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1892. APRIL.
- April 20-21.—Royal Cromer : Easter Prize Meeting.
 April 20-23.—Richmond : Easter Meeting.
 April 21.—Prestwick : Spring Meeting.
 Royal Musselburgh : Quarterly General Meeting ; Mac-
 Kinlay Cup ; Gold Medal.
 April 21-23.—Royal Wimbledon : Spring Meeting.
 April 22.—Royal West Norfolk : Spring Meeting ; Gold Medal, &c.
 April 23.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
 Gullane : Spring Meeting.
 Birkdale : Hulton's Cup.
 Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
 Aberdeen : Club v. Dalhousie.
 Formby : Captain's Prizes.
 Cambridge University : Formal Opening of New Club
 House.
 Willesden : Captain's Medal.
 Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.
 Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
 Sutton Coldfield : Lloyd Prize.
 April 25.—Royal West Norfolk v. Cambridge University (Twelve
 a Side) at Brancaster.
 April 26.—Burnham (Som.) : Monthly Medal.
 April 26-27.—Bath : Spring Meeting.
 April 26, 27, 28.—Dinard : Spring Meeting ; Club Challenge Cup ;
 Dinard Cup ; Ladies Challenge Prize.
 April 27.—Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.
 April 27-29.—Royal Liverpool : Spring Meeting.
 April 27-30.—Littlehampton : Spring Meeting.
 April 28.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
 April 29.—Alnmouth : Spring Meeting.
 Cambridge University : Barrow Medal.

- April 29.—Innerleven : Spring Meeting.
 April 29-30.—Royal Eastbourne : Spring Meeting.
 Ealing : Spring Meeting.
 Sutton Coldfield : Annual Prize Meeting
 April 30.—Sidecup : Monthly Medal.
 Crookham : Monthly Medal.
 Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
 Seaford : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; and
 Monthly Medal.
 Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
 Woodford : Captain's Prize.
 Rochester : The Club v. Reigate (at Higham).
 West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
 West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.
 Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.
 Didsbury : Spring Meeting.
 Golf House Club, Elie : Spring Meeting (postoned from
 April 18).
 Sutton Coldfield : Club Dinner.

MAY.

- May 3.—Cambridge University : Linskill Cup.
 Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.
 Birkdale : Club Ladies' Prize (Final).
 East Sheen Ladies : Monthly Medal.
 May 3-5.—Brighton : Tournament for Prizes presented by Mr. Walter
 Carr.
 May 3-7.—Carnarvonshire : Bogey Competition ; Spring Meeting.
 May 4.—Durham :—Osborn Cup.
 May 5-7.—Guildford : Spring Meeting.
 May 5.—Rochester : Barham Downs (at Barham).
 May 5, 6.—Tyneside : Open Handicap Competition, Wyte Jubilee
 Cross.
 May 6.—Lanark : Hutchinson Cross and Forest Cup.
 May 6, 7.—Brighton : Spring Meeting.
 May 7.—Warrender : Monthly Medal.
 Lanark : Silver Cleek.
 Co. Down : Wallace Cup.
 Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.
 Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal.
 London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
 Richmond : Monthly Medal.
 Edinburgh University : Challenge Cup and Club Prizes.
 Disley : Spring Meeting.
 Brighton : Berners Medal.
 Lundin : Handicap Medal.
 Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
 West Lancashire : Spring Meeting.
 Sutton Coldfield : Muntz Prize.
 May 10.—St. George's, Sandwich : Champion Grand Challenge Cup.
 May 10-11.—Hayling Island Ladies : Spring Meeting ; Routledge
 Cup, and other prizes.
 May 10-12.—Burnham : Spring Meeting.
 Minehead : Spring Meeting.
 May 11-14.—St. George's, Sandwich : Amateur Championship.
 May 13, 14.—Ashdown Forest : Spring Meeting.
 May 14.—Hayling : Monthly Cup.

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THORNTON'S MATCH BALL AND CLUBS.

The large manufacturers of golf materials have been prudently utilising the off season in order to meet the strong rush for clubs and balls which takes place about this time every year. Foremost in this respect among the large firms, are Messrs. Thornton and Co., 78, Princes Street, Edinburgh, who introduce to the notice of golfers a number of articles which are indispensable in playing the game. First of all, there is their celebrated Match ball, for which they were awarded the gold medal at the International Exhibition held in Edinburgh two years ago.

This season, an improvement has been introduced in the ball, which completely coincides with what experience has indicated as the true theory of seasoning. All balls go out of shape more or less with hard play, and the paint peels off. In order to counteract this tendency, Messrs. Thornton, as the result of investigation and experiment, have found that if the raw gutta-percha is matured for three months before being made into balls, and then if the balls are kept unpainted in a certain equalised temperature for four months, afterwards painted and laid aside for another two months, not only are the balls thoroughly seasoned, but the paint, to all intents and purposes becomes a portion of the outer surface of the ball. Thus, every match ball is six months old before being sent out, and the makers warrant them accurate in size and weight. There can be no doubt that the gutta seasons more rapidly and more thoroughly when left unpainted as above described, and the result of recent test shows that the soundness of the theory is adequately established. We have recently tested this Match ball, and have found it in



all respects unexceptionable, both as to hardness, weight, flight, elasticity, depth of nicking, and freedom from any tendency on the part of the paint to chip. Among the leading players in Scotland, the ball is largely in vogue, and Mr. J. E. Laidlay, the amateur champion, Mr. Leslie Balfour, Mr. Horace Hutchinson and other first-class players have borne testimony to the high-class character of the ball. During

the quiet season, Messrs. Thornton's staff of workmen have been hard at work turning out balls, and we believe their stock of fully matured balls is close upon four thousand dozen boxes. This is a large stock, but those who try the ball will be so pleased with it that they will return again and again until the makers will find themselves hard pushed to supply the demand.

In the matter of golf clubs also, Messrs. Thornton keep abreast of the demand. They have always a large stock of clubs and irons in the newest and most improved patterns, either for gentlemen, ladies, or boys. The material is selected with great care, and the workmanship and finish leave nothing to be desired. One of their recent novelties is "the patent central balanced golf club."

By means of a sole-plate on the club

the lead is run into the centre of the club instead of at the outside, as in the ordinary club, and it is claimed that this produces a better balanced club. The soleplate also acts as a protection to the head of the club, and renders unnecessary the horn or the use of pins, thereby imparting strength and great driving power. The price of these clubs is very moderate.

Another novelty is "The Companion" patent Caddie and Walking-stick. This instrument serves the double purpose of a walking-stick and caddie, and ought to be very serviceable in the south, where good boy caddies on many links are scarce. When the walking stick is to be used as a caddie, the ferrule at the head slips aside, and by means of a joint, the curved head of the stick folds down and serves to hold the clubs as in the illustration.

Several Indian correspondents have written inquiring about a rubber grip for clubs. Messrs. Thornton provide these in red rubber, suitably roughened, and easily attached to the club. They have also a large and varied stock of waterproof golf covers with travelling hood, travelling cases for clubs, gloves, and all the other requisites for the game.

PRESTWICK.

A match of thirty-six holes was played on Tuesday, the 12th inst., by Mr. E. D. Prothero and Willie Fernie against Mr. J. A. Neilson and Archie Simpson. One round of eighteen holes was played in the forenoon and another in the afternoon, but in neither round was there a display of first-class Golf, although the result showed that the couples were well matched. The first round was halved, Mr. Prothero and Fernie coming in with a score of 83; Mr. Neilson and Simpson taking 86. In the second half of the match Mr. Neilson and Simpson had the best of it, as at the fourteenth hole they were 2 up and 4 to play, and with a half for the next hole their chances of winning were rosy; but the next two holes falling to their opponents, the match stood all square and 1 to play. In driving to the home hole, Mr. Prothero was well up to the green, while Mr. Neilson drove off the course to the right, and with his partner being short in his approach, the match fell to Mr. Prothero and Fernie by one hole.

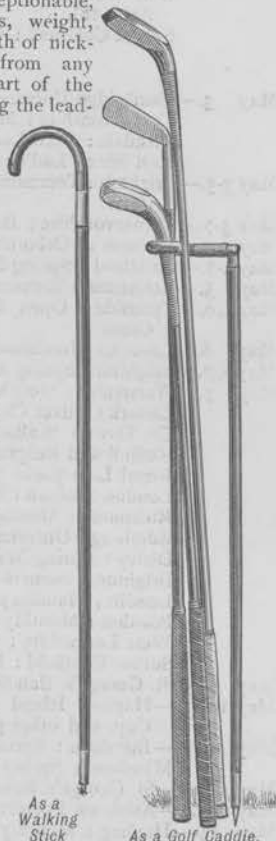
THE COQUETDALE GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., this club was opened at Rothbury, Northumberland, where very good links have been secured, adjoining the steeplechase course, known as Wolveshaugh. Mr. Donkin, jun., is secretary. The heavy snowstorm in the early morning prevented many intending players from journeying to Rothbury, but near mid-day the snow had almost disappeared, and capital scores were made. The medal was won by Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, Newcastle, and the second prize, a silver cup presented by Mr. Watson Armstrong, was carried off by Mr. Ridley, of Whitley. The players were afterwards invited to lunch by Mr. Watson Armstrong, and his good lady presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

ARCHERFIELD CLUB (DIRLETON).

A competition for prizes, presented by two of the members, was held on Saturday last. A drawing-room lamp (presented by Mr. Thos. Binnie) was won by Mr. T. D. Thomson, with a score of 84, less 4=80. Mr. Edgar's prize, a silver inkstand, for which a second round was played, was won by the Rev. J. Kerr, with a score of 88, less 4=84. Luncheon was kindly provided by the Lord of the Manor, Mr. Hamilton-Ogilvy. The greenkeeper, P. Lees, has just been appointed to keep the new green at Mortonhall, Edinburgh.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY AND QUEEN OF THE SOUTH GOLF CLUBS.—The second half-yearly competition among the members of these clubs for the Golf medal presented by Mr. Seiffert took place on Kingholm course, Dumfries, on Saturday afternoon. Mr. W. M. Blake for the second time secured the trophy, which now becomes his absolute property. His scratch score was 80, two less than that of Frank Reid, of the same club, who stood next. The following are the leading scores in the handicap contest, which was played at the same time:—Mr. James Macdonald, 92, less 20=72; Rev. W. Alexander, 84, less 11=73; Mr. F. Reid, 82, less 8=74; Mr. R. Wright, jun., 88, less 14=74; Mr. J. Dickie, 89, less 14=75; Mr. J. Morrison, 85, less 8=77; Mr. T. M. Stott, 85, less 8=77; Mr. Wm. Irving, 93, less 16=77.



As a Walking Stick

As a Golf Caddy.

CARNOUSTIE GOLF COURSE.

This famous Golf course, having recently been acquired as public property by the Police Commissioners of Carnoustie, I propose to describe the course and its surroundings. It is part of the links of Barry, which, except this small portion, have recently been taken over by the War Office for the purpose of forming a kind of Northern Shoeburyness. The Barry links are about six miles long by two miles broad, and are bordered by the German Ocean and Firth of Tay. At the corner towards the ocean there are extensive sand-hills, which form a fine background for artillery practice, while the range itself is very level. Whether the residents of the neighbourhood relish it or not, the War Office is believed to have acquired most suitable ground for its operations. The scenery around Carnoustie and the Golf course is very fine, and the neighbourhood is frequented by marine artists, one of the most famous being Mr. McTaggart, R.S.A., who is reported to have said that Carnoustie links are the most beautiful he has visited. The Golf course did not originally extend so far as it now does, but since the Dalhousie Club took it in hand it has progressed and developed until it is now only second to St. Andrews on the East Coast. And some think it better than anything on the West Coast. It has only one fault, and that is the want of a few good additional hazards for the benefit of first-class play, as against second-rate play. Perhaps my meaning will be better understood by stating that some of the holes admit of a player fooling his tee-shot, or intermediate, and yet reaching the green on as good terms as his opponent who has played two good drives and a short iron shot.

I will endeavour to point out a few of those faults as I go along. Starting from the first teeing-green, which on medal days is usually placed about one hundred yards distant from the Barry burn, which has to be crossed with the first shot, and which forms the left-hand boundary of the first and second holes, the player gets to the hole with a drive and good cleek, or iron shot. There is a small bunker on the line, and the putting-green is surrounded by all kinds of hazards, including the burn, sand-bunkers, rough grass, and a powder magazine. There is no course so difficult to start on as Carnoustie in respect of the burn. The second hole is sporting, and the distance a long drive from the teeing-green. There are bunkers to the right and left, and a deep sand-gully right in front of the hole. The putting-green is undulating, and lies in a flat-bottomed hollow with a bunker hazard. The third hole is distant two good drives, and the road to it winds up a beautiful little valley, crossed by a ditch bordered by sand-pits and broken ground, which catch a topped ball or fooled drive. After getting into the valley there is a bunker half-way across the line of play, and another in front of the putting-green. There are two teeing places for the next hole—an old and a new. Playing from the old tee, the player has to cross a broad bunker with high face, out of which it is not easy to get if misfortune lands the ball in it. Beyond that are deep twin bunkers and broken ground, and in front of the hole there is the before-mentioned ditch, which forms a grand approach hazard—a drive and iron shot. The green is large and undulating, and has bunkers to the right and left of it. The new teeing-green is equally hazardous, although not quite so terrible to the timid player as the other. The fifth hole is distant two drives and an iron shot, and the hazards for drawn or heeled balls are sufficient, but there is the want of something to catch a fooled drive. In front of the green is a long narrow bunker with upright face, out of which it is not easy to get in the proper direction, and the extension of which has greatly improved this hole. The putting-green is large and flat and very fine. A small bunker beyond the hole would further improve it. Teeing from the other side of the ditch, which forms the left-hand side of this part of the course, we start for the fifth hole. There is right in front a large bunker with high face, having been cut out of a hillock, and right and left of the hole are two bunkers. The putting-green is very large, and also serves for the twelfth hole coming home. There is required to improve the sporting nature of the hole, which is a drive and wrist iron shot, a bunker in the centre of the green as a division between the holes. The seventh hole is the longest of the

