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DECEMBER.

- Dec. 8.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.  
Dec. 9.—Hayling : Monthly Medal.  
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.  
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Weston-Super-Mare : Ladies' Monthly Medal.  
Southport : Monthly Competition.  
Buxton and High Peak : Fortnightly Medal.  
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.  
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West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
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Kettering v. Notts (at Kettering).  
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Rochester : Monthly Medal.  
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Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Wakefield : Monthly Medal.  
Knutsford : Monthly Competition.  
Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup.  
Woodford : Quarterly Medal.

- Dec. 16.—Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Disley : Winter Silver Medal.  
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Wilmslow : "Bogey" Competition.  
Aldeburgh : Christmas Meeting.  
Dec. 23, 25 & 26.—Ilkley : Christmas Meeting.  
Dec. 26.—Cheadle : Christmas Meeting.  
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Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.  
Warminster : Monthly Medal.  
Leasowe : Boxing Day Sweep.  
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Aldeburgh : Mr. Newson Garrett's Cup.  
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Dec. 28.—Notts : Monthly Medal Competition.  
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Islay : Monthly Medal.  
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.  
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Crookham : Monthly Medal.  
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Marple : Club Medal and Captain's Cup.  
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## A SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT MUSSELBURGH.

As the gun from Edinburgh Castle announces 1 o'clock, the offices, Government, law and mercantile, set free their knights of the pen, a body from which a large portion of the Edinburgh golfing talent emanates. After a hasty snack at the counter of the nearest restaurant, a dash is made for the Musselburgh "express." No need to go home for Golf clubs; there are as many clubs as pens in business places on a Saturday, and the forenoon is not infrequently passed in putting a polish on cleeks and irons.

As usual, the 1.10 train is inconveniently crowded; but the journey, enlivened by golfing yarns and tales of peril by bunker, wall, and ditch, is soon accomplished. Almost before the train draws up at the terminus, the golfers are hurrying to the links. The cabs are filled in a twinkling, and, with a "Now then, cabby, an extra tanner if you're first," the horses are off, going for all they are worth, with loads that almost annihilate the springs of the vehicles.

Crowds of urchins surround the pedestrian, all anxious to "Cairy for you, sur"; and it is only after frequent repulses in language more or less strong, that they consent to take their departure. (As a matter of principle, caddies should only be engaged on the links.) Boys are generally content with sixpence the round; but it is as well to arrange the terms beforehand, or when you hand your youthful caddie a "splendid shilling" for the two rounds, you will, as likely as not, be met with some such remonstrance as "What the —'s that? Aww a mon!"

At the first teeing-ground all is bustle. At least twenty balls, not necessarily teed, are on the ground to indicate the players. To an outsider, the balls seem marvellously alike, yet disputes as to their ownership rarely occur. The difficulty is now to get started on the round. After watching the scramble for precedence for some time, you decide that your turn has arrived; and, assuming a careless and confident air, you proceed to address your ball. Another couple, however, step forward and solemnly affirm that they "teed" first. You are equally positive that it is the other way about, and your caddie backs you up in choice Billingsgate, or rather Fisherrow; but being of a peaceful temperament, and, privately, doubtful of the righteousness of your cause, you magnanimously give way. By this time the golfers who have finished their first round are coming in—"old," they are called—and, being entitled to go off again alternately with the "new," your chance of an early start is lessened. An ancient-looking caddie, with important air—his master wears a "blazer"—now approaches to tee his ball. "Are you 'old?'" challenges a golfer, weary of waiting. "Na!" replies the ancient one, "Aww jist sixty-yin; but *we gang next*," and go they do, much to the chagrin of the challenger.

At last you are off, and the joy of playing your second, with the satisfaction of knowing that you are now safe for the round, is recompense sufficient for past troubles. There is, of course, a short wait at "Mrs. Forman's"; this time a refreshing one. It is astonishing to notice the change that comes over the couple behind you from this point onwards; there is no more pressing, and instead of trying to pass you they become quite friendly, carefully avoiding playing on to the green until you have holed out—a courtesy which is sometimes omitted at Musselburgh.

One of the features of the links is the bunkers, and the greatest of these is Pandy. Christian, in the Slough of Despond, was not more helpless than is a novice in that goodly bunker. It must have been one such that wrote, "He jests at bunkers who has never been in Pandy." From this point the line of the holes runs by the sea, and delightful it is to have the companionship of the waves lapping on the sandy beach under the influence of a gentle north-easter.

Now the round is finished, and even if your score is such as would delight the heart of a cricketer, you leave the links, congratulating yourself that for this Saturday, at least, you have resisted the allurements of football, and enjoyed the healthful pastime of Golf.

## MACHRIHANISH.

Machrihanish is the Mesopotamia of the golfer, as St. Andrews is his Mecca. That the latter should be more widely known, and esteemed to the effect of being over-run is but natural. Apart from its wealth of Golf-tradition, the grey cathedral town is a place of mark; A K.H.B. does there inhabit, and at times Mr. Andrew Lang, "after whom the town was named," may be seen by the fortunate, digging such divots as are the perquisite only of an inveterate and delightful writer on the game. Machrihanish again is a degree less accessible to the Southron. A sail of four hours from Gourrock, brings you to Campbeltown, with its landlocked harbour and houses rising crescent-wise round the bay. It has some twenty-five distilleries, and you shall cease to wonder at this when you have played Golf for a week at the other side of the isthmus. Thither you set out, the road climbing steeply for half-a-mile, till, looking back, you feel that a well-driven ball would pitch fairly in the harbour. For five miles you drive through a level strath, where this year the barley stood dead-ripe in the last week of July, noting by the way the only railroad in Cantyre, which brings coal from the west side into Campbeltown. And as you near your goal the breath of the western ocean comes up the breeze, and you see the long line of sand dunes stretching away to the north, till a bluff headland comes down to meet the sea, and cut them off, lest even the golfer's eye be wearied.

The village itself consists of your hotel, seven or eight villas twice as many fishermen's cottages, and the inevitable post office, store, and mission-hall. From the hotel door you step across the road on to the home green and first teeing ground—no light boon to the man who plays three rounds each day. To the west the Atlantic lies, broken only by the cloudy outlines of Islay and Jura some thirty miles away. To the north a range of hills (mountains to the Southron mind) runs across the line of vision, till it dips towards the estuary of the Clyde. Southwards a long low promontory bars the view of the coast, which, as you shall find out on Sunday, stretches its rugged outline of surf-beaten rock and storm-swept heath down to the Mull, much dreaded aforetime of mariners, and still a place of evil omen to the tourist who doubles it on his way northward. But as you came to Golf you must first find your caddie, and should your form be only moderate there will be less to fear than if your boy had grown up in the holy air of St. Andrews and under the eye of "Old Tom." At the same time, till he has had proof of your quality his attitude is the usual one of respectful indifference. And when you have driven your first ball, provided it be not beeled into the ditch or road, or sliced on to the shore, you will find that you are walking on the finest natural turf in the three kingdoms. Short it is, but never to bareness, however, dry and warm the season, and so close-set and springy that twenty yards are added to your usual length of drive. And the putting greens! But hazards come next in the order of nature, which has dealt bountifully with this favoured spot. The first hole is a fair specimen in this respect. It is 422 yards, so a good second will take you to within 60 or 70 yards of the green. And when you have walked up the knoll in front to reconnoitre, you shall find that a bunker lies at your feet, that a bunker runs across from the bents which belt the shore to the opposite side of the green, where a narrow neck of turf divides it from broken ground, and yet another bunker beyond. So that you must pitch your approach on the straight stretch of grass, or, playing safety, overrun the green and work your passage crabwise to the hole. And the second hole is like unto the first, but harder, for, after you have got your drive clean and straight, you must cross the river in your second, or, if you prefer it, lie up, but not in. And facing you, sixty yards on the further side, is a hill of forty feet, broken by sandholes, and transected by a road of the same material. Its slope is such that a ball short of the top by a foot must be bunkered or lodge in the less merciful cart-track. But when you have reached them, the quality of the greens will reward your labours past. The turf is best described if one says that it is rather better adapted to the purpose than that over which you have approached the green. No doctoring has been required to bring it to this pitch. You will scarce find a yard of laid turf on the eighteen greens. As Tom Morris said of the course, in a moment of inspiration, "God A'mighty must a had Gowf in His heid when He made this place."

Should the average man do the first two holes together under 12, he will feel in good trim for the three easier ones which follow. "Bruach-mor," the sixth, has spoilt many a good score. The green is protected by a bunker, fifty feet high at least, scarcely so steep as the side of a house. It is a 5-hole. I have seen a fair player take 15, but, in justice to the bunker, he lost his temper in a heel-mark. By this time the duffer has supped full of horrors, but he has yet to encounter "Rorke's Drift," familiarly 'clept "Rookie," even by those who should pay it due respect. The bunker begins some 30 yards from the tee, and its suburbs stretch to within a like distance of the green. The length of the hole is 220 yards. A simple calculation will show that this bunker may stand beside that awful one into which Morrobie Jukes once floundered in his "Strange Ride." One feature alone keeps Machrihanish on the hither side of perfection—the rabbit-holes, which mean a lost stroke, and often a lost ball. But a steady player may go a whole day, if luck be with him, without having a single shot trapped.

The length of the course is often over-estimated. I have heard men who knew the course put it down at five miles—an ominous commentary on their own driving. As recently given in GOLF, it is 5,552 yards=3.15 miles. The three longest holes are 486, 422, and 416, to balance which are three short ones, 125, 161, and 170 yards. These are all 3-holes to a strong player, and another hole (the ninth) should be done in the same figure. The measurement, 208 yards, must be incorrect, unless the line was taken up one side of the hill and down the other. The average length is 308 yards. The absolute record is 74, at least seven strokes more than Troon, and during the last week I spent there none of the fifty odd players in the hotel finished the round under 90. There were some fair players of that number, and others who so esteemed themselves were compelled to readjust their idea of a good score to anything between 100 and 110. Machrihanish is certainly a cruel course for the beginner, or the confirmed duffer; both, as a rule, attempt their revenge in vicious skelps with the iron. Some of the tallies bear quaint inscriptions. Islay, Jura, and the Punch-bowl (*me Gigha*) are topographical; Balaclava and Rorke's Drift patriotic; but what of Bruach-mor, Clochkeil, and Trodugal? The latter may be a misprint for a scriptural character. This theory is perhaps strengthened by the fact that you always meet him on the way home.

The hotel is comfortable, the fare an excellent corrective for a bad case of dining out. If you relish ham and eggs five mornings per week breakfast will be a success, otherwise you may long for a change. If so, you can't have it. *Aut porcum aut nihil*. Otherwise the house is excellent, as its crowded state in July and August testifies. Happily there is no danger of the course being popular to the discomfort of the player. The limited accommodation is a safe-guard, and the distance from Glasgow protects it from the cheap tripper.

Golf is, of course, the main industry of the district. There is also sea fishing, and it is a perfect spot for loafing—the worker's ideal holiday. And when does tobacco taste sweeter than when one lies of a cloudless summer day on the benches above the shore, sun-soaked, watching the long rollers which have sped unchecked from the "still vexed Bermoothes" to these northern shores. Mr. Henley has unwittingly crystallised the charm of the place—

Out on the links where the wind blows free,  
And the surges gush, and the rounding brine  
Wanders and sparkles, an air like wine  
Fills the senses with pride and glee.  
A white sail glimmers, the foam-lines flee,  
Live love and laziness are a trine,  
Worshipful, wonderful, dear, divine.

If tobacco ever seems a nobler creature it must be when one sits in the porch of a warm evening, the dined feeling etherealised, too happily idle for aught but to watch the play of the moonlight as it strikes the crest of the rollers, caught far out upon a hidden reef, or the dancing mast-head light of the "Clansman" as she kicks her way northward to the Sound of Jura. And if your talkative partner would but cease his prattle, existence would seem completely rounded off; and you could find it in your heart to forgive him for topping his drive into "Rookie" when you were 3 down and 4 to play.

RIX.

## THE LOST DRIVE.

Standing one day on the Golf links,  
I was fooling about on the tees,  
And my driver wandered idly  
In wait for a favouring breeze;  
I know not what I was doing,  
Or how I was gripping then,  
But I struck one drive that for distance  
I have never equalled again.

It licked all perplexed opponents  
Into one perfect peace;  
It floated away in the distance,  
As though it were loth to cease;  
It quieted horrible memories  
Of frequent fiascos before;  
It seemed the harmonious prelude  
Of a wholly impossible score.

I have sought, but sought it vainly,  
That one lost drive divine,  
That came direct from St. Andrews,  
And became, by a mystery, mine;  
It may be that some good angel  
Will put it again in my head,  
But I think it's a thousand to seven  
That I'll break my driver instead.

H. B.

DECIDING TIE AND MONTHLY MEDAL AT BIRKDALE.—As reported in these columns at the time, a tie for first prize occurred on the Birkdale links on November 18th, when the members of both Southport and Birkdale Clubs competed for two valuable prizes presented by Mr. George Kilvert. In playing off on Saturday, Mr. G. F. Pearson, 96, less 6=90, defeated Mr. H. Liebert, 102, less 5=97, and thus won the chief prize offered at the district meeting. For the first-class medal Mr. J. F. Anderson registered a win, and for the second-class medal Mr. A. T. Mayall stood first. Owing to keen frost the greens were bumpy and good, scores difficult to secure. The best cards were as follows:—Mr. J. F. Anderson (15), 97; Mr. A. T. Mayall (20), 84; Mr. F. Baker (11), 85; Mr. J. F. Connolly (13), 85; Mr. W. Bowker (11), 87; Mr. W. D. S. Crowther (20), 87; Mr. E. Walmsley (24), 88; Mr. G. F. Pearson (6), 90; Mr. T. N. Leighton (26), 91; Mr. G. Crowther (10), 93; Mr. G. Kilvert (26), 93; Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell (10), 94; Mr. C. A. Colman (15), 96; Mr. W. Thompson (12), 98; Mr. Jos. Sykes (26), 98; Mr. W. H. Hayes (30), 98; Mr. R. Jones (30), 100.

