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MARCH.

- Mar. 24.—Littlehampton: Mr. Goff's Medal.
Mar. 25.—Huddersfield: Monthly Competition.
Nottingham: Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire: Monthly Cup.
Cheadle v. Macclesfield (at Cheadle).
Royal Dublin: Lumsden Medal.
Taplow: Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove: De Worms Challenge Cup.
Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare: Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: Quarterly Medal; Gordon Cup;
Monthly Medal.
Islay: Monthly Medal.
Sidcup: Monthly Medal.
Crookham: Monthly Medal.
Dewsbury: Monthly Medal.
Guildford v. Winchester (at Guildford).
Birkdale: Captain's Cup.
Dumfries and Galloway: Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.
Kenilworth v. Leamington (at Campion Hills).
Hyères: Weekly Handicap.
Chester: Monthly Competition.
West Cornwall: Monthly Medal.
Littlehampton: Club Sweepstake.
Cinque Ports: Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew: "Bogey" Competition.
St. Neots: Ennals Medal (Sixth Heat).
Mar. 28.—Whitley: Joicey Cup.
Burnham: Monthly Medal.

- Mar. 29.—Morecambe and Heysham Ladies: Club Competition.
Birkdale: Easter Meeting.
Kenilworth v. Arden (at Solihull).
St. Neots: McNish Prize, Ladies (Sixth Heat).
Mar. 30.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.
Royal Guernsey: Monthly Medal.
Southport: Spring Meeting.
Mar. 31.—County Down: Good Friday Handicap by Strokes, (Open).
Mar. 31 and April 1 & 3.—St. George's (Sandwich): Spring Meeting.

APRIL.

- April 1.—Woodford: Captain's Prize, and Monthly Medal.
Southport: Annual Dinner.
Brighton and Hove: Berens Gold Medal.
Richmond: Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight: "Bogey" Tournament for Club Prize.
Bowdon: Monthly Medal.
Leicester: Monthly Medal.
Birkdale: Monthly Medal.
Tooting: Monthly Medal.
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew: Gray Trophy.
Redhill and Reigate: Club Medal (by Holes).
Aldeburgh: Easter Meeting; Monthly Medal.
County Down: All Fools' Handicap by Strokes, (Open);
Railway Cup.
April 1, 2 & 3.—Great Yarmouth: Easter Meeting.
April 1 & 3.—Guildford: Pontifex Shield Match Tournament.
Littlestone: Easter Meeting.
Portrush: Easter Meeting; Open Competition (Second Day).
April 1 to 4.—Felixstowe: Easter Meeting.
April 1 to 5.—Porthcawl: Spring Meeting.
April 1 to 7.—Royal Jersey: Spring Meeting.
April 3.—Chester: Committee's Cup.
Ramsey (Isle of Man): Open Amateur Handicap (Silver Cup).
Hunstanton: Monthly Medal.
Woodford: Club Handicap.
Buxton and High Peak: Captain's Prize.
Leasowe: Committee's Prize.
Royal Isle of Wight: Easter Meeting.
Bowdon: Easter Meeting.
West Lancashire: Easter Meeting.
Eltham Ladies: Handicap Sweepstakes.
County Down: Easter Cup, by Holes (Open).
April 4.—Royal Eastbourne: Foursome Tournament.
Carnarvonshire: Monthly Medal.
Royal Cornwall Ladies: Monthly Medal.
April 4 to 8.—Royal North Devon: Easter Meeting.
April 4 & 8.—Forfarshire: Spring Meeting.
April 5.—Newhaven: Easter Meeting.
Durham: Nine Winners' Cup.
Tantallon: Business Meeting, 2 o'clock.
St. Neots: McNish Prize, Ladies (Final).

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Reviews.

THE MEMORIES OF DEAN HOLE, London: Edward Arnold. 16s.

"From grave to gay, from lively to severe;" thus the Dean designates his memories, but in truth there is little of sombre gravity and still less of severity, in the pleasant pages of his book. The leaves of his memory do not rustle to a mournful tune, nor do they create melancholy feelings, they are the memories of a useful and happy life, and whatever they may contain of sadness is free from bitterness or regret.

Published in November, 1892, reprinted twice in the same month, and once again in December last, the book is not new in the immediate sense of the word, for it has circulated widely among all classes of readers, but it is possible that there are many who have not yet made acquaintance with it, and it is for their benefit we make a few introductory extracts and comments. Golfers, who are all sportsmen by nature, will delight in a book in which stories of the hunting-field, the cricket-ground, and the river are told with so rare and racy a humour. What if some of the stories be a little familiar; we are all glad to listen when they are retold so gracefully and happily.

The "Memories" are alphabetically arranged, beginning appropriately with "A was an archer, who shot at a frog," for the Dean was an adept with the bow and arrows. Thus, we have recollections of archers, artists, authors, cricketers, ecclesiastics, gamblers, gardeners, hunters, shooters, Oxonians, preachers, and working-men—a goodly and representative catalogue, through each chapter of which runs the same vein of cheerful, delicate humour. We can only regret that the Dean was not a golfer, for he would have done full justice to the Royal and Ancient Game, aunt which he would have collected innumerable good stories. His advice to enthusiastic archers will apply with equal force to the devotees of Golf. He says: "I would commend archery as a most healthful and social exercise, forewarning all who have not made the experiment, that success can only be attained by acquiring a good style, and by constant practice; . . . and that with excellence there comes a powerful temptation to devote too much time to an amusement which, however fascinating, should be regarded only as a relaxation, subordinate and auxiliary to work and duty. Horace Ford expressed in his later days a sorrowful regret that he had spent so large a portion of his time in archery." Dean Hole's principles with regard to all sport are very clearly defined. First, that play shall come after, and not instead of, honest useful work; and, secondly, that excellence be attained by perseverance and patience. He spoke as follows to a curate who asked his permission to hunt. "If you can assure me that you can spare the time and the money, that you can take a day's holiday in the week without neglecting any of your duties, reducing your charities, or getting into debt, you have my permission to hunt on one immutable condition—that you ride straight to hounds; if I hear of you craning and shirking, I shall withdraw it at once." This may sound a somewhat qualified permission, but it is qualified in the best interests both of the sportsman and the sport. Golfers from "over the Border" will be amused and not offended by the following story which the Dean tells in his anecdotes of ecclesiastics:—"Why was St. Andrew selected to be the patron saint of Scotland? This question has exercised the clerical and lay curiosity, but has not been satisfactorily answered, unless the explanation offered by the Archdeacon of Calcutta at a dinner he attended on St. Andrew's Day, be confirmed as final, a consummation which we can hardly anticipate, though the archidiaconal conjecture was received with hearty, nay more, hilarious applause. 'Gentlemen,' he said, 'I have given this difficult subject my thoughtful consideration, and I have come to the conclusion that St. Andrew was chosen to be patron saint of Scotland, because he discovered the lad who had the loaves and fishes.'"

In his chapter on hunters, the Dean tells a story against himself with such infinite good-humour, that we cannot refrain from quoting it in full. Having outgrown in zeal and weight an old and sober steed, the embryo dean was given "a bright well-bred bay with black points, a beautiful head, clean shoulders, and strong propelling powers, though anything but a screw. . . . We had only one quarrel, which resulted in a brief separation. We were approaching a fence, when he saw, and I ought to

have seen, the hounds on the other side make a sudden turn. He turned with them, and as he resisted my endeavour to keep him in his former line, I struck him sharply with my whip. In three seconds I was on my back by his side. I really don't know how he did it, but if a box of dynamite had been under me, I could not have been more summarily dislodged. Then the horse never attempted to move. I believe that if he could have spoken, he would have said, 'I'm very sorry; please get up; but you must not do it again.' I never felt more humiliated. I arose a sadder, a wiser, and a dirtier man. Lochinvar offered no resistance, when I put him again at the fence. He never swerved an inch from my guidance though I turned him, of course, on the opposite side to rejoin the hounds. He went, if possible, better than ever, and made no mistake. When I reached home, my father, who had not been out that day, met me in the stable-yard, and said, 'I don't know, Reynolds, whether you have brought home the brush, but I never saw anyone in greater need of it.' I told him what had happened, and he laughed till I thought he would be ill. I claim some appreciative sense of humour, but I never could fully grasp the comedy of that situation." This is the story of a good man and a good horse.

Belonging to the county of Notts, we feel no surprise that the Dean should be an enthusiastic cricketer. His anecdotes of quaint umpires will delight all the admirers of the good English game. In his chapters on gardeners, the author of that charming book on roses writes in his very happiest strain. He lingers lovingly among his plants, and dilates enthusiastically and authoritatively on his roses. His scorn descends like a sharp sword on the false disciples who pretend to be worshippers of Flora, but are ignorant of the names of even common plants, and know still less of how they should be cultivated. He tells some capital stories of county flower shows, and the difficulties encountered by judges in floral exhibitions. Whatever be the heading of the chapter, we find it teems with names familiar to the ear and known to fame, for the Dean was the friend of many men of celebrity and worth. There is his chosen friend, John Leech, among the artists; Thackeray and Dickens among the authors; Pusey, Newman, and Tait in a goodly company of ecclesiastics; Lord Henry Bentinck, Colonel Wellfit, and Whyte-Melville, among the heroes of the chase; while among great and famous gardeners, we are introduced to Mr. Rivers, of Sawbridge; Charles Turner, the Veitches, Mr. Bull, Victor Verdier, and Jules Margottin.

Though we could linger long culling flowers from his garden stories, we will only beg that all those whose passions have run high in the late political epoch of stirring speeches, and who will ere long take a part, small or great, in a coming struggle, will read carefully and thoughtfully the Dean's well-timed, liberal, and pathetic paragraph on his great Oxonian contemporary, Mr. Gladstone. They are the words of a large-minded, far-seeing, calm-tempered man, written in the wide and tolerant spirit of a true Christian; therefore they may well be read and obeyed by those who are inclined to be vituperative and rash in their utterances.

A LIST OF ENGLISH CLUBS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, FOR 1893. By E. C. Austen Leigh. London: Spottiswoode and Co. 1s.

The object of this little book, which is in its second edition, is to furnish a list of all the clubs frequented by the English in all parts of the world. There can be no doubt that a book of this kind was greatly wanted, though we are far from saying that Mr. Leigh has accomplished his task with even tolerable completeness. Though the list of social and political clubs may pass muster in point of fulness and extent of area covered, it is difficult to see on what principle the compiler has chosen his list of Golf clubs. Presumably the idea was to select only those clubs which were capable of supplying both social and golfing needs. But that idea has not been adhered to. Though we have the Golf clubs of Elie and Ballantrae mentioned, there is no reference to the Innerleven, Royal Dublin, Royal Belfast, Royal Guernsey, Bombay, Calcutta, Melbourne, Antwerp, Montreal, Quebec, the Shinnecock at New York, all of them important clubs, which are just as likely to serve as the addresses of English residents as Epsom, Elie, or Dunbar. It should be noted also that the title of the Golf Club at Sandwich is the St. George's Golf Club.

WOMEN'S DRESS ON THE LINKS.

Women play Golf more than they did. They found their husbands and their brothers did not consider anywhere or anything a holiday without their much-loved, and to many all-absorbing, game of Golf. Most golfing links are deadly dull, and women took to the game in sheer defence from *ennui*. And a very good game too, for it means good exercise in fresh air, is not expensive, and can be played all the year round.

Hunting goes out when boating comes in, cricket ends when shooting commences, but nothing ends Golf; it is like the flowing river—it goes on for ever.

This little article is not on Golf, however, but on women's dress on the links. Unfortunately all women do not realise the fact that *good* dressing means *suitable* dressing. Anything out of place, however good in itself, is bad taste; hence a woman donning London silks and delaines on a links or a moor, is as much a fish out of water as a riverside maiden's boating costume is in Regent Street.

Golfing is like shooting—the simpler and plainer the style of frock the better. Thick tweed in useful colours, good serge, or any warm and light woollen material is suitable; but two other things are absolutely essential—short skirts and loose bodices. For winter wear no jacket looks better than a corduroy, for it never wears and never tears.

A skirt to the ankle does very well for a country walk, but it ought to be eight or ten inches from the ground for Golf. It should be made as plain and as simple as possible. Every woman does not like walking about in a short dress, except perhaps during the game itself, and for such the New Forest skirt is a joy. It is made in thick material (unlined, of course), and as simple and plain as possible. It is about twelve inches from the ground, and at the bottom has a deep tuck over the hem. Hidden away under the tuck are buttons some four or six inches apart. After the game is over, the wearer buttons on to the skirt an extra piece of cloth or leather about nine inches deep, and walks home in a skirt of ordinary conventional length. If the fair wearer is too modest to show her ankles even when playing, she wears a leather bottom-piece during the game (which, when muddy, can be washed in exactly the same manner as the linings of shooting skirts), and when she gets back to the club-house, she puts on a dry cloth piece instead to match her skirt. It is a useful skirt for women who do not care to appear in a gown above their ankles, as it enables them to appear clean when the game is over, and to walk home feeling themselves the essence of propriety.

