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FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 11.—Guildford : Monthly Handicap ("Bogey").
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Crowther Prize.
Wilmslow : Boddington and Hanworth Cups.
Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal ; Annual Meeting and Dinner.
Cambridge University v. Royal Epping Forest (at Cambridge).
Oxford University v. Royal Ascot (at Ascot).
Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Handicap.
Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Hyères : Weekly Handicap.
Southport : Monthly Medal.
Berkhampsted : Winter Meeting.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 12.—County Down : Railway Cup.
- Feb. 13.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Competition.
- Feb. 14.—Taplow : Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 15.—Southport : Pearson Prize.
- Feb. 16.—Wimbledon Ladies' : Monthly Medal (Second Class).
Tyne-side : Bi-Monthly Handicap.
Cambridge University : The Barrow Medal.
- Feb. 17.—Pau : Gold Medal and St. Andrew's Cross.

- Feb. 18.—Dewsbury District : Monthly Medal.
Guildford v. Oxford (at Guildford).
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Pearson Prize.
Willesden : Club Silver Medal.
Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Winter Silver Medal.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Cambridge University v. Richmond (at Cambridge).
Sheffield and District : Captain's Cup.
Oxford University v. Guildford (at Guildford).
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Hayling : Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey : Monthly Medal.
Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Hyères : Weekly Handicap.
Headingley : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 20.—Hayling : "Bogey" Competition.
- Feb. 21.—Wimbledon Ladies' : Monthly Medal (First Class).
Birkdale : Captain's Ladies' Prize.
County Down : Captain's Prize and Monthly Handicap.
Royal Blackheath : Bombay Medal and Baker Cup.
Hayling : Liddell Cup.
- Feb. 22.—Morecambe and Heysham Ladies : Club Prize Competition.
- Feb. 23.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Royal Jersey : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 25.—Morecambe and Heysham Ladies : Club Prize Competition.
Islay : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Captains' Prize (Final).
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare : Monthly Medal.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; Monthly Medal.
Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Medal.
Cambridge University v. Royal Cromer (at Cambridge).
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
Oxford University : Past v. Present (at Oxford).
Huddersfield : Monthly Competition.
Warwickshire : Monthly Cup.
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
Hyères : Weekly Handicap.
Cheadle v. Macclesfield (at Macclesfield).
- Feb. 28.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Burnham (Somerset) : Monthly Medal.

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ROYAL GUERNSEY GOLF CLUB.

While keen golfers have, of late, been pursuing their beloved game in England under the difficulties of snow on the links, and pools of water on the putting-greens, this young club has had but one day during the last two months when play was in any way unpleasant, and even then the snow was not more than two inches deep on the ground. The links are situated on L'Ancrese Common, three miles from St. Peter Port, in which town there are good hotels. Electric trams and omnibuses run every quarter-of-an-hour from the town to St. Sampson's, from which place the links are one and a-half miles, but the best way is to drive the whole distance.

The links consist of eighteen holes, and are a little more than three miles round. There are quarries, with a sea-beach, and fine sandy bunkers, notably the Cromlech and the Cowboy, where players may spend much time, and the turf is the springy, sea-side turf so much beloved of golfers. Ruddy roads and whins also abound, and there is a fair club-house where the weary man may rest.

The first hole is about two drives and an iron shot in length. The second shot will bring the unwary player into the middle of the Cromlech, but if this is avoided he ought to hole out in 5 or 6 strokes. The second hole is a drive and an approach shot. The Dead Lamb Quarry will catch a topped ball, and gorse a pulled ball, if the player is not careful. The third hole requires a full drive and a long brassie shot, and should be done in 6. There are no difficulties, except a macadamised road and a very rutty cart-track, but these should easily be carried in the second shot. The fourth hole is a long one, nearly 400 yards, and has a small, sandy bunker, loose sandy roads, and whin bushes which must be crossed. It is guarded by a martello tower, with loose stone walls. This should be done in 6. The fifth hole wants a full drive and an iron shot, but the Cowboy bunker and steep dips in the ground must be negotiated; 5 is ample for this hole. Nothing is remarkable about the sixth hole, which should be done in 4. The seventh hole is a drive and an approach shot, and ought not to take more than 5. This is the extreme limit, and the golfer now turns his face homewards to the eighth hole, which he should do in 5, though there are several sandy ruts which will spoil this score. The ninth hole ought not to take more than 5. It wants a clean drive over rocks, with quarries and gorse behind them. Sliced balls may be found in gorse, while a pulled ball will be found on a road, and a topped ball will be punished by a bad lie. There are also ruts to annoy the golfer. The tenth hole only wants a fair, straight drive up a hill, and should be done in 4. The short hole (the eleventh) ought never to exceed 3, but if the ball falls into the quarry this score will be magnified. Four strokes are enough for the twelfth hole, as ruts are the only obstacles, which the experienced golfer will arrange to avoid. The thirteenth (Telegraph) hole, has been done in 4, but as there are quarries, sand bunkers, and rutty roads, 6 is nearer the mark. For the fourteenth hole, 5 is sufficient, though there is much gorse near the tee, and gorse and Druid stones near the putting-green, which must be treated with great care. The fifteenth should be done in 5, but more often takes 6. It is nearly the same ground as the third hole. The sixteenth will require 5 strokes, as the Cromlech bunker has to be passed, and there is much blown sand. The seventeenth is a 4 hole at the outside, a road and gorse being the chief difficulties. The eighteenth is usually a 5 hole, gorse and a pond being the principal obstacles.

The putting greens at present are small, and not so good as they should be. This is due to the fact that the executive committee cannot as yet turf and level the greens, as it seems to interfere with ancient common rights, but there is every hope that the committee will be able to take up this important work before very long.

The caddies are of both sexes, few in number, and not experienced. They do little more than carry clubs, but are very cheap (5d. for eighteen holes).

The score for the last medal will be found among the competitions. Play was not so good as it should have been, for the day was a beautiful golfing one, and had but one drawback, that of too much wind.

The few visitors who have found their way to these links speak highly of the scenery. The sea, of the true Mediterranean blue, surrounds the links on three sides, while the air is the purest ozone, and is most beneficial to weak lungs.

ELECTRIC CLUB.—This club held its monthly medal competition over the Braids, on the 2nd inst., in good golfing weather. Mr. D. Hogarth was the winner, with the net score of 87.

TOURNAMENT AT UMBALLA, INDIA.

The first open tournament in Upper India was held at Umballa from the 27th December to 2nd January. The links, which consist of twelve holes, and are perhaps the best in India, were in first-rate order. The following were the events with their results.

UPPER INDIA CHAMPIONSHIP.—A scratch tournament by match play.—First round.—Capt. Miller Wallnutt, Gordon Highlanders, beat Lieut. Pitcairn, Seaforth Highlanders, by 7 up and 5 to play; Capt. Stewart, 10th Bengal Lancers, beat Capt. Wood, 10th Bengal Lancers, by 6 and 5 to play; Colonel Trotter, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, beat Lieut. Wingate, Gordon Highlanders, scratched; Major P. Bairnsfather, 14th Bengal Lancers, beat Capt. Day, R.E., by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Leslie Smith, B.C.S., beat Major Craigie Halkett, 32nd Pioneers, by 7 up and 5 to play; Lieut. Gordon, Gordon Highlanders, beat Lieut. Meiklejohn, Gordon Highlanders, scratched.

Second round.—Capt. Miller Wallnutt beat Capt. Stewart by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. Leslie Smith beat Major Bairnsfather by 4 and 3 to play; Lieut. Gordon beat Col. Trotter by 6 and 5 to play.

Third round.—Mr. Leslie Smith beat Lieut. Gordon by 4 and 3 to play; Capt. Miller Wallnutt, a bye.

Final.—Mr. Leslie Smith beat Capt. Miller Wallnutt by 2 and 1 to play, and won the Championship after an exciting match. He ran away at first, securing the first four holes, when Capt. Wallnutt proceeded to put on the drag and reduced his lead to 1 up and 4 to play. The next hole was halved. The next was won by Mr. Leslie Smith, which made him dormy 2, and securing a half of the next hole, he won the match.

DRIVING COMPETITION.—Best of three drives:—1st and 2nd, Capt. Miller Wallnutt; 3rd, Major Craigie Halkett. Capt. Wallnutt drove two beautifully long and straight drives.

"BOGEY" COMPETITION.—Two rounds under handicap:—Surgeon-Major Wardrop (10), 3 holes down; Lieut. Wingate (8), 4 holes down; Capt. Wallnutt (scratch), 5 holes down; Major Craigie Halkett (scratch), 7 holes down. The rest were 8 holes down or more. "Bogey's" score (56) was found to be a very stiff one. The win-by-Surgeon-Major Wardrop, hon. secretary of the club, was a well-deserved and popular one, as he played a good game and worked hard to make the meeting a success.

SCORING COMPETITION.—Two rounds under handicap:—

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net
Mr. Leslie Smith	57	70	127	scr.	127
Major Craigie Halkett	59	68	127	scr.	127
Surgeon-Capt. Bate	72	84	156	24	132
Capt. Day	72	76	148	10	138

The rest exceeded this figure or made no returns, the weather having turned very bad in the afternoon, putting the holes under water and making the putting-greens seas of mud. On playing off the tie Mr. Leslie Smith won.

LADIES' SINGLES.—One round:—1st, Mrs. Anderson; 2nd, Mrs. Eardley Wilmot; 3rd, Mrs. Fetherstonhaugh; 4th, Mrs. Henry.

MIXED FOURSOMES.—1st, Mrs. Henry and Mr. Leslie Smith; 2nd, Mrs. Anderson and Lieut. Meiklejohn; 3rd, Mrs. Fetherstonhaugh and Capt. Miller Wallnutt.

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Formby Club was held at the club house, last Saturday, at Freshfield. The first item was the passing of the accounts, which were evidently satisfactory to the members, as not one single question was raised. A unanimous vote having been given in favour of Messrs. Prestwich, Dean, and Dixon as captain, treasurer, and secretary, respectively, the most momentous question of the meeting was placed before the members by the retiring captain, Mr. J. S. Beauford, viz., the raising of the subscription from £1 1s. to £1 11s. 6d. As it was well known that many of the Manchester members objected to the proposition, a heated discussion was looked forward to; but the very able way the late captain placed the matter before the malcontents effectually did its work, as the very gentleman who had specially come down to represent the opposition actually seconded the motion—a state of affairs which smoothed matters over wonderfully. The final part of the programme, the electing of Messrs. H. H. Hilton and F. E. M. Dixon life members of the club, was perhaps the most interesting part of the whole proceedings. As regards Mr. Hilton, the honour to be conferred was well known beforehand; but with respect to the election of Mr. Dixon, the proposition was sprung upon the meeting in the shape of a surprise. That it was popular goes without saying, as no man living has done more for the club than the general honorary secretary. May he long live to enjoy the honour is the wish of all the members who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Reviews.

TWO NOTEWORTHY NOVELS.

MONA MACLEAN; MEDICAL STUDENT. By Graham Travers. 3 Vols. Edinburgh: W. Blackwood and Sons.

Among recent publications this novel is conspicuous from various points of view as being particularly worth reading. It is original, thoughtful, and thought conducive. Written by a woman, on and for women, it is, nevertheless, of special interest to the other sex, since it deals with a question that is of wide importance, a question which from various causes is being daily forced upon us on all sides, not only in relation to medicine, but with regard to all professions open to women. This is the picture of women's lives as medical students and professors. The question of a woman's fitness, not individually, but sexually, for a medical life is considered, discussed, and represented with as much impartiality as the writer's standpoint, and the moral of her tale will allow. There is the wail of the chivalrous soldier of the old school, that a woman should be forced to battle for herself, or to enter the world that lies beyond her sheltered corner. There is the poetical, artistic cry for the fair freshness that is ruthlessly destroyed, the cry which is so well expressed by Mrs. Browning—

The true gods sigh for the cost and pain,
For the reed which grows never more again,
As a reed with the reeds in the river.

There is the ordinary prejudice against the "clever woman," *i.e.*, as the popular imagination paints her, hard, unfeminine and aggressive.

With regard to the real issues at stake, Sir Douglas Munro puts the case forcibly and pithily before his niece, the noble-minded, charming, and womanly medical student. He says:—"You women are, with or without conscious sacrifice, wading through seas of blood to right a terrible evil that has hitherto been an inevitable one. If you deliberately and gratuitously repeat that evil by extending your services to men, the sacrifice has been all for nothing, and less than nothing." The drift of the whole is that women-doctors are needed for women, and for women only; that there are certain crying evils in our hospitals which require swift remedy, and that women alone can carry out the good work.

The heroine is a delightful, clever, piquante character, as are several of her friends; of whom, among the men, the most attractive is Dr. Dudley, first her admirer at a critical distance, and finally her partner in two senses of the word. The women are not all *émancipées*; two of them are happy, in the ordinary routine of woman's life in its simplest form, one as an affectionate, somewhat spoilt wife, the other as a gentle, dutiful daughter.

