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## JANUARY.

- Jan. 7.—Leicester : Monthly Medal.  
Richmond : Monthly Medal.  
County Down : Railway Cup.  
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional.  
Birkdale : Monthly Medal.  
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.  
Manchester : Monthly Medal.  
Tooting Bec : Monthly Medal.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Cumbrae : Smart Medal.  
St. Neots : Ladies' Monthly Competition.  
Clacton-on-Sea : Monthly Medal.
- Jan. 10.—Whitley : Wyndham Cup.  
West Cornwall Ladies' : Monthly Medal.
- Jan. 11.—Royal Epping Forest : Aggregate Competition.  
Newhaven : Monthly Medal.
- Jan. 12.—County Down : Railway Cup.
- Jan. 14.—Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.  
Willesden : Club Silver Medal.  
Wilmslow : Boddington and Hanworth Cups.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.  
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.  
Staines : Monthly Medal.  
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
- Jan. 16.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Competition.
- Jan. 17.—Royal Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal (First Class).  
Cannes : Captain's Prizes.

- Jan. 18.—Morecambe and Heysham Ladies : Club Prize.
- Jan. 19.—Royal Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal (Second Class).  
Tyneside : Handicap Competition.  
Royal Musselburgh : Quarterly Competition.
- Jan. 21.—Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
County Down : Captain's Prize and Club Monthly Prize.  
Disley : Winter Silver Medal.  
Ealing : Monthly Medal.  
Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.  
Dewsbury : Monthly Medal.
- Jan. 25.—Morecambe and Heysham : Club Prize.
- Jan. 28.—Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Warwickshire : Club Cup.  
Weston-Super-Mare : Monthly Medal.  
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal ; Special Prizes ;  
Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; Monthly Medal.  
Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Handicap.  
Islay : Monthly Medal.  
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.  
Woodford : Captain's Prize.
- Jan. 31.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.  
Burnham (Somerset) : Monthly Medal.

## FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 2.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Handicap.
- Feb. 3.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 4.—Clacton-on-Sea : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Prize.  
Leicester : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : Monthly Medal.  
Manchester : Monthly Medal.  
Tooting : Monthly Medal.  
Lytham and St. Annes : Captain's Cup.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 7.—Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.  
Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : Miss Burton's Ladies' Prize.  
Whitley : Wyndham Cup.
- Feb. 8.—Royal Epping Forest : Aggregate Competition.
- Feb. 11.—Guildford : Monthly Handicap ("Bogey").  
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.  
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : Crowther Prize.  
Wilmslow : Boddington and Hanworth Cups.  
Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.
- Feb. 13.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Competition.
- Feb. 14.—Taplow : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 16.—Wimbledon Ladies' : Monthly Medal (Second Class).  
Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Handicap.
- Feb. 18.—Dewsbury District : Monthly Medal.  
Guildford v. Oxford (at Guildford).

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## MY FELLOW-GOLFERS.

## XIII.—"PODGE."

Some one has portioned out young men into the two classes of "sad dogs" and fools. "Podge" is a young man still, and he is not of the former sort.

"Podge" was born some twenty-eight or twenty-nine years ago, the heir of a shrewd, determined, very rich, employer of labour in the Midlands, who had risen from nothing, and who, over-busy with soap to be able to stand for his smoky native town, destined his son and only child for the honours of Parliament in his stead. "Meantime," quoth this excellent man, "my boy shall have what I never had, that is the training of a gentleman, and it shall be his own fault if he don't rise in the world." This scheme was entirely approved by "Podge's" mother, who died, however, when young hopeful was only nine years old.

Full of pride was "Podge" père as he walked his boy about Harrow on the first day of his entering that famous school; full of pride, I say, and with who knows what visions before his mind of the rise and social and material progress of his lad in the struggle of life. "If wealth and a father's backing can do it, he shan't want it," said the good man to himself, as the two stood looking at the glorious view from the churchyard. Alas, he didn't hear the voice of a little Harrovian twenty yards away, commenting to another one on "Podge's" physique in the following winged words, "Oh, my eye, just look at that great fat brute, I wonder whose house he's in, won't he catch it just?"

And "catch it" he did, for poor "Podge" was not only quite too absurdly fat, but made by the very nature of him to be bullied and kicked, and sat on, and drawn, and chaffed, and ragged, and to have his life made a burden to him generally. The most ludicrous chalk caricatures of "Podge" appeared on the school walls and other places; caricatures in which the unfortunate boy's curves, both fore and aft, were enormously developed, and which were accompanied by all kinds of unflattering comments, both on his outlines and on his personal character. He was constantly "chevied" by crowds of laughing and shouting youngsters, armed with racquet balls, with which they made admirable practice against poor "Podge's" "latter end." On one occasion a lot of the young scamps held him face downwards and whacked him with fives-bats till he roared for mercy. More than once he was nearly drowned by them in "Ducker." All kinds of tricks were played him, both night and day, and though he did his best to propitiate his tormentors, all was of no avail, and the unhappy victim wrote home a relay of the most abject entreaties to his mortified parent to take him away.

Deeply disappointed as he was, "Podge's" father was much too sensible a man for this. He gave his boy to understand that he really must try and stick up for himself; spoke of the "battle of life" and all it entailed, and finally concluded a very pithy letter by advising "Podge" to "give a crack in the eye" to the next fellow of his own size who should attack him. "It's what I used to do myself, my boy," he added, and sat back in his chair and laughed a little as he thought of sundry passages in his own past career.

Long and deeply did "Podge" ponder this advice. Giving people "cracks in the eye," was not his forte, and he knew only too well that he was not a fighting man. But a brilliant idea struck him all of a sudden. Why should it be a boy quite of his own size? He doubled his fists and put on a grim frown as he looked at himself valiantly in his little square mirror.

The opportunity soon came; nay, was forced on him. That little cheeky, cocky, curly-headed Dick Merryman, who some four years after that did so splendidly against Eton at Lord's, and who died at twenty-three fighting most gallantly in an Indian frontier skirmish, was larking with a ball just before school, and it happened to roll towards "Podge," who was mooning about, wishing to the deuce the holidays would come and set him free. "Thank you, 'Podge,'" says little Dick (who didn't come up to "Podge's" shoulder). "Podge" heard, but took no notice. "'Podge,' you great fat brute, thank you," says Merryman again; but still "Podge" made no sign, though he was quaking inwardly, and very white about the gills. Then little Dick snatched up a stump which happened to be lying

handy, rushed at "Podge," whose back was turned, and dealt him a frightful whack on the most prominent part of his anatomy. "Podge" clapped his two hands to the part affected, gave a roar of pain that might have been heard down at the cricket field, turned suddenly, and with a wild round-handed blow, which landed full on Dicky's ear, felled that young gentleman to the earth. "All right," says Dick, wagging his plucky little head as he was being helped up, "all right, old 'Podge,' you just wait till after school."

Who shall describe "Podge's" feelings during that school hour, and who shall describe that immortal combat. "Podge" would dearly like to have run for it when the lesson was over, but he could not if he would, for ten or a dozen boys got round him and "dragged the unwilling Irus to the fight." All Harrow was there, and Dicky "peeled" on his own account, and "Podge" was "peeled" by his second amid greet cheering and laughter. Then there were loud calls of "Time, time," and the foes stood face to face.

Poor "Podge" tried to smile—a dreary, sickly smile, which only made the onlookers laugh and chaff the more. Then he shut his eyes tight, and rushed at Dicky like a mad bull. Dicky stepped on one side, and as his adversary blundered past him, caught him a sharp kick on—well on the locality where kicks should be given—amid roars of delight. "Podge" uttered a howl of wrath, turned, and rushed at his diminutive foe again; but Dicky, ducking under the wild round-hander aimed at him, stretched out his right leg, and over went poor "Podge" a burster on his face and stomach, amid shouts of laughter and cries of "5 to 1 on the little 'un."

Round second and last. "Podge's" second has told him to "take it easy," and let Merryman do the attacking. He faces the foe, puffing like a grampus and looking very much frightened. Dicky comes up grinning, and dances round "Podge" who doesn't know what to make of it and causes renewed roars of laughter by revolving his fists like Mr. Pickwick "by way of appalling his antagonist with a display of science." Then Dick, who knows a little about boxing, and often has the gloves on in his "house," baulks his man by making a short rush and stopping dead without striking. Up go "Podge's" hands, and in a moment Dicky has put in a regular pile-driver in the wind, and a one, two on "Podge's" unlucky nose. Down goes poor old "Podge" on his knees, his eyes streaming with tears, and his two hands pressed on his stomach as he gasps and groans. Dicky asks him if he has had enough. He makes no answer, but, suddenly rising to his feet, turns tail, bursts his way through the ring and flees as if for his life, pursued by the hoots and jeers and racquet balls of the onlookers, while Dicky puts on his things again, not laughing now, for his is a soul as generous as it is gallant, and he can understand the misery and shame of his disgraced and fallen foe.

The morrow's sun rose and the usual school round began, but where is "Podge"—ah where? He has made his escape somehow in the night or very early morning, and Harrow knows him no more.

And now years have gone by, spent by "Podge" in part with a tutor in the neighbourhood of a certain famous Golf links, and this driveller, this coward, this jackass, this mound of overfed, self-indulgent flesh, has entered upon what he is pleased to call his manhood, and has become, God bless the mark, a member of the British Parliament.

What a truly wonderful thing is this British Electorate. Here, *mon Dieu!* is "Podge," of all men, chosen of the people; a goodly maker of laws, forsooth, a noble representative man, for a great and presumably intelligent community! The city which has elected this "beauty of the world," this "paragon of animals," is full of men of business, honest, able, practical, energetic. Within its grimy walls are many highly gifted, and some, like Savonarola, of excellent virtues. If the aristos, the real ruler of men, is desired by that busy stirring world, it is among such as these that he must be sought, and from them that he must be taken and crowned. But no! the aristos is neither sought nor wanted. The Committees have sat, the voice of the people, which as every one knows (of course) is the voice of God, has spoken, and the result is the glorification of—"Podge." Oh bathos unutterable, oh exaltation, not of the Godlike, but of the ridiculous! oh apotheosis of wealth and soap! Verily, if it is true, as Henry Taylor sings, that "the world knows nothing of its greatest men," it is not a whit less

certain that it learns in time (and often by its own action) only too much about its foals.

But while it was his huge wealth mainly which lifted "Podge," the Soap man, into this eminence, he has since his election found something which will serve indeed to keep him in his high position; the most precious possession, namely, which the world has to give, that of a virtuous and charming and highly-educated and very clever and very courageous wife. If there is one thing more extraordinary than another in this mysterious and complicated existence of ours, it is that such a woman should marry such a man. Those who know her best say with one voice that she is absolutely free from covetousness, and that she gave herself to "Podge" out of real, honest love. Oh, you lucky, lucky "Podge"! A noble woman's love for you! An inexplicable phenomenon indeed! Live well, you fat fool, and try to deserve it!

"Podge's" business affairs have been, since his father's death, in the hands of a most upright and able junior partner, and a first-rate manager. His interests are safe in lead with these. His affairs, social and political, are arranged and cared for by Mrs. P., and right well she conducts them. If his enormous wealth is now so splendidly used to benefit, while harming as little as possible, those who need it in his own city and in the country generally; to promote art and science and literature and discovery; to assemble the good and wise and learned, the witty and brilliant and accomplished, of our own and various countries; to further the interests of morality and true religion; in a word, if it is used as it ought to be used, every one knows whose is the praise. Long ago she has discovered her husband to be both a coward and a fool; but that divine, pitying love which is, fortunately for us men, the attribute of woman at her best, has taken poor "Podge" under its ægis, and watches over him, and comforts him, and protects him, and advises him, and evermore covers the multitude of his sins, and strives tenderly to make the best of him.

Pity 'twas she was not by to console him during that election time. Not only was "Podge" fearfully "heckled" by various of the great unwashed, but a horrible poster appeared on all the hoardings, in which some hundreds of Harrow boys were represented looking on at a tiny boy with curly hair thrashing a very big and enormously fat one; and side by side with it another large picture portrayed "Podge's" flight from the ring. How did that wretched story get about? Who knows? Everyone has enemies, and no one is safe from some *réchauffé* of his past life. There were these two horrid things fixed up all over the city, and underneath them in large capitals:—"What a piece of work is 'Podge,' how noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, in form and moving how express and admirable. Electors, look at these pictures. 'Podge' has run away once already. Don't trust him, but vote for Cockles, the friend of the people."

(To be continued.)

IMP.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.  
CHRISTMAS COMPETITION.