Kilted skirts are as useful for golfing as shooting; but they must be properly kilted, and then they lie as tight and flat as a man's, and allow play to the limbs at the same time.

Skirt linings and petticoats must be avoided for Golf, and something far more practical and comfortable must take their place.

Now for the bodice. Of course tight-fitting tailor-made bodices look charming; but the very perfection of their fit makes them abominable to play in. A loose blouse, or a Norfolk jacket, is the best; but a loose cloth jacket with a shirt and neatly fixed tie will always hold its own.

Any of these arrangements leave the arms free for a long drive, and do not stick out or blow about, and otherwise interfere in the final putt.

Hats are always rather a trouble in windy places. Sailor hats in fine days, or tight caps, fitting to the head like a man's, and made to match the dress, always look well. They have some chance of remaining on the head even during a St. Andrews medal week, where it is no uncommon thing for a man to lose his cap. Wind and Golf go together marvellously often, and everything fly-away in a woman's attire should be carefully eschewed.

Thick, sensible boots, with broad toes and flat heels, are indispensable, and long well-fitting gaiters look serviceable; of course they make the feet appear larger than their wont, and the ankles thicker. But appearances to the winds! Women must be practical to participate in any form of game or sport, and keep their silken hose and patent leather shoes for other occasions. Golfing boots should be well dubbed, and must have nails in the soles; some say indiarubber instead, but that is horribly apt to draw the feet.

A thoroughly serviceable, rough, country get up, really looks remarkably well, if properly carried out, indeed many women look far better in these severe and simple styles than they do in all the finery a French costumier and milliner can devise. And even those women whom it may not actually suit so well look sensibly and serviceably attired, instead of ridiculous, as they would on a links on a wet windy day in Pinet's boots and Madame Eugenie's feathers and furbelows.

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LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this prosperous and popular club was held in the club-room, at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, on Friday night. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. E. Fairlie, captain of the club, and there was a very numerous attendance. The club at present numbers over 380 members (the entrance fee now being ten guineas), and has also 200 lady-subscribers. Mr. J. Talbot Fair, the honorary secretary, read his annual report, which stated that during the year twenty-six new members have been elected. The resignations have been heavier than usual, owing to removals from the district, and officers leaving Preston. The club had lost four members by death. "Our next year promises well, as five more new members have already been elected this month, and several more await election. With regard to the entrance-fee, I have often been asked by gentlemen anxious to join the club if there is any chance of its ever being reduced. I have always replied, 'Not the slightest,' and I wish to point out that of the large sea-side Golf Clubs in Lancashire ours is the cheapest to join, as our annual subscription is only £1 1s., whereas other clubs charge new members from £2 2s. up to £3 3s. a year. I think we can work this club easily on £1 1s. subscription for some time to come, or at all events until we build a club-house of our own. With regard to the new links, a lease has been arranged with Mr. Clifton for 99 years. We have secured about 138 acres of land at a rental of £85 a year, and to commence on the 1st of February, 1894. No rent is charged for the sand-hills, only the arable that will be taken from the farmers. It is expected that we shall be able to recoup ourselves in the rent by letting off the land for sheep-grazing." It has been suggested that the members of this club should subscribe for a Championship Cup, say of the value of fifty guineas, to be competed for annually at St. Anne's, open to the ladies of the United Kingdom, the club nominating the winner to hold the cup for the time being, each winner to receive a memento, value £5 5s., given by our club. Members will be asked later on to vote for the adoption of the playing rules framed at St. Andrews by a committee appointed by the "Royal and Ancient." Nearly all the Golf Clubs in the Kingdom have already adopted these rules, with the addition of certain local rules. The report was adopted with applause.

The statement of accounts presented by the honorary treasurer, Mr. Jas. E. King, which had been audited by Major Ormsby and Mr. J. Mellor, and had been forwarded to each member, showed total receipts during the year £914 10s. 11d.; expenditure and invested, £747 19s. 10d.; balance in hand, £166 11s. 1d. The investment account of the club now amounts to £815 2s. 6d. The accounts were passed.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. W. Newbigging, Mr. J. Marcus Rea was elected captain of the club for the ensuing year. Mr. J. Mellor was appointed honorary treasurer, in succession to Mr. J. E. King. Mr. J. Talbot Fair, whose active and most useful services were referred to by the mover, Mr. Hulton, and the seconder, Mr. Doleman, was re-elected honorary secretary, a resolution which was carried with long-continued applause. Mr. J. A. S. Fair and Mr. A. Darbyshire, the two retiring members of the council, were re-elected, and Mr. Jas. E. King was also elected to the council in place of Mr. J. M. Rea, appointed captain. Mr. J. Talbot Clifton was re-elected honorary president; and Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., and Mr. C. W. Macara, honorary vice-presidents.

At a council meeting afterwards held, the retiring captain, Mr. W. E. Fairlie, was elected to the council in place of the Rev. W. G. Terry, who had held office for one year as the previous retiring captain.

On Saturday evening a very successful smoking concert took place in the club-room, all the arrangements having been very kindly made by Mr. J. A. Brown, an old and efficient member of the club.

GEORGE WATSON' COLLEGE CLUB.—The monthly competition of the club was played on Saturday over Musselburgh. The following were the prize-winners:—Mr. J. Oliver, 84; plus 10—94; Mr. S. Meikle, 107, less 13=94; Mr. F. Marshall, 93, plus 3=96. In playing off the tie Mr. J. Oliver won.

A GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION.

THOUGH not a great deal has been heard of this interesting question for some time past, it is gratifying to know that the articles and correspondence which appeared in earlier volumes of the paper, have not altogether escaped attention. The seed which was then sown has fallen to some extent on prepared ground; and in time the movement bids fair to blossom and fructify. A Golf Union has been established in Ireland, the lady-golfers in the South are banding themselves together in order to form a recognised association for themselves, and Mr. C. D. Mackenzie told us in a letter last week, that the fifteen Golf Clubs of Yorkshire are forming a county association for that district, while the golfers on the border are undertaking a similar piece of work for their district. If all this combined activity does not signify much in the bulk, it, at all events, denotes an appreciable degree of progress; it is the starting-point whence future stages in the movement may be marked and measured. Though it was to be foreseen that such a union of Golf Clubs might begin in a kind of detailed federation from the bottom upwards, we confess that two years ago the desire was rather to begin at the top by a kind of general enlistment of all Golf Clubs on the initiative of the Royal and Ancient. That body, however, would not move; neither would any of the other leading clubs in Scotland or England; and now it appears that, by a kind of spontaneous recognition of the desirableness of such a federation, we are to have union by area or county. This is unquestionably better than nothing at all; and it will depend on the tact, discretion and general lines of policy laid down for guidance in the smaller associations, whether the union on its wider and more comprehensive basis is ever likely to come within the probabilities of attainment.

We congratulate the Yorkshire golfers on the step they have taken, and shall watch their future progress with kindly sympathy. Their first step, of course, is to secure the adhesion of all clubs in the county to the proposed union. Each club would pay a small subscription fee for the general expenses (we suggested £3 3s. annually about two years ago for a general association). Each club would nominate one member for the general council (probably fifteen will be found enough for a working body), to meet once or twice a year in the most convenient town in order to arrange a programme and discharge other business. The president and secretary can readily be chosen from this body; but if that is thought to be impracticable, the clubs can easily choose some prominent golfer of position to fill the post of president. One of their main objects at the outset should be to establish play all over the county under a uniform set of rules. Having in view a wider circle of players than themselves, they ought to accept the St. Andrews rules as a sort of common platform from which to work; that is to say, all play should be governed mainly by those rules and their penalties, the peculiarities of county greens being averaged and provided for in a set of local by-laws, which shall be applicable without difficulty and detriment to the majority of greens. We suggest this in the interest of uniformity, and because it will obviate the introduction of a bewildering element, as would be the case were diverse codes adopted. Then the union ought to turn its serious attention to handicapping, and the principle we should be disposed to advocate here would be handicapping "by classes"—from scratch to 10 or 12,

first class; from 12 to 18, second class; above, third class. Next, they ought to make a feature of inter-club matches, one of the best factors in a golfer's education. This kind of match pits a player against unfamiliar opponents, probably of higher calibre than himself, and schools his temper and his nerve. "Bogey" play ought also to find a popular place in their programme, while mere scoring play ought to be reduced to a minimum. Above all, in providing prizes care should be taken not to squander money in cultivating the spirit of what some of our correspondents have described as "the hunting of the pot." It would be infinitely better to institute a County Championship, to be decided by match play over the best selected green in the county, and after the manner of the Amateur Championship, the prize given to be a handsome one, and to be retained for a year by the club which provides the winner. In the next place, a good deal might be done by county Golf Clubs to encourage professional play. On the day fixed for the County Championship there could be a gathering of all the club professionals, a sufficient sum being subscribed by the united clubs to make it worth the while of each professional to strain his utmost to win. These are a few of the points that suggest themselves off-hand for consideration at the outset of the movement; many others will arise in process of development. The main thing at present is to recognise the energy and spirit which have led a large number of golfers, relatively young, perhaps, in point of association with the game, to bestir themselves to save Golf from the reproach of being almost the only national pastime which is being carried on without cohesion among the players, and without any recognised system of government.

SIR WALTER SIMPSON writes:—"To-day (the 17th), whilst playing one of the short holes I have on the lawn, an occurrence sufficiently unexpected and instructive to be of interest, resulted from my tee shot. Instead of a click there was an explosion. The hole is about 80 yards distant, and I felt that I had hit cleanly. Instead of the ball being dead (as usual), it went about half way. The fact seems to be that a pistol cartridge must have got between my iron and the ball. There was a suitable mark on the club face, and the ball was much scorched. The report was very loud. As usual, the rules proved to be quite inadequate to meet all the events of the game. Did the blackening of the ball constitute a foul shot? Did I hit the ball twice? or half a time—one half for me, one half for the cartridge? How far does the word 'loft' apply—*i.e.*, is a blow-up recognised as an ordinary way of getting a ball to 'loft' high? Lastly, which is the ball in play, the gutta or the lead ball?"

MR. T. FERNIE, Golf club and ball-maker, Newcastle-on-Tyne, writes:—"The query which was asked in a recent number of GOLF, what is the difference between a club-maker and a club-breaker? was written (unanswered) on the wall of my workshop. A member of the City of Newcastle Golf Club (Mr. J. B. Radcliffe) gives the following solution of the problem:—"One breaks the maker; the other makes the breaker."

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The great event of last week in the golfing world was undoubtedly the raid on Westminster by the golfers of East Lothian, with their Aberlady, Gullane, and North Berwick Railway. The Parliamentary competition now going on has familiarised the two Houses with the word, if not with the game, but never within the precincts of St. Stephens was so much heard of Golf, and its demands as was heard on Tuesday, March 14th, in Committee Room No. 12. As if the Government had appreciated the situation, they had put on the Committee to try the case Members who were familiar with the golfing *Zeitgeist*, for when Mr. Hall Blyth confessed to Mr. Worsley Taylor, Q.C., that he was "an enthusiast as a golfer," that good man, Mr. Mather, the excellent Chairman of Committee, exclaimed, "Who is not?" Then Mr. Tollemache, who won the Parliamentary Handicap last year, followed every point with the interest of a player, and when Mr. Blyth in his examination stated that as far as Golf was concerned, Gullane was a public green, Mr. Tollemache said, "Is that quite settled?" showing that he was familiar with the recent dispute about the public rights on the green. One and all of the large company of East Lothian golfers who gathered in the committee-room, whatever view they took of the Bill, were loud in praise of the painstaking Committee, and especially of the Chairman.

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The decision come to on this Bill ought to be quite satisfactory to the promoters, and to the people of the district, more especially to the inhabitants of Gullane and Dirleton. By the compromise agreed upon, the course of the railway, instead of carrying it close to Aberlady and between Luffness House and the sea, is to be to the south of Mr. Hope's mansion. Had Mr. Hope been open to reason at the outset there is not a shadow of doubt but he would have got this route at the first; but he chose to do nothing but fight the proposed railway, whatever shape or form it took, and the promoters were perfectly right to go on with what they supposed to be the best line. The railway to all the district will be an enormous boon, and to golfers it must be good news to hear that this—perhaps the finest stretch of golfing country in the world—is thus to be opened up. This and future generations have to thank the promoters of the Bill, and especially Mr. Hall Blyth, for their decisive and determined action, which has brought about such a result. As for Mr. Hope, all that he has done—though he himself will benefit more than any other in the future—is to land the promoters of the Bill in much needless expense by his opposition.

