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- Oct. 6.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Whitley : The Joicey Cup.
- Oct. 6 & 7.—Royal Eastbourne : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 7.—West Cornwall : Bolitho Challenge Cup (Scratch).
Didsbury : Autumn Meeting.
Tooting : Monthly Medal ; Club Dinner.
Cheadle : Summer Medal (Final).
Seaton Carew : Gray Trophy.
Rochester : Earl of Darnley Challenge Cup.
Alloa : The Champion Gold Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Berens Gold Medal.
Woodford : Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Fortnightly Medal.
Leicester : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Captain's Prizes.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Ilkley : Buckley Cup.
Royal County, Portrush : Hole Competition.
Rhyl : Monthly Medal.
County Down : Railway Cup ; Captain's Prize.
- Oct. 7, 14, 17, 19, & 21.—Wimbledon Ladies : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 9.—Royal County, Portrush : Open Score and Driving Competitions.
Muselburgh : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 10, 11 & 14.—Sutton Coldfield : Autumn Prize Meeting.
- Oct. 11 to 14.—Glamorganshire : Monthly Medal.

- Oct. 13 & 14.—Tooting : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 14.—West Cornwall : Club Prize (Scratch).
Rochester v Royal Engineers (at Chatham).
Seaton Carew : Monthly Handicap.
Alloa : Club Prize.
Leasowe : Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Fortnightly Medal (Final).
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Silver Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Scratch and Quarterly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton : Marling Silver Challenge Cup.
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.
Knutsford : Monthly Competition.
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.
County Down : Captain's Prize.
- Oct 14 & 16.—St. George's (Sandwich) : Autumn Meeting.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 14 to 16.—Lytham and St. Anne's : Autumn Meeting.
Cumbrae : Monday Medal and Ladies' Medal.
- Oct. 16 & 17.—Royal Isle of Wight : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 17.—West Cornwall : Ladies' Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 18.—Blackheath School Old Boys : Autumn Meeting at Eltham.
- Oct. 18 to 20.—Warwickshire : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 19.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
- Oct. 19 & 21.—London Scottish : Autumn Meeting.
Forfar : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 20.—Whitley : The Joicey Cup.
- Oct. 21.—West Cornwall : Club Challenge (Handicap).
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
Alloa : Club Prize.
Wakefield : Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey : Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
Rochester Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Willesden : Club Monthly Medal.
Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.
Eltham : Monthly Medal ; General Meeting, 5 p.m.
County Down : Club Monthly Handicap ; Captain's Prize.
- Oct. 21 & 23.—Royal Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells :
Autumn Meeting ; Club Gold Challenge Medal
(Scratch) ; and Stonehouse Cup (Handicap limited
to 18).
- Oct. 21 to 24.—Felixstowe : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 21 & 26.—Notts : Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 23 to 28.—Hayling : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 24 to 27.—Burnham (Somerset) : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 25.—Warminster : Autumn Meeting ; Monthly Medals.

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THE ST. ANDREWS AUTUMN MEETING.

Scarcely had the recollection of Prestwick and the Open Championship grown dimmer, ere the time arrived for St. Andrews to have its turn, and Messrs. Laidlay, Hutchings, and others who had signalled themselves on the Ayrshire green, were all ready for action by Monday, September 25th. On that day some interesting matches took place, in one of which, a foursome, some very fine play was shown. Messrs. Frank Fairlie and F. G. Tait played Messrs. A. F. Macfie and Charles Hutchings. The former couple were dormy 1 in the first round, but approaching the last hole Mr. Tait played a somewhat characteristic shot, enormous in length, certainly, for a cleek, but unfortunately considerably off the line; the ball lighted on the roof of Tom Morris' shop, rolled down thence under a pile of wood on the roadway, unplayable, of course; consequently the hole was lost, and the match halved. But in the afternoon there was a different tale to tell, and this time Mr. Tait and his partner won by 4 and 3 to play, with the very fine score of 79, made up thus:—

Out	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	5=39	} 79
Home	4	3	4	5	7	4	4	5	4=40	

Mr. Ernley Blackwell beat Mr. R. T. Boothby by 4 in one round, but the return match was halved. Mr. Laidlay beat Mr. Mure Ferguson by 2 and 1, and by 3 and 2 to play; both players in the second round backing themselves for 84, but both failing in the performance.

Tuesday, the 26th, witnessed some remarkably fine play, particularly so in the case of Mr. David Lamb's first half-round against the Amateur Champion, Mr. Peter C. Anderson, who in the end had to acknowledge defeat by 4 and 3 to play. Mr. Lamb came very near the record, which stands to the credit of Hugh Kirkaldy, with 33; his brother, Andrew, and Alexander Herd each having had a 34. Mr. Lamb's figures were:—

Out	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	2	4=35	} 81
Home	4	3	5	6	5	4	5	9	5=46	

The penultimate hole was very unfortunate for him; his second and third shots were both bad, leaving him too much to do, and a visit to the road eventually spoilt a score which assuredly should have been well under 80. This figure was actually broken by Mr. Laidlay, who beat Mr. Charles Hutchings by 4 and 3 to play, with 79:—

Out	3	6	5	4	4	5	4	3	4=38	} 79
Home	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	5=41	

As partners in the afternoon, these two defeated Messrs. A. Stuart and Mure Ferguson by 3 and 2 to play.

The business meeting was held in the afternoon, and seldom, if ever, have matters of greater importance been submitted to the judgment of the club, the agenda being, principally, the discussion of the acquisition of the links by that body. The general meeting in the spring had ratified the appointment of a special committee, empowered to examine the question and report; any provisional arrangement they might make being subject to the approval of the club in the autumn. The special committee accordingly obtained the best professional advice available, and now gave in their report, a document too lengthy for publication in the present article. Meanwhile, however, matters had been somewhat complicated by the Local Authority, letters from whom were now read, to the effect that it was very desirable that they should acquire the links, and regretting that the Royal and Ancient had "intervened." As a matter of fact, the boot was on the other leg; and it was pointed out to the Local Authority that so far back as 1890 negotiations had been entered into between the club and the proprietor, and, indeed, nearly concluded, although then broken off, that the question had again been mooted, and specially in the early part of January of this present year; consequently, the club's action could not be characterised as intervention; that the club had no desire to run counter to the town; on the contrary, their interests are identical; but, that as the club were now in a position to close the bargain with the proprietor, it would be judicious to do so, inasmuch as if they failed in that, a like opportunity might not readily again occur. Whether this line of argument is sound, readers will form their own opinion. On the one hand, the club had it in their power to acquire the links; if on the other hand, they stood aside, there was no guarantee that the town, on their part, would be successful in their negotiations, failing which, the chance of purchase at fair commercial value was thrown away. But in the end a way was found by which it may be hoped municipal and corporate interests may be harmonised. The following resolutions, carried unanimously, are sufficiently explanatory:—“(1) That the club confirm the provisional arrangements entered into between the committee and Mr. Cheape for

the purchase of the links, and remit to the special committee to carry out the said arrangements by formal deed. (2) That the club sanction the financial scheme embodied in the report of the committee. (3) That the special committee be empowered to remit to a sub-committee chosen by them from members of the club to make arrangements as to the laying-out of the new course. (4) That the club communicate with the Town Council of St. Andrews to the following effect, viz., that in the event of the Town Council, within two years, obtaining the necessary sanction from Parliament, the club will, if Mr. Cheape consents, hand over the links to the town, or otherwise will offer no opposition to the town acquiring the links, subject to such conditions as to the use of the links, as may be mutually agreed upon, provided in either case that the club be repaid the purchase price, and such sum as they may have expended in acquiring the same, and laying out any new course.”

After the business meeting was over, a letter was sent to the Local Authority, which, as it sums up the position with terseness and lucidity, we reproduce:—

“Baillie Harris, Netherburn.

“Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews,

“26th September, 1893.

“Dear Sir,—Your two letters were duly submitted to the general meeting of the club, when the whole question of the acquisition of the links was discussed. The club think (and in this they believe that the local authority agree with them) that it is of the utmost importance that additional ground should be secured for playing Golf. They find themselves in possession of an offer to acquire the links at what they consider a fair price. Under these circumstances, they think it would not be reasonable to ask them to step aside and surrender an arrangement which they may never again have the chance of securing, while the local authority are not in a position to conclude any certain and binding transaction. But the club are extremely sensible of the amicable feeling which has always existed between them and the townspeople, as represented by the local authority. They are most anxious that no action of theirs should in any way endanger its continuance. They do not, as explained in a former letter, think that their proceedings can in any way be characterised as an intervention, because these are simply the carrying out of negotiations long ago begun and openly conducted. But they do not wish in any manner to stand in the way of the wishes of the Local Authority to acquire the links if that scheme can be feasilily carried out. Accordingly, the following motion was proposed by Mr. Graham Murray, the captain of the club, and carried unanimously:—“That the club communicate with the Town Council of St. Andrews to the following effect, viz.:—That, in the event of the Town Council within two years obtaining the necessary sanction from Parliament, the club will, if Mr. Cheape consents, hand over the links to the town, or otherwise will offer no opposition to the town acquiring the links, subject to such conditions as to the use of the links as may be mutually agreed upon, provided in either case that the club be repaid the purchase price and such sum as they may have expended in acquiring the same and laying out any new course. The club trust that its terms will show that the sentiments of the club to the town are no empty expression. In terms of their resolution, the Local Authority, if they secure the support of the ratepayers to the scheme, will be in no way hampered by the present action of the club, while, on the other hand, if, either from non-unanimity on the part of the ratepayers or difficulty in obtaining Parliamentary sanction, the local authority relinquish the idea of acquiring the links, the club will have lost the present opportunity of securing the much-needed new ground. In that event they can only repeat the assurance of their committee, that they will hope to bear, as heretofore they have unaided done, the expense of maintaining the old course in its present efficiency, and will offer no obstacle to the continued enjoyment by the people of St. Andrews of the links ground for the purpose of walking as heretofore. I shall be obliged by your laying this letter before the Local Authority at their next meeting.”—Yours faithfully,

“C. S. GRACE, Secretary.”

THE MEDAL DAY.

Rarely has there been a medal day, even in the experience of the most venerable competitors, so well adapted to good scoring as Wednesday, the 27th. There was an entire absence of wind, while just sufficient moisture was upon the grass to render the putting true and easy. Certainly about midday, conditions were not so favourable, for heavy rain came down, during the continuance of which the light was extremely bad, reminding one of the late afternoon of a dark December day, rather than mid-day in early autumn. This sombre cloud once passed, however, the sun came out, and the late afternoon was as favourable as the early morning—hence the early and the late starters had the best opportunities of distinguishing themselves. First to start was the new captain, Mr. J. Ogilvy Fairlie, of Myres Castle, and right well did he acquit himself—so well, indeed, that but for two extremely

bad holes, he would have been quite within sight of first or second medal. This would have been a unique performance, for, speaking from memory, and subject to correction, no captain of the club hitherto has succeeded in winning a medal during his tenure of office. But Mr. Fairlie was out in the low score of 41. Coming home, an 8 at the short hole and another 8 at the seventeenth ran up his score to 88. If these two holes had been steadily played he would have been quite among the first on the list. The next couple but one comprised Mr. F. G. Tait; and now the record was destined to be lowered. This gentleman was at about the best of his exceedingly powerful game. Starting auspiciously with 17 for the first four holes, his first check was experienced at the long hole, where, owing to a bad lie, the result of a second shot a little off the line to the left, he could not reach the hole in 3, and a 6 was called for. After this, with the exception of 4 to the short hole, things went well with him, and he was out in 40. The worst casualty that befell him on the way home was due to a faulty approach at the Hole o'Cross, where he found himself bunkered, and required 6 to hole out; but he redeemed this by a splendid 4 at the long hole. The remainder of the journey was finished in 19, giving a total of 80, 2 strokes better than Mr. Edward Blackwell's winning record last autumn, and Mr. Macfie's identical score in the spring. Such a card as this appeared invincible; but the day was destined to be one of surprises. Some good figures were handed in, notably by Mr. R. B. Sharp, 84; Mr. Frank Fairlie, 87; Mr. Laidlay and Mr. H. S. Colt (winner of the Jubilee vase), 85 each. The latter had an extraordinary good score for the first eight holes, viz., 33, as against 36 by the lowest of the remainder. These holes were 4 5 5 5 3 3 3; but, at the end hole, instead of a four, he required 6; and on the return his game did not reach the same high level. After these, twenty-seventh on the list, came Mr. S. Mure Ferguson, who started with the knowledge that the splendid score of 80 was against him. Fortune favoured him at the very outset; his second shot at the first hole in ordinary course ought to have been in the burn, but was saved from a watery grave by hitting the left-hand wooden bridge, whence it rebounded on to the course, from which position Mr. Ferguson lay dead, thus opening with a 4. After this his play was unexceptionable; he made a brilliant recovery after his tee shot from the fifth to the sixth hole; he lay so badly in a grassy bunker to the right, that he had to play back, but a fine drive carried him to the green, and he was able to secure a 5. The last three holes were steady, and he was out in 40. At the tenth hole he made the only indifferent shot in his round, a wide approach, which left him too much to do in the putting, and a 5 was registered in lieu of 4. A 6 at the long hole was due to a very bad lie from his second shot, but with two holes to play, his total was the same as Mr. Tait's, 70. Deciding to risk everything, he now took the short cut to the hole, and with a grand swipe, cleared the station-master's garden, and was well forward down the course; his second took him near the foot of the green, whence he had an easy 5. A good 4 at the last gave him the splendid total of 79, which established another record, and displaced Mr. Tait, whose position had been regarded as unassailable. It is worthy of remark that the winner played with a driver and brassie which he had bought only on the morning of the medal day—a risky experiment, justified however by the result.

Low as this score was, it might easily have been beaten by two competitors further down the list, the first of these was Mr. Hutchings, who finished in 82, which, by fair putting might have been reduced by no less than 8 strokes, but Mr. Hutchings was entirely off his short game. The other was Mr. Ernley Blackwell, last but one to start. Opening with a 4, a long string of 5's followed, a long putt at the short hole gave him a 2, and a well-played 3 at the end saw him out in 39. Now, however, came the critical point in his career; close to the hole in his second, he was lamentably at sea in the matter of strength, putting backwards and forwards until 6 was called for. After this, his game was perfect, and with four holes to play, the costly tenth, notwithstanding, if he could finish in 4 4 5 4, his total would be 78. With a brilliant putt he secured the first in 4; but his next tee shot being a trifle too wide to the left, met with a disastrously bad lie, which effectually prevented him from reaching the green in 2, although after all, he was not far from having a 4, but the road hole extinguished his chance. After two fine drives, he drew his iron shot so much to the left, that a corner of the bunker intervened; lofting on to the green, his ball rolled over into the road, whence he escaped only under penalty of 7 to the hole; a 5 to the last made him a tie with Mr. Hutchings, at his brother's record, 82. Thus ended the medal, after an exhibition of play which has no parallel in the annals of the club. Twenty-five scores were as low as 90 and under, fifty-eight were under 100; a remarkable percentage of the 122 players who competed.

SCORES UNDER 100.

