all the better if the ball has landed in a cup, an iron mark, or a nice quiet bunker. It will not be so readily blown away; repeat as before, and in about twenty minutes you will have reached the putting-green, while your partner, who believes in style, may be expected to arrive there somewhere before dark, that is, if you began early in the day, say noon.

On the putting-green your sorrows are generally supposed to have ended. This is a popular error; your sorrows are only beginning. You must putt straight at the hole, and by the time you have got your anatomy that distance, the ball is on its wild career towards the tee. However, if you are very smart, and prostrate yourself longitudinally between the ball and the wind, you may stop it about half-way. In rising, keep your legs close together, always between the wind and the ball; and, all being now ready, have another go, and, if you are very lucky, you may get to the bottom in about another twenty strokes.

Now for the next hole repeat as before, with this difference, that before driving off you require your caddie to place a strong stake on the top of the hill, with a block and tackle attached. This is for pulling yourself up by. By this time a disabled schooner or two will be driving right on the sands not far from you, but that is a mere matter of detail; you hope the sailors can swim. The game is now far too interesting for you to take up your time looking at shipwrecks.

Repeat this performance for the other sixteen holes, with the exception that you only require the block and tackle for other two; and you have a most enjoyable day's outing, especially if you have driven in an open trap for, say, eighteen miles or so through blinding sleet. I know I had. It was a competition; I did not win the medal, another fellow did; but then he had an original construction for a cap with which he sheltered the ball from the wind, holding it in his left hand while he played with his right. He should patent the idea, considering the satisfactory results. Below is his score, which is a most excellent one considering the weather. I know that it is correct, for I had it copied from the cards on their being handed in:—Out, 9 10 5 11 7 18 17 17=94; in, 5 4 9 7 7 8 6 10 10=66; total, 160.

I am, Sir, &c.,

R.

MACHRIHANISH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Wednesday the 9th of September was the day fixed, and it proved to be a glorious one. A party of ardent golfers with baggage and clubs were all on board, eager for the fray. "All right, captain," was the word. Up came the anchor, a shrill whistle, and we were off. A lively breeze and a head sea made the good boat plunge and rear for the first half of the journey, and a beam sea made matters still more lively from the rounding of Pladda to the lovely Campbeltown Loch. "How long will it be before we are in the lee of the Mull?" asked one of the party. A weather-beaten friend, replied. "In about a quarter of an hour." The watch was often referred to, but, alas! no lee ever came, and a good hour must have elapsed ere the friendly island of Davaar put an end to the pitch and toss. The anchor down in Campbeltown Loch set everything and everybody right, and during dinner much merriment ensued on the discussion of the respective merits of a beam sea.

Next morning was an ideal one, and Campbeltown and its surroundings looked their very best.

After breakfast a move was made for shore, and then on to Machrihanish. Two members of the party had made up their minds to do great things, and started accordingly. Nothing very brilliant was accomplished in the first round, owing principally to the fact that neither had played over the course before. They had, however, made good use of their first experience of the course, and in the second round succeeded in lowering both the amateur and professional record to 78 and 74 respectively.

The following day was as good as its predecessor—a shade hot perhaps for Golf—and the party were early astir. Some elected to go to Southend, while the others had come to the conclusion that Machrihanish was good enough for them, and each journeyed accordingly. The couple before referred to again started, and it was also in the second round that both returned scores of 76. It is worthy of note that the gentleman who held the amateur record of the green with 79 accompanied the couple round, and marked the scores. A friendly foursome finished the day's play, and all journeyed back to Campbeltown well pleased with their visit to Machrihanish.

The amateur alluded to, is Mr. John W. Duncan, of the Innerleven Club, an old St. Andrews boy, and an all-round player of the first degree. He is tremendously powerful off the tee, and, given steady practice, would be hard to beat. The professional is Willie Fernie, of Troon. I see that his score of 74 has been chronicled in your issue of October 2nd.

Machrihanish must have a great future before it, and those who wish to have pure unadulterated Golf had better repair thither and judge for themselves. The course could no doubt be improved, but it is simply grand in its present condition; besides, it is not so difficult of access as one would suppose, and there is good accommodation at the "Paris Hotel," which has been largely added to, and seems to be most comfortable. Visitors must feel grateful to the Machrihanish Golf Club in being allowed to play over such real golfing country. Annexed are the respective scores of 76 :—

Mr. Duncan :—

Out	6	3	4	4	5	4	5	3	4=38	} 76.
In	5	6	4	5	3	4	3	5	3=38	

Willie Fernie:—

Out	5	5	3	3	5	5	5	5	3=39	} 76.
In	5	5	4	6	3	3	3	5	3=37	

I am, Sir, &c.,

D.

FORFAR CLUB.—A meeting of this club was held on the Cunningham Hill Golf course on Saturday afternoon, when the president's prize and the club medal were competed for. The weather could not have been better from a golfer's point of view, and the course was in the pink of condition owing to recent extensive improvements. A large number of members competed, and the club medal was gained by Mr. John F. Craik with 87 strokes, whilst the president's prize went to Mr. John Moffat with 79 and odds.

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE MEMBERS OF ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB.

On Friday, Saturday, and Monday, the 16th, 17th, and 19th inst. (says the *Deal, Walmer, and Sandwich Mercury*), a number of the members of St. George's Golf Club gave a very pleasing token of their goodwill to the inhabitants of the ancient borough, near which they have of late found so much pleasant and healthful recreation, in the form of an entertainment in the Assembly-room of the Bell Hotel, to which they issued invitations of such a comprehensive character that nearly every section of the population was included. The caddies, together with their friends, had their turn on Friday. On Saturday the mayor, the members of the Council, and a large number of the townspeople were invited, and a supplementary performance was given on Monday for the benefit of those who, from business engagements or other causes, were unable to be present on Saturday. A cordial welcome was extended to the guests on their arrival by many of the St. George's men who were present, and the following quaint programme was put into the hands of each :—

PART I.—Prologue (especially composed for the occasion), Mr Gossamer Twynes.

To you, good friends of Sandwich, antient town,
 Mayor, Aldermen, and those of high degree,
 Whose presence here to-night is deeply prized,
 As omen good of friendship's proffered hand,
 St. George's Club a hearty welcome gives.
 'Tis not long since, that first we came from forth
 Great London's busy throng, our fav'rite game
 To play, and in your midst to rest; to snatch
 Some moments brief, some slight respite from toil;
 To breathe your purer air, your zephyrs soft;
 To roam along your pleasant fields, where's heard
 The song of joyous lark, the distant sound
 Of rolling waves, that lave your sandy shore;
 Whilst, all around, is seen the clear blue sky,
 That wide expanse, that speaks of freedom, hope!—
 Many a golfer true, within our club,
 We proudly own,—Anderson, our captain,—
 Large-hearted, genial soul, so massive, firm,
 Like boulder grand, that stems th' mountain torrent.
 Purves—Twice captain, founder of our club—
 O'er maiden hazard, first to drive, ardent
 Like some bright fiery star! and Henry Lamb,—
 Intrepid champion skilled, so graceful, lithe,
 So slim;—and yet!—by strange antithesis—
 Th' inventor of th' "Bulger!" And then we have
 The brothers Blyth, from childhood skilled at Golf;
 And Plummer, too, who drives a far sped ball!
 And Portal, Alpine Climber, eager, tough,
 At stymies deft, of stature somewhat wee!
 And Common—not Guineas, Derby, Leger
 Winner, but one who reads the stars at night
 Through telescope gigantic! And Denman,—
 Fertile, active, organizer, to whom,
 For what is here, our thanks are largely due.
 More there are well worthy to be named—
 But I refrain, lest perchance 'twould weary.
 To-night, that other things we know, some proof
 We wish to give—from Bonnie Scotland's store
 Some songs, both plaintive, gay, we bring—some airs,
 On piano, viol; a farce to raise your mirth!—
 If—when 'tis o'er—you pleased shall be, and say—
 "Right well" we like St. George's Club! "We're glad
 We've come" !—Then—'twill give us greatest pleasure,
 Long may St. George's Club your favour gain!
 May, by our aid, your prosp'rous days return!
 And may good fortune once more smile on you!
 Your antient town has slumbered long. Behold!
 It wakes again! Once more it springs to life!
 As do the leaves, and lovely flowers fade;
 So must all earthly things thro' death renew;
 Decay—though seeming retrograde—is not;
 For by each change a higher stage we reach,
 And thus, through all eternity, progress
 Ever towards perfection high, and infinite!

—WEBSTER GLYNES.

Song, "I'm off to Philadelphia in the morning," Mr. Groundbait; violin solo, Mr. Danbydale; song, "Oh! oh! the wild winds blow," Mr. Vicious Eve; German band (conductor, Herr Jacob Strauss) Messrs. Blüher, Shifter, Bouillon Fleet, Smylingen Gaye, Lookatham Schmidt, Danbydale, Playhard, &c., &c.; song, "The Devout Lover," Mr. Drownal; breakdown, Mr. Kentucky; song, Mr. Dunlo Pylle; violin duet, Messrs. Smylingen Gaye and Lookatham Schmidt; stump speech, Mr. Headthetrycke.

Part II.—Shakespeare's tragedy (in one act), "Box and Cox."

John Box (a journeyman printer) Mr. Danbydale.
James Cox (a journeyman hatter) Mr. Meerschaum.
Bouncer (a lodging-house keeper) Mr. R. Monium.

It is hardly necessary to say that the names printed on the programme are humorous parodies of those borne by well-known members of the club. Mr. Danbydale, for instance, standing for Mr. A. Denman, who took a prominent part in the programme, and in organisation of the whole affair. As we are sure that our readers will like to know the real names of our kind entertainers, we will enlighten them as far as our representative was able to penetrate the not very deep mystery of their aliases. Mr. Denman already stands revealed. Mr. Gossamer Twynes is Mr. Webster Glynes, who may be called the laureate of the club, and who caused great laughter by appearing to read his specially composed prologue, got up in a burlesque classical style, draped in a sheet with a laurel wreath resting upon his poetic brows. Mr. Groundbait is generally known to his fellows as Mr. Grundvig, and Mr. Vicious Eve, otherwise Mr. Chivas Adam is a naturalised citizen of Sandwich. Both these gentlemen sing a capital song, and they sang their best in honour of a Sandwich audience. As to the German band, it was so excruciatingly funny that it is a wonder that it did not lead to some terrible tragedy among the audience of a character similar to that which befell Oliver Wendell Holmes' unfortunate servant, when his master determined "to be as funny as he could." Herr Jacob Strauss, otherwise Mr. C. Thompson, was a very able conductor; and his assistants, Messrs. Blühmer (Plummer); Bouillon Fleet (Bovill); Smylingen Gaye (A. D. Blyth); Lookatham Schmidt (C. M. Smith); Danbydale, and others, ably seconded his efforts. Mr. Downall's (Pownall) splendid rendering of a splendid song gained him an enthusiastic encore. Mr. Headthetrycke's (Hedderwick) reminiscences were very amusing, notwithstanding the shock to his modesty of having to repeat them "before so many swells." Mr. Kentucky's (Kennedy) breakdown, and Mr. Dunlo Pylle's (Dunlop Hill) song were both highly appreciated. Of "Shakespeare's Tragedy" we can only say that frequently as we have seen that masterpiece of the great dramatist performed, we have never seen its humour, and its pathos more vividly presented on any stage than they were on Monday. Mr. Danbydale as Box, and Mr. Meerschaum (Mr. Nesham) as Cox, sustained their parts with a spirit and ability which was beyond praise, and the exigencies of the occasion which necessitated a male character in the place of Mrs. Bouncer enabled Mr. R. Monium to do credit to his melodious name. At the close of the entertainment the Mayor gave expression to the great pleasure and appreciation with which his fellow-townsmen had listened to the efforts made with so much ability and goodwill, to amuse them. Three cheers for St. George's Golf Club were called for and heartily given, and the audience dispersed to their homes.

THE "HOME" GOLF BALL PRESS.

This is one of the most practical as well as the most useful little improvements in the game that has come under our notice. Such a press as this has long been looked for, especially by players who are remote from the aid of club-makers. Briefly described, the "Home" Golf Ball Press may be said to be an adaptation, to some extent, of the lemon-squeezer to the making of a Golf ball. There is no need to fix it on a bench, and the whole is so light, compact, and workmanlike, that it can easily be carried about with one. The mould is already notched, thereby minimising, to a very great extent, the labour connected with the re-moulding of balls. Judging from our experiments with this new press, and the nicely-marked ball that was promptly turned out by its aid, we should say that it will be found eminently satisfactory, not only for re-making balls for ordinary practice purposes, but in facilitating the labours of the club-makers in increasing their stock of new balls. The only doubt we had, judging by the appearance of the instrument, was that the leverage for applying the pressure by hand is not so great as it might be, that it may not be found in every case to be so strenuous and uniform as one could desire; but this doubt, we frankly acknowledge, was soon dispelled by a trial of the little invention. The pressure that can be applied by hand is really enormous. Colonial and Indian golfers have often written to us, asking whether such a press as this was in the market, and it affords us great pleasure in now making the fact known to them. It will meet their requirements to the fullest, especially when it is remembered that the price is the very moderate one of 7s. 6d. and 10s., while with each press, compactly folded up in a little box, there is a paper containing explicit instructions how the press should be manipulated, and how old balls should be treated before re-moulding. Such an admirable little improvement as this has long been wanted, and we are certain that it will meet with hearty recognition and success. The manufacturers and patentees are The "Home" Golf Ball Press Company, 24, Howard Street, Glasgow

A FIELD-DAY AT LUFFNESS.

Being a bloodless encounter between the Edinburgh Burgess Club under CAPTAIN KERR, and the Royal Musselburgh Club under CAPTAIN CARMICHAEL.

TUNE: "Johnnie Cope."

Kerr sent a challenge frae his club,
 His Burgess lads would like a rub
 On Luffness Green, to try to drub.

The "Royals" some fine mornin'
 Carmichael, for his Musselburgh men,
 Accepted prompt by Gibson's pen,
 And said they'd fight them o'er again
 Upon an early mornin'.

July the third of ninety-one,
 This battle-royal saw begun,
 In waggonettes we had a run

To Luffness in the mornin'.
 The worthy Captains led the way
 Wi' steel and ball in duel gay,
 Carmichael showed the better play,
Kerr fell seven times that mornin'.

Macgregor next wi' a' his pith
 Attacked and foiled our Garden Smith,
 A dashin' chield to tackle with,

He floor'd him once that mornin'.
 Then *Williamson*, of Burgess fame,
 Wi' Marcus Brown kept up the game,
 But fell six times ere he got hame,
 A heavy drop that mornin'.

Tom Begbie followed o'er the course,
 Wi' *Charlie Taylor* in great force,
 But tripped three times upon the gorse,
 The Burgess scored that mornin'.

