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MARCH.

- 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.

- April 2.—Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Berners Medal.
Lundin : Handicap Medal.
Birkdale : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Mumly Medal.
North Bedfordshire : Challenge Medal (Handicap).
North Bedfordshire Ladies : Challenge Prize (Handicap).
Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.
April 4.—Warwickshire : Club v. Worcestershire (at Warwick).
April 5.—Birkdale : Club Ladies' Prize.
Carnarvonshire : 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.
Hayling : Monthly Cup.
Southport : Monthly Medal.
April 14-18.—Birkdale : Easter Meeting.
April 16.—County Down : Railway Cup.
Royal Isle of Wight : Bogy Tournament for Club Prize.
Sutton Coldfield : Lloyd Prize.
Buxton and High Peak : Strang Cup.
Royal Jersey : Spring Meeting.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Hayling : Easter Cup.
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.
Southport : Spring Meeting.
April 18.—Pau : General Meeting to Pass Accounts.
Ashdown Forest : Easter Meeting.
Royal Isle of Wight : Easter Meeting.
Buxton and High Peak : Captain's Prize.
Woodford : Club Handicap.
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
Hayling : Easter Cup.
Aldeburgh : Easter Meeting ; The "Flintham" Challenge Cup.
April 18-23.—Tenby : Easter (Open) Prize Tournament ; South Wales Challenge Cup ; Barlow Cup.
April 19.—Hayling : The Fisher Foursome Challenge Cups
April 19-22.—Royal North Devon : Easter Meeting.

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THOMSON'S PATENT METALLIC-FACED GOLF CLUBS.

Mr. William Thomson, of 2, Roseneath Terrace, Edinburgh, who sometime ago patented a combination golf cleek and iron club, has now invented a metallic-faced golf club.

This last invention consists in having the weight of metal taken from the back part and placed on the front or face of the club, and fitted into the head in a circular shape, and held in position with screw-nails. The metal on the face is made rough, so as to cause it to grip the ball. The advantages claimed for this club are chiefly durability and strength, and it is also claimed that the club is made on principles more scientifically accurate than an ordinary wooden club, inasmuch as the weight is taken from the back and placed more in a direct line with the shaft.

We think there can be no doubt that the club attains the objects claimed. All golfers know that a day's play in wet weather will ruin the face of most wooden clubs, but in Mr. Thomson's club, the metal face is to all intents and purposes indestructible. With regard to strength it can hardly be disputed that the introduction of the lead at the back is the principal cause of breakage in clubs; now Mr. Thomson has done away with this entirely, and as his patent also obviates the necessity for a "bone," golfers who use his club can never be irritated by this part becoming loose or requiring renewal.

Mr. Thomson has sent one of his clubs to us as a specimen, and we have given it a thorough trial. It is a beautiful piece of workmanship, carefully fitted and finished in every detail. We do not think that so long a ball can be driven with it as with an ordinary wooden-faced club; this is probably owing to the fact that the metal face must possess less elasticity. The club, however, drives very straight, and appears to considerably diminish the tendency to "hook" or "heel"; the ball, too, is driven low, so that Mr. Thomson's club should be useful in playing against a wind. We can scarcely describe the club better than by saying it plays very much like a cleek; it does not of course entail nearly so much exertion, and has more driving power, as after the carry is spent the ball has a considerable amount of run. From what we have said, golfers should have no difficulty in judging of the merits of the patent. These clubs, we understand, are made of different weights, heavy, medium and light, to suit the requirements of players, and the manufacture includes bulgers, brassies and spoons.

THE CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB. ANNUAL DINNER.

A large number of members and guests attended the annual dinner of the Calcutta Golf Club, at the Great Eastern Hotel, on Saturday, February 20th. On the tables were the handsome challenge and other cups belonging to the club. Mr. G. A. Ormiston took the chair.

After the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman, in proposing "Our Noble and Ancient Selves," said:—It is, I think, well known to us all that the club was established as far back as 1829, at which period, I suppose, none of us here present existed. The term "ancient" hardly, therefore, applies to us individually, but only in a corporate capacity. The period of the club's existence is fully testified to by the brass buttons which we are so proud of, and which are still in the possession of the club, and are the only records of that time which the white ants were unable to masticate. I begin to feel that I am getting rather "ancient" myself, but I am pleased to see that in our presence we have an older veteran, and that is our great crack, Mr. J. F. MacNair—(applause)—whom we are all glad to welcome back. We have to congratulate him on his happy union, and I am sure that I echo the sentiment of all present when I say that we wish them both everything that is good, and may they have many long years of happiness. (Loud applause.) I much regret that Mr. Charles Halford, our oldest member, could not be present to-night, more especially as he will shortly leave us for the old country, where, however, we hope to join him at no distant date. I feel certain that you all share my feelings in wishing him and his mem-sahib a safe and pleasant voyage home, and many years of enjoyment in the dear old country. (Cheers.) We have many good and sure golfers here to-night; and in looking back to the days of yore, when an assembly of a dozen under the big tree was a large muster, it

is, indeed, great satisfaction to think that the Royal and Ancient game has taken such a strong hold here, which is fully demonstrated by the resident membership now numbering about 420, while applications for admission are daily flowing in. There is not the slightest doubt that Golf is a game worth knowing well, because when you go home health-seeking, you can always find links on which to spend many happy hours enjoying the fresh air and mingling with kind friends. (Cheers.) I am sure, gentlemen, that you are all greatly pleased to have a "sister" club in Calcutta, and it is gratifying to know that the game has so strongly asserted itself among the ladies of Calcutta. So keenly have they taken to Golf that they have already found it necessary to have their course extended, and the fair sex will not only find pleasure and exercise in the game during their sojourn in the East; but when they return to the old country, knowing the game well, they will even appreciate it more so. We cordially wish the Ladies' Golf Club long life and prosperity. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bushby, in proposing "The Officers of the Club," spoke of the cheerful and watchful interest which they had displayed in the difficult task of preserving the greens in good order, and in all the other duties which fell to their share.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. C. A. Smith replied to the toast in a short address. According to Sir Henry Harrison, in his speech at the St. Andrews Dinner in 1889, the Scottish nation was merging into the English nation. This was, Mr. Smith thought, a danger to be avoided. (Laughter.) He personally was a Scotchman, and a devotee of every institution which was Scottish—of the game of Golf and of the game of curling. He thought that every Scotchman, whether at home or abroad, was bound to stand by the old Scottish landmarks, and to endeavour to preserve everything which was essentially Scottish. (Cheers.)

Mr. MacNair proposed the health of "Absent Friends and other Golf Clubs." He referred in feeling terms to some old members of the club, who were, he thought, scarcely likely to be remembered personally by the greater number of his hearers—to Mr. Mudie, a fine player, whom he had had the pleasure of meeting at home this year; to Mr. John Morison, and others. As regarded "Other Golf Clubs," they were becoming in number legion at home. "The Sassenachs," continued Mr. MacNair, "are taking to the game, and are crowding us out on our own links in Scotland." (Laughter.) The great charm of Golf was that a crowd was not necessary to make up a team. It was only necessary for a player to find one of his own calibre to get matched for the day. The speaker referred in terms of keen appreciation to the delights of Golf at St. Andrews, at Prestwick, and Sandwich, and the other headquarters of the game in Scotland and England. It was, he concluded, a privilege to look forward to playing on such links as those of old England and Scotland—especially Scotland. (Cheers.)

Mr. A. C. Marshall proposed the health of the guests.

Mr. J. Clark, in reply, said that he had been very pleased to hear that the Calcutta Golf Club was so prosperous. He did not profess to know very much of the game of Golf, but he thought that in Golf, as in bowls, the enthusiasm of the younger players was matched by the caution and experience of their seniors.

Several songs and recitations were given, and close upon midnight a most enjoyable evening came to an end.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club was held at the Club-rooms, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, on Friday night, the 18th inst. The chair was occupied by the captain of the club, the Rev. W. G. Terry, and there were also present Mr. S. A. Hermon, one of the trustees; Mr. J. A. Brown, Mr. A. H. Doleman, Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Mr. J. Mugliston, and Mr. J. M. Rea, members of the council; Mr. J. Talbot Fair, honorary secretary; Mr. James E. King, honorary treasurer, and about forty-five other members of the club, some from a considerable distance. After a few remarks from the Chairman, the honorary treasurer, Mr. J. E. King, presented the statement of accounts for the past year—a most favourable one—showing a balance in the bank amounting to £95 16s. 9d., and invested funds to the amount of close upon £600. On the proposition of Mr. S. Fisher, seconded by Mr. J. A. F. Fair, the accounts were received and passed. The honorary secretary, Mr. J. Talbot Fair, then read his annual report, as follows:—

"At the end of our last financial year our members numbered 382, including one honorary member. During the past twelve months 17 members have been admitted without entrance-fee; 52 under entrance-fee of £5 5s. each, and 9 under the increase fee of £10 10s., making a total of exactly 400. On the other hand, we have 14 resignations, chiefly officers in the Sussex Regiment, and, I am sorry to say, five deaths, amongst the latter our genial friend, Dr. Forbes Dick, of Lancaster, so that the number of members at the end of February was

381. Notwithstanding the increased entrance-fee, which came into operation on the 1st August last, new members still keep joining. Your council during the past year have altered the limit for lady subscribers from 105 to 200, and the list has been quite full. During the past twelve months 28 council meetings have been held, and the following is a list of the attendance of the members:—Rev. W. G. Terry, captain, attended 17; Mr. Thomas Fair, trustee, 0; Mr. S. A. Hermon, trustee, 12; Mr. E. T. Miller, trustee, 13; Mr. A. H. Doleman, 13; Mr. H. Fisher, 20; Mr. J. Mugliston, 14; Mr. J. A. S. Fair, 13; Mr. J. A. Brown, 25; Mr. J. M. Rea, 25; Mr. J. E. King, hon. treasurer, 23; Mr. J. T. Fair, hon. secretary, 28. Your council recommend that they should have power given to them to add one to their number annually, or, in other words, to elect an extra member on the council for one year. Of course, they would always give preference to the retiring captain of the year, as they think his services would be valuable. Lowe's workshop has again been enlarged, and sixty-seven new lockers have been erected therein. The council hope that members will use the lockers, and so avoid leaving their clubs lying about the shop. During the past year trustees have purchased £150 more Consols, and £150 of Lancashire and Yorkshire Four per Cent. Preference Stock, so our investment account stands at nearly £600; but no doubt the honorary treasurer will explain our financial position later on. The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, in deference to a request made to them, put on a special train from Manchester on Saturdays, for the convenience of golfers, at reduced fares; and, from an interview I had recently with one of the officials, I am still in hopes that we shall have golfers' tickets granted to us, available by any train. With regard to our prize list, the council have to thank the following members for so kindly offering prizes during the past twelve months, viz., Mr. James Buckley, Mr. Marcus Rea, Mr. Sidney Hermon, Mr. Charles W. Macara, Mr. John E. Pearson, Mr. Samuel F. Butcher, Mr. F. H. Miller, and the captain, the Rev. W. G. Terry; also Mr. William Pitt Miller, for his very handsome present of the Thistleton gold medal. The chief events during the past year were the spring and autumn meetings. At the former meeting the Clifton gold medal was won by Mr. Mark Pole, with a scratch score of 91, and the ladies' gold medal, by Mr. Frank Hermon, with a scratch score of 90. The Terry cup was won by Mr. S. F. Butcher, with net scores of 82 and 92, or an aggregate of 174. The silver bowl presented by the late captain, Mr. John Mugliston, and competed for by the following six winners of the monthly competitions, viz., Messrs. R. J. Kerr, C. W. Fisher, C. Billington, H. Jellicorse, G. Harper, and J. M. Rea, and was won by the Rev. C. Billington with a score of 106, less 5=101. The scoring on this occasion was rather indifferent, but it was accounted for by the fact that each of the players was anxious for the other to win. Other competitions were as follow:—The Buckley cup, for a tournament by match play, was won by Mr. William Stewart, who put out Mr. A. H. Doleman in the final. The Pearson cup, also for match play, was won by Mr. G. F. Smith, the runner up being Mr. F. E. M. Dixon. The club is greatly indebted to the officers of the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Lancashire Fusiliers for presenting a very handsome cup to remain the property of the club, and to be played for annually. The cup, which is called the Lancashire Fusiliers' cup, and carries with it a silver memento, was won for the first time on the 12th September last by a veteran young golfer, Mr. William Newbigging, with a very fine score of 91, less 15=76. The prizes for the mixed foursome tournament, presented by Mr. T. H. Miller, were won by Miss Hermon and Mr. Sidney Hermon, the runners up being Miss Rosie Fair, and Mr. J. A. S. Fair. The autumn meeting took place on October 17th and 19th. On the former day Mr. W. E. Fairlie carried off the Manchester gold medal with a very fine scratch score of 81, and on the second day he won the Thistleton gold medal with a score of 86, also the aggregate prize, the Hermon cigar-box, with net scores of 84 and 91, or a total of 175. At this meeting the six winners in the Macara cup played off, and the cup was won by Mr. W. E. Fairlie, with a score of 81 scr. 81; the next best score was Mr. G. F. Smith's, 98, less 2=96; Mr. G. C. Hoare, 108, less 9=99; Mr. J. E. Pearson, 112, less 12=100; Mr. W. Fletcher, 107, less 4=103; Mr. F. H. Smith, no return. With regard to future competitions, the Bury cup for the best net aggregate three scores out of six competitions will be decided tomorrow. The six winners viz. Mr. J. M. Rea, Mr. C. W. Fisher, Mr. L. Pilkington, Mr. T. Baxter, Mr. J. Bradbury, and Mr. H. M. Braybrooke will play off on the first day of the spring meeting viz., April 16th, for the handsome silver salver, presented by the retiring captain the Rev. W. G. Terry. Mr. G. F. Smith has very kindly presented five pounds for two prizes, for the best gross score, home score, on each day of the spring meeting to go to others than the winners of the Scratch medals. These prizes are an excellent idea of Mr. Smit's, as they will encourage players, who may have done badly going out, to persevere and not tear up their cards. The members have also to thank Mr. F. Topp for a prize for Whit-Monday, and Mr. R. A. Dawson for a cup for six monthly competitions. Besides the spring and autumn meetings the monthly competitions have been so arranged that we shall have

a two-day meeting at Whitsuntide, and a two-day meeting at the August Bank Holiday. The dinner at the spring meeting, when the captain will be formally installed, will this year take place on the Monday evening instead of the Saturday.

