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- Sept. 10.—Leasowe : Monthly Competition.
Bradford St. Andrews : Rhodes Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : The Strang Cup.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Cullen Scratch Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Medal.
Thistle, Edinburgh : Match, Treasurer v. Secretary.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Members' Match.
Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
Southport : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.
Warwickshire : Two Silver Cups.
Royal County, Portrush : Open Hole Competition.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Foursome Cups Tournament.
Scarborough : Silver Medal.
Lanark : Captain's Prize.
- Sept. 12.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Competition.
Sept. 13-16.—Minehead : Autumn Meeting.
Sept. 14 to 17.—Blairgowrie : Ladies' Cup.
Sept. 16 & 17.—Ashdown Forest : September Meeting.
Sept. 17.—West Lancashire : Autumn Meeting.
Woodford : Quarterly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Captain's and other Prizes.
Buxton and High Peak : The September Cup.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup.
Disley : Summer Silver Medal.

- Sept. 17.—Thistle, Edinburgh : Monthly Trophy.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Westwood Cup.
St. George's, Sandwich : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
Watsonian : Gold Medal.
Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Newbiggin : Club Gold Medal.
County Down : Club Monthly Prizes.
Southport : The Pilkington Gold Scratch Medal (Open to Amateurs).
West Cornwall : Bolitho Cup.
Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 19.—Braids : Autumn Meeting.
Sept. 20 & 21.—Royal Cromer : Autumn Prize Meeting.
Sept. 21.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
Sept. 22 & 23.—Open Golf Championship at Muirfield, Drem (Entries close 17th.)
Open Golf Tournament at Musselburgh.
- Sept. 24.—Southport : Gold Scratch Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes v. Lenzie (at Lenzie).
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Captain's Prize.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; Monthly Medal.
Cinque Ports, Deal : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Monthly Competition.
Islay : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup Competition.
Lytham and St. Anne's : The Silver Iron.
- Sept. 26.—Eastbourne : South Lynn Vase.
Sept. 27.—Southdown and Brighton Ladies : Prize Meeting.
Burnham (Som.) : Handicap Gold Medal.
Sept. 28 & 29.—Newhaven : Captain's Prize.
Sept. 30.—Redhill and Reigate : Club Prize.
Minchinhampton : Autumn Meeting.
Sept. 30, & Oct. 1.—Redhill and Reigate : Autumn Meeting.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 1.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup.
Lea Hurst : Committee Cup.
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Warrender : Monthly Medal.
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BUXTON.

The impressions produced by a visit to a new place are dependent upon a variety of circumstances, not the least important of which are, firstly, the physical condition of the visitor; secondly, the state of the weather. In the writer's case both these determining elements were unquestionably adverse. It is, in the first place, tantalising to be within easy reach of a links new to you, yet forbidden by your Galen to play; it is depressing to spend your first three weeks with little other occupation than that of counting the rain-drops coursing down the window-pane, for in those three weeks it rained every day but two, and usually all day long. Neither is it in the nature of a tonic to be told that last summer it rained the whole season through, with the exception of five days, which did not come all at once, but scattered at irregular intervals. Under such circumstances, even Mark Tapley might have owned to the condition described by Carlyle as "atrabiliar"; wherefore the writer, at first, was not ill-pleased to discover that Buxton has been described, somewhat unkindly, as "a pleasant place to get away from;" that "for those who are obliged to confine themselves within its circling hills, it is the heaviest and most uninteresting town that 1,500 strangers were ever cooped up in." But since one's desire is to hold the scales impartially, and by no means unduly to depreciate the place—where, let it be added, the writer was received with every kindness—it is to be said that the words above quoted were written many years ago, that they cannot be taken as fairly indicative of the conditions which now obtain. More; after those dreadful three weeks the rain grew less frequent in its visitations, and a general amelioration of health led to considerable modification of the views just expressed; in fact, the writer is prepared to admit that, on a future occasion, he would revisit the place with much satisfaction.

The golfer in search of change of scene would do well to go to Buxton, which certainly should be included in a round of inland links. If, moreover, his tastes incline to historical study, he will find much to interest him. The place was famed in the days of the Romans, then declined for a few hundred years, until, about the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, when stricken humanity began to flock thither, said humanity, when healed in Bethesda, being wont to hang up its disused crutches in the Chapel of St. Ann, the tutelary saint whose name the drinking-well now bears. These relics, with the enshrining chapel, were, however, destroyed in the early days of the Reformation, as being "monuments of idolatry, superstition, and hypocrisy." The sixteenth century was most interesting of all, or will be so considered by sympathisers with Mary Queen of Scots, who, being afflicted with "chronic rheumatism, neuralgic pain, and indurated liver," paid four visits to the baths, staying at The Hall, erected by the Earl of Shrewsbury, whose prisoner Mary then was. The Queen experienced much relief from the water, "which relaxed the tension of the nerves, and relieved my body from the dropsical humours with which, in consequence of my debility, it had been charged." On the occasion of her last visit she wrote upon her window-pane what Fuller calls a "distick," running as follows:—

"Buxtona quæ calidæ celebrabere nomine lymphæ,
Forte mihi posthac non adeunda vale."

Upon the site of The Hall, built by the Earl of Shrewsbury, is now the Old Hall Hotel. There can be little doubt that to the Earl is due the beginning of the prosperity of Buxton, the virtues of whose waters he helped to re-discover, while the visits of Mary gave the place what we should now call a splendid advertisement. A quaint old print is now to be seen at this hotel; in the somewhat remarkable perspective frequently to be observed in similar masterpieces, it depicts The Hall as it then was, and St. Ann's Spring, at the foot of the rising ground, which is here delineated as a succession of knolls, or what are known in Scotland, perhaps more expressively, as "knobbies."

This ground is now artificially laid out, and forms a happy hunting ground for children, and for those with limbs sufficiently elastic to scale its abrupt slope. The spring itself appears as a sort of apparently wooden tub, roughly oblong. Whether the maimed and halt were in the habit (one at a time, for it would hold no more) of performing their curative ablutions "*coram populo*," as it were, in this shelterless situation, one has not been able to determine; probably they did, for one may well suppose *autres temps, autres mœurs*.

Nothing much seems to have happened for the next hundred years or so, not in fact until the Buxton estates came into possession of the third Earl of Devonshire. From that time onward the place has increased in prosperity, notably since the erection of the Crescent, by the fifth Duke of Devonshire in 1780, this building being the unique feature of the town. Such, with apologies to the non-historical, is a brief glance at the past; for the present, well, on off days the golfer will acquaint himself if, he care to, with the seven wonders of the Peak, described in Mr. Hobbes's Latin poem, "*De Mirabilibus Pecci*" (1666), as

Ædes, Mons, Barathrum, binus Fons, antraque bina,

that is to say, Chatsworth, the Mam Tor, Elden Hole, St. Ann's Spring, the Peak Cavern, and Poole's Hole. These topical themes received further treatment at the hands of Charles Cotton, of Beresford, the poet of the Peak, who called himself the adopted son of Izaak Walton, and was the author of the second part of the "*Complete Angler*" (fifth edition), "*Being Instructions how to Angle for a Trout or Grayling in a Clear Stream*." It is adorned with a cipher of the letters I. W. C. C., being the same as Cotton placed upon his fishing-house on the Dove. An interesting account of him by William Oldys, Norroy King-at-Arms, serves as introduction to the second part of the "*Complete Angler*." If one cares to combine Golf with fishing, Buxton is a capital base of operations. Says Piscator, "Why, you have made a pretty good morning's work on't; and now, sir, what think you of our river Dove?"

Viator: "I think it to be the best trout river in England, and am so far in love with it that if it were mine and that I could keep it to myself I would not exchange that water for all the land it runs over, to be totally debarred from it. Also its praises are set forth by Drayton in the "*Polyolbion*" and Sonnets:—

The Peak her Dove, whose banks so fertile be.

And again—

And as from there she flows
She takes into her train rich Dove and Darwin clear,
Darwin, whose font and fall are both in Derbyshire,

alluding to the Trent

Other streams there are, too, in the neighbourhood where good sport may be got, while "if his sport fails him" why then the angler may console himself with the quaint reflections of "Dame Julyans Bernes," prioress of the nunnery of Sopwell, near St. Albans, one of the three or four predecessors of Izaak in fishing literature, thus—

The Angler atte the leest hath his holsom walke, and mery at his ease, a swete ayre of the swete savoure of the meede floures, that makyth hym hungry, he heereth the melodoyous armony of fowles, he seeth the yonge swannes, heerons, duckes, cotes, and many other foules with theyr brodes, whyche me semyth better than alle the noyse of houndys, the blastys of hornys, and the serye of foulis, that hunters, fawkners, and foulers can make. And if the angler take fyshe, surely then there is nou man merier than he is in his spyryte.—*The Treatyse of Fysshynge wyth an angle*. 1496.

So the golfer, disgusted with bad play, may betake himself to the angle, with the comfortable assurance, so to speak, of being dorny whate'er betide.

But these circumambulations tend to exhaust the patience; let us to Golf therefore; "the play's the thing." If then you arrive at Buxton with the usual number of limbs, and they are in fairly good working order, you shall, in the fulness of time, crawl or be driven up to the village of Fairfield, no great distance, scarcely perhaps a mile from the town—the houses are, in fact, continuous. There you will find a comfortable little club, giving upon the common, and be received with welcome as a guild-brother. The links as yet have not been included among the marvels of the Peak district, though the captious might think their title quite as legitimate as some numbered

in the orthodox list. Derbyshire, it is unnecessary to point out, is not situated on the shore of the sea, hence arise conditions not there met with. But he who writes is of a catholic mind as to Golf; and if, in the nature of things, it can be played anywhere, would be prepared to enjoy it. Especially Fairfield Golf. They have a wholesome rule, "the good old rule, the simple plan," that you must play a ball where it lies or lose the hole, except in certain cases, under a wall, in a hoof-mark, or, well—let us say, within the radius of fertilising influences incidental to Golf upon a common. All which is good, for if you do top your ball into what it were courtesy to call a bunker, you die the death. From a bunker you can, and generally do, extricate yourself; but from these quarries a supply of blasting powder (though in frequent request) is scarcely efficacious. The man who comes in danger on either side of the prescribed track, will enjoy himself if he be lusty and strong; the grass is long, rank and unyielding. Let him then, in Homeric phrase, take his strong-shafted niblick forged by the lame god, and deal out swift recurring blows at the fruitful earth, thus haply, if far darting Zeus permit, shall he move the moulded ball from its well-formed nest, scattering aloft tussocks and angry words to the eddying winds; yet nathless shall he succumb to dreary fate, yielding up to the foe his honour and possession of the well cut circular hole. Besides the long grass and quarries, there are hollows where formerly quarries existed in which lies may be discovered almost as satisfactory as those to be found in the stone mines themselves, roads there are also, and walls to catch a topped shot now and again; gateways, too, are hazards, and a large pond adds variety. A good player will find small difficulty in avoiding these all and singular; but for the uncertain is stored up vexation of spirit; this also is good. The first hole is approached up-hill, the main difficulty, after a stony ravine has been carried from the tee, being accurately to gauge the distance of the shot to the green; the second is the longest on the course; and cannot be reached under two and an iron; the third is a good hole, and the fourth excellent in four; but here the safer course is to play a short club for the second, and pitch over the wall, immediately beyond which the putting green is situated. This hole has been lengthened this year, some additional land outside the common having been rented for the purpose. The fifth can be reached from the tee with a good drive, while the sixth, the best hole on the green, demands two raspers to get home; nor is this all, for it is guarded by what probably has been a quarry, though now grass-grown and clothed with rank vegetation: numerous pits, hollows, and an opposing precipitous face serve to exasperate the man who finds himself snugly in its depths. Also the finish is at the top of a steep slope, the putting green being bounded by long grass and a wall. A capital four hole. The less glorious course were to play for a 5, though in this case too the approach shall be deftly pitched, Sayers-like, for it to have a chance of remaining on the green fashionably christened the Alps. Quarries are gaping for your next shot but a 4 should be within reach; and if the two last holes are done in 9 you shall not lament. The last tee shot needs attention on the pond in front of it is to be carried. Thus, to sum up, one would say, if half a dozen first-class players were to attempt it, one or two would shortly make this sort of score, or something like it, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5=40; nor can there be much doubt that if any one of them were to play for a month, he would break 80 for the double round. It is said that Jack Simpson (at whose recent return to form we all rejoice) when club professional accomplished the single round in 37; but at that time the fourth hole had not been extended. The best recorded score in a competition is 43, 41=84, by Mr. W. E. Fairlie in 1891; unluckily he opened with a 7 which, however, at the third hole he retrieved with two brilliant shots, the second of which lay within a couple of inches of the hole.^o

The length of the green is one mile five furlongs, giving an average of about 318 yards per hole. The club was inaugurated in June 1887, its inception being due to Mr. Strang and Mr. W. R. Bryden, from Westward Ho! both residents in Buxton; the course was laid out by Jack Morris of Hoylelake.