A very large number of golfers journeyed from Belfast to Newcastle on Boxing Day by special train leaving Belfast at 8.50 a.m. The start was early, but the weather was magnificent, and a grand day's Golf amply repaid the early risers. The bulk of those present took part in the foursome competition. It will be observed that sixty-two players were engaged, all members of the club. The light held up so well that play was practicable until after 4 p.m., yet notwithstanding this fact the card was not quite got through, and the final tie had to be postponed. Appended are the details:—

First Round.—Messrs. C. R. Topping and W. E. Williames (11) beat Messrs. R. B. Walkington and W. H. Smiles (11), 3 up and 1 to play; Messrs. H. Agnew and J. S. Reade (13) beat Messrs. P. H. Charley and F. W. Crawley (15), 1 up; Messrs. J. Magee and H. H. Bottomley (15) beat Mr. J. Woodside and Dr. Lindsay (13), 3 up and 1 to play; Messrs. B. Magill and R. Kelly (13) beat Messrs. H. C. Weir and F. Hoey (14), 5 up and 3 to play; Messrs. S. C. Kelly and H. Charley, bye; Messrs. A. Doig and H. L. Newett (14) beat Messrs. T. V. P. M'Cammon and H. L. Reade (11), 2 up; Messrs. R. Magill and W. Wilson (15) beat Messrs. W. H. Phillips and T. Henderson (15); Messrs. H. P. Hill and J. M. Turnbull (15) beat Messrs.

J. Bell and J. Henderson (13); Messrs. A. N. Charley and S. Wilson, sen. (11) beat Messrs. T. S. Ferguson and F. W. Thompson (11), 3 up and 2 to play; Messrs. S. Wilson, jun., and R. MacIlwaine (16) beat Messrs. H. G. MacGeagh and A. Combe (13); Messrs. L. Barker and H. V. Coates (15) beat Messrs. R. H. Wallace and R. Young (13), 1 up, after tie; Mr. H. M. Charley and Dr. M'Keown (13) beat Messrs. E. Young and F. L. Heyn (15); Messrs. H. Herdman and T. Hughes (12) beat Messrs. J. MacCormac and W. L. Garrett, 3 up and 1 to play; Messrs. J. F. W. Hodges and W. A. Taylor (13) beat Messrs. Cumming and P. Trowsdale, 2 up; Messrs. G. S. Clarke and W. Gregg (15) beat Messrs. G. M. Shaw and W. F. Coates (12); Messrs. T. Dickson and R. Macready (12) beat Messrs. H. Gregg and J. Hyndman (7).

Second Round.—Messrs. Williames and Topping beat Messrs. Agnew and Reid, 2 up; Messrs. Magee and Bottomley beat Messrs. Magill and Kelly, 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. Doig and Newett beat Messrs. Kelly and Charley, 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. Magill and Wilson beat Messrs. Hill and Turnbull, 2 up; Messrs. Wilson and MacIlwaine beat Messrs. Charley and Wilson, 3 up and 2 to play; Messrs. Barker and Coates beat Messrs. Charley and M'Keown, 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. Hodges and Taylor beat Messrs. Herdman and Hughes, 3 up and 1 to play; Messrs. Clarke and Gregg beat Messrs. Dickson and Macready, 1 up.

Third Round.—Messrs. Magee and Bottomley beat Messrs. Williames and Topping; Messrs. Magill and Wilson beat Messrs. Doig and Newett, 2 up; Messrs. Barker and Coates beat Messrs. Wilson and MacIlwaine, 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. Clarke and Gregg beat Messrs. Hodges and Taylor, 2 up.

Semi-Final.—Messrs. Magill and Wilson beat Messrs. Magee and Bottomley, 2 up; Messrs. Barker and Coates beat Messrs. Clarke and Gregg, 2 up and 1 to play.

YE MONKS OF YE BRAIDS.

The first annual dinner of this brotherhood took place in the Castle Hotel, Edinburgh, on the 27th December, when covers were laid for thirty members. The brotherhood, which scorns the ordinary title of a "club," was formed in July, 1891, for Golf purposes primarily, and, although the membership is restricted under the rules to a certain number, the complement was soon reached, and at present there are several candidates awaiting admission. During 1892 five competitions took place, the medal holder for the year being very appropriately the first abbot of the brotherhood—Mr. John King—who, in addition, secured no less than five of the other prizes played for. Taken altogether, the gratifying success which has attended Ye Monks since their institution has been quite remarkable.

At the dinner the chair was occupied by the abbot, while Brother F. P. Nicol officiated as croupier. After the usual loyal toasts, Mr. W. P. Arnot proposed the toast of "Ye Monks of Ye Braids" in a felicitous manner, and complimented them on the successful results of their first season.

The Abbot, in the course of his reply, compared in a humorous manner the monks of old and their ways with their very much up-to-date imitators, pointing out the fact that while the prototypes were invariably barefaced, nowadays they—or at least some of them—were barefaced enough to wear moustachios, which was considered—at least by some of them—a distinct improvement. Again, while the fathers of old, being sworn to celibacy, never were really fathers, nowadays there seemed to be a desire to obliterate the fact from memory by the very frequent marriages in the brotherhood. Monks were to be found in every clime. It was said that on the discovery of the North Pole, a Scotchman would be found leaning against it. That, in his opinion, was only half of the truth; the Scotchman would be a monk playing Golf round the Pole, his club an icicle, his ball a snowball. Goff or Golf was a very ancient game, one of Adam's sons having once handled a club. As a sober game it was to be commended, because the player started with a tee and ended with a total.

Brother Josiah Livingstone, junr., proposed, and Mr. G. Scott Ranken responded to, the toast of "Ye Noble Gamye of Goff," while the other toasts were, "Ye Ladies," proposed by the Croupier, Brother H. H. Chapman responding; "Ye Office Bearers," proposed by Brother J. E. Sansome, and replied to by Brother A. King; "Ye Guests," proposed by Brother George Reid, Mr. W. D. Glen responding; and "Ye Chairman," proposed by Brother E. Reid. Songs, banjo and violin solos, etc., helped to make up a very pleasant evening. We are able to give below the words of a song composed by one



of the brethren for the occasion, and which was sung with great gusto by Brother Harry Chapman. The menu-card, which was the joint work of Brothers F. Page and A. W. Sansome, was got up in burlesque style, and hit off several terms in Golf parlance in a happy manner, and proved a continual source of amusement throughout the evening.

### YE MONKS OF YE BRAIDS.

(TUNE—"Father O'Flynn.")

I.

Ye Monks o' Ye Braids! What a merry ould crew ye are!  
 Your feasting, your songs, and your laughter the bist be far,  
 There's nothing, I trow, your funny ould ways to mar,  
 —Arrah, I like ye, ye Monks o' Ye Braids!  
 Loike the fathers of yore, your table is blist  
 With viands and dishes and wines of the bist.  
 You loike to be frolicking, love to be rollicking,  
 —Begorra, I like ye, ye Monks o' Ye Braids!

Chorus.—

Here's a health to ye, Monks o' Ye Braids!  
 You're just loike the sun, your glory ne'er fades.  
 I love the small o' ye, yis, and the tall o' ye,  
 —Och, bedad, all o' ye, ye Monks o' Ye Braids!

2.

Now, Abbot, your rivrence, ye monks are all proud o' ye,  
 Their tongues ne'er can sing in praises too loud o' ye,  
 Och, they wish there was only a moighty big crowd o' ye,  
 —Bedad, we love ye, Abbot, me boy!  
 You've a ruddy fat face, and a merry ould laugh,  
 With a wink in your eye, full o' banter and chaff,  
 You are ne'er melancholy, you are always so jolly,  
 —Here's to the Abbot, ye Monks o' Ye Braids!

Chorus.—

Here's a health to ye, Monks o' Ye Braids!  
 You're just loike the sun, your glory ne'er fades.  
 I love the small o' ye, yis, and the tall o' ye,  
 —Och, bedad, all o' ye, ye Monks o' Ye Braids!

3.

May your shadows, begorra, never grow less, me boys,  
 (I can wish ye no better, I must confess, me boys),  
 Bounty and wealth, contentment and rist, me boys,  
 —That is me toast, ye Monks o' Ye Braids!  
 So drive from the tee, your aim 'far and sure';  
 I wot not the malady Goff cannot cure.  
 With perfect urbanity to all our humanity,  
 All hail to ye merry ones, Monks o' Ye Braids!

Chorus.—

Here's a health to ye, Monks o' Ye Braids!  
 You're just loike the sun, your glory ne'er fades.  
 I love the small o' ye, yis and the tall o' ye,  
 —Och, bedad, all o' ye, ye Monks o' Ye Braids!

### ENCORE VERSE.

Ye monks, ye approve of me song, I am thinkin';  
 The toast is a good one, 'tis a fact no use blinkin',  
 But if I try to sing more, where's the toime for me drinkin'?  
 —And that's me excuse, ye Monks o' Ye Braids!  
 More power to your elbow, —bad luck to the sowl  
 Who dares to disparage our cassock and cowl.  
 Of this song that's the bist of it, I've forgotten the rist of it,  
 So empty your goblets, ye Monks o' Ye Braids!

Chorus.—

Here's a health to ye Monks o' Ye Braids!  
 You're just loike the sun, your glory ne'er fades.  
 I love the small o' ye, yis and the tall o' ye,  
 —Oh, bedad, all o' ye, ye Monks o' Ye Braids!

A. W. S.

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All over Scotland, for the last ten days, in splendid black frost the roaring game has been in full swing, and curlers have to their hearts' content enjoyed their favourite sport. In England also, the game of curling has been making way with the coming of King Frost into southern territory. The Archbishop of York has recently ordered from Andersons, Edinburgh, a pair of curling stones. The Crystal Palace Club, not being well treated in their former quarters, have got a new pond beside the Golf course at Eltham. The well-known golfer, Mr. John Penn, M.P. for Lewisham, has just got initiated at curling on the Dirlerton Pond, playing a fair stone from the start, and with his enthusiasm for manly sports he may be depended on to follow up his successful beginning as a curler. Messrs. A. G. and D. Gibson, whose names are known to London golfers, have also had a week's good curling on the same pond. They are old hands at the game.

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"Sincere should be the gratitude of all Golfers," writes Argus. "for the Bibliography of Golf drawn up by Mr. Chapman, and which the editor has inserted in last week's GOLF. I notice some omissions, which I hope I may soon supply; but, as I am a keen curler, I have not time this week to give attention to the subject. Following up the Bibliography, we may expect a still greater demand for the more ancient books on the subject, such as Mathison's *The Goff*, which is now rare; and many who, like myself, were busy making a collection, will have their labours much relieved by the very clear and full list you have given. I shall next week send you a notice of the latest poem connected with the game, 'A Golfing Idyl,' which ought especially to interest your clerical golfers, as it tells how the Deil was stymied, which is what the clergy are employed to do. By the way, is it quite correct to dignify a list of books on any subject as a bibliography, without entering on a description of the various volumes?"

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In "East Lothian Illustrated," to which we referred last week, Mr. Purves gives some interesting notes about the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., and his family seat—Whittinghame. Mr. Purves is a great admirer of the ex-First Lord of the Treasury, and he describes him as "the first man in all the Lothians," a "wise landowner," and beloved by his tenants. This opinion had a good illustration no later than Thursday last, when the tenantry of Mr. Balfour's estates went to Whittinghame House, and presented him with an illuminated address acknowledging his practical sympathy with them in reducing their rents in trying times. "The house and grounds," says Mr. Purves, "express not only comfort, elegance and colour, but the owner's taste. They are a portrait illustrating the character of the proprietor. . . . The lovely walks by stream and meadow, and trees and field, over many an acre rise and fall, run and go, bend and double—the admiration of the place. Trees rustle in the wind, the stream and streamlets rush and tumble, and hounds deeply bay in the woods. As you saunter from terrace to terrace, and wander in the parks and absorb the scene, you feel a distant nearness in the hills, a secret sweetness in the stream. On the lawn a few tiny red flags and holes in the turf attest the enthusiastic golfer. . . . What an inviting, graceful, lightsome library! Not dim and dingy with old volumes, and calf-bound tomes of hide-bound

authors. It is a magnificent collection of the best literature, formed in a country mansion by a country gentleman, who can say, 'I have felt with my native land; I am one with my kind.'

It harmonises so well with our idea of that splendid modern Statesman, who seems, as it were, to have sat for that masculine and fearless portrait in Tennyson's 'Maud':—

A man with heart, head, hand,  
Like some of the simple great ones gone  
For ever and ever by.  
One still strong man in a blatant land,  
Whatever they call him, what care I,  
Aristocrat, democrat, autocrat—one  
Who can rule, and dare not lie."