"Before concluding my report, I wish to refer to a serious matter that may affect the welfare and good name of the club. The council have had several complaints recently as to players driving into the preceding couple, although our rule says, 'No player shall strike his teed ball till the players in front have played their second strokes, and on medal days, their third strokes.' Still, I think we should go more on the spirit and etiquette of Golf, and that is, that no player should play from the tee until the party in front are out of range; or play to the putting-green till the party in front have holed out and moved away. Members are also requested not to stand on the putting-greens when adding up their scores. If we only give and take, and help one another, the Lytham and St. Anne's Club will ever go on and flourish."

The appointments of captain of the club and other officers for the coming year were then proceeded with. Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Chelford, Crewe, was unanimously elected captain amidst much applause. In proposing him, the chairman said that Mr. Fairlie was a distinguished golfer, and would be an honour to the club, or to any club. Mr. Fairlie accepted with pleasure, and said he should do all he could to promote the prosperity of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club. Mr. J. E. King was unanimously re-elected honorary treasurer, and Mr. J. Talbot Fair honorary secretary, all the members very heartily applauding. Mr. A. H. Doleman and Mr. H. Fisher (retiring members) were re-elected to the council. Mr. J. Talbot Clifton was unanimously re-appointed honorary president, and Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., and Mr. C. W. Macara, honorary vice-presidents.

A long discussion took place with reference to a proposed alteration of Rule II. to the following effect:—"The Council shall have power to add one to their numbers annually." The object of the proposed addition was that the Council might be able to have the services and advice of the retiring captain during the year following his retirement, if desirable. After considerable discussion the resolution was agreed to, worded as follows:—"The Council shall have power to add one to their number annually, who shall hold office for one year." A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the auditors of the accounts, Mr. W. Newbigging and Mr. Robert A. Dawson.

It was stated with regard to the new links, that the appointed committee had been over the land, and that the arrangements for taking it over were in progress. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

Owing to the large number of members expected to be down at St. Anne's at Easter, the Council have decided that "visitors" cannot play on the links on Saturday, April 16th, or on Easter Monday, April 18th. The dinner will take place as usual at St. Anne's Hotel on Easter Monday evening.

NEW COURSE AT DUNBLANE.—Mr. Philp, of the Dunblane Hydropathic, has taken a lease of the Laighills, and for some time back has employed men in making a Golf course, which is now all but complete. Mr. Philp has asked the citizens of Dunblane to form a Golf club, the members of which shall have the privilege of playing by paying a small annual subscription, but the control of the green is, of course, to be entirely in Mr. Philp's hands, and the club is to be called the "Dunblane Hydropathic Golf Club." On Wednesday evening a meeting of intending golfers was held, at which Mr. Philp's manager was present, and explained what had been done, and the privileges which the citizens could have if they chose. The Chief Magistrate and all the ministers and solicitors and other influential gentlemen were present, and a committee was appointed to frame a constitution and rules, to be submitted to a future meeting. It may be mentioned that the new course consists of nine holes, and is about one mile round. Expert golfers have been taken over the ground, and all have expressed themselves that it is admirably suited for such a purpose. The course is to be formally opened in the beginning of April.

BEARSDEN CLUB.—The first annual meeting of this club took place on Monday night, the 14th inst., and was largely attended. Mr. J. W. Stewart, County Councillor, was called to the chair. The secretary's report, which stated that the game of Golf had taken firm root in the neighbourhood, was highly satisfactory, while that of the treasurer showed a balance of £3 9s. 6d. on the right side. Captain Smith's gold medal for the monthly handicap competition was presented to Mr. J. A. Macfarlane, the winner. The following, along with a committee of management, were appointed office-bearers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. A. Smith, jun.; captain, Mr. W. P. Lowrie; treasurer, Mr. Kirkwood; secretary, Mr. Hutton. On the motion of Mr. Armstrong it was agreed that the club engage in friendly matches with other clubs. A gold medal for competition among the gentlemen was intimated from Mr. Lowrie, and one for the lady members from Mr. R. Howie, St. Germain's.

TWO ONE-ARM GOLFERS.

It has long been a truism that one of the many charms of the game we love is that it is suited alike to old and young, but the photographs which we here reproduce tend to prove that even sterner obstacles than mere old age may be overcome by the earnest votary. And it must be understood that the sketches are not in any way the mere representation of stage posturing, so to speak; but the faithful and accurate delineations of two deservedly well-known Scotch golfers in their actual play. The taller will, perhaps, be the more widely known, as his deeds of prowess have by no means been confined to the links with which he is more directly associated, viz., the windy and more or less storied Links o' Leven.

Mr. James Kerr has been a prominent member of the "Leven Thistle," a powerful, energetic, and deservedly prosperous club, for fully eighteen years; and has during that time done hearty work in their service as secretary, treasurer, and (of late years) captain. As will be seen from the photograph, he has had the misfortune to lose his right arm; but, like our own Tom Sayers, he can, on occasion, do double duty with the other. The trouble fell upon him at the age of thirteen, and his knowledge and skill have, therefore, been

acquired under what must have been to most of us a disheartening disability. Fortunately, he is a stalwart and very powerful man, six feet in his stockings, and by dint of his indomitable pluck and perseverance has developed into a most reliable partner, and a most dangerous antagonist. His record on Leven Links is 91, and on St. Andrews 92, the latter having been made by him in a club match against the St. Andrews Club on 27th August, 1887. His handicap in club competitions is only 9 strokes, and he usually gives a good account of himself, as the saying is.

He is a very powerful driver, and his iron play, as a rule, deadly. His weak points, perhaps, are his second shots, and, occasionally, his holing-out leaves something to be desired. We have heard that the latter was for a long time one of the few weaknesses of our venerable *doyen*, the great Tom himself; and, if so, Mr. Kerr sins in the best of company. Besides, if a scarcely human creature were to appear on any decent links and never miss a putt he would infallibly be left by all professing Christians to play his loathsome and unhallowed game alone.

It is, perhaps, unnecessary to draw the reader's attention to the length of swing, in which every available inch is drawn on. It will be noted (and this, at first, struck us as odd) that the club is drawn right across the body; but, when one



thinks of it, it is only another and admirable exemplification of the old golfing maxim that the real driving power should be communicated by the left, and that the right be held as more properly merely directive.

It goes without saying that Mr. Kerr's interest in the game is keen and active, and his love sincere. He has not only endeared himself to the large circle of his own private friends, but is known, liked and respected by many a golfer, who has not had the happy privilege of an afternoon by bonny Largo Bay.

Mr. Archibald Smith, another member of the same club, has also, as may be noticed, had the misfortune to lose his right arm. The mischance occurred when he was twenty-six years of age, and already a player of very considerable skill. His record for his home links is the same as that of Mr. Kerr, viz., 91. He has had the honour to represent his club in their matches for the last eight years, and has a long series of victories to his credit. He is not such a long driver as Mr. Kerr, perhaps, because his style is rather cramped, the thumb being laid along the shaft instead of round it. But, on the other hand, he is, probably, the steadier player of the two. He is the more successful in medal play; but when the two are pitted against each other, Mr. Kerr usually wins. It may also be mentioned that Mr. Smith makes all his own clubs (as was, in fact, the practice of many Scotch country players a generation or two ago) and that with admirable success.

If we may put it so without offence, it is probable that were our old friend Briareus to take it into his head to try a round on Leven links, he would find either of our players quite prepared to tackle him.

W. D.

A LEITH GOWFER'S LAMENT.

The other morning a disgusted Leith amateur gowfer, with a bundle of faggots under his arm, was heard singing the sub-joined song when leaving Leith links—for good and all :—

There's nae luck about this gowf,
It's nae game ava ;
There's nought but crosses in this gowf
When ane has lost a ba' ;
And ten times waur when ane has broke
His fav'rite club in twa,
And missed the ba'—but not the sod—
The jest and scoff o' a'.

Yestreen I teed a ba' sae neat,
A sight for gowfers' een.
I struck it aff—but where it went—
It ne'er again was seen.
I sought it here, I sought it there,
I scrutineezed the green ;
I might as weel ha'e hunted thro'
A haystack for a preen.

I pu'd anither frae my pouch,
As white as ivory ;
Wi' skill and strength I drove it aff—
To mak' the hole in three.
I follow'd up in gowfer style,
And hummin' like the bee—
That ba's awa' to seek the first,
Or else has gane to sea.

A sheaf of shivers I ha'e got,
A crap o' missin' ba's,
Ten slangy words—three new-coined aiths—
A tract on gowfin' laws.
Am aff ; on links I'll ne'er be seen
Wi' club and gutty ba' ;
I'll sooner buy a twelve-foot rope,
An' gi'e my neck a thraw.

There's nae luck about this gowf,
There's nae fun ava ;
There's loss and crosses in this gowf,
When ane has lost a ba'.

A. K. C.



QUIET GOLF LINKS WANTED.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I notice in this week's GOLF a letter from "An Enquirer" for quiet Golf links. I should certainly recommend "An Enquirer" to the links at Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, Northumberland. It is a very good nine-hole course. I shall be very glad to give "An Enquirer" any further information he may require, and shall be very pleased to help him to procure a house, if desired.

I am, Sir, &c.,

JAS. WILSON WOOD,
Hon. Treasurer Newbiggin Golf Club.

18, Regent Terrace, Gateshead-on-Tyne,
March 17th, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In GOLF of March 18th, I see an inquiry made regarding quiet links in Scotland or Northumberland. I should recommend Leven ; there is a moderate-sized town, and I have never seen the links overcrowded.

Elie, too, is very nice when the grass is short, and Carnoustie, Monifieth, or Kinghorn would, I should think, suit "Enquirer's" friend.

Machrihanish, near Campbeltown, is a grand green, and would certainly be termed quiet.

In Northumberland I should think Alnmouth the best green, and the neighbourhood is charming in every way ; there is also a green at Newbiggin.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. T. LINSKILL.

Cambridge University Golf Club.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—For a quiet—not too quiet—first-rate Golf green, a green where one can at almost any time, from June till October, make a match to suit his game and tastes, and where there is never any detention to speak of during play, I would venture to say there is none to equal that of Dornoch, the county town of Sutherlandshire. Nowhere is there to be found purer air, finer scenery, or more beautiful sward.

The borough of Dornoch is a small place of between five and six hundred residents. It is a charming spot, exceedingly clean, and beautifully situated. I hear that a system of drainage and water supply has just been completed, at a very considerable tax to the inhabitants. The municipal council of management have done wisely, notwithstanding the tax burdens, for in a few more years the quaint old town will develop into the finest and most prosperous golfing and sea-bathing resort in the North of Scotland.

I am, Sir, &c.,

P. M. R.

London, 22nd March, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in referring "Enquirer" to the Dornoch golfing green, "Northward Ho!" of Scotland. It is, far and above, the best place I have visited—a delightful spot, situated at the mouth of the Dornoch Firth, seven miles from a railway station, dry, healthy, and very clean. The links are of the first order, and, like St. Andrews, border the town at the starting-point. The course was laid out by Tom Morris, and most of it lies within the municipality.

Partners are always to be had, and, if you are really a good player, you will find it "hard nuts" to beat some of the local men, particularly the hon. secretary, to whom for further information I would advise you to apply.