course, and takes three good drives to get home. From the tee a drawn ball is caught in an old warren, partly bunkered, with a dry ditch round it, the second drive is guarded by two bunkers to the right and left, while in the course of the third drive there is a bunker and bad ground to the right, and very rough ground to the left, while beyond the green there is rough ground and a rabbit warren. Altogether it is not an easy hole, and the player who gets down in five is very well pleased, but oftener with poor play the score is six and seven. The eighth hole is distant a drive and wrist iron shot, and is of a sporting nature, having a big bunker right in front, the distance of a good drive, and bunker right and left of the approach, so that whatever way the player approaches he must pass over one or other of the bunkers. The green is in a cup, with good pitching ground in front of it; but a bad approach is punished. The ninth hole is two good drives and wrist iron shot. The principal hazards are a peat dyke with dry ditch on each side of it, and the railway and ditch beyond the putting-green. The green is large and roomy; and while the hole is very good, it might be greatly improved if a bunker were carried across the course in front of the hole, just to enable a player better to judge distance as well as form a sporting hazard. Turning homewards, the tenth hole is guarded in front by the aforesaid peat dyke; a drawn ball may land in cow-thistles and long grass, in which good niblick practice may be had. A bunker a little beyond the fine new green would improve the play, and form a trap for a topped tee-shot to the next hole. The distance is a drive and wrist iron shot. The eleventh hole is long and well bunkered, both *en route* and round the hole, but none of the bunkering interferes with good play. The only deficiency is a trap for the topped-tee shot, which on the fine smooth turf runs as far as a good drive. The distance is two drives and wrist iron shot. The twelfth hole is a grand sporting hole, and the *bête noir* of all the duffers, who cannot get home for bunkers. With good play it is an easy four, but a fault may mean six or seven; distance a drive and iron shot. The thirteenth hole is also short and sporting, and bristles with bunkers and sand hillocks. The green is large and undulating; distance same as last. The fourteenth hole from the medal teeing-green is about the best of the course, both for play and fine scenery; there is a bunker within 50 yards of the tee, another to the right, and one beyond into which the long driver is frightened to get if he deviates in the least, but which in ordinary weather is really beyond his distance. On the left are great ridges of sand hillocks with a nice valley between; and woe betide the player if the hit is good and this direction taken. In front of the hole is a plateau, often used for a temporary green, with a nasty little trap in front, out of which more than one shot is often tried on a medal-day, when caution forsakes the player. The green is another cup, alongside of the second hole, with a ridge between. The distance is two drives and iron shot. The fifteenth hole is full of hazards, and towards the hole the Barry burn comes in on the left. In front of the hole is a pointed hillock, which often diverts the ball from the right line, a small plateau, and then a little valley, into which the hole is usually placed; but it is sometimes placed on higher ground more to the right, on a new putting-green, which ought to be carefully brought in, as the approach hazards are much more difficult, and fairer to good play than the aforesaid hillocks, off which the player never knows which way the ball may bound. The distance is a drive and iron shot. The Barry burn has now to be crossed for the fifteenth hole, and as there is a bend in the burn, if the tee-shot is not driven straight it may get into the burn either to the right or left. Beyond this burn to the left is agricultural ground, into which brings the penalty of lost hole, or playing again and losing a stroke and distance; inside of the agricultural ground are whins, and on the other side of the course bunkers, so that one has to play very straight to get home safely. There is a rough cart-road between the approach and the green, and beyond the green more whins, a plantation and pond; but the green is large, and only wild play carries the ball beyond. The distance is two drives. The seventeenth hole is short, but the ball must go straight to avoid bad lies, as there are bunkers to the right and whins to the left. There is great variety of putting-green here. The distance a drive and

iron shot. The Home hole is near the starting point, and is the only part of the course, except, perhaps, one of the teeing-greens at the thirteenth hole, where the players cross; but they are well seen, and few, if any, accidents occur. To get to the hole the Barry burn has to be twice crossed, while it is a hazard all the way on the left. The putting-green is large and level, and would be good if it were not so badly used by the caddies and others practising putting and playing off it. The distance is a drive and iron shot.

With regard to the putting-greens they are all very fine, and, it is quite apparent, get a great deal of the green-keeper's attention. The ground throughout the course is good, and while many a bad lie is got, it is only part of the luck which adds to the attraction, and develops the players' skill in the use of all the various clubs. The club hope to strengthen some of the poor ground by top dressing. The course is very crowded during the summer months, and on Wednesdays and Saturdays, particularly the Saturdays; and it says much for the good humour and patience of the golfers that more temper is not shown. A movement is on hand at the instance of the Dalhousie Club to make a short course within the present to relieve the pressure on busy days. The commissioners' consent has been obtained, and the putting-greens and hazards agreed on. The ground is very sporting, and the short course should be quite as attractive, if well kept, as the long one. It is expected to be ready for play in the spring.

THE ENTHUSIASTIC DUFFER.

(AIR: "For ever and for ever," with suggestions to the amateur vocalist.)

Oh! think what life would be to me,
Were I a champion golfer, free
To play from scratch. Ah! joy is me!¹
For ever and for ever.
But rage and hatred fill my soul,
When smilingly my friends condole,
And say—"You'll never win a hole"²
For ever and for ever."

I like to play when no one's nigh,
I blush to meet the caddie's eye,
As all around the divots fly,³
For ever and for ever.
Perchance if I were far away,
Perchance if I did no more play,
I might again be blithe and gay,⁴
For ever and for ever.

Ah, no! I could not bear the pain⁵
Of never playing Golf again;
I'll stick to th' Royal and Ancient game⁶
For ever and for ever.
I love my spoon—adore my cleft—⁷
No other pastime will I seek,
But play the game seven days a week⁸
For ever and for ever.

HOWARDIUS.

¹ With enthusiasm.

² Try and express the contempt such a remark deserves.

³ Very *piano*, but try and look as if you didn't care.

⁴ Plaintively.

⁵ Try and express great anguish and pain (without rubbing the part affected).

⁶ With great determination, and a flashing eye. (Flash the one nearest the audience, if possible.)

⁷ With great expression. Turn up your eyes, and endeavour to look like a high class tenor.

⁸ With religious fervour (being an advocate of Sunday play).

THE VINDICTIVE THEORY OF HANDICAPPING.

THIS is the theory on which the man who wins a handicap prize is cut down two, and the man who is second is cut down one. It is a system of charming simplicity, and in a very short time brings the handicapping in any club which favours it to the verge of absurdity.

This, therefore, is the theory which the "real old golfer" will wish to see universal; for he hates handicap prizes, and will hail the *reductio ad absurdum* as a blessed precursor of the *reductio ad nil*. It may be asked, who is the "real old golfer?" The question answers itself so soon as ever you meet him, for he always announces himself at once. "I know he was a gentleman, for he told me so himself," says Artemus Ward, "and he would not tell a lie about a little matter like that."

It is in the same way that we are able to know the "real old golfer." He is generally, but not always, a man of more than middle age. He has seldom driven the ball very far, or putted it very straight, nor does record of him stand forth on any scroll of fame. He considers match play the "real old game" of Golf—wherein he is right—but scarcely regards "singles" as entering into the real essence of the game at all, preferring foursomes—in partnership with a long driver, whom he will advise as to the club he should use, and of whom he will speak when the match is over as having thrown it away by declining to listen to the counsel of "a man who knows the game." The "real old golfer" is an extremely good match-maker. He has played Golf for very many years—very badly.

For his edification and delight, then, we are glad to advertise the vindictive theory of handicapping as of necessity conducive to the abolition of all handicap competitions whatsoever. From an instance very recently falling under our observation we may point this moral. There is a certain green, quite English, of which the wisdom of its cabinet ministers has decided the ideal scratch score to be 83. In point of fact, Colonel Bogey, who in those parts is human, goes round in rather more. It has also to be borne in mind that on the handicap list of this club appears one of those very common anomalies, "a man below scratch." He owes 6. For the anomaly man, therefore, to reach the scratch score, it would be necessary to go round in 77. At a big competition of professionals, in fine weather, prizes were given for score play, and the best score made in three days' play was 82, so that the 83 ideal, with a super-ideal man owing 6, is a tolerably high one.

Eighty-three, then, being the ideal of the green, at which score it should be the handicapper's aim that the prizes should be won, we find, as a result of the application of the vindictive principle, that one long-handicap man was round in 71 at the last competition, another in 77, with several others between that score and the ideal scratch, at such figures as are quite above the vindictive handicapper's notice.

Now, what possible result could be more pleasing than that to the "real old golfer"? Could there be anything more calculated to the utter suppression of this horrid handicap prize system which he so abhors—chiefly because he would never have a chance of winning any of the prizes, except at a handicap allowance which would seriously discount the value of his most liberally given and precious criticism? It is altogether eminently satisfactory.

Moreover, it takes very little consideration to show that this is no casual or accidental result, but that it may be invariably relied upon where this system is persevered in.

For, presuming—and it is a very large presumption—that your handicap is right and fair at the beginning of the year, and that you have twelve competitions annually, you will punish twelve primary and twelve secondary offenders, presuming again that none win, or be second more than once. So that, even if you do mete out to these malefactors such a punishment as fits the crime, and so start them all fair again for the next twelve months, how about the balance of your players? In this balance there is certain to be a section which will be in what is called the improving class, and another section which is stationary, or “improving for the worse;” and you have left these improving players severely alone, so that they will crop up as a new factor in the perpetual *reductio ad absurdum*.

So let the “real old golfer” take heart, for this is no fancy picture, but a record of stern facts. True, the vindictive handicapper will not always rigidly adhere to the two for a win, one for a second, penalty—he will so far permit himself a little discretionary licence—but he will say, “Oh, yes, we knew so-and-so was a good player; but we had no good recorded score to go by.”

Sometimes, even, players will claim to arrange the terms of their private matches according to the provisions of the vindictive handicap; but this is going beyond the wishes of the “real old golfer” himself, for it tends to the abolition of the game of Golf altogether, since on such terms it is apt to become intolerable. And is it not robbing the game of one of its great features if there is to be no display of the real old diplomacy in the making of the match?

To prove the rule that the vindictive theory leads to the *reductio ad absurdum* there is a pregnant exception. In the island of Jersey there are weekly competitions; the vindictive principle is unflinchingly applied, and the result is excellent handicapping. But this need not cause the “real old golfer” any alarm. To achieve this result you must multiply your competitions hugely; also, you must get your golfers on to an island, you must keep them there that they may not practise and improve elsewhere and come back to stultify you; and you must search for his odds at the Customs House any newly landing golfer. Under these exceptional circumstances the vindictive theory justifies itself, but under these alone.

At certain clubs, it is true, other principles are adopted. The handicappers exercise their judgment, and try to start all the players on an equality, without too rigid a reference to the Doomsday book; but the vindictive principle seems to be gaining ground steadily, and therein is the real old golfer’s best hope for the ultimate abolition of handicap competitions.

HORACE G. HUTCHINSON.

THE ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

During the Easter holidays, the links at Hoylake were crowded with golfers; there being no prize competition, singles and foursomes were enjoyed. The weather on the whole was favourable, but the wind was bitterly cold. Among the numerous players, some well-known cricketers, who have done service for their respective universities and counties were conspicuous, viz.: Messrs. A. G. Steel, H. B. Steel, F. L. Steel, H. A. Richardson, P. J. T. Henery, W. F. Whitwell, W. S. Patterson, G. R. Cox, George Bird, P. Eccles and H. Eccles, together a pretty good eleven. The spring meeting takes place on the 27th and 29th inst., when a good gathering is expected. The usual party from Edinburgh have secured their rooms, and the Messrs. F. A. and W. E. Fairlie, and Mr. F. C. Crawford are to be amongst the numerous visitors. With a little rain the links will be in excellent order; and fine weather is only necessary to make the meeting a success.



At St. Andrews, on the 12th inst., in a friendly match with Mr. D. Low, of Cambridge, A. Kirkaldy holed out the round in 80, missing a short put for 79. Considering the present state of the greens, the score is an excellent one.

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Messrs. Lunn and Co., Oxford Circus, have presented the Southdown Ladies’ Golf Club with a finely-finished driver, to be competed for as soon as the matches can be arranged.

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Hugh Kirkaldy, the champion, succeeds Harry Hunter as professional to the Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells Golf Club, and begins his duties at Forest Row this week.

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The Spring meeting of the Golf House Club, Elie, was fixed for Saturday last. About eight in the morning, snow began to fall, and by the time the competitions were to start, 11.30, there was between three and four inches of snow on the links. The meeting had therefore to be postponed, and, as will be seen from our lists of fixtures, is to be held on the 30th inst.

SHETLAND GOLF CLUB.—The spring meeting of the Shetland Golf Club, when the Fort handicap prize was played for, was held on Saturday, April 9th:—Mr. C. D. Laurenson, 114, less 18=96; Mr. J. B. Anderson, 129, less 30=99; Mr. A. A. Porteous, 135, less 36=99; Mr. A. Mitchell, 118, less 16=102; Mr. A. M’D. Reid, 122, less 18=104; Mr. A. C. Hay (scratch), 108; Mr. A. Sutherland, 145, less 36=109; Mr. H. Sheenan (scratch), 110. Six other members also handed in cards.

DALKEITH.—The Rev. Dr. Gray has secured the medal and first Grize of a silver inkstand at the spring competition of the Dalkeith Tolf Club, which took place over two rounds of Musselburgh links. Twelve members took part, and at the close of the game it was found that three players had tied for the silver handicap challenge medal with a net score of 87 each. The lowest scores were:—Rev. Dr. Gray, 93, less 6=87; Mr. W. M’Lennan, 101, less 14=87; Rev. A. A. Gray (scratch), 87. On playing an extra round, the Rev. Dr. Gray made 44, less 3=41; Mr. M’Lennan, 51, less 7=44; and the Rev. A. A. Gray (scratch), 48.

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THE ST. ANDREWS RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The Royal and Ancient Club hold their half-yearly meeting soon, and through the medium of your paper I would respectfully suggest that steps be taken at that meeting to alter the wording of some of the rules, such as rules 4, 14, and 34. It may be thought presumption in an outsider to make such a suggestion, but as nearly all Golf clubs play subject to the St. Andrews rules, outsiders have an interest in the rules being expressed in plain and unequivocal English, and properly punctuated, which the present edition of the rules is not. Some of the wiseacres may be surprised to learn that your rendering of Rule 34 is insisted on in actual play.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A SECRETARY.

April 13th, 1892.

AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It is with a feeling vastly stronger than mere indignation, however just and righteous, that I have for some time past noted the waxing aggressiveness of the votaries of the sickly and enervating pastime, to the unblushing promotion of whose interests your journal is—if I may say so without offence—devoted with such misdirected energy.

Far be it from me, as a woman, to further embitter the already sufficiently strained relationships that subsist between ordinary human nature and its relentless, pernicious, and omnipresent foe, by dropping, like Mr. Wegg, into quotation, however apt. Let me put it in brief that the mere names of Birnam Wood, Vallombrosa, and Sennacherib call up suggestions with regard to number that, in their seeming applicability, one would fain banish and forget. Under this head I would simply urge that it is only during a period of extreme religious depression that the dancing dervish seeks company; he prefers to dance alone, and he is then, it may be added, seen at his best.