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## Reviews.

A HEART'S REVENGE. By B. Loftus Tottenham. 3 Vols. London: Hurst and Blackett.

A powerfully written novel; albeit the plot is taken from the seamy side of life, and shrouded in a series of gloomy incidents, there is a relief in the form of certain humorous touches without which despair would reign supreme. The characters are boldly defined, their actions are thoroughly consistent, and their fates are worked out as relentlessly and surely as if they had been living human beings. Edward Vernon, standing alone in his sternness, his integrity, and ambition, and dying as he lived, is the central figure, and is a fair example of the consequences of morbid reserve, and over-strained self-control. The suppression of all human feeling must bring a fearful reward; it is wholesome for a man to be a man, even if he have cause to repent his humanity. The plot of a "Heart's Revenge" develops unexpectedly, for it is not a novel of the psychological school; it contains a sound story, of which the incidents develop gradually, and with artistic arrangement and forethought. In spite of the gloom, and cynicism of thought which pervade the tale, it is likely to prove extremely popular with a large majority of readers, and especially with those who appreciate a certain original manner which is the gift of the author, and which adds no inconsiderable charm and piquancy to the telling of the tale. "A Heart's Revenge" is above the average of the ordinary three-volume novel, and may be strongly recommended to those who incline to this form of literature, as being certain to interest and amuse them. The get-up of the book will make it an addition to a drawing-room library.

ABOUT HOLLAND. A Practical Guide for Visitors. By Greville E. Matheson. London, Simpkin, Marshall & Co. One Shilling.

Now that Holland is beginning to have its numerous Golf links like other European countries, golfers in these isles may wish to know how best to get there, and generally to have some preliminary knowledge of the country, its people, its configuration, its dykes, its windmills, its libraries, and its museums. If we may venture to offer them a word of advice, it would be to buy this book. It is written with much picturesqueness of detail, and with something approaching literary finish. For those who meditate a skating trip during the next month or two let them consult this little book, or if information is wanted about cycling routes or boating tours it will be found here in a nutshell. Ignorance of the Dutch language will not militate against enjoyment, for Mr. Matheson, with kind considerateness, has provided in the appendix as much Dutch as any tourist can conveniently carry with him, always supposing that he surmounts the initial difficulty of pronouncing the words with a rough and ready phonetic approximation to the genuine vocabulary. The practical character of the book is enhanced by finely reproduced photographs of picturesque bits of old towns, specimens of the natives, and plans of the principal cities. As Mr. Matheson is a golfer himself, we hope that in his next edition he will remember to say something about Golf at the Hague and Scheveningen, as well as at Haarlem.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on Kingholm on Saturday, November 25th. Result:—Rev. Mr. Hutchison, 94, less 18=76; Rev. Mr. Stewart, 89, less 10 79; Rev. Mr. Scott Kerr, 92, less 12=80; Rev. Mr. Donaldson, 94, less 12=82; Mr. W. M. Blake (scratch), 84.

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## PATTES DE MOUCHE.

TO the issue of GOLF, dated August 25th, 1893, Professor Tait contributes a paper on "Carry." It is a learned, and lucid (which is much more rare) exposition of the dynamics of the Golf ball. Professor Tait concludes by a kind invitation to all and sundry, to enter into discussion with him on this matter—a proposition which is suggestive, surely, of the gentle invitation once tendered by the spider to the fly. A Lord Kelvin or a Lord Rayleigh might perhaps respond to the suggestion, in the pages of "Mind," or of "Nature"; the ordinary human golfing fly will rather avoid such a bunker, and keep himself teed up on the green in the sunshine.

It is possible, however, (relying on the Professor's mercy, which is in proportion to his strength), that without venturing to close with him in discussion on points of theory, one may yet propose certain facts for his consideration which may seem to bear—sometimes, perhaps, a little heavily—on his position. To which end it would first only be just that we should state our own conception of the position taken by the Professor, so that if we be putting up men of straw, they may at once fall to pieces.

Our conception then is this:—That the Professor believes length of "carry" to depend essentially upon the amount of undercut put upon the ball. This, of course, is not to say that the force of the impact and its direction, &c., has nothing to do with the case, but, reasonably understood, we believe the above to be a reasonable statement of the Professor's position—reasonable, but, of course, rough; with the reasonableness, if he have any, of the fly, not of the spider; of the golfer, not of the man of science.

Now, in process of fortifying this position, the Professor says of the ball driven by the "athletic smasher," with "set teeth and flushed countenance," that "it is hurled, as it were, into space, hissing and hurtling as it flies." Contrast this with the quiet, easy, graceful, *almost slow* way in which the ball leaves the club of a really good player," &c. The italics are the Professor's. Further he goes on to say of the course of the really well-driven ball, "its path is, for nearly half the range, *concave upwards*." What are our inferences from these remarks?

1. That a ball ought not to hiss as it leaves the club.
2. That it ought to have a "concave upward" flight during nearly half its range.

Are these unfairly drawn inferences? If fairly drawn inferences, are they mutually consistent?

We would ask the Professor this:—What makes the ball hiss as it goes away? And what makes its flight "concave upwards" during half its range? Is not the undercut, the rotation, the cause of each? Such, at least, would be the answer of the fly. Will the spider agree? And if so, how can the hiss, which is the sigh audible of the undercut, be condemned, while the "concavity upwards," which is the sign visible of the undercut, is lauded? We do not venture to assert; we only pray, "Explain to us, O spider!"

And then we would remind the Professor of an instance equally familiar to himself and to us—Mr. James Blackwell. Did the Professor ever hear a ball driven that hissed so loudly as his? Did the Professor ever see a ball driven that made such a concavity upwards? And did he ever see one driven which habitually carried much further? At all events the writer never did.

So we would submit to the Professor that, on his own premises, hissing, though it suggests the voice of the

creature that cleaves with its belly to the earth, is not necessarily (provided it be the voice of undercut, and not of rotation on any other axis), a bad omen of a Golf ball's flight.

So far we have gone with the Professor in an assumption which his article seems to us to contain, though it is never distinctly stated, namely, that this sort of drive, with the "upward concavity," is the best possible. We would reply, that with the utmost respect we venture to doubt whether this is the way in which the longest balls are driven. The spider will delight in the response, and will at once enmesh it and stifle it by the answer that all he was saying applied merely to "carry." We would then further submit that we doubt whether it applies, after all, quite accurately to "carry" even. We would suggest that there may be "another way" in which an even longer carry may be obtained.

But let us first do justice, and put on record our belief that for many reasons the "upward concaving" style of driving is very excellent. The main reason of its excellence is also one of the reasons why it is not the style in which the longest balls are driven; and the reason is this, that after a "carry" of this sort, and in consequence of rotation of the under-cut description, the ball falls nearly stone dead. It is, thus, the style of driving in which balls are oftenest driven up on to the green of the hole, sometimes nearly dead, from long distances—examples, Mr. John Ball and Hugh Kirkaldy.

But, tackling the question of mere length of driving, Mr. Edward Blackwell and Douglas Rolland both drive longer balls than Mr. James Blackwell, and so, probably, does the Professor's son, Mr. F. Tait; but these great drivers do not drive with the "upward concavity" nearly so much marked. The fact is, that the longest balls of all, are driven with a slight pull from the right. A ball flying with this curve runs tremendously when it pitches, and its carry does not seem badly affected by the pull. So much for mere length.

Now, as to "carry." The writer has lately found out that off a very high tee, and hitting the ball rather from beneath, upward, he can drive a longer ball, both as regards total length and carry, than in any other way. One is apt to be deceived about one's own symptoms, but the writer is very confident about this. And, speaking of high tees, is one not at once reminded of the late Mr. James Mansfield, whom all golfers lament? What a fine ball he used to drive from a mountainous tee, though he was but a small man. Through the green he could hit the ball well with all his clubs, but these shots were not like his tee shots. Then there is Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville; sometimes we see him driving very long shots from a high tee.

But the writer's object in saying this is to suggest to the Professor that perhaps a ball hit upwards, off a high tee, may be a ball of merit; a ball of even greater merit than one driven with the "upward concavity," and for this reason: that the right elevation of parabola is arrived at (such an elevation as will keep the ball longest in the air) without too much of this under-cut business. For, to the ordinary intellect of the fly, it seems as if this rotation and rubbing against the air must, *other things being equal*, be detrimental rather than helpful to the flight of the ball; and it seems possible that by the upward hitting off a very high tee other things may be made equal. Here, too, on our own ground, we find ourselves at one with the Professor on a point about which we were not altogether in agreement with him when we met him on his ground; for it is our belief that the hissing sound made by the ball of the man

of apoplectic aspect is not of good omen, for the very reason that it shows a great rotation to be on the ball, a degree of rotation which we believe to be the reverse of helpful.

Now does all this empiricism suggest itself as in any way worthy the consideration of the spider?

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

P.S.—I should never have ventured on these remarks were I not safely abroad for the winter.

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20,140. Improved means and appliances for indicating and registering the progress of the game of Golf.—H. Hawkins, 166, Fleet Street, London.

20,184. The Golfer's bracelet.—By E. T. Hirst, 168, Otley Road, Leeds.

20,265. A new or improved portable holder for Golf clubs.—G. H. Bates, 70, Market Street, Manchester.

20,895.—A pocket instrument for marking points gained at Golf and other games.—By T. F. Thomson, 28, Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

21,066. Improvements in apparatus for use in scoring at the game of Golf or other games.—By T. W. Goddard, 55, Chancery Lane.

21,210. Apparatus for measuring and recording the elasticity of Golf balls, power of Golf clubs, speed of putting greens, and power of stroke given by a Golf club.—By G. Comb, Penny Bank Chambers, Halifax.

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### WANSTEAD GOLF CLUB.

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The rapid strides with which Golf is now advancing south of the Tweed make it very difficult to keep the supply of links equal to the demand, and this is especially so round London. Wanstead may therefore be congratulated on having secured a really excellent nine-hole course, which has the advantage of being within easy reach of the City, and in addition has a commodious club-house with every convenience for non-resident members; there are capital dressing-rooms, and lunch can be got on the premises.

The course, which was laid out by Tom Dunn during the summer, is nearly two miles in extent, and covers the site occupied in the early part of the present century by Wanstead House and its magnificent grounds. It is distinctly a sporting course, most of the hazards being natural dykes, and there are some very stiff hills to be surmounted, notably at the 5th, 8th and 9th holes.

"Wanstead Park Private Golf Club" is the full title, and the formal opening took place on Saturday, 25th November, when a large gathering of members and friends attended a luncheon given by the council. After a few speeches, when the healths of the captain, Mr. Gurney Fowler, the hon. sec., Mr. R. B. Johnson, the hon. treasurer, Mr. R. A. Ellis, and the honorary architect, Mr. S. Liddon Walters, were severally proposed and honoured, the party adjourned to the first tee, where the captain drove the first ball and thus formally launched the enterprise. The club already numbers some 130 members, about forty of whom are ladies. There is an excellent professional and club-maker on the premises in the person of James Macpherson, formerly of St. Andrews and Mitcham, under whose care the greens are already assuming some degree of excellence. The ground is situated about three-quarters of a mile from Snaresbrook Station, on the Great Eastern Railway, to which an excellent service of trains run both from Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street. The hon. treasurer, Mr. R. B. Johnson, who resides close to the links, will be happy to answer any inquiries as to the conditions of membership.



An influenza epidemic again holds the field. Even Golf is out of it. Every golfer will regret to hear that Mr. A. J. Balfour has been one of the severest sufferers. He is, however, in golfing phrase, "making a good recovery." Professor Tait has also been a victim.

At the annual meeting of the Edinburgh University Golf Club, the following were elected office-bearers:—Captain, Mr. C. A. Stevenson, C.E.; Vice-captain, Dr. Haultain; Treasurer, Mr. L. V. Laurie; Secretary, Mr. R. J. Bryce, 31, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh. Council: Dr. R. H. Blaikie, Mr. C. L. Blaikie, Dr. D. Wallace, Mr. W. H. Bryce, Mr. H. de M. Alexander, and Mr. J. S. Fraser.

The club-room of the above club is at 2, Links Place, Musselburgh. It might be greatly improved. The club also holds meetings at Gullane and North Berwick, and there is a challenge cleek competition in which members who enter their names by February 1st, 1894, pair off till the winner asserts himself in the final. It is a rule of the club, more honoured, we hear, in the breach than in the observance, that at all meetings partners and precedence of play must be balloted for. The arrangements for the various meetings are certainly open to improvement, and this may be the reason why the position of this club in the University is hardly in keeping with the present importance and popularity of the game of Golf.

What a lot of work Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P., gets through. He has just finished the delivery of the Rhind Lectures in Edinburgh, in which, to large audiences, he showed great philological research in the discussion of place names, and words; and now we have his excellent Biography, in two volumes, of the late Right Hon. W. H. Smith. Besides all this the hon. gentleman gives diligent attention to his Parliamentary duties. But then Sir Herbert Maxwell is a golfer. *Verb. sap.*

In *To-Day*, a new magazine edited by Jerome K. Jerome, Dr. A. Conan Doyle has a golfing song with a good deal of "swing" in it. Here are two stanzas:—

It's up and away from our work to-day,  
For the breeze sweeps over the down;  
And it's hey for a game where the gorse blossoms flame  
And the bracken is bronzing to brown.  
With the turf 'neath our tread, and the blue overhead,  
And the song of the lark in our ears,  
We throw them behind us, the fetters that bind us,  
The wear and tear of the years;  
Ah, yes,  
The strain and the stress of the years.  
The palm and the leather come rarely together,  
Gripping the driver's haft,  
And it's fine to feel the jar of the steel  
And the spring of the hickory shaft.  
We're outward bound on a long long round,  
And it's time to up and away.  
With the wind in our teeth, and our feet on the heath,  
We feel we are freemen to-day,  
Ah, yes,  
We know we are living to-day.

What does the poet mean "by the jar of the steel?" Ah, yes, it's the newest patent, no doubt.

