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MARCH.

- Mar. 18.—Pau : Silver Medal, Ladies (Scratch).
Mar. 19.—Manchester : Captain's Prizes.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Bury Cup.
Disley : Winter Handicap Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Lloyd Prize.
Crookham : Royal Ascot v. The Club (at Ascot).
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Military Gold Medal.
County Down : Railway Cup ; Monthly Handicap.
Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Quarterly Medal.
Mar. 21.—Coventry : Blackburne Prize (Final).
Mar. 23.—Durham : Walter Cup.
Warrender : Alexander Medal.
Mar. 24.—Coventry : Gold Medal.
Nottingham : West Herts v. The Club (12 a-side).
Mar. 26.—Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup.
Warwickshire : Half-Yearly Meeting and Club Cup.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Captain's Prize.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.

- Mar. 29.—Burnham : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 30.—Pau : Morris Post Prize (Scratch) ; Ridley Challenge Prize and Badge (Open Handicap).
Coventry : Monthly Cup.
Mar. 31.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.

APRIL.

- April 1.—Pau : Macdona Challenge Cup and Badge (Handicap, limited to 20 strokes).
Royal Cornwall : Monthly Handicap.
Warwickshire : Club v. Coventry (at Coventry).
April 2.—County Down : Wallace Cup.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Buckley Cup.
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Berners Medal.
Lundin : Handicap Medal.
Birkdale : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Mumly Medal.
April 4.—Warwickshire : Club v. Worcestershire (at Warwick).
April 5.—Birkdale : Club Ladies' Prize.
Camrarnshire : Monthly Medal.
Royal Blackheath : Spring Medal and Singapore Cup.
West Cornwall : Seton Challenge Trophy.
East Sheen Ladies : Monthly Medal.
April 5-8.—Warwickshire : Spring Meeting.
April 6.—Birkdale : Buckley's Ladies' Prize.
Durham : Osborn Cup.
April 9.—Bradford St. Andrews : Rhodes Medal.
Dalhousie : Handicap Match (Sixth Round).
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Didsley : Handicap Silver Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Forfar : Spring Meeting.
Staines : Monthly Medal.
April 14-18.—Birkdale : Easter Meeting.
April 16.—County Down : Railway Cup.
Royal Isle of Wight : Bogey Tournament for Club Prize.
Sutton Coldfield : Lloyd Prize.
Buxton and High Peak : Strang Cup.
Royal Jersey : Spring Meeting.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
April 16-18.—Lytham and St. Anne's : Spring Meeting.
Great Yarmouth : Easter Meeting.
Bowdon : Easter Meeting.
Littlestone : Easter Meeting.
Guildford : Easter Meeting.
County Down : Easter Meeting.
April 18.—Pau : General Meeting to Pass Accounts.
Ashdown Forest : Easter Meeting.
Royal Isle of Wight : Easter Meeting.

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DEATH OF A WIMBLEDON GOLFER.

Last week there passed over to the majority an old and much-respected golfer, in the person of Mr. Francis Grantham Faithfull, who was a familiar figure on many links, especially at Wimbledon and Felixstowe. He was among the few left-handed players, and in his prime was, perhaps, one of the best of his class, being a keen enthusiast in the game, and a charming companion and partner in both a single and foursome. He achieved some honours in the golfing world, his name being enrolled as a prize-winner both at Wimbledon and Felixstowe. In the early days of the latter club he did much to promote its success, and by his energy and example in a measure brought it to the prominence it now enjoys. His "specially conducted" parties at Easter to this unrivalled nine-hole course will be remembered with pleasure by many. In recognition of his services, the club elected him its captain in 1884, and he acted as a member of the committee for several years. He leaves behind him a son, who is destined to keep the name of Faithfull green in golfing circles.

MY FELLOW GOLFERS.

III.—"THE HIDALGO," "THE TIGER," "LEGREE," CONTINUED; WITH SOME PARTICULARS CONCERNING "THE RATHER-REVEREND" AND "MR. NIMINY-PIMINY."

Our club is fortunate in the membership of a few men who are clergymen in the very best and highest sense of that word; men whose genuine worth and zeal and excellence are recognised by us all. On the other hand, we have men like the Squire-parson (the Squarson), who is so occupied with his horses and his plate and his position in the county that he has no time to think of his "hungry sheep," who "look up and are not fed" (at least, they are only fed by his overworked curate); or that crack shot and good fellow, "The Reverend" Lancaster Remington, who knows no more of the meaning and power of the cause he has undertaken than I do of the mysteries of Isis; or, again, that delicate-handed heathen, "The Reverend" Shilleto Porson, who would be much better employed lecturing on Aristotle and Plato at Oxbridge, than puzzling and confusing the much-enduring Hodge at Mudford-in-the-Flats.

The "Rather-Reverend" is one of this school, a man who is the constant study of that sly, mischievous Jones, who delights to draw him out on the subject of "the profession" and "parish work." "The Rather" is a Camford man of good birth, who went into the Church for no other reason in heaven or earth than that there was a "family living" waiting for him. In the days of his youth a cricketer, a tennis-player, a mighty rider to hounds, a very Jem Mace with the gloves, the hero of a hundred college suppers he is now, at fifty, a portly, genial man of robust health and fine presence (he really looks wonderfully well in his surplice and hood), morally quite correct and blameless, first-rate company, a capital *raconteur* (with oh, just a leetle, leetle tiny sly flavour of Rabelais occasionally), hugely enjoying this present vain, whist-playing world—a survival of the old country parson style of clergyman, now so fast dying out, with about as much experience of spiritual life as a City alderman, and as much missionary zeal as Friar Tuck.

And we have another "Reverend" gentleman in our ranks—nay, not only "Reverend" but "Honourable" as well; to wit, Almeric Wyld, known to the profane jesters of the club as "Mr. Niminy-Piminy." He is still recollected at Brazenface for the tea parties which he used to give in his charmingly furnished aesthetic rooms there, during which functions he used to sit and *knit*. He dabbles a little in music, and has a pretty knowledge of plays and poetry, not excluding the harmless Wycherley and the "loose but gifted" Byron. He recites a little, and very pleasant it is to hear him give "The Harbour Bar" (which he pronounces "Hababa") in an indescribable bleating dulcet staccato. He himself could not tell you why he went into the Church, but, being there, he does his best to take himself seriously, and immensely funny the effort is. Our fellows are never tired of chaffing his Reverence, and to do him justice, he takes our jokes with the most absolute good-humour. Poor little harmless Niminy has lately given himself to the furtive

study of Herbert Spencer and Huxley, and the day is not far off (say the jesters) when he will change that heavenly white tie for a worldly one, and give up all pretence of being what he is not.

"And it was with these two 'Living Epistles,' I was sitting," said, Jones to me, "when the voice of 'The Tiger,' reading aloud, and the vulgar laughter of 'Legree' came booming through the open door of the smaller smoking room."

"The beast had got hold of some religious book, which old Tommy Ken had left on the table, and the foul blasphemies he was uttering over it were absolutely shocking. I can give them no other word. 'The Rather-Reverend' looked dreadfully uncomfortable, and poor Niminy-Piminy fell back in his chair with a face like a sheet."

"Now, I don't see things as you do, you know. I don't make any religious professions; at least, not after the orthodox type, and as for my moral system," Jones added with a smile, "I believe it will be found somewhere between Cæsar Borgia and St. Francis of Assisi; but at last the fellow became so outrageous that I got up and said, 'Now, gentlemen, this is your business; up Guards and at him.'"

"Now, neither of these Apostles is exactly a Charles Kingsley—more's the pity; and the Tiger is a nasty dangerous fellow to tackle. Niminy turned even whiter than he was already, half choked himself with the remains of some barley-water that he had been consuming through a straw—and fled. 'The Rather' muttered something about 'worst possible taste—rascal—public row in a club—pearls before swine,' and so forth, and sat in his chair as firmly as if he were approaching the last jump in a college steeplechase.

"Well," says I, "if you won't, I must." So in I went, and there was 'The Hidalgo' leaning against the mantelpiece, and the other two just as you see them in that picture.

"I confess I didn't feel at all sure how I was going to tackle and squelch these scoundrels, until it suddenly flashed into my mind that I had once heard a rumour of some very ugly business in a gambling-hell near Covent Garden five years ago, in which both 'The Tiger' and 'Legree' (who put him up for this club) had been concerned. I am the only member of this place who knows of it, and even I know nothing certain; but I thought I'd chance it, and appear *au fait* of the whole story.

"Well, in I stepped, and ordered 'The Tiger' in a sharp voice to drop that blackguardly talk. The fellow is no coward, to do him justice, and he immediately showed fight and began to bully. Whereupon I said, quite slowly, 'Look here, you two. Do you remember the night of February 11th, 1886, and what happened at No. 13, — Street?'"

"You never saw such a sight. 'Legree' sprang out of his chair, and stood staring at me as if I were an evil spirit. 'The Tiger' dropped the book, with a face quite distorted with fear. 'The Hidalgo' looked eagerly from one to the other of us, while, peeping in at the scene, stood the 'Rather-Reverend,' consumed with curiosity and lost in astonishment."

"It was a most dramatic situation, and I had the whip-hand by good luck; but I half spoiled the show by turning to the saint in the doorway, and saying, in a spirit of fun, though with prodigious gravity, 'I believe, sir, you desire to address a few suitable words to these persons about the language you have been listening to for the last few minutes.' Then the door went to with a bang, and his Reverence disappeared into thin space—not without laughter from 'The Hidalgo,' who quite understands 'The Rather.' The other two were too frightened to enjoy the fun."

"Then I went for them, I slated them, I scarified them, I turned them inside out. I told them the whole truth about themselves from the bottom of my heart; and all the time I was thinking, 'By Jove! if only you two blackguards knew how little I really know about that gambling business, you wouldn't be quailing like this!' I wound up with a terrific peroration about the high tone and character of this club, and finally advised them to take their names off the books at the first opportunity."

"And do you think they'll do so?" I asked eagerly.

"I think it highly probable. Fill your pipe again, my boy, and I'll show you some pen-and-ink sketches of our club committee."

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(To be continued.)

GOLF IN THE LAND OF ROBIN HOOD.

THE important town of Nottingham has often played a stirring and leading part in our national and industrial history. To the imagination of the schoolboy the Valley of the Trent, crowned with the grand Forest of Sherwood, presents itself as the theatre in which Robin Hood, Friar Tuck, and their followers in Lincoln green, disported themselves for many a day in the troublous times of Richard Cœur de Lion. To a later generation of unromantic youth, the district is known as one of the great nursery grounds of English cricket; and every maiden knows that Nottingham lace is famed all the world over. But until the other week we were not aware that the golfers of that district included in their ranks a fast disappearing representative of the "grand old gowfer"—Mr. John Doleman, who, according to the local reporter, is "a hearty old Scotchman, with a strong Highland accent." The report of the proceedings at the annual dinner of the club, which we published a fortnight ago, leaves much to be desired; but the account, even in its truncated form, is valuable and interesting. On one point the club is to be congratulated. They have helped to re-establish a custom which has long fallen into desuetude, probably from a desire to adhere to the laws of convention. All the members sat down to dinner in their scarlet golfing jackets, and while, no doubt, they felt the benefit of being released from the constraint of the conventional sombre-hued swallow tail, they certainly added to the brightness and picturesqueness of a convivial gathering, which would appear to have been as noteworthy as it was pleasant.

