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- Sept. 12.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
West Lancashire : Autumn Meeting.
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition.
Alnwick : Marsh Painting.
Wilpshire and District : Monthly Medal.
Rochdale : Captain's Prize.
Littlestone : Monthly Meeting.
Nairn : Pullar Medal.
Royal Montreal : Club Match.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Lancashire Fusiliers' Cup.
Ardeer : Autumn Meeting.
- Sept. 16.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
Sept. 17-18.—Brighton and Hove : Professional Tournament.
Sept. 17-19.—Ilkley : Autumn Meeting.
Sept. 19.—Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Captain, and other prizes.
Disley : Fifth Summer Handicap.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Watsonians : Gold Medal and Club Prizes.
Cathkin Braes : Westwood Cup Competition.
Lea Hurst : Monthly Competition.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Royal Montreal : Brokers' Prize.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies' : Monthly Medals.
- Sept. 21.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cox Medal and Prizes.
Sept. 23.—Edinburgh Viewforth : Prize Competition.

St. Andrews, N.B. RUSACK'S HOTEL, THE MARINE (on the Links). The Golf Metropolis—Parties boarded. Special terms to Golfers and families. W. RUSACK, Proprietor and Manager. Telegrams:—Rusack, St. Andrews, N.B. Telephone No. 1101.

- Sept. 24.—Troon : Autumn Meeting.
Sept. 24-25.—Royal Cromer : Autumn Prize Meeting.
Sept. 24-26.—Minchinhampton : Autumn Meeting.
Alnmouth : Autumn Meeting.
Luffness : Mr. Tait's Silver Cup and Star.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
- Sept. 26.—Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
Glasgow : Match, Dumbarton, at Alexandra Park.
Troon : Sandhills Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup.
Haydock Park : Leigh Challenge Cup.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Royal Montreal : Dennistoun Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Prestwick : Monthly Medal.
Troon : Sandhills Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 28.—Royal Eastbourne : South Lynn Vase.
Burnham : Monthly Gold Medal.
- Sept. 29 and 30.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Autumn Meeting.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 1-3.—Guildford : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 2.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
Oct. 3.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Royal North Devon : Extra Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bailie Wilson's Medal.
Wilpshire District : Scratch Competition.
Seaton Carew : Gray Trophy.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.
Selkirk : Captain's Prize.
Rochdale : Autumn Competition.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Lefroy Prize.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal.
Lea Hurst : President's Cup.
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup.
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.
Bowdon : Silver Medal Competition, under special handicap.
Ilkley : Buckley Cup.
- Oct. 5, 6, 7.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
Oct. 6.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Handicap.
Hayling Island Ladies' : Bath Challenge Star.
- Oct. 6, 7, 8.—Dinard : Autumn Meeting, Club Cup, Open Handicap, Scratch Gold Medal, and Sweepstakes.
- Oct. 7.—Prestwick : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 7-9.—Royal North Devon : Autumn Meeting.
Royal Liverpool : Autumn Meeting.

- Oct. 9-10.—Brighton and Hove : Autumn Prize Meeting.
 Oct. 10.—Southport : Cup Competition.
 West Herts : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup (Yearly Competition) ; Captain's Prize (final).
 Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
 Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
 Royal Isle of Wight : Autumn Meeting ; Tottenham Gold Medal ; Club Prize.
 Tantallon : Autumn Meeting.
 Dublin : Lumsden Medal.
 Falkirk : Monthly Competition.
 Nairn : Pullar Medal.
 Wilshire and District : Monthly Medal.
 Alnwick : Marsh Painting.
 Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
 Alnmouth : Marsh Prize.
- Oct. 12.—Royal Isle of Wight : Foursome Tournament for Prize given by the Club.
- Oct. 13.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
- Oct. 13-15.—North Berwick : Autumn Golf Tournament.
- Oct. 16.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
- Oct. 17.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal.
 Disley : Sixth Summer Handicap.
 Glasgow : Autumn Meeting.
 Prestwick St. Nicholas : Ayr Trophy, &c.
 Epsom : Monthly Medal.
 Haydock Park : Williamson Medal.
 Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
 Royal Montreal : Sidey Medal.
 Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
 Falkirk : Handicap Tournament.
 Lea Hurst : Monthly Competition.
 Royal Belfast : Autumn Meeting.
 St. Georges, Sandwich : Franklin-Adams Gold Medal ; Club Cup ; Caird Prize.
 Edinburgh C. A. : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 17-19.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Autumn Meeting.
 St. Georges, Sandwich : Captain's Medal.
 Lytham and St. Anne's : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 18.—Formby : Monthly Optional.

GOLFERS' PRIZE.

Suppose, gentle reader, it were decided to play an international Golf match between England and Scotland; eight men a-side, whom would you select as the representative amateur teams—Englishmen for England, and Scotsmen for Scotland?

Write the names below in the order in which you consider their merit entitles them to rank, cut out the form and send it to this office on or before September 25th. A sovereign will be given to the sender of the list which agrees with the majority of votes, and a bound volume of GOLF to the second best list.

SCOTLAND.

ENGLAND.

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Address _____

A ROLAND FOR AN OLIVER.

An ardent lover of the game with a style somewhat original, and therefore inelegant—for he was not in his teens when he fell a victim to the mysterious passion—made a drive which he fondly imagined might be mentioned with pardonable pride, even in the most select golfing society. His jubilation over the shot did not exactly take the form of the *Nunc Dimittis*, neither did he hum one of Sankey's popular melodies, as is the wont of a certain reverend golfer when his ball carries some place of woe. The hero of this tale was simply eager to communicate his joy to the local professional, for to win the respect of such a dignitary was ample reward for years of effort. What were lost balls and broken clubs and days of disgust compared with a word of approbation from one whose judgment was final on the most important subject that had ever engaged the attention of mortals!

With beaming eye the diligent old golfer approaches the last putting-green. The minister and the laird are talking together there. But why cast pearls, &c.? The story of his triumph is for nobler ears; and there he is, the oracle of the green, just emerging from the place of refreshment. "Man! I've something tae tell ye the day. Ye ken the far bunker? Weel, I drove clean ower't aff the tee—thirty yards at least—and as ye see yersel', no a breath o' wind! What think ye o' that?"

"Weel, Mr.—, I wud tak the leeberty tae observe that yer style hardly maatches yer statement; and I wud jist add that if you daur'd speak o' dreivin' in St. Awndres they wud pit ye in jile afore ye kent whaur ye wus."

This sally was a little too pungent to be soon forgotten. No rest for the old gentleman till such insolence licked the dust. There was a wildness in the eye that startled the good wife as she saw him approach the door. She was sure he was taking influenza, for amid sundry mysterious mutterings she had heard him say that his tea had "nae taste ava"; a foreboding that was soon dispelled, however, when she was told in reply to the most tender inquiries, that it was "a maitter far abune her intelligence." After a restless night, the grand old golfer arose about five, and announced that pressing business required his presence in St. Andrews. And so one familiar figure was missed on the links that day. The professional grew exceedingly hilarious over the conjecture, that "Mr.— had gaen tae hae a look o' the Bottle Dungeon."*

In the course of a few days, however, the old golfer was back to his favourite avocation, and from his brow had vanished every trace of gloom. The domestic peace was now restored, and even the professional's hard heart was melted by the offer of a dram. But for ways that are dark the pilgrim to the ancient city had been peculiar. Even to an elder of the Kirk revenge is sweet, and in divers genial ways he succeeded in luring the crusty professional to an encounter "with a young freend, wha' he carelessly observed, "had ta'en a likin' tae the game, and it wud be a very becomin' thing jist tae encourage the laddie." And so one memorable Saturday a youth of studious look and slender build engaged the local champion in a match which seems to have interfered with the industry of the place. It was an eager crowd that followed the players, from the sapient critic, who stands breathless on the putting-green, to the poor irreverent creature, who lights his pipe just when the destiny of a hole is on the point of being settled. The champion played bravely and wiped his brow frequently, but long before the furthest hole was reached the prowess of the pale-faced stranger had filled the native breast with awe. The professional declined to play the last seven holes, and more disastrous still, it is currently reported that he spent that night "in jile." The victorious youth—a student in Divinity—was escorted to the railway station by one whose parting words were these: "In the event o' a vawcancy in oor Pairish Kirk ye wunna want a freend if I'm tae the fore."

W. P.

Mr. T. Carruthers, Golf club-maker, Edinburgh, has just laid out a Golf course for Mr. Alfred Rothschild at Tring.

* An ancient place of confinement within the walls of St. Andrews Castle.



With reference to the "Golfer's Prize" which we offer in another column, some doubt has arisen as to whether the teams were to be mixed amateur and professional, wholly amateur, or wholly professional. Our idea in offering the prize was to have an exclusively amateur team for both countries—Englishmen for England, and Scotsmen for Scotland. Several well-known Scottish players who reside in England could not with any reasonable appropriateness be selected to play for England against the land of their birth.

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A Musselburgh correspondent writes: "It was with great regret that we observed the death of James Paxton, in one of your recent issues. He was for long a familiar figure on Musselburgh Links; in fact, until within the last few years when he went to Eastbourne, where his son, Peter Paxton, is now professional and club-maker. He was one of those who represented this town in one of the first competitions at Prestwick for the old championship belt, which eventually became the property of young Tommy Morris. Like most other professionals, his chief occupation was carrying clubs. He used to carry to many well known golfers—Sir Hew Campbell among others.

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In all probability there will be a large muster for the autumn meeting at North Berwick, on October 13, 14, 15. One of the interesting events of the gathering will be the competition for the special prize for the longest and best drive.

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The Ilkley Golf Club, Yorkshire, have invited entries for an open scratch competition, to be held on Saturday, the 19th. A series of valuable prizes are to be given, and it is to be hoped that the gathering will be a great success.

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In a foursome at North Berwick on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., with Messrs. R. M. Harvey, W. Durnford, and E. K. Smith, the Rev. Sydney James, in playing for the sea hole, drove a hard low ball which struck a swallow on the wing. The bird was picked up dead, and it will be stuffed and preserved as a memento of the rare occurrence.

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At a committee meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, held at St. Andrews on Wednesday afternoon, the 2nd inst., it was agreed to fix the date of the open Golf championship, which this year will be played over the St. Andrews green, for Tuesday, October 6th. This tournament is open to all comers, amateurs as well as professionals, and is played in rotation over the Prestwick, St. Andrews, and Musselburgh links, and is yearly drawing a large field, and increasing in public importance. Last year, for the first time, an amateur came to the front, Mr. John Ball, Hoylake, securing the blue ribbon of the golfing green, and constituting himself both the open and amateur Golf champion for the year.

The members of the recently formed club at Warkworth held a very successful smoking concert and ball in the Public Hall recently. The entertainment was in aid of the funds of the club, and it is expected that a large sum will be handed over as a result of the efforts of several lady friends and the committee of management. Mr. Clutterbuck presided, and the following ladies and gentlemen took part in the entertainment:—Mrs. Holme, Mrs. Cail, Miss Sanderson, Miss Walton, Miss Dodd, and Messrs. Duncanson, Dash, Sanderson, Ripley, Maling, Corbett, Whiteford, and Walton.

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A professional tournament, at which some of the best players in the South of England will compete, will take place on the Brighton Links to open the new eighteen-hole course on Thursday and Friday, September 17th and 18th.

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Within the past few days a number of additional gifts to the Carnoustie Golf Links Bazaar, have been intimated to the committee. These include an oil painting, "Lynmouth Harbour" (North Devon) the gift of Mrs. Smeeton, Panmure Villa, Broughty Ferry; a Prie-Dieu chair in needlework, the gift of Mrs. Wallace, Laurelbank Terrace; a gold watch, the gift of Miss Cameron, Dundee Street; a cachmere travelling rug, the gift of Mr. James Morton, Commercial Street; and a dining-room clock and ornaments all in bronze, the gift of Perth friends to stall No. 1.

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The malicious propensities of the youth of Carnoustie have of late been a source of great annoyance to the Dalhousie Club. Some time ago the club erected an implement house, and set apart a portion of it as a shelter for their members. On recent Sundays, this building had been specially marked out for the attentions of a set of malicious young rascals who diverted themselves by making a wreck of the place. They smashed in the roof-lights, notwithstanding that care had been taken to have these protected with wire, and the locks and other portions of the erection exhibited proofs of their peculiar notions of fun. Fortunately, a recurrence of such rough sport is not likely to happen, as the ill-doers have only escaped punishment at the intercession on their behalf of the Dalhousie Club.

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DEAR MR. T. SHOTTS.—Being engaged on a treatise on Comparative Philology, a friend advised me to cultivate the acquaintance of golfers, assuring me that a study of their phraseology and modes of expression would prove of value in my scientific researches. I was fortunate at the outset in being introduced to the Rev. Murdoch MacBulger, a theologian of repute, and eminently skilled in the art of Golf. There appeared, however, to be some doubt as to whether this divine had or had not doffed his descriptive prefix of Reverend, whether in fact he desired to be known as the Rev. Murdoch McBulger, or plain Mr. MacBulger, of "The Links." I chanced to overhear the remark of a professional as to this matter. Quoth he: "A dinna ken whether or no he's drappit the Reverend, but for a fa' he damns juist like ony ordinary gowfer." In good sooth, this game of yours appears to abound in curious expressions, of which the above may be taken as an instance. Yours faithfully, SILAS DRYADUST, P.R.I.G.

RECENT GOLF PATENTS.

The following list of Patents relating to Golf have been applied for during the month of August. This list has been specially compiled for GOLF, by Messrs. Cassell and Co., registered patent agents, 22, Glasshouse Street, Regent Street, London, W., from whom all information relating to Patents, &c., may be obtained free upon application.

- 12,842. An improved Golf-scorer.—Mortimer John Slater, Bank Buildings, George Street, Sheffield.
- 13,405. Improved Golf cleek and iron socket.—William Wilson, 177, South Street, St. Andrews, N.B.
- 13,830. Improved apparatus for moulding Golf balls.—James McEwan Ross, 62, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.
- 14,414. Improvements in, or relating to Golf cleeks and irons.—Robert Simpson, 41, Reform Street, Dundee.

THE JUBILEE VASE COMPETITION AT ST. ANDREWS.

