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DECEMBER.

- Dec. 14.—Brighton & Hove: Annual General Meeting and Dinner.
Dec. 15.—Macclesfield: Cameron Bowl.
Wakefield: Monthly Medal.
Fleetwood: Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove: De Worms Challenge Cup and Club Prize for Winners of Berens Gold Medal.
Rochester Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Eltham: Monthly Medal.
Royal Dublin: Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey: First and Second Class Senior Medals.
Worlington and Newmarket: Monthly Medal.
Sidcup: Monthly Medal (Second Class).
Minchinhampton: "Bogey" Competition.
Wimbledon Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Seaford: Monthly Medal.
Harrogate: Monthly Medal.
Rochester: Monthly Medal.
West Middlesex: Medal Competition.
Disley: Hutton Prize.
Beckenham: Monthly Medal.
Finchley: Monthly Medal.
Headingley: Monthly Medal.
North West Club (Londonderry) Ladies: Monthly Medal.
King's Norton: Captain's Prize.
Woodford: Quarterly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: "Bogey" Competition.
Salthurn: Monthly Medal.
Holmes Chapel v. Knutsford.
West Cornwall: Annual General Meeting.
Wanstead Park: Quarterly Medal.
Southend-on-Sea: Monthly Medals.
Dec. 17.—Woodbridge: Final for Monthly Competitions.
Dec. 18.—Waveney Valley: Monthly Medal.
Dec. 20.—Tyneside: Bi-Monthly Handicap.
Woodbridge: Ladies; Final for Monthly Competitions.

- Dec. 22.—Willesden: Monthly Medal.
West Herts: "Bogey" Competition.
Ilkley: Monthly Medal.
Morecambe and Heysham: Captain's Prize.
Dec. 22, 24, 25 & 26.—Headingley: "Bogey" Sweepstake.
Dec. 22, 24 & 26.—Wanstead Park: Christmas Meeting.
Dec. 24.—Aldeburgh: Christmas Meeting; Monthly Medal (Final).
Dec. 24 & 25.—Ilkley: Christmas Cup.
Dec. 26.—Wilmslow: "Bogey" Competition.
Rochester Ladies: "Bogey" Competition.
Southport: Christmas Meeting.
Royal Dublin: Sweepstakes (2s. 6d.)
Warminster: Monthly Medal.
Beckenham: Captain's Prize.
Woodford: Club Handicap.
Royal Isle of Wight: Christmas Meeting.
Royal Epping Forest: "Bogey" Competition.
Manchester: Christmas Club Prizes.
Morecambe and Heysham: Christmas Competition.
Enfield: Winter Meeting.
Finchley: "Bogey" Competition.
Aldeburgh: The late Mr. Newson Garrett's Cup.
Clacton-on-Sea: Quarterly Prize Meeting and "Bogey" Competition.
Clacton-on-Sea: Ladies; Quarterly Prize Meeting.
Southend-on-Sea: Christmas Meeting; Seniors' Silver Medal; Falconer Prizes; Captain's Prizes, Short Game Competition.
Dec. 27.—Bentley Green: Monthly Handicap.
Royal Cromer: Monthly Medal.
Royal Guernsey: Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight: "Bogey" Competition.
Clacton-on-Sea: Half-Yearly Challenge Bowl.
Dec. 28 & 29.—Royal Eastbourne: Winter Meeting.
Dec. 29.—Moseley: Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire: Monthly Competition.
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.
Cinque Ports: Monthly Medal.
Knutsford: Monthly Competition.
Taplow: Monthly Medal.
Alfreton: Bronze Medal.
Alfreton Ladies: Silver Spoon.
Huddersfield: Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Dumfries and Galloway: Monthly Medal.
Crookham: Monthly Medal.
Marple: Monthly Medal and Captain's Cup.
West Middlesex: Handicap Match.
Bowdon: "Bogey" Competition.
Neasden: Monthly Medal.
Troon: Gold Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's: Captain's Cup.
Kemp Town: Monthly Medal.
Ventnor: Saltan Badge.
Royal West Norfolk: Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Cup; Captain's Prize; Monthly Medal.
Holmes Chapel v. Urmston.

GOLF AT DINARD.

In his interesting article in *Blackwood* for October on "The Golfer in Search of a Climate," Mr. Horace Hutchinson pronounces in favour of Dinard among golfing-greens in France. "Taken as they are," he says, "the links are good—the best in France—so far as France as a land of Golf is yet exploited. They have characteristics, too, which suggest the Golf links of the North. Often there is a keenness in the air which may inspire the golfer by its likeness to that which has grown only too familiar to him on links of the British East Coast; the sea of the Channel looks as if it belonged to the piece of water which beats on the shores by Bembridge and Hayling Island; all appearances conspire to remind him that he is drawing nearer home." This is high praise to get from such a great authority. Dinard has evidently a reputation to maintain, and a position among Golf resorts entitling it to the first consideration of the player who is not only in search of a climate, but in search of a good Golf course at the same time. In Mr. Hutchinson's article, such a player will find much of what he requires by way of information about the nature of the green and the accommodation at Dinard. Things, however, move rapidly in France, as elsewhere, owing to the rapid development of the popular game, and just as Mr. Ernest Lehmann in *GOLF*, November 16th, supplemented and corrected Mr. Hutchinson's article in reference to Jersey, showing that improvements very recently made there had thrown the article very much out of date, so it may be said, even of Dinard, that with all its excellencies there have been improvements made so recently that it is necessary once again to vindicate its superior claims when they are challenged as they have been since the *Blackwood* article was written. There seems to be no lack of enterprise on the part of those whose duty it is to keep Dinard to the front. Everything is done to make the place attractive, and to draw visitors there from all quarters of the globe. To judge from *La Chronique Dinardaise*, edited by Mme. L. Fonteyne, and published every Saturday, the efforts of the authorities are duly rewarded, for, in a supplement of that paper now before us, we notice a list of visitors from every corner of the earth that warrants the statement:—"Dinard is a very cosmopolitan place, socially speaking, in the season. People of all nations congregate there in the summer, though French, English, and Americans preponderate greatly; in fact, it has been described as a miniature London or Paris as regards society." In winter, it appears, the English contingent of visitors greatly preponderates. These come for "health, economy, or education, as the case may be." Taking these in reverse order, the last named is perhaps the least *en évidence*. Certainly it could not be said of Dinard, as a late Lord Provost (Harrison) said of Edinburgh, that "its staple industry is education." There are, however, plenty of institutions for teaching the young idea how to shoot, and if, as M. Mariassy's little volume shows, some terms (especially in Golf) are only repeated, not translated, in France, there is yet a capital opportunity for the visitor learning French "as she is spoke." In the matter of *economy*, as Mr. Hutchinson speaks of "the dear delights of Dinard," we do not suppose that the place is conspicuous for cheapness of living; but, according to *La Chronique*, in winter—the season *par excellence* to the English—"prices are greatly lowered, houses can be had for a nominal sum, servants for lower wages," &c. As it appears that many, even of the residents, prefer Dinard in winter to Dinard in summer, because then the climate is better, it is evident that the economical claim is placed (for Englishmen at least) on a sound basis. As to health there can be no doubt. Its restoration and promotion is the *raison d'être* of Dinard. The climate is good, "the situation is beautiful—at the mouth of the Rance, and facing the picturesque old town of St. Malo, with its ramparts and its adjacent islands, Grand Bey, where at his request, Chateaubriand lies buried, and Petit Bey. At low tide these islands can be reached from the mainland by a stone *chaussé*, and the steamer from Dinard lands its passengers at the most available of them for the time being. A little higher up the river lies the town of St. Servan, on the site of the ancient city of Aleth. The great rise and fall of the tide makes the view of these towns ever-changing, and the steamers that ply every half-hour between the three towns give an air of interest to the scene. The Rance, beyond, the town

ends the picture on one side, the open sea on the other. Such is the view to the south and east. Looking towards the north from the *Plage de l'Écluse*, one has the open sea and the Island of Cézembre before one, to the right a headland crowned with villas, to the left another height where stands the Malouine one of the most fashionable quarters of the town, with its handsome houses standing in their own gardens, surrounded everywhere by shrubberies." Beautiful for situation is Dinard, according to this description in its *Souvenir*, and a delightful place to which to retire for health. It is, however, in the rich provisions there made for amusement and recreation that the city and country by the links of St Briac may claim to be specially endowed with health-giving properties.

In summer the principal place of amusement is the Casino with its *salle des petits chevaux*, providing plenty of excitement without too much risk, for "the stakes are within the limit of any purse, and one is not allowed to exceed them." For the less ambitious the Casino has other forms of amusement, a *salon de conversation*, and a good supply of all kinds of newspapers and refreshments. Lawn-tennis flourishes there as if in a *dernier ressort*, for undoubtedly its popularity is on the wane elsewhere. The September Tennis Tournament is the great feature of the Dinard season. This year it was more successful than ever, and the entries were so numerous that it was difficult to get the tournament over within the stated time. When the summer visitors begin to take their departure after the close of this tournament, then Dinard is given over to the Englishmen, the majority of whom are golfers. For such, as we have stated, much information is given as to the links of St. Briac, as the Dinard links are called, in Mr. Hutchinson's *Blackwood* Article, and also in some correspondence published in Vol. III. of *GOLF*. What is given in the supplement to *La Chronique Dinardaise* may be taken as bringing the claim of Dinard as a Golf resort up to date:—"The links are most sporting and very extensive, the hazards being all that they should be, and the putting greens faithfully attended to. The view around is splendid, the sea is in delightful proximity in which to lose balls; what can a golfer want more? There is a comfortable club-house on the links, and there are two hotels near, but most of the golfers live at Dinard, finding the drive out to the links rather an inducement than otherwise, and preferring to spend the long winter evenings in a town where there is society and a club, to remaining out in the wilderness after dark. Though the environs of St. Briac and St. Lunaire are charming and greatly resorted to in summer they must be dreary in the extreme when that season is past, and all the visitors have fled. The clubs at Dinard are great attractions in the winter; besides the men's club, a new club has lately been started, principally for ladies, but to which men are admitted as members, and this is much resorted to by the golfers on their return, as the omnibus deposits them close to its hospitable doors, and they can get tea there if they have not already partaken of it at the Golf Club." If, as all its devotees believe, the Royal and Ancient Game is the game of health, it can be played under delicious winter conditions at Dinard. Here is a list of "Abonnements:—Membres honoraires (Hommes), 50 fr.; Un an, 50 fr.; Trois mois, 30 fr.: Un mois, 20 fr.; Une semaine, 10 fr. Membres honoraires (Dames), 25 fr.; Un an, 25 fr.; Trois mois, 25 fr.; Un mois, 10 fr. Les enfants des membres annuels habitant avec leur parents, sont admis à moitié prix."

The route to Dinard is now so well-known that one does not require to point out how accessible the place is from London. Mr. E. O'Rorke, banker and house-agent, Dinard, according to *La Chronique*, supplies every information, free of charge, to parties desirous to fix their residence at Dinard, St. Enogat, St. Lunaire, or St. Briac.

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ST. ANDREWS—"TEN STROKES EASIER"?

"*Fuit Ilium, et ingens Gloria.*"—VIRGIL.

AN old Tory friend, the eager spectator of many a big match, told us the other day that St. Andrews is now ten, if not more, strokes easier than it was twenty-five years ago. He had made up his mind on a few things, and among others, was quite confident that Taylor and Mr. Ball would never be in it with Tommy and Strath. This old gentleman is not alone in his opinions—or convictions, we had better call them—for he was as dogmatic as any Calvinist; and so it may not be uninteresting to set forth his elucidation and examine it. The course, he explained, is so broad nowadays that you can pull and slice with impunity; forests of whins have disappeared; opposite the old station, what used to be a dismal swamp with reeds and rushes, is now a piece of choicest turf where every ball lies teed; the putting-greens are so enlarged and refined as to be fairly well adapted for a bowling tournament.

Then we had a few pet animadversions on other matters connected with the game. It grieved him to the heart to meet an old golfer with a bulger in his bag. This distortion of the good old play-club and the multiplication of iron tools were only devices to befool the simple. Tommy's marvellous 77, which was far better than Hugh Kirkaldy's 73, required no such meretricious aid. The noble game of Golf was being degraded by every needy charlatan with some patent swindle. Like religion and medicine, it seemed to be a fruitful field for the enterprising quack. He was ready to bet that old Tom wouldn't be much in favour of these new-fangled abortions. And as for style, where would the shade of departed greatness find peace, when there were creatures who bent themselves almost double in trying to get the shortest possible grip of the putter? One would fancy there was some penalty attached to touching the leather.