I am, Sir, &c.,
MANCHESTER.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—“Enquirer” will find the links of the Moray Golf Club at Elgin very suitable. I shall be glad to give him any particulars he may wish if he will let me hear from him. Generally, I may say, our links are at Lossiemouth, are about two and a-half miles long, that the climate of Elginshire is good, and that there are several houses which might suit “Enquirer,” quite near to the course. Good bathing-ground and shore for children, and the fine view across the Moray Firth to the Caithness, Sutherland, and Rosshire Hills cannot be surpassed. The subscription of visitors is nominal, 5s. a month, and 2s. 6d. weekly; annual subscription, 10s. 6d.; entry money, 10s. 6d.

I am, Sir, &c.,
R. B. GORDON,
Secretary.

P.S.—Lossiemouth is five miles from Elgin, and there are numerous trains daily.

The Moray Golf Club, Elgin, March 21st.

RAILWAY COMPANIES AND GOLF CLUBS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—There is an arrangement between the Highland Railway Company and the Inverness Golf Club, whereby the members of the latter are privileged to travel at cheap rates to the Nairn course two days in the week. The return fare third-class, Inverness to Nairn, is 2s. 6d., and I think that tickets are issued to Golfers for 1s. on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

In case I may be mistaken, however, in any of these details, Mr. Clark had better communicate with the honorary secretary of the Inverness Club, who, I am sure, will give all necessary information.

I am, Sir, &c.,
J. SUTHERLAND,
Honorary Secretary.

Dornoch.

GUN-METAL PUTTERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As I have recently become the possessor of a gun-metal putter, I should like to know how to keep it in order. I suppose that I should not go over it with emery paper? Are they supposed to have any advantage over the ordinary iron putters?

I am, Sir, &c.,
R. STUART BRUCE.

Edinburgh, March 18, 1892.

[There is no harm in rubbing the gun-metal putter softly with fine emery paper, Brooke's soap, or sapollo. The metal is softer than the material of which the ordinary cleek or iron is made, and it does not rust to the same extent. It is, therefore very easily kept clean with a brush and soap. It has no advantage over the ordinary iron club, except that it is less liable to rust, and is more ductile.—ED.]

HOW TO KEEP ONE'S SCORE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your last issue "Bulger" gives to the golfing world what he considers to be a new-born idea for rendering easy the keeping of one's score, and he is perfectly justified in doing so. His suggestion is to count by fives, or by what is known as the average system. He closes his letter, however, by saying that such a method "is not very often known, even to old players," and in this he is wrong. Why, there is practically no other method in use among those who play the game.

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

Dornoch.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Assuming that there is no local rule made when casual water abounds on a course, and the player elects to play the ball instead of lifting and losing one, must the ball be treated as in a hazard, and the club not grounded? Secondly, if such is the case, is it possible to have a hazard on the putting-green, or can you ground the club when the ball is in casual water there?

If a ball is not dropped in the manner prescribed in Rule XIX—for example, if a player drops it on the side of a bush or pond nearer the hole instead of going behind—can the hole be claimed in match play?

I am, Sir, &c.

QUERY.

[(1.) We are of opinion that a ball lying in temporary water on the course must be treated as if it lay to all intents and purposes in one of the recognised hazards, and that the club cannot be grounded. The custom is to give the player the option of lifting the ball, changing it or drying it, and tee behind, losing a stroke; or, alternatively, to play the ball as it lies without previously touching the water with the club or grounding it. (2.) There cannot be a hazard on the putting-green, and here the player may either play the ball as it lies, grounding his club behind, or lift and place behind the water without a penalty. (3.) Rule XIX. is clear as to the necessity for having the ball dropped behind the hazard, or, in other words, further away from the hole than the point of entry. If a player drops nearer the hole the opponent may recall the drop, and ask that the ball should be dropped behind the hazard, and at the recognised distance from the hole imposed by the penalty. In case of refusal the player is, of course, justified in claiming the hole.—ED.]

PATENT GRIP WANTED.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Can you kindly inform me where I can obtain what I am informed is a "patent grip" for Golf clubs? It consists of a thin band of roughened india-rubber, which is lapped round the ordinary leather-covered handles. I have searched several recent numbers of your periodical for an advertisement of it, but have failed to find anything that at all describes it.

Since my recent arrival from India I have been surprised to find how many of such appliances and improvements have been introduced of which we exiles in the far East have been kept in ignorance; but it is not to be wondered at when the only publication devoted to the Royal and Ancient game fails in information and enlightenment. GOLF appears to be taken by most, if not all the Indian clubs, and any improvements advertised or recommended in it would doubtless be greedily adopted, and the publication itself better appreciated if a few more columns were devoted to such items.

I am, Sir, &c.,

MEMBER OF THE ROYAL WESTERN INDIA
GOLF CLUB.

18th March, 1892.

RECORD SCORES.

(Continued.)

FELIXSTOWE.

Mr. S. Mure Fergusson, in the medal competition, on the 15th August last, established a medal record with a score of 78=39 each way.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB (ALEXANDRA PARK).

Mr. W. Milne, the secretary, holds the amateur record of the Alexandra Park course with 69, 34 out and 35 home, which he went round in on the 11th of last September. He thus broke by one stroke his previous record, established in the previous October.

GUILDFORD.

Mr. S. Mure Fergusson, on November 1st, 1890, established a record for the first half of this course. He achieved the nine holes in 32. Mr. A. A. Cammell, playing on the 9th May last, achieved a record for the course in prize play with 83=43 out, 40 in.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

The third, eleventh and sixteenth holes have each been done in one stroke. The ninth is also said to have been done in 1, but that is an *on dit* somewhat difficult to credit.

The best medal score is 76, made by Mr. Horace Hutchinson on April 7th, 1890. The circumstances were peculiar, and an instance of fortune favouring the brave. It was a day of wind and rain, but the wind changed during the proceedings, and "certain fortunate golfers" (see *Yarmouth Mercury*, April 12th, 1890) "who had started in the nick of time were thus blessed with a fair wind, both on the outgoing and on the home-coming. Among this number was Mr. Horace Hutchinson." This fine score has, however, been beaten by Mr. Alexander Crawford, who accomplished the round in 73 on November 7th, 1889. The following are the particulars of his score:—

Out	5	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	3=35	} 73
In	5	3	3	4	4	4	3	7	5=38	

This gentleman performed another wonderful feat in the earlier days of Yarmouth links. At a long and difficult hole, which no longer exists, he made a magnificent drive from the tee; his partner (who shall be nameless) fozzled, and Mr Crawford, rising to the occasion, holed the ball with a full cleek shot! Mr. Crawford held the record till February 26th, 1891, when Christmas Stephens, a young professional player, went round in 68, a score not likely to be equalled for some time. Mr. W. P. Fulcher, the Yarmouth crack, certified the score, and saw every ball holed out:—

Out	5	5	3	4	5	3	3	4	3=35	} 68
In	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	5	4=33	

On the Ladies' links Miss Edith Palmer established a record with 57 in the monthly medal competition in May last.

GALASHIELS.

Mr. W. H. Gray on Saturday, November 7th, 1891, won the monthly medal with 77, which is now the record for the green.

GLADWYNS (LADIES).

The captaincy was again won (21st October, 1891) by Miss E. M. Heathcote, with a record score for the present round of 75.

HAYLING.

Captain H. Dumbleton, R.E., established a record in the competition for the Bennett cup, with a score of 81.

HONOURABLE COMPANY OF EDINBURGH GOLFERS.

The amateur record for the new links of this club at Muirfield is held by Mr. W. G. Bloxson, who made a record on Saturday, the 14th November last, with the figure of 80—40 each way.

HOYLAKE (ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB).

Mr. John Ball, jun., on November 1st, 1890, playing with Mr. C. Hutchings, broke the record of the green, accomplishing the round in 74=37 each way.

HAYDOCK PARK.

In the Edmondson cup competition, Mr. James Fairclough made a record for these links with 92.

HUNSTANTON.

This is a nine-hole course, and the record set by George Fernie, before leaving in May last, was 80 for the double round.

INVERNESS.

Mr. W. Cromb, with 80 for two rounds (eighteen holes), established in July last, a medal record on the course at Muir of Ord.

ILKLEY.

George Kay, the professional, on the 12th May, 1891, established a record of 43 (nine holes).

KIMBERLEY (SOUTH AFRICA).

Mr. H. J. Mackay, playing on the 2nd May, 1891, made the record for the course, with 81.

LEVEN.

Mr. William Marshall, of the Thistle Golf Club, holds the amateur record of this green with 77. Jack Simpson's record in 1884 was 78.

LUFFNESS.

Mr. J. E. Laidlay, in August, 1889, made the record of this green with 69.

MUSSELBURGH.

The record for the two rounds is 72, done in 1876, by Mr. J. E. Laidlay, when it is stated the green was in a better condition, and less cut up than at present. This figure has rarely been anything like approached, although Musselburgh Links have been more played over than any other, by the best amateur and professional talent. It was, however, all but touched on the 28th May, 1891, by Mr. Douglas McEwan, who, in a match with Mr. T. T. Gray, did the eighteen holes in 73. The record for the round of nine holes is 33, done by Bob Ferguson and young Willie Park.

MONIFIETH.

In October, 1889, Mr. David Robertson, of the Monfeth Club, established a record for these links with seventy-five strokes. In the course of the season of 1891 this figure was touched by Mr. Thomas Brimer, Mr. J. C. Burns, and Mr. W. Young. On Friday, August 1st, 1891, Mr. George Wright lowered the record by two strokes, going the round in 73—36 out and 37 in. Mr. Wright also holds the record for the outward half with 34, and Mr. Brimer for the second half with 35. Mr. D. Anderson, of the Grange, with 78, made on February 7th, 1891, holds the record of this green for the Pannure Club.

MORAY CLUB.

The amateur record of 81 for the links of this club at Stotfield, Lossiemouth, established by Mr. Macrae of Nairn, was beaten in October, 1890, by Mr. Osborn, a visitor, with 80—41 out and 39 in.

MALVERN.

D. Brown, the professional, has a record of 71 for this course, equalling that previously made by Douglas Rolland. Brown also established, in September last, the record for the lower half of the course with a score of 34.

MACHRIHANISH.

Playing on Wednesday, the 9th September, Mr. J. W. Duncan, of the Innerleven Club, and Willie Fernie, reduced the amateur and professional record of this course to 76 and 74 respectively.

MONTROSE.

The record of the new circular course is 73. When it was opened some of the professionals went round in that score, and on the 15th August last Mr. W. M. Jameson Paton touched it, going out in 35 and coming home in 38.

(To be continued.)

Eminent Golfers.

XXVI.—BOB FERGUSON.

Three professionals might be named who, more than others, have met with success in the arena of practical golf, the latter phrase for present purposes being taken to mean such contests as are best worth the winning. It is a great thing to win the Open Championship once; let us look at the brilliant players of the present day. Fernie has succeeded once, Archie Simpson never, Willie Campbell never, Andrew Kirkaldy not quite; yet none can say that the game these men can play is not the best that can be witnessed in the present generation. But Bob Ferguson won the Open Championship three times in succession, and tied for it the fourth; even then he had victory apparently well within his grasp; but though a stroke ahead and the last hole of the day to play, when the tie was decided, he was beaten at the very finish, owing to his adversary holing a long putt, and getting down in two.

Surely nobody can boast a more brilliant career than this sturdy triple champion; the pity of it is, that he appears now to be lost to Golf just at the very period when one would fain see him matched against the pick of present professionals. Yet he is not an old man, far from it; many players retain their powers till they are fifty, if not beyond it, and he has still a considerable margin left before he reaches the half-century. But some four years ago he had a serious illness, which left him by no means the man he had been before it, hence it is much to be feared that he must live in recollection of the past. Musselburgh claims him for her own, a fit companion for such celebrities as the Parks and others who have made that green famous. But Bob's experience was by no means limited to his home green, and though Golf at the period when he was at his best had not attained the almost unmanageable proportions it has since assumed, his burly frame was recognised on all the principal greens in the Kingdom. He was a contemporary of those two brilliant players, young Tommy Morris and David Strath; and yet this is scarcely an absolutely correct statement, for although he was a very fine player at the time they were alive, he had not as yet attained the culminating point of his career. Young Tom was at the zenith of his fame during the few years preceding his death, which took place in 1875. Though Bob Ferguson, as we have said, was then a brilliant player, he certainly was not quite so good as he became some five years after Tommy's death. In 1880 he reached the top-most rung of the ladder, maintaining his position until 1882.

By far the greatest interest in Golf is to be extracted from match play, as distinct from the scoring game; it is not to be wondered at therefore that the matches wherein Bob found

himself in antagonism with other professionals, either single-handed or in partnership, were invariably regarded with a large amount of attention.