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Mr. Blacklock's sketch of Gullane Links "is taken from the hole across from the slope hole coming in, or from the Pond hole going out, the putting-greens being one. You are facing the Bunker Hole, with the ladder up the deep bunker as a guide, and an omen of what befalls you if you play short." Mr. Purves thus writes of Gullane Common: "Commons like this are uncommon and sacredly preserved. Not a tree, nor a building, nor a shrub—nothing higher than thistles or nettles or wild yellow weeds—nor a fence, are to be found on its great extent. No shelter there for the cattle or horses or sheep or pedestrians. Man and the many larks and peewees that make music here all day long are on equal terms. This tract of ground is the only ground of any extent in the country away from the Lammermuir that remains in the same condition, unenclosed, unplanted, untilled, unaltered from what it was centuries ago. This uncommon common is an original example of original East Lothian, a relic of uncivilised Scotland, and likely, we pray, to remain in that condition. From the hill top a noble panorama is to be seen—the Grampians in the north, the Lomonds in the west, with the beauties of sea and shore, and city's smoke and towns' presences, all making, with the breeze that blows and the warmth of sunshine, an impression equal to foreign bays. . . . Here from the dawn to the glowing one can gather enough of Scot's life and work, enough of Scot's labours, enough aspects of earth and sky and sea to make episodes for a modern Odyssey. Leisure and pleasure make your acquaintance. You stand at ease. The spirit is in the air or the soil, and moulds the native's mind, according to the theory of development, for racehorses have been trained and Golf has here been played for so very many years."

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Attracted by the new hotel at Gullane, a good many golfers have been playing over the green, and spending their holidays at the quiet watering-place. Owing to the hoar-frost, red balls have been in general use. Among others who have engaged in matches were Colonel Adam and Colonel J. M. Scott, 5th V.B. Royal Scots.

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The danger to Gullane Golf course would now appear to lie in the direction of several feuars at Gullane. The proposed railway is, it is understood, supported by Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton-Ogilvy, who wish to open up better communication with Gullane, and to golfers this would be a great boon. The few feuars, however, view with alarm the inroads of the players who would take advantage of the railway, and they have been approaching Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton-Ogilvy with a view to having Gullane treated as virtually a private green. Their proposal, we believe, is that the Gullane Club, which now spends £100 a year in keeping up the course, should rent the same, and have the right of regulating Golf on the Common; and if this is not done they are prepared in present circumstances to oppose the railway.

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"I read with much interest," writes Scotus, "the match 'Conington Castle v. Huntingdon' in last week's GOLF. Mr. J. M. Heathcote is one of the English landlords who have seen the beauty of Golf, and provided for themselves and their friends facilities for its enjoyment in proximity to their mansions. I have seen the Conington Castle course, and there are some sporting hazards in it, and a fine putting-green at the finish. All skaters know the fame of Mr. Heathcote, and the Bad-

minton volume on the subject is chiefly his work. Mr. H. M. Bell's initials may be often recognised under interesting contributions to GOLF. He is an old gutta-percha hand, and at Sawtry has a capital little putting-green, where I have had with him many a keen tussle, but barring an occasional run to Yarmouth, or to Scotland, or an afternoon with his landlord—the lord of Conington—he has not much chance of keeping in his hand. I see he suffered severely against Captain Kinloch. But the Captain is also a distinguished player, and a member of a family who are renowned on the links, so I guess H. M. B. was in the front of the battle. Captain Kinloch's father, Sir Alexander, the laird of Gilmerton, was long a noted golfer, and it was he who struck off the ball at the opening of Muirfield course. Lawrence M. Lockhart (v. "Golfing Annual," I., 74) describes the golfing baronet as 'rather a one-er to slog.' Mr. F. Kinloch, a brother of the Captain, is also one of the best players in the Honourable Company."

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We sometimes hear the modern system of giving handicap prizes derided as unworthy of the classical age of Golf, and the present sneered at as "the electro-plate era." No doubt the system is overdone; but it is interesting to go back to the best days of the Burgess Club, when on Bruntsfield Links the members held their competitions, and take a note of the handicap prizes they there played for. We take two years, 1868 and 1869, of which the records are given in the *Golfer's Annual*, 1869-70, and, omitting the competition for the gold medal (scratch) and the silver medal (handicap), we give a list of handicap competitions and prizes:—

1868.—May 23rd: 1, Electro-plated coffee percolator; 2, bronze coffee percolator; 3, spirit lamp. July 23rd: 1, Silver-mounted cleft; 2, silver-mounted putter. August 8th: 1, Silver fish knife and fork; 2, eight balls; 3, four balls. October 3rd: Electro-plated biscuit-box. December 5th: Handsome pocket copy of Shakespeare. December 25th: 1, Coffee percolator on silver-plated stand; 2, coffee percolator on bronze stand. 1869.—January 9th: Handsome copy Waverley Novels. May 10th: Two beautiful courier bags. May 26th: Splendid dining-room timepiece. October 12th: 1, £2 to purchase prize; 2, barometer; 3, gold seal; 4, set of clubs; 5, hat. December 11th: 1, A dozen of wine; 2, fine courier bag.

The above list may be of some use to prize-donors, and, perhaps, carping critics may now say, but in a different sense in regard to handicap prizes, "The former days were better than these."

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Overheard on a foreign course, of which the local players are justly proud, though turf putting-greens are not feasible, and smoothed earth ones have to be substituted:—Visitor (whose ball is lying on a lately-disused *putting-green*) to partner, a local player—"I say, does this count as a hazard?" (*Tableau!* Feelings of local player may be imagined!)

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In playing over the Umballa (India) course on the 3rd December, Mr. Leslie Smith holed the eleventh hole in one stroke. The length of the hole is recorded as 170 yards.

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The Golf links recently formed at Fochabers, in Morayshire, are an interesting addition to the extensive list on which the game thrives in the North of Scotland. In that quarter they are almost entirely shore links, plenty of room of that description being obtainable between Aberdeen and John O'Groats, and we believe the newest course will share with Grantown and the Muir of Ord the distinction of being the very limited exception to a rule of very large application.

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The Fochabers' course is a nine-hole one, and has been laid out on part of the extensive grassy flat in front of Gordon Castle, the princely Scottish seat of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. A fair amount of difficulties are to be encountered, and some of the holes present a few really sporting features. There should be room enough in this part of the far-reaching policies to extend the course to eighteen holes, should it be found necessary in future.

Whether the formation of the Fochabers links is the outcome of local aspiration, or of the desire of the Gordon-Lennox family to enable their visitors—of whom they entertain a host every autumn—to enjoy a pleasant variant to fishing and shooting, we have no information. It is immaterial, however, as with the unaffected sympathy which has always characterised the intercourse of the Castle with the inhabitants of the picturesque village at its gates, arrangements have been made by which the latter may gratify their taste for the game. A few days before Christmas a meeting was held in the Gordon Arms Hotel for the purpose of forming a Golf club. Mr. Charles Gray, banker, who presided, detailed the particulars in connection with the granting of the use of the course, after which the twenty gentlemen present were enrolled as members. The Duke is to be asked to become patron, and his local commissioner, Mr. Wadderspoon, president. The Rev. Mr. Watt, the parish minister, has presented a silver medal for monthly competition. A considerable membership may be counted upon, as it will be open to the large area embraced by the parishes of Bellie, Enzie, and Speymouth.

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The probable influx of visitors to Fochabers has apparently presented itself at the outset, for suitable arrangements are to be made to meet the requirements of strangers. These are not likely to be objectionable, and to the regular itinerant, or the golfer in search of "quiet links," the writer, who knows the district, strongly recommends a visit. In Fochabers they will find a regularly built clean little town, with romantic surroundings, and as yet untarnished by the near approach of the locomotive; and the lover of fine scenery or the contemplative golfer will find in the course itself very pleasurable additions to the game. The links form part of an expanse which was at one time a treacherous morass, or bog, surrounding the old fortress of the Huntlys, or Gordons, which still stands, forming the nucleus of the present magnificent mansion. The place known as the "House of the Bog" played a very important part in the stirring events of far away Feudal times, and of the '15 and '45. Burns, in the course of his Highland tour in 1787, visited the castle—when the beautiful Jeanie Maxwell reigned as consort of the Fourth Duke of Gordon—and celebrated its attractions in a lyric of florid tendency. Moreover, the golfer of a musical turn will be able to warble with a fuller meaning the melody of the well-known ballad incomprehensibly described as the "Blue Bells of Scotland," the hero of which was a gallant Gordon, for on one side of the course he will be able to see the great bank of holly trees, which he is described as dwelling beneath, "beside the rapid Spey."

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We believe Mr. Osborne, of the ducal household, had much to do with planning the course. Mr. Osborne is a good golfer, and some time ago he succeeded, if we mistake not, in lowering the record of the Stotfield course at Lossiemouth.

SCENE.—*Irish Country Golf Pavilion (not in Connemara).*

LADY TYRO (to Col. Narrowburn, hon. secretary).—Oh, by the way, Colonel Narrowburn, I hear you are sending to the Stores in London for some Golf sticks!

COL. N.—Oh, yes, Lady Tyro. (*Reprovingly.*) Golf clubs, Lady Tyro, Golf CLUBS.

LADY T.—Then I should be awfully obliged if you would send for a few clubs for me.

COL. N.—With much pleasure, Lady Tyro (*taking out pencil to note order*). What do you require?

LADY T.—Well, let me see. I shall want a driver, shan't I? and a—a—brassie. I've got a cleek; but shan't I also want one of those little short sticks—I mean clubs—as well? Those little clubs that one has to bend one's knees so to use!

COL. N. (*gravely*).—A putter?

LADY T.—Yes, yes, a putter; and I think I should get one of those horrid clumsy thick-headed things—I don't know their name—that I saw you using so long to-day in that dreadful sand-hole with Captain Heelhis.

COL. N. (*reflectively*).—Niblick, Lady Tyro—niblick.

LADY T. (*archly*).—Oh, yes, a niblick to mash with, isn't it, in the sand?

COL. N. (*sotto voce*).—*To mash with—ye Gods!* (*Aloud.*) Is that all, Lady Tyro?

LADY T.—Yes, thank you, Colonel.

COL. N.—All right, I've noted them.

LADY T.—Oh, it's well I didn't forget. I shall want a caddie; you might put that down too. I shall want a caddie to *spoon* with, you know. Ta, ta, Colonel.

COL. N. (*gasping*).—Good bye, Lady Tyro!

(As Lady Tyro disappears the Colonel is heard faintly thanking God she is gone, and ordering the small custodian to bring a brandy and soda, and "be d—d to him.")

#### NOTICE.

THE Editorial Offices of GOLF have been removed to 80, CHANCERY LANE, W.C., to which address all communications intended for the Editor must be addressed.

All Business communications and advertisements to be addressed to the Publisher at the same address.

ALLOA.—A fifteen-hole handicap competition for Golf-clubs took place over the course at Arnsbrae on Saturday. The following were the prize-takers and lowest scorers:—Mr. W. T. Buchan (15), 69; Mr. C. Hendry (3), 70; Mr. M. Blair (11), 71; Mr. T. W. Wallace (scratch), 72.



AT FELIXSTOWE.





A WORD TO BEGINNERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Tait's interesting letter on the height of tees, what clubs to use, &c., I should like to ask whether it is worth while to carry a spoon as well as a brassie. One has not a longer carry than the other.

The brassie as a club is equal to the spoon on all occasions, superior to the spoon on some occasions. Why carry both?

I am, Sir, &c.,  
P. S. W.

January 1st, 1893.

IRISH GOLFERS AND MR. A. J. BALFOUR, M.P.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In reply to the paragraph which appeared in your issue of 23rd inst. respecting the present of Golf clubs to the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., may I, as one interested in the presentation, give a description of the articles in question?

Many of the readers of GOLF and other papers seem to have an idea that the clubs are for show only; while others, again, are evidently under the impression that the case and its contents are merely a fancy article of drawing-room furniture, or for the adornment of an entrance-hall, smoking-room, or library. While eminently fitted for either of the latter places, a description of the articles themselves may prove of interest to your readers.

The case, which is made from Mr. Aitken's own design, is a magnificent piece of work, in polished oak, standing 6 feet in height, and 1 foot 9 inches in breadth. The front is supported on either side of the glass door by two massively-carved oak pillars, the sides of the case between the pillars and back being let in with glass. The top, which is plainly but handsomely carved, is surmounted by the monogram "A. J. B.," carved in oak, while underneath it and over the glass door is a rectangular silver plate, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., by one hundred Irish golfers." The case is lined at the back with blue plush velvet, while a neat arrangement of ivory clips keeps each club in position.