Not that I would, for a single moment, deride or malign, much less condemn, our great Scotch industry as being in itself necessarily inimical to the welfare of the Commonwealth, or even mankind; on the contrary, it is willingly, and, indeed, cheerfully, conceded that, under certain circumstances—say, extreme age or youth—it may be a true boon and blessing. For, surely, it is vastly pleasing to see a cheerful foursome of elderly ladies set out upon a bright and sunny forenoon (of course, on their own links), with hopes beating high, and never a reck of wrathful whin or baleful bunker; and the thought that you will see them again—say, to-morrow or next week—is very refreshing indeed. But as for aged men, they should, in my opinion, be only allowed to play in the very early morning, before other people have had breakfast, or, of course, after dusk, in which case they might certainly be allowed to do two rounds, or even three, if they liked. But it is much more healthy before breakfast—don't you think?

As to extreme youth, the less said the better; but at that apparently premature time when the creatures begin to toddle,

this ill-starred revival of a dread and long half-dead caper, of which priest and pagan had till lately never dreamed, should, above all, be held *anathema*! The adult lunatic, no doubt—and, we admit, excusably—is proud of a pretty loft now and then (and, for that matter, always); but, as a general rule, he perpetrates his iniquity out of doors. But the damage that may be done by a single boy, ambitious of fame before his time, and quite regardless of locality, rouses feelings in a parent's breast far other than those of admiration. The only admirer, in fact, and certainly the most voluminous recorder, is the glazier—and his cognates, who thrive and batten on the eccentricities of boyhood. Even little girls (who, until this barbarous revival, were surely the dearest and sweetest gift of the high gods to man) have been known to play false to the angelic instincts with which, rightly or wrongly, they have been credited by a fond parent.

"Susan is not very well this evening, mamma, and has gone to bed," said my eldest girl; but—a highly encouraging result of judicious training in early piety—she added in a sombre voice—"The truth is, mother, she was three up!"

"My child," I replied solemnly; "Your statement reflects great credit on both—upon you as the representative of truth, and your sister as a representative golfer. Always treasure in your memory that Golf and truth are not necessarily incompatible—they may, in fact, be consistent sometimes, often, usually—nay, always!"

I had not till that moment been aware that my girl had any pronounced tendency to sneezing; but I hastily concluded my maternal admonition:—"My dear, sometimes!"

So far, good or bad; but when we are brought face to face with the common enemy in their ill-omened but triumphant march towards maturity, we confess to being staggered—bunkered—dumb.

Yet, how much to say!

With the spring the youthful Peter, although familiar as the rest of us, no doubt, with the sweet lines of many a dainty bard, awakes to a life unknown alike to Chaucer and Lord Tennyson (from whom, by the way, the humble golfer has long ceased to hope for any elegy in honour of Old Philp, or any epithalamium in remembrance of the Old sinner's mother-in-law). And what is Peter doing? Why, Peter is looking out his clubs; and Marion—to us, personally, the name is not actively suggestive of gay glee—is relegated for the nonce to a subsidiary position among, say, bunkers, ruts, railway-fences, bogs, burns, and such things as one feels entitled to blame one's partner for.

And Marion herself—what of her? At the age of fourteen and a half or so, Marion was a bright, glad, joyous girl—a giddy butterfly, who expressed surprise when she did not hole out at twenty feet—with a swing as free as her own tresses in a quarter-gale on Largo Bay (in short, if Old Philp had known her, she would certainly have been Old Mrs. Philp No. 2 or 3 or 4, as the case might be), and thought she knew a golfer when she saw him. Foolish lassie! It may be broadly affirmed that all girls worth a button have originally a natural and perfectly justifiable preference for a good driver; but, as time speeds, they find that some pawky fellow—some hang-dog Uriah Heep, who lays his long puts dead with an utter want of variety that makes ordinary monotony seem cheerful—has the obnoxious practice of coming in seven or eight up day after day; which is, of course, more than sufficient to sap the devotion of the fondest girl. Few girls will come in down even once without a tear; none, twice running—much less thrice, as was the case of Peter and Marion. There is no doubt that Peter was much to be pitied; but our sympathies extend to dear Marion also, surely.

From all which may be deduced the bald and staggering fact that Golf is to the love of youth a canker, a blot, an explosive and the cause of elegies in mixed language.

In middle life, as in old age, it severs the loyal attachments of years, and disintegrates the home. Darby was never at any time, so far as we know, a golfer; but if he had been, and Joan had taken to the pursuit also, he would certainly have given it up. It hurries breakfast, and gives no other meal at all, in fact, the faintest justice. The illustrious Theoderic, we were all, no doubt, surprised to learn, was much put about when, at a banquet, he saw murdered Symmachus looking at him from the head of a large fish, otherwise esculent and desirable; but

to the golfer who is capable of any remorse at all, any and every dish may bring a pang. His wife, as a matter of course (for the woman who marries a golfer displays, *ipso facto*, a gallantry not unworthy of Black Agnes of Dunbar, or even Penthesilea herself) will control anything in the way of either tear or audible moan; but in the smile of every guest he sees a lurking sneer, and, the very last time the door was ajar, caught the cackle, "Missed every putt to-day, did the master? He, he! Mr. Jones had better give up Golf, I say, hadn't he? Hey!"

To the wife, again, it means vastly more than the mirror cracked or the carpet stained; there is more than a suspicion that a fellow like this may have some underhand means of tampering with her very jointure!

As to the no less sacred tie that should subsist even between a golfing parent and his child, it is surely too much to expect that any boy—much less a girl, who has an extra wit to make up for her brother's larger mouth, no doubt—should give the faintest pretence of respect to a father, who puts his partner into two bunkers in the course of one hole and laughs at it. Such a parent should congratulate himself upon Her Most Gracious Majesty's Executive seeing their way to let him die in private.

In other words, but always briefly, we ask you *ex cathedra* to promulgate that marriage shall, in future, bar Golf, and *vice versa*, in the interests alike of the misguided man himself and his ill-starred wife and family. Haunted by partners whom he has betrayed, and a pale wife whose roses he has wilted, the fellow will in due time, no doubt, bury himself in some dishonoured bunker; and as for his colleague in crime and turpitude, we shall henceforth consider that she has been duly forewarned. But over the hapless children, on the other hand, we must really ask your permission to shed a silent tear. Those sad phantoms in Scots history, the Children of the Mist, had, our most recent authority has reason to believe, a Macgregor progenitor addicted to Golf (poor devil!); and it has always been our settled conviction that "Bloody Tom," of Washington Irving's nursery days, left an accursed issue behind him to cut up divots in the turf we love best.

In conclusion, the golfer, in his malignant and flagitious rampage through life, is at once a nuisance to his parents and a shame to his offspring, the canker in the bud of young love, and the tomb of the affection of her who may at one time (however ludicrous and improbable in your opinion and mine) have looked forward to being his relict with passionate regret—he is also a confounded fellow all round.

I am, Sir, &c.,

(MRS.) JANET MCPHERSON, Senior,
(of Leven, N.B.)

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A hazard seems so clearly defined now by the new rules that it is almost impossible to go wrong. A hazard constitutes whins, &c., or anything out of the ordinary line of the course. Suppose one lies in a clear patch, out of the ordinary line of the course among whins? By the new rules this constitutes a hazard, and therefore the player cannot ground his club. Now, suppose a player lies in whins, out of the ordinary line of the course, is he allowed to take his ball out and drop it immediately behind on a clear patch, and ground his club, although still out of the ordinary line of the course?

I am, Sir, &c.,

BUNKER.

[Why not? If you slice or pull your ball off the course among a group of whins, and, on getting up to the spot, find the ball lying clear on a patch of grass, there is nothing in the way of penalty to prevent you from grounding your club. In the same way, if you lift out of a whin, and drop on a clear patch behind, keeping the hazard between you and the hole, there is no penalty for grounding the club. You have driven off the course, it is true, and you pay the penalty of two or three more in the effort to get back to the regular course; but where the ball lies clear on grass in the middle of a group of whins, with sufficient room to swing your club without breaking down branches, there is no reason why the club should not be grounded. It is a different matter, however, when the ball lies *in* the whin. Here you cannot ground your club.—ED.]

LADY GOLFERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—There is no doubt that Golf is a game in which ladies may participate without any risk to their health, and in which it is possible for them to excel, but at the same time, to excel in it requires an amount of perseverance and a sacrifice of time to which the majority of ladies are either unwilling or unable to submit.

In a Ladies' Golf Club numbering over a hundred members, I have found only six who are *proficients*, ten who may be accounted tolerably good players, while the rest are content with a display of ignorance and inability. Reasons are not far to seek. Golf is *par excellence* a game of science. The good golfer is essentially a creature of education. The "easy swing" is attained only by painful practice; those graceful wrist-shots are learnt with difficulty; and even the essentials are not to be understood without considerable trouble. Yet ladies chatter and dawdle round the links, giving no heed to the science of the game, and accepting a good stroke, *when* they succeed in making one, as if it had come about by pure luck, and was not entirely dependent on their own method of negotiating it. One lady amused me much last week. She succeeded in making a very creditable drive, albeit her hands were contorted, her body in wrong position, and her swing painful to behold. Charmed with her performance, she cried, "Look at that!" Thinking of the French general at Balaclava, I replied, "It is certainly magnificent, but it is *not* Golf."

Though there are many brilliant exceptions to my censorious remarks, it yet remains true that in Golf, more than in any other game of skill, appears that unfortunate female tendency to be content with what is second-rate.

I must also add a few remarks about the *courtesy* of Golf, for I have often been disagreeably struck by the far greater courtesy displayed on a gentlemen's Golf links than on a ladies'.

In the former a slow-going party invariably and good-humouredly makes way for the faster players behind them.

On a ladies' links, however, I have seen the game stopped all round by a party laughing and talking on the putting-green, and when asked, however politely, either to quicken their play or allow others to pass, they have considered themselves aggrieved. Again, lady-onlookers have none of the consideration shown by male audiences. The ladies criticise audibly, laugh over the "bad shots," and talk incessantly whilst the most difficult strokes are being tried. No doubt this all arises from ignorance and want of thought; nevertheless it constitutes a breach of courtesy and is an evil which calls for correction.

I am speaking with some feeling on points which have come under my notice during a lengthened experience as hon. secretary to a ladies' Golf club.

If my remarks appear one-sided or severe, it must be borne in mind that I write with a sincere hope that my words may have a good effect; and also that my opinions have been forced upon me by direct personal observation, and are not the outcome of prejudice against ladies as golfers.

I can only emphasise the fact that golfers are *made* and not *born*, and that strict attention and perseverance are absolutely necessary to gain skill in the game, and I am sure the many high-class lady golfers will echo my words, and declare themselves upon my side.

I am, Sir, &c.,

HON. SECRETARY.

A GOLF BALL FOR INDIA.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Can you or any of your correspondents kindly tell me of any other ball besides the "Eclipse," which will stand play in India? I understand that the heat at times softens the ordinary "gutter" so much as to make it useless, and that they have even been known to "go sit down," as a native would say, through their own weight.

I am, Sir, &c.,

N. D. LA TOUCHE.

Eminent Golfers.

XXVII.—MR. H. S. C. EVERARD.

With perhaps the solitary exception of Mr. Horace Hutchinson there is no contemporary golfer who is known to a wider circle of golfers than the subject of this sketch. His stalwart form is as well known on St. Andrews links as that of old Tom; he is one of the institutions of St. Andrews; and, by means of a racy, picturesque, and scholarly pen, he has appealed through our columns and through other journals to golfers all over the world, imparting instruction and amusement to a subject whose interest is as perennial as the eternal hills. Did Mr. Everard know how the editor has been bombarded for over a year by golfers in all sorts of nooks and crannies in the country, asking the plain question, "When are you going to have Mr. Everard in?" he would at least feel how clamant was the interest in his golfing personality, though perchance his modesty would be somewhat distressed. It, therefore, gives us peculiar satisfaction to meet the wishes of those readers now, not only account of the intrinsic merit of Mr. Everard as a player, but also because he is one of the best known and most brilliant exceptions, to the second postulate, at least, of that time-honoured maxim, "To play Golf well one must begin young and stick to it." He is recognised everywhere as one of the shining lights of the large and ever-increasing body of English golfers, though he did not begin to play Golf regularly until the age of 25. Handicapped, however, as he thus was, he may now claim to rank among the best amateur golfers of Scotland.

Mr. Everard is a nephew of Mr. W. S. Stirling Crawford, so well known in his later years for his connection with the turf, and in his younger days one of the best shots and one of the best horsemen in England. His celebrated match with Squire Osbaldeston is mentioned in the "Badminton" book on Shooting, while he also finds a place in the companion volume on Hunting. Mr. Everard was born at Claybrook Hall, in Leicestershire, a county which at that time did not boast of a Golf course. His earlier years were spent at Langton Hall, near Market Harborough, situated in the centre of one of the finest hunting counties in the Midlands. Mr. Everard began his public school life at Eton in 1860. During the summer holidays of the next two years he paid his first visits to St. Andrews, where, under the able tuition of the well-known Watty Alexander, and a caddie of the name of Martin (no doubt some relation of the ex-professional champion, Bob Martin), he received his first instructions in the game at which he was afterwards to be so famous. Mr. Everard utilised to the full extent these two summers at St. Andrews, and, as old Tom Morris and Jamie Anderson were then at the zenith of their fame, he had ample opportunity of seeing the game played as it should be.

During the next few years, Mr. Everard appears to have neglected Golf altogether. Whether his studies at Christ Church, Oxford, were too onerous, or his love for cricket left him little or no time for a game requiring so much practice, it is difficult to say; but it is certain that even at the age of one-and-twenty he did not devote much time to the Royal and Ancient game.

While at Christ Church, Mr. Everard was considerably interested in athletics, and he won sundry prizes in that field, his special line being as a thrower of the cricket-ball, and a walker. During the next eleven years, Mr. Everard occasionally played Golf, but most of his spare time was devoted to tennis, racquets, and cricket. At all of these games, especially the last named, he showed that skill and precision which now characterises his play in the more important game of Golf. He earned a considerable reputation as a wicket-keeper. So expert and useful

did he become behind the wickets that on one occasion, Mr. David Buchanan, at that time the best slow bowler in England, paid Mr. Everard the flattering compliment of saying that he would sooner have Mr. Everard as wicket-keeper than anybody else in England. That was a good deal to come from Mr. Buchanan, as those who knew him can vouch; but with Mr. Everard's assistance, the slow bowler was able to secure an average of over five wickets per innings. A kind little observation like that has remained in Mr. Everard's memory, never to be forgotten. It was through the aid of Mr. Buchanan also that Mr. Everard joined the Free Foresters, and to this day he wears their ribbon, though it is now old and grey.

It was not until 1880 that Mr. Everard began regularly to play Golf. He, however, made a capital beginning by marrying the eldest daughter of the well-known and enthusiastic golfer, Colonel Boothby. This lady is almost as keen a player as her husband. Since his marriage Mr. Everard has been a most enthusiastic player, and, extraordinary as it may seem, gets better and better year by year, as some interesting statistics which the writer of this article has before him will fully show.