Then Alick Millar, sturdy loon,
 A native o' the Honest Toon,
 A strappin' *Aitken* he knocked doon
 Five times within that mornin'.

Young Huie o' the Royal Craiks,
 Slew six-foot wiry *John Cruickshanks*,
 Obtaining thus his comrades' thanks
 For four bulls' eyes that mornin'.
 Next solid *Beattie* had a fall
 Four times frae tall and slender Paul,
 The Royals seemed to carry all,
 And looked quite safe that mornin'.

But *Sawers* bravely held his way
 Successfully wi' young Tom Gray,
 And felled him twice in glorious fray,
 A splendid bout that mornin'.

A Bailie now engaged a *Knight*,
 He was sae Sharp, he held him tight,
 Young *Watson* just escaped a fright—
 He stumbled twice that mornin'.

Bourhill, a lad frae Fishsherraw,
 On *Taylor Senior* laid his paw,
 Five times the old man got a fa',
 We pitied him that mornin'.
 A Burgess *Matthew* came in last,
 He held our strong John Mitchell fast,
 Twice on the sward he had him cast,
 Which closed the fight that mornin'.

The leaders now held council grave,
 To count the fallen 'mongst the brave,
 A score and four the record gave,
 The Royals won that mornin'.

The remnant dined in Clark's Hotel,
 The Captains' toasts succeeded well,
 In brotherhood they vowed to dwell,
 And fight again some mornin'.

WILLIAM DOUGALL.

July, 1891.

(Ex-Captain R.M.G.C.)

NOTE.—Burgess names in italics, others Musselburgh men.



ABERDEEN.

The press match between teams representative of the *Northern Daily News* and *Daily Free Press* Offices, to which I referred in a former letter, duly came off on Saturday over the usual links course here. The weather was all that could be desired, and the game turned out a most enjoyable and thoroughly well-contested one. Thirteen players started on each side, and the result showed a victory for the *News* representatives by 6 holes. Some splendid Golf was shown by the leading players on both sides, the first seven players on the *News* side all succeeding in winning, and scoring 24 holes amongst them. The remaining six players on the *Free Press* side, however, put together 20 holes as against 2 by their opponents, the total at the close showing—*Daily News*, 26 holes; *Free Press*, 20. Full score as follows:—

"DAILY NEWS."		"FREE PRESS."	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. Innes ...	2	Mr. A. McConnachie ...	0
Mr. R. W. Beedie ...	3	Mr. J. Russell ...	0
Mr. R. Balmain ...	3	Mr. W. H. Reid ...	0
Mr. W. Pollock ...	4	Mr. A. Milne ...	0
Mr. J. Gray ...	9	Mr. J. Gow ...	0
Mr. J. Duncan, jun. ...	1	Mr. G. Hendry ...	0
Mr. T. McRae ...	2	Mr. W. Argo ...	0
Mr. T. Niven ...	0	Mr. W. Addie ...	4
Mr. J. Smith ...	0	Mr. W. Stalker ...	4
Mr. T. Bendelow ...	2	Mr. J. Duncan, sen. ...	0
Mr. J. Jack ...	0	Mr. C. Joss ...	6
Mr. G. Yeats ...	0	Mr. J. Brown ...	6
Mr. D. Nielson ...	0	Mr. W. Lowe ...	0
	26		20

Majority for *Northern Daily News*, 6 holes.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., nine members of the Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Club journeyed to Forest Row and played a match against a home team, and were victorious by 17 holes, the latter not being quite so strong as at first arranged. This was the first match played by the Wimbledon ladies, and they were justly pleased with the result. The first four players made good scores by strokes—Miss Andrews, 91; Miss Pearson, 88; Miss Birch, 89; Miss L. Thomson, 94. Fortunately, the weather was quite fine for the greater part of the day, and the wind not so strong.

ASHDOWN.		WIMBLEDON.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Miss Andrews ...	0	Miss Pearson ...	2
Miss Birch ...	3	Miss L. Thomson ...	0
Miss E. Richardson ...	0	Miss Drake ...	1
Miss Richardson ...	0	Miss Phillips ...	4
Miss Lee ...	0	Mrs. Norman Foster ...	5
Miss Fox ...	0	Miss B. Thomson ...	2
Mrs. Lucas ...	0	Miss Muir ...	2
Miss E. Banister ...	0	Miss M. Dickie ...	0
Miss Banister ...	0	Miss King ...	3
	3		19

CRAIGMILLAR GOLF CLUB.—The first autumn meeting of this club was held at Gullane on Saturday, when several valuable prizes were played for. The scratch trophy was won by Mr. H. W. Pullar, with a score of 91, and the handicap cup by Mr. R. J. Thomson, 104, less 12=92. Both these awards are held for one year. Other handicap prizes were won by Mr. Alex. Bruce, 104, less 5=99; Mr. J. Turner, 100 (scratch); Mr. G. Walcot, 125, less 24=101; and Mr. E. Bruce, 111, less 9=102.

BEARSDEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The ladies in connection with the Bearsden Golf Club played for a series of prizes over the links on Saturday, and their outing was attended with very fine weather. The following was the result:—Miss B. Balloch and Mr. S. Armstrong, 70, less 12=58; Miss T. McPherson and Mr. H. Higgins, 70, less 5=65; Miss Blair and Mr. H. Mackie, 67, less 2=65; Mrs. Hutton and Mr. J. W. Armstrong, 75, less 9=66.

BRUNTSFIELD CLUB.
AUTUMN MEETING.

The autumn general meeting of the Bruntsfield Links Club was held on the 20th inst. at Musselburgh, the weather, which was of the pleasantest possible description, attracting a good turn-out of members. A business meeting was held at noon, when the condition of the club was described as in every way satisfactory, a large increase in the membership for the past year being reported, and the accounts showing a surplus. Mr. R. Younger was elected captain for the ensuing year, Mr. W. B. Glen treasurer, and Mr. J. Gibson secretary. The members thereafter adjourned to compete for the Cairns medal, the Hay medal, and the Turnbull-Morison cup. Of these the first is presented to the best scratch player, and the other two are handicap awards, the Turnbull-Morison cup, which is played for half-yearly, becoming the property of the member who first wins it three times. About eighteen couples entered for the competition, the number including one or two of the best players in the club. Unfortunately, the bad state of the green seriously affected the chances of making good scores, and the average was rather high. The scratch medal was secured by Mr. J. Taylor, who achieved the same success last year, his score then being 91. On the present occasion his score was two strokes lower. He made a most inauspicious beginning, taking 7 to each of the first two holes, but on coming up the back stretch his play improved considerably, despite the drawback afforded by the coating of sand which was left by the recent storm for the annoyance of golfers, and which still lies thickly upon the links. The details of Mr. Taylor's play were as follows:—First round, 7 7 6 5 4 4 4 3=44; second round, 4 7 7 3 6 4 4 4=45; total 89. Mr. D. McLaren was a good second with 90, his play all through being very steady and even. The following were his details:—First round, 4 8 7 5 5 3 4 4=45; second round, 5 8 6 4 5 5 4 4=45; total 90. The handicap prizes, which were won last year by Mr. J. D. Paterson with a score of 95, less 8=87, were this time carried off by Mr. W. Paxton, whose score was 103, less 16=87. The following were the principal other scores:—Mr. T. Gray, 93, less 4=89; Mr. R. Mc'rose, 95, less 4=91; Mr. J. Macnaughton, 109, less 18=91; Mr. J. Taylor, 89, plus 3=92; Mr. D. McLaren, 90, plus 3=93; Mr. J. D. Paterson, 98, less 4=94; Mr. W. Lees, 101, less 7=94; Mr. J. Greenhill, 112, less 18=94; Mr. Scott, 105, less 10=95; Mr. J. S. Stevenson, 98, less 2=96; Mr. J. Stark, 104, less 8=96; Dr. Bryce, 104, less 6=98; Mr. C. N. Cowper, 106, less 8=98; Mr. J. Inches, 114, less 16=98; Mr. W. B. Glen, 105, less 6=99; Mr. J. Gibson, 107, less 8=99; Mr. J. Kennedy, 117, less 18=99.

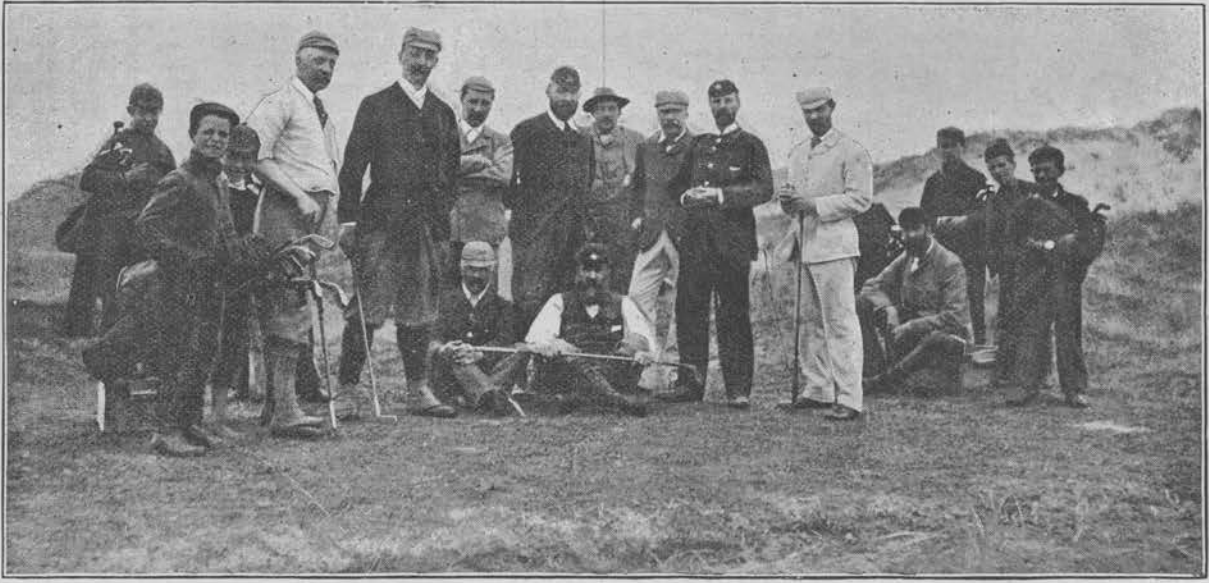
BURNHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold medal handicap was decided on Monday, the 26th inst. Owing to the sandy nature of the ground the greens were in capital order, in spite of the heavy rains of the last few weeks. The weather was unsettled, with rain and wind, but there was a fairly good attendance of members. The following are the principal scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Rev. T. Crump ...	103	17 86	Rev. R. P. Barter ...	124	18 106
Mr. T. W. Colthurst	95	6 89	Mr. W. Stoate ...	142	27 115
Mr. T. Holt ...	112	20 92	Rev. F. N. Smith ...	146	27 119
Mr. W. Holt, jun. ...	107	14 93	Mr. F. T. Clark ...	147	27 120
Rev. Canon Kennard	115	18 97	Mr. A. P. Edwards ...	150	27 123
Mr. W. S. Akerman	128	27 101	Surg.-Major Rahilly	154	27 127
Rev. G. Beilby ...	121	18 103			

LEVEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The second half of the last competition for the season was played on Saturday afternoon in perfect weather. Thirteen players entered, and at the conclusion of the competition the following was found to be the result:—1, Miss Edith Inglis, 98 and 81, less 40=139, and Miss Marie Wilkie, 73 and 66 (scratch)=139 (tie); 3, Miss Davidson, 93 and 92, less 40=145; 4, Miss C. Wilkie, 76 and 75 (scratch)=151; 5, Miss Agetta Adamson, 94 and 94, less 36=152; Miss Blanche Grant, 95 and 89, less 32=152; and Mrs. Windridge, 89 and 91, less 28=152 (tie). A single round was played to decide the ties for first and second and fifth places, with the following result:—For first and second places—Miss Edith Inglis, 43, less 10=33; Miss Mary Wilkie, 34, scratch. For fifth place—Miss Agetta Adamson, 42, less 9=33; Miss Blanche Grant, 45, less 8=37; Mrs. Windridge, 46, less 7=39. At the conclusion of the competition the prizes were presented by Mr. T. C. Balfour, of Carberry.

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GOLF AT PORTRUSH.

AS in other parts of the United Kingdom, golfers are rapidly multiplying in the Green Isle, and especially in the northern province. Ten years ago the game was practically unknown in any part of the country, which to-day can boast of some ten or twelve clubs, four of them being in a most vigorous condition, and charging their new members a handsome entrance-fee. One rather shrinks from making invidious distinctions; many golfers, like other rational creatures, professing a profound affection for what is primarily their own, but that the Portrush links are those on which players "most do congregate" in this "distressful country" will not be questioned. A breezy little town is Portrush, perched, the greater part of it, upon a high sandy peninsula, the rocky base of which is torn and fretted by the heavy surge of the Atlantic. The town, except at one end, may be said to be bounded by the sea, and the residents and visitors together make up in summer a population of about five thousand. In this north-west corner of the county Antrim, two hours by rail from Belfast, a wide belt of low-lying sandhills, picturesquely intersected by green valleys, in which you are hidden from the outer world, stretches for several miles along the shore to east and west of the little watering-place. The view to westward is bounded by the purple rim of the Donegal mountains, and in the opposite direction by the jagged outline of the cliffs at the Giant's Causeway, seven miles distant.

It is but three years since the Golf links were discovered. The first hole is within two minutes' walk of the railway station, and the other holes extend away towards the grey old ruins of Dunluce Castle, standing upon an isolated sea-beaten rock, and looking, as they looked to Thackeray forty-eight years ago, "as if some old, old princess, of old, old fairy times, were dragon-guarded within." During the last two years the praises of the Portrush course have been often sung. Clothed with the fine old turf which the golfer loves to tread, there are few links possessing a more admirable diversity of hills, valleys, and hazards. Every visitor is charmed by the variety of the ground and the beauty of its situation. The course is an eighteen-hole one, and the total length is about three miles and a-quarter. The longest hole is 450 yards, and the shortest 130, the majority being from 250 to 350 yards each. The links are leased by the County Club, which now numbers 330 members, the entrance-fee being three guineas, and the annual subscription one guinea.