It contains the following ten clubs, viz, a straight-faced driver, bulger driver, brassy bulger, brassy niblick, wooden putter, cleek, sand-iron, mashie, iron niblick, and iron putter, made from the finest picked materials, and they are a faultless lot of clubs. The shafts include the following woods:—Lance-wood, hickory, greenheart, and purple wood. The handle of each club is covered with green embossed morocco leather, with a white ivory button capping the shaft.

A silver band three-quarters of an inch in depth encircles each shaft, with the monogram "A. J. B." stamped upon it, and, it is needless to add, the whole are most highly polished and beautifully finished.

The case and clubs have been on view in Princes' Street, Edinburgh, and are now performing a similar mission in Belfast.

In entrusting the work to Mr. Alexander Aitken, 174, Morningside Road, Edinburgh, the Irish Committee made no mistake. The whole of the work has been executed on his own premises; each club, from the rough to the finish, has passed through his own hands; and for excellence of workmanship, style of finish, and driving qualities it would indeed be difficult to find a more perfect set of tools. We feel confident that the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour will find that the Irishmen who delight to do him honour have, through Mr. Aitken, placed in his hands a set of clubs which will be found to be useful as well as ornamental.

Your witty correspondent of last week, who jeers at the case, and seeks for information regarding its construction, has evidently got hold of the wrong end of the club, or fallen foul of a bunker, and to help him to understand the intricacies of a Golf case I enclose a photograph, which I trust will help him out of his difficulties.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
AN IRISHMAN.

GULLANE AND THE RAILWAY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your issue of the 23rd inst., in "Tee Shots," I read with interest of the meeting held at Aberlady with reference to the proposed new railway from Longniddry to North Berwick, *via* Aberlady, Gullane, and Dirleton, to which proposition Mr. Hope of Luffness, and some of the feuars of Gullane are offering opposition.

This railway has been a long-felt want in the locality, like the Forth Bridge and the Newhaven Cable Tramways, which have accelerated travelling in this go-ahead age.

I fully sympathise with Mr. Hope and the feuars in their objections to have the privacy and quietness of that district broken in upon. Does Mr. B. H. Blyth wish Gullane to be made as public and as much cut to pieces as Musselburgh has been? which even the opening up of the Braid Hill course has little alleviated. It is hardly fair and reasonable to secure Muirfield and preserve it as a private course for the members of the Honourable Company and their friends, and then grumble at others because they desire to preserve their privacy. Luffness and Gullane greens would very soon lose their beauty and verdure, so lately extolled by your correspondent, "H. M. B.," who inadvertently omitted to mention the steep hills one has to ascend in playing over Gullane eighteen-hole course of the present day, which is very different from that of fifteen years ago, under the *régime* of the late Mr. Whytock, when a golfer had also the pleasing sight of several race-horses and jockeys taking their morning gallops under Mr. Binnie.

I would suggest the introduction of a ginger-beer hole half-way on both Luffness and Gullane links for those who are afraid to drink well water.

What are the caddies to do in the dull winter season if they cannot all "read heids" and "dig carrots"? Are they to loaf about in idleness, and not even "brak stanes"?

I respectfully offer these suggestions to the notice of the promoters of the Railway Bill who Golf and reside at Aberlady and Gullane.

I am Sir, &c.,  
A BIRD OF EAST LOTHIAN.

London, December 26th.

BURNTISLAND.—The monthly competition for the winter medal took place on the links on Saturday. The turn-out was small, and the frozen putting-greens rendered play somewhat uncertain. Chief scores:—Mr. J. Venters, 71, less 2=69; Mr. J. Wood, 68, plus 2=70; Mr. J. Blyth, 74, less 4=70; Mr. H. Philp, 76, less 4=72.

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## Eminent Golfers.

XXXV.—ANDREW KIRKALDY.

When in the year 1889 Andrew Kirkaldy tied at Musselburgh for the Open Championship with Willie Park, jun., his very name was unfamiliar to the larger section of the golfing public; to many, therefore, his prominent position on that occasion was perhaps matter for some surprise. Quite otherwise was it with those who had been accustomed to see him on his native green of St. Andrews. Not only were they well aware of his powers, but were perhaps, if anything, rather astonished that he did not win outright. However, by reason not only of his fine score at Musselburgh, but of his subsequent brilliant play on other occasions, from a position of comparative obscurity he has emerged into the full light of day; nor would it be unsafe to assert that, from one end of the land to another, no name is now more familiar to golfers than that of the subject of this sketch. Born at Denhead, near St. Andrews, he is now in his thirty-third year. He is the second of three brothers, the eldest of whom, Jack Kirkaldy, has long been known as a fine, if somewhat unsteady player. The youngest, Hugh, it is scarcely necessary to remind the reader, won the Open Championship of 1891, with the lowest recorded score for that event. By this performance, he, so to speak, somewhat took the wind out of Andrew's sails, for until that day the latter had been considered to have perhaps a slight advantage—an opinion, the championship notwithstanding, which many may still retain. But it is no part of our present purpose to discuss the question; we have no wish to see the house divided against itself; sufficient if we recognise in the brothers two of the very foremost golfers of the age.

Andrew began to play at about the age of thirteen, his first appearance of importance being about 1874, when in a competition wherein many of the best players of that day were concerned, *e.g.*, young Tommy Morris, David Strath, and Tom Kidd, he secured fourth place with a score of 91. For the next three years he did not play much, but 1877 saw him competing for prizes at North Berwick, where Bob Ferguson was the winner; then came George Paxton, R. Pringle, and Kirkaldy, bracketted equal. In the decisive round Paxton won, and Kirkaldy again took fourth place. In 1879 he found himself in the most prominent position he had yet achieved. Some, though not the younger generation of players, will remember the magnificent play of Jamie Allan about that time, how at Westward Ho! in especial, his game did not fall short of absolute perfection. Although, indeed, he was defeated by Jamie Anderson in a match for a considerable amount of money, yet he was acknowledged to be in the very van of the players of that day. In the zenith of his powers, he entered for the championship of 1879, at St. Andrews; Jamie Anderson won it, immediately after whom came Andrew Kirkaldy, with 86 and 86, a tie with Allan, who had 84 and 88. In playing off, Kirkaldy won by three strokes, though the Golf was by no means equal to that of the previous day, the scores being 89, and 92. After this came a blank in Kirkaldy's career, so far, at least, as Golf was concerned. 1880 saw nothing of importance for him, but in 1881 he enlisted in the 74th. He was present at Tel-el-Kebir, and received a medal and star; after his Egyptian campaign he

was quartered at Plymouth for several months; thence he went to India, where he served the remainder of his time. During all the years he was in the army, he did not touch a club, with a trifling exception, in 1883, when being home on leave, he had a few shots. His time expired in 1887, when he returned to his home green, where in three months he regained, and more than regained, the lost art. He had a few matches with David Ayton, for sums varying from £2 to £25, in the majority of which he proved himself the stronger player. About now he began to develop extraordinarily fine driving powers; none among the caddies or professionals could cope with him in this respect, and by continual practice, his game, always brilliant, became also remarkably steady. In the summer of 1888, the visitors subscribed a sum of money to be played for by the professionals and caddies under handicap, a new departure, but somewhat interesting. The handicap was arranged by golfers of judgment, whose efforts were so far satisfactory as to produce a tie between Kirkaldy, who of course was at scratch, and Jamie Anderson, in receipt of four strokes; Kirkaldy made the brilliant score of 78, Jamie Anderson, 82. The tie was played off; it was interesting as being representative of rival schools of



Golf, the new against the old, hard hitting against skill, the man of iron against the man of wood, wherein, all too easily, the former prevailed. The green was heavy, and Kirkaldy's long driving gave him the advantage; result, 85, against 94. That year, the championship was at St. Andrews, but Kirkaldy was no higher than sixth, with 176; J. Burns won, with 171; three professionals and an amateur, Mr. Leslie M. Balfour, being in front of Kirkaldy. In the summer of 1889, a tournament was again inaugurated by the visitors, although this time it took the form of a handicap by holes, and not by score. Curiously enough, Kirkaldy again tied for first place, and again with one of the old school, "a fine old Scottish gentleman, one of the olden time," old Tom Morris, to wit, whom age withers not. He had an allowance of four holes; but he, too, like Jamie Anderson, went down before the strong driver, and lost by 5 and 3 to play. Thus far it will be noted that Kirkaldy's exploits were almost entirely confined to his own green. He had not gone to Prestwick for the 1887 Championship; but at Musselburgh, in the autumn of

1889, he somewhat astonished those who had never seen him play. For steadiness and brilliancy combined, his game on that occasion could hardly have been excelled. His score contained but three sixes in the four rounds, which were 39 38 39 39—a total of 155, two strokes lower than ever before recorded for that event. Such a return appeared unassailable, the more so as the most likely competitors, Willie Park, jun., and Bernard Sayers, with the last six holes to play, were respectively two and four strokes behind him. Kirkaldy had 4 apiece for each of these holes; Sayers also did them in 24; but Park gained a stroke at the third last hole, halved the next, and was left with 3 for the last hole to tie. His tee shot landed in the midst of the throng of spectators, who were standing far too close to the hole; but though his ball touched one of them, it is questionable if he gained much advantage. He then laid himself stone dead, and for the second time in its annals the contest for the Championship resulted in a tie, Park likewise having had three 39's and a 38. On the third succeeding day they met to decide the question; but Kirkaldy now hardly did himself justice in his driving, for he was more or less inclined to heel



all day long, the result being that he required 163, whereas Park's game was but little inferior to his previous display, and he won with 158. So passed the winter; but in the spring, Park, not content to rest on his laurels, as he might well have done, issued a challenge to all and sundry to play a four-green match, for any sum from £100 to £500. Nothing loth, Kirkaldy readily accepted; so a match was arranged for £100 aside over Musselburgh, Prestwick, Troon, and St. Andrews, in the order named. In the whole annals of Golf it would be difficult to refer to a match productive of greater excitement, or one wherein more brilliant play was shown by winner and loser alike. The first day over Park's home-green left him 1 hole up, and this despite the fact that at one time, not very far from the end, he had been 4 holes down, due in great measure to Kirkaldy's magnificent second round, which was as low as 36. At Prestwick, the first neutral green, little alteration ensued. The end of the day saw Kirkaldy 2 up, and 1 up on the seventy-two holes. Much now depended upon what happened at Troon, for it was thought that if the challenger was to make good his claim, it would be necessary for him to start for St. Andrews with at least three or four holes in hand, as Kirkaldy's superiority on his own green was tolerably well assured. Nothing could have exceeded the sensational interest of that third day's play; after the first seven holes Kirkaldy, on the entire match, was 5 up; at the end of the round Park had reduced this lead to 2; the next nine holes saw him but 1 down, at the tenth he brought himself square. Two holes later he was 1 up, for Kirkaldy had badly missed two drives; the excitement at fever heat. Many a man at such a stage might have broken down irretrievably, yet did this acute crisis serve but to bring out Kirkaldy's determination. From this point to the end he played a game absolutely impossible to beat, almost impossible to equal—he holed all his putts, one, a most important one, a very nasty downhill drop, also two long and unexpected ones at other holes, and with the splendid total of 22 for the last six, he had three holes in hand wherewith to begin the last day on his own green. There, a week later, assembled golfers from all parts of the country, some four thousand or so in number, the North British Railway having run a special train for the occasion. Kirkaldy won three out of the first four holes, and was now 6 up; after this the issue was scarcely doubtful, and ultimately he won one of the most brilliant matches on record by 8 up and 7 to play. His average all through was but little above 81 for every eighteen holes, that of Park, although defeated, being but little worse. This match did more towards bringing the victor into general notice, than even his tie in the Championship, and the impression now began to be prevalent that he was the finest player living.

In the autumn of that year the Championship took place at Prestwick; Kirkaldy and Park were 170, but both were beaten by Mr. John Ball, jun., 164, and by W. Fernie and Archie Simpson, who tied for second at 167. The next event that closely concerned Kirkaldy was the acceptance of a challenge emanating from himself and his brother Hugh, to play any two a home-and-home match for £100 a side. This was taken up in a somewhat unexpected quarter, for while the great ones of the earth were making up their minds, Bernard Sayers and David Grant stepped in and announced their willingness to play. Undoubtedly this was a surprise, for though Sayers was a known quantity, a factor to be reckoned with, yet the fame of his coadjutor was by no means so widely spread. Indeed, they might have said, in the words of Adler to King Estmere, in their plan for the overthrow of the "foule paynim" Syr Bremor, King of Spayne,

"It shal be written on our foreheads,  
All and in gramarye  
That we towe are the boldest men  
That are in all Christentye."

