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JULY

- July [29.—Knutsford : Summer "Bogey."
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Rochester Ladies : "Bogey" Medal.
Cheadle : Fourth Summer Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare : Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew : Thomson Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.
Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
Islay : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall Ladies' : Monthly Medal.
Eltham Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Ealing v. Burnham (at Ealing).
Headingley v. Bradford (at Headingley).

AUGUST.

- Aug. 1.—Royal Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 2.—Blackheath Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 3 & 4.—Littlehampton : Summer Meeting.
Aug. 3, 4 & 5.—Innerleven : Summer Meeting ; Amateur Champion Gold Medal.
Aug. 4.—Clacton-on-Sea : Monthly Medal.
Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.

- Aug. 4 & 5.—Royal West Norfolk : Summer Meeting.
Aug. 5.—Littlestone : August Meeting.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Rochester Ladies' v. Eltham (at Eltham).
Seaton Carew : Gray Trophy.
Chester : Committee's Cup.
Brighton and Hove : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Captain's Prize.
Leicester : Monthly Medal.
Footing : Monthly Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Aldeburgh : Summer Meeting.
Aug. 5 & 7.—Lytham and St. Anne's : Summer Meeting.
Aug. 5, 7, and following days.—St. George's (Sandwich) : August Meeting.
Aug. 5, 7 & 8.—Felixstowe : Second Summer Meeting.
Aug. 7.—Cheadle : Summer Meeting.
Rochester : Oakleigh Challenge Cup.
West Lancashire : August Meeting.
Chester : The Yerburch Challenge Cup.
Woodford : Club Handicap.
Royal Liverpool : Summer Meeting.
Royal Isle of Wight : Summer Meeting.
Aug. 7 & 8.—Hunstanton : Summer Meeting and Monthly Medal.
Aug. 9, 10, 11, 12.—Glamorganshire : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 12.—Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.
Knutsford : Monthly Competition.
Cumbrae : Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup and Monthly Handicap.
R. & R. Clark : Prizes (Musselburgh).
Formby : Monthly Subscription Prizes.
Leasowe : Monthly Meeting.
Buxton and High Peak : The Fortnightly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Staines : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 14.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Medal.
Aug. 18.—Ealing Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 19.—Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
Rochester Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 19.—Willesden : Monthly Medal.
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
R. & R. Clark : Medal (Braids).
West Lancashire : Monthly Competition (Class 2).
Wakefield : Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey : Monthly Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.

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MY FELLOW-GOLFERS.

XVII.—JONES ON GOLF STEWARDS, WITH THE LAMENTABLE MORAL DECLENSION OF THE HON. AND REV. MR. NIMINY-PIMINY.

I found an old piece of note-paper inside one of the club books the other day, with the following thoughts scribbled on it by some unknown hand:—

"There is no use denying it; Golf is a wicked, demoralising game, expressly invented by—well never mind by whom, to show up human weakness; to give a natural and easy outlet to original sin; to ruin hitherto spotless reputations; to promote envy, hatred, malice and all unchristianities; to occupy man's whole heart to the exclusion of everything else in or out of the universe; to increase the number of deserted wives; to separate the eligible Darby from the expectant Joan; to—there there, out on the hateful, corrupting, loathsome, delicious, fascinating, man-destroying thing; out on it I say, with a wanian!"

"Look at that stout, middle-aged man, stamping violently, his face all convulsed with passion. Listen to those furious curses of which he will be horribly ashamed afterwards. Do you know that all this hullabaloo is simply because he has found his ball in a print made by a horse's foot. That blasphemous lunatic, my good sir, is a sober business man in ordinary life; a good churchman; a generous philanthropist; one of the really excellent of the earth, off the links; and look at him now; a moral object-lesson. Pooh, pooh! don't tell me Golf had its origin in Holland. Pooh pooh! I say, the place from which this sulphurous soul-destroying game sprang is obvious enough."

"Who is it speaks of the malignity of inanimate objects? Whoever it was spoke nothing but the truth, for that malignity is a fact, a horrid, preternatural fact. These so-called inanimate things live, yes and they do their best to make man's life intolerable. Do you remember how Sir Walter Scott's papers and letters always hid themselves deliberately? If you don't you had better read the "Journals." And will you seriously tell me that a Golf ball is not a living thing, and that it doesn't laugh and mock, and sneer, and lie of set purpose in ruts and behind hillocks, and in hoof-prints, and between stones, and plunge wilfully into whins and burns and ditches and bunkers? Man, man, I tell you that ball lives just as much as you do, and that it is far more wicked, and ten thousand times more knowing than you; and why? Because it is possessed by the very Spirit of Evil himself, and it rejoices with fiendish glee when Johnson jumps furiously on it, and Allenby kicks it, and Cator swears madly at it, and Matthews sulks half the day about it, and Gregson snaps his club across his knee with a wild malediction, and Benson, orthodox, straight-walking Benson, that pattern of decent, Church-going respectability, pretends not to mind his licking, but all the time his heart is raging like a volcano, and there is nothing he would like half so much as to slit his opponent's weasand with a good sharp Malay kris."

Jones was smoking what Mr. Bouncer called a judicious Hookah, as we sat together in his rooms and I read him this, and he took the long tube out of his mouth and smiled. "There's a good deal in that," he said. "I've no doubt I should have been Open Champion long before this if it hadn't been for the fiendish perversity and ingenuity of my ball. I'll look up an incantation or two; or we might try a little holy-water at the tee. Ha, ha! That middle-aged churchwarden is capital, excellent. But, all the same, the more I think of it the more I am persuaded that everyone who golfs ought to take out a Golf steward."

"A Golf steward?" said I.

"Yes," said Jones, "a Golf steward, just like the stewards at sea. Just think a minute. You must know very well that what ninety-nine men out of a hundred suffer from in a round is suppressed rage. The game is too much for them, the sequence of events too all-unutterably provoking. Look at old 'Bubby-Jock' with his eyes starting out of his head, and his face all swollen and purple. Look at Col. Phillipson, whose countenance has turned a sort of livid green. Look at hundreds of others in the same predicament. Every one of these is trying to bottle up his wrath for fear of making an open fool of himself. He is boiling with rage within, or morose, wretched and sulky. Now what all right-minded persons surely should wish for is that these poor sufferers should get rid of the perilous stuff which is weighing on their hearts, and so far from being hindered they ought to be encouraged to do so."

"Oh!" says I.

"Yes," says Jones. "And here comes in that noble institution the Golf steward. His duty is to persuade the victim to explode and have done with it."

I laughed. "My dear Jones," I said, "do you mean to say you would encourage a man to set to and 'sweir at lairge' whenever he was in a rage?"

"My dear sir," was the reply, "be so good as to observe that I don't encourage rage at all. I only recognise it as taking possession of almost everyone who plays Golf, and that most injurious efforts are generally made to suppress it. Now, the first thing is to accept the situation, and to treat the case from the purely philosophic standpoint. You must have read 'Rab and his Friends.'"

"Yes," said I.

"And you must remember what fighting (both of dogs and men, if I recollect right) is called in that immortal little volume?"

"I forget," I said.

"Well, fighting is described as 'intense energy in action, in watching which all boys and men have a natural and not a wicked interest.'"

"Anan?" says I.

"The thing lies in a nutshell. Just as fighting is only intense energy in action, so swearing is merely intense emotion in solution," says Jones, with one of his queer smiles, and looking at me over the top of his pince-nez.

I laughed, and he went on—"Yes, and in watching this process of solution human nature generally takes a natural and not a wicked interest. Now, think of the excellence of this institution of the Golf steward. Let us take only one case out of hundreds that we might instance. Let us start with the hypothesis that the particular golfer we will quote is a very human being, more or less in love with himself (as we all are); out of training because of his sedentary daily life; with nerves that don't get any stronger as he grows older; with a liver probably, or something a little physically wrong somewhere, and a brain that is constantly overtaxed with everyday worries, such as impudent servants; bills sent in twice and he can't find the old receipts; son just beginning to sow a neat little crop of wild oats; roof leaking; drains out of order; rascally miser of a landlord; begging-letters; misunderstanding about some matter of business, and so forth.

"Well, off he starts for the links. He is in need of rest as well as change; so he passes the whole of the first night sitting upright in a third-class carriage jammed up with two sporting men, some riotous sailors, and a red-nosed widow who absorbs ardent spirits and takes peppermint to conceal it," says Jones, with a grin.

"He arrives at his inn," he resumed, "tired, nervous. He ought to go to bed; but no; he breakfasts, lights a pipe, engages a caddie, and sets off for his round. At first he makes some excellent shots from old practice; but he very soon begins to slack off, his eye gets filmy, he sclafts, he fozzles, he tops; the keen air is making him bilious; he is 4 down in the first eight holes. Things gang all agley. His caddie is careless and lets him play on the wrong flag; his ball goes into hazard after hazard; he begins to hate his opponent, who is driving and approaching like Hugh Kirkaldy, and putting as that swaggering Cripps ought to do and never does. At last, after many struggles, the end comes; his temper gives way entirely; his moral

centres are paralysed; his heart is choked up with rage, hatred, jealousy, and general cussedness; and this 'excellent and blameless citizen,' this 'good husband and fond father' (as the old tombstones say), this model of domestic middle-class virtue, has become like that Golf ball—*possessed*.

Above his head, in the clear blue sky, the lark is carolling; all about him are the exquisite effects and varied beauties of a splendid links by the sea. In the distance the great hills are looking down, on this still summer day, over as perfect a picture as the heart of a painter could desire; while he himself—dear, dear, just hand me that 'whisky,' says Jones, shaking his head dismally at the lamentable moral condition of the victim.

"Now" he went on, "the intense emotion of this unhappy man must have a vent *somehow*. The laws of society unfortunately don't admit of that peculiarly delightful form of relief which would result from killing the caddie. Let us hope that a better state of public feeling on that head will obtain some day, when Golf has spread more widely and the wickedness of that evil and untoward generation is better understood. Meantime, however, this luxury is denied him; and the first effort of the good Golf steward, seeing him in this condition, will be to encourage his patient to vent his wrath in the form merely of certain general propositions."

"General propositions?" said I.
 "Oh yes," says Jones demurely, "as, for instance, that the game itself is a qualified invention; that the eyes of the caddie are worthy of condemnation; that the luck of Golf is simply thrice devoted, and so forth. These are quite debatable subjects and may be laid before a sympathetic Golf steward with infinite comfort to the opener of the discussion."

"I see," I said, laughing.
 "But" says Jones, "it is to be feared that this milder process will often fail to produce the necessary effect. Then the good steward will lead the sufferer apart and urge him to relieve his overwrought feelings at once by the loud and fervent use of abstract expressions."

"Abstract?" says I.
 "My dear sir," says Jones with a sly smile, "let us distinguish. The evil of all expletives, as they are called, is their direction *at* somebody, whereby pain and insult, and so forth, are inflicted on the recipient of the volley. But if I step aside and explode an abstract emotional expression at things in general, no one is the worse for it, and all experience goes to show that I am ever so much the better. The actual form of the expression is of no consequence, and may be left to the 'taste and fancy of the speller, my Lord.' For instance, on the next occasion when the deliberate devilry of my ball is too much for me I intend to step into the nearest bunker and call out at the top of my voice 'Harro, harro, harro!' like a Channel-Islander, till I feel all right again."

"I should like to hear you," I said.
 "So you shall," says Jones. "And now see the effect of this noble remedy. The evil spirit has been exorcised, the man's moral tone has been restored; and he goes on with his game full of renewed life and energy, relieved and smiling, and probably wins the three next holes off the reel."

"And so the particular expressions used don't matter?" I said.
 "*Sufflamina*, my friend, *pianissimo*, you've not heard me out yet," was the reply, "I'm going to publish a book, a *Dictionary of Emotional Expressions for use on Golf Links*, certified by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the clerical members of the Royal St. Regulus, and specially suitable for irritable churchwardens. I foresee its universal adoption," says Jones, with a grin, "Brimstone Billy will make its suggestions his own, in the place of the winged words he uses at present, you know. I shall never have the opportunity of calling him a psychological study again. Nana Sahib will cease to cleave the atmosphere with horrid ear-splitting juration in English or Hindustani. Those eminent Christians Messrs. Silkson and Frawdly will wholly give up muttering curses between their teeth, in the happy but entirely mistaken belief that nobody marks them. Even that amiable little clerical humbug, Mr. Niminy-Piminy, will have to adopt them; there will be no more sulks, no more clubs broken, no more hypocrisies. Oh, by Jove! I shall effect a moral reform of the most stupendous character; and when my own golfing career is over" (here he put his handkerchief to his eyes, and affected to weep, and his voice shook with emotion in the most approved style of legal perorations) "a grateful—nation shall erect a

monument to me in front of the Royal St. Regulus Club, and all future generations shall honour—honour the name of Jones—the judicious Jones—Jones the reforming Q.C.—ha ha! Have another cigar my dear fellow."

