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OCTOBER.

- Oct. 1.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup.
Lea Hurst : Committee Cup.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal and Captain's Prize.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Warrender : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Guildford : Autumn Meeting.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Newbiggin : Club Prize.
Cathkin Braes : Monthly Medal.
Dalhousie : Autumn Meeting.
Tooting Bec : Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall : Mr. Vivian's Cup.
Edinburgh Institution : Autumn Meeting (at North Berwick).
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 1 & 3.—Royal County (Portrush) :
Oct. 1 to 8.—Royal Jersey : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 3.—Hunstanton : Monthly Medal.
Oct. 3 to 7.—Royal North Devon : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 4.—Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.
Blackheath Ladies : Valerie Cup.
Royal Blackheath : Glennie Medal ; Penn Cup ; and Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 5.—Durham : Walter Cup.
Minehead : Monthly Medal.
Southdown and Brighton Ladies : Prize Meeting.

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- Oct. 5.—Barnes Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Blackheath Ladies : Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 5, 7, & 8.—Royal Liverpool : Autumn Meeting (First Class).
Oct. 5, 7, 12, and 14.—Royal Liverpool : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 6.—*Glasgow Evening Times* : Tournament (at St. Andrews).
Cathkin Braes : Autumn Meeting.
Wimbledon Ladies : Autumn Meeting (Second Class).
Innerleven : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 7.—Royal Cornwall : Club Competition.
Oct. 7 & 8.—Scarborough : Annual Meeting and Prize Competitions.
- Oct. 8.—Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
West Hert : Monthly Medal.
Leasowe : Monthly Competition.
The Braids, Edinburgh : Braids Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
St. George's (Sandwich) : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Monthly Medal and Two Cups.
Royal Epping Forest : Scratch and Quarterly Medals.
Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.
Hayling Island : Club Monthly Cup.
Bradford, St. Andrews : Rhodes Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : The Strang Cup.
Ilkley : Buckley Cup.
Guildford : Monthly Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Autumn Meeting (First Class).
West Cornwall : Club Challenge Cup.
Sutton and Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 10.—Cumbrae : Ladies Competition.
Royal Blackheath : Winch Prize Competition (Captain's Birthday).
- Oct. 11 to 13. Dmard : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 11 to 14.—Burnham : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 12.—Warrender : Inglis Cross and Gold Badge.
Chester : Club "Bogey" Competition.
- Oct. 12 to 14.—Royal Isle of Wight : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 12, 14 & 15.—Royal Liverpool : Autumn Meeting (Second Class).
- Oct. 13.—Chester : Open Handicap Competition.
Oct. 13 & 15.—Newbiggin : Club Gold Medal.
- Oct. 14.—Royal Cornwall : Club Competition (Final).
Chester : Carnarvonshire v. The Club (at Chester).
- Oct. 15. Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Captain's Prizes.
Disley : Summer Silver Medal.
Southdown and Brighton Ladies' : Mr. F. G. Sherlock's Challenge Cup.
Edinburgh Thistle : Monthly Trophy.
Southport : Silver Cup.
Blairgowrie : The Henry-Anderson Medal and Devine Silver Cross.

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THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT MUIRFIELD.

The Open Championship of 1892 is now in the region of history. All the golfing world knows how it ended. A few rambling remarks by an eye-witness, within nine days from the date thereof, may still, however, be of interest to some. From beginning to end the meeting was undoubtedly a complete success—a triumph, may we not call it—for every reader of GOLF knows what difficulties had to be surmounted, and what doubts of one kind and another had to be dispelled. We would hope that the success of the Muirfield meeting was received with as much satisfaction at Musselburgh as anywhere else, and that the opposition tournament there had the good sense to resolve itself into a preliminary practice for the professionals who divided the spoil. It would not have redounded to its credit if, after all that the Honourable Company had done for Musselburgh and its links, Fisher-row had shown its gratitude by thwarting the Company's arrangement, and splitting the competition in two. Let Musselburgh, therefore, be congratulated as well as Muirfield, and do her best with new circumstances. Her time may come round again.

With the perfect success of the Muirfield meeting the weather had much to do. Both Thursday and Friday were ideal golfing days, the former bright and airy, but neither sun nor breeze too strong for good play, the latter of a duller and calmer cast, just the very day for making a record score. Visitors and players alike must have been impressed with the feeling that the Honourable Company had done everything that lay in their power to make the first Open Championship competition on their new green successful. They could not, any more than other mortals, command success; but our Sempronius will agree that they did more—they deserved it. What Prospero's wand has transformed that "Homes," or Hundred-Acre Park, from the desolate, rabbit-riddled, neglected condition of two or three years ago into one of the finest links in Scotland, let Mr. Hall-Blyth and Mr. Kemp, and all who have been in the secret, declare. We venture to say that by this meeting Muirfield green has risen immensely in the favour of all who have seen or heard of it before. Not even the members of the Company expected to see it so good. The very bunkers were all that bunkers ought to be, and as for the putting-greens, had there been an Open Competition for the Championship last week a Muirfield green would have carried off the trophy. Do not then let us forget Robbie Brown, the gamekeeper, in offering the Company our congratulations.

The handsome club-house of the Company now fully equipped and managed by the popular club-master, Fitzjohn, in the old style, was freely opened for the accommodation of players. Its fine situation was admired by everyone who had the pleasure of being at the meeting. Under the sign of the Anchor and Mussel, in the snug club-house built in 1865, the Honourable Company might think with pity of their "rude forefathers" who met in Lucky Clephan's, after their round on the links o' Leith, and flatter themselves that nothing could be better; but here to Mr. Blyth and his friends have been at work, and compared with the club-house at Musselburgh, that at Muirfield is a veritable palace. The view from it is magnificent, and who, that from its windows, on Thursday last viewed the deep blue of the Firth, and the yellow harvest-fields of the Kingdom of Fife, can ever forget the charming scene.

In pronouncing on the success of the Muirfield gathering we are keeping in view the new departure that was this year made, in having a two-days' and seventy-two-hole competition, instead of the one day and thirty-six hole competition of former years. It was undoubtedly the unanimous opinion that whatever other changes may yet have to be made in the managements for the Championship, this was a change in the right direction, and that a better test of play was thus furnished. It was also, we think, satisfactorily proved that the Muirfield green is one which is in every respect suitable for a thorough test of the game.

At the outset the players most fancied were Mr. John Ball, jun., who holds the unique honour of having been double champion; Hugh Kirkaldy, last champion; Willie Park, who has twice been champion, and who lately has greatly distinguished himself among his brother professionals; and Mr. Harold H. Hilton, who has twice been runner-up for the Championship, a young player destined, as every one could guess, some day to attain chief honours in the field. Much regret was

felt at the absence of Mr. J. E. Laidlay, and all the more that his absence was due to bereavement. He knew the green well, and to him, among Scottish amateurs, the majority pinned their hopes. The recent fine play of Mr. A. M. Ross also gave his friends some confidence that he might come to the front. The unexpected happened. Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson, who, although he has more than once been chief of the amateurs, was not supposed to be at all dangerous in his present form, placed himself three strokes ahead of his fellows in the first day's play by two fine rounds of 74 and 78. Under old conditions he would have been champion. His victory would have been popular. He writes so well on the subject of Golf, and is withal so kindly and so good. He plays slowly, so much so that we overheard one of the best players making sundry severe cursory remarks, but it is really interesting to follow him and watch his *finesse*, the *con amore* style in which he goes about the game, the delicate dandling he gives the putter, and all the varied touches by which he exemplifies that Golf is one of the finest of arts. "Look at him," we heard an onlooker say to his neighbour, "he really violates every rule he lays down." We did not notice this, but if it were true we would not blame him. Rules are for ordinary players, not for champions. How hirsute he has become since he figured in the "Golfing Annual" as champion amateur of 1887, and since last we saw him play. We could scarcely recognise him. He must surely be the uncle of whom we lately heard, whose little niece did not kiss him (as was her wont), when he returned from a long holiday, and on being asked the reason, said she could see "no place to do it on." Somehow, nobody expected Mr. Hutchinson to win on the second day. Whether they doubted his staying-power, or that his first day's success would put him out, we do not know; but certainly this was the general feeling, and such turned out to be correct. The first stroke when he landed in the wood, and had to play another, was really a redding-stroke, from the effect of which he did not seem to recover, and 86 put him out of the running.

The hero of the second day was Mr. Hilton, who, sooner, perhaps, than was expected, has won for himself premier position in the world of Golf. A total of 159 for his first day—7 strokes behind Mr. Hutchinson, and 4 behind Mr. Ball, Herd, and Park—was not promising, and Mr. Hilton himself quite despaired of his chances (so Mr. Gordon Robertson, whose guest he was, informed us). "Hilton has beaten the record." So the word passed round in the afternoon, and so we found it to be. He came in with a 72, and, although Archie Simpson had a 69 some time during the week, this is unauthenticated. Mr. Hilton's third round must stand as the true "record of the green," and here it is:—2 4 4 4 4 4 6 3 4 4 4 4 5 4 3 4 5=72. With this splendid score, Mr. Hilton now, at the end of the third round, stood second in the competition, Mr. John Ball still leading him by 2 strokes. We had followed "Johnny" in his first round, and finer play we had no desire to see. It was a perfect picture, and confirmed us in the belief that, "take him for all in all," John Ball is the finest golfer of the day. For the last round we transferred our attention to Mr. Hilton, and so were fortunate to follow the champion.

This young player is certainly a genius at the game of Golf. There is something quite magical in his play. How that little gutta-percha ball moves to his stroke as if inspired by some unseen influence acting through the diminutive but interesting figure who addresses it, now gently, now severely as occasion demands. We took a look at the style of all the cracks, at the ponderous precision of Willie Park, at the graceful finish of Mr. Hutchinson, at the slashing dash of Hugh Kirkaldy, the mechanical correctness of Herd and Sayers, the easy graceful perfection of Mr. Ball; but as contrasted with them all we must use the word magical when speaking of Mr. Hilton's play. We stick to our opinion of the position of Mr. Ball as a player, he still is first, but we must grant that in putting, Mr. Hilton beats him, and it was nothing less than miraculous to see that wizened-looking putter send *volens* every ball to the bottom—it was to us the most magical Golf we have seen.

With what seven-league-boot haste Mr. Hilton goes the round. His extraordinary rapidity is positively dangerous to onlookers who have any "cardiac affection," or other weakness. He surged the crowd about, and it was a wonder there was no rolling over dead bodies in some of the bunkers. Poor Jack Ferguson! But Jack played a capital game, and it was only a pity there was no prize for the good old chap after he had done so well. Did you see that oval at the second last hole made by the closely packed crowd when Jack emerged after he was given up for lost, and "potted" the ball in 2? You never saw anything better, did you? Mr. Hilton went down in 3, and by this time we all knew that Mr. Ball had not done well in his last round, and that Harold the Dauntless had 8 to win. He took 6—as many as he could, so as not to make the gulf between him and his master too wide, and was champion of the world, with the fine record of 305 for the four rounds of Muirfield. Doubtless often again will the great gathering be held on this green, but doubtless, also, the Hilton record will not be often—will it be ever?—beaten. The captain, Mr. A. Stuart, who held aloft the "pin," was the first to shake hands with the champion; Mr. John Ball (so beautiful it seemed), came second; we came third, and were just about

to lift the conquering hero and carry him shoulder-high to the clubhouse—we (there were but one of us) knew we could easily do it, but at the moment some mentor, or tormentor, pulled us back, murmuring something about "Scotchman," and "Minister of the parish," and we left it to some other to do it, who did not appear.

Happy little Harold—will he allow us so to speak of him hereafter—adding two adjectives and dropping one "H." Surely he will, for happier mortal we never met; he plays Golf as if it were one of the most delightful of things—and so it is—and if he is little, that is not his fault, like the poor woman who was born in Paisley, "she couldna help it." He may be little, but you see in that profile the features of a Wellington clearly chiselled, and wonder not that Mr. Hilton won the golfing Waterloo. If he cannot add a cubit to his stature, he has made himself great among golfers, and in many an Open Championship yet to come this Hilton will have to be reckoned with. When the captain of the Honourable Company decked him with the blue ribbon, and he replied, it was in a few sentences of pure Lancashire, but beyond them, and rightly, lay the hint that this time was not the last.

So ended the Open Meeting of 1892.

The dear, good schoolmaster of our Dirleton village had a visit of the Champion on the Saturday; so the old man came round to tell us on Sunday morning, and both of us were so pleased that one so great had been here. The gudewife was out, but the schoolmaster made tea for the Champion himself, and the Champion (who must have a "trickling tear for tea," for this was his beverage after his victory), did so enjoy the cheering cup. The schoolmaster, a veteran in that other "Scottish game"—curling—has the sovereign the Prince of Wales put into the plate when once he worshipped in the parish church. He has cherished it long; but dearer far to the veteran now is the teapot from which he made tea for the Champion golfer, and the cup from which the Champion drank.

And for this little incident we look back still more proudly over the Muirfield gathering, and still more heartily wish long life to Mr. Hilton.

JOHN KERR.

The following was the draw:—

A. Herd, Huddersfield, and Douglas McEwan, Musselburgh; Mr. Francis A. Fairlie, Ayr, and Edward M. Fitzjohn, Muirfield; Mr. Robert T. Boothby, St. Andrews, and Mr. Alexander Stuart, Edinburgh; Mr. John Ball, jun., Hoylake, and W. D. More, Queen's Ferry, Flintshire; John White, North Berwick, and Dr. Robert H. Blaikie, Edinburgh; Mr. Leslie M. Balfour, Edinburgh, and William Park, jun., Musselburgh; Hugh Kirkaldy, St. Andrews, and George Douglas, North Berwick; Mr. J. McCulloch, North Berwick, and David Clark, Musselburgh; Mr. Ernest Lehmann, London, and Peter Paxton, Eastbourne; Jack Kirkaldy, Machrihanish, and John Martin, Wakefield; Mr. J. Gordon Douglas, Edinburgh, and William McEwan, Chingford; D. Anderson, jun., St. Andrews, and David Grant, North Berwick; Mr. Harold H. Hilton, Liverpool, and Mr. S. Mure Fergusson, London; Mr. J. M. Williamson, Musselburgh, and Mr. Garden G. Smith, Edinburgh; Ben. Campbell, Musselburgh, and C. Crawford, Rochester; Lindsay G. Ross, Sutton Coldfield, and George Sayers, North Berwick; Tom Chisholm, St. Andrews, and Willie Campbell, Bridge of Weir; Bernard Sayers, North Berwick, and W. Lewis, Shrewsbury; Jack Ferguson, Musselburgh, and Fred Fitzjohn, Musselburgh; Archie Simpson, Prestwick, and Andrew Anderson, North Berwick; Mr. R. Herbert Johnston, Edinburgh, and Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson, St. Andrews; David Brown Malvern, and John Dalgleish, Nairn; Mr. Ed. B. H. Blackwell, St. Andrews, and J. Kay, Seaton Carew; Mr. A. F. Macfie, St. Andrews, and Mr. Ernley R. H. Blackwell, St. Andrews; Jack Simpson, Earlsferry, and J. Tolmie, Great Yarmouth; Mr. David Anderson, Monifieth, and Thomas Varden, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea; William Fernie, Troon, and Robert Munro, Carnoustie; Mr. John L. Low, Perth, and Mr. A. M. Ross, Edinburgh; William Brown, Musselburgh, and John Allan, Prestwick; Tom Morris, St. Andrews, and Mr. David Leitch, St. Andrews; Albert Tingey, St. Andrews, and Mr. F. G. Tait, St. Andrews; Andrew Kirkaldy, St. Andrews, and Mr. Arthur H. Molesworth, London; R. W. Kirk, Wallasey, and Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, North Berwick.

