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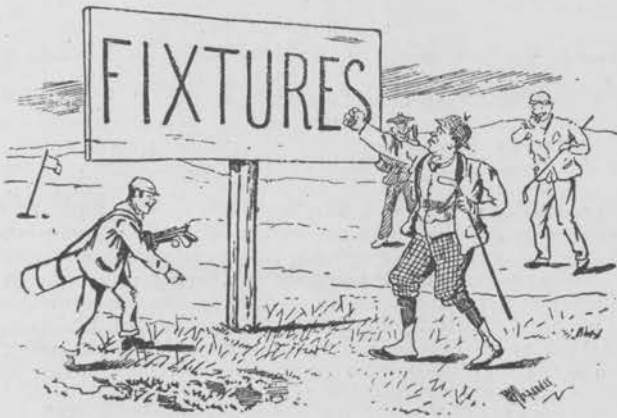
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FEBRUARY.

- 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.  
Headingly : Monthly Medal.  
Southwold : Quarterly Challenge 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).  
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.  
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : Captain's Cup.  
Staines : The Sanger Cup.
- Feb. 28.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.  
Burnham (Somerset) : Monthly Medal.

MARCH.

- Mar. 1.—Sheffield and District : Commander Smith's Medal.  
Southport : Competition (Match Play) for Pearson Prize begins.  
Cambridge University *v.* St. Neots (at Cambridge).
- Mar. 2.—Tyneside : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 3.—Cambridge University *v.* Royal Blackheath (at Cambridge).  
Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 4.—Southport : Monthly Competition.  
Richmond : Monthly Medal.  
Warwickshire : Club Cup.  
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.  
Cambridge University *v.* Great Yarmouth (at Cambridge).  
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optionals.  
Brighton and Hove : Berens Gold Medal.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Leicester : Monthly Medal.  
Clacton-on-Sea : Monthly Medal.  
Guildford *v.* Winchester (at Winchester).  
Edinburgh University : Challenge Shield.  
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Manchester : Monthly Medal.  
Tooting : Monthly Medal.

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## BLAIRGOWRIE.

Not the least of the many attractions of this beautiful town is the Landsdowne Golf course. Blairgowrie basks softly at the base of the northern slope of Strathmore, in Perthshire. Approaching it from the east on a clear June evening, we know no more enchanting scene. The harsh grandeur of the Highlands is here supplanted by a cheerful mildness and a sylvan joy. The giants of Highland story here give place to the elves who trip about from dewy morn to heaven-flushed eve. What an enchanting panorama is before one! How beautifully variegated with wood and pasture-land among the highly-cultured fields; in front the Birnam of Macbeth, with its densely-wooded surroundings, and beyond, touching the grey horizon, the cloudlike peaks of the Trossachs mountains; on the left the kindly Sidlaws running on to Dunsinane; on the right the heaven-kissing Grampians! Elegant mansions, embedded in warm, wooded spots, catch the eye; and the landscape is made living by the constant flow of the ireful Erich.

Enchanting vale! Beyond whate'er the Muse  
Has of Achaia or Hesperia sung!  
O vale of bliss! O softly swelling hills,  
On which the power of cultivation lies,  
And joys to see the wonders of its toil!

The manufacturers and merchants of Dundee find Blairgowrie a glorious summer residence. In every direction are excellent walks. Near it the Eagle's Crag, a precipitous rock, 300 feet in height, stretches 700 feet along the Erich bank. Strangely savage does nature there appear in its kaleidoscopic variety, and many a weird legend is connected with the surroundings. Occupying a commanding position on the summit of a cliff opposite, stands the prototype of the Tullyveolan of Waverley. Looking down on the river we have a rare combination of "the gleam, the shadow, and the peace supreme."

To the fine walks, splendid views, excellent bowling-greens and tennis-courts, has lately been added the Landsdowne Golf-course, within fifteen minutes' run by train. All praise is due to the committee of management, presided over by Sir Alex. Muir Mackenzie, Bart., of Delvine, for breaking into form this inland course. Already have the putting-greens been made true and firm; artificial bunkers have here and there been formed to trap the fozler and unwary; and trees have been left to form additional hazards. A nice, rustic club-house, with stabling, has been erected for the convenience of players. The muir is rented from the patroness of the club, the Marchioness of Landsdowne. The course is necessarily zigzag, extending to 2,568 yards, and consisting of nine holes. Out of deference to the captain, and as a recognition of his deep interest in the game, the home hole or starting-point has been called the "Mackenzie." The first hole is the longest, down a valley between occasional firs. Sometimes a hard-hit ball, when caught by the dense branches, will be kept aloft for a time; in which case the player drops a ball within two club-lengths of the tree, without a penalty. A wild shot, when the wind is high, might carry the ball over a fence, the penalty being the loss of a stroke, and the risk of tearing one's clothes with the barbed wire. On the left is the Smuggler's Bunker, tradition handing down the rare work carried on there in the illicit distilling of whisky; while opposite it is the Gauger's Bunker, where the officers of the Excise used to keep watch. The Valley Hole putting-green is like the bottom of a basin, and experienced players can approach it with great accuracy. The second hole is called "Mount Blair," for right beyond it that solitary mountain rears its conical head into the heavens. Many antiquarians are of opinion that this is the Mons Grampius of the Roman historian, and some believe that the battle between the Romans under Agricola and the Caledonians under Galgacus was fought near the Muir early in the Christian Era. Early in the last century there was dug up out of a moss bog in the neighbourhood the body of a Roman soldier, in full armour, and in an upright position. The third hole is called "The Fairy Dell"; now being thoroughly drained. The hollow is surrounded by heavy-headed Scotch firs; beyond the rich carpet of putting-green are spongy grass and heather. Beyond is the Black Loch, and near is dense wood, all giving the situation a fairy-like charm. Curious legends

have been handed down of the Brownies that danced about in that dell. The last was Redcap, who assisted a tired blacksmith to do his work; but, unfortunately, the smith thanked the Brownie, who disappeared, as was their wont, at the sound of a human voice. The fourth is called the "Heather Hole"—a very accurate description; for you get into very rough country if you deviate from the straight course, though unbounded thanks are due to the left-handed veteran, Major Chalmers, once a tournament champion, for his persevering and admirable work in burning this heather with a curiously-constructed paraffin apparatus. Back again you drive to the Loch Hole, which is close to the wood. The most difficult of all the holes is the sixth hole, which, out of respect to the club's painstaking and enthusiastic secretary, Mr. Isaac Henry Anderson, has been called "Druid's Mere," after the name of his residence adjoining. Whether the Druids had a rendezvous here or not, is beyond my knowledge; but it might have suited them admirably. At the same time it may be mentioned that, a little to the west, at Marlee, a Druids' circle of stones was restored at the request of the Very Rev. Dr. Boyd, of St. Andrews, when residing there. In front of the tee is an insignificant tree, which, however, catches not a few skimmed balls. To draw your ball is fatal; for you can only with great difficulty extricate yourself from the tree-roots. On the right is a bunker; and you must play straight. The second shot is even more precarious. To the right is a dangerous barbed fence; to the left are the fence and trees: beyond the hole is the "Trap" bunker. Turning homewards, you play the "long" hole, which is still a little grassy, though the putting-green is good. The "short" hole has a yawning bunker short of the green, and the "Mackenzie" has a fine approach. This green has just been very well laid out for the completion of a score. It is now 33 yards square, and the ground in front of it has been so much improved that the approach is practically 50 yards in length. Fine new teeing grounds of 23 feet by 14 feet, have been recently formed.

Exemplary enthusiasm has been shown in the introduction and carrying-out of the game; but Blairgowrie has been noted for its ball sports. Three centuries ago, young men were in the practice of playing at shinty on Sunday, between sermons, and often did the Rev. John Ross warn them of their bad conduct; but to no effect. He was a very athletic man, using force to compel his people to go to church. One Sunday he appeared among the youths, and, taking off his coat and placing it on his staff, which he had stuck into the ground, he solemnly exclaimed:—

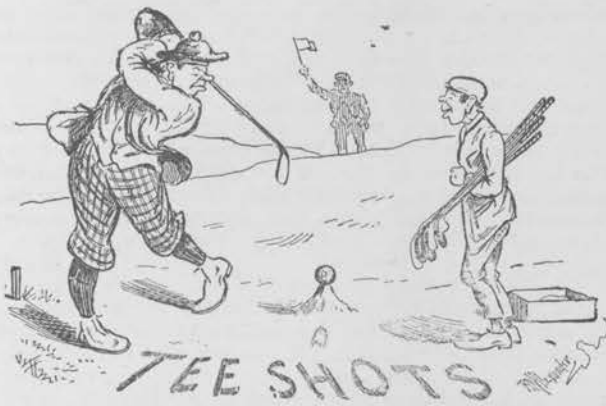
"Stand ye there,  
As minister o' Blair,  
While I, John Ross,  
Get a game at the ba'."

Keenly, then, did he enter into the contest; but, instead of striking the ball, he, under pretence of being exceedingly blind in his aim, struck the *shins* of the youths, till he sent them all limping home.

In the spring a very handsome silver cup was presented to the club by David Low, Esq., manufacturer, which was won by Mr. S. Honeyman, Coupar Angus. The ladies of Blairgowrie, several of whom are members of the Club, then presented the Club with a most beautiful silver cup, for handicap competition by members within a five miles, radius. After a three days' tournament, the cup was deservedly won by Mr. Isaac Henry Anderson; though his final opponent, Mr. Goudie, fought a very plucky up-hill game. The details of these competitions were published in GOLF as the matches took place.

Is there no wealthy enthusiast of Golf in Dundee or Blairgowrie who will follow Mr. Low's laudable example, and give a donation of £100 to complete the new turfing of the putting-greens? Or is it to be left to the ladies to raise the money by the never-failing bazaar? For, with true putting-greens and thorough patching of the course in the Tom-Morris-style under the direction of the Major, the Blairgowrie green could be made a good inland golfing course; and that is all that Blairgowrie requires to complete its attractiveness for summer visitors. One good thing, ladies are enrolled to play over the course, and we hope to see the gentlemen present them with a medal for competition. Or would they rather have the charming double with the gentlemen, so popular at tennis?

J. G. MCPHERSON.



Arrangements are being made for the annual Parliamentary Golf match, and this year the entries promise to be more numerous than in any of the preceding competitions. The General Election has brought some new golfing recruits into Parliament, and members generally are beginning to take an interest in Golf for its own sake, as being a sport of surpassing interest and worthy of every encouragement. The competition will be played over the new private course of the Tooting Bec Club at Furzedown. The improvements made on the course during the winter are beginning to bear fruit. The ground is much drier; some of the putting-greens have been relaid and well sanded; the lies are good; the hazards are full of interest and of a genuinely golfing character; there are eighteen holes, varied in length and diversified in character, the entire length of the course being about three miles round; and, above all, the green is private and within half an-hour of Parliament. The result is that members, when divisions are impending in these critical times, can play Golf and yet be within call of the Tory or Radical Whips. The club-house, which is being built at a cost of about £3,000, is nearly finished, and will in all probability be ready for occupation in May. The committee engaged in making arrangements for the Parliamentary match are the Marquis of Granby, M.P., Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P., Mr. Seton-Karr, M.P., Mr. T. W. Legh, M.P., and Mr. J. P. Croal of the *Scotsman*. Now that the cares of office do not sit on Mr. A. J. Balfour, it is expected that the leader of the Opposition will be a keen competitor this year.

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A "battle of flowers" was held at Cannes last week, in fine, springlike weather. Notwithstanding the scarcity and dearness of blooms, on account of the recent cold and snow, there were 200 carriages in the procession, and many of them were very prettily decorated. The principal prizes went to the car of the Cannes Golf Club, which contained the Grand Duke Michael of Russia and twenty golfers in red and white, the colours of the club; a car constructed by the officers of the French Mediterranean Squadron; Mrs. Elder, of Glasgow; and M. Pommery. Among the English visitors who gained smaller banners was the Earl of Dalhousie. The Grand Duke of Mecklenburgh-Schwerin and his children also took part in the *fête*. Lord Brougham was a member of the jury.

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For several years past the inadequacy of the present St. Andrews Golf course to accommodate the players who flock to St. Andrews during the summer season has been much complained of, but there is now some prospect of the difficulty being removed. At a meeting of the Town Council on Monday night, the 6th inst, Baillie Harris gave notice of a motion to consider as to increasing the golfing facilities on the links, and as many of the members have already expressed themselves in approval of a scheme for forming an auxiliary Golf course, it is regarded as almost certain that the question will be successfully tackled. The co-operation of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club is anticipated, and as the proprietor is himself a member of the club and a keen golfer, there should be no serious obstacles to the realisation of Baillie Harris' scheme.

The last volume of the new edition of "Chambers's Encyclopædia" has just been published. Its issue has extended over five years, and the work contains 30,000 articles by 1,000 contributors. Mr. D. Patrick, the editor, was entertained to supper in celebration of the completion of the work, and the chairman, Mr. C. E. S. Chambers—now the head of the firm—presented Mr. Patrick with a monster album containing the portraits of the contributors. Readers of GOLF will remember that we have given portraits of three generations of the Chambers family, who have all done much for the game of Golf, and Mr. C. E. S. Chambers may now be congratulated on the publication of a work worthy of this distinguished firm—a work that every literary man, and indeed, every one who can afford it, should have in his library. The firm have been happy in the choice of an editor, Mr. Patrick having done his work with great care and ability.