* Since the above was in type, Mr. Charles Hutchings, when playing with Mr. Fairlie, broke this record, his total being 82, and, for the single round, 39—as reported in GOLF, August 5th.

Jack Simpson as we have said was secured as green-keeper, this post being now occupied by William, brother of George Lowe. The Common (1150 feet above the sea) is the property of so called "Gate Owners," some four or five in number; these sublet to various tenants, called "Gate Holders," each of whom has the right of grazing a fixed number of sheep or cattle, or both. Considerable opposition on the part of the Gate Holders was at first encountered, but as soon as it was perceived by these that Golf would be beneficial to them, in respect that their children found employment as caddies, and further, that to encourage the game, the Duke of Devonshire reduced their rents, their hostility ceased, nay more, they came to regard the game with favour. A flourishing club such as this, in sound financial position, can scarcely fail in contributing to the material welfare of its immediate neighbours, who, let us hope, are now in better plight than in the reign of Elizabeth, at which period their charitable gifts had so crippled their resources that "they were unable to maintain their minister through extreme poverty, consequent upon the frequent access of divers poor sick and impotent persons repairing to the fountains of Buxton."

Each year the club has spread dressings of slackened lime, or fine lime ashes, to improve the turf and thin the long grass, increasing the quantity in proportion as the club's membership increased, with consequent augmentation of funds. The subsoil being limestone, the water drains off very quickly, though in the cold months, in the form of snow, it is an abiding trouble. In view of this a by-law has been framed, defining the course of action. Under this provision snow is treated as "growing grass, and therefore may not be touched nor removed either by the hand, club, foot, &c, or anything done to improve the lie of the ball. The player may either play the ball as it lies, or lift it and drop behind without incurring any penalty, unless the ball lie in a hazard, when it can be lifted and dropped behind the hazard with the loss of a stroke."

The secretary (urbane and courteous he, to whom the writer is indebted for sundry particulars herein set forth) is proud of his putting-greens—justly, be it said, for they are smooth and true, albeit they are subject to the wandering attentions of well-hoofed cattle, and "other such." *Now*, through the green you may take your wooden clubs; formerly the lies were of the earth, earthy, or villainous, necessitating frequent iron driving.

A working men's club exists, of whom twenty pay 5s. each per annum, the proceeds of which subscriptions are expended by the Buxton Club in providing prizes for them. It is pleasing to add that they are described as *most* respectful and obliging, lending their influence with the farmers and other inhabitants to make things pleasant for all concerned—not in the least disposed to resent as an infringement of the people's rights this to them somewhat novel use of the common. Though GOLF has no politics, it may be mentioned that the division, though regarded as doubtful, has returned a Conservative by a largely-increased majority at the late Election.

The treasurer being a gentleman named Crook, the executive have perpetrated a jape, and adopted as their motto the words, "By hook or by crook"—coat of arms, a cow couchant, on a field vert; for on an occasion that functionary's ball was eaten by a cow. Hence the lines already printed in GOLF:—

I.

Right on the green in five,
His record topped by one,
He thought the Micholls cup was his,
The sweepstakes also won.

II.

But Fate decreed it otherwise;
Ere touched by iron putter,
A cow advanced, and ate the ball,
And made it into butter.

III.

No rule exists this case to fit;
The captain glum looked he,
But bade the striker bide a bit,
And then go back to tee.

Wherefore concerning Buxton, as Herodotus has it, let sufficient now have been said.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

OUR GRAND GOLF TOURNAMENT.

(GULLANE, August 20th, 1892.)

Tune, "John Grumlie."

The golfers they came from north and south,
 They came from east and west,
 To try their luck, and show their skill,
 And prove who should be best.
 When up they rose in the morning,
 At the sky they looked intent,
 And each resolved to beat the field
 At our Grand Golf Tournament.
 Singing, Fal de lal lal, &c.

Oh, some they were dressed in scarlet coats,
 And some in blazers bright,
 And some in their knickerbockers gay
 Tripped merrily to the fight.
 Now at the tee they ready stand,
 Their brows for battle bent,
 Each backing himself to beat the field,
 In our Grand Golf Tournament.
 Singing, Fal de lal lal, &c.

Here some they did swing their drivers long,
 And some their irons handled,
 And some for caddies looked about,
 And some their Golf-bags dandled.
 Then off they marched by two and two.
 By some grand balls were sent ;
 Like demons they drove against the field
 In our Grand Golf Tournament.
 Singing, Fal de lal lal, &c.

Oh, some they were favoured with good luck,
 Their swipes went far and sure ;
 But some were plagued with evil chance,
 Such grief did they endure
 In bunker, in cup, and in rabbit-scape,
 In ditch, and in long bent,
 They made "no return" from the fatal field
 In our Grand Golf Tournament.
 Singing, Fal de lal lal, &c.

And now the survivors have returned,
 And the scores are all corrected,
 The last are first, and the first are last,
 So happens the unexpected.
 Some slipped away with their spirits down,
 And some for their prizes went,
 The brave twenty-five, who licked the field,
 In our Grand Golf Tournament.
 Singing, Fal de lal lal, &c.

There were some who blamed the handicap,
 And some the turf so keen ;
 But they all agreed they had enjoyed
 Their day on the Gullane green.
 And as they took off their several wags
 Each vowed it was his intent
 Next year, if spared, to defeat the field
 In our Grand Golf Tournament.
 Singing, Fal de lal lal, &c.

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Review.

OLD CLAPHAM. By J. W. Grover, M.Inst.C.E., F.S.A.
 London* : A. Bachhoffner, High Street, Clapham.

This is a history of an interesting suburb of London, which is fast losing its identity and quaintness in the ever-quickening encroachment of modern bricks and mortar. Clapham has a story to tell not only of events which affected the community as a whole, but of the celebrated men who were either born or resident within its boundaries.

The community of Clapham have been fortunate in their historian. Not only has Mr. Grover been a resident for long years in the parish, closely identified with its social and philanthropic work, an ex-captain of its once flourishing Golf Club, but he is an engineer of some repute, who has left monuments of his skill and industry all over the world. In compiling this history he has ransacked with praiseworthy energy old musty parish registers, the records of pre-historic remains, has dug into the earth in search of materials to throw light on his subject, and has allowed nothing to escape him which would in all likelihood afford a clue towards revivifying the past. It is pleasing to know that his labours have not been in vain. Were it for nothing else than the disinterment, through his efforts a few years ago, of the Atkins marbles—family relics of the lord of the manor of Clapham, which had lain forgotten for long years in the vault of a church, and pictures of which are freely interspersed in this book—Mr. Grover's name would deserve to be remembered in the gratitude of men.

Clapham was famous at the beginning of the century for the great stir it made in the religious thought of that time. It was the home of evangelical opinions, and the place and the movement have been described by Thackeray in the opening chapters of "The Newcomes." But even more noteworthy than the uprising of the "Clapham Sect" are the number of celebrated men whose connection with Clapham Mr. Grover takes so just a pride in tracing. Either by birth or residence such men as Cromwell, Ireton, William Penn, Captain Cook, the great navigator ; Lord Teignmouth, Governor-General of India ; Samuel Pepys, Sir Robert Inglis, Tom Hood, the poet ; Lord Macaulay, Sir James Mackintosh, Wilberforce, Granville Sharp, the abolitionist ; Henry Cavendish, the eccentric philosopher, who determined the density of the earth ; Sir Charles Barry, the architect of the Houses of Parliament ; Sir George Grove, the musician, have been connected with Clapham. Old family names, too, linger in the place from generation to generation. Thus, we can trace the Thorntons for a period of 300 years, the present representative of the name, Mr. Percy M. Thornton, M.P., a keen golfer, a writer in general literature of some note, and a contributor to these columns, having been wisely selected by the electors to represent the division in Parliament at the last election.

It is impossible not to share the regret of Mr. Grover at the changes which year after year this beautiful suburb has undergone. Here and there the curious visitor may still light upon old inns of the Hogarth type, some of them partially renewed in flamboyant brick, one side partially attired, so to speak, in the reign of Queen Anne, and the other in the reign of Queen Victoria. One side of the house reminds you that here was the first stoppage of travellers out of London and the last in ; here were customers served by a neat-handed Dolly Varden under the paternal scrutiny of a jocund Boniface ; here was mirth with decorum, copious drinking, perhaps, with good humour. On the other side of the house we have the modern Ally Sloper element in its most advanced Philistine aspect ; equally copious drinking mingled with profane jests, obscenity and rowdiness. The two eras join hands, and it is difficult to say whether the moderns have bettered the manners and customs of their

* Since the above notice was written we regret to say that Mr. Grover died at his house, Chase Lodge, Clapham Common, on the 23rd ult. He was fifty-six years of age, was well-known in his profession over a wide area, a keen golfer, who turned his talent to the designing of new clubs to suit his peculiar style of play, and a partner who brightened the club-house by his racy and original conversation, and by delightful stories born of experience in many lands.

ancestors. Abutting on the magnificent common the visitor may see a large number of old houses in red brick, whose colour has been chastened by time and the weather. These houses still possess dormer windows, overhanging eaves, pedimented doorways, curiously wrought iron gateways, with here and there a family crest to remind one that this was the abode of wealth, culture, and refinement. The school-house, for example, where Lord Macaulay was educated is pretty much as he quitted it; and it was close by this historic landmark on the common, if the writer remembers correctly, that the now defunct Clapham Golf Club had a nicely fitted-up iron club-house.

Clapham is perhaps best known to the general public for its fine open common, which has now become the playground for a dense surrounding population. On this common, for thirty or forty years until the other day, Golf was played. With the exception of Blackheath, Wimbledon, and Westward Ho! it was practically the only other club in the south during the earlier history of the game. Mr. Arthur Molesworth was once a member of it, while among its less known members there was a fair sprinkling of scratch players who have now migrated to other greens. The common is 220 acres in extent, and before the advent of the speculative builder was a scene of quiet rural beauty. (Mr. Grover mentions, by the way, that early last century no fewer than eighty-four hedgehogs and nineteen polecats were slain on the common at the public expense). It was surrounded by a large row of fine old mansions in spacious wooded grounds, and golfers were not greatly interfered with by the general public. Building, however, went on apace, population began to hem in the golfers, footballers and cricketers drove the club to alter its nine-hole course from time to time, restrictions as to time of play had to be imposed, and eventually the London County Council prohibited the game altogether. Most of the original members of the club have now become absorbed in the neighbouring club at Tooting. Mr. Grover, as a leading official of the club, strove hard to keep Golf alive on the common, but the authorities were inexorable, and would not recognise it as a game on all fours with football, cricket and lawn tennis. The fine old putting-greens are now converted into lawn tennis courts and cricket pitches; while the furze, which made such admirable hazards for the golfer, and which beautified the common by their bloom, have been ruthlessly kicked to pieces by footballers, and the ditches have been filled up and levelled.

