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JUNE.

- June 4.—North Bedfordshire : Monthly Medal.
Lea Hurst : Committee Cup.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Foursome Prize.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Edinburgh University : Challenge Cup and Prizes.
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Monthly Medal.
- June 4 & 6.—Lytham and St. Anne's : Whitsuntide Meeting.
St. George's (Sandwich) : Whitsuntide Meeting.
Great Yarmouth : Whitsuntide Meeting.
Littlestone : Whitsuntide Meeting.
- June 4 & 7.—Felixstowe : Whitsuntide Meeting.
- June 6.—West Cornwall : Ladies' Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Whitsuntide Meeting.
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Club Handicap.
Buxton and High Peak : Whitsuntide Cup.
Ashdown Forest : Whitsuntide Meeting.
Royal Isle of Wight : Whitsuntide Meeting.
Seaford : Annual Challenge Cup.
Aldeburgh : Whitsuntide Meeting ; Mr. Charles E. Pearson's Cup.
- June 7.—East Sheen Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Monifieth : Captain's Prize.
Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.

- June 7 & 8.—Royal Cromer : Whitsuntide Meeting.
June 7 & 9.—Royal North Devon : Whitsuntide Meeting.
June 8.—North Bedfordshire Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Newhaven : Monthly Medal.
June 9.—Nottingham v. West Herts.
Barnes Ladies : Prize Competition.
- June 11.—Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.
Southport : Monthly Medal and Summer Meeting
Rochester v. Sidcup.
Buxton and High Peak : The Strang Cup.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Staines : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes v. Ranfurly Castle.
Royal Epping Forest : Foursome Competition.
Scarborough : Monthly Silver Medal.
- June 13.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Competition.
- June 15.—Durham : Walter Cup.
- June 16.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Medal.
- June 18.—Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Midsummer Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Captain's Prize.
Gullane : Club Prizes.
Woodford : Quarterly Medal.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Christmas Cup.
Disley : Summer Silver Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Worms Challenge Cup.
Cathkin Braes : Westwood Cup.
Eltham : Open Competition.
Tooting : Annual General Meeting, at 2 p.m.
Dewsbury District : Monthly Medal.
- June 21.—Royal Blackheath : Summer Medal and Monthly Medal.
Rochester : Midsummer Medal.
- June 22.—Warrender : Club Medal.
- June 23-25.—Bowdon : Summer Meeting.
- June 23 & 25.—Wimbledon Ladies : Summer Meeting.
- June 25.—Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Edinburgh University : Club Medal Challenge Cup and other Prizes.
Rochester v. Reigate.
Woodford : Captain's Prize.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal and Micholls Cup.
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes v. Dumbarton.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; and Monthly Medal.
Scarborough : Monthly Gold Medal.
- June 28.—Burnham : Monthly Medal.
Luffness : Handicap Medal.

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A FLOUNDERING CRITIC.

The arch-authority on Golf has spoken. The learned oracle has given forth no uncertain sound. In other words, Dr. Andrew Wilson, who knows nothing about Golf, condemns the game, in comparison with tennis and cricket, for young people of both sexes. He has said this in the *Illustrated London News*, and the words are meant to have especial weight when inserted under his heading "Science Jottings."

I regret this very much, because Dr. Wilson is a scientific man of considerable reputation and of wide reading. He is the successful Combe lecturer on several branches of natural science, and is the able editor of "Health" and "Science Gossip." His publications have been extensively circulated. I say, I regret that Dr. Wilson has taken this hostile stand, for a good number believe in him about other matters; and when they find that he is wrong in this they may lose their respect for him in things which he really knows. It reminds one of the advice given to the late Dr. John Robertson, of Glasgow Cathedral, when he was ordained to the country parish of Mains. A wise neighbour-minister said, "Maister Robertson, you're a young man, an' tho' ye're a grand scholar in maist things, ye'll better keep ye're thoom' on a' fermin' maiters till ye lairn; for, ye see, if a plooman fin's oot that ye mak' mistaks about fermin', he'll no gie ye credit for kennin' onything about ither things." He should not have paraded his ignorance about a game of which he confessedly knows nothing. It would have been better, after his first mistake, to have kindly taken the well meant advice, given by our Editor in the autumn, *Ne sutor ultra crepidam*.

Strange is it that "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread;" only the Doctor is by no means an intruder of that category, except on this one point. Yet there seems an unaccountable inclination for people of good ability to speak about what they do not know. He is only a pedant who ever talks about his hobby subject, and soon he makes himself a bore in society. I remember twenty years ago, when I required to pluck eleven candidates out of twenty for the M.A. degree at St. Andrew's University, the late Principal Tullach (one of my very best friends and supporters) coming down on me before some professors for my onesidedness. "What is the use of mathematics for general professional life? A man may be a brilliant student, and yet be incapable of studying that subject. The mathematician gives no evidence of a highly cultured mind; his intellect is on a par with that of the geological librarian, Walker, for gathering different kinds of stones." But after this tirade, I quietly said: "I always, till now, trusted you in this respect, that you never spoke with your authority on any matter with which you were not perfectly familiar." And Professor Crombie chimed in: "And, Principal, you know nothing about mathematics."

The fact is, one who writes about Golf when he cannot play, and never could play—to say nothing about one who never tried to play—is very like the deaf man who thought the people that were dancing with brilliancy in a ball-room, were stark mad. To one ignorant of the game, Golf looks very weak and uneventful. It is like people dancing without the strains of music. But to one who has been for life skilled in it, there is an irresistible charm; he cannot but be irritated when any attack is made on it for its want of interest, uselessness as a physical trainer, and other blatant stuff.

Fully a year ago, an ignorant but more pretentious critic, in the *Spectator*, got his fingers burned by touching what he knew nothing about—except by backdoor gossip—in blackballing the noble game, because the students of St. Andrews were demoralised by its practice and associations. I had my own share in exposing his ignorance in the columns of this Journal, this I would not have repeated, but my challenge was never answered.

At the same time, I do not think that Dr. Wilson was so much to blame in writing his adverse reflections last autumn, as in repeating them now in his cooler judgment. "A Parent"—a non-golfer, or an incurable duffer—has asked the Doctor to repeat his diatribe against Golf for boys and girls. This "dog in the manger" has set the Doctor's back up again. It is a pity; for one never rises higher by running the faster on a downward slope. Nor did the Doctor ever think he would ex-

tinguish the game by his invective. He was not like the swell, who, when owing a large account to a fashionable bootmaker, went to that functionary and vehemently complained about the miserable and disgusting boots that he had last made. When this irate fop said, "I—aw—assuaw yaw—if yaw dawn't sarve me—aw—bettaw—I—aw—must leave yaw," the shopkeeper quietly remarked to his apprentice: "John, this gentleman is not pleased with our make, just go and put on the shutters." No! no! the Doctor never thought of blasting the custom. At the same time, in his study of the game, he reminds one of the reply of the mathematician who was asked his opinion of the "Paradise Lost" of Milton: "I have carefully read it through; but what does it prove?" The Doctor has seen the game played; but he is totally ignorant of the exhilarating effects of continued practice from childhood.

These remarks look as if they were personal; but I never meant them to be so—in the malevolent sense. This adage I never forget: "A fool may give a wise man a counsel." Now, Dr. Wilson—though a distinguished authority on subjects which I have for thirty years gone into with more care than he has with Golf—cannot speak with my authority on this game. For I have known Golf since I remember anything. Like young Norval, "I was born for battle"—in that respect—though I ever desire to be a man of peace.

The Doctor protests against "boys and girls trundling lazily along after their elders over Golf links." To trundle is "to move about as if on wheels," according to one of the best dictionaries. This is a caricature of the whole matter. Boys and girls do not perpetrate any nonsensical movement of the kind, either physically or mentally. The fact is that boys and girls are intensely active, and prefer matches among juniors to being near the seniors. I have watched, on Leven Links especially, many young girls taking part in the game, on the long course as well as on the short course, with an enthusiasm which I—a reverend senior—very much envied. I have heard them talk about nothing but Golf all the breakfast hour, dinner hour, tea hour, and supper hour, at their holiday time. What more, for health, would the Doctor desire? Here we have girls, on a brilliant summer day, with buoyant spirits, overcoming any native laziness, rushing to the glorious game, and coming back health-stored, ruddy, with appetites like hawks.

Now, the able editor of *Health* must surely acknowledge that any game which can, without undue exertion, lastingly improve the girls' health, increase their cheerfulness, occupy for the time their whole attention, strengthen their nerve-power by the play on the elastic turf, develop their chest-action, and make them centres of leavening happiness to all around, is even more than royal—it is a boon to humanity.

Boys, too, should be encouraged to Golf. As a general rule, few succeed who do not learn young. There are very few Everards or Hodges in the golfing world. The youngster must imitate the distinguished players and practise in their style. "Many a mute, inglorious Milton" in Golf is swinging away behind Ball or Kirkaldy. I don't run down tennis or cricket, but I place Golf before these for boys and girls. Young ladies, too, seem less inclined for tennis than they used to be. For them, the attraction of cricket is in witnessing a game in pleasant company; but they do not take part in it. I was much pleased to see at St. Andrews, when I was playing there in November last, some young ladies out, practising alone, with a professional giving them instructions. A short, but supple club should be used by them. The driving, in the glorious sense, is not within their powers; but they can, by the delicacy of their wrists and fingers, be very soon adepts at approaching and putting. I hope soon to see foursomes—with a lady and gentleman on a side—more fashionable; and I am very glad to say that, at Blairgowrie in Strathmore, the Golf Club is arranging to have the ladies using the Landsdowne green at hours which will not unduly crowd the course. This, I see, is a popular move.

One parting word. More than thirty years ago I read at the Madras College, St. Andrews, in the standard "Analecta Græca Minora," one of the *Facetiæ* of Hierocles, which stuck to me. It is the first piece of Greek I ever committed to memory; but it will be better to give the humourist's meaning in English: "A simpleton, learning to swim, was nearly choked. He vowed, therefore, that he would not again touch water until in the first place he had learned to swim." The worthy

Doctor, too, seems to have dwelt upon this, or a similar noble resolution, during the interval between his two unguarded effusions in the *Illustrated London News*; for he does not appear to be inclined to try Golf until in the first place he has learned the game.

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PROFESSIONAL MATCH.

ROLLAND V. H. KIRKALDY.

The concluding portion of this match was played at Limpsfield, on Monday, May 23rd. The weather was magnificent, and a large number of spectators accompanied the men as they went round.

At 11.20 Rolland, who was 10 up on the previous thirty-six holes, played at Forest Row on May 16th, drove off from the first tee—a grand ball, which nearly reached the green. Kirkaldy followed with almost as long a shot, but his ball, which was slightly off the course, lay heavy in rough grass, and with his second he was short of the green. Rolland laid his second dead, but Kirkaldy, putting too fast, was away, and had to play two more. Rolland holed his ball in 3 to Kirkaldy's 5; Rolland 1 up.

At the second hole Rolland drove a long ball, but being slightly pulled, and having the wind to help it, it alighted in the rough grass off the course to the left. Kirkaldy followed still more in the same mistaken direction, but carried the whole bunker, and lay well, though a long way to the left of the right line. Playing the odd, he pulled his shot again to the left, Rolland playing his second to the edge of the green. Kirkaldy followed with an approach which landed him beyond the hole, Rolland's approach putt being too short to make sure of the hole. Kirkaldy then had a longish putt, which he failed to get down, and Rolland holing his ball (a good putt), won the hole in 4 as against 5, and was 2 up.

At the gravel-pit Rolland drove an enormously long ball, which, however, the wind being against it, just failed to clear the ditch. Kirkaldy's drive was not so long, but the ball lay well, and a beautiful second with his cleek landed him just short of the green. Rolland was forced to play back out of the ditch, and with his third (a fine shot with his iron) lay just beyond the hole. Playing the odd, he was too short, whereas Kirkaldy laid his third stone-dead to all appearance. Rolland, however, holed his putt, and Kirkaldy did not, and the hole was halved in 5.

Both men drove grand balls at the fourth hole, but Kirkaldy had bad luck, his ball lying in a small rut, out of which, with a fine iron shot, he laid his second just short of the green. Rolland, too, took his iron, but he was off the green to the right in a bad lie, Kirkaldy playing the odd, over-ran the hole; Rolland followed with a shot that left him within eight inches of the hole, after Kirkaldy playing two more had failed to hole a difficult down-hill putt. Rolland's putt, however, a very short one, struck the lip of the hole and jumped out, and the hole was halved in 5.

A grand drive at the fifth hole landed Rolland within a few feet of the green. Kirkaldy being short, and on the wrong side of the road. Playing the odd, he was short, Rolland's second laying his ball stone-dead. Kirkaldy again had to play the odd, and his ball struck his opponent's ball, and left him a stymie which he was unable to negotiate, and the hole was Rolland's in 3 to Kirkaldy's 5; Rolland now 3 up. Both men drove well at the sixth hole, but Kirkaldy's second placed him in the bunker to the left of the hole, while Rolland, playing the like, was on the green. But in Golf, as in life, it is often the unexpected that happens, and while Rolland overran the hole with his approach putt, a grand shot of Kirkaldy's out of the bunker laid him stone-dead; Rolland playing the odd had a somewhat difficult putt for the half, which he failed to secure, his ball hanging on the lip of the hole. This hole, therefore, was Kirkaldy's in 4, to Rolland's 5; Rolland 2 up.

Both men drove good balls at the seventh hole, but Kirkaldy was again unfortunate, his ball lying in a deep rut, out of which his second did no more than rescue him, Rolland placing his second on the green. Kirkaldy played rather wild at this point, and took 6 to the hole, which Rolland secured in 4; Rolland 3 up.

Rolland, at the eighth tee, drove a long low ball well over the road, and Kirkaldy followed suit, but with a ball not quite so long. Then, taking his brassy, he placed his second on the green (a very fine shot), while Rolland, with an iron, was also in a remote corner of the green. Rolland then laid his approach putt dead, and holed in 4, to Kirkaldy's 5; Rolland 4 up.

At the ninth hole both men drove well from the tee, but Rolland pulled his second to the left of the green, and Kirkaldy was short.

Playing the odd he was too much to the left, and as Rolland laid his third dead, this hole again fell to him, with 4 to his opponent's 5; Rolland 5 up at the turn.

At the tenth hole Rolland's drive—a very long one—lay just at the edge of the road; Kirkaldy, who took the more direct line to the hole over the hazard, being not far from the green, with a very fine shot. Both men were short with their approach shots; Rolland's third was past the hole, and Kirkaldy, playing the like, laid his ball dead, and was down in 4; Rolland who missed his putt for the half, taking 5; Rolland now 4 up.

At the eleventh hole Kirkaldy, who now had the honour, made a grand drive, while Rolland topped his—the first topped ball, so far, in the match—and landing in the hazard, was compelled to lift and play two more. Kirkaldy's second was a good shot, but a little short, and then ensued some very indifferent putting, after Rolland with his third had placed himself to the left of the green, which ended in Kirkaldy's winning this hole also, with 5 to Rolland's 6; Rolland 3 up.

Over the gravel-pit Rolland, with a grand drive, lay just short of the ditch, Kirkaldy a good way behind him. The Forest Row man took his driver, and with a beautiful, long, straight shot laid his ball on the green. Rolland followed with a perfect iron shot which laid him nearly dead, and was down in 4, Kirkaldy, who missed his putt for the half, taking 5; Rolland 4 up.

At the long hole both men drove well, but both came to grief with their seconds, Kirkaldy in the rut of the turf road, and Rolland in the rough grass to the left of the hole. Disaster seemed to make them careless, as, after some very indifferent play, Kirkaldy won the hole in 6, Rolland taking 7; Rolland 3 up.

Kirkaldy's drive at the fourteenth hole was good enough, landing just short of the road; Rolland's—a very long ball—was beyond the green in the rough. With his second Kirkaldy was too far, while Rolland was very short. Both men should have made sure of 4, but some bad putting ended in the hole being halved in 5.

At the fifteenth hole Kirkaldy drove a good straight ball, Rolland's, again the longer of the two, being somewhat off the course in the rough to the right. Both the seconds were excellent; Rolland playing the odd was short with his third, Kirkaldy running past the hole with the like. Then Rolland holed his putt—a very good one—and was down in 4, Kirkaldy, who missed his putt, taking 5; Rolland 4 up. The sixteenth hole was almost an exact repetition of the twelfth, both men being within easy putting distance in 3, and Rolland holing in 4, while Kirkaldy took 5; Rolland 5 up.

At the seventeenth hole Rolland's drive was magnificent, straight as a line, and 260 yards (nearly all carry) from the tee. Kirkaldy drove a good ball well over the road, and put his second (a beautiful cleek shot) on the green. Rolland's second was a very poor shot, short, and pulled to the left into the rough. His third, however, placed him on the green, and (again owing to Kirkaldy's erratic putting) the hole was ultimately halved in 5.

At the eighteenth hole both drives were good. Kirkaldy just escaping the pot. Two indifferent seconds followed, and in Rolland's case, two more shots of a somewhat feeble character. Kirkaldy, whose third left him on the edge of the green, with a grand putt, was down in 4 to Rolland's 5, and won the hole; Rolland 4 up.

After luncheon the match was resumed about 2.30. The crowd of spectators having by this time largely increased. Kirkaldy showed at once that he had come with renewed vigour to the fray. He took the first hole from Rolland in 4 to the latter's 5, and so reduced his opponent's lead from 4 to 3. Nor would he be shaken off at the second, third, or fourth holes, all of which were halved in 4; the play of both men (Kirkaldy's especially) being grand at this period. Perhaps a finer shot was never seen than that with which Kirkaldy laid his second, out of a very rough lie, within two feet of the fourth hole with his driver. At the fifth hole, Kirkaldy was still not to be denied, and, holing in 4 to Rolland's 5, still further reduced his adversary's lead, to 2.