Appended are the scores, with the details of the best rounds, and the prize-list:—

Mr. H. H. Hilton.—Third round, 2 4 4 4 4 4 4 6 3 4 4 4 4 5 4 3 4 5=72; fourth round, 4 6 3 4 4 3 5 5 4 4 4 4 3 4 3 5 3 6=74. Thursday's score, 159. Total, 305.

Mr. John Ball.—Third round, 3 5 4 5 3 4 4 5 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4=74; fourth round, 4 5 5 5 4 4 4 5 4 5 5 5 4 4 4 4 3 5=79. Thursday's score, 155. Total, 308.

Hugh Kirkaldy (L15).—Third round, 3 5 5 4 3 4 4 6 4 4 4 5 4 3 3 4 3 5=73; fourth round, 3 4 5 4 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 4 5 3 4 3 6=75. Thursday's score, 160. Total, 308.

A. Herd (L15).—Third round, 3 4 4 4 5 5 5 6 6 4 4 4 4 4 3 4 3 5=77; fourth round, 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 5 3 4 3 6=76. Thursday's score, 155. Total, 303.

J. Kay (L7).—Third round, 3 5 5 4 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 5 5 3 3 3 3 5=74; fourth round, 3 4 4 5 4 5 4 6 5 4 4 4 4 6 3 4 4 5=78. Thursday's score, 160. Total, 312.

B. Sayers (L7).—Third round, 3 6 4 5 4 4 4 6 4 5 5 5 4 4 4 5 4 5=81; fourth round, 4 5 4 4 4 4 4 6 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 4 2 5=75. Thursday's score, 156. Total, 312.

Willie Park (L5).—Third round, 4 6 4 5 3 4 4 6 4 5 4 5 3 7 3 4 4 5=80; fourth round, 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 5 4 5 5 6 4 5 4 3 4 6=80. Thursday's score, 155. Total, 315.

Willie Fernie (L4).—Third round, 5 4 5 5 3 3 4 5 5 4 5 5 4 4 4 3 3 5=78; fourth round, 4 4 5 5 4 5 5 5 4 5 4 5 4 4 4 3 4 3 5=78. Thursday's score, 162. Total, 316.

Archie Simpson (L4).—Third round, 3 4 4 7 4 4 4 6 4 5 5 4 4 4 2 4 4 4 4=76; fourth round, 4 4 5 4 5 4 5 5 4 5 4 4 4 3 4 3 4 4 4=79. Thursday's score, 162. Total, 317.

Mr. Horace Hutchinson.—Third round, 6 5 5 4 5 4 6 6 4 4 4 4 4 5 3 5 5 7=86; fourth round, 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 4 4 5 4 3 4 7=80. Thursday's score, 152. Total, 318.

J. White (L4).—Third round, 5 5 5 5 4 4 4 6 3 4 5 4 4 4 5 4 3 4=78; fourth round, 4 5 4 5 4 5 6 6 5 5 5 4 4 4 3 4 3 5=81. Thursday's score, 160. Total, 319.

T. Varden (L3).—Third round, 4 6 6 6 5 3 4 6 4 4 5 3 4 4 4 4 3 5=80; fourth round, 4 4 6 5 4 4 6 3 5 5 4 4 5 5 4 4 5=82. Thursday's score, 158. Total, 320.

	Thurs. Score.	Third Round.	Fourth Round.	Total.
Mr. Edward B. H. Blackwell	163	82	76	321
Andrew Kirkaldy (L3)	166	80	75	321
Mr. S. Mure-Fergusson	160	80	82	322
Ben Campbell (L2)	169	79	76	324
D. Anderson, jun. (L2)	158	79	87	324
Mr. Robert T. Boothby	162	80	82	324
Mr. Francis A. Fairlie	170	78	77	325
William M'Ewan (L1)	162	84	79	325
M. D. More (L1)	162	80	84	326
Mr. Garden G. Smith	166	79	81	326
Mr. F. G. Tait	164	84	78	326
David Brown (L1)	159	84	85	328
Douglas M'Ewan (10s.)	168	82	79	329
George Douglas (10s.)	164	86	79	329
Mr. Ernley R. H. Blackwell	160	84	86	330
Jack Simpson	162	82	87	331
Mr. Leslie M. Balfour	170	80	81	331
C. Crawford	164	85	84	333
Albert Tingey	167	81	86	334
David Grant	167	84	83	334
Willie Campbell	171	84	80	335
Mr. David Leitch	173	79	84	336
Mr. J. M. Williamson	170	82	85	337
R. W. Kirk	170	84	83	337
Jack Ferguson	172	83	83	338
Mr. Alexander Stuart	171	84	85	340
Mr. L. Stuart Anderson	178	81	81	340
Mr. J. M'ulloch	199	90	85	344
John Martin	173	85	86	344
Mr. John L. Low	177	83	86	346
Mr. David Anderson	180	80	87	347
Joseph Dalgliesh	178	81	88	347
Mr. Edward Fitzjohn	182	84	84	350
David Clark	184	88	87	359
George Sayers	183	87	89	359
Mr. Arthur H. Molesworth	180	87	93	360
Tom Chisholm	183	90	90	363
Tom Morris	181	91	92	364
Mr. Ernest Lehmann	186	91	90	367
Mr. Fred Fitzjohn	200	83	89	372

Mr. A. M. Ross, Mr. R. H. Johnstone, Robert Munro, and Dr. R. H. Blaikie withdrew.

The victory of Mr. Hilton was a most popular one. Every one who saw him play admitted that he thoroughly deserved his success, and acknowledged his remarkable capabilities as a player. Mr. Hilton, who belongs to Liverpool, and is twenty-four years of age, learned Golf at Hoylake, where he has played since he was a boy. Frequently has he carried off important prizes in the competitions of the Royal Liverpool Club, and he has within the last few years made his mark in the Amateur Championship tournaments. Two-years ago he was Mr.

Laidlay's opponent in the final at St. Andrews, and only lost by a hole on the twenty played to decide matters. As recently as last May he again came to the front in the Amateur Championship at Sandwich. On that occasion he had Mr. Ball against him, and played the toughest of matches. Mr. Ball had the better of him then, but now the tables were reversed. Mr. Hilton's style of play has many characteristics in common with Mr. Ball's. Though under the medium height, he drives a long ball with a full round swing; he plays the iron in approaching with great deftness and certainty, and his putting is deadly, as those who saw him play his fourth round on Friday had ample proof. The Honourable Company offered a prize of £35, as well as a gold medal, to the winner of the Championship if a professional. As success attended an amateur, this money prize was, according to the conditions of the competition, withdrawn, and the second and third money prizes were divided between Hugh Kirkaldy and Herd.

At the close of the play, Mr. Alexander Stuart, the captain of the Honourable Company, presented Mr. Hilton with the Championship gold medal, and spoke in high terms of the play by which he had won the cup. No one, he said, who had witnessed Mr. Hilton's game could fail to have been immensely pleased with it, and no one, he was sure, would grudge him his success. Mr. Stuart went on to remark that, when the Honourable Company had announced their intention of holding the competition at Muirfield, something had been said about the links not being quite good enough. He assured them that the club had done all in their power to have the green in proper condition, and he thought the players would admit that they had been largely successful. (Applause.) Mr. Hilton, who was loudly cheered on stepping forward to receive the medal, in reply, said he was only glad that the trophy had been won by an amateur. As to the links, he was exceedingly well pleased with them, and nothing would please him better than to visit them on a future occasion. (Applause.)

Subjoined are the past holders of the cup:—

1872—Tom Morris, jun., St. Andrews	... 166	At Prestwick.
1873—Tom Kidd, St. Andrews	... 179	At St. Andrews.
1874—Mungo Park, Musselburgh	... 159	At Musselburgh.
1875—Willie Park, Musselburgh	... 166	At Prestwick.
1876—Bob Martin, St. Andrews	... 176	At St. Andrews.
1877—Jamie Anderson, St. Andrews	... 169	At Musselburgh.
1878—Jamie Anderson, St. Andrews	... 157	At Prestwick.
1879—Jamie Anderson, St. Andrews	... 170	At St. Andrews.
1880—Bob Ferguson, Musselburgh	... 162	At Musselburgh.
1881—Bob Ferguson, Musselburgh	... 170	At Prestwick.
1882—Bob Ferguson, Musselburgh	... 171	At St. Andrews.
1883—*Willie Fernie, Dumfries	... 159	At Musselburgh.
1884—Jack Simpson, Carnoustie	... 160	At Prestwick.
1885—Bob Martin, St. Andrews	... 171	At St. Andrews.
1886—D. Brown, Musselburgh	... 157	At Musselburgh.
1887—Willie Park, jun., Musselburgh	... 161	At Prestwick.
1888—Jack Burns, Warwick	... 171	At St. Andrews.
1889—†Willie Park, jun., Musselburgh	... 175	At Musselburgh.
1890—Mr. John Ball, jun., Hoylake	... 164	At Prestwick.
1891—Hugh Kirkaldy, St. Andrews	... 166	At St. Andrews.

* After a tie with Bob Ferguson, Musselburgh.

† After a tie with Andrew Kirkaldy, St. Andrews.

A GOLF BALL CLEANER.

Mr. C. E. Lacy Hulbert, 1, Holywood Place, Glasgow, has just patented a ball cleaner which ought to meet with ready recognition as a great improvement in one of the minor departments of the game. The new cleaner consists of a circular piece of thin india-rubber about the size of a small biscuit, with the edges turned in so as to keep in position a small layer of damp sponge. The idea is very simple and ingenious, and this new form of sponge is certainly a great improvement on the present cumbersome method of cleaning balls. The sponge retains its moisture for a very long time; the india-rubber takes up no room in the pocket, and the ball is easily and speedily cleaned on the short distance from the hole to the tee. Golfers in the West of Scotland, where the cleaner has been in use for some time, speak very highly of the improvement; and, indeed, it has only to be seen to be recognised as a useful auxiliary to the golfer's outfit. The price of the cleaner is one shilling.

MORTONHALL LINKS.

UNTIL a few years ago, Edinburgh could boast of a links within the precincts; now, happily for nursemaids and passers-by, Bruntsfield links are a thing of the past; former putting-greens are enclosures planted with young trees, and the gutt no longer flies dangerously to and fro. Southward was the cry, and a larger area for a growing population. Among the Braid Hills a plentiful supply of ground was found to furnish a useful eighteen-hole course, but many clamoured for another, which led to the formation of Blackford course, and still they cried not "Hold, enough!"

The Braids are all very well in their way, but it requires a philosophic mind to climb several hundred feet burdened with a stack of clubs, and on arriving panting but expectant at the first tee to find a hundred others, ticket in hand, who have precedence of you, and to know that you must possess your soul in patience for more than an hour before being able to make a start!

But a remedy was at hand, and the members of Mortonhall Club deserve much congratulation, as they have a charming green to themselves, and at the same time they relieve the larger neighbouring course.

Mortonhall course is entered from the Old Braid Road about half a mile beyond the bridge over the burn, and a few furlongs higher up than the tree that used to be pointed out as the Murderer's Tree; an unfortunate postman was found dead in its vicinity, and, according to the custom of the time, the murderer was hanged as near as possible to where the deed was committed. This course is part of the estate of Colonel Trotter, of Morton Hall, the representative of an ancient Scottish family, famous for their loyalty to the Stuarts; in fact, one ancestor was promised knighthood if Prince Charlie came into his own again.

This course is rented from the proprietor for the use of a limited number of golfers. It bids fair to be one of the best inland courses in Scotland. It consists of nine holes, and was opened in May of this year; this was too late in the season for shifting turf; the consequence is that, although seven holes are most enjoyable in every way, there are two which are decidedly more adapted for the "fluker" than for the real, true, artistic golfer.

The two features of Mortonhall are its general picturesqueness, and the admirable nature of the putting-greens. Of the first it is not needful to say more than this, viz., that the highest point overlooks the Braids course, so that Mortonhall shares the same magnificent views with the other. I might have enlarged on the pretty peeps of "mine-own, romantic town," but I have found from experience that admiring scenery is far from the golfer's mind as a rule, unless perhaps when he is at least 5 up, so I will refrain.

The greens are a treat to play on, the turf being of excellent quality, and texture, and keen as may be, reflecting great credit on Peter Lees, the greenkeeper, a young man who should have a notion of a good green, hailing as he does from Dirleton, and himself a golfer. Neither daisies, nor moss, nor dandelions mar a good putt; there is no occasion to make a rather good pun which I heard from a clerical opponent many years ago at Elie. The ball lay on the lip of the hole, stopped by a daisy, and Mr. ——— cried out "What a shame, when it was just gowin' (gowan) in!"

The hazards are chiefly those of water, wood and whin, but the ball will find its way sometimes into stunted brackens, or into a quarry. In the absence of natural bunkers, two or three artificial ones have been made; these, we think, might have been a little larger, and would be improved by the addition of a few loads of sand.

The first hole is a very long one, and is well named Khyber, because the pass becomes narrower and narrower until at the end thereof you think to find yourself in a *cul de sac*; but no, a wider gorge is about to open out, and to give scope for one of the most sporting shots with which we are acquainted, the drive for the second hole; on the right, within a few feet, there is a wall, and beyond the wall a great wood; on the left, not many yards in front is a large pond gaping for balls; *in medio tutus*. These are the longest holes in the round, requiring two drives and an iron. The third is a short but sporting hole, across a ravine and over a quarry; it is just a nice drive. The course then turns back in a westerly direction towards the pond; the tee shot should easily carry the rough, stony ground in front, after which a cleft will take one home. The fifth, or Wall Hole, takes two good drives, but there is no obstruction. Now begins hill work up to the Saddle, but the ascent is so gradual that it is not a severe strain on the wind. Of the seventh and eighth holes there is little to be said at present, except that they are in a transition state, but, during the winter, there is little doubt that the same energy which has already done so much for the green, will speedily achieve their reformation. The way to the

Home Hole is peculiar, the drive being over a cliff. Woe to the man who tops here, as he may then lose several strokes among stones, and perhaps break a club before reaching the course. With a favourable wind, one might drive far enough to get home in two, but, as a rule, one has to play round the corner of the rocks, reaching the green in three.