There is a great deal of curious, out-of-the-way information in this book about Clapham, its people, its manners and habits. The facts which Mr. Grover has so diligently gleaned serve to shed a curious and not uninteresting side-light on the general history of the time. The local authorities seem to have been plagued a good deal by hedgehogs, polecats, Papists, and "vagrant maids;" and the entries in the registers about persons having to be buried in woollen clothing and not "lynnen" on pain of fine, about touching for the King's evil, the office of churchwarden, the cost of articles, the rateable value of the parish, the education of "charity" children, and so on, are just those little obscure facts which great historians like Macaulay would have welcomed in order to serve as the scaffolding for painting a picture of the social condition of a bygone age.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medals were played for on Saturday at the Alexandra Park, when forty-one couples competed. There were some heavy showers during the afternoon, which interfered with the comfort of the players. Results are as under:—Club Medal: 1, Mr. W. E. Bond, 80, less 4=76; 2, Mr. James Blair, 81, less 3=78, and Mr. A. A. Guthrie, 82, less 4=78 (tie); 3, Mr. John Doleman, 84, less 5=79. Wilson Medal: 1, Mr. R. R. Allan, 85, less 8=77; 2, Mr. J. W. Wood, 89, less 11=78; 3, Dr. Dougan, 86, less 7=79; 4, Mr. Jas. Donaldson, 87, less 7=80. Scott Medal: 1, Mr. J. Kilpatrick, 97, less 18=79, and Mr. H. Fulton, 97, less 18=79 (tie); 2, Mr. W. F. B. Buchanan, 94, less 14=80, and Mr. W. H. Griffin, 96, less 16=80 (tie); 3, Mr. S. Blackley, 95, less 13=82, and Mr. Robert Dunn, 95, less 13=82 (tie).

BRORA CLUB.—The first of a series of four competitions (scratch) for a prize presented by Mr. J. Sutherland, Dornoch, took place on Saturday afternoon, in a storm of wind and rain, which rendered good scoring next to impossible. The best score was made by Mr. Daniel Grant, 102.

THE GULLANE LINKS CASE.

In this action in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, Mrs. Mary Georgina Constance Nisbet Hamilton-Ogilvy of Belhaven and Dirleton, with consent of her husband, sought to have Richard Cowe, horse trainer, Gullane, interdicted from exercising or training horses upon Gullane Common, or otherwise trespassing upon the said lands. Lord Low has issued his judgment in the case. He holds that the older titles appeared to him to be in favour of the complainer's contention that the West Links or Common of Gullane belonged in property to the Dirleton family subject to certain servitudes. He was of opinion that *prima facie* Gullane Common formed part of the ancient barony of Dirleton. If the complainer's evidence alone was considered, he was of opinion that she had made out her case. So far as title-deeds went he did not think that the respondent had shown any competing title. The proprietors in Gullane—who were commoners if anyone was—had in no case an express right to Gullane Common. As to Golf, his Lordship said that the respondent founded greatly upon Golf playing on Gullane Links. It was not disputed that Golf had been played there continuously and without interruption from a period beyond the memory of man, and that the area included in the Golf course had been gradually enlarged from three or four holes to eighteen holes, without, apparently, the leave of the complainers or her authors being asked or given. He did not wish to say one word suggesting that the use of the links as a Golf course could be prohibited by the complainer or anyone else. But, in the first place, whatever might be the legal category under which the use of ground for Golf might fall, or the legal right (if any) which such use might indicate, it was not the ordinary, nor indeed a known, use of a commonity whereby the common proprietors exhibited and exercised their proprietary rights. In the second place, the use of the Golf course by the fears of Gullane proper had been a comparatively small matter, and he thought that it was evident that if members of the general public had not been attracted to the green the playing of Golf would never have assumed the proportions which it had attained, nor would the large extensions of the course have been made. Taking, therefore, the view which he had expressed in regard to the complainer's case, it followed that in his opinion she was entitled to decree. The prayer of the note asked that the respondent should be interdicted from exercising or training horses upon Gullane Common, "or otherwise trespassing upon the said lands." His Lordship was not quite sure what the general words which he had quoted referred to, but it seemed to be clear that the only matter in regard to which the complainer desired or could claim interdict was the training of horses. He should therefore limit the decree which he would pronounce to that part of the prayer which dealt with horse-training. He sustained the reasons of suspension, suspended the proceedings complained of to the extent of the horse-training; interdicted the respondent and all others acting under his direction and control from exercising or training horses upon the lands commonly known as Gullane Common; *quoad ultra* reserved further consideration of the prayer, and found the complainer, entitled to expenses.

DORNOCH.

The competition for Mrs. Barrow's lamp was brought to a close on Friday, in boisterous weather. On Thursday forenoon, those entitled to compete for the prize played the first round, which resulted as follows:—Mr. George Munro (15) beat Mr. George Bridgeford (6) by 2 up; Mr. G. R. Kennedy (2) beat Mr. M. Macdonald (plus 1) by 2 up and 1 to play; Colonel J. C. Grant (18) beat the Rev. H. A. Kennedy (2) by 3 up and 2 to play; and Mr. J. Leslie (10) beat Mr. J. Sutherland (plus 4) by 3 up and 2 to play. Second round—Mr. George Munro beat Colonel Grant by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. G. R. Kennedy beat Mr. J. Leslie by 6 up and 4 to play. Final round—Mr. George Munro beat Mr. G. R. Kennedy by 6 up and 5 to play. Mr. Munro accordingly becomes the winner of this handsome prize. On Saturday, also, in stormy weather, Mr. J. Robson (Edinburgh) again put in a win for the weekly prize with 93, less 10=83. The following private matches were played on Saturday:—Messrs. R. T. Hamilton-Bruce and P. C. Jackson (Edinburgh) lost to Colonel Grant and Mr. R. G. Campbell (Edinburgh) by 2 holes in the forenoon and, 1 in the afternoon; Mr. R. C. Maitland (Sandwich), receiving 3 holes start, was 2 down to Captain Leslie; the Rev. H. A. Kennedy and Mr. J. Robson (Edinburgh) beat Messrs. G. R. Kennedy and George Robb ("George," Edinburgh) by 1 hole, both sides holing out in the remarkably low score of 85; Messrs. Donald Crawford (M.P., North-East Lanark) and J. Sutherland, giving a third to Messrs. T. C. Hedderwick (London) and F. D. Blake (Tillmouth, Berwick), stood 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. A. Angus and the Rev. H. A. Kennedy lost by 2 holes against Messrs. G. R. Kennedy and George Robb; Mr. Sydney Platt beat Mr. Alex. Morrison by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. James Purves (Edinburgh) lost a match to Mr. J. C. R. Buckner (Glasgow) by 2 holes.



We understand that there are already nearly thirty entries of professionals for the Open competition at Musselburgh, on the 22nd and 23rd, including four ex-champions. The entries are coming in freely.

With reference to the forthcoming Championship Tournament, Ben Sayers, of North Berwick, has decided to play at Muirfield, and it is expected that Davie Grant and George Sayers will also try their fortunes at that green. George Douglas and John White have decided for Musselburgh.

Rumour has it that but for the forthcoming Open Championship competition, and the fact that this is a busy period of the "season" at North Berwick, Ben Sayers would have taken up the gauntlet so recently thrown down to all comers by Willie Fernie, of Troon. A challenge from Fernie for a date subsequent to that fixed for the Championship decision would, it is said, be more likely to be accepted by Sayers. Fernie is held in very high esteem as a player in the North Berwick district.

The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour has returned to North Berwick, and is found to be if possible a keener golfer than ever. Mr. Balfour is staying at Bradbury's Private Hotel, where he has engaged rooms till the end of the present month, leaving North Berwick for Whittinghame on Fridays, and returning on Mondays. The right hon. gentleman, who makes a capital partner in single or foursome, is by no means a careful player, but shows throughout a lively interest in the progress of a match, and does his level best to avoid a beating. With apparently little fatigue Mr. Balfour can enjoy his three rounds a day.

In the Bass Rock Club's trophy competition on Saturday, during a strong north-westerly wind, Mr. D. M. Jackson completed a round of the North Berwick links in the splendid score of 78. Excepting two 7's at the start, Mr. Jackson exhibited a perfect game, his 32 for the eight holes home being an especially creditable performance. The details were:—Out—7 7 5 5 3 2 5 3 4 5=46; in—4 3 3 3 4 5 6 4=32; total, 78.

In consequence of the Championship Tournament being held at Muirfield, the September meeting of the North Berwick Ladies' Golf Club has been arranged to be held on the 16th inst., a week earlier than hitherto. In intimating this date at the recent meeting of the ladies' club, Mr. B. Hall Blyth laughingly observed that he would be pleased to find the ladies entering the lists as competitors for Championship honours.

Has any golfer noticed Harry Furniss's amusing illustration in last week's *Punch* to "Tee, Tee, Only Tee!?" For a golfer who ought to know better, Mr. Furniss errs seriously in showing the grip of the club. The position is that of a left-handed player, not a right.

Mrs. C. W. Macara writes:—"Manchester and Salford are again to the fore in a new development of the 'Lifeboat Saturday' movement. A central council of ladies is in process of formation, and in connection with this it is intended to organise branch executive committees in the various suburbs of Manchester and Salford. The object of this movement is to found a Ladies Lifeboat Saturday Fund. It is intended that the contributions to this fund shall be limited to half-a-crown, and all who are authorised to collect will be supplied with books containing receipts for half-crowns and shillings, which will bear the signature of the Hon. Secretary. The following ladies have already consented to join the council:—The Mayoress of Manchester, president; the Mayoress of Salford, vice-president; Lady Whitworth, Lady Houldsworth, Lady Roscoe, Miss Balfour, Mrs. Jacob Bright, Mrs. W. H. Holland, Mrs. W. Mather, Mrs. C. E. Schwann, Mrs. Bannerman, Mrs. Darbyshire, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. C. J. Galloway, Miss Gaskell, Miss Hunter, Mrs. Leech, Mrs. Moorhouse, Mrs. Norbury, Mrs. C. P. Scott, Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. J. F. Pearson, hon. treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Macara, hon. secretary."

The handsome Pilkington centenary gold scratch medal of the Southport Golf Club, open to all amateurs, will be played for on September 17th. It is to be held by the winner for one year, and he also receives a memento, value five guineas.





THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As taking some interest in the Open Championship, may I trouble you with some remarks relative thereto, with a view, in the interests of good government, unity, and order, of endeavouring to place the present unsatisfactory position into which matters have drifted in a light somewhat different from that in which it is presented, in your issue of last week, by your correspondent J. Anderson. Everyone will regret the hitch that threatens to upset a continuity that has lasted without a break; and I do not think that the part the Musselburgh people are playing in the threatened rupture will meet with universal commendation. Your correspondent J. Anderson is, we may assume, the J. Anderson whose name, along with that of William Park, jun., appears on the return post-cards which have been sent to professional golfers, and it may be to amateur golfers, inviting them to attend the meeting at Musselburgh. If that be so, the promoters of this rival so-called Championship meeting are showing an energy that would be commendable in a praiseworthy cause. But their cause is not a praiseworthy cause, and looking at it in its best light, the position they are taking up will, if they are allowed to prevail, lead only to confusion and misrule.

Your correspondent, in dealing with the question, starts with a wrong conception as to the rights and privileges of the case, and it can best be shown that he does so by a short recapitulation of the conditions under which the Open Championship was instituted and carried on. The Open Championship had its origin in the West of Scotland. It was instituted by the Prestwick Golf Club, and the first meeting was held over Prestwick links in 1860. Every subsequent meeting also took place over Prestwick links down to 1870, in which year the belt which had been subscribed for by the club eleven years previously became the property of Young Tommy Morris, in virtue of his winning it three times in succession. After being a year in abeyance, the Championship was, on the initiation of the Prestwick Golf Club, revived and reconstituted on the basis on which it has taken place for the last twenty years. That is to say, the three leading clubs—Royal and Ancient, Honourable Company, and Prestwick—agreed to subscribe for a silver cup, to be played for annually in triennial rotation over Prestwick, St. Andrews, and Musselburgh, the respective clubs to bear the expense incident to, and be responsible for the management of, the meeting in their turn. I believe there is no doubt that the greens over which the Championship was to be played were named, and the fact that that may be so constitutes the only shadow of prescriptive right that the Musselburgh people have to the claim that the meeting should take place this year on the Musselburgh links.