But valour was its own reward, and more, it brought solid profit in its train, for the North Berwick men played fully as well as the challengers over St. Andrews, and on the Lothian green a very great deal better, the end where of was a victory for them by 11 up and 9 to play. Andrew Kirkaldy never succeeded in arriving at his proper form during the whole of this match, whether from over-confidence, or whatever other reason, but his brother did all that might be to stave off defeat. That

autumn witnessed the latter the Champion at St. Andrews, with the lowest score recorded, 166, albeit Andrew was only 2 strokes worse (also a record), a tie for second with W. Fernie, whom subsequently he defeated with 85 against 89. In the winter Kirkaldy went to Winchester, where a match took place, in which he was defeated by J. Taylor, a player who learnt Golf at Westward Ho! The first half of the match, played in very hard frost, left Taylor 1 up on the day; three weeks afterwards, at Burnham, Somersetshire, the latter increased his advantage, and won by 4 and 3 to play—on the seventy-two holes. Scores:—

Taylor	...	...	...	...	36	38	37	36
Kirkaldy	...	...	...	...	33	38	40	41

Later on Kirkaldy played an exhibition match with Callaway at Haslar, whom he easily defeated.

Such, then, are the most noteworthy incidents in his career; it remains to say that he is gifted with great strength, otherwise he could scarcely play in the style he has adopted, a rather short, quick swing, the power apparently coming from the forearm. Still his style is compact, easily controlled, and if lacking in grace, is not lacking in accuracy, for nothing much can go wrong with it. His most deadly shot is played with an iron, a mashie, or a cleek, with all which he can drive a shot of almost incredible length from the wrist or forearm, where others would fain swing the club. A very long driver, he is equally good either with or against the wind; an admirable putter, he gives every ball the chance of going in; thus, though he has hitherto been rather unlucky in the Championship, it will be strange indeed if his turn come not once at least in the next few years, if not oftener. To show that his form is improving one has only to point to the twin-record score of 73, made on August 29th—35 out, 38 home, thus rivalling his brother's 73 at St. Andrews, which has stood as the record score of the green for a long time. Three times has he had a 74; one of these rounds having been played quite recently with Mr. A. Tait. He was out in 34 (his lowest half-round); on the afternoon of the same day he holed out in 78; the double round was thus 152, the lowest, so far as is known, that has ever been done.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

TAPLOW GOLF CLUB.

The course, an eighteen-hole one, abounding in natural hazards, was planned by Mr. Tom Dunn, of the Tooting Bec Golf Club, who has a high opinion of it. It lies between Taplow and Bray Lock, and is about three and a quarter miles round. It has the advantage of being on private ground, so that none but members of the club and their friends can walk on the links, and play can be held both week-days and Sundays. The club-house, which is conveniently arranged, and where refreshments and all necessary accommodation are provided, is situated within five minutes' walk of Taplow Station on the Great Western Railway main line. Frequent trains run from Paddington in from thirty-five to forty-five minutes. A Professional is in attendance, to teach and play the game, and under whose care the greens have been brought to a high state of perfection. Members are entitled to introduce visitors (ladies and gentlemen), and it is proposed to lay out a ladies' course. The monthly medal is played for on the second Saturday in the month. The subscription to the club is two guineas per annum for a limited number of original members, after which an entrance fee will be imposed. Application for membership to be made to the Secretary, who has authority to allow intending members to use the course pending election. President, Mr. W. H. Grenfell, M.P. Committee:—Mr. Archibald Brakspear, Honourable Reginald Brougham, Mr. F. C. Carr-Gomm, Captain Casberd-Boteler, R.N., Honourable Cecil S. Irby, Mr. P. G. S. Payne.—MEADOWS TAYLOR (Secretary).

TROON GOLF CLUB.

The December competition for the Sandhills gold medal, presented by Mr. W. A. Robertson, was played for on Saturday, when, the weather being cold and the ground hard from frost, only a small contingent of the members went round. On the cards being arranged it was found that the lowest scores were:—Mr. William Law, 97, less 14=83; Mr. John Merry, 87, less 2=85; Mr. R. Mackill, 105, less 18=87; Mr. A. T. Craig, 104, less 10=94; Mr. A. Walker Irvine, 104, less 10=94; Mr. W. Mackie, 109, less 14=95.



ABERDEEN.

The usual Christmas competition amongst the members of the Victoria Club here, took place over the nine-hole course on the Aberdeen links, on Saturday the 24th, and Monday, the 26th ult. Two rounds of the links were played, and a large field of competitors turned out, thirty-two couples handing in cards. The weather was very favourable on both days, but the putting-greens, owing to the frost, were somewhat hard. Notwithstanding, some very fine scores were handed in, Mr. Dunn's 73 being the record for the green. The prizes, which were of a seasonable character, were all the gifts of members, and numbered thirteen in all, six going to first class players and seven to second class players. Ties were decided by the lowest handicaps. The following were the prize-winners:—

First-class.—

Gross. Hep. Net.		Gross. Hep. Net.	
Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	73 scr. 73	Mr. A. Gemmill	89 9 80
Mr. G. Hendry	85 8 77	Mr. D. B. Leslie	87 6 81
Mr. A. R. Williams	82 3 79	Mr. M. H. Mackie	87 6 81

Mr. Dunn's fine score of 73 is the record for the green, and was made up as follows:—4 4 3 4 6 5 4 3=37; 4 3 4 3 4 5 5 5 3=36, total, 73. Among the remaining cards the following had the lowest figures:—Messrs. A. M'Connachie 83, A. Mitchell 85, J. Russell and A. Cooper 88, J. B. Banks 89, T. Macleannan, J. Rennie, and G. Barron 90, D. J. Innes and W. R. Stalker 91, R. Anderson (2), J. A. Ross, D. Jessiman, and C. Roberson 92, D. Gunn, J. Law, J. Hazelwood, and G. G. Cameron, sen. 95, R. Semple 96, J. Burness 97, and A. M. Scott 99.

Second Class.—

Gross. Hep. Net.		Gross. Hep. Net.	
Mr. W. Caird	93 8 85	Mr. G. Anderson (2)	92 scr. 92
Mr. W. Duncan	98 10 88	Mr. G. G. Cameron,	jun. ... 96 3 93
Mr. W. Mitchell	93 4 89	Mr. J. H. Webster	108 15 93
Mr. A. T. Webster	96 7 89		

Among the remaining cards the following had the lowest figures:—Messrs. T. D. M'Neill and J. J. Mackenzie 94 each, T. Paton 97, and W. Riddoch and J. H. Jamieson 99 each.

Another interesting competition took place at the same time, viz., a competition for the longest drive, and another for the best iron or mashie shot. The conditions for the drive were two tries to each competitor, the player driving the greatest distance within a space 50 yards broad to win. For the iron or mashie the conditions were—three shots to each competitor from a teeing ground to a point 50 yards in front. The competitor making the best average with his three shots to win. These competitions called forth a large amount of interest, and a good number of members entered, the entry money being divided into three prizes for each event, which were won as follows:—

DRIVING COMPETITION.

1. Mr. T. D. M'Neill ... 187 yards.
2. Mr. George Hendry ... 186 "
3. Mr. T. Macleannan ... 185 "

IRON COMPETITION.

1. Mr. W. Mitchell.
2. Mr. J. B. Banks.
3. D. B. Leslie.

The members of the Bon-Accord Club held a "Colonel Bogey" competition on Saturday over the nine hole course on the links, which was gone round twice, for a "Home" Golf ball press, presented by the ex-secretary and treasurer, with the following result:—1. Mr. A. Smith (9), halved; 2. Mr. G. Dunn (3), 2 down; 3. Mr. H. Glass (3), 3 down; 4. Mr. J. Cameron (6), 3 down.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The Christmas meeting began on Saturday, December 24th. There was a large muster of members, and a competition against "Colonel Bogey" was played with the following result:—

Hcp. Holes.		Hcp. Holes.	
Mr. J. B. Pettit	scr. 5 down	Mr. W. F. Thompson	13 8 down
Mr. J. H. Davidson	9 5 "	Mr. C. T. Wright	20 9 "
Mr. W. F. Gorton	15 6 "	Dr. R. B. Wrightson	20 9 "
Mr. A. L. Tweedie	18 6 "	Mr. W. J. Shaw	18 9 "

No returns (or over 9 down), Messrs. F. D. Bright, A. E. Leman, W. B. Prosser, T. T. Paine, Edmund Garrett, E. V. Longstaffe, W. G. Thompson, Bruce Thornbury, H. Cowell, Sam Garrett, Bence Trower, and W. Trower. In playing off the tie Mr. J. B. Pettit was 4 down to the "Colonel," and Mr. J. H. Davidson being only 2 holes down to "Bogey," he succeeded in taking the first prize for the competition.

On Boxing Day Mr. Newson Garrett's challenge cup was competed for. The weather on this day was perfect, the only drawback being the hardness of the greens, owing to the severe frost, which rendered the putting difficult. The competition for this handsome cup was very keen, and the handicaps of members, which had been carefully revised by the committee, resulted in a most satisfactory conclusion, the winner of the prize only gaining it by a single stroke over the second player. The individual scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.		
*Mr. W. F. Gorton	100	15 85	Mr. W. P. Bowyer	103	12 91
Mr. J. H. Davidson	95	9 86	Mr. C. T. Wright	111	20 91
Mr. Sam Garrett	102	15 87	Mr. F. D. Bright	112	20 92
Mr. Herbert Cavell	105	18 87	Mr. W. F. Thompson	106	13 93
Mr. J. B. Pettit	89	scr. 89	Mr. G. H. Garrett	114	18 96
Mr. George S. Gibb	95	6 89	Mr. W. J. Bowyer	125	27 98

\* Winner of the cup.

No returns from Dr. R. B. Wrightson, Messrs. W. Bartlett, E. V. Longstaffe, R. E. Leman, and others.

On Saturday last, the members of this club competed for the monthly medal, under full handicap, when Mr. J. B. Pettit was the winner with the excellent scratch score of 82. There was a close competition, and some very good scores were made, notwithstanding that the longest tees were used, and that many of the holes have been made more difficult than formerly. The particulars of Saturday's play were as under:—

Gross. Hep. Net.		Gross. Hep. Net.	
Mr. J. B. Pettit	82 scr. 82	Mr. W. Bartlett	119 23 96
Mr. W. F. Gorton	94 10 84	Mr. W. F. Thompson	110 13 97
Mr. W. G. Thompson	109 23 86	Mr. J. S. Stevenson	111 18 97
Mr. W. J. Shaw	111 23 88	Mr. C. T. Wright	125 20 105
Mr. C. E. Salmon	111 23 88	Mr. R. C. Stevenson	123 18 105
Mr. Herbert Cowell	107 18 89	Mr. C. G. Salmon	114 8 106
Mr. W. J. Bowyer	117 27 90	Mr. P. Bence Trower	138 30 108
Mr. H. Stevenson	111 18 93		

No returns from Messrs. E. V. Longstaffe and R. E. Leman.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

On the 26th December the competition for the Forest Row cup came off. The weather was not conducive to good play or good language. The ground was exceedingly hard, and the greens, therefore, very tricky. The name of the balls that were lost was "Legion"; but, nevertheless, a good fifty went the round, although a comparative few sent in a return, which was as follows:—

Gross. Hep. Net.		Gross. H	
*Mr. H. E. Metcalfe	93 12 81	Mr. Fras. Birch	104 17 87
Mr. J. O. Scott	99 18 81	Mr. W. C. Johnson	110 22 88
†Mr. F. Swainson	90 9 81	Mr. W. R. Lee	104 15 89
†Mr. H. H. Turner	87 5 82	Mr. J. S. Sawyer	95 5 90
†Mr. L. Andrews	88 6 82	Mr. C. D. Cumming	109 18 91
Mr. W. E. Hughes	87 4 83	Col. St. Clair	114 22 92
Mr. F. Lucas	105 20 85	Mr. N. W. Griève	114 22 92
Rev. A. Meyrick	99 14 85	Mr. J. F. Gordon	109 12 97
Mr. L. Horner	89 4 85	Mr. C. B. N. Flanagan	113 16 97
Mr. L. Midgley	99 12 87		

\* Winner of Forest Row cup. † Winners of first sweepstake.

‡ Winners of second sweepstake.

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.—A certain amount of snow rendered play difficult at Brancaster, and only four men put in an appearance for the monthly medal competition. Results:—Rev. G. T. Thompson, 107, less 18=89, first; Mr. J. C. Morgan Brown, 108, less 12=96, second; Mr. Holcombe Ingleby, 108, less 11=97, third; and Mr. W. H. Simms Reeve, 115, less 10=105, fourth.