At the next hole, however, Rolland had his revenge. Two grand drives were followed in Kirkaldy's case by a fine long shot, which unfortunately landed in the bunker to the left of the hole, out of which he failed to hole in less than 6, and Rolland, who was down in 4, was thus again 3 up on the day's play, or (in the whole match of seventy-two holes) 13 up and 12 to play, and therefore the winner of the match. At the seventh hole Kirkaldy recovered from his momentary lapse, and by perfect play secured it in 3 against Rolland's 4. The eighth was halved in 4, and the ninth secured by Rolland, whose second pitched on the road, and, "more by good luck than good guidance," reached the green in 4 to Kirkaldy's 5, Rolland thus being 3 up again on the day's match at the turn. Both men played the tenth hole well, save that Kirkaldy again lost one stroke on the green, and so was compelled to register 5 to Rolland's 4. The eleventh was halved in 4, both the men laying their long approach putts dead. At the twelfth and thirteenth both men were near the hole in 3, but in each case Rolland was now the defaulter, and missed his putt, taking for each hole 5 to Kirkaldy's 4; Rolland 2 up on the day's play. At the fourteenth hole, however, Rolland atoned for his mistakes by a grand drive, and

ultimately secured the hole in 3 to Kirkaldy's 4, and was again 3 up. The fifteenth hole was not so well played. Kirkaldy topped his drive, and then once more fell a victim to his old enemy, the bunker to the left, and taking 6 to Rolland's 5, left Rolland the winner on the day's play by 4 up and 3 to play. Two grand drives followed for the next hole, and both approaches were good, but Rolland's third was short, and missing his putt he lost the hole in 5 to Kirkaldy's 4. At the seventeenth Rolland's drive was apparently half-topped, but it carried the road with safety. His second was sliced to the right; Kirkaldy's (a grand cleek shot) on the green. Result—Kirkaldy, 4; Rolland, 5. The last hole was beautifully played by both men, save that Kirkaldy again missed a short putt for the half, and Rolland won the hole in 4 to his adversary's 5.

The driving of both men throughout the match was exceptionally fine. About some of the putting the less said the better; but it may be remarked that the long drought had made the greens as hard as a board—a condition of things by no means favourable to good putting. The details are as follows:—

Morning:—

Rolland—Out ...	3	4	5	5	3	5	4	4	4=37
In ...	5	6	4	7	5	4	4	5	5=45
Kirkaldy—Out ...	5	5	5	5	5	4	6	5	5=45
In ...	4	5	5	6	5	5	5	5	4=44

Afternoon:—

Rolland—Out ...	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	4=39
In ...	4	4	5	5	3	5	5	5	4=40
Kirkaldy—Out ...	4	4	4	4	4	6	3	4	5=38
In ...	5	4	4	4	4	6	4	4	5=40

Totals—Rolland ...	82	and	79=161.
Kirkaldy ...	89	and	78=167.

RECENT GOLF PATENTS.

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6,798. Improvements in apparatus for indicating or registering the score at Golf, cricket, or other games.—Thomas R. Charles, Lord Street, Liverpool.

7,992. The "Medal" Golf-club.—Thomas Carruthers, 5, Gillespie Place, Edinburgh.

8,176. Improvements in Golf-clubs.—Robert L. Urquart, 115, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

8,321. Patent bulb-bar and bulb tee-bar.—John Allan, 10, Royal Exchange, Middlesborough.

8,457. Improvements in dumb caddies for Golf.—Robert Anderson, 115, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

8,490. A new or improved Golf-club.—John Berry, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

MORECAMBE GOLF CLUB.

A meeting of gentlemen, interested in the formation of a Golf club, was held at the Midland Hotel, Morecambe, on Monday, when it was resolved that a club be formed, to be called "The Morecambe and Heysham Golf Club." The following officers were elected, viz.:—Captain, the Rev. C. V. Gorton (Rector of Morecambe); honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. H. Cookson, Morecambe; council, Capt. Le Feuvre, Lancaster; Dr. Clegg, Morecambe; Mr. C. J. Clark, Cross Hill; Mr. W. Stewart, Lancaster; Mr. R. Charnley, Heysham; and Mr. F. Bannister, Morecambe. The club have secured ground at Heysham, which has been inspected by George Lowe, the professional to the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, who reports as follows:—"I beg to say, after seeing the ground at Heysham, that it is well suited for Golf links, and that it can be made in good golfing condition at little expense." The course consists of nine holes, and is situated on the coast at Heysham. The ground is sandy, and, consequently, perfectly dry at all times, the grass being of that fine nature which is so admirably adapted for Golf links. The putting-greens are quite natural, and are now getting in good condition. The hazards consist chiefly of sand-bunkers, walls, whins, and cops. The surrounding scenery in every direction is most picturesque, and comprises fine views of the Lake Mountains and of the coast extending to Fleetwood. The annual subscription has been fixed at one guinea, without any entrance-fee, for members joining during the first year, and arrangements are intended to be made to enable visitors to make use of the club-room and green. Members may invite ladies to play over the course.

THE OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

ALL is not well with the Golf Championship. The arena of that contest in 1892 will, in the common order of things, be Musselburgh. Whether Musselburgh is a worthy battlefield for so great a tournament is a question which may be raised, but it is only a detail. The greater question suggested by the doubt is, To whom or to what body does it fall to deliberate on and answer the minor question? And to that greater question there is no answer—there is no recognised body which has power to adapt the details of the arrangements for the Open Championship to the changes which are part of the system under which we golf—no body to put right anything which may have gone wrong. Now, there is a feeling among many of the players most concerned that the much be-golfed and classic links of Musselburgh is not a fitting arena; and this view is supported by the action of the chief Golf club, whose members used to play at Musselburgh—the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers—but who have now taken to themselves new links at Muirfield. Moreover, the Honourable Company, if we remember rightly, was one of the three clubs—St. Andrews and Prestwick being the others—which subscribed to give the present championship cup, after the original belt had been permanently won, on his third successive victory, by "Young Tom Morris." The Honourable Company, therefore, may be deemed to have a right to a large say in this matter. Whether they would consider it either desirable, or within their powers, to shift the scene of the tournament from Musselburgh to Muirfield can be known only to themselves. It is certain that such action would cause dissatisfaction in certain quarters.

But this is not meant as an attack on the sorely-tryed Musselburgh course, which has done such good service to golfers in its time, and was for years so fine a links. Neither can one presume to advise such clubs as any of the three subscribing to the Championship trophy on any matter connected with the game of Golf, but one may, perhaps, without offence, suggest points which require some looking into. The winner of last year's Championship received, in addition to the challenge cup, prize-money to the value of £8. The challenge cup is a fine trophy, and the honour is the highest that Golf has to offer; but surely this pecuniary reward was scarcely worthy of so great an occasion. The principle of the laurel wreath of Greece is a very noble one—honoured too little in our civilisation—but these money prizes are for those to whom the game is bread-and-butter, as well as glory. Many of them love the game none the less worthily on that account, but still they have to make their living out of it. The Open Championship is a contest which ought to call golfers together from all parts of the United Kingdom, but it is impossible to expect a poor man to take a long railway journey in the remote expectation of winning glory—and £8. Even if a winner, he would very likely be out of pocket; and in point of fact, the expense does deter some from competing. The question of distance enters into the matter to-day very much more than it did when the clubs subscribed for the trophy. Professional golfers, Scottish and English, are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom—even to our still united Ireland. In the old days there probably was not one who resided out of Scotland.

It is, of course, a possible view that professional Golf-playing ought not to be encouraged. One must recognise this view, though one may disagree with it. Certainly, however, the majority of golfers take an interest in seeing the

game played as well as it can be played, whether by professionals or by amateurs; and equally certainly, on that more general view, it is desirable to make the prize for the Championship worth the playing for. Putting aside the fitness or unfitness of the links on which the Championship is played for, it is certain that there are in England links which many think worthy to rank with the highest. Against the St. Andrews, Prestwick, and Musselburgh of Scotland, England may fairly match her Westward Ho! Sandwich, and Hoylake. Nor does this list exhaust the claims of Scottish or of English links. And Golf-playing has now become so ubiquitous that there are not a great many more first-class professionals resident in Scotland than in England.

We venture to throw out this suggestion—of the possibility of holding the contest on other courses than those on which it is held at present, because it seems to contain the further suggestion of a means by which the prizes might be made more valuable without becoming burdensome to any one club. Substantial prizes, such as, say, £50 for the Champion, and lesser sums for those who come near the head of the score list, might fall heavily upon a club on whose links the competition was held triennially. But to give such prizes once in six years, say, would be but a light matter in these days of crowded membership. Such a change, however, could of course only be made on the unanimous initiative of the clubs who originally subscribed to give the trophy. As we have said before, it would be presumptuous to suggest advice to bodies which have such experience of the game and all its needs as these clubs have; but perhaps it may not be held presumptuous to draw attention to certain details which appear to need looking into, and especially to the absence of any well-recognised authority with power to deal with such details when they arise.

Finally, we would point out the trouble which sometimes arises from the date—late in autumn—at which the Championship is frequently held. The number of competitors have become so great that it is often scarcely possible for all of them to complete the thirty-six holes; and we remember an instance in which the committee of the club on whose links the match was being played found it necessary to bribe off those who had done badly in the first eighteen holes, in order that the more successful should be able to finish the thirty-six holes by daylight. Unless there are esoteric reasons to the contrary, why should the Championship not be played for earlier in the year?

But, again, where is the body with authority to give effect to an answer?

OPENING OF NEW COURSE AT BIRNAM.

The pressing necessity of a Golf course for Birnam has now been supplied by the public spirit of Mr. Cesari, Birnam Hotel, who in the natural links ready to his hand in the shape of the spacious Terrace Park, in which the Birnam Games are held, has provided a very fine new Golf course. Tom Morris was asked to examine and report on the scheme, and after an inspection of the ground has pronounced it admirably suited for golfing purposes. The work of putting the course in order was committed to Tom, and he has just completed it in an excellent manner. A splendid course has been marked off round the park, which is over fifty acres in extent. The full complement of nine holes have been placed in good positions, and the putting-greens have been carefully and neatly prepared. The new Golf course in the Terrace Park was opened on Saturday. Miss Lawson "addressed" the first ball, and formally declared the Birnam Golf course open. Sheriff Blair, Inverness, proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Lawson, and called for three cheers for the prosperity of the links. The first game was played by Tom Morris, St. Andrews, and Mr. J. Brodie, captain of the Forfar Club. The latter won by a hole, though each player had an equality of strokes—50 a-piece.



ANALYSIS OF THE MATCH RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The accompanying analysis of the match rules of Golf will not, I expect, present much that is new to players who have inherited the traditions of the game; but it may be useful to the legions of beginners if it draws their attention to the two fundamental rules.

Even in the latest revised edition these two rules are so buried among other supplementary matters that it must be difficult for beginners to acquire a grasp of the principles of the game.

Moreover, if these two rules continue, as at present, to be buried among the subsidiary rules naturally springing from them, there is great danger that the rules themselves will be tampered with, and the character of the traditional game destroyed.

This is no idle fear, for in my opinion it was a clear departure from principle to alter, in the latest revision, the penalty under Rule 10 from the loss of the hole to the loss of merely one stroke. Rule 10 was, and is, a fundamental rule of the game, and a breach of it formerly entailed the loss of the hole, and very properly so, since various subsidiary rules provided for cases in which it would have been inequitable to impose the full penalty or any penalty at all.

I am also convinced that a good deal of unnecessary friction was caused in the course of the discussion prior to and during the last revision of the rules by the failure to keep in view what are, and what are not, the essential characteristics of the ancient game, as handed down to us.

I trust that this analysis (without claiming for it absolute accuracy in detail) will be of use in keeping these characteristics well to the front in future discussions.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. LOGAN.

St. Andrews, May 23rd, 1892.

ANALYSIS OF THE MATCH RULES OF GOLF.

DEFINITION OF { Rule 1, 2, 3, 4—the Game.
 ,, 8—A match.
 ,, 15—A hazard.
 ,, 30—The putting green.
 Settlement of disputes—Rule 40.

FIRST FUNDAMENTAL RULE.

RULE 10.—Unless with the opponent's consent a ball struck from the tee.

- Explanations.—Rule 5—Order of striking.
- ,, 6 (Last clause).—Recall of stroke played out of order.
- 7—The honour.
- ,, 16—Pressing down, or removal, of irregularities of surface at the tee.

Shall not be changed.

- Explanations.—Rule 21—Ball lying or lost in water.
- ,, 27 (1st clause).—Playing opponent's ball.

- Exceptions.*—Rule 27 (1)—Interchange of balls: no penalty.
 „ „ (2)—Playing opponent's ball on wrong information: no penalty.
 „ „ (Last clause)—Playing out a hole with a third party's ball: penalty, loss of hole.
 „ 28—Lost ball: penalty, loss of hole.
 „ 38 (1st clause).—Ball splitting: no penalty.
 „ „ (2nd clause).—Ball cracking or becoming unplayable: no penalty.

Touched.

- Exceptions.*—Rule 23 (1st clause).—Ball striking opponent or his caddie or clubs: penalty, loss of hole.
 „ 24—Ball striking player, partner, or their caddies or clubs: penalty, loss of hole.
 „ 26 (2nd clause).—Ball oscillating without leaving position: no penalty.

Or moved.

- Explanations.*—Rule 21—Ball lifted out of water.
 „ 25—Moving ball, or causing it to move.
 „ 26 (1st clause).—Defining a moved ball.
Exceptions.—Rule 13.—Ball stuck fast in wet ground or sand: no penalty.
 „ 20 (2nd clause).—Removal of ball lying within six inches causing the other ball to move: no penalty.
 „ 23 (2nd clause).—Ball accidentally moved by opponent, or his caddie, or clubs: penalty, loss of hole.
 „ 35 (2nd clause).—Player's ball knocking opponent's ball into hole: no penalty.
 „ 36 (Last clause).—Player's ball displacing opponent's ball: no penalty for replacing.

Before the hole is played out, under the penalty of one stroke, except as otherwise provided for in the Rules.

SECOND FUNDAMENTAL RULE.

RULE 29.—A ball must be played.

- Explanations.*—Rule 5—(Last clause of 1st paragraph).—Order of play after tee shots.
 „ 6 (1st clause).—Playing out of turn.
 „ 9 (1st clause).—Ball farthest from hole to be played first.
 „ 24—Ball struck twice.
 „ 33—Play on the putting green.
 „ 35—Ball resting against flag-stick.
 „ 37—Player may not seek outside advice.
 „ 39—Penalty stroke does not affect rotation of striking.

Wherever it lies.

- Explanations.*—Rule 11 (1st portion).—Removal of loose impediments within a club's length.
 „ 12—Things fixed or growing near ball.
 „ 14—Ball in, or touching, a hazard.
 „ 16—Pressing down, or removal, of irregularities of surface near the ball.
 „ 17—Implements on course, clothes, nets, ground under repair, &c., Ball in Golf or flag hole.
 „ 18—Ball covered with fag, bent, whins, &c.
 „ 19—Procedure in dropping a ball.
 „ 20 (1st clause).—Balls lying within six inches of each other.
 „ „ (Last clause).—Lie of lifted ball within six inches of ball played altered by stroke.
 „ 22 (1st clause).—“Rub of the green”
 „ „ (2nd clause).—Ball lodged in a moving object.
 „ „ (3rd and last clauses).—Ball at rest displaced by agency outside the match.
 „ 31—Loose impediments on putting green.
 „ 32—In three-ball, &c., matches, ball lying between player and hole.
 „ 34 (1st, 2nd, and 3rd clauses).—Removal of sand, earth, worm-casts, snow, dung, from putting line.

- Exceptions.*—Rule 11 (Last portion).—Removal of loose impediments beyond a club's length: penalty, one stroke.
 „ 34 (Last clause).—Putting line touched by club immediately in front of ball in addressing it, no penalty.

Or the hole be given up, except as otherwise provided for in the rules.

W. LOGAN,

EMINENT GOLFERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am greatly interested by the account of his own performances, given by Mr. R. B. Wilson, of the Ranelagh Club, Barnes, in your issue of the 13th ult.

I myself have the record of seven out of nine of the principal greens, beginning with St. Andrews, and was only prevented from gaining that of the other two by the jealousy of Mr. Everard on one occasion, and Mr. Laidlay on the other. Each of these gentlemen was ill-bred enough to get behind me, and say “Booh!” just as I was making my tee-shot at the respective last holes. It was generally allowed that these “gentlemen” showed the worst possible spirit and taste in the matter.

However, other famous golfers have behaved better, and I am glad to say that, while I have never yet suffered defeat at the hands of my dear and close friend, Mr. Horace Hutchinson, he has always taken his licking like a man. Indeed, he only smiled when I beat him, playing with a putter only against all his clubs, over the medal course at Sandwich.

Johnny Ball, too, is a very good-tempered fellow. Three times we have met, and three times I have won. Luck was somewhat against him here and there, but on the whole the victories were got by sheer merit, as anyone would say who saw the games.

But perhaps it is unnecessary to dwell on these little incidents, and I will only further state that I hold the record for driving and iron play.

As to driving, I was playing, not long back, with Douglas Rolland and Hugh Kirkaldy, the best of their balls. Both drive fairly well, though I was always much beyond them. At the sixteenth hole the stance was very slippery, and I was a little afraid of a strain, as I had no nails in my boots. There was no wind. However, I drove not only the 465 yards of the seventeenth hole, but 244 more of the last, right up to the flag. The whole distance of the drive was, therefore, 709 yards. Of course I lost the hole through having to play back. I will back myself to drive a Golf ball against any man in England. Indeed, I will give 100 yards to anyone—the best of, say, seven drives.

As to iron play, I have won no less than eleven big matches by holing out with the iron at distances of over 90 yards; but my great feat was holing out at 127 yards out of a very nasty rabbit-burrow. I really don't know to this day how I did it; but the cheering was loud and long, and I think well deserved, though I say it.