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Mr. C. E. S. Chambers is himself the writer of the Article on "Golf" in the "Encyclopædia," and the article is clearly and sensibly written, while the illustrations of the various clubs, the "grip" and the "swing" (in which we recognise the artist Mr. Pairman bending the knee to the idol of the day) are all good. It is curious to note that such a well-known player takes no notice of the "three-ball" match, or of Mr. Clark's "best ball" match, as possible variations of the game, but only enumerates "singles" and "foursomes" as Golf matches. Perhaps he is not far wrong. Nor does he give illustrations of modern clubs, not even the bulger. Perhaps he is right. If Southern golfers are anxious to erect a monument on the Thames Embankment to some one worthy of the honour they may read, mark, and ponder over the following remark of Mr. Chambers:—"English golfers are much indebted to the exertions of the late Mr. George Glennie, sometime captain of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, for keeping the game alive at Blackheath, while for some years it was unknown elsewhere in the South, and it was mainly his fostering influence which promoted its growth on other Southern greens."

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In view of some "Tee-shots" on the various Golf-balls in use for which we now cry "Fore!" that parties interested may be on the look-out, we turned to the article in the above publication on "Gutta Percha." If proof were needed of the excellence of the "Encyclopædia" as a work of reference this article is one of the strongest. It is brimful of information although not occupying a page. From it we learn that *g'atta pârcha* or *guttah pertja* is a Malay word; that the article is the dried milky juice of various trees of the order *Sapotacea*, the chief of which Hooker calls *Isonandra gutta*, that the tree grows to a height of seventy feet, and is often found with diameter of three or four feet. The tree is found in the Peninsula of Malacca and the Malayan Archipelago. Though gutta-percha was known long ago in Europe in the form of drinking bowls and shoes, brought here by voyagers, its peculiar characteristics and uses were unknown till, in 1843, these were explained by Dr. William Montgomerie, of the Indian Medical Service, who was rewarded with the medal of the Society of Arts. Like the Free Church of Scotland, gutta-percha therefore this year celebrates its Jubilee, and it is to be hoped that golfers will do honour to an agent which many will think has been as much instrumental in hastening on the Millennium.

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The increase in the importation of gutta-percha has gone on by leaps and bounds. In 1860 the amount was 16,000 cwt., while from January to October, 1889, the amount was 38,940 cwt. At present we should suppose the amount is much larger than ever. At the time the author of the article in the "Encyclopædia" wrote he quotes the price as 24s. per cwt. The actual price at present, we believe, is 78s. per cwt. An increase of this kind seems to show that the supply is not equal to the demand. Indeed, the price for the best material must certainly be higher, for we find that many ball manufacturers quote it at 7s. 6d. per lb. The general weight of a ball is about 1½ ozs., so that makers cannot be said to have profits at all like the chemists, but very much the opposite. For the enormous demand and high price Golf is not chiefly responsible. The

most important application of gutta-percha for a long time was for coating marine telegraph wires, but it was so readily oxidised that various substitutes, such as india-rubber, have been displacing it.

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Endless other purposes, useful and ornamental, are served by the "precious gum." It is used (more in America than in England) for over-shoes, also in belting for machinery, pump-buckets, shoe-soles, tissue, thread or whip-cord, and tubing. Surgeons use it for splints and moist coverings to retard evaporation. It has also been used for stopping hollow teeth. The writer adds:—"It will always be of great value as a material in which to take casts, as it can in the soft state be made to take the sharpest forms most faithfully, and as it quickly becomes hard and preserves its shape if not too thin."

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The following remarks on the cleaning of the article will also be interesting to golfers:—"Gutta-percha is imported [mostly from the East Indies] in blocks of 5lbs. to 10lbs. weight, in various forms, chiefly like large cakes, or rounded into gourd-like lumps. It has a very light reddish-brown, or almost a flesh colour; is full of irregular pores, elongated in the direction in which the mass has been kneaded. It has a cork-like appearance when cut, and a peculiar cheese-like odour. Before it can be used it has to undergo some preparation. This consists in slicing the lumps into thin shavings, which are placed in a *devilling* or tearing machine, revolving in a trough of hot water. This reduces the shavings to exceedingly small pieces, which, by the movement of the tearing teeth, are washed free from any impurities, especially fragments of the bark of the tree, which, if not separated, would interfere with the composition of its texture—one of its most important qualities. The small fragments, when sufficiently cleansed, are kneaded into masses; and these are rolled several times between heated cylinders, which press out any air or water, and render the mass uniform in texture. It is then rolled between heated steel rollers into sheets of various thicknesses for use, or is formed into rods, pipes for water, speaking tubes, or any of the innumerable articles which may be made of it."

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At the recent annual meeting of the Edinburgh East Lothian Association, Mr. J. D. Lawrie, of Monkbrig, in proposing "Prosperity to East Lothian," referred to the importance to the county of what he called "the great and growing industry of Golf." "He expected soon," he said, "to see every bit of available ground from Musselburgh to Dunbar taken up with Golf courses. (Hear, hear.) Golfers must now have railways for themselves. (Applause.) They were not content with coaches. Two of the most celebrated engineers in Edinburgh had been busily employed looking after railways to East Lothian." In reference to Mr. Lawrie's remarks, we may state that the Aberlady and Gullane Railway has passed the Standing Orders of the House of Commons, and that Messrs. Dundas and Wilson, C.S., the agents, are busy beating up evidence from the district in favour of the Bill.

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Happy members of the Mortonhall Club! While the great proletariat crush and jostle each other near by on the plebeian Braids, the Mortonhall men, in peace and quiet, pursue their game unmolested by the madding crowd. Not only so, but everything they want seems to fall from heaven as a gift. They have built a beautiful club-house, and Mr. Sydney Mitchell, architect, has prepared the plan gratis. Colonel Trotter, the proprietor of the ground, has presented a handsome silver bowl for competition, and in very generous terms has allowed fifteen more acres to be taken in to extend the course, the holes being rather short. Lees, the green-keeper, has much improved the course during the winter.

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Dr. Alexander Henry Vassie was married in Abbots hall Church, on the 8th instant, to Miss Spears, only child of the Town Clerk, Kirkcaldy. Dr. Vassie is a first-rate golfer, and holds the record of the Lanark Golf Club, 112 for twenty-eight holes. He belongs to a golfing family, his father and several

brothers being all adepts at the game; and at curling, also, the family quartette are known in the district as almost indomitable. Indeed, by any one who reads the records of the Lanark Golf Club, which numbers about one hundred members, the Vassie element may be found to predominate. The captain is John Vassie, the secretary is James Arthur Vassie, and as for the prizes, it is a case of "Vassie, Vassie everywhere, and scarcely a prize for anybody else." Since the doctor, whom we heartily congratulate on his marriage, has settled down in Fife, he has displayed his prowess at Leven and elsewhere, and the golfers of "the kingdom" may do well to keep their eye upon him.

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In the "Diurnal of Remarkable Occurrents in the History of Golf" it now stands recorded that on Thursday, February 2nd, 1893, a Golf ball was found in the stomach of a saithe caught somewhere south of Ailsa Craig. The two leading newspapers in Scotland differed as to what column of news should contain this item of historical interest. The *Scotsman*, no doubt recognising the "fishy" nature of the story, entered it under its Fishing Report; but the *Glasgow Herald* had it sandwiched between two Golf Club competitions—Ranfurly and Prestwick. A small imp at our side backs the *Herald*, because the saithe, he saith, "must have been gutt(i)ed by a golfer." Another thinks it was a novel method of advertising, the name, "Silver-town," being still upon the ball. One of the elders at Girvan thinks it accounts for the story of Jonah the prophet, whose name as a ball-maker being upon a ball swallowed by a whale, gave rise to the tradition, and he suggests that means should be adopted to hinder future generations from saying that a whole town of silver was got outside of by a saithe in the year 1893. Query? Was the *saithe* not a *cod*?

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There are other and more ancient skeletons at the feast of Golf than the poor caddies who stand shivering in the depths of winter ragged and foodless. Recently when a new putting-green was being made on the Dornock course (near Crieff), the workmen uncovered a full-grown human skeleton on the top of what is locally known as "the Fairy Knowe." The knowe, or mound, is evidently artificial, and composed of earth, its surroundings being gravelly. About a year ago a similar experience befel the Archerfield green-keeper. When banking up the bunker at the eighth hole several graves, constructed of rough slabs were found, and it is believed that here also underneath the mound, which forms the putting-green, other skeletons, perhaps of the monks of Elbottle, who had an establishment close by, will be found; but the green is at present small enough without removing any more of it to satisfy curiosity on the point. Hutchison, in his "Tales and Traditions of Leith," tells how, in 1645, many who died of the plague were buried in the links, and says:—"How very few are aware that, while pursuing their recreation or amusement on the links, they are treading over the graves of hundreds, who with scant ceremony were huddled into their mother earth, by men who were fearful that the next day's sun might see others performing a like office for them."

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Smoking concerts are great events under that modern body, the Students' Representative Council, especially in Edinburgh. Lord Stormouth Darling was bagged as chairman for the last, and, as might be supposed by those who know how genial and sociable "my Lord" is, the evening was delightful. It may not be generally known that his lordship is the M. T. S. D. who sings the golfing parody-song, "Duffers Yet!" the best of the kind we know, and which is to be found in Clark's volume on Golf:—

Must it ever then be thus?  
Failure most mysterious!  
Shall we never fairly stand,  
Eye on ball as club in hand?  
Are the bounds eternal set  
To retain us duffers yet?  
Duffers yet! duffers yet!

No! That was the young, briefless advocate, battling with despair. He is now the most popular Judge on the Bench (with students), a happy married man, and no duffer at the royal and ancient game.

Mr. Gregor McGregor, one of the Scotch golfers who, if business would only allow of sufficient practice, would be second to none, has recently not been in very good health. His friends will be glad to learn that he is himself again, and on Saturday last he played a remarkable round at North Berwick. With a very inauspicious 8 to start with (having gone "over the garden wall") he finished in 76, his card showing no less than five 3's in the round.

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Mr. Sidney McCulloch, the well-known promising young North Berwick golfer, lately returned home after a short visit to Australia, and he has now set off for America, where he intends to settle down, and we hope to hear of him distinguishing himself in the States, both at business and at Golf.

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The Leasowe Golf Club held their first "club" supper in the Angel Hotel, Liverpool, when a large representative assembly sat down under the chairmanship of Dr. Burton, supported by Mr. Rodk. Johnston in the vice-chair. After the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed "The health of Mr. John Ball, jun., the captain." This toast was received with acclamation, and rendered with hearty musical honours. Mr. Ball responded in his well-known eloquent style. The evening was devoted to song and mirth. The following gentlemen were among those who contributed to the pleasure of the evening by giving songs, recitations, and violin solos:—Messrs. Campbell, Evans, Brettan, Darby, Deuchar, Jolly, Smith, and Roxburgh, Captain Gray, and the hon. secretary. Additional interest was evinced in several of the items, owing to their being original compositions of several of the members present. Mr. Frank Bussell was an efficient accompanist.

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Still another Golf course is proposed in that much-begolfed parish of Dirleton, namely, on Gullane Common, to the north-west of the present course. This is a wise and dexterous proposal for which we believe Mr. Hamilton-Ogilvy, of Archerfield, has the credit; and, if carried out, it will be a powerful argument in favour of the railway to Gullane. Mr. Hope's opposition was to be expected, but it was unfortunate that such Gullane feuars as Messrs. J. A. Robertson, J. Molleson, and G. McIntosh, all legal gentlemen, took up an attitude of opposition mainly because the links would become overcrowded. The legs will now be knocked away from their opposition. No doubt it has been found impossible to impose restrictions on those who Golf on the present Gullane course, and Mr. Hamilton-Ogilvy was wise to seek another where those who did not like the *profanum vulgus* might play, especially on crowded days. On fresh ground the public will not be expected to start new claims, though the feuars will no doubt have their rights, and rules and regulations for the new green may be drawn up so as to have it at least semi-private.

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On Saturday afternoon the handsome new club-house of the Mortonhall Golf Club, Edinburgh, was formally opened by Colonel Trotter, the proprietor of the ground. Though the day was a trifle bleak and cold, there was a numerous turn-out of members, among those present being Lord Stormonth-Darling, Colonel M'Inroy, Colonel Stewart, Deputy Surgeon-General Houstoun, Deputy Inspector-General Measer, the Revs. W. Whyte Smith and W. Stevenson, Mr. George Lorimer, Mr. Sydney Mitchell, Mr. Andrew Usher, and others. The proceedings opened by the captain (Mr. Duncan M'Laren, S.S.C.) making the presentation to Colonel Trotter of a silver key with which to open the door of the club-house. After performing the formal opening, Colonel Trotter expressed the pleasure he had in being present, and said he trusted that the club-house would prove of great advantage to the members. The captain subsequently proposed a vote of thanks to Colonel Trotter for his interest in the club, and for what he had done for it. Hearty cheers were given for Colonel Trotter, who, in replying, said he had to ask the club to accept from him a small silver cup to be competed for on scratch conditions by the members of the club. The cup was not one of much intrinsic value, but he hoped it would, at all events, afford the winners of it satisfaction, and remind them of pleasant games played on

Mortonhall course. Thereafter a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Sydney Mitchell and Mr. Alexander Hay—the former of whom generously supplied the designs for the club-house, and the latter placed his services as a surveyor at the disposal of the club—and cake and wine were partaken of. An interesting foursome was played by Colonel Trotter and the captain against Lord Stormonth-Darling and Mr. Andrew Usher, the former couple winning at the High Hole by 4 up and 3 to play. Mr. John Taylor, playing against Mr. Walter M'Farlane, went round the fifteen holes in 64, a capital performance. He had the Pond Hole in 3, a distance of 380 yards, and against a stiffish wind.