Mr. Mure Ferguson, 79; Mr. F. G. Tait, 80; Mr. C. Hutchings, 82; Mr. Ernley H. Blackwell, 82; Mr. R. B. Sharp, 84; Mr. J. E. Laidlay, 85; Mr. H. S. Colt, 85; Mr. R. T. Boothby, 86; Mr. Alex. Cowan, 86; Captain D. Kinloch, 87; Mr. F. A. Fairlie, 87; Mr. David Anderson, 87; Mr. J. O. Fairlie, 88; Mr. Robert Whyte, 88;

Mr. J. L. Low, 88; Mr. J. A. Nelson, 88; Mr. R. H. Johnston, 88; Mr. W. D. Boville, 88; Mr. T. Mackay, 89; Col. D. W. Mackinnon, 89; Mr. E. C. P. Boyd, 89; Captain P. C. Livingston, 89; Mr. Frank G. Tulloch, 90; Mr. Robert Gilroy, 90; Mr. Alex. Stuart, 90; Captain G. M. Boothby, 91; Mr. H. S. C. Everard, 91; Mr. A. F. Macfie; 91; Mr. D. I. Lamb, 92; Mr. James M. Glen, 92; Mr. A. Kennedy Erskine, 92; Mr. D. G. Brown, 93; Mr. T. Armour, 93; Mr. A. Gray, 93; Mr. W. Ballingall, 93; Mr. D. Maitland, 93; Mr. Gerald Maitland Heriot, 93; Major D. L. Carnegie, 94; Dr. John Goff, 94; Hon. Ivo Bligh, 95; Mr. Charles Anderson, 95; Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, 96; Mr. Walter Latham, 96; Mr. A. H. Crossfield, 96; Mr. F. Kinloch, 96; Mr. J. B. Whitelaw, 96; Mr. A. L. Christie, 97; Lieutenant Innes Gairdner, R.N., 97; Mr. H. Seton-Karr, 97; Mr. John Dun, 97; Mr. R. S. M'Neill, 97; Mr. L. Keyser, 97; Mr. B. Hall Blyth, 98; Mr. H. B. Gilroy, 99; Mr. George Todd, 99; Mr. J. C. Watson, 99; Mr. George Melville, 99; Mr. M. G. Paterson, 99.

DETAILS OF LEADING SCORES.

Mr. S. Mure Ferguson —	Out	4 5 4 5 5 5 3 4=40	} 79
	Home	5 3 4 4 6 4 4 5 4=39	
Mr. F. G. Tait—	Out	4 5 4 4 6 4 5 4 4=40	} 80
	Home	4 3 4 6 4 4 5 6 4=40	
Mr. Charles Hutchings—	Out	4 5 5 6 5 4 5 3 4=41	} 82
	Home	5 3 5 4 6 4 5 5 4=41	
Mr. Ernley Blackwell—	Out	4 5 5 5 5 5 5 2 3=39	} 82
	Home	6 3 4 4 5 4 5 7 5=43	

THE GLENNIE MEDAL.

The result of the competition for this medal is interesting. Here also the previous records went by the board. Until the present year the lowest aggregate had been 83, 86=169, made by Mr. Laidlay in 1887, the general average being from 173 to 178. It will be seen from the accompanying list that there are three better scores than 169, and one which equals it, a fact which speaks volumes for the remarkably high standard of play now reached by the leading players.

	May	Sept.	TI.		May	Sept.	TI.
Mr. S. Mure Ferguson	83	79	162	Capt. G. M. Boothby	98	91	189
Mr. F. G. Tait	85	80	165	Lieut. Innes Gairdner,			
Mr. J. Laidlay	83	85	168	R.N.	92	97	189
Mr. Ernley R. H. Blackwell	87	82	169	Mr. W. T. Armour...	96	93	189
Mr. Chas. Hutchings	89	82	171	Mr. Charles Anderson	95	95	190
Mr. R. T. Boothby...	86	86	172	Dr. J. Goff	97	94	191
Col. D. W. Mackinnon	84	89	173	Mr. J. C. Watson ...	93	99	192
Mr. A. F. Macfie ...	82	91	173	Mr. A. Graham			
Mr. R. B. Sharp ...	93	84	174	Murray	91	101	192
Mr. Alexr. Stuart, jun.	85	90	175	Mr. R. S. McNeill...	97	97	194
Mr. F. A. Fairlie ...	89	87	176	Mr. H. B. Gilroy ...	97	99	196
Mr. H. S. C. Everard	87	91	178	Mr. W. H. Cox ...	98	101	199
Mr. R. Gilroy ...	92	90	182	Mr. D. C. R. Lindsay	101	100	201
Mr. F. Kinloch ...	86	95	182	Major P. Chalmers...	99	103	202
Mr. A. Cowan ...	96	86	182	Mr. Wm. Gordon ...	107	103	210
Mr. G. M. Heriot ...	92	93	185	Capt. J. R. Scott ...	104	108	212
Mr. D. I. Lamb ...	94	92	186	Sir Ralph Anstruther	108	107	215
Mr. G. Gordon Robertson	90	96	186	Mr. H. Baldwin ...	116	101	217

The frequency with which the score of 79 was made during the week is somewhat remarkable, thus Mr. Leslie Balfour and Mr. Macfie, in a match with Mr. Hutchings and Mr. Frank Fairlie on Thursday, whom they beat by 2, went round in that number:—

Out	4 4 5 5 6 4 4 3 4=39	} 79
In	4 4 4 5 5 4 4 6 4=40	

Mr. Leslie Balfour had been unable to play for the medal, owing to the death of Mr. Balfour Melville of Mount Melville; other absentees were Mr. Horace Hutchinson, and Messrs. E. B. H. and J. H. Blackwell, who are abroad. A good match was played on Thursday between Mr. F. G. Tait and one of his Prestwick opponents in the Amateur Championship, Mr. W. Greig; after a hard fight the latter was 1 up and 3 to play; two halves followed, but Mr. Tait, with a good 4, won the last hole, halving the match.

On Friday, Mr. Macfie and Mr. Hutchings, after many ups and downs, beat Mr. Frank Fairlie and Mr. A. Stuart by one putt at the last hole. Mr. Mure Ferguson beat Mr. Leslie Balfour by 3 and 2, and in the afternoon, playing as partners, they beat Mr. Ernley Blackwell and Mr. F. G. Tait by 4 and 3 to play. At the end of the week most of the leading players left, and Saturday was mainly devoted to a local club competition. Mr. Hutchings, however, beat Mr. Mure Ferguson by 3 and 1 to play, and Mr. Peter Anderson, Amateur Champion by 4 and 3, holing both rounds in 82.

REGULATION OF PLAY AT MUSSELBURGH.

A special meeting of Musselburgh Town Council was held on Monday night, the 25th, when the bye-laws for the regulation of Musselburgh and Fisherrow Links and the licensing of Golf caddies was finally adjusted. There was a full meeting of Council, and Provost Keir presided. The principal decisions come to were that members of the Royal Musselburgh, the Edinburgh Burgess, the Bruntsfield Links, the New, and any other clubs recognised by Musselburgh Town Council, should pay for the upkeep of the green 2s. 6d. each per annum. That strangers to the town should pay 7s. 6d. per annum, 2s. 6d. per month, and 6d. per day. A long discussion took place as to charging inhabitants (excluding temporary residents). Bailie Mackenzie moved the adoption of the sub-clause, charging the inhabitants 2s. per annum, and this was seconded by Councillor Grossett. Councillor Kelt moved its deletion, and proposed that only outsiders be charged. Councillor Tomlinson spoke in favour of the deletion, referring to the charging as taking away a right the inhabitants had had for ages. Bailie Sharp said that no working man would object to the charge, which was not $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per week. Treasurer White thought they would not be gentlemen if they did. Treasurer Simpson said that the working-men golfers with whom he came in contact were surprised that the charge was so small. Councillor Kelt, on the other hand, spoke of great dissatisfaction. Councillor Tomlinson supported the idea of voluntary contribution, but this was generally thought unworkable. As Councillor Kelt found no seconder, the clause was inserted charging the inhabitants. The putting greens of an alternative course are to be preserved, no playing off them to be allowed; the ball may be transferred without penalty. The charge of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. for each starting ticket for an eighteen holes game was carried, after strenuous opposition on the part of Councillor Kelt. Football, cricket, tennis, &c., are to be confined to certain parts of Musselburgh and Fisherrow Links. Caddies must find one or more respectable inhabitants to stand guarantors for their good behaviour. Their licences are liable to be taken from them for breaches of bye-laws or on conviction of crime. The bye-laws will be handed over to the clubs before going before the Sheriff.

THE PURCHASE OF ST. ANDREWS LINKS.

The Royal and Ancient Club held its general meeting on Tuesday, 27th, when the report of the special committee, as regards the acquisition of the links, was brought up and discussed. There were also laid before the meeting two letters from the Local Authority intimating their wish to acquire the links on behalf of the ratepayers. The whole matter was fully discussed, and the feeling of the meeting was to the effect that in the meantime it would be very inexpedient to let slip the present opportunity, which might not recur, of acquiring the links according to the provisional arrangement entered into by the committee for its purchase; but that on the other hand the club, in view of the amicable relations between the club and the townspeople, should not in any way hamper or oppose the action of the Local Authority. Eventually, the following resolutions were proposed by the captain (Mr. A. Graham Murray, M.P.), and carried unanimously:—(1) That the club confirm the provisional arrangements entered into between the committee and Mr. Cheape for the purchase of the links, and remit to the special committee to carry out the said arrangements by formal deed; (2) that the club sanction the financial scheme embodied in the report of the committee; (3) that the special committee be empowered to remit to a sub-committee chosen by them from members of the club to make arrangements as to the laying-out of the new course; (4) that the club communicate with the Town Council of St. Andrews to the following effect, viz.:—"That in the event of the Town Council within two years obtaining the necessary sanction from Parliament, the club will, if Mr. Cheape consents, hand over the links to the town, or otherwise will offer no opposition to the town acquiring the links, subject to such conditions as to the use of the links as may be mutually agreed upon, provided in either case that the club be repaid the purchase price, and such sum as they may have expended in acquiring the same and laying out any new course." In the report of the committee, which was approved, assurance had been given that the club was prepared to maintain the old course as formerly, and to offer no obstacle to the practice of walking upon the links so long enjoyed by the people of St. Andrews.

A GLORIOUS DAY AT LUFFNESS.

Luffness! Where is thit? So many crack greens are now to be found over this country that some may yet wonder where Luffness is. So many in different parts of the world read this magazine—most of whom never heard of the name of Luffness—that I must apologise to Mr. Congalton, the high-priest of the Luffness Club, for putting the excellent green unintentionally in the shade. That gentleman lives on the green—that is, his heart is in it—and a more genial man you never met. I only saw him to-day; I hope yet to speak to him, for I do not think he would care much about playing with an outsider.

I had heard a good deal about this green and its neighbour, Gullane. Mr. Kerr can be left to give a sufficiently creditable place to the latter. I never saw Luffness before this fine August day—so sunny, yet so hot. My esteemed friend, Mr. Pairman, of Messrs. W. and R. Chambers, often told me of its exceptional merits. He, in his enthusiasm, considered Luffness the links of the country. He has played on many of the best links; he is an authority on the game; his style is simply perfect; he wrote the article on "Golf" in *Chambers's Encyclopaedia*, and his portrait, in the act of striking, is given in *Chambers's Book on Golf*. I have seen a few courses in my day, but never Luffness till to-day. I had listened often to Mr. Pairman's eulogiums on the course, and I knew he was in earnest; and he arranged to let me have a run over the green with him. We landed at Longniddry Station, near which the great whale was washed ashore, the whale which Bailie Tait, of Kirkcaldy, bought and made a small fortune of. A drive of five miles in a fine two-horsed wagonette, alongside of the policies of the Earl of Wemyss took us to the course.

It was a glorious day. The heat was excessive; but the heat of this August has not been equalled for a quarter of a century. Driving down the first brae, we got a fine sniff of the cooler sea-air, which told us that the green must be on the shore; and no links worth anything for real Golf can be far away from the sea shore. Whether it is the continued fall of salt-impregnated vapour, or the shelly consistency of the greens, or the wide expanse of glassy sea, or the invigorating pull of the highly ozoned air—yet links on the sea shore are always peculiarly *sui generis*—real links for the game.

We drove past the principal entrance of the castle of the Earl of Wemyss, better known in Parliament and in the Highland Society by the name of Lord Elcho; and on the gate I observed the peculiarly mixed arms, "Je pense—Forward!" But I was especially struck with the stunted appearance of all the trees near the boundary wall. The drive was close on the sea, where a hard, bleak, east wind prevails for most of the spring. As the leaves are forming they are regularly blasted by the wind from the sea, and nothing is seen above the high wall except an occasional poplar, which has struggled by the intensity of its heavenly aspirations to overcome even the hardy Scottish firs.

Aberlady is near the green. This place looks well. Many visitors were moving about. The churchyard was particularly neat, thanks to the extraordinary sense of cleanliness of the parish minister, who gets the heritors to look after that. It is really repulsive to see churchyards like that of Fodderty, with no gravel walks, and where the grass is rankly growing round the walls of the church. There is a ladies' course on the common—a capital addition to a watering-place which is near a Golf course; for golfers worthy of the name enjoy the talk about their day's play, when the family can chime in with some exploits of their own. Many a poor man is thrust into his domestic buckie, after an enthusiastic day's play, by the cold reception (which is colder than the cold mutton, given on such an occasion of selfish delinquency) and the money-grubbing taunt of some of the powers-that-be who know not the game.

We enter a nice, romantic club-house; and this being my first day on the green, my name is entered in the book by my friend—unfortunately! But I have not space to tell why. There are no conveniences except excellent filtered cold water for drinking, yet it seems that the club is rich on a balance of

£700. A lavatory would be a boon, especially on a hot day like this. I am only stating my views; likely there may be good reasons for the opposite. One can carry a refreshment in his pocket, but not washing water.

There is in the club-house a map of the course, drawn out in September, 1870. Then there are seventeen holes. Mr. Pairman told me that there are eighteen holes; but in twenty-three years there must be one in interest. The strange thing is that with such a fine expanse of links the number of holes was fixed at one below the orthodox number. I could get no information on the subject. I had hoped to get some account of the links in the volumes of the "Golfing Annual" beside me here at Portobello; but I find nothing. My copy of Horace Hutchinson's volume on the "Golf Links of the Country" is at the Manse; but it is not here available. I can only write, then, about what I saw to-day; and it is better so.

The caddies here are purely mechanical, warranted to bear the clubs in their arms, with an occasional throwing of them on the ground by way of variety, or to dispel the monotony, for the shilling a round. But they suggest nothing to a stranger—never look after his ball, though the course is unknown to him. Win or lose is all the same to them. What says my esteemed friend next door to this? I read his good-natured left-hander on my so-called pessimism about the profession of caddies. He naturally praises up "Fiery," as I would still praise up "Ayton" at St. Andrews. But I again firmly declare that caddies do not now take the same interest in their masters' game as once they did. The game is becoming "too common," and the leveller is at work among them as among others. My caddie generally managed to catch my right eye when I was playing my wrist shot with the iron; of course, there was a slap into the yawning bunker before me. However, one redeeming feature about him is his enthusiasm to seize hold of the hole-pin; and he is certainly civil.

Mr. Pairman knows the green well—every yard of it. That is an advantage when bunkers are behind the hole as well as in front of it, when rabbit-holes nail one when he transgresses on the right, or rocky bits secure him on the left. But on the whole, as far as he could, he told me all the safe places, assuming that I could not go astray. False idea! In the days of my youth I ever kept the right path—in Golf—and narrow was our course in St. Andrews then. But now—having lapsed for fifteen years in sweet forgetfulness of the game—I am more erratic than my friend assumed or imagined. Hence I went into exploring expeditions more than he ever dreamt of. This makes the links excellent—better than an outsider would think. The course, on the whole, is capital. If you drive straight from the tee you will get a good lie; if you aberrate you will be punished with rough ground, rabbit-scrapes, drains, or stones. The guiding-posts are a great boon to strangers, and the painted iron flags of the holes are seen from afar. A deceitful bunker lurks unseen for one's first round, but the Welsher is recognised ever afterwards.

Certainly the iron-approaching struck me as being the most deadly part of the game on the Luffness links. My opponent could not approach me at driving, though he drove better during the second round than during the first. He was off his game, not having played (except twice) for a couple of years. Generally one keeps up his driving, and fails in his approaches and putting, during a lapse of playing; but he did the reverse. He sliced his drives, but kept deadly with the iron pitches. During the second round he had six pitches, which he laid stone dead. Who could stand against that? But that is his forte. The match can never be historical. We did not count our strokes. I will, with our enthusiastic and most obliging and considerate editor's permission, write a paper soon on the degeneracy of the glorious game by the introduction of the mania for breaking records and keeping scores. We secured a round each; but his iron pitches gave him his round.