Do you think Mr. R. B. Wilson would play me a match? Do let us have his biography soon.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ONE MORE.

THE SANDWICH TEES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—On following round the players in the Champion Tournament at Sandwich, I was somewhat astonished by the seeming shortness of the course. This, I believe, arose from two causes, viz., the hardening of the whole course since it was first played upon, and the excellence of the driving of the candidates for the Championship. Holes which were supposed to require on a calm day two full drives were often negotiated, as far as distance was concerned, by a tee shot and an iron shot. Bunkers which were supposed to require a fairly well-hit ball to carry them, were nearer the middle of the loft than the end. The question at once occurred to me, “Are we at present producing a better class of drivers? Is a higher game, as far as driving is concerned, being arrived at by the to-be-expected development of the tissues necessary for the game?”

I know that many laud the players of their youth—Allan Robertson, Young Tom Morris, Davie Strath, “the twa Dummies,” Willie Park—and say that we have fallen away, and cannot compete with the past giants of the game. I have seen all the great professionals for the last thirty years, and my own belief is, that, instead of falling away, we are progressing, and

that no finer exhibition of golf has been given than that shown last week at the Championship Tournament at Sandwich. To follow the matches for the week was, to a beginner, worth a year of practice by himself.

One well-marked feature of the St. George's Course is the almost inevitable punishment given to a ball topped from the tee, and therefore the necessity, in order to achieve a good score, of making a fair tee shot. By declining to attempt the tee bunker, any one can usually reach the hole in one more than his opponent who has successfully carried the bunker from the tee, and played his other shots equally well. Is this too great an advantage for the good driver, and too much punishment for the short driver? If some such punishment as non-ability to reach the green in the same number as his long-driving opponent, or by having a less advantageous approach or a more dangerous one, is not meted out, what is the advantage of long driving? Is it not a great part, as it certainly is one of the most pleasing parts of the game? Is all the advantage of a first-class tee shot to consist in being twenty or thirty yards nearer the hole than the adversary? If so, let us have our bunkers at our feet, and farewell driving. I look upon Sandwich as a great school for driving, and a green on which good driving is better rewarded than on any other green I know; but there is no hole to which the shortest of drivers—I speak of golfers, not of beginners—cannot arrive in one stroke more than the best. A scratch player must at Sandwich drive or die.

Is the advantage of playing the second shot from a spot of the same kind, but twenty or thirty yards nearer the green a sufficient advantage for a good drive? I think not. What does it matter whether your approach stroke is from sixty yards or eighty yards, from 100 or 120 yards. There is a small advantage, but with a bunker to carry by a long loft from the tee, advantage far above such should be given, and is given, at Sandwich, to the player who has carried the bunker over the player who has not attempted it, as he usually gains much more than the actual difference in length between his own and his opponent's stroke. The player who shirks Hades or the Maiden from the tee plays round them and arrives on the green in 2 instead of 1. But take another example, say the ninth hole, a crying grievance with many. Here to clear the bunker from the backward tee—i.e., the tee built for the purpose of playing from with a following wind—a loft of 161 yards 2 feet is required, and to do the same from the forward tee a loft of 121 yards is necessary. Having done so, the player will find himself within reach of the hole, while the player who has not attempted the bunker from the tee, but played short of it, finds himself 115 yards or so from the tee with both the first and second bunkers yet to cross, and he cannot hope to reach the green under two strokes more. He has, however, by playing short gained the advantage of having his hazard close to him when he desires to carry it, while the longer driver has, by playing at the bunker from the tee, run a greater risk, and in carrying the hazard played a better shot than any that the shorter player gives himself. I contend that the advantage to the player who risks the bunkers from the tee is not too much. He is playing a more risky game than his opponent, and, until good driving is not considered a great feature of the game, I maintain, a higher and better game.

Having such an opinion of the rewards that should be given to good driving I was somewhat disappointed to find that the Championship was not played from what have been called the Championship tees, from which the former competitions for the St. George's challenge vase, and the great professional tournament of 1888 were played. As this at once prevents all comparison with the records at these competitions it is a matter to be regretted. As a matter of policy for the purpose of giving all a chance, it was possibly right. But if arranged in the belief that any one who placed himself in the list of candidates for championship honours, believing that he was in the running, could not carry the bunkers from the usual championship tees, it was a mistaken belief. There is no tee bunker at Sandwich which any scratch player, playing from the tees built for the occasion of favourable or adverse winds, cannot carry. To support this statement we must determine what is to be considered a fair carry for a scratch player, and we have happily some reliable data to go upon. At the last driving competition at Wimbledon the following were some of the lofts recorded, viz., 185 yards 30 inches, 182 yards 17 inches, 178 yards, 173

yards, and 168 yards, all made by amateurs. These distances were carefully measured by Mr. Chatterton, and the drops of the balls noted by many observers. The light breeze present on the occasion was on the quarter, and was, computing it liberally, worth 10 yards. What are the actual distances of the tee bunkers at Sandwich from which the great foursome between Mr. Ball, the present amateur champion, with Mr. Hilton as his partner, and Hugh Kirkaldy, the present professional champion, with Douglas Rolland as his partner, was played on Saturday, the 14th inst. For the benefit of your readers who are not acquainted with the Sandwich course I would premise that there are two tees made at many of the holes for the purpose of approximating the necessary carries under the varying conditions of a favourable or an adverse wind, and I have placed in the following table the distances of the carries from each tee, naming the tee from which it was intended to drive under favourable conditions the backward tee, and that from which the bunker should be negotiated in an adverse wind the forward tee:—

Hole.	To carry tee hazard.		To carry 2nd hazard.		To carry hazard bounding the green.		Hole.
	Yds.	Ft.	Yds.	Ft.	Yds.	Ft.	
I.—From backward tee	100	0	—	—	333	1	366
From forward tee	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
II.—From backward tee	165	2	266	2	—	—	314
From forward tee	132	1	233	1	—	—	—
III.—From backward tee	133	0	—	—	—	—	244
IV.—From backward tee	147	1	294	2	261	1	400
From forward tee	114	0	—	—	—	—	—
V.—From backward tee	135	1	—	—	—	—	245
VI.—From backward tee	138	1	—	—	—	—	203
From forward tee	105	0	—	—	—	—	—
VII.—From backward tee	143	1	233	1	400	0	466
From forward tee	110	0	200	0	367	0	—
VIII.—From backward tee	146	2	—	—	—	—	193
From forward tee	133	1	—	—	—	—	—
IX.—From backward tee	161	2	273	1	—	—	346
From forward tee	121	2	233	1	—	—	—
X.—From backward tee	80	0	—	—	300	0	354
XI.—From backward tee	134	0	276	2	—	—	346
From forward tee	77	1	220	0	—	—	—
XII.—From backward tee	166	2	—	—	293	1	333
From forward tee	156	2	—	—	283	1	—
XIII.—From backward tee	130	0	—	—	408	1	466
From forward tee	97	0	—	—	375	0	—
XIV.—From backward tee	145	0	336	2	485	2	510
From forward tee	88	1	280	0	429	0	—
XV.—From backward tee	150	0	356	2	408	0	444
From forward tee	116	2	323	1	375	0	—
XVI.—From backward tee	104	2	237	1	—	—	300
From forward tee	51	1	184	1	—	—	—
XVII.—From backward tee	157	0	—	—	320	2	352
From forward tee	124	1	—	—	288	0	—
XVIII.—From backward tee	—	—	—	—	276	2	304
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	6186

From the above figures it will be seen that only the second, ninth, twelfth, and seventeenth carries are over 150 yards from the backward tees, i.e., four carries out of eighteen. If we examine each of these there will be found some reason for the placing of these tees at such a backward position compared with the other championship tees.

The second tee bunker can be negotiated by going to the right if the player shirks the risk, but he will have a long shot instead of an iron shot, to reach the green; or he may, I regret to say, now go by the left of the bunker, by the widening of the course, at which part the whole plan of the hole is, in my opinion, spoiled. But if the forward and usual tee were the only tee, what are such amateur drivers as Messrs. Ball, Laidlay, Anderson, Hutchinson, Hilton, Blyth, Fergusson—we might take the whole sixteen amateurs who played in the third heat of the championship—or such professionals as Rolland, the Kirkaldys, Campbell, Fernie, Park, and many others, to do with a wind behind them. They must, in that event, either play with their irons from the tee, or take the risk of going into the second bunker at 230 yards' distance, one of the most difficult bunkers on the course to play forward from. I have repeatedly seen a player, with a following wind, in this second bunker from the usual tee, and I felt that he was treated

unfairly, as he has successfully overcome his legitimate hazard only to be punished more than if he had made a bad shot.

The ninth hole tee shot is much of the same character as the second, but here there is no method of evading the tee hazard, and getting home in two. It will be seen that the carry from the usual tee is only 121 yards 2 feet, while that from the backward or championship tee, is 161 yards 2 feet. This is the only tee of the four we speak of, at which the player not attempting the hazard from the tee loses a full stroke by not doing so. From the contour of the ground a player who plays short cannot hope to get over the second bunker in his second, and must play 3 before reaching the green. Is this a hardship? Should the player who risks the dreadful "Baden-Baden" bunkers from the tee not be well rewarded if he carries them? If he fozzles his shot, and gets into one, we know that it is not at all unlikely that he must lift and play his fourth, while the player who played what he knew he could do, is on the green with his third. Here again, as at the second hole, a good driver can reach the second bunker if playing from the forward tee with a following wind, 223 yards 1 foot.

The twelfth tee hazard is the longest risk of any, viz., 166 yards 2 feet, but the advantage to be gained by crossing it is of little moment—a slightly shorter line to the hole. To clear the hazard bounding the green, 293 yards 1 foot require to be covered in a direct line, and very little distance is lost by passing the ridge in the line of the flag, and keeping the tee bunker, which is of small extent, to the right. If, however, the player fozzles his tee shot, he will probably be unable to cross the bunker bounding the green with his second, and it was with that intention that the tee was placed where it is.

The fourth and last tee hazard, of over 150 yards carry, is the seventeenth, which is 157 yards from the backward tee, and 124 yards 1 foot from the shorter tee. There is here a decided advantage in carrying the bunker from the tee, for if the player play short, he cannot get on to the green in 2, and if the right or left hand course be taken, the ball will reach undulating country, from which it is very unlikely that the ridge bounding the green will be carried; while, if the bunker be cleared from the tee, there is good running ground, and the green is easily reached in the next stroke.

I will not speak of the other tees, as a player who cannot carry the tee bunkers from them—the backward or forward tee, according to weather—cannot hope to compete for the championship against the men I have above named, as, let his short game be what it may, it does not excel theirs in the same proportion as their driving excels his, and on a first-class green he cannot gain against such competitors. I have known one of the greatest prizes at Golf gained by a man—a first-class player—who had in his round topped fifteen tee shots. Such a thing could not happen at Sandwich. There, a player of the championship calibre is expected to hit his tee-shot fairly, and twice—twice only out of eighteen times—to carry, with a following wind, 161 and 157 yards; and, should he desire to avoid these, he loses two strokes, and takes little risk.

Let us see what actually did occur in the foursome spoken of, which was played on the 14th inst. In this match the players played from all the backward tees, the fourteenth excepted, whether the wind was with or against them, and, except at the seventeenth, where the wind was straight ahead, there was no difficulty in any well-hit ball getting over the tee hazard. There both balls were fairly hit, and yet were just level with the bunker to the left. Had the players played from the forward tee—the proper tee with such a wind—both balls would have been at least twenty yards beyond the bunker. Mr. Blyth, playing under the same conditions, cleared the bunker.

In your issue of this week a writer, speaking of the course and the scores made during the tournament-week at Sandwich, says, "The proper inference from the figures is not to countenance a tendency to shorten, but rather to lengthen at every available point"; and in this day's issue of the *Saturday Review* a writer says that "straightness" is not considered so great a quality of a drive at Sandwich as it is at St. Andrews. By this shortening and widening of the course the records of the green are being lowered. That they should gradually be lowered by the improving lies and improving putting-greens is what is to be expected and desired; but when, from the causes given, the records are lowered by bounds, as seen by Mr. Fairlie's 79 on the eighteen holes, and Mr. Hilton's 36 for the first nine

holes, the green is reduced as regards its length and par score from a first to a second class.

That the compromise spoken of in your leader should have been made I much regret; and now that the play during the tournament-week has shown that it was unnecessary, I hope that at future meetings of the *elite* of the golfing world at Sandwich, amateur or professional, the rulers of the St. George's Golf Club will maintain, by the placing of their tees, that a champion must not only have ironed and putted well, but must also have driven "far and sure"—the ancient motto of the game.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

21st May.

THE ST. ANDREW'S LOCAL CLUBS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read with much pleasure Mr. Everard's interesting article on the local clubs at St. Andrews.

As I was at one time a member of all the three clubs—St. Andrews, Thistle and University—let me say that I am exceedingly pleased to note from time to time the successful scoring of their members. I may be allowed to express this hearty congratulation seeing that I held all the three medals at one time—perhaps the only instance. I am not aware what the University medal record is now, but the minutes will show that mine was 86 in 1866, or thereby.

One thing I may mention about the competition for the St. Andrew's medal, to encourage players, seeing that now very likely I won't compete for any medal again. I remember well that I was in the sea at the first hole, over the dyke at the second, into the railway at the third, continuing a fozzling play until the sixth hole, when I was nine strokes behind my partner, a very strong player and driver, of the name of Wilkie, an artisan. I then pulled up, and holed the next six holes running at three each—perhaps never repeated on a medal day—and scoring the round, even in the difficult days of 1866, with a 90, still stamped on the medal by a graduate.

I am proud to be an honorary member of the Thistle Club, along with my esteemed friend Tom Morris, and I am much pleased to find that the record there is so very creditable—83. I remember once gaining the medal in that club on a most exceptionally stormy day, by playing with a cleek only, for safety. I forget my score. Long may it flourish!

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. G. MCPHERSON.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should be pleased if you or any of your readers could give me any light on a point which was raised yesterday in a foursome played by holes.

I drove from the tee, and my ball disappeared in a rabbit-hole, but was recovered with the aid of an iron in less than ten minutes. Our opponents claimed the hole, saying that in matches by holes such is the rule, but that in stroke matches a penalty of two strokes is attached.

I have searched the rules of half-a-dozen different clubs, but can find nothing on the subject.

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. H. C.

Edinburgh, May 20th.

[Clearly our correspondent lost the hole. The opponents could either claim the hole under rule 28, dealing with a lost ball, or rule 29, providing that a ball must, in match play, be played wherever it lies or the hole given up, or under rules 14 and 15 dealing with a ball in a hazard. All those rules apply to the case in point, and the recovery of the ball made no difference in the enforcement of the penalty.—ED.]

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Through an oversight in the account of the London Scottish Spring meeting, the winner of the aggregate prize for the two days' score for handicaps of 18 and under is returned as Mr. Pinkerton, whose aggregate score was 172. The aggregate score of Mr. Ernest Lehmann was the same, and he therefore tied with Mr. Pinkerton. His scores were :—May 19th, 94, less 8=86; May 21st, 94, less 8=86; total, 172.

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Tom Dunn, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., playing round with Mr. Felix Skene, holed the new Tooting course in the wonderful score of 79, considering the state of the putting-greens :—Out, 5 4 5 4 3 6 3 4 4=38; in, 4 4 5 4 6 4 6 4 4=41; total, 79.

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Mr. William Hutchison, playing with a friend last week over Monifieth links, did the round at the fine total of 75 strokes. The first half of the round was accomplished in 34, five of the holes being taken at 3 each. Details :—Out, 3 3 5 3 5 3 5 3 4=34; in, 5 5 3 6 4 5 4 4 5=41; total, 75.

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Following on what appeared in last week's issue as to the strike of caddies at the Innerleven Golf Club, the following notice is the latest development of trade intimidation :—

NOTICE.

The caddies of Leven links have resolved to go out on strike for a 1s. per round. By Order, of the caddies. Any one carrying for 9d. will get a cold Bath in Scoonie-Burn.

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The opening meeting of the Eltham Golf Club will be held on Saturday, 18th June, over their fine private course at Eltham. The competition will be open to all amateurs, and the first prize will be of the value of £10, and the second £5. An extraordinary general meeting of the club will be held in the afternoon, to consider the lease and other questions.

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Lady Louise de Vere Loder, whose husband is Member for Brighton, has kindly consented to act as president of the Southdown Ladies' Golf Club. She will, if possible, present the prizes at the autumn meeting. The ladies of the club are adopting a special Golf costume, designed for them by Messrs. Caiger and Co., of Piccadilly, and a team of the Southdown ladies in this neat club uniform will present a very smart and business-like appearance.

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The idea of a Golf yacht is a good one. As will be seen from our advertising columns last week, it is proposed to start a Golf Yacht Syndicate of £10 each. At this time of the year there ought not to be much difficulty in effecting the purchase of a yacht. Indeed, the idea is capable of indefinite extension, for not only can such a party of golfers cruise leisurely round our own coasts, but they can, if they desire it, get a larger vessel and go as far as the Canary Islands, Sweden, the Mediterranean, Egypt, and even to the Antipodes. Those who have enjoyed the pleasures of a house-boat on the river in the summer months will be able to realise the fine freedom of such a life, and the enjoyments of such a cruise.

Mr. Garden G. Smith's letter on the Amateur Championship is an interesting contribution to the discussion of this question. We do not go so far as to endorse his objections to the system of byes, or to the draw for partners, though undoubtedly both are elements of luck which tell severely against a number of players, as was well enough seen at Sandwich. Nor do we think it a feasible arrangement to make the match one of partial scoring and partial match play. The competition ought to be one of match play throughout, and in this respect the Amateur Championship is far and away a more trying ordeal than the Open Championship, where one bad hole practically destroys the chance of many competitors. To make all the players, however, compete against "Colonel Bogey" would be a better and more equitable solution of the difficulty. It would enable the authorities controlling both competitions to get rid of the byes, to put all competitors from the start on an absolutely equal footing, and to carry the contest through more expeditiously from start to finish.