There is plenty of humour in the life behind the counter, when Mona goes masquerading as a shop assistant. If we must find fault—and we do it diffidently in this case—it is that all the characters are too elevated; they seem to live always at a high pressure, both as regards education and morals. Without exception, they all quote glibly from German poets and philosophers, and they are all inclined to be morbidly introspective and self-conscious. It is this repetition of similar tastes that appear in each character which leads one to decide that "Graham Travers" is a woman. For the rest, the book is vigorous, and independent in the best sense of the word, and is sure to give pleasure to a thoughtful reader. It is a book which does not appear every day, and some years hence, when the present conditions of society are altered, it will be valuable as a picture of the opinions of men when the old order was slowly changing, and the new order ripening towards fulfilment. Whether the high ideal set up by "Mona Maclean" will ever be realised, no one can tell. It will only be attained, if attained at all, by the good, the earnest, and the simple-minded. Women who, as one woman in this book says, "take up each day with both hands, and live it with all their might," are not very likely to lose their self-respect, or the consideration of men, whatever their path in life may happen to be.

THE HEAD OF THE FIRM. By Mrs. Riddell. 3 Vols. Heinemann.

The clever authoress of "George Geith" is always worth reading, and her last book is not an exception to this rule, albeit it lacks some of the subtlety and finish of the earlier work. There is considerable insight displayed in portraying the character of Aileen Fermoy, the obscure girl, who, by a freak of fortune, becomes an heiress. The cloud of her early life, spent amid low scenes, and with unworthy companions, is never quite lifted from her, but her quiet dignity and unerring instinct are by no means overdrawn. The same characteristics may be seen among the self-respecting poor in the worst circumstances of poverty. Though much of the book is devoted to Aileen Fermoy, the centre of interest is, of course, the man who stands godfather to the name of the book. Edward Desmond is by inheritance the head of a long-established and reputable firm of solicitors, in which his uncle, a charming, courtly scholar, is the junior partner. Edward Desmond is true to life in every detail. He stands out in the book as a man whom we have actually known and admired. Possessed of a generous heart, fine, expensive tastes, a *laissez faire, laissez aller* disposition, and an extravagant wife, the odds are heavy against him. Popularly supposed to be rich, believing that his uncle possesses a fine fortune which will one day be his, he takes life easily, spends lavishly, and neglects the dull routine of business. At last troubles swarm upon him, payments must be made, bills fall due, and he is forced to apply for "temporary assistance" to the money-lenders. Bad grows to worse, and he tampers with certain properties under his trust. The crash comes suddenly on the death of the uncle, who leaves but little money to assist his wretched nephew. In the dock, Edward Desmond, deserted by his wife, and condemned to ten years' penal servitude, is stricken from heaven, and whilst a horrified silence falls on the crowd of spectators in the court, he stretches out his hand to his old friend, the judge, who has passed sentence upon him, and to others whom he recognises, and invites them to dine with him at eight.

Of the lesser characters whose stories are entwined with the main story, the eccentric young clerk, Reginald Tripsdale, and his deformed brother are worthy of note. They impart brightness and humour to the somewhat sombre pages, and not a little pathos in spite of the comedy. Miss Simpson's love-story provokes a kindly smile; but one heartily hopes that her *protégée*, the beautiful, wild, and slangy Miss Wilton is introduced only as a contrast to Aileen Fermoy. Miss Wilton is unreal and overdrawn, for which we may be thankful. She is a type that is popularly supposed to flourish in the mystic circle of the upper ten thousand—as a matter of fact, she would not be tolerated even there, and her ill-breeding and solecisms are too gross to be endured even by the servile British snob at the hands of a live Duchess.

PERTH ARTISAN CLUB.—On Saturday a competition for prizes presented by Captain Livingstone took place on the North Inch. The greens were in good condition. The following are the prize-winners:—Mr. W. Anderson (scratch), 83, 2 above; Mr. James M'Arthur, 95, 10 below; Mr. W. M'Nicoll, 100, 9 below; Mr. R. Lawson, 103, 6 below; Mr. John M'Arthur, 89, 5 below; Mr. W. Martin, 106, 3 below; Mr. G. Pirnie, 95, 1 below; Mr. W. Robson, 97, 1 below; Mr. John Reid, 93 (average); Mr. J. Fox, 93 (average); Mr. J. Barclay, 97, 2 above; Mr. G. Martin, 98, 2 above; Mr. W. Munro, 106, 2 above; Mr. A. Martin, 107, 2 above; Mr. D. Thomson, 111, 2 above.

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DIVOTS OFF AN ENGLISH LINKS.—II.

BEFORE "Old Blobb" came among us we had always looked to Colonel Burscough as our great oracle.

For the Colonel had been to St. Andrews too—as he took very good care to let us know—but of course he had not had the remarkable advantage possessed by Blobb of having been born and bred there. But in everything the Colonel was careful to speak of St. Andrews as the standard, with an implied superiority which we fully recognised, to us who had not been there.

"They say at St. Andrews," the Colonel would observe impressively, when his partner in a foursome was short in his putt, "that the hole will not come to you."

"Never up, never in," as they say at St. Andrews," was another ever-ready axiom which he often applied on the same very familiar occasion.

But of course, as oracle, he immediately on the appearance of "Old Blobb" took second place. We all felt it to be very generous and large-minded of the Colonel to have been at the trouble of bringing "Old Blobb" all the way from Scotland for the general behoof, when he must have known how much he was doing to eclipse his own glory. Of course, we never uttered any such sentiments, but unconsciously they were at the heart of each of us, and tended to raise, if that were possible, our opinion of the Colonel.

You must not suppose that we played with feather balls. That age was past before Golf got any hold on England, save for Blackheath. We began in the early gutta-percha age. The "mashie," of course, had not yet been heard of, and we even looked upon a man with some suspicion—as a Radical—who used a niblick. It was then comparatively lately that the niblick had been evolved out of the sand iron.

"Old Blobb" supplied us with clubs. He had brought a great many down with him, and we bought them all up directly, and showed them to each other with grave pride, quoting the rare eulogiums, which nothing but his own play or something for which he wanted a purchaser, could win from his lips.

"Old Blobb" told me that he thought this was the finest shaft of all those he brought with him from St. Andrews" you would hear a member say as he exhibited a new driver.

On comparison, we found that "Old Blobb" had said this of a good many of the clubs he had sold us; but this did not diminish his credit as an oracle, for each one of us believed that to him "Old Blobb" had spoken the truth, and each was secretly a little flattered to have been taken, as it were, into the oracle's confidence for the delusion of the less favoured.

Professor Fleg mentioned to "Old Blobb" that the same form of praise which he had bestowed on a recent purchase of the Professor's had also been bestowed on a weapon in the hands of Captain Saxby.

"Aweel, Professor," "Old Blobb" replied, "he's jist a puir sailor buddy, ye ken; het's no just fair to launch him oot wi'oot confidence i' his timbers."

Colonel Burscough actually had a shaft which had been made by Hugh Philp, the prince of all club-makers. We all considered it a great favour when the Colonel handed us this club and allowed us to "waggle" it for our edification and instruction. No one among us dared to criticise the club. We should have thought great scorn of the man whose sense of criticism was not utterly overpowered by his joy in the creation. The awe-struck ejaculation of a single

adjective, such as "Marvellous!" or "Miraculous!" was the utmost to which we could trust ourselves, as we handed the club back with reverent care to the Colonel. As St. Andrews was the standard to which the Colonel referred everything in Golf, so did this club of the Colonel's become our standard of excellence by which we measured less ideal efforts.

If "Old Blobb," as occasionally happened when he was playing very well, so far favoured us as to take from our hand a club recently bought from his stock, and after a knowing waggle, to remark, "Eh, het's a braw club, yon," then we would sometimes presume to answer, "Yes, Blobb, there is a spring in it near the whipping, something like the Colonel's club, don't you think?" (there was no need to specify the club further.) And Blobb would always reply, "Ou, aye, het's that," and then relapse into his taciturnity.

I have since grown to know that the clubs which "Old Blobb" sold us were most parlous bad ones. They were not particularly badly made, though even in this they were not ideal, but the material was abominable, the wood was green, the horn was always cracking, the lead was always coming out, the glue was always giving way. But we never knew that they were bad clubs—it is one of those lost illusions which I regret, that "Old Blobb" supplied us with the very best clubs, next to the masterpieces of Hugh Philp, that a golfer ever handled. Now we know better, and we do not play with "Old Blobb's" clubs,—but neither, alas! do we play with so much pleasure.

At first "Old Blobb" had not very much to do in the way of making clubs, for it took us some little time, though the clubs were such as they were, to use up the stock he had brought with him; but he used to perform wonderful surgical operations on the broken limbs and heads in a little shed adjoining the cottage at Little Pipkin. He used to trudge away home in the evening, laden with a bundle of cripples, which used to come up fairly active in the morning. He rather encouraged a disposition which was very strong in all of us to keep an old club going so long as it could look a ball fairly in the face at all. It involved less cost of raw material, so that all the pay went to the workman. He was almost a genius at this kind of club cobbling. He would fix in a loose lead with a screw. If the horn was coming off, pushed out by the wet getting in between horn and wood, he would rivet it again by driving tin tacks into the pegs by way of wedges. In all such things as leather faces and long splices he was unequalled.

Occasionally, on great occasions and under strenuous persuasion, he would make a club for one of us. The *tau* (it was not part of the bargain, but it was tacitly understood on both sides that it was the graceful and proper thing to do), we used to go over to Little Pipkin for the special purpose of seeing "Old Blobb" at work on our club. The room used to smell very strongly of pitch, used for the twine which whipped head and shaft together, and of melted gutta-percha. These were the salient smells—the associations which endeared it to us as golfers. But there were also the ordinary smells arising from "Old Blobb's" tobacco and from the green oozy pond just outside. In this room we used to stand and watch "Old Blobb" fashion the club, from the earliest processes of planing down the shaft and shaping the head down to the running in of the lead, the joining of head and shaft together, and the fixing of the horn. The vigil was a solemn thing—a kind of silent prayer, such as a savage might breathe while the arrow-maker was chipping the flints for his arrow-heads. Sometimes "Old Blobb" would let us take the half-finished club in our hands to see how it felt. It was a pure

formality. We never dared, or indeed cared, to make any adverse criticism, for we knew that "Old Blobb" would have disregarded it.

When the club was finished we used to walk back very proudly to Pebblecombe with it, taking tremendous care not to touch the still liquid varnish on the pitched twine. But sometimes "Old Blobb" did not so far favour us as to work on our club, even when we had taken the trouble to come out from Pebblecombe. He would say, perhaps:—"Eh, but I've a fair awfu' sicht o' ba's to mak' the noo," and he wou'd sit on his bench turning with finger and thumb the ball, which was held in a semicircular wooden concavity, while he plied with the other hand a hammer, of which one side of the head was worked out into a broad chisel-like tail. With this he could nick a ball all over most symmetrically in two and a-half minutes. All balls were hand-hammered in those days, one at a time.

And the gutta-percha was as bad as the clubs. The ball used to flatten visibly after each drive. "Old Blobb" would not allow us to say this. He insinuated that it was all our fancy. With the balls that he played with he was remarkably cunning, for he always examined them carefully before teeing them, so as to place them with their most salient bump facing the club-head. In this way he would beat a ball quite round again after it had looked like a potato. It was but another of the great gifts which we revered in "Old Blobb."

We used to have superstitions about Golf balls. Occasionally we got hold of one which seemed to know by instinct its way into the hole. Then we would pocket it affectionately and carry it about with us for weeks, and put it down just for a hole or two at the very crisis of the match until it got black with age and careworn, and had long ceased to be fit to play with. But this, too, we had learned from "Old Blobb," so that our conscience was at peace about it.

Certainly Colonel Burscough had gone down in our estimation, as an oracle, since the appearance of "Old Blobb." In another way, however, he commanded from us even an added respect—he knew Blobb so intimately well! About five days a week, upon an average, they used to play in singles, "Old Blobb" giving the Colonel a stroke a hole. On these occasions all was not always peace between them, though it is true that the war was all on one side. But often the Colonel, in his volcanic wrath, would seize "Old Blobb" by the coat collar and throw him upon the ground and stamp upon him. "Old Blobb" never made the slightest remonstrance. He lay quite still till the Colonel had done with him, then he rose up and shook himself like a little dog, whom a big dog has charged and rolled over, and the match continued as if nothing had happened. Of course it was no action on Blobb's part which called down this condign punishment—it was merely his own bad play that roused the Colonel's wrath. He admitted it himself. He never pretended that he blamed Blobb at all; only he punished him for playing so much better than himself. It never seemed to occur to either of them that "Old Blobb" could have any cause for complaint about it. Indeed we used to think that he took it rather as a compliment.

One day when the Colonel was playing very badly, and "Old Blobb" was a good many holes up, the former said he believed that the clothes Blobb wore had something to do with it: "It's that jammed coat of yours, I believe, Blobb; take it off, and let me see if I can play in it."

Of course Blobb said, "Ou aye." So they exchanged coats and played out the round so. The Colonel was very much taller than Blobb, but the little man was so fearfully and wonderfully made that his coat was not much too

narrow for the Colonel's swelling chest. But then it was indescribably too short. It was so short that it did not look like a coat at all. It was shorter for the Colonel than the shortest of Eton jackets looks on the biggest and fattest prefect.

On the other hand, the Colonel's coat, while it lay fairly well on "Old Blobb's" square shoulders, hung straight down, like a monk's gown without the cincture, to his heels. His foot just came out from under it when he stepped forward, then disappeared again beneath it. He looked marvellously like Noah in some of those wooden figures of the inmates of the ark. But the Colonel did not win the match.

Of course the Colonel was our best player, after "Old Blobb." No one ever dreamed of questioning that. When we started for any match the "honour" was always accorded to the Colonel "as an old St. Andrews player." In point of fact he had not played much at St. Andrews, but it was just so much more than any of the others.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

(To be continued.)