So far, the club has been excellently officered, and to this happy circumstance its great and rapid prosperity is largely due. Our illustration is from a photograph by Mr. J. M. Russell, the hon. secretary. Sitting on the sand-box, on the right, is Mr. John Patrick, J.P., of Gledheather, the popular captain of the club for 1889-90. The next but one is the club's genial and highly efficient treasurer, Mr. H. A. Macaulay. On his right is Captain J. M. M'Calmont, M.P., an ardent golfer, the captain of the club for 1888-9, and the present captain of the Royal Belfast Golf Club. Standing behind is Mr. G. M. Shaw, one of the Ulster capital's best players, and next to him is the massive and stalwart figure of Mr. W. H. Mann, perhaps, with one exception, the best known golfer in Ireland. Mr. Mann is a jolly fellow, a good golfer, and the captain for the current year of the County Club, of which he is the life and soul. In front of him, sitting in bared shirt-sleeves, is Mr. C. J. Webb, J.P., Randalstown, a member of the council, whose skill with the club and ball is a living proof that it is never too late to make a beginning. On the extreme left, next to Mr. Joseph Black, is Mr. R. Young, a well-known Belfast golfer; and the other figures in the group are those of Mr. F. Koeller, Mr. W. Moore and Mr. Patterson. The boys, it should be noted, are very fair specimens of our Ulster caddies.

A nine-hole ladies' course, about a mile and a-half round, was laid out at the beginning of the past summer. There is, at present, no ladies' club, but ladies and juveniles are allowed to play on the short course at a moderate monthly or yearly subscription. This summer Golf has acquired an extraordinary popularity among the daughters of Erin's green isle. Since the first of June last, upwards of three hundred ladies have received monthly tickets, and in the month of August alone about two hundred and fifty. There are, of course, members of the sex who have golfed here for the last three years, and the club has already produced three or four first-class lady players.

It only remains to be added that the County Club has its own professional and club maker, and that gentlemen visitors are permitted to play on the links at fixed weekly or monthly subscriptions, a small increase being charged for the use of the club-house.

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COUNTY DOWN CLUB.

The first competition for the cup, presented by the Belfast and County Down Railway, took place on Saturday, the 17th inst. This prize is to be competed for by strokes, under handicap, on the third Saturday of six successive months, the last competition taking place in March, 1892. The six winners will then play a match by holes, under special handicap, for the trophy. The County Down Club give a prize which goes to the winner each month. Mr. J. M. Magill succeeded in carrying off the prize for this month with the limit handicap of 30, making one more win to the credit of Banbridge. Messrs. Thomas Dickson and George Combe played off their tie for the first round of the "Wallace Cup," the former being successful by two strokes. Some thirty members, in all, competed. The following are the returns under 100:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. J. M. Magill ...	111	30	81	Mr. A. Herdman ...	115	26	89
Mr. W. H. Smiles ...	95	12	83	Mr. George Combe ...	98	8	90
Mr. B. Magill ...	100	16	84	Mr. T. S. Fergusson ...	109	15	94
Mr. S. Wilson, jun. ...	107	20	87	Mr. W. S. Johnston ...	116	20	96
Mr. Thomas Dickson ...	96	8	88				

The course was considerably harder than heretofore, the tees being shifted further back, and the last hole much lengthened. On account of the very rough weather during the past week, the greens were not in the best playing order.

DISLEY v. MACCLESFIELD.

A match was played on Saturday, October 24th, between the Disley and Macclesfield Golf Clubs on the Disley links, and resulted in a win for the home team by 19 holes. Scores:—

DISLEY.			MACCLESFIELD.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. W. Bell ...	0	Dr. Duffus ...	2		
Mr. R. W. Hutton ...	0	Mr. G. Greenwell ...	0		
Rev. J. Bourne ...	8	Mr. J. W. Burgess ...	0		
Mr. T. D. Cummins ...	1	Mr. F. Tylecote ...	0		
Mr. H. D. Tonge ...	4	Mr. A. Sheldon ...	0		
Mr. G. J. Hutton ...	1	Mr. J. K. Bell ...	0		
Mr. J. A. Hutton ...	5	Mr. A. Gray ...	0		
Mr. T. C. Norris ...	0	Rev. R. Cobbold ...	0		
Mr. T. H. Mills ...	2	Mr. W. Cameron ...	0		
	21		2		

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of the above club was held over the course at Pinkerknowle, on Friday, the 23rd inst. The prizes to be contended for, were the President's cup and optional sweepstakes and a dozen Golf balls given by the club for second scorer. After a dull wet morning, the day turned out fine, with little or no wind, so that there was every chance of low scores being handed in. The long grass had also recently been cut, which made the going much easier. On the cards being handed in, it was found that Dr. Treadwell had not only won the cup and sweepstakes, but had also accomplished a record for the medal course with a well-played 96, thus beating Mr. R. T. Thomson's previous record by one stroke. Mr. E. S. Robson took the Golf balls with a net score of 103. The following is a return of the day's play:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	3rd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Dr. Treadwell ...	33	30	33	96	+1	97
Mr. E. S. Robson ...	34	40	37	111	8	103
Mr. Alan Hutchinson ...	44	41	40	125	18	107
Mr. B. T. Walters ...	45	48	43	136	28	108
Mr. G. P. Blagdon ...	42	37	40	119	10	109
Mr. W. R. Wilson ...	48	54	48	150	40	110
Mr. J. Duncanson ...	39	42	39	120	6	114

Messrs. A. McKinlay, F. W. Cluff, H. W. Roberts and Rev. A. Robertson, retired.

GRANTOWN.—The members of this club played a sweepstake match under handicap on Saturday. Mr. R. Winchester, with a score of 82, divided the first prize with Mr. A. F. Grant, 92, less 10=82; and Mr. H. F. Roles was third with 107, less 20=87.

INNERLEITHEN.—The third competition for the Robertson prize (four held annually) was played for on Saturday. The following are the best scores:—Mr. William Ballantyne, 120, less 41=79; Mr. J. Paton, 108, less 27=81; Mr. Thomas Weir, 110, less 28=82; Mr. R. T. Robertson, 93, less 9=84; Mr. A. Robertson, 92, less 4=88; Mr. G. A. D. C. Fergusson, 93, less 1=92; Mr. A. Yellowless, 106, less 13=93; Mr. W. Stobie, 113, less 18=95; Mr. J. S. Smail, 112, less 10=102; Mr. G. B. Brown, 133, less 15=118.

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club began on Saturday, the 24th inst., and was well attended. The greens were in first-rate order, and showed the attention devoted to them by the professional, John Thompson. The prizes competed for were those given by the ex-chapman (Mr. S. Mure Fergusson), the first of which was won by Mr. Elmer Speed with a net score of 86, and the second by Mr. J. Hutchinson Driver (the treasurer) with 87. The prize presented by Mr. C. G. Havell (the ex-hon. secretary) was won by Mr. F. Barry, who completed his round in 85. The weather was favourable, and the play, considering the length of the course, was quite up to the average. Subjoined are the best handicap scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. F. Barry ...	90	5	85	Mr. K. M. Macdonald ...	108	17	91
Mr. F. Elmer Speed ...	102	16	86	Mr. C. E. Greig ...	100	8	92
Mr. R. Whyte ...	91	5	86	Mr. W. P. Fulcher ...	94	1	93
Mr. J. H. Driver ...	97	10	87	Mr. Wm. Gordon ...	105	12	93
Mr. P. Strickland ...	95	8	87	Mr. W. O. S. Pell ...	98	4	94
Mr. C. G. Havell ...	97	9	88	Mr. C. G. Tunks ...	106	12	94
Mr. H. L. Forbes ...	98	10	88	Mr. H. P. Cumming ...	102	6	96
Mr. S. M. Fergusson ...	86	+3	89	Capt. W. Ord ...	111	15	96
Dr. Dawson Williams ...	113	24	89	Mr. F. C. Milford ...	114	16	98
Mr. J. M. Henderson ...	93	4	89	Mr. G. Thompson ...	112	13	99
Mr. J. H. Morley ...	104	13	91	Mr. J. W. Greig ...	109	9	100

Several other members were over 100 or made no return.

FORFARSHIRE.

Last week a match was played over the Carnoustie course between Robert Scott and Robert Monro, for a money stake. The weather was favourable for good play, and the spectators were treated to a fine exhibition of the game by Monro, who did the round in 80 strokes, beating his opponent by 5 holes up and 4 to play, Scott taking 88 for the round. Monro's score was made up as follows:—

Out ...	4	4	6	4	4	3	5	4	4=38	80
In ...	4	6	4	4	5	5	4	4	6=42	

A meeting of the Forfar Golf Club was held on Saturday last, when the club medal and president's prize were played for. The weather was all that could be wished for, while the greens, owing to the recent and extensive improvements made on the course, were in splendid order. Mr. John F. Craik was the winner of the medal with the score of 87 strokes, and the president's prize fell to Mr. John Moffat at 79, with odds. At the business meeting a number of new members were admitted. It was resolved to appoint a married couple to devote their whole time and attention to the keeping of the clubhouse and course, at a salary of £40 per annum.

A match, confined to second and third-class players of the Dundee Courier and Dundee Advertiser Clubs, took place over Monifieth course on Saturday, in fine weather. There were fifteen players a side. An interesting match resulted in a win for the Courier men by 36 holes. The following are the scores:—

"COURIER."			"ADVERTISER."		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. P. Auld ...	0	Mr. W. F. Black ...	0		
Mr. J. McIntosh ...	1	Mr. J. Wynd ...	0		
Mr. W. Paterson ...	0	Mr. Allan Bell ...	4		
Mr. F. Scott ...	0	Mr. O. Davidson ...	4		
Mr. G. Smart ...	1	Mr. W. Scott ...	0		
Mr. G. Scott ...	1	Mr. P. Williamson ...	0		
Mr. W. Scott ...	2	Mr. T. Coutts ...	0		
Mr. W. Yeaman ...	8	Mr. A. Garland ...	0		
Mr. J. Halkerston ...	10	Mr. F. Currie ...	0		
Mr. W. Robertson ...	7	Mr. J. Dewars ...	0		
Mr. J. Purvis ...	11	Mr. J. Farquhar ...	0		
Mr. J. Petrie ...	1	Mr. W. M. Cromb ...	0		
Mr. D. Fender ...	0	Mr. J. Brown ...	3		
Mr. P. Clark ...	0	Mr. A. Low ...	0		
Mr. P. Reid ...	5	Mr. J. Strachan ...	0		
	47		11		

At the recent meeting of the Dalhousie Golf Club, the question of forming an auxiliary course at Carnoustie—an idea by the way which owes its inception to the mind of Mr. D. McIntyre, the secretary—was brought up for consideration. Since then the necessity for something of this nature has been very forcibly manifested. On Saturday, the 17th inst., matters were brought to a crisis, when a complete block ensued, as three clubs had fixtures on that date. Two heats were played in the Dalhousie cup competition, the Carnoustie and Taymouth competed for the Kinloch medal; while the Caledonia entertained the Victoria Club from Montrose. Players had to wait for hours before getting a start, and in one or two cases the intention of having a game was abandoned. A remedy for this will, it is trusted, be afforded by the formation of an auxiliary course.

The committee of the Dalhousie Club, after a careful survey of the links, concluded that there was ample room for an excellent course of nine holes, and this was last week marked off. It remains, however, to obtain the sanction of the Police Commissioners, to whom the links now belong, before this subsidiary course can be laid out. But it is not anticipated that the scheme will meet with any objection. The greater part of the proposed course will embrace a portion of the links which was used as the middle part of the old course, before the present course was formed. It will make an excellent golfing course, as some of what were considered the best holes of the old course will be taken in.

The competition for the Dalhousie cup among the members of the Dalhousie Club, was resumed on Wednesday of last week, when two heats were played with the following result:—Third heat.—Mr. James Cunningham, jun. (scratch), beat Mr. George Gilroy, jun. (6) 2 holes; Mr. John Jones (5) beat Mr. J. Mathewson (9), 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. Alfred Pattullo (11) beat Mr. James Duncan (5), 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. R. A. Hull (2) beat Mr. Irvine Drimmie (7), 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. William Anderson (3) beat Mr. H. M. Robinson (5), 2 holes; Mr. C. E. Gilroy (scratch) beat Mr. J. L. Luke (2), 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. H. B. Gilroy (4), a bye. Fourth heat.—Mr. H. B. Gilroy (4) beat Mr. James Cunningham, jun. (scratch), 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. John Jones (5) beat Mr. Alfred Pattullo (11), 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. William Anderson (3) beat Mr. R. A. Hull (2), 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. C. E. Gilroy (scratch)—a bye.

The competition was finished on Saturday last. The semi-final heat resulted as follows:—C. E. Gilroy (scratch) beat H. B. Gilroy (4), 5 up and 4 to play; John Jones (5) beat W. Anderson (3), 2 up and 1 to play. In the final heat C. E. Gilroy (scratch) beat John Jones (5), 2 up and 1 to play. Mr. Gilroy, who won the cup last, thus retains it for another season. He played a strong game on Saturday, his score in the final round being 84, which was made up as follows:—

Out	4	4	5	4	4	6	5	6=42	84
In	4	6	4	4	5	6	4	3	

Not long since Mr. Archibald Petrie, a Montrosian now in Barnagore, near Calcutta, sent a number of splendid prizes to be competed for by the Mechanics' Golf Club of his native town. To mark their appreciation of the generosity of the donor, and at the same time to show respect to the memory of his father (Mr. Stewart Petrie), one of the best amateur golfers who ever played on Montrose Links, one of the most genial of men, and one of the founders of the Mechanics' Club, the members have resolved, and are now making efforts to add to their properties a silver cup, to be called the "Petrie Challenge Cup," which will be played for annually.

Mr. Petrie has once more given evidence that he still remembers his golfing friends, having sent home a number of prizes to be played for by the members of the Chapel Works Golf Club. The gifts consisted of thirteen specimens of Delhi brass work of most exquisite design and finish, mostly in the form of cups, and a goodly-sized box of cigars. The prizes were played for on the afternoon of Saturday last. The weather was fine, and the greens in good condition. The following were the prize-winners:—D. Burgess, 85, 4 below; J. Leggett, 86, 3 below; W. Middleton, 99, 3 below; G. Carr, 95, 1 above; A. M'Lean, 93, 3 above; J. Findlay, 84, 3 above; W. Douglas, 98, 3 above; J. Burnett, 118, 3 above; J. Jarvis, 109, 5 above; G. M'Donald, 98, 6 above; D. Rodger, 117, 13 above; A. Jack, 110, 14 above; D. Blues, 113, 18 above; W. Jack, 117, 22 above. The first ten received cups, and a number of cigars, while the remaining four received cigars only. At the close of the match three hearty cheers were given for the donor of the prizes.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—Fifteen couples took part on the 21st inst. in the usual monthly medal competition over the Braids course. Additional interest was given to the competition by the presentation of a prize from Mr. A. W. Black. At the finish the following were found to be the winners:—1, Mr. H. Brown, 97, less 18=79; Mr. R. Stewart, 87, less 2=85; Mr. H. Neilson, 92, less 7=85; and Mr. J. M'Intyre, 102, less 17=85, tied for second and third places. The last prize competition for the season took place on Saturday forenoon over the Braids. An exceptionally fine autumn day favoured the competitors, of whom there was a large muster, no less than forty-two starting from the tee. The scoring, though a trifle higher than usual, owing probably to the lengthening of the first three holes, left but slight difference between the several prize-winners, of which the following is a list:—1, Mr. J. Frater, 100, less 18=82; 2, Mr. H. Neilson, 91, less 6=85; 3, Mr. T. D. Yondal, 116, less 30=86; 4, 5, 6, and 7 (ties), Mr. D. Coutts (scratch), 87; Mr. A. Hamilton, 90, less 3=87; Mr. H. Arnott, 95, less 8=87; and Mr. J. Pearson, 107, less 20=87; 8, Mr. J. M'Intyre, 104, less 16=88; 9, Mr. H. Brown, 101, less 12=89, and Mr. R. Irvine, 119, less 30=89 (tie).