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If a player was more than three holes down to "Colonel Bogey" he would have to stand aside; and it is conceivable that after the first round the field would be considerably thinned. The local authorities, however, would have a very difficult task to undertake. The first day of the competition might be very calm and dry. The "Bogey" score would have to be fixed in this case at its lowest par value, taking into account the length of the tees, and the hardness of the course generally. Next morning, however, it might be blowing a gale with a good deal of occasional rain. Manifestly the previous day's "Bogey" score would not suit these altered conditions, and the committee would have to fix a fresh score, making it a little more generous as against the field of players. One can, therefore, see that the duties thrown on the local committee would be very delicate and difficult, while it is more than probable that their efforts would not get rid of grumbling and captious fault-finding. It has to be remembered also that the "Bogey" system, while combining the advantages of score and match play, destroys to some extent the element of immediate personal rivalry with your playing partner—an element which all will acknowledge is a potent factor throughout a match. Though we mention these points for consideration, we are all for the experiment being tried; and the next Open Championship would be a good opportunity for testing the system. Score play ought not to enter either of these competitions; it ought to be match-play throughout. But who is the authority to put the reform in force?

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In consequence of the lamented death of Mr. Benjamin Bond-Cabbell, late captain of the Royal Cromer Golf Club, it has been decided to abandon the Whitsuntide prize meeting.

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On Tuesday, the Southdown Ladies Golf Club received the Ashdown ladies at Burgess Hill, and a most interesting match was played, the Southdown ladies having been practising diligently, and setting their links in good order in anticipation of this event.

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Playing over the High Bents course at Burntisland, on Saturday, a player discovered two larks' nests, both containing eggs, in the direct line of approach to the "Tank" hole. The birds flew out, and the ball ran into the nest just vacated and had to be lifted and dropped.

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The popularity of Carnoustie as a golfing and health resort has been steadily increasing, and now that the fine course has been definitely acquired by the town, and a large sum of money has been raised by the recent bazaar as a fund for keeping it in order, this bright little village may be said to be fairly "on the boom." Since the fall of last year a commodious hotel has been in course of erection on a fine site facing the links, and close to the first teeing ground. The new house, which has been built for Miss Bruce, of Bruce's Hotel, Carnoustie, has just been opened.

Eminent Golfers.

XXVIII.—JACK SIMPSON.

There be some golfers who are always with us (long may they remain), of such the names are household words from one generation to another—Tom Morris, for instance, Lord Chancellor of Golf, who sits enthroned, so to speak, on the woosack of his profession, unharmed by assault and battery of cross-grained Father Time. Others, again, like "that bright Occidental Star, Queen Elizabeth, appear on the scene with the rapidity of a meteor; these, when they come into view, dazzle for a season by their brilliancy, and anon vanish into the black night. Yet do they leave some traces of their path, some cosmical dust to be gathered up by the observer, in the form of a well-won championship, or of some matches which remain as ever-interesting memories. In this latter class, regretfully, is it to be stated, do we find Jack Simpson, the champion of 1884. Surely, no player was ever more fascinating to watch, the more the pity that he now appears practically to have given up the game. True, he re-appeared in the championship of 1891, but by no means in the form with which first memories of him are associated. Still, as he is at present at Elie, or was a short time ago, working with Mr. Forrester, the ingenious inventor of sundry irons and mashies bearing his name, it may be hoped that Jack Simpson may be heard of once more in connection with first-class professional Golf.

Since his championship days, Andrew and Hugh Kirkaldy and others have been busy making names for themselves; and nothing can be more interesting than foursomes, singles, and every form of competition wherein the greatest number of players of the first force have opportunities of meeting. Jack Simpson is the eldest of six brothers, all of them golfers, of whom, Archie, now at Prestwick, and Robert, the professional at Carnoustie, are the best known. He is a native of Elie, or Earlsferry, like his friend Rolland; like him, also, he was a stonemason by trade, and speedily became about the best player in the Elie Thistle Club. In a recent notice in this Journal of Rolland's career, some remarks were made on a celebrated foursome in which these two first appeared, so to speak, in public. Those remarks need not be here recapitulated; sufficient to say that most astonishing driving on the part of the Earlsferry players was the main feature of the match. Rolland, splendid player though he was, and is, held the opinion that Jack Simpson could play a yet stronger game than himself, if he, Jack, happened to be in his best form. The year 1884 was the period at which he was seen at his best. A tournament at Innerleven was held in the summer, at which all the principal professionals were present. The writer, as it chanced, was also there, and walked down to the links to see the fun. About the first individual he came across was, as it turned out, the subject of this sketch, who was then unknown to him. Simpson, dressed in a loose blue serge coat, on coming out of the club-house, indulged in a couple of preliminary swings—*ex pede Herculem*. His style and athletic appearance so arrested the writer's attention that he formed the impression that the probable winner stood before him. As events turned out, this proved to be the case, although, after the first round, nothing seemed less likely than the fulfilment of such a prophecy. It was rather to his brother Archie, then a lithe lad of about seventeen or so, that attention was directed, for he had returned with the very fine score of 80, and was six strokes lower than Jack, who was no better than several others,

Willie Campbell, for instance. Archie's second round was also a good one, 85. He, therefore, seemed tolerably certain of premier honours, the more so as Jack had taken 42 for the first half of his second round, and was left with the almost impossible score of 36 for the nine holes home to beat his brother. Now, however, he came away with his very best game; slightly aided by a gentle following wind his driving was extraordinarily fine, and mainly by reason of it he, as we have said, won by one stroke with 86, 78=164. The two brothers both beat the record of the green, and were respectively six and five strokes better than Willie Campbell, who was third.

This last half-round of Jack Simpson was an admirable illustration of his irresistible power of recovery. He hardly ever started in a competition without playing some very unsteady Golf at the outset. A not uncommon commencement with him was a ten about the first or second hole, or perchance he might just save double figures by the skin of his teeth. Then would the disappointed admirer, with sorrow, transfer his attention to some other notable, only subsequently to rue his lack of abiding faith, for, as likely as not, the next thing he would hear would be that Jack Simpson had about ten or twelve strokes left for the last hole in order to win. Such, for instance, was the case in 1884, when the championship was played at Prestwick. The weather was of the stormiest, a strong gale blowing, which met the competitors on the outward journey. Jack, having survived the crucial ordeal of the difficult first hole, was still unvanquished by such hazards as the second presents; but this period of tame inaction was no longer to be tolerated, and his individuality must be asserted. Hence his next step was to top his tee-shot into a whin about ten yards from him, precisely at the place where two very long drives were absolutely necessary. Having, moreover, met with further obstructions on the way, he holed out in nine—a figure which, taking the field against him into account, must surely put him out of court. At this point, then, his admirers, or many of them, like Thisbe—

"Saw the lion's shadow ere himself,
And ran dismayed away."

But the next accounts to hand were that, despite the wind, the nine, and all else, he had finished the round in 78—considerably lower than anybody else, and, as it ultimately turned out, the lowest round of the day. Following this up with 82 in the afternoon, he won the championship with 160, while Rolland and Willie Fernie tied for second at 164. This, again, was a grand

and most characteristic display.

Golf is often—may one say usually?—a game of surprises; but no player that ever lived could boast half of Jack Simpson's fertility of resource in providing the totally unexpected. The most brilliant player conceivable, he was at the same time frequently the most disappointing; the whole man seemed contrived in acute and striking contrasts, "a living ganglion of irreconcilable antagonisms." The things and strokes he was not expected to do, these he did, leaving undone those wherein no mortal man, as one would say, could have failed. Thus, the finest driver imaginable, he would electrify one by missing the globe, or the next thing to it; after a superb approach to within twelve inches of the hole he would miss his putt. Of somewhat morose cast of countenance, he was, nevertheless, of a most genial, kindly nature, therefore popular with everybody, and amid the many queer incidents due to his idiosyncrasies he alone always appeared by far the least surprised or disconcerted of the party.

For some time he lived with his brother at Carnoustie, learning club-making. He there, as may be supposed, made many fine rounds, divers of them below 80. Whilst there an incident happened which may be given as aptly illustrating our previous



remarks. The ninth hole was at its longest. Jack was playing a big match, and had drawn his tee-shot to the left, where it lay rather heavy in long grass. Without the least consideration he hit out with his play-club, just grazing the paint on the extreme top of the ball, which moved perhaps a yard or two. Once more the blow fell, probably a vertical one this time, for the ball sprang straight up, as nearly as possible striking the striker in the face. A third time the driver descended, and now one of his very best was the result—a small matter of 260 yards or so. This was followed by a superb iron approach, to within a foot or so of the hole. Meanwhile, during these adventures the enemy had been to some extent embroiled in difficulties, wherefore Jack was left with his short putt for a half, which he missed, and so lost the hole. During the entire proceedings, and after they were over, Jack's lineaments were void of emotion, and expressionless as a brick wall. His feelings, if he had any, never found vent in words; whether, like the parrot, he thought the more, is beyond what deponent is prepared to state.

Simpson played with remarkably light clubs, driving with a swift swing, and off the right leg. He was gifted with enormously strong hands and wrists, hence the power of his cleek play was quite exceptional; in fact, he could hardly ever get a cleek whose head would withstand for any length of time the force of his blows, nor was it any uncommon thing for him to bend the blade out of all shape in a very few shots. He was an admirable iron player, exceedingly pretty in style. He did not, however, make much use of the running loft, preferring rather to pitch the ball up with considerable spin and but little roll. His weakness was in his putting, especially in holing out, at which he was probably inferior to the average of good players; but his wonderful driving more than made amends for his shortcoming. The whole of his play was characterised by a sort of easy carelessness, an indifference to consequences, which, while certainly it betokened the bold and fearless player, yet probably frequently cost him a hole, a stroke, or worse. With an admixture of an additional grain or two of caution as a diluent, with the exercise of a little more care on the putting-green, he had, it is to be hoped has still, the capabilities of being quite the finest player ever seen in this or any other generation.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB.

Mr. D. Anderson, jun., of St. Andrews completed a two month's engagement with above club on Saturday last. He has given great satisfaction and proved an excellent coach, and the standard of play of the members has greatly improved under his tuition. An interesting match was played last week between Mr. H. Ross Conbrough, captain of the club, and Anderson against Mr. Fred C. Morgan a member of the Bowdon Club, and Tom Gourlay, resident professional of the Bowdon Club. The match was seventy-two holes, thirty-six over the Bowdon course on Wednesday the 25th May, and thirty-six at Didsbury on Saturday, the 28th. Mr. Conbrough and Anderson were 3 up on Wednesday, and on Saturday won by 3 up and 2 to play. Saturday's game was a very keenly contested one, Mr. Morgan and Anderson playing a brilliant game all through. Gourlay began badly, but improved each round and played a very fine game in the final round. Mr. Conbrough played a steady game throughout, but showed particularly well in the final round, when he and Anderson made the fine score of 36. This is the record for foursome play. The details of the score were, 4 4 4 4 5 4 3 4 4. Considering the ground has gone back somewhat owing to the recent rain and warm weather, this is a capital performance.

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ABERDEEN.

The weather here on Saturday was not of the most favourable description for golfing, and as a consequence there was not a large turn-out of players over our two local courses. The members of the Victoria Club competed on Wednesday and Saturday over the eighteen-hole course on Aberdeen links, for Mr. James Pirie's prize (played for under special handicap). On comparing the cards handed in, the following were found to occupy the four leading places, viz. :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. B. Banks ...	88 4 84	Mr. Alex. Cooper ...	86 scr. 86
Mr. L. Anderson ...	85 scr. 85	Mr. A. Mitchell ...	97 3 94

At the same time an extra competition for the club's monthly handicap prizes took place, the following being the result :—Mr. Alexander C ooper, 86 (scratch), and Mr. J. B. Banks, 88, less 2=86, tied for the prize for first-class players; while Mr. F. O. B. Ewing won the prize for second-class players.

ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday afternoon the fourth competition for the monthly cup was decided. The following are the scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Hedley ...	93 10 83	Mr. J. de C. Paynter	94 4 90
Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	86 scr. 86	The Hon. R. Jervis	108 18 90
Mr. M. Allan Hutch-		Capt. H. W. Roberts	108 18 90
inson ...	98 12 86	Mr. F. T. Ridley ...	94 3 91
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe...	88 scr. 88	Mr. F. W. Wyndham	110 19 91
Mr. J. Lowrie ...	95 7 88	Mr. E. J. Dent ...	109 16 93
Mr. B. Brumell ...	106 18 88	Mr. W. Smith ...	106 12 94
Mr. W. Cail ...	105 16 89	Mr. T. A. Hutton...	102 16 96
Mr. G. F. Charlton	96 6 90	Mr. R. Barker ...	121 16 105

Messrs. C. M. Bell, T. Tate, G. Scott, and W. Frazer made no returns. The optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. Hedley.

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for club prizes was favoured with a fine afternoon on Thursday, 26th May, though the rain which fell shortly before play began had apparently made the greens rather difficult, judging from the scores, which were as under :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss B. Chetwynd	98 24 74	Miss R. Maitland ...	107 19 88
Miss Hichens ...	101 24 77	Miss E. K. Pott ...	104 15 89
Miss L. Chetwynd...	103 24 79	Miss L. Mott ...	104 15 89
Miss Maitland ...	105 24 81	† Hon. E. Milman	96 3 93
Miss Adlercron ...	106 24 82	Miss J. C. Bayley ...	105 12 93
Miss Mott ...	108 24 84	Miss M. Macintyre	110 15 95
Miss M. K. Pott ...	107 20 87	Miss. R. D. Haig...	97 scr. 97
Mrs. F. F. Mackenzie	112 24 88		

*Winner of handicap prize. † Winner of scratch prize.

Also played :—Baroness Berkeley, Miss M. Clement, Miss Bowring, Miss N. Hichens, Mrs. Gosling, Miss Merewether, and Miss A. Adlercron.

REGISTER HOUSE CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The principal event of the season—the annual competition for the silver cup, presented by the keeper, Mr. Hope Finlay—was held on 25th ult. over Elie links. Unfortunately, the weather was wretched, and the players were thoroughly drenched in the course of the first round. The green, however, was in splendid order, and some steady scores were made over the eighteen holes. Prize-winners :—Mr. P. M. Robertson (winner of cup and gold charm), 108, less 24=84; Mr. Alexander Foster, 93, less 1=92; Mr. John Henderson, 117, less 24=93; Mr. William Ellison, 120, less 24=96; Mr. Robert Cromb, 116, less 20=96; Mr. D. M. Gavine (scratch), 97; Mr. Erskine Steele, 106, less 8=98; Mr. Alfred Tawse, 104, less 6=98.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

At the competition for the monthly medal, on May 28th, though the condition of the green was most certainly better than it ever has been before, the south-easterly gale made Golf rather difficult, and the scoring fatally high. Indeed that excellent golfer, Mr. A. T. Scott, was both surprised and amused to find he had carried off the Yewhurst gold clubs with a gross of 98. Mr. Meyrick is much to be congratulated on his win, as he only began to play some four or five months back, and has been coming on very steadily lately. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. A. Meyrick ...	104 25 79	Mr. R. Homan ...	115 25 90
Mr. L. Midgley ...	104 23 81	Rev. A. T. Scott ...	98 5 93
Mr. J. F. Gordon ...	108 20 88	Mr. W. E. Hughes ...	99 6 93
Capt. J. Ruxton ...	110 22 88	Rev. C. C. Woodland	105 12 93
Mr. H. Jeddere-		Mr. J. O. Scott ...	112 18 94
Fisher ...	99 10 89	Mr. H. A. Curteis ..	102 7 95

No returns from Messrs. Hyde, W. Lee, A. H. Browne, Ashton, Finch, Magrath, Saville, Graves, Streathfield, Lucas, Birch, Nix, and Rev. S. P. Macartney.

ASHDOWN FOREST v. LIMPSFIELD LADIES.

On Tuesday, 24th ult., the first match this year against the Limpsfield Ladies' club was played on Ashdown Forest, with the result that the home team were two holes up, thanks to the good scores by Miss Birch and Mrs. Ramsay Parsons. Scores:—

ASHDOWN.		LIMPSFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Andrews ...	2	Miss Watney ...	0
Miss Birch ...	8	Miss E. Board ...	0
Miss Moor ...	0	Mrs. Parsons ...	1
Mrs. Green ...	0	Miss L. Bartlett ...	5
Mrs. Bell ...	0	Miss Stewart ...	7
Miss Lee ...	0	Mrs. Landale ...	1
Miss Riddle ...	0	Miss Bartlett ...	1
Mrs. Ramsay Parsons...	7	Miss P. Stewart ...	0
	17		15

ASHLEY PARK v. STAINES.

Played at Staines, May 21st.

STAINES.		ASHLEY PARK.	
	Holes		Holes.
Capt. Warren ...	0	Mr. D. Kirke ...	0
Capt. Harrison ...	0	Mr. J. Bush ...	0
Mr. A. Hughes ...	0	Mr. A. Read ...	3
Rev. F. Williamson ...	0	Mr. J. S. Sassoon ...	8
Mr. M. W. Mossop ...	1	Mr. W. G. Mant ...	0
Mr. C. Fulton ...	2	Mr. N. Rushwath ...	0
Mr. F. Farlow ...	0	Mr. R. Playford ...	5
Mr. H. Tyler ...	3	Mr. R. Kirke ...	0
Mr. G. Hunter ...	3	Mr. A. Parkes ...	0
Mr. G. Struthers ...	1	Mr. J. C. Peache ...	0
	10		16

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, May 28th, a silver cup, presented by Mr. F. G. Sherlock, was played for on the "Bogey" match system. About forty players started, but unfortunately a very strong wind from the south-west made the task of beating the formidable "Colonel" almost impossible. Mr. H. W. Street, however, proved equal to the occasion, and won the cup, beating "Bogey" by 1 up. Mr. P. A. Willett being second with 2 down.