The club numbers two hundred at present, and Mr. Duncan McLaren is the popular captain. Many more are anxious for admission, so it is to be hoped that it will be enlarged before very long. It is rather soon to speak of records, but 43 and 44 have already been done.

H. M. B.

WILLIE PARK'S PATENT PUTTING CLEEK.

Willie Park, jun., has recently invented a new putting cleek. It is a fearful and wonderful-looking implement, and the deadliness with which he puts with it is calculated to strike terror into the hearts of any would-be opponent. During the two days' play at Musselburgh Tournament, as well as at the Bridge of Weir Tournament, he putted with nothing else, and with its aid he came in at the first-named competition five strokes before all other competitors, after being ten strokes behind the leading man, and at the last-mentioned meeting no fewer than twelve strokes before every other player, and he gives his putting cleek credit for this. All the local cracks at Musselburgh played with these clubs during the Tournament, and their form shows that their play was considerably above average. In these days of patents, golfers are apt to be dubious about new clubs, but it is hardly to be believed that any invention of so noted a player as young Willie Park is not based upon principle, and prompted by an experience which cannot but make it of service to golfers generally. The idea first occurred to Willie when he was putting with an ordinary cleek, the shaft of which had got slightly bent. He found he putted better with this than with a cleek with a straight shaft. It seemed, so to speak, to rake the ball into the hole. This idea, worked out, produced the cleek now under review. The patent is an ordinary putting cleek, but just above the blade the socket is bent back. This bend back in the socket allows the player to get the ball into a straight line with the shaft, and as a result, he sees the whole of the ball and the face of the cleek much better than in the ordinary case. The writer has tried the cleek several times with the best results. In playing with it, the ball must not be jerked, but fairly struck, and if this is done, it is surprising to find how true and straight the ball rolls. No public intimation of the patent has as yet appeared, but, notwithstanding, Park is already besieged with orders.

We understand that it was not intended to put the cleek into the market till after the Championship competition, but Willie has found it impossible to refuse the pressing demands which have been made for these clubs.

DUNFERMLINE.—The Stewart and Wallace medals were competed for on Saturday afternoon over the old course at the Ferryhills. The greens were in good condition, but a high wind affected the scoring. The following are the results of the hole competition:—**First Round**—Mr. W. Robertson and Dr. Fairlie (8) beat Mr. J. P. Anderson and the Rev. R. Alexander (3), by 3 up and 2 to play; the Rev. T. E. Miller and Mr. J. R. Menzies (10) beat Mr. G. Tennant and Mr. James Marshall (9) by 4 holes; Mr. J. W. Robertson and Mr. C. D. Allister (9) beat Mr. A. B. Don and Mr. R. Husband (8) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. W. D. Stewart and Mr. J. R. Stevenson beat Mr. J. T. Spence and the Rev. D. Jardine (10) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. James Mathewson and Mr. G. Macpherson (9), a bye; Mr. James Gillespie and Mr. James Currie Macbeth (7) beat Mr. R. Reid and Mr. A. R. Shearer (8); Mr. W. C. Aikman and Mr. John Fenton (9) beat the Rev. D. L. Ritchie and Dr. Dow (7) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. James Dick and Mr. W. D. Ross (11) beat Mr. R. Telford and Mr. D. M. Scott (5) by 4 up and 3 to play. **Second Round**—Mr. W. Robertson and Dr. Fairlie beat the Rev. T. E. Miller and Mr. J. R. Menzies by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. W. D. Smart and Mr. J. R. Stevenson beat Mr. J. W. Robertson and Mr. C. D. Allister by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. James Gillespie and Mr. James Currie Macbeth beat Mr. James Mathewson and Mr. G. Macpherson by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. James Dick and Mr. W. D. Ross beat Mr. Wm. C. Aikman and Mr. John Fenton. **Semi-final Round**—Mr. W. Robertson and Dr. Fairlie beat Mr. W. D. Smart and Mr. J. R. Stevenson by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. James Dick and Mr. W. D. Ross beat Mr. James Gillespie and Mr. James Currie Macbeth by 3 up and 1 to play. **Final Tie**—Mr. James Dick and Mr. W. D. Ross tied with Mr. W. Robertson and Mr. Fairlie, but on playing another round the first-mentioned couple won by 4 up and 3 to play. Mr. Dick and Mr. Ross receive the custody of a medal each, and along with Mr. Robertson and Dr. Fairlie are presented with a club.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

THIS great event has come and gone, and, like most great events, its issues have resulted in the unexpected. But a few weeks ago it seemed as if the outside public were to witness an upheaval in the ranks of golfers the like of which had hitherto not been seen, and the result of which no one could foretell. Musselburgh was up in arms against Muirfield; Muirfield, like a woman who has set her heart on the latest *chic* bonnet, was resolved, at all costs, to have the Championship on that green, and Musselburgh, having no power to say nay, resolved, in surly dudgeon, to promote a rival Championship of its own. Money was subscribed to attract players to Musselburgh, and Muirfield, feeling, no doubt, that the prestige of its first Championship meeting was being imperilled, outbid its rival in the value of the prizes to be allocated. With commendable public spirit the managers of the Musselburgh tournament refused to follow suit, as they easily might have done. They altered the dates of their meeting instead, by hastening it a week, and so all things have turned out as had been originally decreed. After all that has been said and written, however, the prizes that have been offered, at both Muirfield and Musselburgh, are but a mere bagatelle for a rich community like that connected with Golf. In other sports a good many hundreds can be raised quite easily in order to promote competitions and rival exhibitions of skill, while it is notorious that a couple of thousand pounds can readily be got to see a black man knock a white man senseless in five minutes in a twenty-four-foot ring. One hundred pounds is a big sum when one takes into account the beggarly array of prizes offered to professionals in past years; but surely if, instead of this competition being dependent upon the funds of three clubs in Scotland, it were able to rely on a fund subscribed by the principal Golf clubs as a whole all over the country, £500 could be readily obtained with which to encourage the highest attainable professional play.

The Musselburgh tournament was a great and unqualified success. The weather was fine, the play was brilliant, the crowd was large and orderly, while there was a certain fitness that the great originator of the movement should himself be the one to carry off the principal prize. His success, at least, showed that the cares of attending to a growing clubmaker's business, and infrequent practice, do not materially interfere with "consolidated form." Willie Park's success was extremely popular, and no one will deny that it was exceedingly well merited. The tournament, however, was practically a professional one, for, with the exception of two or three local amateurs, the gathering had been boycotted by amateur players. This aloofness on the part of the amateurs, and the abstention of the Honourable Company, was not only unwise, but it is likely to leave a lurking sense of unmerited slight in the minds of the promoters of the Musselburgh tournament; and it is more than probable that, later on, when a similar gathering is contemplated at Muirfield, there will be a recrudescence of this active hostility on the part of Musselburgh players and townfolk.

No one can fail to see that the arrangements for the Open Championship have been well carried out. The spectators of the play at Muirfield were select rather than numerous, and were not to be compared with that tumultuous throng of golfing democrats to be seen at a big match at Musselburgh or St. Andrews. The paucity of spectators was inevitable, owing to the distance of the green from the lines of communication; but from the player's point of view, the

smallness of the crowd was a distinct gain. The play all through, reached a high level of sustained excellence; and so young a player as Mr. Hilton must be heartily congratulated on proving victorious over such a field of talented players. Any golfer who has seen Mr. Hilton play within the last two years, and particularly in May last at Sandwich, must easily, and with perfect safety, have predicted that his day was coming. Before his success last Friday, however, we should have been disposed to say that his day was not yet, for though he plays with an easy, captivating dash, which is very pleasing to behold, yet it lacks that concentrated force, energy, and precision, which are such marked features of the play of his fellow club-mate, Mr. John Ball. Time, however, will mature his playing capabilities, while it will not probably affect the complete confidence in his play, which is such a predominant characteristic of his style. That virtue of confidence will stand him in good stead in the future, when it is likely, owing to the position he has now won, that his struggle to maintain his honours will be both keen and stoutly contested. We wish him the best success. His splendid play calls for every recognition.

One reform introduced in this year's Championship is noteworthy. For the first time in its history, the play has extended to two days, or seventy-two holes. This is unquestionably a much fairer test of championship form than thirty-six holes; but even yet this Open Championship is not nearly so severe a test of the skill and moral and physical powers of a player as the Amateur Championship. For the last-named contest, Mr. John Ball played a series of the stiffest hole matches at Sandwich, extending to about a week; and now that the authorities who govern the Open Championship have become leavened with the wholesome spirit of reform, they might very well consider whether it would not be judicious, as well as advisable, from the standpoint of fixing the real merit of the champion golfer, to assimilate the conditions of deciding both the Amateur and Open Championships. Both from the players' and spectators' point of view, the decision of the match by holes instead of by strokes is infinitely more preferable in bringing out all the best qualities of a player.

INNELLAN GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the cup presented by the president, Mr. R. A. P. Bouverie-Campbell-Wyndham, took place over the links last month, when a considerable number of members competed. On the cards being examined, it was found that the cup was won by Dr. Macintyre (25), with a net score of 122, Mr. H. Macfarlane, jun., second, with a scratch score of 113. Mr. Macfarlane's score was the lowest record yet made over the links. On Saturday the 17th, a competition took place for two prizes presented by the captain, Mr. George William Paton, and a third prize by Major A. E. Bluck. There was again a good turn-out. The first prize, a set of Golf clubs, was won by Mr. Hugh Macfarlane, jun. (scratch), 116. Dr. Macintyre (16), won the second prize, twelve Golf balls, with a net score of 122. The third prize, a case for clubs, was won by Mr. M. S. Gibson (16), 127.

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.—At Brancaster the links were in splendid order on Saturday, when the weather was very fine. The Rev. G. T. Thompson, won the monthly medal with 91; and Mr. Holcombe Ingleby and Mr. J. C. Morgan Brown tied for second place with 99; Mr. C. W. Neville Rolfe was next with 103.

JOHANNIS. The King of Table Waters, charged entirely with its own natural gas. JOHANNIS neutralises acidity, and prevents gout, rheumatism, indigestion, and biliousness, the fore-runners of defective vitality, the foundation of mischief. The "LANCET" says, "Johannis Water is of exceptional purity and excellence." The Springs and Bottling Depôts are at Zollhaus, in Germany. The London Offices, 25, REGENT STREET, WATERLOO PLACE, S.W.



At the annual meeting of the Haddington Golf Club, it was intimated that arrangements had been made for opening a course at Garleton on the 15th proximo. The course will extend to nine holes, and the necessary permission has been granted by the Earl of Wemyss and Mr. D. Turnbull, Gilmerton, and Mr. Cunningham, East Garleton, the shooting and agricultural tenants. The club appointed Mr. W. T. Ferme captain, and re-elected Mr. J. G. Croal hon. secretary and treasurer.

Mr. J. Carmichael, of St. Andrews, playing on the 19th with Mr. R. Dunsmore, of King James VI. Golf Club, Perth, established the record with the excellent score of 76 strokes, all holed out, made up as follows:—Out, 5 4 5 5 4 3 5 2 6=39; In, 5 4 4 5 4 3 3 5 4=37=76. Considering that Mr. Carmichael was playing with strange clubs, lent him for the occasion, the performance is all the more creditable.

NEW GOLF LINKS AT MARPLE (NEAR STOCKPORT).—A Golf Club has been formed at Marple, and there is every prospect of its proving a great success. The enrolled members already number 45, and although play has not yet begun there is nothing to prevent it almost at once. The subscription is fixed at one guinea per annum, and at the entrance fee of one guinea the committee have decided to admit the first seventy members, after which the entrance fee is to be doubled. The course is for the present to be nine holes, but whenever circumstances may necessitate, there is ample space for a full round. The links are very charmingly situated, and some "old hands" consider it would be difficult to discover a much more favourable inland course. The honorary secretary is Mr. A. M. Cresswell, of Highfield, Marple, by Stockport.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.—RECORD.—Mr. W. Bazalgette, in playing a round with Mr. John Hanbury, made the amateur record of the green last Friday, as follows:—Out, 5 5 6 4 4 5 4 5 4=42; In, 4 3 6 5 5 3 5 4 4=39; Total, 81.

THE LAY OF THE LOST GOLFER.

Dedicated, with the author's compliments, to dear old "Colonel Bogey."

'Twas the voice of the golfer,
I heard him complain.
Oh! bother this furze bush,
I'm in it again.

I made a good second,
A rattling good drive,
Yet the dratted old "Colonel"
Has beat me by five.

W. B.

The home-and-home professional match for £50 a side between Willie Fernie, of Troon, and Davie Brown, of Malvern, which it was arranged should be played after the Open Championship, will not now take place. The reason has not leaked out.



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I thank you sincerely for your kind and courteous effort to explain my difficulties, for the exposition of the law as lucid as it is learned, for suggestions as ingenious as they are witty. This is all very encouraging for a tyro, and begets in me a spirit of candour which, I hope, is not unbecoming in an acolyte. Dreading lest I should infringe the law, which I feared was as you say it is, I adopted the second of your admirable suggestions, and smote the ball as it lay, trusting to the two invaluable assistants named therein. But I am bound to say it was the second, to wit, a heavy iron, which gave the most practical help. The stroke was a safe, if not a showy one; and on approaching my globe, lo! the odious parasite had departed, and the club of Hercules was no longer let and hindered by the product of Omphale's distaff. Judge of my satisfaction and the confusion of my adversary! Physical difficulties being removed, only mental doubts and anxieties remained, which last are slowly nearing their solution, thanks to your oracle. "Bos locutus est." I use the word of course in the American, and not in the Latin sense. On putting the case to Paxton—surely, if any, an authority on "Club Law"—he gave a similar answer, adding, as he is never wanting in resource, that he had once played his ball into a sardine box, and played on with it so! The tale, if correct, is astounding. If so, I rather pity that sardine box, for serious assault and battery must have been committed on it; that is if Paxton hit the box half as hard as he hits his ball—when required—and as that indenture, doubtless, witnessed. Did he play it into the hole? If so it is the only authentic instance on record of squaring the circle. Perhaps the box had an oily way about it, and did not resent the buffet.