Gullane has lost one of its worthies—George Cunningham—who for thirty-four years carried the post from Drem twice a day. He has seen Gullane grow from a quaint old village to a favourite golfing and seaside resort, and the number of letters from 50 to 500 weekly, with now a yearly parcel delivery of 1,200, and a telegraph office drawing £90 a year.

Dr. Foulis, the inventor of an automatic dumb-caddie for golfers, has died at his residence, Cairnie Lodge, near Cupar.

Q. "Why is the golfer's 'preliminary wagggle' of his club like murder?"—A. "Because it is preparatory to the swing proper."—BOBBY.

The name of Messrs. Wm. Currie and Company, Caledonian Rubber Works, Edinburgh, has long been favourably known to golfers all over the world, not only for the impetus which they have given to the game itself, but for the added enjoyment which they have conferred on golfers by perfecting the Golf ball. For many years their well-known and justly-esteemed "Eclipse" Golf ball held the field, at least in the South of England; and Mr. Horace Hutchinson, an ex-Champion, has left it on record that having played consistently with the "Eclipse," he found it in many respects superior to the gutta. At the present time a large number of players in the South and in our Colonies beyond the sea play regularly with the "Eclipse," on the ground that it does not hack, always keeps its shape, is less subject than the gutta to changes of temperature, and is, generally speaking, more economical. With the lapse of time and the gaining of experience Messrs. Currie have been enabled to introduce many improvements in the "Eclipse." For one thing, it is lighter than it used to be many years ago, and is not so "india-rubbery" in the fall after the carry. It is very true on the putting-green, and leaves the club with less jerkiness and alacrity than the gutta when holing out. In a high wind, either ahead or across, it is subject to much less deflection than the gutta, while in frosty weather like the present it may be relied upon as being practically exempt from the defect of cracking, however severely topped by the iron club.

Messrs. Currie and Co. are also the manufacturers of three new Golf balls. The first is the "Swallow," made from an entirely new material, which it is claimed, will not hack; the "Star" gutta ball, made from the finest selected and seasoned gutta-percha; and the "Centre" Golf ball (Donaldson's patent). The last named ball is made with a small core of wood moulded into the centre of each, it being claimed that, while increased flying power is added, there is less liability to crack. The finest selected gutta-percha is used in the manufacture of these balls. Of the "Swallow," and the "Centre" Golf balls we cannot speak from actual trial; but we remember to have read in Mr. Thomas Peter's "Reminiscences" that when the gutta ball was first introduced he inserted a lead pellet in the core and found the advantages of the change very appreciable. The only drawback was that the lead pellet increased the weight of the ball so much that the club heads were broken. The wooden core obviates this drawback, and the presumption is in favour of the inventor's claim, though we should like to try the ball before giving a decided opinion. The "Eclipse," however, is an old favourite, and the "Star," which we have recently tried, is in all respects a splendid ball.

A new cleek has recently come into the market. It is the patent of Mr. George Nicol, of Leven, and consists of a leather face on the centre portion of the blade of the cleek which strikes the ball. The socket is also a little shorter than the ordinary club, resembling to some extent Forrester's or Carruther's clubs, though the shaft does not come through as in the last-mentioned club. The blade is also thickened at the back to add to the driving power, and the blade generally is short and compact. When the weather and the green are dry the leather face undoubtedly gives a better grip to the ball, and prevents the skidding which is so noticeable in playing with a smooth-faced iron club. For putting it is also very serviceable. Peter Paxton is the sole agent for the club south of the Tweed. It is undoubtedly a useful improvement, and is meeting with widespread recognition among Southern golfers.

On Saturday, November 25th, Mr. C. G. Broadwood broke the amateur record of the York links, going out in 40 and returning in 37, total 77. Score out, 4 3 5 3 3 6 5 6 5=40; in, 3 3 8 3 3 5 4 5 3=37, total 77. He was playing a match against the best of two balls at the time.

The following is an extract from *La Liberté* (Paris) of date 24th November.—“Il vient de se fonder parmi les membres de la colonie étrangère qui fréquentent Cannes l'hiver, un cercle qui a pris le nom de Golf Club. Le cercle, qui est admirablement situé à la Napoule, le joli pays voisin de Cannes, possède d'immenses jardins où les amateurs—et ils sont nombreux—vont s'exercer au jeu anglais du Golf. On a installé un petit chemin de fer privé, long de trois kilomètres, qui servira à transporter les membres du cercle de Cannes au Golf Club. Un banquet a eu lieu, hier, pour l'ouverture du cercle. Parmi les convives: le Grand-Duc Michel de Russie, qui présidait; la comtesse Buccelai; le Prince Galitzin; la Comtesse Torby; le Colonel et Mme. Cragg; le Colonel Woodsure, etc.” Mr. C. C. Woodward, the hon. secretary, writes:—“It may interest some of your readers to know that the new links here are now ready for play. The course has been greatly improved, there are plenty of bunkers and hazards, and the lies are good. I think that the course can compare favourably with most inland courses in England. The club-house has been redecorated and fitted up with every convenience, and an excellent restaurant is attached. The new station which was built last year for the club, close to the links, is of the greatest advantage. The trains, which take ten minutes from Cannes, run most conveniently.”

“An Indignant Pro.” writes.—“I notice in last week's GOLF that you say Messrs. Ball, Hilton, Laidlay, Hutchinson, Mure Ferguson, and Balfour-Melville, are as good as any half-dozen professionals that can be named. Sir, I hope I won't offend the writer if I name a better half-dozen golfers:—D. Rolland, A. Herd, H. Kirkaldy, A. Kirkaldy, J. Taylor, and A. Simpson. If the writer had mentioned another half dozen, here would have been opponents for them:—B. Sayers, W. Fernie, D. Brown, W. Park, T. Varden, and W. Auchterlonie. The above dozen professionals may not be the best dozen players; still, they are all equal to the task, and would win almost to a man. The writer remembered about the match between Messrs. Ball and Hilton, against D. Rolland and H. Kirkaldy—a match which the amateurs won through Kirkaldy having a sore finger. Surely the writer forgot all about the match, not so very long ago, between the same two gentlemen against A. Herd and D. Rolland, the professionals in this match having an easy win. The first professional in the dozen I have just named, has proved himself to be better than the first-named amateur. They met years ago, and Rolland won on both greens; we cannot deny that Rolland is the best golfer in the world. An amateur v. professional match would be very interesting.”

A print of the Bill to empower the Commissioners of St. Andrews to take and hold the links of St. Andrews for a public park and recreation ground, and for other purposes, has now been issued. By clause 8 the Commissioners are empowered to allocate or appropriate any parts or portions of the links to the playing of Golf or other games thereon, and to maintain the present Golf course on the links, and to lay out and maintain new and additional Golf courses thereon, and to set apart, or let, or lease any course or any part of the links for a Golf course, on such terms and under such conditions, and for such period or periods as the Commissioners may think proper. Clause 11, which gives power to borrow money, places the limit at £8,000, which, by clause 19, shall be repaid within a period of sixty years, and the rate of interest per cent. per annum is fixed at 3½. The maximum rate of assessment under the Act is 4d. per £1. Messrs. Thornton, Son, and Co., Dundee, are the solicitors for the Bill, and W. Robertson and Co., Westminster, Parliamentary Agents.

Philip Wynne, of North Berwick, who has lately been engaged as green-keeper by the Bentley Green Golf Club, established the professional record for that green on Thursday last (St. Andrew's Day), with the fine score of 74.



THE WINTER CLIMATE OF WESTWARD HO!

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Corlett's queries as to the climate of Westward Ho! and the playing of Golf there, I may say that it is mild in winter, and has more than the average of fine days. Like all sea-side places on the West Coast, there is a good deal of wind. The daily average of players in the winter months is about twenty, so that there is no difficulty in obtaining matches.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. B. SIDDALL.

Conybeare, Northam, Bideford.

HOW LADIES PLAY GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In the number of GOLF dated December 1st an article appeared, headed, “How Ladies Play Golf.” According to the writer of this article, there is hardly a lady who can do so. He admits a “few brilliant exceptions;” and this is all. The generality of ladies, according to “Rix,” can neither drive, approach, putt, nor make any distinction in their own shots, nor in those of other people; nor do they attempt to follow any of the rules, or understand the simplest golfing terms, not even the word “stmie.”

I, as a lady golfer, feel that the article should have been headed, “How Lady-Beginners Play Golf,” and then there would be some truth in what “Rix” says. I do not for a moment deny that there do exist such players as “Rix” describes; but then they would, if you met them, probably not consider themselves anything else but beginners. Another class of players also exist, and I think this class is frequently met with, both among men and women, who look upon all games as “a pastime” only, and not worth much consideration. I quote, as an instance, the case of a gentleman with whom I was playing Golf not long ago. He had played for some years, and his actual style of play was fairly good, and he hit his balls true and clean; but he observed no sort of rules, and “grounded” his club in every bunker in the most innocent manner, and seemed surprised when the other parties engaged in the match objected. I think he was even injured by their interference, as he thought.

It is only within the last three years that in England Golf has been at all taken up by ladies, and therefore there must, on all courses, be a considerable number of beginners, and, among this number, many who, from want of attention and carelessness, will never become golfers. But in my experience—and I have played on a good many ladies' courses, in inter-club matches, competitions, &c., and belong to one of the largest ladies' clubs in the kingdom—in any club, under experienced management, the ladies play Golf, and do not entertain their male acquaintance with “innocent gambols” in place of the Royal and Ancient Game, as “Rix” infers.

“Rix” also speaks of 80 as if it was a very usual score for

ladies to make for nine holes, whereas I should say that any ladies' club, which in any way takes a position nowadays, would regard such a score as an exception.

In support of this statement I would refer "Rix" to back numbers of GOLF, where he would see the medal and competition scores returned by such ladies' clubs as Ashdown Forest, North Warwickshire, Blackheath, Eltham, Wimbledon, Minchinhampton, Southdown, and Brighton and Eastbourne. These scores are returned on the *eighteen* holes, which represent for all these clubs a course of at least a mile and a-half in length. "Rix" will therefore see that a great number of the scores are between 80 and 90 gross, and many may also be seen in the seventies gross—scores which could hardly be made by ladies who can neither drive, approach, nor putt.

If "Rix" has ever visited the above-named courses (which I cannot think he has), notably Ashdown Forest and Wimbledon, which are specially tricky and difficult, he would, I believe, be surprised at the generally good and correct standard of play.

I must finish this inadequate defence of lady golfers, in which I cannot help feeling many will agree with me, with the wish that "Rix" may shortly meet with a few of the many good lady golfers who are now going about the world, who will be sufficiently learned in the game to admire his fine "mashie" play, and understand the science displayed by his putting and "stimies," for I cannot but think that, up to date, he has only come across the most utterly hopeless duffers, who must have wasted for him many an afternoon's Golf.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
A LADY GOLFER.

#### SHOWING A BLIND HOLE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am much surprised at Mr. Everard's letter on this subject, which appeared in your issue of the 1st inst., and I entirely disagree with him as to what he calls the "usual custom and spirit of Golf."

Mr. Everard does not profess to refer to any rule prohibiting a caddie from showing a blind hole; and he cannot, for no such rule exists.

There is a rule which prevents the line to the hole being marked when on the putting-green, and if it had been thought advisable this might have been made to apply also to playing through the green. But it does not.

With regard to the "custom and spirit of Golf," I think both of these point to allowing the line to the hole to be shown by a caddie; and certainly in my experience practice permits it.

One of the chief uses of a fore-caddie is to show the line to the hole; and on many well-regulated links, where there are blind holes (such, for instance, as Sandwich), it is the invariable practice of the committee to place a flag on the ridge of the hill in front of the hole to show the line to the hole.

Of course, if a player's ball strike his caddie while he is showing him the line, he must submit to the usual penalty.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
B. HALL BLYTH.

Edinburgh, 4th December, 1893.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have been asked to give my opinion on the following question, which has been raised in your paper. "Is it permissible, and is it 'Golf,' for a player to send his caddie forward and not only point out the direction to the hole, but remain there whilst the shot is being played?"

My opinion is that he can most certainly do this, and, with all due respect to Mr. Everard, I do not see where the question of etiquette comes in. Personally I should not hesitate for a moment to do this, and at Sandwich, where some of the approach shots are blind, I invariably do so, my risk being that if I hit the caddie lose the hole, and if I kill him, I have to defray his funeral expenses.

I am, Sir, &c.  
S MURE FERGUSSON.

Prince's Golf Club, Mitcham.

#### MUD ON THE BALL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to say how much I regret that Mr. J. R. Hutchison should think the form in which I expressed dissent from his suggested addition to the general rules, discourteous to himself? I certainly had no thought or intention of being even remotely so. All I desired to express was an opinion that, if one is obliged to play the game under exceptional conditions, it must be under exceptional rules. The particular case indicated by Mr. Hutchison, it seemed to me, would be amply and most fitly provided for by a local rule. I am sorry, as I have been misunderstood, that I did not say so simply, instead of in the perhaps somewhat clumsy and roundabout way that I did, and which has given unintentional offence.

I thought very strongly, and I still think, it is in the highest degree desirable, for very obvious reasons, to avoid further alterations in the existing general rules.

As to my use of initials by way of a signature, I used those I have hitherto done, now and again, in expressing my views in your columns. I can see no reason why a correspondent who does not lay claim to a name to conjure by should proclaim his personality, which can be of little interest to anyone but himself.

I have, certainly, by Mr. Hutchison's misinterpretation of my innocent, if clumsy, form of expression, had more than ever impressed upon me the fact that Golf is a very serious business and one that should not be spoken of, and certainly not written about, in a light-hearted or bantering spirit; but I hope, and I say it in all sincerity, that Mr. Hutchison will accept my assurance that no thought of personal discourtesy entered my mind.

Pray you also accept my apologies for the necessity of this disclaimer.