A faithful guardian of her time-honoured traditions, the Royal and Ancient Club at St. Andrews evinces no partiality for the now fashionable handicap contests. Holding, as she does in the golfing world, a position which might not improperly be compared with that of the House of Lords in our legislative constitution, she, like that august assembly, opposes as stout a front as circumstances will permit to the advance of measures popular with the democratic multitude. Circumstances, however, have, in the last few years, necessitated a slight modification of her unbending attitude, and the premier club now recognises two handicap competitions in the course of the year—the Calcutta cup and the Jubilee vase. The former of these has hitherto attracted by far the larger number of entries, which circumstance may, perhaps, be accounted for by the fact that a compulsory payment of £1 is levied from each competitor for the Jubilee vase. In the view of many members, every club prize should be open to all, without any restrictive conditions, and this is an argument somewhat difficult of refutation. But the generous donor of this very handsome prize, Captain D. S. Stewart, having observed that, in the Calcutta cup, many players who had entered withdrew their names after the competitors had been paired in the draw, was of opinion that a compulsory entry would tend to check such an inconvenient practice. This result has certainly been attained, but at a sacrifice, and it is a matter of consideration whether (if the donor is willing) the original conditions might not be modified in accordance with a considerable mass of opinion. Differing from the Calcutta cup, wherein players are handicapped by holes, the weaker vessels are here assisted by strokes, odds of a third, half one, two-thirds, and intermediate odds up to, on this occasion, sixteen strokes from scratch, having been awarded. The result has, generally speaking, gone far to prove that the art of handicapping is well understood, and many close and exciting finishes have been witnessed.

This year's competition was by no means lacking in interest, and in its latter portion the play exhibited was of a high standard, especially so on the part of the winner, Mr. H. S. Colt. This gentleman, having only recently been elected a member of the Royal and Ancient, was personally unknown to the majority of members, but he had the reputation of being an excellent player, as the Cambridge Golf Club, and that of Malvern and Littlestone, where he was recently very successful, might well testify. Four first-class men had entered, of whom two, Messrs. D. I. Lamb and H. S. C. Everard, were penalised one stroke, while Messrs. A. N. Stewart, winner of the club gold medal in 1890, and Colonel D. W. Mackinnon, winner of the Calcutta cup, 1891, started at scratch. Of these Messrs. Everard and Stewart alone survived the first two rounds, and as the issue became narrowed down, so did the interest increase. The last half-dozen left in were all capable men, and included, besides the ultimate winner and runner-up, one of the very longest drivers to be seen at the present day, in the person of Mr. H. A. Bethune. This gentleman, a most accomplished gymnast, can boast of exceptional muscular power; for hard hitting and long driving with iron clubs he would most probably beat any one that could be brought against him. Professor Tait, in the course of the match between Messrs. Bethune and Colt, collected some interesting data founded upon Mr. Bethune's powers of driving. The professor found that on three separate occasions Mr. Bethune's swipes remained in the air for a period of no less than seven seconds, the general average of ordinary good driving being somewhere between five and six. The atmospheric conditions, it should be stated, were favourable, there being no wind to speak of. This gifted mathematician will doubtless have something interesting to say on a future occasion in relation to this newly-discovered possibility, for such he declared it to be, as he could not have conceived it possible before instituting these timing experiments, that the duration of flight could be so long extended. Mr. Bethune was the winner of this trophy last year. On that occasion, in one of his rounds, he found himself in what may be not inaptly termed a very tight place. The match was in a most critical condition, the last hole but one was being played, and Mr. Bethune, after his tee-shot, was in a situation which nineteen men out of twenty would have regarded as unplayable, under an isolated horse-box, to wit, or covered van, on the railway. An obliging official offered to remove the obstruction, but in the circumstances this was ruled inadmissible, as the ball was in a very clearly-defined hazard. Nothing daunted, however, the player crawled under the van, and by great good luck, lying down in the most constrained and uncomfortable attitude, managed to nick the ball out on to an adjoining patch of grass three or four yards away, whence, with two of his enormous iron shots above alluded to, he reached the green, and saved the hole. If Mr. Bethune were a trifle more steady, not in his tee-shots, for there he rarely fails, but at the all-important second stroke, he would probably be in the position of giver of odds, instead of receiver thereof. The match between him and Mr. Colt was most interesting; the latter conceded two strokes, and by sheer steady good play defeated him.

It was noteworthy that Mr. Colt always made a good shot when he ought to have done so, and never, or rarely, let a chance slip when he had his opponent at a disadvantage. In this respect his play contrasted most favourably with that of Mr. Bethune, who, when times and again, owing to his tremendous driving, he had the hole at his mercy, lost all his advantage, and sometimes the hole besides, through failure to follow up his initial efforts. The defeat of Mr. Bethune left the final to be fought out on even terms between Messrs. Colt and E. D. Prothero. This latter gentleman is not new to fame, although for the last eight or nine years he has practically dropped the game, and only recently taken to it again. He is well known as a cricketer, and as to his golfing education, Loretto, that excellent training nursery, is responsible for it. He there picked up a pretty swing, and drives a very good ball, being in this respect pretty evenly matched with Mr. Colt, as a consequence, an interesting tussle ensued. The issue was uncertain till the last; both men at the outset exhibited as good play as is often seen, neither making a mistake, the first four holes were halved in nineteen; then Mr. Prothero had three bad holes in succession, all of which he lost, and it further appeared as if he might lose another at the ninth hole, but a most opportune long putt won it for him instead, and reduced his losses to two. At the third hole from home, Mr. Colt, who in the interim had lost one of his holes by missing a short putt, lost his one remaining nest-egg, all square and three to play; and here came the crisis. Mr. Colt, with a fine drive, was badly imbedded in the "Principal's Nose," while Mr. Prothero was safe, and well to the left of that hazard, but in a ditch and with a bad stand. Then, instead of being content with the unambitious iron, or cleek, with fatal judgment he took his brassy, with which he sliced the ball right across the course into the railway. All might yet have been well with him, for he had the good luck, considering his environment, to lie very well, though upon stones. Had he risen to the occasion, he might still have won the hole, and probably the match; he failed, however, to catch the ball clean enough, and as a consequence went from bad to worse, and allowed his opponent to win a most important hole, which the latter most certainly ought to have lost. A plucky try for a five ended in a seven for Mr. Prothero at the seventeenth hole, and Mr. Colt scored his initial victory at St. Andrews. He is to be congratulated thereon. The classic green is famed for its keen observers and lynx-eyed critics, and in the estimation of these the victor found favour. He did not appear to be in the least troubled by nervousness, that weakness of the flesh which attacks so many who play for the first time before a gallery; his game was good and consistent throughout, quite strong enough to be below ninety on the majority of occasions; and it seems not unreasonable to predict that he will be heard of again in both scratch and handicap competitions.

IMPROVEMENTS IN GOLF CLUBS.—Mr. Andrew Morison, a member of the Troon Golf Club, has just taken out a patent in connection with the manufacture of drivers and brasses. Mr. Morison's proposed improvement refers to the strength and durability of the club. The weakest part of a wooden Golf club has always hitherto been the neck, and this is the part that most often gives way. The cause of this is that the grain of the wood at the neck crosses the direction of the bend there. The leading idea in the patent under consideration is the getting rid of the crossing of the grain and the consequent weakness; and this is accomplished by making the grain of the wood run with the bend. The curve, which is ordinarily obtained by cutting, is here imparted by pressure while the wood is being acted upon by steam. This is done before the wood begins to be operated on by the club maker, and it is obvious that the club may be made of one entire piece. The club by the new process may, in fact, be made of one entire piece, or the head and shaft may be made separately, and joined in the usual way; but in both cases the neck is an actual bend, not an apparent one. There cannot be any doubt that Mr. Morison has attained the object he had in view, viz., strengthening the club at its weakest point. Indeed, an examination of the club demonstrates that the new club is now strongest where the old one was weakest, and by reason of this it can hardly fail to recommend itself to golfers. But the patentee has added another new feature to the club, also in the direction of durability. It is a well-known characteristic of the best club that the face with constant use pares off. This defect has been, to some extent, met by the insertion into the face of the club of a block of hard wood, the grain of which runs perpendicular to the face of the club, or towards the back of the club. It is evident that no amount of impact on the face of the club will lead to paring off with this protection. The patentee has in the meantime entrusted Willie Fernie with the manufacture of the new club.

ANSTRUTHER CLUB.—In the monthly competition for the Jamieson medal, two rounds of the course, Mr. W. Bonthron and Mr. G. Black tied with a score each of 84, less 5=79.



BEGINNERS AND COURTESY OF THE GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have a plan to unfold for the learning of Golf. Let the beginner hire, or borrow, or get the use of, somehow, a three or four or five or fifty-acre field, preferably of grass. Let him repair thither with such clubs as he selects, accompanied by a competent instructor, and proceed with all due diligence to make himself acquainted with the movements of the body which are adapted to the various results he wishes to achieve. In this solitude he will receive no shock from any unexpected effect, and in a very short time he will be able to appear amid golfers without much risk, and without excessive dissatisfaction to himself. Such details as hazard dodging, bunker sweating, "leary" putting, scientific approaching, will come quietly and gradually. This, doubtless, is altogether opposed to the usual process of jauntily walking up to the first tee and then—lucky if there is not a funeral service next week.

I have just returned from a sweet little golfing course. The Golf is of the best, the turf the finest, the hazards perfect. There are only nine holes; the measured distance is 2,500 yards, making for the eighteen holes 5,000 yards. Much skill and good play are required for even a first-rate golfer to show a score of 80.

Scenes that are brightest and strangest may be witnessed here. For some inscrutable reason this most difficult and trying course is selected as a happy hunting ground for a whole army of beginners, ignorant no doubt of its peculiarities, though it is not to be imagined that any suggestion of its utter unsuitability for their purposes would be received with calmness. There is nothing to do; let us Golf. An introduction to the amiable secretary of the hospitable club is obtained, and the beginner is ready for the fray, and fray it is. On the course are a few couples of seasoned players visible to the unaided eyes of the neophytes. They seem to get along tolerably well. Their balls fly over whin and bunker, and road and morass, and if they do plunge into unseen depths, they appear to get out again somehow, and why should not a beginner manage it as well—a beginner, forsooth! were they not all beginners once?

The course is contracted in area, and from a height in one corner the whole may be surveyed without danger, which is something to be grateful for, because, on the course itself, there is no small risk for an unwary passenger. Balls are hurtling through space, bumping off hillocks, plunging into sand or water, tearing over turf. Clubs in various directions are held aloft as signals of warning or acknowledgment; in others they may be seen viciously pickaxing into holes, smashing into gorse, banging into water. Hoarse cries of "fore" resound. Open spaces are strewn with balls, and contests as to the ownership thereof proceed more or less calmly. Red coats and grey, fat men and lean, old and young, all are there—ladies also. In one quarter a hot conversation is in progress, caused by a beginner playing from the tee while the party in front are only thirty or forty yards ahead, with the not altogether utterly miraculous result that the ball is landed on the head of a venerable member of the club. Then the row. Poor beginner pleads ignorance of

the rules (rules, by my halidom; tell it not to the accomplished author of the "Art of Golf"), as if there were no such thing as common sense. The attendant caddie is an immature infant, desirous to have the whole performance over, so that he may get back to the warm drink from which he is not yet weaned; so he not unnaturally urged his temporary governor to play, as there could be no danger of the projectile reaching the far off couple. Further on an enthusiastic pair of beginners are spending the bright hours of the morning in fruitless researches in a thick clump of gorse. Still another pair are perspiring over their vain efforts to get a couple of balls out of a deep footprint in the sands of an everlasting bunker. Then a *mixed* foursome leisurely putting along, possibly flirting round the next hole; and an unattached beginner agriculturising on a cherished bit of sward, to the horror of the green-man. The regular old golfers grow weary, and sad, and worn out with the struggle and the danger, and sigh over the mystery which underlies the decree of Providence that a beautiful green, made for the enjoyment of a limited number of accommodating players, should be turned into a noisy higgledy-piggledy nursery, wherein they are only tolerated, if not unwelcome, and wherein they must run the risk of lifelong disfigurement at the hands or clubs of a beginner.

Not that these same old golfers wish the beginners ill. They would encourage them in the pursuit of the "Royal and Ancient game," but they would much prefer that the first attempts made should be in an unoccupied grass field, where the ball will fall soft on a velvet tuft, perchance on the broad back of a well-developed companion.

I am, Sir, &c.,
W. E. G.

St. Paul's,
September, 1891.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your issue of September the 4th, "An old Golfer frae the North" says that the party following him had no right to play till the expiration of ten minutes. But by Rule XVI., par. 44, of the St. Andrews Rules, any party incurring delay by seeking for a lost ball may be passed by any other party coming up. He admits that the ball had been lost for three or four minutes, so that it would appear that the others had a perfect right to pass. After the expiration of ten minutes there would have been no further delay, as the hole would then have been "An old Golfer's," and he and his partner would have gone on to the next tee. On most links a man, having lost his ball and not finding it at once, would ask the couple behind to pass if he knew they were waiting to play, but of course communications on windy links are a little difficult at a distance of 200 yards.

I am, Sir, &c.,
GT. YARMOUTH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In last week's GOLF, under this heading, "An Old Golfer frae the North" explains how his righteous anger has been aroused by a player (assumed to be an English beginner) passing him when looking for a lost ball. He advises beginners to make themselves acquainted with the rules of the game. I hope he will not think me wanting in courtesy if I ask him to follow his own advice to beginners, and refer to Rule XV., paragraph 41, which is as follows:—"Any party having lost a ball, and incurring delay by seeking for it, may be passed by any other party coming up."

The player complained of, who remarked that he had a right to go on, might have said, and must have thought, "This 'Old Golfer frae the North' has not courtesy enough to cover a Golf ball, otherwise he would have invited us to pass, though we have the right to do so, and is delaying us without reason; I will, therefore, read him a practical lesson in the rules of the game which verily he must, at his age, be acquainted with, and then, perchance, he will remember that there are others besides himself in this sphere, and be more courteous and less selfish."

As a beginner in the south I have been instructed, and have taken in, that it is convenient and politic, as well as polite, to invite a party behind to pass if you are playing more slowly

than they are, provided that there is a clear green in front, and if you do not do so you cannot complain if this lack of courtesy on your part leads to an over-strict application of the rules by those behind.