But in the nature of things it is impossible to reproduce these matches in a short article, as they appeared at the time to the eye of the beholder, even assuming that proper records of them had been preserved. All that can be done, therefore, is to select a few, and state the result, for in any case the details whereon to found a more extended notice are not forthcoming. In the decade comprised between 1870 and 1880, besides young Tom Morris and Strath, one of the best professionals was Jamie Anderson. He, like the subject of our sketch, had won the championship three years in succession, and indeed in the years immediately preceding those in which Bob himself performed that feat. They were, therefore, simultaneously at their best. These two had four big matches, over St. Andrews, Aberdeen, North Berwick and Musselburgh. Anyone watching the two men for the first time would probably have thought that, borrowing a phrase from another branch of sport, there would be "only one in it." Bob gave one the impression, perhaps a mistaken one, of having greater power, which *ceteris paribus*, must always invest its possessor with considerable confidence. But of all the gay deceivers who ever played Golf, Jamie was the one most apt to leave his opponent in the lurch. This is not the occasion to offer remarks upon his game; so, briefly, it remains to say that Bob made nothing very much of him, and in the end, each won two matches.

Then there was the redoubted opponent of young Tom, David Strath, whose swing was the incarnation of elegance and grace. He and Bob had several matches; the latter having won one at Musselburgh, an engagement to play for £50 home and home, was entered upon; the greens were St. Andrews and North Berwick, and the curiosity of the match lay in the fact that each man won by four holes over his opponent's green. Perhaps in his matches with young Tom it is to be said that on the whole that magnificent player had the balance in his favour; but at any rate, with the

exception of Strath, Bob was perhaps the most formidable player he encountered. Had Tommy's lamented death not occurred when it did, any subsequent matches must have proved more than ever interesting, having regard to the fact that Bob undoubtedly improved in his game. He it was who was the indirect cause of Tommy's magnificent score of 77 at St. Andrews, for the two had twice tied for first place at 87 for professional prizes. On his own green at St. Andrews the young champion twice defeated Bob, but when the latter had his turn at home a year later, he just managed to halve a match. A deciding round was played, and the question settled in Bob's favour by one hole, a most creditable victory. But a little later on, at Luffness, Tommy amply avenged his reputation, winning easily by eight or nine holes. Yet another match was played at



Musselburgh, of thirty-six holes, in which Bob arrived at the fairly safe position of being three up and nine to play, but after all was defeated by a hole. This match, as may be supposed, was productive of much excitement, and was characterised by magnificent play on both sides, young Tom holing the last round in thirty-six strokes. A two days' encounter over the same green resulted in a loss to Bob by four holes on the first day, but a victory by three crowned his efforts on the second. In a duel with cleeks alone at Musselburgh Bob defeated Tommy by four holes. The two principal matches he had with Willie Park, sen., for £25 a-side, over Musselburgh, resulted in a division of honours, each professional winning one. The combinations of foursome play in which Bob was engaged during his career were very interesting, one in especial deserving mention, viz., that in which he and Willie Park, sen., defeated young Tom and Davie Strath by three holes at North Berwick. Willie Park's brother, David, a fine golfer and beautiful approacher with the iron, played as Bob's partner several times; they were defeated by young Tom and Strath at St. Andrews by one hole, but twice beat old Tom and his son over that green. When the almost invincible Tommy became his partner, the two, as may be supposed, were irresistible, and easily defeated Bob Kirk and John Allan in a match at Hoylake.

It is perhaps, time to remark on some of Bob Ferguson's successes in the other branch of the game—scoring play. Many a player can hold his own in one or other of these departments of Golf, in match play or medal play, but it by no means follows that equal success shall attend him in both. To make good these words one might cite Willie Park, jun., as an admirable scorer, who has been singularly unsuccessful in the generality of his important matches. *Per contra*, Willie Campbell has always somehow spoilt a fine score, but has almost invariably appeared to very great advantage in his matches. But Bob Ferguson well combined the two; perhaps one ought to say that scoring was his strongest point, but however it is to be accounted for, when he wanted to make a good score he usually did so. But, and that is the important factor, the innate determination of the man was so great. The refiner's fire, like the more objective reality, destroys many a score; nerves are sometimes too near the surface, sensibilities too delicate, and men who are irresistible in practice, when it comes to doing themselves justice in a good field more often than not, in popular phrase, make no show at all. But Bob was not of this kidney, he preferred to keep his bad play for occasions when it cost him nothing. The afternoon of the day before his championship of 1882 his play was vile beyond description; none watching him, had they not known, would have supposed him to be a player of any mark whatever, and as for a chance of his winning the championship, the notion would have been scouted as absurd. However, when time was called next day, his first round was 83, which has not yet been beaten in that contest; this gave him a commanding lead, and with a second round of 88, 171 in all, he won his third successive championship. In 1880 he had won with 162 at Musselburgh, and in 1881 with 170 at Prestwick, in a deluge of rain and wind. But he was still to be reckoned with in 1883, for Willie Fernie, who had been second to him the previous year, now tied with him for first honours; or perhaps this is stated in inverted order, for Mr. Hutchinson mentions the fact, as illustrative of Bob's extraordinary resolution at a pinch, that he required to hole the last three holes at Musselburgh at 3 apiece in order to tie, which would appear to indicate that Fernie had returned first. Be that as it may, their respective scores were 159—a record. On deciding the tie by an additional thirty-six holes, it seemed almost certain that Bob had victory in his grasp, for he had a stroke in hand, and the last hole of the day to play. It is a short hole, driven with a cleek or iron, a fairly certain three; but Fernie by getting down a long putt, as stated at the commencement of this article, holed in two, whereas his adversary required four; thus, amidst intense excitement, the latter failed in securing his fourth consecutive victory by the narrowest possible margin.

It will be seen that his play during these four years will not suffer by comparison with that of any who can be named. Bob's earliest success was at Leith, at the age of twenty-three. Three times at Alnmouth, and three times at Hoylake, he was victorious, about the period of his repeated championships. At

North Berwick also he had been successful; his telling iron pitches on to the tables there, used to be very deadly. He used frequently to attend the Hoylake meetings, where he was in the habit of playing interesting foursomes, many of them with Mr. B. Hall Blyth as his partner. In one of his victories there, when playing for prizes, he had a very bad hole shortly after the start, taking nine where four would in general suffice; it was thought that his chance for once was a bad one, but by faultless play, notwithstanding this high figure, he returned with about 82 or 83 and won.

In determination and resolute courage he was second to none; his style was most powerful, and it is difficult to say whether he appeared to most advantage in the long game, the quarter game, or on the green. At one of the earlier competitions at Troon, Bob re-appeared in the field after a long period of retirement, during which he had been acting as green-keeper at Musselburgh; he might thus have been reasonably supposed to be rather below his well-known form, owing to want of practice. Archie Simpson had returned thoroughly well satisfied with the score he had made, having been well in his game he fully expected to win the first prize; but he had never till then had practical experience of Bob as an opponent, who shortly afterwards came in with a score some two or three strokes better, "Well, well, dear, dear! isn't that awful?" said Archie, in very real astonishment.

To habitual practice with Bob Ferguson, Mr. J. E. Laidlay undoubtedly owes much of his transcendent golfing ability, while in Willie Campbell the former can point to another pupil who reflects upon him infinite credit; in fact, about the time when Bob retired there was very little to choose between them. Nobody understood better than Bob all the ins and outs of the game; nobody was more willing and ready to help the less accomplished player with sage advice. To one he would say, "If you're overdriven you can't help it; just keep on pegging away." Out of the whole schools of philosophers, from Pythagoras downwards, there could not have emanated words of greater wisdom.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

RULE SYMPOSIUM.

Readers are asked to kindly revise the second rule which reads as follows:—"The game consists in each side playing a ball from a tee into a hole by successive strokes, and the hole is won by the side holing its ball in the fewest strokes, except as otherwise provided for in the rules. If two sides hole out in the same number of strokes the hole is halved."

Rule II.—The game is played by holes, and consists in striking any kind of ball, with any kind of instrument, into a number of holes in succession, each hole being separately played from a fresh starting-point, called the teeing ground (*vide* Rule 3); and the side doing the greatest number of holes in the fewest number of successive strokes wins the match.—ATHENÆUM.

The player that does most holes in the fewest number of strokes wins the game.—BOGEY.

ELECTRIC CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The monthly medal competition of the above club was played over the Braids. The weather was exceptionally fine, and there was a good turn-out of players, Mr. H. M. Knight winning with the scratch score of 84.

THE BEST GOLF TAILORS are Messrs. A. CAIGER & COMPANY, 88, Piccadilly, W., and Richmond, Surrey, who make a speciality of a really good coat (damp-proof) on hygienic principles, and which has a delightful feeling of ease in play. The firm have also a special Ladies' Department, and make a smart golfing costume upon the same principles (with waterproof skirt), which can be recommended for health and comfort. A *chic* costume made in the very best manner. Buttons engraved any crest or monogram. Messrs. CAIGER & Co. send patterns and sketches to any part of the world free, and give special quotations to club orders.



The Tenby Golf Club, South Wales, have arranged an interesting open tournament for the Easter holidays. There will be two scratch prizes open to all comers, two single handicap prizes, two foursome prizes, and two ladies' single handicap prizes. Besides these there will be the South Wales Challenge Cup, value ten guineas; but this item can only be competed for by residents in the six southern counties of Wales. The Barlow silver cup will also be competed for by the members of the club. Entries must be sent to Mr. Geo. H. Logan, St. Oswald's House, Tenby, on or before April 9th.

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The financial position of the Redhill and Reigate Golf Club is very satisfactory. During the past year £76 has been spent on furniture in the club-house, the whole of which has been written off, and yet the balance of receipts over expenditure amounts to £74 14s. 7½d. The annual general meeting will be held at the club-house on Saturday, April 2nd, when the election of officers, committee, etc., will take place. On behalf of the present committee the hon. sec. will propose that the annual meetings shall in future be held on the first Saturday in February. It will be proposed to increase the number of members to 250, the entrance-fee and subscription being left to the discretion of the committee. The severity of the weather having greatly impeded the preparation of the greens, the committee have decided to postpone the opening to medal day, May 7th.

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In the course of a month a new Golf club, to be named "The Prince's Golf Club," will be opened at Mitcham. The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., is the president, and the committee include, among others, the Right Hon. Sir W. Hart Dyke, M.P., Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P., Lord Edward Cecil, Grenadier Guards, the Marquis of Granby, Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, Mr. Cosmo Bonsor, M.P., Mr. T. W. Legh, M.P., and Mr. Hwfa Williams. Mitcham Common is about six miles in circumference, the subsoil is gravel, and the ground dries rapidly. Tom Morris, of St. Andrews, has inspected the ground, and reports it to be in every way suitable for Golf, while T. Dunn, Tooting-tee Golf Club, has planned and laid out a links of eighteen holes, covering a distance of 6,325 yards. The club-house will overlook the links, and immediately adjoins Mitcham Junction Station. There are at present over 300 members, and the club is under the management of Mr. R. Hippiusley-Cox and Mr. J. H. Saunders, the secretary of Prince's Club. Members of Prince's Racquet and Tennis Club, the Guards' Club, the Marlborough, St. James's, the Batchelors', Arthur's, Brooks', and White's Clubs are eligible for election, without being proposed or seconded.

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Mr. Peter Paxton, Golf club and ball maker, Eastbourne, has appointed Lunn and Co., Oxford Circus, sole agents in London for the sale of his clubs. A fine and well-seasoned selection of all kinds of clubs may be seen at Messrs. Lunn's.

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Mr. W. H. Tuck, the well-known artist, has been requested by several noblemen and gentlemen to execute a composition picture to commemorate the "Parliamentary Golf Handicap."

The Cinque Ports Golf Club, which has been formed at Deal, is getting into working order. The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava is the president, and Lord Herschell and Mr. Akers-Douglas, M.P., are the vice-presidents. At present there are nearly 200 members. It is intended to have a club-house close to the sea, if possible.

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A match was played on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at St. Andrews, between Hugh Kirkaldy, champion, and Mr. W. Ballingall, the latter receiving 3 strokes. Mr. Ballingall won by two up and one to play. The approximate scores were—Kirkaldy, 89; Mr. Ballingall, 87. There was a good deal of snow on the ground, which rendered approaching very difficult.

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Writing with reference to the portrait of Mr. John Ball, jun., in *Vanity Fair*, Mr. J. Leslie Walker says he was the first person who ever took a golf-stick to Hoylake, nearly twenty-six years ago. "I was then staying at the Royal Hotel, of which young Ball's father was and is, I hope, still the proprietor. Having no one to play with, I, with great difficulty, induced Mr. Ball, senior, to try the game, which he looked upon with great contempt. He, however, very soon changed his opinion, and became not only an ardent but brilliant player; and from this beginning was the Hoylake Golf Club formed, which has proved a great success, the links being first-rate and much appreciated by all the best Golf players. They were laid out by the two Tom Morrises, father and son, of St. Andrews, and young Tom Morris was appointed "Custodian of the Green," as it is called. Young John Ball was only then an infant of three years of age; so I need hardly say that I was not his tutor, though I was his father's."