Yes, Mr. Niminy-Piminy will have to adopt those rules. The little apostle's gradual moral declension has long been a study of huge interest and amusement to the club jesters and critics who have always prophesied the exchange of his heavenly white tie for a worldly one. In the early stages of his learning Golf, when as yet it had not taken the violent hold on him it has now, to the consternation of the (unmarried) female devotees at St. Keren-Happuch's, Nim was content with the gentle, "Dear dear! it's in the Burn." "Tut, tut! I'm bunkered," and so forth, varied by little quaintnesses, such as "Ou papai papai!" "Woe is me!" "Heus, heus!" "I am undone," &c., &c.; but as his game improved (his handicap is 14 now), and he began to get more eager about his strokes, the old golfing Adam in him began to peep and mutter, and the little evangelist's expressions proceeded to increase in fervency. At first he tried to allay the craving of his backsliding little being for a good hearty soul-satisfying expletive by using cuss-words in French and German, and Italian and Spanish, in all of which languages he does a little harmless dabbling—cuss-words muttered between his teeth and out of hearing (he hoped) even of the caddie. But it wouldn't do. When a man arrives at Nim's mental and moral condition, there is only one thing for it. The inevitable hour and circumstance will arrive and combine together to one absolutely certain result. Nor was that time long absent; the crash came at last; and one day, after a particularly vile shot made at a particularly critical moment, our delicate-handed little priest shot out—(hush-h-h-h, come close)—a big, a *very* big big D.

Alas for him! He didn't know that "Falstaff" and "Jor-rocks," and "Blueskin," who were walking over the links, were close behind him at the very moment he fired off this volley with all the emphasis of Colonel Everard on a famous occasion (No reference to any one at St. Andrews. They don't do that sort of thing *there*. I think Mr. H. S. C. E. will confirm what I say), and he was only made aware of their presence by a loud cheer from all three, followed by shouts of laughter. The story was carried at once to the club, and when poor Nimmy arrived at the last tee, he saw, as he had fully and ruefully expected, a crowd of the jesters and humourists, jubilant, expectant, waiting for him at the final hole.

Poor little Nim! Poor little much-tried apostle! even that supernal white tie, of which we have spoken, did not preserve him from the common fate of those who meddle with the black art of Golf; and that exquisitely cut clerical garb, alas! was no preservative against human frailty. Well, well! a tolerable share of peccability is found under lay garments also. Therefore, let us think of poor Nim as our fellow-golfer, beloved reader, and remembering what this wicked, wicked game is, and whence it comes, let us treat his moral aberrations (as Jones advises) from the purely philosophic standpoint, and regard his little cuss-words as simply intense emotion in process of solution.

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(To be continued).

GOLF.—TRADE MARK DECISION.—In the action of Peto and Another, v. Scottish Golf Ball Manufacturing Company, in the Scottish Law Courts, Walter Edward Peto, agent in athletic goods, and Frank Bryan, cricket goods manufacturer, both of 38, Charterhouse Square, London, E.C., sought to have the Scottish Golf Ball Manufacturing Company, 175, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, interdicted from offering for sale or selling any golf clubs, balls, or other implements used in the game of Golf, stamped or enclosed in boxes, packets, paper, or other cover, with the device of a thistle, other than goods manufactured by the complainers. The complainer, Mr. Peto, is the sole partner of the Clan Golf Club Company, and is registered proprietor of a trade mark in the form of a thistle for marking articles used in the game of Golf. An interlocutor has been issued by the Lord Ordinary finding that the device of a thistle adopted by the respondents is *prima facie* a colourable imitation of the complainer's registered trade mark, being a material part of it, and in respect that the respondents have renounced further probation, has granted interdict, and found the complainers entitled to expenses.

Reviews.

SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT. B. Harraden. One Vol. London: Lawrence and Bullen. 1893.

Longfellow's advice is once more justified as to the best material for a work of art—that is best which lieth nearest. It is the old story; inspiration and truth are neither in the heavens above us, nor in the earth beneath us, but in our hearts; and Wisdom stands among us, but with her hands over our eyes. In the book before us there is nothing grand, nor great, nor new; it is simply a tale of human hearts, and those not the hearts of heroes and heroines as we name them. Each chapter is an Idyll, and without the least shadow of moralising each calls forth some responsive thought on the part of the reader. It is just the story of human souls passing each other on the sea of life, calling to each other, in different tones, and then disappearing, each on their own way, into the darkness that awaits them. The title is suggested by the lines:—

“Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing,
Only a signal shown, and a distant voice in the darkness;
So, on the ocean of life, we pass and speak one another,
Only a look and a voice, then darkness again, and a silence.”

Of course, it is a sad book; no story dealing with human life can be otherwise; but it is not a morbid book, laden with the sadness of vice or of despair. It is the most charming mixture of humour and pathos. “The Disagreeable Man” is the quaintest of cynics; and little Bernardine is full of humour and mischief. There is nothing more life-like and telling in the whole book than the chapter “Concerning Caretakers.” Every invalid, everyone needing human help, will appreciate it from their special individual point of view: every “Caretaker,” who is honest, will cry *peccavi* at one indictment or another. Mrs. Reffold's forgiveness is another touch which will appeal strongly to most of us. We are all so apt to forgive people for committing sins of which we are in reality the authors. The allegories are poems in prose, not long nor mysterious, but simple, like the stories of a mother for her child. And that is the beauty of the book—its simple suggestiveness. No hard, crude outlines, painted to define certain opinions; no dramatic scenes enforcing certain passions; no complicated problems proving our feeble powers. It is all clear, tender, and simple. The souls which call to each other are human souls, not self-conscious actors reciting some set lines with the exact amount of necessary expression. “The Disagreeable Man's” advice to Bernardine was to have the courage to be simple, and that is the author's courage which we are admiring now. It is so much easier to be didactic and high-flown than to be simply human. There is none of the ultra-sensitiveness of the new Dutch school, but every character is, nevertheless, a human being. Even “Uncle Zerviah,” with his Roman history and his snuff, shows that he has something richer than blue ink in his veins before we have done with him.

On the whole this is the most difficult order of book to review. Criticism is out of all question; dissection would be vivisection. The best criticism is to say, read it; and when you have read it from the library, buy it to keep, and read it again.

IRISH IDYLLS. By Jane Barlow. One Vol. London: Hodder and Stoughton. 1893.

To read of Ireland without a single reference to politics is in itself a refreshing change, but it is only a minor merit of this delightful book, which must take its place beside J. M. Barrie's “Auld Licht Idylls.” The narrow limits of Lisconnel—an assemblage of mud dwellings in the most Irish quarter of Ireland, furnish the nine Idylls of peasant life, and contain such characters as Mrs. Kilfoyle, the Widow McGurk, Pat Ryans, Hugh Lingley, and Larry Sherridan; to say nothing of such rare specimens of humanity as “The Dummy” and “Mad Bell,” whom one might travel round the world to discover, and yet miss, hidden away among the myriad lives, in a tiny obscure corner of the globe. Irish Logic and philosophy flourish finely in Lisconnel, together with Irish humour and generosity. One is apt to fancy that Irish humour is a thing of

the past, but these idylls show us that it exists in the peasant homes and hearts—rich, racy, and inimitable, as of yore. We learn, too, why a people so gifted, so warmhearted, and so generous and loveable have yet been so unlucky, and unsuccessful; but that is not the intent of “The Idylls,” nor is it our present business. We have now got idylls both of Scottish and Irish peasant life. Are English peasants too dull, or English authors too undiscerning, that we have as yet no English idylls to complete the series.

THE GOLF HANDBOOK. London: “Pastime” Offices. Sixpence.

This is one of a series of handbooks which is being issued from the office of this newspaper. It contains as frontispiece a fairly well executed portrait of Mr. Hilton, though the biography of that eminent player is a poorly written and jejune account of his career. It is simply a catalogue of his performances on the green, and no attempt at appreciation of Mr. Hilton as a player has been made similar to what golfers have been accustomed to find in these columns from the pen of Mr. Everard. “Wherever the Golf club sits upon a throne and is worshipped, he (Mr. Hilton) holds high rank, and can never be displaced. Other stars may shine, but he is ‘dormi’ in the struggle for pre-eminence,” reads like a fine derangement of epitaphs, in addition to being absolutely meaningless. By the way, what is the authority for spelling “dormi” thus? “Dormy” and “Dormie” we know have been sanctioned by ancient usage; but this is the first time we have met this unfamiliar rendering of the word. It occurs several times throughout the book, and while it may be etymologically correct (though we doubt this) it is just as well to adhere to sanctioned use, unless there is an imperative reason for departure. The “Hints to Beginners” are written by some one who knows not only how to play the game, but who knows how to impart his information in an unassuming manner, and free from irritating dogmatism. Generally we agree with the drift of his instructions. He is right in insisting on the desirability of a beginner engaging a professional at the very outset of his career as a player, and in urging beginners to watch the best players at work. There are several misprints due to careless revision, and in speaking of the weight of Golf balls, on page 41, the writer has fallen into an error in speaking of the sizes 27, 27½, and 28 as meaning *grains*; they mean penny-weights (troy). The chapter on “Handicapping” is scrappy, though right in the main. The author has little to say, except to advocate the division of players into classes, a point which is neither new nor original, and which has been adopted more or less generally in clubs with a committee who know something about the game, and what is due to the better class players. We are not prepared to endorse all the comments embodied in “Notes on the New Rules.” Take, for example, the comment on Rule XXI. The writer asks why a lost ball in whins or bent should be more severely punished than a ball driven into a pond or river, where the player drops on the bank at the point of entry and loses 1. The reason is that there is no doubt about a ball having been seen to enter the water by both players, and though technically lost in the water, it is only irrecoverable. The ball might be recovered by diving or swimming for it; so the *modus vivendi* has been arrived at of allowing a drop and count 1. But a ball in the bent, or in whins, is still on the surface of the globe, and may be recovered if the search is long and minute enough. Besides, bad play ought always to be punished, though, as we have often urged before, “lost ball, lost hole” is not nearly such a fair rule as the old St. Andrews Rule of stroke and distance.

HISTORIETTES; ADAPTED FROM THE ENGLISH, and Edited by Monsieur P. Drieu, B. ès-L. London: Percival and Co. 6d.

This is an exceedingly useful little book for those who are engaged in teaching the young of both sexes the idiom of the French language. It is one of the series of “Beginner's Texts” which Messrs. Percival are engaged in bringing out; and this particular work has been entrusted to the capable hands of M. Drieu, Assistant-Master at St. Paul's Preparatory School, who possesses not only a thorough mastery of the difficult technicalities of his own language, but who has, during his residence among us, acquired a sound knowledge, both written and

spoken, of English. The result is that in these translations from the English M. Drieu has preserved with admirable point and clearness the idiomatic spirit of the little stories and incidents which he has chosen. The earlier stories are pointed off in syllables, a method which gives the eye of those unfamiliar with the spoken tongue a fairly good guide to the pronunciation. There is also an exceedingly useful vocabulary, embodying the literal as well as the more ordinary renderings of the more difficult passages.

THE PARLIAMENTARY FOURSOME.

The competition, which has been in progress since the beginning of June, closed on Saturday.

First round.—The Hon. T. W. Legh (6) and Mr. H. Seton-Karr (8) beat Mr. H. Tollemache (10) and Mr. Cumming Macdona (12) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. H. P. St. John (10) and Mr. C. L. Anstruther (8) beat Mr. Le Marchant (16) and Mr. Percy Bull (16) by 4; Mr. J. Moore (18) and Mr. A. Mackintosh (22) beat Mr. W. Austen Leigh (12) and Mr. H. W. Forster (2) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. P. Croal (6) and Mr. A. J. Robertson (6) beat Mr. A. J. Balfour (13) and Mr. G. Balfour (13) by 1, after a tie; Sir H. Maxwell (13) and Mr. John Penn (scratch) beat the Hon. H. T. Cochrane (18) and Mr. J. Bigwood (22); Mr. G. A. Baird (18) and Mr. G. A. Whitelaw (5) beat Mr. H. Shepherd Cross (18) and Sir W. Houldsworth (18); Mr. A. Nicholson (10) and Mr. E. C. Howe Browne (10) beat Mr. A. Graham Murray (3) and Mr. W. Hayes Fisher (16) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. Felix Skene (4) and Mr. J. F. Symons Jeune (18) beat Mr. T. Lough (18) and Mr. S. H. Whitbread (14).

Second round.—The Hon. T. W. Legh and Mr. Seton-Karr beat Mr. H. P. St. John and Mr. C. L. Anstruther by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. Moore and Mr. A. Mackintosh beat Mr. J. P. Croal and Mr. A. J. Robertson by 3 up and 2 to play, after a tie; Mr. G. A. Baird and Mr. G. A. Whitelaw beat Sir H. Maxwell and Mr. John Penn; Mr. A. Nicholson and Mr. Howe Browne beat Mr. Skene and Mr. Symons Jeune by 1.