When the "Old Golfer frae the North" has studied the rules (which one naturally would have expected him to do before writing about them, even if he had not done so before) it may occur to him that Rule II., about playing through the green, on which he appears to rely for safety from being driven into, would not apply in the case of a ball lost from the tee, and if he further considers a little he may perceive that the ten minutes he mentions, and which are referred to by Rule X., is the limit of time after which his opponent can claim the hole (if he has not had the courtesy to give it up sooner), and has nothing whatever to do with parties passing.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. K.

BULGER PUTTERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A golfer may well say, what next? We have bulger drivers, bulger brassies, bulger short and long spoons, and now we have bulger putters. On looking into the workshop at Eastbourne last Saturday, I found that Mr. Peter Paxton (an old Musselburgh player) had his men busy making this form of club. He maintains that it putts much truer than any other description of club, either wood or iron.

Before passing a definite opinion about its capabilities I would like to have a more extended trial than I had time for; but I may say, from the few strokes I made with it, that it answers its purposes much better than one would be inclined to think from the name and form of the club.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Eastbourne, Sept. 2nd.

A. M. R.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I for one (and I venture to think for many others) cannot for a moment accept "Centième" as an exponent of the general feeling of golfers respecting the mode of conducting the amateur championship meeting.

Until some better scheme is devised things must go on as they are, and, most emphatically, "Centième" suggests nothing better.

What is there faulty in the present mode of drawing? The object of the competition is not to find out the second best man, but the best. It cannot matter, therefore, if the second best man is put out in the first round by the best. Then as to deciding ties by continuing play until one competitor is a hole up. Everyone must admit that, given two players one of whom is a little, but a very little, better than the other, his superiority is likely to show itself more frequently in seventy-two hole matches than in matches of eighteen holes each; but the championship golfers have, as a rule, neither time, patience, nor inclination to play seventy-two hole matches to decide their superiority, and when it takes one, two, or three, or more holes than eighteen to decide it, that is at least a short step towards the seventy-two holes.

No mortal man supposes that if A beats B he is necessarily the better player, and that he will always beat him; there is a considerable element of luck in Golf (it would be a poor game without it). The tournament may not necessarily bring out the absolutely best player at the end, but it will bring out a man who is entitled to take rank as a golfer of the very highest class.

The selection of players by a committee, or any number of committees, would be no advantage whatever; an inferior man selected by them would be knocked out just as soon as if he had entered on his own responsibility.

The amateur championship has nothing to do with a competition between England and Scotland, or between Westward Ho! and Hoylake, or any other arbitrarily named localities.

Until it is improved upon, let it remain a competition in which any amateur may test his skill, and one in which it is practically impossible for an inferior player to take the highest honour.

I am, Sir, &c.,

T. T. A. A.

September 7th, 1891.

UNIFORMITY IN GOLF LINKS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The greatest number of players in the present day are under handicap, varying from 2 to 30. There is a desire among the fraternity to visit and play on links established and being established.

In your issue of September 4th, I note that you report twenty amateur competitions, which were won in strokes (net) varying from 77 to 92. Out of these eighteen were won by players under handicap, in the average of 83½ strokes, while the seven scratch players who were first of their order in the only competitions in which they appeared, average 89 strokes. It would seem by this that the scratch players were handicapped out of it.

In order to ascertain the relative value of a player's powers, all 18-hole links should be so laid out that the handicap received on his own links should be the same on all other links. It is obvious that when a player on links such as Westward Ho! Hoylake, Sandwich, St. Andrews, Wimbledon, &c., gets, say, 12 to 14 strokes, and he happens to be a short driver, but good at approach and upon the green, the scratch player is put to considerable disadvantage, for in short, and easy holes, he is not able to give a steady player any strokes. As far as possible the links should be equal in chances for the scratch and handicap player, but if there is a doubt it should be in favour of the scratch, inasmuch as the handicap man can be always improving his position, whereas the scratch man stands at zero.

An eighteen-hole course should be so arranged that about 82 strokes should be the figure from which to handicap, and I would suggest, as far as practicable, that no course should be less from tee to hole than 5,300 yards. For example:—1st, 210; 2nd, 280; 3rd, 290; 4th, 260; 5th, 270; 6th, 390; 7th, 140; 8th, 480; 9th, 290; 10th, 270; 11th, 250; 12th, 140; 13th, 280; 14th, 350; 15th, 270; 16th, 480; 17th, 300; 18th, 350; total, 5,300. This could easily be done (not exactly in the same rotation) by extending the tees, and keeping the course as much as possible without serious alteration. This is not a long course, but long enough to prevent the short driver putting himself on an equality with a long one, and a scratch player should be able to play round it in about 81 strokes. As Golf increases good players will be coming to the front every year, but when you see players who get 10 strokes of a handicap going round a course in 83 strokes, there must be something wrong in the green or with the handicap committee.

There is a disposition among local players, especially weak ones, to reduce distances, and to ignore hazards. This is a mistake. The more reasonable the hazards from the tee are made on approaching the green, and the nearer their links resemble those of the first class, the better for themselves and golfing posterity.

I am, Sir, &c.,

OLD GOLFER.

THE OPENING OF NEW GOLF COURSES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In this week's issue of GOLF two new courses have been opened. One is described as being now "hay fields." I have no wish to decry the enthusiasm of golfers in opening new courses, but I do deprecate the formation of clubs, where many, if not all, are young players, and have to learn the game "if it can be learned upon such ground." The game of Golf is not the striking a ball out of any hazard by what must be a haphazard play in a grass field, but the action of

mind and hand, in using the club to hit the globe in a clean and true manner, and if that can be done, the pleasure and liking of the game increases; but if the niblick is the only club that can be at all useful, farewell to enthusiasm. The game is one that takes a great deal to drive a player from it, but no players who have any knowledge of the game would care to play twice over a grass field. To keep the game of Golf up to the high standard that it so richly merits I would call on you, in your editorial position, to show that Golf is a game that requires ground suitable for its pursuit as much as a good wicket is necessary for cricket.

I am, Sir, &c.,
T. C.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Allow me to correct a mistake in your issue of 4th inst. In the account of the ladies' monthly medal competition, which is open to both lady and gentlemen members of the club, I am credited with winning the first medal at 101. As a matter of fact, I was not in St. Andrews on that day, and my husband, Mr. H. S. C. Everard, was the winner, Mr. (not Mrs.) D. Hodge making second best score, 103.

I am, Sir, &c.,
A. EVERARD,

St. Andrews, September 5th.

THE GOLF COURSE AT STRATHPEFFER.—The Strathpeffer Golf Course was opened on June 16th, 1888. At that time its membership numbered only a little over forty, and it is a proof of the great and growing popularity of Golf that the membership at the present moment numbers one hundred. The course is a compact one, with plenty "hazards," and is situated beautifully, about ten minutes' walk from Strathpeffer Wells. The course is one mile and a quarter long, and at present it contains only nine holes, though it is purposed next year to double the number of holes. During the season "Kenny" the keeper—himself an enthusiastic and successful golfer—is constantly on the course, and he declares that the game at the Strath is increasing in popularity by leaps and bounds. Many capital hands, from St. Andrews and elsewhere, have their round every day regularly, and, in the keeper's words, "the more they play on it the better they seem to be pleased with it." The game is all the rage at Strathpeffer just now, and strong players may be seen daily measuring professional strength on the course, which is a difficult one "to do decently." That difficulty is greatly increased from the fact that many able players fall to pieces in their efforts to reach the summit of the steep hill which is popularly known to the players as "Ben Wyvis." A medal presented by the club is played for weekly, and the contest does much to stimulate the game among the residents and visitors.

THE NEW GOLF COURSE AT ASKERNISH, SOUTH UIST.—The new course was opened on Saturday, the 29th ult., with a foursome between Mr. Paterson, of Askernish, factor for Lady Gordon Cathcart, who had for partner Mr. William M'Lean, of Milton, and Mr. Kenneth MacLeod and Mr. David M'Jarrow, Lochboisdale Hotel. The game, which was a close one throughout, ended in a tie—eight holes falling to each side, with two halved. The bright, pleasant day and the closeness of the match combined to make the opening game enjoyable alike for players and spectators. The new green, which is situated on the Machar between the farms of Askernish and Milton on the one hand, and the sea on the other, has the distinctive feature of being the most westerly in Great Britain. The course has been laid out, with admirable regard to its great capabilities, by Tom Morris, of St. Andrews. The short crisp turf, the diverse character of the holes, and the variety and form of the bunkers and hazards, together form what is probably the most natural Golf course in the kingdom. Added to these, the bracing air of the Atlantic, with the bold outlines of Barra Head in the foreground and a glimpse of "lone" St. Kilda in the far distance, give to the South Uist course a picturesqueness and character peculiarly its own.

HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The fortnightly gold medal of the club was played for over Harrison Park on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when Mr. J. Blyth was declared the winner, with a score of 49, plus 1=50, for ten holes, Mr. S. M'Kenzie being second with 52, less 1=51.



ABERDEEN.

Saturday last was quite a busy day among golfers here. Besides the return match over the links course between the Victoria and Bon-Accord Clubs, to which I referred last week, the usual monthly competition among the members of the Aberdeen Club took place over the Balgownie links. The weather was rather dull and threatening, but fortunately kept up, and some excellent scores were handed in. The competition amongst the members of the Aberdeen Club at Balgownie links was for the club's scratch medal and the Burgmann cup (handicap). A large field turned out, and, on comparing the cards handed in, it was found that Mr. F. C. Diack, with a score of 84, less 10=74, had carried off the cup for the month, while the scratch medal was again won by Mr. W. F. Orr with the fine score of 82. The following were the lowest cards handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. C. Diack	... 84	10 74	Mr. G. Turriff	... 95	6 89
Mr. W. F. Orr	... 82	scr. 82	Mr. J. Moir	... 90	scr. 90
Capt. Miller-Walnut	84	scr. 84	Dr. R. Ogilvie	... 91	scr. 91
Mr. James Milne	... 84	scr. 84	Dr. G. Ogilvie	... 106	8 98
Dr. J. Ogilvie	... 95	6 89			

In the return match between the Victoria and Bon-Accord Clubs, which was played over the old course on Aberdeen links, twenty-four players started on each side, and the result of the game was an easy victory for the Victoria representatives, who gained in all 68 holes, as against the Bon-Accord's 19. The best score of the day was made by Mr. A. M. M. Dunn, of the Victoria, who accomplished the round in 80, while Mr. A. M'Connachie, of the same club, scored 85. The detailed score by holes is as follows:—

VICTORIA CLUB.		BON-ACCORD CLUB.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	... 4	Mr. W. Smart	... 0
Mr. J. Innes	... 0	Mr. L. Anderson	... 5
Mr. J. Russell	... 2	Mr. J. W. Murray	... 0
Mr. A. M'Connachie	... 3	Mr. W. A. Stewart	... 0
Mr. R. W. Beedie	... 0	Mr. A. Smart	... 2
Mr. R. Balmain	... 1	Mr. J. Ogilvie	... 0
Mr. B. S. M'Lellan	... 0	Mr. W. Moir	... 5
Mr. J. Forrest	... 4	Mr. J. Florence	... 0
Mr. A. Mitchell	... 5	Mr. H. Glass	... 0
Mr. W. H. Reid	... 3	Mr. J. Greig	... 0
Mr. D. J. Innes	... 4	Mr. G. Simpson	... 0
Mr. J. B. Banks	... 5	Mr. A. Jaffray	... 0
Mr. J. Stewart	... 7	Mr. R. Reid	... 0
Mr. R. Anderson (2)	... 0	Mr. A. Ducat	... 0
Mr. T. MacLennan	... 4	Mr. J. Smith	... 0
Mr. W. Pollock	... 1	Mr. C. Ward	... 0
Mr. J. Hazelwood	... 3	Mr. J. Twigg	... 0
Mr. A. Milne	... 4	Mr. F. Watt	... 0
Mr. J. A. Adamson	... 8	Mr. J. Michie	... 0
Mr. T. Crighton	... 5	Mr. J. Moir	... 0
Mr. G. Anderson (1)	... 0	Mr. J. Anderson	... 2
Mr. D. Jessiman	... 0	Mr. C. Smith	... 1
Mr. W. Stalker	... 0	Mr. W. Allan	... 4
Mr. G. Barron	... 5	Mr. A. Noble	... 0
	68		19

Majority for Victoria Club, 49 holes.

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—The monthly competition for this club's silver medal took place on the Grangemuir course on Saturday afternoon. The weather, although dry, was dull and unsettled, so that few competitors turned up. At the close Mr. William Smith, jun., Pittenweem, became the winner with a scratch score of 84.

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Eminent Golfers.

XV.—MR. A. F. MACFIE.

Of the whole army of first-class amateurs who have come into prominence of recent years, none have better earned their position than Mr. Allan Fullarton Macfie. This gentleman, having been educated at Edinburgh Academy, had access in the days of his youth to pleasant places whereon to disport himself, such as North Berwick and Bruntsfield Links. It is somewhat shocking to have to relate it, but the chronicler is informed that in these early days the eminent person of whom he writes fell considerably short of the ideal—did not exhibit many traces of overwhelming passion for Golf, such as are usually characteristic of your proper sort of boy, and in fine his behaviour resembled that of the Church of Laodiceæ, which drew down upon itself well-merited rebuke. Still, the good seed was sown, and before the twenties were reached, which is the main point, even though the game, as in his case, be afterwards abandoned for a spell of years. We next hear of him about 1879, when he had settled to business in Liverpool, being then about twenty-five years old. He now became a regular and assiduous player, labouring to repair such sins of omission as he had formerly been debited with—labouring, too, with success. For by nature he has many qualities desirable in one who would excel at Golf: he is clever, deft and neat handed, precise with an unwonted precision, quite remarkable indeed in one who has had no military training; always, for instance, to be relied upon to a moment for an engagement, especially a golfing one; he always knows what train he is going by, and never misses it; he is always provided with a pencil in his pocket and a knife to sharpen it withal, and paper whereon to write; and if he is playing whist he never fails to have his honours marked, if entitled to them, the very instant the hand is over, adjusting the counters with a bewildering celerity, suggestive of the professor of legerdemain. Of this science also he is no mean exponent, and is rather fond of practising his quips and cranks at the expense of his neighbour. Thus, having one day bought a bottle of gingerbeer at the end hole at St. Andrews from the guileless "Daw," he tendered that worthy a coin in payment, but when the latter essayed to transfer the same to his till, he found, somehow, that he was not the man in possession. Then commenced a search in the heather and whin-bushes close round, if perchance his prehensile power had failed him; in the course of his hunt conflicting emotions were traceable in the lineaments of the caterer to thirsty golfers; bootless search it turned out to be, and when at length our prestidigitateur conclusively proved to "Daw" that the latter had managed to drop the coin down his own back, or play some similar prank with it, his astonishment was unbounded. Mr. Macfie is a man of many resources; he has a workshop fitted up in which he constructs awful looking weapons with which to play Golf. Not but what he can and does turn out clubs for his own use as good, or probably better, than any club-maker could do for him, but he is for ever theorising; an abstract idea occurs to him one day, by the next it has assumed a concrete, possibly a remarkable shape. For instance, one

day he turned up with a thing to putt with, which is a little difficult to describe. The head was a flat piece of wood some half-inch in thickness and rhomboidal in form, with no lead in it; the shaft was inserted in the centre, at an angle, the whole rather reminding one of the sort of instrument a gardener employs to beat down newly-laid turf. It was not a failure, but then its owner could putt with anything, from a fire-shovel to a Philp.