In 1882 Mr. Everard was induced to count his rounds on St. Andrews links, by a remark attributed to the late Mr. John Blackwood (next to Mr. Sutherland, the keenest golfer who ever lived), who asserted that "if anybody backed 95 every day all the year round against any amateur, the former would be largely

to the good." This appeared to Mr. Everard to be a mistake, so he tried how he would have fared, and from getting into the habit he has kept score of his rounds ever since. It is from these scores that the statistics mentioned above have been arrived at. It is very interesting to note the gradual yet quite perceptible improvement in Mr. Everard's play.

In 1882 Mr. Everard had 51 per cent. of rounds of 95 strokes or under; in 1883 he had 68 per cent. of rounds of 95 or under; in 1884, 73; in 1885, 74; in 1886, 80; in 1887, 81; in 1888, 84; in 1889, 88; in 1890, 86; in 1891, 91.

Taking his percentage of rounds of 90 and under:—In 1882 he had 6 per cent. of rounds of 90 and under; in 1883, 18; in 1884, 26; in 1885, 31; in 1886, 35; in 1887, 42; in 1888, 40; in 1889, 53; in 1890, 46; in 1891, 62.

These percentages refer to St. Andrews' links only, and may be taken to be as accurate as the circumstances of match play will permit.

From these statistics it can be seen

that Mr. John Blackwood would have required a certain amount of spare cash if he had kept his bet on with Mr. Everard for a few years.

Some critics will be inclined to state that part of this improvement is due to the fact that the St. Andrews course has been gradually becoming easier. Still Mr. Everard's record has improved faster than has the score at which the medals have on the average been won.

The very marked improvement in 1891 Mr. Everard attributes to straight driving with a "Bulger."

In medal and tournament play Mr. Everard's successes have been numerous, and so distributed over a number of greens that it is a matter of difficulty to know where to begin our account of them. But, as he has played over St. Andrews more frequently than any other course, we may as well start with his achievements there. The Calcutta cup has been won by him on two occasions, the first of which will long be remembered as one of the closest finishes ever witnessed. Mr. Everard, after a succession of exciting finishes, almost all of them depending on a putt at the last hole, had to meet Mr. J. Robertson Reid in the final. To this gentleman he conceded the large handicap of six holes, and, further, by losing two out of the first four, stood in the precarious position of 8 down and 14 to play. The round, however, was halved; nor was it until after a second round had been played next day that the cup finally came into



Mr. Everard's possession, the latter winning, amidst much excitement, by one putt.

Neither was the second occasion devoid of excitement, for, with only four holes to play, Mr. Nimmo, who had started five holes up, stood three ahead, and it was only after a very considerable amount of trouble that this promising and effective player was disposed of. In 1881 Mr. Everard was in a triple tie for the gold medal in the autumn. Mr. Mure Fergusson having won with 90, Mr. Everard and Messrs. Leslie Balfour and G. J. Fitz-Robert Boothby came next at 91. On playing off Mr. Leslie Balfour won.

In 1889 Mr. Everard tied for the Bombay medal with Mr. H. A. Lamb, whom he subsequently defeated, the first winner on that occasion being Mr. A. F. Macfie. Mr. Everard was very successful last year at St. Andrews. In May he won the first medal, and in September he tied with Mr. R. B. Sharp for the second, but was defeated in playing off. He, however, won the Glennie medal for the best aggregate score of the two meetings, viz., 175.

Mr. Everard's successes are by no means confined to his Home green. In an amateur competition at Montrose, in 1888, he beat a strong field, including Mr. Alexander Stuart, Captain Burn, and others of note. At Troon he has been almost uniformly successful, having on three occasions won the Duke of Portland's medal with a remarkably low score. He also holds what is (as far as can be ascertained) the amateur record of these links, viz., 78. In 1891, while competing for the first time for the recently-instituted Morison medal, Mr. Everard won it with the low score of 81, on a windy day.

In the amateur championship Mr. Everard has been somewhat unlucky, for although on many occasions playing a game that would have brought him easily into the final, he has constantly met an opponent who, recording a phenomenally low score, has made the pace too hot for him. His match with Mr. Laidlay in the last championship was one of the closest and most obstinately contested during the meeting, the respective scores of winner and loser being 81 and 84. Mr. Everard, besides being a high class golfer, is well known to the public in the capacity of an author. He has written a number of exceedingly interesting articles and biographies for GOLF, and for various other books and magazines which treat of the game; and in fact it may well be said that he is as judicious and effective with his pen as he is with his "iron." Mr. Everard has also been the performer of a very curious feat. He is the only player who has holed the short hole at St. Andrews five times in one, three times going out, twice coming in. The advantage of putting this noteworthy performance to one's credit, however, is doubtful when it is stated that Mr. Everard has had to pay five bottles of whisky to the Caddie!

Mr. Everard drives a low and very straight ball, a habit particularly useful against wind. His play on this account is not much affected by a gale; it is then that he is really seen at his best. The most noticeable and telling part of his game however, is his iron play. With that useful weapon he has a happy knack of laying the ball dead from very remarkable distances; and finally he usually holes out with considerable certainty.

Mr. Everard is a most efficient partner and an equally dangerous antagonist; and it is to be hoped that the success which has till now attended his efforts may long continue to follow him.

F. G. TAIT.



ABERDEEN.

The spring meeting of the Aberdeen Club opened on Wednesday, 13th inst., over the Balgownie links, in most disagreeable weather. The prizes played for were the Johnston cup and the silver cross, players for the latter prize being handicapped, the course being one round of the links, or eighteen holes. When the various couples had returned, it was found that Captain H. V. Brooke, who played his round when the weather was at its worst, and who handed in a card with 88, had proved to be the winner of the cup, while the cross was won by Mr. F. C. Diack with a score of 91, less 6=85. The following are a few of the best scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. C. Diack ...	91 6 85	Mr. J. Williams ...	95 4 91
Capt. H. V. Brooke	88 scr. 88	Dr. James Moir ...	97 6 91
Mr. W. G. Jamieson	94 6 88	Mr. James R. Whyte	97 6 91
Dr. J. Macdonald ...	96 8 88	Mr. H. E. Lindsay	106 14 92
Professor Harrower	101 12 89	Mr. W. R. Reid ...	97 4 93
Major Kevill-Davies	100 10 90	Mr. C. F. Hayne ...	103 10 93
Mr. H. C. Hadden	100 10 90	Mr. W. F. Orr ...	92 +2 94
Mr. B. S. McLellan	95 4 91	Mr. G. D. Collie ...	112 14 98

The second day's play in the spring meeting of the Aberdeen Club took place on the 14th inst. The weather was cold, and some snow showers fell; but, on the whole, the conditions were more favourable than on the previous day. The prize competed for was Prince Leopold's cup at scratch. Fifteen couples started. On a comparison of the cards it was found that Captain H. V. Brooke and Mr. W. R. Reid were equal with 88 strokes, and they will therefore have to meet and play off the tie. The next best were:—Mr. W. F. Orr, 89; Mr. J. Williams, 89; Mr. D. Littlejohn, 92; Mr. R. D. Leslie, 92; Mr. W. G. Jamieson, 94; Mr. J. C. Dove Wilson, 96; Mr. F. C. Diack, 97; Mr. J. M. Duncan, 98; and Mr. W. Leslie, 99.

On Good Friday the final competitions for the Pickop cup should have commenced, but owing to a heavy snowstorm which fell in the afternoon, when the players in the first heat were about to start, the competition was suspended *sine die*. For this prize there is a handicap by holes, and the competitions have been going on monthly for the past two years. In terms of the rules, all members having scored six or more wins, compete under a new handicap for final possession, the pairs being chosen by ballot by the council.

Over the nine-hole course on the Town's links and Broad Hill the members of the Victoria Club competed, on Wednesday and Saturday last, for their scratch prize, and the usual monthly handicap prizes. Two rounds were played, and there was a fairly large turn-out of competitors, twelve couples starting. On comparing the cards handed in, it was found that the handicap prize for first-class players was won for the month by Mr. T. MacLennan with a score of 94, less 9=85; while that for second-class players fell to Mr. William Duncan with a score of 115, less 14=101. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. MacLennan ...	94 9 85	Mr. J. B. Banks ...	90 2 88
Mr. J. Innes ...	83 +3 86	Mr. J. Gray (1) ...	93 5 88
Mr. A. R. Williams	90 4 86	Mr. J. Grant ...	99 10 89
Mr. L. Anderson ...	87 scr. 87	Mr. Alex. Cooper ...	92 scr. 92
Mr. G. Mortimer ...	90 3 87	Mr. J. Hazelwood ...	98 5 93
Mr. R. Anderson (2)	93 6 87	Mr. J. Law ...	99 6 93

For the scratch prize a protest was handed in against one player's score, owing to an alleged infringement of the rules, and the matter has been left over meantime for the council's decision.

Over the same course the members of the Bon Accord Club competed, on Saturday, for the captain's prize. Two rounds, or eighteen holes, were played, and there was a good turn-out of competitors. When the cards handed in were compared, it was found that Mr. Andrew Noble, with the score of 96, less 18=78, had gained first place; Mr. James Cameron, with 97, less 18=79, gained second place; and Mr. George

LEITH GOLF CLUB.—The Leith Golf Club held their annual prize meeting over the Leith green on Saturday, but owing to the links being broken up with road-making, scoring was higher than usual. The following were successful:—Mr. P. Smith, 76, less 14=62; Mr. G. Mauchline, 78, less 14=64; and Mr. A. J. Wilson, 72, less 8=64, tied; Mr. J. Keddie, scratch, 65; Mr. J. Maclean, 71, less 6=65; and Mr. A. Carstairs, 73, less 8=65, tied; Mr. R. Dunn, 80, less 14=66; Mr. A. Rutherford, 73, less 6=67.

WEST LINTON.—Martin Medal: Best scores:—Mr. Richard Aitken, 89, less 4=85 (medal); Mr. Robert Alexander, 90, less 4=86; Mr. D. Laidlaw, 96, less 9=87; Mr. John Mowbray, 92, less 4=88; Mr. James Steele, 102, less 10=92; Mr. James Laing, 101, less 9=92; Mr. J. Wilson, 107, less 14=93; Mr. R. Millar, 99, less 4=95; Mr. John Paterson, 102, less 4=98.

Dunn, with 87, less 7=80, obtained third place. The following were next in order:—Messrs. William Smart, 85; Alexander Smart, 90; Andrew Ducat, 92; Henry Glass, 95; James Ogilvie and John Twigg, 97 each; and James W. Murray, 99.

Cullen.—On Wednesday afternoon, the 13th inst., the Scott-Moncrieff medal was competed for. The weather was most unfavourable, and consequently there was a small turn-out of competitors. The medal is played for twice a year, viz., on the first Wednesday of July, and on Christmas Day. Owing to the unfavourable weather at Christmas last the competition was postponed until now, when it was gained by Mr. Robert Bremner, Post-Office, with a score of 94, less 4=90. Other scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Jas. G. Muter	110 15 95	Mr. James Moir	105 3 102
Mr. William Wood	101 3 98	Mr. James Simpson	113 scr. 113
Mr. John Rumbles	102 3 99		

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The Easter meeting of this club took place on Monday when an excellent muster of the members was made, and the greens were in fine condition, a strong wind, however, was blowing from the north, and frequent snowstorms somewhat interfered with low scoring, the Flintham Challenge Cup was played for and won by the captain, Mr. W. F. Thompson, with the low score of 82 net, the individual scores were as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W.F. Thompson	97 15 82	Mr. Sam Garrett	106 9 97
Mr. J. B. Pettit	83 scr. 83	Mr. A. E. Ellis	126 27 99
Mr. F. D. Bright	108 25 83	Mr. H. Theobald	109 10 99
Mr. W. P. Bowyer	102 18 84	Mr. H. E. McLeod	134 35 99
Mr. G. H. Garrett	111 25 86	Mr. T. C. Fenwick	126 25 101
Mr. J. Bowyer	118 27 91	Mr. Bruce Thornbury	119 18 101
Mr. A. F. Stewart	110 15 95		

Messrs. Godlee, Pearson, Kelaart, G. Schultz, H. Garrett, E. Garrett, E. V. Longstaffe, Theobald, A. Fell, G. Jeffreys, W. G. Thompson, T. T. Paine, Ingram Walker, Fairclough, J. Fry, W. P. Prossor, and Dr. Wrightson made no returns, or were over 101.

On Easter Monday, a ladies' competition for an ornamental putter, presented by the committee of the club was played on these links, and after an interesting contest, the prize club was won by Miss Pettit scratch. The scores were as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Pettit	107 scr. 107	Mrs. Hugh Garrett	175 50 125
Mrs. Garrett	134 25 109	Mrs. Ingram Walker	175 50 125
Mrs. E. V. Longstaffe	151 40 111	Miss R. C. Garrett	192 40 152
Mrs. Gwyn Jeffreys	170 50 120	Mrs. C. T. Mitchell	209 50 159
Mrs. C. E. Salmon	171 50 121		

Mrs. John Fry made no return.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

Notwithstanding the tremendous fall of snow on Friday night, a large field of golfers put in appearance at Forest Row on Easter Monday for the Forest Row cup. Snow was still lying about the Forest in large, uncomfortable patches, which, however, gradually diminished in area as the day wore on; but, nevertheless, the scoring was under all the circumstances creditably low. The putting-greens were certainly improved by the snowfall, as they had suffered considerably from the constant east winds. Hugh Kirkaldy, the new greenkeeper, vice Henry Hunter, moved on to Deal, takes up his quarters here this week, and we hope to see a match between him and Douglas Rolland, his neighbour on the Limpfield green. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. Hyde	86 5 81	Mr. C. D. Cumming	109 18 91
Mr. L. Horner	91 9 82	Mr. A. L. Roper	102 9 93
Rev. C. C. Woodland	96 12 84	Rev. S. P. Macartney	118 25 93
Mr. F. A. Lee	98 10 88	Mr. Lawford Andrews	101 6 95
Mr. W. Noakes	94 5 89	Mr. Leonard Andrews	117 22 95
Mr. A. F. Leach	113 23 90	Mr. F. Birch	118 22 96
Mr. A. Poynder	109 18 91	Mr. R. W. P. Birch	121 24 97
Mr. J. O. Scott	109 18 91		

About thirty other gentlemen went round.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. Played on the 2nd inst. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Colonel Pott	102 6 96	Mr. H. F. Harvey	122 14 108
Mr. R. H. Hodge	112 8 104		

RUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

The Easter meeting passed off most successfully, over twenty-four competitors entering each day. The putting-greens were in magnificent condition, and the lies through the green have been immensely improved during the past winter. New ground has been rented for the fourth and fifth holes, thus introducing new hazards, in the shape of 5-feet walls, requiring a good deal of negotiating, and eliciting, alas! occasionally, language bordering on the profane. A new wall-hazard, 5½ feet high, and over 30 yards long, has also been erected at the eighth hole. The arrangements at the new club-house afforded general satisfaction.