Third round.—The Hon. T. W. Legh and Mr. Seton-Karr beat Mr. J. Moore and Mr. Mackintosh by 3 up and 2 to play, after a tie; Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Browne beat Mr. Baird and Mr. Whitelaw by 1.

Final (thirty-six holes).—Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Browne beat the Hon. T. W. Legh and Mr. Seton-Karr by 3 up and 2 to play. Messrs. Nicholson and Browne were 2 up on the first round. Mr. Legh and Mr. Seton-Karr started well for the second round, winning the first hole. Messrs. Browne and Nicholson were 5 up at the twenty-seventh. Mr. Legh and Mr. Seton-Karr improved, and at the thirty-third were only 2 down, but Messrs. Browne and Nicholson won the next hole, and the match.

KENNEDY'S ROLLER SHAFT.—"The Chiel" writes:—"Before you introduce the guillotine which you gloomily predicted in 'Tee Shots' would soon require to be applied to all patents and improvements in golf-clubs and appliances, perhaps you will allow me to say a word about the Kennedy roller. The patentee in this case begins with the advantage of not only understanding the game thoroughly, but of having been some years ago, before ill-health laid him aside, one of its most brilliant exponents. The roller is found to be a genuine help to the 'close-fisted' golfer—in other words, the player who, despite months of study of 'How to break records,' 'Holed in two,' 'Right every time,' and other instructive works relating to the Royal and Ancient Game, persists in gripping with the right hand for dear life. With Kennedy's roller on the spot, this defect is almost, if not wholly, remedied. The shaft has already stood a fair test, and a considerable number of golfers are now using it on the Nairn links. In the matter of Golf patents, I should be very reluctant to enter into the prophetic business, but I will go the length of saying that the roller appears to me to be one of the most useful and effective improvements that has yet been produced."

WARRENDER GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—This club held their competition for the Gilfillan belt and other prizes on the 19th inst., in rather gusty weather, with the following result:—1st, Mr. McCall, 94, less 18=76; 2nd, Mr. J. Cockburn, 88, less 12=76 (tie); 3rd, Mr. J. Watson, 91, less 14=77; 4th, Mr. D. Peter, 92, less 12=80.

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If the drought has at last really departed, we may hope that some of the greens which have begun to look rather woeful will gradually return to their old freshness and verdure. Indeed, for the rest of the summer, the absence of long grass may make Golf rather pleasanter than usual in many cases, though it remains to be seen whether the ordinary turf will recover sufficiently to last through the winter. Among Southern greens which have suffered very little from the drought, perhaps Sandwich is most conspicuous. It may be doubted whether the course was ever in better condition all round, but few people realise how much care on the part of the green-keeper, and labour in assiduously watering the green night and day, the present satisfactory state of things represents. The first object of the executive is declared to be the making and maintaining of a first-class green, but such an opportunity of showing what can be done in adverse circumstances will probably not recur very soon.

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One of the questions raised by the continued drought, and consequent cast-iron surface of the soil, is that of modifying handicaps under such abnormal conditions. There is no doubt that players with long handicaps have lately been having rather a good time, and acquiring reputations as long drivers sufficient to last them for some years to come. Many of them have appeared at the head of the list in competitions, with net scores which have incited the handicap committee to vigorous measures, and have thus paid for their glorious but short-lived triumph by a wing-clipping which will hardly allow them a flutter when the rain has restored the course to its normal condition. On the other hand, the poor scratch players have been quite disheartened, and some of them have given up playing until they shall have some chance of starting for a match as in the old days, with the odds slightly in their favour.

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But should special handicaps be adopted for such special conditions? The question has been asked by more than one golfer; for many to whom it would never occur that a severe storm of wind and rain called for any modification of ordinary handicaps, have still wondered whether something ought not to be done when special conditions last so long as during the late drought. The chief reason against any change is, of course, that which holds good so often in the case of our game, that it is so difficult to know where to draw the line. If once we begin taking the weather and condition of the ground into account, a golfer may ultimately have to note the meteorological conditions as carefully as a crack rifle shot.

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We believe "old Glennie," who handicapped at Blackheath before the days of handicapping committees, used to vary his handicaps on medal days according to the general conditions of weather. He would sit in the club-room while the players were actually out on their rounds, and settle what points each should have on that particular day, so that no one knew his net score until he came in. But such a procedure, which might be successful enough among a small knot of steady golfers whose individual play was well known, is no longer possible in these

days of large clubs and improving players. Handicap committees have already a difficult task without taking the weather into account, and, considering the rapidity with which most players south of the Tweed have acquired their title of golfer, the difficulty is not likely to become sensibly less for some years to come.

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If we ever arrive at such niceties in adjustment of odds, hard and soft ground will pretty certainly claim our attention earlier than wind. There is no doubt that wind affects play, but its tendency is to make scores bad all round, and no particular class of players is put at a special disadvantage compared with another. On the other hand, recent experience must have convinced any who had doubts on the subject that frost or drought is generally a disadvantage for those giving odds, who so often have to see their well-hit ball reached or even passed by a simple fozzle. Perhaps, in the future, we may find it advisable to reduce handicaps by a certain percentage in dry or frosty weather, though a very careful study of results will be a necessary preliminary.

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But, meanwhile, is not the lesson to be learnt that we are getting a little too cut-and-dried in our system of making matches? Is not the official handicap becoming rather too much of a tyrant when it governs match, as well as medal play, under all conditions? What would be a very difficult matter for the handicap committee to arrange is quite easy for individual players to settle among themselves. Let the receiver of odds be content with a little less than his pound of flesh in frost or drought, and he will no doubt be treated generously in return. System is a very good thing for competitions, but golfers will "only have themselves to blame" if they allow it to spoil their friendly matches, which concern no one but themselves.

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Mr. Joseph Roberts, whose "combination" driver we recently noticed, has applied the same principle of head to the putter. There is a thin slice of wood for the face, and a band of metal behind to give weight. The face is thin, and the eye is consequently more concentrated on the ball and the direction it should take than with the ordinary broad-faced head. The grip is also a good one, the wood below the leather being square; and the club, as a whole, is beautifully finished. We have a doubt, however, about the novelty of the principle as applied to putters, for months ago we noticed a putter by Mr. Norman Foster, hon. secretary of the Royal Wimbledon Club, which corresponds almost exactly with the club of Mr. Roberts, except that the neck of Mr. Foster's club is not metal, but the ordinary wooden form of club neck. Both clubs give equally good results at the hole side. Wilson, South Street, St. Andrews, is the maker of Mr. Roberts's club heads.

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The representative gathering of curlers takes place in Edinburgh on the 27th inst., when representatives from all parts of the world whose clubs are affiliated with the Royal Caledonian Club are entitled to appear and discuss the laws of the game and all matters connected therewith. It is a pity that Golf is not yet under representative government of the same kind, for nothing can be more perfect than the present method of regulating the laws of the other Scotch game. Instead of paper discussion flying about during the year, all points are reserved till the representative meeting, and then briefly and amicably settled. An interesting feature in this year's curling meeting will be the adoption of a new point at curling, viz., "Drawing through a Port," which will bring the home country into line with Canada. The proposal to send a team of curlers to America also takes practical shape in a suggestion to vote £250 to pay expenses. The motion to reduce the weight of curling stones is again to be brought up.

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Golfers in the House of Commons pricked up their ears lately when they heard a Northern member, Mr. Weir, suddenly shout, "Fore!" Mr. Weir's "tee-shot," however, did not go

far. He was simply asking the fourth question on the paper, which related to Highland crofter settlers in Canada, and instead of saying, "I beg to ask the Secretary for Scotland question number four," he laconically shouted the number. "Brevity is the soul of wit."

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Another distinguished Scottish golfer, Mr. Garden G. Smith, is about to remove to London, where he expects to find further scope for his work as an artist. Mr. Smith will be a great acquisition to metropolitan Golf, for he is a steady and strong player, and has won much renown in Scotland by his performances. He is at present captain of the New Club, Musselburgh. Mr. Smith is to open his career in London, which we hope will be successful, with an exhibition of his works in a gallery in Bond Street in the fall of the year.

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The new Golf course at Baberton, Juniper Green, near Edinburgh, was formally opened on Saturday, the 15th inst., by Sir James H. Gibson Craig, of Riccarton, who expressed the conviction that the parishes of Currie and Colinton would shortly win as good a name in golfing as they had so long enjoyed in curling circles. This new club starts with the large membership of sixty-five gentlemen, and thirty ladies, all recruited from the two parishes.

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The following notice to ladies has been posted up on the North Berwick green:—"Ladies are particularly requested to restrict their Golf to the ladies' links from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. during the months of July, August, and September. If this request is not attended to, all permission to ladies to Golf on the private links will be stopped." Is the worthy Provost responsible for this gallant treatment of the fair sex? Surely not. To many gentlemen the dire intimation draws away the chief attraction of the links, and a dull season at North Berwick will be all the duller for this dreadful Ladies' Prohibition Bill.

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Dunbar also seems to have "risen on the wrong side" lately, for it has also issued an intimation, curt and courteous, as follows:—"Strangers are notified that Dunbar golfing green is private, and that members of Dunbar Golf Club and Dunbar Castle Golf Club have the right of precedence at the starting tee. Henceforth on Dunbar Golf Club competition days the green will be closed to strangers."

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Among Edinburgh golfers some keen discussion has been recently going on as to whether players who have completed a round of the green are entitled to take precedence for the next round before those who are ready to play, but are only beginning their first round. There is evidently much to be said both for and against the claim.

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On public nine-hole courses like Musselburgh this precedence difficulty, like the poor, will always be with Edinburgh and local golfers, until players combine among themselves to regulate it. When one recalls the intolerable scramble at the first tee on the arrival of a train bearing a contingent of golfers, the wonder is that there was any golf played at all. Judging from the passions roused, it was a marvel that the clubs were not converted into weapons of offence and defence, and that the first teeing ground was not made the battle-ground of rival besieging parties. Whether a player got off or not, depended largely on the heroic generalship of his caddie. The men generally browbeat the boys, and staid Lords of Session and discreet advocates, generally remained in the background until the point of precedence was settled by the caddies on the principle of a good deal of sound and fury expressed in homely Scottish, and signifying a great deal. But even then there were some players of tough moral fibre who resented injustice, and the occasions used to be frequent when four balls were driven off the first tee at the same time. After that it was a race to the strong until Mrs. Forman's was reached.

The "sandwich" system appears to be the fairest solution of the difficulty, like that which prevails between the members of the Royal Wimbledon and the London Scottish. But of course the ideal system is a booking box at the tee, with a penny booking fee from each player. The suggestion is made, as if it were a novelty, that the balls of the players should be placed *en queue* from the right-hand mark at the teeing ground. This has often been tried, but though apparently a simple and easy method of regulating precedence, it has invariably broken down through some player or his caddie endeavouring to steal a march upon the other players. The Musselburgh Town Council ought to get rid of the scandal by appointing a man, and placing a box at the tee, charging a penny a head as a booking fee. This would more than pay the expenses, while it would satisfy every one. The teeing difficulty is a simple question of organisation, and is susceptible of easy solution.

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A committee meeting of Musselburgh Town Council was held on Tuesday night, the 18th—Provost Keir presiding—at which the opinion of the Solicitor-General on the powers of the Corporation to levy a charge on golfers playing over the links was submitted by the clerk. This was considered so indefinite that it was resolved to hand the communication round the Council for private perusal. The report of the committee entrusted by the clubs with the several schemes for the course extension was also submitted, but it was resolved to take no steps pending decision on the question of tariff.

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The young and very promising professional, Varden, who made such a good appearance in last Open Championship, and who was formerly at St. Anne's, is now stationed at Ilkley, where, we believe, he is very popular, and doing a good business in clubs and balls.

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At a meeting of the members of the Alnmouth Golf Club it was decided to make the members of the British Medical Association honorary members of the club during their proposed visit to Newcastle and North of England next month, to enable them to indulge in the royal game on the excellent greens at Alnmouth.

DORNOCH.—Three competitions were held last week. On Wednesday afternoon the vice-president's aggregate prize was competed for, when Mr. Macdonald, with a splendid 82, plus 1=83, returned the best card, Messrs. Hugh Munro and W. Cameron coming next with 90 and 91 respectively. On Saturday forenoon a large number turned out to play for the season medal and prize. The day was rather windy, and low scoring a matter of great difficulty. Mr. Alexander Innes topped the list, and put in a win with 92, less 6=86. In the afternoon a special prize presented by Mrs. D. Taylor (piece of plate) for competition amongst the younger members of the club—five scores to count—was for the first time played for. The lowest scorers were:—Mr. Donald Ross, 92, plus 4=96; Mr. W. Mackay, 95, plus 4=99; Mr. W. G. Moore, 122, less 18=104; Mr. David Bruce, 104, plus 2=106; and Mr. D. Mackenzie, 119, less 12=107.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.—There were fifteen competitors for the "Bogey" competition on Saturday. Mr. George Pyman, receiving the limit handicap of one stroke at twelve different holes, succeeded in beating "Bogey" by 4 up, with a gross score of 92. Mr. Charles Cooper, receiving one stroke at seven different holes, returned 3 up, doing the round in 88. Mr. F. W. Purvis, receiving 1 stroke at five different holes, returned 2 to the good. Mr. J. F. Wilson, receiving the limit of 1 stroke at twelve different holes returned 1 up; and Mr. Raps, receiving 1 stroke at eight different holes, returned 2 down. The following made no returns:—Messrs. H. Simpson, R. Pease, W. Ropner, C. B. Williamson, C. J. Bunting, J. R. Fryer, H. Doughty, W. H. Kinch, and the Rev. W. Heath. An inter-club match is arranged with the Redcar team on Wednesday, August 2nd, when the Seaton team will be selected from the following players:—Messrs. F. W. Purvis, G. Newby, C. J. Bunting, Charles Cooper, J. B. Dale, W. Purvis, S. Walker, P. B. Kent, O. K. Trechmann, A. Robinson, P. A. Raps, and H. Simpson.