We spent a most pleasant day. The heat had certainly been very intense for exercise; but a golfer worthy the name heeds not the weather. The amount of perspiration which we had given off was immense—more than I ever remember before in the four hours of two rounds. While very wet outside from this source, we were dry inside; but the lemonade, &c., at the Golf Hotel of Aberlady during our five minutes' jump from the wagonette quenched our thirst, and we were new men. Home we steamed, quite delighted with our day's tussle, and

charmed with the delightful links. We went over the "kittle" holes, where one had to "wile the wether into the hoose," down a dry bare slope; over the fine approaches, the sneaks, the swipes, the long jerks from the grass, the skimming cleek killers, and the deadly bunker lofters. Both were satisfied; both will chronicle this as a red letter day even in unassuming play; both will heartily recommend this course—he as the best, I as among the best (of course, never forgetting St. Andrews) of the golfing courses in the country.

J. G. MCPHERSON.

STATUETTE OF MR. JOHN BALL, JUN.

Nothing more effective in the way of ornament can be desired than this statuette of Mr. John Ball, jun., in the act of driving a ball. It has been modelled by Colonel A. C. Macleay, a good golfer himself, who has carried out in all details the dress, stance, and swing of the ex-Champion. It represents Mr. Ball in knickerbockers and loose jacket, with the club well over his right shoulder, the heel of the left foot well raised, the cap worn jauntily towards the back of the head; and though the statuette has not been modelled directly from the life, it is very happily suggestive in conveying a pretty good resemblance to the features of the well-known player. The statuette, as a whole, is admirably poised, free from anything which savours of awkwardness or constraint, and shows that the modeller has caught the exact reflex of the player's style.

Colonel Macleay has two dozen of these statuettes to dispose of. The figure, with the pedestal, is nine inches high, and is in bronzed metal. The price for each statuette is £5. In addition to these, there are three statuettes cast by the *cire perdue* process—that is to say, run out in one casting from the wax—in pure bronze. As these statuettes are more valuable owing to the difficulty of obtaining a good cast, the price of each, mounted on marble pedestal, is £25. These prices will only partially pay the expense of workmanship, which has been carried out by Col. Macleay at home. Not only is the statuette the most suitable adornment for the interior of all Golf clubs, but it would make a highly welcome variation in the way of a competition prize. The cost is much less than the everlasting monthly cup, and any golfer who might win the statuette as a prize would be sure to treasure it with affectionate regard. Applications should be made to Col. A. C. Macleay, Glasshayes, Lyndhurst, Hants.

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16,896. Table Golfing Game.—By A. T. Taylor, 115, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

17,080. Improvements in the construction of Golf clubs.—By H. S. Stewart, 9, Bridge Street, Westminster.

17,188. A pocket tool or instrument for roughening, scraping, or cleaning the grip or striking surface of Golf clubs, tennis-rackets, or other bats, tools, or weapons requiring a roughened surface.—By J. Liddle, 154, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

17,353. Improvement in Golf cleek club.—By F. P. Cochrane, 16, Easter Road, Leith.

17,753. Improvements in Golf clubs.—By T. Morris, 115, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

17,938. Improvements in apparatus for indicating the score of games, such as Golf and the like.—By H. Hiscott and Co., South Street, Finsbury.



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In regard to your ruling of last week anent caddie going to the top of a hill to show direction, as I heard the question fully discussed among golfers at Machrihanish lately, I beg to point out that your correspondent does not put the question exactly as it was raised. The question is this, "Can a golfer send his caddie to point out the direction to a 'blind' hole, and insist that said caddie remain standing and pointing out the direction till the player plays his shot?" It was held by your correspondent that this was legitimate, as there was nothing against it in the rules.

Others, as well as myself, on being appealed to, said that a player could ask his caddie to go and indicate the direction, but that the caddie must move away before the player played his shot. I hold that this is the unwritten (it may be) law of the game, and I am astonished that any golfer should dispute it. At the same time a *lost-hole* penalty in the circumstances mentioned was perhaps too severe, if the party sinned in ignorance.

I am, Sir, &c.,

MOVE OFF.

[We agree with the case as stated by our correspondent, and it was the same interpretation of the practice which we endeavoured to convey. We do not agree, however, that it is obligatory upon a player to ask his caddie to move off. He may take the risk of a fozled shot striking his caddie, and suffering the consequent penalty. As a precautionary measure, however, it is generally found that a good caddie on a Scottish green moves off of his own accord after showing the line, knowing only too well, from hard and long experience, that the best of players, in playing such a hole, is just as likely as not to smite a skimmer. The motives which induce the caddie to move are two—first, not to have his brains or his few remaining teeth knocked out; and, second, not to jeopardise the match by getting hit with the ball. That we believe to be the true genesis of the practice; but, if a player cares to take the risk, neither rule nor etiquette oblige him to move the caddie from the brae.—Ed.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

DEAR SIR,—Will you, or some of your readers, be so kind as to inform me if there is any Golf to be had in the neighbourhood of Montreux, Suisse? I do not see a club mentioned in this year's *Golfing Annual*.

I am, Sir, &c.,

TOPPER.

Oct. 1st, 1893.

"HANDICAPPING."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—There appears to be some divergence among Golf clubs as to the proportion in which the odds in match play are fixed. The practice in some clubs is to fix it at $\frac{2}{3}$ of the

difference between the handicaps for singles, and $\frac{1}{4}$ for foursomes, and in others at $\frac{3}{4}$ for singles, and $\frac{2}{3}$ for foursomes.

Would you kindly let me know which practice is sanctioned by the majority of important clubs?

I am, Sir, &c.,

R. W. G. C.

[All the important clubs have adopted the proportions of $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$; and this division is now the standard and almost universal one. See an article entitled "A Uniform Handicap Match Table," p. 221, Vol. V.—Ed.]

GOLFER'S WIFE.—"Have you been a good girl to-day, Edith?"

GOLFER'S DAUGHTER.—"Yes, Mummy, I have—with a handicap."

G. W.—"What do you mean by *that*?"

G. D.—"Well, Daddy says that a handicap means pretending you've done better than you have."

MR. BUCKLE, the editor of the *Times*, has been spending a portion of his holiday golfing at Felixstowe. He and Mr. F. W. Wilson, an ex-captain of the club, and manager of the *Star*, had a round one day, and in commemoration of the meeting a correspondent of the *Globe* wrote the following verses:—

Oh, strange beyond words are the things that one thinks,
But the things that one reads are stranger by far;
Just fancy a twosome on Felixstowe links,
Played out twixt the *Times* and the *Star*!

They thought not of ink as they sniffed the keen air,
In chorus they cried (like Job's war-horse) "Ha! Ha!"
Till it chanced that the monarch of Printing House-Square
Cried, "Tell me, good sir, who you are."

"Catch hold of your caddie for fear I convey
By the news," said his partner, "too much of a jar:—
Before you there stands in the full light of day
Your dreaded opponent the *Star*!"

"You talk in enigmas," the *Times* made reply,
"My question is simple: I ask who you are?
And you pitch me a yarn which is clearly my eye—
Come what do you mean by 'the star'?"

"I mean?" cried the other when able to speak,
"I mean? O, a joke can be carried too far!"
And fiercely he brandished around him a cleek,
And rapped out a "personal par."

Undismayed by these symptoms of astral concern,
The Thunderer placidly lit a cigar,
Saying softly on leaving, "I *should* like to learn
What on earth he could mean by 'the star'!"

PROFESSIONALS AT GULLANE.—Last Monday, Hugh Kirkaldy was expected to play in a foursome, but, having missed his train from St. Andrews, a foursome was arranged for the afternoon between Mr. J. Hill and David Grant and Mr. A. Robertson and David Ritchie (a local professional), the former winning by four holes, and doing the round in 75—the record for the course being held by Mr. A. M. Ross in 70. The following day Mr. H. Alexander and Hugh Kirkaldy played Mr. J. Hill and Davie Grant two foursomes, beating them by two holes in the first and by one in the second. The score in the afternoon was 81 and 80 respectively. In the evening Hugh Kirkaldy played Messrs. Hill and Alexander the best of two balls, the match ending in a draw. Hugh, was new to the greens, found them keen and rather tricky. He did the round in 76. The evenness of the play was appreciated by a large concourse of people who followed the players.

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All golfers who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Brighton and Hove Golf Club, will hear with regret that Mr. H. E. Acklom has been obliged to resign the hon. secretaryship of the club, owing to his leaving Brighton. Mr. H. I. Percival, 11, Cambridge Road, has taken Mr. Acklom's place, and all communications in future should be addressed to him.

The Great Yarmouth green is about to be reconstructed and extended. At present there are too many short holes, but this will be remedied in the new scheme. Mr. Charles Hope has taken up the work as hon. secretary, so long and ably carried out by Dr. Browne. It is hoped that the new course will be ready by Easter.

The purchase of St. Andrews Links by the Royal and Ancient Club is a *coup de grace*, if a pun may be pardoned. The Corporation seemed to think that they had been tricked by the members of the Royal and Ancient, who are gentlemen, and the explanation they give of their action is worthy of them. The local council might have wrangled over it till the chance went by; but now they have time to consider their proposed Bill in Parliament, and when they have got into a proper position the Royal and Ancient will quietly hand them over the old links. On the whole, the future of St. Andrews may be said to be safe from harm by the prompt and wise action of the mother club. A deputation of the local authorities of St. Andrews had a long consultation with Dr. Thornton, in Dundee, on Friday afternoon, when it was ultimately resolved to instruct Dr. Thornton at once to take the necessary steps to promote a Bill in Parliament for the acquisition of the links by the city of St. Andrews.

A curious commentary on the Gullane Agreement is supplied in the Luffness Club, where last Saturday, at the annual meeting, the agents of the proprietor of Dirleton Estate asked that the club should lease that part of their course which is on Gullane Common, on terms similar to what were agreed to by the Gullane Club. As an argument for the Gullane Agreement, it was stated that the links were overcrowded, and that something of the kind must be done for sake of order. At Luffness there has been no hint whatever of overcrowding, and yet the club are asked to enter into such an agreement. It shows that the proprietor of Dirleton simply claims a right of property in Gullane Common so complete that golfers, if they are to continue playing, must pay a rent to the proprietor. Luffness is scarcely so clear a case as Gullane, for Golf has not so long been played there, but this move at Luffness is another blow dealt at golfing rights on Gullane Common.

Mr. Mure-Ferguson's splendid record score of 79 at St. Andrews, with which he won the blue ribbon of the autumn meeting—the King William IV. medal—is a performance worthy of the reputation of that player, and golfers everywhere must be pleased to hear of Mr. Ferguson's success. No player we know has for such a long time kept up such a consistent, steady, powerful game. Many a time he has been within the shortest distance of champion honours, and his good form in

many great competitions should, we believe, give him over the average a record second to none.

The congestion at North Berwick threatens to beat that at the Braids, about which so much is heard. Just now the course is at the shortest, and as so many holes must be played out by those who are on the way to them before the players who follow are allowed to tee off, this "block system" is the result. As many as three hours are sometimes taken to a round that should be done in less than two hours. The authorities here seem to be asleep, for it is high time something were done at North Berwick to lengthen the green if Golf is to be played there with any pleasure.

Regarding the suggestion as to an alteration in the sixteenth hole on the Machrihanish course (so as to avoid the dangers of crossing) made in a letter in our columns on September 8th, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Colville) says:—"There might be some difficulty about making No. 16 a shorter hole than it is; the place suggested would be apt to run us too close to the Ladies' Corner. However, perhaps some alteration may be tried by-and-by."

A large number of entries have been made for the Glasgow *Evening Times* Trophy tournament which takes place at Troon on October 5th, 6th, and 7th. The Troon Club have very kindly agreed to admit players to the privileges of the clubhouse during the tournament.

The Largs Golf Club are going in for a new course within the policies of Kilburne Castle, the seat of His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand, but the limitation set upon the membership of the club in the lease is, however, too severe, and the club are trying to have this altered. The lease is to be for three years at an annual rental of £63.

Mr. A. M. Ross, at the Luffness meeting on Saturday last, made one of the best scores of the season—76—which, considering the state of the green, of which complaints were heard on all hands, and the fact that Mr. Ross caught a chill at the Championship meeting, and has since not been in the best of health, was remarkable. The postponement of the agreement regarding the links will allow members more fully to consider the proposal, about which some division of opinion exists.

By the death of Mr. J. Balfour-Melville, of Mount Melville, who inherited the estate in 1883 on the death of Mr. J. Whyte Melville, the same estate now devolves upon Mr. James Balfour, the author of "Reminiscences of Golf on St. Andrews Links," whose son is the celebrated golfer, Mr. Leslie M. Balfour.

An interesting foursome was played over the Muirfield course last Saturday, Messrs. J. E. Laidlay and W. M. de Zoete against Messrs. R. T. Boothby and John Penn, M.P. The latter couple were victorious in both rounds. The play on both sides was first-class.

OH! YES.—A correspondent writing on the 1st inst. says:—"When playing a match on Fairfield Links, Manchester, on Saturday last, I drove a pretty long ball, which in its flight, struck a starling, and, of course, brought it down. Has this ever been done before?"

Private greens are starting up everywhere. Amongst the latest is one at Hurstmonceux, on the estate of Mr. C. L. Ackroll, which was laid out by Peter Paxton, who reports enthusiastically regarding it. Nine holes are laid out at present, but there is abundance of room to make an eighteen-hole course. The hazards consist of iron fences, natural sand pits, whins, ponds, and trees. The turf closely resembles that of Gullane course.

A TALE OF GOLFING WOE.

I chanced to meet, one summer's day,
Two men upon a plain;
A-walking far apart were they,
And one looked fairly sane.

The other's dress his looks belied,
For brightly he was clad;
But though his coat was scarlet-dyed,
His countenance was sad.

He, hurrying madly here and there,
Distractedly would turn;
Now, beat a bush with zealous care;
Now, move a bit of fern.

While all his efforts were in vain,
He, muttering, softly said,
"He's dead, stone dead!" and then again,
"I'm sure he's lying dead!"

"Alas!" thought I, "he's lost a friend,
His grief has made him mad,"
And with a word, I tried to lend
What sympathy I had.

He turned as one who at the most
His temper scarce controls;
"Do you think, if a friend I'd lost,
I'd hunt in rabbit holes?"

I said no more, but stood while he
Still muttered with a sigh,
"A wretched lie it's sure to be,
A bad, a horrid lie!"

"I'm glad of that," I cried, relieved,
"Perchance your friend still lives?
Apparently you've been deceived,
This surely comfort gives."

He turned to speak, but o'er the plain,
The other raised his voice;
"Like as we lie," he cried; again
Appearing to rejoice.

"Like as you lie," such mystic word,
I said, "can't fail to strike
The ear as odd, although I've heard
Of lying as you like."

In with'ring tones he said, "Are you
Attempting to be droll?"
And murmured as he searched anew,
"I fear I've lost the hole!"

"The whole of what?" I asked once more,
In the kindness of my heart;
"Though of the *whole* you mayn't be sure,
Perhaps you'll find a *part*."

This mournful person clothed in red,
Then turned on me with scorn;
"In what base country were you bred?
Where was it you were born?"

"How comes it in a Christian land,
You do not play at Golf?
This niblick, you must understand,
Will teach you not to scoff."

And brandishing a fearsome tool
All round about my head,
He called me "Dolt!" he called me "Fool!"
I heard no more, but fled.

So that was Golf! I'll hate the name
Until my latest breath;
It is a gruesome, grimly game,
All full of *lies* and *Death*.

ROSE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY.



ALNMOUTH AUTUMN MEETING.