But I think it will be generally conceded that the rights of the matter were vested not in the greens but in the clubs, and that the greens were a mere detail. To what extent this is the case may be gathered from the fact that the Honourable Company is a club that, as a corporation, belongs, and always has belonged, to Edinburgh, and not to Musselburgh; and no Musselburgh club, so far as I am aware, ever subscribed to the

Open Championship. It is safe to say that at the time the Championship was reconstituted the parties to the agreement never had in contemplation the greatly changed position the game of Golf occupies at the present day, and never dreamed that the day would come when they would have to sever their connection with Musselburgh. Having now taken their final departure from Musselburgh, how could the Honourable Company be expected to come back, and without any domicile, conduct the meeting under the old conditions? or had they been willing, how could they have divested themselves of their responsibility to see to the continuance of the meeting? They have now no *locus standi* at Musselburgh, but they are yet morally responsible to the great body of golfers for seeing that the meeting shall take place.

The Honourable Company were quite justified, under the changed circumstances, in shifting the *venue*, and the Musselburgh people have really no claim to question their right to do so. If anyone has a right of complaint it is the other two parties to the agreement. It seems to me that the Honourable Company are directly responsible to nobody, so long as the conditions under which the Championship is played remain unaltered, and so long as these conditions are found acceptable to the great body of golfers. This year the Honourable Company have certainly made some alterations, but these are in the direction of changes that have been long advocated, and the principal change has been adopted by the promoters of the Musselburgh meeting, *viz.*, the change from one day to two days.

But apart from the already mentioned motives that seemed to justify the transference of the open meeting to Muirfield, let us consider whether or not it was necessary or expedient, on other grounds to change the *venue*. There is a pretty widespread opinion that it was both necessary and expedient from the circumstance, as is generally recognised, that there is not room to conduct a meeting of the dimensions that the Open Championship has grown to over the rather short nine-hole course that constitutes the Musselburgh Golf links. Let anyone who has considered the matter imagine what would have been the result if the field that turned out at St. Andrews last year had turned out to play over Musselburgh instead. The Championship simply could not have taken place. If I recollect rightly it took about four hours to despatch the forty odd couples at St. Andrews. It would have been simply a physical impossibility to have got such a field four times round Musselburgh in one day. It is most unfortunate for Musselburgh as a golfing centre that this should be so, and many people sympathise with the denizens, in that there seems to be no practical way of widening the circumscribed bounds of the course.

There is another reason, an incidental reason, in favour of Muirfield, and that is that the greater number of those who will take part in the contest will be playing on neutral ground. That circumstance ought alone to be a strong inducement, at all events to the majority of the leading professionals, to play over Muirfield.

The promoters of the Musselburgh meeting seem to be very solicitous as to the comfort and convenience of the professionals, and much stress is laid on this point in setting forth the advantages of Musselburgh over Muirfield; but their solicitude would have had more appearance of disinterestedness if it had come from the Musselburgh people before this time of day. As a matter of fact, however, it seems likely that the disadvantage that attaches to Muirfield in the matter of locality will be reduced to a minimum, if, as I am informed, the Honourable Company have provided vehicles to convey golfers from and to the railway station free of charge; and if they provide, as I have heard that they will provide, facilities for refreshment on the ground, Muirfield will be preferable to Musselburgh on that score. Complaint is also made in the interests of the professionals of the entry money it is proposed to charge at Muirfield. While there will be some difference of opinion as to the expediency of fixing that as high as 10s., there can be no doubt, I have reason to know, that an entrance fee meets with the approval of the large proportion of the leading professionals themselves.

As to the tactics of the Musselburgh people in fixing the dates of their meeting exactly on those of the Open Championship meeting at Muirfield, I think it will be universally concluded that these were not actuated by any motive which had the

interests of Golf as its incentive, but by motives which are much less praiseworthy. The only interest which is really in question is that of Musselburgh, coupled with the desire to damage the meeting at Muirfield. Whether their action in this respect will add to the success of the promoters, or detract from that of those whom they chose to consider their opponents, is a matter that is in the hands of golfers. I should certainly say that those who wish to compete for the Championship, must go to Muirfield, and those who are more anxious for money will go to Musselburgh. No doubt the money is a strong temptation to many professionals, but from what I know of them, I shall be greatly surprised if the majority of the leading professionals do not prefer Muirfield and the prospect of winning the laurel crown, to Musselburgh with its golden one.

In conclusion, let me say that I am in no sense the apologist of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, nor have I any desire to say anything that has the appearance of being against Musselburgh, apart from the necessity of protesting against a step which I think is wholly without justification, and which as I have already said, can result in no good, but only in a great deal of harm.

I am Sir, etc.,

J. MCBAIN.

September 5th, 1892.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Your ruling on the following point will oblige.

A Golf competition was played over the Coatham Links on Friday and Saturday in last week, when unfortunately, for about three hours on Saturday, the Artillery Volunteers were firing across the course at the fourteenth hole. Several of the players to avoid the same, started from another tee, and came quite a different course. One of these proved to be the eventual winner. What is the result?

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. R.

[We should say disqualification. All the competitors must play the same round, and that fixed by the committee of the club as the recognised course; otherwise there is no fairness or merit in the competition.—ED.]

DORNOCH TOURNAMENT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I was glad to see by the report in your last issue that this year's tournament at Dornoch, "the Northward Ho! of Scotland," was such a success. Had the simple facts and figures connected with the meeting only been furnished by your correspondent (who, I observe, is a lady) prefaced by the customary couple of lines respecting weather conditions, etc., I should not venture to trouble you on the present occasion. It so happens however, that Mrs. Tweedie has given us a somewhat lengthy introduction purporting to be a sketch of the old Cathedral City and its attractions, for summer visitors, all which she no doubt calculates will do good to Dornoch. It is therefore all the more unfortunate that certain awkward mistakes should have crept into her article, mistakes which it is only right and proper to correct.

For instance, she says that "Cows and horses graze on the putting-greens at sundown." To the ordinary-going individual there is nothing startling in such a statement. Why, what is to prevent cows and horses grazing on a common? To the golfer however, such a thing is alarming, and to the good golfer shockingly so. The idea of cows or horses being able to pick up one single blade of grass from off the Dornoch putting-greens, and that, in the medal week, is something too preposterous. One would think, in face of such a statement, supported by such a signatory, that lawn-mower, roller and greenkeeper, are non-existent in "primitive" Dornoch, and that the Royal Game as played in the little country town of

Sutherland takes much after that which made the wheelwright of Coq famous on the Continent. My holidays this year, as they usually are, were spent in Dornoch. The greens were lovely, and well they might be with the ever-watchful eye of an energetic secretary, and the daily attentions of an industrious greenkeeper. But, Sir, when your correspondent says that "cows and horses graze on the putting-greens" she does not mean so, but simply that those animals which are allowed to graze on the links not unfrequently prove a source of annoyance to the green-keeper, just as they do on Gullane for instance, and many other first-class Scottish greens. There is nothing strangely "primitive" about this.

One of the distinct charms of Dornoch is the absence of mud, or anything approaching mud, and to one who knows the district it is unpleasant to find in an article, such as your correspondent's, that the sea shore is represented as a muddy one. It may be interesting to know that the Dornoch beach extends in an unbroken stretch for eleven miles, all of the most beautifully bright sand, not a spadeful of "mud" being found in the whole area. Where, then, the "mud" with which the children are said "to build mud houses by the sea-shore" comes from is a question which cannot be answered. So dry and sandy is the district that when it can conveniently be obtained mud is imported to the more important gardens in the town for their improvement.

What possible connection the washing of clothes can have with the game of Golf puzzles one to understand; yet one of Mrs. Tweedie's sentences runs thus:—"Cows and horses graze on the putting-greens at sundown, and women wash their clothes in the burn;" and immediately after she adds: "The cows and the washing show how primitive the place still is." How in the name of common sense is this so? What is primitive about either the cows or the washing? From the tone in which Mrs. Tweedie writes one would imagine that she had never seen a cow graze on links, or an old woman wash clothes in a stream, until she had discovered Dornoch. The truth is, no matter where we go we shall be sure to come across the poor; and it so happens that some of the poor of Dornoch wash their blankets in the burn, just as Mrs. Tweedie describes. But this is quite a common custom in every country place in Scotland.

Finally, the fame of Dornoch Links, the most extensive in Scotland, is not by any means hid under a bushel. Indeed it would both be foolish and unnecessary to commence now to repeat its frequently sung praises. Yet in your correspondent's opinion the links is little known. This is not so. Within the comparatively short space of three years the annual valuation of the town has increased nearly a half, and all on account of its Golf green. The one thing needed is increased hotel and private accommodation, which will come all in good time. The place is unknown to no golfer worthy of the name.

With apologies for occupying so much of your valuable space,

I am, Sir, &c.,

P. M. ROSS.

London, 5th September, 1892.

CELLULOID EXPERIENCES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Some months ago I invested in a celluloid ball, Brand's patent pneumatic, and tried various experiments with it. It seemed well enough suited for iron practice, but when I tried it with wooden clubs, it always ended in death to the wooden club. Thinking that a brassie at least would be able to withstand impact with celluloid, I found to my horror that a "topped" shot not only failed to mark the ball, but the brass plate was so much bent that it had to be taken off and rebent!

An enterprising friend at St. Neots requested the loan of the celluloid ball; it was returned a week later, and a note enclosed to the effect that "the first drive went away very well indeed; so did the head of my driver after it."

On another occasion, playing on a private course, I had made some remarkably long drives with the celluloid ball,

particularly against the wind, and my opponent was so enamoured of it that he straightway wrote an order for a dozen balls. Early in the second round, however, my bulger head tried a race with the ball; that note was consigned to the fire, and my friend continues to play with guttapercha.

I despaired of finding a club for the celluloid, and was on the point of giving it up, especially after a well-known club-maker had informed me that nothing but iron would stand against it, when I came across the Robertson (of Stilton) driver, with celluloid face, concerning which a notice recently appeared in GOLF. It deserves much commendation, because, as long as you strike the celluloid ball with the celluloid face, an excellent result follows. I tried a "Robertson" at Gullane last week, and drove several long balls, but I found I could drive guttapercha a few yards further. I got several of the local players to test it, but they would only give it a negative commendation, "It's no' a bad club," and, unfortunately, one hard hitter, endeavouring to eclipse us all, caught the heel of the club heavily, producing the old, fatal result of celluloid *versus* wood!

I do not think that celluloid is going to revolutionise Golf, but I do think it has its uses for beginners and for practice.

With regard to the "Robertson" club, I should prefer it with a face slightly spooned, as celluloid does not give at all, and a putter-faced driver requires a high tee, and is of no use through the green.

I am, Sir, &c.,
H. M. B.

Clifton Hall, Ratho, N.B.,
September 3rd, 1892.

WHAT GOLF HAS TO BEAR.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—When a party of seven shooters met at lunch after a hard morning's work, on the 1st of this month, with the result of three birds, one of them angrily exclaimed, "It's all this cursed Golf"—this, because one member of the party had taken to the game about a year back.

What this has to do with the scarcity of birds, perhaps your readers will be able to explain.

I am, Sir, &c.,
INJURED GOLF.

A GOLF CURIOSITY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I send you herewith something of a curiosity appertaining to Golf. It is a piece of red gutta, which was once a Golf ball and which has actually been chewed up, masticated, and passed through the intestines of a young bullock or heifer. It was found by my caddie whilst playing recently over the Warkworth links, and I am told by the green-keeper that he has in his possession a similar example of this kind of indigestible morsel.