We question, however, whether the local reporter is a correct interpreter of accent. How should a smooth-tongued Southron—as a dweller in the North would call him—be able to descry the charming harmonies of the Scottish tongue? How should he be able to tell whether Mr. Doleman spoke with the genuine switchback roll of real, undiluted "Gleskie," the modulated, measured drawl of the Water o' Leith, or the fine Granitic angularity of the Banks o' the Dee? Truly it is a point on which some discrimination and diplomatic delicacy have to be exercised, because nothing wounds vanity in a tender spot more than to have a misnomer applied to its accent. But in the case of Mr. Doleman, the reporter treads with no hesitating step; he boggles over no fine-drawn distinctions of county or province; applies no touchstone of shibboleth to the dwellers from beyond the mountains; in one grand master-stroke of sweeping comprehensiveness he labels a reverend golfer from the land of Scott and Burns a Highlandman! It may be that Mr. Doleman comes from the region of Ronaldshay, Scapa, or the Outer Hebrides; but if he be, as we suspect he is, the brother of Mr. William Doleman—one of the finest amateur players, who held more than his own with old Willie Park, the Straths, Dow, Kirk, Andrew, and Dr. McPherson—and of Mr. Alexander Doleman, of Lytham and St. Anne's, then we should say that his accent cannot savour of peat reek, but rather of that soft harmonious grace which surprises a Scotsman that he is not immediately taken for an Englishman. No doubt when Mr. Doleman came south in those far off days thirty years ago, he brought with him his accent, just as he brought, with a prescience of future usefulness, his large stock of balls, his seasoned baffies, and long and short spoons. But one would have thought that a kindly sojourn among a Southern people would have led to the assimilation by it of that rich aroma of Highland accent, which so much impressed the reporter. If that work has not yet been accom-

plished, then one can only express the fear that the accent is beyond redemption now; and the fact only shows that while Nottingham townfolk, and the Bumbledom of Nottingham would not in those early days of which Mr. Doleman tells with so much vivacity assimilate the game of Golf among its pastimes, so he, with equal sturdiness and independence, has preserved his Doric free from degeneracy and corruption.

Mr. Doleman had a pleasant and interesting story to tell his fellow-golfers. More than a quarter of a century ago he played Golf at Nottingham along the banks of the Trent. His enthusiasm must have been great, for, as he was the only player in the neighbourhood, he had to play by himself. He had to play in a furtive kind of way owing to the fear of local opposition, and probably from taste as well as from choice he "kept his hand in" by playing between five and eight in the morning at imaginary spots in the ground. Next he secured a convert, and proceeded to constitute a Golf Club of two persons. The club betook itself to the sylvan shades of the Forest, to the dells and the dingles "where the blithe fawn trips by its timid mother, where the broad oak with intercepting boughs, chequers the sunbeam in the greensward alley." Here the two enthusiastic golfers made a kind of makeshift for the game, and did their best,

As the lark arises to the sky

Mid morning's sweetest breeze and softest dew,

to show of what stuff each player was made. But Bumble tracked them out. They were probably viewed by the unenlightened official mind as a couple of gentlemen with an eye to illegitimate venison pasty. The ban went forth, and further access to the forest was denied to the golfers. How the ghosts of Robin Hood, his curtal friar, and his band of merry outlaws with their quarter-staves, must have smiled benignly at the advent of the Golf club among those gay woodland glades! The expulsion from the forest was the death-warrant of the Golf club, and Mr. Doleman, his spirit undaunted, carried out his morning practice with club and ball amid the bewildering attentions of "crowds of people" who came to see him. Those attentive crowds looked upon Mr. Doleman as an amiable lunatic; but it is pleasing to know that the lapse of a quarter of a century has more than sufficed to convince the people of Nottingham, as in many other places at first equally sceptical, that Golf is followed by sane men with sane purposes in view.

To Mr. Doleman the retrospect must have been full of satisfaction and pleasure; to his fellow-members it must have been instructive and full of interest. The player with the "strong Highland accent" must have found his exile considerably softened by the companionship of his Golf clubs and balls, though we doubt not that while being "chevied" on the banks of the Trent he oftentimes sighed for the breezes and the freedom of Balgownie links or of Musselburgh. In his own person, with his ripe years and his many golfing honours, he is a living embodiment of that principle which several of our correspondents have been discussing—that Golf is the best medicine. To be able to hold one's own at seventy years of age with young athletic men is no small renown; and we cannot wish Mr. Doleman a kindlier fate than that he should long be enabled to sing, in the words of Mr. Lang's charming ballad:—

I ha'e played in the frost and the thaw,
I ha'e played since the year thirty-three,
I ha'e played in the rain and the snaw,
And I trust I may play till I dee.



We should like to call the attention of professional golfers to the advertisement in another column offering a splendid engagement to a capable man as green-keeper to the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, New York, United States. It is a great opportunity, and shows how the game is spreading all over the world.

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Willie Fernie, Troon, who has been playing a very strong game lately, went round Troon links on Monday in the exceptionally low score of 70, viz. :- Out, 4 4 4 4 3 4 5 4=36; in, 5 4 4 3 5 3 4 2 4=34; total, 70. Fernie was playing Mr. W. Fleming, Troon, and Mr. C. L. Randall the best of their balls, and won by 4 up and 3 to play. Fernie's record for the green is 68.

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Several alterations on the links at Troon, in the direction of making the round more difficult, have been recently made, and five new bunkers laid down. Two of these are in front of the putting-green at the second hole, and two of them between the fifth and sixth holes, one about a hundred yards from the tee and the second in front of the putting-green.

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The first meeting of the Eltham Golfing Association was held on Monday the 7th inst., at 9, Staple Inn, Mr. Evan M. Protheroe in the chair. After his opening statement in which it was announced that the guarantee fund already amounted to £930., and that several first-class golfers, had only subscribed after going over the ground, the following resolutions were unanimously passed. (1.) That the gentlemen previously announced, together with Mr. Arnold D. Blyth and the Hon. Lionel Ashley, be appointed members of the committee, in addition to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. J. Baillie and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Walter D. Bovill. (2.) That immediate possession be taken of the land, and nine holes laid out.

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At a committee meeting held the same evening the following gentlemen were appointed members of the green committee: Messrs. Arnold D. Blyth, E. M. Protheroe, Walter H. Richardson, E. F. S. Tylecote, the Hon. Sec., and the Hon. Treasurer. It was further resolved that the green should be laid out under the superintendence of Tom Dunn, and that the suggestion that a free locker should be allotted to each guarantor be not adopted. Numerous applications for membership have already been received. We are informed that the Guarantee Fund has since been increased to between £1,100 and £1,200. Any further information can be obtained from the Hon. Sec. Mr. T. J. Baillie, Dunrobin Villa, Lee Road, Blackheath.

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The monthly medal of the West Herts Golf Club, fixed for Saturday, was postponed until the 19th inst.

Edinburgh golfers held their annual ball on Wednesday night, the 9th inst., in the Assembly Rooms, George Street. About 130 couples attended, and the company included representatives from most of the Edinburgh clubs, the Corporation Club being represented by Councillor Kinloch Anderson.

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The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers has given up the idea, in the meanwhile at least, of disposing of its club-house at Musselburgh. The property was advertised for sale in Dowell's Rooms, Edinburgh, last week, but the sale has been countermanded. It is understood that this step has been taken owing to a considerable number of the members being averse from the club-house being given up, and the connection which has so long existed between the Honourable Company and Musselburgh being altogether severed.

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Arrangements are being made for the annual tournament for the Edinburgh *Evening Dispatch* Braid Hills Trophy. The following gentlemen have agreed to act on the committee of management:—Mr. A. Geoghegan (secretary), Mr. H. M. Knight (Viewforth), Mr. Murray (unattached), Mr. Robb (*Scotsman*), Mr. Struthers (Thistle), Mr. Sturrock (Morning-side), and Mr. Symington (Teachers), with powers to add to their number. The competition is fixed for Saturday, April 2nd and the succeeding Saturdays. Mr. Struthers, 54, Leith Street, intimated that he would again present four silver charms for the runners-up; and Mr. Murray, on behalf of Messrs. Goudie & Co., intimated a choice of four clubs for the winners. There was a discussion at the meeting upon the correct interpretation of certain of the new rules, but it was resolved to make no recommendation on the matter.

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While playing in a foursome at Ascot on Monday, Mr. F. H. Campion, of Oxford University, performed the feat of holing the fifth hole in one. The distance from the tee was about 130 yards.

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The new Golf links at Sheringham, Norfolk, will be formally opened by a prize competition during the Easter holidays. Sheringham is an ancient and picturesque fishing village standing out into the North Sea, and is situated four miles west of Cromer. At present it is a nine-hole course, which was fully described in our columns on September 18th. Average players take one hour and twenty minutes to play the nine holes. The ladies' links are exceptionally large and good in all respects. The first "tee" is within three minutes of the Sheringham Hotel, and five minutes of the Eastern and Midlands railway station. The links were laid out by Tom Dunn in September, 1891, and Gourlay Dunn has been in charge of them since October of the same year. Mr. H. R. Upcher, of Sheringham Hall, is president of the club; the Rev. A. H. Upcher, captain; Captain Rodney Eden, hon. secretary; and Mr. C. Strickland, secretary. The committee consists of Viscount Coke, Mr. R. W. Ketton, Mr. H. Forbes Eden, and Dr. Sumpter. Mr. H. Broadhurst, M.P., is treasurer.

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The professional match between C. Calloway, of the United Service Golf Club at Gosport, and Andrew Kirkaldy, was played at Haslar on Thursday, the 11th inst., in the midst of a succession of blizzards lasting throughout the day, the course and putting-greens being covered with hail and snow. This was much against Calloway, who had never before played a match under such conditions, whereas Kirkaldy had often done so in Scotland. Notwithstanding the wild weather a large number of spectators were on the ground, and had an opportunity of seeing Kirkaldy's play. He gradually drew ahead of Calloway, and won the match after 27 holes by 10 up and 9 to play. Calloway played many fine shots, and, considering the weather and the man he was pitted against, acquitted himself with credit. They finished up with a friendly nine-hole match, which ended square. Kirkaldy has formed a high opinion of the course of the United Service Golf Club. He considers it a very sporting one, and well adapted to try the skill of any golfer.



THE ST. ANDREWS SOCIAL CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your issue of 26th ult. you were good enough to publish a correspondence between the secretary of the St. Andrews Club and myself, in which I tried—with but little success, however—to ascertain distinctly from him how many life members had been admitted to the club without any payment.

I endeavoured to couch my letters in terms calm and courteous, if somewhat firm. I am grieved, therefore, to find the secretary describing these letters as “mean, contemptible, and mischievous.”

Mr. Mure Fergusson, who adds to his signature the words (“one of those enlisted”)—though in what service, and on what terms, he does not say—is good enough to inform your readers that I should not have affixed to my signature the words “Capt. St. George’s Golf Club,” but should have simply signed myself “C. Thompson,” and thus remained one of the “great unknown.”

Mr. Fergusson states that my adding the words referred to may cause the general public to believe that my views are endorsed by the members of the St. George’s Golf Club. I observe that the 107 gentlemen who constitute the general committee of the St. Andrews Club have the nature of their connection with the various Golf clubs to which they belong, fully described in the prospectus; am I then to infer that all the members of these clubs endorse the views of that committee, and approve of the nature of its connection with the club?

Well, perhaps a man is not a good judge in his own case, so I leave it to your readers to determine whether or not I have violated the canons of good taste.

I am not given to polemical argument, and as the general question at issue has been so well and fully dealt with by Mr. Henry Nicholls in his letter which appeared in your number of 4th inst., I shall conclude.

Thanking you for your courtesy in giving me so much of your valuable space, I venture once more to sign myself

Yours very truly,

C. THOMPSON,

8th March, 1892.

Capt. St. George’s Golf Club.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Golfers joining the above club in full knowledge that it is controlled by 103 of its members who have contributed nothing but their name to its support, and that such number is capable of indefinite expansion, have clearly no ground of complaint.