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The merchants resident in the north side of Edinburgh have formed themselves into a club, to be known as Northern Merchants' Golf Club. Lord Wolmer, M.P., is hon. president, and the office-bearers are:—Captain, Mr. J. A. Smith; secretary, Mr. A. Gibson, 5, Baker's Place; treasurer, Mr. W. Milne; committee, Messrs. D. W. Mathew, A. Breck, and J. Jackson.

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The Notts Golf Club is looking forward to a very successful year. The membership is larger than it has ever been before, and is steadily increasing. The committee have engaged John Milne, of Montrose, as professional and greenkeeper. He comes with the highest testimonials, and his play fully merits them.

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Mr. John Doleman, a veteran member of the Notts Club, accomplished a very fine performance last week, when playing a match with Mr. A. T. Ashwell. He did the two rounds in 42, 37=79, and though 37 is recorded as having been touched in both amateur and professional play before, and the record of the green for two consecutive rounds is 39, 39=78, Mr. Doleman may claim an advantage over any previous performances in that his score was carefully recorded from start to finish. His 37 was made up as follows:—3 4 5 3 5 6 3 4 4 =37. It is evident that Mr. Doleman's seventy years is no bar to brilliant play.

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#### THE A1 SPECIAL BALL.

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Following the example of Messrs. Slazenger and Son, the Gutta Percha Company, makers of the well-known A1 red gutta ball, have recently brought out a "Special A1 Ball," size 27, the price being 1s. 6d. each. It is, of course, impossible to say what means have been adopted in the preparation of the ball; but it is understood that, in addition to special care in the selection of the material, the makers employ a process for hardening and seasoning. The ball, in any case, is a first-rate one for important matches in which long driving and carrying power are important considerations. Despite its hardness also, the ball behaves splendidly on the putting-green. Notwithstanding the high price the balls are largely patronised in the South, and among club-makers who have laid in a pretty good stock of them is D. Pinkerton, the club-maker attached to the Guildford Golf Club. Mr. Wm. Millar, 45, Waterloo Street, Glasgow, is the agent.

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LANGHOLM.—The competition for the monthly medal among the members of the Langholm Golf Club has concluded, and Mr. J. Macneil, jun., is the winner with a score of 104 for the eighteen holes. The new course is still somewhat rough, and the putting greens were very soft, which caused good scoring to be very difficult.

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### QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I was playing in a medal competition yesterday, and had approached the second hole, laying my ball dead for the flag. On reaching the putting-green, my partner discovered that the flag had not been replaced in the hole by the preceding couple. It was stuck upright in the ground, at least a couple of yards short of the hole. Should I have been justified, on the discovery, in going back and playing my approach shot (which was a short one) again? As a matter of fact, I played on, and failed in the putt by an inch or two.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
G.

[No, you must play the ball as it lies, and consider it practically as a rub on the green.—ED.]

### OUT OF FORM.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—One of the most puzzling features of the game of Golf is the unaccountable way in which you lose your form, or, in other words, go off your play. One day you cannot do wrong, and perhaps the next you cannot do right, however hard you may try. I remember playing a round with my father, when a youngster, the day preceding a competition of our club. My father, an old and keen golfer, was so astonished with my play that he told me he did not see how it was possible for me not to win, and he was so enthusiastic about my chance that he invested for me in the sweep and lottery. Alas! for his hopes. The next day I could not play a shot, and was simply nowhere. This could not have been through anxiety, as I had played in lots of competitions. I remember Mr. John Ball, jun., playing Rolland a few years ago in a big match at Hoylake. Having lost by 11 holes at Elie, everybody expected him to bring the match square on his own green; but, on the contrary, Rolland, who was a stranger to the Hoylake links, defeated him easily, while the next day Mr. Ball, playing the same match, easily defeated Rolland. Some players cannot for years play up to their form in a competition, because they get too anxious to do well.

The best way to play a medal round is to start off in as cool a manner as possible; play each stroke carefully, and while playing confine your whole attention to that shot, and so on, till you have holed out. Do not add up your score hole by hole, and do not anticipate your play by worrying as to the number of strokes you are going to take to the next hole, or the result will be a failure. Always play for safety, as nothing is gained by daring shots, and many strokes may be lost. When out of form it is often through pressing or trying to do too much, and a good deal depends on your temper. Bad-tempered men as a rule do not make first-class golfers. Carelessness is another fault to avoid, as it is easy to acquire, but hard to get rid of. The remedy for the fault of carelessness is simple. Take pains with every shot until you find this bad

habit has gone; but do not get into the way of playing too slow, or you become a nuisance on every green you play on.

Anxiety is often a very serious drawback, especially with young beginners. They are anxious to play the second before they have played the preceding stroke, and as they are walking to the ball between the strokes, they are imagining what sort of a lie they will have, and whether they will go dead with the next stroke, and other silly things; so that by the time they get to the ball they are at fever heat, and the result is a fozzle. Play your stroke, and do not think of the next one until you come to your ball. Pressing, or trying to do too much—I am afraid that nine out of every ten golfers are guilty of this fault, as it is only human nature if your opponent drives 180 yards for you to try and drive 181 yards. When out of form you fall into this bad habit unconsciously. With a little thought you will see how foolish this is, as pressing at any time is likely to spoil a good stroke, and much more must this be so when you are playing badly. Instead of pressing to remedy bad play, you should swing more easily until your play comes back.

Bad temper is a fault that only the possessor can correct; but if this class of players had to pay a double subscription it might cause them to curb their feelings. Losing your temper will never make you play better, as the ball and club care not for being called unprintable names, and your opponent will probably be engaged next time you ask him to play. But, above all, it is childish and ridiculous to get into a bad temper because you are playing badly. It is not the fault of the club and ball; and therefore there is no reason why you should blame everyone and everything for what you yourself are solely responsible. When out of form, take it easy, do not lose your temper, and you will soon regain your form.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
C. B. F.

### YORKSHIRE GOLFING UNION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Although I have not read the letter on the above, referred to in your last issue, perhaps you will allow me to say that the contemplated association would in no way interfere with the rules of Golf. Its object would rather be to foster and popularise the grand game in every possible manner, say, in providing a challenge trophy, to be played for annually, on links selected by the executive, giving all the county greens a turn; in encouraging inter-club matches; in approaching the railway companies with a view to securing golfers reduced fares, &c.

Would not county, or territorial, associations, as here briefly sketched, form a solid base for the International Golfing Union, which you, sir, have so long and ably advocated.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
C. D. MACKENZIE.

Cleveland Golf Club,  
February 8th, 1893.

### A WARNING TO BAD PUTTERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

“As workmen were making a new putting-green in connection with the extension of Dornock Golf course, some two miles from Crieff, they uncovered, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., a full-grown human skeleton on the top of what is locally known as ‘the Fairy Knowe.’ The remains were some two feet below the surface, the head resting on two stones. The knowe, or mound, is conical in shape, about twenty-five yards in diameter at the base, rising about twenty feet to an apex of four yards in diameter, where the skeleton was found. The knowe is evidently artificial, and composed of earth, whilst the surrounding fields are gravelly.”—*The Scotsman*.

SIR,—There can be no possible shadow of doubt that this is only one other terrible example of the outrageous and utterly irresponsible judicial acts so frequently perpetrated by feudal golfing magnates in the summary old days. We can quite

fancy the belted and bibulous earl, or the scarcely less offensive baron, in a red coat, with blue collar and brass buttons, ordering to summary execution, and subsequent interment, some hapless vassal, who had been ordered out from his humble home to undertake the depressing and dangerous duties of his master's partner in a beastly foursome. It is, of course, impossible to tell from the above brief newspaper extract, what was the precise nature of the vassal's crime in this case; but in nearly all of those of which we have anything like an authentic record the short game has been the offence that has met (and, no doubt, merited) the supreme death penalty. In the good old days, when the retainer missed a putt of sixteen feet, it entailed, *ipso facto*, the loss of an acre and three cows (besides a visit to the porter's lodge on his return home from the day's exciting and sparkling sport); whilst if the laird himself did so, the vassal was, as a matter of course, strung up on the spot—and very rightly, too; for any vassal who will leave his laird a putt of sixteen feet is more than half a Red Republican, besides being, merely considered in his inimical relation to Golf, a beast.

The Largo people point with pride to the tombstone erected in memory of one such offender:—

Here lies the body and cleke of the regretted Mr. McPherson.  
We thought him when alive a most superior person.  
This was his own opinion also; and, no doubt,  
If others deceased differ, perhaps, they'd best look out!  
A thousand virtues his—his fate had, sure, been softer  
Had he exercised more care in the handling of his lofter!  
In missing ten feet putts he never had an equal:  
This feat he did thrice running—and this stone's the sequel!

In the annals of the sister art of curling (by the way) there is a singular corroboration of the extremely effective methods by which the lairds of pre-revolutionary days enforced due and becoming attention from carelessly lax retainers. The powerful Lindsays, of Dunrod and Mains, in the West Countree—their predecessor had assisted at the compulsory retirement of the Red Comyn at Dumfries, and they had always been a pre-eminently practical and thorough-going race—had, above all, an admirable appreciation of the advantages of discipline. A vassal—a feather-headed chap of the name of Crawford—had, when curling, rather imprudently disregarded one of his chief's orders (whether to wick, guard, draw, or block the howe ice, is unrecorded), whereupon the latter had a hole cut in the ice, and the rascally recalcitrant inserted; and the spot where this act of justice was consummated is to this day known as "Crawford's Hole."

I am Sir, &c.,  
W. DALRYMPLE.

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#### MID-SURREY GOLF CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As there appears in your last number a notice of the first competition (a monthly medal) of the Mid-Surrey Golf Club, perhaps it would interest many of your readers to learn some particulars of this new club and links. The committee have succeeded in obtaining the right to play over the whole of the Old Deer Park, Richmond, which consists of about 320 acres, subject, of course, to certain conditions. The one drawback to the Park as a links I may as well admit at once, viz., that the surface is flat, that is to say, with a minimum of undulation. This, of course, cannot be remedied. The advantages, however, are many and evident, and some of them are as follows: Proximity to London; proximity to the Richmond Railway Station (the first tee being about five minutes' walk from the station); good natural hazards from many of the tees, consisting of enclosures of trees and shrubs, and a large pond, which can be crossed twice instead of, as at present, only once; the admirable nature of the turf, which wears so well and grows so closely that in the driest summer weather there should be good putting and plenty of herbage through the green. The soil (sand and gravel) is porous, and is good for play a few hours after the heaviest rainfall. There are, however, at present too many holes of the length of a drive and iron shot; this will, no doubt, with

the large space at the disposal of the green sub-committee soon be amended. The services of Munro, of Carnoustie, have been secured as professional, and, as he is a first-rate player (holding the present record for Carnoustie), has had a seven years' apprenticeship in club-making under Archie Simpson, and is a capital coach, nothing more can be desired in this direction. The membership has reached, in about three months, to over 280, without any advertisement. The subscription is now three guineas annually, with an entrance fee of three guineas; but when the number reaches 300 the entrance fee will be raised to five guineas. This will take place very shortly, as new members are joining daily. A club-house has been secured within the Park-walls, near the entrance-gate, and will be ready for the use of members in a few days. Sunday play is not officially recognised, but the links are open to members on that day; caddies, however, being strictly prohibited.

I may add that the newly-elected captain, that well-known golfer, Mr. W. Bruce-Dick, will inaugurate the contests of the club, by striking off the first ball at 10.30 a.m., next Saturday, the 18th instant.

I enclose my card, and, apologising for such a lengthy letter,

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

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#### GOLF AT PAU.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Golf is in full swing here. Never were there so many players, and never were there so many neophytes. Some of the latter display considerable agricultural ability, if they do not evidence an inspired talent for Golf; and if there were many of these gentlemen, the green would be converted into fine arable. A beginning, however, there must be to everything, and the one at Golf is not often felicitous. So long as divots are replaced (?) these delinquents are forgiven, and beginners are welcomed, together with matured players. There are few links that have cradled so many golfers as those of Pau, and they have given birth to some very fine players, past and present. As for the ladies, they are even more enthusiastic in the game than the men are. In point of numbers, and perhaps good play, there is no Ladies' Golf Club anywhere to equal the one here. They have a nine-hole course to themselves, which to the average lady-player would be very good and sporting; but there are some fine drivers and good all-round players, and these object to its being too easy.

A Golf dinner was given a few days ago, at the Grand Hotel, by Mr. L. Hornor, a member of the Golf Committee, and handicapper, which was a signal success, and worthy of the popular and good fellow that he is. Upwards of fifty sat down to a most *recherché* repast, the town band enlivening the entertainment with a choice selection of music. Some capital speeches were made, notably by Lord St. Leven, the captain of the club; the veteran golfer, Sir Hedworth Williamson, who, as usual, was full of life, and most amusing; and that popular and universal favourite, Mr. D. M. Macnab, who, I rejoice to say, has quite recovered from the severe accident he met with at St. Andrews last autumn, and he can now play his usual good and steady game.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
LOYAL AND ANCIENT.