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Lord Wemyss, it seems, has the credit of interposing in Mr. Hope's behalf, and securing the compromise. Every one was gratified when, on Wednesday, an adjournment was made to settle its terms. But on Thursday morning it appears that Mr. Hope very nearly upset the whole affair, after sleeping over it, and for a time it was understood that a deadlock had occurred, and that "as you were" would have to be cried. The Laird of Luffness was heard menacing the burly form of Mr. Hall Blyth in the lobby of the committee-room, in tones that sounded fresh and fiercer war. A general sigh of relief was heard when it was announced that this threatened danger had been averted, and now we hope no more hitches will occur, and that "all's well that ends well."

It is amusing to see how the spectacles of sympathy affect the mental view. The clever London correspondent of the *Scotsman*, generally so accurate and well-informed, in his report on the compromise, speaks of it as victory for Mr. Hope, who, he says, was always "one or two up" on the railway company. We may correct his account of the situation in similar golfing parlance by saying that at the end of the evidence for the promoters on Tuesday these gentlemen were dormy—nine up on the match and nine to play. It was then that Lord Wemyss interposed, and persuaded Mr. Hope to appeal for a halved match, which the promoters magnanimously allowed when they might have inflicted the most severe defeat. Does this correspondent not know that if Mr. Hope had been victorious Gullane would have got no railway whatever? The same gentleman speaks of "an unsightly girder-bridge stretching across the long expanse of Aberlady Bay." Pfu! He must never have looked into the Bill, for all that was proposed was a small bridge of one span over the Peffer Burn! So are "little things magnified," as Mr. Pope, Q.C., remarked, "when railways are under description."

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To the general monotony of the evidence, a notable exception was that of Mr. Murray, the farmer of Ballencrieff Mains, who gave his testimony in favour of the Bill. "Is it true," said Mr. Saunders, Q.C., in his most searching style, "that you, sir, said to Mr. Guild, Mr. Hope's agent, that you were willing to give your evidence on the other side if they would pay you better?" "Aye" said the pawky farmer, and (after a pause), "Let me jist pit the same quastin' to you—if ye had been offered a bigger fee wad ye no hae been on the ither side yersel?" It is needless to say that Mr. Saunders did not cross-question witness further, and that in the heated atmosphere of the committee-room there were some convulsive fits.

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Taking advantage of the welcome and early adjournment of the committee on Wednesday, five of the witnesses in favour of the Bill went down to the Furzedown Green of the Tooting Bec Golf Club to enjoy a game, and returned with glowing accounts of the green, and of the kind treatment received by them on all hands, and especially from Mr. Duthie Mathew, the secretary of the club, who made them honorary members for the day, and attended to their comforts. Tom Dunn, too, gave them a very hearty welcome, for they were all "kent faces," and fitted them out with clubs. This was easier than to fit the company with coats, for two of them at least, the same day turned the scales at about 17 stone each. When fully equipped they proceeded to have a round of the green, and in their pursuit of the game they forgot all about the railway and the compromise, the outing being thoroughly enjoyable. Mr. A. J. Belfrage, C.E., officiated as umpire, and the match was as follows:—Mr. Gregor M'Gregor, S.S.C., and Mr. John Wilson, against the Rev. John Kerr (Dirleton), and Mr. A. Davidson Smith, C.A. It was only by the last putt that the former couple became entitled to the usual tangible recognition of victory.

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Mr. J. E. Laidlay seems to be alive to the hopes and expectations of his friends in Scotland, and is making every preparation for the competition for the championship at Prestwick in May. From all accounts he is in grand form, and keeping up his game by careful practice. Of his competitions with Sayers and others we have taken notice, but he was seen to great advantage in a fine foursome recently played at Muirfield, in which he and Mr. Frank Kinloch played Mr. A. Stuart and Mr. J. Wharton Tod. The match was one of thirty-six holes, and after a keen tussle Messrs. Laidlay and Kinloch won by 1 hole.

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The club-house and furniture, of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers will come into the hands of the club which has been organised out of the Royal Musselburgh at Whit Sunday next, and the probable name will be "The New Club of Musselburgh," which sounds well. It is to be hoped, however, that the Honourable Company will take good care to transfer all the historic relics belonging to the Company to the new house at Muirfield, and not suffer any to be lost, as was once done, greatly to the detriment of the ancient repute of the club.

It is an old superstition that "2 up and 5 to play never wins." The same is alleged of a "treble and four" at whist; and probably the same literal interpretation is necessary in both cases, if real truth is wanted. But there is probably no game in which the state of the score has such a curious effect as in Golf. Apparent certainties are always going wrong; not only 2 up and 5 to play, but 4 up and 5 to play are beaten. In a keen foursome tournament the other day one couple were three times 3 down and 4 to play, and pulled off the match each time. Nerves have much exercise at Golf.

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It is, no doubt, this characteristic which gives much of its charm to the game. We were somewhat surprised to read in a daily contemporary, *apropos* of the Roberts v. Peall billiard match, that the gallery to see the finish on Saturday night (March 11th) was remarkable, considering that "there was no luck at billiards," and the giver of points, having passed Peall in the afternoon, was certain to win. The remark may or may not be true about billiards; but he would be a bold man who would make it about Golf. There is nothing harder to keep than a lead of a couple of holes, or to carry round than a score of some strokes under 5 for the first few holes.

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It may illustrate this point in an interesting manner to put down the theoretical odds on winning the match for different states of the score, and see how they accord with our notions derived from practice. What are the odds on winning the match at 2 up and 5 to play? If it were a case of tossing a coin the answer would be easy—the odds are 26 to 6. But there is a feature in Golf which complicates the question—the halving of a hole instead of either winning or losing, to which we are restricted in tossing a coin. We must first settle what are the chances of halving a hole before we can determine the proper odds to lay on winning a match at any point.

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In first-rate Golf (professional matches, &c.) almost exactly 40 per cent. of the holes are halved, as may be found by a little examination of recorded matches. But we must considerably reduce this number for average Golf, and we shall probably be rather over the mark if we assume 33 per cent., or one hole in three, to be halved, leaving one hole to be won on either side out of three. This assumes, of course, that the players are equally matched, or that if strokes are being given, they are so distributed as to make matters equivalent to a level match. We may thus take it that a player has one chance in three of winning a hole, one chance in three of halving it, and one chance in three of losing it.

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On this supposition it is easy to calculate the theoretical chances of winning, halving, or losing a match. The following cases, relating to the "end game," are perhaps the most interesting. The chances are expressed in percentages, and represent the number of times out of 100 that a match at that particular score might be expected to result in the assigned manner.

		Wins.	Halves.	Loses.
One to play	One up ...	67	33	0
	All even ...	33	33	33
Two to play	Two up ...	89	11	0
	All even ...	97	22	11
Three to play	Three up ...	96	4	0
	Two up ...	85	11	4
	All even ...	63	22	15
Four to play	Four up ...	99	1	0
	Three up ...	94	5	1
	Two up ...	82	12	6
	All even ...	61	20	19
Five to play	Five up ...	99	1	0
	Four up ...	97	2	1
	Three up ...	81	6	3
	Two up ...	79	12	9
	All even ...	61	18	21
		39	22	39



HANDICAPPING—THE VALUE OF THE HALF-STROKE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you kindly give your opinion on the following idea? It has occurred to me that the giving of odds of so many strokes per round in match-play between fairly equally matched players is rather heavy on the giver, and light on the receiver at the stroke holes, whilst at the other holes they play on perfectly even terms.

Why should not the odds be arranged in half-strokes? At a half-stroke hole should the receiver hole "in the like" he would win; if he failed, the giver would win; the hole could not be halved.

It seems to me that in this way the element of chance as to whether the strokes come in or not, which so often happens under the present system would be much more distributed, for there would be about double the number of holes acted upon.

This is probably no new idea, and may have been tried and found wanting for all I know, but I have never heard of it; and I do not pretend to say that a half-stroke at two holes would be of the same value in practice as a stroke at one hole.

I am, Sir, &c.,

CYRIL E. ROUTH.

St. Leonards, East Sheen, March 14th, 1893.

P.S.—We have 4½ "bogey" holes at Wimbledon.

[The great objection to the half-stroke is that it affects the score by 2. If A holes in 4, and B has a short putt for 4, and is 1 up, his miss makes him all even; if he was all even his miss makes him 1 down, and so on. But if he were receiving half a stroke he would be 2 up if he holed, and all even if he missed the putt, *i.e.*, on that short putt would depend 2 points in the score, and not 1 as usual. This is no hardship if the arrangement holds throughout the match—that is to say, if it is the same at every hole when 9 strokes, or 18 half-strokes, are to be given—for then every short putt counts 2. But when few strokes only are to be given it is aggravating to have one putt of the ordinary value, and another counting 2. Surprising changes would take place in the score. Take the following end of a match. The score is all even and 3 to play, and B receives 1 stroke. The scores are:—A, 4 4 4; B, 4 5 4. Wherever B receives his stroke the match is halved. But if he receives two half-strokes in the first and third holes he wins by 1. Take another case. A is to give B 3 strokes in eighteen holes. Playing level, A is 3 holes better than B; but two of the three strokes "come in" (more than the average, *i.e.*, against A), and A wins by 1 only. But the match is played over again by the cards, at lunch, A giving B 6 half-strokes. On examining the cards for the holes at which the six half-strokes fall the record is found to be as follows:—A, 4 5 6 5 3 5; B, 4 5 8 5 4 5. Thus, the first, second, fourth, and sixth of these holes, which were previously halved, are now won by B, who thus wins the match by 1 instead of A winning; and yet the proportion of half-strokes which are of any use (four out of six) is precisely the same as that of whole strokes (two out of three). These changes in the score may, of course, be of advantage either to the giver or receiver of odds. The above examples are to the advantage of the receiver only; but we believe that the introduction of the half-stroke would bring with it some aggravation without corresponding advantage.—Ed.]

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Your decision on the following points would oblige :—
A ball was driven into a quarry, and lay in water. The player lifted the ball, and dropped it about 20 yards behind the water, but in the hazard, with the penalty of 1 stroke.

- (1.) May a player lift a ball out of water in a hazard?
- (2.) If so, where must the ball be dropped?

I am Sir, &c.,
WILPSHIRE.

[The ball may be lifted out of water in a hazard, but it must be dropped in the hazard, the point chosen for dropping being a reasonable distance behind. We think 20 yards a little too much; half that distance would be more reasonable.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—During the progress of a medal competition here on the 16th inst. there occurred so heavy a fall of snow that it became impossible to play Golf, and, in consequence, many members had to give up play before completing their round, while several couples had finished before the snow became too deep for play.

Will you be so good as give your opinion as to whether the competition could, in the circumstances, be declared off, or should be held good under Rule 11 of the St. Andrew's medal rules?

I am, Sir, &c.,
D. CARNEGIE ALEXANDER,
Hon. Secretary.

Selkirk Golf Club.

[If the players who finished insist on considering the competition good enough to stand they are within their rights. Some players might play in a fine forenoon, and others, less fortunate, in a pouring thunderstorm later in the day; but the competition ought to stand good all the same. It is, however, primarily a question for the committee, who have to consider all the circumstances as they affect the majority of members.—ED.]

RE-MAKING GOLF BALLS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you be so good as to tell me in your next issue what is the best stuff to get the paint quickly and completely off balls; and also if the new Golf Ball Press as lately altered, is better than the first that came out.

I am, Sir, &c.,
OLD GOLFER.

[A solution of caustic soda. The "Home" Golf Ball Press Company send out instructions along with their press for removing the old paint. The new form of press contains several improvements, and our correspondent cannot do better than send for one.—ED.]

PROTECTIVE SCREEN FOR PUTTING-GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am afraid your correspondent, of the 10th inst., would find the wire netting a sorry protection for the putting-greens from the inroads of cattle. Cattle are so vigorous in their rubbing that soon the whole erection would be on the ground. The plan adopted here is effectual, and at the same time gives little or no trouble to the players, the special by-laws seldom being put in use. Sockets, of 1-inch gas piping, about 15 to 18 inches long, pointed at one end, and constricted about 6 inches from the top, are driven into the ground at an angle from the green. Into these, shafts of half-inch piping 4 feet 6 inches long are inserted. These only drop 6 inches into the sockets, and so are 4 feet above the surface, the tops are flattened, and a hole

punched, and through this passes a double hook. Between each shaft, barbed wire is stretched with an eye at each end for fastening on to the hooks. Thus the greens are surrounded with a strong barrier against the cattle, and the posts being inserted obliquely cannot be touched by the cattle's feet.

At any post the wire can be unhooked, which, by the way, is not often done, and on match or medal days the whole erection can be easily and quickly removed.