Saturday, April 16th.—The Strang cup and optional sweepstakes.—Mr. J. A. Moxon's score of 113, less 24=89, was a highly creditable performance, as he only commenced the game this month. Appended are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. A. Moxon	113 24 89	Mr. J. R. Job	113 16 97
Mr. W. T. Toynbee	110 20 90	Colonel Fernley	117 18 99
Mr. H. Shipton	112 22 90	Major Munn	114 14 100
Mr. B. Latham	119 24 95	Mr. C. Coventry	123 18 105
Capt. Darwin, R.N.	111 15 96	Mr. C. F. Wardley	127 22 105
Dr. Palmer	118 22 96	Mr. W. L. Shipton	121 15 106

Nine competitors made no return.

Easter Monday, April 18th.—The captain's medal and optional sweepstakes. Mr. Herbert Shipton's net score of 82 established a record of the net returns: he was run very close by Mr. B. Latham's net 83. Those competitors who started in the afternoon were most unfortunate in being overtaken by a heavy snowstorm, which made play absolutely impracticable. This accounts for the large number of players who made no return. Appended are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Herbert Shipton	104 22 82	Mr. W. R. Bryden	113 16 97
Mr. B. Latham	107 24 83	Mr. G. Hutton	112 13 99
Mr. W. Bell	96 5 91	Mr. C. F. Wardley	121 22 99
Mr. W. L. Strain	111 20 91	Colonel Fernley	119 18 101
Mr. E. Micholls	107 12 95	Mr. A. E. Bateman	142 36 106
Mr. M. W. Sibthorp	121 24 97		

Fourteen players made no returns.

COVENTRY GOLF CLUB.

On the 6th the Coventry Golf Club played a match with the Sutton Coldfield Club over their new course, which is now in another part of Sutton Park, near Streetly Station. The situation is very pretty, and the round of nine holes affords a very interesting and sporting game. When it has been more played over, and the greens have had more time it will be much improved. On the 11th, a competition was played for a prize presented by Mr. Friedlander. The scores were high on account of the ground being so very hard:—

COVENTRY.

	Holes.
Mr. H. Smith	0
Mr. A. Rotherham	7
Mr. G. F. Twist	4
Mr. J. Powers	0
Mr. W. Hillman	4
Mr. F. Smith	2
Mr. T. Latham	1
Mr. F. A. Moncrieff	8
Mr. Ken. Rotherham	6
Mr. H. J. Nutt	1
Mr. Kevitt Rotherham	0
	33

SUTTON COLDFIELD.

	Holes.
Mr. A. M. Chance	5
Rev. W. C. Bedford	0
Mr. G. S. Albright	0
Mr. J. H. Chevasse	4
Major Lockyer	0
Rev. H. E. Wilson	0
Mr. P. A. Bourke	0
Mr. F. Rathbone	0
Mr. W. E. Chance	0
Mr. J. B. Evershed	0
Mr. H. M. Eddowes	2
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Mr. Friedlander's prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. G. C. Vecqueray	115 35 80	Mr. C. P. Newman	124 33 91
Rev. L. Wood	101 16 85	Mr. H. Smith	101 8 93
Mr. O. Petre	112 25 87	Mr. F. Smith	106 12 94
Mr. H. J. Nutt	108 18 90	Mr. G. F. Twist	106 10 96

Others over 100 net.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the Stewart cup took place in the Alexandra Park on Saturday in stormy weather. The course was in good order. Fifty-four couples turned out. The cup and Dr. M'Laren's prize were gained by Mr. John Wilson with the excellent score of 76, less 9=67. The best actual score was by Mr. W. Doleman, 75. The next best scores were:—Dr. Watt, 87, less 15=72; Mr. J. Hay, 88, less 16=72; Mr. Hugh Couper, 85 less 12=73; Mr. W. Doleman, 75; Mr. J. Baird, 79, less 4=75; Mr. M. L. MacAulay, 81, less 6=75. The cup has now been won twice by Mr. Wilson. It becomes the property of the one who first wins it three times.

"EDINBURGH EVENING DISPATCH" TOURNAMENT.

After a series of keenly-contested matches extending over three Saturdays, the George has at last secured the coveted honour by the substantial majority of 7 holes against the redoubtable representatives of the Thistle. Since its institution three years ago interest in this competition has greatly increased. The trophy itself is probably not an important factor in this enhanced interest, the article in question being rather an unattractive specimen of its class. On the other hand, however, the competition is now generally regarded as virtually settling the Edinburgh Club championship for the year. Owing to the fact that nearly every player who is up to representative form is a member of two, three, four, and sometimes as many as half a dozen clubs, some confusion is apt to arise in the minds of those who do not quite grasp the exact position of affairs. For example, three of the quartette who have just secured the trophy were last year the runners-up, but for an entirely different club. It may readily be supposed that here and there what looks like vacillating conduct on the part of some of the "cracks" has led to considerable soreness and vexation of spirit in certain quarters. Some sympathy may be felt for club committees who have only a very limited number of reliable players on their lists, and who on coming to arrange their teams find that their best men have already pledged themselves to play for another club. After all, however, it is difficult to see how any restraint can be placed upon members who show a preference for the strongest club, where the chances of subsequently dangling a gold or silver pendant at their watch-chain are doubtless rosier.

With the exception of Saturday last, when the weather became much more like bleak December than April, the conditions under which the various matches were decided were on the whole favourable. I am not an authority in the matter of crowds attending Golf matches, but it seems safe to say that nothing approaching the large gathering of people on the Braids on the first and second Saturdays, has ever been seen on a Golf course. As most golfers know, a crowd interested in a match is probably the most unmanageable of any. Not that an unruly spirit is abroad. On the contrary, the great majority are perfectly well-behaved; although, like the Derby dog, there is sure to turn up the man who, at the most critical moment of a putt, will give utterance to some *mal apropos* and generally idiotic remark—"What a time he's takin"; or, "He's a devilish sicht ower parteeckler"; or, again, "Hurry up, maun, Geordie";—all of which were actually heard at various stages of the game. At the home hole the struggle to obtain a glimpse of the final putts resembled nothing more closely than the squash that usually takes place on the opening night of a pantomime, and this jostling and pushing, it need hardly be said, was far from agreeable to the players.

On the opening day, the Electric fared worst at the hands of the George, and finished 15 holes down, a result which entitled them to the questionable distinction of becoming the holders of the wooden spoon. It is only fair to mention, however, that the Electric was seriously handicapped by several of its best players not being available. It was not surprising to find that last year's winners, the Carlton, were strong favourites. Although the teams had undergone a slight change, there was no perceptible loss of strength, and with the brothers Taylor to the fore, it was felt the Carlton would make a strong fight. Their last year's opponents in the final, however, completely turned the tables on them, and though the result was mainly due to one very weak spot in the Carlton quartette, the George deserve all credit for their brilliant victory. It says a good deal for the golfing ability of Messrs. Stewart and Harrison, the second string of the Viewforth, that they pulled off their match against the Thistle by 1 hole; but on the other hand, the first team had fared badly at the hands of their opponents, being defeated by 6 holes.

In connection with one of the matches, at the second stage a curious incident occurred at the sixteenth hole—a hole upon which the mantle of the once notorious "seventeenth" has fallen. This evil reputation is due to a gully in front of the plateau on which the disc is situated, many a good score being hopelessly spoiled before the golfer clears this difficulty and finds the bottom. On this occasion a player drove a good ball from the tee which plainly went in a certain direction. After a fruitless search of some minutes a voice from the plateau was heard to say, "Here is the ball." This was immediately accepted as being the lost gutta, though a minutes' reflection made it perfectly clear to every one present that a mistake had been made, both the distance and position being totally at variance with the tee-shot.

At the close of the match on Saturday last the trophy was presented by Lieut.-Col. Forbes Mackay to Mr. E. W. Rose, captain of the George Club. In addition to the gold and silver pendants which go to the winners and runners-up, there are several minor prizes presented by firms in town.

TAIN.—The weekly competitions of the St. Duthus Golf Club were resumed on Saturday. The weather was cold, and scoring was consequently bad. The best scorers were Mr. James Munro, 111, less 12=99; Mr. William Cromb, 101 (scratch); and Mr. R. Finlayson, 127, less 25=102.

FORFARSHIRE.

The first of the handicap competitions took place at Edzell, on Saturday, the 9th inst. The following were the prize winners:—Mr. T. Bennet (scratch), 96; Mr. J. Fearn, 102, less 4=98; Mr. J. Cooper, 104, less 1=103.

The competition for the silver cross of the Montrose Mercantile Club was concluded on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst. Mr. D. Low, with the score of 98, 12 below his registered number, won the cross; and the prize for the lowest scorer went to Mr. A. Keillor, who had 81. The other prize winners were:—First class—Mr. E. M'Donald, 88, at number; Mr. T. Sheret, 85, 3 above; Mr. G. M'Intosh, 84, 4 above; Mr. G. M. Smith, 85, and Mr. G. Addison, 85, each 5 above. Second class—Mr. A. B. Ritchie, 98, 2 below; Mr. A. M'Kenzie, 99, and Mr. W. Burgess, 97, each 1 below; Mr. W. Nichol, 96, and Mr. D. Mackie, 93, each 1 above; Mr. W. Forbes, 102, and Mr. J. Spark, 98, each 3 above. Third class—Mr. C. D. Napier, 104; Mr. W. Sheret, 106; and Mr. J. M'Gregor, 101, each 1 above; Mr. D. Taylor, 114, 4 above.

King James VI. Golf Club (Perth) v. Caledonia (Carnoustie), played a match over the North Inch at Perth on Monday, the 11th inst., seventeen men a-side. The home team won by 10 holes. Scores:—

PERTH.		Holes.	CARNOUSTIE.		Holes.
Mr. R. Dunsmore	...	2	Mr. D. Shepherd	...	0
Mr. H. H. Greig	...	0	Mr. W. Young	...	6
Mr. R. Halley	...	0	Mr. A. Cant	...	4
Mr. G. T. Cairncross	...	2	Mr. W. Harris	...	0
Mr. A. Jamieson	...	0	Mr. G. Fox, jun.	...	0
Mr. James Hay, jun.	...	2	Mr. D. M. Both	...	0
Mr. R. Garvie	...	0	Mr. J. P. Morrison	...	0
Mr. D. Wood, jun.	...	0	Mr. D. Smith	...	6
Mr. J. Crerar	...	2	Mr. George B. Fox	...	0
Mr. A. T. Mackay	...	3	Mr. D. R. Stewart	...	0
Mr. A. Millar	...	3	Mr. H. Mudie	...	0
Mr. Alexander Robertson	...	11	Mr. J. H. Duncan	...	0
Mr. Dan. Curthbert	...	0	Mr. W. K. Lorimer	...	5
Mr. R. Hay Robertson	...	2	Mr. J. P. Bruce	...	0
Mr. G. W. Gregor	...	0	Mr. A. Black Smith	...	1
Mr. P. W. Campbell	...	0	Mr. J. P. M. Lowson	...	1
Mr. R. M. Robertson	...	6	Mr. T. E. Suttie	...	0
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GREAT YARMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The Easter meeting was held on Saturday and Monday, 16th and 18th of April, under the worst possible conditions as to weather, in the midst of a furious north-easterly gale, with driving cold and sleet, which lasted nearly all day. The cold was intense, and good play an impossibility. That a few members faced such a tempest of cutting snow and sleet, and managed to get round the links at all, was almost a phenomenal performance. Some of the caddies, unable to endure the bitterly cold wind and wet, laid down their clubs and fled from the course, not asking even to be paid, leaving the deserted player to struggle on as best he might, unattended, over the desolate, storm-swept links. A most disastrous day! Probably Golf was never before attempted in such boisterous weather. The course and greens, which, on the days just before the meeting, were in grand order, were a series of stormy pools, some of the holes much under water, which the player in vain tried to sweep off the green with hands of iron—an ambitious attempt, but a miserable failure.

The Saturday's competition was match play against that phantom member of the club, "Col. Bogey," who is supposed to have made a certain score in match play. Against this match play, all compete under handicap, three-fourths of the medal handicap being allowed. The strokes are allotted at the holes where at least half a stroke has been earned. This mode of awarding strokes in match play has been in use here for some time, works well, and avoids discussion as to the propriety of getting a stroke at any given hole. The principle has been accepted, and the system introduced, at the United Service and other Southern clubs. It has been most favourably reported on, and seems likely to be largely, if not universally adopted.

On the scoring card is printed, opposite each hole, the number of strokes in which the hole has been made by Col. Bogey, and on the card the secretary marks the holes at which the player receives a stroke. The scoring is thus easy. If the player wins a hole, it is marked +, if he loses —, if halved, 0, and the difference between + and — gives the result with much less trouble than adding up a medal score.

This was the first occasion on which such a competition had been attempted on a large scale. But no opinion can be formed as to how it will work from Saturday's play. The weather was so boisterous, and the putting-greens so clogged with snow or water that the best driver seemed to be making wild experiments, usually not tending towards the

green or hole. Those who started early came to utter grief. A few who started later in the afternoon during a lull made a better fight with "Col. Bogey." There were many jokes about this member of the club. He never paid a subscription, missed a putt, lost his temper, or annoyed any player by untimely conversation. When it was found that on this occasion he had beaten all competitors, it was said that to him must be awarded the prize. Then it was at once noted that, his subscription being unpaid, he was disqualified.

One apparent advantage of this match play in competition will be that there must be less blocking of the course, as when a player finds he has lost the hole to "Col. Bogey" he picks up his ball and goes on to the next hole, instead of worrying those behind him while he plays 14 with his niblick. A still greater advantage will be that it must teach the more recent golfers what the game really is, viz., match, not medal play. The comparatively recent introduction of medal play on the scale on which it is now played has been far from an unmixed gain to the real golfers. To this medal system is due the miserable struggle for valuable prizes and low records. How lamentably demoralising it is is seen and heard every day on the links, where the beginner, who has hardly a glimmering of the game, talks seriously of how many strokes he has taken to flog his ball round the course. It is sadly surprising to see how many players, even of some years' standing, have not a notion of what match play is, and talk airily of combining match and medal competitions. It is, therefore, to be hoped that, on the various greens where this quiet, unobtrusive, model match player, "Col. Bogey," receives a welcome, he will exercise a regenerating influence and help to re-establish the noble game on its true and delightful footing of match play. Perhaps, too, the "Colonel's" instinctive or acquired habits of discipline may enable him to act the part of a kindly but firm martinet who will insist on the rules being carefully studied and scrupulously observed. Then we shall hear fewer absurd questions asked by players who, apparently, act as if rules might be printed, but were never to be read, or, if read, must not be interpreted in the plain sense of the words, but by the light of some conception of their own imagination.