"Loose impediment." Sir, I thank you for that word. It so accurately describes the obstacle that beset my ball, and possibly the source whence it came. One trembles to think what the consequence would have been if it were "hard and fast," as the rules that govern it no doubt are. But accepting this as the correct view of the law as it is, is it, sir, the law as it ought to be? About this I venture to think there may be two opinions. One would like to have a schedule attached to the Act defining the impediments that are "loose." Would it include a nutmeg-grater, a "dress-improver" or a baby's shoe? Now I maintain that our noble game is played with a golf ball, and not with a worsted ditto or a sardine box, for which possibly some special sports might be invented. Have we not already an amusing play called "Box and Cox?" When the ball ceases to be playable as a Golf ball "pur et simple," you ought to be able to cleanse or disencumber it at once, and not be held to impossibilities, repugnant to every rational system of law. Had this worsted been woven into a stocking or a mitten I should have been clearly entitled to remove it under the rule as to "clothes." Why not in its unwoven state? But if such a Draconian rule is to prevail, then I would venture to suggest that the doors of "Paradise" should be swept after the visits of the angels (in this case neither few nor far between), or the champion, and not the ball, may run a very good chance of

being "worsted." This question, however, I leave to be settled by the elders in council, the Golfing Parliament, which must inevitably follow shortly on Home Rule; to be called, I presume, the "House of Clubs," on the model of that ancient body the "House of Keys," which regulates the legs of "The Man," while this will govern his arms. Meanwhile I remain, Sir, with every respect.

Yours gratefully,

D.C.L., THE COURT MARTIAL.

P.S.—One word of mild correction. In my verse your printers imp, unable, possibly, to conceive that "Love" could be a proper name, has printed it "love" as a common substantive, and done our young friend Bertie a no doubt unconscious injustice; but the former is the more accurate view. It is true, Sir, that "Love," "Amor," "Roma," "Cupido," of the Latins, and "Eros" of the Greeks has ceased to wander, and found a human habitation at Eastbourne. We can only hope from his excellent services that our brotherly Love will continue. After witnessing the unerring way he tracks the orb to its lair, I subscribe more than ever to the dictum of the musical Bishop. "Yes, believe me, Love has eyes."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The new St. Andrews Rule, No. 29, says:—"A ball must be played wherever it lies, or the hole be given up, except as otherwise provided for in the rules." Can a ball lying in a dyke, unplayable (or supposed to be unplayable), be lifted, or must the hole be given up? If it can be lifted and dropped, under what rule is this done, and what is the penalty?

I am, Sir, &c.,

QUARRY HOLE.

[A ball in a dyke would certainly be an unplayable ball, and could not be lifted in match play. In medal play the ball could be lifted and teed, with the loss of two strokes.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I respectfully beg to ask a question, to settle an argument which arose as to the measurement of the six inches between two balls on the green. A plays B a match; both balls are on the green; the distance apart of six inches is challenged by B, and a foot-rule is fetched, and the distance measured. In measuring the distance B argues that you must measure from the centre of the balls. A argues that you measure from the inside surface of each ball. Will you kindly answer in your paper which is right?

Also, a second question. If new bunkers are being made close to a green, and the ball of a player lie within three yards of newly cut turf, may you remove the ball at right or left angles, or do you play over the cut turf?

I am, Sir, &c.,

B. E.

[(1.) The six inches are measured from the inside surfaces of the balls. (2.) If the ball is lying on the ordinary green of the course, and not on the cut turf, the ball must be played without touching anything. If, however, the ball lies on the cut turf, the position comes under the category of ground under repair, and the ball may be lifted and dropped to the side, but not nearer the hole, without penalty. We understand our correspondent's question to come under the first provision.—ED.]

THE LINKS AT BORTH AND WINDMILL HILL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I call the attention of your readers to a misrepresentation in the advertisements at the end of "Bradshaw's Railway Guide." To a notice of the Hydropathic Establishment at Borth, North Wales, the following statement is appended:—"The best Golf links this side of the Border."

I went there for a day's Golf with a friend, and made inquiries at the Hydropathic, with the following result:—"Day tickets are issued at a charge of one shilling. "These tickets (the manageress remarked) are of no use, as there is no one to collect

them on the links ; they are only issued as a satisfaction to ourselves and you." This satisfaction, I replied, I was quite ready to waive, but the hint was not taken. An inquiry as to the meaning of "Border" in the above advertisement elicited the obvious reply that it meant the Border of Wales. The state of the green is as follows:—About twelve holes (possibly more, but these were all we could find) apparently dug out with a garden trowel, and lined with proper tins (my ball fell in between the tin and the edge of the hole in one case.) The greens for a few yards round the holes apparently quite innocent of cutter or roller : one of them is adorned with a sand-box ; there are no caddies ; no club house ; no professional or green-man ; and no players !

The explanation of this state of things was somewhat naively given me at the Hydropathic, "It is a good *natural* green." Even this is only true to a limited extent. I myself do not care about playing over a natural green. I prefer a little of the artificial in the matter of rolling and cutting ; but if anyone is consumed with a desire of playing Golf at Borth let him take trowel with him and select his own greens on the spot. He will have a much better game than by paying a shilling a day for the privilege of aiming at holes which he cannot find, and in which, if found, nothing short of a pair of tongs will enable him to hole out.

There is also a most misleading account of a green at Windmill Hill, on the Northumbrian coast, given in the "Golfing Annual" of this year. I can only think that the writer of the article must have been indulging in a piece of supreme satire. It is rather hard that when humble players want a few days Golf on a green that is not overcrowded they should be deceived by such unfair advertisements. Apologising for the length of this letter,

I am, Sir, &c.,

L. H. EVANS.

Barmouth, September 9th, 1892.

MAKING GREENS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—If the Fraserburgh Club will adopt the following plan, they will find it answer admirably :—

Mow the greens very close with a hand mower. There is no more suitable mower than the scythe-mower made by Brown and Meffan, Arbroath. It will cut the coarsest grass up to ten inches long. A man can work a sixteen-inch one. Roll putting greens with a heavy horse-roller, when the ground is soft after rain, or after a thaw in spring. Top-dress the putting greens with lime and earth riddled ; this will kill the moss, and stimulate the growth of grass. If the soil is poor, a little pure Peruvian guano, or dissolved bones, or a little of both will greatly aid. There is no finer top-dressing for poor greens than well-rotted farmyard dung mixed with earth. It is amazing what mowing and rolling, added to the above treatment, will do to the roughest greens. Bent grass can be pulled when the ground is very spongy, after a thaw in spring, and can be got rid of in this way. It takes a long time to make putting greens with sown grass ; better to lay turf in end of October and November. Any neat-handed gardener knows how to lay turf.

I am, Sir, &c.,

OLD TURF.

26th September, 1892.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—One of your correspondents actually proposes that the champion in this year's competition should play the Musselburgh winner "for the Championship!" It is difficult for any golfer who has a chance of winning to speak out on the matter, but as I, though an old golfer, receive a half

from the cracks (and too often a beating), I can ease my mind without fear or favour.

If the Musselburgh people have the right to call the winner of their competition "champion," I see no reason why there should not be a "championship" competition on every course in the kingdom, all on the same day, and every winner claiming to be *the* champion.

I wish the Musselburgh course no more harm than it has got (or, Goodness knows, a niblick would be the only club through the green) ; but when the advantage of Musselburgh as a town is on one side, and the welfare and prestige of Golf on the other, there is little doubt which true golfers will lean to.

Musselburgh is an "historic course," certainly ; but the man must be mad who would place it, in its present condition, anywhere but near the foot of the list for excellence.

The reason it is an historic course, as far as the Championship is concerned, is solely because of the fact that the Honourable Company made it their headquarters ; and how Musselburgh people can expect the Championship to be played on what is nearly the worst course in Scotland, when the reason for doing so no longer exists, is a puzzle.

Let them have a competition if they want to, and let them give what prizes they please ; but unless they want to ruin Golf, let them leave this tin pot championship idea alone, and confine themselves to playing historic Golf on their historic course.

I am, &c.,

AN ENGLISH CAPTAIN.

THE WEARING OF THE GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Why does not some nice new Golf club with a nice new green try this rule?

"If an iron club be soled before the ball is struck at, the stroke is foul."

OBJECTOR.—Contrary to the traditions of the game.

ANSWER.—(1) I care more about the game than its traditions.

OBJECTOR.—Yes ; but —

ANSWER.—(2) Besides, some traditions are not venerable, just as some innovations are not impudent. Of traditions, as of men, there are two kinds, the bold bad old, and the nice clean old, kinds. (3) Besides, they can be evaded. For instance, I for one never dream of holing out, even if playing 1 off 16, when reminded of that iniquitous traditionary axiom which gives the hole to the survivor should his adversary fail to hole out on account of *Pallida Mors* speaking to him on the stroke. Of course that rule was made in the days when the swashbuckler who was handiest with a quarter-staff made the rules of each game during the round. Little wonder is it that skeletons are every now and then being exhumed. Not that the golfer of any century would have altered the traditions of the game had the bunkered bodies of beaten golfers been discovered daily in dozens. Something had to be done, on sanitary grounds, at St. Andrews. In the sixteenth century the stench from the stream caused by golfers who were never seen again after losing by 2 at the burn was in summer so sickening that the magistrates ingeniously got over the difficulty by making it a lost hole if the golfer, or even his caddie, intercepted the adverse ball much less the niblick.

OBJECTOR.—Yes ; but —

ANSWER.—(4) Don't interrupt. Any one knows the first iron club was but a modified shovel, which with a mattock, was required under the old rule referred to. From the shovel, by evolution and tradition, was produced the sand iron ; from the mattock, the mashie, all four used solely in bunkers, therefore never soled.

OBJECTOR.—Yes ; but —

ANSWER.—(5) If I begin restricting improvements when will it end? When people are ashamed of trying to make a pittance from patents tending to improve golf off the face of the earth. As soon as any one lacking my high principles, but as clever, invents a club worth inventing, Golf and its restrictions begin.

Anyone who has seen my Treble-grip patent Ejector Gun Club of the period hammer a ball, knows that it only wants either more accuracy, or else to be under control. It drives too far at present. Except one hit the flag, and hole in 1, it is a lost ball for sure. But I have now secured this result, and also I am patenting a controled ejector—in fact, a hammerless (or more) gun club. With such a club, I ask, "is that Golf?"

OBJECTOR. —Yes; but—

ANSWER.—(6) Very well; traditions or no traditions, it must come sooner or later, that a new rule or an old rule will prohibit the soling of iron clubs. That is not the question, but this: Is it the grass, or the absence of it, which will put an end to soling iron clubs?

I am Sir, etc.,

ATHELRED.

P.S.—Why are the old-fashioned flags abolished in favour of those horrid semaphore-like stakes, which look as if they ought to bring one to four cross roads? And why white going out and red in? I suggest to club starters to adopt the picturesque pool ball colours for flags, instead of illegible numbers. Out.—1, white; 2, red; 3, yellow; 4, green; 5, brown; 6, blue; 7, pink; 8, black; 9, motley of eight colours. In.—The same.

AGE FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—“Alpha” may keep his mind easy about the admission of youths into the South Hayling Club. The Blairgowrie Club have a rule admitting youths under eighteen, which works admirably. They pay no entrance money, and only half the annual subscription. They play for a medal of their own, and enjoy all the privileges of the club, except voting at meetings, and give no trouble at all. The club are thus training up young players, who otherwise would have had no chance of learning the game, the green being a private one. On reaching eighteen, they must be ballotted for and pay entrance money to become regular members.

I am, Sir, &c.,

OMEGA.

The annual meeting of the Manchester Golf Club was held on the 15th inst. The captain, Mr. J. Macalister, who has held the captaincy since the formation of the club in 1882, intimated that he had determined to retire, and the secretary, Mr. Francis Jones, who has held the office for a similar period, was elected captain for the ensuing year. Mr. A. Darbyshire was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. R. Maclure was elected secretary. The following were elected members of committee: Messrs. J. Macalister, G. Macdonald, J. R. Newby, L. D. Stewart, A. C. Knight and H. Bowman. Play commences for the season on Saturday, 1st October.

R. B. Wilson of St. Andrews, has accepted the post of professional and club-maker at Woodside, Croydon. He will take with him one of the best Scotch club-makers.

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.



ABERDEEN.

ABERDEEN CLUB v. FRASERBURGH CLUB.

A match between teams representing the above clubs was played on Wednesday, September 21st, over the private green of the former club at Balgowrie Links. The weather was lovely, and the greens in splendid condition and very true. Seventeen players started on each side, the game being, as usual, decided by holes. Some excellent scoring took place, while the majority of the couples had very close matches indeed. On reckoning up the totals at the close, it was found that the Aberdeen representatives had gained 28 holes, as against 21 secured by the Fraserburgh men, the local team thus winning by 7 holes. Full score as follows:—

ABERDEEN CLUB.		Holes.	FRASERBURGH CLUB.		Holes.
Mr. R. A. Nicholson	...	6	Mr. G. M. Joss	...	0
Mr. J. B. Craigie	...	0	Mr. A. Mitchell	...	1
Mr. James Williams	...	0	Mr. W. Noble	...	0
Mr. W. G. Jamieson	...	5	Mr. J. Brown	...	0
Mr. William Moir	...	0	Mr. M. Ritchie	...	0
Mr. J. O. Kemp	...	5	Mr. James Stevenson	...	0
Dr. Sutherland	...	1	Mr. J. Cranna	...	0
Mr. J. M. Duncan	...	5	Mr. P. Noble	...	0
Mr. M. M. Duncan	...	2	Mr. Thomas Park	...	0
Professor Harrower	...	1	Mr. R. Mutch	...	0
Mr. J. G. Chalmers	...	0	Mr. J. F. Cardno	...	5
Mr. A. Chalmers	...	0	Rev. Mr. Stewart	...	4
Mr. A. Blacklaw	...	0	Mr. J. P. Davidson	...	2
Mr. G. A. Simpson	...	0	Mr. Jas. Milne	...	6
Mr. W. O. Duncan	...	3	Mr. Wm. Grant	...	0
Mr. J. S. Butchart	...	0	Mr. P. Davidson	...	0
Mr. G. B. Shirres	...	0	Rev. Mr. Milne	...	3
		28			21

Majority for Aberdeen Club, 7 holes.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

Fine weather favoured the competition for the monthly medal on September 24th, and there was a very fair attendance of members. Mr. Meyrick won the medal for the second time this year, and Messrs. Hyde, J. S. Scott, and H. M. Braybrooke tied at 88 for the Yewhurst clubs. On playing off the tie Mr. Hyde proved the winner. Scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Rev. A. Meyrick	97	18	79	Mr. J. O. Scott	104	18	86
Mr. A. D. Stevenson	97	17	80	Mr. H. M. Bray-			
Mr. J. S. Scott	88	6	82	brooke	...	88	scr. 88
Mr. F. R. Lucas	104	22	82	Mr. L. W. Andrews	106	18	88
Rev. A. T. Scott	89	5	84	Mr. C. A. Ashton	109	20	89
Mr. H. A. Curteis	91	7	84	Rev. S. P. Macartney	114	25	89
Mr. T. Hyde	88	3	85	Mr. J. Mews	...	99	9
Mr. R. M. Tabor	96	11	85	Rev. R. T. Thornton	107	16	91
Mr. L. Andrews	92	6	86	Mr. J. F. Gordon	116	20	96

No returns from several other gentlemen.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday September 14th, a handicap match was played against a "Bogey" score for prizes given by Mrs. Burrell, of Brighton. The first, value two guineas, was won by Mrs. C. Green, for most holes

up, and the second by Miss Stone, for the greatest number of holes divided. "Bogey's" score for the nine holes was 45.