BRUSSELS GOLF CLUB.

Mr. Conyngham Greene having kindly offered a prize to be played for by the lady-members of this club, the competition took place on the Etterbeck links on May 27th, in weather more Indian than European. Notwithstanding the great heat eight ladies took part, one round of the links (nine holes) being played. On the cards being handed in, it was found that Miss Nora Hope was the winner of the prize—a very handsome sunshade. Miss Hope's round of 61 was very good considering the state of the greens. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Nora Hope ...	61 scr. 61	Miss Charlotte Hope	86 12 74
Miss Mari MacLean	70 6 64	Mrs. Scobell ...	94 8 86
Miss Louisa Hope...	72 6 66	Miss M. Scobell ...	100 12 88
Miss Margt. MacLean	78 6 72	Lady Lily Greene...	108 8 100

INNOMINATE GOLF CLUB.—A competition was held at Musselburgh on 25th ult. The scores were very bad. The prize-winners were Messrs. Keene, William Ritchie, and Barrie.

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.

The second summer monthly competition of the above club was held on Saturday, May 28th, the course being very wet. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. D. H. Greenwood	104 9 95	Mr. C. P. Ritson ...	122 25 97
Mr. S. Fernyhough..	121 25 96	Mr. W. Mosley ...	123 25 98
Mr. C. D. Milne ...	106 9 97	Rev. F. A. Macdona	108 9 99

There were sixteen entries, but the returns net of the rest were over 100.

CHELTENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, May 28th. It was blowing a gale, and in consequence the scores were high, Mr. E. A. Bennett winning it with a net score of 95. The following competed:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. A. Bennett...	125 30 95	Mr. F. D. Longe...	116 18 98
Mr. C. Tillard ...	104 8 96	Mr. F. Burgoyne	
Mr. A. A. Bourne...	109 12 97	Wallace ...	118 18 100
Mr. C. C. Turnbull	112 15 97	Mr. W. R. Porcher	135 35 100

Mr. J. L. Tickell, Mr. Mascie Taylor, Colonel Hume, Mr. J. C. Gray, Mr. W. M. Baker, Mr. S. P. Ryland, Rev. J. Lochhead, Rev. W. D. Challice, Mr. E. S. Baylis and Mr. A. Porcher were over 100 net.

CHELTENHAM v. STINCHCOMBE.

This match was played at Cheltenham on Thursday, May 26th. Cheltenham won by 22 holes up.

STINCHCOMBE.		CHELTENHAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. S. Winterbotham	0	Mr. H. B. Todd ...	6
Mr. C. A. Gillanders ...	0	Mr. C. Tillard...	1
Mr. A. Hoare ...	0	Mr. A. A. Bourne ...	2
Rev. T. Philpott ...	0	Mr. S. P. Ryland ...	3
Mr. A. Graham ...	0	Mr. G. Blathwagt ...	0
Mr. C. H. Ridding ...	0	Mr. F. Burgoyne Wallace	7
Mr. F. K. Peto ...	0	Mr. Mascie Taylor ...	3
	0		22

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The fifth round of the competition for the ladies' trophy was played off on Friday and Saturday over the Coatham Links. The play was very level, Mr. C. D. Mackenzie, who beat the scratch man by two points, being the victor. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. D. Mackenzie	94 6 88	Mr. T. C. Davison	114 18 96
Mr. H. Roberts ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. A. Scott ...	119 22 97
Mr. E. K. Wethey	96 3 93	Mr. J. Scott ...	102 5 97
Mr. D. Mackay ...	96 3 93	Mr. J. Roddam ...	108 11 97
Mr. W. Lambert ...	112 18 94	Mr. J. W. Kyle ...	121 18 103
Mr. T. H. Wynn ...	103 9 94	Mr. J. M. Kyle ...	123 18 105
Mr. E. Cradock ...	113 18 95		

COVENTRY GOLF CLUB.

The final rounds for the silver challenge bowl were played last week, and resulted in a win for Mr. A. P. Pridmore (22), who beat Mr. Hugh Rotherham (10) in the final round. On Wednesday the competition for monthly cup ended in a tie. The following are the lowest returns:—

Silver challenge bowl—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Kevitt Rother-		Mr. E. F. Coddington	110 22 88
ham ...	99 19 80	Hon. R. H. Lyttle-	
Mr. A. P. Pridmore.	103 22 81	ton ...	103 12 91
Mr. H. Rotherham.	92 10 82	Mr. F. Smith ...	104 12 92
Mr. H. J. Nutt ...	101 18 83	Rev. C. G. Vecqueray	119 25 94
Mr. W. Hillman ...	96 12 84	Mr. F. Twist ...	112 18 94

Monthly cup—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. F. R. Evans ...	94 14 80	Mr. H. J. Nutt ...	103 16 87
Rev. C. G. Vecqueray	105 25 80	Mr. F. Smith ...	99 12 87
Mr. Harold Smith...	92 8 84	Mr. E. Blackburne.	116 24 92
Mr. Kerr Rotherham	100 16 84		

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—In boisterous weather the May competition for the club cup was played over the new course, which gave great satisfaction. The greens were in fair condition. Results:—Mr. C. T. Richardson, 116, less 30=86; Rev. A. E. R. Bedford, 109, less 20=89.

DOUGLAS v. RAMSEY.

A match was played on the Ramsey links on Thursday, and resulted in a victory for the Ramsey club by 38 holes. The following is the score :—

RAMSEY.		DOUGLAS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. Hughes-Games	14	Mr. F. Heslop	0
Mr. W. Clucas	11	Mr. M. Lupton	0
Mr. J. Milns	6	Mr. Chambers	0
Dr. Gell	6	Mr. J. K. Rigby	0
Mr. S. Wilson	3	Rev. Mr. Baron	0
Mr. F. M. LaMothe	3	Mr. E. C. Kneen	0
Mr. J. M. Cruickshank	2	Mr. S. Baron	0
Mr. J. J. Corlett	0	Rev. Bardsley	3
Mr. E. Dawson	0	Mr. T. Kneen	4
	45		7

The play between the Rev. Mr. Bardsley and Mr. J. J. Corlett was of a very close description, the score at the end of the course of eighteen holes being, Bardsley, 109; Corlett, 110. Mr. Bardsley is not a member of the Douglas Club, and has won a medal for play in England.

FORFARSHIRE.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 25th ult., a number of the members of the Stonehaven Club, which, thanks to the liberality of Major Disney Innes of Cowie, can boast of one of the most interesting and difficult courses in the country, visited Montrose for a friendly game among the members. The contest lay between teams captained respectively by Major Disney Innes, president, and Mr. W. Mowat, vice-president, with the result that the vice-president's team won by four holes. The members adjourned to the Star Hotel, where they entertained Mr. Mowat, vice-president, to dinner, in recognition of the liberality which he had extended towards the club in the way of presenting a handsome silver cup for competition among the members, and for the generous way in which he had supported the club all through its brief history. Mr. R. Falconer, solicitor, presided at the dinner, and Mr. A. B. Annandale officiated as croupier. The health of Mr. Mowat was proposed by the chairman, and appropriately replied to by Mr. Mowat.

The third heat for the challenge cup of the Montrose Mercantile Club was played. During the greater part of the afternoon rain fell heavily, rendering low scoring difficult. The players were handicapped, and the following was the result :—Mr. J. Falconer (6) scratched to Mr. C. R. Murray (3); Mr. D. C. Clark (4) beat Mr. W. Thomson (6); Mr. A. Oliphant (2) beat Mr. F. Robertson (7); Mr. W. Jack (5) tied with Mr. W. Mitchell (6); Mr. G. M. (Smith) (scratch) beat Mr. G. Croal (2); Mr. G. M'Intosh (scratch) beat Mr. W. Forbes (6); Mr. James Falconer (5) beat Mr. W. Douglas (6); Mr. W. A. Burgess (6) beat Mr. H. M'Kenzie (7); Mr. J. Findlay (scratch) beat Mr. J. M'Gregor (7); Mr. J. G. Cobb (scratch) beat Mr. A. D. Adams (6); Mr. J. Winton (3) scratched to Mr. G. M'Donald (4); Mr. J. Thow (3) beat Mr. D. Burgess (3); Mr. D. Stott (6) beat Mr. D. Mackie (4); Mr. J. Davidson (4) beat Mr. J. Moir (7); Mr. A. Graham (7) beat Mr. J. Scott (4); Mr. G. Bowman (4) beat Mr. A. B. Ritchie (6). The following is the draw for the fourth heat :—Mr. J. Thow (3) v. Mr. S. M'Donald (4); Mr. W. Jack (5), or Mr. W. Mitchell (6), v. Mr. C. R. Murray (3); Mr. J. Findlay (scratch) v. Mr. D. Stott (5); Mr. J. Falconer (5) v. Mr. D. C. Clark (4); Mr. W. A. Burgess (6) v. J. G. Cobb (scratch); Mr. G. Bowman (4) v. Mr. G. M. Smith (scratch); Mr. A. Graham (7) v. Mr. J. Davidson (4); Mr. G. M'Intosh (scratch) v. Mr. A. Oliphant (2).

The second monthly competition among the members of the Montrose Ladies' Golf Club took place on the Ladies' links on Thursday last. The weather being fine there was a large attendance of competitors and visitors. Seventeen players started in the following order :—Miss Annie Watson, Montrose, and Miss J. Smith, Benholm Castle; Miss Paton, Montrose, and Miss Anne Belcher, Fasque Parsonage; Miss Woodward and Miss Jeannie Woodward, Montrose; Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. R. H. Millar, Montrose; Miss More-Gordon and Miss G. More-Gordon, Charleton; Mrs. Stone, Montrose, and Miss Lucy Belcher, Fasque; Miss G. Burness and Miss Lily Burness, Montrose; Miss Mabel Smith, Benholm Castle, and Miss Nellie Walker; Miss Cruickshank, Langley Park. Two rounds of the course (which was in excellent condition) were played, and at the close it was found that Mrs. R. H. Millar, with 52 and 55=equal 107, had won the gold medal; and Miss Annie Watson, with 59 and 49, the silver medal. Miss Annie Watson also won the bracelet for the lowest score on the green with 49—the lowest score recorded on the green. It was made up as follows :—3 3 3 3 3 3 3 2 3 2 2 3 2 3 3 2=49.

Some magnificent play is at present being witnessed at Monifieth, all the cracks being in rare form. On two occasions last week Mr. George Wright went round the links at the very good total of 76 strokes. His cards showed the following figures :—First Round. Out—3 3 4 4 4 5

5 3 4=35; in—5 4 4 5 4 4 6 4 5=41; total, 76. Second Round. Out—3 4 4 5 4 5 5 4 6=40; in—4 4 3 5 5 3 4 4 4=36; total, 76.

The usual monthly medal (handicap) competition of the Scotsraig Club took place on Saturday. The weather was disagreeable, and there were few competitors. The medal was tied for by Mr. A. S. Thomson, 90 (scratch), and Mr. A. Melville, 96, less 6=90. The draw, in the first round for ex-captain Thomson's cup (by holes handicap) resulted as follows :—Mr. James Smith v. Mr. W. C. Dickson, Mr. F. Gregory v. Mr. J. B. Robertson, Mr. A. Robertson v. Mr. J. Ireland, Dr. Orr v. Mr. J. Dickson, Mr. W. Wilson v. Mr. G. B. Black, Mr. A. Melville, v. Mr. W. Sim, Mr. W. Methven v. Rev. C. Halliday, Mr. R. Law v. Mr. W. Davidson, Mr. W. Hutcheson v. Mr. J. Duncan, Mr. W. Hogg v. Mr. G. Rollo, Mr. J. Simpson v. Mr. J. Millar, Mr. J. P. Smith v. Mr. W. Smith, Mr. J. Greig v. Mr. James Robertson, Mr. A. Jack v. Mr. J. Inch, Mr. G. Millar v. Lieutenant Dougall. A club is also to be given to the winner of the cup.

The Dalhousie Club formally opened the new nine-hole course on Saturday by playing a handicap match of two rounds. The captain, Mr. R. B. Sharp, who played with Mr. James Cunningham, jun., played off first, and did the round in 81, Mr. Cunningham being one less with a score of 80. The latter score was equalled by Mr. George A. Gilroy. A large number of players took part in the match, and the prize-winners were found to be :—1st, Mr. George A. Gilroy, 80, less 5=75; 2nd, Mr. William Mann, 94, less 15=79; 3rd, Mr. James Cunningham, jun., 80, scratch. The course and putting-greens were found to be in remarkably good condition, and give promise of future excellence. The option final of the same club was played on Wednesday last in heavy rain, when Mr. H. B. Gilroy was first with a score of 90, less 4=86; and Mr. R. B. Sharp, 89, scratch.

The monthly competition of the Dundee Advertiser Club took place on Saturday on Monifieth links. There was a fairly good turn-out of players, but rain and wind interfered somewhat with the enjoyment of the golfers. The greens on the first half of the course were in capital order, and the cards returned indicated that the play all over had been pretty good. Mr. James Melville was lowest with 85, followed by Mr. Thomas Knox 94, Mr. Arthur Forsyth 95, Mr. Robert Donn 95, and Mr. John Inglis 98. In the second class Mr. D. Bannerman and Mr. W. Webster had the best figures; and Mr. William Low, sen., in the third class. Sweepstakes were won as follows :—First class—Scratch and second average, Mr. James Melville; first average, Mr. Thomas Knox; third average, Mr. Robert Donn. Second class—Scratch, Mr. David Bannerman; first average, Mr. James Baik; second average, tie, Mr. David Bannerman and Mr. William Webster. Third class—Scratch and first average, Mr. William Low, sen.; second average, Mr. David Clark.

HUNSTANTON GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of this club was held on Saturday and Monday, May 28th and 30th. The weather was fine, almost too hot for Golf, and the greens and course in very creditable condition, considering the newness of some of the holes.

On Saturday the Residents' challenge cup (open) and the Club challenge cup were played for. There were no players other than members of the club, and both prizes, with their accompanying mementoes, fell to Mr. Holcombe Ingleby, with the good score of 88, less 10=78. Some other good scores were :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. H. D. Barrett	101 18 83	Mr. J. C. Morgan	...
Dr. C. R. Whitty	113 25 88	Brown	... 98 10 88
		Mr. J. W. M. Palk	... 115 25 90

On Monday the monthly medal was played for. The following were the best scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Com. H. A. Digby,		Mr. Holcombe Ingle-	
R.N.	... 92 13 79	by	... 94 7 87
*Rev. H. D. Barrett	97 18 79	Mr. R. Hennessy	... 120 30 90

* Tie.

The aggregate prize was won by the Rev. H. D. Barrett, his net scores for the two days amounting to 162. Mr. Holcombe Ingleby was second, with an aggregate of 165.

BLACKFORD GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—On Saturday afternoon the members of the Blackford Golf Club journeyed to Kinghorn, and held their monthly medal and scratch charm competition over Kinghorn Links. The green was in capital condition, but a foggy rain marred the enjoyment of the game. The best scores were those of Mr. C. W. M'Farlane, 84, less 3=81 (medallist); Mr. A. Robertson, 87, less 5=82; Mr. T. C. Kay, 89, less 6=83; Mr. G. A. Ross (scratch), 84; Mr. D. Cowie, 91, less 6=85; Mr. A. Henderson, 91, less 6=85; Mr. W. Scott, 93, less 7=86; Mr. J. Crease, 96, less 9=87; Mr. J. Sanderson (scratch), 88; Mr. D. Wilson, 91, less 3=88. Messrs. Macfarlane and Ross tied for the scratch charm with 84 each.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of the above club was played on Saturday last, Mr. H. W. Wild being the winner, with a net score of 85. Several of the new greens were played upon for the first time, and considering the heavy rainstorm which passed over during the early morning, they played well and true. The committee have taken some adjoining land, whereby two of the holes will be lengthened, and fresh hazards introduced. The long hole will thus be upwards of 500 yards in length. The contracts for the new club house have been signed, and the work will be proceeded with at once. The position is convenient and accessible, views of four of the greens being obtained from the verandah. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. W. Wild ...	94 9 85	Mr. B. Hirst ...	122 20 102
Mr. C. Atkinson ...	123 36 87	Dr. Bampton ...	137 33 104
Mr. T. A. Carpenter ...	124 33 91	Mr. D. F. Douglas ...	124 20 104
Mr. S. Meredith ...	130 36 94	Rev. Irton Smith ...	114 9 105
Mr. J. E. Mammatt, jun. ...	126 30 96	Mr. J. Humphris ...	138 33 105
Mr. R. Gee ...	126 27 99	Mr. A. Irwell ...	142 36 106
Mr. W. H. Scott ...	120 20 100	Mr. W. F. Potter ...	128 20 108
Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield ...	116 16 100	Dr. McDowall ...	127 18 109
Mr. N. C. Sayers ...	136 36 100	Mr. A. L. Booth ...	137 27 110

No returns, or over 110, from Messrs. P. N. Lee, Spark, Blankley, and others.

LEASOWE GOLF CLUB.