The special rules in force are as follows :—(1.) If a ball strikes a post or the wire around the greens, the player may lift the ball and drop it as near as possible to the place from which it was played without penalty; or he may play the ball from the spot where it lies. (2.) If the ball lies within a club's length of the posts or line of wire the same may be lifted and dropped by hand within a club's length, but not nearer the hole.

I am, Sir, &c.,
JAMES CROMBIE.

Sidcup Golf Club, Kent.

THE Habermayer prize of the Pau Golf Club has been gained by Major Bethune. In the ladies' competition, Mrs. Stewart won after a tie with Miss Henderson. The prize given by Mrs. Arthur Magniac (a silver-mounted scent bottle) was won by Miss Thompson, with a good score. The Golf Ball will be held at the Hôtel Guichard, on Monday, 3rd April.

A NEW YORK paper says that Golf, which has now such a hold upon English society, promises to be the popular game in that country, and to take the place of both lawn tennis and rackets.

WE have the authority of the London correspondent of the *Aberdeen Free Press* for stating that Mr. J. W. Crombie, M.P. for Kincardineshire, who was drawn against Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., in the Parliamentary Golf match, has "scratched" to the right hon. gentleman. Mr. Hozier, M.P., has also "scratched," to Sir Herbert Maxwell.

CUMBRÆ GOLF CLUB.—The first day's ties of a hole match for a prize presented by the captain of the club, Mr. J. Windsor Stuart, took place on the links of the club on Tuesday, the 14th. The day was dry and the course in very good order, but a strong gale which blew over the links greatly interfered with good play. When the cards were handed in the following was found to be the result of the first day's match :—Mr. John Reid, receiving two strokes, beat Mr. William Macfarlane by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. C. Sharpe, giving one stroke, beat Mr. John Houston by 2 holes; Mr. Archibald Cameron, giving Mr. John Cunningham 10 strokes, beat him by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. John Allen beat Mr. William Barclay by 5 up and 4 to play.—Ladies' Competition.—The monthly competition for the gold medal presented by Bailie Allen was held last week in splendid golfing weather. The course was in grand order, and scoring was rather better than last month. There was a large turn-out of ladies. The following were the best scores :—Miss Davidson, 102, less 5=97 (winner); Miss Ross, 106, less 2=104; Miss Harley, 117, less 10=107.

PERTH ARTISAN CLUB.—On Saturday the annual spring competition for the silver medal and other prizes presented by the club took place on the North Inch. The greens were in excellent condition. The following is the prize-list :—Mr. W. Anderson, 84; Mr. W. Munro, 97, 7 below; Mr. D. Thomson, 107, 2 below; Mr. A. Martin, 104; Mr. J. Stewart, 102; Mr. A. Stark, 105; Mr. J. Fox, 92; Mr. J. Brough, 92; Mr. E. Robson, 95; Mr. A. Duncan, 98; Mr. W. M'Nicoll, 100; Mr. R. Halley, 92; and Mr. H. Blair, 92, 2 above.

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GREAT YARMOUTH GOLF CLUB.



ABOVE we give an illustration of the new club-house of the Great Yarmouth Golf Club. The house is a substantial and roomy erection in two stories, built of red brick, with a tiled roof. Our illustration shows the building on its east side and north front, the latter, in which are the windows of the principal rooms, looks out immediately on the home green, and away over the course towards Caistor. The main entrance to the new house is in the centre of the south front, and leads into a spacious hall running nearly the whole length of the building, and round which are ranged, in two tiers, boxes for members' clubs.

The ground floor of the new house has the following accommodation:—A general club and luncheon room, measuring 34 feet by 18 feet and 18 feet in height, and communicating with a steward's room; an exceedingly light and cheerful smoking room and a reading room, situated respectively at the north-west and north-east corners; two commodious dressing-rooms and a drying-room; also an excellently appointed lavatory, etc., and usual domestic offices. The first floor contains a large landing, round which are placed more boxes for clubs, which, with those in the hall, will afford ample accommodation for all the members' clubs, and so avoid any inconvenience which might arise from having club-boxes in the public rooms or dressing rooms. There are a number of small rooms on the first floor, some of which, approached by a separate staircase, will be used as rooms for the club servants, and the rest utilised for the members as additional dressing-rooms, or otherwise, as occasion may require. A professional's room and workshop is built at the east end of the building, with which it is in direct communication. Stabling accommodation is provided for the horses of those members who may ride down to the club-house. The entire cost of the new building, with all accessories, is close upon £2,700, and has been subscribed on the security of debentures by the members, who are to be congratulated on having secured a first-rate house, and, at the same time, may feel a pardonable pride in having, by the scale of their building, provided not for their own comfort only, but for that of posterity as well.

A few words as to the start and progress of the Great Yarmouth

Golf Club may not be out of place here. In 1882 Dr. Thomas Brown R.N., then stationed at the Royal Naval Hospital, Great Yarmouth, recognised, as an old golfer, the extreme fitness of the North Denes for a Golf course. He and Commander W. W. Poynder, R.N., with some other gentlemen, then commenced to play Golf on the Denes, and in 1883 the Great Yarmouth Golf Club was formally started, an eighteen-hole course having been laid out with the assistance of Tom Dunn. On the 6th of October, 1883, the young club tried conclusions with the Felixstowe Golf Club, on the links of the latter, and suffered defeat by 54 holes. On the 20th November, in the same year, they journeyed to Cambridge, and suffered defeat from the University by 48 holes. On the 24th November, however, they first tasted the sweets of victory, beating the Felixstowe Golf Club, at Great Yarmouth, by 32 holes. Since 1883 the club appears to have played only one more match with Felixstowe, namely, at Great Yarmouth, on the 16th August, 1886, when the visitors won by 2 holes. With Cambridge University, since 1883, thirteen matches have been played, seven at Cambridge, and six at Yarmouth; the Yarmouth Golf Club having won twelve out of the thirteen.

The first prize meeting of the club was held on the 14th June, 1883, ten members starting in the competition—a wide difference from the autumn meeting of last year, on the first day of which forty-eight competitors were in the field. Dr. Thomas Browne, R.N., was the first hon. secretary to the club, a position which he now holds; and during his whole term of office he has been most unwearying in his exertions for the good of the club. The Corporation of Great Yarmouth have at all times been most friendly, and lent their kindly support to the Great Yarmouth golfers. The club has also been extremely fortunate in its captains, among whom are numbered Commander W. W. Poynder, R.N. (first captain of the club), Surgeon-Major Adcock, Mr. John Penn, M.P.; Mr. John George Gibson, Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson, and the present captain, Mr. Robert Whyte, a gentleman well-known to golfers on both sides of the Border.

The course of the Yarmouth Golf Club, in which several alterations have from time to time been made, has steadily improved year by year since the formation of the club. It is of the right sea-side sand subsoil,

and with the exception of the first and last holes, hereafter referred to, there has been little fault to find with it of late.

For accommodation, the members in 1883 were content with a room in a small public house, opposite the windmill on the Denes. A small corner house facing the first tee was then taken, and converted into a club house; as time went on this was found to be too small, so the next house to it was taken, and the walls between knocked through. This extended accommodation failing to meet the requirements of the club, especially at meetings, it was resolved to erect a proper club house. A suitable site was obtained on favourable terms from the Corporation of Great Yarmouth, and the matter placed in the hands of a building committee, with the result of the new club house described above.

The new building was formally opened on the 11th instant, with a friendly game with the Aldeburgh Golf Club; the expressions of approval of the arrangements were universal, and there is no doubt the comfort of the new departure will be fully appreciated at the coming Easter meeting. Contemporaneously with the opening of the new house, the first and last holes of the old course were abandoned. These holes were always flat and uninteresting, and the play to them was liable to be interfered with by cricket and football, or, occasionally, by a Volunteer encampment. In their place, two most sporting holes, utilising some splendid sand bunkers, have been taken into the course. The home green, as has before been stated, is in front of the new club house windows, from which the first tee is also in view.

The club has acquired some more ground at the north end of its course. When this is brought into play, some of the holes lengthened, and some projected alterations to some of the out-going holes accomplished, the Great Yarmouth course will indeed be hard to beat anywhere.

In conclusion, it may fairly be stated that any Southern, Midland, or West Country golfer seeking a change, would never repent a visit to Great Yarmouth, where he would find a splendid tonic in the bracing east coast air, good hotels or lodgings, excellent Golf club accommodation, with a club of 300 members, and as good a green as any real golfer could want to play on.

Herbert J. Green, Esq., diocesan architect, Norwich, is the architect of the new club house, our illustration of which is taken from a photograph by Mr. Lockwood (of Miller's studio), Great Yarmouth.

A LADIES' GOLF UNION.

We hear that some of the leading Ladies' Golf Clubs are joining in a movement for the foundation of a Ladies' Golf Union, with a view to the starting of a Championship, and to the regulating of the game, as is done by Unions and Associations for all important games, excepting Golf. We wish them all success, and trust that a Golf Union will follow. It ought to have led! We believe that promises to send delegates have been received from the following clubs among others:—St. Andrews, North Berwick (from Scotland); Portrush and Holywood (from Ireland); Ashdown Forest, Blackheath, Eastbourne, Minchinhampton, North Warwickshire, and Wimbledon (from England). The initiative has been taken, as to circular letters, by the Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Club, and clubs wishing to send delegates can learn all particulars from Mrs. Cameron, The Hill, Wimbledon.

The preliminary meeting—at which, if approved, the Union will be started, and officers appointed—is fixed for April 19th, 2'30 p.m., at the Grand Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, London.

PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR MUSSELBURGH LINKS.

A number of draft regulations and by-laws for Musselburgh Links have now been drawn up by a committee of the local Golf Clubs, at the request of the Town Council, in view of the fact that the Corporation will be invested with enlarged powers over the links by the new Police Act, which comes into force at Whit Sunday. It is expected that the committee will have an interview upon the subject with the Town Council in the course of a few days. These rules, regulations, and by-laws (it is suggested) will be binding on all persons using the links for playing Golf, promenading, or otherwise. They are as follows:—

I. The Magistrates and Commissioners shall appoint an officer, who, or his deputy, shall control and regulate the order of starting.

II. A party (who may be the officer above referred to) shall be appointed to act as curator, and he shall be entrusted with the charge and management of the links, including the making of holes, repairing hazards, and all other usual or necessary operations.

III. The rules of play shall be those enacted and recognised by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, so far as applicable, and subject to any local rules.

IV. *A.* Players shall start only from the first teeing-ground.

B. The order of starting shall (when the officer or curator is not present) be regulated by each player of a match placing in a board to be provided for the purpose at the first teeing-ground, a ball, and starting in the order of priority as indicated by such balls. Where neither such officer, nor said board, is at the first teeing-ground, each player shall, in the order in which each set reach the said teeing-ground, place a ball at the said teeing-ground, and start in the order of priority as indicated by such teed balls. No priority shall be given to any set or couple in respect of their having previously been the round.

C. In the event of a telegraph board becoming necessary for starting, the same shall be placed at the first teeing-ground under the charge of the officer, who shall register and regulate the order of starting.

V. Every player not being, for the time being (*a*) a burgess or an inhabitant within the burgh of Musselburgh (excluding temporary residents), or (*b*) a member of one or other of the following Golf clubs, that is to say (1) The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, (2) The Royal Musselburgh Golf Club, (3) The Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society, and (4) The Bruntfield Links Golf Club (which each contribute annually a sum towards the maintenance of the links), or any other club to be hereafter recognised by the Magistrates for exemption under this article, shall pay to the officer or curator the following sums:—Per day, 6d.; per week, 2s.; per month, 5s.; per year, 10s.

VI. A. Caddies shall be licensed, and each shall, when so licensed, be supplied with a badge, which must be fastened to his coat and exhibited when on duty or plying for hire.

B. No person unless so licensed shall be allowed to carry clubs for hire on the links, and any person so carrying, or player so employing and contravening, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall forfeit any payment made for leave to play.

C. No caddie shall be allowed to ply for hire upon the public streets, except upon the street leading from Links Place to the Gas Works.

D. Licences so granted may be suspended or revoked on such caddie being convicted of any offence, and that in addition to, or in lieu of, any penalty applicable to such offence.

E. The tariff for caddies shall be:—1st round of nine holes, 1s.; and each succeeding round, 6d. An interval for lunch, dinner, or refreshment shall not be held of itself to terminate the engagement of a caddie. If caddies engaged by the day, 3s. 6d. per day, including lunch or dinner.

N.B.—Players are requested not to pay more than the above charges.

VII. On recognised club competition days, the members of such clubs will be allowed to make special arrangements for such days.

VIII. Any person who shall obstruct or molest the officer or curator while in the discharge of his duty, or shall wilfully injure or destroy the links, or any property thereon or connected therewith, shall be guilty of an offence.