	Hcp.	Holes up.	Div.	"Bogey."
Mrs. C. Green	7	5	5	0
Miss Stone	18	0	11	2
Miss Birch	scr.	3	5	0
Miss Andrews	2	1	5	0
Miss Lee	13	0	4	0
Miss Banister	18	0	7	1
Miss Fox	18	0	7	3
Mrs. Astbury	18	0	7	3
Mrs. Stewart	1	0	8	5
Mrs. Bell	18	0	5	5
Miss Green	18	0	4	4
Miss Bone	18	0	1	13

September 15th.—Mrs. Henry Lucas kindly gave a pair of handsome silver vases for the best scratch score, and a sweepstake was added for best handicap score. Miss Andrews proved the winner of the vases, Miss Banister taking the sweepstake with the best return she has ever made; the play all round was decidedly good; and the weather was most favourable to golfers on both days.

	Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
Miss Banister	96 25 71	Miss Stone	115 25 90
Miss Green... ..	106 25 81	Miss Lee	107 16 91
Mrs. Bell	107 25 82	Mrs. Green... ..	100 6 94
Miss Bell	109 25 84	Miss Birch	99 scr. 99
Mrs. Dicks... ..	111 25 86	Miss Mentzendorf... ..	128 25 103
Miss Andrews	89 2 87	Mrs. Astbury	129 25 104
Miss Fox	114 25 89	Miss Myers... ..	130 25 105

Mrs. Peckham and Mrs. Stewart made no returns.

BOXMOOR GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition of the above club took place on Saturday, September 24th, with the following result:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. P. McArthur... ..	117 30 87	Mr. F. A. Jones	116 13 103
Mr. F. C. Fisher	112 17 95	Mr. J. B. Wildman 120 15 105	
Mr. F. Cornwell	115 17 98	Mr. M. S. Ward	125 20 105
Rev. P. S. Ward	109 8 101	Mr. S. G. Jones	130 25 105

Many others took part in the competition.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 24th inst., a competition took place for the monthly medal and Micholls cup. Messrs. C. E. Willoughby and T. Coventry tied for the first place, and as the latter gentleman is going away, and is thus unable to play off the tie, Mr. Willoughby secures the medal. Appended are the scores:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. T. Coventry	110 18 92	Mr. E. A. Moxon... ..	109 11 98
Mr. C. E. Willoughby 116 24 92		Mr. J. J. Dods	120 17 103
Mr. E. Micholls	104 10 94	Mr. C. Coventry	130 15 115
Mr. A. Dods	100 5 95		

Six players made no returns.

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.

The sixth summer competition of the above club was held on Saturday last. The course was extremely heavy, and consequently the scores were high. Scores:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. C. H. Schill	118 30 88	Mr. T. B. Tomlinson 125 30 95	
Mr. J. M. Eaton	104 15 89	Mr. W. Mosley, jun. 121 25 96	
Mr. O. J. Mosley... ..	115 25 90	Mr. C. D. Milne	106 9 97
Mr. S. Fernyhough. 112 20 92		Mr. J. H. Milne	107 10 97
Mr. L. C. Hartley . 117 25 92		Mr. L. T. Wilcox . 130 30 100	
Mr. C. P. Ritson	118 25 93		

Several members returned no cards, or were over 100 net.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday last, in fine golfing weather, when over thirty members competed. The winner proved to be General Sir Bevan Edwards. Scores:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
General Sir Bevan Edwards... ..	108 18 90	Mr. E. P. Staples	116 18 98
Major Hungerford... ..	112 20 92	Captain Cochran	122 24 98
Major Wilkinson	120 24 96	Colonel Jee... ..	118 18 100

The others were over 100 net, or made no returns. It is hoped that the commodious club-house, which is now nearly completed, will be ready for occupation by the next medal-day, on the 29th of October.

CHELTENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal of this club was held on Saturday, over the links at Cleeve Hill. Lady Margaret Scott won the medal with the very good score of 99, less 18=81. The next best returns were:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. C. Gray	103 18 85	Rev. W. D. Challice 128 35 93	
Major C. Young	104 18 86	Mr. W. R. Porcher. 132 35 97	
Dr. H. Bansall Todd 93 3 90		Earl of Eldon	109 10 99
Mr. S. P. Ryland... ..	98 8 90	Captain G. Tailyour 119 20 99	
Mr. C. Tillard	99 8 91	Mr. W. N. Baker... ..	119 20 99
Mr. F. B. Wallace . 109 18 91		Col. A. Hume	115 15 100

Mr. A. A. Hunter, Mr. E. A. Bennet, Rev. J. Lockhead, Mr. A. A. Bourne, Mr. C. C. Turnbull, and H. G. Bennett also competed.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE CLUB.

On Wednesday the 21st, the formal opening of the City of Newcastle Club took place, at the new club-house, Chimney Mills, Moor Edge. On the occasion there was a widely representative gathering of citizens and golfers from various distantly located clubs, in addition to the Mayor and several members of the Corporation and Freeman. The club has been in existence twelve months only, and during that period a wonderful amount of energy has been brought into play by the committee, with the result that a course of eighteen holes, extending over an area of four miles, has been laid out on the Town Moor. In addition the old mill, which has been a prominent landmark in the district, has been transformed from its original use to that of an elaborately furnished Golf-house, the alterations having been carried out under the direction of Mr. J. T. Cackett, architect, of Newcastle. At half-past two o'clock a luncheon was held in the house, at which upwards of 100 sat down, the chair being occupied by Mr. J. W. Pease, the president, and he was supported by the Mayor of Newcastle (Mr. Sutton), Mr. Baxter Ellis (chairman of the Town Moor Management Committee), and Mr. Walker (chairman of the Freeman). Three competitions were decided—the President's Medal, with which is combined the captaincy of the club, a scratch competition, with which was concurrently played an open handicap, for which a seven-guinea prize is given; and a competition for those handicapped from 19 to 36. Results:—President's prize and open handicap—Mr. M. P. Ismay, 93, less 13=80; Mr. J. W. Pease, 99, less 18=81; Mr. E. S. Robson, 92, less 9=83; Mr. J. Limont, 97, less 13=84; Mr. J. L. Bell, 89, less 5=84; Mr. F. W. Wyndham, 103, less 18=85; Mr. C. A. Ridley, 86, scratch, 86; Mr. R. S. Ferguson, 92, less 6=86; Mr. F. Smith, 96, less 10=86; Mr. J. W. Carr, 105, less 18=87; Mr. F. T. Ridley, 90, less 3=87; Mr. J. W. B. Pease, 88, scratch 88; Mr. J. R. Bolton, 104, less 16=88; Mr. J. Duncanson, 100, less 12=88; Mr. E. L. Ord, 102, less 13=89; Mr. A. Hedley, 106, less 16=90; Mr. F. W. Purvis, 95, less 5=90; Mr. R. Howdon, 103, less 13=90; Mr. A. C. Burnell, 109, less 18=91; Mr. R. Carswell, 107, less 16=91; Mr. J. Welsh, 100, less 9=91; Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, 92, scratch, 92; Mr. A. C. Marjary, 105, less 13=92; Mr. H. C. Smith, 99, less 5=94; Mr. O. Treadwell, 97, less 2=95; Mr. C. Ismay, 113, less 18=95; Mr. W. G. Black, 100, less 4=96; Mr. J. W. Wood, 100, less 4=96; Mr. W. T. Wilson, 105, less 7=98; Mr. A. Hunter, 113, less 15=98; Mr. E. L. Bates, 117, less 18=99; Mr. A. H. Marsh, 111, less 10=101; Mr. J. Lockety, 119, less 18=101; Mr. A. Ferrons, 120, less 16=104. Club prize—Mr. M. Witford, 106, less 36=70; Mr. J. Miller, 101, less 30=71; Mr. J. W. Robson, 115, less 30=85; Mr. T. H. Leathard, 112, less 25=87; Mr. A. Richardson, 118, less 25=93; Mr. J. Risdon, 124, less 30=94; Mr. J. W. B. Pease won the president's prize and the captancy of the club for the ensuing year.

DISLEY.

Summer Handicap.—There were an unusual number of entries for the fifth summer handicap, which was played under very favourable circumstances over the Disley links on Saturday, September 17th. The first and second sweepstakes were divided between Messrs. E. G. Hutton and G. H. Norris, who have to play off the tie, 77 net, for the right to compete in the final. Mr. W. Bell made the lowest gross score at the meeting. The following were the best returns:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. E. G. Hutton... ..	97 20 77	Mr. T. H. Mills	108 20 88
Mr. G. H. Norris	107 30 77	Mr. H. C. Garrett... ..	99 10 89
Mr. R. Mellor	109 30 79	Mr. G. C. Liebert... ..	102 12 90
Mr. P. Campbell	105 22 83	Mr. E. J. Soares	110 20 90
Mr. H. D. Tonge... ..	100 15 85	Mr. G. Hicks	113 22 91
Mr. Eustace Hutton 105 20 85		Mr. H. Liebert	108 15 93
Mr. T. C. Midwood 105 20 85		Mr. R. C. Hutton... ..	108 14 94
Mr. W. Bell	91 5 86	Mr. J. A. Hutton	106 11 95
Mr. G. T. Hutton	99 11 88	Mr. S. Kneale	122 24 98

FORFARSHIRE.

The Watson cup competition of the Caledonia Club, Carnoustie, was conducted during three days last week, players having the choice of playing on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday. On each of these days the weather was rather stormy, and altogether unfavourable for low scoring. A large number of members took part in the competition, in which a considerable amount of interest was manifested. On examination of the cards, the winner of the cup was found to be Mr. J. N. Nairn with the score of 100, being 9 below his average.

Mr. W. Still, of the Dundee Advertiser Club, playing round the Monifieth course on the 21st, holed out the round at the exceptionally low score of 76. This is the third occasion within the past fortnight he has succeeded in breaking the 80. His figures for the round were:—Out, 5 4 4 5 4 5 4 4 4=39; in, 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 4=37; total, 76.

The twentieth of the series of competitions for the members badge of the Arbroath Club was finished on Saturday. Mr. James Laing was the winner, being 4 below his number. The next best scores were those of Mr. George Douglas, 3 below; Mr. J. D. Low, 1 below; and Mr. Robert Guthrie, 1 above. The results of the series, which finishes next Saturday, up to date are:—Messrs. R. Guthrie and J. Laing, two and a half wins each; Messrs. George Douglas and Joseph Kydd, two wins each; and Mr. D. Brown, one win and a half. Nine other players half each one win; and one has a half win.

The opening heat of the Broughty Club competition, for the ancient Scottish drinking cup presented by Mr. Wm. M. Archibald, was begun on Monifieth links on Saturday. The conditions are that the game is decided by holes, odds in strokes being allowed according to the averages of the players, who are pitted against each other by ballot. The following couples played off:—Mr. C. G. Gettings, receiving twelve strokes allowance, beat Mr. William Smith, 5 holes; Mr. James Bowman, allowing a stroke each hole, beat Mr. Thomas Sturrock, 1 hole; Mr. T. E. Suttie, receiving three strokes, beat Mr. David Bisset, jun., 5 holes; Mr. Charles Philp, allowing two strokes, beat Mr. William Bowman, 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. Alexander Moir, allowing five strokes, beat Mr. George Malcolm.

On Saturday, at Monifieth the members of the Dundee Advertiser Club competed for a few prizes (kindly presented by Mr. Dickson, of the Baldoan Institution) and sweepstakes. About the usual number of players were forward. The tees were on the whole pretty good, and the greens proved how useful Sandy Donaldson has been on the links. Notwithstanding a strong breeze from the west the scoring was satisfactory. Mr. John Macrae, in the first class, was in good form, and won the special prize with ease, while Mr. Allan Bell, in the second class, had a stiff fight for his position, as also had Mr. Archibald M'Farlane, each player only winning the trophy by a single stroke. Sweepstakes were won as follows:—First Class—1st, Mr. John Macrae; 2nd, Mr. Robert Donn; 3rd, Mr. Thomas Knox. Second Class—1st, Mr. Allan Bell; 2nd, Mr. Andrew Caird; 3rd, Mr. James Duirs. Third Class—1st, Archibald M'Farlane; 2nd, Mr. David Clark. The club travel to Perth on Saturday to meet the Artisan.

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap competition was played at Fixby on September 24th, with the following results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. S. Brook ...	97 20 77	Mr. A. Nimmo ...	120 25 95
Mr. A. Braley ...	100 23 77	Mr. O. E. Burton ...	125 24 101
Mr. A. F. Firth ...	99 19 80	Rev. N. Langham ...	137 36 101
Mr. N. Nugent ...	110 25 85	Mr. H. Crosland ...	106 10 96
Mr. C. B. Knight ...	104 14 90	Mr. H. Grandage ...	141 36 105
Fred Huth ...	115 27 88	Dr. Carter ...	136 25 111
Mr. R. Holliday ...	110 20 90	Mr. W. A. Hutchin-	
Mr. J. W. Miller ...	109 16 93	son ...	119 24 95
Mr. F. E. Woodhead	101 8 93	Mr. Frank Adcock	118 36 82
Mr. R. A. Barnicot	129 36 93		

Thirteen players did not send in their cards.

STOCKBRIDGE CLUB, EDINBURGH.—This club held their autumn competition over Leven links on Monday, 19th. The weather was fine, but the wind interfered with good scoring. Result:—Gold medal, handicap medal, and first prize, Mr. E. A. Rhead, 88; second and third prizes, Messrs. J. Mackenzie, 100, less 10=90, and H. M. Wallis, 104, less 14=90; fourth, Mr. W. D. Johnston, 99, less 7=92; fifth, Mr. G. Sturrock, 93, less 6=96; sixth, Mr. J. J. Miller, 93, plus 1=94; seventh, eighth, and ninth, Mr. J. C. Johnston, 99, less 3=96; Mr. G. W. Miller, 89, plus 7=96; and Mr. A. Wilson, 96, scratch; tenth, Mr. J. Cowper, 105, less 8=97; eleventh and twelfth, Mr. R. Drummond, 108, less 9=99; and Mr. P. Anderson, 118, less 19=99; thirteenth, Mr. J. Mackie, 106, less 6=100; fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth, Mr. A. S. Muir, 108, less 6=102; Mr. J. Galbraith, 114, less 12=102; and Mr. D. Young, 123, less 21=102.