On Saturday there was some misunderstanding and confusion on the part of some members about the conditions of play. It was the intention that on that day there should be match play only, but some members thought there was medal play as well. The card of fixtures was evidently not so clear as it should have been, or there would have been no doubt in the mind of any one. However, everyone accepted the decision of the committee, that the play, such as it was, must be considered match play, and the donors of prizes most kindly placed their prizes at the disposal of the committee, to be adjudged under any conditions it decided on.

In the Saturday's competition the least bad score was made by Mr. A. Rotherham, who, with 4 strokes allowed, was 4 holes down with "Col. Bogey." Dr. T. Brown, with 6 allowed, was also 4 holes down. The tie was played off on Monday.

The match score of "Col. Bogey," against which all contended, was—6 4 3 4 6 4 4 4 4 6 4 4 5 4 4 3 6 5.

Below is a detail of the day's play. Twenty couples started, but the following only handed in their cards.

Saturday, April 16th, 1892. — Match play against "Colonel Bogey" :—

Strokes Holes Allowed. Down.		Strokes Holes Allowed. Down.	
Mr. A. Rotherham...	4 4	Capt. C. Hervey ...	5 12
Dr. Thos. Brown ...	6 4	Mr. G. H. Twiss ...	6 12
Mr. Harold Smith...	6 7	Mr. G. F. Sanders...	9 12
Mr. F. S. Ireland...	scr. 8	Mr. G. C. Snelling...	12 12
Mr. A. H. Eve ...	12 8	Mr. F. W. Thompson	6 13
Mr. W. E. Hughes...	4 9	Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	scr. 14
Mr. John Powers ...	8 9	Mr. J. S. Sawyer ...	6 14
Mr. John Osmond...	10 9	Mr. J. H. W. Davies	14 14
Mr. H. M. Buskin...	3 10	Mr. C. Lethbridge...	11 15
Mr. Hugh Rotherham	7 10	Mr. W. R. Portal...	14 15
Mr. A. Drysdale ...	8 10	Mr. W. O. S. Pell...	scr. 16
Mr. C. E. Routh ...	10 10	Mr. Horace Mann...	3 16
Mr. Clifford Young..	5 11	Mr. H. T. Muskett..	14 16
Mr. Adam T. Young	5 12	Mr. Stanley Young..	5 18

By Easter Monday the storm had blown itself out, and the weather was most delightful, with the greens in grand order, the result of a great effort very early on Monday morning. Much water, however, lay on the course, as far north as the second hole. This water greatly bothered the players, and gave rise to discussion as to whether there should not be some special rule about casual water. The general impression, however, seems to be that it is best to make no departure in this respect from the St. Andrews rules, which are now being adopted on most greens, and the local rules kept down to the smallest possible number. In every course there must be puddles of water during and after a rain-storm.

On Monday seventy players started in bright sunshine, and rather a

strong north-west wind, which perhaps accounted for there being no really very good scoring.

The John Penn scratch medal was won by Mr. F. S. Ireland, in 88.

Below is a detail of the day's play of those who handed in their cards :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. F. Sanders..	97	12 85	Mr. W. Michie ...	107	9 98
Mr. F. S. Ireland...	88	scr. 88	Mr. D. R. Fowler...	114	16 98
Mr. C. B. Lindsay .	109	18 91	Mr. H. Wilson ...	107	8 99
Mr. W. O. S. Pell...	92	scr. 92	Rev. C. J. Steward .	119	20 99
Mr. A. Rotherham .	97	5 92	Gen. T. Dixon ...	116	16 100
Mr. A. T. Drysdale	102	10 92	Mr. C. Lethbridge...	116	15 101
Mr. R. Fenton ...	104	12 92	Mr. H. M. Buskin...	106	4 102
Mr. J. Osmond ...	105	13 92	Mr. J. S. Sawyer ...	110	8 102
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	93	scr. 93	Mr. W. R. Portal...	120	18 102
Mr. A. T. Jockell ...	97	4 93	Mr. F. W. Thompson	111	8 103
Mr. A. T. Young ...	100	6 94	Dr. T. Browne ...	111	8 103
Mr. G. C. Snelling	110	16 94	Mr. E. Carroll ...	128	25 103
Capt. C. Hervey ...	102	7 95	Mr. W. E. Hughes.	109	5 104
Mr. C. Young ...	102	7 95	Mr. John Law ...	111	7 104
Mr. C. E. Routh ...	108	13 95	Rev. J. Dredge ...	121	17 104
Mr. H. Smith ...	103	6 97	Mr. J. H. W. Davies	124	18 106
Mr. E. G. Ashton...	103	6 97	Mr. H. Mann ...	112	4 108
Mr. J. Powers ...	107	10 97	Mr. S. A. Young ...	115	7 108
Col. Shuttleworth...	109	12 97	Mr. A. F. Patterson.	118	9 109
Mr. G. F. Twist ...	106	8 98	Mr. H. T. Muskett.	134	18 116

In the evening the members dined together at the Royal Hotel.

The annual general meeting was held afterwards, and Mr. Robert Whyte was elected captain for the ensuing year.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

The first day of the Easter meeting was a blank on account of the snow, but the Bank Holiday was a lovely day for Golf, bright but cool. The competitions were :—(1) The Pontifex challenge shield, a handicap match tournament; and (2) a match against "Bogey" for Pinkerton's benefit, unlimited entries (at a price) from the 9th April to the 18th. The two first rounds of the match tournament were decided as follows :—

First Round.—Mr. H. Playford (6) beat Mr. J. A. Ross (2) 1 up; Mr. H. Sawyer (13) beat Mr. L. Howell (15) 4 up, 3 to play; Mr. H. T. Cattley (12) beat Mr. A. W. M'Donell (14) 2 up; Mr. B. Howell (3) beat Mr. J. Kenrick (4) 1 up, after a halved match; Mr. A. H. Mathison (13) beat Mr. F. L. Govett (13), scratched; Mr. H. Davenport (7) beat Mr. R. B. Reid (16) 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. W. F. Richmond (18) beat Col. W. Pott (13) 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. R. Howell (12) beat Mr. C. A. Woodhouse (16) 1 up.

Second Round.—Mr. H. Playford beat Mr. H. Sawyer, 2 up, 1 to play; Mr. H. T. Cattley beat Mr. B. Howell, 1 up; Mr. A. H. Mathison beat Mr. H. Davenport, 3 up, 2 to play; Mr. W. F. Richmond beat Mr. R. Howell, 2 up, 1 to play.

Some fine rounds were played against "Bogey," the three best being Mr. H. Playford (81), Mr. C. A. Woodhouse (78), and Mr. C. A. Sapte (82), who were each 2 up, and these three players will have to play off, or come to some arrangement about the two prizes presented by Mr. C. E. Nesham for this event. The next best returns against "Bogey" were—Mr. D. L. Poole (83), 1 up; Mr. C. H. L. Cazalet (83), all square; Mr. L. Howell (90), 1 down; Mr. R. Case (83), 2 down; and Mr. G. E. Tabor (86), 3 down. The "Bogey" mode of competition is now "the thing" at Guildford, and we hope to see it introduced into all competitions where possible. The committee have reduced the prize-list to the lowest limit, and if "Bogey" takes the place of scoring competitions, match play may in time flourish as it should. "Bogey's" score for the round was fixed at 40 out and 44 in, 84, a score which has not yet been returned in competition.

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

The members of the Lanark Golf Club held, on Saturday, a competition under handicap for a set of sleeve-links, &c., presented by Hon. Mrs. A. Y. Bingham. There was a good turn-out of players, but the miserably cold day and the biting east wind seemed to have put all except the winner off their play. Two rounds (twenty-eight holes in all) were played, and when cards were handed in it was found that Mr. Wm. Davidson had gained the prize with a net score of 115. Most of the players made no return, but the following scores were recorded :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Wm. Davidson..	137	22 115	Mr. J. Smith, jun....	149	19 130
Mr. Jas. Annan ...	142	16 126	Mr. J. M. Davidson	155	20 135
Mr. Vassie ...	137	10 127	Mr. C. Stewart ...	142	not h'cp.
Rev. W. Smith ...	149	22 127	Mr. G. S. Seater, jun.	146	not h'cp.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE SPRING MEETING, 1892.

One hundred and twenty-three members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club went out on to the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea on Saturday last, the first day of the spring meeting—one of the two most important meetings of the year. The competitions for the day were for the Clifton gold medal, with gold memento for the best scratch score, and three handicap prizes; the playing-off for the captain's cup by the six winners of six previous competitions; and a prize offered by Mr. G. F. Smith, of Bolton, for the best gross home score (winner of the medal excepted). The course had been lengthened and made more difficult since the last time the members had gone over it in competition; but, notwithstanding this, and also the bitterly cold day and occasional sharp snow showers, the scoring was good, forty-two players coming in with net scores under 100. The best gross scores of the day were—Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, St. Anne's, 86; Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Chelford (captain of the club), 89; Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's, 89. The best net scores were—Mr. S. A. Hermon, 89, less 5=84; Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, 86, less 1=85; Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham, 99, less 13=86; Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton, 104, less 17=87. Mr. H. M. Braybrooke won the Clifton gold medal and memento with his scratch score of 86. Mr. G. F. Smith's prize for the best home gross score was taken by Mr. W. E. Fairlie with 43. The captain's cup competition, under special sealed handicap, resulted as follows:—

Quarterly medal, April 2nd. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Norman Watney	115	25	90	Rev. C. G. Acworth	123	25	98
Mr. R. G. Francis...	111	16	95	Rev. C. E. Smith...	116	18	98
Mr. F. Jefferson ...	115	18	97				

Monthly medal (ladies), April 5th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Watney	81	2	79	Mrs. Landale	94	11	83
Mrs. Rooke	92	12	80	Miss K. Watney	99	15	84
Miss Bartlett	93	13	80	Miss A. Stewart	98	12	86
Miss L. Bartlett	92	10	82	Mrs. Bailey	104	17	87

Monthly medal, April 6th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Dendey Watney	98	11	87	Mr. A. N. Watney	117	19	98
Mr. E. P. Bailey	108	19	89	Mr. N. Watney	125	20	105
Mr. F. Leveson-Gower	110	18	92				

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

EASTER MEETING.

The usual Easter meeting of this club was held on Saturday and Monday last, 16th and 18th April. The weather was rather stormy on Saturday and not very favourable for good scoring, but on Monday it was fine. For the champion scratch gold medal, played for at Easter, Whitsuntide, and Autumn meetings, the best score was that of Mr. W. B. Westhead, viz., 96. Mr. J. H. Hedderwick coming next with 97. The Denge Challenge Handicap gold trophy, played for on Monday, was secured by Mr. Stanley W. Tubbs, with a net 85. For the handicap prize presented by Mrs. A. L. Tweedie, Mr. S. M. Mellor got the lowest score, viz., 104, less 16=88. Full scores are appended.

Saturday, 16th April:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. S. M. Mellor...	104	16	88	Mr. E. A. Read	111	12	99
Mr. G. H. Samson	104	12	92	Mr. R. S. Jones	105	6	99
Mr. J. H. Hedderwick	101	8	93	Mr. R. Lawson	103	4	99
Mr. G. Brace Colt	103	7	96	Mr. E. Chetwynd	118	18	100

Monday, 18th April:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Stanley W. Tubbs	103	18	85	Mr. G. H. Samson...	104	12	92
Mr. W. B. Westhead	96	10	86	Mr. A. F. Denniston	98	6	92
Mr. E. Chetwynd	106	18	88	Mr. L. R. Erskine	101	8	93
Mr. H. T. Wright	109	10	89	Mr. L. E. G. Abney	108	15	93
Mr. E. A. Read	101	12	89	Mr. R. Lawson	98	4	94
Mr. J. H. Hedderwick	97	8	89	Mr. G. Brace Colt	101	7	94
Mr. R. Case	107	18	89	Mr. J. G. Fowler	104	10	94
				Mr. J. H. Roberts...	110	16	94

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. T. Macandrew	113	18	95	Mr. J. W. M. Guy	116	18	98
Mr. P. V. Broke	99	3	96	Mr. A. R. King Farlow	116	18	98
Mr. E. A. Tewson...	104	8	96	Mr. T. G. H. Hedderwick	116	18	98
Mr. R. H. Hedderwick	106	10	96	Mr. G. J. Hunter	116	18	98
Mr. W. R. Dockrell	108	12	96	Mr. F. Jefferson	115	16	99
Mr. J. A. H. Macnair	112	15	97	Mr. R. S. Charles...	118	18	100
Mr. W. B. Tubbs	112	15	97				

Eighteen more returns over 100 net. Sixty-two entries. On Saturday evening the annual dinner of the club took place at the Grand Hotel, Marine Parade, under the presidency of the captain, Mr. L. R. Erskine, at which between fifty and sixty members and guests were present.

Monthly Medal, April 9th, 1892:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. S. Jones	94	6	88	Mr. Cumming Mac-dona	118	24	94
*Mr. J. H. Roberts	106	16	90				

* Winner.