But the peculiar constitution of the club only leaked out after severe cross-examination of the proprietary; and it may be presumed, therefore, that the proprietors suspected that the information now tardily supplied would deter golfers from joining. If it does not, it shows that the proprietors deserve thanks for supplying a want, whatever may be thought of this method of the club’s inception.

There is, however, another side. A number of gentlemen, “all honourable men,” have consented to act as spiders to the flies for the benefit of the proprietors, they themselves taking a commission in kind; but to this arrangement (and in the case of some of the committee, I admit, the commission really amounts to *nil*, while some give real services in return) I have nothing to say, so long as it is an open one; it is purely a matter of sentiment, and any one who, after inspecting the parlour arrangements, does not like them, can keep away. But it is a pity that the spiders did not in the first instance insist on the proprietors taking the bandages from the eyes of their victims; for what happened was this. Some entered unsuspectingly, were caught, and are not now sure if they like it. Some were suspicious, inspected the web, and said there was something uncanny about it; and now that the web has been brushed away there are many more who object to the combination, and will have nothing to say to it.

But there is no doubt that, apart from sentiment, the positions which proprietors, spiders, and victims may respectively take up are all perfectly tenable, and an arguable case may be made out for each and all of them.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ATHENÆUM.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Mr. Jarvis Kenrick writes a letter that you have published in your last issue, defending the anomalous position of the non-paying members, which letter he has filled from end to end with transparent fallacies.

So long as a very considerable number of persons use a club without contributing to the cost of its maintenance, so long will those who do so contribute reasonably believe that their individual contributions cover more than their proper share of the expense.

It is nonsense, if I may so express myself, saying that the proprietary pay for the non-paying members; the proprietary is very unlikely to be so simple-minded, and if it were no one would credit it.

As well suppose that the promoters of a public company pay the “Guinea-pigs” out of their own pockets, and make their services an absolute present to the confiding shareholders.

Why anyone who is likely to belong to a club at all, should desire to use it at some one else’s expense—whether at that of the proprietary or paying members matters not—must remain absolutely incomprehensible to a person of ordinary intelligence.

There seems no reason why the club should not be a complete success, but for this extraordinary position conferred or forced upon the committee, who, however, seem to me to have the remedy staring them in the face.

I am Sir, etc.,

PAID UP.

13th March, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am one of those who had intended to join this club, but paused when I saw the first letter in your paper, and I am now thankful I so hesitated.

In the correspondence published, the members of the club who have written on the subject, appear to be begging the question by going into the merits of the arrangements made by the proprietary. The question raised in the first instance was a simple one, “Whether it is a fact that one hundred (more or less) of those recorded as members of the club have been admitted without payment of donation, or liability to future subscription, that is, are in effect, honorary members only?” No straightforward answer has been given to this question by any of the correspondents, though, as Mr. Thompson remarked, the secretary, by inference, allowed that such is the case.

Mr. Kenrick in his letter to you, published in this week’s paper, admits that the executive committee of this club consists of *honorary*, as well as ordinary members. Such an arrangement obtains in no other club that I know of, as it has always been understood that honorary members are not entitled to share in the management, or even to have a vote in the

concerns of the club of which their membership is *honorary* only.

Most clubs are started as proprietary; when fairly in working order, to be converted into members' clubs. If this be so in the case of the St. Andrews Club, how then about their one hundred non-subscribing members? Will they, whilst having no pecuniary interest in the club, continue to have a share in its management?

I am, Sir, &c.,
E. M. P.

10, St. James's Street, S.W.
March 11th, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read with interest the correspondence going on in your columns with regard to the Golfers' and St. Andrews clubs. What do golfers want? Do they want a social club in the ordinary sense of the word, under their own control, or do they want a large collection of the golfing world, housed at someone else's expense, and without any liability to themselves? If the former, they have the Golfers' Club (which, by the way, I hear is very far from abandoned); if the latter, they can join the St. Andrews Club. We all know that the golfing word is made up of all classes, and as far as I can see, the fact of belonging to a Golf club is sufficient guarantee for your election to the St. Andrews Club. Surely it is the proprietor's business, if he chooses, to ask for your subscription or not. If this latter club is to consist of any one who plays Golf, I should not care to join it, as many hundreds of the golfing world are not "clubable" men in any sense of the word. I am always glad to meet my tradespeople in the hunting-field or on the links, but I object to meet them in my "social" club. It would be difficult to convince me that the proprietors of Whitehall Court would be content to open in those very expensive and extensive premises with a small, select club; they must have numbers to pay them, and, in my opinion, it would be impossible for a large collection of the golfing world, under one roof, to be select, or even social. This is why I have pinned my faith to the Golfers' Club, which does not aspire to be located in palatial premises. Does Mr. Mure Fergusson really believe that the proprietors of Whitehall Court have spent all this money in advertising, &c., &c., in the interests of the game of Golf?

I wonder how many of these gentlemen ever saw the game of Golf played, or even heard of it, until the club-promoter, who is trying to organise clubs in different parts of London, gave them the idea of letting their premises in this way.

If a club for golfers is a necessity, and I much doubt whether it is, for goodness sake let us have it a select and social one.

I am, Sir, &c.,
M. F.

Junior United Service Club.

HOW TO KEEP ONE'S SCORE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Oh! Bulger, Bulger! I really think you had better retire to some obscure Golf links, and there endeavour to enlighten the mother of your father or mother in the art of extracting nutriment from eggs. The system of scoring over or under an average is as old as the hills. All Golf courses are laid out so that a scratch player ought to do the round in an average of five or under; so that is the number most usually selected. I do not suppose there is a Golf course where a hole can be considered a good one in ten, or a bad one in three, for a scratch player. But I may as well inform "Bulger" that, as a rule, scratch players (except on medal days, when they have to keep their opponents' cards), are not in the habit of keeping a card and jotting down each individual number of strokes. They are generally gifted with a retentive enough memory to dispense with this tedious and objectionable practice.

I am, Sir, &c.,
SCRATCH.

A MODERN PICTURE OF GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With regard to the letter in this week's issue respecting certain omissions from this picture, and especially that of Archie Simpson, we may say that in commissioning Mr. Stevenson to paint it we gave him an entirely free hand, and we believe that he selected the portraits after due consideration and consultation with those best qualified to form an opinion upon the spot.

Whilst we regret extremely that any notable players should be absent from the picture, we are very glad that you should deem it, as it stands, worthy of such unstinted praise. Thanking you for this,

We are, Sir, &c.,
THE FINE ART SOCIETY.

148, New Bond Street, W., March 12th, 1892.

SCRATCH SCORES AND MEDAL PLAY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It has often occurred to me when looking over the notes of competitions that it would be a great advantage to your readers, who are not familiar with most of the links played over, if the scratch score were given in each case. One could then form a better idea of the merits of the play, which otherwise cannot be properly appraised.

I am, Sir, &c.,
J. F. PEARSON.

Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club,
St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, Lancashire, March 12th, 1892.

THE UPKEEP OF GREENS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—At the close of a letter of mine which you kindly inserted in your issue of January 22nd, I promised to offer a suggestion or two on the upkeep of greens, which promise, with your permission, I now wish to fulfil. It must be apparent to the most casual observer that the major part of the expense incurred in the upkeep of greens is on the repairing and renewal of teeing-grounds; and where turf is scarce, as with us, and hardly to be got, it becomes a very serious question to the conservators of links. It is of little or no use laying turf that is not indigenous to the soil, for it seldom takes root, and, especially in dry seasons, soon withers away. Thus the effect is *nil*, and the labour and money are thrown away.

Now, it has occurred to me that an artificial teeing-stance of wood, covered with india-rubber or some other substance, might be tried. As only one player can strike from any one tee at a time, the stance need not be very large. Short iron spikes, to keep it steady during the action of the swing, might be fixed on the bottom, and it could be removed at intervals to vary the drive, and also allow the grass to grow. On those links where sand for teeing purposes is scarce, a raised strip of rubber, with concave top for the balls to lie in, might also be tried. The outlay at first might be considerable; but if the stances answered the purpose intended, the committees of clubs would soon find a very different balance-sheet at the close of the year from what they do now. I have often thought that it is a pity so many iron clubs have come into vogue, and are so very frequently used throughout the links. I also observe that every learner invariably begins with an iron club. On links like ours, where part of the course is public ground, the turf is terribly cut up during the season by would-be golfers, "from rosy morn to dewy eve," of both sexes and of all grades, from the infant almost, "mewling and puking in the nurse's arms, to the lean and slippered pantaloons with spectacles on nose," slicing the turf, sans everything but being in the way of golfers. This

I maintain, is a very serious matter to a place like this, whose very existence depends so much on Golf.

I put it to you, Sir, who, I presume are a golfer of the very first water, is it not vexing when you have made one of your very best swipes in an important match, to find when you come up to your ball, that it is lying in a cup, from which the turf is standing up like the lid of a box, and rendering your ball almost unplayable? In such a plight even the sweetest of tempers can hardly prevent an expletive, even of the mildest type, from involuntarily welling up, especially when you see your opponent's Caddie grinning with a mouth like a shark at the predicament you are in.

While, therefore, I would give every facility for learners to play, I think they should go to some siding off the usual course, where they could practise driving *ad infinitum*. After they were sure of hitting a ball without slicing the turf, they could then take their places among those who really can play the game. I throw out these suggestions for what they are worth, and would like to see them discussed in your pages by an abler pen and more efficient golfer than your humble servant.

I am, Sir, &c.,
J. G. S.

North Berwick,
March 1892.

RAILWAY COMPANIES AND GOLF CLUBS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will any of your readers throughout the kingdom kindly give me evidence that the railway companies, near or on the way to their links, give members the privilege of travelling at reduced rates, and how it is worked?

I am, Sir, &c.,
T. CLARK, Hon. Sec.

Minehead Golf Club.

QUIET GOLF LINKS WANTED.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A friend of mine, devoted to Golf, who is coming home on leave from abroad for two months this summer, is anxious to hear of some quiet Golf links somewhere in Scotland or Northumberland, where a fairly large house could be rented for the time. He wishes to avoid fashionable and crowded places, such as St. Andrews and North Berwick. I hear there is a new green in Islay, also at Warkworth. I should be most grateful to your readers for any information about any quiet links.

With many apologies for encroaching on your valuable space,

I am, Sir, &c.,
AN ENQUIRER.

Edinburgh, 12th March, 1892.

PUSHING AND STRIKING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read the letter from "Common Sense" on the above subject, and also your article on the definition of a stroke, which appears to be a reply thereto. Why there should be so much hairsplitting among players over the Rules of Golf is a puzzle to Scotch golfers. It savours more of that chicanery in which English lawyers have attained a high degree of excellence than of sportsmanlike spirit.

Now I concur with you when you say that any ordinary golfer can show the difference between a push and a stroke, but I cannot agree that in the case put by "Common Sense" the stroke is a foul one. Take an example: Suppose the ball to lie close up against a wall, say a dozen inches away—I have

frequently seen this happen—it could only be played in the way indicated, or by snacking it out sharply from the wrist, and this latter requires a considerable amount of proficiency. I fail to see what "the club at rest a dozen inches from" the ball has to do with the matter. What difference is there between the club being at rest a certain distance from the ball and its being drawn back the same number of inches prior to the stroke? It may be somewhat difficult to define on paper what a stroke is, I admit, but if "Common Sense" will always tap the ball, he should never find his play challenged.

It appears to me that in a stroke the momentum is immediately on impact transferred from the club to the ball, which thereupon leaves the club at a greater rate of speed than that at which the club thereafter travels. In other words, the club-head is stopped—but not entirely, as it obeys the follow through of the player's swing—by the force being imparted to the ball. In a push the ball is moved by the force in the player's arms or body being continuously communicated through the club. It would rather seem that if the ball is "struck," there should be a certain amount of rebound in the club, while in a "push" there could be none. Of course no perceptible rebound does take place. I merely use this illustration to make my meaning more explicit.