LUFFNESS GOLF CLUB.

A most successful season of the Luffness Golf Club was brought to a close on Saturday with the competition for the Tait silver club and star. Several handsome handicap prizes were furnished from the club funds. As usual the annual meeting of the club was held previous to the play. Mr. B. Hall Blyth, the retiring captain, presided, and the business to be transacted was to a large extent formal. On the recommendation of the committee, Mr. J. A. Robertson was elected captain in room of Mr. Hall Blyth, and Mr. Congalton was reappointed to the offices of secretary and treasurer, which he has filled for many years. Mr. Hall Blyth, Mr. Irvine Williamson, and Mr. H. B. Bryden were chosen to fill the vacancies on the committee. An important recommendation of the committee came before the meeting. It was that fifty new members should be admitted to the club, raising the membership from 350 to 400. The following were the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Marcus J. Brown	82 scr. 82	Mr. James Robb ...	96 5 91
Mr. W. Merrilees ...	88 6 82	Mr. R. Melrose ...	99 8 91
Mr. J. G. Croal ...	95 12 83	Mr. R. J. Younger ...	96 4 92
Mr. J. McCulloch ...	84 scr. 84	Mr. C. Carey ...	106 14 92
Dr. Blaikie ...	88 3 85	Mr. J. S. Stevenson	98 6 92
Mr. H. B. Bryden ...	85 +1 86	Mr. J. J. W. Lamb	105 12 93
Mr. F. V. Hagart ...	86 scr. 86	Mr. D. A. Stevenson	93 scr. 93
Mr. James Smith ...	99 12 87	Mr. H. Pursell ...	96 3 93
Mr. H. D. Alexander	101 14 87	Mr. J. Richardson ...	102 8 94
Mr. John Lees ...	99 10 89	Mr. J. S. Watson ...	102 8 94
Mr. I. Williamson ...	98 8 90	Mr. H. A. Thomson	103 8 95

THE CHAMPIONS AT LUFFNESS.

Luffness was on Saturday visited by the Open and the Amateur Champions, Mr. H. H. Hilton and Mr. John Ball, jun., of Hoylake. They crossed the links from Gullane, and, after luncheon, engaged in a single over the Luffness course. Many members of the home club, who had completed their round in the club competition, availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the champions play, and the single had a large following from start to finish. The wind was very strong, and this circumstance, as well as the fact that both players were all but unacquainted with the green, has to be kept in view in judging of the scores. The scores for the round were:—

Mr. Ball ...	...Out	5 4 7 5 4 4 4 4	5=42	} 80
	In	4 4 4 5 3 5 3 5	5=38	
Mr. Hilton ...	...Out	5 4 4 6 5 4 3 5	5=41	} 79
	In	3 4 4 5 5 5 4 4	4=38	

There is every likelihood of the proposal for the laying out of a second course at Luffness, which was mentioned some time ago, being carried out before long. Negotiations have been opened with Mr. H. W. Hope, of Luffness, with a view to a lease of the ground in question being obtained, and it is understood that the parties who are moving in the matter are Edinburgh golfers. Mr. Hope is well disposed towards the project, and he will not throw any obstacle in the way, provided the conditions which, as proprietor, he lays down are agreed to by the other parties. While nothing definite has yet been settled, matters have reached such a stage that Mr. Hope has arranged with Tom Morris, of St. Andrews, who laid out the present Luffness course, to visit the links in a month's time and go over the ground.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE SILVER IRON AND THE NORTH LANCASHIRE CUP.

On Saturday last two of the most important events of the year were decided on the links of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. First, the silver iron, a very handsome and unique prize, presented by Mr. J. Talbot Clifton, honorary president of the club, for the best scratch score, two rounds of the links, was played for the first time. The prize is a full-sized model of an ordinary golfing iron, in solid silver, and is to be held for a year, the winner receiving a gold memento. The second prize was the North Lancashire cup, a silver cup presented by Colonel Crosse, Lieut.-Colonel Birch, and the officers of the 3rd and 4th Battalions Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (under handicap limited to 15 strokes). The cup is held for a year, the winner receiving a memento given by the club. This prize also came on for the first competition since it was presented to the club. On Saturday the day was fine, but there was a very strong north-west breeze, which interfered very materially with the play. Nearly sixty members went out, and the best gross scores of the first round were:—Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton, 95; Mr. F. H. Stewart, London, 95; Mr. J. Hornby, Liverpool, 96; Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's, 99; Mr. G. R. Cox, Liverpool, 99. The half-dozen best net scores were:—Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton, 101, less 13=88; Mr. J. A. Tweedale, Wilmslow, 101, less 12=89; Mr. F. H. Stewart, London, 95, less 4=91; Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park, 103, less 12=91; Dr. Eason, Lytham, 102, less 10=92; Rev. C. Billington, Lytham, 102,

less 9=93. The play for the North Lancashire cup, with net scores under 100, was as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton	101	13	88
Mr. J. A. Tweedale, Wilmslow	101	12	89
Mr. F. H. Stewart, London	95	4	91
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park	103	12	91
Dr. Eason, Lytham	102	10	92
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham	102	9	93
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's	101	7	94
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury	104	10	94
Mr. Jas. Mellor, Failsworth	107	12	95
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton	95	+1	96
Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's	99	3	96
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's	100	4	96
Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool	102	6	96
Mr. F. H. Smith, Manchester	104	8	96
Mr. J. Hornby, Liverpool	96	+1	97
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's	101	4	97
Mr. G. R. Cox, Liverpool	scr.	scr.	99
Mr. W. Newbiggin, St. Anne's	104	5	99
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham	109	10	99
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham	111	12	99

Mr. J. H. Hulton was therefore winner of the cup and memento. A number of players did not send in any returns. The competition for Mr. Clifton's prize—the silver iron—two rounds of the links, was also looked to with great interest, and the following were the twelve best scratch scores in each of the two rounds:—

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Ttl.
Mr. G. F. Smith	95	91	186
Mr. J. Hornby	96	91	187
Mr. G. R. Cox	99	96	195
Mr. S. A. Hermon	99	97	196
Mr. A. B. Scholfield	101	97	198
Mr. J. A. Tweedale	101	98	199
Mr. J. H. Hulton	101	100	201
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft	100	103	203
Mr. S. F. Butcher	104	99	203
Mr. F. H. Stewart	95	108	203
Mr. J. A. Brown	101	103	204
Mr. T. H. Miller	103	102	205

Mr. G. F. Smith was therefore the winner of the silver iron and the memento. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. J. H. Hulton, the second by Mr. J. A. Tweedale, and the third was divided between Messrs. T. H. Miller and F. H. Stewart.

At the conclusion of the play Mr. T. Fair, J.P., C.C., representing Mr. Talbot Clifton, said that in the absence of the president and the captain of the club, he had much pleasure in presenting to Mr. Smith that silver iron, which in its purity, solidity, and untarnished polish, was all emblematical of a good golfer. (Applause.) Mr. G. F. Smith expressed his thanks.

Mr. W. E. Fairlie, the captain of the club, has presented a valuable prize to the club for six competitions, the six winners to play off at the spring meeting, and the first of the six competitions is arranged to take place to-morrow (Saturday).

MINEHEAD AND WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting began on Tuesday, September 13th, and was continued during the remainder of the week, concluding with a match against the Burnham (Somerset) Club. The links, which, since last Christmas, has been under the care of Alfred Jones Hobley, late of Oxford, was in capital order, and has improved in many respects. On Tuesday the day was rough and windy, and a misty rain fell for some time during the afternoon, the scores suffering in consequence. The chief interest of the day was centred in the scratch competition for the Clark Memorial challenge cup, the winner being the Rev. C. C. Woodland, who returned a score of 99. There were also three prizes each day for the three best net returns. Scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Rev. C. C. Woodland	99	12	87	Mr. H. Owen Brown	112 18 94
Mr. C. W. Battersby	104	15	89	Rev. J. Utten Todd	112 18 94
Major Ashford Wise	109	18	91	Rev. G. E. Peake ...	111 15 96
Dr. F. G. Hayes ...	101	9	92	Mr. W. H. Fowler..	103 7 96
Mr. R. C. Graham	...	...	...	Mr. O. T. Sadler ...	113 15 98
Clark	105	12	93	Mr. H. W. Cording	117 19 98
Mr. E. W. Charlton	108	14	94	Rev. W. P. Michell	117 19 98

No returns from Hon. H. L. Courtenay and Mr. G. Hayward.

The Rev. C. C. Woodland becomes the captain of the club until the next autumn meeting.

Wednesday, September 14th:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. V. Wansbrough	107	25	82	Mr. W. H. Fowler..	98 7 91
Mr. W. Elton	111	27	84	Mr. G. Richardson..	114 23 91
Mr. A. T. Sadler	104	15	89	Mr. H. Owen Brown	113 18 95
Mr. R. C. Graham	...	...	...	Mr. E. W. Charlton	110 14 96
Clark	102	12	90	Hon. H. L. Courtenay	111 14 97
Mr. C. W. Battersby	105	15	90	Major Ayshford Wise	115 18 97
Rev. J. Utten Todd	108	18	90	Mr. H. W. Cording	119 19 100
...	...	...	...	Rev. G. E. Peake ...	117 15 102

No returns from the Rev. C. C. Woodland, Major Esdaile, Dr. F. G. Hayes, and Mr. T. Williams.

Thursday, September 15th.—The play on this day was against "Col. Bogey" (83).

	Handicap Allowance.	"Col. Bogey."
Mr. C. W. Battersby	11	—2
Major Ayshford Wise	14	halved.
Mr. E. W. Charlton	11	+2
Mr. R. C. Graham Clark	9	+6
Hon. H. L. Courtenay	11	+6
Mr. H. W. Cording	14	+6
Mr. G. Richardson	17	+6
Mr. T. Williams	23	+7
Mr. O. T. Sadler	11	+8

No returns from Dr. Hayes, Revs. W. P. Michell and J. Utten Todd, and Messrs. G. H. Trollope, G. Hayward, C. V. Wansbrough, H. Owen Brown, W. Elton, and P. Herringham.

Friday, September, 16th.—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Major Ayshford Wise	97	15	82	Mr. H. W. Cording	112 19 93
Mr. O. T. Sadler	99	15	84	Mr. G. Hayward ...	115 21 94
Mr. W. H. Fowler	98	9	89	Mr. J. M. Cripps ...	104 9 95
Mr. G. Richardson	112	23	89	Mr. R. C. Lambert	116 20 96
Rev. T. Crump	103	13	90	Mr. E. W. Charlton	111 14 97
Hon. H. L. Courtenay	104	14	90	Mr. C. W. Battersby	113 12 101

No returns from Dr. Hayes, Revs. W. P. Michell and J. Utten Todd, and Messrs. R. C. Graham Clark, A. Denman, and T. Williams.

NEWBIGGIN GOLF CLUB.

The tenth competition for the gold medal, took place on Saturday, the 17th.

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. W. Wood	91	3	88	Mr. James Hedley...	98 2 96
Mr. C. E. Wilkinson	103	14	89	Mr. John Tate ...	112 14 98
Mr. David Rosser...	109	14	95	...	...

This prize lies now between Mr. Wood and Mr. Hedley.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly silver medal took place on Friday, September 16th. Scores as follows:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Mackenzie	45	44	89	2	87
Miss E. N. Whieldon	52	50	102	7	95
Miss Humphreys	62	54	116	17	99
Miss Dawkins	54	57	111	+2	113

Miss Darlington and Miss L. Darlington made no returns.

The club gold medal was played for on Wednesday, September 21st. First Round.—Miss E. N. Whieldon beat Miss Chambers; Miss Darlington beat Miss Dawkins; Miss Radcliffe beat Miss Humphreys. Mrs. Smith Turberville, Miss A. Dawkins, Miss L. Darlington, Miss Mackenzie, Miss E. Whieldon, byes.

Second Round.—Mrs. Smith Turberville beat Miss E. N. Whieldon; Miss Darlington beat Miss Radcliffe; Miss A. Dawkins beat Miss L. Darlington; Miss Mackenzie beat Miss E. Whieldon (scratched).

Third Round.—Miss Darlington beat Mrs. Smith Turberville; Miss A. Dawkins beat Miss Mackenzie.

Finals.—Miss A. Dawkins beat Miss Darlington.

On Friday, September 23rd, the first competition took place for a cut-glass box, with silver top, which is to be played for twelve times. Returns as follows:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.
Miss Dawkins	46	39	85
Miss Darlington	46	45	91
Miss L. Darlington	48	43	91
Miss Mackenzie	45	49	94
Miss E. N. Whieldon	50	48	98
Miss A. Darlington	55	52	107
Mrs. Ashton	49	59	108
Mrs. Caulfield Stoker	61	51	112
Miss Chambers	62	53	115
Miss Whieldon	55	64	119

Miss E. Whieldon made no return.

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competitions were held on Saturday, September 24th. Scores:—

Gentlemen—			Gentlemen—				
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*Mr. A. H. Atkin.	103	22	81	Mr. G. K. Anderson	105	14	91
Mr. T. Winch	99	15	84	Lieut.-Col. Langdon	105	12	93
Mr. C. Lake	96	7	89	Mr. J. Holroyde	123	30	93
Mr. A. Schacht	90	scr.	90				

Ladies—

Gentlemen—			Gentlemen—				
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*Mrs. G. K. Anderson	114	25	89	Mrs. Sealy	138	30	108
son	106	14	92	Miss F. E. Cobb	138	26	112
Miss L. Winch	115	21	94	Miss Pound	139	25	114
Mrs. Budden	130	35	95	Miss Lathom	142	25	117
Miss E. Cunliffe	121	18	103	Mrs. Holroyde	151	25	126
Miss Pochin							

* Winner.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

The autumn prize meeting took place on Tuesday and Wednesday. There was a large entry, fine weather alone being required to ensure a most successful meeting. In this respect, however, the members were doomed to disappointment. Tuesday morning was far from promising, although an occasional gleam of sunshine favoured the hope that the weather might clear. In the afternoon, however, rain fell copiously, and those who braved it did so with the greatest discomfort to themselves, while the flooded state of some of the greens rendered putting well-nigh impossible. The weather, on Wednesday, was, if anything, worse; rain, wind, and fog prevailing throughout the day. The prizes competed for on the first day were—

Scratch prize, silver challenge cups, presented by Lord Suffield, K.C.B., president of the club. To be held for one year by the winner, who received a prize given by Major Anderson. Winner, Mr. A. E. Jarvis; score 84.