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LOW SCORING AT CAMBRIDGE.—The shorter eighteen-hole course was holed by Henry Hurry, in a match with Mr. H. R. A. Wilson last week in 75, made up as follows:—

Out	...	5	4	3	5	4	5	5	5	5=41	} 75
In	...	4	3	3	4	4	5	3	4	4=34	

The long medal course has never been holed under 80. The links at Cambridge close on May 12th, until the October term. The reason is, that the grass gets so long, and the common is crowded with cattle. In addition to this, there are so few players up in the long vacation, it is not worth while to keep the club open and the professionals in residence. It is open, of course, to those wishing to practise driving, &c.; but there are no holes or flags, nor are the greens and tees kept in playing order. Many townsmen, however, continue playing.

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The Hayling Island Golf Club have a varied programme of competitions for the Easter meeting. The first round of the Easter cup will be played for on Saturday, April 16th, the second round on Monday, 18th; the Fisher foursome challenge cups on Tuesday and the Houldsworth challenge plate, open to all amateurs, on Wednesday.

LARGES.—A foursome on Saturday between Messrs. H. J. Call and J. Orr and Messrs. J. Baldie and J. K. Boyd resulted in a win for the latter by three holes and two to play. In a single competition the following were the best scores:—Mr. Baxter Orr, 62; Mr. Charles Lodder, 66; Mr. T. S. Colquhoun, 70; Mr. A. E. Barbour, 76; Mr. James Fleck, 77.

CUMBRAE.—The monthly competition for the James Allen and vice-captain's gold medals took place on Saturday afternoon at Millport. The day was dry and bracing, and the greens in good order. The following are the best scores: Mr. James Allan, medal; Mr. John Allan, 127, less 18 (winner); Mr. James Waddell, 114, less 4; Mr. John Cunningham, 137, less 16; Yive-Captain's medal; Mr. William M'Farlane, 97, less 3 (winner); Mr. James Waddell, 115, less 18; Mr. John Reid, 111, less 10; Mr. J. C. Sharpe, 108, less 4; Mr. John Allan, 127, less 18; Mr. John Cunningham, 137, less 18.



ABERDEEN.

The members of the Bon-Accord Club here competed on Saturday over the nine-hole course, on the Town's links and Broadhill, for the ex-captain's prize. When the cards handed in were compared, it was found that Mr. James Ogilvie, with the score of 92, less 6=86, had proved the winner. The following were next in order:—Messrs. William Smart, 89; J. W. Murray, 94; A. Ducat, 94; George Simpson and James Fraser, 98 each.

The first of what promises to be an annual dinner by the members of the Victoria Club took place in the Douglas Hotel here on Saturday evening. A company of forty sat down, under the presidency of the captain of the club, Mr. D. J. Innes, Councillor Macconnachie and Mr. W. G. Jamieson acting as croupiers. The excellent dinner purveyed by Mr. Stott having been done ample justice to, a long programme of toasts, recitations, and songs was gone through with much spirit, and all parted highly pleased with their evening's enjoyment.

BARNES LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Owing to very stormy weather the monthly medal could not be played for on 2nd March, but was postponed to Wednesday the 16th, when the following scores were returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Connell ...	98 20 78	Miss Barclay Brown... 117 25 92	
Miss G. Pearson ...	98 15 83	Miss Clare ...	149 36 113
Mrs. Warner ...	124 36 88	Miss A. Clare ...	161 36 125
Miss Gow ...	112 22 90		

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the club monthly badge took place last Saturday in fine weather. The following are the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. Ford ...	103 18 85	Major Bower ...	117 17 100
Captain Whittle ...	101 10 91	Colonel Hallowes ...	135 35 100
Mr. J. E. Pease ...	93 scr. 93	Mr. Hughill ...	120 19 101
Mr. McIlwaine ...	127 33 94	Mr. Stevelly ...	140 36 104
Mr. A. B. Reckitt ...	126 28 98	Capt. Maunsell ...	132 25 107
Mr. G. A. Thompson ...	132 34 98		

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the 23rd of April there is a competition on these links (open to members of any Lancashire club) for a cup, presented by Mr. J. H. F. Hulton. The handicap is limited to eighteen. April the 16th is the last day for entering, on or before which date intending competitors should request the secretaries of the clubs to which they belong to forward particulars of their handicaps to the hon. secs. of the Birkdale Club, Messrs. W. W. P. Shatwell, and R. L. Worsley, Westbourne Road, Birkdale.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The first quarterly competition of the present year for the De Worms challenge cup took place on Saturday, March 19th. There was a good muster of players, as the day was fine, but a strong cross wind made the outgoing very difficult, and accounted for the large number of no returns. The result was a tie between Mr. W. O. Baily and Mr. Graham Sandeman at 84 net, which has still to be played off. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. O. Baily ...	91 7 84	Mr. A. J. Stanley ...	100 9 91
Mr. G. Sandeman ...	91 7 84	Mr. H. T. Ross ...	105 14 91
Mr. W. Carr ...	89 3 86	Mr. P. A. Willett ...	107 15 92
Mr. S. S. Schultz ...	93 7 86	Surg.-Major Pratt ...	101 7 94
Mr. R. B. Reid ...	105 16 89	Mr. F. B. Maddison ...	102 8 94
Mr. F. G. Horne ...	107 17 90	Mr. C. G. Heathcote ...	110 12 98
Mr. J. Brock ...	99 8 91	Mr. H. J. Pearson ...	116 18 98

Twenty-six players made no return.

BRADFORD ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for the Pattinson medal took place on the links on Saturday last, when Mr. J. W. Young succeeded in winning the same with a net score of 83. The following members handed in their cards:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. W. Young ...	133 50 83	Mr. S. Cowan ...	147 35 112
Mr. G. H. Blackburn ...	124 36 88	Mr. Geo. Douglas ...	138 24 114
Mr. T. M. Holmes ...	112 20 92	Mr. C. W. Allen ...	181 50 131
Dr. Mackie ...	101 scr. 101	Mr. A. W. Harrison ...	165 31 134
Mr. Norman Scott ...	136 28 108	Mr. J. B. Wilson ...	159 22 137
Mr. E. R. Wethey ...	106 +2 108	Mr. C. J. Jeffrey ...	185 40 145
Mr. T. H. Pattinson ...	141 30 111	Mr. R. E. Steel ...	180 33 147
Mr. T. G. Greig ...	112 scr. 112	Mr. S. A. Bartlett ...	217 50 167

After the competition the annual general meeting of the club was held at the Angel Hotel, Baildon, Mr. Robt. Macmillan in the chair. The hon. treasurer's statement showed a small deficiency on the working of the club for the year, but, considering that the club has not been long established, it was considered satisfactory. The following officers were then elected:—President, Dr. Dunlop, vice-presidents, Mr. R. Macmillan and Mr. J. Moncrieff, captain, Dr. Mackie, committee, Mr. G. H. Blackburn, Mr. S. Cowan, Mr. T. M. Holmes, Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. H. Steel, Mr. R. E. Steel, Mr. J. B. Wilson, Mr. E. K. Wethey, Mr. J. W. Young, the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. H. Douglas, M.A., and the hon. secretary, Mr. P. Kerr Chesney, jun., were re-elected. It was decided that an entrance fee of one guinea shall be charged to all new members, and the committee were instructed to have a scheme prepared for laying out the links in a complete manner, so that the same may be taken in hand at once. Votes of thanks to the retiring officers and the chairman concluded the meeting.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Cochrane cup took place over the links at Coatham on Saturday. Scores:—Mr. C. C. D. McKenzie, 99, less 7=92; Mr. S. Cradock, 114, less 18=96; Mr. J. F. Whitwell, 106, less 10=96; Mr. H. Roberts, scratch, 97; Mr. W. Lambert, 116, less 18=98; Mr. J. Mackinley, 113, less 14=99; Mr. T. H. Wynn, 110, less 9=101; Mr. G. Rainton, 128, less 21=107.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

Most fortunate were those who journeyed to Newcastle on Saturday last, as a more enjoyable day could not have been wished for. The competition for the Railway Cup and Club Monthly Handicap resulted in a tie between Messrs. Clarke and Pim, with a net score of 87. The following are the scores of under 100 net handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. S. Clarke ...	99 12 87	Mr. R. Magill ...	113 20 93
Mr. J. N. R. Pim ...	107 20 87	Mr. G. M. Shaw ...	103 6 97
Captain Wallace ...	103 16 89	Mr. B. Magill ...	109 12 97
Captain Hood ...	104 14 90	Mr. Wilkinson ...	123 24 99

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

Mr. Godfrey Chapman's prize, played on March 17th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Elton ...	118 23 95	Mr. Ramsbotham ...	116 15 101
Mr. A. F. Macfie ...	85 +11 96	Capt. Bill ...	127 25 102
Col. Mackenzie ...	96 scr. 96	Mr. Oldham ...	135 32 103
Mr. E. Grey ...	96 scr. 96	Mr. Pomeroy ...	140 35 105
Sir G. Duntze ...	112 15 97	Mr. R. Forbes ...	130 22 108
Mr. W. Grey ...	102 2 100		

Several other members competed.

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for the Osborn cup was played on Wednesday, the 9th inst. On the cards being examined it was found that Mr. G. B. Randolph was the winner with a net score of 97. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. B. Randolph ...	137 40 97	Mr. O. B. Cluff ...	141 32 109
Mr. J. Duncanson ...	109 9 100	Mr. F. A. Ker ...	128 17 111
Dr. Treadwell ...	101 scr. 101	Mr. F. W. Cluff ...	132 20 112

Capt. Roberts, Rev. A. Robertson, and Messrs. E. S. Osborn and B. J. Walter retired.

GREENOCK GOLF CLUB.—The limit of membership of this newly-formed club, which was recently fixed at 120, has already been reached, and other applications for membership have been received. The new course, which has been named the "Craigs Golf Course," is largely patronised by ladies and gentlemen.

EPSOM v. ASHLEY PARK.

A match (ten a-side) was played between the Epsom Golf Club and the Ashley Park Golf Club, at Ashley Park, Walton-on-Thames, on Saturday, March 12th, and won by the former club by fourteen holes. Score:—

EPSOM.		ASHLEY PARK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. D. Bovill	...	Mr. D. Kirke	...
Mr. F. Barry	...	Mr. A. Read	...
Mr. T. W. Lang	...	Mr. H. Playford	...
Mr. R. Lawson	...	Mr. J. N. Bush	...
Mr. F. H. A. Booth	...	Mr. N. Rushworth	...
Mr. W. D. Scott-Moncrieff	...	Mr. J. S. Sassoon	...
Mr. A. C. Barton	...	Mr. R. Playford	...
Mr. G. G. Thoms	...	Mr. C. Croysdale	...
Mr. F. C. Tabor	...	Mr. H. Davidson	...
Mr. E. R. H. Burlton	...	Mr. R. Kirke	...
	20		6

Epsom won by fourteen holes.

FORFARSHIRE.

INTERESTING FOURSOME AT MONIFIETH.

HUGH KIRKALDY AND W. YOUNG v. D. ANDERSON AND G. WRIGHT.