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

December 2nd.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. E. E.—We do not think that the circumstances merit disqualification. A did all in his power to rectify the blunder of not holing out in the first instance, and he paid an ample penalty for his neglect. We should hold, therefore, that the score ought to be accepted. The score, however, could not have been accepted had A not holed out his ball, under the rule which provides that all balls must be holed out.

IGNORAMUS.—"Bogey" is a recent institution, of which the St. Andrews Rules take no cognisance. The rule as to medal play, however, does not apply here, because it may be considered as a private match, unless the committee stipulate in the regulations to the contrary. A preliminary round, therefore, ought not to merit disqualification any more than it would in the case of a private match with another member of the club.

STICKLER.—This may fairly be considered a case in which neither the spirit nor the letter of the rule apply in the enforcement of the penalty for striking the ball twice. Clearly the broken club-head was absolutely beyond the player's control, and therefore we should say that the incident ought in justice to be reckoned as a rub on the green.

MISS ANDREWS.—Rule XVII. is the proper rule. A ball lifted in a hazard in such circumstances, must be dropped in the hazard with the penalty of a stroke. See page 23, vol. VI. If the ball is dropped or teed outside the hazard, the penalty is two strokes.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the club tankards took place over the Coatham Links on Friday and Saturday. On neither day did the weather favour the players, a gale of wind, accompanied by snow, raging on the first day, and a severe frost on Saturday, making the ground so hard that accurate putting was out of the question. The returns were as follows:—Mr. J. Harrison, 103, less 14=89; Mr. J. F. Wethey, 99, less 4=95; Mr. J. F. Whitwell, 104, less 8=96; Mr. T. French, 100, less 2=98; Mr. T. Mullen, 119, less 18=101; Mr. H. Roberts (scratch), 101; Mr. S. Cradock, 105, less 3=102; Mr. C. E. Scott, 109, less 4=105; Mr. Alwyn Man, 119, less 14=105.





## PROFESSIONAL MATCHES.

## ROLLAND V. TAYLOR.

The second half of the match between Rolland and Taylor was played at Winchester on November 28th. Our readers will remember that at the close of the first half of the match at Limpsfield, Rolland was 8 up. The day was a good one for Golf, a moderate south-west wind, and only one short shower in the afternoon. Soon after eleven o'clock Rolland led off with a long, slightly pulled ball, Taylor's drive being somewhat shorter, but on the line. Rolland's second was caught by the bunker guarding the green, while Taylor's was to the left of the green. Rolland played a good shot out of the hazard, and Taylor, also playing on to the green, the hole was halved in 5. The second hole looked like a certainty for Taylor, as he laid his third shot four feet from the hole, Rolland having to play the odd to get inside him. Taylor, however, failed at the putt, and the hole was halved in 5. The third and fourth holes were halved in 4. At the fifth Rolland was over the green with his second, Taylor being to the right of the green on higher ground. Rolland played a grand short wrist shot, but Taylor was too strong, and ran through the green on to lower ground and took 6 to the hole, Rolland winning it in 4 with a good putt. Both made good drives to the sixth, Taylor being rather the straighter. Both were on the green with their second, and the hole was halved in 4. The short hole (seventh) was halved in 3, Rolland holing a splendid putt. The eighth was halved in 4. Both had long drives at the ninth, Rolland's being slightly hooked; halved in 5. Rolland 1 up at the turn. Both men drove on to the tenth green, Taylor lying about ten yards from the hole, Rolland about seven. Taylor's putt, dead against the wind, lay on the lip of the hole, and Rolland was able to secure a half in 3. The eleventh and twelfth were halved in 4, the latter being well played by both. Rolland hooked his drive for the thirteenth and got into a bad lie, taking 6 to hole out, while Taylor had it in 5. All square. At the fourteenth Rolland again secured the lead by a fine putt, holing in 3 to Taylor's 4, but Taylor again equalised matters: at the fifteenth by holing in 3 to Rolland's 5. The sixteenth was halved in 4. The seventeenth and eighteenth both fell to Taylor in 4 each, Rolland taking 5 to each hole. This left Taylor 2 up on the first round. Scores:—Taylor 75, Rolland 77.

Starting again about 1.30, Taylor took the first and second holes in 4 and 5 to Rolland's 5 and 6. Rolland won the third in 4, against 5 by Taylor. At the fourth hole Rolland had a grand drive, which was unfortunately caught by the bunker guarding the green 200 yards from the tee. He played a fine shot out, but lay below the green, with a steep bank facing him. Taylor was on the green with his second. Rolland's third was about six inches short of the crest of the bank, and he played 2 more strokes before he lay on the green, the hole falling to Taylor in 4, to Rolland's 7. The next hole was halved in 4. Rolland won the sixth in 4, to Taylor's 5; Taylor 1 up. The seventh was halved in 3. Taylor won the eighth with a good 3, to Rolland's 4. The ninth was halved in 5, leaving Taylor 2 up at the turn on the second round. The tenth and eleventh holes were halved in 3 and 4 respectively, both men playing well. The twelfth was won by Rolland in 4, to Taylor's 5. A piece of good luck enabled Rolland to halve the thirteenth. Both were on the green in 3. Rolland's putt lay about three feet from the hole, and Taylor laid his ball about eighteen inches from the hole, leaving Rolland a dead stymie. He attempted a lofting putt with his mashie, but pitched on top of Taylor's ball, driving it to the left of the hole, and running in himself. Taylor won the next in 4, to Rolland's 5—2 up. Rolland had a grand drive at the fifteenth. Dead against the wind, he was on the green 186 yards from the tee. Taylor was a little short, and the hole fell to Rolland in 3. The sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth were halved in 4, 5, and 4 respectively, Taylor's putting on the last two greens being ex-

cellent. So ended the finest match that has ever been played at Winchester, Taylor being 3 up on the thirty-six holes.

Of course he had an advantage in knowing the course, but it was a grand performance when it is remembered that he started 8 down. Rolland thus won the match of seventy two holes by 5. It will be interesting to see what these two grand players will do, should they happen to meet at Sandwich in the Open Championship competition next year, as we hope they may. Subjoined are the scores for the thirty-six holes:—

First Round.—Taylor: Out, 5 5 4 4 6 4 3 4 5=40; in, 3 4 4 5 4 3 4 4 4=35; total, 75. Rolland: Out, 5 5 4 4 4 4 3 4 5=38; in, 3 4 4 6 3 5 4 5 5=39; total, 77.

Second Round.—Taylor: Out, 4 5 5 4 4 5 3 3 5=38; in, 3 4 5 5 4 4 5 4=38; total, 76. Rolland: Out, 5 6 4 7 4 4 3 4 5=42; in, 3 4 4 5 5 3 4 5 4=37; total, 79.

## TOM MORRIS v. R. DOW.

The veteran professional, Tom Morris, of St. Andrews, and Bob Dow, of Montrose, engaged in a thirty-six hole match over the Montrose course on Thursday, 31st. Undaunted by his previous heavy defeat, both at St. Andrews and Montrose, Dow played a steady game, and at the end of the first round the match was square. Morris in going out played a brilliant game, taking the first five holes in 4 each, and turning with the score of 39. He had 10 more than this number coming in, and his total score was thus 88. Dow was out in 41, and had 48 coming in—total, 89. In the afternoon the second part of the match was played, but both fell away in their game; and while Dow took 93 to complete the round, Tom took 95. The match ended in Dow being 1 up on the day's play.

## CRAWFORD v. ALEXANDER.

An interesting match was played on the course of the Finchley Golf Club, between C. Crawford, the club's professional, and Alexander, of Littlestone, on Saturday, November 25th. The Finchley Golf Club was started just twelve months back, and in spite of the extremely wet winter, followed by an even more trying summer, from the green-maker's point of view, the links have been got into very fair order indeed. The soil is clay, and, as everyone knows, it must be neither too wet nor too dry for effective work to be done, and unfortunately since the start first the one and then the other adverse condition prevailed. The course is one of nine holes; the total length, reckoning from tee to hole, and leaving out the walk from hole to next tee, is 2,600 yards. The hazards are for the most part natural hedges and ditches, and in some places belts of trees. These are supplemented by plantations, and in two places by the now familiar earthwork or zarefa. The club numbers now 116 members, a few more than it was originally intended to admit, but as the green is not overcrowded, and it is in contemplation to extend it to eighteen holes, the list has been left open for a time.

To return to the match. The first hole lies behind some mounds made years ago in the excavation of an artificial lake, and just beyond it, and but a very few yards, runs the River Brent—only a brook, by the way. Both made fine drives, almost too direct, and lay in long grass by these mounds. Crawford's approach laid the ball within two feet, Alexander's some ten feet away, and, most unfortunately, some mud was sticking to his ball, and a grand putt just turned off at the edge of the hole, the home man taking it in 3. Both were well away for the next, an awkward hole, the stranger being a little to the right of the best spot, for the trees are very embarrassing here. He was over, however, in his next, while the other half-topped, and had to take another stroke. This ought to have been Alexander's, but he was short in his putt, and it was halved in 5. It was very plain all through that the latter could not get at ease in the short game, the grass and the soil generally is in such violent contrast to the Littlestone course. The ball scarcely seemed to run at all, and, as a consequence, he was not up; it was just this failure to "be up" that puzzled the visitor from the start. Going to the third, there was little to choose, but while Crawford, with a full iron shot, lay close to the hole, the other was short; the former was out in 4, and took the hole. With the wind against them, it seemed impossible to carry the hedges and trees in 2. The home man, keeping to the left, had the hedge only before him; this he did not clear. Alexander, going too straight, had to clear the big tree, or play the same game as his opponent. He took the brassie, but the wind was too strong, and a long carry striking the tree, a bad shot followed, and he lost this hole—5 to 6. The fifth hole lies beyond a hedge, ditch, and pond, just 150 yards from the tee. Crawford was not clear away, and fell short of the hedge; his iron shot was true, but he failed to pull out in his third, while Alexander, short with second, was to the fore with a well-judged putt, and took the hole in 3. The sixth hole is the long one. The driving was excellent, and both were well up in their second, but Crawford's iron play was excellent, and he holed in 5, while the other ball, lying where it dropped, left 1 more to go out. Again there was little to choose in driving; both were playing rather high balls, seeing plainly that there

was little run to be got. Alexander was too far with his second, an iron shot, and had to play out of long grass, but his adversary missing the putt, the result was a half in 5. The eighth hole was played excellently, each stroke being answered by an equally good one, and this was likewise halved in 4. The ninth hole is played over a belt of oak trees, which both cleared. Then Crawford was beyond in his second, and Alexander lay nearest. Crawford, missing his putt, ought to have lost the hole, but the other likewise missed a very short putt, and again a half resulted. With the nine holes played, the Finchley man was 3 holes up.

Going round again with a better drive, he took the hole in 4 against 5. The second hole saw the position of the first round repeated, for while Crawford was over and in the rushes beyond, Alexander got into the trees; a half resulted. Going to the third, two long shots by each player landed clear of obstacles, and on the edge of the green; long putts by either failing, a half in 5 resulted. Neither were beyond the troubles in 2 for the next, but while Crawford over-carried with his third, the Kentish professional did not get far enough, and again there was a half in 6 this time. They carried on to the green for the next, and halved in 4, and if the same result turns up for the next, the match is over. It did not promise this at the outset, for Crawford was off the line, and in heavy grass. He got a very long one with his next, and there was little to choose, for his opponent topped with his brassie from an indifferent lie, and lost the hole in 6 against 5. Alexander had all the worst of the luck. Once his ball stopped, overhanging the hole; twice almost certain putts were spoilt by dirt attaching to his ball. On the other hand, Crawford seemed to do just what he liked with his iron. His two rounds cost him 81. For half the distance he was playing to keep his lead, and for a certain half, rather than risk loss of the hole.

Alexander had injured his hand by a gun accident, and a general hope was expressed that a return match might be made, if possible at Littlestone, but at any rate that the two players should meet again soon.

#### ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the monthly medal was played for under full handicap. The day was unfavourable for good scoring, and the result was as below:—Mr. E. J. Cheney, 100, less 15=85 (winner of the medal); Mr. E. V. Longstaffe, 97, less 10=87; Mr. A. Fell, 105, less 15=90; Mr. G. H. Garrett, 109, less 18=91; Mr. P. A. Bull, 106, less 14=92; Mr. John Fry, 110, less 15=95. No returns, or were over 100 net:—Messrs. J. B. Pettit, F. D. Bright, and John Sherwood.

The ladies' competition for the gold badge was also played on Saturday, the scores as under:—Miss Ling, 143, less 30=113 (winner of the gold badge); Mrs. Longstaffe, 127, less 3=124; Mrs. Fry, 162, less 20=142. No cards from Miss M. I. Bowyer and Miss Pettit.

#### ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition of the above club was played off on Saturday, December 2nd. The scoring was high owing to a very hard frost which rendered the play very difficult.—Mr. E. P. Wright, 92, less 7=85; Mr. J. F. Wright, 94, less 8=86; Rev. G. W. Barnard, 95, less 6=89; Mr. C. T. Wade, 109, less 16=93; Mr. O. Airy, 98, less 5=93; Mr. F. A. Marigold, 111, less 15=96; Mr. F. Graham, 119, less 20=99; Mr. J. L. Wright, 113, less 12=101.

#### BLUNDELL'S SCHOOL GOLF CLUB.

The President's medal competition was played off on St. Andrew's Day, on the Tidcombe Golf links. The greens were in fair condition, and the course, which is in some places is very rough, is not conducive to low scores. Mr. A. C. Francis, who won the President's medal, also won the prize of a Golf club, presented also by the president, for the best gross score, Mr. J. D. Rome winning Mr. Bank's prize for second best net. Scores as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. C. Francis...	119 25 94	Mr. J. Eyre	159 28 131
Mr. J. D. Rome	133 38 95	Mr. W. G. Smith	181 45 136
Mr. J. H. Shaw	126 25 101	Mr. R. Simpson	184 45 139
Mr. T. S. Dunn	128 25 103	Mr. E. W. Murray	191 45 146
Mr. H. E. Rudkin	148 40 108	Mr. J. D. Rudkin	201 45 156
Mr. E. S. Hopkinson	135 25 110	Mr. H. Tweedy	202 40 162
Mr. E. R. Neave	150 28 122		

GLASGOW CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of the Glasgow Golf Club, took place on Saturday at Alexandra Park, forty-two couples competing. The course was in fine condition, though the greens were rather keen. Scores:—Club medal (1st class)—Mr. R. Philp, 82, less 2=80; Mr. W. G. Wilson, 87, less 6=81; Rev. D. Watson, 85, less 4=81. Wilson medal (second class)—Mr. John Martin, 91, less 11=80; Mr. J. H. Miller, 88, less 7=81; Mr. William Smith, 91, less 9=82. Scott medal (third class)—Mr. J. M. Lamont, 92, less 18=74; Mr. John Forrest, No. 2, 93, less 18=75; Mr. T. Mottram, 96, less 18=78.