Silver challenge bowl, presented by Lord Battersea, for the best score under handicap. To be held for one year by the winner, who received with it a prize given by Dr. Fenner. For this prize Mr. A. E. Jarvis and Mr. O. S. Curtis tied. The latter scratched, leaving Mr. Jarvis holder of the cup, while Mr. Curtis took the prize presented with it, his opponent being debarred from taking two prizes which became his property. Mr. Jarvis also took the monthly medal given by the club, and so practically was the winner of all three prizes on the first day.

The following are Tuesday's scores, those exceeding 100 being omitted. Several players made no returns:—

Gentlemen—			Gentlemen—				
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. A. E. Jarvis	84	6	78	Mr. H. T. S. Patteson	111	22	89
Mr. O. S. Curtis	86	8	78	Mr. Walter F. Maples-			
Rev. A. E. Black	88	6	82	ton	106	16	90
Mr. J. C. Warren	90	6	84	Captain Stopford	108	18	90
Rev. A. T. Farquhar-				Mr. P. M. Lucas	91	scr.	91
son	98	14	84	Mr. D. Turner Belding	103	15	93
Rev. A. H. Upcher	100	15	85	Mr. J. Verran	102	9	93
Mr. F. E. Patteson	96	10	86	Rev. G. Broke	111	15	96
Mr. H. C. Dent	97	11	86	Mr. J. H. Mannall	115	18	97
Mr. R. Lodge	94	7	87	Mr. W. Williams	108	10	98
Mr. A. C. Oldham	99	12	87	Mr. W. C. P. Cooper	121	22	99
Mr. W. B. Monement	104	16	88	Mr. W. T. Hartcup	118	18	100

The prizes on Wednesday were as follow:—Handicap prize, presented by Mr. C. Leatham for the best score under handicap. This was won by Mr. A. C. Oldham, with a score of 95, less 12=83. "Bogey" prize, given by Mr. W. Williams for the best match play against "Bogey" score. Rev. A. E. Black winner, he being only 2 down to "Bogey," an admirable performance, weather considered. The following are Wednesday's scores:—

Gentlemen—			Gentlemen—				
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. A. C. Oldham	95	12	83	Mr. D. Walker	104	10	94
Mr. H. C. Dent	97	11	86	Mr. T. N. Mapleston	110	16	94
Mr. P. M. Lucas	88	scr.	88	Mr. W. T. Mapleston	111	16	95
Rev. A. E. Black	96	6	90	Mr. C. H. Ensell	116	18	98
Mr. J. C. Warren	97	6	91	Capt. H. Stopford	117	18	99
Mr. C. Leatham	104	12	92	Rev. A. J. Farquhar-			
Mr. G. L. Charles-				son	114	14	100
worth	108	16	92	Mr. J. H. Mannall	118	18	100

A shilling pool, under handicap, was opened each day, that on Tuesday amounting to 34s., awarded as under:—1st, Mr. A. E. Jarvis, 14s. 2d.; 2nd, Mr. O. S. Curtis, 14s. 2d.; 3rd, Rev. A. E. Black, 5s. 8d. Wednesday's pool amounted to 22s., the winners being, 1st, Mr. A. C. Oldham, 11s.; 2nd, Dr. Dent, 7s. 4d.; 3rd, Mr. P. M. Lucas, 3s. 8d.

Considerable additions have recently been made to the club-house to meet the requirements of the increased and increasing membership. It

had been arranged for Lord Suffield to give away the prizes, but a telegram was received from his lordship regretting that he would be unable to arrive in time.

Ladies' Golf.—A prize competition for lady-members of the Royal Cromer Golf Club was held on the Cromer links on Friday last. The prizes were a gold brooch, presented by Mr. John W. Scott; a scarf pin, given by the club; and the club medal. Twelve holes constituted the medal round, the winner of the first prize being Miss Ellen Hoare, whose score of 77, less 20=57, was a very creditable performance. The same lady also took the club medal. Miss Sheppard secured the second prize, her score being 68, less 9=59. The other cards handed in were the following:—Mrs. Winter, 81, less 15=66; Mrs. M'Clure, 84, less 15=69; Miss Mary Hoare, 82, less 12=70. Two players made no return.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal, memento, Pigott cup, and the usual sweepstakes were played for on Saturday, September 24th. The weather was very fine, the attendance was large, but out of sixty-one players only twenty-one competed. The autumn meeting commences on Monday, October 3rd. Messrs. A. Boyd and H. Barry recently made two very fine last half-rounds when playing together. Mr. Boyd is in fine form, and his half-round a record:—

Mr. A. Boyd	4	3	4	5	4	3	2	5	4=34
Mr. H. Barry	4	4	5	6	4	4	3	5	5=40

Mr. Lillie won the medal and memento and first sweepstakes, and put in a win for the Pigott cup; Rev. A. H. Cochran won the second sweepstakes.

Gentlemen—			Gentlemen—				
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. J. Lillie, M.S.	100	20	80	Col. Winterscale,			
Rev. A. H. Cochran,				M.S.	99	10	89
M.S.	89	5	84	Mr. B. Nixon, S.	106	17	89
Mr. Wilson Hoare,				Mr. J. C. McLaren,			
M.S.	92	7	85	M.S.	92	1	91
Mr. J. J. Harding,				Col. Templeman,			
M.S.	93	6	87	M.S.	117	26	91
Mr. W. D. Marshall,				Mr. G. Gorton, M.S.	114	22	92
M.S.	93	6	87	Mr. C. R. Robinson,			
Rev. J. M. Eustace,				M.S.	112	16	96
S.	112	24	88	Rev. G. Willes, M.	107	10	97

No returns.—Major-Gen. Molesworth, M.; Col. Stanley Scott, M.S.; Messrs. W. Cooke, M.; Dunsford, M.S.; B. James, M.S.; Stobart, M.S.; Toller, S.; Christie, M.S.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, played September 24th.—A very windy morning, but a perfect golfer's day during the afternoon. The winner, whose handicap had been reduced for the meeting, played a splendid game, his return being only a few points worse than scratch for these links. The course is in splendid order all through.

Gentlemen—			Gentlemen—				
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*Mr. G. Gardner	86	10	76	Rev. W. F. Eaton	116	25	91
Mr. A. Smith	98	18	80	Mr. R. C. Lambert	110	18	92
Hon. F. Ponsonby	110	27	83	Dr. Gabbett	113	20	93
Mr. W. R. Richardson	101	18	83	Mr. T. H. Beres-			
Mr. W. F. Wilkinson	102	19	83	ford, R.N.	105	12	93
Mr. A. Mayhew	90	6	84	Mr. J. F. Newham	114	19	95
Rev. H. von E. Scott	89	4	85	Mr. E. Matheson	111	16	95
Mr. A. M. Wilkinson	97	11	86	Mr. G. Rivett-Carnac	108	12	96
Mr. Lathe Parsons	109	22	87	Cpt. C. D. King, R.A.	112	14	98
Col. Purson	110	22	88	Mr. G. H. Lawrence	120	18	102
Mr. H. F. Matheson	104	15	89				

* Wins monthly medal.

No returns from eighteen other members.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The Renton prize, Saturday, September 24th. Scores:—

Gentlemen—			Gentlemen—				
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*Mr. O. Belk	85	6	79	Mr. A. L. Scott	108	18	90
Mr. T. C. Robin	86	scr.	86	Mr. T. W. Barker	96	5	91
*Mr. D. Turnbull	104	15	89	Col. Mayne	96	5	91
Capt. Fairlie	95	5	90	Mr. A. E. Walker	97	2	95

* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

PORTOBELLO GOLF CLUB.—The autumn meeting was held on the 19th over Dunbar course. The prizes were the Gray scratch medal, Craig handicap medal, the captain's (Provost Wood), and other prizes. Mr. Hugo B. Ferrier secured the scratch medal with the score of 87. Mr. J. D. Smart won the handicap medal with the handicap score of 82. The other prize-winners were:—Messrs. W. D. Smart, A. Gray, F. Lee, D. F. W. Parlane, D. S. Duncan, and W. Herriot.

ROYAL COUNTY GOLF CLUB, PORTRUSH.

The monthly ladies' competition took place on the 16th, but owing to the stormy weather there were few competitors, the best score being made by Miss L. M'Keown, Belfast, who did the round in 98, less 10=88. On the following day the gentlemen's monthly competition was held. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. L. Bucknall ...	96	18	78	Mr. J. Patrick, jun. ...	109	20	89
Dr. Moore ...	91	10	81	Mr. A. M. Bannatyne ...	107	16	91
Mr. C. J. Webb ...	106	24	82	Mr. J. Patrick, sen. ...	116	24	92
Mr. W. H. Webb ...	91	8	83	Mr. E. H. Clarke ...	109	16	93
Mr. R. Woodside ...	104	18	86	Mr. N. J. Gilroy ...	104	8	96
Capt. A. M. Ross ...	100	13	87	Dr. C. Claxton ...	122	26	96
Dr. Traill ...	102	14	88	Mr. J. S. G. Ussher ...	113	14	99

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal, 24th September, 1892.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. D. Forde ...	95	18	77	Mr. A. N. Morley ...	104	15	89
Mr. A. Adams ...	89	8	81	Mr. J. Wallace ...	96	6	90
Mr. W. D. Davidson ...	86	4	82	Mr. A. Davidson ...	100	10	90
Mr. P. Strickland ...	90	7	83	Mr. C. W. Harrison ...	102	12	90
Mr. J. L. Ridpath ...	92	9	83	Mr. W. P. Crake ...	103	12	91
Mr. J. A. Burrell ...	97	14	83	Mr. F. A. Wallroth ...	105	14	91
Mr. W. Bazalgette ...	87	3	84	Mr. R. C. Want ...	108	16	92
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron ...	88	4	84	Mr. E. Turle ...	105	12	93
Mr. W. R. Portal ...	104	20	84	Dr. C. D. B. Hale ...	111	18	93
Mr. N. R. Foster ...	84	+2	86	Gen. H. Elliott ...	113	20	93
Mr. E. Field ...	92	6	86	Mr. J. L. Muir ...	113	20	93
Mr. S. G. Carlyll ...	102	16	86	Mr. C. Plummer ...	94	scr.	94
Mr. A. P. Simpson ...	104	18	86	Mr. F. S. Creswell ...	109	15	94
Mr. E. A. Walker ...	93	6	87	Mr. J. W. Potter ...	110	16	94
Mr. W. W. Branston ...	103	16	87	Mr. W. Michie ...	104	9	95
Mr. R. Thomson ...	93	5	88	Mr. H. W. Horne ...	104	8	96
Mr. G. C. Wylie ...	95	7	88	Mr. W. Johnston ...	111	15	96
Mr. R. Howell ...	100	12	88	Mr. H. C. Archer ...	112	16	96
Mr. H. P. Cater ...	101	12	89	Mr. I. Gane ...	114	16	98
Mr. T. Smith ...	101	12	89	Mr. E. Oliver ...	119	16	103

No returns from the following players:—

Messrs. R. Browne, J. J. Cater, F. Clarke, W. J. Cundell, G. Dixey, A. Fell, F. E. Faithfull, C. H. Grundtvig, J. Gane, B. Howell, N. Lubbock, J. H. Mudie, J. MacFarlan, F. M. Smith, F. Sandeman, F. C. Staplyton, and T. Westray.

ST. NEOTS GOLF CLUB.

Members', competition, 24th September, 1892.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. C. McNish ...	56	10	46	Mr. J. G. Duberly ...	59	10	49
Mr. A. K. Bower ...	69	22	47	Rev. R. D. Cooper ...	69	20	49
Mr. A. B. Brackenbury ...	58	10	48	Dr. Hillyer ...	70	18	52
Mr. F. Day ...	68	20	48	Dr. Good ...	76	15	61
				Mr. J. Copping, jun. ...	95	30	65

THE SOUTHDOWN AND BRIGHTON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, the 21st, play took place for the silver monthly medal. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Martin ...	102	30	72	Miss E. Cleaver ...	108	24	84
Miss Davidson ...	105	32	73	Mrs. Fisher ...	110	24	86
* Miss M. Crunden ...	85	9	76	Miss Willis ...	119	30	89
Mrs. Barry ...	111	32	79	Mrs. J. G. Dill ...	119	17	102
Miss Crunden ...	100	16	84	Miss Bashford ...	149	35	114
Miss Cleaver ...	102	18	84				

* Holder of the medal.

No return from Miss Riddell.

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., the Southdown and Brighton Ladies played a match on their links at Burgess Hill against Mrs. J. Blencowe's team from Lewes, the Southdown and Brighton Ladies winning by 5 holes. Scores:—

SOUTHDOWN AND BRIGHTON.			MRS. BLENCOWE'S TEAM.		
Holes.			Holes.		
Miss M. Crunden ...	...	5	Miss Starkey Bence ...	...	0
Miss A. Crunden ...	...	0	Mrs. Scott ...	...	5
Miss Campbell ...	...	6	Mrs. Blencowe ...	...	0
Miss Cleaver ...	...	0	Miss Ingram ...	...	1
		11			6

Mrs. Blencowe having been disappointed of three players, Mrs. John Gordon Dill, Mrs. Fisher, and Miss Martin did not play in the match as had been arranged.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of Troon Golf Club was held on Saturday the 17th. The weather was on the whole favourable, but a strong wind blew from the south-west. This being the closing meeting of the year, and, so to speak, the winding-up of the season, there was an unusually large attendance of the members, the links being crowded with the players who took part in the competition. The play was for the Morison gold medal, scratch; and the St. Andrews cross, scratch to 12 of odds; and the Sandhills silver cleek and iron, 13 of odds to 24 of odds. On the cards being handed in and compared, it was found that Mr. W. Milne had won the scratch medal with 84, made up as follows:—Out, 5 4 4 5 4 5 4 5 4=40; in, 6 6 5 4 5 5 4 4=44; total, 84. Mr. E. D. Prothero was second with 85, viz.: out, 5 4 4 6 5 4 6 4=42; in, 5 5 4 4 7 5 5 4 4=43; total, 85. Mr. Stuart Foulis won the St. Andrews cross with 89, less 6=83; and Mr. J. M. Jamieson won the silver cleek and iron with 93, less 14=79. Undernoted are the scores under 90:—Mr. J. M. Jamieson, 93, less 14=79; Mr. S. Foulis, 89, less 6=83; Mr. J. M. Orr, 101, less 18=83; Mr. W. Milne, 84; Mr. Charles Aird, 96, less 12=84; Mr. E. D. Prothero, 85; Mr. J. Kemp, 95, less 10=85; Mr. D. S. Miller, jun., 104, less 18=86; Mr. T. B. A. M'Michael, 93, less 6=87; Mr. J. Patrick, 95, less 8=87; Mr. W. C. Wilson, 101, less 14=87; Mr. D. D. Robertson, 88; Mr. L. Robertson, 88; Mr. A. Morison, 89; Mr. J. Wilson, jun., 101, less 12=89; Mr. J. M'Glashan, 109, less 20=89; Mr. J. Merry, 92, less 2=90; Mr. J. Storrar, 94, less 4=90; Mr. T. Johnston, 98, less 8=90; Mr. A. H. Holm, 100, less 10=90; Mr. W. D. Strachan, 104, less 14=90; Mr. P. Robertson, 106, less 16=90. The September meeting of the club, to compete for the Sandhills gold medal, took place on Saturday. The competition was held under variable conditions as to the weather, play being interrupted by heavy, squally showers. The turn-out of players was unusually small, only a dozen couples doing the round of eighteen holes. The following are the results, according to all the results handed in:—Mr. E. D. Prothero (scratch), 83; Mr. John Shaw, 95, less 12=83; Mr. James Patrick, 94, less 8=86; Mr. John Merry, 89, less 2=87; Mr. H. E. Clifford, 105, less 16=89; Mr. R. White (scratch), 89; Mr. And. Johnston, 93, less 4=89; Mr. W. P. Stewart, 102, less 12=90; Mr. A. H. Holm, 102, less 10=92; Mr. P. R. Robertson, 110, less 16=94; Mr. W. C. Mitchell, 108, less 12=96.