I am, Sir, &c.,
GEORGE F. CHARLTON.

Tyneside Golf Club,
31st August, 1892.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read in your last issue the articles with reference to the Open Championship, by Mr. Hutchinson and yourself. It is truly a difficult and vexatious problem to solve, as both the Honourable Company and the townspeople and golfing public of Musselburgh have right on their sides from different points of view. Knowing both greens—Musselburgh more particularly—and knowing what a large and important interest

is at stake to the people there, as they have already suffered by the exodus from their town to Muirfield, I give my unbiassed opinion (for what it is worth) in favour of the Open Championship at Musselburgh to be played there in 1892.

I would suggest that a committee be appointed at once, and a meeting held in Edinburgh, to decide amicably the place or green. This committee should be composed of members of the Honourable Company, Musselburgh Town Council, and two professionals, and other influential members of Musselburgh Golf clubs, and St. Andrews and Prestwick. Let us have fair play.

Ireland has shown itself capable, so far as Golf is concerned, of setting a good example of organisation. Whether it be Home Rule or not I cannot say; but they have taken the right sow by the year, and have taught Midlothian a lesson in amicably settling the field of play for their first Open Golf Meeting. This should be a lesson to the gentlemen who fix places and dates of play for both the Amateur and Open Championships.

Trusting that the match will not be allowed to fall through,

I am, &c.,

"FROM PANDY TO TANTALLON."

29th August, 1892.

A meeting was held last week at Turnberry Castle, for the formation of a new Golf club at Turnberry links, South Ayrshire. The subject had been in consideration for some time by gentlemen in connection with the Girvan Golf Club, who had visited the place and gone over the ground. It was arranged that a joint meeting of those favourable to the scheme in Girvan, Maybole, and Kirkoswald should be held on the ground to formally constitute the club. The meeting accordingly took place, and was held in the open air, on Saturday afternoon, on the vaulted ruins of Turnberry Castle—the castle of the Gaelic lords of Galloway, and afterwards the principal seat of the Earls of Carrick, and famous as the birth-place of King Robert the Bruce. Seated on and within these ruined walls a council was held, Mr. Marshall, schoolmaster, presiding. Lord Ailsa, the proprietor, gives a hearty countenance to the scheme and the arrangement made with the tenant, Mr. Bone. On the motion of the Rev. S. T. Fry, Girvan, seconded by Mr. Andrew Brown, Commercial Bank, it was agreed to form the club, and the following gentlemen were appointed an interim committee to complete the arrangements:—Mr. Marshall, chairman; Mr. Andrew Brown, secretary; Mr. Andrew Dunlop, Royal Bank, treasurer; Rev. S. C. Fry, Girvan; Mr. William Murray, Mr. David Andrews, Mr. Smith, the Castle, Maybole; the Rev. Mr. Muir, Kirkoswald; Mr. M'Cracken, Blackheath, London; Mr. W. C. Scott, Glasgow; and Mr. Rutherford, Edinburgh. Turnberry is about equal distance from Girvan, Maybole, and Kirkoswald, and thus favourably situated for the three parishes. The ground extends for about two and a-half miles along the shore of the Firth of Clyde, and embraces sufficient hazards to make the game interesting, and bring out the science and skill of the player. The course will be laid out in eighteen holes, with fine drives between, and splendid putting-ground in the hollows. The situation is one of the finest that could anywhere be met with.

On playing off the tie for the monthly medal of the West Lancashire Golf Club, Mr. J. W. Fowler beat Mr. E. Dixon.

LARGO.—The following are a few of the lowest net scores at the medal competition on Saturday:—Mr. J. G. Kennedy, 91; Mr. W. Gillies, 94; Mr. J. Grant Ferguson, 94; Mr. H. Johnstone, 94; Mr. T. Nichol, 98; Mr. D. F. Parlane, 98. Mr. Kennedy was the winner of the medal.

EASTWOOD CLUB, GIFFNOCK.—The monthly competition for the club gold medal took place on Saturday in fine weather. The greens were in capital condition, and the following are the best scores:—Mr. William Boyd, jun. (winner), 99; Mr. J. C. Miller, 111; Mr. William M'Farlane, jun., 116; Mr. W. Kelly, 119.



ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The second half-yearly competition for Mr. Charles E. Pearson's cup was played on Saturday, in which twenty-six members of the club took part, and some really good scores were made. The cup was won by Mr. W. M. Rose, who has only recently joined the club, and who proved himself a formidable opponent. The scores were as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. M. Rose ... 97 17 80	Mr. W. F. Thompson 109 18 91
Mr. J. P. Pettit ... 83 scr. 83	Mr. C. E. Pearson... 102 10 92
Mr. E. V. Longstaffe 98 15 83	Mr. E. F. Stewart... 107 15 92
Mr. A. Fell... 103 18 85	Dr. R. B. Wrightson 110 18 92
Mr. J. H. Davidson 101 13 88	Mr. W. F. Gorton... 110 18 92
Mr. H. Gwyn Jeffreys 107 18 89	Mr. J. G. S. Anderson 109 17 92
Mr. J. Ryan ... 107 18 89	Mr. G. O. Jacob ... 106 12 94
Mr. G. F. Pearson... 105 15 90	Mr. C. E. Salmon... 116 18 98
Mr. H. S. Theobald 109 18 91	

Messrs. W. F. Thompson, O. T. Hodges, J. L. Godlee, J. Fry, G. H. Garrett, F. D. Bright, A. T. Marson, W. J. Bowyer, and J. Tothill were over 100, or made no return.

The monthly medal of the club was also played for on Saturday, on members' full handicap, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. H. Gwyn Jeffreys 100 25 75	Mr. W. G. Thompson ... 109 23 86
Mr. J. H. Davidson 89 13 76	Mr. H. S. Theobald 109 20 89
Mr. W. M. Rose ... 97 17 80	Mr. J. G. S. Anderson ... 109 17 92
Mr. H. Fell ... 103 23 80	Mr. W. F. Gorton... 110 18 92
Mr. J. B. Pettit ... 82 scr. 82	Mr. C. E. Salmon... 116 23 93
Dr. R. B. Wrightson 110 28 82	Mr. G. O. Jacob ... 106 12 94
Mr. E. V. Longstaffe 98 15 83	
Mr. J. Ryan ... 107 23 84	

Nine competitors were over 100 net.

Last week a ladies' competition for prizes presented by the Committee was played on Aldeburgh links, with the result as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mrs. H. Gwyn Jeffreys ... 145 45 100	Mrs. E. V. Longstaffe 146 30 116
	Miss Tate ... 134 18 116

Mr. George H. Garrett's silver jug was won by Mrs. E. V. Longstaffe with a score of 135, less 28=107.

ABERDEEN.

The members of the Aberdeen Club, on Saturday, held their monthly competition for the scratch medal and Davidson cup (handicap) over the course at Balgownie links. The weather was very unfavourable for low scoring. In the early part of the day it was showery, and in the afternoon a high wind made play very difficult, those who were out in the morning having the advantage. A considerable number of competitors put in an appearance, but a few of them, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather affecting their cards, did not make any return. On comparing the cards at the close it was found that Mr. T. Todd, with a score of 86, less 6=80, had won both prizes. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. T. Todd ... 86 6 80	Mr. W. F. Orr ... 87 scr. 87
Dr. Jos. Ogilvie ... 89 8 81	Prof. Harrower ... 97 10 87
Mr. J. M. Duncan 92 10 82	Dr. G. Ogilvie ... 100 12 88
Mr. W. G. Jamieson 91 8 83	Col. Mackenzie ... 95 6 89
Mr. W. C. H. Jopp 90 6 84	Mr. J. A. Adamson 100 10 90
Dr. J. Moir... 91 6 85	Mr. J. B. Craigie ... 96 4 92
Dr. R. Ogilvie ... 93 8 85	Mr. W. Moir ... 104 6 98
Mr. Jas. Milne ... 87 scr. 87	

A sweepstake competition was also engaged in at the same time, with the result that Mr. J. M. Duncan won the first prize, and Mr. W.

G. Jamieson the second. The club go to Carnoustie on Monday, the 26th inst., to play the Dalhousie Club. The half-yearly autumn meeting of the club takes place at Balgownie on the last week of the present month.

The members of the Bon-Accord Club here held a competition over the usual links course on Saturday, in boisterous weather, for the Wellwishers' prize, which was confined to members with 14 to 18 handicap. When the cards handed in were compared it was found that Mr. James Cameron, with a score of 106, less 15=91, was the successful competitor. At the same time a competition for final possession of the handicap medal was decided, which resulted in Mr. John Twigg carrying it off with a score of 91, less 9=82. The following were next in order, viz.:—Messrs. William Smart, 86; Mr. J. W. Murray, 94; Mr. George Dunn, 95; and Mr. Henry Glass, 97.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The September competition for the club cup was played off on Saturday, September 3rd, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Rev. G. W. Barnard 94 5 89	Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncreiffe ... 96 +2 98
Mr. J. L. Wright ... 113 21 92	Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne ... 111 10 101
Mr. O. Airy ... 98 5 93	Mr. J. A. Marigold. 124 23 101
Mr. F. A. Bainbridge 98 3 95	Mr. W. W. Lord ... 126 20 106
Mr. F. W. Lindner. 119 24 95	

Messrs. A. H. Griffiths, J. E. Tonks, C. Wade, and E. P. Wright made no returns.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

The eighth monthly medal competition of the above club was held on the links at Dunham Massey on Saturday 3rd September. The winner was Mr. J. B. Duncan, with a net score of 92. The state of the ground and of the weather were most unfavourable to low scoring. The wind at times blowing with almost hurricane force and being accompanied by heavy rain squalls. The final for the gold medal is to be played off on the 1st October, by the following monthly winners:—Mr. S. W. Gillett; Mr. E. J. Soares; Rev. C. C. Atkinson; Mr. F. Merriman; Mr. H. F. Ransome; Mr. H. Stuffurth; Mr. A. G. Hogg; and Mr. J. B. Duncan. The scores on Saturday were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. B. Duncan... 110 18 92	Mr. S. W. Gillett ... 108 5 103
Mr. T. Muirhead... 113 20 93	Mr. T. C. Oliver ... 121 12 109
Mr. W. G. Clegg... 98 4 94	Mr. H. F. Ransome 123 9 114
Mr. Sidney Smelt... 114 12 102	Mr. A. Corah ... 130 20 110
Mr. C. H. Wolf ... 114 12 102	Mr. W. S. Mainprice 135 20 115

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The Berens monthly medal was played for on Saturday, 3rd September, and resulted in a win for Mr. H. T. Ross, with the good return of 93, less 14=79. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. H. T. Ross ... 93 14 79	Mr. R. Case ... 104 18 86
Mr. F. B. Maddison 88 8 80	Mr. H. F. de Paravicini ... 101 14 87
Mr. C. H. A. Ross 95 14 81	Mr. W. Keen ... 109 20 89
Mr. S. S. Schultz ... 91 7 84	Mr. H. E. Acklom 98 7 91
Mr. J. Brock ... 91 7 84	Major Marriott ... 112 16 96
Mr. C. O. Walker... 94 8 86	

Ten players made no return.

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold medal was played for on August 30th, in a strong south-west wind and stormy weather, which considerably interfered with the play at some of the holes. The Rev. T. Crump scored an easy victory by good consistent play, taking into consideration the adverse weather. The putting-greens were, as usual, in splendid condition. The following returns were sent in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Rev. T. Crump ... 97 10 87	Rev. F. N. Smith ... 129 25 104
Rev. G. Beilby ... 114 18 96	Mr. T. C. Hooman 130 24 106
Mr. W. S. Akerman 121 25 96	Mr. J. W. Trevor ... 136 25 111
Mr. T. Holt ... 112 14 98	Mr. H. Cheston ... 138 20 118
Rev. St. John Gray 123 20 103	

NAIRN.—A ladies' competition took place on the 29th ult. on the ladies' course, when twenty-three couples entered for competition. The prize, a handsome bangle presented by Mr. R. B. Finlay, was won by Miss Marjory Finlay, with a score of 69. The next highest scores were:—Miss E. Edwards, 70; Miss A. Rose, 70; Mrs. Mackay, 70; Mrs. Lumsden, 71; Miss Corballis, 72; Miss K. Leslie, 73; Miss Bull, 77; Mrs. Graham Campbell, 77; Miss G. Baillie, 77; Mrs. W. A. Finlay, 78.