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

PECULIAR MATCHES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—When playing an eighteen-hole match at Musselburgh a few weeks ago, I lost the first five holes, and won the next five; the thirteenth hole was the first halved hole of the match.

Mentioning this incident to a golfing friend, he rather capped it by telling me that recently, on the same course, he and his opponent had halved sixteen holes in succession!

I am, Sir, &c.,
KORUNEPHOROS.

March 14th, 1892.

ODE TO THE KENILWORTH LINKS.

Proudly I drive, dark "Fishpond's" edge to reach,
But, failing, find it easier at "The Flat"
My ball to land upon sweet "Meadow's" beach,
And often wonder at my luck thereat.
So with redoubled zeal I seek "The Ridge,"
"The Far," "The Cast," with straining muscle.
Sure of success, I now all danger bridge;
Yet carefully approach (with fear) "The Castle."
Hurrah! no bunkers yet have laid me prone,
And with a well-played "four" I land me "home."

H. S. T.

COMRIE GOLF CLUB.—The annual meeting of this club was held in the Public School on Monday evening, the 8th inst. Dr. Temple presided. The treasurer (Mr. Campbell) laid the financial statement before the meeting, which showed an income of £49 6s. 6d., and the ordinary expenditure £43 3s. 10d. As the club was only formed last year there was some extra expense incurred which is not included in the ordinary expenditure, which leaves a balance against the club, but the members expect to have it cleared off during the coming season. The following office-bearers were elected for the year:—Captain, Dr. Temple; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Campbell, banker; members of committee, Messrs. P. Brough, H. K. Murray, James Comrie, James Crerar, J. Graham, P. Davidson, D. Murray, W. Gibson, and D. Hamilton. It was resolved to charge an entrance fee of 2s. 6d. from those residing in the district, and £1 1s. from non-residents in the district, the annual subscription to be 5s. It was intimated that Mrs. Temple was to give a medal for boys under fourteen. The secretary was instructed to write to Colonel Williamson and thank him for his kindness to the club, and particularly for the Golf-house, which has been presented to the club by the Colonel.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF ST. ANDREWS.

It has frequently been observed that St. Andrews is to the golfer what Mecca is to the Mohammedan. The comparison is apt in many respects. The Mohammedan turns his face towards Mecca when he prays, and gives utterance to words expressive of his belief in the Prophet. The golfer turns his thoughts towards St. Andrews, and not less fervidly thinks, nay, many times says aloud, There is no game but Golf, and St. Andrews is its head-quarters. Each of their kind holds his city to be sacred in the eyes of true disciples. Both places too are reached by a certain pilgrimage, and, when the desired haven is attained, the happy pilgrim forgets all but the supreme

great event of the game. The day was not one of the best, but this did not mar our enjoyment of the place.

So many able descriptions of the course have been written, that to do more than give a brief account of the impressions made upon the writer during his few hours' sojourn would be unnecessary, not to say impertinent; and it is only because it may interest some of your readers to know these impressions as made upon one who had previously visited most of the East of Scotland golfing-greens, that he ventures to take up his pen.

To play Golf well at St. Andrews requires an intimate knowledge of the course. Many hazards are quite unseen from the



The Kitchen, and Hall, St. Andrews.

delight of the moment. With the route to the famous city of the Mohammedan East we have no call to deal, but any one may make himself acquainted with the fatigues and difficulties of the road to the city of our East, if he will read Mr. Horace Hutchinson's sketch, which appeared in GOLF a few weeks ago. In addition to these, the writer, living in a belated "toon" some distance from Edinburgh, had to undergo the superadded penance of getting up about the time when, as the Latin poet informs us, "*quies mortalibus agris incipit, et dono Divum gratissima serpit*," so as to be in time for the first train to the great city. However deficient his golfing powers may be, he hopes he will be credited with a devotion worthy of any true disciple.

St. Andrews having been reached, and the gauntlet of the younger fry of the caddie tribe having been run, the first thing to do was, of course, to visit the shrine of that deity of the place, Tom Morris, who received his visitors with the genial cordiality which has made him more than esteemed by all who have come into contact with him. Then came the

tee, and after playing what appears to be a beautiful shot the ball may be found trapped in one of the numerous bunkers with which the links is honeycombed. But the bunkers are by no means to be condemned. St. Andrews without its bunkers would be as a jewel without its setting. They greatly add to the zest of the game, yet, unless one knows beforehand exactly where the bunkers lie, the best and steadiest play in the world may result in a tall score. This is probably true of all greens, but it is specially applicable to St. Andrews. Again, there is hardly a hole where a hazard requires to be carried from the tee, and where it is not better and safer to "dodge" it. It is, no doubt, a fact that long and straight driving may save a stroke at some holes; but is not this more than compensated by the risk of being caught in some bunker and losing more than the advantage gained?

St. Andrews men have always been more noted for long driving than for anything else, and the green encourages the cultivation of this part of the game. There are a good many holes where two long shots should lay the globe near the disc

and where a weaker driver would require an iron shot in addition ; but this is bound, to some extent, to cramp iron play, and more than one golfer has remarked upon the absence of the necessity for good iron play at most of the holes. The hard putting-greens, too, are rather against approaches pitched up, rendering it difficult to make the ball fall dead.

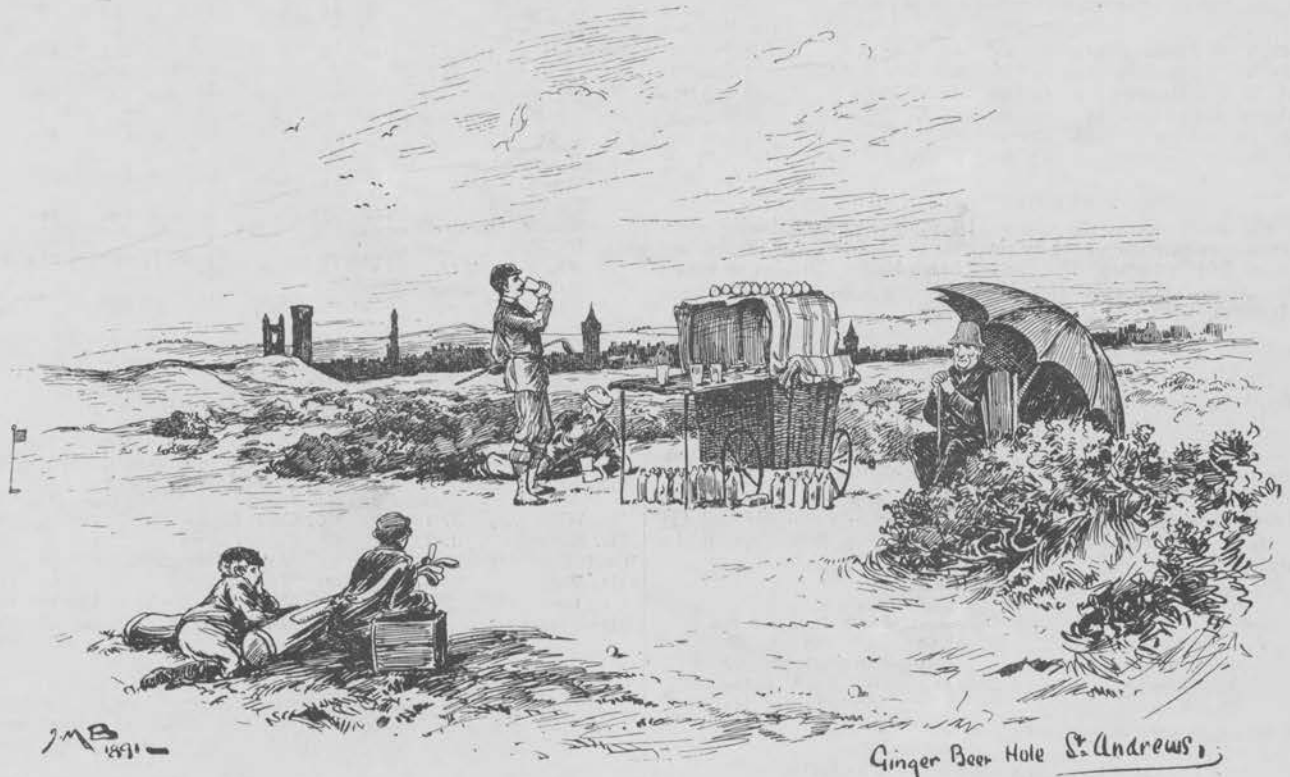
These were, however, the only disadvantages manifest to the writer, and it must not for a moment be imagined that he wishes to detract from the glories of the place. It has been justly described as a "heaven" of Golf. Every advantage has been taken of the great natural capabilities of the green. Its beautiful velvety turf has been carefully tended and fostered ; and seldom indeed is a bad-lying ball to be got even at the end of the year, when our visit was made, and evidences of the season's play were amply scattered around. The putting-greens would delight the hearts of all men worthy of donning the red jacket ; large and roomy, and, although hard, yet perfectly true. The game there is to "gie it a chance," and play for the back of the hole.

Who has not heard of the bunkers ? And who, after having

cognised. He lent himself to the situation with the easy grace of one who had "been there before," and only requested that a copy should be sent to him, and this will be duly attended to whenever published.

About St. Andrews itself pages might be written, and apart from the links it is well worthy of a visit. There are to be seen the ruins of the Castle, with its Bottle dungeon hewn out of "living" rock. The name denotes its shape, and prisoners were lowered down into it through the neck of the bottle, which is the only aperture in it. Many dark tragedies have been enacted within and around the massy walls of the castle, and the window is still pointed out at which Cardinal Beaton sat, and, as history tells us, "enjoyed" the spectacle of George Wishart's martyrdom.

There are also to be seen St. Regulus' Tower and the ruins of the Cathedral. A great part of the latter structure has been entirely demolished, but the places where stood the walls and the pillars supporting the roof are marked out in the grass. From what remains, however, an estimate can be formed of the sublime grandeur which must have invested the edifice ere it



visited the place, is not acquainted with their terrors ? All sizes and shapes are there, and most of them are deep, necessitating strong and skilful play to extricate the unfortunate gutta entombed in their depths. The sand, however, is soft and free from stones and other impedimenta, and any golfer who cannot regain the course at the expense of a stroke deserves—well, to play several more ! Everyone has heard of the famous "Hell" bunker. It is shown in the accompanying sketch, along with the smaller one called "Hell's Kitchen," and a caricature of the writer (which may give some of your readers the amusement of guessing at his identity) may be seen quarrying his ball out of that pit of despair.

The other sketch shows the hole where ginger-beer is now dispensed—the ninth hole. There the writer is again depicted in the act of fortifying himself against the coming struggle of the home journey. "Daw" sells nothing stronger than ginger-beer—"the mair's the peety !" The artist who made the drawings has by some occult method, worthy of investigation by a scientific society, been able to import himself into the background of both sketches. "Old Daw" will be readily re-

sacked by a fanatical mob, acting, it is understood, u on John Knox's exhortation, to "pull down the nests, and the rooks will fly away."

St. Andrews was a prominent place in Scottish history. It teems with objects of interest ; but those who are interested in subjects of this kind should go and glean for themselves—not forgetting to take their clubs. J. A.

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BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

A bright, exhilarating day, and the second competition for the Dorning silver bowl, brought out a considerable number of competitors on these links on Saturday last.