Beware, furthermore, oh stranger, how you invade that sanctum of his; *on est prié de ne pas toucher*—touch not, unless under guidance, for, unless you are a qualified chemist, you will run the risk of getting burnt, skin, flesh and bone, by all sorts of fearful acids; neither sniff at all at random of the evil-smelling compounds with which the owner surrounds himself, lest haply you meet with some noisome abomination, a faint whiff of which will satiate you for the day, and something over. As a photographer Mr. Macfie is often very successful, and has used his camera with striking effect on every links he has visited. While in Australia, many years ago, he had the misfortune to



be run away with when riding; his horse came to a wire fence over which he fell, pitching his rider into a heap of stones. Though no particular ill-results were immediately apparent, yet in the course of a month or so it became obvious that his hearing was much impaired, and unhappily it ultimately transpired that some irreparable injury had taken place, and total deafness supervened. Many, however, would at first not notice this, as Mr. Macfie is wonderfully expert at reading the lip language; and so far from being depressed, he is often the life and soul of the company he is in. A rather amusing episode happened to him at Hoylake, in the final tie with Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson for the first amateur championship, which Mr. Macfie won. An admirer in the crowd went up and congratulated him on the success of a magnificent shot he had played, but met with no acknowledgment, repeated his remark once or twice with like result, and then sheered off with the muttered observation, "what a surly brute." The reason, however, it is satisfactory to add, was explained. We have said that about 1879 Mr. Macfie began to play regularly at Golf; he speedily emerged from the

tyro class, and the odds allowed him grew small by rapid degrees, until in November, 1880, he had won a medal at Hoylake. For the next five years he met with various successes over the Cheshire green, at Blundellsands, at Westward Ho! and at Bembridge, the most important, perhaps, being the one above referred to, when he met and defeated Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson in the final, in the first year of the amateur championship. His play upon that occasion was the perfection of machine-like and accurate Golf. Having left Hoylake and settled at St. Andrews, he speedily made his mark there, and in 1886 won from scratch the tournament for the Calcutta cup, after an exciting finish with Captain W. H. Burn. The May medal of 1889 fell to his share, while the same summer he carried off all the honours at Westward Ho! winning the medal each day, and also the medal for the best aggregate score of the summer meeting. In the autumn he won from scratch the tournament for Captain D. S. Stewart's Jubilee vase, at St. Andrews, and at Carnoustie the second medals at both spring and autumn meetings. Of monthly sweeps, both at Hoylake and St. Andrews, he has absorbed a prodigious quantity, one of his

winning scores in the summer of 1890 at St. Andrews being 78, the lowest ever done by an amateur in a scoring competition, and within one stroke of the lowest score ever made by any amateur in practice. The course was the left-hand one, and the details are as follows:—Out, 4 6 4 5 4 4 4 4 = 39; Home, 4 3 4 5 5 4 5 4 = 39; total 78.

Perhaps more than any of his compeers, Mr. Macfie may be cited as an exponent of Golf as it should be played; some there are who play a more powerful, hard-hitting game, being gifted with greater physical strength, but often their history is that of brilliant recoveries after loose shots, while Mr. Macfie on the other hand relies on the perfect accuracy of every single shot he plays, and, like Jamie Anderson, carries out the admirable policy of never making a bad one. Often and often is he to be seen with a brassej or play club in his hand, a full drive away from the hole, while the opponent has an iron shot to play; but so deadily is his full shot, that no one with an iron is likely to get inside him, and his antagonist may be thankful if he lays himself as close. Hence it makes no particular difference to Mr. Macfie though he does find himself out driven, and even as to this none but the exceptionally long drivers are able to get even this advantage over him, whatever that may be worth. He plays very easily to himself, never pressing, always on the line, and the nearest line to the hole. In approaching and putting he is almost unrivalled; any particularly difficult shot, such as a short pitch over a bunker out of a bad hole, he is rather more likely to lay dead than not. For shots of this description he uses various sorts of irons and mashies, with all of which he is the most thorough artist. He is endowed with an almost Oriental pliability of limb, and is seldom to be seen sitting on a chair like an ordinary mortal, preferring rather to get his limbs tucked and twisted under him in a way that would dislocate the joints of anybody else, were they to attempt it; thus at Golf his wrists have a freedom of play which is probably of great service to him. He delights, as we have said, in working out theories, and to this end may frequently be seen armed with a mashy or niblick, with ten or a dozen balls all round him on the links, engaged in some juggling operations. One feels somehow that it would be a matter of no great surprise if he began to keep them all up in the air at once, allowing them to drop one by one stone dead at the hole or in it, when he had finished. It may safely be said that Mr. Macfie is a most remarkable player, standing as he does at the very top of the tree, and this despite the fact that unfortunately he is far from being gifted with that robustness of constitution and physical vigour to which almost all the first-class players can lay claim.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

MORAY GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday afternoon the monthly competition for the captain's prize, took place among the members of this club on the course at Lossiemouth in fairly good weather. There was a little wind, and the putting-greens were in excellent order. Twelve competitors started, and as the competition is a scratch one, the prize fell to Mr. J. M'Isaac with an actual score of 86 strokes. The next best in order of merit were Mr. J. S. Urquhart, 89; Mr. F. W. Gibb, 91; and Mr. J. Adams, 92.

DORNOCH.—In good golfing weather on Saturday the weekly prize was competed for. A good many players turned out, but a stiff breeze on the home-coming half made low scoring difficult. The top scorers were:—Messrs. Geo. Bridgeford, 91, less 7=84; H. A. A. Kennedy, 87, less 2=85; P. H. Don Wauchope, Edinburgh, 93, less 8=85; P. Park, Inverness, 91, less 3=88; J. Sutherland, 88, plus 3=91; Professor Nicholson, Edinburgh, 103, less 12=91; M. Macdonald, 91, plus 1=92.

DUNFERMLINE.—The annual competition for the medal presented by Mr. James Dick took place on the Ferryhills course on Saturday. The trophy was won by Mr. H. B. Ferrier with the scratch score of 79. Other scores:—Mr. J. W. Robertson, jun., 89, less 6=83; Mr. P. Goodall, 79, plus 5=84; Mr. W. Robertson, jun., 92, less 8=84; Mr. J. G. Campbell, 105, less 18=87; Mr. R. H. Robertson, 98, less 8=90; Mr. Robert Reid, 102, less 12=90; Mr. James Gillespie, 104, less 12=92; Mr. D. Gilmour, 100, less 6=94; Mr. A. B. Don, 102, less 8=94; Mr. D. M. Scott, 109, less 15=94; Rev. D. L. Ritchie, 106, less 10=96; Mr. R. Telford, 106, less 8=98; Mr. J. Dick, 113, less 15=98; Mr. J. T. Spence, 111, less 12=99.

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ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The following are the scores in the handicap cup (seventh competition) played on August 29th:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. T. Ridley ...	47	41	88	6	82
Mr. E. J. Dent... ..	53	49	102	16	86
Mr. W. Smith... ..	51	48	99	13	86
Mr. T. A. Hutton ...	54	52	106	18	88
Mr. J. B. Dale... ..	46	47	93	4	89
Mr. J. Milton... ..	55	50	105	15	90
Mr. W. R. Healley ...	55	55	110	20	90
Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	45	46	91	scr.	91
Mr. J. Hedley... ..	49	53	102	10	92
Mr. E. S. Osborn ...	52	55	107	9	98

BEARSDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Smith gold medal took place on Saturday, the 5th inst. On account of the unfavourable character of the weather few competitors turned out. Mr. Andrew Jamieson was found to be the winner with 115, less 16=99.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

In fairly good though dull weather the eighth monthly competition for the silver medal presented by the honorary secretary, was decided on Saturday last, the 5th inst., the winner being Mr. T. W. Killick, with 85 net, followed by Mr. H. F. Ransome with 90. The lowest gross score was made by Mr. T. Creswick Oliver with 95.

Arrangements are being made for the eight winners to compete for possession of the medal on October the 3rd under special handicap, when there should be a close and lively struggle. Golf here has been greatly interfered with during August by the dreadful weather and the absence of many regular players, but on Saturday there was a larger gathering, and the green became very lively with red coats and all kinds of smart golfing costumes.

From now onward the game gives every promise of being vigorously played, and our numbers are rapidly filling up. The following are the results of Saturday's play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. T. W. Killick	121	36	85	Mr. J. Pattison	108	12	96
Mr. H. F. Ransome	97	7	90	Mr. Lionel B. Wells	124	28	96
Mr. F. V. Williams	106	14	92	Mr. W. S. Mainprice	109	10	99
Mr. H. Staffurth	104	12	92	Mr. C. Hopkinson	124	20	104
Mr. S. W. Gillett	96	3	93	Mr. F. Merriman	122	14	108
Mr. T. Creswick				Mr. Frank Falkner	132	16	116
Oliver	95	scr.	95				
Captain Hobbs	108	12	96				

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The Berens medal was played for on Saturday, the 5th inst., with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. W. Thompson	95	15	80	Mr. F. B. Maddison	103	10	93
Mr. A. N. Scott	112	25	87	Mr. H. T. Ross	113	20	93
Mr. W. O. Baily	93	5	88	Mr. H. E. Acklom	102	8	94
Mr. H. R. Burnett	119	30	89	Mr. C. W. Johnson	124	30	94
Mr. A. Denman	93	3	90	Mr. H. R. Scott	117	20	97

Twelve players made no return.

CAPE GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly medal competition of the Cape Golf Club was recently held on the new links, Rondebosch. There was a fair attendance of members. Owing to the recent rainy weather, the links were in very difficult condition for play. The competitors were therefore very much handicapped, and the scores handed in by no means afford an indication of members' true form. As will be seen from the score appended, a keen competition took place between Messrs. Grant and Walker, resulting in the first-named becoming the winner of the medal. The following is the score:—Mr. P. C. Grant, 113 strokes; Mr. G. Denholm Walker, 114; Mr. Anthony Bell, 124; Mr. Alexander Bell, 142; Mr. P. Leeb, 145; Mr. H. G. Cloete, 148; Mr. A. A. Philip, 149; Mr. L. H. Cary, 172; Mr. J. P. Watermeyer, 177; Mr. W. H. Finlay, 181; and Mr. W. A. Eaton, 192.

Messrs. T. L. Graham, H. Juta, and Sir C. Metcalfe did not hand in their cards.

A friendly match was played between the Cape and Garrison Golf Clubs, on the links of the latter at Wynberg Camp. The teams were six a-side. The following is the result:—Mr. G. Denholm Walker (Cape) beat Captain Massy (Garrison), 10 holes up; Mr. Grant (C.G.C.) beat Lieutenant-Colonel O'Callaghan (G.), 11 holes up; Mr. Alexander Bell (C.G.C.) beat Lieutenant Stewart (G.), 4 holes up; Mr. Graham (C.G.C.) beat Captain Ward (G.), 2 holes up; Mr. H. G. Cloete lost to Captain Newland by 1 hole; Mr. Anthony Bell lost to Captain Northcott by 2 holes. The Cape Golf Club thus win by 24 holes. The best individual scores were those of Mr. Grant and Mr. G. Denholm Walker, of 102 and 109 strokes.

CATHKIN BRAES GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold medal was competed for on Saturday, the 5th inst., but as elsewhere in the district the weather was a great drawback to an enjoyable game. The following are the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. D. S. Salmond.	102	8	94	Mr. J. Osborne	112	14	98
Mr. G. D. Armour.	109	14	95	Mr. W. Crosbie	107	8	99
Mr. G. H. Robb	106	10	96				

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap was played on Wednesday, September 2nd. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Sir Bevan Edwards	96	22	74	Mr. Jeffery	108	14	94
Mr. J. E. Peat	119	35	84	Mr. Beeching	138	35	103
Mr. A. R. Peat	113	24	89	Mr. Carson	140	35	105
Major Wicke	113	24	89	Mr. Kenyon-Stow	140	35	105
Mr. Morris	110	20	90	Rev. A. Day	140	28	112
Mr. Froy	95	3	92	Mr. Hall	149	35	114
Mr. Gill	108	16	92	Dr. Simpson	162	35	127
Mr. St. Quentin	103	10	93				

Seven others made no return.

On Thursday, September 3rd, two matches were played between Ramsay Hunter, green-keeper at Sandwich, and Jack Campbell, who has lately come to Sandwich from Musselburgh. The first was won by Campbell, 3 up and 2 to play, and the second by Hunter, by 2 holes. The course is still heavy in places, and the lies rough, but it is hoped that much may be done this winter to make it into a good inland course. The putting-greens are good, and the hazards numerous. Twelve months ago the course was deserted, now there are as many players as the ground will accommodate.

The ladies' handicap was played Friday, September 4th, over the short course.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Alice Eccles	100	10	90	Miss Eccles	124	15	109
Miss Carson	117	25	92	Miss Paine	132	10	122
Miss Augusta Eccles	99	6	93	Miss P. Jeffery	151	25	126
Miss Edwards	102	6	96	Mrs. Jee	162	25	137
Mrs. Peat	121	25	96	Miss Jeffery	185	25	160

FORFARSHIRE.