GOLF IN THE ENGADINE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of July 14th, 1893, a letter from Mr. V. L. Sandeman, stating that at the Maloja Golf Club there is no difficulty about cutting the grass, &c., as is the case with other links in the Engadine, I am writing to contradict the statement that other Golf clubs in the Engadine experience difficulties regarding the cutting of grass. The Engadine Golf links at Samaden are on that short, crisp grass which, owing to its growing on sandy soil, does not ever require to be cut. The whole course of eighteen holes at Samaden is in perfect order from the time the snow melts in the spring till the following winter, *i.e.*, from the beginning of April till the end of August. I am writing this because I think the letter which appeared in your issue of the 14th July gives a very wrong impression to intending visitors to the Engadine.

I am, Sir, &c.,
L. SAUNDERSON, Lt. Rifle Brigade,
Hon. Sec. Engadine Golf Club.
Hotel Bernina, Samaden, July 19th.

"MIXED" LINKS WANTED.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Being newly-married, and both myself and wife being golfers, we would be very glad if you, or any of your readers, could tell us of any Golf club within reasonable distance of the West End of London, where the ladies' and men's links adjoin, or where ladies and gentlemen are allowed to play on the same course on Saturdays, Wimbledon being out of the question for new members to join.

I am, Sir, &c.,
NEOGAM.

THE EDINBURGH INSTITUTION (L. P.) GOLF CLUB.—This club held their summer meeting over Leven links on Saturday. A strong wind interfered with the play on the return journey, which made the scoring higher as a rule. The following were the prize-winners:—Scratch prize (presented by Mr. Marcus J. Brown) won by Mr. James Drummond with 91; special handicap prize (given by Mr. H. Alexander) won by Mr. G. B. Turnbull, 98, less 14=84; first and second club prizes a tie—Mr. T. Ainslie, 99, less 10=89; Mr. W. Gordon, 99, less 10=89; third, Mr. John Kirkhope, 102, less 12=90.

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THE LADIES' GOLF UNION.

We think the inauguration of a Union among lady golfers sufficiently noteworthy to give this week portraits of its two principal lady officials, and the winner of the first Ladies' Championship. The history of its inception has already been chronicled in these pages, and the manner in which the first Championship meeting at Lytham and St. Anne's, early in June, was carried through, together with a full account of the play, have also been duly set forth. To say that the organisation has been a success from the outset is only to record in the barest terms what the golfers of both sexes have amply recognised; and no small amount of credit is due to lady golfers generally for having so cordially and loyally co-operated in the movement. The ladies, however, would doubtless be ready to admit that a good deal of the main-spring of their initiative was due to Mr. Laidlaw Purves, who occupied the chair at the first meeting of the Union, and to other gentlemen at Wimbledon and St. Anne's; and, though Mr. Purves has striven laboriously, but as yet without success, to spread the "Fiery Cross" among the golfers of his own sex, calling upon them to rise and unite he, and the other gentlemen who aided to found the Ladies' Union, must feel pride, as well as pleasure, at

the successful outcome of their efforts. As years go by, the movement among the ladies will gather greater force, and the Union, humble in its beginnings, may in all likelihood develop into a federation of really gigantic proportions.

Our first portrait is that of Lady Margaret Scott, the daughter of the Earl of Eldon, and winner of the First Championship. In a recent number probably enough was said about the style of this lady's play—a fine, free, easy, all-round swing, and good-length balls off the tee.

Lady Margaret Scott, of the Cotswold Golf Club, only began to play about three years ago. She has a perfect swing, bringing the club round in a very easy and graceful manner. Her play through the green is as good as her driving. She rarely makes a mistake, and her putting (perhaps her weakest point) is very good. Over a long course with plenty of hazards it will be hard to find anyone to beat her. She has won all the competitions she has entered for in her clubs, and it takes a really good male

player to beat her, as has been proved many times, much to the chagrin of the beaten "man." Another great point in her favour is that she is always cool, and plays "with her head as well as with her clubs," never losing her temper. She also holds the amateur record of the Cotswold links (twenty-one holes) after Mr. J. G. Gibson, late captain Blackheath club, who did it in 100. Lady Margaret's score was 104.

Miss Issette Pearson, the hon. secretary of the Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Club, is not only a hard-working official for her own club, but being the first hon. secretary of the Ladies' Golf Union she may be said to be the pivot upon which the whole of that important undertaking revolves. After a series of hard-fought matches she struggled with com-

mendable pluck into the final of the Championship, and was beaten by Lady Margaret Scott. A fine dashing player, with plenty of power, Miss Pearson, we doubt not, will be heard of anon.

If the hon. secretary of the Union may be said to fulfil the functions of Premier of the Cabinet, nothing can be done without the equally important official known as the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Money, and plenty of it—of course, other peoples'—is needed as much as talent to lubricate the machine; and it is to the department of finance that Miss Blanche



LADY MARGARET SCOTT.

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Martin, hon. treasurer of the Union, and hon. secretary of the Southdown and Brighton Ladies' Golf Club, devotes her attention. A better or more popular selection for the post could not have been made than that of this cheery and energetic lady. In addition to being a pretty good Golfer, report has it that she dabbles in literature. We know at all events that she is an esteemed contributor to GOLF, to whose columns she has contributed many interesting and amusing articles connected with the game. Lady golfers may also be interested to know that Miss Martin is the lady who, under the name of "Mashie" contributes the weekly budget of "Divots" to the columns of *The Gentlewoman*.

In celebrating the Ladies' Championship, it is fitting that the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club should not be wholly forgotten. Their links have the honour of having been selected as the first battle-ground for the match. The council of the club contains among its members many energetic golfers, like Mr. Rea and Mr. Talbot Fair, forward in every movement to



MISS ISSETTE PEARSON.

promote the interests of Golf; and it was largely to the manner in which they looked after the welfare of the ladies during the competition that the whole affair was so markedly successful. Mr. Alexander H. Doleman is one of the esteemed members of the club, who interested himself largely in the competition. He was by turns umpire and rope-holder to keep back the eager onlookers, and he has the honour of being defeated on level terms by 4 up and 3 to play by the Lady Champion. He is one of the members of a fine Scottish golfing family, his brother William being, until a year or two ago, one of the finest players in the country, professional or amateur. The reminiscences of Mr. A. H. Doleman go back to the days of Allan Robertson, the Dunns, the Parks, the Straths, the Allans, the Morrisies, and many others besides; and no doubt as he looks around today and sees the enormous spread of modern Golf, he contrasts the few isolated greens and the sparse players of his early years with the Golf-green in every hamlet north and south of the Tweed, and the hundreds of thousands of keen players. May he long be able to drive a good tee shot.



MISS BLANCHE MARTIN.



MR. ALEXANDER H. DOLEMAN.

ECLECTICISM FOR GOLFERS.—I.

Will the existing record of St. Andrews Links ever be lowered? In an athletic age wherein record succeeds record with an almost bewildering celerity, the reflection *quousque tandem* is apt to occur, and we find ourselves wondering where it is all to stop—or what are the possible limits attainable. Some thirty years ago or thereabouts, before the craze for athletics had arisen, there used to be a "Boy's own Book," which, under the particular head of High Jumping, stimulated youthful effort by some decidedly encouraging remarks. These were to the effect, that if the instructions therein given were faithfully followed, the young athlete by dint of practice would find himself able easily to clear a height of five "or six" feet. At that time it was somewhat difficult to accept these sanguine vaticinations; their elasticity was hardly warranted in an age which had scarcely begun to develop. But this is no longer, a height of six feet, and considerably more, has now been cleared, so that this exalted standard may with propriety be set before the youthful learner of the present generation. As with the high jumper, so with the golfer, he shall, an he have the aptitude, accomplish a round of St. Andrews Links in 90 or 80, but to get under 80, or over six feet, are tasks of much about the same difficulty, to be mastered only by a ridiculously small percentage of those attempting them. But the element of chance enters largely into Golf, which can scarcely be said of the high jump, wherefore the two are not to be regarded from precisely the same standpoint. As the study of matters involving this element are not uninteresting, we find ourselves wondering whether man that is born of woman shall ever improve upon the record of the green, which now stands at 73. It might be done certainly, and the best chance would appear to be if some professional, (or we might say amateur, since they are now so good) should arise, who could lay claim to some seven feet or so of stature—the more inches the better.—If ever we live to see men as trees walking, a player of such proportions would, from the greater leverage given him by his height, be able to drive much further than the beggarly distance of two hundred and fifty yards or so with which the best of them have now to rest content. The writer has the very man in his mind's eye, saying that he lacks four inches and a-half of the height just mentioned, and, unfortunately, he never quite attained the rank of first class. But, by the powers dynamical! when he *did* hit the ball, in the words of the bard,

"It then required no common stretch of sight
To watch its progress, and to see it light."

Many stories, chiefly true, it is understood, are narrated of this gentleman, as thus:—He had hit a drive, or more correctly speaking, he had missed it, for outward signs of dissatisfaction were manifest in the peppery manner in which he banged the club-head on the ground, to the accompaniment of the ejaculation, "Tuts!"—it was no worse. A spectator subsequently had the curiosity to measure the length of this *coup manqué*, and found it to be 276 yards. Again, this swiper was partnered by a gentleman to whom these terrific driving powers were known indeed by reputation, though as yet he had not had ocular demonstration thereof. The gentleman in question struck off first, and made a poorish shot, not clearing the road in front of him by more than 20 yards or so. His partner, after a consultation with his caddie, called for his light iron, upon which the other remarked aside, "Dear me! I should have thought that Mr. Black, being such a long driver, would have been inclined to take his play-club and risk the burn." Meanwhile the shot was played with the light iron, carried the burn, and lay dead at the hole-side. The distance of this shot may be given as almost exactly 200 yards. Mr. Black's short-spoon bore about the same proportion to an ordinary short-spoon as did the staff of Goliath's spear to those in general use in Gath and its neighbourhood. It was, one need scarcely say, a more offensive weapon by far than the ordinary play-club, and was of most material service to its owner. One day he drove a shot with it, it is said, the distance of which may be estimated

at about a quarter of a mile; it could be measured by triangulation, not otherwise, for roads, railway-plant, engine-houses, gardens and things are in the way, and obstruct the measuring tape; this shot, however, cannot be spoken to as of certain knowledge. But this is the calibre of player who is wanted, if records are to be reduced; at any rate, such an one would have the best chance, always assuming that he could play his iron well, and was at least an average putter. It would also be interesting to see Sandow, Hercules and company at Golf; whether, given a good swing, by reason of their great strength, they could knock two drives into one, would be an interesting question. We know, upon the authority of Professor Tait, that after about 160 yards are passed the force necessary to obtain an extra carry of 30 yards or so increases with alarming rapidity. But then these men must be at least three times as strong as your ordinary mortal, most of whom would doubtless find it difficult enough to play high jinks with a 60 lb. weight, yet with such a toy they would certainly.

"Skip
Over tables and chairs with apparent ease."

while a weight of 180 lbs. is to them an unconsidered trifle, to be hoist aloft with one hand. Therefore one would think—at least those unskilled in the physics of a Golf ball would be apt to think—that such a man would hit three times as hard as is usual, and that consequently the ball ought to travel three times as far. Yet it is not so, and it should be stated that this is a somewhat thorny question, scarcely to be meddled with but by those to whom "pseudomorphic alternants," and "contra-variant concomitants" are as the breath of life. The opinion of the 1891 Champion is that with such clubs as the strong men would necessarily play with, the unfortunate ball would be flattened out like a pancake. This opinion also has much to recommend it; but these interesting speculations, in default of actual experiment, must be left in abeyance.