The detailed scores under 100 net were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. T. O. Clinning.	114	30	84	Mr. J. Betham	108 15 93
Mr. W. E. Buckley	103	14	89	Mr. C. A. Colman	115 22 93
Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell	104	14	90	Mr. F. Baker	122 28 94
Mr. J. C. Barrett, jun.	113	23	90	Mr. G. Crowther	99 3 96
Mr. H. Dorning	118	27	91	Mr. A. Woodi viss	117 21 96
Mr. G. D. S. Crowther	95	3	92	Mr. W. J. Drewett	126 30 96

CARLISLE GOLF CLUB.

The annual meeting was held on March 4th, when the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Col. Salkeld, of Holm Hill; secretary, Dr. Donie, Larch House, Carlisle; treasurer, Mr. Henry Scott; committee, Messrs. Cowen, J. K. Parker, Mounsey, Heysham, Todd, and Dr. Macdonald.

COTSWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for at Stow-on-the-Wold, on Thursday, March 10th, the result being as follows (twenty-one holes):—

GENTLEMEN.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. W. Goodeve	118	12	106	Mr. G. M. Goodeve,	jun. ... 137 12 125
Mr. H. E. Rose	126	8	118	Mr. Gott	... 211 60 151
Lord Eldon	125	scr.	125		

Mr. T. W. Stubbs disqualified, and no return from Capt. B. Le Marchant.

LADIES (fourteen holes).

	1st and 2nd Round.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
	1st Round.	2nd Round.	
Lady Louisa Scott	54	42	96 scr. 96
Lady Margaret Scott	51	46	97 scr. 97
Miss Dawkins	67	63	130 6 124
Mrs. Gott	86	100	186 45 141

Mrs. Grisewood disqualified.

COUNTY GOLF CLUB, PORTRUSH.

The monthly competition on Saturday, 12th inst., brought together a goodly number of players. The effects of the preceding storm were still disagreeably visible in the snow with which the links were a undantly streaked, and which had here and there drifted to a considerable depth. Players were fortunate whose balls escaped these snow patches, which in many cases proved as dangerous as the sand bunkers. The scrutiny of the cards showed Mr. Hugh Adair to be the winner, with the remarkably fine gross score of 83. The cards under the hundred were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Hugh Adair	83	12	71	Master R. R. Gilroy	88 scr. 88
Mr. A. D. Gausen	88	14	74	Mr. W. Young, jun.	117 28 89
Mr. J. R. Eccles	106	30	76	Mr. W. H. Webb	100 10 90
Mr. L. Carter	110	26	84	Mr. J. Patrick	114 24 90
Mr. T. Gilroy	83	+4	87	Mr. J. S. G. Usher	112 18 94
Mr. N. J. Gilroy	107	20	87		

Master R. R. Gilroy, being already the winner of a monthly competition this year, could only compete as a scratch player on this occasion.

KILMALCOLM.—RECORD SCORE.—Willie Campbell, the professional of Bridge of Weir, has made the record for this course, going round the eighteen holes in the very creditable score of 77.

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

RECORD SCORES.

On March 7th, Mr. A. H. Evans captain, made the record of the year, up to that date, with the following score:—

Out	6	4	7	6	5	5	6	3	5=47	} 87
In	4	6	4	4	5	4	4	4	5=40	

On the following day, March 8th, another member, Mr. A. B. Cook, equalled this score, playing with a visitor, Mr. F. T. Wellman, of the Sandwich Club, while the latter outstripped all previous performances with the fine score of 79, made up as follows:—

Out	5	5	4	5	5	3	5	4	5=41	} 79
In	3	4	4	4	6	4	4	5	4=38	

Both days were fine, but very cold with a north-east wind blowing down across the course.

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

Mrs. Elton's prize, March 8th and 12th. Scores:—

	8th.			12th.			Aggregate.
	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	
Colonel Mackenzie	102	13	89	116	19	97	186
Miss Stack	104	21	83	146	31	115	198
Major Domville	92	scr.	92	107	scr.	107	199
Ctsse. M. Hatzfeld	97	9	88	129	13	116	204
Mr. A. F. Macfie	110	18	92	152	26	126	218
Miss Moir	118	25	93	161	35	126	219
Mr. E. Grey	124	22	102	150	33	117	219
Miss G. Edye	107	22	85	167	31	136	221
Colonel Stack							
Miss Forbes							
Captain Bill							
Miss M. Gordon							
Mr. Edye							
Miss Edye							
Mr. Ramsbotham							
Mrs. Oldham							

Tuesday, 8th.—Two rounds, Ladies' links. Saturday, 12th.—One round, St. Briac links. Several other couples competed.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap, was played on Wednesday March 9th. Several of the last couples were caught in a heavy snow storm, which spoilt their scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. Ward	101	16	85	Capt. Eccles	103	8 95
Mr. Richards	115	27	88	Capt. Conwy	126	30 96
Capt. Calverley	110	20	90	Major Richardson	118	18 100
Mr. Noel	117	27	90	Mr. Jefferey	116	14 102
Col. Jee	111	20	91	Mr. Duff	139	35 104
Major Harding	94	2	92	Mr. Morris	124	18 106

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The sixth and last of the winter monthly competitions for the Pearson prize took place on Saturday, the 12th inst., and proved very successful, the weather being delightful. The following scores were returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. M. Rollo	97	16	81	Mr. W. M. Pearce	121	30 91
Mr. H. Eccles	98	14	84	Mr. B. L. Tarleton	118	25 93
Mr. F. Harrison	101	16	85	Mr. J. S. Beauford	100	6 94
Mr. H. H. Spring-	105	20	85	Mr. A. Woodiwiss	115	21 94
mann	108	22	86	Mr. J. Fairclough	98	3 95
Mr. J. B. Arkle	88	1	87	Mr. J. E. Pearson	103	8 95
Mr. E. Hewer	89	2	87	Mr. E. C. Hornby	117	22 95
Mr. G. R. Cox	88	scr.	88	Mr. J. Shepherd	101	3 98
Mr. J. Hornby	103	15	88	Mr. D. Webster	109	11 98
Mr. J. T. Fair	116	27	89	Mr. G. A. Thomson	116	18 98
Mr. J. S. Remer	106	16	90	Mr. E. C. Edgecombe	116	18 98
Mr. J. Ainsworth	115	25	90	Mr. F. C. Calthrop	117	18 99
Rev. J. B. Richardson	91	scr.	91	Mr. L. K. Roughton	112	12 100
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon	94	3	91	Mr. T. W. Rowley	142	30 112
Mr. F. C. Morgan						

Messrs. F. Baker, A. Bright, J. R. Brooke, W. F. Chadwick, J. E. Dean, C. A. Earle, G. A. Johnstone, G. Rheam, and S. G. Sinclair made no return.

The six winners, Messrs. R. Goold, F. E. M. Dixon, D. Webster, P. S. McCulloch, G. Bird, and M. Rollo will play off at the spring meeting on May 14th.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, March 12th:—Considering the frosty state of the ground the scores were very good, particularly Mr. C. E. Nesham's gross 87, a score which has not been beaten, and only once equalled since the present course has been played. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. D. Marshall	97	13	84	Mr. C. J. Scott	110	20	90
Mr. C. E. Nesham	87	2	85	Mr. D. L. Poole	99	8	91
Mr. R. Case	106	18	88	Mr. J. A. Ross	93	2	91
Mr. A. A. Cammell	92	2	90	Mr. H. T. Cattley	105	14	91
Mr. H. L. Forbes	98	8	90	Mr. F. Muir	103	8	95

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

KENILWORTH V. COVENTRY.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., a friendly game was played with Coventry, with the following result:—

COVENTRY.			KENILWORTH.		
Holes.			Holes.		
Mr. F. Smith	...	1	Mr. W. Hillman	...	0
Mr. K. Rotherham	...	1	Mr. E. K. Bourne	...	0
Mr. W. Nutt	...	6	Mr. F. G. M. Abell	...	0
Mr. F. Pridmore	...	3	Mr. T. Kinmond	...	0
Mr. T. Blackburne	...	0	Mr. E. F. Coddington	...	5
Mr. Oswald Petre	...	8	Mr. G. C. Franklin	...	0
Mr. G. Haddison	...	8	Mr. T. Day	...	0
Rev. F. Vecquary	...	0	Mr. H. Smith-Turberville	...	6
27			11		

Coventry won by sixteen holes.

KENILWORTH V. LEAMINGTON.

Played at Kenilworth, March 8th.

KENILWORTH.			LEAMINGTON.		
Holes.			Holes.		
Mr. E. K. Bourne	...	0	Mr. T. Latham	...	2
Mr. V. Jepson	...	0	Mr. C. L. Carson	...	6
Mr. E. F. Coddington	...	0	Mr. T. Kinmond	...	5
Mr. F. M. G. Abell	...	7	Mr. J. Kinmond	...	0
Mr. G. C. Franklin	...	0	Mr. A. C. S. Glover	...	3
Mr. H. Smith-Turberville	...	0	Mr. J. Kinmond	...	6
7			22		

Leamington won by fifteen holes.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., the third monthly competition of the Kenilworth Golf Club for a cup, kindly presented by Mr. W. Gambier Middleton, was played for. Although the scores were considerably over the average, this is accounted for by the bad "lies" caused by the frozen cattle marks, which will be remedied before the April competition. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. E. F. Coddington	123	14	109	Mr. T. Kinmond	127	15	112	
† Mr. H. Smith-Turberville	...	136	26	110	Mr. H. Jepson	145	27	118
Mr. W. Hillman	...	111	scr.	111	Mr. G. C. Franklin	137	17	120
Mr. E. K. Bourne	...	120	9	111	Mr. W. T. Pears	142	22	120

No returns from Messrs. T. Day, T. Latham, Vincent Jepson, F. M. G. Abell, F. Carter, *W. F. Hart, and A. Allen.

* Won in January.

† Won in February.

NEW GOLF COURSE AT SILLOTH.

Some time ago the Marquis of Tweeddale, chairman of the directors of the North British Railway Company, while on a visit to Silloth, suggested that a first-class Golf course might be formed by the company on the Blitterlees Banks, on the west side of Silloth Dock, and facilities afforded to players from Carlisle, and the public generally, for enjoying the game. The idea was taken up, and David Grant, a professional from North Berwick, was engaged for the purpose of forming a course. Grant's work has now been almost completed, and golfers who have tried the course, including Park, who was for two years the champion of the world, state that after it has been in use for some time, and the turf which has been laid down has become properly consolidated, it will be as good a course as any golfer need desire to play upon. The course starts at a point opposite the station, near to which it ends after a round of two and three-quarter miles. It is a full course of eighteen holes, and has plenty of hazards. The intention of the railway company is to keep the course under their own management, and to make a reasonable charge for individuals or Golf clubs playing upon it. It will be looked after by a professional player, and a pavilion will be erected for the convenience of players. The company propose to run express trains from Carlisle, starting at a suitable hour of a morning or afternoon, and returning at night. A great impetus will thus be given

to golfing, which is becoming more and more popular in and around Carlisle, the nearest first-class course at present being the Kingholm Merse at Dumfries. The express trains will enable golfers from Edinburgh, Hawick, Langholm, Carlisle, Lockerbie, and all places near the Border to get to Silloth and return home the same day. The company are determined to give the scheme a fair trial, and in the meantime, they have given permission to people to play upon the course free, under the direction of the green-keeper, with a view to getting the ground into order. J. Wood and Co., Silloth, have been appointed agents for most of the best Golf club makers, and they are also agents for GOLF.

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The visit of Willie Aveston, the Cromer professional, to Bulwell Links has been productive of a record, as those of the members who knew his play expected. He has yet, however, to break the existing best for the nine holes, though had the weather been rather more favourable, there is little doubt he would have managed to do this also. The record for the nine-hole round is 37, held by an amateur, the present captain, and Aveston reached, but failed to cut it. He twice, however, got below the previous record for two consecutive rounds, scoring 38+39=77, and 38+37=75; on the same day, the latter being three strokes better than the old record of 39,+39=78.