The members of the Montrose Academy Club recently held a competition for the lowest score medals. The senior medal was won by Mr. James Cumming at 100, and the junior by Mr. Archibald Clark at 107.

The return match between teams chosen from the workmen employed in Chapel Works and Victoria Planing Mills came off on Montrose links last Saturday. The game was played in foursomes, and at the close it was found that the saw-millers were the victors by 6 holes. The following are the details:—

VICTORIA PLANING MILLS.		CHAPEL WORKS.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. G. Cobb and Mr. E. Cobb	0	Mr. W. Cobb and Mr. J. Findlay	1
Mr. E. M'Donald and Mr. A. Oliphant	1	Mr. D. Cobb and Mr. J. Leggatt	0
Mr. J. Winton and Mr. A. Patterson	5	Mr. J. Edwards and Mr. W. Douglas	0
Mr. J. Buick and Mr. J. Douglas	0	Mr. D. Burgess and Mr. J. Hardy	7
Mr. D. Stott and Mr. A. Ritchie	2	Mr. W. Mitchell and Mr. A. Mitchell	0
Mr. A. Duncan and Mr. J. Hardie	4	Mr. J. Crabb and Mr. R. Wilkie	0
Mr. W. Towns and Mr. J. Burgess	4	Mr. A. M'Lean and Mr. J. Jarvis	0
Mr. D. Wilkie and Mr. J. Mitchell	6	Mr. A. Jack and Mr. J. Forrest	0
Mr. C. D. Napier and Mr. W. Coutts	2	Mr. R. Martin and Mr. A. Graham	0
Mr. G. Fenton	0	Mr. A. Carr	1
Mr. J. Moir and Mr. D. Murray	0	Mr. D. Rodger and Mr. J. Falconer	3
Mr. R. Reith and Mr. A. Reith	0	Mr. D. Russel and Mr. W. Middleton	4
Mr. C. Graham and Mr. J. Gouk	0	Mr. D. Blues and Mr. A. Bruce	2
Mr. W. Stephen	0	Mr. J. Burnett	0
	24		18

On Saturday the Monifeth Club held a competition, when the Panmure silver and average medals, accompanied with club prizes and sweepstakes, were played for. Twenty couples competed, and on the cards being handed in it was found that the Panmure medal had been won by William Hutcheson at 82, and the average medal by Thomas

Lillie at 99, being 11 below his average. The club prizes and sweepstakes were gained as follows:—First class—Scratch, average and first sweepstakes, William Hutcheson, 82, below; 2, James C. Burns, 85, below 1; 3, John Hendry, 85, average; 4 and 5, tie between John R. Fairweather, 84; Captain Hunter, 89; and David D. Smith, 90, all one above. Second class—Scratch, average, and first sweepstake, William Lorimer, jun., 86, below 8; 2, Alexander Bowman, 92, below 4; 3, 4 and 5, tie between William Hampton, 92, Alexander Johnston, 92, and Thomas Adams, 97, all 3 below. Third class—Scratch, tie between George Davidson and Thomas Lillie, both 99; average and first sweepstake, Thomas Lillie, 99, being 11 below; second sweepstake, tie between Thomas Bruce, 111; George Smart and Alexander Grieve, both 112, all 3 below. The scores under 90, which failed to get a place on the prize list, were made by James Young and David Robertson, both 84; David Dempster, 85; David Dargie and Thomas Brimer, 88; and William Harris, 89.

FORRES.

The annual match between teams chosen by the captain and vice-captain of the above club, was played over the Kinloss course on Wednesday, September 2nd, when the captain's team won. Scores:—

CAPTAIN'S TEAM.		VICE-CAPTAIN'S TEAM.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. A. McHardy	1	Mr. J. Sutherland	0
Mr. A. B. Finlay	5	Dr. Carruthers	0
Mr. H. Finlay	6	Mr. A. Fraser	0
Mr. J. Seymour Keay, M.P.	1	Mr. D. K. Stewart	0
Mr. J. Burn	0	Mr. R. B. Stephen	4
Dr. Fowlie	0	Mr. J. M'Isaac	5
Mr. G. Milne	0	Mr. R. Aiken	1
Mr. A. M'Pherson	0	Mr. W. M'Donald	2
Mr. H. M'Intosh	2	Mr. R. M'Kenzie	0
Mr. A. M'Donald	1	Mr. C. Stewart	0
Mr. J. M. Hutcheson	4	Mr. J. Gordon	0
Mr. A. Finlay	0	Mr. D. McLennan	4
Mr. J. Gray	5	Mr. R. Archibald	0
Mr. J. Stewart	5	Mr. F. Ross	0
Mr. G. Taylor	0	Mr. R. J. Douglas	0
	30		16

Majority for captain's team 14 holes.

The annual dinner of the club was held in Mr. M'Donald's Royal Station Hotel in the evening, Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P., the president of the club presiding. Mr. Finlay was supported on the right by Ex-Provost Burn, captain of the club, and by Mr. J. Seymour Keay, M.P.; on the left by Mr. A. McHardy, captain of the Inverness Club, Mr. A. B. Finlay and Master Finlay. The croUPIERS were Mr. John Leask, hon. secretary, and Mr. John Sutherland, vice-captain. After an excellent dinner, the Chairman proposed the health of the Queen, and said they were all glad she was at present living amongst them. The chairman in proposing the toast of the Forres Golf Club, alluded to the success which had attended the club ever since its formation two years ago, its membership and funds having doubled. After sketching the history of Golf, which was started in Scotland, Mr. Finlay said he defied any man to tire of Golf, and strongly advocated the playing of the game by holes and not by strokes. He also was in favour of the retention of "stimies." Ex-Provost Burn replied, and proposed Mr. Finlay's health, which was enthusiastically pledged. The health of Mr. John Leask, hon. secretary, was also proposed. During the evening songs and recitations were given by Mr. Seymour Keay, Baillie Gray, Dr. Carruthers, Dr. Fowlie, Messrs. Hugh M'Intosh, James Stewart, R. Bond and Alfred Jeans.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

The elements were altogether against golfing in the west of Scotland on Saturday, the 5th inst., and at Alexandra Park, where the competition for the three monthly medals took place, matters were experienced at their worst. There was, nevertheless, a large turn-out of spectators, and the scoring was equal to the average. The following are the results:—

CLUB MEDAL.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Dr. Duffus	81	3	78	Mr. R. Wood	83	3	80
Mr. J. Mack	83	3	80	Mr. D. G. Miller	83	2	81
Mr. A. Muir	83	3	80				

WILSON MEDAL.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Rev. D. Watson	87	11	76	Mr. F. Ross	86	7	79
Mr. J. Guthrie	87	9	78	Mr. J. Baird	88	9	79
Mr. W. E. Bond	84	5	79	Mr. J. Risk	90	11	79
Dr. Colville	84	5	79	Mr. J. M. Falconer	90	11	79
Mr. J. Hamilton	85	6	79				

SCOTT MEDAL.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. Paterson ...	86	14	72	Mr. W. E. Griffin...	93	14	79
Mr. J. H. Miller ...	91	18	73	Mr. J. H. Colvil ...	95	16	79
Mr. J. Donaldson ...	90	16	74	Mr. J. McGlashan...	97	18	79
Mr. J. Herriot ...	92	14	78	Mr. A. V. Lothian...	93	13	80
Mr. A. P. Muir ...	96	18	78	Mr. J. Todd ...	98	18	80

For the club medal Mr. J. Storrar went round in 79, less 2=77, but being already on the list of winners he made way for the next best scorers.

GRANTOWN v. FORRES.

On the afternoon of Monday, the 31st ult., the return match between the Grantown and Forres Clubs took place over the green of the former club at Grantown. The weather was very unfavourable, and the result of the game was a decisive victory for Grantown. A knowledge of the green did much to aid the local men, but, apart from this, the game was won on its merits. Scores:—

GRANTOWN.		Holes.	FORRES.		Holes.
Mr. D. H. Gillan ...	...	8	Mr. J. Sutherland ...	...	0
Mr. R. Winchester ...	...	5	Mr. J. F. Carruthers ...	...	0
Mr. G. Harvey ...	...	12	Mr. A. McPherson ...	...	0
Mr. J. R. Burgess ...	...	4	Mr. A. Fraser ...	...	0
Mr. D. Winchester ...	...	8	Mr. D. K. Stewart ...	...	0
Mr. J. Stewart ...	...	6	Mr. G. Milne ...	...	0
Mr. J. Winchester ...	...	15	Mr. W. McDonald ...	...	0
Mr. T. McIntosh ...	...	0	Mr. A. Ledingham ...	...	0
		58			0

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The Niblick jug was competed for on Saturday last, in fine weather, when sixteen members faced the starter. The winner turned up in the hon. sec., Mr. P. N. Lee, who takes the jug, having previously won it in the spring. Players who intend taking part in the open events played on Saturday, the 19th inst., should communicate with the hon. sec. as soon as possible, who will forward particulars on application. Full return:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. P. N. Lee ...	108	20	88	Mr. B. Hirst ...	127	30	97
Mr. W. F. Potter...	126	36	90	Mr. R. G. Scott ...	133	36	97
Mr. A. Potter ...	122	30	92	Mr. A. Knight ...	135	30	105
Mr. J. A. Carpenter	137	43	94	Mr. A. Irwell ...	152	45	107
Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield	116	20	96	Mr. W. Stead ...	156	45	111
Mr. W. H. Scott ...	126	30	96	Mr. R. Braithwaite	154	43	111

Former quarterly winners, Rev. Irton Smith, P. N. Lee, and F. H. Howson.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of the above club was played for on September 1st and 2nd, with the subjoined results. The ladies were sorely hampered by a gale of wind, that made accuracy of approach more than difficult. The gentlemen played next day under somewhat happier conditions. That promising young golfer, Mr. J. S. Scott, again won the medal, and we have every hope to see him some day repeating his local triumphs on fields of more renown.

LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Miss E. Board ...	107	16	91	Miss L. Bartlett ...	128	27	101
Miss A. Stewart ...	112	12	100	Miss Board...	139	27	112
Miss K. Watney ...	116	16	100				

Miss E. Board scored a second well-deserved success.

GENTLEMEN.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. J. S. Scott ...	97	3	94	Mr. Norman Watney	130	27	103
Mr. H. P. St. John	108	12	96	Mr. H. G. Scott ...	137	18	119
Mr. J. C. Patteson	123	27	96				

NEWBIGGIN CLUB.

The fourth contest for the club prize was played off last Saturday, over the Newbiggin links, in fine weather, and the greens were in excellent condition. It is satisfactory to learn that the season has proved most successful, and, encouraged by this fact, the club intend to still further help to popularise the game, and next year will offer more prizes for competition. The scores on Saturday were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. J. Hedley ...	99	6	93	Mr. J. G. Sharp ...	108	10	98
Mr. J. L. Loraine...	104	10	94	Mr. T. Hutton ...	112	13	99
Mr. M. P. Ismay ...	114	19	95	Mr. J. L. Bell ...	103	4	99
Mr. Millons ...	107	12	95	Mr. C. J. Ismay ...	120	20	100
Mr. D. Rosser ...	113	16	97	Mr. B. Brumell ...	119	18	101

Messrs. E. Short, F. W. Wyndham, J. Tate, R. Lange, G. Longstaff, made no returns.

NORTH BERWICK.

Golf has been in vogue during the past week over the links at North Berwick to an extent that must have satisfied the most ardent admirers of the royal pastime. Brilliant gatherings were held on the green on Wednesday and Thursday, and at the ladies' course on Friday. One of the more interesting events of the season in the shape of a regatta fête was being given on Saturday; but even this important counter-attraction proved all too insufficient to appreciably lessen for the day the duties of the starter at the teeing-ground. Amongst visitors to the links in the course of the week exceptionally distinguished in the golfing world were the amateur champion, Mr. J. E. Laidlay, and the ex-champion, Mr. Horace Hutchinson. Members of Parliament were represented as exponents of the game by the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, the Right Hon. the Dean of Faculty, and Mr. Donald Crawford, all of whom have been engaged in friendly matches here. Again, the nobility and gentry who either engaged in play or honoured the links with their presence on days of competition included her Grace the Dowager Duchess of Roxburghe, the Lord Mayor of London, Hon. Evan Charteris, Sir William De Vœux, Alderman Evans, Sheriff Sir William Farmer, Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, Sir Alexander Kinloch, Sheriff Orphoot, &c. Amongst the more interesting of the many singles and foursomes engaged in during the week were the following:—On the afternoon of his arrival at North Berwick the Chief Secretary took part in a foursome in which Mr. Horace Hutchinson was also engaged. Bernard Sayers had a round on Friday with White and Lumsden, two of the younger local professionals. Ben played his own ball against the better of the balls of his opponents, losing by three at the Gate. He was, however, in admirable form, and completed the round in the very low total of 71. Whilst Sayers was engaged Davie Grant was also not idle, playing consistently with his reputation in a match with Mr. W. Thomson against White and Douglas. After an exciting finish the game stood all level. Another very fine score in a foursome was registered by Mr. L. S. Anderson with Lumsden as partner against Rev. F. L. M. Anderson and Sayers. The former couple covered the out half of ten holes in 40, and had 34 for the home portion, beating their opponents by four up and two to play. In a foursome the Chief Secretary had two rounds, and Mr. Horace Hutchinson was round with Mr. W. M. De Zoete. On Saturday the Dean of Faculty, partnering Sayers, opposed Mr. Donald Crawford, M.P., and Mr. Fleming. The couples played on level terms in a first round in the forenoon, and, as Mr. Balfour and the professional proved more than a match for the opposing couple, they conceded odds of "half-one" in a second tussle in the afternoon. The first result was just overturned, the losers of the forenoon winning on this occasion at the last hole. Mr. W. Merriles won the monthly handicap trophy of the Bass Rock Club on Saturday. The attendance was unusually small.

NORTH BERWICK CLUB.