#### BARTON GOLF CLUB v. STAFFORDSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

Played on Stafford Common on Saturday, December 2nd. The weather was most charming, but the ground quite frost-bound, and under the conditions Mr. P. S. White's score of 88 may be considered highly satisfactory. A most enjoyable game ended in a victory for Stafford by 8 holes:—

BARTON GOLF CLUB.		STAFFORDSHIRE GOLF CLUB.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. Jennings	... 0	Mr. C. S. Hayward	... 4
Mr. C. Palmer	... 3	Rev. C. W. L. Bode	... 0
Mr. A. H. Palmer	... 0	Mr. H. Gardner	... 8
Mr. P. S. White	... 2	Mr. C. G. Morgan	... 0
Mr. A. R. White	... 0	Mr. J. T. Soltau	... 0
Mr. A. Maxwell Todd	... 0	Mr. I. E. Everett	... 1
	5		13

#### BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD v. LICHFIELD THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Played on Whittington Heath on Thursday, November 30th, and resulted in a win for the visitors, owing to the performance of their last man, whose debut in a match ought to be an encouragement to beginners:—

BARTON GOLF CLUB		THE COLLEGE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. Jennings	... 0	Mr. A. E. Moxon	... 5
Mr. A. H. Palmer	... 0	Rev. D. Jones	... 1
Mr. A. R. White	... 0	Mr. W. B. Wordsworth	... 2
Mr. T. Dixon	... 2	Mr. W. W. Whistler	... 0
Mr. W. S. Eadie	... 0	Mr. C. B. Leggatt	... 2
Mr. S. H. Evershed	... 16	Mr. F. P. Litt. Smith	... 0
	18		10

#### BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

Twelfth competition for the Berens gold medal, played on Saturday, December 2nd. Twenty-four players started. Ground hard with frost. Mr. C. C. Heathcote (winner), 99, less 10=89; Mr. F. G. Horne, 102, less 12=90; Mr. H. T. Ross, 105, less 10=95.

Mr. C. O. Walker's prize for the six best net returns in the medal competition for 1893.—Winner, Mr. W. W. Thompson, average 88½.

#### BURY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. S. F. Butcher	89	7	82	Rev. C. Beresford	
Mr. G. A. Kay	105	17	88	Knox	115 16 99
Mr. A. H. Kay	104	15	89	Mr. P. G. Gow	116 16 100
Mr. J. W. Kay	108	17	91	Mr. E. H. Kay	119 17 102
Mr. D. Nicoll	114	20	94	Mr. H. Löwenberg	134 30 104
Mr. G. R. Baker	108	13	95	Mr. F. W. Walker	126 20 106
				Rev. W. C. Atkinson	127 20 107

Mr. G. A. Kay put in a win for the prize presented by Mr. Butcher, who himself did not compete.

#### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. BIGGLESWADE.

Played on Tuesday, November 28th, over the links at Cambridge. Day fine and warm; links a little sticky.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.		BIGGLESWADE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. R. Upcher	... 0	Mr. T. C. Fitzherbert	... 1
Mr. A. M. Chance	... 8	Capt. H. Kinloch	... 0
Mr. H. Glasier	... 0	Mr. Guy Pym	... 1
Mr. E. K. Le Fleming	... 10	Mr. H. Mann	... 0
Mr. K. M. Marshall	... 2	Mr. S. M. Mellor	... 0
Mr. W. Watson	... 2	Mr. A. C. McNish	... 0
Mr. F. H. Marigold	... 6	Mr. R. J. Lindsell	... 0
Mr. H. M. Siddall	... 9	Mr. O'Connor Morris	... 0
	37		2

The University team won by 35 holes. Mr. E. K. Le Fleming holed in 82, a very fine score.

#### CHELTENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the silver medal took place on the links at Cleeve Hill on Wednesday, November 15th. Mr. G. W. Blathwayt, with a net score of 87, was the winner. Scores:—Mr. G. W. Blathwayt, 97, less 10=87; Mr. F. D. Longe, 103, less 12=91; Mr. W. G. Johnson, 109, less 12=97; General Campbell, 124, less 20=104; Mr. J. L. Tickell, 130, less 20=110.

On Saturday, November 25th, the competition for the monthly medals took place. Mr. W. M. Baker, with a net score of 89, won

the senior medal, and Mr. W. S. MacGowan, with a net score of 95, won the junior medal. Scores:—Mr. W. M. Baker, 104, less 15=89 (senior); Rev. W. D. Challice, 108, less 18=90; Mr. F. H. Crawley, 101, less 10=91; Mr. A. F. Whittle (visitor), 101, less 9=92; Mr. E. Jenner Davies, 108, less 15=93; Mr. S. P. Ryland, 105, less 10=95; Mr. W. S. MacGowan, 115, less 20=95 (junior); Mr. A. A. Bourne, 108, less 12=96; Mr. Mascie Taylor, 105, less 12=96; Mr. J. C. Gray, 111, less 15=96; Capt. L. de L. Wells (visitor), 119, less 22=97; Mr. E. A. Bennett, 121, less 22=99; Mr. J. L. Tickell, 120, less 20=100. General Campbell, Mr. W. R. Porcher, Rev. J. Lockhead, Mr. C. A. Jones, Mr. H. C. Taylor, Mr. F. D. Longe, Mr. F. B. Wallace, General Brown, Mr. G. Christie, Mr. G. H. Logan, Mr. A. A. Chester, Mr. R. C. Saville, and Mr. F. W. Butt, over a 100 net or no returns.

DIDSbury GOLF CLUB.

Result of the third winter competition for a prize presented by Mr. W. H. Young. The ground was very hard, which prevented good scoring.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. T. G. Hill	104	22	82	Mr. A. Galbraith	100	14	86
Mr. H. Ross	102	9	93	Mr. H. E. Lees	105	18	87
brough	92	9	83	Mr. H. Bury	111	24	87
Mr. J. W. Hulse	95	11	84	Mr. H. C. Adamson	99	10	89
Mr. F. D. Smith	99	14	85	Mr. M. Bythway	104	15	89
Mr. W. H. Young	100	15	85	Mr. R. G. Adamson	99	9	90
Mr. W. Higgin-				Mr. J. Gell	112	21	91
bottom	106	21	85	Mr. W. Cownie	109	15	94

A number made no returns.

DUNGANNON GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Corbett challenge cup, presented to the club by Mr. T. L. Corbett, of London, took place on the 25th ult., in most unfavourable weather. Rain fell the whole day, and spoiled the pleasure of those taking part. Two rounds were played, but evening coming on, it was found necessary to postpone the playing of the finals to some future date, to be arranged to suit the convenience of Mr. T. Dickson and Mr. R. Daniel. It is to be regretted that the entries were so small, but the bad weather to some extent accounted for that.

First round.—Mr. S. Wilson (9) beat Mr. James Dickson (5), 1 up; Mr. T. Dickson (1) beat Mr. Geo. Greer (7), 2 up; Mr. R. Daniel (3) beat Dr. Leatham (10), 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. J. Wilson (6) beat Mr. J. R. McDonald (4), 3 up and 1 to play.

Second round.—Mr. T. Dickson beat Mr. S. Wilson, 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. R. Daniel beat Mr. J. Wilson, 1 up.

DUNGANNON GOLF CLUB.—The final round for the Corbett challenge cup was played off on Saturday last, between Mr. T. Dickson, the Irish Champion and present holder of the cup, and Mr. R. Daniel. The former started from scratch, giving Mr. Daniel 4 strokes in the round of eighteen holes. The finish proved very exciting, and ended in a draw. The match will be played again at some future date.

FORFARSHIRE.

The last heat in the prolonged struggle in the Broughty Ferry for possession of the Archibald cup and gold locket was played on Monday afternoon, the 27th, on the Monifieth links, Messrs. W. M. Chalmers and George Malcolm being the finalists. A good and well-contested game ended in favour of Mr. Malcolm by 2 holes. Mr. Malcolm has thus his choice of the cup, which has to be won three times, or the locket, which only requires to be taken twice in order to its becoming his absolute property. Mr. Chalmers being one of the finalists, gets one or other of the trophies.

The members of the Monifieth Club played on Saturday for the gold medal given by Mr. Robert Mudie, West Ferry. A strong frost prevailed, and as the greens were like concrete, putting was extremely difficult. Mr. Alexander Simpson managed to complete the round in 83 strokes, and won the medal.

GREAT YARMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal November 29th:—Dr. F. Browne, R.N., 90, less 8=82; Mr. G. P. Elwes, 98, less 7=91; Rev. J. Dredge, 103, less 11=92; Capt. Coxhead, R.A., 102, less 10=92; Mr. J. Porter, 108, less 16=92; Mr. F. J. Hope, 96, less 3=93. Several players no returns or over 100 net.

GOLF IN QUEBEC.

The exceptionally open autumn has been much in favour of the "Royal Game" this year, and the final fixture of the season, the match for the gold medal, and championship, of the Quebec Golf Club, was favoured with such a typical Indian-summer day, as made the exacting test of a double round, which championship law demands, seem all too short. The veteran ex-champion, Mr. W. A. Griffith, whose play had for some time been a trifle disappointing to his backers, pulled himself together for the occasion with such effect as to distance all competitors;

his afternoon score of 88, in particular, with all November's drawbacks to contend against, being generally accepted as a record. Mr. R. C. Patton, a younger, but a very rising player, played a most plucky second throughout, the nervous strain of playing for four hours against a metaphorical stone-wall being bravely borne. The following is the score:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Total.
Mr. C. A. Griffith	91	88	179
Mr. R. C. Patton	97	96	193
Mr. G. B. S. Young	102	96	198
Mr. E. L. Sewell	101	104	205
Mr. J. Hamilton	113	107	220
Mr. W. B. Scott	111	111	222
Mr. W. S. Bennett	120	121	241
Mr. G. H. Thomson	104	withdrew	—
Mr. G. R. White	116	"	—

Messrs. Griffith and Patton being also the final survivors in the handicap match for the Chaloner Smith cup, agreed that their scores in the gold medal match should also decide the winner of the cup. In this Mr. Patton's handicap of 6 brought him in a tie in the morning, and the second round left him defeated by the narrow victory of 2 strokes.

GLAMORGANSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The first competition of the season for the monthly medals was played over the links at Penarth on Saturday last, the 2nd inst., the junior medal being limited to players receiving handicaps of 25 and over. The weather was perfect, though a hard frost the previous night had rendered the greens difficult. Twenty-two players competed, and appended are the scores under 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. P. Hagarty	105	25	80	Mr. T. M. Barlow	98	12	86
†Mr. J. Hunter	91	10	81	Mr. H. W. Flint	106	18	88
Mr. E. Nicholls	110	29	81	Mr. R. H. T. Rickards	109	21	88
Mr. F. Milburn	94	12	82	Mr. J. G. Thomas	114	21	93
Mr. F. Mason	98	16	82	Mr. S. B. Reid	122	29	93
Mr. W. H. M. Tucker	101	18	83	Mr. C. E. Evans	129	35	94
Mr. C. B. Stoddart	98	14	84	Mr. G. A. Woods	133	35	98
Mr. J. F. Grimes	114	29	85	Mr. A. Lindley	113	14	99
Mr. Cuthbert Ward	115	30	85				

\* Winner of junior medal.

† Winner of senior medal.

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held on Friday and Saturday, November 24th and 25th. The results of the competitions were as under:—

Lord E. Hamilton's cup.—Lord E. Hamilton, 86, less 6=80; Capt. Hussey, 106, less 25=81; Mr. A. J. Constable, 90, less 9=81; Mr. E. C. R. Goff, 87, less 5=82; Mr. R. Holmes, 99, less 9=90; Mr. Munro, 112, less 15=97. No returns from several players.

The Captain's cup.—Lord E. Hamilton, 80, less 6=74; Mr. E. C. R. Goff, 95, less 5=90. Several players made no returns.

Medal and sweepstake.—Mr. C. Bartlett, 98, less 17=81; Mr. A. J. Constable, 93, less 9=84; Lord E. Hamilton, 88, less 4=84; Mr. A. Holmes, 94, less 9=85; Mr. B. Lintott, 112, less 25=87; Rev. G. Moor, 109, less 20=89; Mr. H. Child, 114, less 23=91; Mr. D. Munro, 110, less 15=95.

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly competition, under handicap, was played on Saturday last, in frosty weather, and the greens being hard bound and lumpy the conditions were unfavourable to low scoring. The first place was won by Mr. A. Ramm with a net score of 77, Mr. A. G. Hughes coming in second with 81. Scores:—Mr. A. Ramm, 102, less 25=77; Mr. A. G. Hughes, 106, less 25=81; Mr. E. L. Olives, 113, less 30=83; Mr. A. G. Gray, 105, less 12=93; Mr. G. C. Greenwell, 102, less 5=95; Mr. C. P. Gibbons, 120, less 25=95; Mr. W. H. L. Cameron, 123, less 25=98; Mr. J. M. Leake, 116, less 17=99; Mr. M. H. Hall, 115, less 14=101; Rev. J. H. Wilcockson, 130, less 25=105. Five cards not returned.