But setting aside the question of stray Charles Byrnes, of giants, of strong men and their kind, what probability exists that the record shall be reduced by an ordinary golfer, standing as it does, at an inconceivably low figure? Every good player, and had one too for that matter, in the course of his life has done some remarkable holes: if he has done them once, it is obvious that he may repeat the operation, and if at one hole, why not at another, or at all the others, on the same day, or rather in the same round? If it happened to be the medal round, so much the better for him. It is of course wildly improbable, yet it can hardly be said to be absolutely impossible; but the degree of wildness in the improbability is susceptible of determination on mathematical principles, as will presently be seen. Now the odd thing about these quasi-impossibilities, these chances which are reckoned by hundreds of millions to one, is that they seem, if one may say so, to be always happening. Probably nobody ought ever to have had thirteen trumps dealt to him, if the whole human race had played whist for twenty four hours every day since the beginning of the world; the chances against it are about 157,482,854,566 to 1, but in point of fact it is understood that this *has* happened, certainly once, and it may be oftener. Again, we have been informed that the late Astronomer Royal, Sir George Airy, presumably in the interest of science, passed a whole week in the fascinating occupation of tossing for pennies. This in itself one would consider sufficiently remarkable, but the fact is accentuated by his having encountered in the course of it a series of no less than twenty-eight consecutive tails, the odds against which occurrence are calculated at 268,435,455 to 1. In other words, "if he and his friend," says the correspondent, "had tossed at the rate of over four tosses a minute for 128 years, a series of twenty-eight would have been mathematically due only once during all that time. It might have occurred during the first hour of the experiment, but it is sufficiently remarkable if it really took place during the week." The chances against a series of twenty-eight are enormously less than those against receiving thirteen trumps, but still are sufficiently imposing. As these things have happened, therefore, and in apparent defiance of all reasonable probability, we may for curiosity's sake apply the rules of mathematics to remote, terribly remote probabilities at Golf.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

(To be continued.)



AMATEUR TOURNAMENT AT MUSSELBURGH.

Musselburgh links, from early forenoon till evening, presented a busy appearance on Thursday, 20th inst. The occasion was an open amateur tournament, on handicap lines, arranged by a committee of local gentlemen who have interested themselves a good deal in the welfare of the links. There were over a hundred entrants, drawn almost exclusively from the ranks of local and Edinburgh players. The handicapping and the arrangements generally were carried out under the supervision of the joint hon. Secretaries (Messrs. John Anderson, Charles Mitchell, and Andrew Bisset). There were in all sixteen prizes, of the total value of £26, the first being a handsome electroplated flower-stand and epergne and a gold medal. The following are the best scores, given in order:—

Mr. A. Lawson, Musselburgh (gold medal and first prize) 74 (scratch). First round, 5 4 5 4 5 4 4 4 3=38; 2nd round, 3 5 5 4 5 4 4 3 3=36.

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| *Mr. G. Robb, Edin. | 87 9 78 | Mr. W. Simpson, | ... |
| *Mr. T. Grieve, Mus. | 88 10 78 | Mus. ... | 115 25 90 |
| *Mr. F. Cooper, Mus. | 94 16 78 | Mr. A. Stevens, Edin. | 100 10 90 |
| Mr. G. Hawley, Mus. | 99 18 81 | Mr. D. M. Henry, | ... |
| Mr. Aw. Bisset, Mus. | 93 10 83 | Edin. ... | 104 14 90 |
| Mr. P. Millar, Mus. | 87 4 83 | Mr. D. Kay, C'kenzie | 99 9 90 |
| Mr. W. Turpie, Mus. | 84 scr. 84 | Mr. J. M. William- | ... |
| Mr. J. Hamilton, | ... | son, Mus. ... | 90 scr. 90 |
| Edin. ... | 101 16 85 | Mr. A. Gray, Leith... | 97 6 91 |
| Mr. D. Davis, Mus. | 89 4 85 | Mr. J. King, Edin. | 91 scr. 91 |
| Mr. A. S. Bourhill, | ... | Mr. J. Swan, Edin. | 95 4 91 |
| Musselburgh ... | 93 8 85 | Mr. W. Mackenzie, | ... |
| Mr. Steeples, Mus. | 96 10 86 | Edin. ... | 104 12 92 |
| Mr. A. W. Jackson, | ... | Mr. A. Wilson, Mus. | 96 4 92 |
| Ormiston... .. | 97 11 86 | Mr. D. Innes, Mus. | 103 10 93 |
| Mr. J. Lawson, Mus. | 94 8 86 | Mr. W. Grosset, Nid. | 101 8 93 |
| Mr. P. R. Maxwell, | ... | Mr. J. Cochrane, Mus. | 107 14 93 |
| Mus. | 100 14 86 | Mr. W. Thomson, | ... |
| Mr. J. W. Paterson, | ... | Edin. | 101 8 93 |
| Edin. | 94 7 87 | Mr. E. A. Rhead, Ed. | 97 4 93 |
| Mr. G. "Moffat," Mus. | 91 4 87 | Mr. R. Cockburn, | ... |
| Mr. T. Robertson, | ... | Mus. | 109 16 93 |
| Mus. | 103 16 87 | Mr. G. Drummond, | ... |
| Mr. G. Crandles, Mus. | 97 10 87 | Mus. | 94 1 93 |
| Mr. J. S. Campbell, | ... | Mr. J. R. Newlands, | ... |
| Mus. | 91 4 87 | Mus. | 114 20 94 |
| Mr. T. Buttars, Mus. | 98 10 88 | Mr. C. Mitchell, Mus. | 102 8 94 |
| Mr. J. Livingstone, | ... | Mr. R. Hastings, Ed. | 112 18 94 |
| jun., Edin. | 90 2 88 | Mr. G. Macdougall, | ... |
| Mr. F. Hastie, Edin. | 98 10 88 | Mus. | 104 9 95 |
| Mr. G. Linnen, Mus. | 100 12 88 | Mr. B. Norval, Mus. | 103 8 95 |
| Mr. J. Scott, Mus. | 95 6 89 | Mr. G. Crawford, Ed. | 111 16 95 |
| Mr. Coucillor Smith, | ... | Mr. A. M'Kenzie | ... |
| Mus. | 101 12 89 | Miller, Edin. ... | 103 8 95 |
| Mr. G. T. Turner, | ... | Mr. J. Wood, Mus. | 105 10 95 |
| Edin. | 103 14 89 | Councillor Kersopp, | ... |
| Mr. W. Fairgrieve, | ... | Mus. | 109 14 95 |
| Mus. | 98 9 89 | Mr. W. Steeples, jun., | ... |
| Mr. D. Ness, Mus. ... | 90 scr. 90 | Mus. | 113 18 95 |

* Tie for second place.

COMRIE.—The third and final competition for the silver cup presented to this club by Mrs. Harry Keith Murray, took place on Saturday. At the close Mr. Peter M'Intyre was declared the winner, with an average score of 90. The cup having been presented by Mrs. Murray, the members gave three cheers for Captain and Mrs. Murray.

ABERDEEN.

The members of the Victoria Club here held their usual monthly competition for the scratch and handicap prizes on Wednesday and Saturday of last week over the usual links course. There was a keen competition for the scratch prize, and on reckoning up the cards at the close it was found that Messrs. A. M'Connachie, L. Anderson, and G. Flett had tied for possession of it with scores of 84. Mr. Chivas's handicap prize (for first-class players) fell to Mr. D. Jessiman, with a score of 88, less 6=82; and Mr. Williams's prize (for second-class players) was carried off by Mr. A. T. Webster with a score of 93, less 5=88. Among the the remaining cards the following had the lowest figures:—Messrs. A. M. M. Dunn, 85; A. Cooper, 86; R. Anderson (2), 87; D. B. Leslie, 89; C. Robertson, 92; T. D. M'Neil, 97; and J. Stewart, 98.

ARDEN v. KING'S NORTON.

This match was played on Wednesday, July 19th, on the links of the former club. Neither club was fully represented, the visitors being without the services of Dr. Robertson and Mr. Marigold, while for the home side six of their regular team (including their captain) were away and Mr. E. P. Wright was playing against them. The weather unfortunately was very wet, rain falling in torrents all the afternoon. Messrs. Tonks and Colls both played fine second rounds, Mr. Tonks being 40; and Mr. Colls 41. The match resulted as follows:—

| ARDEN. | | Holes. | KINGS NORTON. | | Holes. |
|--------------------|-----|--------|------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. O. Airy .. | ... | 1 | Mr. E. P. Wright | ... | 0 |
| Mr. A. G. Tonks .. | ... | 0 | Mr. A. S. Colls | ... | 0 |
| Mr. J. F. Wright | ... | 6 | Mr. J. J. Tomson | ... | 0 |
| Mr. J. L. Wright | ... | 5 | Mr. S. Baldwin | ... | 0 |
| Mr. J. W. Burman | ... | 1 | Mr. S. J. Porter | ... | 0 |
| | | 13 | | | 0 |

BURY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition was held on the links at Redvales. The following were the scores:—Mr. H. Stilling, 113, less 30=83; Mr. A. H. Kay, 101, less 17=84; Rev. C. Beresford Knox, 101, less 19=85; Mr. S. F. Butcher, 95, less 8=87; Mr. P. G. Gow, 103, less 16=87; Mr. G. A. Kay, 105, less 18=87; Mr. J. Haslam, 109, less 20=89; Mr. F. Perham, 105, less 13=92; Mr. D. Nicholl, 117, less 22=95; Mr. H. Lowenberg, 139, less 28=111. No returns from Capt. Stavert and Rev. W. C. Atkinson. Mr. Stelling put in a win for the club prize, Mr. A. H. Kay took the first sweepstakes, Rev. C. B. Knox the second, while the third was divided between Messrs. Butcher, P. G. Gow, and G. H. Kay.

CAPE GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for the Seale medal was played on Saturday, the 17th of June, at the Rondebosch links. The afternoon was a fine one for Golf as far as the weather was concerned, but the recent rains had rendered the course very difficult. It was a case of "water, water everywhere, and not a"—chance of escaping it; good strokes and bad strokes were punished about equally. The winning score was returned by Mr. R. Littlejohn with 116 strokes, less 25 handicap allowance. The best performance for nine holes was Lieutenant T. A. Tancred's second round of 47, as follows: 5 5 7 3 3 5 7 6 6=47:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------|
| Mr. R. Littlejohn ... | 116 25 91 | Mr. J. P. F. Water- | ... |
| Mr. H. Castens ... | 102 10 92 | meyer | 133 25 108 |
| Mr. T. L. Graham | 112 15 97 | Mr. E. Stapleton ... | 139 30 109 |
| Lieut. E. Hunt, R.E. | 115 14 101 | Dr. Gill | 131 20 111 |
| Lieut. T. A. Tancred, | ... | Mr. C. Currey ... | 130 15 115 |
| R.A. | 103 scr. 103 | Major Morris, R.E. | 126 10 116 |
| Mr. W. C. Perkins | 128 20 108 | Mr. W. H. Finlay... | 124 7 117 |
| | | Mr. H. L. Currey .. | 167 40 127 |

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.—On Tuesday afternoon, the 18th inst., the members decided the fifth round in the Senior cup and the fifth round in the Cross cup competitions. Results:—Senior Competition—Mr. G. W. Williams, 91, less 3=88; Mr. J. W. Robson, 102, less 14=88; Mr. W. T. Teasdale, 95, less 6=89; Mr. J. R. Robson, 97, less 8=89; Mr. C. A. Harrison, 109, less 18=91; Mr. J. Hedley, 99, less 6=93; Mr. A. H. Marsh, 102, less 9=93; Mr. A. Hedley, 101, less 8=93; Mr. W. G. Richardson, 109, less 7=102. Messrs. A. Richardson, W. D. Robb, and F. Smith retired. Cross Cup—Mr. R. Y. McIntosh, 114, less 30=84; Mr. W. Cross, 109, less 20=89; Mr. T. J. Morpeth, 120, less 30=90; Mr. J. Bacon, 115, less 20=95; Mr. H. A. Armstrong, 122, less 24=98. Mr. T. S. Williamson retired.

DIDSBURY v. MANCHESTER.

A match was played between the Didsbury and Manchester Golf Clubs, on the ground of the former, on Saturday. After a very pleasant game the Manchester team proved victorious by 7 holes. The following is the score:—

| DIDSBURY. | | MANCHESTER. | |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| | Holes. | | Holes. |
| Mr. W. E. Fairley ... | 0 | Mr. A. C. Knight ... | 6 |
| Mr. H. R. Coubrough ... | 4 | Mr. G. Macdonald ... | 0 |
| Mr. W. C. Adamson ... | 4 | Mr. L. D. Stewart ... | 0 |
| Mr. A. Mirlees ... | 0 | Mr. S. B. Groves ... | 4 |
| Mr. R. G. Adamson ... | 0 | Rev. H. H. Brayshaw ... | 3 |
| Mr. F. M. Godde-Smith ... | 2 | Mr. G. W. Moultrie ... | 0 |
| Mr. W. H. Young ... | 0 | Mr. R. L. Taylor ... | 2 |
| Mr. A. Galbraith ... | 0 | Mr. R. Maclure ... | 2 |
| | 10 | | 17 |

DISLEY v. CHEADLE.