Fine though rather breezy weather attended the opening day of this very old and select club. There was a small turn-out of competitors on Wednesday; but this was no exception to the rule, as the gathering is chiefly of a social character. A party of members and friends accordingly assembled within the marquee erected near the home green, where luncheon was served to over fifty ladies and gentlemen on the first day of the meeting and some twenty on the second day, several of the company having left on Thursday to enjoy a visit per steamer to the historic Bass Rock. On Wednesday morning Sayers dispatched the following competitors for the scratch gold medal, the couples being:—Right Hon. A. J. Balfour and Capt. R. G. Suttie; Capt. N. M. Wylie and Mr. C. Innes Kerr; Hon. Evan Charteris and Mr. J. R. Whitecross; Mr. J. E. Laidlay and Mr. W. M. De Zoete; Colonel Anderson and Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple; Sir Alexander Kinloch, a bye. The amateur champion had inevitably to pay the penalty attached to fame in the golfing world, he and his partner being accompanied round the green by a fair crowd of admiring spectators. Mr. Laidlay had a somewhat unpromising start. Having half-topped his second shot and followed up with rather weak play on the green, he required six to Pointgarry-out against five by Mr. De Zoete. The short-putting of the champion was again faulty at the second hole, for, although the balls were like as they lay on the green in four, Mr. Laidlay required seven to get down against six by his partner. From this point, however, Mr. Laidlay exhibited much of his true form, securing the next hole in four against six by his partner, who was unfortunate in driving towards the sand from the tee. The amateur champion had thus the honour in driving for the Trap, and maintained his position to the close, and, although Mr. De Zoete had a few good halves, his green play in the home game was less sure than is his wont. Mr. Laidlay was out in 46—not by any means a brilliant score on an ordinary day, but a very fair figure in view of the strong gusty wind. With a splendid home game he finished in 79, and this on such a day easily entitled him to first place. Although Mr. De Zoete had fallen ten strokes behind him he found himself second in scratch order, a score of 90 or under being a fair one on Thursday. On

the previous occasion Sir George Houston Boswall had gained the gold medal with 87. Mr. Laidlay with plus three, and Colonel Anderson with minus ten, headed the handicap list at 82 net, and the other scores were—Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, 96, less 13=83; Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, 102, less 15=87; Hon. Evan Charteris, 95, less 7=88; Mr. W. M. De Zoete, 89, scratch; Mr. J. R. Whitecross, 86, less 6=90; Capt. R. G. Suttie, 101, less 7=94; and Sir Alex. Kinloch, Capt. N. M. Wylie, and Mr. C. Innes Kerr, no return. Amongst the older members of the club present was Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, who, however, did not engage in the competition. At a business meeting of the club Sir Alexander Kinloch was elected to the office of captain, in room of the Marquis of Tweeddale, who retires by rotation. The arrangements were carried out in a manner reflecting credit on the hon. secretary, Mr. David M'Culloch.

Thursday was wholly devoted to friendly matches by the members of the old club. Receiving a stroke a hole from Mr. Horace Hutchinson, the Chief Secretary lost a single by four and three to play. The bye was halved. Colonel Anderson had a round with Captain Suttie, the former winning a good game by four. Mr. De Zoete drove off with Mr. John Penn. Capt. Innes Kerr and Capt. Wylie had a very interesting foursome with Colonel Anderson and Capt. Suttie, the former couple winning a close match by two. Mr. W. M. De Zoete, Mr. De Zoete and his son, Mr. H. W. De Zoete, were successful over the Chief Secretary for Ireland and Mr. Horace Hutchinson by four, the winning couple receiving a start of two holes.

NORTH BERWICK LADIES' CLUB.

Undoubtedly one of the most enjoyable meetings of the season connected with this flourishing club was that of Friday last, when members, honorary members and associates were engaged from morning till evening in a mixed-double tournament. The conditions to decide the champion couple for the day were scratch and by holes, and to the honour attaching to success was added an intrinsic reward in the form of a handsome carriage-clock, whilst a second prize took the shape of a valuable pair of opera-glasses. These were the gifts respectively of Mr. George Dalziel and Mr. W. Gibson Bloxson. All the details of the meeting were most satisfactorily overtaken by Captain N. M. Wylie, Mr. G. Dalziel, Mr. B. Hall Blyth and Mr. D. A. Stevenson, and amongst the many interested spectators of the play were the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Lady Frances Balfour, Sir William De Vœux, Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, Sheriff Sir William and Lady Farmer, Alderman and Mrs. Evans, Mr. Donald Crawford, M.P., Hon. Mrs. Spens, Sheriff Orphoott, Provost Brodie, Mr. J. R. Whitecross, Mrs. Dalziel, Mrs. Gillies Smith, Misses Stevenson, Mrs. Charles Stevenson, Mrs. Gordon Robertson, Rev. F. L. M. Anderson, Mr. R. M. Harvey, Mr. Lyall, &c. Very much interest was manifested in the play, especially after the first round, when the byes of eleven couples joined in the contest, and gave the green a very animated aspect. Mr. C. R. Gillies Smith with Miss Gillies Smith, and Mr. Edward L. I. Blyth steadily wended their way to the final round, not, however, without some anxious moments in semi-final, whence they successfully emerged after the finest of tussles for victory. Indeed, Mr. Gillies Smith and his sister had rather an uphill battle for some time, Mr. Frank Dalziel and Miss Dalziel leading them at one time in the second half by as many as three holes. Subsequently the game of the ultimate winners was very fine, however, and they pulled off the match by two and one to play. Mr. F. Dalziel and his sister showed also an admirable all-round game. Just as these couples had finished, the second foursome in the semi-final was increasing in interest, and the spectators now devoted all attention towards it. The close of the round was only consistent with the previous portion of an equal game, and an additional hole had to be played ere Mr. Blyth and Miss M'Culloch could claim victory over Mr. C. L. Dalziel and Miss B. Anderson. As might have been anticipated the final round was keenly contested, and at the last hole but one the destination of the first prize was still a matter of uncertainty, Mr. Gillies Smith and Miss Gillies Smith then standing "dormy" one. Amidst much applause they halved the last hole, and so won a really splendid game. The first prize accordingly fell to Miss Gillies Smith, whilst the second award was carried off by Miss Ethel M'Culloch. Appended are the first draw and results:—Captain N. M. Wylie and Miss Bloxson v. Mr. George Napier and Miss Spens; Rev. F. L. M. Anderson and Miss Ada Gillies Smith v. Mr. D. A. Stevenson and Miss Roberts; Mr. G. Gordon Robertson and Miss Edith M'Culloch v. Mr. C. Gillies Smith and Miss Gillies Smith; Mr. W. B. Blaikie and Miss Napier v. Mr. Gerald Harvey and Miss Redmayne; Mr. L. Stuart Anderson and Miss Anderson v. Mr. Frank Dalziel and Miss Dalziel.

The byes were as appended:—Mr. R. M. Harvey and Miss Crum Ewing; Mr. J. G. B. Thomas and Miss Thomas; Mr. J. M'Culloch and Miss Evelyn Campbell; Mr. C. L. Blaikie and Miss Spratt; Mr. C. A. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson; Mr. E. L. I. Blyth and Miss Ethel M'Culloch; Mr. B. Hall Blyth and Miss Blyth; Mr. R. F. Smith and Miss L. Smith; Mr. C. A. Jopp and Mrs. Savory; Mr. C. Dalziel and Miss Blanche Anderson; Major Money and Miss Madeline Campbell.

First Round.—Mr. George Napier and Miss Spens beat Captain N. M. Wylie and Miss Bloxson by 6 up and 5 to play; Rev. F. L. M. Anderson and Miss Ada Gillies Smith beat Mr. D. A. Stevenson and Miss Roberts by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. C. R. Gillies Smith and Miss Gillies Smith beat Mr. G. Gordon Robertson and Miss Edith M'Culloch by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Gerald Harvey and Miss Redmayne beat Mr. W. B. Blaikie and Miss Napier by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Frank Dalziel and Miss Dalziel beat Mr. L. Stuart Anderson and Miss Anderson by 4 up and 3 to play.

Second Round.—Mr. George Napier and Miss Spens beat Rev. F. L. M. Anderson and Miss Ada Gillies Smith by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. C. R. Gillies Smith and Miss Gillies Smith beat Mr. Gerald Harvey and Miss Redmayne by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Frank Dalziel and Miss Dalziel beat Mr. R. M. Harvey and Miss Crum Ewing by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. J. S. B. Thomas and Miss Thomas lost to Mr. J. M'Culloch and Miss Evelyn Campbell by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. C. L. Blaikie and Miss Spratt beat Mr. C. A. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. E. L. I. Blyth and Miss Ethel M'Culloch beat Mr. B. Hall Blyth and Miss Blyth by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. R. F. Smith and Miss L. M. Smith beat Mr. C. A. Jopp and Mrs. Savory by 1, after tieing; Mr. C. L. Dalziel and Miss Blanche Anderson beat Major Money and Miss Madeline Campbell by 7 up and 6 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. C. R. Gillies Smith and Miss Gillies Smith beat Mr. G. Napier and Miss Spens by 7 up and 5 to play; Mr. Frank Dalziel and Miss Dalziel beat Mr. J. M'Culloch and Miss Evelyn Campbell by 1 hole; Mr. E. L. I. Blyth and Miss Ethel M'Culloch beat Mr. C. L. Blaikie and Miss Spratt by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. R. F. Smith and Miss L. M. Smith lost to Mr. C. L. Dalziel and Miss Blanche Anderson by 7 and 6 to play.

Fourth Round.—Mr. C. R. Gillies Smith and Miss Gillies Smith beat Mr. Frank Dalziel and Miss Dalziel by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. E. L. I. Blyth and Miss Ethel M'Culloch beat Mr. C. L. Dalziel and Miss Blanche Anderson by a hole, after tieing.

Final Round.—Mr. C. R. Gillies Smith and Miss Gillies Smith beat Mr. E. L. I. Blyth and Miss Ethel M'Culloch by 1 hole.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS GOLF CLUB.

MARSHALL, WANE AND CO.'S PRIZE.

The first round in the tournament for the above prize was concluded on Saturday in very disagreeable weather. Fortunately, most of the ties had been completed previously, and though eight ties fell to be decided only three were played, five of the other players obtaining walks over. The round is twenty-four holes, and the victor in the final tie wins the prize. There were, in all, fifty-four entries, and a sufficient number obtained byes in the first round to make sixteen couples in the second round, which must be finished by Saturday, 19th inst. The following is the result of the first round:—Mr. T. McLaren (14) beat Mr. W. McCracken (24), scratched; Mr. Allan Muir (12) beat Mr. A. Y. Peattie (16); Mr. R. M. Kellie (20) beat Mr. H. G. Peattie (18); Mr. Andrew Muir (8) beat Mr. Adam Runcie (16); Mr. Robert Raeside (12) beat Mr. Jas. Howat (6); Mr. H. M. Giles (12) beat Mr. H. Lumsden (18); Mr. W. H. Griffen (16) beat Mr. D. Ferguson (12); Mr. John Wallace (12) beat Mr. J. H. Rodger (16), scratched; Mr. W. E. Griffen (18) beat Mr. W. Smith (16); Mr. Jas. Andrew (3) beat Mr. J. S. McKelvie (12); Mr. John Taylor (16) beat Mr. C. L. Randall (scr.); Mr. Mat Allison (14) beat Mr. T. Andrew (24), scratched; Mr. Jas. Wilson (16) beat Mr. R. Smith (18); Mr. W. A. Kennedy (12) beat Mr. D. Young (20) scratched; Mr. A. J. Larke (12) beat Mr. John Mickle (18), scratched; Mr. John Gray (8) beat Mr. Thos. Kay (14), scratched; Mr. J. B. Cowap (18) beat Mr. D. Walker (18), scratched; Mr. Jas. Tullis (8) beat Mr. A. M. Turner (10); Mr. T. P. Oliver (20) beat Mr. John Morton (24); Mr. R. Pyper (16) beat Mr. J. Bowden (20); Mr. Andrew Boon (scr.) beat Mr. T. Weir (16).

An interesting three-ball match took place over the Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Links on Friday last, the players being Mr. Jas. Gibson, Prestwick St. Nicholas; Mr. Robert Adam, secretary, Irvine Golf Club; and Mr. C. L. Randall, who holds the amateur record for the links. Unfortunately, the match could not be concluded, but the first round of nine holes was completed, in, Mr. Adam, 39, Mr. Randall, 39, and Mr. Gibson, 40. Going out again, Mr. Randall completed six holes as follows:—4 4 3 3 5 4.

RANFURLY CASTLE GOLF CLUB.

With the rain pouring in torrents it is not surprising that only seventeen players went out to compete for the club gold medal. The weather was indeed of such a character as might well have deterred the most devoted golfer from venturing out. As it was, however, the play was not under the average, as may be gathered from the undernoted results:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. L. Wilson	...	111	30	81	Mr. W. Colville	...	130 30 100
Mr. R. Mitchell	...	99	7	82			

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The September competition for the Turner medal under handicap took place at the Earlswood links on the 5th inst., and resulted in a tie between Mr. Leonard Horner (8) and Mr. G. Emmet, of Croydon (20). Upwards of 20 members played, but the following were the only cards returned below 100 net:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. H. Emmet...	103 20 83	Mr. A. Schacht ...	91 scr. 91
Mr. L. Horner ...	91 8 83	Mr. E. Pinkerton ...	108 13 95
Mr. H. D. Tucker...	111 27 84	Mr. A. J. Eames ...	103 7 96
Mr. H. B. Fox ...	101 15 86	Mr. W. B. Avery ...	113 16 97
Mr. J. C. Tucker ...	111 22 89	Mr. C. J. Trevarthen	128 30 98

The tie was played off by a full round of 18 holes on the 7th inst., with the result that Mr. G. H. Emmet became the holder of the medal for the current month.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday last, September 5th. The weather was very favourable, and the putting-greens, under the care of the new professional and green-keeper, have greatly improved. Many of the members being absent, the number of entries was very small. The result was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Thomson Glover	93 12 81	Mr. A. L. Jockel ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. Charles Cowper	119 36 83	Mr. J. E. Webb ...	133 36 97
Mr. A. Allen ...	85 scr. 85		

Several members made no return, or were over 100 net.

The first autumn meeting will be held in October, when a Scandinavian cup presented by the captain, Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart., and other prizes, will be competed for.