This match, which has for some time been creating interest in Golfing circles, was played over the Monifieth course on Saturday. Kirkaldy had never previously visited Monifieth, and the fact that he presently holds the open championship caused the liveliest satisfaction to be expressed on all hands when it became known that the foursome had been arranged. Some preparation had been made for the match in the shape of shifting the holes and teeing-grounds, and, considering the weather that has been experienced lately, the course was in fair condition. The weather was favourable, although there was a cold breeze from the east, and there was a large following, including several ladies. Anderson and Young started shortly after one o'clock. Both drove well over the burn, and first Kirkaldy and then Wright played short. Anderson and Young got well up, but their partners failed to get down easy putts, and the hole was halved at 5. Wright's drive to the next was a rather short one, but Kirkaldy cleared all the bunkers. Both balls, however, lay badly, and Anderson got his only half up, while Young played on to the green. Wright pitched to within a couple of yards from the hole, but Anderson missed. Kirkaldy gave Young too much to do, and the hole was taken at 5. Wright missed a putt of a few inches, and his side took 6. First blood was thus drawn by Kirkaldy and his partner. At the Gates hole both balls lay ten yards from the hole, but Young went a couple of yards over, and Anderson a couple of feet short. Kirkaldy failed to get down, but Wright putted easily, and the game was even. Going to Jamie Lindsay, Kirkaldy topped his ball, but it went as far as Wright's. The second shots were both good, Anderson's, however, being straightest on the hole; but Kirkaldy had the advantage with the third. Anderson laid the fourth almost dead, and Young followed suit. Wright got in at 5, and Kirkaldy succeeded in halving. Anderson drove straight for the Roses, but Young's ball was caught by the wind and drawn far to the left. Kirkaldy improved the position with the second, but Wright was cupped, and did not get well up. Anderson muddled the third, and Young played over the hole. Wright still failed to get up, and Anderson, playing two more, ran round the hole. Kirkaldy gave Young very little to do, and the hole went to him and his partner at 5 to 6, thus putting them one up. Going to the paling, Kirkaldy had the best drive, but the second lay about equidistant from the hole—both weak. Young had a difficult putt for 4, but succeeded, and Anderson halved. Young dragged his drive to the Buddon, and Anderson kept up on the plateau. The latter's ball, however, lay badly, but Wright played a good shot out on to the old green, while Kirkaldy fooled the second, and Young got near the green to the right. The hole was ultimately taken by Anderson and Wright at 5, the latter playing a fine fourth to Kirkaldy and Young's 6—the game again being squared. Both balls were over the hole at 2 at the next hole. Wright played the best third, Kirkaldy giving his ball too much. Young, however, with a beauty holed it, and Anderson also getting down, halved the hole in 4. Two lovely drives were made by Anderson and Young to the ninth hole. The former's, however, got bunkered, and Wright failed to get it out. Anderson succeeded, but Wright had to play two more. Young played short, and with the like Kirkaldy experienced hard lines, the ball going round the lip of the hole. Anderson still had the chance of a half, but failed, and the hole went to Kirkaldy and Young at 5 to their opponents' 6. The champion and his partner thus turned home one up. Kirkaldy and Wright had both long shots on the way to the Plantation hole. Anderson had a bad lie, and did not get it far, but Wright sent the next to within five

yards of the hole. Young got over the paling with his second, and Kirkaldy played the like short, the ball standing still after dropping. Anderson had a bad approach, and played short. Young had a fine shot, and got the "gutta" to the bottom at 4, Wright doing ditto at 5. Anderson and Wright had the best of the next hole with their first and second strokes, and the former laid the third dead. Young played far over, and, giving Kirkaldy too much, the hole went to Anderson and Wright at 4 to 5, and they thus reduced the leeway to one hole. Both balls were on the green at 2 at the short hole. Wright had hard lines in holing out at 3, but Kirkaldy, with a good putt, got it at that figure, and he and Young were again two up. Young and Anderson both fooled their drives to the long hole, but the two other players got capital seconds, while their thirds were at the green side. Kirkaldy laid number 4 dead, and although Anderson was a yard from the hole, it was divided at 5. Kirkaldy got well away to the first Camp, but the opposing players had had luck, both having poor shots, and not getting to the green with the third. Young got well up to the hole with his second, and he and his partner easily won at 4 to 6, thus putting them three up. Young with his cleek went over the hill at the second Camp hole, and Anderson followed him. Wright played short, but Kirkaldy came away with a beauty, and the hole went to Kirkaldy and Young at 4 to 5. The game now stood—Kirkaldy and Young 4 up and 3 to play on the first round. Bad luck followed Wright in going to Tom Morris. He failed to clear a hillock in front of the tee, and muddled the third, while Anderson also fooled the fourth. Young played a grand second, while Kirkaldy putted one from eight yards, getting down at 3, and placing his side 5 up. The North Gates hole was won by Anderson and Wright at 4 to 5, and the last hole went to Kirkaldy and Young at 4 to their opponents' 5. Kirkaldy and Young thus won the first round by 5 holes. The winners' score was 81, and approximately the others' score was 90. The following are the details:—

KIRKALDY AND YOUNG.

Out	...	5	5	5	5	5	4	6	4	5=44
In	...	4	5	3	5	4	4	3	5	4=37

ANDERSON AND WRIGHT.

Out	...	5	6	4	5	6	4	5	4	6=45
In	...	5	4	4	5	6	5	7	4	5=45

The second round was begun about four o'clock. The weather was somewhat colder, but the attendance had increased. Kirkaldy and Wright drove off first. The former had a beautiful shot over the burn, and lay to the left of the hole in a cup, while Wright's went to the right and lay under the paling. Anderson had, therefore, some difficulty in playing his ball, but he got it well up, while Young laid his dead. Wright almost got down at 3, and Kirkaldy holing out at that figure, he and Young were six up on the match. Neither of the drives to the second hole got over the brae, and Wright had to play out of a cup, while Kirkaldy had to dig into the sand. They both had lovely shots, and the hole was finally halved at 4. The Gates hole was not particularly well played. Young missed the second, and Anderson sent his into the sand. Wright failed to get it out, and Kirkaldy making a good recovery his side gained the hole at 5 to the other's 6. This put them seven up on the match. Jamie Lindsay was halved at 6, Anderson experiencing hard lines in winning, by his ball going round the lip of the hole. Going to the Roses, Kirkaldy and Wright had long drives. Young got nearly home at 2, while Anderson, who had a bad lie, drove his only a short distance. Wright had a good third, and Kirkaldy ran his over the hole. Anderson played the fourth over, and Young missed a comparatively short putt. The hole ultimately went to Kirkaldy and Young at 5, the others taking 6. The paling hole was beautifully played by Anderson and Wright, the latter getting within putting distance with his second. They got down at 3 to 5 by their opponents, so that the champion and his partner's lead was again seven on the match. Kirkaldy played a perfect shot on the green, at the Buddon, and this won the hole for his side, the scores being 5 and 6. The eighth hole was halved at 4. Kirkaldy had to play his second out of the ditch, and failed to get it on the green. Wright had no difficulty in getting his second shot within a few yards of the hole. Young played a good third, but still left Kirkaldy with a long putt to get down at 4. He was successful in stealing the half. Wright had a terrific drive to the ninth hole—right on to the green, and gave Anderson a chance of a 2. Young played a good second, and Anderson failing, the hole was divided at 3. Kirkaldy and Young were therefore eight up on the match when a start was made for home. After good strokes by Anderson and Young, Wright got over the paling, but Kirkaldy drew his to the left. Young played the third short, and Anderson, after hesitating which club to play, failed to clear the hillocks between him and the hole, and it was halved at 5. The match was thus dorny, 8 up and 8 to play. Wright topped his drive to the eleventh hole, and this meant the end of the match, for Kirkaldy and Young got down in 4 to their opponents' 5. The match thus ended in favour of Kirkaldy and Young by 9 up and 7 to play. In the bye Anderson and Wright had the best of it, winning the short hole by a good 3 brought about by

a lovely approach by Wright. The Long hole, however, went to Kirkaldy and Young, but the first two Camp holes were taken by Anderson and Wright. Tom Morris was halved at 4, and Kirkaldy and Young muddling the North Gates, their opponents were 3 up on the bye. The last hole was also taken by Anderson and Wright, and they won the bye by 4 holes, and thus squared the second round. The following are the detailed scores of the second round:—

Kirkaldy and Young—												
Out	3	4	5	6	5	5	5	4	3=40	} 83		
In	5	4	4	5	5	4	4	7	5=43	}		
Anderson and Wright—												
Out	4	4	6	6	6	3	6	4	3=42	} 81		
In	5	5	3	6	4	3	4	5	4=39	}		

The game as an exhibition—and that was the sole object for which it was arranged—was very successful. Kirkaldy's play was a treat throughout, his long, clean driving, excellent approaching, and at times brilliant putting being greatly admired. Anderson also played a very pretty game, and could always be relied upon. Wright and Young were likewise in good form, although the former broke down somewhat at the latter holes in the first round. He, however, made up for his mistakes on the homeward journey in the second round. Young played a consistent, strong game until the match was won, but in the bye he fell off considerably. Mr. Irvine Drimmie acted as referee.

The monthly sweepstakes competition of the Dalhousie Club was held on Saturday. The weather was fine, and some good scoring was made. The sweepstakes were gained as follows:—1st, Mr. R. B. Sharp, scratch, 85; 2nd, Captain Livingstone, 90, less 4=86; 3rd, tied for by Mr. David Anderson, scratch, 88; Mr. J. K. Prain, 92, less 4=88; Mr. S. C. Thomson, 92, less 4=88; and Mr. C. E. Gillroy, scratch, 88. The undernoted are the details of Mr. Sharp's score, which was a very fine one:—

Out	...	...	6	4	5	3	5	4	5	6	5=43	} 85	
In	...	...	5	7	4	3	5	3	4	4	7=42	}	

Mr. W. R. Sharp played the round at 95, Mr. Daniel McIntyre and Mr. D. Scott, jun., at 96.

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE GOLF CLUB,

Considering the short time this club has been started, the greens were in very fair order, and the ground promises to make one of the best inland links, being light, pliable turf. It is situated between Sandy and Biggleswade, and was laid out by T. Dunn in November, 1891—a nine-hole course. There are now over 130 members.

The first monthly handicap challenge medal was competed for on March 19th, on the links near Biggleswade. Mr. R. Hughes was the winner of the medal and two-thirds sweepstakes, with a gross score of 99, less 10=89 (eighteen holes). The following were the scores handed in:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. Hughes	99	10	89	Mr. A. K. Lindsell	134	22	112
Mr. J. Hughes	98	8	90	Mr. H. Chaundler	135	22	113
Mr. D. B. Cromartie	121	24	97	Mr. P. Payne	138	24	114
Mr. A. Brackenbury	110	12	98	Mr. H. Whitbread	133	18	115
Mr. J. J. Conder	125	22	103	Mr. H. C. Daniels	136	20	116
Mr. C. Orlebar	134	24	110				

Ladies' Handicap.—The first monthly handicap challenge prize for ladies was also competed for on the same day. Mrs. G. Pope was the winner, with a gross score of 93, less 14=79, Miss K. Payne being second (eighteen holes). The following were the scores handed in:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. G. Pope	93	14	79	Miss F. Richardson	122	24	98
Miss K. Payne	105	24	81	Miss E. Richardson	124	24	100
Miss M. Orlebar	114	24	90	Miss Miller	127	24	103
Miss Brickwell	115	24	91	Miss Conder	121	14	107
Miss C. Orlebar	121	24	97	Miss Daniels	122	14	108
Miss D. Conder	109	12	97				

WATSONIAN CLUB.—The opening competition for the season, which had been postponed from March 12th, took place on Saturday, over the Braids, in fine golfing weather. There was a large turn-out of members, 41 in all taking part in the competition. The lowest actual score was handed in by Mr. G. A. Ross, who went the round in 83, made up as follows:—5 5 4 5 4 5 5 6 6=45; 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 3 5=38. Other scratch scores were Mr. J. H. Hallard, 87; Messrs. H. M. Knight and D. Menzies, 89 each. The handicap prize-winners were:—Mr. G. A. Ross, 83, less 2=81; Mr. H. M. Knight, 89, less 6=83; Mr. A. T. Glegg, 92, less 6=86; Mr. R. T. Mitchell, 92, less 4=88; Mr. W. Jenkins, 92, less 4=88. Also Mr. D. Menzies, 89 (scratch); Mr. T. Adams, 96, less 6=90; Mr. J. Davidson, 101, less 11=90.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the gold medal given by the president, Dr. Boyd, and the handicap prizes was played on Wednesday, March 16th. The gold medal (scratch), was won by Mr. H. J. Whigham, with the fine score of 81, which is equal to the record for the green made by Mr. W. D. Davidson last term. Mr. Whigham also tied for the first handicap prize with Mr. C. W. W. Surrudge, Mr. C. F. Balfour being next with 88, less 6=82. There was only a small field, and the links were very heavy. The details of Mr. Whigham's score are as follows: Out—5 5 5 5 5 4 4 4 5 5=42; In: 5 4 5 6 5 3 4 4 3=39; total, 81. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. J. Whigham	81	scr.	81	Mr. A. R. Hamilton	101	8	93
Mr. C. W. Surrudge	96	15	81	Mr. F. H. Stewart	97	4	93
Mr. C. F. Balfour	88	6	82	Mr. J. Hall	112	15	97
Mr. J. A. Moncrieff	103	12	91	Mr. H. Pelham	107	9	98
Mr. H. Nicholls	92	scr.	92				

PAU LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The Havemeyer prize was played for last week in very bad weather. A large number of ladies competed, but only the following sent in scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Levett	74	scr.	67	Miss Bethune	77	scr.	77
Hon. M. St. Aubyn	89	21	68	Mrs. Harrison	90	13	77
Miss Ross	88	17	71	Miss Edwards	89	12	77
Hon. E. St. Aubyn	87	15	72	Mrs. Troyte	92	13	79
Miss V. Newall	81	8	73	Mrs. Winch	98	18	80
Miss Willis	95	21	74	Mrs. Wilson Hoare	83	3	80
Miss M. Newall	77	3	74	Hon. Mrs. Bingham	85	5	80
Miss G. Cunning-				Miss F. Hay	104	20	84
hame	97	21	76	Miss Agg	102	18	84
Miss N. Ross	80	4	76	Miss Miller	111	22	89
Mrs. Sealy	96	19	77	Miss Sykes	119	22	97

ROCHESTER v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Played at Chatham, 15th March, with the following result:—

ROCHESTER.		Holes.	ROYAL ENGINEERS.		Holes.
Mr. A. Schacht	...	0	Mr. H. H. Dumaresq	...	0
Mr. K. McDonald	...	0	Mr. G. E. Smith	...	5
Col. Langdon	...	0	Mr. R. S. Walker	...	0
Mr. C. Lake	...	3	Mr. J. W. Barstow	...	0
Mr. G. K. Anderson	...	3	Mr. E. A. Cumming	...	0
Dr. Bond	...	4	Mr. J. C. Campbell	...	0
		10			5

ROYAL ASCOT v. CROOKHAM.