BIARRITZ GOLF CLUB.

A sweepstakes was played for, under handicap, on the "Bogey" system, on Wednesday, December 28th. One round of the links (eighteen holes). Competitors received or gave three-fourths of their club handicap.

"Bogey's" score.—First half ... 4 5 4 3 4 6 5 6 4=41 } 81  
 Second half ... 4 5 5 4 4 6 3 3 6=40 }

Hcp. Holes.	Hcp. Holes.
Mr. H. Hutchinson...+4 2 up	Mr. P. E. Leman ... 17 3 down
Mr. E. Hambro ...scr. 1 ,,	Rev. H. Gillmore ... 14 4 ,,
Capt. Sutherland ... 12 1 down	Mr. C. Harter ... 13 5 ,,
Mr. C. de Lacy Lacy 9 3 ,,	Mr. C. Haig ... 17 8 ,,
Mr. H. Bradshaw ... 9 3 ,,	Mr. H. Hambro ... 11 9 ,,
Sir W. Des Vœux ... 14 3 ,,	Mr. A. Linzee ... 14 10 ,,

Sixteen others either made no returns or came off even worse than the above against the gallant "Colonel."

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

The members of this Club had Christmas goose and turkey competitions on Saturday and Bank Holiday. The ground was frozen hard, and, consequently, low scoring was practically impossible. The winners of Saturday's competition were Messrs. W. R. Craig and E. Withington, who divided the money equivalent for the goose, and the winner of the turkey competition on Monday was Mr. W. S. Mainprice.

Saturday's competition.—Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. W. R. Craig... 108 20 88	Mr. T. W. Killick.. 125 30 95
*Mr. E. Withington 100 12 88	Mr. W.S. Mainprice 117 20 97
Mr. H. Holden ... 96 3 93	Mr. H. F. Ransome 111 9 102
Mr. F. C. Morgan... 98 3 95	Mr. C. H. Wolff ... 116 12 104
Mr. A. Corah ... 113 18 95	

\* Divided.

Monday's competition.—Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W.S. Mainprice 101 18 83	Mr. C. H. Wolff ... 112 12 100
Mr. W. Rycroft ... 112 25 87	Mr. S. W. Gillett ... 108 7 101
Mr. H. Holden ... 91 3 88	Mr. T. C. Oliver ... 113 12 101
Mr. R.D. MacLaren 113 25 88	Mr. G. Shorland
Mr. E. Withington... 101 12 89	Ball ... 110 8 102
Mr. A. Corah ... 108 18 90	Mr. H. Staffurth ... 114 12 102
Mr. T. W. Killick.. 124 30 94	Mr. W. Mowat ... 111 8 103
Mr. F. Platt-Higgins 113 18 95	Mr. J. Pattison ... 117 14 103
Mr. A. G. Hogg ... 101 3 98	

Several players made no returns.

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold medal was played for on December 27th. There was a good attendance of members, and the weather was very fine, with no wind; but, owing to the very severe frost, the green was as hard as iron, and covered with hoar-frost, which made approaching and putting extremely difficult and tricky. Mr. T. H. Raiton secured the medal and five-eighths of the entrance-fees with a net score of 80, Major Aysford Wise taking the second prize of one-fourth of the entrance-fees with 82, having made the excellent gross score, considering the state of the green, of 94. Full scores as under :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. T. H. Raiton 104 24 80	Mr. J. W. Trevor... 118 26 92
Maj. Aysford Wise 94 12 82	Rev. T. Crump ... 107 13 94
Rev. Canon Kennard 111 23 88	Mr. C. R. Rodwell. 114 20 94
Mr. S. Austin ... 118 29 89	Dr. A.W.C. Peskett 121 26 95
Mr. T. Holt ... 104 13 91	Mr. W. Muller ... 126 27 99
Mr. R.F. Duckworth 106 14 92	Mr. W.S. Holt, jun. 115 15 190
Mr. J. E. Pearson.. 114 22 92	

\* Medal.

The following players were over 100 net, or made no return :—Colonel Armstrong, Mr. C. Bere, Mr. T. C. Brice, Rev. G. Beilby, Rev. St. John Gray, Mr. T. C. Hooman, Mr. H. C. Jackson, and Mr. W. Stoaite.

THE BRAIDS GOLF CLUB.—This club held its winter competition over Musselburgh links. The scores were rather high owing to the frosty weather. Over thirty members turned out, the following being the prize-winners :—1st, Mr. J. M'Pherson; 2nd and 3rd (tie), Mr. H. M. Woodhead and Mr. J. Johnstone; 4th and 5th (tie), Mr. W. Forbes and Mr. D. B. M'Diarmid; 6th, 7th, and 8th (tie), Mr. G. S. Ranken, Mr. J. W. Paterson, and Mr. R. J. Robertson; 9th, 10th, and 11th (tie), Mr. J. A. Smith, Mr. R. C. Bain, and Mr. J. C. Levack.

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, 29th December. Gentlemen :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. G. Tattersall ... 105 22 83	Col. H. W. Parker. 94 3 91
Mr. F. W. Morris... 98 13 85	Dr. B. C. Manley... 107 13 94

No returns from Captain G. L. Austin, Mr. H. Hirst, Mr. W. Tattersall, and Captain J. C. Tattersall.

Ladies :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mrs. Parker ... 129 30 99	Mrs. H. Hirst ... 136 30 106
Mrs. Ramus ... 120 15 105	

The ground was very hard with the frost, and good scoring was impossible.

CHELTENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal of the above club was held on the links at Cleeve Hill on Saturday, December 31st. A north-east wind and very hard ground made low scoring almost impossible. Lady Margaret Scott won the medal with a net score of 94. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Lady Margaret Scott 109 15 94	Mr. C. Tillard .. 109 8 101
Mr. W. McLaughlin 116 18 98	Mr. W. R. Porcher. 152 35 117
The Earl of Eldon.. 111 10 101	

Messrs. F. D. Longe, F. Ker, F. H. Crawley, S. P. Ryland, G. G. Pruett, and T. C. Gray made no returns.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.

In cold bleak weather the monthly medal was played for on Saturday last, December 31st, when about thirty members competed. It resulted in a tie between Mr. F. T. Welman and Mr. C. H. Page. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. F. T. Welman 93 2 91	Mr. E. P. Batlow... 118 20 98
Mr. C. H. Page ... 118 27 91	Mr. J. F. Dixon ... 122 24 98
Colonel Jee... 114 18 96	Mr. A. Knipe ... 125 27 98
Mr. Wm. Radcliffe 115 18 97	Fleet-Surgeon J. N.
Major Hungerford... 113 16 97	Stone, R.N. ... 127 27 100
Mr. H. B. Fox ... 110 12 98	

The others made no returns, or were over 100 net.

Monthly medal fixtures, 1893 :—January 28th, February 25th, March 25th, April 29th, May 27th.

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

In lovely weather the Christmas competitions took place at St. Briac. The American tournament, after some good matches, ended in a victory for Mr. Alfred Lubbock pretty easily, notwithstanding his severe handicap. The medal ended as below :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. R. Reid ... 98 5 93	Mr. A. Elton ... 108 10 98
Sir G. Duntze ... 99 4 95	Mr. G. Marshall, jun. 121 23 98
Col. Dansey ... 112 16 96	Mr. C. Dansey ... 140 30 110
Mr. J. Ramsbottom 99 2 97	Mr. C. Duffin ... 141 30 111
Capt. Edge... 107 10 97	Mr. R. Lubbock ... 138 25 113
Mr. A. Lubbock ... 87+11 98	Mr. A. Palmer ... 160 25 135

No returns from Col. Domoile, Mr. C. Sterling, and others.

DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN) GOLF CLUB.

The usual fortnightly handicap on the Douglas Links was held on December 29th, with the following results :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. R. S. Baron ... 53 14 39	Rev. C.W.A. Clarke 65 16 49
Mr. A.W. Moore, H.K. 57 14 43	Mr. J. P. Johns ... 82 30 52
Mr. G. W. Fleming 77 30 47	Rev. R. B. Baron... 64 11 53
Mr. R. C. Chambres 60 12 48	Mr. G. Drinkwater 73 20 53
Mr. T. Kneen, H.K. 57 8 49	Mr. J. Curphey ... 83 25 58
Mr. J. H. Quine ... 59 10 49	Mr. F. B. Fleming 93 35 58

\* Winner.

PERTH ARTISAN CLUB.—The members of this club held a competition for prizes presented by Mr. R. Simpson, Carnoustie, and other donors, on the North Inch on Saturday. The ground was very hard owing to the frost. The following are the prize-winners :—Mr. W. Anderson 84, 3 above; Mr. T. Muirhead 100, 9 below; Mr. D. Gourley 101, 6 below; Mr. J. Fox 93, 5 below; Mr. A. Martin 105, 4 below; Mr. D. Halley, sen., 96, 3 below; Mr. J. M'Arthur 105, 2 below; Mr. J. Whittet 97, 1 below; Mr. I. Barclay 95, 1 below; Mr. W. Young 94, average; Mr. John M'Arthur 95, 1 above; Mr. Fred Grant 95, 1 above.



FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB,

On Saturday, 31st December last, the members of the club competed under handicap for a prize presented by the Rev. F. C. Birch, the result being as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. C. Austen		Mr. C. T. Fox	110 16 94
Leigh	98 15 83	Mr. C. G. Tunks	103 8 95
Mr. H. G. Cobbold	108 20 88	Mr. H. C. Lawless	117 22 95
Mr. C. H. Downes	110 20 90	Mr. A. M. Lee	122 24 98
Mr. John Kerr	96 3 93	Mr. G. R. Quilter	102 3 99
Mr. E. Forbes Lan- kester	110 17 93	Mr. A. Crerar	114 8 106
Mr. W. D. Westhead	103 9 94	Mr. W. K. Allen	125 18 107

Messrs. J. R. Jefferies, F. W. Wilson, Dr. Dawson Williams, and several others entered, but did not return their scores.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

A "Bogey" competition for a cup given by the club for Pinkerton's benefit, open from December 16th to 31st, unlimited entries at 2s. 6d. each, was somewhat interfered with by frost. "Bogey" was handicapped before the frost, and laughed at the efforts of all opponents, as well he might, as his score is one less than the record of 82 established by Mr. A. A. Cammell, and confirmed by Mr. S. Mure-Fergusson. Result:—

Strokes allowed.		Down.		Strokes allowed.		Down.	
Mr. L. Howell	10	2	Mr. A. Peebles	9	6		
Mr. S. Mure-Fergusson	+2	4	Mr. L. Forbes	6	7		
Mr. D. L. Poole	4	5	Mr. B. Howell	2	8		
Mr. J. Kenrick	2	6	Rev. H. C. Gaze	4	8		
Mr. W. D. Marshall	5	6					

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

A handicap tournament for foursomes was to have been commenced on Boxing-Day, but owing to the hard state of the ground it was indefinitely postponed, and a sweep for foursomes was played. There were no very good returns, unless the condition of the ground is taken into account. Messrs. Gaunt and Holliday took the first sweep, and Messrs. Edgecumbe and Keighley the second. Of the nineteen couples who entered, the following made returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Messrs. J. Shaw Gaunt and R. Holliday	106 24½ 81½
Messrs. C. W. Edgecumbe and T. B. Keighley	118 34 84
Messrs. A. L. and F. E. Woodhead	96 8 88
Messrs. Harold and G. T. Crosland	101 13 88
Messrs. H. and Fred Huth	111 21½ 89½
Messrs. S. and E. W. Hirst	116 23½ 92½
Messrs. J. Wilkinson and J. T. Taylor	123 28 95
Messrs. S. E. Webb and E. E. Hirst	131 36 95
Messrs. A. P. Crosland and Hy. Ferry	121 25½ 95½
Messrs. L. Middlemost and R. Bannock	140 36 104
Messrs. E. T. Woodhead and F. Mellor	139 31 108
Messrs. F. H. Shaw and W. Johnson	144 30½ 113½

The monthly competition was played on Saturday under very unfavourable conditions. The greens were as hard as iron and accurate play was out of the question. Consequently it was all the long handicap men who were to the fore, none of the first twelve having anything less than 20. There were thirty-two entries, of whom the following nineteen made returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. B. Wil-on	107 29 78	Mr. W. A. Hutchinson	108 24 84
Mr. R. Holliday	99 20 79	Mr. H. Huth	101 16 85
Mr. O. Anders	113 34 79	Mr. S. Hirst	103 18 85
Mr. T. B. Keighley	112 32 80	Mr. L. Middlemost	123 36 87
Mr. G. H. Edgecumbe	116 36 80	Mr. J. Oliver	108 18 90
Mr. E. W. Hirst	110 29 81	Mr. W. England	117 27 90
Dr. W. R. Carter	111 30 81	Mr. F. E. Woodhead	96 5 91
Mr. F. Huth	117 36 81	Mr. G. S. Brook	111 15 96
Mr. A. P. Crosland	108 26 82	Mr. J. Wilkinson	133 36 97
Mr. G. C. H. Willans	117 34 83	Mr. O. E. Burton	136 30 106
Mr. E. E. Hirst	119 36 83		

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—The tie between Messrs. Laurie and Williamson for the stag's head was played off on Friday the 24th ult., and resulted in the latter becoming the winner with a scratch score of 83, against his opponent's 85. The fifth competition for the same prize took place on Saturday afternoon, and resulted in Mr. Williamson again becoming the winner with a scratch score of 82, the prize thus becoming his own property, he having won the same twice in succession.

HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 29th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Ellis	101 10 91	Mr. Marsden	107 9 98
Rev. W. H. Smartt	122 30 92	Mr. Spilsbury	135 36 99
Mr. T. B. Glover	106 14 92	Mr. H. Taylor	125 25 100
Mr. J. Hunt	124 30 94	Mr. Scholes	130 25 105
Mr. Hyslop	96 scr. 96	Mr. Walker	139 30 109
Mr. Reynolds	116 20 96	Mr. Thomson	130 20 110
Rev. C. Harries	103 5 98	Mr. Miller	145 30 115

Mr. Ellis took the optional sweepstakes; Mr. Smartt and Mr. Glover are to play for the second and third prizes.

LEASOWE GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, the 26th December, the members of the Leasowe Club held their first Christmas meeting, and although the weather was more favourable for skaters than for golfers there was a fair entry for the sweepstake prizes. The ground was hard as adamant, and covered with hoar-frost; and wayward balls occasionally landed in the midst of a skating party, much to their surprise, and to the drivers' disgust. Despite these trifling disadvantages a most enjoyable day was spent. The following are the winning scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. Donald Ball	90 +2 92	†Mr. J. M. Campbell	106 12 94
*Mr. W. H. Roxburgh	127 35 92		

\* Divided, first and second prizes. † Third prize.

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

Club Sweepstake December 30th, 1892:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. J. Constable	100 13 87	Mr. A. Holmes	105 14 91
Mr. E. C. R. Goff	94 6 88		

Mr. E. C. R. Goff's medal, December 31st, 1892:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Holmes	93 13 80	Mr. R. Holmes	95 14 81
Mr. A. J. Constable	93 13 80		

Mr. E. C. R. Goff and Mr. H. E. Harris, no return.

Captain's Cup, December 30th and 31th, 1892:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. C. R. Goff	88 6 82	Mr. A. Holmes	102 14 88
Mr. R. Holmes	no return.		

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNES' GOLF CLUB.

BOXING DAY COMPETITION.

With the ground frozen as hard as iron, and a thick hoar frost on the greens, Monday last—Boxing Day—did not offer much opportunity for the best scoring when the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, to the number of over forty, went out to compete for five prizes presented by members of the club, as has been customary every Boxing Day since the formation of the club. Considering the state of the links the scoring was good. The scores of the day up to 100 net were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's	94 5 89
Mr. J. Muirhead, Blackpool	104 14 90
Mr. R. B. Hardman, St. Anne's	106 16 90
Mr. A. E. Fair, Lytham	115 25 90
Mr. B. Thompson, St. Anne's	98 6 92
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's	100 7 93
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park	102 9 93
Mr. J. Mellor, Failsworth	106 12 94
Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's	108 14 94
Mr. J. H. Halton, Bolton	105 10 95
Mr. C. A. Birley, Bartle Hall	112 17 95
Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's	114 17 97
Mr. W. H. Hampson, South Shore	112 14 98
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's	115 17 98
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore	102 3 99
Mr. S. A. Herman, St. Anne's	102 3 99
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's	104 5 99
Mr. F. Topp, Little Hulton, Bolton	114 15 99

The first prize was taken by Mr. W. Newbigging, the second by Mr. J. Muirhead, the third by Mr. R. B. Hardman, the fourth by Mr. A. E. Fair, and the fifth by Mr. B. Thompson. The first optional sweepstake was won by Mr. J. Muirhead, the second by Mr. B. Thompson, and the third was divided by Mr. A. B. Scholfield and Mr. T. H. Miller.

LADY-SUBSCRIBERS' COMPETITION.

On Boxing-day, Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park, presented a prize—a handsome Golf bag—for competition by the lady-subscribers to the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, of whom there are now 200, the limited number. The competition took place over the ladies' own links, a course of nine holes, twice round, and the following were the best ten scores :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mrs. E. Catterall, St. Anne's	91	+4	95
Miss E. Lythgoe, St. Anne's	101	3	98
Mrs. Hermon, St. Anne's	98	+3	101
Miss M. Mugliston, Lytham	105	4	101
Miss M. Lythgoe, St. Anne's	99	+3	102
Miss C. Salt, Lytham	113	8	105
Mrs. Eason, Lytham	112	6	106
Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park	116	10	106
Miss E. Salt, Lytham	120	13	107
Miss E. Terry, St. Anne's	114	4	110

Mrs. E. Catterall, therefore, won the prize. The day was fine, but bitterly cold.

THE CADDIES.

For the first time since the formation of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, some six or seven years ago, the caddies, those indispensable little assistants, were invited to a Christmas tea-party, and entertained on Friday night last, in St. Anne's-on-the-Sea National School, by Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Rea, of St. Anne's. A party numbering sixty-eight—sixteen girls and fifty-two boys—sat down to an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Fletcher, Lytham. Mr. and Mrs. Rea were assisted in receiving and attending to their young party by the following :—Mrs. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park; Mrs. Hermon, Mrs. E. Catterall, Miss Terry, Miss M. Terry, Rev. W. G. Terry, Rev. J. K. Jacques, Mr. T. H. Miller, Mr. Hermon, Mr. Talbot Fair, Mr. Schultz, captain of the Brighton Golf Club; Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Mr. Arthur Fair, &c. After thoroughly enjoying a most excellent tea, there was a magic-lantern entertainment, kindly provided by Mrs. Hermon. The slides were of an amusing character, and were humorously described by Mr. Marcus Rea and by Mr. Hermon. All the caddies enjoyed their treat immensely. The establishment of the Golf Club has been of very great advantage to the district, so far as the employment of the poorer children is concerned. An active boy will be able to earn on an average ten or eleven shillings a week, and a girl five to eight shillings, when employed as caddies; and the large number of members of the club calls daily for the service of a considerable number of these children.

"BOGEY" COMPETITIONS.

Two "Bogey" competitions, which are very popular, were completed on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea on Saturday last, December 31st. One for a handsome prize (a silver cup) presented for the gentlemen by Mr. T. Farrer-Baynes. One hundred and sixteen cards were taken out. The prize was won by Mr. F. H. Stewart, hon. secretary to the Oxford University Golf Club, with 5 up. Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, took first prize (entrance fees) with 2 up; Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury, second prize, with 1 up; and Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's, even, and Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's, even, divided the third. The play in this competition commenced on September 17th.

Ladies' "Bogey" Competition.—The lady-subscribers have just completed their first "Bogey" competition, which has been played from October 1st to December 31st. The prize was a very handsome silver dish, with elaborate filagree work, presented by Mr. James Mellor. One hundred and fifty-six cards were taken out. The prize was won by Mrs. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's, with 2 up. The first and second prizes from the entrance fees were divided by Mrs. Eason, Lytham, 1 up, and Mrs. Ernest Catterall, St. Anne's, 1 up; and the third prize was divided by Mrs. Hermon, St. Anne's, even, and Miss Thomson, St. Anne's, even.

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition, which was postponed in consequence of the death of the president of the club, Sir James MacBain, K.C.M.G., was held on Saturday, 12th November, 1892. Dr. Masson and Mr. M. Anderson tied for the medal. The following are the scores handed in :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. M. Anderson	88	scr.	88	Mr. D. M. Maxwell	96	scr.	96
Dr. Masson	91	3	88	Mr. J. Graham	111	14	97
Dr. Payne	104	9	95	Mr. T. J. Finlay	107	9	98
Mr. J. H. Bathgate	96	scr.	96	Mr. H. K. Calder	123	24	99

On the tie between Dr. Masson and Mr. Anderson being played off, the former won with 91, less 3=88, against his opponent's 92 net.

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The annual competition for club prizes, took place on the ground of the Manchester Golf Club at Manley Park, Whalley Range. A special handicap, framed on the experience of monthly medal competitions, had been drawn up for the purpose. An unusually large number of members presented themselves at the links, and no fewer than thirty-three match cards were handed in at the close of the contest. The course was for the most part covered with white frost, and was very hard and lumpy, and favourable to the destruction of the hafts of the clubs. The score, however, must be regarded as on the whole highly creditable, a result no doubt as largely due to the bracing and exhilarating conditions of the day as to the steady nature of the light and the stillness of the air. Mr. G. V. Cox secured the first prize with a net score of 82, and Mr. R. H. Brown and Mr. J. Macdonald tied for the next place with net totals of 83 each, making it necessary to resort to further play at some future date to decide who takes the second, and who the third prize. It may be mentioned in this connection, that the tie between Mr. J. R. Newby and Mr. J. Macalister for the first place in the December medal competition has been played off, and has resulted in a decisive victory for the last-named gentleman. Appended are details of the scoring :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. G. V. Cox	104	22	82	Mr. H. Bannerman	108	15	93
Mr. R. H. Brown	100	17	83	Mr. W. H. Norris	108	15	93
Mr. J. Macdonald	103	20	83	Mr. L. D. Stewart	100	5	95
Mr. S. P. Graves	97	12	85	Rev. H. Brayshaw	105	10	95
Capt. Hobbs	101	16	85	Mr. J. A. Brewis	117	22	95
Mr. A. Darbyshire	94	7	87	Mr. G. Haig	101	5	96
Mr. T. C. Midwood	98	11	87	Capt. Farrant	105	8	97
Mr. W. J. Crighton	106	18	88	Professor Core	119	22	97
Mr. R. Maclure	109	20	89	Mr. S. Kneale	116	18	98
Mr. W. Cownie	106	16	90	Mr. G. Hotherhall	128	30	98
Mr. H. Bowman	101	10	91	Mr. C. S. Maden	120	20	100
Mr. F. T. Pattison	106	15	91	Mr. G. Macdonald	106	5	101
Mr. T. A. Drew	113	22	91	Mr. F. Jones	118	15	103
Mr. W. C. Adamson	99	7	92	Mr. P. Morton	114	9	105
Mr. H. Macdonald	100	8	92	Mr. J. Heron	124	18	106
Mr. A. C. Knight	95	2	93	Mr. G. Altstaetter	149	30	119
Mr. R. L. Taylor	103	10	93				

OLD MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, 26th ult., the medal presented to the club in 1842 by the late Mr. James Atherton, was competed for for the fortieth time. A fog interfered with the play, and the ground was hard. The scores were :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. V. Hamilton	78	15	63	Mr. R. H. Prestwich	66	scr.	66
Mr. Marcus S. Bles	74	9	65	Mr. C. R. Schofield	87	18	69
Mr. E. Broadhurst,				Mr. J. G. Craven	94	24	70
jun.	83	18	65	Mr. J. H. Fulton	82	9	73
Mr. H. A. Dods	62	+3	65	Mr. R. S. Boddington	82	6	76
Mr. J. S. Dods	74	9	65	Dr. J. W. Grange	89	9	80
Mr. W. Platt-Higgins	80	15	65				

The following made no return :—Mr. J. C. Bythell, Mr. C. Chapman, Rev. Mr. Carter, Mr. J. Cooper, Mr. R. P. Hewitt, Mr. W. H. Hamilton, Mr. W. T. Rollinshaw, and Mr. J. B. Southern.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

On Friday, at Eastbourne, the winter meeting was begun. The weather was cold and windy, and the greens were hard with frost. Results of play :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Dr. Gabbett	104	20	84	Mr. A. Mayhew	96	6	90
Mr. G. Gardner	90	5	85	Colonel Shaw	100	10	90
Rev. Mr. Eaton	110	24	86	Mr. W. Shaw	106	16	90
Mr. G. Burge	100	11	89	Mr. G. Sumner	107	16	91
Mr. W. F. Hughes	111	22	89	Mr. R. Elmsley	98	6	92
Captain King	104	14	90				

The greens were very hard owing to the frost on Saturday, when the winter meeting was concluded with the following results :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. Wyde	107	20	87	Mr. E. Hanbury	110	18	92
Mr. R. W. Eaton	108	21	87	Colonel E. W. Shaw	103	10	93
Mr. T. Blundell	108	20	88	Mr. C. Evill	108	15	93
Mr. S. Hughes	99	8	91	Captain Swinford	105	11	94

ARBROATH CLUB.—The ninth of the club's winter competitions was concluded on Saturday, on the course at Elliot. Mr. G. Lindsay had 4 points, Messrs. W. A. Douglas and R. Guthrie 2½ points each, and the other players 1 point each.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

The Christmas meeting of this club began on Saturday, December 24th, and was very well attended. Fifteen couples started for the "Bogey" tournament. The very strong wind prevented good scoring; consequently "Bogey" was not beaten. Considering the weather, Major Bethune made an excellent score, being 1 hole down, and was closely followed by his partner, Mr. P. Henery.