WIMBLEDON LADIES GOLF CLUB.

A winter tournament for two prizes kindly given by Mr. J. J. Cater and Mr. Franklin Adams (hon. sec.) has resulted as follows:—

First Heat.—Miss M. Nicol (13) walked over; Miss Thomson (13) scratched; Mrs. Alexander King (21) beat Mrs. Pollock (15); Mrs. Willock (23) beat Miss Emily Carver (25); Miss Tee (21) walked over; Miss E. Martyn (36) scratched; Miss Issette Pearson (scr.) beat Mrs. Chetwynd Stapylton (32); Mrs. Tanner (30) beat Miss Delcomyn (34); Miss K. MacFarlan (34) beat Miss Eveleigh (27); Miss A. MacFarlan (34) walked over; Miss Ripley (30) scratched; Mrs. Dowson (24) walked over; Mrs. Browne (36) scratched. 23 byes.

Second Heat.—Miss Hassard-Short (18) beat Mrs. Bell (32); Mrs. Trollope (32) walked over; Mrs. Cameron (13) scratched; Miss Reeves (32) beat Miss B. Martyn (25); Miss E. Scott (19) beat Miss Muir (9); Miss A. L. Tyrwhitt Drake (9) beat Miss Buxton (36); Mrs. Archer (19) beat Mrs. Horne (31); Miss Colt (23) beat Miss Horne (28); Mrs. Foster (19) beat Miss Turner (32); Miss Schwann (25) beat Miss H. A. MacFarlan (28); Miss Carson (23) beat Miss H. Frere (24); Miss A. Tyrwhitt-Drake (15) beat Miss Lena Thomson (4); Miss Phillips (13) beat Miss Nicol (13); Mrs. A. King beat Mrs. Willock; Miss Tee beat Miss Pearson; Miss K. MacFarlan walked over; Mrs. Tanner scratched; Miss A. MacFarlan beat Mrs. Dowson.

Third Heat.—Mrs. Trollope beat Miss Hassard-Short; Miss Reeves beat Miss E. Scott; Mrs. Archer beat Miss A. L. T. Drake; Mrs. Foster walked over; Miss Colt scratched; Miss Carson walked over; Miss Schwann scratched; Miss Phillips walked over; Miss A. A. T. Drake scratched; Miss Tee beat Mrs. King; Miss A. MacFarlan beat Miss K. MacFarlan.

Fourth Heat.—Miss Reeves walked over; Mrs. Trollope scratched; Mrs. Archer beat Mrs. Mrs. Foster; Miss Phillips beat Miss Carson; Miss Tee walked over; Miss A. MacFarlan scratched.

Fifth Heat.—Mrs. Archer beat Miss Reeves; Miss Phillips beat Miss Tee.

Final.—Miss Phillips beat Mrs. Archer by 1 up.

WHARFEDEALE CLUB.—On Saturday afternoon the members of this club played their monthly medal competition over Leith Links (nine holes.) The winner, for the second time in succession, was Mr. William Geddes, score same as last month—62, less 17½=44½.

SEAFIELD CLUB.—A competition for club prizes was held on Leith Links on Friday and Saturday. The competitors were divided into three sections, according to handicap, and there was a good turn-out, forty-four members taking part in the competition. The prize-winners were as follows:—First Section.—1, Mr. D. Blair, 70, less 3=67; 2, Mr. J. Grosert, 76, less 8=68; 3, Mr. R. Robinson (scratch), 69; 4, Mr. J. Calder, 74, less 5=69, tie. Second Section.—1, Mr. K. Gibson, 70, less 9=61; 2, Mr. P. Gardner, 74, less 9=65; 3, Mr. J. Chalmers, 78, less 12=66. Third Section.—1, Mr. H. Koerber, 82, less 18=64; 2, Mr. J. Proven, 87, less 16=71; 3, Mr. W. Cowan, 89, less 18=71, tie.

KINGHORN.—On Saturday the Kinghorn Thistle Club held its first competition for the season, when prizes were competed for. The result of the competition was:—Mr. John Alexander, 84, less 4=80; Mr. George Robertson, 98, less 18=80; Mr. Thos. Storrar, 83, plus 3=86; Mr. David Thomson, 101, less 12=89.



The Tooting Bec Golf Club has in contemplation a grand professional tournament on their new ground at Furzedown, early in the spring. Lord Granby, the president, Mr. Hanbury, the captain, Lord Westbury, Mr. H. Tollemache, M.P., Col. Gathorne Hardy, Capt. Lang and a number of other gentlemen are subscribing to a fund large enough to make it worth the while of players north of the Tweed to come south and try their luck. The competition will not be an open one, but following the practice of some other clubs, notably Lytham and St. Anne's, the committee will invite all the leading professionals to come, their railway expenses being paid. It is hoped that when "Old Tom" receives his invitation he will make a strong effort to come. He has plenty of friends in the South who wish to shake him by the hand, and there are large numbers of golfers who, not having had the privilege of seeing him, have heard so much about him that they would naturally be anxious to satisfy their curiosity by seeing him play.

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The links of St. Enodoc in Cornwall have now to be added to the list of new Golf greens. The course consists of eighteen holes, offering every variety of hazard, the first nine played principally among sand-hills covered with reeds. The eighth hole is especially sporting, as, although a good cleek shot will lie on the putting-green, a fizzle leads to dire confusion at the foot of a hollow among the sand-hills, or under a wall just in front. The other nine holes are over sandy meadows, affording good lies to a fair driver, the hazards here being wall banks and a couple of roads, while alongside one hole there stretches a small marshy lake, which proves a snare to the hooked ball of many an unwary player. A portion of the links extend close to the sea, while close to one of the holes is a small, picturesque church, spoken of by Mr. Baring-Gould in "The Roar of the Sea." The small village of Rock, within a few minutes' walk of the links, offers accommodation in an old fashioned inn, and is in itself one of the healthiest places to be found on the north coast of Cornwall. Boating and sea-fishing may be enjoyed in summer, and trout-fishing can be had in the neighbourhood. The nearest station is at Wadebridge, reached by a pleasant drive of six miles.

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It is somewhat remarkable that though Lord Chancellor Campbell was born at Cupar, and spent ten years of his life as a student at St. Andrews, he only once mentions Golf in connection with the amusements of the youth attending the University in those days. In the interest of the history of the game this is greatly to be regretted, for such a keen observer and prolific correspondent could have given us a marvellously interesting insight into the manner in which the game was then played, who were the leading players, a description of the clubs and balls, and perhaps an insight into the matches and rules. In 1796, when Lord Campbell was sixteen years of age, he attended the Divinity classes, and in his "Life" this passage occurs:—"I occasionally engaged in a game at Golf, for which the links at St. Andrews are famous. Although never an enthusiast in this or any other game, I think it is much superior to the English cricket, which is too violent, and gives no opportunity for conversation."

When the English troops occupied Paris after Waterloo, Lord Campbell happened to be on a visit there. "I was walking one night," he says, in the Champs Elysée, and was amused with an attempt at humour by a Scotch soldier. He made a woman selling fruit understand that he wished to buy a peach.—"Quatre sous, monsieur." "We hinna mony peaches in Scotland," said he, "but we can get ane cheaper than paying a cat and a soo for't!"

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We have no authentic information on the subject, but it is reported that the new Parliament will issue a Royal Commission to "sit upon" "Colonel Bogey," and generally to inquire into the effect of the game of Golf upon the material and moral welfare of the people. The following list of bills has been handed to us:—

1. Bill for the better government of Golf.
2. Bill for the abolition of all patent Golf clubs invented since the death of Allan Robertson, and for the prohibition of such in all time coming. (M.P. has redeemed his promise made in GOLF, December 16th last, p. 218. But he should exempt the bulger.)
3. Bill to impose a uniform tax of £5 per head on golfers.
4. Bill to make the wearing of the red coat compulsory, and to suspend vested interests in the wearing of the green.
5. Bill to suppress swearing at Golf.
6. Bill to declare that no match be played unless half-a-crown at least is on.
7. Bill to abolish dumb caddies, and to provide that caddies who speak should hold their tongues.

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"If you want a good club get a good golfer to make it;" so says Willie Park, jun., in advertising his wares. "If you want a good club get a good club-maker to make it," says A. Aitken, the maker of the wonderful set presented by a hundred Irishmen to the Ex-First Lord of the Treasury. Query to each—when did your trumpeter die? This reminds one of the two Knights of St. Crispin. One put on his sign-board after "Boots and Shoes," &c., the motto, *Mens conscia recti sit*. The other, not to be outdone, and where ignorance was bliss, printed up, "Men's and women's *conscia recti sit*." But, trumpeters and shoemakers aside, there is really quite an interesting point raised by these two gentlemen in their different advices to club purchasers. We are inclined to settle it by putting it thus: "If you want a good club get a good golfer, who is at the same time a good club-maker, to make it." If we must decide for one we award judgment to Aitken, for though Park himself is a fine player, and a good club-maker, we could name many good players, both champion and ex-champion, who could not make a good Golf-club an' 'twere to save their lives.

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The club-house of the Honourable Company at Musselburgh, which they are about to evacuate, is to be exposed for sale in Dowell's at the reduced upset of £800. If no Golf company purchases, it may be bought as a small-pox hospital, as that epidemic threatens to dispute with Golf the right of "prevailing" at present.

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To judge from the little that is doing in the way of new building operations, North Berwick will not loom very much larger in the horizon when next season comes round. The splendid addition to the Marine Hotel (at a cost of over £11,000), which was opened last year, was enough for a time, and that hotel is now well-fitted to meet the wants of the many visitors. Mr. Tennant, with whose sea view the Marine addition interfered a little, has been busy with an addition to his mansion which will partly overcome the interference. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. J. E. Laidlay, and as devoted a golfer, though not of the same calibre. Mr. Shaw-Stewart is building a mansion adjoining the house of the Lord Advocate in the East-end of the town. The restrictions of the present proprietor tend, as far as we hear, to keep some from building who would otherwise do so, and it would be well for the prosperity of the town if there were fewer irksome conditions to be discussed before a house can be built.

Gullane shows greater signs of prosperity, comparatively speaking, than North Berwick, and with a railway and a water supply there would be no end to its development, for its Golf course is, in the opinion of many, the finest in the Lothians. Mr. Aitken, of Gartcows, Falkirk, who has for some years been a visitor, is now building a splendid house, which will cost between £3,000 and £4,000, on the site of the romantic West-End Cottage, where many golfers in former years have spent enjoyable holidays, and the removal of which is the removal of one of the prettiest of the old buildings which used to give such a quaint aspect to Gullane. Mr. Bisset's hotel and grounds can now be seen to advantage, and in time to come this hotel will be quite a feature of Gullane. It is beautifully furnished, and the visitors who have tried it are loud in praise of its management. A capital innovation in the lobby is a volume in which golfers are invited to record their matches. This should come to be very interesting if fully taken advantage of. Along with the hotel there is a complete posting establishment in the hands of Messrs. A. and W. Gillam.

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"In last week's GOLF," says Argus, "I see it stated that a lively little Golf club exists at Skelmorlie, on the Clyde. It may be interesting to its members to hear that Golf was played many years ago in their parish—I believe, in a field near Castle Wemyss—the players being the Rev. Walter Boyd, minister of Skelmorlie, and the Rev. James Tait, minister of Aberlady. The two were great chums; and once, when I spent a summer at this fashionable seaside resort, I heard many amusing stories about their exploits. One tickled me particularly, viz., that the two were so taken up with their Golf one day that they forgot about a big dinner they had to attend at Port Glasgow, or some place near, and, as the train had gone, they were both at their wits' end what to do, for both loved a good dinner. The story went that they got an engine-driver to set-off with his engine and the two on the "dickey" and the train from Glasgow was shunted at Upper Greenock, to let them pass. By bad luck, however, some high official happened to be in the shunted train, and after inquiring into the matter the obliging engine-driver was dismissed. Mr. Boyd, however, behaved well to the driver, and kept him at his manse "in clover" till he got a good situation.

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The Rev. Walter Boyd, who is there referred to, was the first minister of Skelmorlie, which was formerly part of the parish of Largs (now also endowed with a Golf green). He was a brother of the well-known A. K. H. B., and a "clerical masher," of a very pronounced type, though a very popular minister, and devoted to such manly sports as Golf. The estate of Kelly, in the parish, was purchased by Mr. James Young, the famous paraffin prince, who made a fortune out of the discovery of the virtues of shale by Graham of the Mint. Young, even as a laird, kept about his person a good many reminders of poorer days, and one day, not clad quite like the fashionable gentleman who haunts the Brighton of the West, he entered a first-class compartment of the train at Wemyss Bay, in which Mr. Boyd was seated. Mr. Boyd, who did not know him then, addressed him—"I'm afraid, sir, you've made a mistake; this is not a third-class carriage." "Beg pardon, sir, I'm a' richt, but are ye ane o' the railway porters?" replied the laird of Kelly!

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The Rev. James Tait of Aberlady, the other hero, gave up his position in the Church of Scotland some fifteen or sixteen years ago, owing to certain alleged difficulties in the Confession of Faith, and joined the Church of England, in whose connection he has since ministered at Pau and elsewhere on the Continent. His resignation of Aberlady was greatly regretted by the parishioners and summer visitors. He was a keen golfer, and took a great interest in Luffness links; the shelter-houses at various points of the course were, we believe, due to him. He was also a capital archer, and tradition has it, that he once challenged Tom Morris, with bow and arrow against Tom's ordinary clubs, and "holed out" victoriously, the match being a round of the green eighteen holes. Mr. Tait's memory is kept green by the silver club and star played for annually at scratch, and at Christmas he does not forget to send a donation

of tea &c., to the poorer families of the parish. "Will ye no' come back again?" many have been heard to say of the departed golfing parson of Luffness.