OXFORD V. CAMBRIDGE.

Everything was against the golfer on Thursday, the 10th inst., on Wimbledon Common, where the Universities contested their annual match. Following a sharp frost on Wednesday night came a further fall of snow, succeeded by a partial thaw, and the common presented a wintry scene. With no other date available, and a good many of the players "going down," the match had either to be decided or abandoned altogether. About half-past twelve the couples entered upon the contest. After the dull morning the sun's brightness on the snow gave a peculiar glare to the light. In most instances red balls were used, but the blinding snow made the driving and putting equally uncertain. The putting-greens had been swept for a small distance round each hole, the removed snow forming a ridge that introduced into the game the feature of a lofted putt. Players, forgetting that the run of the ball could be but trifling, were rarely up with their approaches, whilst, when they were the least strong, the ball became embedded in the snow beyond, just the same. Occasionally holes were lost simply and solely because of the accumulation of snow on the ball. Under these circumstances it is not surprising if unexpected results were obtained, and amongst these must certainly be classed the decisive victories of Messrs. Pease and Hambro; though the last-named is a very promising player.

The match in which the greatest interest was centred was naturally that between Messrs. Low and Whigham. Mr. Low, who, like four of his fellow players, is well known on Scottish links, plays a very fine short game, and has done the best medal round on the Cambridge links. But the short game was not at home in the snow. Mr. Low made an auspicious beginning by taking the first hole in three, but although losing two strokes in a bunker, Mr. Whigham won the second hole by six strokes to eight. The third hole saw Mr. Low one up, but the fourth and fifth holes were in Mr. Whigham's favour, a very fine putt over the ridge of snow surrounding the hole winning the sixth hole for Mr. Low. The fifth and sixth holes were divided in five and six each. Owing to a fine brassy shot by Mr. Whigham, Mr. Low played two more on to the green at the eighth hole, but his opponent missed two easy putts. A drive over the ravine into the wood on the right lost Mr. Low the ninth hole, Mr. Whigham turning a hole to the good. The next hole, however, Mr. Whigham gave up, his opponent lying dead in two, and Mr. Low winning the next hole also, was one up. A fine steal, however, won Mr. Whigham the twelfth hole in three, and winning the next he was in turn one up. Then he topped his drive badly, for the second time, and matters were once more all even, with four holes to play. The fifteenth and sixteenth holes were both won by Mr. Whigham in precisely the same manner—viz., by clever putts out of the snow, just as Mr. Low had won the sixth hole, and these successes made him dormy. Teeing off with his cleek, Mr. Low lay well for the seventeenth hole, which he won. He was too strong with his drive for the Home hole; but one of the spectators, who were crowding the green was in the way, and the ball was stopped near the hole instead of going on into the whins. Mr. Whigham topped his drive, and, losing the hole, the match was halved. Mr. Low's approximated score for the round was 89. Mr. Boyd, who has a round of 76 for the Cambridge links, was nervous at starting, and foundered his drive. He was very soon two up, however; but Mr. Davidson, who drove well, was not to be shaken off, and the match was halved. Mr. Robertson was by far the best away from the first tee, but had the misfor-

tune to smash his driver at the third hole, and just succumbed to Mr. Pearson, who, considering that he has been rowing in the Torpids instead of golfing, did very well. Mr. Chance took a strong lead of Mr. Stewart, winning three out of the first four holes, but after this the play was remarkably even, Mr. Stewart regaining one of his lost holes. Mr. P. Balfour had also sacrificed Golf to the Torpids, and his opponent, Mr. Pease, winning the first two holes, and turning with a lead of three, was seven up at the Home hole, having imitated Mr. Low by holding the tenth hole in three. After halving the first two holes, Mr. Joshua won the next two from Mr. C. F. Balfour, who, however, made up his ground so well that he turned one up, and was three to the good at the end of the round. Mr. Hambro's slashing driving, learnt at North Berwick, gave him a lead of six holes from Mr. Armitstead at the turn, and he won by nine holes; and Messrs. Whitelaw and Campion played an even game all through, Mr. Campion being one hole the better in each nine holes. Cambridge won by twelve holes. Scores:—

CAMBRIDGE.		OXFORD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. L. Low, Clare...	0	Mr. H. J. Whigham, Queen's	0
Mr. E. C. P. Boyd, Trinity ...	0	Mr. W. D. Davidson, Magdalen	0
Mr. D. D. Robertson, Christ's	0	Mr. R. B. Pearson, Brasenose	1
Mr. A. M. Chance, Trinity ...	2	Mr. F. H. Stewart, Magdalen	0
Mr. J. E. Pease, Pembroke ...	7	Mr. P. Balfour, Balliol ...	0
Mr. A. M. Joshua, Trinity ...	0	Mr. C. F. Balfour, Corpus ...	3
Mr. C. E. Hambro, Trinity ...	9	Mr. L. Armitstead, Magdalen	0
Mr. J. B. Whitelaw, Trinity...	0	Mr. F. H. Campion, New ...	2
	18		6

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. COVENTRY GOLF CLUB.

This match was played on Monday, March 14th, at Oxford, and thanks to the substantial victories of the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, who were 9 up and 10 up respectively, Oxford won by 4 holes, although Coventry won five matches to Oxford's four. The ground was very greasy, and putting consequently difficult. Scores:—

OXFORD.		COVENTRY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. J. Whigham ...	0	Mr. Harold Smith ..	2
Mr. W. D. Davidson ...	9	Mr. A. Rotherham ...	0
Mr. H. Nicholls ...	10	Mr. F. C. Hunter-Blair ...	0
Mr. F. H. Stewart ...	0	Mr. H. Rotherham ...	6
Mr. C. F. Balfour ...	0	Mr. H. W. Bainbridge ...	0
Mr. P. Balfour ...	1	Mr. W. Hillman ...	0
Mr. L. Armitstead ...	2	Mr. T. Latham ...	0
Mr. A. R. Hamilton ...	0	Rev. F. R. Evans ...	1
Mr. H. Pelham ...	0	Mr. J. Powers ...	7
Mr. G. M. T. Smythe ...	0	Mr. A. Moncrieff ...	2
	22		18

Majority for Oxford University of 4 holes.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. WARWICKSHIRE.

This match was played on Thursday, March 3rd, and resulted in an easy win for Oxford by forty-two holes. The chief contributors to this decisive victory were Messrs. H. J. Whigham, H. Nicholls, and L. Armitstead. The ground was as hard as iron, and a strong wind was blowing, which made golf most difficult and fluke. Scores:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		WARWICK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. J. Whigham ...	9	Col. Boothby ...	0
Mr. H. T. Knight ...	5	Hon. and Rev. H. C. Moncrieff	0
Mr. W. D. Davidson ...	5	Mr. T. Latham ...	0
Mr. H. Nicholls ...	11	Hon. R. H. Lyttelton ...	0
Mr. F. H. Stewart ...	1	Mr. F. C. Hunter-Blair ...	0
Mr. C. F. Balfour ...	0	Mr. H. E. du C. Norris ...	1
Mr. A. J. Boger ...	0	Mr. R. Elmsley ...	3
Mr. A. R. Hamilton ...	1	Rev. W. C. R. Bedford ...	0
Mr. F. H. Campion ...	0	Mr. J. N. Heatheote ...	0
Mr. L. Armitstead ...	8	Mr. S. H. Le Fleming ...	0
Mr. F. G. Ridgeway ...	2	Mr. W. Maclaren ...	0
Rev. P. Henderson ...	4	Captain Shaw ...	0
	46		4

Majority for Oxford of 42 holes.

PRESTWICK.—Mr. E. D. Prothero and Willie Fernie had a thirty-six hole match on Friday with Mr. J. A. Neilson and Archie Simpson. In the forenoon, the first half ended in favour of Mr. Prothero and Fernie by three holes, their score being 78 to their opponents' 80. In the afternoon, with another 78 round they added other six holes, and won by 9 up and 8 to play.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. ROYAL ASCOT.

Played at Ascot on Monday March 7th.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		ROYAL ASCOT.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. J. Whigham ...	4	Mr. F. J. Patton ...	0
Mr. W. D. Davidson ...	0	Capt. Lyon ...	3
Mr. F. H. Stewart ...	2	Mr. H. Blackett ...	0
Mr. L. Armitstead ...	1	Mr. L. Keyser ...	0
Mr. C. F. Balfour ...	0	Mr. H. Sawyer ...	1
Mr. A. J. Boger ...	0	Mr. H. Eden ...	5
Mr. F. H. Campion ...	2	Sir T. Dyer ...	0
Mr. A. R. Hamilton ...	0	Col. Eden ...	2
	9		11

Majority for Ascot of 2 holes.

PAU GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the May Jubilee medal was begun on the 22nd of February, and was eventually won by Mr. L. Hornor, his final tie with Mr. C. Hutchings proving most exciting. Results:—

First Ties.—Col. Macleay beat Mr. R. Brooke; Mr. G. P. Elwes beat Mr. F. C. Lawrence; Mr. C. Hutchings beat Lord St. Sevan; Mr. J. Roberts beat Mr. W. Ritchie.

Second Ties.—Mr. G. P. Elwes beat Col. Macleay; Mr. C. Hutchings beat Mr. J. Roberts; Col. Anderson beat Mr. R. Knight; Major Levett beat Mr. V. Brooke; Major Pontifex beat Mr. R. Boreel; Mr. R. MacFarlane beat Mr. H. J. Ross; Mr. J. Page beat Mr. S. Platt; Mr. C. Colt beat Mr. C. Wagstaff; Mr. W. Winch beat Col. Marshall; Mr. J. Mellor beat Col. Boyes; Lord Kilmaine beat Capt. Walker; Major Bethune beat Mr. W. H. Kane; Mr. J. Boit beat Hon. A. G. Bingham; Col. MacLaren beat Mr. D. M. Macnab; Mr. L. Hornor beat Hon. R. Brownlow; Col. Buscarlet beat Mr. H. Maud.

Third Ties.—Mr. Hutchings beat Mr. Elwes; Major Levett beat Col. Anderson; Mr. MacFarlane beat Major Pontifex; Mr. Colt beat Mr. Page; Mr. Winch beat Mr. Mellor; Major Bethune beat Lord Kilmaine; Mr. Boit beat Col. MacLaren; Mr. Hornor beat Col. Buscarlet.

Fourth Ties.—Mr. Hutchings beat Major Levett; Mr. Colt beat Mr. MacFarlane; Mr. Winch beat Major Bethune; Mr. Hornor beat Mr. Boit.

Fifth Ties.—Mr. Hutchings beat Mr. Colt; Mr. Hornor beat Mr. Winch.

Final.—Mr. Hornor beat Mr. Hutchings, and won the May Jubilee medal for 1892.

PAU LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The final ties for Mrs. Jones's prize, a very handsome and massively mounted scent bottle, were played off on Tuesday, March 1st, Miss Hay, a promising young player, winning. Mrs. Boreel, the lady-president of the club, made a gallant fight for it, losing her tie with Miss Bethune by 1 hole only. Many of the ties were halved on the first trial, and all were closely contested. Miss Bethune, scratch, played splendidly throughout.