Here the long indictment ended, with some little sarcasm about another new rule; and we went away smiling, yet haunted with the "ten strokes easier." Is there any truth in the old gentleman's contention? "Ten strokes easier!" Then it follows that Tommy's 77 in 1869 would be a 67 in these latter days, or 5 strokes better than Mr. Fred. Tait's present marvellous record of 72. By the same simple process of reasoning, the students of twenty years ago, who won the University medal with a score of 85 or 86, may in their country manses flatter themselves as belonging to a superior race of golfers, compared with their degenerate successors of to-day, who, according to the ten-strokes-easier theory, should be returning cards of 75 and 76, but who, as a matter of fact, still find an 85 quite serviceable on most occasions. No; we cannot accept the compliment. We know too well that our common 92 of long ago is not nearly so good as a present 82, and old students who know the game simply say "Bosh!" to this insane glorification of the past, and hold that, both in body and brain, in mental power and golfing skill, the recent wearers of the scarlet gown* are not one whit less capable. True, the course is wider. We have seen Tommy in a professional tournament lose two strokes in a clump of whins, situated a little to the right on the way to the fifth hole, where he would now have found a good-lying ball within easy reach of the putting-green. But it has to be stated that the shot was badly

sliced, and that this hazard was hardly ever an obstacle to the young Champion. It did not lie in the path of his far-and-sure driving, although it punished many a respectable plodder with whom a heel or toe was not a rare occurrence. Making allowance for a few instances of this kind, generally to be found on the outskirts of the links, it may safely be said that the course is *ten strokes easier to all wayward golfers*, who, with trembling hope and fear, are doing brave battle to break the 100. With the course as it once was, a few sliced balls, perfectly safe now, would have been fraught with peril then, and might easily have entailed a nice little addition of 10 strokes to the score. But to apply the foregoing to the performance of a *first-class golfer*, to tell him that his splendid card of 80 would have been a 90 if the old whins were restored to their wonted place, would be an insult, if it were not only the pious hallucination of a few ancient enthusiasts. To hear these gentlemen speak, you would imagine St. Andrews to have been a very narrow course a quarter of a century since. Nothing could be more misleading, for in its general character it was much wider than Leven or Montrose; and they also forget that the widening of a course is a much greater benefit to the erratic many than to the few who seldom wander from the safe line. To these last, *in their best form*, the benefit is barely appreciable. It cannot mean more than a stroke or two, if the matter is measurable in figures at all.

This does not detract in the slightest from the excellence of former achievements. Tommy's reputation is left untouched. Having enjoyed the privilege of playing with him frequently, and having carefully watched the performances of the best living experts, it may be frankly admitted that we have seen longer driving than his; but we have looked in vain for better all-round skill, for more sensational recoveries, for more accurate approaching, for deadlier putting. The bulger would have added a few yards to his driving, and in his deft hands the mashie would have told a tale as marvellous as any that hails from Winchester.

It is, perhaps, vain to talk of what might have been; but the elements of a reasonable faith as to young Tom's position in the Championship contests of to-day are not far to seek. From facts, open to all, the chance of premier place would certainly have been his. He would no doubt have had a much harder fight for supremacy, for, if there has been a widening of the course, there has also been a great widening of the field of excellent golfers. Still, the unrivalled player of twenty-five years ago, with our improved weapons of war, could have held his own with the leading exponents of to-day. To say more would be unwise, and to say less would be unfair to a prowess that has never been surpassed. As the question of comparison is often raised, it may not have been amiss to have shown that the "ten strokes easier" dogma, though fashionable with some reputable golfers of the old school, is utterly fallacious when applied to our *best players*, and also to have endeavoured to strike a just balance between all extravagant estimates of past and present achievement.

W. PROUDFOOT.

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* The academic robe of the St. Andrews Student.

SYDENHAM HILL GOLF CLUB.

Sydenham Hill is to be congratulated. To its many existing charms as a suburb it has added a Golf course. More than a year ago we heard unofficially of the likelihood of this, and in the interest to which our columns are mainly devoted, we rejoiced at the prospect of so desirable an accession to the still too meagre number of clubs, advantageously situated, for the use of London golfers. Later reports, however, asked us to believe that for two reasons the formation of this club was an impossibility: first, because of the difficulties to be surmounted in acquiring a lease of the ground; and second, seeing that the numerically small, but happily (as events have proved) enthusiastically large nucleus of fifty odd residents, who had been already using the ground as a course under a provisional agreement from the tenant farmer, were told that this arrangement was illegal, and further, that they must cease doing so at the expiry of it.

Apparently, then, the chance of establishing a Golf club at Sydenham Hill would appear at the time to have had more of the impossible than the possible about it.

But now, as our visit to the Sydenham Hill ground on Saturday last, to be present at a professional match to inaugurate the opening of a new pavilion, proved there actually is a club formed, and, as we are pleased to add, a strong one—strong in its local support, represented by no less than one hundred and sixty members, and sixty ladies; strong besides, in the powerful backing it has financially from eight gentlemen, who, with praiseworthy generosity and commendable spirit, have, in the interests of the neighbourhood, guaranteed the rent of the ground for three years, and that without a personal guarantee from members of the club. Treble strong, too, is this new club in possessing a committee, who, with laudable pluck and energy, combined with patient perseverance, have so successfully overcome all difficulties, and made it the success it is. In regard to this, we are pleased to chronicle a complete consensus of opinion on the part of the members as to what they owe to the efforts in particular of one member of the committee—Mr. F. C. Nunn, honorary treasurer of the club. With great zeal and generosity also this gentleman has, for the past year, devoted part of his day to personally supervising the thousand and one works necessary to the making of a new course. What that entails, those who understand what is required to convert forty-two acres of raw pasturage into the now existing, playable nine-hole course, will at once appreciate. In conjunction with this, too, he has also, with rare tact and ability, carried out the always difficult and arduous task of forming a club in a manner which gives entire satisfaction to the members of this one.

In our inspection of the new pavilion opened there on Saturday, December 8th, we were much struck, not only by the beauty and originality displayed in its design (which is of the Old English Cottage type), but also by the evident practical forethought shown by the architect in the arrangement of the room space. Every foot of it had been used to the best advantage in satisfying the requirements of both lady and gentleman golfers. The pavilion was built from plans designed and drawn by Mr. F. C. Nunn. Mr. Nunn's pavilion marks a distinct advance in the erection of such buildings. By it he shows that it is possible for a club of, say, 200 members to have this necessary convenience to their wants at a cost which is well within the financial capacity of associations of that strength. And not, be it understood, a ramshackle shoddy, uncomfortable place, but a really well built substantial building, containing every convenience without luxuries, which is surely all a golfer requires. The building of this pavilion has, we understand, been in the hands of Messrs. J. and C. Bowyer, Builders, Upper Norwood, S.E., who have carried out their contract in a meritorious and satisfactory way, and also, as we have hinted, at a reasonable cost.

Unfortunately, the committee have been forced to accept a lease containing a clause which prohibits them, as a club, from supplying their members with spirituous liquors of any sort. This is not as it should be; and surely the landlords have made a mistake. This club is entirely local; further, the rent of the ground is guaranteed by eight local gentlemen for a term of three years. Is not all this local enthusiasm, and especially the personal guarantee of those eight gentlemen, of undoubted position in the neighbourhood, a sufficient guarantee that they are worthy of every confidence and encouragement from the landlords? A Golf club differs materially from cricket, football, or lawn-tennis clubs. Besides, its main object, the playing of Golf, it is as much social in its functions as any West End or City club, which, like it, opens its doors daily from 1st January to 31st December. It can neither be to the club's, or, in the end, to the landlord's interest, to impose such a petty and inconvenient restriction upon the members.

As to the course, we must frankly state that on Saturday last we unfortunately saw it at its worst, as, owing to the wet state of the ground

caused by the previous day's rain, considerable alteration from the regular round had had to be made. At the same time we were very favourably impressed with the suitability of the ground for Golf, it being of an undulating character all through. The nine greens have been laid out with care, and to make the best use of the ground at the disposal of the club.

On Saturday, in spite of the wet, they were all playable, which is greatly to the credit of the management. The holes are varied, both as to length and characteristics. The second is notably both long and very sporting. The third, too, with its elevated tee at the edge of a wood, makes a very pretty drive. The fourth forms the only short hole on the course, but is still a cleek shot from tee to green. The fifth, necessitating as it does a moderately lofted drive to carry the trees, has for its second a fascinating approach to the hole, over the brow of a slight hill which hides the hole. The sixth possesses, as its main feature at present, a well made and prettily undulated putting-green. From here to the seventh hole is a break, entailing, however, but a minute's walk to the next tee. The ground in this part of the course is, beyond doubt, the best, and containing at present but the three remaining holes, might well, in future, be made more use of when other parts are lying too wet for play. The seventh is a very fine drive over the brow of a hill, which descends steeply in the direction of the hole. The approach here is a sporting one, as it means playing off the slope, which runs almost the whole distance to the putting-green. The eighth, along the extreme breadth of this ground, is somewhat devoid of interest, as it is still without any hazard in the line of play. The ninth, however, which runs parallel to the seventh, and therefore directly up a steep slope, is a very fine bit of Golf. Fronting the whole width of the green is a cleverly-constructed sleeper bunker, which reminds us somewhat of a certain Burn hole on the Elie links in Fifeshire.

MATCH BETWEEN P. PAXTON AND J. ROWE.

With this brief summary of the holes, we come to the match between Peter Paxton, of Tooting, and J. Rowe, of Ashdown Forest. This, in spite of the state of the ground, proved to be a very interesting match to the following of members and visitors who had graced the occasion by their presence. The fact of these two professionals not having met before, left considerable room for doubt as to which would prove the winner.

For the first nine holes, Paxton's play was unquestionably weak. His approaching and putting, particularly, being not at all up to his well-known form. Rowe, on the other hand, after halving the first hole, took the lead at the second, and with careful and consistent play, was 3 up at the ninth hole. On the Second round Paxton made some amends for his previous bad display, and managed, in spite of his opponent's continued steady play, to reduce Rowe's lead to 1 up and 2 to play at the sixteenth hole. At the seventeenth hole, however, Paxton missed an easy putt, and thus left Rowe winner of the match by 2 up and 1 to play. A very creditable performance for a young player like Rowe, who, we may add, gives every promise of becoming a player of the first rank. The detailed scores of the game are as follows:—

Rowe	5	5	5	3	5	4	4	4	6=41	84
			4	6	5	3	6	4	5	5	5=43	
Paxton	5	6	6	4	4	4	5	5	5=44	85
			4	5	4	4	5	5	4	6	4=41	

In the afternoon a foursome took place with Mr. J. C. Bayldon and Paxton on one side, and Mr. A. J. Robertson and Rowe on the other, which resulted in a win for Mr. Robertson and Rowe by 4 up and 2 to play.

The Sydenham Hill Course promises well, and with its present management, aided by the professional help of P. Nicholls (late of Minchinhampton), ought to be a very good ground ere the summer months are on us again.

JOCK-YVONNE.

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GOLF NOVELTIES.

A new ball, called the "St. Andrew," is being brought out by the United Gutta Percha and Rubber Company, Craigpark Works, Glasgow. We have given the new ball a pretty good test, and find it in every respect satisfactory. In being driven by the wooden club it does not emit the sharp click usually heard from the ordinary hard moulded gutta ball; it resembles more the sound of the "Eclipse." The essential point, however, is that it carries as far and as true as any of the other many balls in the market. Its behaviour on the putting-green also reminds one of the "Eclipse," for it leaves the club quickly, and runs true and straight. The curious circumstance about it also is that, when dropped on a stone slab it rebounds about two-thirds the height of a black or red gutta, but off a hard wooden floor it exceeds the other balls by about as great a height. This test of rebound off wood is no doubt a valuable criterion in its favour, seeing that wood, and not stone, is the material from which it receives its impact in actual play. Above all, the ball is well painted, there being no sign of a chip on one played with in the course of thirty-six holes. The marking of the ball follows the pattern of the ordinary moulded nicking, and the stamp of "St. Andrew" enables a player to recognise it at once and without difficulty.

Mr. R. Ramsbottom, The Sportman's Depot, Market Street, Manchester, an enterprising dealer in Golf material, has brought out a new aluminium driver. It has a short socket at the neck, through which the shaft passes to the sole, a few inches of whipping being added at the junction of the shaft to the socket, as in the ordinary club, probably with the object of withstanding the strain at that point. The face is of some hard, indestructible material, "let in" like a piece of leather in a wooden club, though, if necessary through wear and tear, the face can easily be replaced at the desire of the player. The club-heads can also be fitted with a chamber, in which small round pieces of lead can be inserted to vary the weight. Mr. Ramsbottom claims to have made an improvement in the socket as well as in the simplification of the head, though there is not much to show the uninstructed eye wherein the club differs from Mr. Brougham's. However that may be, the club is a good one: the face gives a fine, sharp click to the ball, and it drives well. Its durability is a good point in its favour, especially where one has to play over moist courses or in wet weather.