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"I see," says "Bulger," "that the North Berwick reporters are again busy transmitting to the papers (including GOLF) remarkable scores of 68, &c., made by Mr. Laidlay, Ben Sayers, and others. In so doing they are, in my mind, just proving that the course at North Berwick is a defective one, and it is surely time that the authorities there were awaking to the fact, and having its borders enlarged. Neither Mr. Laidlay, nor any other, would make such scores over St. Andrews, Prestwick, Sandwich, or any first-class green, as seem to be a daily occurrence at North Berwick; and, if the wonderful scores are meant to show the excellence of the play they, to our mind, only prove the defectiveness of the green."

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"In your interesting article on 'The Red Coat,' in last week's GOLF," says "Sartor Resartus," "you appear to me to make a mistake which is very common with writers on golfing subjects. You say that up till the introduction of the gutta in 1848, Golf was a game of 'the classes,' while the 'masses were mere outpost skirmishers.' Now the fact is that once upon a time in Scotland, as can be proved from Session Records, old Acts of Parliament, &c., Golf was really the game of the masses, and had to be prohibited, not only on week-days, but on Sundays. I cannot suppose that the balls were of the expensive feather-kind to which you refer, nor the clubs anything so neat as we have them now. What kind of Golf it was the historian of the game, the 'Gibbon of Golf,' as Andrew Lang calls him, for whom all golfers are patiently waiting, will have to investigate and declare, but this is a fact, that in Scotland, several hundreds of years ago, the game was undoubtedly the game of the masses. No doubt, as Mr. P. P. Alexander clearly points out in the article on Golf in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, the game was at a low ebb, and gradually 'dwining' away, even among 'the classes,' when the introduction of the gutta gave it new life. To this 'precious gum' we undoubtedly owe the present popularity of the game. I should be inclined to think that the ancient ball was simply wooden, but I have not looked into the matter."

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"In regard to the same article," says the same correspondent, "I notice you speak of Allan Robertson as having worn a red coat. Now, while I thoroughly agree with you that the red coat should be generally adopted by amateur players not simply as a danger sign, but in respect to the classical days of the game, and to the picturesque effect which the red jacket has on the green turf, I do not think it should be worn by professionals. Indeed, I think it should so far be a badge of distinction, not on caste principles but for convenience sake. This is, however, a matter of opinion on which we may agree to differ. After all, I am afraid the real obstacle is that of expense, and it grows greater as the masses increase their interest in the game."

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This journal has been true to tradition by wearing a red coat since its commencement. Golfers, however, must not place too much confidence in the cover as distinguishing GOLF from all other publications, for we have heard of a golfing Sassenach hurrying into a railway train and in return for his pennies pulling out what he supposed by its cover to be GOLF from the newsboy's basket. Judge his dismay when he settled down to read the "Tee Shots" to find that he had picked up a publication of the Salvation Army, the jacket of which bears too striking a resemblance to GOLF!

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Once get the local corporation interested in Golf and the citizen may then depend upon having every facility for playing the pastime. It is greatly owing to the fact that there is a municipal club in Edinburgh, and to many of the Town Council golfers that things are made so smooth on the Braids. Now Musselburgh may rejoice, for a Corporation Golf Club has been formed, and there are in its ranks some good players. A hand-

some gold medal, with "the Anchor and Mussel" duly honoured on scutcheon, has been subscribed for, and the first fortunate winner is Ex-Bailie Smith.

The Innerleven Golf Club are proposing to erect a new club house down on the shore, beside the old battery, as players are getting too cramped. It is a splendid site. Plans have been submitted by three architects.

A remarkable round was played by Mr. Thomas Gilroy on the Portrush Links on Saturday, the 28th ult., when the rather strong wind which prevailed was not favourable to good play. Dr. Traill was Mr. Gilroy's opponent, and Mr. Gilroy made the record of the course, with a score of 71. The "Feather Bed," it will be observed, was holed in one. Here is the score:—
3 4 4 6 4 5 6 1 3=36; 4 3 4 4 4 5 3 3 5=35; total, 71.

A correspondent writes:—"I ran down to Bembridge, Isle of Wight, the other day for a week's Golf, and thoroughly enjoyed it. The links were new to me and somewhat bothered me at first. To make a good round you must never make a mistake. It is as sporting a course as one can wish for. Amongst other well-known golfers I noticed Prince Henry of Battenberg, playing a match against his brother-in-law, the Marquis of Lorne. The latter plays a good game, and was evidently coaching the former. I was sorry to hear from some of the members of the club that there is a chance of their being turned off the ground by the supposed ground landlord, but was also informed that it would not interfere much with the status of the club, as some energetic members had lately discovered a splendid site for links within a mile and a-half of the present ones, and large enough for an eighteen-hole course, which would be a great advantage to so strong a club. This site, they say, commands some of the finest views in the South of England, and is far more accessible to the golfing inhabitants of the Island than the present links. However, I can hardly believe that the landlord, whoever he may be, will do anything conducive to getting rid of the club, as it would cut his own throat by greatly decreasing the value of the ground in the vicinity, as no doubt, without Golf, one of the great attractions to that part of the Island would be done away with. An interesting match is to be played one day soon, between Mr. Tuke, the patentee of that excellent Japanese game, 'Tema,' armed with his 'wand' or whatever it is called, *versus* Golf clubs and ball. I have backed the former, and will be much surprised if he does not win. 'Tema' has lately been started at Bembridge, and folk have gone 'daft' over it. It is certainly a very pretty and sporting game, and should in a short time, when it is better known, be very popular."

"H. E." writes:—"Whilst playing on the Lincoln links on February 3rd, my drive went into a gorse bush. On my attempting to cut it out, I apparently missed my ball completely, but struck out, some two yards, another ball which was lying un-seen in the thickest part of the whin. My caddie thought that I had cut my ball in two and was not convinced until shown both the balls intact. Possibly some of your readers may have had a similar experience."

The old club-house of the Prestwick St. Nicholas Club was exposed for sale on Saturday, in the Royal Hotel, at the upset price of £450, at which price it was bought by Miss Wallace, Riccarton.

An interesting match was played on the 6th between the Taplow Golf Club professional, Archie Dickson, and Lambert from Tooting Bec. Dickson won with the record for these links of 85, but Lambert's was a fine score (89), as it was the first time he had seen the course, and it was very foggy. The scores were:—Dickson—5 4 6 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 5 6 4 4 6, total 85; Lambert—6 4 5 4 5 5 5 3 5 6 6 3 6 6 5 6 4 5, total 89.

Golfers may be glad to know that Sir Walter Simpson's little boy, who was accidentally shot by his brother, is getting on very well. Professor Chiene has pronounced him to be out of danger.



MR. TAIT'S DRIVE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read with great interest the facts of Mr. Tait's marvellous drive, and without doubting the accuracy of the statement I think there are one or two circumstances connected with it, which I consider unsatisfactory:—

1. The ball being lost for a time.
2. An old golfer like Mr. Tait not having marked his ball from the tee, and having lost it, thereby losing the hole.

Were there any caddies, dogs, or crows about? The two last named have often been known to carry Golf-balls some distance and drop them.

In Mr. Everard's interesting article on the drive, Professor Tait says: "It is somewhat curious to find that the extreme carry of a Golf-ball is not very different from that of a cricket-ball. Both may be spoken of as somewhere about 200 yards." I think it will be found that there is no authentic record of a cricket-ball ever having carried 180 yards under any circumstances, whereas there are many instances of a Golf-ball carrying over 230 yards. Fifty yards is surely a wide difference.

I am Sir, &c.,
Q. E. D.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you kindly tell me what ought to be done in the following circumstances, which happened to a friend? The ball was lying in a hoof-print in very wet, sticky ground, and after playing it out with his iron, to his surprise the ball was still sticking to the face of the club.

I am, Sir, &c.,
G. P. B.

[If our correspondent will turn to page 405, vol. 1., he will find a case in point, and an answer to it.—Ed.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In playing a foursome to-day I hit a ball into a hedge where it was in such a position that it could not be hit with a club in the usual manner, so my partner used his brassie as one would a cue at billiards, drawing the club back from the ball, and striking away from him. Our opponents claimed the hole as a foul, saying it was not a fair hit. The hedge was completely across the course, and does not bound it.

Asking for your opinion,

I am, Sir &c.,
L. H. LISTON.

[Certainly it was not a legitimate stroke, and the penalty was quite correctly claimed.—Ed.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In a foursome, A and B are opposed to C and D. A putts, and the ball rests on the lip of the hole; D holes his

putt, and as his ball drops into the hole C knocks A's ball away. It is, of course, allowed that D may do this, but is it legitimate for C to do so?

I am, Sir, &c.,
E. H.

[We think so, because for all the purposes of penalties C and D and A and B are practically to be considered as single players. The knocking of the ball away by C may also be justified on the ground that it was his turn to play. D holes the ball; C plays next and knocks A's ball away; and, therefore, from this point of view the strict formalities of the game were complied with. With quite as much propriety A and B might have lodged a claim for the hole owing to D playing two successive shots had he, as is conceded to be his right, knocked away A's ball.—Ed.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am requested to write to you and ask whether you could kindly spare a little of your valuable space to settle the following dispute about the rules of Golf.

The case is this :—A's ball is two inches from the hole; B putts for a half, and holes. In passing A's ball he sets it in motion, and after his own ball is holed he stops A's ball going in also.

A contends that B was not entitled to do this, and claims the hole, which B disputes.

I am, Sir, &c.,
WILLIE AVESTON, Professional.

Royal Cromer Golf Club.

[We do not think that B was entitled to strike away A's ball while it was in motion, because the movement of A's ball towards the hole was concurrent with that of B's, and was due to the play of B. Therefore he ought to have waited until A's ball had ceased to roll, and while rolling he was not justified in hindering it from dropping into the hole. The penalty claimed, therefore, is quite right.—Ed.]

A KENILWORTH STORY.—The Kenilworth boys are awful. The Kenilworth caddies are the worst of the boys, and the worst of the caddies is "Billy." Fortunately he is still young, *at all*, 10. Now, the services of Billy's mother are in great demand when an addition is made to the population of Kenilworth, and upon her return home from one of her professional visits last week, the following conversation took place between mother and son :—

BILLY.—"Where did the new baby come from?"

MOTHER.—"The doctor brought it."

BILLY.—"Which doctor?"

MOTHER.—"Dr. B—"

BILLY.—"What, 'im as I carries for?"

MOTHER.—"Yes."

BILLY.—"How did he bring it?"

MOTHER.—"He carried it?"

BILLY.—"What! Carried it all the way from his home to up yonder?"

MOTHER.—"Yes."

BILLY (*with scorn*).—"G'arn, don't stuff me; he wouldn't carry his Golf clubs so far."

MOFFAT.—The January contests for the silver medal presented by Mr. Walter Johnstone, of Bodesbeck, and prizes presented by Mr. Bloxson, of the Honourable Golf Company, Edinburgh, terminated last week, when it was found that the best score for the month was that of 91, made by Mr. G. Smart. Mr. Smart thus won the medal; Mr. James R. MacGibbon was second with 94; Rev. Robert Somers, 96; Mr. Stewart, 99; Mr. Deane, 99.

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ABERDEEN.

Since the New Year came in, the weather here has been exceedingly unfavourable for Golf, and a start could only be made on Saturday, the 28th ult., when the members of the Aberdeen Club held a postponed competition over the Balgownie course, for the monthly scratch medal and the Adam cup (a handicap prize presented by Mr. Thomas Adam, jun., a popular ex-captain, and which takes the place of the Davidson cup.) The cup is played for monthly, under handicap, for twelve months, the various monthly winners being specially handicapped, and having two rounds to play off for final possession. The weather on the 28th, was very boisterous and unfavourable for low scoring. On comparing the cards, it was found that Mr. W. C. H. Jopp had won the scratch medal, with the score of 91; while Professor Harrower, with 92, less 8=84, and Mr. J. A. Montgomery, 94, less 10=84, tied for the Adam cup. The following are a few of the lowest scores :—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Professor Harrower	92	8 84	Mr. James Williams	92	6 86
Mr. J. A. Montgomery	94	10 84	Mr. F. M'Crae	94	4 90
Mr. W. C. H. Jopp	91	6 85	Mr. J. M. Duncan	96	6 90
Mr. D. Littlejohn	92	6 86	Mr. T. Todd	95	4 91
			Dr. J. Ogilvie	99	8 91

On Saturday last, the 4th inst., the usual monthly competition for the same prizes took place over the Balgownie links. The weather was dull, but good for low scoring, and a large number of competitors entered the lists, some very fine cards being handed in. On comparing these, it was found that Mr. J. McK. Ferguson had won the scratch medal, with the fine score of 78; and the Adam cup, after keen competition, fell to Mr. J. G. Paull, with a score of 95, less 18=77. The following are a few of the lowest scores :—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. G. Paull	95	18 77	Colonel Boyes	87	4 83
Mr. J. McK. Ferguson	78	scr. 78	Mr. M. M. Duncan	89	6 83
Mr. J. B. Craigie	84	4 80	Dr. James Moir	89	6 83
Mr. J. M. Duncan	86	6 80	Professor Cash	96	12 84
Mr. L. Stuart Anderson	81	scr. 81	Mr. A. Wilson	99	14 85
Mr. B. S. McLellan	88	6 82	Mr. J. Williams	92	6 86
Mr. A. Martinean	92	10 82	Mr. M. H. Mackie	96	10 86
Mr. W. F. Orr	83	scr. 83	Dr. Joseph Ogilvie	96	8 88
			Mr. J. A. Montgomery	98	10 88

At the close of the competition a very interesting foursome was played, Mr. L. Stuart Anderson (late of the Tantallon Club, but now resident in Aberdeen), and Mr. J. McK. Ferguson tackling the two local professionals, Mearns and Annand. After a grand exhibition of Golf the two amateurs came in victorious, by 3 up and 2 to play, the two professionals securing the bye.