On Saturday, March 19th, six members of the Crookham Golf Club journeyed to Ascot, to meet in friendly rivalry a like number of members of the Royal Ascot Golf Club. The weather was perfect, and the greens keen, almost to a fault, which will, in some measure, account for the result of the match; as the visitors seemed all abroad when it came to putting. Scores:—

ROYAL ASCOT.		Holes.	CROOKHAM.		Holes.
Captain Lyon	...	6	Mr. A. H. Evans	...	0
Mr. F. J. Patton	...	11	Mr. W. Ridley	...	0
Mr. H. Sawyer	...	3	Mr. J. H. Haviland	...	6
Mr. H. Blackett	...	3	Rev. E. P. Spurway	...	0
Mr. H. C. Clarke	...	2	Mr. E. J. Maguire	...	0
Mr. H. H. Longman	...	0	Mr. W. H. Belcher	...	1
		25			1

Ascot won by 24 holes.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Major Little's prize, Saturday, March 19th. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. Spencer Robin	86	+2	88	Mr. J. R. Brown	102	9	93
*Mr. R. R. Renton	97	9	88	Dr. Comerford	104	11	93
*Mr. O. Belk	98	10	88	Surgn. Capt. M'Millan	116	22	94
Mr. G. Hornby	88	+2	90	Capt. Elliot, S.L.R.	104	9	95
Capt. Mohl	105	14	91	Mr. H. G. H. Spencer	100	4	96
Mr. C. R. S. Woods,				Mr. A. E. Walker	98	scr.	98
S.L.R.	109	18	91	Mr. A. H. Monckton	115	17	98
Major Scott, R.A.	93	scr.	93				

*Divided sweepstake.

Several players made no returns.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

Twenty Competitors entered for the South Lyme Vase Tournament, which, except for a gale on Tuesday, was played in fine weather. Mr. H. G. Salisbury Hughes was left in to play the final with Dr. G. E. Fooks, the winner at the last competition; but although receiving 4 strokes, he was beaten by 4 up and 3 to play. Dr. Fooks, having won the vase twice in succession, now retains it.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the weather having decidedly improved, there was a strong muster of members under the command of the hon. secretary (Mr. C. Cooper), who got them started in excellent time. Those who got off first, however, had the best of the day, as the wind freshened during the afternoon to a strong gale, and made play at the latter part practically impossible in consequence of the sand it carried into the eyes of the players, making the putting and short approaches both difficult and uncertain. The competition for the club cup was won by Mr. G. Newby, captain, with the low net score of 88, this being the more remarkable, as the gale was blowing from S.W., and dead against the outward journey, and made even the homeward journey difficult, but this the captain of the club seem to revel in, and in negotiating the homeward course in the small score of 38—which has only been equalled once, by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. Cooper)—made the excellent score as detailed below. Mr. C. J. Bunting was again "so near and yet so far" in taking second honours with 90. The tie for the Gray trophy between Messrs. A. B. Crosby and H. Simpson was also played off, when the former won with the creditable score of 92. Score:—Mr. G. Newby, 92, less 4=88; Mr. C. J. Bunting, 103, less 13=90; Mr. A. L. Robinson, 101, less 10=91; Mr. W. Purves, 99, less 7=92; Mr. A. B. Crosby, 99, less 7=92; Mr. A. R. Paton, 117, less 25=92; Mr. E. W. Walker, 119, less 18=101; Mr. W. Ropner, 129, less 25=104. Several other members made no returns. The second round for the Calcutta cup has been played off, and the names of the winners were drawn in pairs, as below, for the third round, which has to be played during the next fortnight:—Mr. W. Purves (3) against Mr. A. R. Paton (9); Mr. J. Tennant (3) against Mr. H. Simpson (8); Mr. G. Newby (2) against Mr. O. K. Trechmann (5); Mr. C. Cooper (3) against Mr. A. B. Crosby (5); Mr. J. F. Wilson (9) against Mr. C. J. Bunting (6).

SELKIRK v. GALASHIELS.

This match was played at Galashiels on Saturday the 19th, in perfect golfing weather, the green was in good order; but the putting-greens are very trying as they are nearly all on the slope.

The result of the match was a win for Selkirk by 43 holes.

SELKIRK.		GALASHIELS.	
	Holes.		Holes
Mr. A. Weir ...	0	Mr. W. H. Gray ...	5
Mr. J. Thomson ...	0	Mr. A. D. Robson ...	1
Mr. D. C. Alexander (sec.) ...	3	Mr. J. Kerr ...	0
Mr. R. Hardie (capt.) ...	0	Dr. Doig ...	3
Mr. G. T. Scott ...	1	Mr. Pennycook ...	0
Mr. J. Jamieson ...	7	Mr. R. Watson ...	0
Mr. J. Connochie ...	1	Mr. A. Noble ...	0
Mr. W. H. Robson ...	11	Mr. J. E. Sanderson ...	0
Mr. J. Bucham ...	0	Mr. A. T. Dalgleish ...	1
Mr. D. M. Mackintosh ...	3	Mr. A. Roberts ...	0
Mr. J. Lewis ...	7	Mr. G. Hall ...	0
Mr. J. Walker ...	10	Mr. J. M. Barclay ...	0
Mr. A. McBain ...	3	Mr. D. J. Stalker ...	0
Mr. A. C. S. Inglis ...	7	Mr. J. Watson ...	0
	53		10

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

Monthly medal, March. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Capt. Eccles ...	104	18	86	Mr. Hammon Payne	108	13	95
Mr. J. L. Ridpath ...	98	11	87	Mr. J. B. Joyce ...	109	14	95
Mr. W. R. Anderson ...	98	9	89	Mr. J. W. Potter ...	116	20	96
Mr. E. Field ...	103	11	92	Mr. J. W. Harrison	119	20	99
Mr. W. Rutherford	99	4	95				

Several members either made no return, or their scores were over one hundred.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE.—The monthly medal competition of this club took place at Musselburgh on Saturday, with the following result:—1st, Mr. M. M. Lees; 2nd, Mr. R. Galloway.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY v. EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.

At Gullane, on Saturday, in lovely weather. Scores:—

ST. ANDREWS.		EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. T. Carmichael ...	3	Mr. W. G. Bloxson ...	0
Mr. J. T. Patterson ...	0	Mr. J. Taylor ...	0
Mr. P. C. Anderson ...	8	Mr. A. G. Tait ...	0
Mr. D. W. Hodge ...	1	Mr. C. Blaikie ...	0
Mr. R. Barclay ...	0	Mr. F. V. Hagart ...	5
Mr. A. M'Kenzie ...	0	Dr. Vassie ...	0
Mr. W. Anderson ...	1	Mr. J. Hawkins ...	0
Mr. A. Cant ...	0	Mr. St. C. Cunningham ...	3
Mr. A. Gray ...	0	Mr. J. F. Paxton ...	4
Mr. A. Abbie ...	1	Mr. W. H. Bryce ...	0
Mr. W. Wilson ...	3	Mr. L. V. Laurie ...	0
Mr. J. B. Ballingall ...	8	Mr. T. A. Begbie ...	0
	25		12

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' fortnightly handicap took place on Monday, March 14th, with the following result:—

LADIES' (NINE HOLES).

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss A. Voyle ...	72	20	52	Miss Clifton ...	64	scr.	64
Miss Edith Vachell ...	65	11	54	Miss Boulton ...	67	scr.	67
Miss Durrant ...	69	9	60	Miss Merrick ...	75	8	67
Miss Lewes ...	88	27	61	Miss Eva Vachell ...	93	20	73

The gentlemen's handicap, postponed from the 16th, took place on Friday, March 18th, with the following result:—

(EIGHTEEN HOLES).

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. H. Logan ...	99	18	81	Mr. L. R. Wood ...	139	36	103
Mr. T. A. Rees ...	108	15	93	Mr. J. Hendersson ...	140	36	104
Colonel Fitzgerald ...	128	32	96	Mr. B. C. Durrant ...	139	32	107
Colonel Lloyd ...	112	13	99	Captain Westby ...	127	18	109
Mr. R. T. Dixon ...	114	13	101	Mr. G. R. Wait ...	135	24	111
Mr. St. G. Caulfield	119	18	101	Mr. H. J. Allen ...	Retired.		

THE ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The January competition for the monthly cup of the above club, which had been postponed, was played off on Saturday March 12th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. G. Tonks ...	117	35	82	Mr. E. P. Wright ...	118	18	100
Mr. H. H. Wright ...	118	30	88	Mr. A. E. W. Browne	110	8	102
Mr. O. Airy ...	102	5	97	Mr. C. Wade ...	144	25	119
Mr. J. L. Wright ...	128	30	98				

Three other players made no returns.

THE LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE BURY CUP.

The sixth and what was anticipated would be the final competition for the Bury Cup, presented by Mr. S. F. Butcher, of Bury, to the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club for the best three net scores out of six competitions, was played on Saturday last on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea in splendid weather, but when the scores of a somewhat keen competition were made up, it was found that there was a "tie" between Mr. F. T. Wright, of Tyldesley, whose three best net scores were 85, 93 and 90, total 268; and Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, of St. Anne's, with 92, 90, 86, total 268. It was somewhat singular that Mr. Wright played in only three of the competitions. Mr. Hoare had sent in five returns. The third score was by Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's 95, 87, 88, total 270; fourth, Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck, 87, 91, 94, total 272; fifth, Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton, 91, 90, 92, total 273; and Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham, 88, 95, 90, total 273; sixth, Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool, 94, 81, 99, total 274. About seventy members played in the six competitions, but only twenty-three sent in three returns each. The tie for the prize will be played off for by Mr. Wright and Mr. Hoare on a date yet to be arranged. On Saturday, the first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. Hoare; second by Mr. Eltoft; and the third was divided between Mr. F. T. Wright and Mr. J. Talbot Fair.

THE OLD MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' COMPETITION.

A silver scent-bottle, presented by Mrs. R. H. Prestwich, the lady-captain, was decided on Saturday, over the Broughton Park Golf links, with the following result, being the average of two days' play:—Miss Hamilton, 105; Miss Mander Jackson, 113; Miss A. Davies Colley, 113; Miss Broadhurst, 119; Miss Dods, 128; Mrs. Albrecht, 134; Miss Robinson, 135.

TYNESIDE CLUB.

The first round of the spring handicap tournament took place across Kytton Willows, in fine weather, for a cup valued at £7, to be decided by holes, and on the same lines as the Calcutta Cup at St. Andrews. Some very interesting matches took place. Result of the first heats:—Mr. T. Tate (4) beat Mr. H. H. Blair (5) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. A. C. Burnell (12) beat Mr. A. Wilson (4) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. J. Limont (7) beat Mr. W. Dixon (13) by 6 and 5 to play; Mr. J. B. Hutton (9) beat Mr. W. Farr (3) by 4 and 3 to play. Mr. E. Hunter (6) made quite a surprise by the easy fashion he defeated Mr. J. B. Ratcliffe (scratch) by 6 holes. The following players play off in the second heats, not later than April 2nd:—Mr. A. C. Burnell (12) and Mr. J. S. Brown (8); Mr. E. Hunter (6) and Mr. J. B. Hutton (9); Mr. T. Tate (4) and Mr. J. Limont (7); Mr. S. F. Bates (9) and Mr. W. Whyte (3); Mr. C. A. Ridley (scratch) and Mr. F. B. Dunford (3); Mr. James Tennant (2) and Mr. G. C. Hislop (11); Mr. J. G. Sharp (7) and Mr. J. Hiddestone (8); Mr. J. E. Davidson (8) and Mr. J. T. Nesbit (11); Mr. R. T. Thomson (scratch) and Mr. T. W. Sharp (7); Dr. Ridley (scratch) and Mr. J. Tate (10); Mr. J. A. Hutton (9) and Mr. F. T. Ridley (3); Mr. F. Smith (6) and Mr. F. W. Wyndham (9); Dr. Howdon (7) and Mr. G. Welch (8); Mr. R. F. Batey (8) and Mr. W. E. Nicholson (11); Mr. J. Hedley (5) and Mr. J. W. Carr (13); Mr. J. W. Wood (3) and Mr. J. W. Oliver (5).