DORNOCH.—On Saturday the weekly competition for Provost Sutherland's prize was held. Mr. Macdonald secured the prize with a score of 84, plus 1=85.

GLADWYNS GOLF CLUB.

The October meeting closed on Wednesday, 21st October, in finer weather than had been expected. The greens were in wonderful order considering the heavy rain, with the result that the captaincy was again won by Miss E. M. Heathcote, with a record score for the present round, viz., 75. The system of penalties instituted at the Easter meeting was much approved. Principal prizes as under:—

Oxford silver cleek, two rounds—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. Broke	161	8 153	Miss M. F. Heath-		
Mr. P. Broke	157	scr. 157	cote	193	36 157
Miss L. L. Heathcote	177	20 157	Miss E. M. Heath-		
			cote	164	4 160

Others over 160, or no return.

Silver iron, aggregate of four scores during meeting.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss E. M. Heath-			Rev. J. L. Green	319	4 315
cote	317	8 309	Rev. G. Broke	321	4 317
*Mr. H. Broke	321	7 314	Miss A. C. Marsh	373	56 317

Remainder over 320. *Penalised for other win.

Selwin-Ibbetson cup. Two best halves.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Rev. J. L. Green	71	2 69	Miss M. F. Heath-		
Rev. G. Broke	72	2 70	cote	88	14 74
Mrs. Hanbury	89	19 70	Mr. P. Broke	76	1 75
Miss E. M. Heath-			Miss J. L. Heath-		
cote	73	2 71	cote	81	6 75
Mr. H. Broke	77	3 74	Mr. W. M. Tower	82	7 75
			Miss Broke	84	9 75

Remainder over 75.

Purves cup—One round with penalties.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Rev. G. Broke	74	1 73	*Miss E. M. Heath-		
Miss Broke	85	11 74	cote	75	scr. 75
Mrs. Hanbury	89	15 74	Miss A. C. Marsh	90	15 75
*Rev. J. L. Green	71	+4 75	Mr. H. Broke	82	3 79
			Miss M. G. Broke	93	15 78

*Penalised.

Remainder over 80, or no return.

Quarterly challenge cup.—Mrs. Pratt, 101, less 26=75; Miss M. F. Heathcote, 94, less 18=76; Miss E. M. Heathcote, 79, less 2=77; Mr. H. Broke, (P), (scratch), 78; Miss A. C. Marsh, 91, less 13=78; Mrs. Hanbury, 103, less 25=78; Rev. J. L. Green, 78, plus 1=79; Mr. W. M. Tower, 82, less 3=79. Remainder over 80, or no return.

Scratch prizes, ladies' captaincy.—Miss E. M. Heathcote, 75; Miss J. L. Heathcote, 81; Miss Broke, 85.

Scratch prizes, gentlemen.—Rev. J. L. Green, 71; Rev. G. Broke, 74; Mr. P. V. Broke, 76.

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the members of the Lanark Golf Club held their postponed competition for the prize presented by Mr. Vassie, captain of the club. The day was perfect, the greens were in excellent order, and there was a large turn-out of players. Two rounds of the green (twenty-eight holes in all) were played, and when cards were handed in it was found that the prize had been gained by Rev. William Vassie, playing from scratch with 116, which was put together in good steady style as follows:—First Round.—Out: 5 5 4 3 4 5 5=31; In: 4 3 4 4 3 5=27; total, 58. Second Round.—Out: 6 5 4 3 4 5 4=31; In: 4 4 2 4 4 5 4=27; total, 58. He was followed in close succession by Mr. Horn with 117 net, Mr. John Vassie, jun., with 118 net, and Mr. John Marr Davidson with 119 net.

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

In execrable weather the autumn meeting was held on the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th inst., four events being on the programme. The first three days were more notable for the gale which blew than for the excellence of the play generally, although Mr. R. Holmes, on the second day returned the capital score of 89 gross, a most creditable performance.

Mr. Gerald E. Wellesley's cup was won by Mr. R. Holmes with a score of 113, less 15=98.

Mr. C. E. Farmer's medal fell to Mr. A. Holmes, 108, less 12=96. The club sweepstake was carried off by Mr. J. Horn, 106, less 10=96. The President's challenge cup was won for the second time in succession by Mr. C. Bartlett, 105, less 16=89.

There was a good attendance of members throughout, and some fresh blood among them. The club now numbers over fifty members, and is in a fair way to flourish. The course was in excellent order, though wet. Considering the amount of rain of late, the greens reflected the

greatest credit on Jones. He, however, has now left for Guernsey, where he has been offered a good appointment.

Mr. Wellesley's cup, 14th October :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. Holmes, jun.	113	15	98	Mr. C. E. Farmer...	122	6	116
Mr. G. E. Wellesley	115	15	100	Mr. A. Holmes ...	128	12	116
Mr. A. J. Constable	114	11	103	Mr. M. W. Boyd ...	134	17	117
Mr. J. Horn	118	10	108	Mr. T. W. Waller .	154	25	129
Mr. J. C. Constable	135	22	113				

Mr. Farmer's medal, 15th October :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. Holmes	108	12	96	Mr. T. W. Waller...	139	25	114
Mr. A. J. Constable	118	11	107	Mr. J. C. Constable.	140	22	118
Mr. C. E. Farmer...	116	6	110	Mr. R. A. Blagden .	137	16	121
Mr. J. Horn	121	10	111				

President's cup, 17th October :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. Bartlett	105	16	89	Mr. H. E. Harris ...	121	20	101
Mr. R. Holmes, jun.	107	12	95	Mr. R. A. Blagden .	118	16	102
Mr. J. Horn	105	9	96	Mr. A. J. Constable.	114	11	103

Several made no return on each day.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

Mr. S. F. Butcher, of Bury, has presented a handsome cup to be played for by the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, the best three net scores out of six competitions to win. The first of these competitions took place on Saturday last, and sixty-two players put in an appearance. During the previous night there had been a sharp frost, followed by some fog in the morning, so that the later players in the day had the more favourable light. The best gross scores of the day were :—Mr. G. F. Smith, 91; Mr. W. Fletcher, 92; Rev. G. E. Badeley, 94; Mr. F. T. Wright, 95, and the best net scores were :—Rev. G. E. Badeley, 94, less 9=85; Mr. F. T. Wright, 95, less 10=85; Mr. R. Lythgoe, 101, less 15=86; Mr. J. Buckley, 102, less 15=87. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. F. T. Wright, the second by Mr. R. Lythgoe, and the third by Mr. J. Buckley. The tie for the third handicap prize from the autumn meeting on the previous Monday was won by Mr. F. T. Wright, 95, less 10=85. The full score for Mr. S. F. Butcher's cup was as follows :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Rev. G. E. Badeley, Blackpool ...	94	9	85
Mr. F. T. Wright, Tyldesley ...	95	10	85
Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's ...	101	15	86
Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck ...	102	15	87
Mr. G. Harper, Ashton, Preston ...	102	13	89
Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton ...	109	20	89
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton ...	91	scr.	91
Mr. G. Howarth, Manchester ...	99	8	91
Dr. Forbes Dick, Lancaster ...	100	9	91
Mr. W. Fletcher, Manchester ...	92	scr.	92
Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's... ..	100	8	92
Mr. F. S. Rowe, Rossall ...	106	14	92
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester ...	97	4	93
Mr. L. Pilkington, Manchester ...	110	17	93
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's ...	100	6	94
Mr. J. H. Evans, Manchester ...	114	20	94
Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool ...	114	20	94
Mr. J. E. Pearson, Liverpool ...	105	10	95
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ...	108	13	95
Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Lytham ...	109	13	96
Mr. J. A. Tweedale, Wilmslow ...	110	14	96
Mr. H. M. Ormsby, Rossall ...	114	18	96
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore ...	116	18	98
Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's ...	116	18	98
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore ...	101	2	99
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's ...	105	6	99
Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester ...	107	8	99
Mr. G. Haig, Manchester... ..	108	9	99
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham ...	112	13	99
Mr. C. A. Birley, Bartle Hall ...	117	17	100
Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's ...	120	20	100
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's ...	108	7	101
Mr. A. Tod, St. Anne's ...	123	20	103
Mr. Fred. H. Smith, Manchester ...	112	8	104
Mr. R. B. Hardman, St. Anne's ...	125	18	107
Mr. J. Muirhead, Manchester ...	131	22	109

No returns from Mr. A. Darbyshire, Manchester; Mr. R. H. Edmondson, Liverpool; Rev. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's; Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's; Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's; Mr. H. Fisher, Wrea Green; Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool; Mr. S. Gask, Lytham; Dr. Eason, Lytham; Mr. J. F. Pearson, St. Anne's; Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Lytham; Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore; Mr. F. Topp, Bolton; Mr. J.

Morrison, Manchester; Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham; Mr. W. Cross, St. Anne's; Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's; Mr. C. de M. Palmer, Buxton; Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's; Mr. T. Henry Fair, Lytham; Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's; Mr. E. Holt, Manchester; Mr. J. Craig, St. Anne's; Mr. H. S. Ferguson, St. Anne's.

MIXED FOURSOME TOURNAMENT.

A mixed foursome tournament, which has excited considerable interest, has just been completed on the links of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. The prizes were offered by Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park, one of the oldest members of the club, and an entry consisting of twenty-six members and twenty-six lady subscribers was rapidly filled up. The course was one round of the members links and one round of the ladies' links, 27 holes in all. The following is the result of the several ties, also giving the handicap of all the players.

First and Second Ties.—Mrs. Brown and Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's, scratch, a bye; Miss Terry and Mr. E. Terry, St. Anne's, 20, a bye; Mrs. Prestwich and Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester, 5, a bye; Miss M. Lythgoe and Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's, 4, a bye; Miss Doyle and Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore, 2, a bye; Miss Lythgoe and Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's, scratch, a bye; Mrs. F. W. Catterall and Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's, 3, beat Miss May Mugliston, Lytham, and Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossall, 5; Mrs. Wright and Mr. C. Billington, Lytham, 5, beat Miss Maud Fair and Mr. J. Mugliston, Lytham, 18; Miss Gertrude Smith Bolton, and Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's, 20, beat Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park, and Mr. J. M. Rea, St. Anne's, 4; Miss Mugliston, Lytham, and Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park, 3, beat Miss Thompson, St. Anne's, and Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton, 16; Miss Hermon and Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's, 8, beat Mrs. Badeley and Mr. G. E. Badeley, Blackpool, 8; Mrs. Addison Birley and Mr. C. A. Birley, Bartle Hall, 22, beat Mrs. Hermon and Mr. E. W. Hermon, St. Anne's, 12; Mrs. Ernest Catterall, St. Anne's, and Mr. A. T. Davidson, Scorton, 5, beat Miss Mary Cunliffe and Mr. Thomas Fair, Lytham, 19; Miss Rosie Fair and Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Lytham, 8, beat Miss M. Terry and Mr. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's, 20; Miss Edith Fair and Mr. J. T. Fair, Lytham, 20, beat Miss C. M. E. Fullagar and Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Lytham, 27; Mrs. Eason and Mr. A. M. Eason, Lytham, 3, beat Miss Topp and Mr. T. Topp, Bolton, 20.

Third Ties.—Mrs. Brown and Mr. J. A. Brown beat Miss Terry and Mr. E. Terry; Mrs. F. W. Catterall and Mr. Jas. E. King beat Mrs. Prestwich and Mr. R. H. Prestwich; Mrs. Wright and Mr. C. Billington beat Miss Gertrude Smith and Mr. H. N. Brown; Miss Hermon and Mr. S. A. Hermon beat Miss Mugliston and Mr. T. H. Miller; Mrs. Ernest Catterall and Mr. A. T. Davidson beat Mrs. Addison Birley and Mr. C. A. Birley; Miss Rosie Fair and Mr. J. A. S. Fair beat Miss Edith Fair and Mr. J. T. Fair; Mrs. Eason and Mr. A. M. Eason beat Miss M. Lythgoe and Mr. R. Lythgoe; Miss Doyle and Mr. A. H. Doleman beat Miss Lythgoe and Mr. A. B. Scholfield.

Fourth Ties.—Mrs. F. W. Catterall and Mr. Jas. E. King beat Mrs. Brown and Mr. J. A. Brown; Miss Hermon and Mr. S. A. Hermon beat Mrs. Wright and Mr. C. Billington; Miss Rosie Fair and Mr. J. A. S. Fair beat Mrs. Ernest Catterall and Mr. A. T. Davidson; Mrs. Eason and Mr. A. M. Eason beat Miss Doyle and Mr. A. H. Doleman.

Fifth Ties.—Miss Hermon and Mr. S. A. Hermon beat Mrs. F. W. Catterall and Mr. Jas. E. King; Miss Rosie Fair and Mr. J. A. S. Fair beat Mrs. Eason and Mr. A. M. Eason.

Final.—Miss Hermon and Mr. S. A. Hermon beat Miss Rosie Fair and Mr. J. A. S. Fair by 4 up and 3 to play, and won the prizes.

MATCH BETWEEN ROLLAND AND PETER PAXTON.