A CHINESE VIEW OF GOLF.

The following story which comes from Newchwang, in China, may be placed alongside that from Natal in our last week's issue, as of amusing interest to golfers:—A diabolical plot to blow up the plain south of this town has been discovered by the native authorities. Two foreigners had measured out a piece of ground about a mile in circumference. In seven different places they had chosen level spots to draw mysterious circles; in the centre of each circle they dug a small hole, and sunk disused jampots in each hole. Fortunately information of these proceedings reached the General in charge of the defences of this port, and when next day four foreigners appeared on the ground and placed a small flag on each level spot General Gyang rode out with his officers, and halting about 200 yards from the nearest foreigner, sent one of the officers to see what the foreigners were doing. The following report was made:—"That the foreign devils were armed with huge clubs, some of which had iron heads, with which they were propelling over the ground a mysterious round object, which doubtless was a shell of some kind." Presently, when the foreigners were at a distant part of the ground, General Gyang and his staff dismounted, and carefully approaching one of the level spots, cautiously inspected it. That night soldiers were sent out with lanterns, who dug up the level spots and removed the mysterious jampots. These were taken to the Taotai's *yamen*, where they remain as proof of evil designs of the foreign devils. Golf is thus knocked on the head in China for the present at least.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club held their annual dinner in Kay's Union Hotel, Lothian Road, on Saturday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. James Smith (hon. president). Mr. J. S. Williamson, captain, was crozier. The company, which numbered over forty, included representatives from the Bruntfield Allied, Warrender, St. Andrews (Edinburgh), Braids, and Harrison Park.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' CLUB.—A competition for charms and medals was held over Musselburgh on Saturday, when twenty-five couples took part. The following are the winners:—First division—Mr. J. M. Niven, 86, less 3=83. Second division—Mr. K. Whitton, 97, less 18=79.



THE LENGTH OF LINKS AND MATCH REPORTS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am glad to see that you accept Miss Andrews' suggestion as to giving the distance of different links in your accounts of matches. Since the system of reckoning the "Bogey" score is, I think, the same wherever Golf is played, would it not give your readers a very good notion of the skill of the players in matches and competitions if the "Colonel's" score were appended to each account. Thus, in the daily papers' report of the opening of the Bournemouth Links, the scores of the players were quoted, and looked on paper to be quite remarkable even for Champion golfers. Now, however, when we learn from GOLF of this week that the course is but 2½ miles round, some allowance may be made in the reader's mind, and a certain comparison made between the Bournemouth course and that at (say) Tooting Bec or Mitcham, or whichever course he may happen to know best. A Golf report, unlike that of cricket, conveys little or nothing to the mind of the reader who is unacquainted with the particular links to which the report refers. "Smith" would, for example, have played well at Mitcham had he returned a score of (say) 85; had he done so at Bournemouth, however, he would apparently have played very badly. Yet in a newspaper account the figures, being precisely similar, convey the impression that the Mitcham and Bournemouth courses are equally difficult.

I am, Sir, &c.,

December 7th.

ROBIN H. LEGGE.

SUGGESTED CLUB-MAKERS' PROTECTION SOCIETY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The increasing popularity of Golf, especially in England, has led to a new risk in our trade, to which I venture to call your attention.

Wherever a green is opened and a professional appointed, an agency for clubs is started. In almost every case the professional who thus starts business is without capital, and he is therefore entirely dependent on the credit given to him by wholesale traders in Scotland and in England.

Hitherto this credit has been as I, and some others think, much too freely given, no doubt as the result of the keen competition practised in our trade, as in every other; but partly also because the full evils of the unlimited credit system are only now being disclosed to the wholesale trade. The suggestion I should like to place before you and the other leading club-makers of the country is whether, without in the least interfering with each other's trade, we could not agree to form some sort of Trade Protection Society or Union? This has, I know, been found necessary in other trades not unlike our own. It could be done, I think, without checking the trade in

any cases, except those in which orders for stock are recklessly given without any concern about repayment. Within the past five or six years such orders have been largely given by mushroom professionals totally incapable of conducting their business for any length of time, and every wholesale trader must have suffered serious loss in consequence. The basis of our Union or Trade Protection Society might be an agreement not to supply on credit any stock to any professional or retail trader, unless he occupied a certain standing in the trade—say two years in business; to require in every other case a written guarantee from the secretary or committee of the club with which the professional is connected, up to the amount, say, of one half of the order given; to restrict credit on all accounts to three months or six months; to circulate among the trade for their confidential information, a list of men who default in making payment, similar to what is known as the "black list" in other trades. If club-makers are favourable to some scheme of this kind, I would propose that a meeting of the leading wholesale traders be held at some convenient centre for the discussion and arrangement of the scheme. In the meantime I hope to see the views of other traders on the matter stated in your columns.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A CLUB-MAKER WHO HAS SUFFERED.

GOLF IN HJALTLAND.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Some people may, and not unnaturally, wonder where this "new" Golf links may be, and their thoughts will probably wander "over the faem to Norrway"; but there is no necessity for going so far afield. In short, Hjaltland, or Shetland, is within sixteen or seventeen hours' steaming from Aberdeen, and one can, as I did, when on holiday this autumn, start thence in the good ship "St. Giles" on a Monday forenoon, and be on the links the next morning. Lerwick, the capital of Shetland, boasts of a flourishing Golf Club, instituted in 1891, with two links, one of which, on the Island of Bressay opposite Lerwick, is really not good enough to say anything about. However, the six-hole course on the Lerwick side of the harbour is excellent, and the club deserve great credit for having made so good a links. Five minutes' walk from almost any part of the town takes one to the first tee, where, if the day be fine, the eye meets with one of the finest panoramas to be seen anywhere. The beautiful colour of the hills, purple with heather in places, and shading off to a soft violet-blue in the far distance, the brilliant blue of the sea and sky, combined with black frowning cliffs, form together a scene not easily to be forgotten. But you, Mr. Editor, will say, all this is doubtless very fine, but not "Gowf," and that is true. So now for the links themselves. The first tee stands on the top of a hill some forty feet in height. The drive must be straight, as, if heeled, it may land in a cemetery (a novel hazard), or in the road leading to the links. There is a wall five feet in height, some sixty yards in front of the tee, which catches a fozzled drive very nicely. The hole can be driven with a cleek, and is about 150 yards in length, downhill. Three is good for this hole. If a very strong iron player, one may reach the second green with a full shot, but a cleek is the safer weapon to take here. A wall is again the principal hazard, and it is imperative not to pull the ball. Although very short, this is a difficult hole, as the green slopes away from the approach. Four is steady play. The third hole is the longest one on the links, and powerful driving tells here. There is a wall some 170 yards from the tee, and it requires a strong shot to cross it. If it is driven from the tee, an iron will take the ball to the green. But, if not a strong driver, it is much better to take the cleek and play short, thus making sure of a good lie for the second shot. If the ball is heeled here, it goes right over the cliffs into the sea. Four is par play for this hole. Length, well over 300 yards. The fourth hole is quite uninteresting. For the fifth or "Shoot" hole, a good cleek shot will land the ball on the green, but if the drive is heeled, it will meet with well-merited punishment, as there are

ditches, swampy ground, and a wall, from whose clutches it is not easy to escape. Four is good enough, and this hole has been twice taken in 2. The last or "Flagstaff" hole is a capital one, and straight driving is here a *sine qua non*, as the ball may go out of bounds to the right, or roll away downhill to the left. The chief danger is in playing the approach as, if pitched up too strongly, it will overrun the green into an enclosure surrounding a Coastguard hut and flagstaff, which is a dreadful place to get out of. This is a good 3 hole. If the golfer can get round in 25 or 26, he may be quite pleased. The record for both six and eighteen holes (*viz.*, 22 and 71) is held by one of the members, Mr. J. Clark, once well-known on Montrose Links as a man to be reckoned with. I was pleased to note that the club have admitted lady members, and already a handsome prize has been presented to them for competition. In conclusion, I may say that if the jaded "man about town" wishes fresh air, beautiful scenery, and, above all, a clear green; let him pack up his clubs and take the first steamer to Lerwick.

I am, Sir, &c.,

STIMIE.

December 4th.

STRAINED WRIST.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Mr. Blathwayt should use clubs with quite thin grips.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. F. DICKINSON.

Douglas, Isle of Man.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

RUTLAND BARRINGTON.—Unquestionably the single had "the law of you," and were within their legal rights in insisting to pass if they so chose. The etiquette lays down, and, what is more important, it is observed, that "a party playing three or more balls must allow a two-ball match to pass them." Three-ball matches are generally fixed for a time when the green is likely to be pretty clear, say an hour after the arrival of a morning train, when all the couples have teed off, or during the luncheon interval. It is better for your temper and your game to submit to the traditional practice than to argue unavailingly with those pressing you from behind.

A MATCH IN FIFE.

Saturday, December 1st, saw the conclusion of a match that has excited a good deal of interest in the East of Fife, between James Kinnell, of Leven, and A. Scott, of Elie. On the previous Saturday four rounds of the nine-hole course at Elie resulted in a win for Scott by 2 holes. Kinnell was, at first, somewhat weak in his putting, but towards the end the game was remarkably well contested. In the second half of the match, which was over two rounds of the eighteen-hole course at Leven, Kinnell succeeded in reducing Scott's lead, and ultimately winning on the two days' play by 1. His scores were 84 in the forenoon and 81 in the afternoon. The play was excellent on the part of both men, and in the afternoon attracted a very large following. On their own greens both Scott and Kinnell are well to the front, and it is probable that both will, ere long, be heard of in many an open competition. Scott has more than once won his club medal with very brilliant scores, and, since joining the Leven Thistle Club in March, 1893, Kinnell has the following to his credit, *viz.*:—The Baird cup in March, 1893; the Porter medal in August, 1893; the Gilmour jug in July, 1894; whilst his excellent 78 on September 29th last not only counted for the Reid trophy but gained the scratch mechanics' medal.

EDINBURGH GOLF CLUB.—The eleventh competition for the monthly medal was held on December 4th, on the Braids, with the following result:—Medal—Dr. Keiller, 99, less 19=80; Mr. George, 77, plus 6=83; Mr. Johnston, 85, plus 2=87.



Playing over the Corporation Links at Bournemouth the other day, Captain Birkbeck holed the ninth hole in 1 stroke.

A foursome was played at Cambridge on Monday, December 3rd, between Mr. F. G. Tait, the crack amateur, and Mr. J. G. McCall, against Mr. W. T. Linskill and Mr. F. R. Upcher. The match was halved. Scores, 83 and 84.

A good story of a supposed Golf match appeared in last week's *Truth*. The exigencies of the situation—more or less—require the match to be prolonged to the eighteenth hole, and it is stated to be “all square” when the seventeenth has been played. The details of the match, however, show that it was a case of dorny at the fifteenth, and at the sixteenth the match was over, Colonel Cleek having defeated his clerical opponent by 3 up and 2 to play. As another indication showing that the article is not written by one who knows the game, the author appears to have a confused idea of the meaning of a “dead” ball in the vocabulary of golfers. Here is the passage:—“The Colonel played the like, and then, after two more strokes apiece, both balls were ‘dead’ on the green; but, whereas the Colonel’s lay but a few inches from the hole, the Vicar’s was a good twelve feet away!” A little knowledge is truly dangerous.

An interesting exhibition entitled “The Midland Brewers’ and Associated Trades’ Exhibition,” will be held at the Bingley Hall, Birmingham, from April 1st to 10th next. Though the primary object of the Exhibition is illustrative of the brewing and victualling trade of the country, the Midlands being particularly rich in this industry, and Birmingham being thus well suited as a centre, there will be an important section in the large Gymnasium Hall of the exhibition illustrative of sports and pastimes, showing all the implements, requisites and accessories of British sport, in which the Royal and Ancient Game is of course included. Golf is probably the most popular pastime of the wealthy and leisured classes in the country at this time, and our large clubmakers, both in England and Scotland, ought to make note of the fact that this exhibition is going to be held, and to see that there is a good display of Golf material. The Midlands have many fine greens, and the number of golfers there is very large, so that club and ball makers will see how valuable a medium the exhibition will be for showing their best and most attractive work. The managing directors are:—Messrs. Newton & Eskill, 59 and 60, Chancery Lane, London, who will supply particulars and plans.