On Wednesday, the 27th, the autumn meeting was begun on the links at Alnmouth. The attendance was very good. The greens, which all the summer have greatly felt the want of the rain, now begin to look bright with the occasional showers of rain. Thirty competitors entered the contest, which was the last monthly selective competition for the subscription cup offered annually for competition amongst the members. At the end of the contest, and when the cards were examined, Mr. Ridley was found to be an easy winner by seven strokes from Mr. G. F. Charlton, Mr. John Robertson and Mr. Wm. Frazer, who tied for second place, with 87 each. The following is the return:—Mr. F. T. Ridley, 83, less 3=80; Mr. G. F. Charlton, 92, less 5=87; Mr. J. Robertson, 93, less 6=87; Mr. W. F. Frazer, 104, less 17=87; Mr. R. T. Thomson (scratch), 88; Mr. Archibald Dunn, 108, less 15=93; Mr. E. H. Pease, 107, less 14=93; Mr. C. F. Fogg Elliott, 110, less 15=95; Mr. W. E. Pease, 109, less 14=95; Mr. J. Milton, 101, less 5=96; Mr. T. A. Hutton, 106, less 10=96; Captain Wilmott, 108, less 12=96; Mr. Alan Hutchinson, 108, less 12=96; Mr. A. M. Hutchinson, 106, less 9=97; Mr. W. E. Beck, 110, less 13=97; Mr. H. Pease, 109, less 12=97; Mr. J. W. Carr, 107, less 9=98; Mr. C. Walker, 118, less 15=103. Mr. C. A. Percival, Dr. Alan Wilson, Mr. J. Lowrie, Mr. T. B. Frazer, Captain Foote, Mr. M. P. Ismay, Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, the Hon. J. B. Ellis, Mr. J. Green, and Mr. H. A. Haggie made no returns.

On the 28th the meeting was continued, when the eight monthly winners of the subscription cup met to decide who should finally secure the trophy. The weather was again adverse to comfortable Golf, the competition being concluded in a deluge of rain. The eight winners were Messrs. J. W. B. Pease, J. B. Radcliffe, E. S. Osborne, E. Hunter, C. A. Percival, jun., F. T. Ridley, M. P. Ismay, and the Rev. A. Robertson. While the rain was at its worst the scratch players came home, and on the cards being examined Messrs. Pease and Radcliffe were found to tie with 89 strokes each. The other players were close behind, Mr. E. S. Osborne playing with six allowance being third with 91, Mr. E. Hunter fourth with 93. The following is the result:—Mr. J. W. B. Pease, 87, plus 2=89; Mr. J. B. Radcliffe (scratch), 89; Mr. E. S. Osborne, 97, less 6=91; Mr. E. Hunter, 99, less 6=93; Mr. C. A. Percival, 105, less 10=95; Mr. F. T. Ridley, 97, less 1=96; Mr. M. P. Ismay, 107, less 6=101; Rev. A. Robertson, 113, less 10=103.

As a pleasant change to that of the two opening days, the weather was all that could be desired on Friday a fine, warm day, plenty of sunshine, with perhaps a little too much wind from the South, which interfered somewhat with the play of all concerned on the homeward journey. The annual meeting was held for the passing of the balance-sheet and election of officers. Mr. Robert T. Thomson occupied the chair, and the attendance was very numerous. The minutes of the spring meeting were read and confirmed. The treasurer read his financial statement, which showed a balance of £70 17s. 9d., a state of matters which had not existed for several years. The membership of the club had been increased by the election of thirty-one new members during the past year. It was moved by Mr. Tennant, and seconded by Mr. Whyte, that the captain, treasurer, and secretary be re-elected. A committee was also elected, and Mr. J. Robertson was appointed in the room of Mr. H. A. Paynter, who had resigned his place on the committee after a service extending since 1871. The secretary (Mr. J. de C. Paynter) was empowered to convey to Mr. Paynter the thanks of the club for his long services in the club's interests. After luncheon a start was made with the competition set for decision, in which any member played from the scratch mark, and which practically is the championship competition of the club for the year. The prizes offered for the contest cannot be won outright, and are composed of the Percy medal and the Walker cross, but the winner has the privilege of having his name engraved on the clasps of these medals as the holder for the year. Mr. R. T. Thomson, an old

member of the club, and a steady player of repute, has succeeded in winning the premier prize, the Percy medal, for a period of seven years. Thirty-five competitors entered. The principal interest was centred in the performance of Messrs. J. B. Radcliffe and J. W. B. Pease, who tied for the monthly cup, valued at £11 11s., on the previous day. Both played together, and as an evidence of the sterling play of each they were all even for the first circuit, made as follows:—Mr. Pease, 4 5 6 5 4 5 6 6 4=45; Mr. Radcliffe, 3 5 5 6 3 7 5 6 5=45. Mr. Radcliffe, who met with great difficulty in negotiating the hill hole on both journeys, which cost him 7 strokes each try, was found to be several strokes behind his younger opponent, Mr. J. W. B. Pease, who has lately been playing a strong game. Their respective scores were:—Mr. Pease, 4 3 5 5 6 4 5 5 4=41, previous round 45=86, plus 2=88; Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, 4 4 6 5 5 7 6 5 5=47, first round 45=(scratch), 92. Consequently Mr. Pease secured the cup. The contest for the medals again narrowed itself down to a certainty for Mr. Pease, all the players being on the scratch mark. His net 86 stood him in excellent stead, and he won comfortably from Mr. F. T. Ridley, who had very hard luck in his second round. Mr. Radcliffe was third, but was not entitled to a prize, there being only two medals. The following is the result:—Mr. J. W. B. Pease, 45, 41=86; Mr. F. T. Ridley, 43, 46=89; Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, 45, 47=92; Mr. H. G. B. Ellis, 48, 44=92; Mr. R. T. Thomson, 48, 46=94; Mr. E. S. Robson, 49, 47=96; Mr. C. A. Ridley, 46, 47=93; Mr. C. A. Percival, 51, 47=98; Mr. J. W. Carr, 50, 49=99; Mr. H. E. Brown, 52, 47=99; Mr. C. H. Pease, 51, 48=99; Mr. P. Ismay, 49, 51=100; Mr. C. T. Fogg-Elliott, 49, 51=100; Hon. R. Jervis, 50, 51=101; Mr. A. Dunn, 52, 50=102; Mr. A. Hutchinson, 51, 53=104; Mr. T. A. Hutton, 51, 55=106; Mr. J. Milton, 56, 49=105; Mr. G. Welch, 49, 58=107; Mr. G. W. Walters, 53, 56=109; Mr. J. Robertson, 54, 54=108; Mr. A. Wilson, 56, 54=110. Messrs. J. Tennant, G. F. Charlton, R. A. Robertson, Whyte, J. de C. Paynter, G. P. Blagdon, J. A. Hutton, W. E. Beck, J. Greene, A. Gray, C. Walker, E. Home, retired. The optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. C. F. Fogg-Elliott with 85 strokes, Mr. H. G. B. Ellis taking 86.

On Saturday last, the autumn meeting of this club, which has lasted four days, was brought to a highly successful termination. The following is the return of the contest:—Mr. J. W. Pease, 82, plus 3=85; Mr. E. Home, 104, less 18=86; Mr. C. A. Ridley, (scratch), 87; Mr. James Tennant, 92, less 5=87; Mr. H. G. B. Ellis, 91, less 4=87; Mr. R. T. Thomson, (scratch) 88; Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, (scratch) 89; Mr. T. W. Barron, 107, less 18=89; Mr. J. Robertson, 96, less 6=90; Mr. W. A. Dunn, 103, less 13=90; Mr. M. P. Ismay, 97, less 6=91; Mr. Allan Wilson, 101, less 10=91; Mr. H. E. Brown, 95, less 3=92; Mr. G. P. Blagdon, 102, less 10=92; Mr. C. S. Robson, 98, less 6=92; Mr. C. A. Percival, 102, less 10=92; Mr. J. Milton, 98, less 5=93; Mr. W. E. Beck, 106, less 13=93; Mr. G. F. Charlton, 98, less 5=93; Mr. A. Hutchinson, 102, less 9=93; Mr. E. H. Pease, 105, less 12=93; Mr. W. E. Pease, 110, less 14=96; Mr. W. Fraser, 113, less 17=96; Mr. F. T. Ridley, (scratch) 97; Mr. C. T. Fogg Elliott, 110, less 12=98; Mr. W. Whyte, 105, less 7=98; Mr. J. W. Carr, 108, less 9=99; Mr. J. de C. Paynter, (scratch), 103. Mr. J. Lourie, Hon. R. C. Jervis, Mr. A. Robertson, and Mr. F. W. Wyndham made no returns. Mr. J. W. B. Pease also secured the first prize in the optional sweepstakes, and Mr. Home second, and the business of the autumn meeting was ended.

ABERDEEN.

More Record Breaking.—Mr. T. B. Reith, Aberdeen, a promising young golfer, in playing round the eighteen-hole links course on Friday, September 29th, completed the round in the phenomenally low score of 71, thus beating the amateur record for the course. His score out was 35, including two 5's, the rest being 3's and 4's. While returning he had one 2 and two 6's, doing the half in 36. This remarkably fine performance, which was accomplished in the presence of several companion golfers, will be difficult to beat. It is a brilliant feat for a player who is quite a young lad. The former record for the course was held by Mr. A. M. M. Dunn, of the Victoria Golf Club, who this year did the round in 73.

Victoria Club.—The members of this club held their last quarterly prize competition for the season on Wednesday and Saturday last week over the usual Links course. The rain on Wednesday kept back a few players, but for all that there was a good turn-out of competitors, some twenty-four couples in all starting. The prizes, which numbered twenty in all, consisted of golfing material, and were equally divided amongst first and second-class players. Ties were decided by the lowest handicaps, and on reckoning up the cards at the close the following were found to be the winners:—First class players.—Mr. J. Russell, 79, less 4=75; Mr. J. Innes, scratch, 78; Mr. J. A. Ross, 87, less 8=79; Mr. A. M'Connachie, 77, plus 3=80; Mr. J. B. Banks, 84, less 3=81; Mr. J. Forrest, 86, less 3=83; Mr. J. Hazlewood, 89, less 6=83; Mr. A. Mitchell, 84, plus 1=85; Mr. L. Anderson, scratch, 85; Mr. G. Flett, scratch, 85. Second-class players.—Mr. J. G. Rae, 103, less 18=85; Mr. G. Anderson (2),

scratch, 87; Mr. W. Duncan, 96, less 7=89; Mr. G. Divorty, 102, less 12=90; Mr. A. Taylor, 103, less 12=91; Mr. W. M'Hattie, 99, less 7=92; Mr. D. W. Clark, 98, less 5=93; Mr. R. Grant, 106, less 12=94; Mr. W. Anderson (2), 101, less 5=96; Mr. J. Milne (2), 103, less 7=96. The tie between Messrs. A. Cooper and J. Stewart for Mr. Chivas's prize on September 16th was played off at the same time, Mr. Cooper winning. Among the remaining cards the following had the lowest figures:—Mr. Alex. Cooper, 84, plus 4=88; Mr. R. Anderson (2), 88; Mr. D. J. Innes, 89; Mr. D. B. Leslie, 90; Mr. T. MacLennan, 91; Mr. W. Argo, 92; Mr. G. Hendry, 93; Mr. Mr. W. R. Stalker, 95; Mr. D. Jessiman, Mr. J. Grant, and Mr. A. M. Scott, 96; and Mr. G. Anderson (1), 99.

Bon-Accord Club.—The season was brought to a close on Saturday by a competition for the challenge cup and badge, and also, under special handicap, for club prizes, supplemented by special gifts from Councillor Maitland and Messrs. R. Leith and A. Paterson. On cards being compared, Mr. George Dunn was found first for the cup and badge—the club's "blue ribbon"—with the excellent score of 78, made up as follows:—Out, 5 5 4 3 5 4 4 4 4=38; in, 4 3 4 6 4 5 6 4 4=40; total, 78. Under "special handicap" Mr. James Craig, sen., was first with 81, less 9=72. The prize-winners next in order were:—Mr. James Ogilvie, 79, less 3=76; Mr. Robert Reid, 89, less 11=78; Mr. James Falconer, 90, less 12=78; Mr. John Twigg, 84, less 5=79; Mr. John Anderson, 91, less 12=79; Mr. James Greig, jun., 93, less 14=79; Mr. William Greig, 98, less 19=79; Mr. J. A. Macfarlane, 96, less 16=80; Mr. Alex. Smart, 88, less 7=81; Mr. James Ratray, 91, less 10=81; Mr. William Smart (scratch), 82; Mr. D. Hutchison, 85, less 3=82; Mr. James Fraser, 92, less 10=82; Mr. Charles Smith, 93, less 11=82; Mr. James Cameron, 94, less 12=82; Mr. Fred Watt, 94, less 12=82; Mr. James Florence, 91, less 8=83; Mr. G. Middleton, 98, less 15=83; Mr. James M'Gregor, 102, less 19=83.

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, 28th September—gentlemen:—Mr. W. J. Knox, 111, less 30=81; Mr. F. K. Borrow, 114, less 28=86; Colonel H. W. Parker, 91, less 4=87; Captain J. C. Tattersall, scratch, 87; Mr. C. Harter, 102, less 14=88; Mr. E. T. Ward, 103, less 14=89; Rev. T. Field, 104, less 15=89; Captain G. A. Porter, 97, less 8=89; Mr. H. D. Hirst, 104, less 10=94. No returns from Captain G. L. Austin, Captain W. H. Eccles, Mr. E. Morris, and Mr. B. C. Manly.

Ladies:—Miss Hamilton, 106, less 21=85; Mrs. Parker, 106, less 18=88; Miss Jeffery, 101, less 12=89; Miss Edwards, 92, less 2=90; Miss N. Ramsay, 92, less 2=90; Miss A. Eccles, 100, less 8=92; Miss B. Borrow, 106, less 7=99. Mrs. Stanley Stubbs, Miss Eccles, Miss P. Jeffery, Miss Campbell, and Mrs. Harter were over 100 net or made no return.

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold and silver medals were played for on Tuesday, September 26th. Result as follows:—Gold medal—Mr. T. Holt, 93, less 13=80; Rev. Canon Kennard, 105, 16=89; Mr. T. W. Colthurst, 99, less 9=90; Mr. S. M. J. Woods, 103, less 11=92; Rev. G. Beilby, 113, less 18=95; Mr. C. R. Rodwell, 122, less 18=104. Mr. A. B. Hill no card.

Silver medal—Mr. W. Stoate, 107, less 24=83; Mr. W. S. Akerman, 116, less 27=89; Mr. R. D. Hancock, 119, less 19=100; Mr. J. W. Trevor, 127, less 26=101; Mr. Chas. Bere, 132, less 26=106.

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.

The sixth summer competition for the silver and bronze medals (twenty-four holes) was held on Saturday last, Mr. C. J. Mosley putting in a win for the silver medal, and Mr. G. Campion for the bronze; the sweepstake being also divided between them. The following were the scores under 130 net:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. O. J. Mosley	... 129 18 111	Mr. S. Mellor	... 146 30 116
Mr. G. Campion	... 133 22 111	Mr. H. Wilson	... 135 18 117
Mr. J. Merry	... 112 scr. 112	Mr. R. C. Barker	... 150 30 120
Mr. C. W. Southwell	137 25 112	Mr. L. C. Hartley	... 139 18 121
Mr. G. King	... 148 36 112	Mr. C. H. Schill	... 152 30 122
Mr. J. H. Milne	... 127 12 115	Mr. W. H. Smith	... 145 21 124
Mr. P. Schill	... 131 16 115		

Five players made no return.

ROYAL GUERNSEY GOLF CLUB.—Result of September medal, September 28th. Scratch 80:—Mr. H. F. Maclean, 92, less 12=80; Major C. E. Wright, 108, less 24=84; Mr. H. B. Tupper, 102, less 18=84; General J. G. Cloete, 101, less 15=86; Colonel S. Field, 96, less 9=87; Mr. J. Swinburne, 96, less 8=88; Mr. A. Bailey, 109, less 20=89; Mr. F. P. Hutchesson, 109, less 16=93.

CHELTENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medals took place on the links at Cleve Hill on Saturday, September 30th. Mr. G. C. Jobling, with a net score of 80, won the senior medal; Mr. J. L. Tickell, with a net score of 88, won the junior medal. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. C. Jobling...	98	18	80	Mr. W. C. Prance...	114	18	96
Mr. W. M. Baker...	98	15	83	Mr. Mascie Taylor...	110	12	98
Col. A. Hume ...	101	15	86	Mr. F. D. Longe ...	111	12	99
Mr. C. C. Turnbull	103	15	88				
Rev. W. D. Challice	106	18	88				
Mr. H. Bansall Todd	98	6	92	Mr. J. L. Tickell ...	110	22	88
Col. R. F. Wil-				Rev. J. Lochhead...	114	22	92
loughby ...	107	15	92	Mr. G. G. Pruen ...	122	30	92
Mr. G. H. Logan...	103	10	93	Mr. E. A. Bennett...	122	22	100

Messrs. W. R. Porcher, H. Lee, A. T. Myers, C. Tillard, A. A. Bourne, S. P. Ryland, A. Hogarth, J. C. Gray, H. Latter, W. S. MacGowan, Bell-Haworth, F. W. Butt, F. H. Crawley, W. G. Johnson, G. W. Blathway, General Brown, and Colonel Frankland over a hundred net or no return.

The competition for the ladies' medal took place on Friday, September 29th, on the links at Cleve Hill, over a course of fifteen holes, in very boisterous weather. Miss Klugh, with a net score of 113, was the winner. Scores:—Miss Klugh, 143, less 30=113; Mrs. C. W. Aylmer (scratch), 114; Miss A. H. Klugh, 142, less 20=122; Miss Rawlinson (scratch), 125. Miss A. Bateman Champain, no return.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, Saturday, September 30th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. G. Colville	107	22	85	Mr. H. D. Hirst ...	113	19	94
Captain G. Austin...	94	7	87	Major Hungerford	109	13	96
Mr. W. P. Matthews	99	10	89	Mr. G. D. Hale ...	117	20	97
Capt. Pym, R.M.A.	114	24	90	Major Wilkinson ...	117	18	99
Major McCausland	114	24	90	Mr. H. St. L. Cur-			
Mr. F. T. Welman	93	2	91	teis, R.M.L.I. ...	121	22	99
Capt. C. E. Bauman	113	22	91	Captain Trotman ...	123	24	99
Mr. Charles Lake...	100	6	94				

Twenty others made no return, or were over 100 net. The course was in capital order, the recent rains proving most beneficial.

DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last, the 30th ult., a competition took place among the members of this club, under the following conditions. The competitors were divided into two classes, the first division consisting of those handicapped up to 15, the prize being a set of clubs presented by the Club; and the second division consisting of those with handicaps above 15, the prize in this case being a set of four clubs presented by Robert Forgan and Sons. Dr. Macphail was the winner in the first division, and Mr. Chetwynd Leech in the second division.

First division:—Dr. Macphail, 95, less 12=83; Rev. T. E. M. Hutchinson, 94, less 10=84; Dr. Vaudrey, 98, less 11=87; Mr. L. A. Guilman, 112, less 15=97; Mr. B. D. Aspdin, 114, less 14=100; Mr. A. C. Laurie, 117, less 15=102; Mr. P. Hawkrigge, 122, less 15=107. No returns from Messrs. F. H. Foulds, G. Ross, and Dr. Johnston.

Second division:—Mr. S. Chetwynd Leech, 102, less 22=80; Mr. S. Wilson, 108, less 20=88; Mr. J. T. Biddle, 129, less 27=102; Mr. W. T. Morley, 123, less 20=103; Mr. W. Bancroft, 127, less 18=109; Mr. H. Burton, 135, less 20=115; Mr. R. Harvey, 138, less 18=120; Mr. F. W. Elliott, 147, less 27=120; Mr. A. Ainsworth, 147, less 20=127. No return from Mr. H. M. Gray.

CUMBRAE CLUB.—The half-yearly competition for the handsome silver challenge cup, presented by Mr. Mathew Arthur, of Carlung, took place on the course of the above club at Millport on Thursday. The Glasgow autumn holiday sent a large number of golfers to the links, and the presence of these and neighbouring members lent additional interest to the competition. Besides those who took part in the contest, a number of friendly and foursome games were played. The course was in good order notwithstanding the heavy rain of the morning, although in some places a little to the soft side. The greens were in grand condition. When the cards were handed in, it was found that Mr. John Reid had won the cup with the good score of 90. The following are a few of the best scores:—Mr. J. C. Sharpe, 96, less 2=94; Mr. Alexander Russell, 115, less 18=97; Mr. J. Windsor Stuart, 104, less 6=98; Mr. Robert Scott, 104, less 5=99; Mr. John Allen, 111, less 12=99; Mr. Thomas McFarlane, 107, less 5=102; Mr. Archibald Cameron, 110, less 7=103; Mr. J. H. Martin, 123, less 18=105; Mr. Archibald Hunter, 127, less 18=109; Mr. W. Ross, 126, less 15=111; Captain Gillies, 128, less 16=112; Mr. George Boyle, 134, less 18=116.

ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A number of players competed for the monthly medal on September 30th, for which Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Hedderwick tied. Mrs. Mackern won a cleek presented by Mr. Waggott, of Edinburgh, for the best scratch score. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mrs. Stokes ...	77	7	70	Miss Richardson ...	81	2	79
*Mrs. Hedderwick...	79	9	70	Mrs. Brown ...	96	17	79
†Mrs. Mackern ...	71	scr.	71	Miss Anderson ...	98	18	80
Mrs. Keen ...	83	12	71	Miss R. Fraser ...	100	20	80
Mrs. Polance ...	80	8	72	Mrs. Massey ...	100	20	80
Miss M. Fraser ...	89	17	72	Mrs. Chamberlain ...	99	18	81
Mrs. P. Spurling ...	98	26	72	Miss C. Bean ...	101	20	81
Mrs. Needham ...	90	17	73	Mrs. Lord ...	94	12	82
Mrs. Richardson ...	83	9	74	Miss Hunter ...	94	12	82
Miss Ronaldson ...	93	18	75	Mrs. Schacht ...	105	21	84
Mrs. McArthur ...	90	13	77	Mrs. R. Whyte ...	107	20	87
Miss A. Bloxam ...	91	14	77	Mrs. G. Spurling ...	108	20	88
Mrs. Tasker ...	93	16	77	Miss M. Mills ...	114	20	94
Miss V. Fraser ...	95	18	77	Miss Simson ...	114	20	94
Mrs. Johnston ...	98	20	78	Miss Knapping ...	109	11	98

* Tied for medal.

† Winner of scratch prize.

Others made no return, or were over 100 net.

FORFARSHIRE.

On Monday forenoon, the 25th, Mr. J. G. Cobb, one of the best amateur players in Montrose, playing in the first stage of the match between teams selected by the captain and vice-captain of the Mercantile Club, handed in his card, bearing the creditable total of 77. The following are the details of his score:—Out, 5 4 5 4 5 3 5 4 3 =38; in, 4 4 4 6 4 5 4 3 5=39; total, 77.

The Montrose Mercantile Club held their annual autumn competition for prizes on the 25th. The weather was all that could be desired, and the greens have never been in better condition. There was a large turn-out of competitors, and the following was the result:—Special prize for lowest score, tied for by Messrs. W. Cobb and G. M. Smith, each at 82. Winners of sweepstakes:—First class: 1st and 2nd, Messrs. A. Paterson and W. Duncan, each 87; at number; 3rd and 4th, Mr. J. C. Pairman (90) and Mr. W. Jack (93), each 3 above; 5th, 6th, and 7th, Mr. W. Gordon (90), Mr. T. Robertson (92), and Mr. D. Stott (95), each 4 above; 8th, Mr. James Findlay (85), 5 above; 9th, Mr. D. C. Clark (92), 7 above. Second class: 1st, Mr. W. Thoms (95), 2 above; 2nd, Mr. W. Douglas (95), 3 above; 3rd and 4th, Mr. A. McLeod (95) and Mr. J. Falconer (97), each 4 above; 5th, Mr. J. Low (99), 5 above; 6th and 7th, Mr. C. D. Napier (102) and Mr. D. Burgess (103), each 6 above. Third class: 1st and 2nd, Mr. W. McNeil (109) and Mr. D. Taylor (110), each 5 above.

The Captain's medal (scratch) and the Walker medal (average) of the Montrose Victoria Club were played for by the members of this club on the 27th. The scratch medal was won by Mr. H. W. Thomson at 82. The next lowest scores were Messrs. A. Wilkie and L. S. Smith at 84 each. The average medal was won by the captain, Mr. J. R. Pullar, at 97, being 1 below his number. The sweepstakes were won as under:—Lowest score, Mr. H. W. Thomson; average, Mr. J. R. Pullar; 2nd, Mr. James Law; 3rd and 4th, tied for by Messrs. J. R. Mitchell and A. Wilkie.

The first annual competition for the gold medal of the Ladies' Panmure Club took place on Monifieth Links on the 27th. Fifteen couples competed. On the cards being handed in it was found that the medal had been gained by Miss Low with a score of 118 strokes for the thirty-six holes. A bracelet given by a member, and half-a-dozen Golf balls given by Mr. W. Henderson, club-maker, were competed for as second and third prizes. The former was won by Miss Bella Dawson in 122, and the latter by Miss Gibson in 123 strokes. The following were some of the next best scores:—Miss L. Fairweather, 125; Miss Drimmie, 129; Miss Smith, 132; and Miss Dawson, 136. The prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. P. D. Mitchell in the Panmure Club-house.

The members of the Montrose Ladies' Club held their monthly competition on Friday. The weather throughout the day was very unsettled. There was a large attendance, twenty couples starting. On the cards being handed in, the winner of the gold medal was found to be Miss Lizzie Gordon-Glassford, who came in at the good score of 113 (58 and 55). The silver medal went to Miss Jeannie Woodward with the score of 115 (59 and 56). The bracelet for the lowest single score on the green was won by the gold medalist with 55. Other low scores were—Mrs. R. H. Millar, 118; Miss Watson, 122; Miss Nora G. Glassford, 123; Mrs. A. Smith, 125; Miss L. Burness, 126; Miss F. Burness, 128; and Miss Adamson, 129. There was also a large number of entries for the prize presented by Mrs. Stansfield of Dunninald, captain of the club. The competition, which is a handicap one, resulted as follows:—First Round: Mrs.

Smyth (4), tied with Lady Elizabeth Carnegie, (4); Mrs. Finlay (3), beat Miss Woodward (2); Miss Nora Gordon-Glassford (scratch), beat Miss More-Gordon (1); Miss Lyall, Gardyne (3), beat Miss Chalmers (3); Miss Mabel Smith (2), beat Miss Lushington (3); Miss L. H. Millar (4), scratched to Miss K. Millar (2); Miss Scott (2), scratched to Mrs. R. H. Millar (scratch); Miss Cruickshanks (5) scratched to Miss A. Millar (4); Miss A. M. Scott (2), scratched to Miss F. Burness (2); Mrs. Fernie beat Mrs. Gordon (5); Miss Jessie Smith (3), beat Mrs. Dickson (1); Miss L. G. Glassford (scratch), beat Miss Adamson (scratch); Miss T. Woodward (scratch), beat Mrs. Muir (2); Mrs. Stone (scratch), beat Miss Blanche Lyell (7); Miss G. More-Gordon (2), beat Miss L. Lyell (scratch); Miss C. Lyell (7), beat Miss L. Burness (scratch); Miss E. Lyell (3), beat Miss E. Burness (1); Miss A. Woodward (scratch), beat Miss Burness (2); Miss Lyell (6), beat Miss M. Black (scratch); Miss Watson (scratch), beat Miss M. B. Millar (4).

Second Round.—Miss F. Burness (2) beat Miss Cruickshank (5); Mrs. R. H. Millar (1) beat Miss K. Millar (2); Mrs. Smyth (4) beat Lady Elizabeth Carnegie (4), after-tying twice; Miss L. Gordon-Glassford (scr.) beat Miss Finlay (3); Miss Nora Gordon-Glassford (scr.) beat Miss J. Woodward (scr.); Miss G. More-Gordon (2) beat Mrs. Stone (scr.); Miss Cecil Lyell (7) beat Miss Lyell (3); Mrs. Fernie (scr.) beat Miss E. Lyell; Miss A. Woodward (2) beat Miss Lyell (6) after a tie; Miss Watson (scr.) beat Miss Stewart (scr.); Miss J. Smith (3) beat Miss M. Smith (2).

Third Round.—Mrs. R. H. Millar beat Miss F. Burness; Mrs. Smyth beat Miss L. Gordon-Glassford, after a tie; Miss N. Gordon-Glassford beat Miss G. More-Gordon; Miss C. Lyell beat Mrs. Fernie; Miss A. Woodward beat Miss Lyell; Miss Watson beat Miss J. Smith.

Fourth Round.—Mrs. R. H. Millar beat Mrs. Smyth; Miss C. Lyell beat Miss N. Gordon-Glassford; Miss A. Woodward beat Miss Watson.

Semi-Final.—Mrs. R. H. Millar beat Miss C. Lyell.

Final.—Miss A. Woodward beat Mrs. R. H. Millar.

The St. Andrews Ladies Golf Club competed for their monthly medals on Saturday. Mr. J. B. Grimmond won the first medal, open to both lady and gentlemen members, at 101. Mrs. Boothby gained the second medal eligible to ladies only at 104, while the third medal, open to those not previously medallists, went to Miss Newall at 106. Mr. J. B. Grimmond and Mrs. Henderson tied for the gold star with the best single round score of 50 strokes.

GREAT YARMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, September 28th.—The scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Rev. J. Dredge ...	95	14	81	Col. Shuttleworth ...	98	12	86
Capt. Coxhead, R.A.	93	12	81	Capt. Hervey, R.A.	87	scr.	87
Dr. Browne, R.N.	91	8	83	Mr. A. F. Stewart ...	94	6	88
Mr. E. Ashton ...	90	6	84	Major-Gen. Dixon ...	103	14	89
Mr. C. Hope ...	88	4	84	Mr. S. C. Pegg ...	106	14	92
Mr. F. J. Hope ...	88	3	85	Dr. Thomson ...	115	16	99

Mr. P. Gabbett made no return.

It will be seen that the Rev. J. Dredge and Captain Coxhead tied for first place. On the tie being played off Rev. J. Dredge was declared the winner.

COMPETITION AT LOSSIEMOUTH.—The annual competition for Lady Gordon-Cumming's cup, which was presented by her ladyship last year, was finished at Lossiemouth on Saturday. Great interest was taken in the competition, and about sixty players took part in the match. The final lay between Mr. M'Isaac, solicitor, Elgin, and Mr. J. Maclaren, teacher, Lossiemouth. Mr. M'Isaac started scratch, and Mr. Maclaren had a handicap of 6 strokes off. The conclusion of an interesting match showed that Mr. M'Isaac had won by 3 holes up and 2 to play. The presentation of the cup to the winner took place in the club house. On the request of Mr. M'Bey, surveyor, Sir William Gordon-Cumming was called upon to make the presentation. In doing so, he said he was glad that the competition had brought out so many good players, and that they had shown such good play. He regretted that Lady Gordon-Cumming was unable to be present to hand over the cup to the winner this year, and he wished to take this opportunity of thanking the members of the club for the kind letter they had sent him on the birth of his son. Although his education in golfing had been neglected until he was 44 years of age, he did not intend that his son's education in this respect should be so grossly neglected. (Applause.) He wished to say that he intended that his prize for foursomes should be an annual one. (Applause.) In conclusion, he expressed the pleasure it gave himself, and also would give Lady Gordon-Cumming that the cup had fallen into the hands of so excellent and consistent a supporter of the game as Mr. M'Isaac, the winner of 1893. (Applause.) Mr. M'Isaac replied, and Sir William then said he had been requested by the vice-president (Mr. Christie) to present to Mr. Maclaren the vice-president's prize, which he had won.