Playing with Mr. A. W. Mitchell on Friday, the 3rd inst., over the Balgownie links, Annand, one of the local professionals, holed the round in 69, made up as follows :—Out 4 3 3 5 3 5 4 4 4=35; In 3 4 5 2 4 4 5 4 3=34; total 69.

The Aberdeen Club, are negotiating matches with the Royal Perth Golfing Society, the Dalhousie Club, Carnoustie, and the Victoria Club, Aberdeen, all of which will be played over the Balgownie course in the course of the season.

The scratch and handicap medals and Well-wisher's prize of the Bon-Accord Club were competed for over the nine-hole course, Aberdeen links, on Saturday, 28th ult., two rounds being played. On cards being compared Mr. W. Smart was found winner of the scratch medal with a net score of 82, and Mr. A. Smith winner of the handicap medal and Well-wisher's prize with a score of 96, less 17=79. The following were next in order :—Messrs. John Twigg, 90; James Greig, sen., 91; Henry Glass, 91; A. Smart, 92; James

Moir, 93; James W. Murray, 94; James Florence, 95; George Thomson, 96; C. Smith, 96; A Noble, 98; and C. Ward, 99.

The captain's and the secretary's prizes of the same club, (the latter confined to members with 14 to 18 handicap) were played for on Saturday over the nine-hole course on the Town links. On cards being compared, Mr. George Simpson was found first for the captain's prize with a score of 86, less 10=76, and Mr. William Gellatly first for the secretary's prize with 94, less 18=76. The under-noted came next in order:—Messrs. Wm. Smart, 83; George Dunn, 85; James Ogilvie, 87; James Florence, 90; James W. Murray and James Moir, 94 each; Charles Ward, 95; and John Anderson and Henry Glass, 98 each.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

MARRIED v. SINGLE.

This match was played on Wednesday, February 1st, and, as was expected, resulted in a very close and exciting game. Scores:—

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncreiffe (captain)	3	Mr. F. A. Bainbridge (captain) ...	0
Mr. O. Airy	0	Rev. G. W. Barnard	0
Mr. J. F. Wright	5	Mr. A. E. W. Browne	0
Dr. J. D. Ballance	1	Mr. E. P. Wright	0
Dr. A. L. V. Bernays	0	Mr. C. Lord	7
Mr. A. H. Griffiths	0	Mr. H. Margetts	1
	9		8

Majority for married, 1 hole.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On January 26th a handicap match against "Bogey" was held, for a box of balls given by Miss Andrews, eight balls to the player winning the greatest number of holes from "Bogey," and four to the player dividing the greatest number. Scores:—

Handicap.	Holes.	Divided.	"Bogey."
Miss Moor	18	4	0
Miss Birch	scr.	2	4
Mrs. G. Moor	18	0	7
Miss Andrews	+2	0	5
Mrs. Green	5	0	2
Miss S. Green	18	0	3
Miss Banister	14	0	3
Mrs. Astbury	18	0	5
Miss Lee	12	0	2

Mrs. Hyde and Miss Parsons, no returns.

Owing to bad weather it was impossible to play for the gold medal in December and January, but on Saturday, February 4th, thirteen members competed, though only ten sent in their cards. Miss Riddle returned the best net score, and Miss Birch won the scratch prize, a handsome gold brooch presented to the club by Mrs. F. Lucas, to be held for one month. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Riddle	107 24 83	Mrs. F. Lucas	121 20 101
Mrs. C. Green	94 7 87	Miss E. Banister	125 22 103
Miss Birch	92 scr. 92	Miss E. K. Scott	130 25 105
Mrs. Astbury	118 25 93	Miss Banister	125 19 106
Miss Andrews	93 +2 95	Mrs. Jeddere-Fisher	137 25 112

No returns:—Miss A. Scott, Miss Parsons, and Miss M. Parsons.

In the afternoon a sweepstake match against "Bogey" was arranged, nine holes, with the following result:—

Hcp. scr.	Holes.	"Bogey."
Miss Birch	1	0
Miss Andrews	+1	0
Mrs. C. Green	3	0
Miss M. Riddle	9	0
Miss E. Banister	8	0
Miss Banister	7	0
Mrs. Jeddere-Fisher	9	0
Miss Meyrick	9	0
Mrs. F. Lucas	8	0
Mrs. Astbury	9	0

MORTONHALL GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition for February was played over the club's course on Saturday, in delightful weather. Much satisfaction was expressed at the first-class condition which the permanent putting-greens were found to be in, as the result of a careful treatment with sand throughout the winter. A return of the cards disclosed some excellent play, the winner's actual score being 78. Result:—1, medal and first prize of balls, Mr. John Johnston, 78, less 2=76; 2, Mr. J. Michael Brown, 83, less 6=77; 3, Mr. Charles F. Scott, 86, less 8=78.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was played on Saturday, when some good scores were returned. The medal was won by Mr. John Fry, and the cards returned were as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. John Fry	100 21 79	Dr. Wrightson	109 20 89
Mr. A. F. Stewart	104 15 89	Mr. J. B. Pettit	90 scr. 90
Mr. J. Tohill	107 18 89	Mr. G. H. Garrett	110 18 92
Mr. H. L. Garrett	119 30 89	Mr. F. D. Bright	115 20 95

No returns from Mr. V. Garrett and Mr. John Sherwood, jun.

BARNES LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, February 1st. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss M. Dickie	88 6 82	Miss Gow	98 12 86
Miss Connell	96 10 86	Miss Barclay Brown	123 25 98

* Winner.

Mrs. Warner over 100.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last, February 4th, the fourth medal competition was the attraction on these links. A strong breeze was blowing, which circumstance, together with the fact that that three of the holes had been considerably lengthened as an experiment, caused the scores to be higher than usual. The last hole, in particular, had been made a very formidable one. The medal was won by Mr. Shatwell, the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Dorning, as runner-up, receiving a box of balls. The scores of 100 net and under were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell	92 12 80	Mr. G. Crowther	97 7 90
Mr. H. Dorning	99 18 81	Mr. F. Baker	110 20 90
Rev. H. J. Bryan	110 28 82	Mr. W. J. Drewett	120 27 93
Mr. A. Smart	106 18 88	Mr. W. Bowker	118 18 100

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The February medal competition took place on Wednesday, February 1st, in rather stormy weather, the effect of which was plainly visible in the scoring. The winner played a strong game, and quite outpaced her opponents. It should be remarked that the "scratch" in this club has been lowered from 80 to 74, so that all handicaps have been increased by 6 since the last competition. A modification has also been made in the system of handicapping, as follows:—Instead of selecting in every case the three best scores returned as the basis, which is apt to favour those new to the green, and be severe on those who have played longest; a number of best scores have been taken, proportional to the total number returned, the actual percentage adopted being 20. Thus, in one case, thirty-five medal cards have already been returned, and the average of the best seven of these (20 per cent.) has been taken to represent the form of the players.

Monthly medal scores as follows. In spite of the wind the scores are very close after the winner:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. W. C. Johnson	97 22 75	Miss H. Bidwell	115 23 92
Mrs. Mackern	81 scr. 81	Miss M. Sillar	116 24 92
Mrs. Laird	101 20 81	Mrs. Penrose	102 9 93
Mrs. Mead	105 24 81	Miss Sillar	110 17 93
Mrs. Meredith	88 6 82	Mrs. Gibson	115 21 94
Miss Gahan	102 20 82	Miss B. Smith	118 24 94
Miss A. Richardson	96 13 83	Miss A. Bidwell	115 19 96
Miss M. Richardson	95 11 84	Miss Swinton	113 16 97
Mrs. Beaumont	110 24 86	Miss Fossett	120 21 99
Miss Knapping	111 24 87	Miss Richardson	124 24 100
Miss M. Riddle	109 20 89	Mrs. Lightfoot	126 24 102
Mrs. Poland	100 8 92	Mrs. Newton	130 24 106
Miss Loveless	106 14 92	Mrs. McArthur	131 24 107
Miss Sheringham	109 17 92	Mrs. Tate	132 18 114
Miss E. Smith	111 19 92	Miss Kernaghan	127 11 116

BOLTON GOLF CLUB.

Handicap competition. Saturday, January 28th. Mr. Rushton's prize. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. B. Broadbent	106 30 76	Mr. P. Musgrave	107 12 95
Mr. W. Fallows	122 34 88	Mr. A. Eatwisle	108 12 96
Mr. N. H. Johnson	102 12 90	Dr. Raw	128 30 98
Mr. A. Morris	116 25 91	Mr. L. Johnson	125 22 103
Dr. Yates	116 23 93	Mr. G. J. French	155 45 110

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly Medal. February 4th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. H. Cooper...	111	28	83	Mr. P. F. Walker...	110	20	90
Mr. C. Cammell ...	106	20	86	Mr. H. J. Hibberd...	101	8	93
Rev. H. L. Jones ...	117	30	87	Rev. J. M. Collard..	123	20	103
Colonel Galloway ...	118	28	90				

Several others made no returns.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., the second of the series of monthly medal competitions was played off on the club links at Dunham, and as the weather was on the whole favourable, a very fair number of members competed. The course, although somewhat soft, was dry on the surface, and the greens were in good order; but the scoring was not as low as might have been reasonably anticipated. The winner of the competition and of first prize in the optional sweepstakes was Mr. H. Holden, with 88 net, Mr. E. Whittington taking second in the sweepstakes. Mr. Holden's success was well deserved, as he has been returning low scores most consistently for some months past. The new club-house is now practically completed, and the additional accommodation and comfort appear to be generally appreciated by members. On Saturday the portrait of Mr. F. V. Williams, the present honorary treasurer and first captain of the club, was formally placed in the club-room. The following were the scores, not exceeding 110 net, in Saturday's competition :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. Holden ...	90	2	88	Mr. T. W. Killick...	119	20	99
Mr. H. Corah ...	109	17	92	Mr. F. Platt-Higgins	115	16	99
Mr. E. Whittington	102	9	93	Rev. T. Pym William-			
Mr. H. F. Ransome	103	9	94	son ...	103	4	99
Mr. Sidney Smelt ...	104	10	94	Mr. W. S. Mainprice	114	14	100
Mr. W. Mowat ...	104	8	96	Mr. W. Rycroft ...	126	18	108
Mr. W. Bellhouse ...	120	24	96	Mr. C. W. Dudley..	132	22	110
Mr. S. W. Gillett ...	104	7	97	Mr. H. Winstanley..	136	26	110
Mr. James Fildes ...	128	30	98				

Messrs. Oliver, F. V. Williams, Carter, W. M. Neild, H. Staffurth, C. H. Wolff, G. Shorland Ball, Charles Hopkinson, F. Heywood, Ed. Hulton, jun., R. Sykes, and others also competed.

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON GOLF CLUB.

The return match with the Burnham Golf Club was played at Burnham, on Thursday, 2nd inst., in brilliant sunshine, but to the accompaniment of a westerly gale, which was very detrimental to long drivers. A new departure was made by playing "club and ground," and local knowledge enabled the Burnham professional to seriously diminish the result of the amateur matches. Result :—

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON.			BURNHAM.		
Holes.			Holes.		
Mr. P. V. Broke ...	...	3	Mr. T. C. Brice ...	...	0
Mr. W. Fairbanks ...	...	11	Major Ayshford Wise..	...	0
Capt. H. Broke ...	...	10	Mr. W. H. Fowler ...	...	0
Mr. M. A. North ...	...	0	Rev. T. Crump ...	...	5
Mr. H. Nash ...	...	2	Rev. Canon Kennard..	...	0
Mr. G. E. Leman ...	...	4	Rev. G. E. Peake ...	...	0
Mr. G. H. Clark ...	...	0	Mr. H. T. Gilmore ...	...	3
Mr. M. B. Castle ...	...	0	Mr. S. M. J. Woods...	...	1
Lumsden (pro.) ...	...	0	Johnson (pro.) ...	...	5
		30			14

Majority for Bristol and Clifton, 16.

The monthly handicap was played at Farland on the 4th inst., with the following result :—

First class :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. F. Gorton...	101	20	81	Mr. A. T. Martin...	110	16	94
Mr. H. C. Barstow..	106	17	89	Mr. W. Fairbanks...	99	3	96
Mr. H. Nash ...	99	9	90	Dr. D. G. Johnston..	107	10	97
Mr. E. J. Taylor ...	112	20	92	Mr. M. B. Castle ...	110	12	98
Mr. E. H. Clark ...	104	10	94	Mr. H. V. James ...	119	20	99

Seven were over 100 net, or made no return.