IX. Every player is requested to replace the turf, or to see that this is done.

N.B. Penalties have been omitted, as these may be left to the Commissioners to insert.

THE "BUNKER" GOLF MARKER.

This is a neat contrivance for marking the score of players being brought out by the Bunker Marker Company, Swan Buildings, Edmund Street, Birmingham. It consists of a burnished square of metal, of a size handy to slip into the pocket. There are nine grooves, with a corresponding number of buttons designed to mark the first half of a round; and the buttons, by a downward and side pressure, can be placed in a species of semi-circular lock opposite the register of strokes running along the top, the register going from 1 to 13. As each hole is played a player has only to slide the button along to the mark representing the number of strokes taken; and as it is impossible to move these buttons without pressure there is no danger of the score going wrong by movement in the pocket. At the right-hand side will be placed a small strip of card for copying the recorded score at the end of the nine holes, and so clear the marker for the homeward journey.

Not only is the marker ingenious, but it saves a vast deal of time to players on the putting-greens, who have invariably to search for a pencil and then find out how many strokes each player has taken, succeeding players being kept hanging over their strokes in the meanwhile. By means of this marker the score can be recorded promptly, safely, and without difficulty, while walking to the next tee, thus preventing anything like congestion on the putting-green. It is equally useful in match play, because the register can be used to represent holes as well as strokes. The marker is the most useful and practical we have yet seen.



ABERDEEN.

Through a slip the result of the foursome between Mr. H. Macduff Duncan and Mr. Miller, Perth, against Mr. W. R. Reid and Mr. V. M. Duncan, Aberdeen, was wrongly given in our last week's issue. It was Messrs. Reid and Duncan that were 7 up and 5 to play.

The members of the Bon-Accord Club competed on Saturday over the nine-hole course on the links for Mr. J. Greig, sen.'s, prize. Two rounds, or eighteen holes, were played, and on comparing the cards handed in it was found that Mr. James Ogilvie was the winner with a score of 82, less 4=78. The next in order were:—Messrs. W. Smart, 84; G. Dunn, 90; J. Florence, 92; C. Ward, 93; J. Cameron and A. Jaffray, 97 each; and J. W. Murray, 98.

BRORA.—Though only opened last season this nine-hole course has been so popular that the club have now decided to build a new clubhouse forthwith. Should this season be as successful as last they will next arrange to extend the course to eighteen holes.

PETERHEAD v. FRASERBURGH.—A match was played between members of the Peterhead and Fraserburgh Clubs on the Craigewan course, near Peterhead, on Wednesday, March 15th. Each club was represented by twenty-one members, and a considerable interest was manifested in the game. The greens were in excellent condition, but, unfortunately, a strong gale of westerly wind very much interfered with accurate play. There were, therefore, no exceptional scores recorded. Several couples, however, put in very good cards. After the match, the members of the Fraserburgh Club were very hospitably entertained in the North-Eastern Hotel by the local players. The result of the match was as follows:—

FRASERBURGH.		PETERHEAD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. G. M. Joss	0	Lord Carnegie	1
Mr. Wm. Noble	0	Mr. James Milne	5
Mr. M. Ritchie	2	Mr. J. Forrest	0
Mr. J. Cranna, jun.	5	Mr. A. W. Robertson	0
Mr. R. Mutch	2	Mr. R. R. Ballingal	0
Mr. J. Stevenson	1	Mr. W. L. Murray	0
Mr. G. Stephen	0	Mr. J. C. Gibb	0
Mr. Peter Noble	0	Mr. J. H. Rae	3
Mr. John Melville	0	Mr. J. W. R. Martin	3
Mr. J. Milne	0	Major Dundas	4
Mr. J. P. Davidson	0	Mr. W. Mackay	0
Mr. J. F. Cardno	7	Mr. A. Philip	0
Rev. P. Milne	1	Mr. J. M'Intosh	0
Rev. G. W. Stewart	7	Mr. P. Yule	0
Mr. Geo. Milne	11	Mr. C. F. Wills	0
Mr. A. White	11	Mr. W. R. M'Bean	0
Mr. P. M. Davidson	6	Mr. Geo. Gibb	0
Mr. Wm. Grant	5	Mr. H. G. Martin	0
Mr. L. M'Allan	0	Mr. J. A. Fairley	1
Mr. Wm. M'Kenzie	6	Mr. J. Aitken	0
Mr. J. Finlayson	2	Mr. J. Pyper	0
	66		17

Majority for Fraserburgh, 49 holes.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD v. STAFFORD.

Played at Barton on Saturday, March 18th.

BARTON.		STAFFORD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. Palmer	0	Mr. C. S. Hayward	1
Mr. A. Palmer	0	Mr. C. J. Morgan	3
Mr. A. R. White	3	Mr. A. Young	0
Mr. M. Monro	0	Mr. C. Hand	2
Mr. P. S. White	0	Mr. G. Reid	2
Mr. Dixon	0	Mr. R. Hand	4
	3		12

BEDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, March 8th:—

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Mr. J. B. Forsyth	94	16	78	Rev. H. V. Macdona	115	18	97
Mr. S. Fielder	107	26	81	Rev. G. F. Apthorp	115	18	97
General E. Layard	109	22	87	Mr. E. Dasent	109	12	97
Mr. A. Fyson	102	12	90	Col. C. E. Harenc	119	22	97
Mr. S. Fuller	110	20	90	Mr. C. H. Beville	121	24	97
Mr. J. Wright	104	12	92	Mr. T. H. Boyd			
Col. D. Broughton	109	16	93	Thompson	119	20	99
Mr. N. B. Symonds	111	18	93	Mr. T. A. White	120	18	102
Mr. H. E. Tedcroft	102	8	94	Mr. W. Cantrell	127	24	103
Mr. M. Troup	106	12	94				

Mr. E. Buck, Colonel Young, and Mr. G. E. Darrock, made no return.

Ladies Handicap, March 11th:—

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Miss Slator	68	20	48	Mrs. Broughton	72	8	64
Miss J. Handford	69	16	53	Mrs. Hutton	72	6	66
Miss E. Jackson	66	8	58	Miss Sharpin	79	12	67
Mrs. Mundy	73	12	61				

Miss Grant made no return.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., the third competition for a prize offered by Miss Burton, of Birkdale, open to members of any Lancashire club, took place on the ladies' links. Scores:—

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Miss F. Coney	94	15	79	Miss M. Coney	123	26	97
Miss A. M. Morris	119	33	86	Miss Taylor, West			
Miss Drewett	122	35	87	Lancashire	95	+5	100
Miss Stoddart, West				Lancashire	84	+5	89

Miss F. Coney, and the winners of the two previous competitions, viz., Miss M. G. Cheetham and Mrs. Ainsworth, will have to play off on Tuesday, May 9th, for final possession of the prize.

The fourth and last competition for the Pearson prize took place on Saturday, in glorious weather. The winner was Mr. W. J. Drewett, who, with Messrs. T. Baker, C. A. Colman, and J. F. Pearson, will have to play off by match play for final possession of the trophy. The following were the scores of 100 net and under:—

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Mr. W. J. Drewett	100	20	80	Mr. W. W. P. Shat-			
Rev. H. J. Bryan	107	18	89	well	102	10	92
Mr. G. D. S. Crow-				Mr. A. Smart	114	16	98
ther	92	2	90				

BURY GOLF CLUB.

The annual spring meeting of the Bury Golf Club was held on Saturday, March 18th. There was rather more wind than was pleasant, but the links, owing to the great care bestowed on them by H. Varden, the club professional, were in excellent condition. The scoring was much lower than on previous years. The winner of the scratch medal, Mr. A. B. Schofield, establishing a new amateur record for the green, namely, 92:45 out, 47 home. The same player also secured the Sir Henry James cup and the optional sweepstakes. Messrs. Baker and A. H. Kay divided the second sweepstakes. The prize for those players on the limit handicap mark was won by Mr. J. W. Barlow. The following are the full scores:—

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Mr. A. B. Schofield	92	6	86	Rev. W. C. Atkinson	118	21	97
Mr. G. R. Baker	103	14	89	Mr. T. Charles	124	25	99
Mr. A. H. Kay	106	17	89	Mr. G. A. Kay	118	18	100
Mr. P. G. Gow	106	16	90	Mr. W. S. Hoyle	121	20	101
Mr. J. W. Barlow	117	25	92	Mr. H. Handley	120	18	102
Rev. C. Beresford-				Mr. H. Stelling	130	25	105
Knox	116	21	95	Rev. F. E. Hopwood	135	25	110
Mr. F. Perham	113	18	95	Mr. R. Mitchell	131	21	110
Mr. S. F. Butcher	106	10	96	Mr. J. W. Cook	136	25	111

ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.—A handicap tournament in connection with the above club was begun on Saturday, the odds members only receiving two-thirds of their handicap on hole play. Owing to the number of entries there were a great many byes. The following is the result of the first heat:—Mr. D. Milne (5) had a bye from Mr. T. Kirk (13); Mr. W. Rodger (5) beat Mr. W. Duncan (scratch) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. D. Callery (20) had a bye from Mr. D. Mason (9); Mr. A. Taylor (4) beat Mr. W. Duncan (scratch) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. R. Foulis (4) beat Mr. J. Morris (6) by 1; Mr. D. Grieve (17) had a bye from Mr. James Leslie (12); Mr. J. Liddell (3) beat Mr. J. M'Cormack (8) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. J. Stewart (6) beat Mr. R. Stewart (12) by 6 and 4 to play.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. ROYSTON.

This match was played on Tuesday, March 14th, over the University links at Coldham Common, Cambridge. Day fine; links dry and in good condition. One round, eighteen holes. Messrs. Low and Linskill are members of the Royston Club, and both played for the visitors' team.

ROYSTON.		UNIVERSITY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. T. Linskill ...	7	Mr. G. H. Nix ...	0
Rev. L. Tuttiett ...	0	Mr. F. M. Rudd ...	4
Mr. W. T. Rowley ...	0	Mr. F. E. Swainson ...	2
Mr. E. Simpson ...	3	Mr. H. A. Adamson ...	0
Mr. G. F. Phillips ...	0	Mr. A. C. Robertson ...	6
Mr. H. Smith ...	0	Mr. F. H. Marigold ...	8
Mr. J. L. Low ...	6	Mr. H. M. Siddall ...	0
	16		20

CITY OF NEWCASTLE CLUB.

The eleventh instalment of the Wilson cup competition was played on the Town Moor on Saturday afternoon. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Warham ...	111 36 75	Mr. J. Robson ...	119 29 90
Mr. R. S. Harrison ...	106 30 76	Mr. J. Lamont ...	100 8 92
Mr. C. Bailes ...	107 20 87	Mr. J. R. Bolton ...	105 12 93
Mr. N. S. Green ...	123 36 87	Mr. W. G. Richardson ...	110 17 93
Mr. J. Miller ...	106 18 88	Mr. R. S. Ferguson ...	98 3 95
Mr. C. A. Barnell ...	109 23 86	Mr. J. S. Brown ...	107 12 95
Mr. J. Lockie ...	109 20 89	Mr. Archibald Hunter ...	108 13 95
Mr. Arthur Richardson ...	114 25 89	Mr. J. A. Richardson ...	121 25 96
Mr. T. A. Harrison ...	119 30 89	Mr. W. G. Black ...	100 4 96
Mr. W. T. Wilson ...	97 7 90	Mr. A. H. Dickinson ...	113 16 97
Mr. W. P. Cochrane ...	112 22 90	Mr. S. S. Bates ...	111 12 99

Messrs. A. M. Cardwell, R. B. Hoare, A. H. Marsh, D. Stewart, W. Cross, and R. N. Sutton retired.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Cochrane silver cup took place over the Coatham links on Wednesday and Saturday. The ground was in capital order, but the weather was very cold and windy. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. F. Whitwell ...	108 18 90	Mr. J. L. Scott ...	102 scr. 102
Mr. C. D. Mackenzie ...	99 4 95	Mr. H. Smirhwaite ...	122 18 104
Mr. W. Mackinlay ...	101 6 95	Mr. W. T. Mackay ...	122 18 104
Mr. F. French ...	104 8 96	Mr. T. Wethley ...	112 6 106
Mr. C. Scott ...	103 6 97	Mr. A. Mann ...	141 15 126
Mr. J. Lambert ...	110 12 98		

COTSWOLD GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., the monthly medal and ladies' brooch were played for. Medal (twenty-one holes). Scores:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	3rd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. G. Goodeve, jun. ...	42	34	34	110	10	100
Mr. H. E. Rose ...	40	38	35	113	12	101
The Earl of Eldon ...	35	41	38	114	10	104
Mr. L. Goodeve ...	52	59	48	159	46	113
Mr. F. Milner ...	61	60	58	179	25	154

* Winner of medal.