Pau, February 11th, 1893.

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#### MR. TAIT'S DRIVE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With reference to "Q. E. D's" letter in your last issue, as to Mr. Tait's drive, I may inform him that not long ago I took some trouble to ascertain the longest drive (carry, of course) on record at cricket, and as far as I could find out there was no record of a cricket ball ever having carried 170 yards. The longest I could discover, were those made by Mr. C. J.

Thornton, at Brighton, which was approximately measured, and made out to be 165 yards, and Mr. Fellows, at Oxford many years ago, which, if I remember right, was 167. There was no reference to wind, whereas in Mr. Thornton's drive there was no wind much to help. I believe the longest drives made at any game are made at the old-fashioned North-country game of "Knurr and Spell." I was once playing with the then champion at this game, and it was certainly astonishing the drives he made; but at this game the driver, or bat as it is called, is longer than a Golf driver, and the ball, which is made of box-wood, is struck flying. I do not consider in Mr. Tait's drive the run so extraordinary as the carry, as on level ground with frost in it and a running fall there is no saying how far a ball may run.

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

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I was glad to see "Q. E. D.'s" letter, because it suggested precisely the same doubt that crossed my mind on reading your account. It appears to me, however, that a player may fail to find his ball, either through errors of distance or direction. But the recorder of the drive (Mr. Everard) says the ball passed over the head of one of Mr. Tait's brothers (none of whom, by the way, are shadows). Clearly, then, the direction was marked, and as regards distance, if Mr. Tait did give up the hole some twenty yards short of the point, where he eventually came on his ball, that can only be ascribed to unusual modesty on the part of a golfer and a soldier.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
VETERAN.

#### GOLF-BALLS—A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I beg to suggest the plan of having the name of the ball used by each or the first three competitors mentioned in the returns of meetings, so as to give one an idea as to the best and most popular ball in use. It would have the effect, I think, of making the ball-makers more careful as to what they put into the market. In pigeon shooting returns, the name of the powder used by each sportsman is generally mentioned, and something of the sort might be done with the Golf returns, as I have suggested above, without giving much trouble to the secretaries.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
RANALD M. ALEXANDER.

#### A HARD CASE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A is putting; B's caddie is at the hole. A putts with too much vigour and, in spite of the caddie's agility, strikes the flag he is holding. A thereupon claims the hole, and you, Sir, I believe uphold the claim. At any rate the point has been decided in A's favour, and the decision is generally accepted.

Presumably Rule XXIII. governs the decision, but it may be noted that the rule applies only to "an opponent, an opponent's caddie or clubs," and that the case in point is not squarely met by the rule.

May not common-sense for once be allowed to get the better of an absurdity? In the case quoted the penalty should rest on A (if on any one), for his stroke is a bad one; to penalise his opponent for his clumsiness is to do a manifest injustice. In no case can the obstruction do other than benefit the player. How then can the difficulty be overcome? By affirming what you, Sir, I believe, dispute—that the caddie who stands at the hole is, what in fact he is, a fore caddie. To say that a fore caddie is only one who goes forward to benefit both sides alike is to stretch the English language unduly; and to decide that,

if the fore caddie's agility be insufficient to counteract the player's bungling, his opponent must be penalised for what is really the outcome of his courtesy, is to decide contrary to common-sense, the justice of the case, and a simple interpretation of the rules.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
BRANCASTRIAN.

[By a device which is not at all uncommon in a controversy, our correspondent transfers his indignation from the rules to our interpretation of them. No one knows better than our correspondent, that Golf law, as well as other kinds of law dispensed in the Temple of Justice, often violate the ordinary canons of common-sense; but those who interpret the law, surely ought not to be blamed for judgements which square with the law's decree. The makers of the law are the men to be brought to book; and a wide field of useful activity lies before "Brancastrian" if he is in earnest in wishing to show how little common sense governs many of the harsh and unjust penalties of Golf.—ED.]

#### BIRKHAMSTED GOLF CLUB.

The winter meeting of this club was held on Saturday, February 11th. The weather was fine, inasmuch as very little rain fell, but there was a somewhat boisterous west wind. The course is working into a fair condition. Ten competitors started. Mr. G. H. Gowring, with 109, less 8, and Mr. A. B. Willson, with 120, less 17, finished respectively first and second. The rest were ranged as follows:—Messrs. A. H. Briggs, P. Collins, J. A. Herbert, Trevor Walsh, E. Mawley, G. J. Yates, C. H. Greene, W. B. Hopkins. Mr. Herbert won Mr. Mawley's prize for players with a handicap of 20 or more.

HARROGATE GOLF CLUB.—The first annual meeting was held at the Queen Hotel, Harrogate, on Tuesday night, the 7th, Dr. Gibson presiding. A very satisfactory report was presented by one of the hon. secretaries (Mr. J. E. Thomas), which showed that over ninety members had been elected since the formation of the club in May last; and the financial statement of the hon. treasurer (Mr. B. Nussey) proved that the links had been very popular with the visitors. New greens have been made during the winter; the course has been improved in many respects, and the club looks confidently forward to a prosperous season. Several new members were elected, and it was decided with a view to extending the freemasonry of Golf, promoting a greater union among local golfers, and facilitating a wider experience of styles of play; to admit non-resident members of any established Golf Club as active members on payment of the yearly subscription of one guinea, without any entrance fee. Mr. H. Russell Smith was elected captain for the year, the hon. treasurer and hon. secretaries being re-elected.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB DINNER.—The annual dinner in connection with the Glasgow Golf Club took place on Monday evening the 6th, in the North British Station Hotel, George Square, and nearly one hundred members were present. Mr. John Kish, captain of the club, presided, while Dr. Robertson, Dr. Dougan, and Mr. Arch. Porteous acted as croupiers. After the loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured, the chairman proposed "The Glasgow Golf Club." He thanked the members for electing him to the position of captain for a second year, and, proceeding, referred to the great impetus the game of Golf had received throughout the country during recent years. He did not think young men could take to a more healthful or pleasurable exercise. Golf was free from the temptations of such games as football, with their big gates, and so on. He was glad to say that the club was in a very prosperous condition, and that they had had a large accession of members. During the year they had held their own in competitions, and the play all round had been exceedingly good. The new course at Gables was now an accomplished fact, and the committee were negotiating with the Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company with the view of getting them to stop the trains at Gables station. There was also a proposal to erect a new club-house at that end of the course.

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## Eminent Golfers.

XXXVI.—MR. THOMAS GILROY.

Most Scottish and English golfers will, during the past ten or twelve years, have observed with great satisfaction the rapid progress which their Royal Game has made in Ireland. It is not a far cry back to the year 1879, when Golf was practically unknown there, and few of the natives had ever seen a votary at practice, save when an exiled Scotchman might have been met with, in some secluded spot, engaged in uncouth evolutions with a rudimentary form of battle-axe, leaving the spectator in doubt whether his employment appertained to the region of sport or the rigours of penance, or whether he was secretly practising manœuvres with a view to heading an insurrection! Now, though, it may be said that in matters of sport, at all events, Ireland absorbs ideas slowly from her sister kingdom, it is only fair to admit that she absorbs them thoroughly, and that in the year in which we write there are many very fine greens across the Channel. The Golf ball is no longer an object of curiosity upon the Emerald sod, nor is the red-coated golfer now often mistaken for an unhorsed disciple of Nimrod. This changed state of matters is almost entirely due to Scotsmen who, in the game of Golf, took a "message of peace" to Ireland, which, apparently, nothing short of a revolution would compel Pat to surrender.

One of the earliest pioneers of the Royal and Ancient Game is the subject of our present sketch, Mr. Thomas Gilroy, a gentleman well known upon almost every Scottish green, who went to Ireland in the year 1885, and settled on a beautiful spot in the County Meath, about four miles from Drogheda, close to the sea, and hard by the mouth of the River Boyne. There, where, nearly two hundred years before, the flags of the houses of Bourbon and Stuart were riddled by the musketry of William III., may be seen, fluttering in the breeze which sweeps down the magnificent valley of the Boyne, the flags of an excellent fourteen-hole Golf course, which Mr. Gilroy has laid out upon his property; the tee for the first hole being about two hundred yards distant from the entrance-gates of Mornington House, sometimes called "Coney Hall," where Mr. Gilroy now resides. This fine old mansion was formerly in the possession of the Earl of Mornington, and many people in the neighbourhood still strongly aver that it was the birthplace of the Duke of Wellington. Much doubt, however, rests upon this point. The birthplace of that great Irishman, like the burial-place of Moses and the native village of St. Patrick, still, to a certain extent, remains enshrouded in mystery!

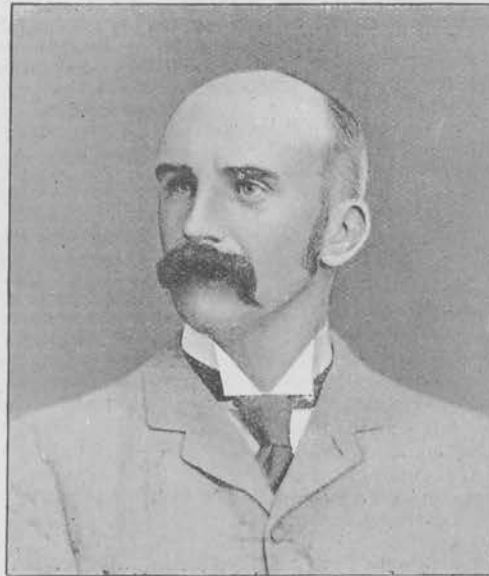
Since the year which saw Mr. Gilroy's migration to Ireland, he has played upon almost every green there, for nearly every one of which—if not, indeed, for every one—he holds the amateur record; and, by his genial manner, and by the infinite pains he is at all times willing to take to help the struggling beginner and to encourage the despairing tyro, he has helped the game to spread, perhaps, more than any other man in Ireland. Not only has he done this unselfishly, but—invading the sanctity of purely personal domain—we may say that he has endeared himself to many a player who, without his friendly word and helpful advice, might, like the base Indian, in a moment of despair, have thrown the pearl away!

Mr. Gilroy was born at Dundee, on the 2nd October, 1852, and, when a boy of six or seven years of age, might have been seen at Carnoustie, cleek in hand, imbibing that enthusiasm for the game which has clung to him through life. Fortunate, indeed, it was for the boy that on one eventful occasion Jack

Butchart, then an amateur club-maker of some note, and lately employed with R. Simpson, happened to be in his vicinity, for in attempting what was then considered the feat *par excellence* for a lad, and at which young Gilroy was especially good, of driving his ball from one bank to the other of the Barry Burn, he overbalanced, and fell head foremost into the mud, from which position of questionable safety he was extricated by Jack Butchart. This was not the only service rendered him by the willing hands of Butchart, as Mr. Gilroy owed much of his preliminary training in Golf to this player's coaching, and also in these early days to George Morris, who was then the green-keeper at Carnoustie. Somewhat later "Old Tom" and Jamie Anderson did the "finishing." In partnership with the latter, about the year 1875, Mr. Gilroy played many famous foursomes at Monifieth, against two celebrated local amateurs, Messrs. David Brimer and David Hutchison.

Mr. Gilroy was educated at St. Andrews, and while there he received valuable tuition from young Tommy Morris, with whom he frequently played. Prizes and medals in great number were won by Mr. Gilroy during his early career as a member of the Dalhousie and Panmure Clubs, and also at Westward Ho! but it was the year 1878 which saw him score his most important victory. In that year he won the Open Amateur competition at Carnoustie, his round on the occasion

being 84. In 1880, at Aberdeen, he was placed third; Mr. Doleman, of Glasgow, and Lord Carnegie being first and second respectively. At the Amateur Championship at St. Andrews in 1891, Mr. Gilroy was only defeated in the semifinal round by the ultimate Champion, Mr. J. E. Laidlay, after defeating several well-known players. Adopting the rhythm of the "Cow with the Crumpled Horn," Mr. Gilroy in the fourth round beat his old friend, Mr. William Doleman, who had beaten Mr. R. B. Sharp, who had beaten Mr. J. Ball, jun., who had beaten Mr. J. Kirk. In this round Mr. Gilroy played a most brilliant game. Turning 4 up, with his score at 40, he won the tie by 7 up and 6 to play. Last year Mr. Gilroy was in the last four of the Irish Championship, and by many he was expected to win, but Mr. A. Stuart was in fine form, and he secured the title, Mr. J. Andrew just defeating Mr. Gilroy for second place by 1 hole. Mr. Gilroy was captain of the Monifieth Club in 1872, and was for two years' captain of the Worcester-



shire Club. Before he went to Ireland he lived for two years at Cheltenham, during which period he and his friend Major (now Colonel) Warren Swettenham made several attempts to establish a Golf Club there, but without success. Not, however, to be denied their favourite pastime, journeys to Malvern, twenty miles off, were undertaken twice a-week, for the purpose of playing. Cheltenham now has a flourishing club, numbering amongst its members many who good-naturedly jeered at the two enthusiasts who endeavoured to introduce what was there called "the stupid game."