CATERHAM AND KENLEY GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly medal was played for on Kenley Common, on Saturday, amid torrents of rain and in a gale of wind, which prevented many from playing.

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. W. Horne...	112 scr. 112	Mr. H. K. Rutherford	157 24 133
Mr. E. H. Coles ...	139 16 123	Mr. S. W. Lamaison	185 30 155

No returns from the following players:—Messrs. H. Woodstock, Larcombe and Sharp. The first monthly medal for ladies was not played for on account of the weather.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last, September 3rd, the president (Hon. C. H. Vivian) gave a cup to be played for. There was a regular gale blowing during the afternoon with frequent heavy showers of rain; the elements were consequently detrimental to good scoring. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. Prince ...	112	30	82	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	108 10 98
Mr. C. B. Toller ...	115	26	89	Mr. G. H. Rogerson	140 40 100
Mr. R. S. Owen ...	121	30	91	Mr. J. G. Frost ...	140 40 100
Capt. Mould ...	128	37	91	Dr. Hamilton ...	140 40 100
Mr. R. H. Blain ...	110	18	92	Mr. J. Rowley ...	107 2 105
Mr. H. Dobie ...	113	20	93	Mr. D. Dobie ...	125 18 107
Mr. A. Barker ...	120	25	95	Mr. C. V. Lacey ...	127 20 107
Mr. J. M. Frost ...	127	32	95	Mr. R. Wilkinson	127 18 109
Mr. A. Shaw ...	115	18	97	Mr. G. F. Herne ...	129 16 113

Mr. H. D. Joliffe, Mr. F. Hayes, and Capt. Drummond, made no return.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The eighth competition for the right to play in the final for the ladies' challenge trophy took place over the Coatham links on Friday and Saturday, the 26th and 27th ult. The weather on the former day was delightful, but on the Saturday the heavy rain damped the ardour of the competitors, and compelled them to give up play entirely. On examining the cards it was found that Messrs. E. Cradock and J. L. Scott had tied for first place with a net score of 82. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. Cradock ...	106	24	82	Mr. T. H. Wynn ...	108 15 93
Mr. J. L. Scott ...	88	6	82	Mr. W. Metcalfe ...	121 27 94
Mr. H. Roberts ...	92	6	86	Capt. Roberts ...	115 12 103
Mr. C. T. Fogg-Elliott	95	8	87	Mr. A. Hutchinson..	114 8 106

The tie was played off on Monday morning, and Mr. Cradock came in a winner with 79 net.

The monthly competition for the new tankard, which is offered as a trophy in place of the cup recently won outright by Mr. Scott, took place on Friday and Saturday over the Coatham links. The greens were in good order, but the high wind interfered greatly with play. Some good scores were, however, made, Mr. French taking first place. Scores:—

	Out.	Home.	Total.	Allowed.	Net.
Mr. J. French ...	57	47	104	24	80
Mr. H. Roberts ...	50	40	90	6	84
Mr. J. L. Scott ...	47	45	92	6	86
Mr. D. Mackay ...	51	42	93	6	87
Mr. C. D. M'Kenzie ...	51	49	100	10	90
Mr. T. H. Wynn ...	65	41	106	15	91
Mr. E. R. Wethey ...	51	47	98	6	92
Mr. R. M'Curroch ...	64	57	121	27	94
Mr. F. R. Mewburn ...	60	54	114	18	96
Mr. W. Metcalf ...	62	62	124	27	97
Rev. J. Wallace ...	66	57	123	24	99
Mr. J. W. Kyle ...	67	54	121	20	101
Mr. W. Young ...	60	61	121	18	103

ISLAY.—The monthly competition for the Wilson handicap medal took place on Machrie links on Saturday, the 27th ult., in good golfing weather. On the cards being handed in, Mr. Bolland, Port-Ellen Distillery, was found to be the winner, with a net score of 88. Mr. Reid, secretary, handed over the medal, and congratulated Mr. Bolland on his very steady play throughout the game. The following are the best scores:—Mr. Bolland (medal), 120, less 32=88; Mr. Stirling (scratch), 90; Mr. J. M'Kenzie, Ardbeg, 126, less 36=90; Mr. J. W. Gordon, Port-Ellen, 108, less 15=93.

EARLSFERRY AND ELIE GOLF CLUB.—This club competed on Saturday, the 27th ult., for the Glover cup No. 2 (handicap). Notwithstanding a high wind the cup was won by Dr. Cownie, with the excellent scratch score of 81. The next best was Mr. W. Morris, with a scratch score of 83. For the Baird medal (scratch) six couples competed, and the trophy was won by Mr. N. R. Foster with a score of 83. Mr. Foster obtained the same medal in the competition of 1890.

DINARD.

During last month a number of visitors, who are kindly permitted by the Dinard Golf Club to use the pleasant little club-house, and to play over the sporting links at Saint-Briac as temporary members, have been taking full advantage of the lovely weather, and have golfed every day with untiring energy. On Thursday, 25th August, as a variation from match play, a score handicap, open to members of the club and visitors, was played off. Seven couples started. There was a strong wind from the west, but otherwise the conditions were very favourable, the putting-greens in particular, being in splendid order. At the close, the lowest scorer was found to be Mr. W. A. Henderson (aged fifteen) who came in with a scratch score of 87, while Mr. Frank Murray was second with another scratch score of 93. These excellent scores were made up as follows:—

Mr. Henderson:—												
Out ...	...	...	6	5	5	5	7	4	5	4	6=47	} 87
In ...	...	...	5	6	5	4	5	3	5	4	3=40	
Mr. Murray:—												
Out ...	...	...	3	6	5	5	7	5	7	4	8=50	} 93
In ...	...	...	4	8	4	4	6	4	5	4	4=43	

This spring, Mr. A. F. Macfie holed the round in 79, which is the record score for these links.

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly challenge cup. In a field of fifty competitors Mr. R. Gaskell won this competition with a score of 103, less 18=85. The next best scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. Hughes ...	102	16	86	Mr. F. Hardcastle...	102 10 92
Rev. H. C. Gaye ...	97	10	87	Mr. A. Pollock ...	99 5 94
Mr. H. M. Davidson	100	12	88	Mr. R. Want ...	108 12 96
Mr. W. O. S. Pell...	92	2	90	Rev. C. L. Bushell.	117 20 97
Mr. C. Colbeck ...	108	18	90	Mr. F. H. Beau-	
Mr. H. P. Cumming	98	6	92	mont ...	118 18 100
Mr. J. L. Ridpath .	100	8	92		

FORFARSHIRE.

The final ties in the Montrose ladies' tournament have now been played off. In the mixed scratch doubles Mr. and Mrs. Lyell of Gardyne, beat Lieutenant Gairdner, R.N., and Miss Jeannie Woodward in the semi-final; and in the final Mr. and Mrs. Ferme, Haddington, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyell of Gardyne squared the first match. Playing off nine holes to decide the match, Mr. and Mrs. Ferme won by a hole. In the final for the ladies' handicap singles Miss Lily Burness, Montrose, beat Miss Mabel Smith, Benholm Castle. The Misses More-Gordon, Charleton, won in the final of the mixed doubles under handicap, defeating Lieutenant Gairdner and Miss Jeannie Woodward.

The Leith medal competitions of the Caledonia Club, Carnoustie, are drawing to a close. The semi-final round was played with the following result:—Mr. W. Harris (2) beat Mr. D. M. Both (3), by 1 up. Mr. A. Cant (1) beat Mr. D. Anderson (scratch) by 3 up and 1 to play.

The members of the Monifieth Club competed for the Panmure medal (scratch) and a number of other prizes on Saturday afternoon. A stiff north-westerly breeze prevailed, but notwithstanding this several splendid scores were made. The medal winner was Mr. Alexander Simpson, an ex-champion of the club, whose card showed the fine total of only 76 strokes—39 going out and 37 coming in. Mr. George Wright followed with 78, and Mr. James Young with 79. Among other good records were:—Messrs. David Dempster, 80; William Lorimer, 80; Thomas Brimer, 82; J. C. Burns, 83; James Melville, 83; John Hendry, 86; A. Moir, 87; A. Osler, jun., 88; Wm. Hutcheson, 89.

The monthly competition in connection with the Carnoustie and Taymouth Club took place on Saturday at Carnoustie, the prize-winners being:—1, Mr. William Ramsey, 96, 2 below average; 2, Mr. John Ramsey, 94, 1 below; 3, Mr. Tom Japp, 93, at average; and 4, Mr. Charles Kydd, 94, 1 above.

The seventeenth of the series of competitions for the Arbroath members' average badge was finished on Saturday. There was a good turn-out of members, but the day was very stormy, and high scores were the result. On the cards being handed in it was found that Mr. Arthur Couths was the winner, five below his number. The next best figures were those of Messrs. D. Brown and J. Doig.

THE NEW COURSE AT PETERHEAD.—The new Golf course on the St. Fergus links was opened on Wednesday, the 7th inst., Lady Carnegie, of Crimonmogate, driving off the first ball. The course is a nine-hole one, and abounds with many natural hazards. The length of the holes respectively are 140, 260, 300, 150, 220, 175, 310, 280, and 255 yards.

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, 3rd September, the members of this club competed by handicapped couples, each composed of a first and a second-class player, for the Anstruther medals, presented by Sir W. C. Anstruther, Bart., vice-president of the club. The day was very stormy, with a high wind and thunder showers which often scattered the field to what shelter was available, and caused several couples to stop altogether. After two rounds of the green cards were handed in, and it was found that the medals had been gained by Mr. James Arthur Vassie and Rev. W. Smith. The best net scores returned were:—Mr. J. A. Vassie and Rev. W. Smith (14) 119; Messrs. John Stoddart and H. Berwick (13) 123; Messrs. John Vassie, Jun., and J. M. Davidson (14) 125; Messrs. John Haddon and J. W. Young (21) 125; Messrs. Horn and Frame (17) 129; Messrs. W. Davidson and Jas. Annan (15) 131; Messrs. Charles Stewart and W. L. Hatrick (23) 142.

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for at Wimbledon on Saturday; and there was a "good turn-out" considering the time of year. The leading scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. R. Pinkerton	84 +2 86	Mr. R. C. Lindsay...	108 15 93
Mr. A. Anderson ...	91 scr. 91	Mr. A. Tait ...	105 12 93
Mr. R. Barclay	...	Mr. E. B. Woodford	109 15 94
Brown ...	93 2 91	Major Lindsay ...	101 6 95
Dr. Common ...	105 14 91	Mr. S. C. Pegg ...	107 12 95

MORAY GOLF CLUB.