The club continues to increase in numbers, and at Michaelmas next will change its head-quarters from the present temporary rooms to more commodious accommodation in Sudbrook Park House (formerly a residence of the Marquis of Bute, now a residential hotel), which is most conveniently situated in the midst of the links.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was competed for on the 1st inst. The wind blew very strongly from the south-west all day, and some of the putting-greens showed signs of the rough weather they had recently experienced. Three members tied for the medal with net scores of 123. Details of play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Schacht ...	127 4 123	Mr. W. H. M. Christie ...	159 30 129
Mr. A. H. Newington	128 5 123	Mr. J. R. Baillie ...	144 14 130
Mr. A. T. Young ...	131 8 123	Mr. H. H. Turner	134 2 132
Mr. W. E. Hughes	134 7 127	Mr. J. S. Sawyer ...	141 9 132
Mr. C. Lethbridge...	145 18 127	Mr. W. Morris ...	146 10 136
Mr. Robert Whyte	129 1 128		
Mr. John Osmond	144 16 128		

Mr. I. J. Baillie, no return.

Monday, 7th Sept.—The above mentioned tie was arranged to be played off on this day. Mr. A. T. Young, scratched, Messrs. Schacht and Newington, played, the former eventuating as the winner. Scores: Mr. A. Schacht, 120, less 4=116; Mr. A. H. Newington, 125, less 5=120.

TOURNAMENT AT KINGHORN.—On Saturday the members of Kinghorn Golf Club commenced a tournament which extended over three days, the prize being a medal presented by an Edinburgh member. The following is the result:—Mr. George R. Hepburn (2) beat Mr. William Renton (5) by five holes, Mr. Thomas Smith (1) beat Mr. A. W. Key (7) by three holes, Mr. G. B. Key (4) beat Mr. George Oswald (2) by one hole, Rev. J. Johnston (2) beat Mr. T. N. Hepburn (5) by five holes, Mr. Thomas Watt (1) beat Mr. David Clark (5) by five holes, Mr. James Wyllie (4) beat Mr. Alexander Munro (6) by five holes, Mr. Thomas Scott (2) and Mr. Adam M'Pherson (scratch) a tie, Mr. W. P. Drummond (4) beat Mr. James M'Pherson (4) by five up and four to play, Mr. Felix Skene (2) beat Provost Smith (6) by seven holes, Mr. James Hepburn, jun. (5), and Rev. J. D. Hay (5) a tie, Mr. William Mann (4) beat Mr. James Dickson (6) by two holes. The members of Kinghorn Thistle Club played for the Dunsire cup on Saturday. Mr. James Mitchell handed in the best score, 98, less 18=80. The other good scores in order were—Mr. David Mackie, 101, less 12=89; Mr. David Masterton, 108, less 17=91; Mr. J. Alexander, 98, less 6=92; Mr. T. Taylor, 108, less 16=92.

BRUNTSFIELD ALLIED.—The members of this club turned out on Saturday afternoon on the Braids to play their annual handicap competition for the silver medal and other prizes. The boisterous weather made low scoring difficult. The following are the winners of prizes:—Silver medal and first prize, Mr. Thomas Aitken, 86, less 8=78; 2nd and 3rd (tie), Mr. A. Kinross, 97, less 18=79, and Mr. D. M'Arthur, 105, less 26=79; 4th, Mr. W. K. Smith, 104, less 24=80; 5th, Mr. T. Hogg, 85, less 4=81; 6th, Mr. J. M'Leod, 91, less 9=82; 7th, Mr. W. Niven, 84, plus 1=85.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The seventh competition for the monthly medal and optional subscription prizes, all under handicap, took place at Hoylake on Saturday last in fine weather. Thirty-five couples competed. The extended course was adopted, i.e., the old eleventh, or "Alps" hole, has been done away with, and the new "Meols," or old twelfth hole (re-christened the "Alps"), thus making a long and sporting hole from the Punch-Bowl, or tenth hole. The "Lake" putting-green has been extended some eighty yards, and a new short hole made towards the Stanley Road in place of the old "Alps" and named the "Meols." These alterations render the green more difficult. Notwithstanding this, Mr. John Ball, jun., played a fine game, returning a score of 81, as follows:—

Out ...	5 5 5 4 5 3 4 3	6=40	} 81.
In ...	5 6 5 3 5 5 2 5	5=41	

On examination of the cards it was found that the Rev. J. G. Denison and Mr. Chas. Darbyshire, with their net scores of 88, had tied for the medal and a win in for the first optional subscription prize and divided the first and second sweepstakes—the third sweepstake being divided between Messrs. John Ball, jun., R. W. Brown, and K. A. Farrar. A win in for the second optional subscription prize was tied for between Messrs. A. H. Huntington and C. J. Crowther at their respective scores of 110, less 18=92, and 112, less 20=92. The result of the play was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Rev. J. G. Denison	95 7 88	Mr. T. Owhe Potter	110 10 100
Mr. C. Darbyshire...	98 10 88	Mr. J. E. Perrin ...	114 14 100
Mr. John Ball, jun.	81 +8 89	Mr. P. Brown ...	126 26 100
Mr. F. P. Crowther	89 scr. 89	Mr. J. R. Wells ...	111 10 101
Mr. H. A. Farrar ...	91 2 89	Mr. Chas. Holt ...	112 11 101
Mr. K. W. Brown...	93 4 89	Mr. Wm. Thomson...	111 9 102
Mr. A. Turpin ...	91 scr. 91	Mr. Jas. B. Lloyd...	122 20 102
Mr. A. H. Higgins	96 4 92	Mr. N. Darbyshire...	121 18 103
Mr. C. J. Crowther	110 18 92	Mr. Geo. Bickham...	119 15 104
Mr. A. Huntington	112 20 92	Mr. D. C. Scott ...	120 16 104
Mr. John Dun ...	101 8 93	Mr. E. Macdonna ...	115 9 106
Mr. H. W. Forster	106 12 94	Mr. J. Hume ...	128 22 106
Mr. John Bushby ...	107 13 94	Mr. Nigel Stewart...	133 25 108
Mr. J. A. Smith ...	112 16 96	Mr. J. Moore ...	129 19 110
Mr. H. Keef ...	114 18 96	Mr. Theo. Turpin...	130 20 110
Mr. E. Whineray ...	102 4 98	Mr. C. Pilkington...	115 } Not
Mr. J. Hornby ...	99 +1 100	Mr. C. H. Braucker	124 } handi-
Dr. J. Davidson ...	106 6 100	Rev. W. P. Skelding	141 } capp'd
Mr. John Farrar ...	110 10 100		

Thirty-three competitors made no return.

On the tie being played off between the Rev. J. G. Denison and Mr. Chas. Darbyshire for a win in for the first optional subscription prize, the latter played a strong and steady game, accomplishing the round in 90, less 10=80, and won, his opponent returning no card.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. James Tweedie, late of Liverpool, news being received from Chicago, where he died on the 24th August, aged 52. He was hon. treasurer to the club from 1869 (the year the club was founded) to 1873, and hon. sec. from 1873 to 1879. A golfer well known on both sides of the Tweed, and who did much to further the welfare of the Royal Liverpool during his years of office.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The tie for the club cups resulted in a win for Mr. F. W. Purvis, the scores being as follows:—Mr. F. W. Purvis, 90, less 7=83; Capt F. N. Friend, 107, less 18=89.

The twelfth competition for the Wilson gold shield took place on Saturday over the links at Seaton Carew, it being the first competition for this shield that has been played over the new course. It is now being competed for in one round of the course, and not a round and a-half as was the case over the old course of 14 holes. There was a strong wind blowing, which made it hard work for the players going out. The winner's score was: Out, 56; in, 44; total, 100. On examining the cards, Mr. H. Simpson was found to be the winner with a net score of 81, and was heartily congratulated on his success.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Simpson ...	100 19 81	Mr. J. B. Dale ...	92 1 91
Mr. G. Newby ...	94 6 88	Mr. A. Robinson ...	98 6 92
Mr. E. R. Lindley...	105 15 90	Mr. Seymour Walker	99 6 93
Mr. F. W. Purvis ...	95 5 90	Mr. C. J. Bunting...	108 10 98
Mr. O. K. Trech-		Mr. G. Newby Wat-	
mann ...	100 9 91	son ...	124 25 99

Messrs. J. W. Marshall, W. Purves, A. R. Paton, A. B. Wilson, H. Doughty, W. Ropner, and A. Gladstone, retired.

ST. ANDREWS.

The chief event during the past week has been the Jubilee vase competition amongst members of the Royal and Ancient. For the first two days the weather was cold and showery, but the final stages of the tournament were played in good weather. Though the least im-

portant of the fixtures of the Royal and Ancient, there were thirty-eight entries, and they were set off in the order noted below. The handicap was by holes with strokes. The following were the players:—Captain J. R. Scott (16) and Mr. G. Nicol (7); Mr. A. Shewan (6) and Mr. J. Robertson Reid (6); Mr. J. L. Luke (5) and Mr. J. H. Aitken (6); Lieut.-Col. Alex. Boyd (14) and Mr. C. G. Hamilton (7); Mr. R. A. Hull (4) and Mr. A. L. Christie (5); Mr. W. R. Sharp (8) and Mr. G. H. Grant (7); Mr. J. Henry Anderson (7) and Mr. L. Keyser (8); Mr. J. L. Stewart (9) and Major P. Chalmers (6); Major W. B. Craigie (15) and Mr. H. A. Bethune (4); Mr. Arthur N. Stewart (scratch) and Mr. G. L. Chambers (8); Captain G. M. Boothby (5) and Mr. G. M. Muir (8); Mr. J. Oswald (6) and Captain F. W. Marshall (4); Mr. T. Tate (9) and Mr. B. C. Wyld (6); Mr. A. Briggs (4) and Mr. Edward Scratton (6); Mr. R. Gilroy (4) and Mr. A. Nimmo, jun. (5); Mr. H. H. Longman (11) and Mr. H. S. C. Everard (owes 1); Mr. D. I. Lamb (owes 1) and Colonel D. W. Mackinnon (scratch); Mr. T. Jeffrey (7) and Mr. E. D. Prothero (2); Mr. T. Simson (4) and Mr. H. S. Colt (2).

The result of the first round was as follows:—Mr. G. Nicol beat Capt. Scott by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. A. Shewan beat Mr. J. Robertson by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. G. H. Aitken beat Mr. J. L. Luke by 2; Lieut.-Col. Boyd beat Mr. C. G. Hamilton by 3 and 1 to play; Mr. R. A. Hall beat Mr. A. L. Christie by 2; Mr. G. H. Grant beat Mr. W. R. Sharp by 4; Mr. L. Keyser beat Mr. J. H. Anderson by 2; Mr. J. L. Stewart beat Major P. Chalmers by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. H. A. Bethune beat Major Craigie by 2; Capt. G. M. Boothby beat Mr. G. F. Muir by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. J. Oswald and Capt. F. W. Marshall halved; Mr. T. Tate beat Mr. B. C. Wyld by 7 and 6 to play; Mr. Ed. Scratton beat Mr. A. Briggs; Mr. R. Gilroy and Mr. A. Nimmo, jun., halved; Mr. H. S. C. Everard beat Mr. H. A. Longman by 5 and 4 to play; Col. D. W. Mackinnon beat Mr. D. I. Lamb by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. E. D. Prothero beat Mr. T. Jeffrey by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. A. N. Stewart beat Mr. G. L. Chambers; Mr. H. S. Colt beat Mr. F. Simson.

Second Round.—Mr. G. Nicol beat Mr. A. Shewan by 5 and 3 to play; Lieut.-Col. Alex. Boyd beat Mr. J. H. Aitken by 6 and 5 to play; Mr. G. H. Grant beat Mr. R. A. Hall by 2; Mr. L. Keyser beat Mr. J. L. Stewart by 6 and 5 to play; Mr. H. A. Bethune and Mr. A. N. Stewart halved; Mr. J. Oswald beat Mr. G. M. Boothby by 5 and 4 to play; Capt. F. W. Marshall beat Mr. T. Tate by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. R. Gilroy beat Mr. Ed. Scratton by 1; Mr. H. S. C. Everard beat Mr. A. Nimmo, jun., by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. E. D. Prothero beat Col. D. W. Mackinnon by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. H. S. Colt a bye.

Third Round.—Mr. H. S. Colt beat Mr. G. Nicol by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. G. H. Grant beat Lieut.-Col. Boyd by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. H. A. Bethune beat Mr. L. Keyser by 2; Mr. J. Oswald beat Mr. A. N. Stewart by 2 and 1 to play; Captain F. W. Marshall, w.o.; Mr. R. Gilroy scratched; Mr. E. D. Prothero beat Mr. H. S. C. Everard by 1.

Fourth Round.—Mr. H. S. Colt beat Mr. G. H. Grant by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. H. A. Bethune beat Mr. J. Oswald by 2; Mr. E. D. Prothero beat Captain F. W. Marshall.

Fifth Round.—Mr. Prothero had a bye, and the semi-final lay between the Colonel and Mr. Bethune, the holder of the vase. In this round Mr. Colt was victor by 3 holes.

The final tussle now lay between Mr. Colt and Mr. Prothero. After a series of halves, Mr. Prothero got repeatedly into difficulties, and he turned at the end hole 2 down. Homeward, Mr. Prothero was more fortunate, and he once again brought the match all square, but the Dyke and the Burn hole fell to Mr. Colt, and he became victor by 2 and 1 to play. The scores were: Mr. Colt—out, 41, in, 46=87; Mr. Prothero—out, 45, in, 48=93. The victory of Mr. Colt was well deserved, he having played a consistently good game all through.

A competition took place last week amongst past and present members of the Children's Golf Club for prizes presented by Mrs. Bruce Johnston and Mr. J. Lindsay Bennet. The winners were:—Former Members: Archie Boyd, 72; Frances Sinclair, 72—tie. On playing off the tie, in one round, the result was—A. Boyd, 38; F. Sinclair, 39. Senior Girls: Marjorie Meiklejohn, 73; Mary Simson, 73—tie. One round played to decide—M. Meiklejohn, 36; M. Simson, 37. Senior Boys: 1, Harry M. Simson, 69; 2, Thomas Sinclair, 74. Junior Boys: 1, Allan M'Neill, 78; 2, John R. Simson, 87. Junior Girls: 1, May Boyd, 79; 2, Agnes Prain, 90. The day after another competition took place for a series of prizes presented by Mrs. M'Neill, and the scores for these were as under:—Old Members—Girls: 1, Ettie Houston, 67; 2, Kitty M'Neill 74. Boys: 1, Dunlop Rintoul, 75; 2, Robert Rice, 78. Senior Girls: 1, Mary Chiene, 77; 2, Joan Simson, 78; 3, Mary Simson, 79. Senior Boys: Ned Scratton, 74; David M'Neill, 74—tie; decided in one round, thus—Ned Scratton, 40; David M'Neill, 41. Thomas Sinclair, Arthur Boyd, and Harry Simson were each 77, and thus tied for third place. When they played off, with one round, Simson won with a score of 36. Junior Girls: Agnes Prain, 87; 2, Sally Tarver, 112. Junior Boys: 1, Allan M'Neill, 77; 2, Seymour Mellor, 96.