On Monday, December 26th, fifteen couples again started in fine golfing weather. Mr. P. Henery and Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell tied for the Bembridge gold medal, and in playing off, Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell won. Mr. E. M. Protheroe won the Eaton memorial putter with a good score. Mr. G. D. Rowe presented a handsome cup for the best nine holes' score, which was won by Mr. W. Bovill. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. E. Prothero ...	96	9 87	Capt. R. Alexander	107	13 94
†Mr. C. E. Cottrell	98	10 88	Col. Le Marchant...	113	19 94
‡Mr. P. Henery ...	93	3 90	Capt. J. F. Hamilton	104	10 94
§Mr. H. C. Clarke...	106	16 90	Mr. W. D. Bovill...	102	5 97
Mr. G. D. Rowe ...	103	11 92	Mr. L. E. Keyser ...	106	9 97
Mr. W. F. Fisher ...	95	3 92	Mr. A. F. Brown ...	104	7 97
Rev. C. Shilson ...	106	14 92	Mr. H. W. D. Ward	109	11 98
Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell ...	93	scr. 93	Mr. F. Templer ...	101	3 98
Dr. W. Reid, R.N.	95	2 93	Major Bethune ...	104	4 100
			Capt. H. Twynam...	120	20 100

\* Eaton memorial putter † First club prize and first sweepstake.  
 ‡ Second club prize and second sweepstake. § Third sweepstake.  
 || Bembridge gold medal.  
 Several were over 100 net, or gave no returns.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal, 31st December, 1892:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. W. Hollams	96	14 82	Mr. W. R. Portal...	111	20 91
Mr. G. F. Muir ...	95	12 83	Col. Farie ...	99	7 92
Mr. C. A. Pidcock...	96	12 84	Mr. F. S. Creswell	107	15 92
Mr. W. P. Crake ...	97	12 85	Mr. E. Webb ...	112	18 94
Mr. Guy Pym ...	92	5 87	Mr. R. Browne ...	110	15 95
Mr. A. E. Peat ...	97	9 88	Mr. A. Adams ...	101	5 96
Mr. R. Thomson ...	94	5 89	Mr. E. A. Walker...	102	6 96
Mr. J. E. Peat ...	98	8 90	Mr. H. W. Horne...	104	8 96
Mr. N. R. Foster ...	89	+2 91	Mr. H. W. Bradford	111	15 96
Mr. F. E. Faithfull	94	3 91	Mr. A. Fell... ..	114	18 96
Mr. G. Nicol ...	97	6 91	Mr. A. Pollock ...	102	5 97
Mr. W. Gordon ...	100	9 91	Mr. F. J. Walker...	107	5 102
Mr. J. Taylor ...	101	10 91	Mr. T. Westray ...	135	18 117
Mr. J. Murray ...	103	12 91	Mr. G. Dixey ...	138	18 120

No returns from the following players:—Messrs. A. N. Morley, H. Marsh, J. L. Ridpath, T. Smith, and M. Tabuteau.

Hard frost and cold east wind had bound everything fast, giving a good travel to the ball, but rendering the putting uncertain. Red balls were generally in use, on account of the thick white frost, and, fortunately, the fog of the previous days had gone.

SKELMORLIE CLUB.

A very exciting match took place on Monday forenoon the 26th ult., for possession of the monthly medal. The course and greens were very hard, owing to the severe frost. The seven medallists during the year started, and were eagerly watched by several ladies and gentlemen. The playing, which was very close, resulted in Mr. Bruce R. Tennant carrying off the medal with a score of 100—the lowest score has ever been made on these links. The following is a list of the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Tennant ...	109	9 100	Mr. James Scott ...	127	12 115
Mr. W. W. Stewart	123	18 105	Rev. Mr. Lamond...	117	scr. 117
Mr. Gardner ...	110	scr. 110	Mr. Mullin ...	124	scr. 124
Mr. M'Inroy ...	111	scr. 111			

Rev. Mr. Lamond (late captain) presented the medal to the winner. A friendly match was played in the afternoon—Wemyss Bay v. Skelmorlie. Six couples started and resulted in Wemyss Bay being three holes up.

NEWCASTLE CLUB.—The fifth day's competition for the Wilson cup took place in bright, keen weather upon the admirable course on the City Moor, and drew together a good company of spectators. Results:—Mr. W. D. Richardson, 112, less 20=92; Mr. J. Miller, 113, less 18=95; Mr. A. Gregory, 117, less 25=92; Mr. C. Beale, 117, less 20=97; Mr. W. Teasdale, 106, less 7=99. Messrs. A. Richardson, H. Marsh, J. Lockie, and R. S. Ferguson retired.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The following competitions were played on Monday and Tuesday, 26th and 27th December, the former resulting in a tie, which will be played off at a future date.

Monday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. S. W. Woollett	109	20 89	Mr. A. W. Ellis ...	129	35 94
Mr. C. J. Waller ...	109	20 89	Mr. W. Crimmen ...	165	70 95
Mr. J. B. Gooding...	104	14 90	Mr. A. C. Herbert..	120	22 98
Mr. W. J. Browne..	113	20 93	Mr. D. R. Gooding.	132	29 103

Messrs. A. S. Barnes and W. P. Smith no returns.

Tuesday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. S. Barnes ...	111	36 75	Mr. W. P. Smith...	136	40 96
Mr. W. Crimmen ...	153	70 83	Mr. A. C. Herbert..	118	22 96
Mr. A. W. Ellis ...	123	35 88	Mr. J. B. Gooding..	114	14 100
Mr. S. W. Woollett	109	20 89	Mr. D. R. Gooding..	139	29 110
Mr. W. J. Browne..	109	20 89	Mr. C. W. Moore ..	168	30 138
Mr. A. R. Grubbe...	111	20 91			

ST. ANDREWS.

The monthly handicap of the Royal and Ancient took place on Wednesday, December 28th, with the following result:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Rev. H. Leech Por-ter ...	98	16 82	Mr. Leslie M. Balfour	91	scr. 91
Mr. F. Kinloch ...	92	9 83	Mr. H.S. C. Everard	94	scr. 94
Capt. Livingston..	90	2 88	Mr. A. H. Wallace.	107	12 95
Capt. G. H. Jackson	97	8 89	Mr. W. Ballingall...	96	scr. 96

Professor Knight (16), Mr. Andrew Lang (24), and Mr. F. E. Dubbs (14), also played.

ST. NEOTS GOLF CLUB.

Handicap competition, December 26th, 1892, for a prize of one dozen balls. Ten members took part in the above; it was freezing hard all day, and the ground was white with hoar-frost. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. C. McNish	53	7 46	Dr. Hillyer...	72	20 52
Mr. A. K. Bower ..	71	22 49	Mr. J. Copping, jun.	86	30 56
Mr. A. B. Bracken-bury ...	56	6 50	Mr. P. C. Tomson...	72	15 57

No returns from Messrs. R. D. Cooper, J. A. Ennals, A. Holman, and A. Jordan.

SUTTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Monday, the 26th December, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. T. B. Fisher ..	114	30 84	Mr. H. E. Solly ...	145	35 110
Mr. W. Johnston...	103	17 86	Mr. G. Moore ...	169	40 129
Mr. H. R. Cripps...	131	25 106			

Six players made no returns.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

Thorn, the professional, on the 16th ulto., when playing a match with a member over the club course at Bushey, again broke his previous record of 74 with the following score:—

Out...4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4=35	68
In ...4	4	3	3	4	3	4	5	3=33		

DUNBAR GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club held a competition on Saturday, when a prize presented by Mr. James Mackinlay captain of the club, and several prizes of balls were played for. The match was under handicap, and fourteen players put in an appearance. On the completion of the round, Mr. Charles Nelson, with a score of 103, less 18=85, and Captain Savory, with 101, less 16=85, tied for the captain's prize. On the tie being played off, Mr. Nelson proved the winner with 102, less 18=84, against Captain Savory's 101, less 16=85. The winners of the balls were Captain Savory, 101, less 16=85; Mr. J. Rankin, 91, less 4=87; Dr. Kyd Aitken, 106, less 18=88; Mr. F. Wallace, 94, less 4=90; Mr. C. W. Mackinlay, 105, less 14=91; Mr. Wm. Dick, 101, less 9=92; Mr. W. B. Glen, 101, less 8=93.



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WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—The club cup competition was decided on Saturday, in intensely cold weather. The course was very hard; the links were covered with a white frost, and red balls were used. Mr. W. M. Smythe was the winner with 108, less 12=96; Mr. C. G. Lefroy, 112, less 11=101, was second; Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair, 111, less 7=104, third; and Captain Cowan, 117, less 12=105, fourth.

EDINBURGH STEWART'S COLLEGE (F.P.)—The winter competition of this club took place over the Braids on Monday, the 26th, when a fair number turned out. The prize-winners were:—1, Mr. John T. Maxwell; 2, Mr. John Rose; 3, Mr. G. R. Turner. The scoring was rather high, which was to be accounted for by the frozen state of the ground. The seventh hole, which is placed on a considerable slope, was almost unplayable, one member taking 16 strokes to get down, though he was on the green in 3.

BASS ROCK CLUB.—The annual business meeting of this club took place in the Oddfellows' Hall, North Berwick, on Monday evening, 26th ult.; Mr. Adam Hogg, captain, presiding over a good attendance. The report of the secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. B. MacIachlan) showed the affairs of the club to be in a satisfactory state. Its position was also a very honourable one amongst the clubs of the county, as the present holders of the Wemyss challenge cup. Office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Mr. A. Hogg, captajn; Mr. J. B. MacIachlan, secretary and treasurer; and Messrs. John Forrest, D. M. Jackson, J. Mitchell, W. R. Auld, A. Hutchison, G. Nelson, and G. S. Milne, members of committee. The scratch medal and first handicap trophy were handed over to the winner, Mr. James Henderson; Mr. David Horsburgh being awarded the second allowance prize.

PRESTWICK.—A match of some importance, in which Willie Fernie, of Troon, gave 4 strokes in each round to Mr. E. D. Prothero and Mr. J. A. Neilson, was played on Wednesday and Thursday last week, 36 holes each day. On Wednesday Fernie beat Mr. Neilson by 4 holes on the match, Mr. Prothero by 2 on the first round; the latter, winning by 2 on the second, secured a half on the match. On Thursday Fernie came in with a score of 76 on the first round, beating Mr. Neilson by 6 holes, and Mr. Prothero by 1. In the second round Mr. Prothero was 2 up, and thus won the match by a hole. Mr. Neilson was 3 up, but with his loss of 6 in the first round the match fell to Fernie by 3 holes.

FRASERBURGH.—At the annual meeting of the club, Lord Saltoun was re-appointed hon. patron, and Lord Carnegie hon. captain. The office-bearers were elected as follows:—Captain, Rev. G. Wauchope Stewart; vice-captain, Mr. G. M. Joss; secretary, Mr. John Cranna; treasurer, Mr. Ritchie. Council, Messrs. J. Reach, T. Park, James Milne, Peter Noble, George Stephen, and John Finlayson. It was agreed to raise the subscription to 5s. per annum, and otherwise to seek to strengthen the funds of the club with a view to an improvement of the greens.

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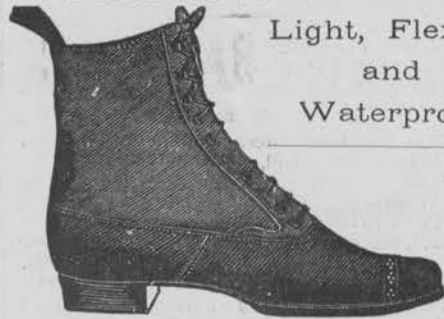
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