Mrs. Jones's consolation prize, a silver chatelaine, was played off on the 29th ult., with the following result. Mrs. Harrison won the tie.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Ross ...	82	15	67	Miss Pontifex ...	93	20	73
Miss Y. Newall ...	76	9	67	Lady Nugent ...	85	11	74
Mrs. Harrison ...	86	19	67	Hon. Ev. St. Aubyn ...	89	13	76
Lady A. Townshend ...	88	20	68	Miss F. Hay ...	97	20	77
Miss Berners ...	85	17	68	Mrs. M. Newall ...	78	1	77
Miss Anderson ...	80	12	68	Miss Cunningham ...	98	20	78
Miss K. Anderson ...	80	11	69	Mrs. R. Boreel ...	98	20	78
Hon. El. St. Aubyn ...	82	13	69	Miss Taylor ...	90	10	80
Mrs. Jones ...	86	15	71	Hon. M. St. Aubyn ...	101	20	81
Miss Bewicke ...	89	17	72	Mrs. Walker ...	101	20	81
Mrs. Ashley-Dodd ...	91	19	72	Mrs. Carr ...	102	20	82
Miss Hatch ...	91	19	72	Miss Willis ...	103	20	83
Miss Levett ...	76	4	72	Miss Asser ...	102	19	83
Miss N. Ross ...	77	4	73	Mrs. Ashley-Dodd ...	108	20	88
Mrs. Taylor ...	90	17	73	Miss H. N. Bankes ...	110	20	90
Mrs. A. Troyte ...	85	12	73	Mrs. Scarisbrick ...	115	20	95

Also played—Hon. Mrs. Bingham, Miss de Longueil, and Miss Sykes.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY CLUB.—A competition took place on the 7th inst., at Musselburgh. There were fourteen competitors. The best scores were:—Dr. Haultain, 89, less 1=88; Mr. D. W. K. Lyall, 98, less 10=88; Mr. L. V. Laurie, 101, less 12=89; Mr. W. H. Bryce, 94, less 4=90; Mr. J. Taylor, 92, less 2=90.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Ladies' Challenge cup was played on Monday, the 7th inst., in bitterly cold weather. The putting-greens were extraordinarily fast in consequence of the hard, frozen state of the ground. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Pennant ...	109 scr. 109	Miss G. B. Pennant..	129 17 112
Miss Mainwaring ...	116 5 111	Miss A. W. Pennant	120 3 117

Mrs. Birley made no return.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

This club held their monthly medal meeting on Saturday last, the 5th inst., at Sudbrook Park, Petersham. The day was unusually fine, and the ground being in good condition, upwards of twenty couples started. The senior monthly medal, limited to a handicap of 18, was won by Mr. E. C. Davidson, 95, less 18=77; and the junior monthly medal by Mr. M. G. Davidson, 108, less 27=81. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. C. Davidson	95 18 77	Mr. C. Graves ...	116 24 92
Mr. A. G. A. Clarke	93 15 78	Mr. E. S. Grey ...	123 27 96
Mr. C. Routh ...	96 14 82	Mr. W. Anning ...	116 24 92
Dr. Williamson ...	85 scr. 85	Mr. B. Thomas ...	92 scr. 92
Mr. E. Renault ...	101 15 86	Mr. G. Metzger ...	121 30 91
Mr. A. Allan ...	86 scr. 86	Mr. W. F. Harris...	118 27 91
Mr. W. Foley ...	107 21 86	Mr. H. M. Davidson	104 9 95
Mr. M. Hill ...	110 21 89	Mr. E. O. Drabble...	114 18 96
Mr. H. E. Robinson	101 12 89	Mr. W. L. Lawson...	109 15 94
Mr. F. Cobbett ...	108 18 90	Mr. D. C. Miller ...	116 18 98
Mr. S. F. Higgins...	105 15 90	Mr. J. P. Simpson...	121 21 100

and other scores over 100 net.

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition played 12th March, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Schacht ...	99 8 91	Mr. C. Lake ...	116 14 102
Mr. F. Knight ...	123 28 95	Mr. G. K. Anderson	129 27 102
Col. Langdon ...	117 18 99	Mr. H. Curteis ...	126 22 104
Mr. K. McDonald...	115 14 101	Mr. W. Wood ...	154 45 109

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

At Chingford, on Saturday, the foursome competition was decided, the best scores being as follows:—Messrs. S. Kemp and J. E. Shaw, 99, less 12=87; Messrs. J. W. James and A. Kemp, 107, less 14=93; and Messrs. A. S. Johnston and J. W. Greig, 104, less 6=98.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Col. Mackenzie's prize, Saturday, March 12th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. Piper ...	103 18 85	Mr. R. B. Lattimer	100 7 93
*Mr. R. R. Renton	96 9 87	Capt. Sumner, S.L.R.	101 7 94
Mr. G. Hornby ...	86 +2 88	Mr. A. H. Lushing-	ton ... 100 5 95
Dr. Comerford ...	99 11 88	Capt. Elliot, S.L.R.	104 9 95
*Mr. R. C. Hodder	108 18 90	Mr. T. W. Barker...	101 5 96
Mr. O. Belk ...	100 10 90	Mr. D. Turnbull ...	112 15 97
Col. Mayne... ..	99 8 91	Mr. W. H. Monckton	114 17 97
Mr. H. G. Atkinson	103 12 91		
Mr. A. E. Walker...	93 scr. 93		

* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

STAINES GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, 12th inst., the winner being Captain Warren.

The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Capt. Warren ...	86 12 74	Mr. W. E. Rigden .	101 14 87
Mr. F. B. Maddison	86 7 79	Mr. G. J. Hunter ...	107 20 87
Mr. H. Tyler ...	99 16 83	Mr. H. D. Waters .	115 24 91
Mr. G. Struthers ...	105 22 83	Rev. F. C. Williamson	104 12 92
Mr. E. E. Green ...	108 22 86	Mr. A. Somervail ...	113 20 93
Capt. F. R. Harrison	97 10 87		

Three others played.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, at Sandwich. Results:—Captain Eccles, 104, less 18=86, first; Mr. J. L. Ridpath, 98, less 11=87, second; Mr. W. R. Anderson, 98, less 9=89, third.

STINCHCOMBE HILL GOLF CLUB.

A match between ladies of the Minchinhampton and Stinchcombe clubs was played on Stinchcombe Hill on the 8th inst. Score:—

MINCHINHAMPTON,		STINCHCOMBE HILL.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mrs. Davies ...	7	Mrs. Car. Graham ...	0
Mrs. Henry ...	2	Mrs. Ridding ...	0
Miss Deane ...	3	Miss I. Cornwall ...	0
Miss Henry ...	2	Miss H. Ridding ...	0
Miss J. Golightly ...	0	Mrs. Hoare ...	3
Miss Maud Henry ...	0	Mrs. Lynch-Blosse ...	0
	14		3

The monthly handicap competitions followed on the 9th, in rather rough weather. Score:—

GENTLEMEN.			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. Hoare (V)...	95 20 75	Mr. A. Baines ...	111 20 91
*Mr. C. H. Ridding	101 20 81	Mr. C. Gillanders ...	99 6 93
†Mr. W. Lucy ...	95 12 83	Mr. J. W. Rolt ...	115 22 93
Rev. N. W. Gresley	106 22 84	Col. G. Browne ...	128 35 93
Mr. A. Hoare ...	98 10 88	Mr. A. Graham ...	112 18 94
Rev. T. H. Philpott	104 16 88	Rev. R. L.-Blosse...	120 24 96

* Junior prize. † Senior prize.

Capt. Huntington made no return.

LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss H. Ridding...	110 6 104	Mrs. Lynch-Blosse..	116 4 112
Miss Carrie Graham	114 10 104	Miss Matthews ...	145 30 115
Mrs. A. Hoare ...	123 16 107	Mrs. Ridding ...	145 20 125
Mrs. G. Browne ...	138 28 110		

* Prize for best gross score.

No returns from Mrs. Rolt, Miss Graham, Miss Car. Graham, and Mrs. Gresley.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the 12th inst. There was a good deal of snow on the links, and taking this into consideration the score returned by Capt. Wilson, the winner of the medal and sweepstakes, was a good one. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Capt. C. L. Wilson,		Major Lockyer ...	105 17 88
R.A. ...	89 11 78	Mr. J. H. Chavasse	100 12 88
Mr. P. A. Bourke...	103 23 80	Rev. W. C. R. Bed-	ford ... 104 15 89
Mr. T. G. Griffiths	108 27 81		
Mr. F. H. Winder	109 27 82		

Five others competed.

THE ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The first match for the monthly cup of the above club was played on Saturday, March 5th, with the following result:

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. P. Wright ...	108 25 83	Mr. H. Wright ...	129 30 99
Mr. H. Margetts ...	131 45 86	Mr. R. G. Evered...	143 40 103
Rev. G. Barnard ...	101 5 96	Mr. J. F. Wright ..	129 25 104
Mr. O. Aimey ...	103 5 98	Mr. A. Tonks ...	142 30 112
Mr. E. S. Fry ...	124 25 99		

Several other players made no returns.

The links of the club, which was formed in October last, are situate at Solihull, near Birmingham, and though rather short, form a capital sporting course. The Rev. R. C. Moncreiff, is captain of the club for the present year. The club have secured the services of James Cunningham of Prestwick, who, besides being a first-class player, is also an excellent coach, and a very good club maker. The club is now full, consisting of fifty members, to which number it is limited.

BRIDGE OF WEIR.—RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—The monthly gold medal competition, at which twenty-two members competed, resulted as follows:—Winner, Mr. J. B. Stewart, 99, less 15=84; Mr. R. B. Mitchell, 93, less 6=87; Mr. Robert Stevenson, 101, less 10=91; Mr. John L. Wilson, 110, less 18=92; Mr. A. C. Weir, 105, less 10=95; Mr. W. J. Mirrless, 124, less 30=94. A large number of members were out on the links on Saturday. Mr. Lindsay being fortunate enough to secure the bye out of the three left in for Mr. Sangster's consolation prize, Dr. Sandeman and Mr J. B. Stewart had to meet each other in the semi-final tie. After a well-contested game, Dr. Sandeman came off victor in the tie by 2 holes up and 1 to play. The finals in two competitions for prizes have now been reached, and are as follows:—For Messrs. A. C. Weir and Galbraith Scott's prizes, Mr. Thomas Caruthers, jun., and Mr. John Thomson play off, and for Mr. Sangster's consolation prize, Dr. Sandeman and Mr. A. N. Lindsay meet in the final.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday. Owing to the frost and snow the putting-greens were in a deplorable condition, with the result that scores ruled generally high and irregular. Those players who, like the winner, went round the course later in the day, enjoyed the advantage of a thaw both at the tees and on the greens. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. W. Williams...	90	12	78	Mr. J. W. Grover...	108	16	92
Mr. N. Dawson ...	105	25	80	Mr. C. D. Cumming	118	18	93
Mr. J. Verran ...	92	9	83	Mr. T. Wild ...	113	20	93
Mr. T. W. Legh, M.P.	95	12	83	Mr. J. Robb ...	101	8	93
Mr. C. A. Leggatt ..	91	6	85	Mr. W. Jeans ...	111	16	95
Mr. W. Neill ...	97	12	85	Sir A. Jervoise ...	108	12	96
Dr. Woodhead ...	112	25	87	Mr. E. H. Stevenson	110	13	97
Mr. R. Stewart Bain	104	16	88	Mr. R. W. Ord ...	109	10	99
Mr. G. H. Gill ...	104	14	90	Mr. E. W. Morrish..	119	20	99
Lord Granby, M.P.	108	18	90	Col. Gathorne Hardy	119	18	101
Mr. H. Tollemache,				Mr. D. F. Russell...	117	14	103
M.P. ...	108	18	90	Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	119	16	103
Mr. A. J. Robertson..	95	4	91	Mr. F. Taylor ...	114	8	106
Capt. Laing ...	111	20	91	Mr. R. Lyell ...	143	25	118

* Medal.

Several players made no returns.