The Rev. W. H. Gray, B.D., assistant at Galashiels, has been elected minister of Aberdour, one of the choicest parishes of the “Kingdom of Fife.” Mr. Gray, during his stay in the Border country, has proved himself one of the strongest scratch golfers, he having inherited a love of the game from his father, the Rev. Dr. Gray of Dalkeith, a keen and good player. Curiously enough, Mr. Gray’s strongest opponent in the final vote at Aberdour election was the Rev. Mr. Callander of Ladhope, another Border minister, who has won distinction as a

bowler, appearing in the final ties of several great tournaments. No doubt other considerations weighed with the electors, but in such a golfing “Kingdom” it is not surprising that Golf has triumphed over bowling.

Mr. Hope of Luffness, having intimated his intention of presenting prizes to be played for by county golfers over the new Luffness green on Handsel Monday, a good many are practising over the course (much to its advantage), so as to get their hand in before the competition comes off.

It has been recently pointed out that the Earl of Stair is the only survivor of the original Prestwick Golf Club which was formed in 1851. It may be further stated that of members enrolled previous to 1860 in the same club, only seven names appear on the list of membership. This shows that even in Scotland the last thirty years has been the period of the greatest development of the game.

“The Tragedy of Tumbler’s Hollow; a True Story of Old Bruntfield Links,” is told by John Smith in the last number of the *Weekly Scotsman*. Those who collect old world lore about Golf and golfers will find the story a very remarkable one, and will obey Captain Cuttle by “taking a note” of it.

In honour of its national origin, Golf should be dined over in Scottish style. This is generally done, but in case any benighted Southerners may not be able to draw up a proper menu-card for a Golf dinner, we give a copy of one for a Hallowe’en banquet at Vancouver, where some of his countrymen lately entertained Lord Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada. It was as follows:—

- Cookie-Leekie.
- Morning mist frae Lochnagar.
- Saumon grippit far awa’ frae the Dee.
- A Runlet o’ Sack.
- THE HAGGIS
- (“Great chieftain o’ the Puddin’ Race.”)
- Saut Beef and Curly Kail frae Aberdeen.
- The Hin’ Leg o’ Jock Tamson’s Soo.
- A Hair o’ the Dog that Bit Ye.
- A cup o’ Tea wi a Cinder in’t.
- Sneeshin.

The secretary of the Royal and Ancient Club is expected to supply any inquirer with a free translation.

The London correspondent of the *Scotsman*, writing of the progress of Golf near London, says:—“The demand everywhere now is for private greens. The fashion in this direction was, I think, set about three years ago by the Tooting Club, which being turned off the common by the County Council, undertook an expenditure for which there was no precedent, at least hereabouts, except indeed in the case of Sandwich. It leased a ground for £550 a year, it spent £4,000 on a club-house, it drained and improved the course to the tune of several thousands sterling, and it proved to many people who had been very sceptical how much money there was in London Golf. Since then similar enterprises have been entered on at Eltham, where the club-house is the mansion that figured in the O’Shea-Parnell case; at Raynes Park, which has been provided for the overflow from Wimbledon Common; at Neasden and Stanmore in the North, at Chislehurst and Woking a little further afield, and only the other day at Chiswick, where the old public course has been abandoned for a private ground which promises well. This is by no means an exhaustive list. The clubs have, in fact, multiplied so fast that one has lost count of them. . . . It must, however, be said in fairness to Scottish players, that proficiency in the game is not growing in proportion. A visit to a London course reveals at once the melancholy fact that most of the players have, like Mr. Balfour, a misspent youth to reproach themselves with, and that few have been so well able as he to escape the penalty of a too late acquaintance with the game.” This defect on the part of the English beginner primarily results from the foolish practice of

endeavouring to play one of the most difficult and scientific games without first of all receiving a few preliminary lessons from a professional.

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The committee of Musselburgh Town Council have interviewed the manager of the North British Railway to see what facilities can be given to reclaim ground seaward for the extension of the course, and they express themselves satisfied with the interview.

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The Edinburgh and Leith Licensed Grocers' Association has formed for itself a Golf Club, with Mr. Wm. Menelaws captain, and Mr. James Skinner, S. S. C., secretary.

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The Town Council of Crail, following the examples of Edinburgh and Bournemouth, are co-operating with the Golfing Society to lease Balcomie Links, and make an eighteen-hole course, so as to benefit the town and attract summer visitors. The proposed course is near the very East Neuk of Fife, and commands a fine view of the entrance to the Firth of Forth and the Forfarshire coast.

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Mr. "Andy" Stuart, the well-known golfer, lectured in Glasgow last week on "Ancient Scotland," dealing in an interesting way with old Scottish superstitions and rites, manners and customs, down to the beginning of this century. At the close he was heartily thanked for his able and interesting lecture.

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Mr. J. Smith Clark, S.S.C., a golfer well-known at North Berwick, is on the short list of five for the important office of Town-Clerk of Edinburgh.

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At the last meeting of the Edinburgh Town Council the deputation recently appointed at a meeting of golfers, appeared to urge the necessity of the extension of the Braids Course. A member of the Council asked the deputation whether they thought it fair that the Council should go on spending so much money on Golf at the expense of other games in the city, and pointed out that the Braid Hills were secured as a recreation ground for the people, and that those who went there complained that they were not able to set foot on the ground. Mr. Nicol, one of the deputation, replied that there was a very infinitesimal minority of the citizens of Edinburgh who did not play Golf. The matter was remitted to the Lord Provost's Committee.

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Bailie Macpherson, the landlord of the Cockburn (Edinburgh) Hotel, entertained to breakfast on Thursday of last week all who had been in the establishment overnight. The occasion was the marriage of his son, Mr. J. P. Macpherson, a young golfer who has in recent years won distinction in several important contests. A Cheltenham visitor, on behalf of those present, offered their thanks to their kind host, and congratulations and good wishes to the young couple.

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Messrs. Gray, who have purchased Edrington Castle Estate, Berwickshire, and are about to build a new mansion house, are also laying out within the grounds a private Golf course of nine holes.

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With reference to the suggestion of Miss Andrews in this column last week, the captain of the Folkestone Golf Club writes:—"I see a paragraph in GOLF, suggesting that the length of our ladies' course should be given with the scores of competitions. The ladies play thirteen holes of the men's course, with tees put forward, as we found the eighteen holes of our course was too long for most of our ladies. The eighteen holes are, however, played in certain competitions, but not for the monthly medal. The Folkestone ladies' course for the monthly competitions is thirteen holes, measuring 2,970 yards; the gentlemen's (eighteen holes) is 5,304 yards."

At Sandwich, on Tuesday, December 4th, Major D. A. Kinloch, playing a three-ball match with Mr. J. Lubbock and Mr. H. F. de Paravicini, went round in 76 as follows:—5 4 4 5 4 3 7 3 4=39; 3 4 4 4 5 5 4 5 3=37, total 76.

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We have received a copy of the Annual of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club for 1894-5. The volume continues to be conducted on the improved lines, adopted a year or two ago, as to general get-up in paper, type, illustrations, curling songs, and correspondence interesting to curlers all over the world. It is a pleasing feature of its pages to recognise how in England interest is being more and more shown in the elements of this fine Scottish winter game, and there is scarcely room for doubt that in a few years' time, as the "roaring game" is better understood and more widely appreciated as a health-giving amusement, clubs south of the Border will multiply with greater rapidity now that the impetus has been given. Golfers, at any rate, ought to turn their attention to the game when greens are frozen and unplayable, especially on private courses, where, as now often happens, there are one or two small lakes which serve as hazards, and which lie unused during the existence of frost. There are some good go'ing curlers at Wimbledon and Blackheath, and also in Yorkshire. Mr. Davidson Smith, the secretary, has done his work well, and is to be congratulated on the general readable character of the volume, even to outsiders. Curlers are to be envied in the completeness and representative basis of their system of government for the game. How great would be the benefit conferred on Golf if there was a similar annual Parliament of Federated Golf Clubs, and the election of a representative council, to discuss and decide on the rules and other points of interest to golfers! Progress in this direction is being made, however. We have Golf Unions for Ireland and Wales; it will be the turn of England and Scotland next; and then the Golfers' Association, which we have long advocated, may be realised.

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For some time back the Portobello Golf Club has been negotiating with the agents for the Duke of Abercorn, with the view of leasing a portion of Duddingston policies, which extends to some 400 acres, for a Golf course. In connection with the matter, a deputation waited upon the Duke's factor on Friday, December 7th, and discussed the proposed site and terms of lease. They were favourably received, and it is said the negotiations may be satisfactorily concluded in a few days.

SOUTH WILTS GOLF CLUB.

A new Golf Club under the above title has lately been instituted, and a course has been laid out on the Salisbury Race Plain by J. Taylor, of Winchester, the Champion, who pronounces it to be one of the most sporting courses in the South of England. The course is an eighteen-hole one, and though some of the holes are rather short the course is a very attractive one, and delightfully situated about four miles from Salisbury. The new club, which takes the place of the Homington Down Club (now extinct), is under the patronage of the Earl of Pembroke, and as its members are steadily on the increase, there seems no reason why it should not have a brilliant future before it.

On Saturday, December 1st, a "Bogey" competition for the Dorking cup was held with the following result. "Bogey 75:—Mr. M. A. Shorland, 8 down; Canon Whitefoord, 10 down; Mr. G. Hill, 10 down; Mr. E. G. Dorking, 13 down; Mr. A. B. Gillett, 13 down; Mr. P. G. Miles, 13 down.

"GLEBE COTTAGE, GORING-ON-THAMES, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1894.—Dear Sirs, your 'Golfer's Companion' arrived safely two days ago, and I am very pleased both with the print and ball holder, the former drying very quickly when applied, and the latter doing away with the inconvenience hitherto accompanying the re-painting of Golf balls. I have shown your apparatus to several friends, who have all thought highly of the same, and announced their intention of ordering from you similar outfits. Yours faithfully, W. T. HORWOOD (late Lieut. 5th Lancers)."

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ABERDEEN.

VICTORIA CLUB.—The members of this club held their first competition for the season on December 5th and 8th, over the usual links course. The trophies competed for were the monthly scratch and handicap prizes, and on comparing the cards handed in, it was found that Mr. R. Anderson, with a score of 83, had won the scratch prize, while the handicap prize for first-class players (presented by Mr. William Mackenzie) fell to Mr. William Duncan with a score of 92, less 12=80. The handicap prize for second-class players (presented by Mr. T. Maclean) was won by Mr. J. W. Henderson, with 102, less 2=100. Among the remaining cards the following had the lowest figures:—Mr. J. Innes, 85; Mr. J. Russell, 86; Mr. A. Cooper, 88; Mr. D. B. Leslie, 89; Mr. N. Shaw, 90; Mr. J. A. R. Donald and Mr. J. Watson, 91; Mr. W. Merrylees, 92; Mr. J. A. Ross and Mr. G. Rose, 94; Mr. J. Cruickshank, 95; Mr. R. Dunn, 98; and C. Robertson, 99.

ARDEN v. KENILWORTH.

This match was played on the Kenilworth links on Saturday, November 24th, and resulted in a win for the visitors by eleven holes. Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne completed the second round in 37 (which ties with the amateur record), made up as follows:—5 3 5 3 5 4 3 5 4 =37.

ARDEN.		KENILWORTH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne	6	Hon. & Rev. R. C. Moncreiff	0
Mr. H. W. Bainbridge	0	Mr. T. Latham	4
Mr. O. Airy	4	Mr. E. K. Bourne	0
Mr. A. G. Tonks	0	Mr. V. Jepson	0
Mr. F. J. Wright	3	Mr. H. Walker	0
Mr. E. P. Wright	1	Mr. A. C. S. Glover	0
Mr. W. P. Wilson-Browne	4	Mr. T. Kinmond	0
Mr. W. J. Burman	0	Mr. H. O'Leary	3
	18		7

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The following matches were played on the Forest, on December 6th:—

MISS E. B. CURTEIS' TEAM.		MRS. WHITFIELD'S TEAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss E. Curteis	6	Miss M. C. Reid	0
Miss Birch	1	Miss Phillips	0
Miss Andrews	1	Miss Poyntz	0
Mrs. Green	0	Miss Dowker	1
Miss M. Parsons	4	Miss Mills	0
Miss Clayton	0	Miss Moor	5
Mrs. F. Lucas	0	Miss H. Lambert	6
Miss J. Curteis	2	Mrs. S. Whitfield	0
	14		12

Foursomes, Ashdown v. Eastbourne. Nine holes.

ASHDOWN.		EASTBOURNE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Birch and Mrs. Green	6	Miss Reid and Miss Dowker	0
Miss Andrews & Mrs. Whitfield	0	Miss Poyntz and Miss Phillips	1
Mrs. F. Lucas and Miss Moor	0	Miss Mills and Miss Lambert	2
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ARDEER.—On Saturday the Heys medal was won by Mr. James Donaldson with 83 net, and the Robertson medal by Mr. William Stewart with 84 net.

BEDFORD v. NORTHAMPTON.