On Friday, the 16th inst., there was played at Limpsfield Chart the first half of a seventy-two hole match, home and home, between Douglas Rolland, the professional there, and Peter Paxton, of Eastbourne. The match excited a good deal of interest among the supporters of the respective champions, Rolland's admirers believing that in spite of the result of the Brighton professional tournament, he could, in a match, give a very good account of the winner in that contest, and the result has, so far, fully justified that belief. The rain of the few previous days had laid a great part of the course under water, more than one hole, notably the first being a mere morass from tee to putting-green, but this, and the imminent prospect of more rain, did not deter a keenly appreciative company of some fifty persons, half of them ladies, from following round the whole of the four rounds of nine holes. The match proved a very one-sided affair. Rolland, indeed, was in most magnificent form, as he himself said. His driving was extraordinarily long and straight. One of his drives, by no means the longest, carried about five yards over the road at the ninth hole, and ran about ten

yards further. The measured distance between the tee and the nearer side of the road is 221 yards, so that the carry alone must have been at least 230 yards. There was a strong breeze from the right, slightly ahead if anything, and the ball was a trifle pulled. Rolland's approaching too, though once or twice faulty, was at times wonderful. At the seventh hole he laid himself quite on the lip of the hole from about seventy yards off, and three times at the fifth hole his approach shot from about 100 yards off stopped within three or four yards, once within a yard, of the hole. Nor could much fault be found with his putting. In this part of the game, indeed, and in the short approaches, Paxton showed himself fully equal, if not superior, to his formidable antagonist, but in the rest of the play he was fairly outclassed. It is only just to him to say that during part of the day he was not feeling well; but he owned that he could not cope with the heavy lies, as he was not much accustomed to forcing cleek play at Eastbourne, where he could always use his play-club through the green; and, moreover, having invariably thirty to sixty yards to make up in his second shot was not conducive to cool and accurate play. Repeatedly Paxton had to take his play club to his second shot when Rolland got on the green in two with his lofting iron, with which same iron, by the way, he seemed easily able to carry over 100 yards, with little more than a wrist shot. Paxton played up, however, with indomitable pluck and unflinching good temper, and expressed a confident hope that he will reduce his leeway on his own green. Neither of the players was lucky in putting. Paxton, putting with a wooden putter, was particularly unlucky, several of his long putts remaining on the lip of the hole. Indeed, only two fairly long putts were holed, one by each player, during the whole day.

At the first hole both drove in the usual line to the right. Rolland laid his second within three yards of the hole and holed out in three, Paxton taking four to the hole. The second hole was halved in four, Paxton holing a six-foot putt. At the third hole Paxton drove too much to right, and found his ball lying under a small tree, where he could not swing. He got the ball well away, however, with a splendid wrist shot with his cleek, and holed out in five; but Rolland had got well on the green, about three yards past the hole, with his cleek in two, and holed in two more. At the fourth hole both drove long balls, but Paxton pulled his second with his cleek, and was fifty yards short of the green, which Rolland reached with his second, holing out in four, while Paxton took five. At the fifth hole Rolland pulled his ball slightly into the ferns to the left, and short of the road, while Paxton drove straight and past the road, holing in four. Rolland missed a two-foot putt, and took five to the hole. At the sixth hole both drove to the left into the wind, Rolland outdriving Peter by at least fifty yards. The latter got well on to the green in two and holed out in four, but Rolland's second remained within two feet of the hole, which he gained in three. Rolland did the next hole also in three, with a wonderful second which remained on the lip of the hole, and should have been in. Paxton took five. At the eighth hole Rolland had some very bad luck, his third shot being caught by the edge of a hollow short of the green, so that he took six to hole out to his opponent's five. Bad luck attended Rolland at the next hole also, his drive being in the ditch at the side of the road, 221 yards from the tee. He had to lift and lose a stroke, got on to the green in three, and had to hole a yard putt with his iron, over a miniature bunker, to get down in five. Paxton was down in the like. The scores for the first nine holes were: Rolland 37, Paxton 41, Rolland 3 holes up. The record for the nine holes was a 35 by Rolland, which but for his bad luck at the eighth and ninth holes, he would probably have beaten on this occasion.

In the second round Rolland drove clean over the bushes to the left, in a line with the hole, and landed close to the green, doing the hole in four to Paxton's five, the latter having had to play his second out of water. Rolland had a four-foot putt to do the hole in three; and the next hole he lipped in three, taking four to Paxton's five, the latter having driven on to the road to the right off the tee, and being short with his second. The third hole also Rolland won in four, being 4 yards over the hole with his second, a cleek shot, while Paxton's third, on to the green, was badly treated, breaking off to the right. Both putts remained on the lip, and should have gone in. At the fourth hole both men drove into the ferns off the course, Rolland ultimately holing in five, while Paxton, whose fifth shot left him two yards from the hole, after some indifferent play, did not hole out. The fifth hole was well halved in four. At the sixth hole, though Rolland scuffed his tee shot, he was on the green in two, and holed in four, while Paxton took five, having topped his third shot. The seventh hole was halved in four, Rolland holing a four yard putt, and Paxton one of two yards. At the eighth hole a magnificent drive by Rolland was followed by a good one by Paxton, who played a full shot with his play club for his second, laying his ball within four feet of the hole. Rolland replied with a lofting iron shot, which laid his ball within five yards of the hole, almost a dead stymie behind Paxton's ball, which he hit in playing his third. Paxton holed out in three to Rolland's four. At the ninth hole Rolland carried over the road, as already mentioned, and holed out in four, after laying a dead stymie to Paxton, who took five. Thus

Rolland again took 37 for the nine holes to Paxton's 42, and was 8 holes up. The full score was:—

Out	3	4	4	4	5	3	3	6	5=37	} 74
In	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	4=37	
Out	4	4	5	5	4	4	5	5	5=41	} 83
In	5	5	5	6	4	5	4	3	5=42	

In the afternoon the play was not quite so good. Paxton complained of not feeling well, and seemed to go quite to pieces after a time; and Rolland appeared to play a little less carefully, a not unnatural result of his opponent's breakdown. Rolland again drove to the left, straight for the first hole, and won it in four to Paxton's five. The second he won in the same number, after missing a yard putt for three. At the third hole Rolland drove an enormous shot on to the bank which crosses the course, and lay badly. Paxton, who missed his tee shot, recovered himself by a splendid play club shot, and the hole was halved in five. At the fourth both had bad lies in the middle of the course after their drives, and both got into the ruts to the left of the hole, Rolland after a very fine cleek shot, his second, and Paxton with his third, after missing his second. Rolland could only play out sideways, and the hole was halved in five, Paxton holing a four-yard putt. At the next hole Rolland had a four-foot putt for three, but took four to Paxton's five. At the sixth hole Paxton, having lost a ball with a heeled shot off the tee, dropped another behind the hazard (the rule of the green, apparently), and played it into the ravine beyond the hole, so he gave up. Rolland was four yards from the hole in two. The seventh hole was indifferently played, and Rolland, preparing to loft a stymie for his fifth shot, moved his ball, counting seven to Paxton's six. At the eighth hole Rolland was three yards past the hole with his lofting iron in two; and won the hole in four. At the ninth hole he half topped his drive, but even so Paxton, with a good drive, had to play the odd. He won the hole, however, in four, to Rolland's five.

In the fourth round, the first hole was halved in four, Rolland again driving straight for the hole. At the second hole Paxton missed his drive, lost his ball in the ravine, and gave up the hole, Rolland was six yards from the hole in two. Paxton again missed his drive at the third hole, and holed in eight to Rolland's five. At the fourth hole Paxton again came to grief, losing a ball after a fine second, but Rolland lofted his second into the bushes to the left of the hole, which was halved in six. The fifth hole was halved in four. At the sixth hole Rolland missed a two-yard putt for three, and Paxton a four-foot putt for four. At the seventh hole Rolland was four feet past the hole in two, and holed in three to Paxton's five. The next hole was halved in five, and the last fell to Rolland in four, Paxton missing a two-yard putt. Rolland's approximate scores were:—4 4 5 5 4 4 7 4 5=42; 4 4 5 6 4 4 3 5 4=39; total, 81; and he remained sixteen holes up. The second half of the match will be played at Eastbourne on Nov. 2nd.

MORAY CLUB v. BUCKIE.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 21st inst., a match was played over the Lossiemouth course between teams of eleven men a side representing the above clubs. The day in the early part was somewhat threatening, but it kept up, and a capital game was enjoyed. The putting-greens were in excellent order, and play was very keen. At the close of the game it was found that the match had resulted in a win for the Moray team by 14 holes, the following being the individual state of the match:—

MORAY CLUB.			BUCKIE CLUB.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Major Spencer	0	Mr. J. D. Osborne	8		
Mr. F. Davie	1	Mr. W. F. Johnston	0		
Mr. J. S. Urquhart	3	Mr. J. Simpson	0		
Mr. J. McIsaac	6	Mr. J. Johnston	0		
Rev. A. Lawson	0	Mr. R. Annand	9		
Mr. W. Christie	5	Mr. F. J. Anderson	0		
Mr. J. C. Ruxton	1	Mr. S. Norton	0		
Mr. W. Macdonald	5	Mr. J. Esslemont	0		
Mr. F. W. Gibb	8	Mr. W. Clark	0		
Mr. J. Macleod	1	Mr. J. Keir	0		
Mr. T. W. Greenstreet	1	Dr. Duguid	0		
	31		17		

Majority for Moray club, 14 holes. At the conclusion of the match the visitors adjourned to the club-house, and enjoyed the hospitality of the home club. Several foursomes were afterwards engaged in.

DUNBAR CASTLE CLUB.—The quarterly competition for the Inches gold medal took place on the 22nd inst. Scores handed in:—Mr. A. Sisson, 95, less 9=86; Mr. W. Wright (scratch), 92; Mr. W. Duncan (scratch), 95; Mr. W. Melville, 100, less 3=97; Mr. R. M. Rogers (scratch), 98; Mr. A. Horne, 105, less 3=102; Mr. A. Robertson, 118, less 15=103. Mr. Sisson has won this medal on both occasions it has been played for this season, having a handicap of 18 in July, and has only played Golf a few months.

MR. A. D. BLYTH v. MR. MURE FERGUSSON.

A THIRTY-SIX HOLE MATCH.

On the off-day of the St. George's Golf Club autumn meeting, at Sandwich, a thirty-six hole match was played between Mr. A. D. Blyth and Mr. S. Mure Fergusson. Driving from the first tee, both struck off fine balls, and were on the green in 2. In holing out, Mr. Blyth missed a short putt, Mr. Fergusson winning the hole in 4. The second hole was won by Mr. Blyth in 5, Mr. Fergusson having overshot the green in his approach. Both drove very fine balls for the third hole, halving in 4. In driving for the fourth hole, Mr. Fergusson topped his ball into the long grass, Mr. Blyth's not getting over the hill; Mr. Fergusson's third shot was under the tee of the fifth hole, from there he holed out in 3 more. Mr. Blyth in his third got badly in the bunker, out of which he did not get in his first attempt, and a 9 was recorded against him. The fifth hole was played in a perfect manner, both players getting down in 3.

Driving the Maiden Mr. Fergusson drove too much to the left, and took 4 to get down. Mr. Blyth, with his cleek laid the ball within a club length of the hole, but failed to get down in his putt, the ball hanging over the hole. The seventh hole, perhaps the most difficult, was played very well, both players being on the green in 3 and halving in 5. The eighth hole was won by Mr. Fergusson in 3 after a fine drive on the green, Mr. Blyth getting into the bunker and taking 5. Both players carried the bunker of the ninth hole, Mr. Blyth's drive being an exceptionally fine one, landing on the plateau just short of the second bunker, Mr. Fergusson's being some thirty yards short of this. The time of flight of these balls in a slight cross wind was 6½ secs. and 5 secs. respectively; 6 secs. was found to be about the time of flight of the longest drives. Mr. Fergusson, who was disturbed by the noisy talk of some onlookers, missed his approach shot, and got badly bunkered, taking 8 for the hole, Mr. Blyth, after an indifferent putt, getting down in 5. This left the match equal at the turn. The first and second shots of both players at the tenth hole were very fine; Mr. Blyth was down in 4, Mr. Fergusson, who had a difficult putt over a rough part of the green, taking 6. In driving off for the eleventh hole Mr. Blyth was slightly in advance, as had been the case several times before, but in this case the farther shot, although in a line to the hole, was the worst. The ball lay in the short bunker, from which, however, a fine shot laid it almost dead, but indifferent putting here resulted in a 5 to both.

For the twelfth hole both drove fine balls, but, whilst Mr. Fergusson got on on the green in his second, Mr. Blyth just failed, and took 6 to Mr. Fergusson's 4. Mr. Fergusson's drive for the thirteenth was to the left in the long grass, Mr. Blyth's being a fine long drive on the line. A very fine shot out of very long grass by Mr. Fergusson enabled him to get on the green in his third, the regulation two taking him out in 5, Mr. Blyth getting down in one more. With a head wind the water hazard, or Mill's Dam, as it is called, was carried in a very fine manner by both players. Mr. Fergusson's third was in the long grass to the left of the green, from which, however, three more shots were needed to get the hole. Mr. Blyth spared his third too much, and missed the green by about a foot, he also taking three more. Both players drove long balls for the fifteenth, Mr. Blyth's being somewhat further than Mr. Fergusson's, whose second was too long, for it just ran into the bunker under the edge farther from the hole; the niblick shot just getting it in to the edge of the green, a very fine approach just laid the ball dead. Mr. Blyth had played a truly magnificent second, landing on the green beyond the hole; but about thirty yards to the right an approach putt was almost in this hole, being secured in 4, and the score being brought level. The sixteenth hole was halved in 4. At the seventeenth hole both tee shots were very fine, but Mr. Blyth's ball lay on sand, while Mr. Fergusson's lay nicely, and enabled him to get on the green in his next and hole out in 4. Mr. Blyth, from the bad lie of his ball, failed to get on the green in his second, lying to the right short. His third, getting a nasty kick, lost him the hole in 5.