Second class :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. H. Cave ...	124	34	90	Colonel Methuen ...	118	24	94
Mr. H. P. Luckman	113	21	92				

Three more were over 100 net.

NEWINGTON GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was competed for at Musselburgh on the 2nd inst. Mr. A. Dewar was the winner, with a score of 110, less 16=94.

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold medal was played for on January 31st. The scores on the whole were not good, taking into consideration the greatly improved state of the green, on which a considerable sum is being laid out to improve the "lies," and also that the weather was very fine, with no wind. Mr. T. C. Brice, who has come on wonderfully in his play of late, secured an easy victory with the excellent net score of 75, his 90 gross being the best yet returned during medal play. On Wednesday, February 1st, the return match v. Weston-super-Mare resulted in an easy win for the home team by 54 holes. The return match v. Clifton was played on the following day, the visitors winning by 16 holes. The weather was very boisterous, a north-west gale blowing across the links all day, which rendered play very difficult.

Monthly gold medal, 31st January :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. T. C. Brice ...	90	15	75	Rev. T. Crump ...	106	13	93
Mr. W. Stoaite ...	111	24	87	Mr. W. H. Fowler.	102	8	94
Rev. Canon Kennard	111	23	88	Mr. F. J. Clark ...	120	21	99
Mr. J. W. Trevor ...	115	26	89	Dr. A. W. C. Peskett	125	26	99

* Medal.

The following players were over 100 net, or made no return :— Major Gully, Major A. Wise, Rev. G. Beilby, Messrs. S. Austin, H. T. Gilmore, and J. T. Stephens.

Return match v. Weston-super-Mare, February 1st :—

BURNHAM.			WESTON-SUPER-MARE.		
Holes.			Holes.		
Mr. W. H. Fowler ...	...	3	Mr. H. T. Gilmore ...	...	0
Rev. T. Crump ...	...	7	Mr. R. F. Duckworth ...	...	0
Major A. Wise...	...	6	Rev. E. J. Bartlett ...	...	0
Mr. T. C. Brice ...	...	17	Rev. W. Aldridge ...	...	0
Rev. G. Beilby ...	...	10	Dr. C. P. Crouch ...	...	0
Rev. Canon Kennard ...	...	11	Mr. F. Coombs ...	...	0
		54			0

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The Cronin handicap medal was played for on Thursday, February 2nd, in stormy weather, with the following result :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. D. F. Russell ...	104	16	88	Mr. J. Millar ...	124	18	106
Mr. W. L. Bradbury	113	18	95	Mr. J. J. Hayes ...	132	25	107
Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	111	13	98	Mr. E. L. Arnold...	126	16	110
Mr. J. B. Wood ...	108	6	102	Dr. G. S. Woodhead	131	18	113

COTON HILL GOLF CLUB.

The February competition for the monthly medal took place on the 6th inst. The following cards were handed in :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. Noon ...	56	2	54	Mr. H. ...	71	8	63
Dr. R. W. Hewson ...	55	scr.	55	Dr. Scott ...	77	7	70
Mr. P. ...	67	7	60	Mr. H. Horton ...	74	3	71
Mr. Liston ...	64	3	61				

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

It cannot be said that Golf is slack at Dinard, and we have had splendid weather for it lately. Competitions of some sort are generally going on. Our last was a foursome competition on the American principle of most matches won, and partners were drawn for. Many close and exciting matches took place, a putt at the last hole in many cases deciding the match. The final was played for February 2nd, between Messrs. C. Duffin and Alfred Lubbock, giving a third, v. Sir George Duntze and Mr. T. Forster, and after a good match the former won by 3 up and 2 to play.

FORFARSHIRE.

The formal opening of the handsome new club-house erected by the Broughty Club at Monifieth took place on the 1st inst. There was a large turn-out of the members at the competition, when a number of club prizes and sweepstakes were played for. The weather was splendid, but a stiff breeze told against the scores coming in. Newly-rolled greens made putting easier. Eight of the players succeeded in breaking the century, namely, Messrs. William Harris, 88; D. M. Boath, 92; W. N. Machan, 94; Alexander Bowman, 96; W. K. Lorimer, 97; Edward Shield, 98; C. Duncan, 98; and T. E. Suttie, 99. Mr. Harris is thus the winner of the scratch prize, while Mr. Lorimer gains the scratch prize in the second class. A "house-warming" supper took place in the club-house in the evening, when nearly fifty persons were present. The following clubs were represented :— Mr. Irvine Drimmie, for the Panmure Club; Mr. John Inglis, for the Dundee Advertiser; Mr. James Black, for the Caledonia; and Mr. Andrew Walker, for the Monifieth, Mr. Allan Bell, the captain of the

club, presided, and Messrs. W. K. Lorimer and James Belford officiated as croupiers. The club-house, which has been completed at a cost of about £650, or, including furnishings, about £800, is felt to be a great boon to the golfers who frequent the links, as is shown by the fact that the membership has risen from about 40 to 170, and already all the box accommodation has been occupied.

On Saturday the members of the Arbroath Club finished the thirteenth of their series of winter competitions. Nineteen players handed in their scores, showing the following results:—1st and 2nd (tie), Messrs. A. Mann and A. Low, 3 below, 3 points each; 3rd, Mr. J. P. Gibb, 2 below, 2 points; and the others received 1 point each. The players below 100 were:—Mr. Wm. Edwards, 92; Messrs. Jas. Doig and A. Garvie, 97 each.

The opening competition of the season in connection with the Panmure Club took place at Monifieth on Saturday, when there was a large turn-out of the members. At the business meeting Mr. James Fullerton, the captain, presided. Four new members were admitted, viz., Messrs. Thomas Anderson, David Croll, Hugh A. Laird, and A. W. Sturrock. Mrs. Mathers, the housekeeper, having tendered her resignation on account of advanced years, it was resolved to recognise her services to the club for the past thirty-eight years by presenting her with a testimonial. An adjournment was then made to the links to compete for the handsome cup presented by the late Mr. William Brand, of Mylnefield, when thirty members started. The weather was favourable, and the greens in good condition. After all the cards had been handed in it was found that Mr. R. B. Sharp had won the cup with the capital score of 82. The next best were Mr. R. Gilroy and Mr. C. E. Gilroy, with 87 each; Mr. Samuel C. Thomson, 88; Mr. James Kennedy Prain, 89; Mr. John L. Luke, 90; Mr. George A. Gilroy, 91; Mr. A. Guthrie, 92; Mr. William Gibson, 93; Mr. George M. Cox, 94; the Rev. R. Stephen, 94; Mr. James Prain, 95; Mr. Alexander Johnston, 96; Mr. S. M. Low, 97; Mr. W. N. Machan, 97; Mr. Thomas Lillie, 98; and Mr. John Jones, 99.

GLAMORGANSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The "Bogey" competition for the Turnbull prize took place on club links at Penarth on Saturday last, with the following result:—

Handi- cap.	Holes down.	Handi- cap.	Holes down.
Mr. F. Milburn ...	12	Mr. George Thomas ...	18
Mr. C. A. Heitzman ...	21	Mr. J. Hunter ...	7
Mr. J. W. Pyman ...	8	Mr. T. M. Barlow ...	6
Mr. W. H. M. Tucker	12	Mr. F. C. Shackel ...	23
Mr. George Pyman ...	16		4

A number of others competed but made no return. Messrs. Milburn and Heitzman having tied for first place, they will play a deciding match.

GOLF AT PAU.

The ladies' tournament for the prize offered by Mr. Boreel has just closed, having lasted a week. The competitors were:—Lady Kilmaine, Miss Bewicke, Miss L. Impey, Mrs. R. Boreel, Miss Hatch, Miss Impey, Mrs. Scarisbrick, Miss E. Pontifex, Mrs. Greig, Miss Newall, Mrs. Jones, Miss M. Magniac, Miss N. Ross, Miss Oldfield, Mrs. Acland Lloyd, Miss F. Magniac, Miss F. Boit, Lady Agnes Townshend, Miss L. Trapmann, Miss Pemberton, Miss M. Boit, Miss B. Magniac, Miss Craigie Halkett, Miss Ross, Miss M. Newall, Hon. E. St. Aubyn, Miss M. Impey, Hon. M. St. Aubyn, Miss M. Hatch, Miss North, Mrs. Maud, Hon. Evelyn St. Aubyn, Miss Swan, Miss Y. Newall.

The prize was won by Miss N. Ross.

HYÈRES (FRANCE) GOLF CLUB.

The seventh handicap of the season took place on Saturday, 28th ult. The weather was somewhat cloudy, and inclined to rain, but play was not interfered with. The course was in fine order, and the greens played remarkably fast and true. Altogether the day's play was most enjoyable. Appended is the full score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. Carr Gomm ... 114 16 98	Mr. H. H. Child ... 127 18 109
Hon. R. Jervis ... 103 scr. 103	Mr. J. W. Trumble ... 132 30 102
Mr. G. R. Corbett ... 132 25 107	Mr. Clough ... 123 22 101

* Winner.

Eighth weekly handicap. February 4th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Hon. St. L. Jervis... 102 24 78	Mr. J. W. Trumble 131 24 107
Mr. D. L. Clarke ... 111 16 95	Mr. G. R. Corbett... 134 25 109
Hon. R. Jervis ... 98 scr. 98	Rev. A. Palmes ... 163 40 123
Mr. H. H. Child ... 119 16 103	

* Winner.

Mr. Wellesley and Mr. A. Bathurst, no returns.

HAYLING LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Results of the monthly competition, held January 31st:—

Bath challenge star—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Miss G. Langley ... 90 10 80	Miss G. Durnford ... 124 30 94
Mrs. Baker ... 97 9 88	Miss E. Pares ... 116 21 95
Mrs. Savill ... 105 11 94	

Mrs. Swinburne, Miss Lynch Staunton, Miss N. O'Shea, Mrs. Bonham Carter, and Miss O'Shea also competed.

Secretary's "Bogey" prize (scratch).—Mrs. T. R. Swinburne, even; Mrs. Bonham Carter, 1 down; Miss G. Langley, 1 down; Mrs. Baker, 3 down; Miss E. Pares, 8 down. Mrs. Savill, Miss Lynch Staunton, Miss Durnford, and the Misses O'Shea also competed.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly medal for the year was played for on the Ilkley links on Saturday, the 18th ult. The bad light prevented more than a nine-hole competition being played, Mr. J. Cooper Shaw being the winner with a score of 47, less 7=40. Results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. C. Shaw ... 47 7 40	Mr. F. Steinthal ... 67 16 51
Mr. A. W. Godby ... 59 14 45	Mr. T. A. Carpenter ... 69 15 54
Mr. R. S. Backhouse ... 52 6 46	Mr. W. F. Potter ... 64 10 54
Mr. P. N. Lee ... 51 4 47	Mr. C. Hudson ... 70 16 54
Mr. A. H. Bampton ... 63 12 51	Mr. C. Stanfield ... 72 18 54

No returns, or over 54, from twelve other players.

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

Splendid weather favoured the club in its spring competition on Saturday for the gold ball. There was a good turn-out of players, and the greens were in excellent order. Two rounds were played (twenty-eight holes in all), and when cards were handed in, it was found that Mr. Paterson had gained the prize with 138, less 15=123; Mr. Horn was second with 133, less 9=124; and Mr. Jas. Arthur Vassie, third, with 130, less 5=125. Other prizes were gained by Messrs. Paterson, Hatrick, Young, J. M. Davidson, John Vassie, jun., John Smith, jun., Haddow, James Annan, J. A. Vassie, D. M. Cassels, and Sir W. C. Anstruther.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

Mr. R. H. Prestwich, of Manchester, presented for competition by the Lady subscribers of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club a very handsome prize, consisting of a pair of small and very beautifully designed bonbon dishes, for the best two net scores made during December 1892, and January 1893, on the Ladies' links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. Twenty-two returns have now been sent in, and the following are the six best net scores:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net	Total.
Mrs. Eason, Lytham ...	{ 94 6 88 } { 90 6 84 }	172
Miss Lindsay, St. Anne's...	{ 107 16 91 } { 100 16 84 }	175
Mrs. Brown, St. Anne's ...	{ 90 +1 91 } { 90 +1 91 }	182
Mrs. E. Catterall, St. Anne's ...	{ 91 +4 95 } { 94 +4 98 }	193
Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park ...	{ 106 12 94 } { 111 12 99 }	193
Miss M. Lythgoe, St. Anne's ...	{ 93 +3 96 } { 97 +3 100 }	196

Mrs. Eason was therefore the winner of the prize.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

For a long time past there has not been so large an assemblage of members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club as on Saturday, when the fifth competition for the Captain's cup was played on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. The morning threatened wet, but the weather turned out favourable all day. The previous heavy rains had, however, made the ground somewhat heavy, and it was a subject of remark that, probably owing to this, the general scoring was much below the average; and the dissatisfaction of many of the members at their own play was evidenced by the comparatively small number of cards returned from the large number who competed. Sixty-seven members played their rounds, and the best gross scores were:—Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore, 94; Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester, 95; Mr. J. Hargreaves, Blackburn, 100. The best net scores were Mr. J. Hargreaves, 100, less 11=89; Mr. T. C. Midwood, Manchester, 106, less 16=90; Mr. A. H. Doleman, 94, less 3=91; Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester, 95, less 4=91; Mr. W. H. Hampson, South Shore, 105,

less 14=91; Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's, 108, less 17=91. The scores of the few who returned cards of not more than 100 net were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Hargreaves, Blackburn	100	11	89
Mr. T. C. Midwood, Manchester	106	16	90
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore	94	3	91
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester	95	4	91
Mr. W. H. Hampson, South Shore	105	14	91
Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's...	108	17	91
Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton	105	10	95
Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Lytham	108	13	95
Mr. R. T. Gillibrand, St. Anne's	111	16	95
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton	107	11	96
Mr. Thos. Fair, Lytham	119	23	96
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury	109	10	99
Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool	112	12	100

Mr. J. Hargreaves, therefore, put in the win for the cup, and received the silver memento. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. J. Hargreaves; the second by Mr. T. C. Midwood; and the third by Mr. F. C. Morgan. The sixth competition for this cup will take place on Saturday, March 4th; and the final (by the six winners) will be played off, under special handicap, at the Spring Meeting, on April 15th. The five winners now are:—Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's; Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck; Mr. J. Eccles, jun., Ashton, Preston; Mr. J. Mellor, Failsforth; and Mr. J. Hargreaves, Blackburn.