The return match between these two clubs was played at Disley on Saturday, and was won by the home team by 33 holes:—

| DISLEY. | | CHEADLE. | |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| | Holes. | | Holes. |
| Mr. A. B. Scholfield ... | 1 | Mr. John Merry ... | 0 |
| Mr. G. C. Greenwell ... | 3 | Mr. R. H. Prestwich ... | 0 |
| Mr. R. W. Hutton ... | 0 | Mr. E. Macdona ... | 2 |
| Mr. W. Bell ... | 1 | Mr. D. H. Greenwood ... | 0 |
| Mr. R. C. Hutton ... | 6 | Mr. C. D. Milne ... | 0 |
| Mr. H. D. Tonge ... | 3 | Mr. F. Bindlo-s ... | 0 |
| Mr. E. G. Hutton ... | 4 | Mr. J. M. Eaton ... | 0 |
| Mr. J. A. Hutton ... | 11 | Rev. F. A. Macdona ... | 0 |
| Mr. H. C. Garrett ... | 1 | Mr. J. H. Milne ... | 0 |
| Mr. A. N. Monkhouse ... | 5 | Mr. J. D. Milne ... | 0 |
| | 35 | | 2 |

DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN v. WEST CUMBERLAND.

This match was played at Douglas on Tuesday, July 11th. The visitors crossing to and returning from the Island the same day. The following is the result:—

| DOUGLAS. | | WEST CUMBERLAND | |
|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| | Holes. | | Holes. |
| Mr. A. W. Moore ... | 8 | Mr. E. A. Thomson ... | 0 |
| Mr. J. H. Quine ... | 6 | Mr. D. Fraser ... | 0 |
| Mr. R. C. Chumbley ... | 5 | Mr. W. L. Fletcher ... | 0 |
| Mr. T. S. Atkinson ... | 4 | Mr. R. H. Hodgson ... | 0 |
| Mr. W. A. Hutchinson ... | 0 | Mr. J. Richmond Crum ... | 3 |
| Rev. R. B. Baron ... | 1 | Mr. R. Willis ... | 0 |
| Mr. T. Kneen ... | 0 | Mr. H. Macgeagh ... | 0 |
| Dr. Farrell ... | 0 | Mr. T. Dalzell ... | 0 |
| | 24 | | 3 |

Majority for Douglas 21.

FORFARSHIRE.

The second heat in the competition for the Leith medal by the members of the Caledonia Club, Carnoustie, has just been concluded. The result of the play is as follows:—Mr. W. Harris (2) beat Mr. W. G. Simpson (6), 3 holes; Mr. D. M. Boath (3) beat Mr. H. P. Mudie (7), 2 holes; Mr. D. Winter (scratch) beat Mr. W. K. Lorimer (8), 2 holes; Mr. H. Whyte (12) beat Mr. P. D. Lander (18), 2 holes and 1 to play; Mr. J. P. Bruce (7) beat Mr. P. A. Scott (16), 3 holes and 2 to play; Mr. D. Wilson (11) scratched to Mr. T. E. Suttie (11); Mr. G. Whitton (9) scratched to Mr. A. Ramsay (11); Mr. J. P. Morison (4) beat Mr. J. M. Nairn (6), 2 holes and 1 to play; Mr. R. W. Thornton (10) beat Mr. D. D. Paton (13), 1 hole; Mr. D. S. Rae (11) beat Mr. George Simpson (6), 2 holes and 1 to play; Mr. D. Smith (3) beat Mr. J. J. H. Hendry (15), 4 holes and 3 to play; Mr. W. Ferrier (4) beat Mr. W. G. Andrew (11), 3 holes and 1 to play; Mr. J. P. M. Lowson (4) beat Mr. R. Sellar (10), 5 holes and 3 to play; Mr. J. R. Wilson (10) beat Mr. F. M'Intyre (8), 3 holes and 2 to play; Mr. F. Watson (14) beat Mr. John Lamb (3), 2 holes and 1 to play; Mr. D. Shepherd (scratch) scratched to Mr. W. T. Esplin (13). The following are the partnerships for the third heat, which has to be played off on or before Saturday, the 22nd inst. :—Mr. W. Harris (2) v. Mr. D. M. Boath (3); Mr. D. Winter (scratch) v. Mr. H. Whyte (12); Mr. J. P. Bruce (7) v. Mr. T. E. Suttie (11); Mr. A. Ramsay (11) v. Mr. J. P. Morison (4); Mr. A. W. Thornton (10) v. Mr. D. S. Rae (11); Mr. D. Smith (3) v. Mr. W. Ferrier (4); Mr.

J. P. M. Lowson (4) v. Mr. J. R. Wilson (10); Mr. F. Watson (14) v. Mr. W. T. Esplin (13). The prize-winners in the monthly sweepstake competition are as follows:—First class: Mr. D. M. Boath, 91, 2 below. Second class: 1st, Mr. J. M. Nairn, 89, 9 below; 2nd, Mr. D. R. Stewart, 92, 8 below; 3rd, Mr. P. Bruce, 93, 6 below. Third class: Mr. R. B. Morrison, 103, 12 below. Scores under 100 were made by:—Mr. George Fox, jun., 88; Mr. David Winter, 94; Mr. F. M'Intyre, 97; and Mr. Sam Boyle, 97.

The third heat of the Caledonia Club, Carnoustie, for the Leith medal has resulted as follows:—Mr. W. Harris (2) beat Mr. D. M. Boath (3), 1 hole; Mr. H. Whyte (12) beat Mr. D. Winter (scratch), 2 and 1 to play; Mr. T. E. Suttie (11) beat Mr. J. P. Bruce (7), 2 holes; Mr. Andrew Ramsay (11) scratched to Mr. J. P. Morison (4); Mr. R. W. Thornton (10) scratched to Mr. D. S. Rae (11); Mr. W. Ferrier (4) beat Mr. D. Smith (3), 6 and 5 to play; Mr. J. P. M. Lowson (4) beat Mr. J. R. Wilson (10), 3 and 1 to play; Mr. W. T. Esplin (13) scratched to Mr. F. Watson (14). The semi-final will be:—Mr. W. Harris (2) v. Mr. H. Whyte (12); Mr. T. E. Suttie (11) v. Mr. J. P. Morison (4); Mr. D. S. Rae (11) v. Mr. W. Ferrier (4); Mr. J. P. M. Lowson (4) v. Mr. F. Watson (14). Ties to be played on or before Saturday, 29th inst.

GULLANE GOLF CLUB.

This club held its July meeting on Saturday, at Gullane, when a large field of players was present. In some respects the competition may be termed the principal one of the Gullane season in respect that the premier award is the gold merit medal, with pendant, to the winner. On this occasion, the first handicap award consisted of a handsome silver medal, presented by Mr. A. M. Ross, to become the property of the winner, besides which a number of other handicap prizes were provided from the club funds, including an elegant timepiece of golfing design. The players were despatched in the following order:—Messrs. W. G. Bloxson, Edinburgh, and James G. Croal, Haddington; Messrs. B. Hall Blyth, Edinburgh, and G. G. Robertson, Edinburgh; Mr. J. A. Robertson, Edinburgh and Captain Stott, Edinburgh; Messrs. A. M. Ross, Edinburgh, and R. J. Younger, Edinburgh; Messrs. J. Gillespie, Edinburgh, and H. Parker, Edinburgh; Messrs. T. Lugton, jun., Edinburgh, and W. Morton, Edinburgh; Messrs. J. C. Baldwin, Edinburgh, and L. Bilton, Edinburgh; Messrs. Irvine Williamson, Edinburgh, and W. M. Miller, Edinburgh; Messrs. A. Davidson Smith, Edinburgh, and Alexander Robertson, Edinburgh; Messrs. T. Donaldson, Edinburgh, and T. Binnie, Saltcoats; Messrs. Grey or MacGregor, Edinburgh, and J. H. Inches, Edinburgh; Mr. I. Ranken, Edinburgh, and Dr. Haultain, Edinburgh; Messrs. I. D. Paterson, Edinburgh, and J. M. Bow, Edinburgh; Messrs. R. Ritchie, Edinburgh, and W. G. Croal, Edinburgh; Messrs. A. W. Sansome, Edinburgh, and T. Miller, Edinburgh; Mr. Marcus Brown, Musselburgh, and Dr. Argyll Robertson, Edinburgh; Mr. A. Tait, Edinburgh, and Rev. W. Proudfoot, Haddington; Messrs. C. Hanningway, Edinburgh, and W. M'Gregor, Edinburgh.

Among the earliest of the recorded scores was Mr. A. M. Ross's 81, which secured to Mr. Ross the distinction of winning the gold medal for the second year in succession. The details of the card were:—Out, 4 4 5 5 4 4 5 6 4=41; In, 5 3 4 5 3 5 6 4=40; total, 81. In the handicap competition scores ruled high, with the result that Mr. J. G. Croal, with 91, less 8=83, and Mr. W. M'Gregor, with 101, less 18=83, tied for the first place. For the other awards four net scores of 84 tied, returned by Messrs. L. Bilton and I. Williamson, the Rev. W. Proudfoot, and Dr. Haultain respectively. These ties were played off during the afternoon, with the result that Mr. Croal beat Mr. M'Gregor and won Mr. Ross's prize. The tie for the third, fourth, fifth and sixth prizes brought out excellent Golf, the wind in the afternoon having completely died down. Three out of the four net scores were under 80, the honour of winning the third prize going to Dr. Haultain, followed by Mr. Williamson, Rev. W. Proudfoot, and Mr. Bilton in their respective order. The result of the ties left the handicap prize-list as under:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | |
|-----------------------|-----|---------|-----------------------|-----|---------|
| Mr. J. G. Croal ... | 91 | 8 83 | Mr. A. D. Smith ... | 97 | 10 87 |
| Mr. W. M'Gregor ... | 101 | 18 83 | Dr. Argyll Robertson | 87 | scr. 87 |
| Dr. Haultain ... | 88 | 4 84 | Mr. J. C. Baldwin ... | 92 | 4 88 |
| Mr. I. Williamson ... | 90 | 6 84 | Mr. A. W. Robert- | | |
| Rev. W. Proudfoot | 88 | 4 84 | son ... | 93 | 5 88 |
| Mr. L. Bilton ... | 94 | 10 84 | Mr. Gregor M'Gregor | 88 | scr. 88 |
| Mr. A. M. Ross ... | 81 | +4 85 | Mr. W. G. Croall ... | 90 | 2 88 |
| Mr. H. Parker ... | 95 | 10 85 | Mr. T. Miller ... | 104 | 16 88 |
| Mr. Marcus Brown | 86 | scr. 86 | Mr. R. J. Younger ... | 90 | scr. 90 |
| Mr. C. Hemmingway | 101 | 15 86 | Capt. Stott ... | 92 | scr. 92 |
| Mr. G. G. Robertson | 87 | scr. 87 | Mr. W. M. Miller ... | 103 | 10 93 |
| Mr. T. Lugton, jun. | 87 | scr. 87 | Mr. J. D. Paterson | 99 | 6 93 |

The prizes were presented in the course of the afternoon by the captain, Mr. J. A. Robertson.

HEADINGLEY CLUB.

Played on Saturday, over the Headingley Links, between seven players of the Harrogate Club and seven members of the Headingley Club, resulting in a win for the latter by 15 holes. The weather was charming, and the links and putting-greens in first-class order. Result:—

| HARROGATE. | | HEADINGLEY. | |
|------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| | Holes. | | Holes. |
| Mr. H. H. Turner | 10 | Dr. C. E. Dawson | 0 |
| Mr. J. C. Haigh | 0 | Mr. R. G. Emsley | 2 |
| Captain Sparks | 0 | Mr. J. M. S. Lister | 3 |
| Mr. E. B. Cooke | 0 | Dr. F. H. Mayo | 2 |
| Mr. H. Russell Smith (capt.) | 0 | Mr. A. D. Stuart (capt.) | 3 |
| Dr. E. Solly | 0 | Mr. H. C. Joscelyne | 8 |
| Mr. C. E. Prouger | 0 | Mr. T. Riach | 7 |
| | 10 | | 25 |

HOLMES CHAPEL v. KNUTSFORD.