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

There was another full day's work at Fixby on Saturday. The monthly competition fell to be played against "Bogey," and the committee took the opportunity of playing off the competition for a handsome cup offered by Mr. T. B. Keighley. For this a second round had to be played. The first round ranked for the monthly, and the two together for the cup. For the monthly competition there was the largest entry there has yet been. Forty-five players took out cards, and most of these took out second cards. Since the previous competition the course has been lengthened, and the "Bogey" score reduced, so that, although the day was favourable to good play, there was little surprise that "Bogey" was too good for most of the players. Indeed, the best returns were four halved matches with the "Colonel." Two of these occurred in the monthly, and two in the second round of the Keighley competition. The Keighley cup was carried off by Mr. F. H. Shaw, the first secretary of the club. In the monthly competition there were two tying for first place in the first class, and three in the second. These will have to be played off. Competitors were allowed three-fourths of their handicap.

The following were the returns for the Keighley cup:—

Hcp.	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Holes.
Mr. F. H. Shaw ...	26	0	-2
Mr. F. E. Woodhead ...	2	0	-4
Mr. E. Woodhead ...	9	-2	-3
Mr. O. L. Anders ...	13	-6	0
Mr. A. Shaw ...	17	-4	-2
Mr. J. H. Exley ...	4	-5	-2
Rev. E. N. Langham ...	16	-2	-6
Mr. J. W. Kenyon ...	17	-2	-6
Rev. J. T. Taylor ...	10	-8	-1
Mr. E. T. Woodhead ...	9	-8	-2
Mr. A. E. Learoyd ...	2	-7	-5
Mr. R. Nelson ...	14	-4	-9

Monthly competition returns:—

FIRST CLASS.			SECOND CLASS.		
Strokes Allowed.	Holes.		Strokes Allowed.	Holes.	
Mr. F. E. Woodhead	2	0	Rev. E. N. Langham	16	-2
Mr. A. F. Frith ...	11	0	Mr. J. W. Kenyon ...	17	-2
Mr. E. Woodland ...	9	-2	Mr. F. H. Shaw ...	26	-2
Mr. J. H. Exley ...	4	-5	Mr. R. Nelson ...	14	-4
Mr. H. M. Woodhead	5	-6	Mr. A. Shaw ...	17	-4
Mr. O. L. Anders ...	13	-6	Mr. W. H. Armitage	16	-6
Mr. A. E. Learoyd	2	-7	Mr. A. E. Nield ...	16	-6
Rev. J. T. Taylor ...	10	-8	Mr. F. K. Adcock ...	15	-8
Mr. W. England ...	11	-12	Dr. W. R. Carter ...	16	-8
			Mr. T. Heron ...	26	-8

KING'S NORTON CLUB.

The ladies' brooch competition, nine holes, was played off on September 27th, 1893, and resulted as follows:—Mrs. G. M. Elkington (winner), 66, less 13=53; Miss Wynn, 74, less 15=59; Miss Hart, 75, less 5=70; Mrs. Holcroft, 96, less 20=76; Miss Wolseley, 83, less 5=78.

KING'S NORTON v. ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The return match between these Clubs was played on Saturday, 30th September, on the links of the former, and resulted in a win for the Arden Club by seven holes.

KING'S NORTON		ARDEN.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Dr. Robertson ...	5	Mr. F. A. Bainbridge ...	0
Mr. E. P. Wright ...	0	Mr. O. Airy ..	9
Mr. H. H. Wright ...	0	Mr. A. E. Wilson Browne ...	8
Mr. F. A. Marigold ...	0	Mr. M. C. Lord ...	0
Mr. J. J. Tomson ...	0	Mr. W. J. Burman ...	4
Mr. S. Baldwin ...	12	Mr. R. S. Smith ...	0
Mr. S. J. Porter ...	0	Mr. J. L. Wright ...	3
	17		24

LINDRICK PROFESSIONAL MATCHES.—An interesting display of Golf was given by four well-known professionals at Lindrick on Thursday, last week, in connection with the opening of a new pavilion by the local club. The players were Hugh Kirkaldy, A. Herd, Ben Sayers, and G. Lowe. Hugh was in fine form, and took first place with the score of 87; Herd coming in at 90; Sayers, 93; and Lowe, 100. In the afternoon a foursome was engaged in, the sides being Herd and Sayers against Kirkaldy and Lowe. In this match the play was exceedingly close from beginning to end, and Herd with a fine putt at the last hole managed to bring the match square.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

The meeting of this club was brought off on Saturday last, when the members found themselves in a new club-house. For the club captaincy, the lowest scratch score, to which was added a handicap, the following scores were received:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. F. Coddington	93	19	74	Mr. J. Kinmond	112	24	88
Dr. E. K. Bourne	91	12	79	Mr. W. H. Mitchell	111	21	90
Mr. G. Watson	111	30	81	Mr. H. Smith-Tuber-			
Mr. J. H. Mitchell	93	9	84	ville	113	23	90
Mr. H. E. Jepson	106	22	84	Mr. T. E. Baines	122	30	92
Mr. F. M. G. Abell	94	9	85	Mr. V. B. Jepson	122	30	92
Mr. T. Kinmond	105	19	86	Mr. V. H. Jepson	105	11	94
Mr. C. G. Middleton	107	21	86	Dr. Growse	126	32	94
Mr. T. Day	108	22	86	Mr. Inwood Jones	138	35	103
Mr. W. Hillman	97	9	88	Mr. G. Carey Franklin	130	25	105
Mr. H. O'Leary	110	22	88				

Messrs. H. Walker, M. T. Brown, E. A. Jepson, and Lady —, no returns.

Dr. Bourne becomes captain for the year, with his gross score of 91, which beats the last year's captain (Mr. J. H. Mitchell's) score on Saturday by two points only. The handicap prize fell to Mr. Coddington, who had the lowest net score (74).

The ladies' captaincy was decided on Monday, Mrs. Frank Smith taking the captaincy, and Mrs. Smith-Turberville the handicap. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Smith-Tuber-							
ville	111	13	98	Mrs. W. H. Mitchell	117	10	107
Mrs. Frank Smith	99	scr.	99	Mrs. Carey Franklin	137	30	107
Mrs. F. Carter	144	45	99	Miss Middleton	136	28	108
Mrs. O'Leary	118	10	100	Miss G. Jepson	129	13	116
Miss Clarke	145	45	100	Miss L. Sidebottom	135	18	117
Miss Verrall	110	9	101	Mrs. Kempe Bourne	165	48	117
Miss B. Jepson	119	18	101	Miss C. D. Allen	151	33	118
Mrs. O. M. Allen	124	18	106	Miss M. Mitchell	155	28	127
Miss C. Middleton	117	10	107	Miss Sidebottom	149	36	143
				Mrs. Watson	190	45	145

Miss Jones no return.

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competitions for the medal presented by Mr. Frame have now been completed, and have resulted in its becoming the property of Mr. D. M. Cassels, who gained it three times and tied for it once during the year. The results of the different competitions are as follows:—1892: September, Mr. Haddow, 129, less 6=123; October, Hon. A. Y. Bingham, 129, less 15=114; November, Mr. D. M. Cassels, 146, less 24=122. 1893: January, Mr. H. Renwick, 135, less 15=120; February, Mr. J. M. Davidson, 124, less 11=113; March, Mr. D. M. Cassels, 141, less 24=117; April, Mr. D. M. Cassels, 134, less 20=114; May, Mr. J. M. Davidson, 126, less 8=118; July, Mr. J. M. Davidson, 133, less 8=125; Mr. D. M. Cassels, 140, less 15=125 (tie).

MACHRIHANISH v. DUNAVERTY.

An interesting match was played between these clubs on Machrihanish Links on Saturday, the 23rd. The following is the result:—

MACHRIHANISH.		DUNAVERTY.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. W. Greenlees	1	Mr. J. Moffat	0
Mr. D. Cameron	5	Mr. A. Ronald	0
Mr. J. Weir	0	Dr. Seright	5
Mr. A. H. Duncan	0	Mr. W. Reid	0
Mr. A. H. Gardiner	2	Mr. J. Taylor	0
Mr. Symes	1	Mr. Anderson	0
Mr. J. McEwing	3	Mr. T. Pearson	0
Mr. Gardiner	5	Mr. T. Bryce	0
Dr. Gardiner	3	Capt. Boyd	0
Capt. Stewart	0	Col. Mackay	4
Dr. Williamson	7	Mr. Dunbar	0
Mr. Inglis	0	Mr. W. Hunter	8
Mr. A. Rae	0	Mr. A. M. Greenlees	4
	27		21

MARPLE GOLF CLUB.

The September monthly medal competition was held on Saturday last, with the following result:—Mr. George Sherwin, 107, less 14=93 (winner of medal); Mr. C. H. Roth, 119, less 25=94; Mr. H. P. Hill, 115, less 14=101; Mr. W. Livesey, 115, less 11=104; Mr. W. J. Johnson (scratch), 106; Mr. J. H. Fergusson, 129, less 25=104. Mr. George Sherwin also put in a win for the captain's cup. Eight other members competed besides the above. In the August monthly medal competition Mr. W. J. Johnson won with the score of 96, less 5=91, also putting in the first win for the captain's cup.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The first autumn match of the above club took place on Thursday, September 14th, when the monthly silver medal was competed for. The ground was in good order, but very hard owing to the want of rain. The following are the scores:—Miss Humphreys, 91, less 18=73; Miss Darlington, 84, less 8=76; Miss N. Whieldon, 89, less 13=76; Miss Evelyn Ferguson, 107, less 25=81; Miss Middleton, 88, less 6=82; Miss W. Gibson, 97, less 10=87; Miss Watson, 115, less 26=89; Miss A. Darlington, 113, less 11=102. Miss E. Howe, no return.

The sixth competition for the silver box took place on Thursday, September 21st, with the following result:—Miss Darlington, 76; Miss Middleton, 77; Mrs. Ashton, 85. Miss A. Darlington, no return.

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition for September took place on the 23rd and 28th ult., and resulted in a win for Mr. R. D. Oswald, in Saturday play, and a tie between Mr. Hall and Mr. Ashwell (with good scores of 79 net), in Thursday play. The following are the particulars. Saturday play:—Mr. R. D. Oswald, 93, less 7=86; Mr. W. R. Lymbery, 112, less 20=92; Mr. J. Harris, 98, less 5=93; Mr. A. Barrow, 112, less 16=96; Mr. A. Oliver, 136, less 22=114; Mr. G. C. Hine, 145, less 22=123; Mr. W. F. Ley, 169, less 25=144.

Thursday play:—Mr. J. Hall, 85, less 6=79, and Mr. A. T. Ashwell, 87, less 8=79 (a tie); Mr. J. Johnstone, 96, less 9=87; Mr. E. A. Coutts, 99, less 10=89, and Mr. T. McCulloch, 107, less 18=89 (a tie); Mr. W. F. M. Webb, 109, less 18=91; Mr. J. McMeeking, 101, less 8=93, and Mr. C. B. Edwards, 105, less 12=93 (a tie); Mr. P. W. Allen, 106, less 12=94; Mr. J. Doleman, 102, less 6=96.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting, which took place on Friday and Saturday last, is without doubt the most successful and enjoyable in every way yet held by this club. The weather on the whole was fortunately propitious, though a somewhat high wind prevailed on the first day. Although over thirty players competed on Friday, and nearly fifty on Saturday, no crowding or inconvenience whatever was experienced. The course was unanimously admitted to be in better condition than it ever has been, especially the putting greens; in fact, members who have not been over the Earlwood Links recently were quite surprised at the wonderful improvement. The handicapping also deserves a word of praise, as a perusal of the results will show. Scores:—

Friday, September 29th, 1893. Mr. Emmet's prize—			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. Geo. Cosens	99	18	81	Mr. J. F. Gordon	102	14	88
†Mr. G. H. Emmet	94	12	82	Mr. Alfred Schacht	86	+3	89
†Mr. L. Horner	86	2	84	Mr. F. P. Browne	103	14	89
Mr. W. Bates Avery	101	16	85	Mr. F. C. Milford	98	8	90
Mr. H. B. Fox	100	13	87	Mr. J. Aste, jun.	100	10	90
Mr. E. T. Clifford	105	18	87	Mr. A. J. Eames	96	5	91
Mr. R. Winch	104	17	87	Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger	110	13	97
Mr. T. S. Donaldson				Mr. C. Hall	115	18	97
Selby	100	12	88				

Sixteen players over 100, or no returns.
* Winner of Mr. Emmet's prize under handicap limited to 18 handicap for best net score.

† Tied for Mr. Eve's prize for best net score for first nine holes either day.

Saturday, September 30th, 1892. Captain's prize:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. F. C. Milford	86	8	78	Mr. W. Amsden	103	18	85
Mr. J. Aste, jun.	90	10	80	Mr. E. T. Clifford	103	18	85
Mr. C. H. Trew	93	13	80	Mr. Alfred Schacht	83	+3	86
Mr. A. H. Eve	94	13	81	Mr. C. A. Malone	113	27	86
Mr. T. S. Donaldson				Mr. C. H. Dorman	111	24	87
Selby	95	12	83	Mr. W. J. Dyer	110	22	88
Mr. H. Aste	101	18	83	Mr. F. W. Colam	97	8	89
†Mr. H. Lambert	106	23	83	Mr. T. P. Shepherd	106	17	89
††Col. J. Freeland	110	27	83	Mr. F. Link	107	18	89
Mr. L. Horner	86	2	84	Mr. W. Bates Avery	106	16	90
Mr. E. Pinkerton	94	10	84	Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger	104	13	91
Mr. G. Cosens	98	14	84	Mr. G. R. Burnett	113	22	91
Mr. J. F. Gordon	98	14	84	Mr. C. J. Trevarthen	119	27	92
Mr. R. Winch	101	17	84	Mr. H. D. Tucker	111	18	93
Mr. Kenneth Munro	102	18	84	Mr. T. H. D. Berridge	112	18	94
Mr. J. Stocks Miller	102	18	84	Mr. C. Hall	113	18	95
Mr. F. P. Browne	99	14	85				

Thirteen players were over 100 or made no returns.
* Winner of captain's (Mr. Horner) prize for best net score under handicap limited to 18.

† Tied for captain's prize for best net score during meeting for handicaps of over 18.

†† Winner of hon. treasurer's (Mr. Balcombe) prize for best net score for the last nine holes either day.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The fourth autumn meeting of the above club was held on Tuesday, September 19th, and following days, an additional attraction to this year's gathering being the opening of the new club-house.

Tuesday's competition was for prizes presented by Mr. Sheffield, of Rhyl, the first of which was won by Mr. A. Cowan with the fine score of 89, less 5=84, Mr. Boiley being second with 100, less 12=88.

Wednesday and Thursday were given to the members' challenge cup (scratch), which attracted but a small entry, six only competing. The final was played on Thursday, between Mr. A. Cowan and Mr. H. G. Stock, and resulted in an easy win for the former by 6 up and 5 to play. Mr. Cowan played a beautiful game, his putting being almost perfect, and his score for thirteen holes was 60, equal to 83 for the round.

Friday brought a great disappointment. A match against the Carnarvonshire Club had been arranged, but their secretary was unable to raise a team, and was compelled to cancel the match at the last moment.

On Saturday the open and club handicaps were played, the excellence of the entries in the former attracting a large gathering of spectators to watch the play. The weather was abominable, a gale of wind and blinding showers of hail rendering accurate play almost impossible. However, as the day advanced the weather improved, and those who had the good fortune to start late had all the best of the deal.