WARRENDER GOLF CLUB.

The annual excursion of this Edinburgh club, was held on Monday, 19th inst., being the Edinburgh autumn holiday. Lanark was the Golf course visited. There was a large turn-out of the members and their friends. The party left the Caledonian station at 9:30, and arrived on the green in time to start at 11.30, the hour that had been previously fixed for the competition to commence. The secretary and treasurer who had been partnered by the ballot, drove off first, and the others followed in the order of the draw. The course is only a fourteen-hole course, but it was agreed to start again at the first tee, after finishing the round, and play the first four holes, in order to make up the full complement of eighteen holes. After all had finished, and cards were compared, the following was the result of the competition.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. Carruthers ...	81	3	78	Mr. J. Grahamslaw ...	101	18	83
Mr. T. Carruthers ...	86	7	79	Mr. R. Glass ...	82	+2	84
Mr. M. McCall ...	95	16	79	Mr. J. S. C. Shaw ...	97	12	85
Mr. A. Sinclair ...	93	10	83	Mr. T. S. Kay ...	90	5	85
Mr. J. Steel ...	95	12	83				

The competition over, the members and friends adjourned to the Victoria hotel, and partook of a sumptuous dinner. Foursomes and singles were arranged for the afternoon, and several interesting matches followed. Messrs. Mathie and Coutie, playing a very strong game against Messrs. Carruthers and Menzies, holed the round of fourteen holes in the remarkably low score of 59, beating their opponents by 6 up and 5 to play. The first ten holes were holed in 40. The ties were also played off, and resulted in the order given above. After tea, the party left for home after a most successful outing. The club is in a very flourishing condition, the membership having been this year greatly increased.

BANK OF SCOTLAND (EDINBURGH) CLUB.—On Monday 19th, the members of this club held a competition over the North Berwick course for the scratch trophy and several handicap awards. On a return of cards, Mr. James Clark and Mr. G. G. Créase were found to have tied for scratch honours at 91 actual. Best handicap scores were:—Mr. James Clark, 91, less 3=88; Mr. G. G. Créase, 91, (scratch); and Mr. F. L. Sanderson, 101, less 8=93.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE CLUB.—The autumn competition of this club was held at Musselburgh on the 19th. The following were the prize-winners:—Scratch medal, Mr. D. V. R. Murray; handicap medal and first prize, Mr. R. Galloway; second and third, Messrs. J. F. Hall and A. Paterson; and fourth, Mr. R. Reid.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was played on the Lelant Links, in fine weather on Saturday, September 24th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Vivian ...	110	18	92	Mr. Robert Fox ...	120	22	98
Mr. Howard Fox ...	127	35	92	Mr. R. Barclay Fox ...	127	28	99
Mr. C. S. Trevithick	117	22	95	Mr. W. Harvey ...	130	20	110
Mr. R. F. Tyacke...	121	26	95	Mr. O. V. White...	119	not hcp.	

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

In splendid golfing weather the sixth and final monthly competition was played over the links at Hall Road, on Saturday, and resulted in a tie between Mr. L. D. Stoddart and Mr. Frank Harrison. The winner of this tie will play off for the prize with Mr. M. Rollo, Mr. H. K. Laybourn, Dr. Bushby, Dr. Rowlands, and Mr. J. W. Fowler, on the 8th October, under special handicap. Appended are the results of Saturday's play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. L. D. Stoddart	79	+1	80	Mr. Wm. Rowland ...	100	10	90
Mr. F. Harrison ...	88	8	80	Mr. A. Chisholm ...	94	3	91
Mr. J. W. Fowler ...	80	+1	81	Mr. M. Rollo ...	100	9	91
Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe	91	9	82	Mr. J. J. Yates ...	103	12	91
Mr. H. M. Durandu	92	10	82	Mr. A. K. Cannington	113	22	91
Capt. Chamier ...	94	12	82	Mr. T. R. Henderson	95	3	92
Mr. T. H. Luzmore...	86	2	84	Mr. C. C. Deane ...	96	3	93
Mr. F. Litchfield ...	94	10	84	Mr. C. V. C. Dawbarn	102	9	93
Mr. H. C. Reynolds	104	20	84	Mr. G. Seatree ...	111	18	93
Mr. R. Goold ...	88	3	85	Mr. E. C. Edgecombe	109	16	93
Mr. T. Leicester ...	110	25	85	Mr. Geo. Edgecombe	114	20	94
Mr. W. Litchfield ...	108	22	86	Mr. H. Rowland ...	107	12	95
Mr. P. D'bell ...	100	13	87	Mr. T. Henderson ...	104	8	96
Dr. A. Houlgrave ..	105	18	87	Mr. J. Edmondson...	114	18	96
Mr. T. Mellard Reade	102	14	88	Mr. H. F. Fernie...	118	22	96
Mr. J. N. P. Newton	104	16	88	Mr. G. Durandu ...	111	13	98
Dr. T. B. Grimdale...	91	1	90	Dr. D. Harrison ...	117	18	99

WEST LANCASHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., on the links at Blundellsands, when twenty couples started to compete for a handsome challenge prize, presented by the members of the West Lancashire Golf Club, and also for club prizes, under handicap. The weather was fine, and the greens in excellent condition. The challenge prize was won by Miss Stoddart, with the scratch score of 81, she also winning the first handicap prize; the second handicap prize fell to Miss G. F. Taylor, and the third to Miss E. Rodway. The following are the scores returned under 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Stoddart ...	81	scr.	81	Miss Cunningham...	119	25	94
Miss G. F. Taylor	82	scr.	82	Mrs. Ainsworth ...	93	+4	97
Miss E. Rodway ...	113	30	83	Mrs. Alsop...	117	20	97
Mrs. Fowler ...	88	scr.	88	Miss Goffey ...	113	16	97
Miss A. Couper ...	110	22	88	Mrs. W. Potter ...	109	12	97
Miss Vallance ...	100	12	88	Miss Welch ...	113	15	98
Mrs. Stuart ..	105	16	89	Miss E. Gordon ...	115	16	99
Miss A. Welch ...	89	scr.	89	Mrs. Glover ...	124	25	99
Miss H. M. Edgcombe	116	25	91	Mrs. J. Potter ...	113	14	99
Miss T. Taylor ...	118	25	93				

ELIE AND EARLSFERRY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—This club had their closing tournament for this season over the ladies' course in the Elie Recreation Park, on Friday. The tournament proved most successful. For the ladies' and gentlemen's singles twenty-nine couples started, being the largest number that have ever entered in similar competitions of the club; and in the mixed foursomes, played in the afternoon, thirty couples competed. In the ladies' competitions Miss Pearson won both the first scratch prize and the first handicap prize with the record score, in a ladies' competition, of 64 (33 and 31.) Miss Pearson also won the Cairnie challenge cup, which is held for the year by the lady-member of the club making the lowest handicap score. The second and third handicap prizes were won by Miss K. Fowler and Miss F. Brown respectively. In the gentlemen's competition Mr. Fogg won the scratch prize with the very fine score of 63, only one point over the record of the green; and Mr. John Ferguson won the first handicap prize with a score of 62 (65 less 3), the second prize going to Mr. W. Thomson. In the mixed foursomes the Rev. Mr. Campbell and Miss L. Prain on playing off a tie won the first prize, the second being won by Mr. Fogg and Mrs. Dunlop. At the close of the competition the prizes were presented by Lady Anstruther of Balcaskie, the lady-patron of the club, who, in acknowledging a vote of thanks awarded to her on the motion of Mr. Bethune, expressed the pleasure it gave her to be present, and her regret that she had been unable to perform a like task at the tournament in August.

CUMBRAE V. ROTHESAY.—COMPETITION FOR THE CHALLENGE CLUB.—The first competition in connection with the above clubs for the challenge prize presented by Mr. A. Graham Murray, M.P. for the county, was held on Saturday over the course of the Cumbrae Club at Millport. The challenge prize presented by Mr. A. Graham Murray takes the form of a handsome silver club. The conditions are that the challenge club has to be played for every half-year over the Cumbrae and Rothesay courses alternately, the clubs to be represented by ten men a-side, the match to be by holes. When the cards were handed in it was found that the Cumbrae players had won a splendid victory by 41 holes.

PRESTWICK.—Twelve couples started on Saturday in competition for the monthly handicap gold medal, the cards showing the following results for the game of eighteen holes. Winner of the medal, Mr. J. E. Orr, with a score of 79 with 17 of odds; Mr. George Davidson was second at 83, with 24; and Mr. R. Cowan third at 86, with 1 of odds.

ANSTRUTHER.—A competition for the Brown medal took place over the Billowness course on Saturday afternoon. Six couples competed, but a strong wind from the west made the scoring high. Two rounds, or eighteen holes, were played, and Mr. W. P. Wilson was declared the winner, with the scratch score of 84.

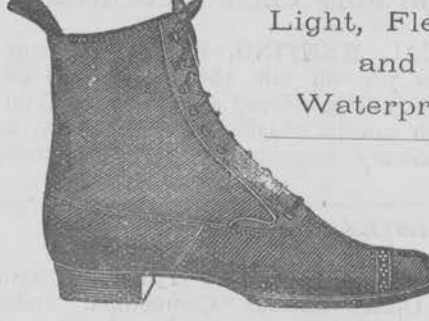
LADYBANK.—A handicap competition took place on Saturday, under the auspices of the Ladybank Golf Club, open to the juvenile players of the district. Scores:—D. P. Birkett, 104, less 10=94; James Speed, 119, less 18=101; Alexander Marshall, 121, less 18=103; Thomas Williamson (scratch), 109; John C. Lowe, 126, less 16=110; John Beveridge, 127, less 14=113; Andrew Duncan, 124, less 10=114; Thomas M'Lagan, 123, less 7=116; John Dick, 129, less 6=123; Andrew Cellars, 136, less 12=124; Hugh M'Lagan, 143, less 18=125; Thomas M'Laren, 157, less 16=141; Andrew Mitchell, 175, less 13=162.

LEITH CALEDONIAN GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club held a handicap competition over Leven links on the 19th, with the following result:—1, Mr. John Lawson, 107, less 20=87; 2 and 3, Mr. Donald Macgregor, 107, less 18=89, and Mr. John Henderson, 86, plus 3=89, tie; 4, Mr. John M. Williamson, 103, less 10=93; 5, Dr. Squire W. Allen, 112, less 18=94, and Mr. William Helm, 100, less 6=94, tie.

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HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—A small turn-out of members journeyed to Selkirk on Monday the 19th, to take part in the last competition for the season in connection with the Cox medal, and to play for half-yearly club prizes. The course being one of nine holes only the double round was played, and the greens being in good order the play was much enjoyed. The result was that Mr. W. M'Currah, with a score of 99, less 14=85, was the winner of the medal in this competition, together with first prize. The other prize-winners were—2, Mr. A. Auchterlonie; 3, Mr. J. Murray; 4, Mr. A. M'Farlane; 5, Mr. W. Paterson; 6, Mr. T. S. Smith; 7, Mr. A. Lamont; and 8, Mr. James Scott. With this competition the actual winner of the Cox medal for the year is decided, being the competitor having the three lowest aggregates out of seven competitions. With a total score of 249, or an average of 83, Mr. A. Tait becomes winner and entitled to the gold charm. In a sweepstake competition the winners were—1, Mr. J. Murray; 2, Mr. A. M'Farlane; and 3, Messrs. J. Scott and A. Auchterlonie.

DORNOCH.—On Saturday, the fourth and final competition was held for the silver quach presented to the club by Mr. George Dalziel, Edinburgh. The conditions were four rounds of the green, under handicap, and the best aggregate scorer to become the absolute possessor of the quach. Considerable interest was taken in the competition throughout, and at the close of the third round on Wednesday last the four leading competitors were Provost Sutherland, with 261; Bailie Fraser, 268; G. R. Kennedy 269; and Mr. George Bridgeford, 272. Saturday, although a good golfing-day in other respects, was rather windy for low scoring, and notwithstanding the fact that Provost Sutherland stood seven strokes better than the second best man, on such a day it was by no means a certainty who of the four should ultimately win. On the cards being handed in, however, it was found that Provost Sutherland, although dropping four strokes as against Bailie Fraser, retained his position, and won by three strokes, his aggregate being 353, or an average of rather more than 88 for each round, after deducting odds (14). The next best scores were:—Mr. Fraser, 356; Mr. Kennedy, 363; and Mr. Bridgeford, 371.

YE MONKS OF YE BRAIDS.—A good turn-out of the above brotherhood journeyed to Archerfield on the 19th inst to play for their silver medal and other prizes. The weather was most favourable, although a little gusty, and the greens were in splendid condition, therefore a very enjoyable day was spent. The medal was won by the Abbot, Mr. John King, with a scratch score of 85, and also tied with Mr. H. II. Chapman, 91, less 6=85, for the first and second handicap prizes. In playing off the tie Mr. King had the round in 84, and Mr. Chapman 90—one less than their previous score. They did not play off again, and mutually arranged thus:—Mr. Chapman, first (an oil painting presented by the abbot), and Mr. King second (a silver water jug.) Mr. J. E. Sansome had a good look-in with 89, less 3=86, thereby gaining third (a silver inkstand), and Mr. George Turner fourth, 94, less 6=88. A special prize presented by Mr. H. G. Lampard, Castle Hotel, was also played for, the lowest score for the first nine holes to win, which fell to Mr. John King with a 39.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, at Chingford, the competitions for the Gordon cup, captain's prize, and monthly medal resulted as follows:—Mr. E. A. Jenson, 89, less 10=79; Mr. E. Flint, 92, less 11=81; Mr. Sidney Kemp, 92, less 10=82; Mr. J. S. Pearce, 94, less 12=82; and Captain S. Peskett, 97, less 15=82.

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