Played at Holmes Chapel on July 22nd. Results:—

| HOLMES CHAPEL. | | KNUTSFORD. | |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|
| | Holes. | | Holes. |
| Mr. L. Armitstead (captain) | 6 | Mr. F. W. Davis | 0 |
| Mr. F. Lawrence, Hon. Sec. | 5 | Mr. M. M. Speakman (captain) | 0 |
| Mr. H. Rowland | 2 | Mr. R. R. Ashworth | 0 |
| Rev. H. Armitstead | 3 | Mr. E. L. Hoyle | 0 |
| Mr. A. W. Swettenham | 1 | Mr. W. P. Samuels | 0 |
| | 17 | | 0 |

LEASOWE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday a match was played between teams of eight, selected by the captain, Mr. John Ball, jun., and the secretary, Mr. J. Cromarty, the result being that the captain's team won by 24 holes, this result being mainly due to the splendid form shown by Messrs. John Ball, jun., and John Ball (2), both playing brilliant Golf throughout their matches. The following are the details:—

| CAPTAIN'S TEAM. | | SECRETARY'S TEAM. | |
|---------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| | Holes. | | Holes. |
| Mr. John Ball, jun. | 7 | Mr. Donald Ball | 0 |
| Mr. John Ball (2) | 10 | Mr. F. T. Davidson | 0 |
| Mr. Chas. Roberts | 4 | Mr. Theo. R. Evans | 0 |
| Mr. Chas. H. Smith | 1 | Mr. G. H. Leete | 0 |
| Mr. Jno. B. Smith | 1 | Mr. F. A. Cooper | 0 |
| Mr. W. H. Roxburgh | 0 | Mr. G. D. Burrell | 3 |
| Mr. J. Anderson | 0 | Dr. S. Kellett Smith | 1 |
| Mr. Rodk. Johnston | 0 | Mr. J. Cromarty | 2 |
| | 23 | | 6 |

Foursomes:—

| CAPTAIN'S TEAM. | | SECRETARY'S TEAM. | |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------|--------|
| | Holes. | | Holes. |
| Messrs. John Ball, jun., and Rodk. Johnston | 0 | Messrs. Donald Ball and J. Cromarty | 1 |
| Messrs. John Ball (2) and J. Anderson | 7 | Mr. F. T. Davidson and Dr. Kellett Smith | 0 |
| Messrs. Chas. Roberts and W. H. Roxburgh | 0 | Messrs. Theo. R. Evans and G. D. Burrell | 3 |
| Messrs. H. Smith and J. B. Smith | 4 | Messrs. G. H. Leete and F. A. Cooper | 0 |
| | 11 | | 4 |

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

July 20th, the club medal.—Mr. E. C. R. Goff, 91, less 6=85; Mr. F. H. Maclean, 100, less 12=88; Mr. A. C. Constable, 102, less 9=93. Earl of Winterton, no return.

July 21st, the club sweepstakes.—Mr. E. C. R. Goff, 86, less 6=80; Lord E. Hamilton, 94, less 9=85; Mr. A. Holmes, 106, less 10=96; Mr. R. Holmes, 109, less 12=97; Mr. J. C. Constable, 118, less 18=100.

July 20th and 21st, the captain's cup.—Mr. E. C. R. Goff, 89, less 6=83; Mr. R. Holmes, 95, less 12=83, resulting in a tie. Several players no return. Wind rather high.

NAIRN.—A handicap match which excited much interest took place at Nairn on Saturday amongst the principal players on the Nairn course. There was about twenty competitors, and the first prize was gained by Mr. P. H. Smart. The second prize was gained by Mr. C. H. S. Brown, and the third by Mr. F. M. Marshall. The weather was fine, and the greens were in excellent order.

MID-SURREY GOLF CLUB.

The Senior and Junior monthly medals were played for on Saturday, 15th inst. A prize for the best gross score is also given by the club in every medal competition. The course was in excellent condition, reflecting great credit on the professional, Robert Munro, late of Carnoustie, who has recently lowered the record for these links in two consecutive rounds, which are worth detailing:—Out, 6 4 4 4 4 4 4 3 =37; in, 5 3 6 5 5 4 4 4 =41; total, 78. Out, 4 5 4 5 4 4 3 4 3 =36; in, 4 4 4 6 4 4 4 5 6=41; total, 77.

The scores for the medals were as follows:—

| Senior Medal:— | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Gross. Hcp. Net. | Gross. Hcp. Net. | |
| *Mr. W. L. Patterson | 88 6 82 | Mr. W. Starbuck | 102 15 87 |
| Mr. C. A. Gosnall | 94 11 83 | Mr. A. L. Jockel | 90 2 88 |
| Mr. A. J. Eames | 91 6 85 | Mr. J. Clapp | 106 16 90 |
| Mr. J. Dunlop Hill | 96 10 86 | Mr. F. M. Ogilvy | 109 18 91 |
| Mr. E. Forbes Lankester | 101 14 87 | Mr. A. Puzey | 109 18 91 |
| | | Mr. B. R. Heaton | 116 15 101 |

* Winner of prize for best gross and senior medal.

Junior Medal:—

| | Gross. Hcp. Net. | Gross. Hcp. Net. | |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| †Mr. W. P. Ashe | 101 25 76 | Mr. H. Tomlinson | 119 30 89 |
| Mr. J. M. C. Austin | 104 21 83 | Mr. P. M. Perrin | 119 23 96 |
| Mr. G. H. Perry | 113 30 83 | Mr. J. H. Hamilton | 127 30 97 |
| Mr. F. E. Gripper | 108 23 85 | Mr. T. C. Fenwick | 123 23 100 |

† Winner of junior medal and sweepstakes.

MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM CLUB.

The second monthly competition of this club, for the prize presented by the captain, took place on the links at Heysham. The day was beautifully fine, but with a stiff wind from the sea. The contest was very close, Mr. F. Glegg (Morecambe) just winning by one stroke. Dr. Glegg and Mr. R. Charnley divided the sweepstakes. Subjoined are the scores:—Dr. Glegg, 94, less 9=85; Mr. R. Charnley, 110, less 25=85; Mr. J. Leeming, 111, less 25=86; Mr. R. Preston, 111, less 25=86; Mr. A. I. Swift, 115, less 25=90; Captain Le Feuvre, 100, less 9=91; Mr. B. H. Cookson, 109, less 15=94; Mr. C. E. Mason, 111, less 15=96; Mr. S. M. Satterthwaite, 140, less 27=113. Mr. G. Satterthwaite and Mr. C. E. Friend made no returns.

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for the prize presented by the captain, Mr. J. W. Wood, on the 8th inst., was won by Mr. Beck, with the good score of 88 net, but only the first four players were able to finish, on account of the thunderstorm.

The fifth club medal competition was played on the 13th inst. Messrs. Williamson and Rosser divided the optional sweep, as the winner did not enter for it. Scores:—Mr. Pape, 99, less 12=87; Mr. Wilkinson, 107, less 13=94; Mr. Rosser, 109, less 15=94; Mr. Wood, 97, less 2=95; Mr. Brumell, 111, less 16=95; Mr. Leathart, 115, less 18=97; Mr. Tate, 115, less 15=100.

The sixth gold medal competition took place on the 15th inst. Mr. Bourn won the second prize in the optional sweep. That gentleman's second round was a remarkable one, for it included 13 for his last hole, the 8 being done in 38. Score:—Mr. Rosser, 103, less 15=88; Mr. Bourn, 103, less 11=92; Mr. Hedley, 101, less 6=95; Mr. Wood, 99, less 2=97; Mr. Hutton, 129, less 11=98.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

A "Bogey" competition has been in progress at this club during the past few weeks, which has proved very interesting. For the week ending the 16th Mr. R. Dawson, a very promising player, was the winner with 2 holes down, Dr. E. J. Lewis being second. "Bogey's" score has been fixed at the scratch score of 78. It is considered by some of the members that "Bogey's" round should be some points above scratch. It would be interesting if members of some other clubs would give their views on this question, and state the practice usually adopted for "Bogey" competitions.

It may be added that the Ranelagh committee are admitting a limited number of players for the winter season, that is, till April 30th, 1894, in addition to the annual members. Information can be obtained of the secretary to the Golf Club. Intending members should apply early.

DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—While playing on the Osmaston Park links, Derby, on Wednesday morning, the 19th inst., W. Lewis the professional, made a remarkably fine score, beating "Colonel Bogey" by 5 holes. The following are the details:—Out, 4 4 5 4 5 3 4 5 2 =36; in, 5 5 4 4 3 3 5 3 =37; total, 73.

ROCHDALE v. BOLTON.

The return match between these clubs was played on Bolton Links on Saturday, the 22nd inst., with the following results:—

| ROCHDALE. | | BOLTON. | |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| | Holes. | | Holes. |
| Mr. F. Scholes | ... | Mr. P. Musgrave | ... |
| Mr. R. Godby | ... | Mr. H. B. Broadbent | ... |
| Mr. Jas. Broadbent | ... | Mr. G. Fernihough | ... |
| Mr. McLennan | ... | Capt. Dowell | ... |
| Mr. W. G. Petrie | ... | Mr. B. Broadbent | ... |
| Mr. A. Crowther | ... | Mr. T. H. Rushton | ... |
| Mr. E. B. Petrie | ... | Mr. A. Entwisle | ... |
| Mr. A. Hosegood | ... | Dr. Flitcroft | ... |
| | 0 | | 41 |

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly competition for the captain's cup was played on Friday, the 14th. The play all round was much below the average. Brigade-Surgeon Elliot, 117, less 25=92; Mr. Melville Sandys, 106, less 12=94; Mr. B. F. Edyvean, 102, less 7=95; Col. Parkyn, 132, less 37=95; Mr. C. H. Hext, 112, less 8=104. Mr. E. M. Bannerman, Mr. Matthews, Captain Johnstone, and others made no returns.

Ladies' Handicap.—The ladies' handicap was played on the 14th, in stormy and showery weather, which prevented many completing the full course. Miss Page and Miss Barnett played their usual steady game. Miss Page, 93, less 5=88; Miss Barnett (scratch), 90; Mrs. Simpson, 99, less 8=91; Miss Lily Edyvean, 122, less 30=92; Miss Alms, 106, less 14=92; Miss C. Burgess, 113, less 20=93; Mrs. Hext, 105, less 9=96; Mrs. Salmon, 100, less 3=97; Miss Berryman, 129, less 32=97; Mrs. Bernard Edyvean, 111, less 10=101; Mrs. G. Petherick, 146, less 36=110. Mrs. Every and Mrs. Rashleigh made no returns.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Colonel Mackenzie's prize, played for on Saturday, July 22nd:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| *Major Scott, R.A. | 84 +1 85 | Mr. T. W. Barker... | 94 5 89 |
| Mr. H. P. H. Spencer | 97 11 86 | Mr. H. G. H. Spencer | 97 5 92 |
| Capt. Robin | 89 2 87 | Mr. G. M. Robertson | 99 7 92 |
| Mr. D. Turnbull | 101 14 87 | Col. Mackenzie | 97 3 94 |
| Dr. Hodder | 102 14 88 | Mr. W. H. Monckton | 113 15 98 |
| *Mr. A. F. G. Brown | 106 18 88 | Mr. W. D. Russel | 128 18 110 |
| Capt. Fairlie | 92 3 89 | | |

* Divided sweepstake, limited to 22.

Several players made no return.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

The silver shield tournament, which began on June 3rd, was brought to a close on July 15th, when Messrs. J. H. Nelson and H. Seton-Karr met in the final. Playing level, the first round was halved, although Mr. H. Seton-Karr was dormy 2. After lunch the tie was played off, and Mr. Nelson won rather easily.

The silver shield, played for annually under handicap limited to 18 strokes, in heats. Singles, eighth tournament.

Heat 1.—Mr. H. W. Horne (8), beat Mr. C. C. Wylie (18); Mr. N. R. Foster (plus 2), beat Mr. W. Johnson (15); Mr. H. Seton-Karr (10), beat Mr. J. E. Peat (9); Mr. F. E. Faithfull (3), a bye.

Heat 2.—Mr. M. Tabuteau (9), beat Mr. A. Davidson (10); Mr. W. J. Cundell (11), beat Mr. F. A. Wallroth (12); Mr. M. Friend (4), beat Mr. G. Nicol (4); Mr. H. P. Cumming (6), beat Mr. A. L. Tweedie (10); Mr. E. Sidgwick (7), beat Mr. F. W. Hollams (9); Mr. J. L. Ridpath (9), beat Mr. A. Denman (2); Mr. J. H. Driver (9), beat Mr. W. Glynes (24); Mr. G. F. Muir (12), beat Mr. W. Morley (12); Mr. G. C. Wylie (7), beat Mr. J. M. Henderson (4); Mr. A. Hughes (13), beat Mr. S. E. Carlyle (14); Mr. A. J. Stanley (6), beat Mr. R. Thomson (5); Mr. R. Whyte (4), beat Mr. G. E. Tabor (10); Mr. J. H. Nelson (10), beat Mr. G. E. Jones (18); Mr. J. Franklin Adams (8), beat Mr. W. R. Kermack (4); Mr. W. Rutherford (7), beat Mr. P. Strickland (7); Mr. W. D. Davidson (4), beat Mr. W. H. Oliver (16); Mr. A. Adams (3), beat Mr. W. Bazalgette (3); Mr. G. Humphreys (15), beat Mr. D. Davidson (2); Mr. W. R. Portal (18), beat Mr. C. Plummer (scratch); Gen. H. Elliott (20), beat Mr. F. C. Stapylton (15); Mr. E. Webb (18), beat Mr. M. A. O. Mackenzie (10); Mr. H. S. Colt (plus 1), beat Mr. H. T. Wright (9); Mr. W. L. Purves (scratch), beat Mr. J. M. Kerr (9); Major J. Alexander (18), beat Mr. C. M. Baker (15); Mr. C. A. W. Cameron (4), beat Mr. W. Walker (7); Mr. J. W. Potter (16), beat Mr. E. A. Walker (4); Mr. F. J. Walker (5), beat Mr. W. D. Scott-Moncrieff (11); Mr. H. C.