A handicap competition for two prizes, presented by Mr. C. Nigel Stewart, late hon. secretary of the club, took place on Saturday, May 28th. Twenty-three members competed, and two rounds of nine holes each were played. The best score was made by Mr. John Ball, jun., the captain of the club, who went round in 43, 37=80, the latter round, against a very strong breeze, being the record of the links. The following is the result of the play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. F. T. Davidson ...	91 15 76	Mr. J. Ball Smith ...	120 20 100
†Mr. John Ball, jun. ...	80+10 90	Mr. A. C. Jones ...	111 10 101
†Mr. Donald Ball ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. W. A. Brattan ...	124 18 106
Mr. Theo. R. Evans ...	101 8 93	Mr. F. A. Cooper ...	132 25 107
Mr. F. H. Chambers ...	113 20 93	Mr. W. H. Roxburgh ...	148 35 113
Mr. M. Boumpfrey ...	118 25 93	Mr. Jas. T. Darby ...	149 35 114
Mr. J. K. Housden ...	108 12 96	Mr. W. A. McNeill ...	166 30 136
Mr. Chas. S. Smith ...	108 10 98	Mr. J. Anderson ...	176 40 136
Mr. J. Cromarty ...	134 35 99	Mr. S. W. Gill ...	172 30 142

* Winner. † Tied for second place.

Messrs. C. Nigel-Stewart, J. M. Campbell, L. Chambers, E. A. Connall, and Dr. Ritchie Main made no return.

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

Mr. Goff's medal, 20th May:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. Farmer ...	90 5 85	Mr. B. Thompson ...	101 8 93
Mr. A. Holmes ...	97 11 86	Mr. A. J. Constable ...	112 11 101
Earl Winterton ...	109 20 89		

Club sweepstake, 21st May:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. C. Constable ...	102 20 82	Mr. B. Thompson ...	100 8 92
Mr. E. C. R. Goff ...	92 4 88	Mr. A. J. Constable ...	104 11 93
Mr. C. Farmer ...	95 5 90	Mr. R. A. Blagden ...	117 16 101

Mr. A. J. Constable's cup, 21st May:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. J. Constable ...	90 5 85	Mr. B. Thompson ...	102 8 94
Mr. W. M. Stewart ...	112 25 87	Mr. R. A. Blagden ...	120 16 104
Mr. A. Holmes ...	104 11 93		

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE v. BEDFORD.

This match was played May 28th, on Biggleswade Common. Bedford Golf Club won by one hole.

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE		BEDFORD.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. H. Mann ...	4	Mr. Hepburn ...	0
Mr. R. J. Lindsell ...	0	Mr. W. E. Tredcroft ...	0
Mr. A. C. McNish ...	3	Mr. M. Troup ...	0
Mr. J. G. Duberly ...	0	Mr. C. B. Watkins ...	2
Mr. D. B. Cromarty ...	7	Rev. A. Macdonald ...	0
Major Pearson ...	1	Colonel Broughton ...	0
Mr. W. Fordham ...	0	Colonel Lee ...	10
Mr. A. K. Lindsell ...	0	Mr. A. Tyson ...	4
	15		16

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition for May took place on the 21st and 26th of that month. The result is as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Harris ...	87 4 83	Mr. C. S. Wardle ...	109 12 97
Mr. R. D. Oswald ...	90 6 84	Mr. W. H. Hutton ...	114 14 100
Mr. J. Doleman ...	93 5 88	Mr. J. Bowes ...	120 18 102
Mr. J. Hall ...	97 8 89	Rev. A. C. Beckton ...	113 8 105
Mr. J. C. Warren ...	96 4 92	Mr. C. B. Edwards ...	122 14 108
Mr. J. McMeeking ...	99 6 93	Mr. W. Ross ...	129 18 111
Mr. A. T. Ashwell ...	103 10 93	Rev. J. Holroyde ...	118 scr. 118
Mr. J. Johnstone ...	104 10 94	Mr. A. Oliver ...	145 24 121

NOTTINGHAM v. CHARNWOOD.

This match was played on Saturday, 28th ult., on the links of the Charnwood Forest, and resulted in an all-round win for the visitors. Course of eighteen holes. Scores:—

NOTTINGHAM.		CHARNWOOD.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. C. Warren ...	10	Mr. G. P. Braund ...	0
Mr. R. D. Oswald ...	6	Mr. Trevor Jones ...	0
Mr. J. Hall ...	4	Mr. C. T. Parker ...	0
Mr. J. Johnstone ...	3	Mr. G. C. Sillar ...	0
Mr. C. S. Wardle ...	2	Col. Dashwood ...	0
	25		0

PRESTWICK.

On Saturday the members took part in the competition for the handicap gold medal, sixteen couples starting on the game of eighteen holes. The weather was highly favourable, and the greens in good order. The following are the best scores made for the eighteen holes:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. W. Evans ...	116 30 86	Mr. W. Neilson ...	97 9 88
Mr. J. Harvey ...	116 30 86	Mr. A. Birrell ...	107 18 89
Mr. P. Davidson ...	110 24 86	Capt. Dudley Stuart ...	105 15 90
Mr. J. E. Orr ...	106 20 86	Mr. J. S. Alston ...	98 6 92
Mr. U. S. Wilson ...	84 +3 87	Mr. J. Binnie ...	111 15 96

RAMSEY GOLF CLUB.

The first handicap on the Douglas links was played on the Queen's birthday. The greens were in excellent order. The committee comprised Mr. George Drinkwater, the Rev. R. B. Baron, and Mr. S. Wilson, and punctually at 11 o'clock the ball was put in motion. The winner of the medal, Mr. J. J. Corlett, is to be congratulated on his play, for, starting at scratch, he managed by his good play to outdistance his competitors. The following were the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. J. J. Corlett, Ramsey ...	116 scr. 116
† Mr. S. Wilson, Ramsey ...	128 9 119
Mr. G. W. Fleming, Douglas ...	160 30 130
Mr. Cruickshank, Ramsey ...	142 10 132
Mr. T. Kneen, H.K., Douglas ...	138 5 133
Mr. J. H. Quine, Douglas ...	146 12 134
Mr. F. M. LaMothe, Ramsey ...	145 10 135
Mr. J. K. Rigby, Douglas ...	167 30 137
Dr. Farrell, Douglas ...	164 25 139
Mr. R. S. Baron, Douglas ...	149 10 139
Mr. Chambres, Douglas ...	150 10 140
Rev. R. B. Baron, Douglas ...	152 9 143
Mr. J. C. Crellin, H.K., Ramsey ...	163 18 145
Mr. Lupton, Douglas ...	190 40 150
Mr. W. Clucas, Ramsey ...	173 20 153
Mr. G. Drinkwater, Douglas ...	172 18 154
Mr. E. C. Kneen, Douglas ...	175 17 158
Mr. H. B. C. Callow, Douglas ...	184 25 159
Captain Ponsonby, Douglas ...	214 30 184

The next handicap at Douglas will be held on Whit Monday, commencing at 11 a.m.

* Silver medal. † Golf stick.

FALKIRK.—The second competition for the president's prize was played for on Saturday afternoon in very unfavourable weather. Over twenty couples competed, and the following are a few of the best scores:—Mr. John Connochie (scratch), 84; Mr. D. C. Alexander (scratch), 87; Mr. R. Brydone (10), 88; Mr. W. Jamieson (13), 88; Mr. C. H. Clarke (14), 88; Mr. A. S. Ingles (9), 89; Mr. James Buckholme (scratch), 90; Mr. H. Kemp (12), 90; Mr. R. Currie (16), 90. Mr. Connochie and Mr. Alexander being the two highest scorers competed for the Mackintosh cup, Mr. Alexander winning by a hole.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The annual competition for the jewel presented to the club by its president, Sir Trevor Lawrence, Bart, M.P., took place in half a gale of wind on Saturday last. Scoring accordingly ruled high, and upon an examination of the cards returned, it was found that only three players had succeeded in accomplishing the round under the 100 viz. :-

	Out.	In.	Total.
Mr. F. S. Ireland	51	43	94
Mr. A. J. Eames	50	46	96
Mr. L. Horner	50	49	99

Mr. Ireland therefore secured the badge and the memento given by the club.

With a view to encourage match play it has been decided to have a monthly sweep on the "Bogey" system, for any members who may wish to try conclusions with that formidable antagonist. "Bogey" has been put at 80, made up of 40 out and 40 home.

RICHMOND v. ROYAL EPPING FOREST.

A match was played at Sudbrook Park, on Friday the 27th inst., between the Richmond and Royal Epping Forest Golf Clubs, eighteen a-side. Richmond were returned the winners by 32 holes.

RICHMOND. ROYAL EPPING FOREST.

RICHMOND.	Holes.	ROYAL EPPING FOREST.	Holes.
Dr. Williamson	1	Mr. A. Anderson	0
Mr. A. Allan	0	Mr. J. G. Gibson	0
Mr. A. T. Jockel	4	Mr. A. Denman	0
Mr. A. L. Jockel	9	Mr. F. W. Robertson	0
Mr. P. R. Don	4	Mr. H. L. Russell Roysse	0
Mr. A. Read	1	Mr. S. R. Bastard	0
Mr. J. D. Charrington... ..	0	Mr. R. C. Kerr	4
Mr. M. J. Godby	0	Captain Cowper-Coles	8
Mr. J. G. Wylie	9	Mr. S. N. Dimpleby	0
Mr. C. Routh	0	Mr. J. W. Greig	1
Mr. W. R. Stikeman	0	Mr. C. E. Greig	0
Mr. B. Thomas	1	Mr. H. E. Fisher	0
Mr. W. B. Dick	1	Mr. Sidney Kemp	0
Mr. S. F. Higgins	0	Mr. J. James	1
Mr. Dunlop Hill	5	Mr. J. E. Shaw	0
Mr. F. E. Badham	6	Mr. E. Flint	0
Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart.	3	Mr. J. Walker	0
Mr. H. M. Davidson	2	Mr. J. G. Glover	0
	46		14

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB

The competition for the Winch challenge cup took place on Saturday, 28th May. The conditions were that it should be medal play of two rounds or thirty-six holes, and that the handicap should be limited to eighteen per round. The number competing was rather limited, but this was doubtless owing to the fact that it required a full day to enable members to comply with the conditions. Mr. Maddison was thought to be likely, his score of 92 for the first round giving him a distinct chance, but his after performance showed a falling off, and the winner turned up in Mr. Sealy, who with the limit handicap, won by 3 strokes. A strong wind rather baffled the players at times, the Pond hole causing several to come to grief. Appended are the best returns :-

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
* Mr. A. C. Sealy	103	108	211	36	175
Mr. F. B. Maddison	92	102	194	16	178
Lieutenant-Colonel Langdon... ..	101	109	210	28	182
Mr. C. Lake	102	99	201	18	183
Mr. A. Schact	101	101	202	10	192
Mr. G. K. Anderson	120	116	236	36	200

* Winner.

It has been arranged for Lord Darnley's cup to be played for under a "bogey" competition on Saturday next June 4th.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The Renton prize, Saturday, 28th May. Scores :-

	Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. C. R. S. Wood,				Mr. H. G. H. Spencer	92	3	89
P. W. V.	96	14	82	Col. Mackenzie	95	3	92
*Lieut.-Col. Mayne.	91	6	85	Mr. J. Brown	101	9	92
Capt. Robin	90	4	86	Dr. Comerford	102	10	92
Mr. C. C. Renton... ..	91	4	87	Mr. W. H. Monckton	109	17	92
*Mr. A. L. Scott	106	18	88	Surg.-Capt. M'Millan	112	18	94
Major Scott, R.A.	88	+1	89	Mr. R. R. Renton... ..	99	2	97
Mr. A. G. Walker... ..	91	2	89				

* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of this club was held on Saturday, 21st ult., at Chingford, when the half-yearly scratch medal and gold memento, the quarterly medal and gold memento, and the usual special prizes were competed for. The weather was gloriously fine, but the course is badly in want of rain. A very large muster of members turned out, upwards of sixty couples competing. The scoring on the whole was low, and the following are some of the best returns made :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. T. Lindley .	92 16 76	Mr. A. Anderson...	91 scr. 91
Mr. H. A. Gardner. .	89 12 77	Mr. H. W. Hill ...	109 18 91
Mr. R. C. Kerr ...	88 9 79	Mr. R. P. Stein ...	109 18 91
Mr. E. Walbourne .	93 12 81	Mr. A. H. Darlington	100 8 92
Mr. G. F. Ruck ...	97 19 81	Mr. C. E. Greig ...	100 8 92
Mr. S. N. Dimpleby	90 8 82	Mr. E. Flint ...	103 11 92
Mr. W. Noakes ...	88 5 83	Mr. J. E. Brown ...	106 14 92
Mr. F. G. Bampfyde	98 14 84	Mr. A. C. Oldham .	107 15 92
Mr. N. H. Wykes...	98 14 84	Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger	107 15 92
Mr. R. Redwood ...	100 16 84	Mr. A. H. Eve ...	111 18 93
Mr. J. E. Shaw ...	95 10 85	Mr. J. Godwin ...	111 18 93
Mr. E. A. Read ...	97 11 86	Mr. S. Kemp ...	104 10 94
Mr. P. Bonthron ...	99 13 86	Mr. T. F. Kerr ...	106 12 94
Mr. H. Tanner ...	101 15 86	Mr. S. Clarke ...	114 20 94
Mr. A. Fraser ...	102 16 86	Mr. J. G. Smith ...	97 2 95
Mr. H. Horner ...	104 18 86	Capt. Ambrose ...	105 10 95
Mr. J. M. Kerr ...	93 6 87	Mr. F. F. McKenzie	109 14 95
Mr. G. E. Buckle... .	99 12 87	Capt. L. Peskett ...	110 15 95
Mr. T. T. Cowell ...	99 12 87	Mr. C. W. S. Crawley	110 15 95
Mr. J. S. Pearce ...	100 13 87	Mr. C. F. Sanders .	105 10 95
Mr. A. W. Good ...	101 14 87	Mr. W. Stair ...	113 18 95
Mr. J. F. Anderson.	103 16 87	Mr. C. V. Tattersall	113 18 95
Mr. H. E. Richards.	103 16 87	Mr. J. G. Glover ...	108 12 96
Mr. W. J. Bowyer .	112 25 87	Mr. H. Parker ...	111 15 96
Capt. Cowper-Coles	96 8 88	Mr. T. N. Mapleston	116 20 96
Mr. J. W. Greig ...	96 8 88	Mr. W. W. Howard	115 18 97
Mr. J. W. James ...	98 10 88	Mr. A. W. Barr ...	120 22 98
Mr. G. A. Peattie... .	114 25 89	Mr. G. Spurling ...	111 12 99
Mr. W. Love ...	107 18 89	Mr. F. J. Farquharson	124 25 99
Mr. J. O. Milledge .	111 22 89	Mr. N. Womersley .	116 16 100
Mr. L. S. McKenzie	104 14 90	Mr. J. Badkin ...	118 18 100
Mr. J. D. Patullo ...	108 18 90		

On Saturday the competition for the Gordon Cup, captain's prize, and monthly medal resulted thus :-Mr. J. W. Greig, 93, less 8=85; Mr. S. Kemp, 95, less 10=85; Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger, 103, less 15=85.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Badger dish, postponed from March, took place on Monday, 23rd inst., with the following result :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Culshaw	103 28 75	Miss Oldfield	91 13 78
Miss Saunders	78 scr. 78	Miss M. Saunders...	89 2 87

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA v. COVENTRY LADIES.

Played on Campion Hill Links on Wednesday, 25th May, and resulted in a victory for the home team :-

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA		COVENTRY LADIES	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Saunders... ..	7	Mrs. Smith-Turberville	0
Miss M. Saunders	3	Miss Verrall	0
Miss Craddock... ..	1	Miss Hart	0
Miss G. Stanger-Leathes	11	Mrs. Pridmore... ..	0
Miss Mitchell	2	Miss E. Hart	0
Mrs. Gaitskell	6	Miss Rotherham	0
	30		0

The fifth competition for Mr. J. Wilson's prize was played on Saturday. The following were the scores :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss M. Saunders... ..	84 2 82	Miss G. Stanger-	
Mrs. Gaitskell	91 8 83	Leathes	98 4 94
Miss Saunders	83 +2 85	Miss Nicholson ...	121 25 96
Mrs. Culshaw	111 18 93		

EDINBURGH FORFARSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Edinburgh Forfarshire Golf Club took place on Kinghorn links on Saturday afternoon. Notwithstanding that a local club and the Blackford Club were holding competitions at the same time, the new rule was brought into force, and, with the exception of a slight wait at some of the teeing grounds, the members had an enjoyable game. The best scores were as follows :-Mr. Leighton, 84; Mr. Hogg, 84—tie; Mr. Officer, 85; Mr. Wighton, 86; Mr. M'Kenzie, 87; Mr. Wallace, 88; Mr. Sturrock, 88; Mr. Mills, 88—tie.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last, in stormy weather, play took place for the monthly medal. Lieut.-Col. Winterscale, 100, less 12=88, won the medal and memento, a gilt travelling clock, and first prize in sweepstakes, besides putting in a win for Major Pigott's prize. Messrs. McLaren, Church, and Cooke divided second prize in sweepstake.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Lieut.-Col. Winter- scale	100 12 88	Mr. F. T. Cooke ...	111 20 91
Mr. J. C. McLaren.	92 1 91	Capt. Gordon ...	100 8 92
Mr. P. W. Church...	98 7 91	Rev. E. C. Pigott ...	113 16 97

Remainder of competitors, twenty-one in number, were over 100, or no returns.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal, May 28th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. L. Tweedie...	97 18 79	Mr. N. R. Foster ...	92 +2 94
Mr. J. Blair ...	100 18 82	Mr. H. W. Horne...	102 8 94
Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	91 8 83	Mr. G. Chatterton...	112 18 94
Mr. G. Nicol ...	93 8 85	Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	97 2 95
Mr. F. Baden-Powell	104 18 86	Mr. F. J. Walker ...	100 5 95
Mr. A. Pollock ...	93 5 88	Mr. H. P. Cumming	101 6 95
Mr. E. Sidgwick ...	97 9 88	Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	107 11 96
Mr. F. A. Fairlie ...	86 +3 89	Mr. D. Forde ...	114 18 96
Mr. R. Thomson ...	94 5 89	Mr. J. Gane ...	113 16 97
Mr. J. L. Ridpath...	98 9 89	Mr. G. P. Leach ...	110 12 98
Mr. H. T. Wright...	101 12 89	Mr. H. C. Archer...	114 16 98
Mr. W. L. Purves...	91 scr. 91	Mr. W. H. Oliver...	116 18 98
Mr. E. A. Walker ...	97 6 91	Mr. C. Plummer ...	99 scr. 99
Mr. P. Strickland ...	98 7 91	Mr. J. A. Burrell ...	113 14 99
Mr. H. Becher ...	103 12 91	Mr. F. Pownall ...	115 15 100
Mr. P. Robertson...	109 18 91	Mr. J. Franklin	Adams ...
Mr. W. W. Branston	108 16 92	Adams ...	112 8 104
Mr. A. G. Rickards.	113 21 92	Mr. S. Carlyll ...	120 16 104
Mr. W. Bazalgette...	96 3 93	Mr. A.H. Molesworth	103 +3 106
Mr. F. A. Wallroth.	107 14 93		

No returns from the following players :—Mr. A. Adams, Mr. R. Browne, Mr. J. Croft, Mr. W. J. Cundell, Mr. J. D. Charrington, Mr. H. S. Colt, Mr. C. A. W. Cameron, Mr. A. Davidson, Gen. H. Eliott, Mr. J. Ferrier, Mr. F. E. Faithfull, Mr. E. Field, Mr. A. Fell, Mr. H. T. Grundtvig, Mr. C. F. Grundtvig, Mr. J. A. Gordon, Mr. W. R. Glennie, Mr. J. J. Hamilton, Mr. J. R. D. Hill, Mr. G. E. Jones, Mr. J. M. Kerr, Mr. W. R. L'Amey, Mr. J. MacFarlan, Mr. J. H. Mudie, Mr. N. MacColl, Mr. W. Michie, Mr. T. Mackay, Mr. J. Murray, Mr. W. Muir, Sir H. Pottinger, Messrs. A. E. Peat, J. E. Peat, W. R. Portal, C. J. Robin, C. E. Routh, F. C. Stapylton, S. F. Still, and T. Smith.

SCARBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the 14th ult. the first competition for the monthly medal kindly presented by Mr. Wood Taylor, was held on the club course of eighteen holes at Ganton. It was a lovely day for golf, and the greens were in very fair condition, thanks to the care bestowed upon them by R. Bird, the new professional. The medal was competed for on the "Colonel Bogey" system. Owing to the fixture clashing with other engagements, only nine members turned out for the medal, and "Colonel Bogey" with his round of 83 strokes proved a little too strong for them. At the close of play the medal was found to have been won by Dr. Bolton, with a handicap of 14 strokes, who was 5 strokes down to the redoubtable Colonel. The captain of the club, with a handicap of 6 strokes, came next, a hole worse than the winner. Cards were sent in by the following competitors whose scores are appended.

Handicap. Holes.		Handicap. Holes.	
Mr. J. Bolton ...	14 5	Mr. C. E. Brumell ...	12 11
Rev. A. W. Swayne ...	6 6	Mr. E. Crosby ...	14 11
Mr. Salvine ...	18 9	Capt. Thornton ...	10 11
Mr. F. Bedwell ...	12 11	Mr. W. H. Wood Taylor	12 12

A good field of spectators came out from Scarborough to watch the play, and refreshments were provided in the club-house which has been erected on the links during the winter.

The monthly gold medal for ladies, kindly presented by Mr. G. Alderson-Smith, was played for, for the first time, on these links, over a twelve-hole course, on Saturday, the 28th May. The weather was perfect, and a number of people came out from Scarborough to witness the competition, which resulted in a close win for Mrs. Thornton, with a net score of 79, Miss H. Alderson-Smith being only one stroke worse. The following are the scores of those who sent in cards :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Thornton ...	89 10 79	Mrs. Wood Taylor ...	101 4 97
Miss H. Alderson- Smith ...	90 10 80	Miss Leavens ...	128 18 110
Mrs. Gawne ...	104 14 90	Mrs. Fell ...	129 18 111

SIDCUP GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Manor Farm links on Saturday, May 28th. A very gusty wind prevailed throughout the day, rendering accurate play very difficult. Added to this, several teeing grounds had been set back and additional bunkers erected, scores consequently ruled high. The greens are now much improved

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. J. Layton ...	119 35 84	Dr. Shapley ...	107 14 93
Dr. Burrell...	113 27 86	Mr. R. A. Patterson	120 25 95
Mr. J. Horsfield ...	106 17 89	Mr. H. Minchin ...	102 6 96
Dr. Crombie ...	120 28 92	Mr. T. Fry...	111 11 100

Others over 100 net, or made no returns.
The Whitsuntide programme consists of a handicap medal competition, on Saturday, June 4th, and a match competition on Whit-Monday (scratch) for Captain T. Barker's prize.

ST. ANDREWS.

The St. Andrews Golf club competed for their spring medal and cross clubs on Saturday. The weather was anything but good for low scoring, a strong wind blowing. Eighteen couples started, and after cards were compared the following were found to be the successful competitors :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. W. Greig ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. D. Simpson ...	92 scr. 92
*Mr. L. Auchterlonie	89 scr. 89	Mr. A. Stratt ...	99 6 93
†Mr. J. Cleary ...	102 14 88	Mr. D. Pringle ...	105 12 93
Mr. J. Liddel ...	100 10 90	Mr. L. Gourlay ...	101 8 93
Mr. W. Duncan ...	91 scr. 91	Mr. J. Fenton ...	98 4 94
Mr. J. Anderson ...	91 scr. 91	Mr. R. Black ...	102 8 94
Mr. P. Craig ...	97 6 91	Mr. W. Kirk ...	108 14 94
Mr. A. Campbell ...	98 7 91	Mr. J. Hunter ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. W. Stark ...	106 14 92		

* Tie for scratch medal. † Winner of handicap cross clubs.

On the tie being played off Mr. W. Greig went round in the splendid low score of 83, against his opponent's (Mr. L. Auchterlonie) 93.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club played for their monthly handicap on 25th ult. in rather showery weather. Six couples started, and at the finish the following were found to be the successful competitors :—Mr. T. Jeffrey, 96, less 11=85; Mr. A. Lindsay, 102, less 13=89; Mr. E. Nicholls, 109, less 16=93.

SUTTON COLDFIELD v. KENILWORTH.

Played at Kenilworth, May 28th, 1892. Scores :—

KENILWORTH.		SUTTON COLDFIELD.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. F. M. G. Abell ...	0	Mr. G. S. Albright ...	3
Mr. E. F. Coddington ...	0	Mr. H. M. Eddowes ...	13
Mr. T. Kimmond ...	1	Major Lockyer...	0
Mr. G. C. Franklin ...	0	Mr. J. H. Chavasse ...	6
Mr. T. Day ...	1	Mr. P. A. Bourke ...	0
Mr. F. Carter ...	0	Mr. F. H. Winder ...	2
	2		24

TROON GOLF CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

The spring meeting of Troon Golf Club, fixed as hitherto for the last Saturday of May, duly came off on Saturday last. Being the day on which the annual business of the club is transacted the meeting is the most important of the year. By a new arrangement of the committee of management the business meeting of the club was fixed for one o'clock, the competitions to commence at two o'clock. The meeting was very largely attended, and Mr. W. J. Anderson, captain of the club, presided. On the motion of Mr. R. Dundas, seconded by Mr. Neil D. McMichael, the chairman was unanimously re-elected captain of the club for the ensuing year, and he has thus been elected to fill the office three years in succession. Dr. John Hight, who has held the position of honorary secretary since the club was instituted fourteen years ago, was again unanimously re-elected to the office. Mr. Mackay, Union Bank, Troon, was unanimously appointed to the office of honorary treasurer, in room of Messrs. G. Morton and R. Lynn, joint honorary treasurers, who retired, and the thanks of the club were awarded to the latter for their services. Mr. W. Renwick and Mr. John Sturrock were, on the nomination of the committee, unanimously elected to fill the two vacancies on the committee of management. On a suggestion from some of the members, the committee agreed to divest themselves of the privilege of nominating the members of committee.

There has been for some time some slight friction between the club and certain of the working-class community of Troon, who are not members of the club, as to an assumed right on the part of the latter to play over the links. This assumed right has been pretty extensively

used, but some of the members of the club have been making complaints about those non-members, and the way in which the supposed right was exercised. There is a popular belief in Troon that when he granted the use of the ground to Troon Golf Club, the Duke of Portland reserved the right to inhabitants of the town who were not members of the club to play Golf over the ground. At the meeting on Saturday, Mr. W. Y. Fleming said he noticed that a board had been put up outside the club-house, notifying that none but members were entitled to play over the links. He wished to ask the chairman if the statement on that board was a statement of fact, and that the title to the ground gave the right to play Golf exclusively to the members of that club; or if it was the case, as contended by some, that anyone who resided in Troon, and who paid nothing towards the upkeep of the green, had equal rights with the members. The chairman, stated, in reply, that the links were in the possession of the Troon Golf Club, and only members had a right to play over the ground. Mr. Fleming asked, if the club had that right, what means the committee were going to take to preserve the right of the members. The chairman explained that the committee did not wish to place themselves in a position of active antagonism to the Troon people, and, in the meantime, he thought it would be sufficient to give the notice on the board referred to. Dr. Hight stated that if the matter were left in the hands of the committee it would be put right. This was agreed to. The financial statement, which showed a highly satisfactory position, having been previously printed and circulated among the members, was held as read, and was unanimously adopted.

The competitions for the Dickie cross, scratch, the Turner cup, scratch, to 12 odds, and the Easton cup 13 odds to 24 odds, were then entered upon. As the business meeting was somewhat protracted, it was half-past two before the first couple got away, and as forty-four couples in all went out the last couple were not in till half-past six. The postponement of the competitions till the afternoon was tried only as an experiment, with a view to meeting the convenience of the greatest number of the members, and with a view to as much as possible enabling competitors to go round under the same conditions. The probability, however, is that the experiment has not been so successful as to justify its continuance. The conditions for play were not altogether favourable to low scoring, there being a very high cross-wind with some rain, but the greens were in very fine order. Mr. E. D. Prothero, who was one of the first to go out, returned what eventually was the best scratch score, viz. :-

Out 5 5 4 5 4 4 4 5 =41 } 86
 In 7 4 6 4 6 3 4 6 =45 }

This score secured Mr. Prothero the Dickie cross and accompanying gold badge. Mr. W. M. Paton won the Turner cup with 94, less 12=82; and Mr. R. Scott won the Easton cup with 103, less 18=85. The following are the scores under 100 :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. M. Paton...	94 12 82	Mr. D. Findlay ...	97 6 91
Mr. J. M. Bishop ...	92 8 84	Mr. Geo. Drummond	99 8 91
Mr. W. Renwick ...	94 10 84	Mr. Geo. Morton ...	107 16 91
Mr. R. Scott ...	103 18 85	Mr. A. Johnston ...	100 8 92
Mr. E. D. Prothero	86 scr. 86	Mr. R. R. Main ...	104 12 92
Mr. W. Findlay ...	92 6 86	Mr. D. Fullarton ...	108 16 92
Mr. T. B. A.		Mr. J. W. Hartley... 110 18 92	
M'Michael ...	92 6 86	Mr. G. Gillespie ...	93 scr. 93
Mr. R. White ...	87 scr. 87	Mr. A. M'Murray ...	93 scr. 93
Mr. W. Law ...	105 18 87	Mr. G. de M. Mac-	
Mr. J. T. Hunter ...	96 8 88	kirdy ...	97 4 93
Mr. W. J. Anderson	98 10 88	Mr. R. G. Ross ...	99 6 93
Mr. G. K. Fullarton	104 16 88	Mr. A. T. Craig ...	103 10 93
Mr. W. Milne ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. Chas. Aird ...	105 12 93
Mr. D. Mackay ...	107 18 89	Mr. J. Storrar ...	98 4 94
Dr. Alexander ...	107 18 89	Mr. J. Clark, jun... 102 8 94	
Mr. J. Hunter ...	113 24 89	Mr. J. M. Gray ...	99 4 95
Mr. J. Robertson ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. J. Merry ...	99 4 95
Mr. R. Hutcheson...	100 10 90	Mr. W. J. Fleming 121 24 97	
Mr. A. Lauder ...	104 14 90	Mr. W. Mackie ...	121 24 97
Mr. H. E. Clifford...	106 16 90	Mr. F. Y. Henderson	98 scr. 98
Mr. John Martin ...	108 18 90	Mr. J. M. Jamieson 112 14 98	
Mr. J. M. Orr ...	108 18 90	Mr. R. G. Campbell 122 24 98	
Mr. A. Porteous ...	91 scr. 91		

ISLAY GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the Lagavulin gold medal, kindly presented to the club by Mr. P. J. Mackay, of Lagavulin, and open to all amateurs, was played on the club links at Machree on the 27th ult. The entry list was most disappointing considering the beautiful prize given and the excellence of the links, though no doubt the comparative difficulty of getting to Islay largely accounted for this. The winner turned up in Mr. G. M. Wilson, of Prestwick; while Mr. Marshall Reid, of the Western India Golf Club, and Mr. Andrew Holms, of Troon, were second and third respectively.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and other prizes offered by the West Lancashire Golf Club were competed for over the links at Hall Road, Blundell-sands, near Liverpool, on Saturday, in glorious weather. Nearly forty couples competed, and several very good scores were returned. A win in for the medal was recorded in favour of Mr. H. K. Layborn, with his score of 99, less 18=81. He also took the first sweepstake, the second and third being divided between Messrs. L. D. Stoddart, A. Chisholm, and H. K. Waddell. The following were the best cards sent in :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. K. Layborn	99	18	81	Mr. E. Edgecombe	107 18 89
Mr. L. D. Stoddart	83	1	82	Mr. L. J. Ferguson	95 5 90
Mr. A. Chisholm ...	89	7	82	Mr. G. Newsome ...	95 5 90
Mr. H. Rowland ...	96	14	82	Dr. George Stone ...	108 18 90
Mr. H. K. Waddell	100	18	82	Mr. J. E. Pearson...	96 5 91
Mr. T. H. Longmore	89	6	83	Mr. George Durandu	104 13 91
Mr. F. Harrison ...	93	10	83	Mr. W. S. Harris ...	106 15 91
Dr. Hewer ...	89	4	85	Mr. W. Potter ...	93 1 92
Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe	94	9	85	Mr. C. C. Deane ...	95 3 92
Mr. A. G. Rankine	93	7	86	Mr. W. S. Taylor...	97 5 92
Mr. F. Litchfield ...	98	12	86	Mr. P. S. M'Culloch	103 11 92
Dr. A. Stookes ...	91	4	87	Major Munn ...	104 12 92
Mr. H. H. Hilton...	81	+7	88	Mr. O. Blundell ...	107 13 94
Mr. M. Rollo ...	98	10	88	Mr. George M'Laren	109 14 95
Mr. J. W. Fowler...	89	scr.	89	Mr. Charles M'Laren	105 9 96
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon	92	3	89	Mr. G. A. Thomson	115 18 97
Mr. James Fair-				Mr. G. H. O. Salt...	111 12 99
clough ...	93	4	89	Mr. J. N. P. Newton	116 16 100
Mr. F. W. Cornelius	101	12	89		

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the captain's prize of the above club was played off on Saturday, the 28th May. The following five were the best scores :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. E. Kaye ...	110	25	85	Mr. J. Porteus ...	121 14 107
Mr. A. Rankin ...	131	27	104	Mr. B. B. Hunt ...	126 18 108
Mr. T. Shadbolt ...	132	25	107		

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The return match with the Warwickshire Golf Club was played at Malvern on Tuesday, May 24th, when the home team won by 43 holes. This makes up for the defeat they sustained at Warwick last month; but as on each occasion the visiting team was a weak one, neither club can be said to have shown any superiority over the other. Result of play was as follows :-

WARWICKSHIRE.		Holes.	WORCESTERSHIRE.		Holes.
Mr. H. Rotherham ...	...	0	Rev. H. Foster ...	...	13
Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair	...	0	Mr. E. F. Chance ...	...	3
Rev. F. R. Evans ...	...	0	Rev. C. Black ...	...	5
Mr. J. Powers ...	...	0	Mr. W. M. Binns ...	...	5
Rev. E. H. Oldham ...	...	0	Mr. W. E. Paterson ...	...	5
Mr. F. W. Hayes ...	...	1	Mr. H. W. B. Erskine	...	0
Mr. W. Maclaren ...	...	0	Mr. L. S. Milward ...	...	9
Mr. J. A. F. Moncreiff	...	0	Mr. H. D. Acland ...	...	2
Mr. M. T. Brown ...	...	0	Capt. O. S. Vale ...	...	2
Total...	...	1			44

INNERLEITHEN CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.—During the past week the members of the above club played off the second ties of the annual championship competition, which involves the custody of the championship silver driver, and constitutes the winner champion of the club for the year. The second ties have resulted as follows:—Mr. R. T. Robertson beat Dr. Orr, Mr. A. Robertson beat Mr. G. A. D. C. Fergusson, Mr. J. Currie beat Mr. T. Gibson-Carmichael, Mr. M. G. Thorburn beat Mr. William Stobie, Mr. W. H. Ballantyne beat Mr. G. B. Browne. The following have been given byes:—Messrs. J. Simpson, J. Ramsay-Smith, and Mr. J. S. Smail. Mrs. Thorburn, of Glenormiston, recently presented a handsome so'id silver flask to the club. This was played for on Saturday. Each member had as opponent "Colonel Bogey," whose score was fixed as 84. Mr. Andrew Robertson won the flask, he being 5 holes up. He completed the two rounds (eighteen holes) in 77 strokes. The result was as follows:—1st, Mr. A. Robertson (scratch), 5 holes up; 2nd, Mr. J. Currie (2) and Mr. J. M. Gunn (5), all even; 3rd, Mr. G. A. D. C. Fergusson (scratch) and Mr. R. T. Robertson (4), 1 hole down; 4th, Mr. M. G. Thorburn (2), Mr. J. S. Smail (4), and Dr. Orr (5), 4 holes down; 5th, Mr. Wm. Lyon (3) and Mr. Wm. Stobie (10) 4 holes down; 6th, Mr. A. Yellowlees (6), 8 holes down. Several other players took part, but did not hand in their cards.

RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—The semi-final ties in the contest for Mr. Neil Robson's prize have resulted as follows:—Mr. R. B. Mitchell beat Mr. J. L. Wilson by 2 holes up and 1 to play; Mr. R. Brownlie, jun., beat Mr. G. W. Wilson by 1 hole. The final tie between Mr. R. B. Mitchell and Mr. R. Brownlie, jun., was played last evening, and, after a well-contested match, Mr. Brownlie came off victor, but only by a putt.

BANK OF SCOTLAND CLUB EDINBURGH.—The third monthly competition of this club took place on Thursday night at the Braids with the following result:—First, F. L. Sanderson, 93, less 20=73; second, R. Richardson, 82, less 5=77; third, James Clark, 85, less 5=80.

STOCKBRIDGE.—This club has just completed a successful handicap tournament in which its members have been engaged for some time past over Inverleith Park. The competition was by holes. First prize (a silver claret jug, presented by the captain, Mr. P. Anderson), Mr. W. P. Drummond; second prize (a silver cruet-stand, presented by the vice-captain, Mr. P. Seton), Mr. J. Drummond; Mr. J. Cowper; Mr. P. Seton; J. Mackenzie; Mr. D. Young.

BURNTISLAND.—The second round of the competition for the Connel trophy has just been finished, and the interest in it does not seem to diminish. Twenty-eight players started, and several exciting matches in the ties took place, notably that between Messrs. T. Gibb and J. Ross, which resulted in defeat of the former by three up and two to play, both playing level. The others were:—Mr. R. Garrie beat Mr. J. M'Alister; Mr. W. Addison beat Mr. J. Birrell; Mr. J. Venters beat Mr. J. P. Gilmour; Mr. James Robertson scratched to Mr. R. Brown; Mr. W. Chalmers scratched to Mr. W. Kinnell; Mr. R. Dover beat Mr. J. Begg; Mr. J. Wood beat Mr. P. Wilson; Mr. W. Erskine scratched to Mr. P. M'Artney; Mr. J. Ross beat Mr. T. Gibb; Mr. T. Gordon beat Mr. J. W. Connel; Mr. J. Smith beat Mr. C. W. Dallas; Mr. H. Moyes scratched to Mr. J. Kerr; Mr. W. Duncan beat Mr. R. B. Ferguson.

GIRVAN GOLF CLUB.—The monthly handicap competition for the medal took place on Saturday, and was won by Mr. Andrew Dunlop, with 95, less 12=83. The next best scores were:—Mr. John Eaglesome (scratch), 84; Mr. James Galloway, 98, less 12=86; and Mr. John A. Patterson, 106, less 12=94.

TAIN.—The weekly competition of the St. Duthus Golf Club was played on Saturday. The two best scores were:—Mr. William Cromb, 90 (scratch); and Mr. A. J. Dallas, 104, less 12=92.

WEMYSS CHALLENGE MEDAL.—The competition for the Wemyss monthly challenge medal was played for on Saturday, and won by the Hon. E. Charteris, with the fine score of 85, less 4=81; Mr. T. J. W. Lamb, 103, less 12=91; Mr. W. Pursell, 95, less 3=92.

KINGHORN THISTLE GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday afternoon the Thistle Golf Club, Kinghorn, held a competition for the Hamilton cup. The lowest scores were:—Mr. David Masterton, 94, less 17=77; Mr. Thomas Storrar, 79, plus 1=80; Mr. Peter Storrar, 89, less 8=81; Mr. William Binnie, 82, scratch, 82; Mr. John Alexander, 89, less 5=84.

AIRDRIE CLUB.—The weekly competition for the Watt medal took place over the Rochsoles Golf course on Saturday afternoon. The medal was won by Mr. James M. Goldie (scratch) with a score of 91, Mr. John W. Findlay being next with 97.

CALEDONIAN INSURANCE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the medal presented to the club by Mr. Deuchar, and for Mr. Murray's charm, was played over the Braids on Friday afternoon, when the following made the lowest scores:—Mr. Pillans, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Rodger.

COMMERCIAL BANK GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the silver cup presented by Mr. R. G. Baillie, of Culterallers, and club prizes, was played over Dunbar links on Saturday, with the following result:—Cup and first prize, Mr. R. S. Bryson, 86 (scratch); second, Mr. Andrew Lawson, 79 plus 10=89; third and fourth (tie), Mr. Adam Craigie, 90 (scratch); and Mr. J. M. Roberts, 104, less 14=90.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION GOLF CLUB.—The first monthly handicap competition for the present season took place at Musselburgh on 25th ult. The prizes were won as follows:—Councillor Mitchell Thomson; Mr. W. Henderson, Chief Constable; and Councillor James Robertson. After the completion the members of the club were hospitably entertained by Councillor James Robertson and Miss Robertson at Levenhall.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' CLUB.—The monthly competition for charm and prizes took place over the Braids on Saturday. The best scores handed in were:—Mr. M. Shennan, 89, less 23=66; Mr. T. M. Duncan, 99, less 24=75; Mr. W. Maclean, 90, less 14=76; and Mr. W. Young, 96, less 20=76.

COMRIE CLUB.—The competition for the monthly medal was played on Saturday, the 21st ult., with the following results:—Mr. David Murray (medal), 92; Messrs. P. Brough and H. Campbell, equal, 96; Messrs. D. Hamilton, J. Comrie, and Dr. Temple, equal, 97.

WATSONIAN CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The second meeting of this club for the season was held last week over Leven Links, for the secretary's, presented and club prizes. There was a very fair turn-out of members twenty-seven in all taking part in the draw. On account of a high wind, which troubled players in the second half, the scoring was higher than usual. The first scratch prize fell to Mr. John Henderson with the score of 92. The secretary's (handicap) prize was won by Mr. T. C. Kay with 95, less 9=86. The other handicap prize-winners were:—2nd and 3rd, Mr. A. T. Glegg, 97, less 5=92; and Mr. T. Adams, 98, less 6=92 (tie); 4th and 5th, Mr. G. W. S. Paterson, scratch, 94; and Mr. Franklin Ross, 96, less 2=94 (tie). A sweepstake among those who played in the forenoon was won by: 1st and 2nd, Mr. G. W. S. Paterson and Mr. A. B. M'Culloch, tie; 3rd, Mr. T. Adams; 4th and 5th, Mr. Franklin Ross and Mr. T. S. Cownie, tie.

DORNOCH.—On Saturday, the 21st ult., the fortnightly aggregate competition was held in windy and showery weather. Mr. W. Cameron, with 86, less 3=83, stood first. Mr. George Bridgeford put in a win for the weekly prize with 91, less 7=84.

EDINBURGH THISTLE GOLF CLUB.—The first round of the Thistle cup tournament competition in connection with the above club was brought to a close on Saturday at the Braid Hills. The result of the ballot caused some good matches, which were keenly contested. Results:—Mr. T. Brown, a bye; Mr. R. Harvey, sen., a bye; Mr. J. Vance beat Mr. D. Wilson; Mr. J. Ross beat Mr. J. W. Barclay; Mr. W. Frier, a bye; Mr. J. Bell beat Mr. W. Crowhurst; Mr. J. Smith beat Mr. J. Lowe; Mr. J. Harvey beat Mr. J. Grant; Mr. J. Turnbull, a bye; Mr. J. Ormiston scratched to Mr. A. Martin; Mr. J. Hutchison beat Mr. D. Plenderleith; Mr. A. Haldane scratched to Mr. G. Lawrie; Mr. R. Lynn, a bye; Mr. A. Elder scratched to Mr. J. Loughton; Mr. D. Brown beat Mr. R. S. Thomson; Mr. W. Stewart, a bye; Mr. R. Harvey, jun., scratched to Mr. W. Cunningham; Mr. C. Struthers beat Mr. J. Ford; Mr. T. Weston, a bye; Mr. J. Nelson beat Mr. G. Masterton; Mr. W. Rankine beat Mr. D. O. Smith; Mr. F. Hastie, a bye; Mr. E. Harvey scratched to Mr. A. Struthers; Mr. G. Skinner beat Mr. W. Smail; Mr. D. Grant beat Mr. A. Parker; Mr. P. Whitton beat Mr. D. Scott; Mr. W. Davidson, a bye; Mr. J. Braid beat Mr. W. M'Kinnon; Mr. J. R. Duncan beat Mr. J. Clement.

SELKIRK.—The second competition for the president's prize took place on Saturday afternoon in a heavy "Scotch mist." Under the circumstances play was difficult, as a drive was lost forty yards away. However, in spite of this, wonderfully good play was shown. Over twenty couples competed, and the following are a few of the best scores:—Mr. John Connochie (scratch), 84; Mr. D. C. Alexander (scratch), 87; Mr. R. Brydone, 98, less 10=88; Mr. W. Jamieson, 101, less 13=88; Mr. C. H. Clarke, 102, less 14=88; Mr. A. S. Inglis, 98, less 9=89; Mr. James Buckholm (scratch), 90; Mr. H. Kemp, 102, less 12=90; Mr. R. Currie, 106, less 16=90. The first two players thereafter played off for the Mackintosh cup, which is competed for by holes instead of strokes. In the first round the players came in equal, and another hole was played, which was won by the secretary, Mr. D. C. Alexander.

CUPAR.—**JUBILEE MEDAL COMPETITION.**—On Saturday afternoon the members of Cupar Golf Club competed for the Jubilee (handicap) medal over Annsmuir Golf course, situated near Ladybank. After an interesting competition, in which some excellent play was shown, Mr. Wm. Watson was declared the winner of the medal with a score of 78 (scratch)—39 for each round. Mr. George Harris came in second place with 82, less 2=80.

BLAIRGOWRIE GOLF CLUB.—The spring business meeting was held on Friday evening in the Victoria Hotel, Major Chalmers presiding. Fifteen new members were admitted. The annual competitions for the Delvine medal (scratch) and Lansdowne cup (handicap), took place on the Lansdowne course on Saturday. The weather was a little stormy, and the greens were in first-class order. There was a large number of competitors. Mr. W. Ballingall, Dundee, won the former with a score of 86, and Mr. D. Scott, jun., the latter, his score being 87, less 4=83. The following had the best figures:—Mr. D. Scott, jun., Dundee, 87, less 4=83; Mr. J. C. Scott, Dundee, 90, less 6=84; Mr. I. Henry Anderson, Blairgowrie, 93, less 8=85; Mr. W. Ballingall, Dundee (scratch), 86; Mr. P. D. Mitchell, Monifieth, 90, less 4=86; Mr. J. F. Craik, Forfar, 93, less 7=86; Rev. F. R. Macdonald, Coupar-Angus, 94, less 6=88; Mr. W. H. Cox, Snaigow, 94, less 6=88; Mr. D. Scott, Dundee, 96, less 8=88; Rev. J. R. M'Laren, Alyth, 94, less 6=88; Mr. J. Watson, Dundee, 94, less 5=89; Mr. J. Brown, Blairgowrie, 97, less 8=89; Mr. G. F. Howells, Blairgowrie, 101, less 12=89; Mr. W. Scott, jun., Dundee, 95, less 5=90.

BURNISLAND.—The final competition for the medal presented by Miss Kirke, of Greenmount, on the occasion of the opening of the green at High Bents, took place on Wednesday and Saturday, but the weather on both occasions being unfavourable, there was a small turn-out of players. It may be mentioned that this medal has been played for monthly since September last, the conditions being that the winners in the different competitions play against one another for final possession. Among the successful in this way was Mr. James A. Kerr, one of the rising players of the club, who accomplished the three rounds in 74, less 5=69. Following him was Mr. H. Kinsman with 75, less 2=73. Then came Mr. James Wood with 76, plus 1=77; Mr. R. Dover, 77, plus 3=80; Mr. J. Venters, 85, less 2=83. In the competition last week only eight players entered, and of these Mr. J. Ross handed in a card showing 83 for the three rounds, closely followed by Mr. R. Dover with 82, plus 3=85. The other players were Mr. John Blyth, 96, less 9=87; Mr. Thos. Gordon, 94, less 7=87; Mr. J. Begg, 104, less 7=87; Mr. J. Adamson, 89; Mr. H. Kinsman, 93, less 2=91; and Mr. J. Venters, 93, less 2=91.

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of this club, played for over the links at Brancaster, resulted thus:—Mr. Holcombe Ingleby, 104, first; Rev. G. M. Harvey, 109, second; and Mr. W. H. Sims Reeve was third.

KILMALCOLM.—The ties in the semi-final round of the competition for the prize presented by Mr. Neil Robson, the captain of the club, were concluded over these links on Saturday, with the following result:—Dr. Syme beat Mr. John Sinclair by 5 holes up and 4 to play, and Mr. James Crawford beat Mr. Robert Barr by 5 holes up and 4 to play.

ROYAL MUSSELBURGH CLUB.—The following are the second and third ties in the hole tournament played during summer by the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club:—Second ties—Mr. C. E. Huie (1) received bye from Mr. J. W. Dickson (9); Mr. F. A. Renwick (2) received bye from Mr. Garden G. Smith (less 2); Mr. J. Brown (less 2), beat Mr. A. S. Bourhill (1); Mr. John Shepherd (5) beat Mr. D. S. Lunan (5); Mr. D. S. Duncan (5) beat Mr. C. J. Ray (5); Mr. A. Mitchell (3) beat Mr. Robert Millar (3); Mr. John C. Sharp (2) beat Mr. Thos. Hume (5); Mr. James Paul (2) beat Mr. James Sutherland (5); Mr. Geo. Sinclair (1) beat Mr. A. Macpherson (2); Mr. T. T. Gray (less 1) beat Mr. W. Kirsopp (7); Mr. John D. Wakelin (scratch) beat Mr. Charles Mitchell (1); Thos. Thompson (9) beat Mr. A. W. Millar (less 1); Dr. Gray (1) beat Mr. Robt. Bathgate (7); Rev. R. G. Fraser (6) beat Mr. Thos. Carmichael (6); Mr. W. J. Gulland (4) beat Mr. J. E. Stevenson (3); Mr. Andrew Brunton (6) beat Dr. Gilruth (6). Third ties—Mr. C. E. Huie beat Mr. M. J. Brown; Mr. D. S. Duncan beat Mr. John Shepherd; Mr. Alexander Mitchell beat Mr. F. A. Renwick; Mr. J. C. Sharp beat Mr. James Paul; Mr. T. T. Gray beat Mr. George Sinclair; Mr. J. D. Wakelin beat Mr. Thos. Thompson; Dr. Gray beat Rev. R. G. Fraser; Mr. W. J. Gulland beat Mr. Andrew Brunton.

EDINBURGH VIEWFORTH GOLF CLUB.—This club held a prize competition over the Braids on 25th ult., in fine weather. Putting was rather difficult, which may account for the high scoring. The following are the prize-winners:—Mr. James Macdonald, 90, less 8=82; Mr. A. R. Murray, 95, less 12=83; Mr. A. M. Miller, 93, less 6=87; Mr. H. Harrison, 90, less 1=89, and Mr. J. A. Stewart, 85, plus 4=89, tie. The silver medal goes with the first prize.

GREENOCK.—The competition amongst members of the Greenock Golf Club, for prizes presented by Captain R. P. Lyle, was brought to a finish on Thursday evening, when it was found that Mr. James Letham was first with 95; Mr. R. J. Blair second with 97; and Mr. John C. Aitken third with 106.

PORTOBELLO CLUB.—The monthly competition took place at Musselburgh on Friday last. There was a good turn-out of members to compete for the vice-captain's and other prizes. Mr. A. Gray secured the first with 90, less 8=82. Mr. J. Gibsons and Mr. J. Adamson tied for the second and third prizes.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.—The semi-final tie for the Calcutta cup was the subject of some of the finest amateur play that has been seen on the Seaton ground since the days of Dr. McCuaig. Mr. Crosby having drawn a bye, it remained with Mr. J. Tennant and Mr. W. Purves to settle who should tackle Mr. Crosby. The game ended all even after a very exciting tussle. As ties in this competition count as wins, the competitors were drawn again, with the similar result that Mr. Crosby succeeded in getting the bye, and Messrs. Tennant and Purves again did battle. Mr. Purves won the game by 2 up and 1 to play. The players all got wet through, but the game was splendidly contested, and was a ding-dong contest to the end. Mr. Crosby was waiting to play the winner, and after a good contest he won by 5 up, without taking into consideration the handicap allowance of 2 holes. Mr. Crosby's round was 85, against Mr. Purves's 90.

BATHGATE.—The members of the Bathgate Golf Club opened their new course on Thursday. Willie Park, jun., was present, and played over the course, along with a number of local members. The course is barely completed yet, but gives promise of being a very fine one.

ALLOA.—The fourth competition for club prizes has just been completed. The following are the prize-winners and lowest scorers:—Mr. George Henderson (12), 81; Mr. F. Mackenzie (12), 87; Mr. M. Blair (9), 88; Mr. W. M. Duncanson (27), 88; Mr. F. J. Thomson (9), 91; Mr. C. Hendry (3), 91; Mr. T. W. Wallace (scr.), 92; Mr. W. T. Buchan (15), 92; Mr. R. Proctor, jun. (12), 94; Mr. E. J. Wallis (27), 94; Mr. J. Thomson (3), 96; Mr. W. M. Millar (3), 100.

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The Competition will be held under St. Andrews Rules of the Game and the Club Local Bye Laws.

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Agenda:—(1) Lease; (2) Proposed Guarantee; (3) General Business.

By order,

T. J. BAILLIE, Hon. Secretary.

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