BLAIRGOWRIE GOLF CLUB.—The handsome silver vase given by Mr. Low, of Keathbank, for annual competition, will be competed for, under handicap, at a tournament to be held on 27th, 28th, and 30th April. Entries require to be made with the secretary, Mr. Henry Anderson, Blairgowrie, not later than 21st. inst. The course, which is a beautiful one, is now in excellent condition, and a large attendance of competitors is expected.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, St. Anne's	86	scr.	86
Mr. J. M. Rea, St. Anne's	97	8	89
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore	104	14	90
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's	108	18	90
Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool	110	13	97

The other winner of one of the six previous competitions, Mr. L. Pilkington, of Manchester, was absent. This cup was the one presented by the present ex-captain of the club, the Rev. W. G. Terry. The first handicap prize was won by Mr. S. A. Hermon, 89, less 5=84; the second by Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, 86, less 1=85; and the third by Mr. W. H. Harrison, 99, less 13=86; and the optional sweepstakes, first, second, and third, went to the same players in the same order. All the prizes for Saturday and for Monday were placed upon the billiard-table in the club-room, and made a brilliant display, all being either of gold or silver. The following were the scores under 100 net during Saturday's play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's	89	5	84
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, St. Anne's	86	1	85
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham	99	13	86
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton	104	17	87
Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's	104	16	88
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore	93	3	90
Mr. B. Thompson, St. Anne's	103	13	90
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore	104	14	90
Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's	104	14	90
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's	97	6	91
Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton	106	15	91
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's	108	17	91
Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's	109	18	91
Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck	106	13	93
Mr. R. T. Gillibrand, St. Anne's	110	17	93
Mr. C. Hervey, Manchester	111	18	93
Mr. J. Craig, St. Anne's	115	22	93
Mr. J. Hornby, Liverpool	96	2	94
Mr. D. E. Anderson, Manchester	110	16	94
Mr. J. Muirhead, Blackpool	110	16	94
Mr. A. Tod, St. Anne's	112	18	94
Mr. S. Bles, Manchester	114	20	94
Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Chelford	89	+6	95
Mr. R. J. Kerr, Manchester	99	4	95
Mr. G. Haig, Manchester	104	9	95
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's	107	12	95
Mr. E. Holt, Prestwich	120	25	95
Mr. E. Catterall, St. Anne's	112	16	96
Rev. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's	114	18	96
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester	101	4	97
Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool	110	13	97
Mr. W. H. Crossland, Manchester	117	20	97
Mr. R. P. Horsley, Manchester	117	20	97
Mr. J. Mugliston, jun., Lytham	122	25	97
Mr. W. Potter, Liverpool	101	3	98
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's	105	7	98
Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's	115	17	98
Mr. R. Hutton, Disley	107	8	99
Mr. N. Cockshutt, Preston	115	16	99
Mr. T. C. Midwood, Salford	116	17	99
Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton	117	18	99
Mr. P. Musgrave, Bolton	117	18	99

NEW FOREST GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, Saturday, April 9th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Bryan ...	108 20 88	Mr. H. Stevenson...	128 25 103
Capt. Maitland ...	116 22 94	Mr. J. Goldfinch ...	137 30 107
Leut. de Crespigny	96 scr. 96	Lieut. J. Goldfinch	109 scr. 109
Mr. R. Hargreaves	105 9 96	Colonel Cameron,	143 30 113

Mr. H. T. Gillson made no return.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

During the Easter Holidays, when this course is the reverse of crowded, an interesting three-ball match has been in progress between Messrs. M. Friend, J. F. Abercrombie, and Capt. R. L. Cowper Coles. Five rounds were played, with the following results :

	Total.	Average.
Mr. Friend ...	83 100 98 91 95=477	95'5
Mr. Abercrombie ..	84 90 89 83 87=433	86'6
Capt. Cowper Coles ...	90 90 86 82 84=432	86'4

Capt. Cowper Coles thus won by one stroke.

Playing a single with Capt. Cowper Coles, Mr. Abercrombie lowered the amateur record for the course to 77, as follows :—

4 4 4 4 4 5 3 5	5=38	} 77
5 4 6 4 3 3 4 4	6=39	

The Myburgh cup has been won by Mr. M. Friend, who defeated Mr. Westhead in the final by 2 up, after having all the worst of the first half.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The final heat of the spring monthly medal was played off on Saturday last, in bright sunny weather, that much-improved player Mr. Williams winning with a good score of 96, less 8=88, after taking 10 to the second hole.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Williams ...	96 8 88	Mr. Plunket ...	103 3 106
Mr. H. G. Stock ...	94 scr. 94	Mr. E. Walthall ...	134 28 106

RICHMOND v. ROCHESTER.

RICHMOND.		ROCHESTER.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. A. L. Jockel ...	5	Mr. Thomas Winch ...	0
Mr. F. Booth ...	4	Mr. A. P. White ...	0
Mr. A. T. Jockel ...	4	Mr. H. B. Mattison ...	0
Mr. A. Allan ...	0	Mr. Charles Lake ...	1
Dr. Williamson ...	7	Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	0
Mr. P. R. Don ...	3	Colonel Nicholson ...	0
Mr. W. B. Westhead ...	0	Colonel Langdon ...	1
	23		2

Majority for Richmond, 21 holes.

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was held on the club links at Higham, on Monday, April 18th. Fine weather favoured the competition, but the number of players was hardly so large as usual, owing to the fact that so many members were playing in competitions elsewhere, and also to the counter-attractions of the military operations in the neighbourhood. This was the first meeting since the opening of the new pavilion. The building is pretty and useful, and much appreciated by members. The greens were in first-class order.

Gentlemen's competition :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. B. Maddison	92 10 82	Mr. A. C. Sealy ...	112 18 94
Mr. F. Knight ...	117 28 89	Mr. C. Lake ...	108 14 94
Mr. W. J. Upton ...	141 50 91		

Ladies' competition (twelve holes) :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Cobb ...	108 30 78	Mrs. Lake ...	92 9 83
Miss Pound ...	108 27 81	Mrs. Knight ...	111 27 84
Mrs. Holroyde ...	109 27 82	Mrs. Upton ...	115 27 88

ST. GEORGES GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

EASTER MEETING.

On Monday, at Sandwich, with the weather fine and the green in good order after the recent rain, the scoring generally was better than in any previous competition. Mr. Arnold Blyth returned a score of 82, only once before equalled in a Club Competition and this one the Spring Medal (scratch). Mr. J. Oswald was second with 83, and having a handicap of 5 he won the Saunders bowl. For this

price Captain Austin was second, with a score of 92, less 13=79. Another heat of the Sidgwick cup was played in the afternoon. The semi-final and the final were decided on Tuesday, when Messrs. F. T. Welman and Walter Bovill met Arnold Blyth and Walter Carr; Messrs. Oswald and Hambro met the Hon. Ivo Bligh and Mr. Salisbury Hughes.

Saturday :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. D. Bovill ...	95 7 88	Mr. W. L. Purves ...	100 scr. 100
Mr. G. Nicol ...	99 9 90	Mr. A. Denman ...	105 5 100
Mr. A. A. Wolfe Murray ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. H. L. Forbes ...	111 11 100
Mr. J. Oswald ...	96 5 91	Mr. H. C. Blyth ...	101 scr. 101
Mr. W. R. Anderson	100 9 91	Mr. H. Nicholls ...	110 9 101
Mr. W. Carr ...	99 6 93	Mr. W. J. R. Watson	113 12 101
Mr. T. R. Mills ...	99 5 94	Mr. A. Pollock ...	111 9 102
Mr. J. C. Wadham ...	103 9 94	Mr. H. P. Cater ...	115 13 102
Mr. C. M. Smith ...	101 5 96	Mr. C. Plummer ...	104 scr. 104
Mr. T. Mackay ...	99 2 97	Mr. G. P. Leach ...	118 14 104
Mr. C. L. Anstruther	108 11 97	Mr. E. Banbury ...	120 16 104
Mr. C. G. Kekewich	115 18 97	Capt. D. Stuart ...	126 18 108
Mr. E. M. Protheroe	108 10 98	Mr. A. C. Adam ...	118 8 110
Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	107 8 99	Mr. J. J. Hamilton ...	130 18 112
Mr. H. G. T. Hughes	110 11 99	Mr. W. H. Peto ...	136 22 114
		Mr. S. G. Harding ...	146 18 128

The other gentlemen made no return.

Monday :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Oswald ...	83 5 78	Mr. G. Nicol ...	101 9 92
Capt. Austin ...	92 13 79	Mr. John Anderson	112 20 92
Mr. A. D. Blyth ...	82 scr. 82	Mr. W. Carr ...	99 6 93
Mr. C. E. Hambro	89 7 82	Mr. S. S. Schultz ...	102 8 94
Mr. A. Bovill ...	94 11 83	Mr. G. P. Leach ...	108 14 94
Mr. A. Denman ...	89 5 84	Capt. D. Stuart ...	112 18 94
Mr. P. Balfour ...	93 7 86	Mr. J. J. Hamilton	112 18 94
Mr. C. M. Smith ...	92 5 87	Hon. R. C. Grosvenor	107 12 95
Mr. A. A. Wolfe Murray ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. H. L. Forbes ...	107 11 96
Mr. H. J. Whigham	91 3 88	Mr. W. C. Anderson	114 18 96
Mr. W. D. Bovill ...	93 5 88	Mr. H. P. Cater ...	110 13 97
Mr. G. Hannaford ...	106 18 88	Mr. D. S. Hindmarsh	103 6 97
Mr. F. Barry ...	94 5 89	Mr. H. C. Blyth ...	98 scr. 98
Mr. H. G. S. Hughes	100 11 89	Mr. C. Plummer ...	98 scr. 98
Mr. W. J. R. Watson	101 12 89	Mr. H. E. Acklom	107 9 98
Mr. C. C. Scott ...	101 12 89	Mr. W. R. Anderson	107 9 98
Mr. J. Mews ...	102 13 89	Mr. R. H. Caird ...	111 11 100
Mr. F. Mackay ...	92 2 90	Mr. E. M. Protheroe	110 10 100
Mr. F. T. Welman	94 4 90	Mr. A. A. Common	116 16 100
Mr. J. C. Wadham ...	99 9 90	Mr. R. C. Harrison	116 15 101
Mr. C. G. Kekewich	109 18 91	Mr. E. Banbury ...	117 16 101
		Mr. W. T. Hughes	126 18 108

First heat.—Messrs. F. T. Welman and W. D. Bovill, a bye; Messrs. F. Broome and W. J. Watson, a bye; Messrs. C. E. Nesham and A. Denham beat Messrs. C. Plummer and H. P. Cater; Messrs. J. C. Wadham and A. B. Chalmers beat Messrs. John Anderson and W. Scott Elliot; Messrs. W. R. Anderson and C. Thompson beat Messrs. M. A. Orgill and G. Nicol; Messrs. A. D. Blyth and W. Carr beat Messrs. C. M. Smith and A. Bovill; Messrs. C. G. Kekewich and G. Hannaford beat Messrs. R. Johnstone and W. T. Hughes; Messrs. H. C. Blyth and H. Nicholls beat Messrs. W. L. Purves and H. L. Forbes; Messrs. R. H. Caird and G. P. Leach beat Messrs. James Abernethy and R. C. Harrison; Messrs. A. Pollock and J. L. Ridpath beat Capt. D. Stuart and Mr. E. M. Protheroe; Messrs. F. Barry and Gordon Ruck beat Messrs. G. Foord Kelcey and J. S. Pearce; Messrs. C. E. Hambro and J. Oswald beat Messrs. T. R. Mills and E. F. S. Tylecote; Hon. Ivo Bligh and Mr. H. G. S. Hughes beat Messrs. E. Banbury and J. B. Joyce; Messrs. C. C. Scott and J. Mews beat J. J. Hamilton and D. F. Park; Messrs. S. S. Schultz and D. S. Hindmarsh beat Messrs. H. E. Acklom and C. O. Walker; Hon. R. C. Grosvenor and Mr. W. Rutherford beat Messrs. W. C. Anderson and C. A. W. Cameron.

Second heat.—Messrs. Welman and Bovill beat Messrs. Broome and Watson; Messrs. Wadham and Chalmers beat Messrs. Nesham and Denman; Messrs. Blyth and Carr beat Messrs. Anderson and Thompson; Messrs. Blyth and Nicholls beat Messrs. Kekewich and Hannaford; Messrs. Pollock and Ridpath beat Messrs. Caird and Leach; Messrs. Hambro and Oswald beat Messrs. Barry and Ruck; Messrs. Bligh and Hughes beat Messrs. Scott and Mews; Messrs. Grosvenor and Rutherford beat Messrs. Schultz and Hindmarsh.

Third heat.—Messrs. Welman and Bovill beat Messrs. Wadham and Chalmers; Messrs. Blyth and Carr beat Messrs. Blyth and Nicholls; Messrs. Hambro and Oswald beat Messrs. Pollock and Ridpath; Messrs. Bligh and Hughes beat Messrs. Grosvenor and Rutherford.

Best scratch scores for either day :—Mr. A. D. Blyth, 82; Mr. J. Oswald, 83; Mr. A. Denman, 89; Mr. C. E. Hambro, 89; Captain

Austin, 92; Mr. C. M. Smith, 92; Mr. T. Mackay, 92; Mr. W. D. Bovill, 93; Mr. F. Barry, 94; Mr. A. Bovill, 94; Mr. F. T. Welman, 94.

Monthly medal 9th April:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Hodson ...	104	16 88	Mr. W. Gordon ...	108	14 94
Mr. T. R. Mills ...	95	5 90	Mr. J. Anderson ...	115	20 95
Mr. F. T. Welman ...	95	4 91	Mr. A. N. Morley ...	115	18 97
Mr. J. Oswald ...	98	5 93	Mr. W. Morley ...	115	18 97
Hon. A. Grosvenor	100	7 93	Mr. Hammond Paine	111	13 98
Mr. A. Wolfe Murray	94	scr. 94	Mr. H. L. Forbes ...	111	11 100

Many other members competed; they either made no return or their scores were over 100.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

There is no game in which perseverance is so sure of ultimate success as in Golf, after being second so many times for the favourite competition, Mr. C. J. Bunting, on Saturday last, was fortunate enough to show the winning card. Although the net score of 85 is below the scratch register yet the strong cold east wind, which blew bleakly across the course, made the real scratch score many strokes higher, and therefore Mr. Bunting was congratulated on his success. Beginning moderately with a 7 to the Sporting Shepherd's Cottage Hole, and a slight improvement to the second, an excellent driving approach to the next hole, an approach over the little catch bunker, enabled the winner to complete this hole in 4. The drive to the battery was a sight for sore eyes, a beautiful clean drive on to the green enabling the approach to lie dead, which was easily holed in 3. Mr. Bunting also drove the Railway Hole exceedingly well, and had he not missed his putt would have succeeded in accomplishing this hole in 3; but the ball just flipped the hole and required a helping stroke to put it down, making 4, which was also the number for the Marsh Hole, and by completing the ninth hole in 5, which is also steady play, made the total outward score 45, which, considering the high cross-wind, has seldom been equalled. Having the wind to face coming home naturally the score was considerably enhanced, yet not more than the difficult condition of the elements made it, and with the help of four 5's and a 4 the return journey was accomplished in 52, making a total of 97. Second honours fell to the lot of the ex-captain (Mr. W. Purves), who also completed the outward course in 45, and by coming home in 49 placed on record the best score of the day on merit, we notice Mr. Purves succeeded in doing both the Battery and Bay Holes in 3 strokes each, Mr. O. K. Trechmann, who was Mr. Purves' partner, ran into third place. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. J. Bunting ...	97	12 85	Mr. W. S. Merry-weather ...	110	16 94
Mr. W. Purves ...	94	7 87	Mr. R. Elliott ...	111	17 94
Mr. O. K. Trechmann	98	9 88	Mr. E. W. Walker ...	113	18 95
Mr. Seymour Walker.	97	6 91	Mr. W. Ropner ...	121	25 96
Mr. W. G. Lohden ...	111	20 91	Mr. J. F. Wilson ...	113	15 98
Mr. A. Robinson ...	102	9 93	Mr. L. K. Fawcitt ...	118	15 103