The open handicap was won by Mr. John Bushby, Royal Liverpool, with the score of 97, less 13=84. Mr. Bushby, therefore, won the ten-guinea cup presented by Mr. F. Pickop, and first sweep, and holds the visitors' cup for the year. The second prize and second sweep were won by Mr. J. Ball (2) and Messrs. Donald Ball, Leete and Burr divided the third sweep. Mr. John Ball, jun., played a fine game in the high wind, his driving in the teeth of the gale being phenomenal.

The club handicap first prize, value five guineas, also presented by Mr. Pickop, was won by Mr. W. A. Watts with the score of 116, less 22=94, the second prize being divided between Mr. T. E. R. Johnson and Mr. E. C. W. D. Walthall.

The green was in splendid order, and reflects great credit on Butler, the professional, and the green committee. General regret was expressed that Mr. Pickop, the vice-president, was prevented by ill-health from being present, as it was intended that he should formally open the club-house which his generosity had enabled the club to build. In his absence it was opened by Colonel Mainwaring (the president), who gave a very interesting account of the origin and subsequent development of the club.

Open handicap, Saturday, September 23rd:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Bushby, Royal Liverpool	97	13	84
Mr. J. Ball (2), Leasowe...	89	+3	92
Mr. Donald Ball, Leasowe	89	+4	93
Mr. G. D. Burrell, Leasowe	108	15	93
Mr. F. J. Burr, West Herts	110	17	93
Mr. J. Ball, jun., Royal Liverpool	87	+9	96
Mr. H. A. Farrar, Royal Liverpool	95	+3	98
Mr. G. C. Liebert, Formby	103	4	99
Mr. C. Roberts, Leasowe	104	3	101
Mr. J. M. Campbell, Leasowe	115	14	101
Mr. F. H. W. Cottam, Formby...	114	12	102
Mr. E. C. W. D. Walthall, Rhyl	125	23	102
Mr. T. E. R. Johnson, Rhyl	126	24	102
Mr. A. Cowan, Rhyl	106	2	104
Mr. G. H. Leete, Leasowe	111	6	105
Col. C. S. Mainwaring, Rhyl	132	25	107
Mr. F. V. Williams, Bowden	125	14	111
Mr. J. D. Miller, Rhyl	129	18	111

Twelve others made no return.

ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on September 30th, and was productive of some good play; notably on the part of Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, who won the Yewhurst clubs, with an excellent 79. Scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*Mr. H. E. Lawrence	89	12	77	Mr. W. E. Hughes	87	4	83
Rev. A. Meyrick	90	12	78	Rev. A. T. Scott	89	5	84
†Mr. H. M. Braybrooke	79	scr.	79	Mr. H. Jeddere-Fisher	89	5	84
Mr. P. J. Andrews	90	11	79	Mr. T. Hyde	85	scr.	85
Mr. Neville Stone	94	15	79	Mr. A. Lubbock	87	2	85
Mr. W. C. Johnson	101	21	80	Mr. M. Waterlow	101	15	86
Mr. C. A. Ashton	96	15	81	Mr. H. A. Curteis	89	2	87
Mr. Lawford Andrews	87	5	82	Mr. N. W. Grieve	101	14	87
Mr. W. H. C. Wilson	104	22	82	Mr. F. E. Swainson	96	6	90
				Mr. F. J. Lawrence	115	18	97

* Monthly medal.

† Yewhurst gold clubs.

ROCHESTER LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A competition was held on Saturday, 30th September, by the members of the above club, for a prize kindly given by Mrs. Upton, with the following result:—Mrs. Budden, 99, less 12=87; Mrs. Sealy, 100, less 13=87; Miss Gertrude Cunliffe, 110, less 18=92; Mrs. Cumming, 101, less 8=93; Mrs. Anderson, 112, less 17=95; Miss Lizzie Winch, 105, less 10=95; Miss Pound, 112, less 14=98.

ROYAL COUNTY CLUB, PORTRUSH.

On Saturday last a hole competition, for which there were thirty-two entries, was held on the links at Portrush. In the semi-final Dr. W. D. Moore beat Major Allison by a putt at the last hole; and in a close match between Dr. Traill and Mr. W. B. Taylor, the latter was worsted by 1 up. The final, between Dr. Moore and Dr. Traill, was also keenly contested, and attracted a considerable following, in spite of the stormy weather. Appended are the details:—

First Round.—Mr. H. E. Reade (7) beat Mr. L. B. Leslie (5); Mr. G. Combe (1) beat Mr. A. B. Rawley (3); Mr. James Newman (6) beat Mr. J. Hastings (9); Dr. W. D. Moore (5) beat Rev. H. W. Shuter (7); Mr. E. Playfair (5) beat Mr. R. W. Hutton (1); Mr. John Patrick, jun. (6), a bye; Mr. James Adair (5) beat Major S. Maxwell (7); Major Alison (7) beat Mr. James M'Keown (5); Mr. W. H. Fernie (6) beat Dr. Smyth (9); Mr. John Patrick (8) beat Mr. R. S. Smyth (9); Mr. W. B. Taylor (scratch) beat Mr. A. T. G. Henderson (5); Captain Rose (6) beat Mr. R. Harrison (9); Dr. E. Dunn (9) beat Mr. J. N. Hamilton (9); Mr. T. Hughes (5) beat Mr. C. Dunderdale (7); Dr. Traill (5) beat Mr. J. A. Patrick (7); Mr. W. B. Ritchie (8) beat Mr. C. M'D. Stuart (9).

Second Round.—Mr. Combe beat Mr. Reade; Dr. Moore beat Mr. Newmann; Mr. John Patrick, jun., beat Mr. Playfair; Major Alison beat Mr. Adair; Mr. John Patrick beat Mr. Fernie; Mr. Taylor beat Captain Ross; Mr. Hughes beat Dr. Dunn; Dr. Traill beat Mr. Ritchie.

Third Round.—Dr. Moore beat Mr. Combe; Major Alison beat Mr. John Patrick, jun.; Mr. Taylor beat Mr. John Patrick; Dr. Traill beat Mr. Hughes.

Semi-Final.—Dr. Moore beat Major Alison; Dr. Traill beat Mr. Taylor.

Final.—Dr. Moore beat Dr. Traill by 1 up.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The September competition for the monthly medal was held on Saturday, 30th inst. The course was in fair order, but the greens were slow after the heavy rains. All returns under 100 net are given below.

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*Mr. G. Gardner	85	5	80	Mr. J. H. Shaw	107	16	91
†Rev. H. von E. Scott	90	4	86	Mr. Ryder-Richardson	102	10	92
Mr. F. Ponsonby	104	16	88	Capt. Swinford	102	10	92
Rev. W. F. Eaton	105	17	88	Col. Macdonald	113	20	93
Mr. T. E. Blundell	107	18	89	Mr. P. Harter	114	20	94
Mr. H. F. Matheson	103	12	91				
Mr. R. B. Masefield	106	15	91				

* Wins monthly medal and two-thirds sweepstake.

† Wins one-third sweepstake.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Badger dish took place on Wednesday, September 6th, and was won by Miss Parratt with a net score of 78. "Bogey" competitions were played on Saturdays, September 9th and 16th, and were won respectively by Miss Parratt and Miss M. Saunders, who were both 2 holes down.

On Tuesday, September 19th, a competition took place among the junior members of the club for prizes presented by Miss Mitchell. There were ten entries, the winners being Claude Gaitskell and C. E. Gaitskell.

The monthly competition for the club prize was played on Wednesday, September 18th, with the following result:—Miss C. Allen, 97, less 21=76; Miss Sharp, 89, less 12=77; Miss Mitchell, 90, less 12=78; Miss A. Allen, 109, less 26=83; Miss M. Saunders, 88, less 2=86; Mrs. E. K. Bourne, 120, less 20=100. Miss Parratt, Miss Saunders, and Miss Neva Saunders made no returns.

The semi-final round for the Badger "In Memoriam" prize was played on Saturday, September 23rd, when Miss C. Allen (34) beat Miss Sharp (35) by 2 strokes. The winner will play Miss N. Saunders during the month of October for the final possession of the prize.

On Saturday, September 30th, a "Bogey" competition for sweepstakes took place. The result was as follows:—Miss Neva Saunders, (3), 2 up; Mrs. Gaitskell (9), all square; Miss Mitchell (9), all square; Miss L. Hassall (18), 4 down; Miss Craddock (2), 6 down; Miss M. Saunders (2), 8 down. Miss I. L. Allen, Mrs. Culshaw, Mrs. Flavel, Miss G. Stanger-Leathes, Miss Pritchard, Miss Saunders, and Miss Sharp made no returns.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, &c., played for on Saturday. Very strong wind; occasional showers. Seventy-two players out. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. E. B. Wrey.	99	13	86	Mr. F. Bowring	97	7	90
Rev. A. H. Cochran.	88	1	87	Mr. J. W. Colthurst	101	10	91
Mr. J. C. McLaren.	88	scr.	88	Mr. J. J. Harding	93	2	91
Mr. Wilson Hoare.	95	6	89	Mr. F. Lodge	111	18	93
Col. Winterscale	99	10	89	Mr. W. King	103	8	95
Mr. St. C. Stobart	90	scr.	90	Mr. L. Archdale	102	7	95

The remainder over 100, or did not compete.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. N. Morley	88	14	74	Mr. W. J. Cundell	99	11	88
Mr. F. H. Stewart	83	3	80	Mr. R. Browne	103	15	88
Mr. R. Thomson	87	5	82	Mr. E. Field	93	4	89
Mr. W. C. Anderson	98	16	82	Mr. J. M. Henderson	93	4	89
Mr. A. Denman	86	2	84	Mr. F. W. Fison	107	18	89
Mr. M. Friend	88	4	84	Sir W. Style	109	20	89
Mr. P. Strickland	92	7	85	Mr. E. A. Walker	94	4	90
Mr. J. L. Ridpath	94	9	85	Mr. W. Rutherford	97	7	90
Mr. A. Davidson	95	10	85	Mr. N. Lubbock	100	10	90
Mr. N. R. Foster	84	+2	86	Mr. H. C. Willock	105	15	90
Mr. G. Nicol	90	4	86	Mr. H. C. Archer	106	16	90
Mr. J. Gane	102	16	86	Mr. A. Fell	108	18	90
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	91	4	87	Mr. S. F. Still	110	20	90
Mr. J. E. Peat	96	9	87	Mr. J. Roberts	109	17	92
Mr. M. A. O. Mackenzie	97	10	87	Mr. A. E. Peat	100	7	93
Mr. F. S. Creswell	99	12	87	Mr. W. P. Crake	103	10	93
Mr. J. Franklin	99	12	87	Mr. A. H. Molesworth	91	+3	94
Adams	96	8	88	Mr. J. A. Burrell	104	10	94
Mr. A. A. Common	98	10	88	Mr. W. R. Glennie	112	10	102

No returns from sixteen players.

SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S CUP.

The second round of the Final tie for the Chief Justice Bonser's cup has been completed. It will be remembered that the first round ended by the competitors, Messrs. Hutton and Hooper, coming in level. First hole.—This hole fell to Mr. Hutton, who took only 3 to hole out. Second hole.—Mr. Hooper, receiving a stroke at this hole, holed out in 7, Mr. Hutton, "foozling" and jumping into a couple of ditches, eventually making 9 strokes to hole out. All even. Third hole.—Mr. Hutton recovered himself again and holed out in 3, Mr. Hooper taking 4, Mr. Hutton 1 up. Fourth hole.—Mr. Hooper took 5 strokes to hole out, Mr. Hutton taking 8 strokes after making hay while the sun was shining. All even. Fifth hole.—Mr. Hooper played this hole exceptionally well, doing it in 5; although receiving a stroke a hole, he did not require it, as Mr. Hutton took 8. Mr. Hooper 1 up. Sixth hole.—Both lay on the green in 2, Mr. Hutton lying dead in 4, but here again, Mr. Hooper, lying about five yards away from the hole, holed out in 4, making him 2 up. Seventh hole.—Mr. Hutton again got into the long grass and took several strokes to get clear, holing out 2 more than Mr. Hooper, who took 6, and won the match by 3 up and 2 to play. Mr. Hooper continued to play out the round, and it will be seen what an excellent round he made—4 7 4 5 5 4 6 6 6=47. This is Mr. Hooper's record score, he having jumped down from 52 to 47, after the match.

Some time after the finish H.E. the Acting Governor, and Mrs. Bonser rode on the ground. The presentation of the cup was then made to Mr. Hooper, in the presence of H.E. the Acting Governor, H.E. the General, the Honourable the Chief-Justice (the donor of the cup), the Municipal President, and a large number of merchants, lawyers, and others. Mr. MacRitchie, the president of the club, handed the cup to Mrs. Bonser, who remained on horseback, and Mrs. Bonser presented the cup to Mr. Hooper.

Mr. Hooper briefly responded.

Mrs. Bonser then presented to Mr. Hutton, the runner-up, a half-dozen Golf balls.

ST. NEOTS GOLF CLUB.

The first competitions for the monthly prizes for ladies and gentlemen took place on Friday and Saturday last respectively. There were few competitors, and the greens were very uncertain for want of rain. Results:—Ladies: Mrs. J. W. Addington, 72, less 26=46; Mrs. P. C. Tomson, 65, less 18=47; Mrs. Jordan, 67, less 16=51; Miss G. A. Tomson, 88, less 30=58; Mrs. Holman, 94, less 30=64. Mr. A. B. Brackenbury won the gentlemen's monthly prize, 102, less 10=92.

WALLASEY GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Wednesday the 20th ult., when thirty-three couples started. The day was stormy, with heavy showers, which militated against good scoring; the meeting having been fixed for a Wednesday kept many members from competing, and it is likely the council may in future alter the medal day to a Saturday, a more popular day with golfers. The greens were in fine condition, and considering the club is such a young one, and so much has had to be done for the links, it was generally acknowledged that the Wallasey Club has secured one of the best golfing greens in England, full of genuine golfing hazards.

On the cards being returned it was found that Mr. J. E. Pearson had won the autumn scratch medal with the score of 88, the first handicap prize was won by Mr. Percy Bateson with a score of 79, and the second by Mr. A. Hood, with a score of 82.

WARMINSTER GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly handicap took place on September 26th, when Miss E. Philipps won the ladies' cleek for the third time, and Captain Whitehead the gentlemen's for the sixth time. The following cards were sent in:—Ladies: Miss E. Philipps, 123, less 30=93; Mrs. Hickin, 145, less 40=105; Miss B. M. Alcock, 129, less 20=109; Miss E. B. Smith, 155, less 45=110; Mrs. Whitehead, 145, less 30=115; Miss J. E. Smith, 199, less 50=149; Miss V. Philipps, 204 (first round, hence no handicap).

Gentlemen: Captain Whitehead (scratch), 87; Mr. F. J. W. Glass, 109, less 20=89; Rev. H. L. Dixon, 128, less 35=93; Mr. A. B. Gillett, 111, less 15=96; Rev. F. W. Macdonald (scratch), 98; Mr. F. J. N. Glass, 116, less 15=101; Rev. H. A. Hickin, 121, less 15=106.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The result of the play last Saturday decided who could claim the right of entry into the tournament for the Harrison prize, the places being reserved for the players of the eight lowest aggregate scores in the competitions on the 23rd and 30th ult. These were as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Total Net.
Mr. J. N. P. Newton	99	13	86	169
	96	13	83	
Mr. J. W. Fowler	90	scr.	90	175
	85	scr.	85	
Mr. R. Goold	91	1	90	175
	86	1	85	
Mr. H. J. Chisholm	91	scr.	91	178
	87	scr.	87	
Mr. D. H. Greenwood	94	5	89	178
	94	5	89	
Mr. O. Blundell	103	9	94	178
	93	9	84	
Dr. Rowlands	100	8	92	180
	96	8	88	
Mr. G. H. O. Salt	102	12	90	180
	102	12	90	

The sixth monthly competition resulted in Mr. J. E. Pearson recording a win in for the prize. The six winners who will play off for final possession on the 7th inst. are Messrs. E. C. Edgecombe, H. J. Chisholm, D. H. Greenwood, H. H. Hilton, F. W. Cornelius, and J. E. Pearson.