On the 1st inst., the Moray Golf club played a match with a team from Grantown, on their course at Lossiemouth. The teams consisted of eighteen a side, and the afternoon being fine, a pleasant game was enjoyed, resulting in a win for the home team by 56 holes. The following are the scores:—

MORAY.		GRANTOWN.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. M'Isaac ...	6	Mr. D. V. Haig ...	0
Mr. W. Christie ...	0	Mr. G. M'Andrew ...	0
Mr. J. S. Urquhart ...	3	Mr. H. B. Scott ...	0
Mr. E. Spence ...	0	Mr. J. R. Burgess ...	0
Mr. F. W. Gibb ...	4	Mr. G. Harvey ...	0
Mr. F. Davie ...	0	Dr. Walker ...	2
Mr. D. Cameron ...	5	Mr. D. Winchester ...	0
Mr. T. W. Greenstreet ...	7	Mr. A. N. Haig ...	0
Mr. A. M'Donald ...	10	Mr. A. F. Grant ...	0
Captain Swan ...	0	Mr. H. Roles ...	0
Mr. J. H. Gordon ...	0	Mr. G. H. Clerk ...	4
Mr. J. Macdonald ...	0	Mr. J. Winchester ...	2
Mr. John Adams ...	9	Mr. F. Scott ...	0
Mr. J. Anderson ...	2	Mr. James Grant ...	0
Mr. J. A. Jeans ...	7	Dr. Burgess ...	0
Mr. W. Hay ...	5	Mr. G. Turnbull ...	0
Mr. John Cowie ...	6	Mr. G. Imray ...	0
	64	Mr. R. Walker...	0
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NORTH BERWICK.

The tie for the first and second awards, postponed from the tournament of Saturday, was decided over the North Berwick links on Monday the 29th, Mr. Thomas Robertson opposing Mr. R. Evans (son of the Lord Mayor of London). Mr. Robertson succeeded in beating his opponent by 12 strokes. The scores were:—Mr. Robertson 104, less 25=79; and Mr. Evans, 116, less 25=91. The winner completed the ten holes out in 52, but required another 52 for the eight holes home. The timepiece of five guineas value accordingly falls to Mr. Robertson, and the set of special clubs to Mr. Evans.

The tie at 72 net for third and fourth awards was played off, with the result that Mr. S. Meikleham gained the third prize, and the fourth place fell to Mr. R. Sawers. The tie at 78 net for the eighth, ninth, and tenth awards resulted in the eighth being secured by Capt. A. B. Ridley, the ninth by Mr. C. K. Digby Jones, and the tenth by Rev. G. H. Ellis.

The links on Saturday presented a very brisk appearance, a continuous succession of players driving off from morning till evening. The weather was very stormy, although there was only an occasional shower of rain. The members of the Bass Rock Club held their monthly competition for the handicap trophy, the scores ruling unusually low in view of the very stiff breeze. Mr. D. M. Jackson had the splendid score of 78; but this was ultimately beaten by Mr. R. Whitecross, who, with a 77 net, proved the winner for the day. Mr. Jackson's score, the lowest actual returned, was compiled as follows:—Out, 7 7 5 5 3 2 5 3 4 5=46; In, 4 3 3 3 4 5 6 4=32; total, 78. The best returns in handicap order were:—Mr. R. Whitecross, 87, less 10=77; Mr. D. M. Jackson (scratch), 78; Mr. A. Hutchison,

87, less 9=78; Mr. J. Mitchell (scratch), 82; Mr. J. Henderson, 83, plus 1=84; Mr. A. Hogg, 88, less 4=84; Mr. G. Milne, 102, less 18=84; Mr. John Forrest, 86, plus 1=87; and Mr. F. Campbell, 106, less 18=88.

NORTH-WEST OF IRELAND GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the challenge cup presented by Messrs. R. Lee Hogg and J. H. McIntyre was held on the Lisfannon Links, Bunrana (near Londonderry), on Saturday, the 27th August. Only eight of the twelve winners at the monthly competitions of the past year were able to put in an appearance. In the early part of the day the wind blew very strong, and, as most of the putting-greens were glassy in keenness, the scoring was in several instances considerably higher than the players' average. Mr. James Stewart returned the lowest net score, and is thus the holder of the cup for the next year. Later in the afternoon a very enjoyable match was played with Scottish visitors at the Lough Swilly Hotel, with the result that the home club was defeated by ten holes.

Cup Competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. James Stewart	103 25 78	Prof. Leebody ...	112 25 87
Mr. D. C. Osborne...	92 12 80	Mr. R. Lee Hogg...	120 30 90
Mr. A. M. Munn ...	108 25 83	Mr. Alex. G. Hogg	106 12 94
Prof. MacMaster ...	105 20 85		

NORTH-WEST CLUB V. VISITORS.

Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. A. G. Hogg ...	1	Mr. Littledale Deck ...	0
Mr. D. C. Osborne ...	0	Mr. W. H. Gray ...	5
Mr. James Stewart ...	0	Mr. A. Shepperd ...	4
Professor MacMaster ...	0	Mr. A. T. Dalgleish ...	2
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NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The August monthly competition has resulted as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. C. Warren ...	89 4 85	Mr. J. Bowes ...	112 18 94
Mr. B. D. Oswald...	95 6 89	Mr. J. Johnstone ...	106 10 96
Mr. J. McMeeking...	96 6 90	Mr. A. Barrow ...	119 16 103
Mr. S. Davidson ...	102 12 90	Mr. E. L. Manning	126 18 108
Mr. C. B. Edwards	108 14 94	Mr. E. A. Coutts ...	131 20 111

Mr. W. Rickman made no return.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The bi-monthly competition for the Turner medal took place on the 3rd inst. The greens were in good order, and rain kept off. The scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. H. Emmet	97 16 81	M.E. HughesHughes	114 24 90
Mr. G. A. Meredith	96 14 82	Mr. F. W. Aste ...	111 18 93
Mr. C. Wilkinson ..	107 25 82	Mr. C. Hall ...	112 18 94
Mr. A. Schacht ...	87 3 84	Mr. W. B. Avery ...	112 16 96
Mr. L. Horner ...	93 5 88	Mr. A. J. Eames ...	103 5 98
Mr. G. Spurling ...	105 15 90		

Other players over 100, or no returns.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

This club, which only began its existence in the spring of last year, already numbers three hundred members; it has now decided to increase the limit to three hundred and fifty, in view of the considerable extension which it is intended to make in the course, by taking in an additional area of some thirty acres. Some very sporting holes will be laid out in this ground, which provides several good natural hazards, while its undulating surface will afford some excellent situations for the construction of sand-bunkers by the mere removal of patches of turf. Ample proof of the sandy nature of the soil is afforded by the moles, who throw up clean sand, fit for the sand-boxes at the tees. The new course will afford the unusual advantage of having the ninth hole, as well as the first tee and the eighteenth hole, in close proximity to the comfortable club-house, thereby giving convenient facilities for playing "another nine holes." The best and the longest of the holes in the present course will be retained, and a few, in which the lines of five cross, will be abandoned; a judicious introduction of sand bunkers will increase the interest of the round. The condition of the course reflects great credit upon the green committee, and well repays the work which has been expended upon it with horse roller and horse mowing machine; good lies are obtained almost everywhere on the course, and the greens are very fine.

The residential hotel, actually in the midst of the links, and in connection with the club-house, affords temporary residence of the most comfortable description, in a thoroughly rural and most picturesque situation. The increased limit appears likely to be reached in a very

short time, as there is no dearth of candidates for admission; a considerable proportion of members are drawn from the Army and Navy and other West End clubs. The "Richmond Golf Club," Sudbrook Park (adjoining Richmond Park), must not be confused with the Golf section (now in course of formation) of the "Richmond Town Cricket Ground and Athletic Association, Limited," for play in the "Old Deer Park," Richmond, adjoining the river and Kew Gardens.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly prize. Saturday, September 3rd:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*Capt. Elliot, P. W. V.	100	9	91	Mr. G. Pipon	107	13	94
*Major Scott, R. A.	92	+1	93	Capt. Robin	97	2	95
*Capt. Fairlie	98	5	93	Mr. T. W. Barker	101	5	96
Mr. A. E. Walker	96	2	94				

* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The sixth and last competition for the monthly medal and optional subscription prizes, all under handicap, took place at Hoylake last Saturday.

The weather was most unpropitious, a strong north-westerly gale prevailing, accompanied by heavy showers of rain. Considering these adverse circumstances, however, some good returns were made. Mr. C. E. Dick won the medal, put in a win for the first optional subscription prize, and won the first sweepstake. Mr. J. F. Ellison secured a win-in for the second optional subscription prize, with his score of 123, less 25=98. The second sweepstake was won by Mr. H. H. Hilton, and the third by Mr. C. J. Crowther. Some thirty-six couples competed, but the stormy weather compelled many to make no return. The result of the play was as follows:—

First class optional subscription prize (limited to 14 in the handicap).—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. C. E. Dick	87	scr.	87	Mr. John Ball, jun.	90	+9	99
Mr. H. H. Hilton	85	+6	91	Mr. R. L. Dalgleish	111	12	99
Mr. F. P. Crowther	91	scr.	91	Mr. H. Holden	101	1	100
Mr. E. Whineray	99	5	94	Mr. Edwd. Micholls	112	12	100
Mr. C. J. Crowther	104	10	94	Mr. C. H. Porter	112	12	100
Mr. John Graham	104	9	95	Mr. John Bushby	113	13	100
Mr. A. Lawson	107	12	95	Mr. R. W. Brown	105	4	101
Mr. J. Moore	109	14	95	Mr. Chas. Holt	112	11	101
Dr. P. Davidson	99	3	96	Mr. C. Phillips	101	14	102
Mr. T. Owen Potter	105	9	96	Mr. J. B. Hunter	115	12	103
Mr. D. C. Scott	111	14	97	Mr. C. N. Stewart	117	12	105
Mr. J. H. Knight	105	7	98				

Twenty-five competitors made no returns.

Second class optional subscription prize (14 to 30 in the handicap).—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. John F. Ellison	123	25	98	Mr. W. W. Sandbrook	125	18	107
Mr. H. S. Bower	119	18	101	Mr. St. Clare Byrne	128	19	109

Twenty-one competitors made no returns.

The respective winners in each class will play off, under separate handicap, at the October meeting. They are—First class—Messrs. J. E. Pearson, H. A. Farrar, G. R. Cox, H. Holden, R. Goold, and C. E. Dick. Second class—Mr. Cumming Macdonald, M.P.; Hon. C. H. Vivian; Messrs. J. K. Housden, D. C. Scott, St. Clare Byrne, and J. F. Ellison.

SELKIRK.

The fifth competition for the president's prize was played on the 3rd inst., over thirty members competing. A very strong north wind prevented low scoring on the part of all competitors except Mr. Weir, who returned the exceptionally fine score of 77, which is now the record of the course since lengthened, equalling the scores made by Davie Brown and Willie Campbell, in a professional competition in 1888, when the first and seventh holes were short holes. Mr. Weir's score is as follows:—

First round.	...	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	5=39
Second round	...	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	3	4=38

The next best scores were:—

Gross Hcp.	Net.	Gross Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. J. Jack	98 16	82	Mr. R. Dryden	104 16	88
Mr. John Connochie	87 scr.	87	Mr. H. Brown	101 12	89
Mr. F. B. Brown	102 15	87	Mr. J. Walker	90 1	89
Mr. R. Penman	88 scr.	88			

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.—Competition for a prize among members' sons under fifteen, over the ladies' course:—George Board, 104; A. Master, 116; C. Master, 120. Only these three competed.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the quarterly challenge scratch medal was played on the 27th August, and was won by Mr. J. B. Gooding with 101. The returns handed in were as follows:—Mr. J. B. Gooding 101; Mr. R. E. Yerburgh 105; Mr. S. W. Woollett 106; Mr. B. Whitmore 108; Mr. W. J. Browne 113; Mr. A. C. Herbert 113; Mr. A. R. Grubbe 123.

A handicap was played on the same day which was also won by Mr. J. B. Gooding. There were eighteen entries:—Mr. J. B. Gooding, 101 (scratch) 101; Mr. R. E. Yerburgh, 105 (scratch) 105; Mr. S. W. Woollett, 105 (scratch) 106; Mr. E. B. Charles, 116, less 10=106; Mr. E. C. Davidson, 106 (scratch) 106; Mr. Alex. Howard, 117, less 10=107; Mr. B. Whitmore, 108 (scratch) 108; Mr. J. C. Taylor, 114, less 5=109; Mr. E. Turner, 118, less 7=111; Mr. W. J. Browne, 113 (scratch) 113; Mr. A. C. Herbert, 113 (scratch) 113; Mr. J. B. Whitworth, 122, less 7=115; Mr. T. Sergeant, 128, less 12=116; Mr. E. B. Wilson, 138, less 20=118; Mr. A. R. Grubbe, 123 (scratch) 123; Mr. C. S. Webber, 146, less 20=126.