MANCHESTER CLUB.—The third competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday, in frosty weather. Early in the afternoon a thick fog settled down on the ground and rendered play additionally difficult. Considering the state of the ground, the scores may be regarded as on the whole satisfactory, Mr. L. D. Stewart coming in first with a net score of 81. The winners of the two previous monthly competitions are Mr. R. Maclure and Mr. W. C. Adamson. The following were the best scores returned on Saturday:—Mr. L. D. Stewart, 86, less 5=81; Rev. H. H. Brayshaw, 88, less 5=83; Mr. W. Bell, 89, less 2=87; Mr. S. B. Graves, 93, less 4=89; Mr. T. C. Midwood, 96, less 7=89; Mr. C. P. Gray, 106, less 17=89; Mr. A. Darbyshire, 98, less 8=90; Mr. G. V. Cox, 103, less 13=90; Mr. T. A. Drew, 108, less 18=90; Mr. G. Haig, 96, less 5=91; Mr. Francis Jones, 104, less 13=91.

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The event of the week, October 23rd, has been the match between the Geelong and Melbourne Ladies' Golf Clubs, which took place on the links at Caulfield. Unfortunately the weather was wet and stormy, and the ground soft, with much surface water about. The game resulted in a win for Geelong, with 3 holes up, made up as follows:—

GEELOG.		MELBOURNE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss M'Kenzie ...	12	Miss Martin ...	0
Miss Timms (captain) ...	5	Miss Wilkie (captain) ...	0
Miss Bell ...	1	Mrs. Nash ...	0
Miss Anderson ...	0	Mrs. Lydiard ...	3
Miss Dennys ...	0	Miss Morrison... ..	3
Mrs. Russell ...	0	Mrs. Branson ...	9
	18		15

On Saturday afternoon an interesting match was played between Mr. R. A. Balfour and the champion of the club, Mr. M. L. Anderson, for the head of the list in the bumping competition. The greens were in excellent order, but the course was rough after the recent wet weather, and bad lies were frequent. Mr. Balfour succeeded in lowering the amateur record, but the match ended in a tie, as follows:—Mr. R. A. Balfour, out, 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5=45; in, 5 5 5 6 4 3 2 3 4=37; total, 82. Mr. M. L. Anderson, out, 4 6 4 4 5 4 7 5 6=45; in, 3 8 4 6 4 4 4 3 4=40; total, 85. The previous record was 84, made by Mr. M. L. Anderson. In playing off the tie for the last medal, Mr. M'Lean beat Mr. Dyer. Mr. M'Lean, 97, less 10=87; Mr. Dyer, 105, less 16=89.

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition for November took place on the 25th and 30th ult. The latter day was a favourable one for the game, but the 25th was miserable. A strong, cold wind and rain made the play both difficult and unpleasant, and early darkness gave the character of a lottery to the last few holes. Mr. Bromley won on the 25th inst with 94, less 11=83—a most creditable score under the circumstances. On the 30th, Mr. Ashwell was first, with the good score of 85, less 6=79. The following are the particulars:—

Saturday.—Mr. A. N. Bromley, 94, less 11=83; Mr. J. McMeeking, 98, less 7=91; Mr. W. F. M. Webb, 108, less 16=92; Mr. R. D. Oswald, 100, less 7=93; Mr. C. F. Dobson, 110, less 14=96; Mr. J. Johnstone, 107, less 9=98; Mr. W. R. Lymbery, 120, less 20=100; Mr. W. Ross, 124, less 21=103; Mr. C. P. Dixon, 130, less 27=103; Mr. A. Barrow, 123, less 16=107; Mr. J. M. Langley, 138, less 24=114; Mr. G. C. Hine, 137, less 22=115; Mr. J. B. Wells, 146, less 24=122; Mr. J. A. Taylor, 154, less 22=132. Messrs. J. H. Pearson (147) and R. Granger (186) not handicapped.

Thursday.—Mr. A. T. Ashwell, 85, less 6=79; Mr. C. S. Wardle, 97, less 10=87; Mr. C. B. Edwards, 102, less 12=90; Mr. P. Snook, 123, less 27=96; Mr. T. McCulloch, 122, less 14=108; Mr. A. Oliver, 133, less 22=111. On both days several players made no return.

NOTTS v. SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Played at Bulwell Forest on the 2nd December, and after a very close and interesting match, resulted in a win for Notts by 13 holes; Mr. Bromley, in particular, running up a very useful total for his side. Particulars:—

SHEFFIELD.		NOTTS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. W. Leader ...	0	Mr. J. C. Warren (capt.) ...	2
Mr. C. R. Hemingway ...	0	Mr. J. McMeeking ...	0
Mr. W. L. Ruxton ...	0	Mr. A. T. Ashwell ...	1
Mr. A. Allan ...	2	Mr. R. D. Oswald ...	0
Mr. J. R. Barton ...	0	Mr. J. Johnstone ...	2
Commander Smith (capt.) ...	0	Mr. C. S. Wardle ...	4
Mr. W. A. Milner ...	1	Mr. E. A. Coutts ...	0
Mr. T. W. Sorby ...	0	Mr. A. N. Bromley ...	7
	3		16

Majority for Notts, 13 holes.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Weekly handicap, December 1st:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. F. McKean...	98	24	74	Mr. H. Nicholls ...	89	4	85
Rev. F. A. Hall ...	90	12	78	Mr. A. E. M. Taylor	103	18	85
Mr. B. A. L. Batchelor	93	14	79	Mr. F. H. Stewart .	86	scr.	86
Mr. P. A. Lushington	86	5	81	Mr. J. E. B. Living-			
Mr. A. B. Sanders .	88	5	83	stone ...	112	24	88
Mr. L. D'Oyly Carte	94	11	83				

Twenty-six entries; no returns from the rest.

OLD MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The tie for the monthly gold medal was played off on the 31st, with the following result:—Mr. R. S. Boddington, 96, less 6=90; Mr. J. B. Southern, 101, less 9=92.

On the 22nd inst. a match was played at Broughton Park between the Old Manchester and Wilmslow Golf Clubs. Scores:—

WILMSLOW.		OLD MANCHESTER.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. N. Cumming ...	0	Mr. H. A. Dods ...	7
Mr. J. A. Tweedale ...	11	Mr. H. W. Freston ...	0
Mr. V. Bellhouse ...	1	Mr. R. S. Boddington ...	0
Mr. R. L. Bradley ...	9	Rev. S. N. Carter ...	0
Mr. H. H. Mandsley ...	0	Mr. J. H. Fulton ...	1
Mr. N. W. Barlow ...	4	Mr. C. Southern ...	0
Mr. P. Swanick ...	1	Mr. D. Hague... ..	0
Mr. J. K. Ford ...	2	Mr. E. Broadhurst ...	0
	28		8

ROYAL BELFAST GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of this club was held in the club-house, Carnalea, on Saturday afternoon, 25th ult., a large number of members being present—the captain of the club (Mr. George S. Clark) presiding.

The outgoing captain, in proposing as his successor Mr. Henry Herdman, referred in complimentary terms to the services which Mr. Herdman had rendered the club during the years he had acted as hon. secretary. Mr. James Moore seconded the proposition, which was passed unanimously, and the newly-elected captain, in taking the chair, returned thanks for the honour which the club had conferred on him. Messrs. F. M. Harris and C. H. Bowen were elected respectively hon. secretary and hon. treasurer. The result of the ballot for four members of council, in lieu of those retiring, and the handicapping committee, was as follows:—Council—Messrs. Henry Gregg, James M'Gee, R. B. Walkington, and Robert Young. Handicapping committee—Messrs. M'Gee, Henry Agnew, Henry Gregg, G. M. Shaw, and Robert Young. A motion to increase the resident membership of the club having been discussed, it was ultimately decided to limit it to 225; and a resolution authorising the trustees of the club to execute a deed giving the debenture-holders a first charge on the club property was unanimously adopted. The chairman proposed that Captain James M. M'Calmont, M.P., who had rendered signal service to the club as captain during two successive years, and in other ways, should be elected vice-president, in place of Mr. Armor Lowry Corry, who had acted as such, and whose death was referred to with much regret.

The monthly competition of the club took place before the general meeting, the winner being Mr. A. N. Charley with a score of 97, less 9=88, a remarkably good performance, considering the strong westerly breeze that prevailed during the afternoon. The other cards returned under 100 net were as follows:—Mr. W. N. Jenkins, 116, less 25=91; Mr. G. S. Clark, 98, less 6=92; Mr. W. L. Wheeler, 106, less 14=92; Mr. A. T. Herdman, 116, less 20=96; Mr. F. Koeller, 116, less 20=96; Mr. W. Wilson, 111, less 14=97; Mr. John Bell, 109, less 10=99.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

The St. Andrew's competition of this club took place on St. Andrew's Day in very unpleasant weather. Very few but local players put in an appearance to compete for the St. Andrew's Cross (scratch), the Moreton cup, and a club prize. There was also a sweepstake. The St. Andrew's Cross was won by Mr. E. Prideaux Brune, with a score of 90; while Dr. W. Reid, R.N., won the Moreton cup (handicap), with a score of 95, less 2=93. Annexed is the score:—Mr. Prideaux Brune, St. Andrew's Cross (scratch) and club prize (handicap), 90, less 9=81; Mr. W. Fisher, 92, less 3=89; Colonel Lumsden, 105, less 14=91; Dr. W. Reid, Moreton cup, 95, less 2=93; Major A. Le Marchant, 118, less 24=94; Mr. H. C. Richards, 108, less 9=99. Mr. Fisher and Colonel Lumsden did not enter for the Moreton cup.

The headquarters of the club, at the Royal Spithead Hotel, are in the hands of the decorators, and will be all ready for members for the Christmas meeting.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club prize was played on Wednesday, November 22nd, and was won easily by Miss E. A. Whieldon. Scores:—Miss E. A. Whieldon, 78; Miss N. Saunders, 91; Miss Oldfield, 113; Miss Morgan, 118; Mrs. Carson and Miss M. Saunders made no return.

The monthly competition for the club prize (handicap) was played on Wednesday, 29th ult. Out of the six competitors only two sent in returns—Miss Neva Saunders, 85, less 4=81; Mrs. G. G. G. G. G., 95, less 11=84.

ROYAL GUERNSEY GOLF CLUB.

The November meeting of the Royal Guernsey Golf Club was begun on St. Andrew's Day, the weather being fine, with the exception of the last two days, when the north wind was too strong and cold to be pleasant. The feature of the meeting has been the steady play of the hard-working secretary, Mr. Reginald Bainbrigg, who carried off the prize on Monday with a score so far below the nominal scratch of 90 that he lost the best part of his handicap, and notwithstanding this disadvantage came in a good second on the following day. Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Ryan carried off the Haye-du-Puits cup for the second time, thereby winning this admirable golfing trophy right out. Mr. Maclean becomes the winner of the gold medal (scratch score) with a score of 99.

Monday, November 27th.—The Melrose cup :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Reg. J. Bainbrigg ...	98 18 80	Mr. D. Turnbull ...	119 18 101
Capt. O. Taylor ...	99 15 84	Col. Le Mottee ...	122 20 102
Maj.-Gen. Cloete ...	100 15 85	Col. St. Clair ...	121 16 105
Mr. F.P. Hutchesson ...	108 17 91	Mr. B. Tupper ...	121 16 105
Mr. J. Swinburne ...	104 8 96	Mr. N. S. Field ...	132 27 105
Col. Spencer Field ...	106 9 97	Maj. C. E. Wright ...	133 24 109
Mr. F. Maclean ...	110 10 100	Capt. Amedroz ...	125 15 110

No returns :—Col. P. Robin and Capt. F. E. Freeth.

Tuesday, November 28th.—The Haye-du-Puits cup :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Surgeon-Lieut. Col. Geo. Ryan ...	121 27 94	Maj. C. E. Wright ...	126 24 102
Mr. Reg. J. Bainbrigg ...	104 7 97	Capt. L. E. Amedroz ...	118 15 103
Mr. Jno. Swinburne ...	105 8 97	Mr. F. P. Hutchesson ...	121 17 104
Capt. F. E. Freeth ...	117 20 97	Mr. H. B. Tupper ...	121 16 105
Capt. O. Taylor ...	109 9 100	Col. St. Clair ...	121 16 105
Mr. F. Maclean ...	110 10 100	Gen. J. G. Cloete ...	119 10 109
		Col. Spencer Field ...	9 118

No returns :—Col. E. Le Mottee and Mr. N. S. Field.

November 29th.—The Club prize :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Col. E. Le Mottee ...	109 20 89	Capt. O. Taylor ...	111 9 102
Mr. F. Maclean ...	102 10 92	Mr. R. J. Bainbrigg ...	111 7 104
Mr. G. Slaytor ...	106 14 92	Col. Mackenzie ...	109 4 105
Maj. C. E. Wright ...	118 24 94	Mr. E. de Jersey ...	134 27 107
Col. S. Field ...	105 10 95	Mr. F. Legge ...	125 18 107
Capt. F. E. Freeth ...	116 20 96	Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Ryan ...	132 24 108
Col. St. Clair ...	113 16 97	Mr. N. S. Field ...	138 27 111
Mr. J. Swinburne ...	106 8 98	Rev. W. Truell ...	126 no hdp.
Capt. L. E. Amedroz ...	115 15 100		
Gen. G. Cloete ...	111 10 101		

No returns :—Mr. D. Turnbull and Mr. P. Robin.

November 30th.—The gold medal :—Mr. F. Maclean, 99; Mr. J. Swinburne, 101; Colonel Spenser Field, 103; Mr. F. P. Hutchesson, 108; Mr. Reg. J. Bainbrigg, 108; Mr. S. Dobree, 108; General Cloete, 110; Captain O. Taylor, 111; Colonel St. Clair, 112; Captain E. Amedroz, 115; Captain F. L. Freeth, 115; Mr. D. Turnbull, 118; Major C. E. Wright, 131; Surgeon-Lieut.-Colonel G. Ryan, 145. No returns from Colonel E. Le Mottee, Colonel P. Robin, Mr. J. E. De Jersey, and Colonel H. A. Collings.