Turning to Mr. Gilroy's career in Ireland, it is hardly necessary to say that his successes have been almost uninterrupted, and he now stands at plus 4 on most of the handicap lists. The Royal Dublin Golf Club was the first he joined—this club, which has now very good links at Dollymount, and a membership of several hundred, was then located in the Phoenix Park, had an iron hut for a club-house, and a membership of about a dozen! The Dublin and Belfast Clubs met in 1886 on Mr. Gilroy's links at Mornington in a friendly contest, and we believe this was the first inter-club match which took place in Ireland. Mr. Gilroy was captain of the Royal Dublin for two years, and holds the record of the present eighteen-hole course with the fine score of 73, made in October, 1887. Portrush, however, sees most of Mr. Gilroy, as he has a house at that

charming watering-place for several months in the year. Of the fine course there, he also holds the record. His score of 71 has never yet been beaten, and it seems in little danger of being lowered, except, perhaps, by himself. We are not able to give the particulars of this remarkable performance, but we can give the particulars of a round only one stroke more, which he played on the 16th November, 1891. It reads:—Out, 4 5 4 4 5 3 3 5 4=37; in, 4 4 4 4 3 4 4 4 4=35; total, 72. Quite lately, however, as appeared amongst "Tee Shots" of last week, Mr. Gilroy played a fine round at Portrush, reaching his own record of 71. This round, though not so steady as that of the 16th November, 1891, as it contains two holes at 6 each, and one at 1, is well worthy of reproduction here, viz.:—Out, 3 4 4 6 4 5 6 1 3=36; in, 4 3 4 4 4 5 3 3 5=35; total 71. Of the old course of the Royal Belfast Club, Mr. Gilroy also holds the records at 34 for the nine holes, and 71 for the eighteen.

Buncrana (Co. Donegal) also acknowledges Mr. Gilroy at the head of the poll with 78 as the record for eighteen holes. Mr. Gilroy has a very particular fancy for the new links there, which although up to the present only consisting of nine holes, he considers has the finest natural turf of any green he has ever played upon; this he always alleges without any mental reservation whatever. At Newcastle (Co. Down), undoubtedly the most sporting and difficult course in Ireland, Mr. Gilroy has not had many opportunities of playing, but his last score in a competition there was 80. We believe Mr. F. G. Tait holds the amateur record of Newcastle at 76, but this was made in a private match. Like good spirit Mr. Gilroy improves with age, and, as he is only forty, a period cannot yet be said to have been put to his further improvement. Mr. Gilroy's style of play is almost the perfection of ease and grace. In years forty, in figure he is still the boy. He drives a very long ball, and his brassie shots are as accurate as rifle bullets. The putting-green sees him, however at his deadliest. He usually putts with a cleek, and when, in a foursome, he looks along the line of a 12-foot putt and smilingly says, "I think I can hole this," his opponents may wisely follow the example of Colonel Crockett's coon, and climb down!

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of Mr. Gilroy's game is its invincible steadiness. He plays round after round at 80, or thereabouts; and when conditions of weather and green are favourable he sends in rounds graduating down to the "seventies."

As a partner in a foursome he is a tower of strength and a model of amiability. His partner is never made to feel his inferiority. Let him play never so bad a shot, there is no reproving frown or exclamation of impatience from Mr. Gilroy. On one important occasion, when a hole was lost by the veriest delinquent, we heard him cheerily say to the crestfallen student, "Never mind, better next shot—it's only a game," then (almost in soliloquy), "but it's a very pleasant one." All Mr. Gilroy's family take *con amore* to Golf. He has two sons fine players—the second, Ranald, bids fair to be soon in the very first flight. In style of play, in manner, in temper, he is almost the counterpart of his father. Although only sixteen, he, in one of his rounds during the New Year competition at Portrush, holed the long course in 79, and when we mention that these figures represent the score of Mr. Alex. Stuart in the open stroke competition held at Portrush during the Irish Championship meeting last September, an idea may be formed of the lad's prowess. Mr. Gilroy may very naturally feel proud of his young son's skill, much of which is, no doubt, due to heredity, but also much to the example of his father's indomitable patience and to his careful training. It is a frequent and pleasant sight to watch Mr. Gilroy, after the heavy part of the day's play is over and dinner disposed of, stroll down to the ladies' course at Portrush on a summer's evening, with his son and his two charming little girls, and play a family foursome, and good, earnest, philosophic matches they are, and wonderful play, too, is shown by the youngsters.

We heartily wish Mr. Gilroy long continued successes, and when he does (as we all must) at last drop out of the active militant ranks, we feel sure he will often enjoy the sober, but not less perfect pleasure of seeing his children secure many a triumph in the arena where he himself was so often victorious.



ABERDEEN.

Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, of the Aberdeen Club, playing the Balgownie links with Mr. W. C. H. Jopp, on Monday, February 6th, did the round in 73, made up as follows:—4 3 6 6 3 6 3 3 4 4 3 4 4 4 4 4. This is the third time in which a 73 has been registered over the Balgownie course, Mr. R. A. Nicholson, of the Aberdeen and Cambridge University Clubs, putting on a 73 on two successive occasions last summer.

The Ladies' Golf Club of Aberdeen, having applied to the Aberdeen Golf Club for the use of a portion of the Balgownie links (which are leased by the Aberdeen Club, and on which they have their private course) to be used as a ladies' course, a special general meeting of the members of the Aberdeen Club was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., in the Palace Hotel, to consider the application. As the proposal had occasioned considerable interest, the meeting was very largely attended by the members of the Aberdeen Club; and, after full consideration, it was resolved to grant the Ladies' Club, under certain conditions, the use of a portion of the links situated to the north of the Aberdeen Club's house. At the same meeting it was resolved to increase the limit of membership of the Aberdeen Club, and to raise the entrance money to £5 5s.

The members of the Bon-Accord Club competed for Mr. Mill's prize on Saturday, over the nine-hole course on the Town's links, which was gone round twice. On cards being compared, Messrs. James W. Murray, 81, less 2; James Florence, 85, less 6, and James Moir, 89, less 10=79, tied for the first place. The following were next in order:—Messrs. W. Smart, 81, plus 3=84; George Dunn, 86; Andrew Jaffray, 88; J. Ogilvie, 91; J. Fraser and G. Simpson, 92 each; C. Ward, 94; G. Thomson, 95; H. Glass and W. Gellatly, 96 each; J. Anderson, 98; and C. Smith, 99.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The February competition for the club cup was played off on Saturday, February 4th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. P. Wilson-			Mr. A. G. Tonks ...	104	12 92
Browne ...	116	30 86	Mr. J. W. Burman...	115	22 93
Mr. O. Airy ...	93	6 87	Mr. A. E. Wilson-		
Mr. J. A. Marigold	111	23 88	Browne ...	103	8 95
Mr. J. L. Wright ...	113	24 89	Dr. J. D. Ballance...	115	18 97
Rev. G. W. Barnard	97	6 91			

Nine other players over 100 net, or no returns.

BEDFORDSHIRE v. HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

This match was played on the North Bedfordshire links (Biggleswade Common) on the 9th inst. Though the home county won by thirteen holes, the individual matches were evenly contested, with the exception of Mr. Guy Pym's and Capt. Kinloch's, the former winning principally by his accurate putting. The greens were universally praised for the good order they were in.

BEDFORDSHIRE.		Holes.	HUNTINGDONSHIRE.		Holes.
Mr. Guy Pym ...	...	5	Capt. Kinloch ...	...	0
Mr. H. Parker ...	...	2	Mr. H. Bell ...	...	0
Mr. H. Mann ...	...	1	Mr. R. J. Lindsell ...	...	0
Mr. W. J. Hughes ...	...	2	Mr. A. C. McNish ...	...	0
Mr. H. E. Tredcroft ...	...	2	Mr. A. C. Sweeting ...	...	0
Mr. J. C. Daniel ...	...	1	Col. Broughton ...	...	0
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		13			0

DUMFRIES.—A foursome match which excited great interest was played at Dumfries on Saturday. Messrs. W. Blake and H. Govan took the eighteen holes in 78 strokes, and beat Captain Scott and George Fernie (professional) by 3 up and 2 to play.

BEDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, February 8th. A strong wind blowing :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. E. Tredcroft	86	11 75	Col. F. W. Grant	116	30 86
Mr. N. P. Symonds	101	20 81	Col. D. Broughton	108	17 91
Col. C. L. Heathcote	107	25 82	Mr. J. H. Boyd		
Mr. E. Buck	105	22 83	Thomson	117	20 97
Mr. S. Fuller	104	20 84	Rev. H. V. Macdonna	114	17 97
Mr. A. Tyson	97	13 84	Mr. J. B. Forsyth	109	12 97
Rev. G. F. Aphorpe	103	18 85			

Ladies' handicap, February 10th. Weather stormy; only three ladies competed, over a nine-hole course —

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Hutton	61 6 55	Mrs. Broughton	69 8 61
Miss E. Hadley	made no return.		

Bedford v. Mr. Rudd's Team, February 4th, at Bedford —

Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. H. E. Tredcroft	0	Mr. H. Parker	2
Mr. J. B. Forsyth	0	Mr. Heron-Maxwell	10
Mr. A. Tyson	0	Mr. C. C. Bethune	7
Col. D. Broughton	0	Mr. Swainson	4
Mr. T. A. White	0	Mr. F. M. Rudd	3
Rev. H. V. Macdonna	4	Mr. Cator	0
Rev. G. F. Aphorpe	0	Mr. Thorold	4
Mr. S. Fuller	11	Mr. Wilson	0
	15		30

BIARRITZ GOLF CLUB.

The Sherlock monthly medal was played for on Wednesday, February 1st. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. G. Hutchin-son	70 +6 76	Mr. C. Harter	110 20 90
Capt. Chamier	92 7 85	Mr. T. Quirk	113 18 95
Mr. E. A. Hambro	97 10 87	Mr. A. Whitelaw	108 12 96
Mr. F. B. Wallace	106 18 88	Prince de Rohan	118 22 96
Rev. H. Gillmore	106 18 88	General Dodsgeron	122 26 96
Mr. W. E. Roller	97 8 89	Mr. R. Knight	112 14 98
		Mr. W. Marshall	116 18 98

And several others who made no returns, or whose net scores were over 100.

Mr. Horace Hutchinson's round of 70 is a record for the links, and was a magnificent performance. He had one piece of luck in holing the sixth hole, which is 320 yards, in 2, holing out with a full brassie shot of 140 yards. His round was as follows:—4 5 5 4 3 2 4 5 2=34; 4 4 4 5 4 4 3 3 5=36; total, 70.

A handicap on the "Bogey" system, played on February 6th, resulted in a tie between Mr. H. C. Braishaw, receiving 12 strokes from "Bogey," and Captain Ferguson, receiving 28. These gentle men both finished 3 up to the gallant "Colonel," whose score on this occasion was :—4 5 4 3 4 6 5 6 4=41; 4 5 5 4 4 6 3 4 5=40; total, 81.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, the 7th inst., the second ladies' competition for a prize offered by Miss Burton of Birkdale, took place on these links. The event was open to members of any Lancashire club. The returns under 100 were as follows :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Ainsworth	88 2 86	Miss Stoddart (W. Lanc.)	88 +5 93
Miss F. Cony	112 25 87	Mrs. Fowler	95 scr. 95
Miss L. Cheetham	83 +5 88		
Miss M. Cony	117 28 89		

On Saturday last Mr. G. D. S. Crowther offered a handsome silver-mounted oak salad bowl to be competed for under handicap. The prize is to be competed for on two occasions, with a final for the winners. A strong wind was blowing. Mr. F. Baker secured a win in. The following were the returns of 100 net and under :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. Baker	102 20 82	Mr. H. H. Hilton	79 +9 88
* Rev. H. J. Bryan	112 28 84	Mr. A. Smart	105 18 88
† Mr. H. Dorring	102 17 85	Mr. J. E. Pearson	96 5 91
Mr. G. D. S. Crowther	89 2 87	Mr. C. A. Colman	111 10 95
		Mr. W. J. Drewett	123 27 96

\* Took first sweepstake.

† Took second sweepstake.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' CLUB.—The monthly competition for charms took place at Musselburgh on Saturday. The winners were :—First division—Mr. D. Ness (scratch), 87; second division—Mr. A. Clark, 112, less 24=88.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A consolation prize, given by Mrs. Gibson, open to all who had not won in any competition in 1892, was played for on February 8th, and carried off by Mrs. Johnson with the good score of 68 net. The putting was not easy. The absence of small handicaps in the list says something for the success during last year's competitions of those who can play a fair game.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. W. C. Johnson	90 22 68	Miss Loveless	103 14 89
Miss M. Smyth	90 13 77	Miss B. Smith	114 24 90
Mrs. Laird	97 20 77	Mrs. Gibson	118 21 97
Mrs. Lucas	102 24 78	Miss E. Smith	117 19 98
Miss Richardson	103 24 79	Miss Sillar	120 17 103
Mrs. Osmond	108 24 84	Mrs. Tate	121 18 103
Miss Raymond	106 20 86	Mrs. Whyte	141 24 117
Miss A. Bidwell	107 19 88		

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The Berens gold medal was played for on Saturday, the 4th inst. The weather was fine, but a strong cross wind and the condition of the ground brought many players to grief, consequently there were very few returns compared with the number of starters. Mr. H. T. Ross played a very steady game, and won the medal with 89 net. Score :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. T. Ross	101 12 89	Mr. F. G. Horne	108 12 96
Mr. T. S. D. Selby	102 12 90	Capt. W. W. Sande-	
Mr. J. F. Chance	108 15 93	man	114 16 98
Mr. F. E. Badham	107 13 94	Mr. A. C. Sandeman	118 18 100
Mr. W. O. Baily	98 3 95	Mr. G. R. Burnett	120 20 100
Mr. S. A. Cosser	113 18 95		

Twenty-two players made no return.