Played at Bedford, November 28th. Scores:—

BEDFORD.		NORTHAMPTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. E. Tredcroft	0	Mr. Mascott	2
Mr. W. C. Fletcher	9	Mr. Anderson	0
Mr. S. Fuller	11	Mr. Deane	0
Col. D. Broughton	2	Mr. Bull	0
Mr. J. B. Forsyth	10	Mr. Scriven	0
Mr. N. P. Symonds	9	Mr. Marshall	0
Mr. C. G. Hervey	4	Mr. Hill	0
Mr. J. H. Boyd-Thomson	9	Mr. Hamilton	0
	54		2

BEDFORD v. ST. NEOTS.

Played at Bedford, December 1st. Scores:—

BEDFORD.		ST. NEOTS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. E. Tredcroft	0	Mr. A. C. McNish	2
Mr. A. E. Holt	0	Mr. J. A. Ennals	2
Mr. W. C. Fletcher	3	Mr. A. B. Brackenbury	0
Col. D. Broughton	5	Mr. R. C. Tomson	0
Mr. S. Fuller	3	Mr. A. K. Bower	0
Mr. J. B. Forsyth	6	Rev. N. Royds	0
	17		4

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING GOLF CLUB.

A handicap match of eighteen holes was played on December 5th, for the Robinson cup, which was won by Col. Hallowes with a net score of 588. The competition is decided on six handicapped competitions and one final one:—Col. Hallowes, 588; Major Ward, 603; Dr. Gregory, 629; Mr. J. A. Robinson, 656. Five other competitors did not send in cards.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 5th.—This competition was won by Mrs. Llewellyn Edwards, with the excellent score of 88 gross:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Edwards	88	24	64	Miss Sillar	103	14	89
Mrs. F. S. Ireland	87	9	78	Miss M. Richardson	91	1	90
Mrs. E. Farnall	92	12	80	Mrs. Penrose	93	3	90
Miss Farnall	90	7	83	Miss Loveless	97	7	90
Miss E. Smith	105	22	83	Miss Knapping	100	10	90
Mrs. Whyte	97	13	84	Miss A. Bidwell	102	11	91
Miss M. Smyth	88	3	85	Mrs. Beaumont	108	16	92
Mrs. Laird	91	5	86	Miss Dunn	116	24	92
Mrs. Needham	102	16	86	Mrs. G. Spurling	111	18	93
Mrs. Mackern	85	+2	87	Miss Fraser	108	13	95
Mrs. MacArthur	99	12	87	Miss Richardson	110	15	95
Mrs. Mead	106	18	88	Miss A. Turner	113	18	95
Miss A. Richardson	93	4	89	Miss M. Sillar	111	12	99

Four other were over 100 net.

December 7th.—Prize offered by Dr. Waghorn for the best single round out of two, medal play under handicap:—

Best Half round. hcp. Net.			Best Half round. hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Mead	45	9	36	Mrs. Penrose	43	1½	41½
Miss Raymond	47	9	38	Miss M. Smyth	43	1½	41½
Mrs. Laird	41	2½	38½	Miss J. Wray	44	2½	41½
Mrs. F. S. Ireland	43	4½	38½	Miss Loveless	46	4½	41½
Mrs. Mackern	38	+1	39	Miss E. Richardson	49	7½	41½
Mrs. MacArthur	45	6	39	Miss A. Bidwell	48	5½	42½
Miss Sherringham	47	7	40	Mrs. Whyte	49	6½	42½
Miss P. Webb	48	8	40	Miss A. Richardson	45	2	43
Mrs. G. Spurling	49	9	40	Mrs. Johnson	51	8	43
Miss M. Richardson	41	½	40½	Miss Knapping	49	5	44
Miss Fraser	47	6½	40½	Miss E. Smith	55	11	44
Mrs. Gibson	47	6	41	Mrs. E. Farnall	51	6	45
Miss H. Sillar	48	7	41	Mrs. Edwards	52	6	46
Mrs. Beaumont	49	8	41	Miss M. Sillar	52	6	46
Miss Dunn	53	12	41	Miss A. Turner	55	9	46

BURY GOLF CLUB.

The first of a series of five competitions for a cup presented by Councillor Byrom, J.P., took place on Saturday, December 8th. Net scores under 100:—Mr. A. H. Kay, 101, less 12=89; Mr. S. F. Butcher, 95, less 4=91; Mr. G. A. Kay, 112, less 16=96; Mr. P. G. Gow, 110, less 13=97; Mr. C. B. Farr, 122, less 23=99. Many players did not make a return. Mr. A. H. Kay took the first, Mr. Butcher the second, and Mr. G. A. Kay the third sweepstakes.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

Second ladies' medal competition, December 4th:—Miss Morris, 93, less 25=68; Miss Thompson, 98, less 23=75; Miss L. Cheetham, 76, plus 2=78; Mrs. Corkhill, 93, less 13=80.

The members of the Birkdale Golf Club receiving over 18 in the handicap, commenced on Saturday, December 8th, the first of two trial rounds for a prize given by Mr. F. W. H. Campbell, the winners to play off under match rules and special handicaps. The cards returned read thus:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. W. Price ...	107	26	81	Mr. R. C. Marmon ...	122	30	92
Mr. A. Gilmour ...	107	25	82	Mr. C. A. Atkinson ...	119	26	93
Mr. G. Kilvert ...	112	30	82	Mr. T. N. Leighton ...	119	26	93
Mr. E. H. Sheldon ...	112	25	87	Dr. Baildon ...	130	30	100
Mr. W. H. Hayes ...	112	23	89	Mr. F. Hayes ...	136	30	106
Mr. R. Jones ...	111	22	89				

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. Played at Brockenhurst, December 1st:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. P. A. Lushington ...	86	7	79	Mr. D. W. Preston ...	97	15	82
Mr. H. Sladen ...	94	14	80	Dr. C. W. D. Williams ...	103	20	83
Mr. A. H. Cooper ...	93	13	80	Mr. A. H. Sanderson ...	113	25	88
Major H. D. Fryer ...	90	9	81	Dr. G. J. Harsant ...	117	22	95
Mr. H. Kinsey ...	104	23	81				

Others made no returns.

BROMLEY AND BICKLEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, December 1st:—Mr. A. Gedge, 121, less 35=86; Mr. F. A. Schooling, 121, less 24=97; Mr. J. B. Batchelor, 125, less 25=100. The Rev. F. A. Haines having won the medal most times (3) during this year, gains the prize offered by the club.

CARNARVONSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of the above club was played for on Tuesday, December 4th, at Conway. Only two net scores under the 100 were returned:—Capt. J. Carden, 105, less 25=80; Lieut.-Col. C. E. Dixon, 108, less 20=88. No returns from Messrs. E. A. Young, C. S. Pilkington, John Platt, W. B. Turner, A. Evill, F. E. Woodhead, and C. J. Wallace.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, December 4th, the fourth competition for the gold medal was played for. It gave the ladies great satisfaction when Mrs. Tyrer was known to be the holder of the medal for this month. Several ladies made no returns. The following were the cards handed in:—Mrs. Tyrer, 87, less 9=78 (winner of medal and first sweepstake); Miss May Rowley, 90, less 3=87 (winner of second sweepstake); Miss Alice Rowley, 107, less 15=92; Miss Frost, 111, less 16=95; Mrs. James Frost, 105, less 9=96; Mrs. Hancock, 117, less 20=97; Mrs. John Frost, 128, less 24=104.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The Cronin monthly medal was played for on the full round of eighteen holes on Thursday, December 6th, and was won by Mr. W. S. De Mattos, who went round in the splendid score of 86. Detailed scores:—Mr. W. S. De Mattos, 86, plus 3=89; Dr. G. Sims Woodhead, 107, less 12=95; Mr. S. Wallis Adams, 102, less 4=98; Mr. T. Ravenhill, 117, less 14=103; Mr. A. E. Rowarth, 129, less 20=109; Mr. E. L. Arnold, 125, less 10=115. Several others made no returns.

COVENTRY v. KENILWORTH.

On Wednesday, December 5th, the Coventry clubs played a match in foursomes against Kenilworth at Whitley. It resulted in a win for the visitors by 1 hole.

COVENTRY.		KENILWORTH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Alex Rotheram ...	0	Mr. M. T. Brown ...	1
Miss N. Verral ...	0	Miss Darlington ...	1
Mr. Hugh Rotheram ...	0	Mr. Smith-Turberville ...	5
Miss A. Rotheram ...	0	Mrs. W. H. Mitchell ...	0
Mr. W. Hillman ...	1	Mr. B. Cross ...	0
Miss J. Waters ...	1	Mrs. Smith-Turberville ...	0
Mr. Nutt ...	0	Mr. Victor Jephson ...	0
Mrs. Pridmore (square)	0	Miss G. Jephson ...	0
Mr. Roberts ...	5	Dr. Kemp Bourne ...	0
Miss Elsie Rotheram ...	0	Mrs. Kemp Bourne ...	0
Mr. Hildebrand ...	0	Mr. Jack Point ...	1
Miss Verral ...	6	Miss H. Middleton ...	7

DERBYSHIRE v. BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD.

This match was played on the Osmaston Park Links, Derby, on Saturday, December 8th, and after a most enjoyable game resulted in a draw. Scores:—

DERBYSHIRE.			BARTON.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. T. C. Jeffrey ...	2	Dr. Palmer ...	0		
Rev. T. E. M. Hutchinson ...	0	Mr. P. S. White ...	5		
Dr. Macphail ...	5	Mr. A. H. Palmer ...	0		
Mr. J. N. Nutt ...	0	Mr. S. H. Evershed ...	5		
Mr. B. D. Aspdin ...	0	Mr. B. Lorrimer ...	6		
Mr. S. Wilson ...	2	Mr. A. M. Tod ...	0		
Mr. G. Dusautoy ...	0	Mr. H. B. Whetstone ...	1		
Mr. G. M. Coulson ...	0	Mr. H. G. Nadin ...	4		
Mr. L. A. Guilment ...	11	Mr. W. Ward ...	0		
Mr. J. Sayers ...	0	Mr. A. W. Cadell ...	2		
Mr. W. T. Morley ...	0	Mr. J. Hartland ...	2		
Mr. H. Secretary ...	0	Mr. A. G. Jennings ...	1		
Mr. H. Burton ...	6	Mr. T. E. Lowe ...	0		
Total ...	26	Total ...	26		

ENFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap, December 8th:—Mr. Andrew Leslie, 100, less 18=82; Mr. H. M. Bourne, 111, less 20=91; Mr. W. McNish Porter, 117, less 24=93; Mr. R. G. Cather, 110, less 15=95; Mr. A. W. Hutt, 115, less 18=97. Twelve players made no return.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was won on December 5th by Captain Eccles. The links were in fine order, so that better scores might have been expected. Gentlemen's course (eighteen holes):—First hole, 282 yards; second, 125; third, 330; fourth, 370; fifth, 222; sixth, 468; seventh, 230; eighth, 445; ninth, 180=2,652 yards, or 5,304 yards for eighteen holes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Capt. Eccles ...	92	7	85	Major Collins ...	110	18	92
Dr. T. Eastes ...	104	16	88	Mr. J. W. Jeffery ...	99	6	93
Mr. W. J. Haughton ...	98	9	89	Rev. H. Wood ...	115	22	93
General Williams ...	111	20	91	Col. Blake ...	114	20	94
Capt. Lyon ...	96	4	92	Mr. J. S. Calverley ...	111	16	95
Sir J. B. Edwards ...	100	8	92	Mr. W. Smith ...	105	8	97

Several others sent in no returns.

The ladies' sweepstakes were played for on December 6th, when Miss D. Jeffery added to her numerous wins. The monthly competition is thirteen holes=2,970 yards:—First hole, 253 yards; second, 115; third, 291; fourth, 321; fifth, 172; sixth, 421; seventh, 187; eighth, 411; ninth, 130 (2,301 for nine holes=4,600 yards for eighteen holes); tenth, 253 (same as No. 1); eleventh, 115 (same as No. 2); twelfth, 171 (part of No. 8); thirteenth, 130 (same as No. 9)=2,970 yards:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Miss D. Jeffery ...	69	+2	71	Miss Jeffery ...	95	12	83
Miss Edwards ...	73	+1	74	Miss Ibbetson ...	108	25	83
Miss L. Wood ...	88	12	76	Mrs. Ward ...	101	16	85
Miss Wood ...	90	14	76	Miss P. Jeffery ...	106	20	86
Miss E. Ritche ...	96	18	78	Miss Disraeli ...	114	23	91
Mrs. Parker ...	92	13	79	Miss Archer ...	110	18	92
Miss Eccles ...	88	8	80				

Four others no returns.

FORFARSHIRE.