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

Beautiful weather was experienced on Saturday, and the links were in good condition. The half-yearly competition for the military gold medal resulted thus:—Mr. M. T. Brown, 107, less 17=90; Mr. J. N. Heathcote, 105, less 13=92; Hon. R. H. Lyttelton, 102, less 8=94. In the foursome competition during the week the following were the results:—Colonel Boothby and the Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncrieff, giving 14 strokes, beat Mr. W. McLaren and Mr. A. F. H. Dyson for four up and three to play; Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair and the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton, receiving 3 strokes, beat Colonel Boothby and Mr. Moncrieff by one up; Messrs. Bainbridge and Wright beat Messrs. Kennard and Leaf by five up and four to play.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal handicap was played over the Club's course at Bushey on Saturday last, the greens, after the late snow, being in fair condition. The following scores were returned, many members, however, played and did not hand in their cards:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. A. B. Chalmers	93	5	88	Mr. A. A. Macnab	134	24	110
Mr. Denton Scholes	103	14	89	Mr. H. Williams	124	14	110
Mr. B. M. Barton	100	8	92	Mr. T. J. Williams	139	24	115
Mr. H. J. Cottam	107	13	94	Rev. Dr. O. C. Cock-			
Mr. A. Hepburn-				rem	142	26	116
Wallace	105	9	96	Mr. Theo. Uzielli	149	25	125
Mr. H. S. Whittaker	116	20	96	Mr. C. E. Mortimer	121		
Mr. W. R. Carter	114	16	98	Mr. F. J. Burr	134		
Mr. A. D. Walker	114	13	101	Mr. J. S. Clark	137		
Mr. E. Taylor	127	25	102	Mr. Blackburn, E.	139		
Mr. O. W. F. Hill	120	17	103	Major C. Trapand	139		
Mr. C. E. Fry	127	22	105	Mr. J. F. Huggins	148		
Major J. E. Ewer	122	16	106	Mr. E. H. Sedgwick	165		
Mr. W. Wilson	116	10	106	Mr. W. Tierney	178		

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, March 19th, the competition for the quarterly medal was played off, and resulted as below. The greens were in capital condition, but the wind, which was very high, prevented much small scoring. Score:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. E. A. Teuson	98	8	90	Mr. W. Kemsley	134	16	118
Mr. F. C. B. Hunt	102	10	92	Mr. E. J. Morris	140	18	122
*Mr. B. B. Hunt	120	18	102	Mr. S. Hellyer	161	30	131
*Mr. H. E. Kaye	127	25	102	Mr. C. Akers	158	27	131
Mr. C. B. Hunt	123	14	109	Mr. A. Hepburn	168	30	138
Mr. R. Redwood	123	12	111	Mr. F. G. Mugford	177	36	141
Mr. J. C. Mead	141	25	116	Mr. H. Akers	185	30	155

* Ties.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The March monthly medals were played for on Saturday, 19th, with the following result (tie for the two medals and brace between the two first):—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Miss E. Scott	107	33	74	Miss N. Muir	105	17	88
Miss Haassard Short	98	24	74	Miss Davidson	121	32	89
Mrs. King	110	32	78	Mrs. Archer	111	21	90
Miss B. Thomson	97	16	81	Miss Gow	126	36	90
Miss M. Connell	116	35	81	Miss S. Henderson	123	32	91
Miss Stevenson	102	20	82	Miss D. Scott	122	30	92
Miss Issette Pearson	84	1	83	Miss Economo	122	30	92
Mrs. Cameron	106	22	84	Miss M. C. Harrison	123	30	93
Miss K. Tuely	120	36	84	Miss Jacob	118	25	93
Miss M. E. Phillips	97	12	85	Miss A. B. Harrison	122	26	96
Miss A. L. T. Drake	96	11	85	Miss H. A. Glennie	130	34	96
Miss Clarke	110	24	86	Miss H. M. Frere	132	36	96
Mrs. Trollope	116	30	86	Mrs. Willock	132	35	97
Miss Colt	119	33	86	Miss A. Drake	113	14	99
Miss L. Thomson	92	4	88	Miss E. Martyn	135	36	99

The following were over 100:—Miss E. M. Carson, Miss M. Scott, Miss A. K. Stow, Miss Turner, Miss Delcomyn, Mrs. Hannaford, Miss Ripley, Miss I. Powell, Miss L. Field, Miss Eveleigh, Miss Fison, Mrs. Field, Miss Ina Hall.

BRIDGE OF WEIR.—RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—The result of the contest which has been going on for some time past for prizes presented by Messrs. A. C. Weir and Galbraith Scott has at last been announced. In the final stage, in which Mr. Thos. Carruthers, jun., and Mr. John Thomson met, the former gentleman, after a well-contested match, managed to come off victor over his opponent, Mr. John Thomson, by 6 holes up and 5 to play. Mr. Carruthers, therefore, secures the first prize, which is Mr. Weir's, while Mr. Thomson ranks second with Mr. Scott's prize. The competition among the members of this club for the handsome prize presented by the captain of the club, Mr. Neil Robson, of Kilmalcolm, has just been begun. Thirty-eight members in all take part in the contest. The ties in the first round must be all concluded by Saturday, the 26th inst.

CARLTON GOLF CLUB.—The spring competition was held at Gullane on Saturday, when there was a large turnout of members. There was a strong easterly wind blowing, which sometimes proved troublesome. The following were the prize-winners, viz.:—1st, Mr. T. Lugton, jun., challenge silver cup (scratch), 89; 2nd, Mr. J. W. Macgregor, vice-president's silver medal and captain's prize, 100, less 12=88; 3rd, Mr. A. Macbeth, 103, less 12=91; 4th, Mr. G. H. Rees, 110, less 18=92; 5th, Dr. Haultain, 92, plus 1=93; 6th, Mr. John Taylor, 92, plus 2=94; 7th, Mr. D. L. A. Smith, 110, less 16=94; 8th, Mr. W. B. Taylor, 93, plus 2=95; 9th, Mr. J. F. Paxton, 95.

KINROSS.—The first monthly competition this season for the gold charm was competed for by thirteen members of the Kinross Golf Club over their course on Saturday. The greens were very keen, and a strong wind, which blew across the course, made scoring high. The charm was gained by Mr. J. Wilson, with 116, less 22=94.

STONEHAVEN.—The monthly challenge medal was played for on the Cowie course on Saturday. The ground was somewhat soft after the recent snow, but there was a large turnout of members, and animated play. The medal was gained by Mr. W. H. Ritchie with a score of 94, Mr. A. B. Annandale scoring 96, and Major Innes 99.

KING JAMES VI. GOLF CLUB (PERTH).—The members of this club have during the past fortnight been competing in first round for the MacLeish cup. Nearly sixty members entered the competition, and the following is the result of the first round:—Mr. L. Grant beat Mr. E. Paton; Mr. R. Dunsmore beat Mr. John A. Robertson; Rector Chambers beat Mr. G. T. Cairncross; Mr. D. S. Dow beat Mr. R. Halley; Mr. Cran scratched to Mr. William Robertson; Mr. P. W. Campbell beat Mr. Wm. Garvie; Mr. A. Fraser scratched to Mr. R. B. Wallace; Mr. Andrew T. Mackay beat Mr. D. A. Cuthbert; Mr. D. Wood, junr., beat Mr. A. Robertson; Mr. James Hay, junr., beat Mr. A. Miller; Mr. A. M'Gillivray scratched to Mr. James Patterson; Mr. Hugh Campbell beat Dr. Robertson; Mr. J. R. Sinclair scratched to Mr. H. H. Greig; Mr. R. A. Hay beat Mr. Dan Wylie; Mr. A. Smith scratched to Mr. R. Keay; Mr. W. S. Leitch scratched to Mr. L. M'Kenzie; Mr. John Crearer beat Mr. R. M. Robertson; Mr. A. Jameson beat Mr. R. Garvie. The following received byes:—Messrs. George Howat, James Smith, J. Thomson, George Buist, John Stewart, A. H. Crawford, John Bruce, John Robertson, J. C. Dow, R. Mackay, James Donaldson, Thomas Chalmers, James Stewart, and Finlay MacEwen.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—On Saturday a fairly good muster of players took part in the monthly medal competition over the Braids. The weather was fine, and the greens in surprisingly good order after the recent snowstorm. Mr. J. Robb (88, less 2) and Mr. R. H. Thom (93, less 7) tied for the medal.

KELSO v. HAWICK.—A friendly match between these clubs came off on Saturday over the course of the former on the Friar's Haugh. The weather was all that could be desired for Golfing; the ground was in capital condition, and the putting-greens were really beautiful and true. The conditions were—nine men aside, two rounds of the course of nine holes each, and the game resulted in a hollow victory for the Home team.

CATHKIN BRAES CLUB.—The first round of the spring competition for the Westwood cup was played off on Saturday, in beautiful golfing weather, with the following results:—Mr. Wm. Strang won against Mr. T. R. Robb; Mr. D. H. Gillan won against Mr. J. D. Jack; Mr. James Strang won against Mr. W. Laidlaw; Mr. R. Phillips won against Mr. W. Crosbie; Mr. G. McCulloch won against Mr. R. I. Smith; Mr. G. H. Robb won against Mr. Robert Scott; Mr. G. G. Gillan won against Mr. John Robb. Messrs. R. S. Macnair, W. C. Tait, H. Findlay, and W. Beattie received byes.

DUMBARTON CLUB.—The final competition for the club's silver medal took place on the Golf course on Saturday afternoon. Only those who had won the medal in the monthly competitions during the year were allowed to compete. The weather was delightfully fine, but, in spite of this, the scoring could not be said to be low. The winner was Mr. Hardwick, with 88, less 8=80. Mr. W. Aitken came second, with 86, less 5=81. The other scores were:—Mr. Kidston, 88, less 5=83; Mr. W. McIntyre, 87, less 2=85; Mr. J. Liddell, 92, less 6=86; Mr. Jas. Denny, 89, less 2=87; Mr. Thomas Hastie, 94, less 5=89; Mr. Wm. Craig, 94, less 3=91.

KILMALCOLM CLUB.—Saturday was a splendid day for golfing, and there was a very large turnout of members over this club's links. The tie in the second round of the competition for Messrs. Cassels and Taylor's prizes were completed with the following result:—Mr. Neil Robson a bye from J. B. Gray; Mr. A. F. Duncan a bye from W. H. Douglas; Mr. N. McNicoll beat Rev. J. Findlay; Dr. Stevenson beat Mr. James Craig; Mr. John Sinclair beat Mr. James Crawford; Mr. A. L. Holms a bye from Rev. James Murray; Mr. A. Symington beat Mr. John Adams junr.; Mr. R. Barr a bye from Mr. James Smith; Mr. Hugh McLelland beat Mr. John Aitken; Dr. Haig a bye from Mr. C. Gray; Mr. R. Lang a bye from Mr. John Caldwell; Mr. W. Aikman a bye from Mr. D. G. L. McClure; Dr. Syme beat Mr. H. R. B. Peile; Mr. T. B. Spiers beat Mr. John Waddell; Mr. D. S. Carson a bye from Mr. W. Gilmour; Mr. R. Tannahill beat Mr. A. Waddell.

NEW COURSE AT LAMLASH.—Willie Fernie has visited this place, and fixed on a very suitable piece of ground for the play of this very popular game. The course, which will have nine holes, stretches round Blairmore Cottage, and consists of fine old turf, which will make excellent greens. The scenery around is beautiful, combining mount and stream and sea. A large committee has been formed, with Rev. P. Robertson as president, Mr. Sweet as treasurer, and Mr. A. Davidson as secretary.

HERIOT CLUB (P.P., EDINBURGH).—The members of this club held their monthly competition over the Braids on Saturday. The following were the four lowest scores:—Mr. J. Falconer, 113, less 36=77; Messrs. H. Grant, J. Paterson, and John Smith, 99 net each.

HERIOT CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The monthly competition took place at the Braid Hills on Saturday. Mr. W. A. Collier proved the winner, with a net score of 85.

CALEDONIAN INSURANCE CLUB.—This club played their first prize competition over the Braids on Saturday, when the following made the lowest scores:—1st, Mr. Adamson; 2nd, Mr. Murray; 3rd, Mr. Prain.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club held their monthly trophy aggregate prize competition on Saturday, at the Braid Hills. There was a large turn-out of players, 28 members taking part. Owing to the green being so crowded, a number of the players were unable to finish the round. The best scores returned Mr. A. Struthers, 86, less 18=74; Mr. J. Nelson, 86 (scratch). In all likelihood the competition will be played over again.

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TAIN.—The competitions of the St. Duthus Golf Club were begun on Saturday last. There was a fair attendance of players, and the weather was all that could be desired. The course is considerably improved since last year, and the improvements are still going on. The best scratch score was 98, by Mr. William Cromb, Excise Officer, Tain.

PRESTWICK.—The links at Prestwick were on Saturday afternoon crowded, amongst the matches played being that in which Captain Stewart and Archie Simpson lost to Colonel Scott and Mr. G. M. Wilson by 2 up and 1 to play. A match was played between Mr. D. M'George and Charlie Hunter against Mr. William Houldsworth and Mr. D. D. Whigham, in which the former were beaten.

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