MACCLESFIELD CLUB.

The monthly handicap was played on Saturday, the 4th inst. Sixteen competitors entered. The first place was won by Dr. Cooke, with a net score of 88, Mr. Burgess and Mr. G. H. Swindells coming next with 91 for second. The following are the scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Dr. Cooke	107	19	88	Mr. J. E. Charlton	126	30	96
Mr. J. W. Burgess	105	14	91	Mr. A. G. Gray	108	11	97
Mr. G. H. Swindells	111	20	91	Mr. L. New	127	30	97
Mr. M. H. Hall	107	13	94	Dr. Sheldon	104	6	98
Capt. Haines	114	20	94	Mr. G. C. Swindells	119	20	99
Mr. F. Tylecote	106	10	96				

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.

The first of the monthly medal competitions for the year took place on Saturday the 28th January and Thursday the 1st February, play having been postponed on account of the weather. It has been decided to treat the Saturday and Thursday competitions as separate ones, the winner of each being entitled to play in the final. On Saturday Mr. Johnstone was the winner, and on Thursday Mr. Ashwell. The following are the particulars:—

Saturday play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Johnstone	97	11	86	Mr. J. W. Windley	132	25	107
Mr. R. D. Oswald	95	7	88	Mr. A. Harwood	134	24	110
Mr. J. McMeeking	96	8	88	Mr. E. J. Cooper	135	23	112
Mr. J. Hall	103	9	94	Rev. J. Holroyde	134	20	114
Mr. A. Barrow	110	16	94	Mr. G. H. Wallis	141	21	120
Mr. C. F. Dobson	110	15	95	Mr. J. B. Wells	158	24	134
Mr. L. Margetson	122	27	95	Mr. W. H. C. Snape	159	23	136
Mr. C. S. Wardle	109	12	97	Mr. W. F. Ley	179	25	154
Mr. W. R. Lymbery	122	22	100				

Thursday play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. T. Ashwell	92	9	83	Mr. W. H. Hutton	130	18	112
Mr. J. C. Warren	94	5	89	Mr. A. Oliver	136	24	112
Mr. J. Doleman	95	6	89	Mr. W. Rickman	142	27	115
Mr. C. B. Edwards	105	14	91	Mr. T. G. Mellors	144	27	117
Mr. J. Bowes	114	14	100	Mr. A. Baker	144	24	120
Mr. T. McCulloch	126	20	106	Mr. J. Forman	144	23	121

HAWICK.—The monthly medal was played for over the Hawick course on Saturday afternoon in splendid weather. There was a large number of competitors. Details:—1st, Mr. J. S. Turner, 90, less 5=85; 2nd, Mr. James Bowie, 83, plus 3=86; 3rd, Mr. W. Hume, 90, less 4=86; 4th, Mr. G. H. Wilson, 98, less 12=86; 5th, Mr. J. W. Glenny, 90, less 2=88; 6th, Dr. Barrie, 91, less 3=88; 7th, Mr. T. Buckham, 97, less 4=93; 8th, Mr. C. J. Glenny, 99, less 6=93; 9th, Mr. M. Golding, 122, less 27=95; 10th, Mr. J. R. Purdom, 118, less 22=96; 11th, Mr. P. Cruickshank, 101, less 1=100; 12th, Mr. W. Robson, 116, less 16=100.

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—The monthly competition for the silver medal of this club took place on Saturday afternoon. The weather was good, and the course in excellent condition. Winner, Mr. David Miller, Pittenweem, with a score of 102, less 18=84.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. WARWICKSHIRE.

This match was played at Hinksey on Saturday, February 4th, ending in an easy win for the University by 27 holes. The visitors turned up one short, so Mr. F. H. Campion, of the home team, stood out. The home team thus amply avenge their defeat at the hands of the Warwickshire Golf Club in the autumn:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		Holes.	WARWICKSHIRE.		Holes.
Mr. F. H. Stewart (captain)	...	3	The Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncrieff (captain)	...	0
Mr. L. Robertson	...	2	Mr. Hugh Rotherham	...	0
Mr. R. H. Dan	...	5	Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair	...	0
Mr. R. L. Proudfoot	...	0	Mr. A. Rotherham	...	5
Mr. A. J. Boger	...	2	Mr. J. A. F. Moncrieff	...	0
Mr. H. E. Atkinson	...	3	Mr. F. A. Bainbridge	...	0
Mr. C. F. Balfour	...	3	Mr. O. T. B. Nelson	...	0
Viscount Encombe	...	9	Mr. F. M. G. Abell	...	0
Mr. C. W. W. Surridge	...	5	Mr. W. Maclaren	...	0
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		32			5

Weekly handicap, Friday, February 3rd:—

Owing to the bad weather, there were very few entries for this handicap, and Mr. Marriott proved an easy winner. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. J. R. Marriott	94	25	69	Mr. C. W. W. Surridge	93	10	83
Mr. B. A. L. Batchelor	92	20	72	Mr. W. M. Lindsay	108	18	90
Mr. E. G. M. Carmichael	94	12	82				

No return from Messrs. F. H. Campion, H. E. Atkinson, H. F. Pelham, R. W. Payne, and Rev. F. A. Hall.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

The final heat for the £5 prize, given by the Rev. Filmer Bennett, was played on February 2nd, and lay between Mr. E. Lehmann and Mr. John Lynes. The latter was receiving 13 strokes. The struggle—as the result proved—was fought in a drizzling rain; the ground was very soft, but the greens were in good order, and the putting generally was fairly true. The closeness of the game will be understood by the fact that neither performer was more than 2 up through the match, and at the seventeenth hole the cry was "All square." The next drive by Mr. Lehmann landed on the road, but was redeemed by a fine, though rather strong approach shot. His opponent made a good straight drive, failed with his second, but succeeded in putting his third within a few yards of the hole, and with the stroke was "the like." It was then Mr. Lehmann's putt, which was short, while Mr. Lynes lay dead. Mr. Lehmann failing with the next putt to find the bottom of the hole, it became an easy win for Mr. Lynes, who thereby secured the prize. Much interest was evinced in the match, which was severely contested throughout.

ROCHESTER v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Played at Chatham, February 4th. Result:—

ROCHESTER.		Holes.	ROYAL ENGINEERS.		Holes.
Mr. A. Schacht	...	0	Major Onslow	...	2
Mr. C. Lake	...	0	Mr. J. B. Barstow	...	1
Mr. T. Winch	...	5	Capt. Haynes	...	0
Mr. G. K. Anderson	...	8	Capt. Mantell	...	0
Mr. K. M. Macdonald	...	7	Capt. Dundee	...	0
Mr. R. Winch	...	6	Surgeon-Capt. Kay	...	0
Mr. J. Holroyde	...	0	Major-Gen. Dawson-Scott	...	4
Mr. E. Woodgate	...	0	Mr. A. Hardcastle	...	4
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		26			11

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

Club prize, February 4th.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Dr. Paterson	108	24	84	Mr. E. Ponsonby	104	14	90
Mr. F. J. Patton	86	1	85	Mr. H. Lawyer	100	9	91
Mr. A. C. Bartholomew	100	14	86	Mr. H. Eden	102	11	91
Sir G. Pigot	108	22	86	Mr. C. Ponsonby	106	15	91
Capt. Legh	108	21	87	Rev. H. Wilson	110	15	95
Capt. Kinlock	94	6	88	Rev. J. Stewart	107	11	96
Mr. C. E. Cottrell	100	7	93	Mr. F. F. Mackenzie	127	24	103

Also played—Messrs. W. R. L'Amy, G. Palmer, C. C. Clarke, H. C. Clarke, A. Bowring, C. A. Ferard, Sir T. Dyer, Dr. Nicolison, and Capt. Cooper Key.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

The club medal, played for on Thursday week, was won by Mr. G. L. Charlesworth with a score of 103, less 16=87, this being one stroke better than Mr. P. M. Lucas (scratch), whose card showed a score of 88. The competitors also included Major Archdale, Mr. E. M. Hansell, Dr. McClure, Dr. Dent, Mr. Forbes Eden, Mr. H. Broadhurst, Mr. H. T. S. Patteson, Dr. Fenner, Mr. R. W. Ketton, Mr. A. E. Jarvis, Mr. Ambrose Burton, and others, several of whom made no return. The wind was strong and somewhat baffling to the players, the scores being, as a consequence, rather high.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

Captain's prize.—A competition was commenced on Saturday for a prize, presented by the newly-elected captain of the club, Mr. Geo. C. May. Play was by holes, under handicap limited to 18, and the different heats will be played off during the next four weeks. Only four couples drawn in the first heat, played on Saturday, and the remaining competitors, set out below, will play during the week, and before next Saturday, on such days as they may arrange. Evidently the international football match drew many away who would otherwise have played in the first heat. The following is the result of Saturday's play:—General Moncrieff (10) beat Mr. J. Lumsden, jun. (4); Mr. J. Davidson (18) beat Mr. D. Christie (6); Lord Louth (6) beat Mr. J. Lumsden, sen. (4); Mr. W. Hove (4) beat Mr. H. C. Warren (12).

The following play during the week:—Mr. V. Kyrke (11) against Mr. A. T. Johns (12); Mr. J. H. S. Russell (8) against Captain Williams (8); Mr. C. D. Barry (11) against Mr. J. O. Wylie (11); Mr. H. J. Daly (9) against Mr. J. W. P. White (6).

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

This quarterly medal, special prizes, Gordon cup and monthly medal, were competed for on Saturday, the 28th ult. (briefly noticed in last week's issue), by about seventy members. The quarterly and monthly medals went to Mr. A. H. Cooke; Mr. J. L. McDowall and Mr. G. H. Swinstead tie with 88 for the first and second of the special prizes; Mr. B. G. Fabian wins the third with 89; Mr. W. Stair, 91, the fourth; and Mr. F. G. Bampfyld and Mr. G. R. Newburn 92, tie for fifth and sixth. Ties to be played off.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. H. Cooke ...	103 18 85	Mr. J. Badkin ...	111 16 95
Mr. J. L. McDowall ...	98 10 88	Mr. A. Fraser ...	111 16 95
Mr. G. H. Swinstead ...	106 18 88	Mr. C. J. Blackburn ...	113 18 95
Mr. B. G. Fabian ...	105 16 89	Mr. Sidney Kemp ...	106 10 96
Mr. W. Stair ...	109 18 91	Mr. C. H. Bidwell ...	114 18 96
Mr. F. G. Bampfyld ...	104 12 92	Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger ...	110 13 97
Mr. G. R. Newburn ...	110 18 92	Mr. R. Redwood ...	110 12 98
Mr. S. R. Bastard ...	96 3 93	Mr. R. O. Dallmeyer ...	113 15 98
Mr. R. T. Glover ...	117 24 93	Mr. J. James ...	109 10 99
Capt. Cowper Coles ...	97 3 94	Mr. J. Walker ...	111 12 99
Mr. E. Howard ...	108 14 94	Mr. E. Hall ...	111 12 99
Mr. J. W. M. Guy ...	111 16 95		

Others, 100 and upwards.

ROYAL GUERNSEY GOLF CLUB.

Result of January medal, played January 27th, 1893.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Capt. L. E. Amedroy ...	105 8 97	Col. Spencer Field ...	108 5 103
Mr. W. C. Brown ...	110 12 98	Mr. F. Slaytor ...	137 25 112
Mr. H. Maclean ...	108 8 100	Mr. F. P. Hutchisson ...	130 16 114
Major E. Wright ...	124 22 102	Mr. R. J. Bainbrigge ...	127 12 115
Mr. F. A. Fraser ...	117 15 102	Col. J. G. Cloete ...	123 7 116

Several other gentlemen made no return.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly prize, Saturday, February 4th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Capt. Orr ...	97 12 85	Mr. T. W. Barker ...	99 5 94
*Capt. Robin ...	88 2 86	Col. Mackenzie ...	98 3 95
*Mr. J. R. Brown ...	91 5 86	Mr. A. C. Salmonson ...	106 11 95
Mr. J. M. Robin ...	102 12 90	Rev. W. B. Holland ...	113 18 95
Mr. G. Hornby ...	86 +5 91		

* Divided sweepstakes.

Eleven players made no return.