CANNES GOLF CLUB.

Fortnightly handicap held 4th February, 1893.

Gentlemen—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Sargent	124 50 74	Capt. Irvine	97 8 89
Capt. Whigham	79 4 75	Mr. E. Harbord	120 25 95
Col. C. C. Woodward	97 19 78	Mr. Girard	146 50 96
Mr. J. Roberts	93 15 78	Mr. Brown Westhead	130 32 98
Lieut.-Col. Lockhart	105 26 79	Lieut.-Col. Hon. W. Bertie	139 40 99
Mr. A. Saunderson	90 10 80	Mr. A. de Neufville	160 50 110
Capt. Dick	126 45 81	Mr. P. de Neufville	170 50 120
Mr. H. G. Walker	95 12 83		
Mr. M. Sargent	100 16 84		

Ladies—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Countess de Torby	56 10 46	Miss Burns	76 13 63
Miss Sargent	75 20 55	Miss de Brienon	83 5 78
Miss de Neufville	88 25 63		

Prizes by Sir John Burns, played for on Wednesday 8th February.

Gentlemen—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. G. Walker	84 12 72	Mr. Fredk. Walker	110 27 83
Mr. A. de Neufville	123 50 73	Col. C. C. Woodward	105 19 86
Rev. L. J. Fish	93 18 75	Mr. F. Girard	137 50 87
Mr. T. W. Stubbs	86 8 78	Mr. F. Pitt Taylor	111 23 88
Mr. A. Saunderson	89 10 79	Capt. Slazenger	122 30 92
Capt. Dick	124 45 79	Mr. Brown Westhead	123 30 93
Capt. Irvine	90 10 80	Mr. P. de Neufville	146 50 96
Mr. M. Sargent	97 16 81		

Ladies—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Sargent	48 15 33	Mrs. Barlow Webb	68 10 58
Miss A. Harbord	60 10 50	Mrs. Fish	64 5 59
Miss de Neufville	75 25 50	Mrs. Stubbs	64 2 62
Miss Schenley	75 25 50	Miss M. Walker	73 9 64
Miss F. Halford	73 20 53	Mrs. Brown Westhead	91 25 66

The Golf Club Ball, which was held last week at the Cercle Nautique, was the most brilliant function of the present season. The arrangements for the ball were placed in the able and experienced hands of Colonel Cragg, the captain of the Golf Club, and gave general satisfaction.

Nearly 300 persons were present at the ball, which was exceedingly animated. The club colours, consisting of evening coats faced with scarlet silk, white waistcoat and scarlet and white sashes across the shirt-front were worn by most of the male members of the club and the stewards were distinguished by scarlet and white rosettes.

Among those present were—the Grand Duke of Mecklenberg-

Schwerin and the Grand Duchess Anastasie of Mecklenberg-Schwerin, attended by Comte Voss and Comte Schwerin; the Grand Duke Michael of Russia and Comtesse Sophie de Torby, Prince de Nassau and Comtesse de Meremberg and Comtesse Adda de Meremberg, Prince de Ligne, Prince de Tourenne, Comte and Comtesse de Pourtalès, Comte and Comtesse P. de Pourtalès, Comte Jacques de Pourtalès, Lady Brougham and Vaux and Miss Musgrave, the Countess of Kin-noull and the Hon. Marie Hay, Comte and Comtesse Wenckheim, Baronne and Mlle. de Majthenyi, Comte des Moustiers, Princesse and Mlle. Bariatinsky, Lady Mowbray de Stourton and the Hon. Hilda Stourton, the Mayor of Cannes, Colonel and Mrs. Cragg, Rev. L. T. Fish and Mrs. Fish.

On Tuesday Mr. F. Walker won the gentlemen's handicap, with 56 strokes, Mr. Browne Westhead being second with 63, and Mr. Ure third with 76.

The Ladies' handicap was won by Miss Harbord, with 39 strokes, Miss F. Harbord being second with 46, and Miss Burns' third with 47.

The number of members of the Cannes Golf Club has already reached 200.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

His Excellency the Viceroy, having become patron of the Golf Club, very kindly presented a handsome gold medal to be competed for annually on the Calcutta Maidan. The match began on Friday and Saturday, and ended on Monday, the 23rd of January, in a win for Mr. Thomas Drimmie, who, we believe, is not unknown at Carnoustie. Mr. Drimmie's score of 45 for each round showed very steady Golf, and but for two bits of bad luck he would have scored an easier win. One of the oldest golfers in Calcutta, Mr. W. H. Cheetham, came in with 85, and tied with Dr. Martin for second place, while Mr. J. F. Macnair made a fine scratch score of 86. Altogether there were seventy-nine entries for the match, but only forty-six returned scores, several having retired during the course of the game. Annexed are the best scores given in :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Thos. Drimmie ...	90 6 84	Mr. C. Little ...	93 scr. 93
Mr. W. H. Cheetham ...	89 4 85	Mr. A. C. Marshall ...	99 6 93
Dr. C. A. Martin ...	97 12 85	Mr. A. B. Stewart ...	99 6 93
Mr. J. F. Macnair ...	86 scr. 86	Mr. J. P. Hewett ...	103 10 93
Mr. R. L. Morgan ...	89 2 87	Mr. F. T. Paine ...	103 10 93
Mr. H. Callaway ...	101 14 87	Mr. W. E. G. C.	
Mr. W. L. Thomas ...	96 8 88	Dickson ...	103 9 94
Mr. W. Orrell ...	100 12 88	Dr. A. S. Lethbridge	112 18 94
Dr. R. C. Sanders ...	95 6 89	Mr. H. C. Begg ...	95 scr. 95
Mr. F. H. E. Lamb ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. H. C. Boyd ...	95 scr. 95
Mr. W. M. Yule ...	96 6 90	Mr. D. A. Campbell	103 8 95
Mr. Muir-Mackenzie ...	97 7 90	Dr. D. M. Moir ...	105 10 95
Mr. A. V. Knyvett ...	99 9 90	Mr. J. A. Cassels ...	107 12 95
Mr. J. H. Hechle ...	103 12 91	Mr. F. Rawson ...	113 18 95
Mr. Thos. Miller ...	109 18 91	Mr. G. N. Nairn ...	106 10 96
Rev. D. Reid ...	96 4 92	Mr. E. J. Marshall ...	112 16 96
Mr. W. T. Reid ...	98 6 92	Mr. C. J. Elton ...	106 9 97
Mr. C. B. Watkins ...	101 9 92	Mr. G. Robertson ...	116 18 98
Dr. W. Forsyth ...	104 12 92	Mr. Arch. Watson ...	106 7 99
Mr. E. Pearce ...	104 12 92	Mr. J. H. Lane ...	109 9 100
Mr. L. G. Dunbar ...	93 scr. 93		

CHESTERFORD PARK GOLF CLUB.

Medal day February 6th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Stanley ...	137 30 107	Mr. W. Waterhouse	110 +8 118
Mr. R. Burrell ...	132 15 117	Rev. F. Williams ...	133 15 118

The following also played—Mr. Horace Green, Mr. H. Neville, Rev. E. Edgerley, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. C. Taylor, Mr. H. P. Cunliffe, Mr. G. Neville.

Ladies :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Burrell ...	77 6 71	Mrs. Pickersgill-Cun-	
Mrs. J. Smith ...	89 17 72	liffe ...	78 5 73

The following also competed—Mrs. Waterhouse, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Bellingham, Miss Feilberg, Miss O. Savile, and Mrs. Turner Collin.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the ladies' handicap medal took place on Tuesday, February the 7th, in beautiful weather, with the following result :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Woodhead ...	108 10 98	Miss Boyce ...	121 not hcpd
Miss F. E. Wood ...	106 scr. 106	Miss M. Price ...	137 not hcpd
Miss A. H. Bradbury	136 24 112	Miss H. Marvel ...	140 not hcpd

COTSWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and ladies' brooch were played for on Thursday, the 9th inst. A strong west wind was blowing. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. G. W. Goodeve,		Lady M. Scott ...	118 12 106
jun. ...	112 11 101	Mr. G. W. Goodeve	128 16 112
Mr. H. E. Rose ...	113 12 101	Mr. F. Milner ...	142 25 117

\* Won medal.

Ladies' brooch (fourteen holes)—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Lady L. Scott ...	96 6 90	Mrs. H. E. Rose ...	138 40 98

Several players made no returns.

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB.

The fifth monthly round in the winter competition for a prize offered by the hon. treasurer, was played on Saturday the 11th inst. There was only a moderate turn-out of members as vaccination is rife in the district at present. Mr. H. D. Smith returned the best score, and the captain of the club, Mr. H. Ross Coubrough, was second :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. D. Smith ...	112 30 82	Mr. J. Gell ...	119 30 89
Mr. H. Ross Cou-		Mr. A. Mirrlees ...	109 18 91
brough ...	94 6 88	Mr. R. G. Adamson	111 18 93
Mr. W. Cownie ...	107 18 89	Mr. W. C. Adamson	110 15 95

Mr. Smith took first optional sweep and Mr. Coubrough the second sweep.

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

February 4th.—Course was reversed, making the approach to several holes over hazards, which brought most of the players to grief. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. Tait Reid ...	101 7 94	Mr. M. Edye ...	115 12 103
Col. Garnett ...	119 25 94	Mr. A. Lubhock ...	94+12 106
Mr. T. Ramsbotham	103 4 99	Mr. A. M. Ellon ...	119 12 107
Mr. J. Bateson ...	110 7 103	Mr. C. Kirby ...	132 25 107

Eight players made no return.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap, played February 8th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Capt. Tattersall ...	87 scr. 87	Col. Jee ...	109 16 93
Sir Bevan Edwards	100 11 89	Mr. B. C. Manley ...	110 14 96
Gen. Williams ...	114 25 89	Mr. E. T. Ward ...	113 14 99
Mr. C. Carter ...	94 3 91	Mr. J. W. Jeffery ...	109 9 100

Six others made no returns.

Ladies' handicap (thirteen holes), played February 9th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Miss D. Jeffery ...	81 8 73	Miss Wood ...	97 8 89
Miss L. Wood ...	95 12 83	Miss P. Jeffery ...	114 20 94
Miss Jeffery ...	107 20 87		

\* Winner of the Edwards' prize.

Lady Clerk, Mrs. Hunter, and Miss Stewart also played.

FORFARSHIRE.

The monthly handicap competition of the Dalhousie Club, Carnoustie, took place on Saturday under the "Bogey" system. Although the weather was not entirely favourable, the scoring was about the average. The first place was taken by Mr. W. R. Sharp, who, with the score of 90 strokes, was 4 holes down to "Colonel Bogey;" and for the second and third positions Messrs. John James and T. S. Robertson tied, being each 5 holes behind the "Colonel," their respective scores being 93 and 100. Messrs. W. R. Sharp and S. C. Thomson, who tied, divided the optional sweepstake.

The fourteenth round of the Arbroath Club's series of winter competitions was finished on the Elliot course on Saturday. Twenty-one players handed in their scores, with the following result :—1, Mr. W. A. Douglas, 8 below, 4 points; 2, Mr. W. B. Muir, 7 below, 3 points; 3 and 4 (tie), Messrs. A. Coutts and G. R. Wallace, 3 below, 1½ points. The other players receive 1 point each. The best scores were those of Mr. W. Edwards, 91; Mr. James Duncan, 96; Messrs. D. Greig and R. Guthrie, 99 each.

EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW CLUB.—The monthly medal competition (nine holes) was played over the Braids course on Saturday. A boisterous wind interfered greatly with the play. Mr. Thomas Hogg, who played steadily throughout, was the winner, with the score of 42, less 1=41.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

In grand golfing weather and on very fair greens, the monthly tussle in the three classes for the club, Wilson, and Scott medals took place on Saturday the 4th inst., among a field of 134, with the result under-noted:—

Club medal.—			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. D. Bone ...	75 scr. 75	Mr. A. W. Wilson... 80	3 77
Mr. A. W. Tod ...	80 4 76	Mr. J. Brown ...	82 4 78
Wilson medal.—			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. M. Shanks	79 7 72	Mr. A. Barclay ...	89 12 77
Mr. J. H. Miller ...	85 9 76	Mr. J. Wood ...	84 7 77
Mr. J. McDonald ...	86 10 76		
Scott medal.—			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. McCulloch... 93	18 75	Mr. A. B. Muir ...	96 14 82
Mr. J. A. Grant ...	94 13 81	Mr. W. Smith ...	96 14 82

GOLF AT PAU.

The captain's prize has been won by Mr. Hadden. The prize offered by Mrs. Ross has been won by the Hon. E. St. Aubyn, after a tie with Miss Kane.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap, played on Saturday, February 11th, against "Bogey," whose score is 81:—Mr. S. Mure-Ferguson (plus 2), 4 down; Mr. C. J. Scott (15), 4 down; Mr. W. Carr (1), 5 down; Mr. H. H. Playford (2), 6 down; Mr. L. Howell (10), 6 down; Mr. H. L. Forbes (5), 7 down; Mr. W. P. Trench (10), 9 down; Mr. J. A. Ross (2), 9 down; Mr. A. W. McDonnell (11), 10 down; Mr. J. Kenrick (2), 13 down.

HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held on the 28th ult., when there was a good attendance of members present. Mr. Seymour was unanimously re-elected captain of the club for the second time. He however tendered his resignation of the honorary secretaryship, and Mr. Hunt was chosen to fill that office. Captain Burton was elected honorary treasurer in place of Mr. Tuck, who has left the district. A cordial vote of thanks was passed and forwarded to Mr. Tuck in recognition of his untiring energy in promoting the interests of the club since its formation. The membership of the club now exceeds fifty, and there is a balance in hand from last year.

In charming spring-like weather, the club held the first competition of the year for the monthly handicap medal, on the 4th inst. The following returns were handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Branfoot ...	104 24 80	Rev. W. Claxton ...	119 30 89
Mr. Seymour ...	102 20 82	Mr. Morton ...	111 18 93
Mr. Hollings ...	101 14 87	Mr. Hastings ...	113 19 94
Mr. Draper... ..	107 20 87	Mr. St. John Dick...	120 23 97
Mr. Bourdillon ...	109 21 88	Mr. Hunt ...	129 30 99
Mr. Lloyd ..	113 25 88		

The Rev. C. P. Berryman made no return.

HYÈRES (FRANCE) GOLF CLUB.

The ninth handicap of the season took place on Saturday, 11th inst. There was a strong south-west wind blowing, which accounts for the somewhat high scores.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. J. W. Trumble	120 25 95	Hon. R. Jervis ...	108 scr. 108
Hon. St. L. Jervis...	106 8 98	Mr. A. Bathurst ...	158 38 110
Mr. G. Wellesley ...	114 10 104	Rev. A. L. Palmes...	150 40 110
Mr. C. Bathurst ...	139 34 105	Mr. Street ...	158 40 118
Mr. D. L. Clarke ...	124 17 107		

\* Winner.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. February 11th. Played during heavy rain and strong wind. Mr. T. H. Oyler, 114, less 14=100, winner. Mr. W. E. MacLagan, Mr. R. H. Hedderwick, Mr. F. Faithful Begg, Mr. J. W. Whitehorn, Mr. J. Fleming, and Mr. H. Hick over 100 net, or no return.

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

At their links in Manley Park, on Saturday, the 4th, the members of the Manchester Golf Club took part in the usual medal competition set down for the first Saturday in the month. It was a capital day for golfing. The ground was no longer sloppy with snow-water, and the greens were in admirable order. The winner of the day, from among

about a score of competitors, was Mr. G. Macdonald, who also had the best gross score, namely, 86. Close after him came Mr. S. B. Graves, and a reference to the table below will show that he also had the second best gross score. Some details are appended:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. Macdonald..	86 5 81	Mr. A. C. Knight... 94	2 92
Mr. S. B. Graves ...	93 10 83	Mr. R. Holmes ..	117 25 92
Mr. W. Cowrie ...	101 16 85	Mr. G. V. Cox ...	109 15 94
Capt. Farrant ...	95 8 87	Mr. G. T. Pattison..	109 15 94
Mr. W. C. Adamson	96 7 89	Mr. J. Eller ...	112 18 94
Mr. H. Macdonald.	97 8 89	Mr. H. P. Horsley..	109 14 95
Mr. G. Haig ...	95 5 90	Mr. H. Holmes ...	117 20 97
Mr. G. W. Moultrie.	105 15 90	Mr. S. Kneall ...	119 18 101
Mr. F. Jones ...	105 15 90	Mr. H. L. Joseland..	131 30 101

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

A three days' handicap hole competition against "Col. Bogey," for a five-guinea trophy, presented by Mr. T. J. Finlay, was concluded on the 27th December, 1892, with the following results:—Mr. T. J. Finlay (9), 9 down; Mr. W. McIntyre (10), 9 down; Mr. T. Brentnall (10), 12 down; Dr. Masson (scratch), 12 down; Mr. W. Officer (10), 12 down; Mr. M. Anderson (scratch), 14 down. On playing off the tie, Mr. McIntyre won with 2 down, against Mr. Finlay, 5 down.

A two days' handicap sweepstakes hole competition, played on December 31st and January 2nd, resulted as follows:—Mr. M. Anderson (scratch), 1 down; Mr. J. Turnbull (scratch), 3 down; Dr. Orme Masson (scratch), 5 down.

The usual monthly medal competition was held on Saturday, January 7th, resulting in a win for Captain Reynolds. The following are the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Captain Reynolds ...	97 6 91	Mr. T. J. Finlay ...	107 9 98
Mr. T. Brentnall ...	103 10 93	Mr. C. M'Lean ...	121 20 101
Mr. W. McIntyre ...	100 6 94	Mr. L. K. S. Mac-	
Mr. W. Officer ...	105 10 95	kinnon ...	105 3 102
Dr. Masson ...	96 scr. 96	Mr. W. Nimmo ...	108 6 102
Mr. J. Turnbull ...	99 3 96	Mr. H. Coniey ...	119 16 103

NEWHAVEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Wednesday, 8th inst., in fine but rather windy weather. The course was heavy owing to the late rains, but the putting greens were in very good order.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. Bedford ...	97 15 82	Mr. S. Stone ...	131 28 103
Mr. C. Bannister ...	115 22 93	Mr. J. Webber ...	134 30 104
Mr. W. Stone ...	128 26 102	Mr. J. Bannister ...	121 16 105

Other gentlemen made no return. The next medal competition will take place on Wednesday, March 8th.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The fourth competition for the cut-glass bottle with silver top, took place on Wednesday, 1st inst. Miss E. Whieldon, 84; Miss Middleton, 92; Miss Radcliffe, 94; Miss Dawkins, 97; Miss Mackenzie, 97.

On Tuesday, February 7th, a silver pin tray, kindly presented by the captain (Miss A. Clarke) was played for against "Bogey," with the following result:—Miss Darlington, 3 holes up; Miss Middleton, 2 holes up; Miss E. Whieldon, 1 hole up; Miss M. Gray, 2 down; Miss Chambers, 3 down; Miss Gray, 5 down; Miss Humphreys, 5 down; Miss Mackenzie, 6 down; Miss W. Gibsone, 8 down; Miss Radcliffe, 9 down; Miss Wolryche Stansfield, 13 down. Miss Stanger Leathes and Miss Collis, no returns.

NORTH BERWICK.—On Saturday, the 4th inst., the North Berwick course was very briskly occupied throughout the day. The weather was most favourable for Golf, and there was an exceptionally large muster of the members of the Bass Rock Club. In the afternoon the monthly handicap competition for the three trophies of the club took place, and Mr. J. W. Greig headed the list for the day with a score of 82, less 15=67—a figure unequalled in the annals of trophy competition in connection with this club. The next best scores which ruled below the average were as follows:—Mr. A. Hogg, 80, less 6=74; Mr. J. Mann, 80, less 6=74; Mr. A. Thorburn, 81, less 6=75; Mr. J. Henderson, 85, less 10=75; Mr. G. Nelson, 82, less 6=76; Mr. T. Johnston, 88, less 12=76; Mr. G. S. Milne, 92, less 16=76; Mr. A. Hutchison, 84, less 6=78; Mr. J. B. MacLachlan, 87, less 9=78; Mr. D. M. Jackson, 80 (scratch); Mr. E. Bradbury, 95, less 15=80; Mr. G. Tait, 95, less 14=81; Mr. John Forrest, 82 (scratch); Mr. J. Mitchell, 83, less 1=82; Mr. James Henderson, 83 (scratch); Mr. J. D. Rattray, 88, less 5=83; and Mr. R. Whitecross, 91, less 8=83.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. COVENTRY.

This match was played at Hincksey on Thursday, February 9th. The visitors brought a strong and very level team, but after a most exciting match all through had to retire defeated by a single hole. Notwithstanding a strong wind and slight rain many of the rounds played were exceptionally good. This is the eighth win the Varsity team have secured out of nine matches. Result: -

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		COVENTRY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. H. Stewart (captain)...	3	Mr. E. F. Chance (captain) ...	0
Mr. L. Robertson ...	0	Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncrieff	0
Mr. R. H. Dun ...	0	Mr. Harold Smith ...	0
Mr. R. L. Proudfoot ...	0	Mr. G. F. Twist ...	6
Mr. H. Nicholls ...	0	Mr. Alec Rotherham ...	0
Mr. C. F. Balfour ...	2	Rev. F. R. Evans ...	0
Viscount Encombe ...	3	Captain Johnstone ...	0
Mr. A. J. Boger ...	0	Mr. W. Hillman ...	7
Mr. R. Lodge ...	3	Mr. J. H. Mitchell ...	0
Mr. J. A. F. Moncrieff ...	3	Mr. J. Powers ...	0
	14		13

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. ROYAL ASCOT.

Played at Ascot in very showery weather, on Saturday, February 12th. The home club had almost without exception their strongest side, but the University team missed Messrs. R. B. Pearson, and P. and C. F. Balfour. Another very close match ended in a narrow win for the Dark Blues. Scores:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		ROYAL ASCOT.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. H. Stewart (captain) ...	2	Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell	0
Mr. R. H. Dun ...	0	Mr. F. J. Patton ...	1
Mr. L. Robertson ...	0	Mr. C. M. Smith ...	9
Mr. R. L. Proudfoot ...	6	Mr. P. V. Broke ...	0
Mr. H. Nicholls ...	0	Mr. G. W. Ricketts ...	4
Viscount Encombe ...	2	Mr. C. E. Cottrell ...	0
Mr. H. E. Atkinson ...	0	Capt. D. Kinloch ...	3
Mr. A. J. Boger ...	2	Capt. Cooper Key ...	0
Mr. I. A. F. Moncrieff ...	8	Mr. H. Blackett ...	0
Mr. R. Lodge ...	1	Mr. H. Sawyer (captain)	0
	21		17

The weekly handicap on Friday, February 11th, was won by Mr. H. E. Atkinson, 84, less 5=79; Mr. F. A. G. Leveson-Gower, with 99, less 18=81, coming next. The weather was very stormy, and entries were few.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Tuesday, 7th February.—Seventy-five players started in the competition for the monthly medal. The day was very fine. The course generally in good condition, but the putting proved difficult, which may perhaps account for the number of high scores, and no returns. The results of the play:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. W. Glasier, Jun. 129	12 117	Mr. Robert Whyte... 133	1 132
Mr. A. Schacht .. 120	scr. 120	Mr. F. W. S. Le	
Mr. W. K. Graham. 130	9 121	Lièvre ...	144 12 132
Mr. W. E. Hughes. 138	7 131	Mr. C. M. Baker ... 154	21 133
Mr. W. Claude John-		Mr. J. W. G. Andras.. 141	5 136
son ...	154 23 131	Mr. G. H. Frean ... 161	23 138
Mr. J. G. Gibson ... 131	+1 132	Mr. W. G. Barnes... 168	30 138

\* Winner of the medal.

No returns from Messrs. W. H. M. Christie, J. H. W. Davies, G. O. Jacob, H. Gillon, G. Watson Smith, G. F. Sanders, F. J. Lawrence, E. W. D. Walthall, W. Morris, A. T. Young, H. H. Turner, E. A. Walker, and Dr. T. Skinner.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

As a rule this club is not fortunate as regards weather in the matter of its more important fixtures and Saturday last was not an exception to the rule. The club medal was won by Mr. C. H. Trew, in a field of fourteen players. As Mr. Trew won the Turner medal in January, he now holds both the bi-monthly medals. The scores under 100 were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. H. Trew ...	109 24 85	Mr. J. Aste, jun. ...	106 14 92
Mr. E. L. Balcombe	102 14 88	Mr. T. H. D. Berridge	110 18 92
Mr. T. P. Shepherd	106 17 89	Mr. E. S. McEuen	101 7 94
Mr. A. H. Eve ...	106 16 90	Mr. L. Horner ...	98 3 95
Mr. A. Schacht ...	92 scr. 92		

The medal competition was followed by an "approach" competition, which proved to be of great interest. The first prize, of the value three guineas, was won by Mr. F. C. Milford, whose name is not unknown to our readers. Each competitor was allowed three shots (over a hurdle) at tees placed 80, 60, 50, 40, 30 and 20 yards respectively from the greens. Two greens were employed to save time, each green being marked out with a target similar to that employed at archery, the bulls-eye marked with an ordinary red flag, counting 9, and the surrounding rings, 7, 5, 3, and 1 each, a ball on the line counting at the higher value. Handicaps were limited to 18, and for this number of shots the full handicap was allowed, being added, however, instead of deducted. As illustrating the result, and not by way of criticism, the best dozen scores are appended:—

	80		60		50		40		30		Total.	Hcp.	Plus Score.
	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.					
Mr. F. C. Milford ...	5	—	10	8	19	23	65	8	73				
Mr. T. P. Shepherd ...	—	—	10	7	10	21	51	17	68				
Mr. T. H. D. Berridge...	1	7	8	—	11	23	50	18	68				
Mr. J. Aste, jun....	5	3	4	17	13	11	53	14	67				
Mr. A. Schacht ...	—	10	8	12	15	15	60	scr.	60				
Mr. E. L. Balcombe ...	7	7	1	1	6	21	43	14	57				
Mr. J. C. Tucker ...	—	—	5	14	—	15	34	18	52				
Mr. F. P. Browne ...	—	—	—	3	14	19	36	14	50				
Mr. T. C. Fenwick ...	9	1	3	—	—	19	32	18	50				
Mr. C. H. Trew ...	—	7	8	—	3	13	31	18	49				
Mr. A. H. Eve ...	7	—	8	6	4	6	31	16	47				

The annual general meeting was afterwards held in the club-house, when, notwithstanding the expense consequent upon the extension of the course to eighteen holes, a very satisfactory statement of accounts for 1892 was presented, showing a balance brought forward, after paying all expenses, of nearly £25. The following were elected officers of the club for the ensuing year:—President, Sir Trevor Lawrence, Bart.; captain, Mr. Leonard Horner; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. L. Balcombe; committee, Messrs. T. H. D. Berridge, F. P. Browne, G. H. Emmet, A. H. Eve, Alfred Schacht, and J. Charlton Tucker; hon. secretaries, Messrs. L. Horner and C. J. Trevarthen. A slight alteration to the rule as to the retirement of the committee, and votes of thanks to the retiring hon. treasurer, Mr. S. C. Hooley, and the captain, Mr. Horner, concluded the business.