Messrs. J. F. Whitwell, P. B. Kent, H. Simpson, and C. Trechmann and W. S. Woodiwis made no returns.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

A competition was played over these links on Saturday, the 16th inst., for prizes presented by the captain of the club. The greens were in good order, but owing to the exceptional severity of the weather few good scores were recorded. The following returns were handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. J. Waller ...	114	23 91	Mr. S. W. Woollett	114	10 104
Mr. C. Powell ...	108	12 96	Mr. E. R. Cooper ...	145	33 112
Mr. B. Whitmore ...	112	10 102	Mr. D. R. Gooding	139	20 119
Mr. J. Browne ...	112	10 102	Mr. Herbert ...	158	30 128
Mr. A. R. Grubbe	113	10 103	Mr. Tippetts ...	174	30 144

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

OPENING OF THE NEW LINKS.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., the recently-acquired links of the Southport Golf Club, which extend from Moss Lane, near the corner of High Park Road and Roe Lane, to Blowick, were formally opened. The course is one of over three miles. The distances of the holes, which are 18 in number, are as follows:—1st., 338 yards; 2nd., 367 yards; 3rd., 367 yards; 4th., 329 yards; 5th., 436 yards; 6th., 312 yards; 7th., 477 yards; 8th., 140 yards; 9th., 275 yards; 10th., 192 yards; 11th., 212 yards; 12th., 259 yards; 13th., 144 yards; 14th., 292 yards; 15th., 275 yards; 16th., 343 yards; 17th., 391 yards; 18th., 268 yards. Coming to the first tee we found the first hazard to be a sand bunker, with wooden railing, 30 yards from the tee. In approaching the first hole we come to the second hazard, which is situated 20 yards from the putting-green, and consists of a sand bunker and small cop. Playing

off from the second tee the players encounter a fence, a ditch, and a sand bunker, all within the space of 60 yards of the tee. These hazards are followed by two other sand bunkers and small cops situated just before the approach to the hole. In going to the third hole the players have as hazards a broad bunker, railed off, 100 yards from the tee, and then a high cop. In case the player manages to clear the broad bunker in his first shot from the third tee the second shot must be played over a cop 6 feet high, very tricky, and with a dyke on each side. From the fourth tee the player has to drive over a high cop 80 yards from the tee. The next shot is over a very broad bunker. The putting-green for the fourth hole is bounded on each side by narrow ditches. Leaving the fifth tee, the golfer comes across a ditch within 40 yards, which will catch any topped balls. In the forefront of the approach to the green is a very broad sand bunker to be passed, and the green itself is bounded by a ditch on one side and a high railing on the other. From the sixth tee one has to cross a ditch immediately in front; a cop stands within 140 yards of the tee. In playing over this tee it is well to remember that a sliced ball would go out of bounds. There is also another sand bunker 80 yards from the sixth hole. The seventh tee is near the Keeper's cottage. A sliced ball played from this tee will go into a thickly-wooded plantation, and a topped ball will go into a bunker about 60 yards from the tee. A bad second shot gets punished in another bunker in front. This is the long hole. A bad approach shot will be punished by going into a "sand scrape" which borders the green. The eighth hole is the short one. A cleek shot from the tee will take the player on to the green, but the course is very tricky, as it is bounded on the right by a gorse bush, and on the left by a bunker, and further the approach is narrow. From the ninth teeing-ground there is gorse for 50 yards. Woe be to the man who tops his ball hereabouts. A wide bunker appears 110 yards from the tee. 130 yards from the tenth tee there is a large bunker. To the right of the hole is gorse, and to the left a ditch. About 90 yards from the eleventh tee is a goodly-sized bunker. In approaching the eleventh hole, which is called "the plateau hole," the player is met by a "sand face," 4 feet deep. In front of the twelfth hole there is a broad sand bunker, whilst beyond the hole is a pool. From the thirteenth tee the player crosses the pool; to his left is all gorse. To get to the fourteenth hole two awkward bunkers have to be crossed. Proceeding to the sixteenth, a ball pulled will be out of bounds, and go into the cover. A small ditch lies 150 yards from the tee. Near to the edge of the putting-green is a bunker and fence. A wide bunker occurs about 260 yards from the seventeenth tee. 100 yards further on is a cop, 5 feet high, which one has to cross to get to the putting-green. At the eighteenth hole, immediately in front of the tee, two cops stand—one 15 yards from the tee, and the other 35 yards, and in approaching the eighteenth hole we are met by a sand bunker and fence. There is no doubt whatever that the links are amongst the finest in the North of England, and constitute a veritable golfers' Paradise.

The opening ceremony on Saturday was performed by Mr. W. E. Buckley, on the first teeing-ground, in the presence of a large company, including the Mayor of Southport (Alderman Dr. Pilkington, J.P.), Mr. John Betham, Mr. T. O. Clinning, J.P., C.C., Messrs. W. W. P. Shatwell, G. F. Smith, W. T. Rowley, H. Sidebottom, H. B. Barlow, W. E. Bland, R. H. Prestwich, Herbert Dorning, R. E. Haslam, L. Haslam, Chas. Howarth, R. Howarth, R. A. Nicholson, and Robert Whittaker.

The Mayor, in a few well-chosen words, presented Mr. Buckley with a silver-mounted driver, made specially for the occasion by Strath, the professional of the club.

The gift was duly acknowledged by Mr. Buckley, who then struck a ball, making a magnificent drive.

A friendly foursome was then played between the Mayor and Mr. John Betham, representing Southport, and Mr. T. O. Clinning, chairman of the Birkdale Local Board, and Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell, captain of the Birkdale Golf Club, representing Birkdale. The Mayor and Mr. Betham were 3 to the good at one point, but seemed to drop away, and the Birkdale representatives eventually won the game by 1 hole.

A lunch was then partaken of in the splendid new pavilion of the club on the ground. A plan of the new links was accepted from Mr. John Betham. The measurements of the links are clearly marked thereon. In the centre is a photo of Mr. Charles Scarisbrick, J.P., captain of the club; and at the sides are likenesses of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Buckley.

The monthly medal competition was then entered on, with the following result:—

SENIOR GOLD MEDAL.					
Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. G. F. Smith ...	96	scr. 96	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	110	6 101
*Capt. Wyld ...	110	14 96	Mr. C. Howarth ...	110	5 105
Mr. J. Morison ...	104	7 97	Mr. H. Sidebottom ...	119	12 107
Mr. W. T. Rowley ...	110	12 98	Mr. R. A. Nicholson	120	8 112
Mr. W. E. Bland ...	114	14 100			

* Tie.

JUNIOR GOLD MEDAL.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. B. Barlow ...	123 18 105	Mr. Fred Baker ...	137 25 112
Mr. H. Dorning ...	135 24 111	Mr. Alfred Woodiwiss	132 18 114
Mr. D. C. Anderson	132 20 112	Mr. Robert Howarth	174 25 149

Twenty couples started, but, owing to a strong north-east wind, play was difficult, and only a few had the courage to return their cards.

TORQUAY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The second season of the Torquay Ladies' Golf Club ended with competitions for prizes presented by different ladies. They were all played for by strokes, and took place on the following dates, sweepstakes forming second prize each day:—

Monday, April 4th.—Silver scent bottle, presented by the captain, Miss Saunders Knox-Gore:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss McDonall ...	108 25 83	Miss Oldfield ...	101 12 89
Miss E. Colhoun ...	92 8 84	Miss K. Oldfield ...	105 15 90
Mrs. Last Smith ...	96 10 86	Miss Wise ...	102 9 93
Miss G. V. Guise ...	91 3 88	Miss Wollen ...	123 25 98

Tuesday, April 5th.—Antique Spanish paste brooch, presented by Mrs. Fordyce:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss E. Colhoun ...	92 8 84	Miss G. V. Guise ...	97 3 94
*Mrs. Last Smith ...	98 10 88	Miss K. Oldfield ...	110 15 95
*Miss Oldfield ...	100 12 88	Miss Knox-Gore ...	110 13 97
Miss Alice Knox-Gore ...	111 22 89	Miss Wollen ...	126 25 101
		Miss Wise ...	112 9 103

* Tied.

Wednesday, April 6th.—Silver buckle, presented by Mrs. Wise:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss G. V. Guise ...	84 3 81	Miss K. Oldfield ...	101 15 86
Mrs. Last Smith ...	95 10 85	Miss Alice Knox-Gore ...	111 22 89
Miss E. Colhoun ...	92 6 89	Miss Wollen ...	118 25 93
Miss Knox-Gore ...	99 13 86		

Friday, April 8th.—Dozen Golf balls, presented by B. W. Day (professional):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Last Smith ...	89 10 79	Miss G. V. Guise ...	87 1 86
Miss Oldfield ...	92 12 80	Miss McDonall ...	109 23 86
Miss E. Colhoun ...	91 6 85	Miss K. Oldfield ...	104 15 89

Miss Wollen sent in no card.

WHITLEY GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the silver cup, value fifteen guineas, presented by Mr. J. G. Joicey, took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 12th inst., over the Whitley links. The competition commenced in November last, and has been continued fortnightly, weather permitting. The winners on each day fell together in the final, and were rehandicapped, partners and order of starting being balloted for at the club-house, under the superintendence of Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, hon. secretary of the club. The whole of the individual winners were present to take part in the deciding contest, and a more suitable day for golfing could not have been desired. The links were in capital order, and some good play was witnessed. In the result Mr. W. B. Shaw was found to be the winner of the cup, and his victory was exceedingly popular. Details:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. B. Shaw, ...	112 30 82	Mr. R. T. Thomson ...	92 scr. 92
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe ...	86 scr. 86	Mr. Charles A. Ridley	93 scr. 93
Mr. E. S. Osborn ...	100 10 90	Mr. J. W. Wood ...	98 5 93
Mr. F. W. Wyndham	107 17 90	Mr. J. G. Sharpe ...	113 13 100

Dr. Treadwell, Dr. J. Limont, Dr. Beale, and Dr. A. Wilson retired. The captain's cup, presented by Mr. F. W. Wyndham, is to be competed for on May 9th, and the Routledge cup on the following day, when the season of 1891-92 terminates.

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WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medals, 16th April, 1892:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mrs. T. Meates ...	95 32 63	Mrs. Fisher ...	119 36 83
†Miss M. Connell ...	100 35 65	Miss M. Colt ...	115 32 83
Mrs. A. King ...	99 28 71	Miss Gow ...	120 36 84
Miss Stevenson ...	92 20 72	Miss A. Economo ...	115 30 85
Mrs. Arthur Pollock	94 20 74	Miss H. A. MacFarlan ...	118 32 86
Miss Edith Scott ...	101 26 75	Miss B. Martyn ...	122 36 86
Miss Mabel Nicol ...	96 20 76	Miss Aston ...	118 32 86
Mrs. Willock ...	111 35 76	Miss N. Martyn ...	120 32 88
Miss Hassard-Short	98 21 77	Miss Issette Pearson	91 scr. 91
Mrs. Archer ...	98 21 77	Mrs. H. M. Frere ...	127 36 91
Mrs. Dowson ...	108 29 79	Miss Eveleigh ...	122 30 92
Miss Phillips ...	93 12 81		

* First medal and brooch. † Second medal.

The following were over 100:—Mrs. Maynard, Miss Hay Cooper, Miss M. E. Anderson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Bell, Miss G. Meates.

No returns from Miss A. MacFarlan, Miss M. Clapham, Miss E. Martyn, Miss D. Scott.

BANK OF SCOTLAND GOLF CLUB.—The spring competition of this club was held at Gullane on Good Friday in splendid weather. The first prize was gained by Mr. Geo. G. Crease, with 91, less 3=88. Mr. R. Richardson, and Mr. James Clark tied for second place with a net score of 94.

EAST OF FIFE GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the gold charm presented by ex-Provost Gilchrist, Pittenweem, captain of the club, for competition by the winners of the monthly silver medal during the past year, took place over the Grangemuir course on Saturday evening. From nine in the morning till midday a heavy snowstorm prevailed, completely covering the course to a depth of about two inches. Mr. James Laurie, Anstruther—the winner of the charm presented by the club last year—again became the successful winner, with a scratch score of 74. The others were as follows:—Messrs. W. Brown, 79; W. Morton, 79; J. Fairweather, 83, less 3=80; J. Bird, 85, less 5=80; D. Laurie, 84, less 3=81; G. Williamson, 82; J. Clacher, 87, less 5=82; J. Ireland, 85; and W. Smith, jun., 98.

EDINBURGH CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' CLUB.—On Saturday the members of this club held their annual spring meeting over the North Berwick links. The weather was favourable, and eleven couples drove from the tee, arriving per the forenoon trains. The club silver cup with charm and the captain's prize were the chief awards, in addition to which several prizes in kind were offered—all under handicap conditions. Considering that a rather troublesome breeze blew over the course, the actual of 84 by Mr. Gordon Robertson was a very good one, and with this figure, plus 4=88, he carried off the silver cup and charm. Mr. W. Greenhill gained the captain's prize, with 96, less 6=90. Other scores were:—Mr. James Brown, 92, (scratch); Mr. J. Greig, 110, less 15=95; Mr. W. J. Croall, 99, less 3=96; Mr. Norman Balmorie, 114, less 18=96; Mr. J. K. Chalmers, 115, less 18=97; Mr. F. T. Crawford, 115, less 18=97; Mr. J. H. Buchanan, 115, less 18=97; and Mr. J. Stuart Gowans, 117, less 18=99.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The annual spring competition took place at Luffness on Good Friday, when the silver medal and other prizes were competed for, with the following result:—Messrs. G. Brown, R. B. S. Mason, R. E. Robson, A. R. Murray, D. G. R. Murray, and R. Galloway, tied. Two special prizes for members with handicaps of 20 and upwards were won by Messrs. A. Paterson and J. Notman.

CRAWFORD CLUB.—This club held its Easter meeting at Crawford on Friday, when there was a large turn-out of members, fifteen couples entering for the various events on the programme. The day was all that could be desired, and a most enjoyable game resulted as follows:—Scratch prize (silver challenge cleek, presented by Mr. R. P. Hardie), was won by Rev. Mr. Watson, with a score of 86, the next best scores being:—Rev. Mr. Dick, 87; Mr. Callender, 89; and Mr. Shanks, 90. First handicap prize (a handsome challenge cup) fell to Mr. Callender with 89, less 9=80. The second handicap prize (a putting iron, presented by the captain, Rev. Mr. M'Kune) was won by Dr. Day with 91, less 7=84.

KING JAMES VI. CLUB, PERTH.—At the annual competition by the members of this Club last week the Kinnaird cup was tied for by Mr. A. Jamieson, Mr. T. Chalmers, and Mr. J. Crerar. The tie was played off afternoon, the 13th inst., and resulted in a win by Mr. Crerar, his score being 61, less 4=57.

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