Friday, December 1st.—"Bogey" competition; Swinburne cup :—Mr. G. F. Slaytor, R.A. (11), 1 down; Colonel St. Clair (12), 4 down; Mr. M. S. Field (20), 4 down; Mr. J. Swinburne (6), 8 down; Mr. F. Hutchesson (13), 8 down; Mr. S. F. Legge (14), 8 down; Rev. W. Truell (15), 8 down; Mr. H. Maclean (6), 9 down; Major Wright (18), 10 down; Colonel Le Mottee (14), 11 down; Mr. S. Dobree (3), 11 down; Colonel Mackenzie (3), 12 down; Mr. G. Lawford (11), 12 down; Captain Amedroz (11), 13 down.

The club annual dinner took place at Gardner's Royal Hotel on St. Andrew's Day, under the presidency of His Excellency General Sir E. G. Bulwer, Lieutenant-Governor, president of the Royal Guernsey Golf Club, who was supported by Colonel W. Bell, and Colonel G. F. Guyon, Royal Fusiliers. Of the original members of 1890 there were present Messrs. R. J. Bainbrigg (hon. secretary), Frank A. Fraser, Major C. Wright, Captain L. E. Amedroz, Dr. F. Kelson, Mr. Arthur W. Bell, Surgeon-Lieut.-Colonel G. Ryan, and Colonel Percy Groves. Of members and honorary members who have been elected subsequently there were Captain F. E. Freeth, Colonel S. Field, Mr. N. S. Field, Mr. F. Maclean, Captain J. Swinburne, Mr. John Swinburne, Colonel St. Clair, General J. G. Cloete, Captain O. A. Taylor, Mr. J. B. Collings, Colonel J. A. Le Mottee, Mr. E. C. Ozanne, Colonel A. H. Collings, Mr. G. F. Slaytor, Mr. Frank Hutchesson, Mr. David Turnbull, Rev. E. W. Jones, Captain R. A. Brock, Dr. Aikman, Mr. S. F. Legge, Mr. A. H. Sandars, Mr. A. Falle, Dr. Dobie, Mr. J. E. De Jersey, Colonel Robin (Jersey), and Colonel Mackenzie (Jersey).

ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal, on November 25th, was won by Mr. E. M. Corbett, while Mr. Braybrooke took the Yewhurst clubs for the third month in succession. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. M. Corbett ...	99 18 81	Mr. C. A. Ashton ...	100 14 86
Mr. F. E. Corbett ...	90 8 82	Mr. H. A. Curteis ...	87 scr. 87
Mr. W. A. B. Musgrave ...	103 20 83	Rev. A. T. Scott ...	92 5 87
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke ...	83 +1 84	Mr. H. Jeddere Fisher ...	92 5 87
Mr. L. B. Burns ...	105 20 85	Mr. C. L. Reade ...	92 4 88
		Mr. A. Lubbock ...	91 2 89
		Mr. Lawford Andrews ...	95 5 90

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The annual St. Andrew's Day competition of the above club took place at Hoylake last Saturday. The day was fine, but the links were frozen, and covered with a slight coating of snow, which interfered with the play. Forty-two couples started. The St. Andrew's gold cross and gold memento was won by Mr. John Ball, jun., with a score of 83, made up as follows :—Out, 6 4 4 4 7 3 4 4 6=42; ho, ne, 5 6 5 4 5 4 3 5 4=41; total, 83.

The handicap prize in the first class was tied for by Messrs. T. W. Crowther, James Fairclough and A. Dod, with their respective net scores of 83. In the second class the handicap prize was won by Mr. W. W. Sandbrook with his score of 101, less 18=83. The sweepstakes were equally divided between Messrs. T. W. Crowther, James Fairclough and A. Dod. Details of the play are as follows :—

First class (limited to 14 handicap).

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. W. Crowther ...	85 2 83	Mr. Evans, jun. ...	104 13 91
Mr. James Fairclough ...	88 5 83	Mr. John Ball, jun. ...	83 +9 92
Mr. A. Dod ...	95 12 83	Mr. H. Holden ...	95 3 92
Mr. W. Y. Crowe ...	99 14 85	Mr. E. H. Porter ...	98 6 92
Mr. James Cullen ...	90 4 85	Mr. G. E. Godwin ...	100 8 92
Mr. G. C. H. Dunlop ...	95 9 86	Mr. E. Whineray ...	90 6 93
Mr. G. G. Hamilton ...	91 4 87	Mr. C. E. Dick ...	90 +4 94
Mr. A. G. Steel ...	96 9 87	Mr. G. H. Potter ...	106 12 94
Mr. H. E. B. Harrison ...	102 14 88	Mr. A. H. Higgins ...	96 1 95
Mr. J. B. Hinshaw ...	93 4 89	Mr. H. H. Hilton ...	87 +9 96
Mr. W. Dod ...	95 6 89	Mr. A. Turpin ...	96 scr. 96
Mr. J. J. Crossfield ...	100 11 89	Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright ...	98 2 96
Mr. J. B. Adamson ...	101 12 89	Mr. J. H. Wild ...	105 9 96
Mr. J. B. Hunter ...	101 12 89	Mr. H. B. Steel ...	107 11 96
Mr. R. Goold ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. F. W. Carson ...	108 12 96
Mr. G. R. Cox ...	92 2 90	Mr. H. Janion ...	108 12 96
Mr. R. H. Blain ...	101 11 90	Mr. C. Todd ...	110 14 96
Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	93 2 91	Mr. H. A. Farrar ...	94 +3 97
Mr. H. Eccles ...	95 4 91	Rev. T. Pym Williams ...	107 9 98
Mr. A. Chisholm ...	95 4 91	Mr. H. Keef ...	116 14 102
Mr. John Farrar ...	98 7 91		

Fourteen competitors made no returns.

Second class (15 to 30 handicap).

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. W. Sandbrook ...	101 18 83	Mr. C. S. Parker ...	119 25 94
Mr. A. Hamilton ...	99 15 84	Mr. H. K. Layborn ...	113 18 95
Mr. James Macdonald ...	116 25 91	Mr. Rushton Parker ...	120 25 95
Mr. R. A. Woods ...	119 28 91	Mr. C. B. Hall ...	113 17 96
Mr. J. Royston ...	121 30 91	Mr. Peter Brown ...	114 18 96
Mr. S. Ravenscroft ...	112 20 92	Prof. H. A. Strong ...	116 20 96
Mr. W. Lowndes ...	118 25 93	Mr. H. Bamford ...	106
Mr. St. Clare Byrne ...	113 19 94	Prof. F. Gotch ...	108
Mr. J. H. Silberbach ...	113 19 94	Mr. E. J. M. Phillips ...	112
		Mr. A. C. Callender ...	133

Ten competitors made no returns.

ROYAL WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the St. Andrews cup took place on November 30th. The following cards were sent in :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. C. Cave ...	101 20 81	Capt. F. Stephens ...	112 25 87
Mr. E. H. Buckland ...	81 +2 83	Mr. J. G. Wood ...	102 15 87
Rev. H. L. Porter ...	97 14 83	Mr. H. Brooking ...	89 1 88
Capt. Hon. A. Hewitt ...	92 7 85	Mr. L. L. Garbutt ...	109 20 89
Capt. Russell ...	92 7 85	Rev. G. Richardson ...	112 22 90
Mr. W. S. Brockley ...	101 15 86	Sir H. Freeling ...	114 20 94
Mr. B. Fairbairn ...	101 15 86	Rev. G. M. A. Hewett ...	104 9 95
Rev. J. H. Hodgson ...	101 14 87	Colonel Twemlow ...	125 20 105
Mr. M. G. Readall ...	98 11 87		

The result of the Fairbairn cup and badge competition for two rounds, of which the St. Andrews cup round counted as the first, was

a triple tie for the first place. Scores:—Mr. W. S. Brockley, 203, less 30=173; Rev. H. L. Porter, 201, less 28=173; Mr. J. G. Wood, 203, less 30=173; Capt. Hon. A. Hewitt, 188, less 14=174; Capt. Russell, 189, less 14=175; Mr. E. H. Buckland, 174, plus 4=178; Mr. H. Brooking, 183, less 2=181.

#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA v. ROYAL ARTILLERY.

A match was played on Saturday last at Shoeburyness, between six officers of the Royal Artillery and six members of the Southend-on-Sea Golf Club. The match terminated in favour of the home team.

SHOEBURYNESS.		SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Capt. Nicolls ...	0	Mr. F. S. Bird ...	1
Mr. Coates ...	0	Mr. J. G. Glover ...	3
Mr. Cayley ...	0	Mr. W. Walker ...	2
Mr. Tomkins ...	2	Mr. H. R. Turner ...	0
Mr. Moorhouse ...	4	Mr. H. W. Warlow ...	0
Major Hughes ...	6	Capt. Baldwin ...	0
	12		6

#### SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

By way of concluding the celebrations in connection with the opening of the new club premises recently constructed by the Seaton Carew Golf Club, a dinner was held, on November 10th, at the Royal Hotel, West Hartlepool, to which a large number of members and friends sat down. Mr. Higson Simpson presided, and supporting him were Mr. Somerville-Woodiwis, Mr. Macpherson (Oxford University), Mr. F. H. R. Alderson, Mr. R. A. Leach (late of Hartlepool), Mr. M. H. Horsley, Mr. A. B. Wilson, Mr. Paton, and Mr. W. Ropner. There were also present Lieut.-Colonel Lauder, Captain D. G. Irvine, Captain Jenour, R. A., Mr. J. G. Wilson, Mr. G. Woolley, Mr. Hudson, Mr. H. B. Olsen, Mr. A. Farmer, Mr. Webster, Mr. Merryweather, Councillor H. Kirby, Councillor J. Hunter, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Hanson, Mr. C. Kirby, Mr. S. Stover, Mr. F. W. Purvis, Mr. C. Cooper (late hon. secretary), Mr. E. W. Walker, Mr. Seymour Walker, Mr. Fawcitt, Captain Watson, Mr. Crosby, Mr. A. B. Wilson, Councillor H. E. Ferens (Durham), Mr. J. Duncanson, Mr. M. H. Coverdale, Mr. R. J. Sheldon, Mr. F. T. Redley, Mr. P. B. Kent, Mr. Anderson, Mr. O. Trechmann, and others.

Mr. R. A. Leach, in proposing the toast of the evening—"The Seaton Carew Golf Club"—referred to the happy times he had spent on the Seaton course, and, though he had played a great many games in various parts of England, he felt that the Saturdays spent at Seaton were by far the best in the way of sport. (Applause.) He coupled the toast with the names of Mr. F. W. Purvis (the captain) and Mr. Kent.

As captain of the club, said Mr. Purvis, who was warmly received, he thanked the visitors and friends for their presence on the Seaton course that day and at the dinner that evening. It was most gratifying to find that the opening of the new premises had been most successful. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Kent, of Darlington, also responded. When he joined the club some twelve years ago they were in a very different position to what they were at present. They had a little back-room at that time in the Seaton Hotel. They had a professional of whom they were justly proud. His play in the Open Championship competition was worthy of any golfer in any part of the country. (Applause.) He attributed much of the club's success to their late secretary, Mr. C. Cooper. (Applause.) That gentleman had not only given his time ungrudgingly and unselfishly, but often something out of his own pocket, in order to advance its interests. (Applause.)

Mr. Crosby proposed the health of the visitors.

Mr. Macpherson responded on behalf of the visitors.

The Chairman then proposed, amidst loud cheers, the health of their late secretary, Mr. Cooper. They must all recognise the fact, said the Chairman, that in Mr. Cooper they had had a most energetic and painstaking official. (Hear, hear.) His one aim had been to enhance the interests of the club, and in this he had been eminently successful. (Applause.)

Mr. Cooper (who was received with musical honours), in responding, said what he had done for the club during his secretaryship had been with hearty goodwill—(hear, hear)—and always to the best of his ability. Especially had he endeavoured to promote goodwill, friendship, and geniality amongst their own members and those of other clubs by arranging matches with their friends in the district.

During the evening a capital programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Otto Trechmann, Leach, W. Ropner, S. Stover, Hunter, E. W. Walker, Ridley, Duncanson, M. H. Horsley, and J. F. Wilson. Mr. Horsley's parody, "The man that broke the clubs at Seaton Carew," to the tune of "The man that broke the bank," was cleverly rendered, and equally well

appreciated. Mr. Horsley also made an able accompanist during the evening.

Appended are the detailed scores at the amateur competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. A. Perceval ...	186 24 162	Mr. C. D. Mackenzie ...	193 12 181
Mr. H. E. Ferens ...	194 32 162	Mr. C. J. Bunting ...	199 18 181
Mr. S. Walker ...	186 20 166	Mr. J. Mackinlay ...	210 28 182
Mr. J. Duncanson ...	194 26 168	Mr. G. Newby ...	201 18 183
Mr. P. B. Kent ...	191 22 169	Mr. A. S. Jenour ...	219 36 183
Dr. J. Milton ...	191 18 173	Mr. H. Roberts ...	190 6 184
Mr. C. G. Broadwood ...	177 4 173	Mr. J. B. Radcliffe ...	189 4 185
Mr. W. H. McPherson ...	174 scr. 174	Mr. A. Hedley ...	201 14 187
Mr. F. T. Ridley ...	182 8 174	Mr. E. W. Walker ...	212 24 188
Mr. E. W. Smithson ...	193 18 175	Mr. J. Lambert ...	219 30 189
Mr. A. F. Trechmann ...	213 38 175	Mr. J. W. Robson ...	219 28 191
Mr. D. Mackay ...	185 10 175	Mr. W. Young ...	220 28 192
Mr. P. A. Raps ...	200 24 176	Rev. F. W. Savory ...	225 32 193
Mr. Chas. Cooper ...	195 18 177	Mr. F. W. Purvis ...	200 6 194
Mr. J. F. Wilson ...	209 32 177	Mr. W. S. Woodiwis ...	238 40 198
Mr. R. E. Leach ...	207 30 177	Mr. T. H. Leathart ...	235 36 199
Mr. J. G. Leathart ...	204 24 180	Dr. E. S. Robson ...	213 12 201
		Mr. A. M. Carswell ...	227 16 211
		Mr. S. Stover ...	249 36 213

Messrs. E. Harris, R. Pease, E. H. Pease, W. Wickwar, M. H. Horsley, W. Ropner, E. Robson, C. H. Backhouse, and W. H. Kirby made no returns.