At the last hole of the first round both got off very fine drives, and on the green in their seconds, Mr. Fergusson's being within three or four yards of the hole, Mr. Blyth's lying a good bit to the left. Failing to lay the ball dead in his third, he lost this hole in 5; the match now standing at 2 up in favour of Mr. Fergusson. The score of this half of the match is as below:—

Mr. Fergusson:—

Out	4	6	4	6	3	4	5	3	8=43	} 85
In	5	5	4	5	6	5	4	4	4=42	

Mr. Blyth:—

Out	5	5	4	9	3	3	5	5	5=44	} 89
In	4	5	6	6	6	4	4	5	5=45	

Mr. Fergusson being 2 up at the start of the second round, led off with a good drive, but a little to the left of the flag, and lay rather badly; Mr. Blyth followed with a magnificent drive straight over the

flag. Mr. Fergusson played a good second with his cleek and lay just short of the bunker. Mr. Blyth took his cleek and laid his ball within ten yards of the hole. Mr. Fergusson played a splendid mashie shot and lay dead, holing in 4. Mr. Blyth, through very faulty putting, took 5 to get down, making Mr. Fergusson 3 up. At the second hole both drove well over the hill, and with their approaches Mr. Fergusson was just over the green, and Mr. Blyth short with bad putting; both took 5 to get down. Both players had fine drives at the third hole, and lay on the plateau, but both failed to lay the long putt dead, and took 4 to hole. At the fourth hole both were on the green with their seconds, and putting well, both holed in 4—a good performance. The fifth hole was halved in 4, and at the Maiden both lay on the green, Mr. Blyth to the right, with a bad undulating putt which he failed to lay dead, holing in 4; Mr. Fergusson, who lay about four yards from the hole, holed a very good putt, getting down in 2—this made him 4 up, and encouraged his backers considerably. Going to the seventh hole, Mr. Fergusson lay heavy in the long grass to the left, and, with a difficult shot to play, put himself over the ridge near the sea, again lying badly, and took 7 to get down. Mr. Blyth's drive lay at the lip of the first cross bunker, and a splendid brassy shot carried him over the next bunker, and lay within ten yards of the hole; but, with a short putt, it took him 5 to get down. At Hades both lay on the green, Mr. Blyth to the left; both laid the long putt within a yard of the hole, but Mr. Blyth missed his short putt again. Mr. Fergusson holed his, and was again 4 up. At the ninth hole Mr. Blyth again failed to hole a very short putt, and only secured the half in 5. Mr. Fergusson thus turned 4 up, and his backers laid 5 to 1 on him; but from this point the game changed. The tenth hole was halved in 5, and, going to the eleventh, Mr. Blyth was on the green with a beautiful drive, and succeeded in getting down in 3 to Mr. Fergusson's 4. The twelfth hole was halved in 5, both failing to reach the green in their second shots, and running past in their third. At the thirteenth, both drove long balls, but Mr. Fergusson was short of the bunker in his second, while Mr. Blyth, with a tremendous drive straight on the flag, crossed the bunker and lay well up to the hole, getting down in 4 to Mr. Fergusson's 5. The game now stood, Mr. Fergusson 2 up and 5 to play. Going to the fourteenth, both players got well over Mill's Dam, in their seconds Mr. Fergusson drew his approach and lay in the heavy grass to the left, while Mr. Blyth laid a fine iron shot within six yards of the hole, getting down in 5 to Mr. Fergusson's 6. Mr. Blyth was only one down now, and going strong. At the fifteenth Mr. Fergusson was a little short in his approach, and again short in his putt. Mr. Blyth, who played to win the hole in his fourth shot, ran past, and missed a short putt again, only securing the half in 6. At the sixteenth, a short hole, Mr. Fergusson drew his ball to the left and lay in the long grass, which prevented him getting his approach home, taking 5 to hole to his opponent's 4. The game was all even now and 2 to play, and the excitement among the spectators grew intense. At the seventeenth hole Mr. Fergusson was just short on the hill in his second, while Mr. Blyth was over the hill a little to the right, from which place he laid himself dead and holed in 4 to Mr. Fergusson's 5. Mr. Blyth now stood dormy—a record of very brilliant work since the ninth hole. At the last hole both lay on the green in 2, Mr. Blyth laying a long putt dead, in which he was followed by Mr. Fergusson, and secured a half in 4, and the match by 1 hole. This match has created a great deal of interest, as both players are among the best amateurs, and both playing at the top of their game. The weather could not have been finer, and the spectators, of whom there were a large number, were treated to a very fine exposition of the game. The scores for the second round were:—

Mr. Fergusson:—

Out	4	5	4	4	4	2	7	3	5=38	} 83
In	5	4	5	5	6	6	5	5	4=45	

Mr. Blyth:—

Out	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	5=40	} 80
In	5	3	5	4	5	6	4	4	4=40	

NORTH BERWICK.

The professionals and caddies connected with the green here had their annual gala-day on Wednesday of last week, when over eighty competed for prize-money subscribed for their benefit by resident and visiting golfers. In behalf of the caddies, the various sums handed to the greenkeeper amounted to no less than £42 1s. 8d., and this was divided into one prize of £2, two of £1 10s., ten of £1, and seventy of 8s. 2d. Accordingly, whilst there was particular inducement to the competitors to endeavour to have a place amongst the first twelve, the merest child or the veriest duffer could afford to thoroughly enjoy the round in certainty of a prize of some kind. At nine a.m., in very fine weather the couples were despatched under the direction of Capt. R. G. Suttie, who takes a creditable interest in the welfare of the North Berwick caddies, and amongst whom he is exceedingly popular. As on the occasion of the last year's gathering, Ben Sayers and Davie Grant

succeeded on Wednesday in securing respectively first and second places in the prize-list. Both were in first-rate form, and they were fortunate in this respect, as a very few mistakes would have cost them the leading places. A. Lumsden following Davie closely with a meritorious 78. Lumsden, Douglas, White, and Thomson all maintained their reputation as promising young players, and the fact that several of the smaller boy caddies registered figures of little over 80 speaks volumes for the merit of these budding professionals. Sayers and Douglas, who were the first couple to leave the tee, had a keen struggle for supremacy, and so well did the latter hold his own that at the sixth hole out he led by a stroke, and at the turning for home they were on level terms at 40 each. The younger player failed to last out, however, and the brilliant game of Sayers throughout deservedly secured for him the first award. With a 74 for a round of the extended course, Ben might well feel secure. Davie Grant, his only rival in view of this low figure, had shown a good steady game; but at the Gate hole, with 2 to play, his score was 67 against 62 by Sayers. Davie secured the last two holes finely in nine, however, against twelve by Ben, and at the close only two strokes divided them. The details of the lowest scores were:—

B. Sayers—

Out	4	5	5	4	3	3	3	4	4	5=40	} 74
In			4	4	2	3	4	5	7	5=34	

D. Grant—

Out	5	5	5	3	3	5	4	3	4	5=42	} 76
In			4	4	3	5	4	5	6	3=34	

The following were a few of the principal returns:—Ben Sayers, 74; Davie Grant, 76; A. Lumsden, 78; G. Douglas, 80; J. White, 81; W. Thomson, 82; J. Stevenson, 83; J. Hoben, 83; W. Cosgrove, 84; D. Arundel, 85; R. Kelly, 86; G. Sayers, 86; J. Brodlay, 86. The arrangements were very satisfactorily conducted by Captain R. G. Suttie and Captain N. M. Wylie. In the evening Captain Suttie presented the prizes to the competitors. Having tendered a few words of advice and congratulation the captain was awarded three hearty cheers.

A match for small stakes took place on Thursday over the North Berwick course between G. Douglas and W. Thomson, professionals. In the tournament of the previous day the couple had finished respectively fourth and sixth. The game consisted of two rounds. As the result of the first Douglas held a lead of three holes, and he eventually won the match by 5 up and 4 to play. The scores of the winner were 77 and 78 for the respective rounds. In a friendly single with J. White, Douglas was also successful by 3 up and 2 to play.

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The autumn cup competition was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., on the links at Bulwell Forest. There was a large muster of members, and the weather, threatening at first, was ultimately such as to permit of a very enjoyable afternoon's play. The links were in excellent condition, thanks to the trouble taken by the green committee. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Mr. P. W. Allen ...	100	12	88	Mr. E. Williamson ...	112	6	106
Mr. R. D. Oswald ...	92	scr.	92	Mr. R. F. Smith ...	106	2	104
Mr. J. McMeeking ...	94	2	92	Mr. J. C. Warren ...	104	+2	106
Mr. J. Hall ...	100	6	94	Mr. R. S. Clouston ...	106	scr.	106
Mr. J. Russell ...	95	scr.	95	Mr. A. T. Ashwell ...	116	8	108
Mr. J. Doleman ...	95	scr.	95	Mr. C. S. Wardle ...	116	8	108
Mr. T. McCulloch ...	113	14	99	Mr. S. Davidson ...	115	6	109
Mr. D. A. Crawford ...	102	2	100	Mr. E. P. Anderson ...	117	6	111
Mr. J. Henderson ...	113	12	101	Mr. R. Evans, jun. ...	124	12	112
Mr. P. A. Nash ...	113	10	103	Mr. F. Bannister ...	132	14	118
Mr. A. C. Beckton ...	106	2	104	Mr. J. A. Simpson ...	143	18	125

Messrs. F. W. Thompson, E. L. Manning, and W. Ross also played, but made no return.

Mr. R. D. Oswald therefore takes the cup, which he holds till the spring meeting next year. He also takes a silver cross, as a more permanent memento. Mr. McMeeking gained the prize (two clubs) for the lowest handicap score open to members with a handicap of eight or less, and Mr. Allen a similar prize for members having a larger handicap than eight. Mr. Allen also secured the clock given by Mr. A. T. Ashwell, which was competed for under the club handicap, except that no member was allowed more than 12 strokes. The captain, Mr. Doleman, presented three prizes under conditions not made known till the close of the competition, and they fell respectively to Mr. Oswald, as having the score nearest 90; Mr. Hall, as having that nearest 100; and Mr. Simpson, as having that of 140 or over.

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The ladies' badge was played for on Wednesday, 14th inst., in very stormy weather. Result as follows:—Miss Boulton, 50, plus 51=101; Miss M. Thompson, 49, plus 63=112; Mrs. Thompson, 62, plus 55=117; Miss C. Hodgson, 53, plus 66=119; Mrs. Maunsell, 62, plus 64=126.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Term began on Saturday, October 17th, but owing to the very wet state of the ground there has been very little play on the links at Hinksey during the past week. During the vacation the links have greatly improved, and several members who played regularly during the vacation have given most satisfactory accounts of the course, but the wet weather and the floods have been most destructive, which is a particularly unfortunate circumstance at the beginning of term, and one which has kept away many gentlemen who would have eagerly joined the club a month ago. However, things are looking better now, and the putting-greens are gradually improving. There is a considerable number of new members, and the club now numbers about 150. Matches have been arranged with the Warwick and Coventry Golf Clubs. The inter-collegiate foursomes will be played during next month, and the club challenge cup will be played for on Friday, November 27th. The weekly handicap was played for on Friday last, but owing to the wet state of the ground very few returns were made. The result was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. T. P. Powell ...	107	16	91	Mr. H. T. Knight ...	102	4	98
Rev. F. H. Hall ...	111	18	93	Mr. J. G. Smith ...	111	12	99
Mr. W. D. Davidson ...	97	3	94				

The rest made no return.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS GOLF CLUB.

In view of the important proceedings going on on the links of the Prestwick Golf Club, the links of the above club was almost deserted on Saturday. Nevertheless, two ties set down for that day had to be played off, that between Mr. A. J. Larke, captain of the club, and Mr. W. A. Kennedy for the Marshall Wane prize and that for the Ayr trophy between Mr. A. Crawford and Mr. C. I. Hight. The former competition was by holes (24) and both players started with 12 odds. The first half of the competition was very much in favour of the captain, who was 3 up at the termination of the first round, but in the second round the younger competitor showed much the best form, and eventually ran out the winner by 4 up and 3 to play. In the latter tie Mr. Hight was never in it from the beginning, and gave up at the ninth hole, Mr. Crawford accordingly being the winner.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The first autumn meeting of this rising club took place at Sudbrook Park, Petersham, on Saturday, the 17th inst., when a large number of members and their friends put in an appearance. Owing to the heavy weather experienced during the preceding fortnight it was thought that it would be necessary to postpone the meeting until a later date, as the incessant rains had made the greens so soft the committee considered the course would suffer by a large number of members playing over them, but, fortunately, the day fixed for the competitions turned out a brilliant one, and by ten a.m. a large number of members had started.

The principal event of the day was the competition for the challenge cup presented by the captain, Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart., limited to handicaps of 20 and under, to be played for at five meetings, and if won twice by the same player to become his property. This event was won, together with the scratch prize and first sweepstake, by Mr. A. Allan, from scratch, with the good score of 85, in fact, the scratch players had all the best of the play. Dr. Williamson and Mr. A. L. Jockel tied for the first handicap prize with 88 each, and Mr. Bulmer Howell, also from scratch, with 89, and Mr. J. G. Wylie, with a handicap of 18, for third prize. The competition for the driving prize presented by Mr. T. Lough, created much interest, judging by the number of ladies and visitors who put in an appearance at the teeing ground; and they were certainly rewarded, the first prize being taken by Mr. E. H. Stevenson with the fine drive, against the wind, of 174 yards 5 inches carry. The winner was much congratulated upon his performance. The other events were a series of prizes limited to handicaps of 18 and over, the first prize being taken by Mr. J. E. W. Webb with a handicap of 36, net 88, and a competition limited to handicaps of 36, for a silver medal presented by Mr. C. Graves, also won by Mr. J. E. W. Webb.

After the meeting, the first house dinner was held at the new headquarters, Sudbrook Mansion, about thirty members dining. This being the first dinner held by the club, the opportunity was taken to express the appreciation of the members of the good work done by the indefatigable hon. sec., Mr. Charles Cowper, who has done such excellent work since the formation of the club in the spring of the year, and who by his exertions has brought the club to its present highly satisfactory condition in so short a time. The dinner itself was well served, and reflected great credit upon the proprietor of the Sudbrook House, and speaks well for the comfort of members staying at the house. Now the winter is coming on, the committee are taking steps to make fresh greens, tees, and otherwise improve the course, so that by the spring of next year it should be difficult to beat. As all this, however, will cause

considerable outlay, it has been decided not to close the list of members at two hundred, which number has now been exceeded, as at first proposed, but it is possible the entrance-fee may be increased to £5 5s. shortly, there being no less than twenty-three members up for election at present. The following is the result of the several competitions—

Captain's prize, challenge cup, limited to handicaps of 20 and under.—Winner, Mr. A. Allan, 86, scratch.

A silver medal, limited to handicap over 20.—Winner, Mr. J. E. W. Webb, 124, less 36=88.

Driving prize.—1st, Mr. E. H. Stevenson, 174 yards 5 inches; 2nd, Mr. H. Knight, 164 yards 10 inches.

Scratch prize.—Won by A. Allan, 86.

Handicap prizes limited to handicaps of 18 and under, winner of scratch prize barred.—1st and 2nd prizes, Dr. Williamson, 88, scratch, Mr. A. L. Jockel, 88, scratch, tie; 3rd and 4th prizes, Mr. Bulmer Howell, 89, scratch, and Mr. J. G. Wylie, 107, less 18=89, tie.

Limited to handicaps over 18.—1st prize, Mr. J. E. W. Webb, 124, less 36=88; 2nd prize, Mr. L. Renault, 117, less 27=90; 3rd, Mr. W. Lindsay, 116, less 22=94; 4th, Mr. C. B. Vertue, 114, less 20=94.

Handicap prize, limited to handicaps of 36.—Mr. J. E. W. Webb.