ST. ANDREWS.

The following is the list of competitors in the handicap tournament for the Queen Victoria Jubilee vase, which began on Tuesday, with the respective order of the players:—Mr. Leslie M. Balfour (plus 1); Mr. A. F. Macfie (plus 1); Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson (plus 1); Mr. E. R. H. Blackwell (scr.); Mr. J. L. Low (scr.) Mr. Harry S. Colt (scr.); Mr. E. B. H. Blackwell (scr.); Colonel D. W. Mackinnon (scr.); Mr. R. T. Boothby (scr.); Mr. A. A. Wolfe Murray (scr.); Mr. Edward C. P. Boyd (1); Captain P. J. C. Livingston (3); Mr. Norman E. Playfair (3); Mr. W. D. Bovill (4); Mr. Robert Whyte (4); Mr. O. Wolfe Murray (4); Mr. R. A. Hull (4); Mr. A. Kennedy Erskine (5); Mr. A. Gray (5); Captain G. M. Boothby (5); Mr. T. Jeffrey (6); Major P. Chalmers (6); Mr. Edward Scratton (6); Mr. James H. Aitken (6); Mr. L. B. Keyser (7); Mr. Gilbert Elliot (7); Mr. B. C. Wyld (7); Mr. Evan M. Protheroe (7); Captain H. C. Best (7); Mr. T. Tate (9); Mr. James M. Glen (9); Rev. W. Donne (11); Mr. H. H. Longman (11); Major W. B. Craigie (15); Captain J. R. Scott (16). Last year Mr. Harry S. Colt was the winner.

Members of the St. Andrews Ladies' Golf Club and friends played on Friday afternoon for prizes presented by Mr. Edward Scratton. Play was by holes, and after a keen competition the first place was gained by Mrs. Wolfe Murray. The second and third were tied for by Col. Nicholson and Miss Moir. The weather was excellent.

TAIN.

On Saturday last the members of the St. Duthus Golf Club competed for the handsome gold medal presented to the club by the president, Lord Low. The weather was extremely boisterous, and high scoring was the order of the day, except in the case of the winner, Mr. W. Cromb, whose 89, record for medal competitions of this club, gave him a virtual walk over for the medal. The score was as follows:—

Out	...	5	6	4	4	5	4	9	5	5=47
In	...	4	4	4	6	4	5	4	5	6=42

The medal is a challenge one, played at scratch, and was won the previous two years by Mr. J. Sutherland, the Dornoch "crack," who was unable this year to be present.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly competition took place on Thursday, the 1st September, and considering that it was the Feast of St. Partridge the entries were very good. The wind was somewhat trying, especially in the afternoon when there was quite a gale, but luckily the rain kept off. The leading scores were decidedly good. Mr. Hookham won the monthly cup and junior medal, and Mr. Foord Kelcey the senior medal.

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. F. Hookham	98	20	78	Mr. G. H. Eyre	103	17	86
Mr. R. R. Brown	95	15	80	Mr. H. S. Romer	107	19	88
Mr. J. Foord Kelcey	92	10	82	Mr. H. N. B. Erskine	100	9	91
Mr. C. E. Moilliet	102	19	83	Mr. A. C. Cherry	110	16	94
Mr. H. D. Acland	96	10	86	Mr. G. A. Jones	115	20	95

Several others made no return.

DUNAVERTY CLUB.—Low scoring.—Mr. James Taylor, in company with Mr. James Andrew and Mr. Thomas Bryce, lowered the record score of 76 made by Mr. A. H. Gardiner and Mr. James Greenlees by completing the medal round of eighteen holes in the fine score of 75. Details:—Out—4 5 4 4 5 4 4 5 4=39; In—5 4 4 4 3 4 5 3 4=36, total 75.

FORTROSE AND ROSEMARKIE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the Rosehaugh medal (postponed from last week) was played on Thursday. Owing to the wet forenoon, there was only a small turn-out of players. The greens were in remarkably good order, and the medal was won by Mr. W. S. Geddie with 101, less 9=92.

ALLOA.—On the 1st inst. the first club competition for the season took place over the course at Arnsbrae. The weather was dull and showery, and playing generally was very disagreeable owing to the softness of the ground and the heaviness of the greens. When the cards were handed in the following were found to be prize-takers and lowest scorers:—Mr. Thomas W. Wallace (scratch); 91; Mr. Thomas S. Knox (6), 91; Mr. Andrew Roxburgh (15), 94; Major Abercrombie (15), 95; Mr. J. S. Dunlop (9), 100; Mr. W. T. Buchan (12), 100; Mr. M. Blair (9), 101; Captain MacWatt (3), 102.

BLAIRGOWRIE GOLF CLUB.—The first annual handicap competition for the silver medal presented by Major Chalmers, Gowanlea, for youths eighteen years and under, took place on the Landsdowne course on Saturday, the 27th ult. There were nine entries, but two were disqualified on account of being received too late. The handicaps were as follows:—John Stewart, Rattray, scratch; R. L. Henry-Anderson, Druids' Mere, and Francis Proctor, Rattray, 10; Ramsay Chalmers, Elmbank, and William Panton, jun., Maryfield, 15; Alexander Proctor, Rattray, 25; and William Proctor, Rattray, 30. Competitors had to go twice round the course, and the contest resulted:—R. L. Henry-Anderson, 110, less 10=100, who is the winner; Francis Proctor, 113, less 10=103; John Stewart, 106; Ramsay Chalmers, 132, less 15=117; and William Panton, jun., 168, less 15=153. Mr. Stewart did his second round in 49 strokes, which is remarkably good.

LARGS.—The second monthly competition for the prize presented by Major Eckford (the captain) took place on Saturday afternoon, 27th ult. There was only a small turn-out of players. The best scores were:—Mr. James W. Dallachy, 59, less 9=50; Mr. James Crawford, 64, less 12=52; Mr. J. W. Crawford, 57, less 3=54; Mr. Andrew M. Thomson, 70, less 15=55; Mr. J. K. Boyd, 103, less 12=91.

MIXED COMPETITION AT CRAIL.—A competition took place on Sauchope Links, Crail, in which ladies and gentlemen took part, partners being balloted for. Cleeks and irons only were used, and one round of the green (nine holes) was played. Twenty-eight couples took part under handicap, and the following were the prize-winners:—1st, Miss Mackay and Mr. T. Mason; 2nd, Miss Campbell and Mr. A. D. Lawrie; 3rd and 4th (equal), Miss Braid and Mr. J. Byers, and Miss Mason and Mr. D. Hill; 5th, Miss M. Walker and Mr. R. R. Gibson.

LADYBANK CLUB.—The monthly competition took place on Monday afternoon, 29th, at Annsmuir course, near Ladybank. Dreary weather prevailed all afternoon, but there was a good turn-out of competitors, and some fine play was exhibited. Subjoined is the result:—Rev. John Henderson and Rev. John Ritchie tied at 81 strokes each for the handicap medal—the former scratch, the latter less odds; Dr. R. Laidlaw, 83 (less odds); and Rev. Charles Fraser, 84 (less odds).

MORTONHALL GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The September competition for the monthly medal was played over the club's course on Saturday in somewhat boisterous weather. On the cards being handed in it was found that the medal and first prize of balls had been won by Mr. J. Johnston, the second prize by Mr. F. T. Walden, and the third prize by Mr. Cossar M'Kenzie.

EDINBURGH WARRENDER CLUB.—This club held their monthly medal competition over the Braids on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Peter Campbell proved the winner with a net score of 89.

BRUNTSFIELD ALLIED CLUB.—This club held their annual competition for silver medal and prizes over the Braids course on Saturday afternoon. 1st prize, special prize, and medal, Mr. James Brown, with a score of 83, less 13=75; 2nd and 3rd (tie), Mr. James Swan, 86, less 3=83, and Mr. James Addison, 93, less 10=83; 4th and 5th (tie), Mr. Thomas Hogg, 86, less 2=84, and Mr. Thomas Stevens, 98, less 14=84; 6th, Mr. John M'Leod, 95, less 7=88.

CRIEFF.—The monthly medal competition of the Crief Golf Club took place on Saturday. 1st, Mr. D. T. Clement, 107; 2nd, Mr. A. Marshall, 112; 3rd, Dr. Gow, 115; 4th, Mr. S. Drysdale, 116; 5th, Mr. P. Laurence, 118; 6th, Mr. M. R. Rice, 119.

HADDINGTON.—The annual competition for the Sommerville medal and club prizes took place over Luffness links on Saturday in boisterous weather. One round of the course was played with the following result:—Mr. W. T. Fernie, 105, less 13=92; Mr. T. W. Kemp, 111, less 18=93; Mr. M. M'Neil, 103, less 9=94; Mr. J. Richardson, 100, less 3=97.

CALEDONIAN INSURANCE CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The sixth and last monthly competition of this club took place over the Braids on Saturday, with the following result:—1st, Mr. Rodger; 2nd, Mr. Richardson. Mr. Rodger having won the club medal the greatest number of times (three out of five) becomes the holder for this year, and also possessor of the Murray charm, having the lowest aggregate score for any four of the six competitions.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The autumn prize meeting of this club took place on the Braids on Saturday. There was a large turn-out of members. The following is the prize-list:—1st and 2nd (tie), Mr. D. Blair, 88, less 3=85, and Mr. J. M'Intyre, 104, less 19=85; 3rd, Mr. R. Melrose, 89, less 3=86; 4th, 5th, and 6th (tie), Mr. R. Stewart, 90, less 3=87, Mr. R. H. Thom, 94, less 7=87, and Mr. A. Aitken, 101, less 14=87; 7th and 8th (tie), Mr. J. Chumley, 100, less 11=89, and Mr. J. P. Lees, 101, less 12=89.

ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.—A hole tournament, which has been in progress among the members of the above club for some time, was brought to a conclusion last week. The final tie was between Mr. Kinnear (2) and Mr. D. L. Wood (10), the latter winning a close and interesting match by 2 up and 1 to play.

EDINBURGH ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CLUB.—The autumn competition of this club was played over North Berwick links on Saturday. Results:—Stevenson medal and scratch prize, H. Craigie, 87, J. Adamson, 87—tie. Sanderson medal and 1st handicap prize, D. F. W. Parlanc, 91, less 7=84; 2nd handicap prize, H. Campbell, 85; 3rd, A. Howden, 86; 4th and 5th, T. Horsburgh, 88; T. S. Kay, 88; E. Millidge, 88; R. G. Wilson, 88; Mr. W. Russell, 88—tie. There were thirty-six competitors.

BEARSDEN.—The monthly handicap competition for the Lawrie gold medal took place on this course on Saturday, when a large number of members entered. Scores:—Mr. William S. M'Naughtan, 110, less 24=86 (winner of medal); Mr. B. M. Whall, 100, less 12=88; Mr. A. C. Burton, 93, less 4=89; Mr. A. D. Cuthbert, scratch, 92; Mr. C. C. Cuthbert, 104, less 12=92; Mr. W. J. Armstrong, 102, less 8=94.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—The fourth tie in the tournament handicap competition for Mr. Marshall Wane's prize was played off on Saturday. The weather was favourable, the unfortunate rains having ceased, and the wind blowing moderately. Mr. A. Boon and Mr. J. H. Andrew, both at scratch, had a very close game, Mr. Boon just winning at the last hole. Mr. W. Hunter ($\frac{1}{4}$) beat Mr. H. G. Peattie ($\frac{3}{4}$) by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. James Andrew, a bye; Mr. James Gibson, at scratch, beat Mr. T. Hamilton with a half by 4 up and 2 to play.

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