Colonel W. Wynter and Captain C. A. Becher not handicapped. No returns from several players.

Brooch (14 holes).—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Lady M. Scott ...	38	41	79	scr.	79
Miss Batt ...	70	60	130	45	85
Mrs. H. E. Rose ...	72	68	140	40	100

* Winner of brooch.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

Newcastle was favoured on Saturday with another beautiful day, and large numbers of golfers took advantage of it, over eighty turning out. The tie for the presentation cup (first class), which stood over from the previous week, was played off, Mr. G. M. Shaw winning easily. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. M. Shaw ...	190 12 178	Mr. S. Wilson, jun. ...	225 28 197

The captain's prize was also played for, Captain Molesworth and Mr. Hugh C. Kelly tying at 85 net, and thus qualifying to compete

in the final, these players also taking the first and second class monthly medals respectively. There were thirty-seven entries, and we give the net scores under 100, viz:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Capt. Molesworth ...	95 10 85	Mr. J. Forbes ...	111 20 91
Mr. H. C. Kelly ...	107 22 85	Mr. S. C. Kelly ...	104 12 92
Mr. Geo. Combe ...	92 6 86	Mr. S. Wilson ...	115 20 95
Mr. G. Duffin ...	108 20 88	Mr. F. W. Crawley ...	117 22 95
Mr. G. M. Shaw ...	95 6 89	Mr. Claude Brownlow ...	121 26 95
Maj. R. H. Wallace ...	102 12 90	Mr. F. F. Figgis ...	114 16 98
Maj. de la Cherois ...	112 22 90	Mr. F. L. Heyn ...	129 30 99

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The fifth winter handicap was contested on Saturday, under rather more favourable conditions than have prevailed at recent competitions. There was a very cold wind blowing, but the weather was beautifully fine, and the links were in excellent order. Mr. H. Liebert put in a win for the medal, with a net score of 83, the best gross return being made by Mr. R. W. Hutton, who seems to be getting back to the form he showed last summer. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Liebert ...	91 8 83	Mr. J. A. Hutton ...	101 10 91
Rev. E. J. Satterthwaite ...	95 10 85	Mr. G. H. Norris ...	111 20 91
Mr. C. G. Satterthwaite ...	100 15 85	Mr. G. Hicks ...	113 22 91
Mr. R. W. Hutton ...	89 3 86	Mr. T. C. Norris ...	107 14 93
Mr. R. C. Hutton ...	103 14 89	Mr. H. C. Garrett ...	105 10 95
Mr. E. G. Hutton ...	104 14 90	Mr. H. D. Tonge ...	108 10 98
		Mr. T. H. Mills ...	110 12 98

EALING GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal competition was held on these links on Saturday, the 18th inst. The links were in excellent order, and the greens never played better, and in consequence, notwithstanding the high wind, some good scores were sent in. The result was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. Chick ...	99 24 75	Mr. W. S. Hargreaves ...	106 18 88
Mr. F. Carver ...	82 5 77	Mr. C. M. Bayfield ...	112 24 88
Mr. R. H. Woodhouse ...	94 17 77	Mr. C. Plummer ...	90 scr. 90
Mr. J. Ryan ...	104 20 84	Mr. F. B. Becker ...	114 24 90
Mr. H. Pegg ...	103 18 85	Mr. W. H. Miller ...	99 7 92
Mr. G. E. S. Fryer ...	109 24 85	Mr. E. G. Hamilton ...	117 24 93
Mr. W. Jackson ...	97 10 87	Mr. R. F. Yeo ...	110 16 94

The remaining scores were to 100 or over.

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

The last monthly competition for the monthly challenge cup of the present season, resulted in a win for Mr. James Watson.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. James Watson ...	114 22 92	Mr. G. R. Quilter ...	102 3 99
Mr. C. G. Havell ...	107 9 98	Mr. Chas. H. Downes ...	120 20 100

Several members made no returns.

The winner of this, and of any previous heat will be entitled to play for possession of the cup on Easter Saturday, April 1st, on which day the Felixstowe gold medal will also be competed for. On the same day "Colonel Bogey" will challenge all comers, and on Easter Monday The Edinburgh gold medal will be played for, also the patron's challenge cup.

FORFARSHIRE.

The nineteenth round of the series of winter competitions of the Arbroath Club was completed on the Elliot course on Saturday. In consequence of a strong gale on Wednesday, the first day of play, and the ground being covered with snow on Saturday, low scores were impossible. The best scores were those of Mr. C. Y. Myles (7 below), 4 points; Mr. James Smith (1 above), 3 points; Messrs. George Douglas, James Doig, and D. Brown, ties (5 above), 1½ point each. The remaining players received 1 point each.

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The members of the Formby Golf Club played their first and second class "Bogey" competition on Saturday, in bright, but rather cold weather, about forty couples starting. Mr. R. H. Prestwich (captain) won the first class, being 1 down to "Bogey;" while Mr. J. S. Remer, 3 down, won the second class.

THE R. AND R. CLARK CLUB.—This club inaugurated their second season on Saturday, when the members met on the Braid Hills to compete for the monthly medal. The winner was Mr. J. B. Dunlop, whose actual score was 96.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, March 11th. A lovely day brought out a large field, but the returns were very few and high. Scores:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. Field	92	7 85	Mr. F. P. Barlow	113	20 93
Mr. C. H. Sapte	102	15 87	Mr. H. T. Cattley	102	7 95
Mr. D. L. Poole	95	5 90	Mr. M. A. Orgill	116	18 98
Mr. J. H. Lewis	110	18 92			

HEADINGLEY GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly medal competition took place on Saturday, the 18th inst., in very fine weather. The following is the result:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. G. Emsley	132	45 87	Mr. C. E. Dawson	110	9 101
Mr. T. Riach	131	40 91	Mr. J. Hollis	119	18 101
Mr. H. Oxley	135	36 99	Mr. H. J. Palmer	142	40 102
Mr. F. Wardle	144	45 99	Mr. W. C. Mayo	133	27 106
Mr. G. V. Gaskell	135	36 99	Mr. H. C. Joscelyne	142	36 106
Mr. J. H. Mackinlay	109	9 100	Dr. H. E. Cuff	125	18 107
Mr. F. H. Mayo	127	27 100	Mr. G. R. Lancaster	153	45 108

No returns, or over 110, from several others.

HYERÈS (FRANCE) GOLF CLUB.

Thirteenth weekly handicap, March 11th.—Scores:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. Wellesley	102	12 90	Capt. Rose	134	30 104
Mr. S. Oliphant	91	scr. 91	Mr. G. Winch	130	24 106
Hon. R. Fevis	96	scr. 96	Mr. B. Richardson	134	25 109
Mr. A. Evill	116	17 99	Rev. A. L. Palmes	158	45 113
Mr. W. Peel	139	37 102			

* Winner.

Hon. P. Wyndham retired.

ILKLEY v. WAKEFIELD.

The first match of the season between these clubs was played on the 11th, at Heath Common, Wakefield. The course was in fairly good condition, and the weather fine, though rather breezy. Some good individual scores were made. Ilkley won by a majority of nine holes. Result:—

ILKLEY.		Holes.	WAKEFIELD.		Holes.
Mr. R. Salmon Backhouse	...	0	Mr. C. F. Badeley	...	6
Mr. Percy N. Lee	...	1	Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield	...	0
Mr. J. Cooper Shaw	...	5	Dr. Murray	...	0
Dr. MacDowall	...	7	Ven. Archdeacon Donne	...	0
Rev. F. Irton Smith	...	0	Mr. W. Creswick	...	0
Mr. J. Russell Smith	...	1	Mr. M. H. Peacock	...	0
Mr. F. Lee	...	1	Mr. H. M. Briggs	...	0
		15			6

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB (LADIES).

Monthly medal competition.—Scores:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
*Miss South	63	2 61	Mrs. Stilwell	90	24 66
Miss E. Cobb	80	16 64	Miss A. Cobb	93	24 69
Miss Honeywood	74	8 66	Miss W. Rowlandson	90	16 74

* Winner.

MID-SURREY GOLF CLUB

Monthly medal, March 18th.—

SENIOR MEDAL.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. A. Gosnell	99	18 81	Mr. G. H. Savage	104	15 89
Mr. T. C. Last	95	14 81	Mr. J. Clupp	105	16 89
Mr. S. Scott	101	15 86	Mr. C. S. Allan	109	16 93
Mr. S. F. Higgins	96	9 87	Mr. E. L. Evans	111	18 93
Mr. A. Radford	105	18 87	Mr. W. Dunn	115	18 97

JUNIOR MEDAL.

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. L. W. Evans	106	25 81	Mr. W. Weston	127	36 91
Mr. P. R. Perrin	110	27 83	Mr. W. P. Bowyer	111	20 91
Mr. A. T. Williamson	111	24 87	Mr. W. J. Bowyer	121	30 91
Mr. T. S. Worthington	114	27 87	Mr. J. J. Bithell	129	36 93
Mr. W. Wallington	121	34 87	Rev. G. W. Perry	125	30 95
Mr. P. G. Payne	112	24 88	Mr. A. Puzey	124	27 97

The following made returns of over 100:—Messrs. B. Parker, W. H. Ayres, W. Parker, and J. W. Price Williams.

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

About thirty members of the Manchester Golf club entered themselves to compete for the prizes offered by Mr. F. Jones, the captain. The weather of Saturday afternoon was almost ideal golfing weather, and this, together with the fact that the links at Manley Park were in perfect order, may to some extent explain the good scoring revealed in the table below. The average of the ten best gross scores was only 90.7, a very respectable figure in an open competition, even at the end of a season. Details:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. W. Moultrie	88	13 75	Mr. T. C. Midwood	100	10 90
Mr. W. Bell	84	3 81	Mr. A. Darbyshire	99	7 92
Capt. C. Farrant	87	3 84	Mr. T. N. Carter	103	10 93
Rev. H. Brayshaw	89	4 85	Mr. J. Macdonald	105	12 93
Mr. J. Macalister	87	scr. 87	Mr. S. Kneale	109	16 93
Mr. R. P. Horsley	99	12 87	Mr. R. Maclure	110	17 93
Capt. J. W. Hobbs	102	15 87	Mr. R. Holmes	111	18 93
Mr. A. B. Knight	92	3 89	Mr. J. A. Brewis	116	18 98
Mr. G. B. Graves	93	4 89	Mr. H. Schwind	127	25 102
Mr. L. D. Stewart	93	4 89	Mr. J. Hothersall	130	25 105
Mr. W. Cownie	101	12 89	Mr. J. S. Genth	131	25 106
Mr. G. Haig	95	5 90	Mr. J. Heron	124	16 108

The annual club dinner took place on Saturday evening in the Grand Hotel, Manchester, when the captain's prizes were presented. After the toast to the Queen had been drunk, the ex-captain, Mr. John Macalister, proposed "The Army and Navy," which was responded to by Captain Farrant. Mr. Sidney Smelt proposed "The Manchester Golf Club," and this was responded to by the captain, Mr. Francis Jones. Other toasts were drunk, including "The Royal and Ancient Game," "The Prize-Winners," "The Strangers," and "The Green Committee." Songs were sung by Mr. R. L. Taylor, Mr. G. A. Woodward, Mr. T. C. Midwood, Mr. H. L. Joseland, and Rev. H. W. Jones, all of which were much appreciated. Messrs. John Macalister and Holmes gave recitations. Thirty sat down to dinner. The evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE v. BEDFORD.

This match was played on the North Bedfordshire links, Biggleswade Common, on the 16th inst. The contest between Mr. Guy Pym and Mr. Horace Mann was most stubbornly fought throughout, the latter only winning at the eighteenth hole by his last putt.

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE.		Holes.	BEDFORD.		Holes.
Mr. H. Mann	...	1	Mr. Guy Pym	...	0
Mr. T. C. Fitzherbert	...	5	Mr. H. E. Tredcroft	...	0
Mr. C. C. Bethune	...	8	Mr. A. Fyson	...	0
Mr. R. J. Lindsell	...	5	Mr. J. B. Forsyth	...	0
Mr. A. C. Sweeting	...	4	Col. Broughton	...	0
Mr. J. C. Daniel	...	0	Mr. S. Fuller	...	4
Mr. J. A. Fielden	...	0	Mr. J. Boyd-Thompson	...	5
Mr. J. J. Conder	...	0	Col. Harenc	...	3
Mr. A. K. Lindsell	...	0	Gen. Lagard	...	3
		23			15

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, March 14th, a tournament took place for a handsome silver-backed mirror, kindly presented by Mr. Alcock.

First Round.—Miss Clarke beat Mrs. Smith Turberville, Miss Chambers beat Miss Stanger-Leathes, Miss Middleton beat Miss Welsh.