Sweepstake.—1st prize, Mr. A. Allan; 2nd prize, Mr. A. L. Jockel, 3rd prize, Messrs. Bulmer Howell and J. G. Wylie, tie.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

Saturday, October 24th.—The above club was fortunate in having a fine day, but the previous wet weather made the lies through the green bad and heavy. The greens played fairly well. Messrs. Shaw and Horne tied for the first prize. On playing round again Mr. Horne secured the gold medal with a score of 81 net, Mr. Shaw taking the silver medal with 83, and Mr. Joseph Whitehorn the bronze medal with 85. After the competition was over, Mr. Rawson, finishing in the dark, made a score of 86 gross. The annual dinner took place the same evening at the club-house (Seaford Bay Hotel), and was thoroughly successful.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. F. G. Horne...	96	13	83	Mr. W. Lambe ...	113	22	91
*Mr. J. E. Shaw ...	95	12	83	Mr. G. C. Tyler Smith	112	20	92
Mr. J. Whitehorn...	100	15	85	Mr. R. T. Glover ..	113	20	93
Mr. P. L. Rawson...	99	12	87	Mr. W. M. Cundell	110	14	96
Mr. C. S. Hand ...	104	17	87	Mr. A. B. Hutchings	115	18	97
Dr. C. A. S. Leggatt	95	6	89				

*Result of tie—Mr. F. G. Horne, 94, less 13=81.

Several gentlemen made no returns, or were over 100 net.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The general meeting of the members was held in the club-house on Saturday, when a large number of members were in attendance, with the captain, Mr. W. Purves, in the chair.

The formal business of the meeting having been gone through, the honorary secretary reported that there had been an increase in the membership of twenty-four, bringing the total at the present time up to 131. The position of captain is won by the member who can show that he has made the eight lowest gross scores in competitions during the year, and carries with it a suitable cup. This year Mr. G. Newby returns the average of 90, winning from Mr. F. W. Purvis (whose scores show an average of 90½) by 2 strokes with the now ex-captain a fraction behind with 91, Mr. Seymour Walker, 91½, and Mr. C. Cooper, 91½ per round. Mr. Newby was therefore cordially hailed the captain for the ensuing year.

The treasurer reported that the finances were in a fairly satisfactory state, and the club was able to reduce their outstanding debt to the sum of £70, hoping in the course of a few years to be able to wipe it off entirely.

Major M. Gray was re-elected president by acclamation, and the vice-presidents, Messrs. C. H. Backhouse and P. Wood, M.A., were also re-elected, together with the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Cooper. The retiring committee was replaced by Messrs. W. Purves, S. Walker, and F. W. Purvis, and in the place of Mr. R. E. Leach (who retires in consequence of leaving the district) Mr. O. K. Trenchmann.

The annual dinner was fixed to take place on Tuesday, the 24th November, or Saturday the 28th November, as it may hereafter be found to suit the convenience of the various members.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Purves closed a very satisfactory meeting.

STIRLING GOLF CLUB.

The handicap autumn medal was competed for over the King's Park course on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The greens were heavy, owing to the recent rain, but the average scoring was exceptionally low. The following were the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. D. Fraser ...	100	18	82	Mr. J. J. Annan ...	89	scr.	89
Mr. J. Archibald ...	91	8	83	Mr. R. A. Smith ...	90	scr.	90
Mr. G. A. Whitelaw	91	5	86	Mr. R. Whyte ...	96	5	91
Mr. A. C. Buchanan	99	12	87	Mr. J. Roberts ...	109	18	91
Capt. Harding ...	97	10	87	Mr. W. Kennedy ...	110	18	92
Dr. Mackintosh ...	102	14	88	Mr. P. Welsh ...	98	6	92
Dr. Lewis ...	99	10	89				

THE EVENING TIMES TROPHY TOURNAMENT.

The tournament for the custody of the Glasgow *Evening Times* trophy, presented by the proprietors of that newspaper, to be played for by Scottish golfers, representatives of Scotch Golf Clubs, took place over the links of the Prestwick Golf Club last week. The weather, fortunately, turned out to be fine, and two better golfing days than Friday and Saturday could not have been wished for. In this respect, and also in other respects, the tournament was attended with gratifying success. In all fifty-four players, representing twenty-seven clubs, entered, and of that number fifty players, or twenty-five couples, actually took part in the contest, a very good proportion. The entry was as follows:—1. Carlton, Edinburgh, Messrs. John Taylor and W. B. Taylor; Cathkin Braes, Glasgow, Messrs. D. H. Gillan and W. Laidlaw. 2. Troon, Messrs. H. S. C. Everard and E. D. Prothero; Cullen, Mr. Robert Lawrie and Dr. C. Duffus. 3. Ardeer, Messrs. Robert Adam and John Thomson; Leith, Messrs. J. Strath and J. Keddie. 4. George Club, Edinburgh, Messrs. G. W. Millar and A. Struthers; Bearsden, Glasgow, Messrs. William Wilson and A. D. Cuthbert. 5. St. Andrews, Messrs. David Leitch and L. Auchterlonie; Prestwick, Messrs. A. R. Paterson and J. A. Neilson. 6. Dumfries and Galloway, Dr. Rowand and Mr. W. M. Blake; Dumbar-ton, Messrs. Ken. Macdonald and William Lonie. 7. Scotsraig, Fifeshire, Messrs. C. Halliday and A. S. Thomson; Broughty, Dun-dee, Messrs. Robert B. Cowan and Alex. Bowman. 8. Glasgow, Messrs. F. G. Tulloch and Andrew Morison; St. Nicholas, Prestwick, Messrs. David Bone and James Gibson. 9. Thistle, St. Andrews, Messrs. James Kirk and C. Aikman; Airdrie, Messrs. J. M. Goldie and Robert Shanks. 10. Oban, Messrs. Andrew Honeyman and P. Campbell Hart; Ranfurly Castle, Bridge of Weir, Messrs. James B. Scott and W. Norman Scott. 11. Caledonia, Carnoustie, Messrs. David Shepherd and William Young; Stirling, Messrs. R. A. Smith and J. M. Morrison, jun. 12. Islay, Major Wise and R. Ballingall. 13. Burgess, Edinburgh, Messrs. Oliver Thomson and J. Williamson; Kilmalcolm, Dr. H. F. Mudie and Mr. Allan F. Duncan. 14. Morning-side, Edinburgh, Messrs. A. J. Hodge and James Paul; Glasgow University Athletic Club, Messrs. W. H. Goff and George Gillespie.

First Round.—Play on Friday was begun punctually at ten o'clock, when, in presence of a large gathering of spectators the players in the first round were led off by Carlton and Cathkin Braes, and the result was as undernoted:—Carlton beat Cathkin Braes by 7 up and 5 to play; Troon beat Cullen by 6 up and 5 to play; Ardeer beat Leith by 1 hole; George Club beat Bearsden by 3 up and 2 to play; St. Andrews beat Prestwick by 6 up and 4 to play; Dumfries beat Dumbar-ton by 3 up and 2 to play; Glasgow beat St. Nicholas, Prestwick, by 1 hole; Thistle, St. Andrews, beat Airdrie by 7 up and 5 to play; Broughty beat Scotsraig (absent); Ranfurly Castle beat Oban by 6 up and 5 to play; Caledonia beat Stirling by 7 up and 5 to play.

The first match, in which the Carlton were represented by the young brothers Taylor, who won the *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch* trophy on the Braids, Edinburgh, last year, did not attract much attention, as it was almost a certainty for the metropolitan representatives. The same may be said for the next foursome, Troon being held to be higher class, with much more experience than their opponents. The St. Andrews and Prestwick representatives were the first to play to the gallery, the match being a genuine contest of East v. West. It was thought possible that with their intimate knowledge of the ground, Messrs. Paterson and Neilson might be able to give a good account of the two St. Andrews players. In one sense the result was disappointing, the game being one-sided. Indeed, it could hardly have been otherwise against the form shown by Mr. Leitch and his partner Mr. Auchterlonie. They were out in an average of fours, a feat which no amateur, or combination of amateurs, probably ever accomplished before in a tournament over Prestwick. The Prestwick men had simply no chance against such form as this, and the game ended against them at the thirteenth hole. The St. Andrews score, which is, perhaps, the most notable incident of the tournament, is here given—4 3 5 4 3 5 3 4 5=36. The match which proved most attractive to the spectators, judging from the number of persons who followed it, was that between

Glasgow and St. Nicholas, Prestwick. The popularity of the match arose to some extent from the fact that it was regarded as a local one, the players being all well known in the district. At first things looked bad for the St. Nicholas men, Mr. Gibson who was somewhat nervous, topping his first shot from the tee, and taking 4 to get on the green. Still, they might have halved if they had played up on the green, but as it was their opponents won the hole in 7. Their play was still defective when at the fifth hole the Glasgow men were 3 up. At the turn the St. Mungo representatives had still a lead of 2, but the St. Nicholas men held them more closely coming in, and at the fifteenth hole squared the match. The first mentioned were 1 up with 1 to go. Matters looked like a halved match when the St. Nicholas had much the best of the like in 3 on the green, but Mr. Morison, amid loud cheering, settled the matter by holing a long putt, which was dead-stimied. The Oban representatives thought at first that they would have a walk-over, as their opponents did not turn up till after all the players were despatched. When the absentees did come forward Oban consented to play only under protest. There were no grounds for the protest, however, as the only penalty provided even in the amateur championship is that those who are not forward at their turn simply go to the bottom. The protest was, moreover, not seriously insisted on.

Second Round.—The winners of the first couple playing the winners of the second couple, and so on for each succeeding foursome, and for each subsequent round, play in the second round, according to that principle was entered upon at a quarter to two, and the result was as undernoted:—Carlton beat Troon by 2 holes; Ardeer beat George, Edinburgh, by 6 up and 5 to play; St. Andrews beat Dumfries by 5 up and 4 to play; Glasgow beat Broughty by 7 up and 5 to play; Thistle St. Andrews beat Ranfurly Castle by 4 up and 2 to play; Caledonia Carnoustie beat Islay (absent); Kilmalcolm beat Burgess by 2 up and 1 to play (after a tie); Morningside beat Glasgow University by 2 up and 1 to play. The round was productive of a good deal of excitement for the spectators, in the shape of several very close matches. That between Troon and Carlton drew the bulk of the following. Mr. Everard did not make a very promising beginning, in that he played into the railway, and losing a stroke his partner, Mr. Prothero, played 4 on to the green. Having played a bad second into the bunker short of the hole, Mr. W. B. Taylor had also to play 4 on to the green, and a half in 6 was the result. The second was halved in 3, but the hole over the "Cardinal" went to the Troon men in 5, one of the Carlton men missing a dead putt. The fourth hole was halved in 4, but the fifth was lost to the Troon couple on account of a fozzled short approach by Mr. Everard. They made up for it at the sixth principally in virtue of the fine play of Mr. Prothero. The Carlton men were lying so well on the green at the seventh that it was only by reason of getting a very long ball to the bottom that Mr. Prothero secured a half in three for Troon. A very fine 4 at the eighth hole, where Mr. Prothero again played a winning short game, made the Troon partnership 2 up. Very steady play resulted in four holes in succession being halved. From this point the Troon men rather fell away, and showing indifferent form all round, which the Taylors were not slow to take advantage of, and the result was that the match stood all square at the fourteenth hole. After each side had won a hole, Carlton at the sixteenth, in virtue of a long putt, again put matters all square and 2 to go. The same successful putting at the seventeenth made the Taylors in a sense dorny, and when Mr. Everard drove into a whin and his partner failed to get the ball away it was all up with them, the young men winning the hole and the match by 2 up. Two very close matches took place between Kilmalcolm and Burgess, and Morningside and Glasgow University. In the first-mentioned the Western couple won only after a tie by winning two out of three holes, the last hole being taken by them in two strokes.

Third Round.—The weather on Saturday was of the loveliest character, bright sunshine being accompanied by a very clear atmosphere, which revealed the prospect to seaward in all its beauty, the distant hills and valleys of Arran being very distinctly defined. A very early start was made, three rounds having to be played in the course of the day, and the first couple went off at half-past eight. The result of the round was that Carlton beat Ardeer by 1 hole; St. Andrews beat Glasgow by 6 up and 5 to play; Thistle St. Andrews beat Caledonia by 2 up and 1 to play; Morningside beat Kilmalcolm by 2 holes.

The first couple off, St. Andrews and Glasgow, had the bulk of the following, though in view of the play of Messrs. Leitch and Auchterlonie in the preceding two rounds, there could be hardly any doubt as to the result. The St. Andrews partners played loosely, and were 2 up at the turn, and after this they came away so rapidly, not on account so much of the merits of their own game as on the demerits of that of the Glasgow men, that they finished up with 6 of a lead and 5 to play. In justice to Mr. Morison, who, by the way, has hardly played any since he so nearly defeated young Mr. Hilton in the amateur championship at St. Andrews last spring, it should be stated that, had Mr. Tulloch been able to support him better, the result would have been much closer than it was. The game between Carlton and Ardeer was productive of some ex-

citing work towards the close, the Carlton men just winning, as it were by the skin of their teeth. The Messrs. Taylor were 3 up and 5 to play. Mr. Adam and Mr. Thomson, by superior play, after halving the fourteenth, won the next three in brilliant style, making the match all square and 1 to play. At the last hole, however, fortune favoured the eventual winners, both were on the green in 2—Mr. Adam about five yards from the hole, and Mr. John Taylor about twice that distance. The uncertainties of Golf were illustrated in the result. The Ardeer men were entitled to expect that they would, at least, get a half, but it was not to be. Mr. Wm. Taylor holed his ball from ten yards, and Mr. Thomson, failing to hole his long putt, the match was won and lost. The two other matches were also close, though in neither case was the game of the highest class.

Semi-final Round.—At a quarter to twelve play was resumed, the game having narrowed down to two matches, which resulted as follows:—Carlton beat St. Andrews by 2 up and 1 to play; Thistle, St. Andrews, beat Morningside by 3 up and 1 to play.

The match of the meeting was that played between Carlton and St. Andrews, and the whole of the spectators boycotted the other match in its favour, a result which the Thistle and Morningside were, in all likelihood, disposed to regard as anything but a disadvantage. The crowd that followed the first-mentioned was very large, but both sides seemed to play with perfect coolness, and as if not in any way nervous on that account. It is true Mr. Auchterlonie missed quite a short putt to halve the first hole in 5, but that is a mischance that will now and then happen to the best golfer. The next was perfectly halved in 3. Three fine shots across the "Cardinal" placed both on the green, Mr. Auchterlonie, with a rather cramped shot, close to the wall. He overran the hole somewhat; but Mr. Leitch got down his putt, and a half in 5 was the result. Mr. Auchterlonie was in the burn from the tee, and so was Mr. Leitch in two more. Useless to play three more on the green, and they gave up the hole. Mr. John Taylor essayed the "Himalayas" with the cleek and failed to get over, so did his brother in the odd, Mr. Leitch being on the green from the tee. The hole was given up. The sixth hole also went to the St. Andrews partners, who holed in 3 off the iron. All square. The seventh was holed by each in 4—a stroke too many. Carlton were wide of the green in two, and did not get up in 3. Mr. Auchterlonie, on the other hand, laid a very pretty approach dead, and holed out in 4 to their opponents' 6. The ninth hole was halved in 5, the St. Andrews' representatives leading the way home with one hole to their credit. Following a very fine drive the St. Andrews men were short in their subsequent game to the first hole in, and, Carlton playing a perfect game, won the hole, making them again all square. The eleventh was halved in 4. Two fine shots to the long hole brought each couple within easy approaching distance. One of the Taylors, however, fozzled his approach, and had enough to do to get across the dyke. The others made the most of it, and won the hole. The thirteenth was halved in 5. Having the best of the approaching game at the fourteenth hole the Taylors won it, and brought the match to all square again. They also won the fifteenth, the St. Andrews men getting out of one mess into another. Mr. Leitch was responsible for virtually throwing away the match at the next hole by missing to halve a certain putt, which there was no apparent reason he should have missed. There was still the off chance of pulling the match out of the fire, but the Carlton gave their opponents no chance, and, the seventeenth hole being halved in 5, the Edinburgh representatives won the match by 2 up and 1 to play.