Mr. David Anderson of the Grange, who takes a great interest in the welfare of the Monifieth Club, has just presented to the members three medals to form prizes for the best aggregate scores in each of the three classes. The conditions are that the best four out of the five medal rounds be counted, the winners to retain the trophies for a year, and have their names inscribed on them. The design of the medals, which was the work of Mr. Anderson (who had the assistance of Mr. Robertson, of Messrs. Robertson and Watt, jewellers, 73, High Street, Dundee), is of the most unique kind. The shape is oblong, measuring three inches long by about two inches broad. On the obverse the name of the club appears, along with that of the donor; while the reverse is meant for recording the winners' names, along with the date. On each side is a tiny Golf Club, and on the top of the medal scroll work appears, with a Golf ball in the centre, and the base is a capital representation of the turf. The medal given to the first class is of the finest metal; that of the second class is a mixture of gold and silver; while the third class medal is entirely composed of silver.

The members of the Broughty Club played over Monifieth Links, on December 5th, the trophy competed for being the Rowan

medal (handicap), the customary ball prizes being also awarded. Owing to the shortness of the day there was a small turnout. The weather was dull and the greens damp and heavy. The medal was tied for by Messrs. John Porter (100) and James Robertson (101), both being 4 below their respective averages. The best scratch scores were:—Mr. Alexander Bowman, 89; Mr. David Anderson, 91; and Mr. James Bowman, 93. Prize-winners:—First class: scratch, Mr. Alexander Bowman, 89; sweepstake, Mr. A. Bowman, and Mr. D. Anderson, 91—both 1 below (tie). Second class: scratch, Mr. John Porter, 100; first average and sweepstake; Mr. John Porter, 100, and Mr. James Robertson, 101—both 4 below (tie). Third class: scratch and sweepstake, Mr. James Wilson, 108—2 below.

On Friday, in the Burgh Court Room, Montrose, the piece of ground on the links adjoining the Mercantile Golf Club-house, and containing an area of about 600 square yards, was exposed to feu by public roup at the request of the Victoria Golf Club, who wished the ground as a site for the erection of their proposed new club-house. The ground was put up at a halfpenny per square yard, and a keen competition then took place between Mr. Aird, solicitor, Brechin, and Mr. R. A. Wills, solicitor, Montrose, the latter acting for the Victoria Club. Eventually the ground was feued to ex-Bailie Ford, also acting, it is understood, for the Victoria Club, at 1½d. per square yard. The ground belongs jointly to the Corporation, Ancient Hospital, and Kirk-Session of Montrose Parish Church.

The second of the series of winter monthly handicap competitions, arranged by the council of the Dalhousie Club, took place on Carnoustie links on Saturday. The sweepstakes were won by the following:—1, Mr. George Ogilvie, 99, less 18=81; 2, Mr. Edward Carmichael, 90, less 7=83; 3, Mr. J. Jones, 91, less 5=86. Mr. Edward Carmichael won a place in the optional sweepstake.

The members of the Broughty Club finished their play for the season at Monifieth on Saturday, by competing for the scratch medal presented by Mr. John Kirk. Mr. Alexander Moir was an easy winner of the trophy, with a creditable score of 85 strokes. The next best scores were:—Mr. Frank A. Begg, 90; Mr. William Mudie, 93; Mr. D. P. Scott, 94; Mr. David Anderson, 96; Mr. Robert Locke, 96; Mr. George Harper, 99. The prize-winners were:—First class—Scratch and third sweepstake, Alexander Moir, 85, at average; first average and first sweepstake, Mr. William Mudie, 93, 6 below; second average and second sweepstake, Mr. Robert Locke, 96, 1 below. Second class—Scratch and sweepstake, Mr. D. P. Scott, 94, 9 below.

Messrs. George Wright and William Still, who had, the previous Saturday, tied for the Mudie medal of the Monifieth Club at the excellent score of 77, played off the tie on Saturday, in presence of a considerable number of spectators. Mr. Wright came in 9 strokes to the good, the totals being—Mr. Wright, 77; Mr. Still, 86.

GLAMORGANSHIRE LADIES v. ST. FAGAN'S.

A match (fifteen holes) between the ladies of the St. Fagan's Park Golf Club and the ladies of the Glamorganshire Golf Club was played over the Ladies' Links at Penarth on December 6th, and resulted in a win for St. Fagan's by the narrow margin of 6 holes:—

ST. FAGAN'S LADIES.		GLAMORGANSHIRE.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Miss C. Hill ...	1	Miss Ingledew ...	0
Miss A. David ...	0	Miss Evelyn Young ...	0
Miss B. David ...	4	Mrs. Ward ...	0
Miss M. David ...	0	Mrs. Tucker ...	1
Miss E. David ...	0	Miss Young ...	1
Miss E. Williams ...	5	Mrs. Evens ...	0
Miss C. Owen ...	0	Mrs. Nicholls ...	2
	10		4

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 8th.—The winner played a fine round of 85 gross, and beat "Bogey," who, till now, has remained undefeated in winter, and has only been beaten four times during the last two years on this course. Scores:—Rev. H. C. Gaye (5), 1 up; Col. G. Lamb (7), 4 down; Mr. A. Chandler (11), 5 down; Mr. W. M. Corrie (5), 6 down; Mr. R. Kirke (7), 6 down; Mr. C. H. Parry (12), 6 down; Mr. J. A. Ross (1), 7 down; Mr. R. Browne (12), 7 down; Mr. J. Kenrick (2), 9 down; Mr. E. S. McEwen (3), 9 down.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition was played on Saturday, December 8th, with the following result:—Mr. F. Carter, 106, less 23=83; Mr. W. H. Mitchell, 104, less 20=84; Mr. H. O'Leary, 99, less 14=85; Mr. J. Kinmond, 110, less 24=86; Mr. T. Kinmond, 100, less 13=87; Mr. H. Smith-Turberville, 102, less 14=88; Mr. A. C. S. Glover, 102, less 14=88; Mr. G. C. Franklin, 125, less 23=102. No returns from Messrs. E. K. Bourne, H. Walton, and T. Day.

HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly prize competition, played on Monday, December 3rd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. W. M. Lloyd	95	17	78	Mr. H. Bourdillon	111	12	99
Mr. P. F. Morton...	102	12	90	Mr. C. P. Hastings	121	18	103
Mr. H. Hollings ...	107	13	94	Capt. Burton	152	35	117
Mr. C. R. Seymour	110	14	96				

Ladies' monthly prize competition, played on Thursday, December 6th:—Miss M. Sharpe, 95, less 12=83; Miss H. E. Blagden, 124, less 30=94; Miss M. Blagden, 111, less 10=101. Miss Maturin, no return.

KING JAMES VI. CLUB v. ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY.

The annual match between these clubs was played on the North Inch, Perth, on Saturday. There were twelve players aside. The greens were in splendid order, and the weather was excellent. The following are the scores:—

UNIVERSITY.		PERTH.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. P. C. Anderson ...	3	Mr. R. Dunsmore ...	0
Mr. A. M'Kenzie ...	4	Mr. R. Keay ...	0
Mr. R. Johnstone ...	1	Mr. W. M'Nicol ...	0
Mr. F. S. Douglas ...	8	Mr. D. S. Grant ...	0
Mr. A. Cant ...	4	Mr. J. Donaldson ...	0
Mr. D. Rusack... ..	0	Mr. R. Mackay ...	3
Mr. W. A. Henderson ...	10	Mr. A. Jamieson ...	0
Mr. W. S. Spiers ...	0	Mr. J. Mailer ...	4
Mr. H. M. Kyle ...	0	Mr. D. A. Cuthbert ...	0
Mr. H. Birrell ...	0	Mr. J. C. Dow... ..	0
Mr. R. C. Mitchell ...	0	Mr. R. Halley ...	6
Mr. A. Campbell ...	0	Mr. J. Crerar ...	7
Total ...	30	Total ...	20

Mr. P. C. Anderson, ex-Amateur Champion, who was opposed by Mr. R. Dunsmore, holed out at 76. Mr. Dunsmore more than held his own on the outward journey, and at the turn led by a hole. The ex-Champion's score out was 41. He exhibited brilliant form in the second half, and finished the half-round in the low score of 35. The details of Mr. Anderson's score are:—6 5 5 3 2 6 4 5 4 3 3 4 4 5 3 5 4=76. The strangers were hospitably entertained by the home team after the match.

LEASOWE GOLF CLUB.

The last of the series of competitions for the monthly medal and optional subscription prizes of the Leasowe Golf Club took place on Saturday on the links near Leasowe Castle. The weather was very favourable, and the greens in good condition, although rather stiff. Some twenty couples competed. Mr. John Ball, jun., the captain of the club, returned the best gross score of 78, his cousin and namesake, Mr. John Ball (2), being second with 81. For the medal there was a tie by Mr. T. T. Eskrigge, 90, less 8=82; Mr. F. W. Carson, 94, less 12=82; and Dr. John A. Cornett, 100, less 18=82. The same gentlemen divided the sweepstakes. In the evening the members attended in large numbers at the annual supper of the club, which was served in the new club-house. The following were the best scores returned in the medal competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. T. T. Eskrigge	90	8	82	Mr. John A. Gray ...	105	16	89
Mr. F. W. Carson...	94	12	82	Mr. W. A. Taylor...	102	12	90
Dr. J. A. Cornett ...	100	18	82	Mr. J. H. Howell ...	110	20	90
Mr. W. H. Boxburgh	101	18	83	Mr. C. H. Smith ...	97	6	91
Mr. George Morris	92	8	84	Mr. A. G. T. Cox...	116	25	91
Mr. J. P. Carr ...	94	9	85	Mr. J. Cromarty ...	108	16	92
Mr. F. A. Ravens-				Mr. G. D. Burrell ...	95	2	93
croft ...	97	12	85	Mr. T. Jones ...	112	18	94
Mr. J. C. Clarke ...	100	15	85	Mr. W. C. L. Mawd-			
Mr. John Ball (2)...	81	+5	86	sley ...	113	18	95
Mr. G. H. Leete ...	92	5	87	Mr. J. H. Burrell ...	124	25	99
Mr. John Ball, jun.	78	+10	88				

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal December 8th.—Played in fine, but dull weather:—Mr. C. Igglesden, 103, less 18=85; Mr. A. Crawford, scratch, 91; Mr. J. Hax, 103, less 12=91; Mr. A. J. Stanley, 98, less 5=93; Mr. G. B. Concano n, 108, less 13=95; Mr. J. Stephens, 116, less 18=98. Nine others over 100 net or no return.

LITTLESTONE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 8th:—Miss E. Rowlandson, 98, less 22=76; Miss E. Cobb, 94, less 16=78; Miss M. Rowlandson, 95, less 16=79; Miss D. Rowlandson, 99, less 18=81; Miss H. Stringer, 92, less 10=82; Miss Stringer, 89, less 6=83; Miss Rowlandson, 105, less 22=83; Miss M. Cobb, 108, less 14=94. One other over 100 net.

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The third competition in connection with the monthly medal was held at Manley Park on Saturday, December 1st. Twenty-seven members took out cards, but only seventeen made returns. A thick fog made play extremely difficult, and the ground had suffered somewhat on account of the frost of the night before being followed by a thaw. Under the circumstances the two top scores must be considered as very creditable, that of Mr. Lund—who is a comparatively new player—being specially worthy of praise. That gentleman and Mr. Kneale tied for the first place with the scores of 92 and 90, less 14 and 12 respectively. The following are the returns under the century:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. S. Kneale ...	90	12 78	Mr. J. Macalister ...	91	4 87
Mr. W. Lund ...	92	14 78	Mr. S. B. Graves ...	92	5 87
Mr. J. R. Newby ...	101	18 83	Mr. R. L. Taylor ...	101	12 89
Mr. W. Bell ...	88	4 84	Mr. R. Holmes ...	102	13 89
Mr. W. C. Adamson	91	6 85	Mr. F. T. Pattison ...	106	17 89
Mr. R. Haig Brown	98	13 85	Mr. Francis Jones ...	106	15 91
Rev. I.H. Brayshaw	90	4 86	Mr. H. Norris ...	106	15 91

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

The monthly sweepstake was competed for on November 28th. Result:—Major Walford, 103, less 25=78; Mr. J. Dover, 109, less 22=87; Mr. G. Pickering, 119, less 26=93; Commander Hamond Græme, 136, less 36=100. The rest sent in no returns.