BRADS GOLF CLUB.—At the annual meeting of this club the following office-bearers were elected. Councillor Kinloch Anderson, president; Mr. W. J. Walker, captain; Mr. J. St. Clair Shaw, 20, Fountainhall Road, secretary; Mr. P. Campbell, 9, Charles Street, treasurer; and the following were elected members of committee:—Messrs. H. Craigie, A. Tait, J. S. Campbell, G. S. Rankin, P. Grant, and J. Sinclair.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the winter optional subscription prizes, under handicap, took place at Hoylake last Saturday, when the weather was all that could be wished for. Some thirty-six couples competed. The result of the play showed that Mr. A. Turpin and Dr. G. G. Hamilton had tied for a win in for the optional subscription prize, with their respective net scores of 85. Mr. John Ball, who was also 85 net, had secured a win in previously. A win in for the second-class optional subscription prize was secured by Mr. G. H. Smyth, with his score of 104, less 22=82. This score won him the first sweepstakes, the second and third being divided between Messrs. Ball, Hamilton, and Turpin. The result of the play was as follows:—

First-class optional subscription prize, limited to 14 in the handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. Turpin ...	86	1	85	Mr. T. L. Ferguson ...	105 13 92
Mr. John Ball ...	87	2	85	Mr. J. H. Knight ...	98 5 93
Mr. G. G. Hamilton ...	89	4	85	Mr. H. M. Blythe ...	107 14 93
Mr. Jas. Fairclough ...	93	5	88	Mr. H. C. R. Siev-	
Mr. T. R. Bulley ...	100	12	88	wright ...	97 3 94
Mr. Harold Janion ...	102	12	90	Mr. Wm. Dod ...	106 12 94
Mr. John Ball, jun. ...	82	+9	91	Mr. H. Spalding ...	107 13 94
Mr. J. B. Hinshaw ...	96	5	91	Mr. Alex. Sinclair ...	97 2 95
Mr. Geo. Cook ...	97	6	91	Mr. E. K. Barnes ...	111 14 97
Mr. C. J. Crowther ...	99	8	91	Mr. A. E. Scales ...	112 14 98
Mr. A. Dod ...	105	14	91	Mr. J. H. Wild ...	109 10 99
Mr. R. J. Kerr ...	95	3	92	Mr. T. Owen Potter ...	110 9 101

Twenty-five competitors made no returns.

Second-class optional subscription prize, 15 to 30 in the handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. H. Smyth ...	104	22	82	Mr. St. Clare Byrne ...	113 19 94
Mr. Theo. Turpin ...	117	25	92	Mr. E. H. Higgins ...	111 15 96
Mr. H. H. Spring-				Mr. John Glynn ...	121 22 99
mann ...	109	16	93	Mr. Jas. B. Lloyd ...	126 20 106

Sixteen competitors made no returns.

During the afternoon Mr. John Ball, jun., playing a friendly match with Mr. Jas. Fairclough, who received half 1, went round in the fine score of 76.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The largest field that has been seen at Seaton for a club competition turned out on Saturday, no less than thirty-three strong, to compete for the favourite prize of the club, the Gray trophy. Fourteen members have won it once each, and two members (Messrs. G. Newby and E. W. Walker) twice each, so that the interest in this competition is now becoming acute. The relative high scores recorded below were accounted for by the strong wind, which was blowing dead against the players in going out, and unless a stroke was accurately played the wind took charge of the ball and carried it away to the eastward. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Rev. F. W. Savory ...	101	20	81	Rev. W. Wickwar ...	111 20 91
Mr. C. B. Williamson ...	95	13	82	Major M. Gray ...	107 14 93
Mr. A. L. Robinson ...	96	13	83	Mr. A. Massingham ...	114 21 93
Mr. G. Newby ...	95	7	88	Mr. P. B. Kent ...	109 15 94
Mr. W. Purves ...	97	9	88	Mr. A. B. Crosby ...	104 9 95
Mr. C. Cooper ...	101	10	91		

Messrs. E. R. Lindley, P. Wood, J. W. Marshall, E. W. and S. Walker, W. S. Woodiwiss, G. Pyman, jun., F. W. Purves, C. J. Bunting, F. L. Cope, O. K. Trechmann, W. Ropner, H. Simpson, L. K. Fawcitt, H. Doughty, J. Hardy, jun., A. R. Paton, S. Stover, and other members made no returns.

A general meeting (with Mr. Philip Wood in the chair) afterwards decided to extend the club house, and adopted the very admirable plans of Mr. J. J. Wilson, Architect, of West Hartlepool, which were previously unanimously recommended by the building committee, and appointed the honorary secretary (Mr. C. Cooper) and Messrs. Seymour, Walker, and C. B. Williamson to control the extension of the building.

ST. NEOTS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly competition for ladies' prize, Saturday, February 4th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss J. Squire ...	65	30	35	Mrs. J. W. Addington ...	87 30 57
Mrs. Good ...	82	40	42	Miss F. Squire ...	98 40 58
Mrs. Jordan ...	78	35	43	Miss M. Towgood ...	85 25 60
Mrs. P. C. Tomson ...	85	40	45	Miss K. Meade ...	77 15 62
Miss Bower ...	61	10	51	Miss Ryder ...	82 15 67

Four members made no return.

DUMFRIES.—The Queen of the South Club's medal was won on Saturday by Mr. Blake, with a score of 77, being 1 point more than that with which he gained the Dumfries and Galloway Club medal on the previous week.

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TENBY GOLF CLUB.

The gentlemen's fortnightly handicap took place on Wednesday, February 1st, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. S. Gulston...	112 29 83	Mr. H. T. Smyth ...	117 26 91
Col. Fitzgerald ...	116 33 83	Lieut. Henderson ...	124 30 94
Mr. A. C. F. Evans ...	102 15 87	Mr. H. J. Allen ...	113 16 97
Colonel M. Lloyd ...	110 21 83	Mr. J. G. Faber ...	125 28 97
Capt. Westby ...	114 24 90	Mr. E. G. Spin ...	122 18 104
Mr. G. H. Logan ...	101 10 91	Mr. T. A. Rees ...	116 10 105

The tie for the first place has not yet been played off.
 The ladies' handicap, owing to the weather, was put off until to-day.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

Medal competition, February 4th, 1893:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. Legh, M.P. ...	95 13 82	Mr. G. H. Gill ...	116 16 100
Mr. A. Hood ...	101 14 87	Mr. A. C. Bailey ...	120 18 102
Mr. A. J. Robertson ...	97 6 91	Mr. J. Bell... ..	117 14 103
Mr. F. Taylor ...	102 11 91	Mr. G. D. Wans-	
Mr. W. Neill ...	104 13 91	borough ...	118 14 104
Mr. W. Jeans ...	111 19 92	Mr. W. Duff Bruce	116 12 104
Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	117 21 96	Mr. J. Wood ...	117 12 105

There was a large attendance of members. The day was brilliant, but rather too much so for Golf, which no doubt contributed to the small number of scores returned. Much satisfaction was expressed with the state of the course, and the amount of work which had been recently accomplished. The new club-house is fast approaching completion, and, we understand, will be ready for occupation in May. The committee are to be congratulated on the thorough manner in which they have their work carried out.

WEST CORNWALL.

The monthly medal competition, second of the spring series, was played off on Saturday, January 28th, one of the most wretched days in West Cornwall this year. A gale of wind with driving rain at intervals. Of sixteen who entered, the following played.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. W. Smith ...	133 35 98	Capt. Savage ...	159 50 109
Mr. R. F. Tyacke... ..	133 25 103	Mr. A. Lang ...	159 not hcp.
Mr. Robert Read ...	153 45 103		

Messrs. R. Fox, Frank Harvey and W. F. Harvey no returns.
 The equality in gross and net scores is peculiar.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE GOLF CLUB.

The medal day proved very winy and blustering, and scoring was not good on the whole. The new teeing-grounds were much approved by the players, and most of the competitors consequently drove better than usual. The scoring was as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Gillmore ...	110 4 105	Mr. R. F. Duckworth	127 9 118
Mr. C. P. Crouch... ..	141 30 111	Mr. F. R. Smith ...	152 20 132

No returns from the other players.

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The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst. In the morning the ground was waterlogged, and the wind very high and capitious; but matters improved immensely, and by the afternoon the ground became much drier, and the wind went down to a comparative breeze. Nearly all the players waited until the afternoon, and consequently had the best part of the day. Owing to the wet state of the ground and repairs to some of the greens the round has for many weeks been a very short one, but on Wednesday the full course was reopened. There were nineteen entries for the sweepstakes, which were won by Mr. Jones. The returns sent in were as follows:—

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EDINBURGH INSTITUTION (F.P.) GOLF CLUB.—The annual general meeting of this club was held in the school on Friday evening. The secretary's statement, showing the funds of the club to be in a flourishing condition, was duly passed. The membership is on the increase, thirteen new members having been admitted during the year, the new season beginning with eighty-seven members. All former pupils of the school are eligible. The office-bearers appointed for this year are—President, Dr. Ferguson; vice-president, Dr. Alexander; captain, Mr. A. L. Macdonald; committee, Messrs. H. de Maine Alexander, A. S. Cairns, James Drummond, W. K. Morton, G. E. Robertson, and J. S. Stevenson; secretary, Mr. Andrew Henderson, 22, St. Andrew Square.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the club tankard took place on Saturday, over the Coutham links, the weather being very fine and the ground in good order. A large number of competitors put in an appearance, and the following scores were sent in, the winner being once more one of the Scotts, who have so often carried off the club honours:—Mr. C. E. Scott, 97, less 4=93; Mr. S. Cradock, 104, less 8=96; Mr. I. F. Whitwell, 107, less 8=99; Rev. J. Wallace, 117, less 18=99; Mr. C. D. Mackenzie, 104, less 4=100; Mr. T. H. Wynn, 109, less 8=101; Mr. J. Lambert, 116, less 12=104. The others made no returns.

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.—At Wimbledon, on Saturday, the competition for this club's monthly medal was held. Mr. E. Lehmann, 87, less 7=80, was the winner, and the next best scores were:—Mr. O. B. Martyn, 100, less 15=85; Mr. O. S. Froy, 93, less 5=88; Mr. B. G. Brown, 91, less 2=89; Mr. A. Anderson, 90, scratch; Mr. W. B. Lindsay, 95, less 6=90; and Mr. T. R. Pinkerton, 90, plus 3=93.

BRIDGE OF WEIR.—The members of the Ranfurly Club turned out in large numbers on Saturday for the monthly gold medal. Scores of the three first players:—Mr. D. K. McLeish (winner), 95, less 18=78; Mr. Neil Robson, jun., 110, less 30=80; Mr. J. Dalziel, 107, less 25=82.

THE ST. ANDREWS CLUB.—The second of a series of three competitions (best two scores out of three to count) took place on Saturday for a handsome case of meerschaum pipes, presented to the club by one of its members. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—Mr. Sam Kirk, 105, less 25=80; Captain A. Milne, 89, less 8=81; Mr. R. Braid (scratch), 84; Mr. W. Duncan (scratch), 84; Mr. J. Liddel, 91, less 7=84; Mr. R. M'Andrew, 95, less 9=86; Mr. D. Grieve, 111, less 25=86; Mr. L. Auchterlonie (scratch), 87; Mr. A. Dewar, 99, less 12=87; Mr. D. Auchterlonie (scratch), 88; Mr. D. Simpson (scratch), 89; Mr. R. Condie, 107, less 18=89; Mr. R. Foulis, 95, less 6=89; Mr. A. Strath, 94, less 4=90; Mr. J. Herd, 97, less 7=90.

GEORGE WATSON'S CLUB.—The fifth monthly competition of this club was played over Musselburgh. Prize winners, 1, Mr. W. Edwards, 107, less 24=83; 2, Mr. J. L. Oliver, 117, less 21=96; 3, Mr. S. Meikle, 113, less 15=98.

CRAIGMILLAR GOLF CLUB.—The first monthly competition for the season was held at Musselburgh on Saturday. The captain's charm was won by Mr. J. T. Scott (scratch) with 96. Other prizes were won by Mr. A. C. Smith and Mr. J. Turner.

EDINBURGH FORFARSHIRE ASSOCIATION CLUB.—The winter quarterly competition was played on the Braids on Saturday. Result:—1, Mr. J. S. Officer; 2, Mr. H. M. Wallace; 3, Mr. W. P. Wighton.

BEARSDEN CLUB.—The monthly handicap competition, open to the gentlemen members of this club, for Captain Lowrie's gold medal, took place on Saturday, on a sixteen-hole course. Result:—Mr. D. Buchanan, jun., 103, less 22=81 (winner of medal). Next best scores:—Mr. George Rome (scratch), 82; Mr. S. Armstrong (scratch), 83; Mr. Alex. Wilson, 102, less 18=84; Mr. James Thompson (scratch), 84; Mr. Burton, 87, less 2=85; Mr. W. Wilson (scratch), 86.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—The final heat for the Graham-Seville foursome challenge cups was played on Tuesday, the 31st ult., between the holders (Messrs. F. A. Bainbridge and J. F. Wright) and Mr. C. G. Lefroy and Capt. Cowan, the winners of the December competition. The latter couple, who received two strokes, beat the holders, after an exciting match, by one hole.

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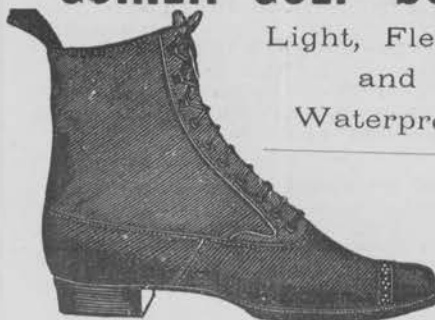
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