Second Round (byes).—Miss E. Whieldon beat Miss Darlington (scratched). Miss A. Darlington beat Miss Dawkins, Miss E. Howe beat Miss Radcliffe (scratched), Miss F. Whieldon beat Miss Gray, Miss L. Darlington beat Miss E. N. Whieldon (scratched), Miss Mathison beat Miss Crane (scratched), Miss Clarke beat Miss H. Darlington, Miss Chambers beat Miss Middleton.

Third Round.—Miss E. Whieldon beat Miss A. Darlington, Miss E. Howe beat Miss H. Whieldon, Miss Mathison beat Miss L. Darlington, Miss Clarke beat Miss Chambers.

Fourth Round.—Miss E. Whieldon beat Miss E. Howe, Miss Clarke beat Miss Mathison.

Final.—Miss Clarke beat Miss E. Whieldon.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met at Braid Hills on Saturday, to play for their monthly gold trophy and special prizes, with the following result:—Mr. J. Ross, Mr. R. Harvey, jun., and Mr. J. R. Duncan (holder) tied for the trophy and first three prizes with a net score of 82. The remaining prizes were won by Messrs. J. Braid, D. Lynn, W. M'Leod, W. Rankine, J. Bell, F. Hastie, J. W. Barclay, and J. S. Williamson.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Weekly handicap, March 10th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. A. Mant ...	95	16	79	Mr. R. H. Dun ...	86 2 84
Mr. H. D. Watson	99	20	79	Mr. A. J. Boger ...	89 4 85
Mr. C. E. Brownrigg	95	15	80	Mr. F. H. Stewart	89 scr. 89
Mr. R. Lodge ...	89	7	82	Mr. J. B. Wood ...	104 13 91
Mr. W. R. Hardie	94	12	82	Mr. F. Nicholls ...	112 20 92

No returns from Messrs. E. J. Palmer, B. A. L. Bachelor, J. R. Marriott, H. M. Burge, E. G. Carmichael, D. G. Hogarth, J. R. Walker, W. M. Lindsay, H. Nicholls, R. W. Macan, A. C. Livingstone, and Rev. F. H. Hall.

Weekly handicap, March 17th.

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. E. Brownrigg	97	15	82	Mr. E. G. M. Carmichael ..	96 10 86
Mr. F. H. Stewart ..	85	scr.	85		
Mr. E. G. Palmer...	105	20	85		

No returns from Messrs. A. C. Livingstone, J. B. Wood, H. D. Watson, B. A. Bachelor, J. M. Walker, A. J. Boger, J. A. F. Moncrief, E. A. Johnson, A. C. Headlam, and Rev. F. H. Hall.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, March 18th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. Lehmann ...	81	4	77	Mr. W. Lawson ...	95 8 87
Mr. E. S. Curney...	99	18	81	Capt. W. E. Beak...	102 12 90
Mr. A. J. Davies ...	99	18	81	Mr. E. Britten-	
Mr. M. Friend ..	87	4	83	Holmes ...	108 18 90
Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt	88	4	84	Mr. R. D. Matthey.	115 24 91
Dr. Sheppard ...	100	14	86	Mr. E. B. Ellington	115 24 91
Mr. N. Salmund ...	102	16	86	Mr. W. F. Thompson	107 12 95

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, played on Saturday, 18th inst. :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. J. Holroyde...	109	30	79	Mr. B. H. Latter ...	113 24 89
Mr. A. W. Booth...	99	18	81	Mr. O. Benwell ...	125 35 90
Mr. T. Winch ...	94	11	83	Lieut.-Col. Langdon	107 12 95
Mr. S. N. Fox ...	118	30	88	Mr. J. A. L. Johnson	140 30 110

* Winner.

Several others made no returns.

Ladies' monthly competition, played also on 18th inst. :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Pound ...	107	16	91	Mrs. Aveling ..	147 42 105
Miss Latham ...	115	24	91	Mrs. Lake ...	117 10 107
Mrs. Budden ...	111	15	96		

ROYAL ASCOT v. GUILDFORD.

A very interesting match was played on Saturday, the 18th inst., between the above clubs, on the pretty links of Ascot, the result being a win for the home team by 14 holes. The weather was pleasant and very good matches took place, one being the meeting together of Mr. S. Mure Fergusson and Mr. F. G. Tait, the latter winning by 5 holes.

ROYAL ASCOT.

GUILDFORD.

Holes.	Holes.
Mr. F. G. Tait... ..	5
Mr. F. J. Patton ...	0
Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell	4
Mr. C. Smith ...	2
Capt. Kinloch ...	0
Mr. P. O. Broke ...	4
Mr. C. E. Cottrell ...	0
Mr. H. Blackett ...	0
Mr. H. Sawyer (capt.)	3
Mr. E. Ponsonby ...	4
	22
Mr. S. Mure Fergusson	0
Mr. W. Carr ...	0
Mr. Bulmer Howell ...	0
Mr. A. A. Cammell ...	0
Mr. C. E. Nesham ...	3
Mr. J. A. Ross (capt.)...	0
Mr. H. H. Playford ...	5
Mr. D. L. Poole ...	0
Mr. H. L. Forbes ...	0
Mr. H. T. Cattley ...	0
	8

Competition for Mr. Henley Eden's prize.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. H. Longman	94 14 80	Sir G. Pigot, Bart....	114 16 98
Mr. H. Eden ...	97 11 86		

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, the 16th instant, thirty-eight members started to compete for a prize, presented by Mr. W. K. Graham. Mr. R. Winch presented a prize, a silver beer jug, to the club last year, to be played for on Monday, the 10th October, that day being the birthday of the captain of the club, Mr. J. G. Gibson. This prize was won by Mr. W.

K. Graham, who has given a precisely similar prize, to be played for on Mrs. J. G. Gibson's birthday, hence the competition now being recorded. When the cards were examined the captain himself proved to be the winner, with a very good score, considering the day, which was rough and squally throughout, but especially in the forenoon. The late starters, as in several of this club's recent competitions, had some little advantage in the weather. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	117 +1 118	Rev. F. W. S. Le	
Mr. Stanley A. Young	129 9 120	Lièvre ...	141 12 129
Mr. G. Watson Smith	144 24 120	Mr. W. Claude John-	
Mr. Gilbert Spurling	135 14 121	son ...	151 22 129
Mr. W. K. Graham..	132 9 123	Mr. J. W. G. Andras	135 5 130
Mr. E. F. S. Tyle-		Mr. C. Lethbridge..	151 21 130
cote ...	130 6 124	Mr. G. H. Freen ...	155 25 130
Mr. E. A. Walker...	130 6 124	Mr. John Osmond ...	147 16 131
Mr. Robert Whyte..	127 1 126	Mr. A. T. Drysdale.	141 9 132
Mr. W. E. Hughes..	133 7 126	Mr. H. E. Lawrence	145 13 132
Mr. W. Morris ...	140 14 126	Mr. G. C. Snelling... 152 20 132	
Capt. H. Gillon ...	127 scr. 127	Mr. E. M. Protheroe	145 10 135
Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	139 12 127	Mr. R. Winch ...	155 17 138
Mr. C. B. Lindsay..	152 25 127	Mr. H. H. Turner ...	145 6 139
Mr. G. F. Sanders...	140 11 129	Mr. E. Riddle ...	185 40 145

No returns from Messrs. Frank Gilbert, W. R. M. Glasier, W. Glasier, jun., F. S. Ireland, G. O. Jacob, F. J. Lawrence, W. Murray, E. Pinkerton, H. A. Richardson, R. M. Richardson, and Dr. T. Skinner.

The above order of scores is worked out on the ordinary club handicap for the club sweep of the day. For Mr. Graham's prize the handicap was limited to twenty-one strokes.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

Monthly Medal.—Notwithstanding the attractions at Balydoyle, there was a large turn-out of members on Saturday, the majority of whom competed for the medal. The links are looking very well, and those greens which are having a rest give great promise of being first-rate during the coming summer. Several of the tees have been put back, making the corresponding holes much longer, which is a decided improvement. The day was beautifully fine on the Bull, but what little wind there was, was of a decidedly March order. Mr. R. H. Moore was the winner with a gross score of 89, less 13=76. The following were the scores handed in :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. H. Moore...	89 13 76	Mr. F. H. Orr ...	97 11 86
Prof. Doherty ...	100 20 80	Mr. A. S. Hussey...	98 12 86
Mr. H. A. Bethune	87 5 82	Mr. H. "Smart"...	111 25 86
Mr. W. Keating ...	95 12 83	General Moncrieff...	102 15 87
Mr. G. C. May ...	94 9 85	Mr. J. W. P. White	98 10 88
Capt. Crawford ...	94 9 85	Mr. R. M. McCausland	99 11 88
Mr. J. H. Barrington	97 12 85	Mr. E. L. Phillips .	109 18 88
Mr. J. R. Bristow...	102 17 85	Mr. J. P. Barrington	112 20 92

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

"Bogey" competition for prize presented by Captain Fairlie and sweepstakes, Saturday, March 18th.

Strokes.	
*† Mr. C. G. Broadwood ...	receiving 2 won by 2
† Mr. G. Hornby ...	giving 4 " 2
Mr. P. De Crespigny ...	receiving 3 lost by 3
Mr. J. Alexander ...	" 7 " 3
Colonel Mackenzie ...	" 2 " 4
Mr. H. G. H. Spencer ...	" 3 " 5

* Winner of prize. † Divided sweepstakes.

Eighteen players made no return.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above club was held at the Law Association Rooms, Liverpool, on Monday, the 13th inst., when there was a good attendance.

The chair was occupied by Mr. S. Gibson Sinclair, the captain. The membership of the club up to 31st December, 1892, numbered 682, since when the list has been considerably augmented, bringing the total up to the limit, viz., 700. The financial condition of the club was found to be most satisfactory. Mr. T. Leslie Ferguson was unanimously elected captain for the ensuing year, Mr. H. W. Hind was made a trustee, thus increasing the number from three to four, and Messrs. H. J. Simpson and Thos. Owen Potter were respectively re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary.

Messrs. R. F. Miln, John Graham, H. C. R. Sievwright, and Richard Stubbs were placed on the Council to fill up vacancies caused by four members retiring by rotation.

Mr. H. H. Hilton was unanimously elected a life member, in commemoration of his winning the Open Championship in 1892.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, March 18th. Strongish north-east wind, but very fine. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. Duncan Turner	95	11	84	Mr. R. T. Glover	110	20	90
Mr. H. E. Curry	105	18	87	Mr. C. S. Hand	104	12	92
Mr. J. E. Shaw	96	8	88	Mr. E. Bedford	110	15	95
Mr. J. S. Sellar	105	16	89	Mr. T. Brown	111	15	96
Mr. T. S. Whitfield	103	14	89	Mr. W. M. Cundell	113	16	97

Messrs. J. S. Davy, W. Lambe, H. Whitehorn, J. F. Farncombe, O'Reilly, F. Tate, W. Amsden and others, made no return, or were over 100 net.

TORQUAY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The sixth and last medal competition of the season, for Rev. G. T. Warner's brooch, took place on Friday, 17th inst. :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Wollen	88	7	81	The Hon. L. Yarde			
Miss E. Colhoun	94	5	89	Buller	104	9	95
Miss Oldfield	97	7	90	Miss B. Flemyng	125	25	100
Miss Pemberton	98	7	91	The Lady Churston	113	8	105
Miss G. V. Guise	96	4	92				

WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played for on Saturday last at Heath Common; day fine, slightly breezy; course in fair condition, but putting difficult and uncertain on account of the fact that the greens have lately been "top-dressed." Result :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield	106	12	94	Mr. H. M. Briggs	124	23	101
Mr. F. Lee	127	30	97	Dr. Murray	121	15	106
Mr. M. H. Peacock	122	22	100	Mr. J. T. Hall	131	24	107
Mr. R. Rowand	128	28	100	Mr. A. H. Blomefield	132	25	107

Others, no return, or over 100.

With this competition closes the first year of the Wakefield Club—the first monthly medal having been played for in April, 1892. The winners in the various months have been as follows :—

Year	Month	Winner	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	
1892.	April	Dr. Murray	136	36	100	
	May	Mr. C. W. L. Fernandes	128	36	92	
	June	Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield	111	16	95	
	July	Mr. J. T. Hall	131	36	95	
	August	Mr. R. Rowand	124	36	88	
	September	Mr. H. M. Briggs	115	36	79	
	October	Mr. J. A. Bean	148	36	112	
	November	Mr. M. H. Peacock	121	30	91	
	December	Mr. W. Creswick	118	23	95	
	1893.	January	Mr. C. F. Badeley	96	8	88
		February	Dr. Murray	111	17	94
		March	Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield	106	12	94

It will thus be seen that two members, Mr. Stanfield and Dr. Murray, have had the privilege and honour of twice possessing the coveted trophy. The ten holders will play off for final possession on April 8th.