The ladies played for their monthly sweepstakes on Thursday, November 29th. As Mrs. Walford repeated her victory of the preceding month, Miss Agnes Nicholson, who was second, is entitled to compete for the annual club prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Walford ..	108	30 78	Mrs. Windus ...	118	19 99
Miss Agnes Nicholson ...	105	26 79	Miss Rowden Smith	136	35 101
Miss Hollis ...	118	32 86	Miss McCreery ...	148	39 109
Miss Merriman ...	108	16 92	Miss Kenton ...	124	15 109
Miss Edith Nicholson ...	110	14 96	Mrs. Cleveland		
			Swayne ...	121	11 110
			Miss Anderson ...	157	39 118

Mrs. Wingfield Stratford, Miss Nicholson, Miss Hamond Græme, Miss E. McCreery, Mrs. C. H. Hands, and Miss Bailey, started, but sent in no returns.

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly competition of the Notts Golf Club took place on Saturday, December 1st and Thursday, December 6th, with the following result:—

Saturday.—Handicaps of 16 and under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. T. Ashwell ...	91	5 86	Mr. A. N. Bromley	111	8 103
Mr. J. Johnstone ...	97	10 87	Mr. E. A. Coutts ...	112	7 105
Mr. J. Hall ...	97	3 94	Mr. J. C. Warren ...	111	4 107
Mr. S. Davidson ...	110	16 94	Mr. C. S. Wardle ...	121	11 110
Mr. J. Harris ...	103	8 95	Mr. C. F. Dobson ...	126	16 110
Mr. J. McMeeking ...	103	7 96			

Handicaps over 16:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Bridgett ...	114	21 93	Mr. L. Margetson ...	118	18 100
Mr. G. C. Hine ...	120	27 93	Mr. A. Barrow ...	121	18 103
Mr. J. D. Pearson ...	113	18 95	Mr. J. A. Taylor ...	125	20 105
Mr. R. F. Carey ...	116	21 95	Mr. J. W. Windley	133	27 106
Mr. C. A. Rastall ...	126	30 96	Mr. A. H. Pearson	142	36 106
Mr. T. G. Mellors ...	117	18 99	Mr. W. R. Lymbery	135	20 115
Mr. W. Ross ...	123	24 99	Rev. J. Holroyde ...	146	24 122
Mr. G. A. Smith ...	123	24 99			

Thursday.—Handicaps of 16 and under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. B. Edwards	101	15 86	Mr. J. Doleman ...	118	8 110
Mr. J. W. Greig ...	103	8 95	Mr. W. H. Hutton ...	133	16 117

Handicaps over 16:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. P. Snook ...	112	24 88	Mr. E. Powell ...	131	30 101
Rev. L. Gwynne ...	109	18 91	Mr. T. McCulloch ...	120	18 102
Mr. C. P. Dixon ...	112	21 91	Mr. A. Harwood ...	123	21 102
Rev. J. Branford ...	116	18 98	Mr. H. Russell ...	131	27 104
Mr. A. Baker ...	119	21 98	Mr. K. Edwards ...	140	27 113
Dr. J. S. Tew ...	125	27 98	Mr. A. Oliver ...	145	27 118
Rev. J. Wheeler ...	128	30 98	Mr. R. Taylor ...	174	36 138

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Weekly handicap, Friday, December 7th:—

First class.—Mr. H. Nicholls, 80, less 4=76; Mr. T. Ranken, 86, less 3=83; Mr. K. R. Cobb, 93, less 10=83; Mr. H. L. Havers, 94, less 11=83; Mr. G. B. Grundy, 89, less 3=86.

Second class.—Mr. W. W. Leuchars, 91, less 20=71; Mr. C. J. Jones, 97, less 18=79; Mr. D. H. Meggy, 96, less 15=81; Mr. A. S. Leslie, 99, less 18=81; Mr. A. Lane, 107, less 20=87. Eighteen entries; no returns from the rest.

PARAMÉ GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' monthly competition for the silver shield, presented by Major R. Dixon, was played for on November 29th, and won by Miss Pierce, of Paramé, net score, 48; course, six holes. The following was the result of the men's monthly gold medal competition, played for on December 6th:—Major Macartney, 87 net; J. P. Wyatt, 97 net; Capt. Segrave and Mr. McMaster, 104 respectively. Course, eighteen holes.

PAU GOLF CLUB.

The second monthly handicap was played on Monday, December 3rd, when the following was the score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Lord Kilmaine ...	96	19 77	Mr. B. C. Morris ...	116	30 86
Mr. G. Harrison ...	95	14 81	Mr. C. Black ...	93	6 87
Mr. H. G. Ross ...	97	13 84	Mr. R. J. Boreel ...	88	scr. 88
Mr. C. Cuthbertson	95	10 85	Mr. F. Scarrisbrick	115	18 97
Mr. K. Macfarlane ...	93	8 85			

PRINCE'S LADIES' GOLF CLUB (MITCHAM).

The monthly medal competition was held on December 5th:—Miss H. Short, 88, less 8=80; Mrs. Cameron, 85, less 3=82; Mrs. Willock, 89, less 3=86. Eleven other players entered. The course was in good condition, especially the putting-greens.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap medal, December 8th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. J. Davies ...	94	15 79	Mr. A. Craven ...	105	16 89
Mr. A. F. Pearson ...	100	18 82	Mr. R. Hepburn ...	105	15 90
Sir W. Russell ...	91	5 86	Mr. A. E. Bateman.	117	20 97
Mr. J. C. Moreton			Mr. L. E. G. Abney	109	10 99
Thompson ...	107	20 87	Mr. W. Sedgwick ...	116	16 100
Sir H. Bergne ...	103	16 87	Mr. E. E. St. Quintin	126	18 108
Mr. Arthur Adams ...	95	6 89	Mr. Woodbine Parish	134	18 116

No returns from nine players.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' monthly medal competition of this club was played on Monday, 3rd inst., with the following result:—Miss Haynes, 134, less 38=96; Miss A. Pennant, 118, less 18=100; Miss M. Pennant, 99, plus 2=101; Miss G. P. Pennant, 140, less 30=110; Mrs. Hewitt, 131, less 20=111; Mrs. Miller, 152, less 40=112; Miss Luxmoore, 158, less 45=113; Mrs. J. P. Lewis, 146, less 30=116.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Result of competition of Photographic medal, Calcutta cup, and monthly medal, played on December 4th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Lieut.-Col. Staples	140	24 116	Mr. C. B. Lindsay .	145	17 128
Mr. W. O. S. Pell .	119	scr. 119	Mr. D. Christopher-		
Mr. G. Spurling ..	133	14 119	son ...	153	25 128
Mr. R. Winch ...	136	16 120	Mr. H. A. Laird ...	142	13 129
Mr. G. O. Jacob ...	142	21 121	Mr. C. M. Baker ...	152	22 130
Mr. J. L. Low ...	122	scr. 122	Mr. G. F. Saunders .	145	14 131
Mr. W. E. Hughes.	130	8 122	Mr. G. W. Smyth .	155	24 131
Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	119	+4 123	Mr. C. Young ...	138	6 132
Mr. W. Morris ...	138	14 124	Mr. E. Pinkerton ...	149	11 138
Mr. R. Whyte ...	129	2 127	Mr. A. Sales ...	164	25 139
Mr. J. A. Raynes ...	141	14 127	Mr. C. Lethbridge .	160	18 142
Mr. H. C. Burton ...	143	15 128			

* Winner of monthly medal.

No returns from eleven members.

The game was played under adverse circumstances, there being a considerable amount of fog.

Photographic medal, Messrs. F. S. Ireland and W. O. S. Pell, tie. Calcutta cup, Mr. W. O. S. Pell, Lieut.-Col. Staples, and Mr. G. Spurling, tie.

ROYAL NORWICH GOLF CLUB.

The Ladies' monthly medal competition took place on Monday, December 3rd. Owing to the course having been lengthened the scores handed in were somewhat higher than usual. Details as under:—Miss Pratt, scratch, 82; Miss E. Pratt, 95, less 12=83; Miss H. Bullard, 94, less 8=86; Miss Cubitt, 93, less 6=87; Mrs. Bolingbroke, 96, 7=89; Miss Orams, 109, less 14=95; Miss Jarrold, 118, less 15=103; Miss E. B. De-Carle Smith, 119, less 15=104. The following made no returns:—Mrs. Anthony Morgan, Miss Deuchar, Miss Frere, Miss Bullard, Miss V. Barwell, and Miss Christmas.

SALTBURN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal handicap competition was won on Saturday, December 8th, by Mr. G. S. Morris, a rapidly improving player. The following members made returns:—Mr. G. S. Morris, 111, less 24=87; Mr. A. H. Arden, 105, less 16=89; Mr. J. F. Whitwell, 99, less 8=91; Mr. John Jones, 118, less 24=94; Mr. John T. Walton, 113, less 18=95; Mr. G. S. Hikeley, 120, less 24=96; Mr. W. J. Deighton, 123, less 24=99.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, Saturday, December 8th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Captain G. Nugent	84 scr. 84	Mr. G. Shaw	112 22 90
Mr. A. J. Jack	99 15 84	Mr. T. S. Whitfield	108 13 95
Mr. J. E. Shaw	95 8 87	Mr. F. Easterbrook	106 8 98
Mr. A. Lubbock	92 3 89		

Captain Nugent retiring, Mr. Jack takes the medal.

SIDCUP v. CHISLEHURST.

SIDCUP.		CHISLEHURST.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. W. Nicholson	... 0	Mr. E. M. Smith	... 2
Mr. H. J. Donaldson	... 0	Mr. R. H. Dun	... 7
Mr. M. Hewitt	... 9	Mr. E. W. Hawes	... 0
Mr. T. Wilson	... 0	Mr. A. W. T. Minchin	... 9
Mr. R. A. Patterson	... 7	Mr. John Dun	... 0
Mr. J. Horsfield	... 0	Mr. N. M. Smith	... 1
Mr. W. J. Harries	... 2	Mr. Martin R. Smith	... 0
Mr. J. W. Fry	... 4	Mr. T. A. Mitchell	... 0
Mr. F. Shapley	... 0	Mr. E. S. Allen	... 0
Mr. J. Spreckley	... 0	Mr. E. F. J. Mills	... 11
	22		30

Chislehurst 8 holes up.
 The professionals belonging to each club also played a match of eighteen holes, Chislehurst winning by 4 holes.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition on Saturday, December 8th, attracted a fair field to the Moss Lane Links. The weather was fine and mild, but a rather strong north wind and bright sunshine were against very good scoring in the morning, while the greens, after heavy rain on the previous day, proved somewhat sticky. In the afternoon the wind dropped. Mr. Charles Legh, 101, less 20=81, recorded a win for the medal, and took the first sweepstake; Mr. J. Morison taking the second; and Mr. F. W. H. Campbell the third. The chief scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Chas. Legh	101 20 81	Mr. R. O'C. N.	
Mr. J. Morison	92 7 85	Dean	106 13 93
Mr. F. W. H. Campbell	96 9 87	Mr. J. E. Pearson	96 2 94
Mr. H. Sidebottom	90 2 88	Mr. J. B. Southern	112 16 96
Mr. G. F. Smith	86 +3 89	Mr. W. T. Rowley	103 5 98
Mr. W. M. Wylde	102 13 89	Mr. C. J. Mulle-	
Mr. W. G. Clinning	103 14 89	neaux	109 9 100
Mr. Geo. Duffus	94 4 90	Mr. H. B. Barlow	113 13 100
Mr. A. Smart	96 6 90	Mr. J. K. Bell	118 18 100

No returns from Messrs. E. Leese, W. Thomson, G. F. Pearson, H. H. Perkes, T. O. Clinning, W. E. Buckley, J. H. Knowles, W. Tinsley, and W. Pierpoint.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition was held on Saturday, December 1st. The following returns were made:—Mr. W. Whytock, 97, plus 2=99, and Mr. J. B. Gooding, 107, less 8=99 (tie); Mr. C. J. Waller, 118, less 14=104. No return from Mr. A. R. Grubbe. The tie was played off on Monday, December 3rd:—Mr. J. B. Gooding, 97, less 8=89; Mr. W. Whytock, 95, plus 2=97.

Mr. C. J. Waller won the competition on November 3rd, with 2 down against "Bogey."

STAINES GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, December 8th. Scores:—Mr. G. J. Hunter, 90, less 9=81; Rev. F. Williamson, 96, less 11=85; Mr. R. A. Slee, 110, less 18=92.

STANMORE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, December 1st, the monthly medal competitions took place. The following were the winners:—President's medal, Mr. J. R. Scully, 97, less 10=87; Mr. Grinling's medal, Mr. F. Horley, 110, less 18=92. The scores were:—Mr. J. R. Scully, 97, less 10=87; Mr. J. W. Greig, 98, less 8=90; Mr. F. Horley, 110, less 18=92; Mr. H. F. Gilmour, 107, less 15=92; Mr. G. Grinling, 106, less 13=93; Mr. C. C. Stone, 110, less 16=94; Mr. J. A. Begbie (scratch), 96; Mr. J. Price, 126, less 30=96; Mr. W. N. Roe, 116, less 18=98; Mr. F. Tiernay, 118, less 18=100; Mr. J. Law, 120, less 15=105.