The match between Thistle St. Andrews and Morningside was not so much one-sided as was at first anticipated, though it was never in much doubt from the first. If the Morningside men could have taken advantage of the weak approach game played by their opponents the unexpected might have happened, but, showing an equal want of strength, a very ordinary game resulted as above noted.

Final Round.—The final round was entered upon at a quarter to three, and finished about half-past four, with the result that Carlton beat Thistle St. Andrews, by 5 up and 4 to play.

Here was another game, that, judging from the incidents of the two days' play and other circumstances, could not have been much in doubt from the beginning in the minds of those who had witnessed those incidents and knew the circumstances. There was not much in the opening of the game, however, to indicate which were the superior players. John Taylor carried his second shot into the railway and gave up the hole, and the others at the next played into the bunker, and in their turn gave up the hole. Mr. Kirk, with an indifferent lie missed his second with the brassy to cross the "Cardinal." They made up for it, before it was too late and secured a half in 5. Mr. W. Taylor screwed his shot from the tee badly, and was on the wrong side of the burn, and losing a stroke, was unable to make up the leeway, and their opponents were 1 up. Very bad form on the putting-green lost the Thistle men the fifth hole. They were on the green from the tee, the Carlton men being about forty yards from the green. The latter holed out in 3, however, and their opponents took 4. The sixth was halved in 5. An indifferently played hole at the sixth green went to the Taylors in 4, to

Thistle's 5. The eighth was halved in 5. Going to the long hole both were in the bent in 3, but the Thistle men having the worst of the position, were badly punished, and suffered the loss of the hole, which they gave up. The Carlton men thus turned home with a lead of 2. The Thistle fared no better at the tenth hole, and they were 3 down from indifferent form on the putting-green. A very fine 3 secured them a reduction of 1 hole off the odds at the eleventh, this being the result of a perfect brassy shot on the part of Mr. Kirk. At the twelfth hole, Mr. Aikman unfortunately foiled his approach in 4, probably on account of the sun being in his eyes, and 3 up was again the record against them. Mr. Aikman's miss was all the more to be regretted because Mr. W. Taylor failed to get over the wall in 3. The end was evidently not far off when the Carlton men, playing a perfect game, won the next hole in 5 to the St. Andrews men's 7; 4 up and 5 to play was the record. The game in fact finished at the next hole, and that in a somewhat curious way. Both took 3 to reach the green. Mr. Taylor playing 4 lay on the lip of the hole, a dead stimpie against the St. Andrews men. In attempting to get down for a half, Mr. Aikman holed his opponent's ball, and failing to hole his own he ended the match in favour of the Carlton team by 5 up and 4 to play.

Messrs. Taylor therefore secured for the club to which they belong the right to hold the trophy till it is played for next year, and for themselves the gold badges which go along with the trophy.

Shortly afterwards Mr. Charles Russell, Editor of the *Glasgow Herald*, in presence of a large crowd of spectators, presented the Messrs. Taylor with the trophy, to be retained for a year by the Carlton Club. He said that he thought the magnificent success which had attended the competition for this trophy proved two things—one was the immense progress which the game was making in popularity among the people of Scotland, and the other that there was an evident feeling that the *Evening Times* trophy was well worth winning. (Applause.) He had to mention many facts which were to the credit of the gentlemen who had been engaged in getting up the trophy. In the first place he had to state that the idea did not originate with him or any other member of the staff, but that it was first suggested by Captain Anderson, of the Troon Golf Club, who had worked very hard at the details of the tournament—(applause)—and had been warmly supported by other members of the Troon Club, more especially by Mr. W. Morrison and Dr. Highet. (Applause.) To these gentlemen the proprietors of the *Evening Times* were warmly indebted. The members of committee also deserved credit, especially Mr. Campbell and Mr. Milne, the secretary of the Glasgow Club. (Applause.) Then to the Prestwick Club they owed a deep debt of gratitude. (Applause.) The committee of that club had behaved most handsomely in granting the use of the links and club-house, and Mr. Hart, the secretary, had been kind enough to act as referee. He did not know how they should have succeeded without the kindness of the Prestwick Club. (Applause.) He begged next to call attention to the trophy, which was the work of Messrs. Weir, of Buchanan Street, and a most beautiful shield he thought they would admit it was. He had further to announce that next year the contest would take place on the East Coast.

Mr. John Taylor, in reply, thanked the proprietors of the *Evening Times*, and said that he did not think anything could have been a greater success than the competition. He hoped the Glasgow clubs would come next year to the east coast, and give the golfers there as hard a tussle as they had that day. (Applause.)

Captain Anderson, of the Troon Club, said that he did not think they should allow the opportunity to pass of proposing a vote of thanks to the proprietors of the *Evening Times* for their kindness in giving such a handsome trophy for competition. (Applause.) He was sure that golfers in the west of Scotland were also pleased at the large number of golfers who had come from the east county.

The thanks of the competitors is due to the Prestwick Club for their courtesy in placing their very fine links and club-house at the disposal of the competitors for the time being, and to the officials for their unremitting attention to the visitors. On Charlie Hunter devolved the duty of starting the competitors, and receiving them as they came in. As to the links there were no two opinions about their high class character as golfing ground, the general ascertained opinion of the competitors being that, taken as a whole, they are the finest in the country. The putting-greens, good at all times, were in first rate order, and they could not have been finer, and altogether the first meeting for the *Evening Times* trophy was a highly successful one.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the Leaf prize was decided on Saturday last, the 24th inst., in beautiful golfing weather, though the course was heavy after the recent rains. There were four monthly winners left in, viz., Mr. M. T. Brown, June; Mr. G. Bowyer, July; Mr. N. W. Brown, August; and Mr. J. W. Traill, September. The final was won by Mr. N. W. Brown, with 107, less 8=99; and Mr. M. T. Brown, 118, less 17=101, came second. The links presented a crowded appearance in the afternoon.

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly club handicap was held on October 22nd, the afternoon turning out very fine. Seventeen competitors put in an appearance, but, owing to the recent heavy rains, the course and greens were exceedingly difficult and decidedly sloppy. Good scores were, therefore, out of the question, but Mr. F. C. B. Hunt headed the list with 93 net; Messrs. E. A. Tewson and R. Redwood, 105; Mr. H. E. Kaye, 108; while Messrs. Tozer, Mead, Telfer, Corlett, Kernsley, Hunt, Grundy, Beamish, and Stacpoole all made fair returns.

KING JAMES VI. GOLF CLUB (PERTH).—The members of this club held their annual autumn competition on the North Inch, Oct. 22nd, for two silver medals—the Hay-Robertson and the club medals—and the usual sweepstake prizes. There was a limited entry, only sixteen players turning out. On the cards being returned it was found that the Hay-Robertson medal had been won by the veteran, Mr. R. Dunsmore, with the remarkably low score of 108 for the two rounds. Mr. Alexander Miller got the club medal with a score of 119. Other scores were:—Mr. J. T. Cairncross, 121; Rector Chambers, 130; Mr. D. A. Cuthbert, 134; Mr. A. Robertson, 132; Mr. R. Halley, 125; Mr. R. Keay, 127; and Mr. R. Garvie, 127. Mr. Dunsmore and Mr. A. Miller were also the winners of the first and second sweepstake prizes. The members engaged in a competition on the North Inch, Perth, on Saturday for prizes presented by the captain (Mr. R. Dunsmore). The following were declared the winners:—1 (golfer's cabinet), Mr. John A. Robertson, 137, less 28=109; 2 (gent's umbrella), Mr. R. Halley, 116, less 6=110. For the third and fourth prizes the following players tied:—Mr. R. Keay, 119 (scratch); Mr. James Donaldson, 121, less 6=115; Rector Chambers, 127, less 12=115; Mr. R. Garvie, 123, less 8=115. The ties were ballotted for, with the result that Mr. R. H. Keay was pitted against Rector Chambers, and Mr. James Donaldson against Mr. R. Garvie. The playing of the ties was postponed. The next best scores were:—Mr. D. Halley, 146, less 30=116; Mr. Alex. Miller, 125, less 8=117; Mr. J. R. Sinclair, 129, less 12=117; Mr. W. Garvie, 130, less 12=118; Mr. F. M'Ewan, 144, less 24=120; Mr. D. S. Grant, 126, less 6=120; Mr. G. T. Cairncross, 127, less 6=121; Mr. L. Grant, 137, less 16=121; Mr. James Paterson, 127, less 6=121; Mr. John Bruce, 134, less 12=122; Mr. Dan Wylie, 136, less 14=122; Mr. P. W. Campbell, 140, less 18=122; Mr. A. T. Mackay, 130, less 8=122; Mr. D. Cuthbert, 135, less 12=123; Mr. John Thomson, 135, less 12=123; Mr. John Crerer, 131, less 8=123; Mr. H. H. Greig, 125, less 2=123; Mr. James Hay, jun., 130, less 6=124; Mr. A. Robertson, 132, less 8=124; Mr. R. A. Hay, 140, less 16=124; Mr. D. Fraser, 145, less 20=125. The lowest scores made were those of Mr. R. Keay, who went the two rounds in 115, and Mr. R. Halley, who did them in 116.

PERTH ROYAL GOLFING SOCIETY.—The autumn meeting of the Perth Royal Golfing Society took place on the North Inch, at Perth, on the 21st inst. The weather was very unfavourable for the occasion, the green being sodden with the rain, and a high wind prevailed. The Tay being at present in flood, the water rose to such a height as to cover part of the peninsula at the top of the Inch. A new course at that place had to be staked off, but, notwithstanding, the players experienced much difficulty in playing the balls owing to the patches of water. The prizes competed for were, as usual, the Buccleuch gold medal, the Bombay silver medal, and the Athole cross (handicap). The following couples started:—Messrs. A. Burns Macdonald and J. Bett; Messrs. William MacLeish and Isaac H. Anderson; Messrs. A. H. Grainger and John H. Thomas; Messrs. W. H. Cox and G. Morgan; Messrs. R. H. Macduff Duncan and Charles Anderson; Messrs. R. H. Moncrieff and R. W. R. Mackenzie; Mr. James F. Pullar and Major Dundas; Messrs. J. D. Lumsden and A. B. M. Grabame; Messrs. Alexander Macduff and H. Macduff-Duncan; Messrs. J. G. Miller and M. Jameson, jun.; Mr. J. C. Martin, a bye. Messrs. J. F. Pullar, W. H. Cox, and H. Macduff-Duncan tied for the Buccleuch and Bombay medals with 122 each, while the Athole cross went to Mr. J. C. Martin with the score of 138, less 18=120. On playing one round to decide the ties, Mr. Cox gained the gold medal with the score of 61, and Mr. Duncan won the silver medal with the score of 62. Mr. Pullar was debarred from securing either the Buccleuch or Bombay medals, owing to his having gained a handicap prize.

PORTOBELLO.—The final competition in connection with Portobello Golf Club, which took place over Musselburgh links, was completed on Saturday. The trophies for competition were the "Christian" medal (handicap) and several prizes presented by members of the club. Mr. H. B. Ferrier, 81, plus 4=85; and Mr. G. Smith, jun., 97, less 12=85; tied for the medal; Mr. D. M'Arthur, 99, less 12=87; took second place; and Mr. W. Lumsden, 98, less 8=90; and Mr. R. T. Henderson, 98, less 8=90, tied for fourth place.

EDINBURGH INSTITUTION (F.P.) GOLF CLUB.—Sixteen members took part in a "special" handicap competition over Musselburgh Links on the 22nd inst., for five prizes—one club prize and four presented by members. The following is the result:—Mr. W. Cairns, 93, less 10=83; Mr. J. M. Walls, 88, less 4=84; Mr. A. T. Simson, 91, less 6=85; Mr. J. Stevenson, 90, less 3=87; Mr. F. H. Todd, 97, less 8=89.

ROSLYNLEE GOLF CLUB.—The autumn meeting of this club was held on the 22nd inst. Owing to the long spell of wet weather the course was heavy and low scoring difficult. The putting-greens, however, quite astonished those who had not previously played over the course. Natural greens so good are rarely found on an inland course. The scratch medal was won by Mr. J. R. Blackwood with 98, against 91 by the same player at the summer meeting—an 8 at the second hole instead of a 4 spoiling his score. The handicap medal was won by the Rev. R. Thomson with 105, less 10=95. The following were amongst the players:—Mr. A. M'Lennan, Rev. H. Farquhar, Mr. W. Urquhart, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles Clark, Mr. D. Nelson, Rev. D. W. Wallace, Dr. Mitchell, Mr. C. F. Drummond, Major Sanford, Rev. R. Thomson, Mr. P. W. Adam, Mr. J. Campbell, and Rev. J. Loudon. The handicap prizes were won as follows:—Rev. R. Thomson, 105, less 10=95; Mr. J. R. Blackwood, 98; Mr. Urquhart, 102, less 4=98 (equal); Mr. Maxwell, 99.

LENZIE V. FALKIRK TRYST.—Teams representing Falkirk Tryst and Lenzie played an inter-club match on the links of the latter on Saturday. The weather was very fine, and the game ended in favour of the home team by 4 holes—Lenzie getting 28 holes, and their opponents 24.

EDINBURGH GILLESPIE SCHOOL CLUB.—The autumn competition of this club took place on Saturday over nine holes of the Braids. Twenty-four competed for prizes presented by the headmaster, Mr. Jenkins. The first was won by Mr. John Buth with the scratch score of 46; 2, Mr. J. Baird; 3, Mr. T. Carruthers; 4, Mr. W. Shearer; 5, Mr. W. M'Murtrie.

HERIOT GOLF CLUB.—The opening competition for a monthly gold charm was played over the Braids on Saturday. Mr. T. A. Clark proved the winner with a net score of 87.

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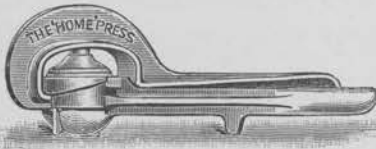
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