That Golf has "come to stay" in Wakefield seems evident from the creditable roll of members already possessed by the City Club, and from the interest and enthusiasm manifested in the various competitions. Heath Common is well adapted for the game, and is easy of access. A considerable amount of money has been expended during the past year in draining, levelling the "lies," and making the greens, and the committee hope, within a short time, to have a Golf course equal to any inland links in the country. Not the least factor in the improvement daily taking place has been the valuable and energetic efforts of the present professional, Lambert, late of Musselburgh.

Four challenge cups have been presented to the club for competition by members. Two of those have already been competed for twice—Burn cup (presented by Mr. F. H. Burn), won by Dr. Murray, May, 1892; Mr. C. F. Badeley, November, 1892. Leatham cup (presented by Mr. Claude Leatham), won by Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield, July, 1892; Mr. C. F. Badeley, January, 1893. The Lee cup (presented by the captain of the club, Mr. F. Lee), is now being played for. All the above are played for by handicap, and held by the winner for six months. The Charlesworth cup (presented by Col. Charlesworth, the City Member, is to be played for annually in April, all players starting at scratch.

That the play of the individual players is improving is evident from a comparison of the handicap figures, many members being much reduced from where they stood in April, 1892, the most prominent reductions

being Mr. Stanfield, 18 to 12; Dr. Murray, 36 to 15; Mr. Peacock, 36 to 22; Mr. Briggs, 36 to 23; Mr. Hall, 36 to 24.

In the two matches played, both on the home links, one (v. Maltby) was won, the other (v. Ilkley) was lost. Several other matches have been arranged, and the general outlook for the club and the game is most promising.

WILLESDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly silver medal was played for on the 18th inst. The course was in a much improved condition, although not sufficiently recovered from the recent rains to allow of good scores being made. A full muster of members turned out, the principal scores being :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. J. Simpson	99	9	90	Mr. J. R. Townsend	109	12	97
Mr. J. G. Anderson	105	13	92	Mr. E. F. Jackson	111	11	100
Mr. J. Horn	97	5	92	Mr. L. Carter	120	15	105
Mr. A. T. Lyon	99	5	94	Mr. J. Hardie	122	17	105
Mr. W. F. Mapleston	96	2	94	Mr. W. F. Peacock	121	13	108

The general meeting of the club is to be held on the 8th April.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medals, March 18th :—

First Class.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Miss Hassard Short	94	18	76	Miss E. Clarke	108	21	87
Miss Edith Scott	99	19	80	Mrs. Peat	108	20	88
Mrs. Alex. King	101	21	80	Miss Carson	111	23	88
Miss Mabel Nicol	98	13	85	Miss Stevenson	105	15	90
Miss H. M. Frere	104	19	85	Miss Jacomb	113	22	91
Miss G. Tee	105	20	85	Miss Issette Pearson	91	scr.	91
Miss Kenyon Stow	90	4	86	Miss Nellie Muir	107	9	98
Mrs. Willock	105	18	87				

* Winner of first medal and brooch.

Second Class.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
†Miss A. MacFarlan	108	34	74	Mrs. Poole	119	34	85
Miss Aston	111	36	75	Mrs. Wigram	116	30	86
Mrs. Chetwynd-Stapleton	109	32	77	Miss K. MacFarlan	121	34	87
Mrs. Banbury	107	28	79	Miss E. R. Faithfull	118	30	88
Miss Frith	112	32	80	Miss N. Forde	122	34	88
Miss E. Martyn	119	35	84	Miss Oliver	124	36	88
Miss Gow	112	27	85	Miss H. MacFarlan	119	26	93
Mrs. Tanner	115	30	85	Miss B. Martyn	119	25	94
				Miss M. Schwann	121	25	96

† Winner of second medal.

Several members made no returns or were over 100 net.

On Thursday, 16th inst., the Barnes Ladies' Golf Club played against a team of the Wimbledon Ladies. The latter won by 3 holes to 2.

WIMBLEDON.			BARNES.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Miss G. Tee	1	Miss Mabel Dickie	0		0
Miss Carson	0	Miss Gow	0		0
Miss H. MacFarlan	1	Miss Gay	0		0
Miss M. Schwann	0	Miss Connell	0		0
Mrs. Banbury	1	Miss Barclay Brown	0		0
Mrs. Henderson	0	Miss Gertrude Pearson	1		1
Miss K. MacFarlan	0	Miss Dickie	1		1
	3				2

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.

Quarterly medal, March 18th. Eighteen entries. Course in very good condition, but strong head-wind blowing. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. G. Barclay	98	12	86	Mr. A. Rankine	114	25	89
Mr. H. A. Gardom	94	7	87	Mr. B. B. Hunt	106	15	91
Mr. E. A. Tewson	96	9	87	Mr. R. Redwood	105	11	94
Mr. F. C. B. Hunt	95	7	88	Mr. E. J. Morris	111	16	95
Mr. R. H. Hodge	100	12	88	Mr. J. P. H. Soper	120	22	98
Mr. J. W. M. Guy	105	16	89	Mr. S. Hellyer	119	20	99
Mr. E. A. Read	93	4	89				

NEWCASTLE.—The final contest for the winter cup was played on Thursday, the 16th. Result :—Mr. J. B. Radcliffe (scratch), 89; Mr. J. Hansell, 105, less 13=92; Mr. R. T. Thomson, 92, plus 2=94; Mr. M. P. Ismay, 104, less 9=95; Dr. Howden, 107, less 12=95; Mr. J. Hiddlestone, 106, less 8=98; Dr. Limont, 106, less 5=101; Mr. R. Steel, 122, less 14=108.

BEARSDEN CLUB.—The final competition among the lady-members of this club, for the Howie gold medal, took place on this course on Saturday afternoon in fine weather. The play was once round the course of nine holes. Considerable patches of snow were lying, and made good scoring difficult. In spite of this, Mrs. Johnston (scratch) succeeded in winning the medal with the low score of 62. The following are a few of the next best scores:—Miss Smith (scratch), 67; Mrs. Scott, 74, less 6=68; Miss J. Bowie, 73, less 5=68; Miss J. Smith, 80, less 10=70; Miss M. MacLaurin, 84, less 12=72.

GREENOCK.—The monthly competition for the gold medal offered by the Greenock Club took place on Saturday on the Craigs course. The course was almost wholly covered with snow, which made record scoring an impossibility. A large number of players, however, took part in the game, and quite a number of ladies took a keen interest in the competition. The lowest scores are as follows:—Mr. James Millar (winner) (scratch), 98; Mr. J. W. Crawford, 114, less 12=102; Mr. R. F. Watson, 120, less 12=108; Mr. W. C. Reid, 122, less 12=110; Mr. R. J. Blair, 125, less 9=116.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal.—Mr. L. R. Erskine (winner) 100, less 6=94. Others over 100, or no return.

CARLTON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The spring competition was held at Gullane on Saturday, when there was a good turn-out of members. The principal prizes were presented by Dr. Haultain, the captain, and Mr. John Taylor, the vice-captain. The following were the prize-winners, viz.:—1st, Mr. G. W. S. Paterson (vice-captain's and club prizes), 86; 2nd, Mr. A. C. Robertson (silver medal and captain's prize), 100, less 14=86; 3rd, Mr. C. Morrison (scratch), 88; 4th, Mr. John Taylor, 88, plus 3=91; 5th, Mr. G. H. Rees, 100, less 9=91; 6th, Mr. J. W. MacGregor, 99, less 8=91.

KING JAMES VI. GOLF CLUB (PERTH).—The first round of the competition for the silver cup, presented by Mr. Wm. Macleish, City Clerk, took place on the North Inch on Saturday, and resulted as follows:—Mr. John Bruce beat Mr. P. W. Campbell; Mr. John Ritchie beat Mr. Thomas Chalmers; Mr. D. E. Cuthbert beat Mr. A. Robertson; Mr. A. Miller beat Mr. A. Syme; Mr. J. Thomson beat Mr. R. Halley; Mr. W. Garvie beat Mr. Hugh Campbell; Mr. L. Grant beat Mr. J. Robertson. The following members secured byes:—Messrs. R. Mackay, G. Buist, J. Kennedy, A. Jamieson, H. H. Greig, R. Garvie, Jas. Robertson, John Mailer, J. C. Dow, John Crerar, J. A. Robertson, Jas. Hay, D. Wood, J. Smith, A. H. Crawford, R. Dunsmore, F. M'Ewan, J. Paterson, G. T. Cairncross, R. Keay, A. T. Mackay, J. Donaldson, Dan Wylie, and Rector Chambers.

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ARDEER.—A handicap foursome competition by holes, for a prize presented by Mr. William Law, took place on Saturday. Result:—First tie.—Messrs. Blair and Drummond beat Messrs. Colville and Rodger by 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. F. Graham and Slater beat Messrs. J. Gardner and W. Allen by 2 up; Messrs. Law and Maclean beat Messrs. Todd and Reid by 2 up and 1 to play; Dr. Colville and Mr. James Cook beat Messrs. R. Main and George Buchanan by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. C. Steven and Dr. Mackay beat Messrs. W. Martin and R. Mackill by 1 up; Messrs. Alex. K. Murray and W. Tulloch beat Messrs. J. Colville and R. Maclellan by 5 up and 4 to play; Messrs. W. C. Cunningham and James Paton beat Messrs. F. Halden and James Donaldson by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. H. Osborne and J. Mackintosh beat Messrs. T. M. Wilkie and J. Fergus by 1 up after a tie. Second Tie.—Messrs. Blair and Drummond beat Messrs. Grahame and Slater; Messrs. Colville and Cook beat Messrs. Law and Maclean; Messrs. Murray and Tulloch beat Messrs. Mackay and Steven; Messrs. Osborne and Mackintosh beat Messrs. Cunningham and Paton.

GREAT HARROWDEN HALL LADIES GOLF CLUB.—This club played their second match Monday, March 13th. The prize winners were Miss N. Rickard, 90, and Miss G. Newman, 95.

FALKIRK TRYST GOLF CLUB.—On the Tryst ground on Saturday the third round ties of the spring handicap tournament were played off. Result:—Mr. D. M. Wilson (12) beat Rev. J. Scott (18); Mr. W. Carmichael (27) beat Rev. J. Yellowlees (18); Mr. R. Whyte (12) beat Mr. F. Seatter (15); Mr. G. Richardson (15) beat Mr. A. Campbell (15); Mr. A. Shaw (4) beat Mr. H. Martin (18); Mr. J. H. Aitken (scratch) beat Mr. T. Helme (18); Mr. H. Robson (scratch) beat Mr. T. A. Warrand (27); Mr. W. K. Gair (24) beat Mr. A. Frew (22); Mr. J. R. Duncan (18) beat Mr. J. Risk, jun. (20); Dr. Fraser, a bye. The second of the monthly handicaps for the Blairlodge prize was played under "Bogey" rules, and was won by Mr. A. Nimmo, jun., with a score of 84, two strokes less than "Bogey's" score (86.) Mr. H. Robson followed with 89, and Mr. A. Shaw with 93.

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EDINBURGH LIFE GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club competed on Saturday, at Musselburgh links, for a prize presented by Mr. James Biggar. The prize was won by Mr. Richmond Whytt.

HERIOT GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for club charm took place at the braids on Saturday. Mr. James Millar proved the winner with a net score of 89.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal of this club was played for on the 15th, on the Braids. A strong wind, accompanied at times by blinding showers of hail, rendered good scoring an impossibility. Mr. D. Pringle was the winner with the score of 103, less 7=96; Mr. H. Neilson being second with 107, less 5=102.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—The members took part in the competition on Saturday for the Kilmarnock trophy, when, the links being free from snow and the weather delightful, there was a good muster of players. The cards showed the following results for the game of eighteen holes:—Mr. R. Hewitt, 98, less 18=80; Mr. J. Andrew (scratch) 86; Mr. H. E. Peattie, 99, less 12=87; Mr. W. Muir, 101, less 12=89; Mr. W. E. Giles, 95, less 6=89; Mr. J. Blane, 109, less 20=89; Mr. H. E. Jones, 108, less 18=90; Mr. D. Moore, 114, less 24=90; Mr. H. M. Giles, 98, less 8=90.

MOFFAT.—Play took place on Saturday for the Bodesbeck medal. The medal was won by Mr. E. Ewart, Langshaw, with a score of 106, less 20=86; Mr. H. F. W. Deane, Dundanion, being second with 93, less 5=88.

DUNBLANE HYDROPATHIC.—The monthly medal was played for on Saturday over the Larg Hills, and was again won by Mr. A. Whitton, jun., with the score of 79, plus 4=83. First round of nine holes, 35; second round, 44.