An inter-club match between the above club and the York Golf Club, of six a-side, took place on Wednesday, November 29th, upon the Seaton Links. The home team were without several of their best players. A severe gale from the south-west made play very trying and good Golf impossible. It was arranged to play a thirty-six hole match. Mr. C. J. Bunting was severely handicapped in having to tackle such a formidable antagonist as Mr. C. J. Broadwood, who is a scratch player, and the result was that he succeeded in defeating Mr. Bunting by 10 holes. But, on the other hand, Mr. Geo. Pyman, playing in fine form, overmatched his opponent, Mr. F. L. Baird Smith, and succeeded in equalising matters by defeating that gentleman by a like number of holes. The other players were very equally matched. The home team defeated the visitors by 3 holes.

SEATON CAREW.		YORK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. J. Bunting ...	0	Mr. C. J. Broadwood ...	10
Mr. S. Walker ...	0	Major L. F. Ross ...	1
Mr. G. Newby ...	3	Mr. R. A. Gordon ...	0
Mr. G. Pyman ...	10	Mr. F. L. Baird Smith ...	0
Mr. O. K. Trechmann ...	0	Mr. R. L. Paxy ...	2
Mr. P. Raps ...	3	Mr. R. P. Spurway ...	0
	16		13

The Gray trophy prize was competed for on Saturday, December 2nd, in beautiful wintry weather; but, owing to the links being covered with snow, and the greens being frozen, low scoring was quite impossible. Scores:—Mr. R. A. P. Raps, 97, less 12=85; Mr. A. Massingham, 107, less 21=86; Mr. E. W. Walker, 101, less 12=89; Mr. S. Stover, 111, less 21=90; Mr. C. J. Bunting, 104, less 8=96; Mr. P. B. Kent, 108, less 11=97; Mr. F. W. Purvis, 102, less 3=99. Messrs. Plews, Savory, Kirby, S. Walker, G. Newby, C. Cooper, and H. Simpson, made no returns.

Prior to the above competition taking place, views of the new Golf-house, with some of the members in the foreground, were taken by Mr. Braybrook (photographer); and the new Golf-house was additionally attractive through the handsome flag, on which is the Golf motto "Far and Sure," kindly presented by Mr. F. W. Purvis (captain), being hoisted and unfurled.

#### THE ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal and scratch prize was held on Saturday, December 2nd, Miss E. B. Curteis winning both with a very good score, and showing remarkably steady play, as the first and second rounds were each returned in 38 strokes. Scores:—Miss E. B. Curteis, 76, plus 1=77; Miss A. G. Morgan, 106, less 18=88; Miss M. Parsons, 120, less 25=95; Miss Moor, 104, less 8=96; Mrs. Astbury, 125, less 25=100; Mrs. R. Parsons, 125, less 25=100; Mrs. Jeddere Fisher, 119, less 18=101; Mrs. C. Green, 108, less 6=102; Miss Birch, 101, plus 2=103. Miss Lee, Miss M. Banister, Miss E. Banister, and Miss E. Morgan also played.

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, over the Wimbledon Common links, Mr. E. F. White, 97, less 12=85, and Mr. George Newnes, M.P., 99, less 14=85, tied for the monthly gold medal, while the next best scores were Major Lindsay, 95, less 6=89, and Mr. H. E. Fasher, 99, less 10=89.

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### TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, 2nd December; green very hard with frost, making putting and approaching very difficult:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Lieut.-Colonel R. P. Hare ...	107	16	91	Mr. J. C. Bayldon...	112	16	96
Mr. Cecil Bigwood	107	15	92	Mr. E. F. de Zoete	114	18	96
Mr. G. L. Denman	110	18	92	Mr. E. W. Morrish...	114	18	96
Mr. J. D. S. Sim ...	112	20	92	Mr. A. F. Waters...	101	4	97
Mr. T. L. Corbett...	111	18	93	Mr. G. Heaver ...	126	24	102
Mr. J. Bell...	108	14	94	Mr. E. C. Bambridge	117	14	103
Mr. Chas. Robertson	112	18	94	Mr. A. N. Streatfield	115	10	105
Mr. Neville Hicks...	102	7	95	Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	127	16	111
Mr. S. T. Fisher ...	113	18	95	Mr. G. H. Gill ...	127	12	115

### VENTNOR GOLF CLUB.

The Isle of Wight has had its fair share of gales lately, and the promoters of the Ventnor Golf Club hoped that Boreas would have blown himself out by their opening day on Friday, December 1st. But nothing of the sort: he turned up in as great force as the club itself, and he had his full share in the day's proceedings. On the home green he amused the players to the extent of removing their balls every time they attempted to approach the hole.

The day's proceedings consisted of members' foursomes, and the final resulted in a close match between the president, Mr. H. Michell, with Mr. Roberts, and the captain, Mr. Marcus Huish, with Captain Gillson, the former winning by 2 up and 1 to play.

The putting-greens were in unexpectedly good order, but playing through the greens was a matter of chance, owing to the cups which everywhere awaited the luckless player. But these can easily be remedied, and probably will be before Christmas brings the many players who are promising to spend their holidays on these sunny and beautiful links. The members already exceed 100, and the entrance fee will be raised when 150 is passed.

### WARMINSTER GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, November 22nd, the club journeyed to Stapleford to play the home team a six-a-side match. The visitors returned victorious by 25 holes up.

#### WARMINSTER.

#### STAPLEFORD.

WARMINSTER.		STAPLEFORD.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Capt. R. E. Whitehead ...	1	Rev. F. W. Macdonald ...	0
Rev. H. A. Hickin ...	0	Mr. R. Yeo ...	1
Mr. W. T. Ruegg ...	0	Rev. E. F. Dorling ...	0
Dr. Alcock ...	9	Mr. D. J. K. Macdonald ...	0
Mr. F. J. W. Glass ...	8	Mr. H. F. Low... ..	0
Mr. F. J. N. Glass ...	8	Mr. A. Mackay... ..	0
	26		1

The monthly medal was played for on Monday, November 27th, Mr. Whitehead winning the silver cleek for the third time, and the Rev. H. L. Dixon winning for the first time. The following cards were given in:—

Ladies.—Mrs. Whitehead, 134, less 33=101; Mrs. Bleek, 149, less 45=104; Miss Wakeman, 156, less 50=106; Miss E. B. Smith, 152, less 45=107; Mrs. Hickin, 124, less 15=109; Miss M. Bleek, 128, less 13=115; Miss A. Smith, 172, less 50=122; Miss H. Gillett, 196, less 50=146.

Gentlemen.—Rev. H. L. Dixon, 114, less 30=84; Mr. F. J. N. Glass, 105, less 15=90; Mr. A. B. Gillett, 104, less 12=92; Capt. Whitehead, 94, plus 3=97; Rev. H. A. Hickin, 104, less 6=98.

### WEST CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB.

The eighth monthly medal competition took place on the links at Siddick on Saturday, the 2nd inst. The following are the scores:—Rev. J. T. Podlock, 112, less 10=102; Mr. R. S. N. Thompson, 121, less 17=104; Mr. G. S. Wilson, 122, less 18=104; Mr. J. L. Smith, 119, less 12=107; Dr. Highet, 109, plus 4=113; Mr. W. L. Fletcher, 135, less 20=115; Mr. J. W. Wilson, 136, less 18=118; Mr. R. Simpson, 138, less 15=123. The following members also played, but, owing to darkness, were unable to complete the two rounds of the course, viz., Messrs. R. H. Williamson, J. F. Hodgson, D. Fraser, R. Willis, G. A. Lightfoot, J. B. Whitfield.

### WESTON-SUPER-MARE GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal was held on Saturday, the 25th inst., but owing to very unpropitious weather the scoring was not satisfactory. Two of the best players tied for first place, but their scores did not do them justice:—Dr. Wallace, 96, less 10=86; Mr. A. Lovell, 96, less 10=86; Surg.-Lieut.-Col. Rahilly, 123, less 35=87; Mr. H. E. H. Kent, 109, less 18=91; Mr. R. F. Duckworth, 115, less 20=95. Other scores were over 95.

### WESTON-SUPER-MARE v. CLIFTON.

This match was played on the Clifton ground on Thursday, November 30th, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 10 holes up.

#### CLIFTON.

#### WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

CLIFTON.		WESTON-SUPER-MARE.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. H. Broke ..	0	Dr. J. Wallace ...	1
Mr. W. McPherson ...	0	Mr. A. Lovell..	5
Mr. H. Barstow ...	0	Mr. W. Gourlay ...	3
Mr. A. T. Martin ...	0	Mr. H. Kent ...	8
Mr. G. Carter ...	0	Mr. F. Gourlay ...	4
Col. Methuen ...	11	Mr. R. F. Duckworth .	0
	11		21

### WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.

Captain's prize and monthly medal, December 2nd.—Mr. A. Rankine, 100, less 20=80; Mr. F. P. Telfer, 99, less 18=81; Mr. J. C. Mead, 104, less 20=84; Mr. W. Kemsley, 93, less 9=84; Mr. E. A. Tewson, 93, less 6=87; Mr. R. H. Glanfield, 105, less 16=89; Mr. H. A. Gardom, 94, less 4=90; Mr. R. L. Soper, 111, less 20=91; Mr. A. H. Tozer, 109, less 18=91; Mr. F. C. B. Hunt, 98, less 6=92; Mr. C. B. Hunt, 109, less 12=97; Mr. S. Hellyer, 116, less 18=98; Mr. S. D. Holden, 121, less 18=103. Twenty entries, no further returns, ground very frosty, and greens difficult.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.—December 2nd, Club prize:—Mr. Henley Eden, 94, less 12=82; Mr. H. Blackett, 91, less 8=83; Capt. Kenny Heubert, 107, less 18=89; Mr. C. C. Clarke, 110, less 18=92; Mr. F. N. Garry, 110, less 16=94; Dr. G. Paterson, 109, less 15=94. Also played—Messrs. C. C. Bayley, E. Ponsoby, H. H. Longman, H. Sawyer, E. Maxwell Steuart, and Rev. J. Stewart.

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.—Ladies' monthly competition.—In face of the high wind which prevailed on the 21st, very few ladies turned out, and only three made scores that they cared to have published:—Miss M. Sykes, 99, less 14=85; Miss H. Wilkinson, 111, less 17=94; Miss G. Watkinson, 111, less 13=98.

BENTLEY GREEN GOLF CLUB.—The monthly handicap competition took place on Thursday, November 30th. Results:—Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Houison-Craufurd, 91, less 10=81; Captain L. P. Ditmas, 108, less 20=88; Hon. H. W. Mansfield, 106, less 16=90; Mr. C. H. Morton, 105, less 10=95; Mr. R. W. Caldwell, 117, less 22=95; Lieut.-Colonel W. T. McLeod, 112, less 15=97; Colonel W. Merri-man, 117, less 18=99. Major Taylor and Mr. E. F. Taylor made no return.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.—Nearly forty players turned out to compete for the Club medal, on the 2nd inst., but very few cards were returned, doubtless owing to the sharp frost, which greatly added to the difficulty of low scoring. The best were:—Rev. W. H. Churchill (18) 1 hole down against "Bogey"; Mr. L. Horner (2) 3 down; Mr. J. F. Gordon (14), 3 down; Mr. G. H. Emmett (12), 6 down; Mr. C. A. Malone (2), 6 down; Mr. F. P. Browne (14), 7 down; and Messrs. C. Hall and H. D. Tucker (18) 9 down.

DUMFRIES.—The monthly medal of the Queen of the South Club, and also a driver presented by Mr. F. Reid, were competed for on Saturday, and were won by Mr. J. Dickie with a net score of 93, less 14=79.

BASS ROCK CLUB.—The members of this club held their last monthly competition of the year for the handicap trophies over the North Berwick course on Saturday. Mr. W. Merriles secured first place with a net score of 91, less 11=80. Over the year's play the trophy has been won twice each by Messrs. J. W. Greig, G. Tait, and J. Forrest, who now tie for the first, second, and third awards.

**FALKIRK TRYST GOLF CLUB.**—On Saturday, the ninth of the subscription competitions took place on the Tryst course, the competition having extended over two Saturdays on account of the early darkness at this season of the year. The winner was Mr. F. Seatter, with a score of 93, less 5=88; the next best scores being:—Mr. W. M. Scott, 102, less 12=90; Rev. John Scott, 101, less 8=93.

**BEARSDEN CLUB.**—The usual monthly handicap competition among the senior members of this club for Captain Stewart's gold medal, and also among the junior members for the Jarvie gold medal, took place on this course on Saturday, with the following results:—Seniors—Mr. J. I. Robertson (winner of medal), 103, less 12=91; Mr. J. Thomson (scratch), 93; Mr. W. Gibson, 106, less 12=94; Mr. J. C. Walker, 99, less 4=95. Juniors.—Master J. Burnside (scratch), 93; Master J. Wilson, 103, less 10=93, tie.

**SEAFIELD GOLF CLUB.**—The autumn competition of this club for the medal and prizes was played over Leith links on Friday and Saturday last. Thirty-five members took part, and the following is the result:—1, 2 and 3, Mr. A. Clark, 78, less 10=68; Mr. J. Fraser, 75, less 7=68; Mr. S. F. Notman (scratch), 68, tie; 4, Mr. H. Arnott, 74, less 5=69; 5, Mr. J. Fairgrieve, 81, less 10=71.

**PARKSIDE GOLF CLUB (EDINBURGH)** held their last monthly medal competition for the season on the Braids on Saturday. Mr. W. Thom was the winner with a net score of 46 for the nine holes. The special prize goes to Mr. A. Pryce, who has been successful three times during the year.

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