Archer (16), beat Mr. A. E. Peat (7); Mr. J. A. Burrell (10), beat Mr. C. M. Smith (4); Mr. J. R. Dunlop Hill (12), beat Mr. A. M. Lee (18); Mr. H. W. Horne beat Mr. F. E. Faithfull; Mr. H. Seton-Karr beat Mr. N. R. Foster.

Heat 3.—Mr. W. J. Cundell beat Mr. M. Tabuteau; Mr. M. Friend beat Mr. H. P. Cumming; Mr. J. L. Ridpath beat Mr. E. Sidgwick; Mr. J. H. Driver beat Mr. G. F. Muir; Mr. G. C. Wylie beat Mr. A. Hughes; Mr. R. Whyte beat Mr. A. J. Stanley; Mr. J. H. Nelson beat Mr. J. Franklin Adams; Mr. W. Rutherford beat Mr. W. D. Davidson; Mr. G. Humphreys beat Mr. A. Adams; Mr. W. R. Portal beat General H. Elliott; Mr. E. Webb beat Mr. H. S. Colt; Mr. W. L. Purves beat Major J. Alexander; Mr. C. A. W. Cameron beat Mr. J. W. Potter; Mr. F. J. Walker beat Mr. H. C. Archer; Mr. J. A. Burrell beat Mr. J. R. Dunlop Hill; Mr. H. Seton-Karr beat Mr. H. W. Horne.

Heat 4.—Mr. M. Friend beat Mr. W. J. Cundell; Mr. J. L. Ridpath beat Mr. J. H. Driver; Mr. G. C. Wylie beat Mr. R. Whyte; Mr. J. H. Nelson beat Mr. W. Rutherford; Mr. W. R. Portal beat Mr. G. Humphreys; Mr. W. L. Purves beat Mr. E. Webb; Mr. C. A. W. Cameron beat Mr. F. J. Walker; Mr. H. Seton-Karr beat Mr. J. A. Burrell.

Heat 5.—Mr. J. L. Ridpath beat Mr. M. Friend; Mr. J. H. Nelson beat Mr. G. C. Wylie; Mr. W. R. Portal beat Mr. W. L. Purves; Mr. H. Seton-Karr beat Mr. C. A. W. Cameron.

Heat 6.—Mr. J. H. Nelson beat Mr. J. L. Ridpath; Mr. H. Seton-Karr beat Mr. W. R. Portal.

Final.—Mr. J. H. Nelson beat Mr. H. Seton-Karr.

Winner.—Mr. J. H. Nelson.

ST. ANDREWS.

The competition of the St. Andrews Ladies' Club for the Tod-Stewart medal took place on the 20th. Fifteen couples started in the following order:—Miss M. M. Tulloch and Miss K. Prain; Miss Bethune and Miss J. M. Bethune; Miss Hilton and Miss Henderson; Mrs. Everard and Miss C. Hodge; Miss H. Houston and Miss H. Bett; Mrs. Scratton and Miss Blair; Mrs. Macfie and Miss A. Moir; Miss S. Grant and Miss S. Wordsworth; Miss Moir and Miss J. K. Stewart; Mrs. J. Moir and Miss F. M. Koss; Mrs. Falconar Stewart and Mrs. J. Boyd; Miss Gavin and Miss L. Gavin; Mrs. Muirhead and Mrs. Henderson; Miss Duff and Miss M. Duff; Mrs. Boothby and Miss Hume Macleod. Lowest scores:—Miss C. Hodge, 108; Miss Moir, 110; Mrs. Boothby, 113; Mrs. Everard, 113; Miss J. K. Stewart, 113; Miss Bethune, 114; Miss Hume Macleod, 114.

SUTTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of the club was played for over the links on Banstead Downs on July 22nd, and resulted as follows:—Mr. R. W. Ker, 99, less 20=79; Mr. A. L. Tate, 101, less 15=86; Mr. W. Johnston, 104, less 17=87; Mr. E. Sheppy, 112, less 25=87; Mr. W. Hewetson, 113, less 25=88; Mr. W. A. W. Scott, 107, less 18=89; Mr. H. E. Solly, 124, less 35=89; Mr. F. Richardson, 109, less 18=91. Several players made no returns.

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The summer meeting took place at Portsmouth on Friday and Saturday, July 7th and 8th. July 7th—First division, handicap to 15 inclusive:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| *Surg.-Capt. Anderson | ... | Lieut. Saumarez, | ... |
| Col. J. S. Walker | 94 14 80 | R.M.L.I. | 100 12 88 |
| Mr. C. Scott Chad | 95 11 84 | Rev. A. Keir | 100 9 91 |
| | 100 13 87 | Major Swinburne, | ... |
| | | R.M.A. | 103 9 94 |

* First prize.

† Second prize.

Second division handicaps above 15:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| *Mr. W. Hynes | 103 21 82 | Commander E. Payne, | ... |
| †General Maitland | 108 19 89 | R.N. | 113 17 96 |
| Col. H. Stuart | 112 21 91 | Mr. A. W. Gilbert | 116 19 97 |

* First prize.

† Second prize.

The remainder gave no returns, or were over 100 net.

July 8th, "Bogey" match—First division:—Lieut. Saumarez, 1 up (first prize); Mr. L. G. Bonham-Carter and Mr. C. Scott Chad, 1 down (tie, second prize).

Second division:—Mr. R. Walpole and Mr. W. Hynes, all even (tie, first and second prize).

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WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The fourth monthly competition of the above club (Class II.), was played on Saturday, with the following result:—Mr. C. W. Hobbs, 101, less 22=79; Mr. W. R. Gardner, 103, less 16=87; Mr. J. N. P. Newton, 103, less 15=88; Mr. H. F. Fernie, 108, less 18=90; Mr. G. A. Thomson, 108, less 18=90; Mr. H. Durandu, 108, less 17=91; Capt. Dennis, 111, less 18=93; Mr. W. Buckley, 111, less 16=95; Mr. Alex. Armour, 123, less 25=98.

WILLESDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the 22nd inst. The scores returned were generally unexpectedly bad, as it was thought the work lately spent on the greens would have shown better results. The greens, however, being hard and very short of grass, accounted for many bad cards. A good muster of members competed, the best scores being:—Mr. J. R. Townsend, 95, less 14=81 (winner of medal); Mr. E. F. Currie, 88, less 5=83; Mr. C. J. Simpson, 96, less 11=85; Mr. Langham Carter, 106, less 20=86; Mr. Franklin Ross, 84, plus 2=86; Mr. J. G. Anderson, 105, less 16=89; Mr. R. Frank, 94, less 5=89; Mr. J. Rawlings, 105, less 16=89; Mr. W. F. Mapleston, 97, less 7=90; Mr. J. K. Hume, 108, less 16=92. Other scores over 100.

LOTHIAN GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club held a competition over Musselburgh links for a handsome flask presented by Mr. Paterson, Duke Street, Leith, and other prizes. Winners:—1st, Mr. J. Morris; 2nd, Mr. A. Forsyth; Mr. A. Wood and Mr. T. Haig tied for third; Mr. R. Gravett and Mr. R. Smith tied for fourth.

GRANTOWN.—A foursome match was played on the ladies' green on Wednesday afternoon, the 19th inst., when there was a good turn-out of players. The greens were in capital order, and six prizes were competed for:—The result was:—1st, Mrs. Barclay and Miss Nelly Thomson, 73, less 6=67; 2nd, Miss Winchester and Mr. Harry Roles, 69; 3rd, Miss Elsie Roles and Mr. Gilroy, 70.

PRESTONPANS.—A competition among the members of the Thorn-tree Golf Club took place at Preston links on Saturday, the first prize being a silver mantelpiece clock, with gollic adornments. A new course of six holes was marked off, and three rounds formed the limit. A goodly number entered the lists, and the competition was very keen. Considering the gusty wind which blew across the course, the scores were remarkably low. Prizes were given for the five lowest scores. The results were as follows:—Mr. Elliot Johnston, 81, less 3=78; Mr. William Belford, 84; Mr. R. Ormiston, 89; Mr. C. Lamb, 95, less 6=89; Mr. John Johnston, 90; Mr. Alexander Inglis, 99, less 7=92; Mr. George Clark, 101, less 7=94; Mr. D. Adams, 108, less 12=96.

ELECTRIC CLUB.—A special competition for prizes presented to the above club was held over the Braids on the 21st inst. The green was in excellent condition for play, but a strong wind proved troublesome, and scoring was high. The following are the prize-winners, with net scores:—Mr. G. Slater, 77; Mr. T. Miller, 81; Mr. W. Grigor, 82; Mr. T. Kinnear, 84; Mr. W. Watt, 84; Mr. T. Cairns, 85; Mr. T. Smith, 87; Mr. W. Russell, 88; Mr. J. Small, 88; Mr. J. Christie, 88; Mr. D. K. M'Intyre, 88; Mr. A. M. Fraser, 89; Mr. J. Johnston, 90.

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"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal of this club was played for on the 19th inst. on the Braids, and was won by Mr. D. Blair with the score of 85, less 1=84. Mr. R. G. Duthie was second with 94, less 9=85.

PRESTWICK, ST. NICHOLAS.—The competition for the Edwards Golf trophy took place on the 20th inst., but as the entrants from the West of Scotland greens only numbered sixteen, there was not much interest excited in the contest. The following is the result of the first tie:—Mr. J. A. Shaw (Troon), beat Mr. James Blair (Glasgow), by 1 hole; Mr. James Howat (St. Nicholas), a bye from Mr. W. Hunter (St. Nicholas); Mr. G. M. M. Rennie (St. Nicholas), beat Mr. W. M. Blake (Dumiries), by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. R. R. Allan (Glasgow), a bye from Mr. E. D. Prothero (St. Nicholas); Mr. A. Boon (St. Nicholas), beat Mr. J. Gibson (St. Nicholas), by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. M. Murray (Troon), a bye from Captain Larke (St. Nicholas); Mr. W. A. Kennedy (St. Nicholas), beat Mr. J. Andrew (St. Nicholas), by 2 up and 1 to play. Second tie:—Mr. J. A. Shaw beat Mr. J. Howat by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. G. M. M. Rennie a bye; Mr. A. Boon beat Mr. R. R. Allan by 8 up and 6 to play; Mr. A. M. Murray beat Mr. W. A. Kennedy by 2 holes. The tournament competition for the Edwards trophy was finished on the 21st inst. The semi-final tie was played in the forenoon by Mr. G. M. M. Rennie, St. Nicholas, against Mr. James A. Shaw, Troon, and Mr. Andrew Boon, St. Nicholas, against Mr. Andrew M'Murray, Troon. Mr. G. M. M. Rennie beat Mr. James A. Shaw by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. Boon beat Mr. Andrew M'Murray by 2 holes. The final tie was played in the afternoon by Mr. G. M. M. Rennie and Mr. Andrew Boon. The play was disappointing, and much below match form, the honours falling to Mr. Rennie, who was 4 up and 2 to play. He receives a gold badge from the donors of the trophy, Mr. Boon taking second prize—a gold Golf ball, presented by the St. Nicholas Club.

PORTOBELLO LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition was held on the course in the Public Park on the 21st inst. The prize was a gold medal, presented by the local Freemasons, which was won by Mrs. David Crawford, with a scratch score of 63 for the two rounds. Misses Flora Clark and A. Simpson tied for second and third places. There were thirty-one competitors.

ARCHERFIELD CLUB.—This club held a competition by holes (handicap) on Thursday last, for a handsome prize presented by Mr. Law. There was a good turn-out of members. In the semi-final Mr. Davidson Smith, after a keen tussle, succumbed to Mr. Thomas Yule. In the final Mr. T. D. Thomson, who had drawn a bye, met Mr. Yule, and was also defeated. The prize was presented to the winner, in a few graceful words, by Miss Murray Mitchell. Mr. Thomson, the energetic secretary of the club, is now making a tour of the Scotch golfing-greens. Mr. John Penn, M.P., is again to take up residence at Archerfield for the autumn and winter months. Several improvements have been made on the green by Mr. Law during the past season.

CUMBRAE.—A competition for monthly visitors was held over the above course on Saturday. There was a strong breeze blowing across the links, which required allowance. The prizes were three in number, the first prize being a special driving cleek, presented by Mr. J. Herriot, the others being given by the club. The prize-winners were:—Mr. J. Leishman, 102, less 3=99; Mr. J. Herriot, 107, less 3=104; Mr. Hugh Scott, 113, less 5=108.

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ABERDOVEY, NORTH WALES.—The Summer Meeting of the above Links will be held on the 28th and 29th of August, 1893. The different Competitions will be open to all Amateur Golfers. The conditions of the Meeting can be obtained from **W. V. THOMAS**, Hon. Sec., Aberdovey Golf Club.

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