The following are the scores not exceeding 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. E. Pearson	85	3	82	Mr. W. K. Fernie	109	18	91
Mr. J. N. P. Newton	96	13	83	Mr. W. Litchfield	109	18	91
Mr. C. W. Hobbs	101	18	83	Mr. G. W. Harris	109	18	91
Mr. O. Blundell	93	9	84	Mr. H. K. Waddell	109	18	91
Mr. J. W. Fowler	85	scr.	85	Mr. A. Chisholm	94	2	92
Mr. R. Goold	86	1	85	Mr. H. J. C. Anderson	102	10	92
Mr. T. Henderson	94	8	86	Mr. Harold Owen	103	11	92
Mr. H. J. Chisholm	87	scr.	87	Mr. F. Litchfield	101	8	93
Mr. D. C. Keeling	103	16	87	Rev. C. de B. Winslow	113	20	93
Captain Chamier	94	6	88	Dr. T. B. Grimsdale	94	scr.	94
Dr. Rowlands	96	8	88	Mr. T. A. Kirkwood	99	5	94
Dr. George Stone	106	18	88	Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe	102	8	94
Mr. D. H. Greenwood	94	5	89	Mr. P. S. McCulloch	105	11	94
Mr. George Newson	94	5	89	Mr. H. C. Reynolds	111	16	95
Mr. A. G. Rankine	96	7	89	Mr. G. Edgecombe	113	18	95
Mr. E. Evans, jun.	104	15	89	Mr. Jas. Fairclough	100	4	96
Mr. H. E. Clare	105	16	89	Mr. George Durandu	109	13	96
Mr. T. R. Henderson	93	3	90	Mr. H. K. Layborn	110	14	96
Mr. C. M'Laren	99	9	90	Mr. W. F. Barrell	110	13	97
Mr. G. H. O. Salt	102	12	90	Mr. M. Rollo	105	7	98
Mr. H. F. Fernie	108	18	90	Mr. W. Revis	115	16	99
Mr. F. W. Lees	108	18	90	Lieut. W. H. Hunt	117	18	99
Mr. G. R. Cox, jun.	91	scr.	91	Mr. F. Willis Taylor	117	18	99
Mr. James Halsall	109	18	91				

WEST CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB.

The captain (Dr. Hight) having kindly presented to the club a challenge medal, to be played for annually, the first competition took place on the links at Siddick, on Saturday, the 23rd inst. There was a very fair attendance of players although the day was not very propitious for Golf, there being a strong wind to contend against. Mr. Robert Simpson proved victorious with a net score of 106 on the two rounds, his handicap being 25. The following are the scores for the two rounds:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Robert Simpson	131 25 106	Mr. J. F. Hodgson...	134 15 119
Mr. J. L. Smith	129 18 111	Mr. R. F. Williamson	136 16 120
Mr. G. A. Lightfoot	121 10 111	Mr. R. S. U. Thomp.	
Mr. G. S. Wilson	134 22 112	son	140 20 120
Mr. J. R. Crum	117 3 114	Mr. J. S. Randles	157 36 121
Rev. J. T. Pollock	127 12 115	Mr. D. Robertson	141 20 121
Mr. E. A. Thompson	130 15 115	Mr. J. Tate...	159 36 123
Mr. Lloyd Wilson	134 18 116	Mr. R. Williamson	162 30 132
Mr. R. Willis	123 5 118	Mr. G. A. L. Skerry	194 36 158

LUFFNESS GOLF CLUB AND LUFFNESS LINKS.—At the annual business meeting of the Luffness Golf Club on Saturday a somewhat important question came before the members. As is pretty well known, the club several years ago took a lease of that part of the links situated on the property of Mr. Hope, of Luffness. The ground covered by this lease extends to the fourth hole out, or rather to the ditch in front of the putting-green, and from this point onwards until the fifteenth hole is reached the course lies over Gullane Common. Thus the course has only been a semi-private one, with at least ten holes on Gullane Links. Following up the action adopted in regard to the Gullane Golf course, the agents of Mrs. Hamilton-Ogilvy, of Biel, have communicated with the committee of the Luffness Club, claiming the ground in question as Mrs. Hamilton-Ogilvy's property, and offering to grant a lease of the same to the club for a period of five years at a nominal rent. The draft lease was submitted to the meeting, and it was acquiesced in by the club, who have no interest in raising any question involving the rights of property claimed on behalf of Mrs. Ogilvy. If Mrs. Ogilvy's claims are well-founded—and these she is understood to be determined to insist on by legal means if necessary—then the Luffness Links in future will be a private course, and not a semi-public one as it is at present.

GRANTOWN.—The result of the tournament which was recently played is:—Ladies' Singles (Ladies' Links)—1st, Miss H. Thomson; 2nd, Miss E. Roles; 3rd, Mrs. Grant. Gentlemen's Singles (Gentlemen's Links)—1st, Mr. C. Halkett (this prize was presented by the Rev. J. Johnstone, B.D., Kirkcaldy); 2nd, Mr. T. Mackintosh; 3rd, Mr. J. R. Burgess; 4th, Mr. J. Grant. Mixed Foursome (Ladies' Links)—1st, Mrs. Johnstone and Mr. Halkett; 2nd, Mrs. Grant and Mr. J. M. Smeaton; 3rd, Miss A. Whitworth and Major Dickson; 4th, Miss M'Andrew and Mr. J. G. Macandrew. Mixed Foursome (Gentlemen's Links)—1st, Miss Dowell and Rev. J. Johnstone; 2nd, Miss Bircham and Mr. G. Turnbull. Juvenile Singles (Ladies' Links)—1st, Miss G. Barclay; 2nd, Mr. W. Thomson; 3rd, Miss C. Thomson; 4th, Mr. B. Turnbull.

DUNBLANE HYDROPATHIC CLUB.—The final competition for the Ladies' monthly medal was played over the Lighthills course on Friday. A high wind with showers of rain made play difficult, and low scoring was out of the question. The winner was Miss H. M. Gray, with a score of 60 scratch. Other scores were:—Miss Gray, scratch, 75; Miss M. Blair, scratch, 79; Miss Wilson, 85, less 10=75. The medal now becomes the property of Miss H. M. Gray.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the club medal took place on Saturday, the 23rd. In spite of a strong wind Mr. R. W. Ketton returned the excellent net score of 79, the best handicap score handed in during the year, his handicap allowance being 8. Under the most favourable conditions this would be considered a good performance, but, taking the rough weather into consideration, his success was all the more commendable. Mr. Ketton having won the medal on a previous occasion this year, it now became his property. His score on the occasion referred to—July 22nd—was 95, less 8=87. Messrs. P. M. Lucas and J. W. Scott tied for the optional sweepstake. The following are the net scores not exceeding 100:—Mr. R. W. Ketton, 87, less 8=79; Mr. P. M. Lucas, 81, plus 2=83; Mr. J. W. Scott, 99, less 16=83; Mr. A. Cooper, 105, less 15=90; Mr. H. Forbes Eden, 103, less 12=91; Mr. W. T. Hartcup, 109, less 18=91; Mr. T. N. Mapleston, 109, less 16=93; Mr. L. Roston, 111, less 18=93; Mr. G. L. Charlesworth, 106, less 11=95. The following players made no return:—Messrs. C. Leatham, E. B. Sheppard, C. B. Gedge, W. R. Dent, W. E. Wyrley-Birch, and Captain H. Stopford.

HUNSTANTON GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, Monday, October 2nd:—Mr. G. Carrick, 109, less 23=86; Mr. C. F. Gregson, 112, less 23=89; Mr. G. H. Bramley, 108, less 16=92; Mr. J. C. Morgan Brown, 98, less 6=92; Mr. C. Wade, 109, less 16=93.

HEADINGLEY CLUB.—The captain's prize was competed for on Saturday. There were twenty-nine entries. Mr. F. H. Mayo succeeded in winning with a score of 94, less 2=92.

DALHOUSIE CLUB.—The members of this club held their autumn meeting on the Carnoustie links on Saturday. The weather was of the most favourable description, and there was a very large turn-out of competitors, who went over the links in the following order:—Mr. Alexander Johnstone and Mr. Robert Steven, Mr. D. Anderson and Captain Livingstone, Mr. J. S. Millar and Mr. A. M. B. Graham, Mr. W. A. Sharp and Mr. G. Carmichael, Mr. J. H. Grant and Major Chalmers, Mr. H. M. Robinson and Mr. H. B. Gilroy, Mr. W. Gibson and Mr. D. M'Intyre, Mr. A. G. Morgan and Mr. M. Jameson, Mr. H. S. C. Everard and Mr. W. Ballingall, Mr. A. Jameson and Mr. R. Dunsmore, Mr. A. W. Campbell and Mr. T. Chalmers, Mr. J. L. Luke and Mr. W. A. Cunningham, Dr. Paterson and Dr. Merry, Mr. A. Gilroy and Mr. G. Halley, Mr. A. Pattullo and Mr. P. Don, Mr. A. Guthrie and Mr. J. Jones, Mr. G. Whitelaw R. Keay and Mr. E. L. Paton, Mr. James Brodie and Mr. A. Lowson, Mr. J. H. Aitken and Mr. A. Nimmo, Mr. G. Gilroy and Mr. J. C. Scott, ex-Provost Moncure and Mr. J. Murison, Mr. D. Gilroy and Mr. W. W. Machan, Mr. J. Drimie and Mr. J. R. Prain, Mr. W. H. Cox and Mr. J. L. Low, Mr. A. W. Boase and Mr. W. Thoms, Mr. T. S. Robertson and Mr. W. Baxter, Dr. Anderson and Dr. Johnstone, Mr. J. Methven, Mr. J. M. Smeton, Mr. A. F. Macfie and Mr. C. E. Gilroy, Dr. Campbell and Dr. Raw, Mr. J. W. Carmichael and Mr. W. Gellibrand, Mr. Thomas Collier and Mr. R. Thomson, Mr. R. B. Sharp and Mr. D. J. Lamb, Mr. A. Willison and Mr. James Fullerton, Mr. W. Anderson and Mr. J. Duncan, Mr. A. J. Cox and Mr. C. M. Boase, Mr. D. Scott, jun., and Mr. D. Low, Mr. James Melville and Mr. A. Mathewson. The competition was for the medals presented by Mr. W. Brand and the late Colonel Guthrie, and the result was that Mr. A. F. Macfie and Mr. A. Nimmo tied with scores of 85. On the tie being played off Mr. Macfie won the Brand medal with a score of 83, while Mr. Nimmo took the Guthrie medal with 86.

LEVEN—THISTLE CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.—On Saturday the Thistle Golf Club held their autumn meeting, when thirty-five couples competed for the mechanic's medal (scratch) and the Campbell medal (handicap), and also for a large number of prizes. At the close it was found that the mechanics' medal had been gained by Mr. James Wilkie with the good score of 82, and the Campbell medal by Mr. John Patrick, jun., with the score of 85, less 6=79. The prizes were gained by the following:—Mr. J. Patrick, 85, less 6=79; Mr. J. Bell, 87, less 6=81; Mr. J. Wilkie (scratch), 82; Mr. D. Jackson, 89, less 6=83; Mr. G. Rintoul, 101, less 18=83; Mr. T. Greig, 99, less 16=83; Mr. G. Neaves, 92, less 9=83; Mr. J. Tullis, 90, less 6=84; Mr. P. Thornton, 90, less 6=84; Mr. A. Goodall, 103, less 18=85; Mr. James Dunlop, 103, less 18=85; Mr. A. Lindsay, 99, less 14=85; Mr. J. Kidd, 93, less 8=85; Mr. A. Coutts, 100, less 14=86; Mr. J. Kinnell (scratch), 86; Mr. R. Simpson, 92, less 6=86; Mr. R. Kerr, 103, less 16=87; Mr. D. Bell, 93, less 6=87; Mr. J. Henderson, 91, less 4=87; Mr. J. Robertson, 102, less 14=88; Mr. D. M. Stewart, 97, less 9=88; Mr. A. Murray, 102, less 14=88; Mr. J. Doig, 98, less 10=88; Mr. W. Lister, 93, less 4=89; Mr. D. Pattison, 97, less 8=89; Mr. R. Finnie, 94, less 5=89. A special prize (a boll of potatoes), given to the player with the highest actual score, was gained by Mr. R. Penman with 121. A prize for the lowest scratch score of a player with not less than 10 odds was gained by Mr. J. Doig with 98.

EDINBURGH INSTITUTION (F.P.) CLUB.—The members of this club held their annual autumn meeting over the North Berwick links on Saturday. Some thirty-two players competed, driving off in forenoon and afternoon portions. The chief award was the merit gold medal, along with which went a handsome special scratch prize given by Dr. Buist. The handicap awards comprised:—1st, Captain Macdonald's prize, 2nd, Mr. G. S. Turnbull's prize, and three club prizes. On a return of cards in the forenoon the best actual was found to be an 87, but latter in the day Mr. P. Millar handed in an 81, and he ultimately proved winner of the gold medal and Dr. Buist's special prize. The captain's award fell to Mr. P. Balmorie, and Mr. Turnbull's award to Mr. A. S. Cairns. The prize-winners were as follows:—Mr. P. Millar, 81, scratch; Mr. P. Balmorie, 94, less 22=72; Mr. A. S. Cairns, 83, less 2=81; Mr. A. W. Sansome, 89, less 8=81; Mr. W. R. Gaff, 102, less 20=82; and Mr. C. Blair, 101, less 18=83; Mr. Millar's details were:—Out, 3 7 6 5 3 4 4 4 4 5=45; in, 6 3 4 3 4 7 6 3 =36; total, 81.

EDINBURGH PHILOSOPHICAL INSTITUTION CLUB.—The annual autumn competition of this club took place over the North Berwick links on Saturday, the awards comprising a scratch prize, handicap trophy, and several allowance prizes in kind. Mr. A. Howden won both the scratch award and the handicap trophy, the prize-winners being as follows:—Mr. A. Howden, 78, plus 4=82; Mr. E. A. Rhead, 81, plus 4=85; Mr. M. Grieve, 103, less 18=85, tie; Mr. A. S. Cairns, 83, plus 3=86; Mr. C. Wilkie, 104, less 10=94. Mr. Howden's details were:—Out, 5 4 4 4 3 4 4 4 5=42; in, 4 5 3 6 5 4 5 4 =36; total, 78. Ten couples competed.

PERTH ARTIZAN CLUB—A FINE SCORE.—Playing a friendly on the North Inch on Saturday afternoon, Mr. W. Anderson, captain of the Perth Artizan Golf Club, went the full round with the fine score of 75, made up as follows:—Out, 4 4 4 5 4 5 4 3 4=37; in, 5 4 4 4 5 4 3 6 3=38; total, 75. This ties with Captain Livingstone's record, which was established a few months ago.

GLASGOW "EVENING TIMES" TROPHY.—The draw for this tournament took place on Friday. Twenty-seven clubs are entered, the East and West being both well represented. In the first round the St. Andrews (Messrs. W. Greig and D. Simpson), the winners of last year, meet St. Andrews Guild (Messrs. P. C. Anderson and T. W. Robb); Thistle, St. Andrews (Messrs. James Kirk and A. C. Aikman), meet Carlton, Edinburgh, the winners of 1891, whose representatives have not yet been named; Leven Thistle (Messrs. James Wilkie and J. T. Ireland) meet Ballantrae (Messrs. J. Brown and W. C. Cunningham); and Caledonia, Carnoustie (Messrs. George Wright and A. Cant), meet St. Nicholas, Prestwick (Messrs. E. D. Prothero and G. M. Rennie).

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