UNITED SERVICE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting for the Davies gold medal took place at Haslar on Saturday, the 5th inst., and resulted in a tie of three. The following were the scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Dr. Walter Reid,							
R.N. ...	89	2	87	Capt. Sealey-Vidal,			
Lt. Templer, R.M.A.	93	6	87	R.E. ...	102	6	96
Mr. Bonham-Carter.	95	8	87	Capt. Blewitt ...	117	20	97
Lt. Morrison, R.A...	107	15	92	Colonel Walker ...	113	10	103
				Capt. H. B. Foote ...	126	16	110
				Lieut. Pyne, R.E ...	135	18	117

Lieut. Templer won the watch against Bogey.

The tie for the medal was played off on Tuesday, Dr. Reid coming in winner. The following were the results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Dr. Walter Reid,							
R.N. ...	85	2	83	Lt. Templer, R.M.A.	99	6	93
				Mr. Bonham-Carter.	109	8	101

UNITED SERVICE GOLF CLUB.

A. KIRKALDY V. CALLOWAY.

The professional match between C Calloway and Andrew Kirkaldy took place at Haslar on Thursday, the 10th inst, in the midst of a series of blizzards, which lasted throughout the day, the course and putting-greens being for the most part covered with hail and snow. The wild weather seemed to have little effect upon Kirkaldy, but it told heavily against Calloway, who had never before played Golf under such conditions.

Blinding snowstorms were frequent, and only enthusiasts of Golf would have ventured to brave the boisterous weather to witness the match. Notwithstanding this, however, numerous spectators assembled on the links, among them being some ladies. The United Service Golf Ground, which is one of the finest in Hampshire, is bordering on the Solent, and the bitter wind blows across the ground with tremendous force, and on Thursday it was in the right direction to blow the snow in the faces of the players, with force enough to at times completely obscure the surrounding objects from their view. Kirkaldy was in good form, and had several conspicuous advantages over his opponent, who is not used to playing in such weather, in which, however, the Scotchman is perfectly at home. Calloway had the important advantage that he thoroughly knew his ground, while his opponent had never played upon it till the day before the match, when he obtained a little practice between the falls of snow.

The first part of the match was played in a heavy and blinding snowstorm, the ball being frequently lost in the snow, and for some time remaining hidden. However, considering the weather and other drawbacks, the match was wonderfully played, Kirkaldy being exceptionally good. Our representative obtained an interview with Calloway on Friday, and in the course of a conversation the latter remarked that it could be hadly called Golf at all, for at times during the play the ball gathered the snow till it was as large as an ordinary cricket ball.

The local Golf players were very much disappointed at the end of the play to hear that Calloway had been defeated by 10 up and 9 to play.

After the match an exhibition game of nine holes was played, which was divided. The match created a great deal of interest in Portsmouth. Generally it may be said that Kirkaldy played a very powerful

game, and gradually drew ahead of his adversary. Calloway played many fine shots, and, considering the weather and the man he was pitted against, acquitted himself with credit, it being the first time he has had the chance of playing a first-class professional.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

In magnificent weather, and with the links in good order, the preliminary ties in the foursome tournaments for the Graham and Savile cups were played. Results:—Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair and the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton, giving five strokes, beat Messrs. J. N. Heathcote and M. T. Brown by two holes; Messrs. F. A. Bainbridge and J. F. Wright, receiving five strokes, beat Messrs. C. G. Graham and J. W. Liddell by two holes; Messrs. E. Kennard and P. A. Leaf, receiving one stroke, beat Mr. E. J. Vavasseur and Captain Shaw by five up and four to play.

WHITBY GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for the monthly medal of this club came off on Wednesday, when Mr. J. Moore again proved victorious. There had been a slight fall of snow that had partly thawed and then frozen, which made the play on the putting-greens very uncertain. The scores all show a marked improvement on the first competition, and are as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Moore ...	115	8	107	Mr. H. Lesley ...	160	35	125
Mr. A. O. Marwood	132	20	112	Mr. A. C. Simpson	164	35	129
Mr. H. Kirkby ...	147	35	112	Mr. Macquon ...	184	35	149
Mr. R. B. L. Johnston	150	25	125	Mr. R. Linton ...	185	35	150

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday the 2nd inst. A cruel north-east wind, with occasional snow showers, was the welcome arranged by the clerk of the weather. There were sixteen entries for the cup, and the result was a tie between Mr. Milward and Mr. Mitchell. This was played off on Friday, when Mr. Milward, aided by a clever putt of over twenty yards, won by one stroke. As this is the third time he has won it, the cup now becomes his property. Scores returned were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
* Mr. H. Mitchell ...	96	10	86	Mr. C. E. Moillier...	112	19	93
† Mr. L. S. Milward	103	17	86	Mr. F. Hookham ...	115	23	93
Mr. R. R. Brown ...	107	20	87	Mr. C. Toppin ...	94	scr.	94
Rev. H. Foster ...	86	3	89	Dr. H. E. Dixey ...	121	25	96
Mr. A. S. Archdale	102	10	92	Mr. W. E. Paterson	105	8	97
Rev. C. Black ...	100	7	93	Mr. H. D. Acland...	115	12	103
Capt. O.S. Vale ...	107	14	93				

* Wins Senior Medal.

† Wins Monthly Cup and Junior Medal.

BASS ROCK GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, over the North Berwick links, an interesting match took place between teams selected respectively by the captain and secretary of the club, eight men a-side. The scoring was generally low, Mr. John Forrest showing admirable form. The secretary's team won by eleven holes, the figures being as follows:—

SECRETARY.		CAPTAIN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. B. Maclachlan (sec.)	0	Mr. A. Hogg (captain)	0
Mr. John Forrest ...	15	Mr. A. Wallace ...	0
Mr. George Nelson ...	0	Mr. J. Mitchell ...	3
Mr. J. D. Rattray ...	2	Mr. A. Mann... ..	0
Mr. A. Hutchison ...	0	Mr. T. Johnston ...	3
Mr. J. Elliot ...	0	Mr. J. Gould Smith ...	1
Mr. G. Tait ...	0	Mr. E. Bradbury ...	3
Mr. J. Stevenson ...	4	Mr. Murray and Mr. Milne	0
	21		10

BEARSDEN CLUB.—The final competition for Captain Smith's gold medal took place on this course on Saturday. The weather was lovely, but the ground somewhat heavy. Four couples were despatched in the following order, and with the following results:—Mr. William Mackie, 112, less 8=104; Mr. J. M'Farlane, 96, less 3=93. Mr. S. Armstrong, 129, less 15=114; Mr. A. Wilson, 142, less 20=122; Mr. A. Jamieson, 127, less 8=119; Mr. D. Inglis, 122, less 9=113; Mr. W. Smellie, 136, less 18=118; Mr. J. Hutton, 96 (scratch). Thus Mr. James M'Farlane is the winner of the medal.

GEORGE GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The monthly medals (scratch and handicap) were competed for over Musselburgh links, on Saturday afternoon, and were both won by Mr. R. Robinson, with the score of 84 (44 and 40)+1=85. The links, contrary to expectation, were quite free from snow.

FRASERBURGH.—A staff of workmen are just now employed by the Fraserburgh Golf Club working upon the course, with the view to its improvement. The attention of the men will pretty much be directed to making up and levelling the greens and adjusting the approaches; but, generally speaking, the whole course will get an overhaul. The Green Committee have resolved to change one or two of the holes, which, it is expected, will materially improve the round. The seventh hole has been shifted considerably eastward, in order to avoid the heavy bent with which the very limited green is surrounded, and players henceforth, instead of driving from the top of the Corbiehill towards the Cairnbulg Road, will now head their balls due south, which enables them to continue to the next hole in a direct line. Hole No. 12, which lies on a limited patch of green, with a small pond immediately in front, and a precipitous face of a considerable depth a few yards beyond, has been placed some distance westwards, which removes both difficulties. The thirteenth hole, at the top of the Corbiehill, which lies in a narrow neck of ground with abrupt declines on both sides, is also to be changed, but the exact site of the new hole has not been settled yet. The present fourteenth hole, which is a drive and a cleek shot, coming home from the top of the Corbiehill, is to be condemned on account of the cost of putting the green into anything like decent condition. The substitute is placed at the bottom of the next field towards the rifle range, and, generally speaking, to reach the new green from the tee, it will take two drives and a good cleek or brasse-y shot. The fifteenth hole, instead of being in the north-west, is now in the north-east corner of the rifle-range field. It is shortened, and a good drive and an iron shot should put one on the green. With the lengthening of the fourteenth hole, the sixteenth has been correspondingly shortened. The change, however, has the important advantage of leaving players clear of a considerable stretch of long, dense, wild grass, which swallowed up so many balls that players knew it as "the cemetery." Much work yet remains to be done in the course in future years, but when the improvements being carried out are completed, all lovers of Golf, whether local or strange, will give the club some credit for having made a good beginning.

LARGS CLUB.—The monthly game for the captain's medal was played on Saturday. A condition of the game was that the winner of Saturday was to take the prize for good. As will be seen, the medal fell to Mr. J. Baldie, who won it on the last two occasions on which it was played for. Mr. John Baldie, 54, less 3=51; Mr. John Orr, 64, less 12=52; Mr. T. S. Colquhoun, 74, less 18=56; Mr. H. J. McCall, 61, less 3=58; Mr. John Wilkie, 62, less 3=59; Mr. J. Crawford, 79, less 12=67; Mr. G. Barclay, 80, less 12=68; Mr. A. G. Barbour, 76, less 6=70; Mr. Bertie Orr, 84, less 12=72; Mr. J. K. Boyd, 99, less 18=81; Major Eckford, 99, less 18=81; Mr. J. Fleck, 103, less 18=85; Mr. J. Taylor, 105, less 18=87; Mr. A. Young, 113, less 18=95; Mr. J. Murray, 106, less 6=100.

KILMALCOLM CLUB.—There was a very large turnout of members over the club's links on Saturday, and although some snow was still to be seen, good playing was generally got. Several ties were played off for Messrs. Taylor and Cassel's prizes; but owing to the recent severe weather and the consequent inability to finish off the first round, the date for the completion of these ties, which should have been on Saturday last, was fixed for Saturday the 19th March. At a committee meeting held on Saturday night a number of new members were proposed, and this brings the total membership up to over 130.

ARDEER CLUB.—On Saturday the Heys and Robertson monthly medals were played for, when a considerable number were present to take part in the competition. Considering the weather of the past week the course was in fair condition. The following are the principal net scores, with the handicaps:—Heys medal—Mr. R. R. Main, (7) 90; Mr. William Law, (9) 90; Mr. H. Macfarlane, (7) 91; Mr. James Mackintosh, (9) 94; Mr. W. C. Cunningham, (3) 95. Robertson medal.—Mr. George Kirkhope, (14) 88; Mr. James Donaldson, (14) 91; Dr. M'Kay, (12) 97.

DUNBAR.—The Dunbar Castle Club held their monthly competition for the silver medal over the links on Friday. The weather being good, there was a fair turn-out. The medal was won by Mr. William Duncan, who did the round in the excellent score of 90.

FORT WILLIAM GOLF CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Fort William Golf Club was held on Tuesday, March 8th. Ex-Provost McLeish presided, and there was a fair attendance of members. Mr. W. D. Barclay, treasurer, submitted a statement of account for last year, which was regarded as very satisfactory. It is expected that there will be a large addition to the roll of membership this season, a number having already intimated their intention of becoming members. The course will be in a much better condition this year. There are to be some further improvements made. Ex-Provost McLeish was re-elected president, Provost McIntyre and ex-Provost McKenzie vice-presidents, Mr. Wm. Murray captain, Mr. W. D. Barclay treasurer, and Mr. Colin Livingston secretary.

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MOFFAT CLUB.—The Johnstone monthly medal was played for on Saturday. Good play was much interfered with on account of large patches of snow, in which the balls often disappeared. The medal fell to Mr. James Salmond, E.C., organist, with a score of 89.

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