The open championship has been fixed to take place at St. Andrews on Tuesday, 6th October. The members of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club have further exhibited their interest in the caddies by providing a shelter for them at the north end of the club-house. It is a neat little place, constructed of corrugated iron, and ought to be a means of considerable comfort to them during the winter months.

There are now daily between 80 and 100 matches played over the green every day. Ben Sayers and Grant, North Berwick, arrived in St. Andrews on Monday to prepare for their encounter with the brothers Kirkaldy. The match is exciting a great deal of interest.

STINCHCOMBE HILL GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the monthly competitions were played. It was late before the hill showed much sign of life, and, although upwards of sixty members and visitors drew round the very pretty tea which Mrs. Edwards had kindly brought from Stancombe Park, only about a dozen of each sex essayed the whole of the eighteen holes.

GENTLEMEN.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Bengough ...	106 24 82	Mr. H. Goldingham	109 22 87
Mr. G. Jenkinson ...	103 20 83	Mr. C. F. Vizard ...	112 22 90
Rev. T. H. Philpott	105 20 85	Mr. M. Graham ...	119 28 91
Mr. C. Gillanders ...	95 8 87	Col. O. M. Graham	121 30 91

Mr. Peto, Col. Granville Browne, and Revs. D. Edwards and A. K. Cornwall made no return.

LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss J. Cornwall ...	129 25 104	Miss C. Graham ...	129 10 119
Miss G. V. Guise ...	121 12 109	Miss Cornwall ...	169 40 129
Mrs. Bengough ...	151 35 116		

Mrs. Granville Browne, Miss V. Graham, and several others made no return.

THE COUNTY GOLF CLUB, PORTRUSH.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S FOURSOME TOURNAMENT.

The first ladies' and gentlemen's tournament under the auspices of this club was held on the Portrush Links on Saturday last, the 5th inst., and, in spite of very bad weather, proved a marked success. Although the rain and wind interfered sadly with the comfort and play of the competitors, and with the pleasure of the spectators, the number of both players and onlookers was large. There were 40 entries, in which Belfast, Aghnacloy, Buncrana, Killymoon, Dungannon and cross-channel clubs were well represented. To the ladies had been accorded the privilege of selecting their partners, and at the council meeting on Friday evening the handicaps were fixed, and the foursomes drawn in the order of the play. The competition was by holes and in heats over nine holes of the long course, except in the case of ties, when play was continued till a hole was won. Up to about two o'clock, when the third heat was concluded, the weather had been fine, but soon after rain set in, and continued without intermission till after the tournament closed at six o'clock. The play went on, notwithstanding, the pluck and endurance of the lady competitors who braved, without umbrella or waterproof, the weeping elements being greatly admired. Nor did the incessant rain deter a number of spectators from following the fortunes of the rival players, Miss C. Adair, Cookstown, and Mr. W. H. Webb, Randalstown, against Miss F. Hamilton, Aghnacloy, and Dr. W. D. Moore, Devizes, Wiltshire, in the semi-final. The last-named pair, having on equal terms defeated their opponents by 3 holes up and 1 to play, then met Mrs. J. M. Russell, Portrush, and Mr. Woodside, Portrush, who, besides giving 3 strokes, had just beaten Miss L. Batt, Belfast, and Mr. J. S. Alexander, Portlengone, by 3 up and 1 to play, in the final. The interest culminated in this concluding trial of skill, which was exercised by mutual arrangement over eight holes, and the contestants were followed round the course by quite a crowd of eager onlookers. The fourth hole was won by Miss Hamilton and Dr. Moore, the second and third were divided, and the first, fifth, sixth, and seventh were won by Mrs. Russell and Mr. Woodside, who were thus, amid applause, declared the victors by 3 up and 1 to play. Mrs. Russell and Miss Hamilton played a remarkably strong and steady game, while the skilful play of Mr. Woodside, and scarcely less so that of Dr. Moore, showed that these gentlemen are destined to a place in the front rank of amateur golfers. The figures in the first heat denote the handicap:—

First Heat.—Miss L. M'Keown and Mr. J. M'Keown (4) beat Mrs. Craig and Mr. J. E. Proctor (8); Miss Brooks and Mr. A. D. Gausson (4) beat Mrs. Procter and Mr. G. V. Craig (7); Miss K. Hamilton and Mr. W. S. Harris (4) beat Miss C. Mulligan and Mr. H. C. Kelly (5); Miss F. Hamilton and Dr. Moore (2) beat Miss Webb and Dr. Magill (5); Mrs. Russell and Mr. Woodside (2) beat Mrs. Moutray and Mr. H. Adair (3); Miss Dickson and Mr. J. M. Dickson (4) beat Miss M'Gee and Mr. S. C. Kelly (3); Miss L. Batt and Mr. J. S. Alexander (5)—bye; Miss E. Batt and Mr. John Patrick (6)—bye; Miss Norah Adair and Mr. W. A. Munnis (4) beat Miss Grimshaw and Mr. C. J. Webb (7); Miss Constance Adair and Mr. W. H. Webb (2) beat Miss Fleming and Mr. J. S. G. Usher (6).

Second Heat.—Miss Brooks and Mr. A. D. Gausson beat Miss L. M'Keown and Mr. J. M'Keown; Miss F. Hamilton and Dr. Moore (gave 2 strokes) beat Miss T. Hamilton and Mr. W. S. Harris; Mrs. Russell and Mr. Woodside (gave 2) beat Miss Dickson and Mr. J. M. Dickson; Miss L. Batt and Mr. J. S. Alexander (gave 1) beat Miss E. Batt and Mr. J. Patrick; Miss C. Adair and Mr. W. H. Webb (gave 2) beat Miss N. Adair and Mr. W. Munnis.

Third Heat.—Miss F. Hamilton and Dr. Moore (gave 2) beat Miss Brooks and Mr. A. D. Gausson; Mrs. Russell and Mr. Woodside (gave 3) beat Miss L. Batt and Mr. J. S. Alexander.

Semi-Final.—Miss F. Hamilton and Dr. Moore beat Miss C. Adair and Mr. W. H. Webb.

Final.—Mrs. Russell and Mr. Woodside beat Miss F. Hamilton and Dr. Moore.

Competitors and spectators afterwards met at the club-house, when Mr. J. S. Alexander, D.L., in the absence of the popular captain, Mr. W. H. Mann, presented the prizes.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The ninth contest for the club cup took place at Ryton last Thursday afternoon, Sept. 3rd, in splendid weather. Mr. Wilfred Farr proved successful with a net score of 89. He is thus entitled to compete in the final with Messrs. Blair and Oliver, each of whom have two wins to their credit.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The August competition for the club cup took place on Saturday, the 29th ult., and resulted in a very easy win for Mr. Harold Smith, who proved to be in fine form. The ground was very heavy after the rain.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Harold Smith	93 10 83	Mr. J. W. Traill	106 8 98
Mr. G. F. Twist	100 8 92	Mr. H. Norris	108 scr. 108
Mr. A. Rotherham	100 7 93	Mr. A. Dyson	139 25 114

No returns from several players.

WEST CORNWALL CLUB.

The monthly match was played on Saturday, August 29th. The results were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. F. Harvey	120 28 92	Mr. F. Harvey	145 35 110
Mr. R. Fox	117 12 105	Mr. T. Mills	143 30 113
Mr. R. F. Tyacke	126 16 110	Mr. J. Vivian	145 24 121

Dr. Mudge was called away after playing 14 holes.

A match between the Royal Cornwall and West Cornwall Clubs was played on the links of the latter on Lelant Towans on Tuesday, August 31st.

The Royal Cornwall deserves credit for bringing two teams fifty miles on one of the worst days in this unhappily wet August, and taking into consideration that four of their players had never seen the Lelant links, their position will make the West Cornwall members very doubtful as to what may happen when next they pay a visit to the western course. The result was as follows:—

WEST CORNWALL.		ROYAL CORNWALL.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mrs. Robert Fox	0	Mr. R. B. Fox	4
Mrs. R. F. Tyacke	5	Mr. Marriott	0
Dr. Thomas Mudge	0	Mr. Young-Jamieson	0
Mr. J. Mills	3	Mr. Cochran	0
	8		4

LADIES.

Holes.		Holes.	
Mrs. H. N. Harvey	6	Mrs. Salmon	0
Mrs. R. F. Tyacke	6	Miss Peter Hoblyn	0
Miss Hast	0	Mr. H. Young-Jamieson	5
	12		5

Miss Vivian (W.C.G.C.) and Mrs. Simpson (R.C.G.C.) played their first round, but, being wet through, retired. Mrs. Simpson was 4 up. Mrs. Edyvean came down with the Royal Cornwall, but as her competitor, Mrs. W. E. T. Bolitho, was not on the ground, she was unable to play.

The ladies' monthly match was played on Tuesday, September 1st:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss C. Harvey	149 35 114	Mrs. R. F. Tyacke	161 26 135
Mrs. H. N. Harvey	122 2 120	Miss Wilkinson	160 20 140
Miss M. Baufield	155 35 120	Mrs. F. H. Harvey	182 35 147
Miss Vivian	153 28 125		

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The fifth monthly competition was played over the links at Hall Road on Saturday, the 29th ult. The four members who have pre-

viously put in a win in this competition are Messrs. C. M'Laren, J. Shepherd, J. E. Pearson, and A. Stoddart. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. W. Fowler	83 scr. 83	Dr. Hewer	94 4 90
Mr. W. F. Chadwick	91 7 84	Mr. T. H. Luzemore	99 9 90
Mr. R. I. Kerr	87 2 85	Mr. N. W. Brook	100 10 90
Mr. C. C. Deane	90 4 86	Mr. R. Goold	95 4 91
Mr. L. D. Stoddart	88 1 87	Mr. J. Yates	103 12 91
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon	91 4 87	Mr. T. M. Reade	107 15 92
Mr. J. Shepherd	92 5 87	Mr. W. Potter	94 1 93
Mr. H. Rowland	101 14 87	Mr. T. A. Kirkwood	102 9 93
Mr. R. Hunt	109 22 87	Mr. W. H. Allan	103 10 93
Mr. G. F. Smith	90 2 88	Mr. R. K. Waddell	103 10 93
Mr. A. Chisholm	95 7 88	Mr. E. Dean	118 23 95
Mr. H. C. Reynolds	113 25 88	Dr. Rowlands	115 18 97
Mr. H. Durandu, jun.	100 11 89	Mr. J. Fairclough	102 2 100

ABERFOYLE.—The handicap competition for Mr. James Gale's gold medal took place on Saturday, 29th ult., under very favourable weather auspices. Mr. Daniel Fisher, Buchlyvie (18), was winner with a net score of 93; Mr. J. W. M'Kerrel Brown (scratch), came next with 97, and the third place fell to Mr. Andrew Blair (scratch), with 99. On the previous Thursday, a ladies' handicap competition took place, when the first prize was won by Miss Mary Blair, second by Miss Lina Gale, and third by Mrs. Summer.

BURNTISLAND CLUB.—The first competition for the anniversary medal, was completed on Wednesday, 2nd inst. Owing to a very high wind, the scores contrast unfavourably with those previously recorded. The following head the list:—Mr. W. Eider, 81, less 7=74; Mr. J. Venters, 78, less 2=76; Mr. R. Dover, 78, plus 2=80; Mr. T. Gordon, 87, less 7=80; Mr. J. C. Wallace, 81, less 1=80; Mr. J. Blyth, 84, less 3=81; Mr. J. W. Connel, 91, less 4=87.

BURNTISLAND V. LEVEN THISTLE.—The return match between these clubs took place on the new course at Burntisland on Saturday. Twenty-seven couples took part in the match. A high wind was decidedly against uniformly good scoring, but a few of the cards showed excellent play, the most noteworthy being that of Mr. J. Adamson, 73 for the three rounds. The chief contributors for Burntisland were:—Mr. W. Duncan, who beat Mr. W. Marshall by 8 holes; Mr. J. W. Connel 11 holes up, Mr. R. Carmichael 9, Mr. D. Connel 6, and Mr. J. Adamson 5. For Leven:—Mr. J. Wilkie gained 10 holes from Bailie Robertson, Mr. J. Kerr was 9 up, Mr. J. Barker and Mr. J. Arnot 8 each; Mr. J. Kidd 7, and Mr. W. Gordon 6. The visitors were victorious by 20 holes. Scores:—Burntisland, 55; Leven Thistle, 75.

LADIES' HANDICAP COMPETITION AT DUNBAR.—A ladies' handicap competition over twelve holes of Dunbar course was held on the 3rd inst., in splendid weather. The greens were in perfect order, and at eleven o'clock nineteen competitors were dispatched in order, in presence of a large number of spectators. When the cards were all handed in the winners were found to be:—1, Miss Ferguson (scratch), 76; 2, Miss Nellie Ferguson (scratch). Handicaps:—1, Miss S. Mackinlay, 85, less 12=73; 2, Miss Russell; 3, Mrs. Seales; 4, Miss Story; 5, Miss Helen Story; 6, Miss Bruce. The prizes were presented to the successful competitors by the Duchess-Dowager of Roxburgh.

GULLANE.—DIRLETON CASTLE CLUB.—The September competition took place on Saturday. There was a good turn-out of members, but a strong westerly wind prevented low scoring. The scratch medal and prize was tied for by Mr. Charles Smith and Mr. Alexander Litster with the score of 89. The following are the winners of the handicap prizes:—1 (silver jug), Mr. Charles Smith, 89, less 2=87; 2, Mr. J. C. Johnston, 92, less 4=88; 3, Mr. Alexander Litster, scratch, 89; 4, Mr. Edward King, scratch, 93; 5, Mr. L. Milligan, 104, less 10=94; 6, Mr. G. M. Sturrock, 102, less 7=95; and Mr. A. Gillam, 97, less 2=95, tie.

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