A highly successful dinner was held in the evening, in the large room of the Market Hall, Redhill, some sixty members and their friends sitting down to a most excellent repast. The chair was taken by the Hon. Henry Cubitt, M.P. for the Reigate division, who was supported by the Mayor of Reigate and the captain. The programme was very wisely limited to four toasts, which, however, were interspersed with songs by Messrs. G. F. Saunders, A. H. Eve, and Herbert Grover, and some selections for strings contributed by the hon. secretaries and friends.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal meeting was held on Saturday, the 4th, at Sudbrook Park, Petersham. There was a considerable attendance of members, attracted by what was an unusually fine day for the season, and they were amply rewarded by finding the ground in excellent golfing condition. Mr. S. F. Higgins proved to be the winner of the senior medal with a gross score of 87, less 9=78. The junior medal was won by Mr. S. Peel, with a gross score of 104, less 20=84. The following are the other scores:—

SENIOR MEDAL.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. Glover ...	84 4 80	Mr. E. V. Longstaffe	98 12 86
Mr. J. B. Chamber-		Mr. E. C. Davidson	99 11 88
lain ...	93 13 80	Mr. W. Lindsay ...	96 7 89
Lieut.-Gen. Steven-		Mr. D. C. Millar ...	100 11 89
son ...	92 9 83	Mr. H. W. Stock ...	107 18 89
Captain H. Gillon ...	86 scr. 86	Mr. H. M. Cundall	108 18 90
Mr. R. N. Ferguson	95 9 86	Mr. J. B. Whitworth	109 18 91
Mr. R. E. Verburgh	99 12 87	Captain H. Stopford	104 11 93

JUNIOR MEDAL.

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. M. Hewitt	111 24 87	Mr. H. P. Williams	117 20 97
Mr. J. W. Johnson	110 21 89	Mr. J. Hodgkin ...	120 18 102
Mr. H. E. Wootton	116 20 96	Mr. J. W. Birkett ...	126 23 103

No returns from Sir H. Pottinger, Colonel Brown, Major Macklin, and Messrs. A. St. G. Sargeant, J. G. Wylie, C. E. Routh, R. Warner, A. White, A. H. Beard, M. G. Davidson, J. Gairdner, C. L. Vaughan, and Arbuckle.

MOFFAT CLUB.—Mr. James R. M'Gibbon, Union Bank, having presented a challenge prize for the best couple of rounds of the course, it has been won by Mr. James Salmond, Morison House, with a scratch score of 89 (46 and 43); Mr. G. S. Smart being next with 100 (47 and 53).

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### ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The fourth of the sixth monthly medal competitions took place on Friday, February 3rd. A better day for Golf could not have been imagined. The scores, however, with the exception of the winner's, were not at all as low as they ought to have been. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. M. Bannerman	89 +2 91	Mr. Herbert Mansel	118 19 99
Brig. Surg. Elliot	115 23 92	Col. Perkyn	139 40 99
Mr. Mathews	112 18 94	Mr. Melvill Sandys	110 9 101
Mr. Young-Jamieson	108 13 95	Mr. C. H. Hext	104 1 103
Mr. Edyvean	104 5 99	Capt. Johnston, R.N.	142 35 107

The fifth ladies' winter handicap was played off on Tuesday, 7th, in lovely weather, Miss Page winning by 1 stroke. Most of the regular players being on the sick list, only four took part in the competition. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Page	102 8 94	Mrs. B. Edyvean	109 8 101
Miss Auriel Barnett	93 +2 95		

Mrs. Every made no return.

### ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal (final competition).—Probably the North Bull was the driest spot, if not the warmest, in and around Dublin on Saturday, for with the exception of a heavy shower of sleet at half-past five, golfers escaped scot free. The only trouble was a very strong wind, which was dead ahead playing the nine holes home. The winners of each monthly competition for the medal, during the past year, met to play off the final, but of the eleven entitled to enter only eight competed. Mr. J. R. Bristowe was an easy winner, with a gross of 98, less 23=75. The following were the returns handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. R. Bristowe	98 23 75	Mr. J. Lumdsen, sen.	87 6 81
Capt. Williams	93 13 80	Dr. A. Traill	96 12 84
Mr. F. H. Orr	93 13 80	Mr. H. C. Warren	114 18 96

The second heat for the captain's prize was partially played off, and those who did not play must do so before Saturday next. Mr. J. O. Wylie beat General Moncrieff; Mr. J. H. Barrington beat Lord Louth; Mr. E. H. Johns beat Mr. J. M. Dickson. The following play before Saturday next:—Mr. A. T. Johns against Capt. Williams, Mr. "James" against Mr. J. Davidson, Mr. T. Stewart against Dr. A. Traill, Mr. H. A. Bethune against Mr. A. S. Hussey.

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### ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Mr. Turnbull's prize, Saturday, February 11th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. C. G. Broad-wood	91 2 89	Capt. Robins	97 2 95
*Mr. T. W. Barker	94 5 89	Dr. Comerford	103 8 95
Capt. Fairlie	95 3 92	Mr. W. P. Fulcher	96 scr. 96
		Capt. Orr	108 11 97

\* Divided sweepstakes.

Fifteen players made no return.

### ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The tie between Dr. G. G. Hamilton and Mr. A. Turpin for a win in for the first winter optional subscription prize was played off last Saturday in boisterous weather, with the result that Mr. A. Turpin secured the win in by 1 stroke; the scores being—Mr. A. Turpin, 95, less 1=94; Dr. G. G. Hamilton, 99, less 4=95.

### SCARBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly "Bogey" competition for the silver medal took place on Saturday, the 11th inst. Owing to the stormy weather the entries were small and the scoring high. The captain, the Rev. A. Swayn, won the medal, finishing 6 holes down against "Bogey," Captain Barclay being second with 7 holes down. The same day the ladies competed for two prizes, presented by two members of the club, over a nine-hole course, Miss H. Palmes securing the first prize, her score being, 76, less 20=56, a very good score considering the gale that was blowing all day. Her sister, Miss C. Palmes, won the second prize, her score being, 79, less 20=59, also a good score under the circumstances. Since last autumn the links have undergone considerable alteration. The old second, fifth, and eighth holes have been done away with, and three new holes substituted, viz., the first, third and fourth. The old first becomes the second, the old third (the Brook hole), the fifth. As a result the first, second and third holes are now longer than the old first, second and third, and the seventh and ninth are upwards of 420 yards each. New greens have been laid down for the new holes and most of the old greens have been relaid. The alteration in the course is considered a decided improvement, and the greens promise to be in first-rate condition this season.

### SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The second monthly competition took place on the links, Southport, on Saturday, the ground and greens being in very good condition, but a strong westerly wind made scoring rather high. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. T. Rowley	95 8 87	Mr. W. E. Bland	100 7 93
Mr. J. H. Knowles	112 25 87	Mr. H. P. Barlow	108 14 94
Mr. H. Sidebottom	97 6 91	Mr. G. Greenwell	102 5 97
Mr. G. F. Smith	90 +2 92	Mr. C. Mullenoux	119 22 97

Messrs. Rowley and Knowles divided first and second sweepstakes, and Mr. Sidebottom won the third. No returns were received from Messrs. A. Entwistle, H. Bradley, J. Betham, B. A. Nicolson, Hemmingway, T. O. Clinning, Perks, J. Morrison, R. A. Ashington, E. P. Potter, Holme, and W. G. Clinning. The competition for Pearson's prize will commence on March 1st.

### SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition was played on Saturday, the 4th of February.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. D. R. Gooding	123 28 95	Mr. R. Taylor	116 10 106
Mr. J. B. Gooding	110 10 100	Mr. C. J. Waller	133 18 115
Mr. A. R. Grubbe	117 16 101		

Mr. A. W. Ellis made no return.

### STAINES GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, the winner being Mr. H. Tyler. The following are the best scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Tyler	92 14 78	Captain Harrison	101 14 87
Mr. W. G. Clibborn	95 16 79	Mr. J. E. L. Pickering	116 28 88

**TIVERTON GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medal competition took place on Wednesday, February 8th. The weather was very fine, and the greens in good order, but a strong wind blowing across the ground made low scoring difficult. The returns under a hundred are given below :—

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Mr. R. S. Owen ...	93	15	78	Mr. G. H. Spring ...	114	15	99
Mr. A. L. Francis...	99	15	84				

Mr. Owen wins president's medal and sweepstake.

**WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.**

The usual monthly medal handicaps were played over the club's course at Bushey on Saturday last :—

**HANDICAPS OF 10 AND UNDER :—**

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Mr. B. M. Barton...	92	6	86	Mr. F. Carver ...	101	10	91
Mr. R. Frank ...	95	9	86	Mr. A. H. Wallace	102	10	92
Mr. R. S. Clouston...	92	5	87	Mr. T. Burrell Bew-			
Mr. D. Scholes ...	96	8	88	ick ...	103	10	93
Mr. Thomson Glover	88	scr.	88	Mr. Howard Williams	103	10	93
Mr. O. W. F. Hill...	95	6	89	Mr. W. Wilson ...	109	10	99
Mr. A. B. Chalmers	98	8	90	Mr. H. J. Cottam ...	112	10	102

**HANDICAPS EXCEEDING 10 :—**

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Mr. J. S. Crawford...	95	11	84	Mr. T. J. Williams	116	16	100
Mr. E. F. Jackson ...	106	19	87	Mr. Ernest Taylor...	117	17	100
Mr. A. D. Walker...	100	13	87	Mr. R. W. Sedgwick	122	22	100
Mr. S. O. Jackson...	102	14	88	Mr. A. Stafford			
Mr. C. Davis ...	105	14	91	Walker ...	138	25	113
Mr. F. J. Burr ...	118	20	98				

**WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

A match was played on Tuesday, the 7th inst., between fifteen of the married members and fifteen single members, with the following result :—

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mrs. Cameron ...	0	Miss B. Thomson ...	6
Mrs. Archer ...	0	Miss A. A. T. Drake ...	3
Mrs. Meates ...	2	Miss Mabel Nicol ...	0
Mrs. Foster ...	0	Miss G. Tee ...	2
Mrs. Peat ...	0	Miss Edith Scott ...	9
Mrs. A. King ...	5	Miss Carson ...	0
Mrs. Willock ...	0	Miss M. Colt ...	2
Mrs. Dowson ...	3	Miss Jacomb ...	0
Mrs. Tanner ...	0	Miss H. A. MacFarlan	2
Mrs. Horne ...	1	Miss Connell ...	0
Mrs. Banbury ...	9	Miss A. MacFarlan ...	0
Mrs. R. Browne ...	3	Miss E. Martyn ...	0
Mrs. Henderson ...	1	Miss Ethel Carver ...	0
Mrs. Warner ...	0	Miss Delcomyn ...	8
Mrs. Bell ...	2	Miss Pridham ...	0
	26		32

**WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medal was played for on Monday, February 6th, and was won by Mr. E. H. Buckland with the fine score of 78. Scores :—

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Mr. E. H. Buckland	78	scr.	78	Mr. H. Gore Browne	113	20	93
Mr. M. J. Rendall...	99	18	81	Rev. J. H. Hodgson	107	12	95
Mr. L. L. Garbutt...	108	21	87	Capt. Russell ...	115	20	95
Rev. G. M. Hewett	99	12	87	Rev. G. Richardson	118	22	96
Mr. T. G. Wood ...	102	15	87	Rev. W. P. Smith...	114	18	96
Mr. W. S. Brockley	102	13	89	Mr. R. G. K. Wrench	111	14	97
Capt. Hon. A. Hewitt	104	14	90				

Several other members made no return, or over 100 net.

**THE BRAIDS GOLF CLUB.**—The annual supper of this club was held in Daish's, St. Andrew Street, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Mr. Harold Craigie, the retiring captain, in the unavoidable absence of Councillor Kinloch Anderson, the president, occupied the chair, while his successor, Mr. W. J. Walker, was croupier. Representatives were present from the Thistle, St. Andrews, Scotsman, and Stockbridge clubs. Captain Smith, of the Thistle, proposed the toast of the evening, "The Braids Golf Club." Messrs. Crawford, sen. and jun., Dale Paterson, Captain Smith, and others, contributed to a capital musical programme. The hole-and-hole competition terminated in favour of Mr. Craigie by 1 hole after a double tie with Mr. James Paterson.

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