ST. NEOTS v. LUTON.

Played at St. Neot's, on Tuesday, 27th November, St. Neot's winning by twenty-one holes.

ST. NEOTS.		LUTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. C. McNish	... 3	Mr. J. C. Kershaw	... 0
Mr. J. A. Ennals	... 7	Mr. F. Simpson	... 0
Mr. P. C. Tomson	... 2	Mr. R. N. Christie	... 0
Mr. A. K. Bower	... 5	Mr. C. H. Osborne	... 0
Mr. W. H. Hillyer	... 4	Mr. H. Blundell	... 0
	21		0

The ladies' monthly prize was won by Miss G. Tomson, on Saturday, 1st December.

SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal handicap came off on Saturday, November 3rd, the result being that the popular captain of the club, Mr. A. W. Stiven, came in first. Mr. Stiven played an excellent game, his score being 84 for the two rounds, and tying the record made by Mr. J. B. Robertson. Dr. Mugliston came in a good second, his score being 85. Several members played, but the ground was very hard, and good play was not the order of the day:—

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. W. Stiven	43	41	scr.	84
Dr. Mugliston	47	43	5	85
Mr. W. L. Napier	60	57	30	87
Mr. F. M. Elliot	47	56	12	91
Dr. Croucher	55	52	16	91
Mr. A. J. R. Greene	54	51	14	91
Mr. W. Vade	45	46	scr.	91
Mr. R. H. Padday	52	53	14	91
Dr. Hinde	51	41	scr.	92
Mr. R. W. Crighton	50	52	8	94
Mr. J. B. Robertson	49	45	+2	96
Mr. J. W. B. Maclaren	53	53	10	96
Mr. W. Fox	57	49	10	96
Mr. J. K. Birch	53	53	8	98
Mr. F. A. D. Jones	61	56	18	99
Mr. E. J. Nanson	55	59	12	102
Mr. W. Bryan	64	53	14	103
Mr. C. W. Alexander	58	62	15	105

SWANSEA v. PORTHCAWL.

A match was played between the Swansea and Porthcawl Golf Clubs on Saturday, on the Swansea links, in beautiful weather, the course being in splendid trim. The visitors brought a powerful team, but the home team proved too strong for them, retaining their unbroken record on their own green. At a meeting of the Swansea Golf Club, held in the club-house after the match—Col. Morgan, R.N. (president), in the chair—it was arranged to have a week's golfing competition the third week in December. Annexed are the scores:—

SWANSEA.		PORTHCAWL.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. L. Richardson	... 9	Mr. H. J. Simpson	... 0
Mr. H. Forester	... 2	Mr. H. W. Vivian	... 0
Mr. J. R. Watson (captain)	8	Rev. D. Davies (captain)	... 0
Mr. H. J. Bath	... 7	Dr. Peterson	... 0
Mr. E. Forester	... 11	Dr. E. Williams	... 0
Mr. J. Herbert	... 7	Mr. J. R. Rainforth	... 0
Dr. E. Reid	... 5	Mr. C. Wood	... 0
Capt. D. F. H. Logan	... 0	Dr. T. Collins	... 2
	49		2

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly cup competition took place on Saturday, December 8th. The weather was fine and mild, and the greens in good condition. There were, however, only eighteen entries. The returns were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. M. Eddowes	93	10	83	Mr. E. P. Wright	97	8	89
Mr. A. L. Lloyd	104	18	86	Mr. F. H. Winder	112	20	92
Dr. R. M. Simon	100	13	87	Rev. W. C. R. Bedford	111	16	95
Mr. F. Rathbone	102	15	87	Mr. P. A. Bourke	107	11	96
Mr. W. Jennens	111	24	87				
Mr. A. H. Inglis	109	21	88				

The others over 100 net, or no returns.

TONBRIDGE GOLF CLUB.

On the 8th inst., the ladies' monthly challenge medal (12 holes), was played for, resulting in a tie between the Misses Le Fleming. The course had suffered greatly from the rain the previous night, making things generally unpleasant and net conducive to low scoring. Result:—Miss Le Fleming, 68, less 8=60; Miss A. Le Fleming, 76, less 16=60; Miss Armstrong, 89, less 16=73; Miss M. Hall, 103, less 20=83; Miss Kennington, 115, less 32=83; Mrs. Barchard, 113, less 30=83.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The fifth bi-monthly competition for the winter handicap prize took place on Thursday, December 6th, over the club course at Ryton-on-Tyne. Annexed are the respective scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	84	scr.	84	Mr. J. Hiddleston	98	9	89
Mr. H. H. Blair	94	8	86	Mr. F. Smith	100	10	90
Mr. H. Thomas	96	9	87	Dr. J. Limont	95	4	91
Mr. W. E. Stephenson	96	8	88	Mr. C. Atkinson	108	16	92
Mr. R. Steel	100	12	88	Mr. Jas. Hedley	101	6	95
Mr. C. A. Ridley	89	scr.	89	Mr. H. Exley Edwards	116	18	98
Mr. G. F. Charlton	95	6	89				

The rest were over 100 net or made no returns.

UNITED SERVICE GOLF CLUB, PORTSMOUTH.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Friday and Saturday, November 23rd and 24th. The weather was fine, but owing to the late rains the green was heavy and the lies bad, which was against good scoring.

First day, medal round.—Best scratch score, Dr. Reid, R.N., 93. Scores under handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. H. G. Ross	94	18	76	Lieut. Barry, R.N.	114	22	92
†Mr. R. S. O'Connor	105	21	84	Lieut. Rumbold, R.A.	110	17	93
Major Swinburne, R.M.A.	94	9	85	Mr. W. G. Preston	111	18	93
Lieut. P. D. Hamilton, R.A.	97	11	86	Mr. L. G. Bonham-Carter	103	9	94
Mr. W. Hynes	104	16	88	Mr. R. W. Ashby	116	22	94
Mr. A. W. Gilbert	107	19	88	Lieut. F. Dalzell, R.A.	105	9	96
Mr. F. Hardcastle	110	20	90	Major Quill, R.M.L.I.	120	24	96
Major Little	106	15	91	Mr. R. G. Wilberforce	122	24	98
Com. E. Payne, R.N.	108	17	91				

* First prize. † Second prize. ‡ Third prize.

Remainder made no return, or were over 100 net.

Second day, "Bogey" match:—Capt. Quinton, R.A., 4 down (first prize); Capt. Nelson, R.A., 5 down (second prize); Lieut. P. D. Hamilton, R.A., and Lieut. Rumbold, R.A., 6 down (tie for third and fourth prizes).

The usual monthly medal and the captain's prize were played for on Saturday, December, 1st. The captain's prize was won by Capt. Quinton with the excellent score of 87, less 9=78; and the medal by Major Quill, R.M.L.I., after a tie with Capt. Quinton. Scores as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Capt. Quinton, R.A.	87	9	78	Col. Stuart	105	15	90
†Maj. Quill, R.M.L.I.	102	24	78	Mr. W. E. Meade	100	9	91
Com. Baker, R.N.	102	18	84	Major Hamilton, R.A.	102	11	91
Lieut. P. D. Hamilton, R.A.	96	11	85	Rev. F. G. Jellicoe	108	16	92
Lieut. D. Morrison, R.A.	100	12	88	Surg.-Capt. Pollock	110	16	94
Mr. F. J. Croke	101	13	88	Dr. Mends, R.N.	112	18	94
Com. E. P. Jones, R.N.	105	15	90	Dr. Reid, R.N.	95	scr.	95
				Lieut. Madden, R.N.	118	18	100
				Mr. P. Hordern	118	18	100

* Captain's prize. † Medal.

Remainder made no return, or were over 100 net.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The annual match between the English and Scotch members of the club was played on Saturday, December 1st, over the Warwick Links. The course was in capital order, and all the elements in favour of good scoring, the only drawback to a thorough enjoyment of the game being the fogginess of the weather. Sixteen matches in all were played, the net result being a victory for the Southrons by a majority of exactly 20 holes. Some of the matches were very close, notably those between the two leading players on each side, both of which were halved. For the winners, excellent golf was shown by the Rev. A. P. Dodd, Mr. Smith-Turberville, and Mr. Harrington Smith, and these gentlemen were well supported by Mr. Hill, Mr. Keighley, and the Rev. J. Adams, each of whom were 6 holes up to their opponents. Mr. Armstrong and Brigade-Surgeon Wilson both did yeoman service for the "land of kilts and cakes," with 9 and 8 holes up respectively, the other winners for Scotland being Mr. Sanders, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Wheble, and Mr. Graham. The following was the full score:—

ENGLAND.		Holes.	SCOTLAND.		Holes.
Mr. H. E. Du C. Norris (capt.)	0		Mr. W. Bouch (capt.)	0	
Mr. C. J. Lloyd Carson	0		Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair	0	
Mr. M. T. Brown	0		Mr. C. G. Graham	2	
Rev. A. P. Dodd	12		Mr. W. Ricketts	0	
Mr. H. H. Child	0		Mr. S. Sanders	4	
Capt. Osborne	0		Mr. R. A. Richardson	3	
Mr. H. Smith-Turberville	8		Hon. and Rev. W. R. Verney	0	
Mr. W. J. Burnan	2		Capt. Cowan	0	
Mr. R. Harrington Smith	7		Mr. G. D. Paton	0	
Mr. O. Mordaunt	0		Mr. S. J. Wheble	3	
Mr. F. W. Keighley	6		Mr. W. MacLaren	0	
Rev. J. Adams	6		Col. French	0	
Gen. Dandridge	2		Rev. R. A. Edgell	0	
Mr. M. S. Hill	6		Major Kelso	0	
Mr. A. E. Batchelor	0		Brig.-Surgeon Wilson	8	
Rev. A. H. M. Russell	0		Mr. A. St. Q. Armstrong	9	
	49			29	

Majority for England, 20 holes.

The tie between Messrs. H. T. Hickman and C. G. C. Mallam in the club competition for the previous week was also played off on Saturday, Mr. Mallam winning the cup with a score of 101, less 12=89.

The "Bogey" winner for November proved to be Mr. T. Latham (8), who was 2 up to "Bogey," and therefore puts in a win for Mr. Ashton's prize.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal handicaps were played over the club course on Saturday, December 8th. Scores:—

Handicaps of 12 and under:—Mr. A. Butcher, 91, less 12=79; Mr. J. S. Crawford, 93, less 9=84; Mr. C. A. Barton, 98, less 12=86; Mr. O. W. F. Hill, 99, less 7=92; Mr. A. Roberts, 106, less 12=94.

Handicaps over 12:—Mr. F. J. Burr, 98, less 13=85; Mr. W. Tierney, 104, less 18=86; Mr. E. A. Horne, 107, less 19=88; Rev. J. A. Bevan, 106, less 13=93; Mr. J. A. Simson, 110, less 16=94.

WEST LINTON GOLF CLUB.

These links, so thronged a scene on summer days, have of late been silent all; but on Saturday last the solitude was broken by the welcome visit of a team of town members. Tempted by the late spring-like weather, even into December, and longing for a fresh taste of their pleasant pastime, and it might be to show the prowess of the townsmen, the word was sent round. But they found the country members ready for them, and after a stout tussle, with wonderfully low scoring, the result was:—

TOWN.		Holes.	COUNTRY.		Holes.
Mr. Williamson	3		Mr. Alexander	0	
Mr. McClymont	3		Mr. Aitken	0	
Mr. Martin	0		Mr. Millar	5	
Mr. Watson	0		Mr. Ramsay	8	
Mr. Wight	1		Mr. Mackie	0	
Mr. Cadzow	0		Mr. Laidlaw	4	
Mr. Storrrie	0		Mr. Veitch	5	
Mr. Melvin	0		Mr. Melrose	8	
	7			30	

At nightfall, till time for train, a pleasant meeting for tea and discussion of matters connected with the increased prosperity of the club, mingled with song and sentiment, was held in the "Townhead."

WESTON-SUPER-MARE GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly competition for the ladies' medal took place on Saturday, December 8th, when the prize was carried off by Miss Mesham. Owing to the counter-attraction of the Somerset and Devon football match, the entries were hardly up to expectation.

WILMSLOW GOLF CLUB.

The third winter competition took place on Saturday. Mr. V. Bellhouse won the Boddington cup and memento and the second sweepstakes; Mr. R. Burn won the Haworth cup and memento and the first sweepstakes, and the third sweepstakes was divided between Mr. J. J. Brickhill, and Mr. W. Eller. Thirty-three members competed. The following are the scores under 100 net:—

Boddington cup.—			Haworth cup.—				
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. V. Bellhouse ...	84	3	81	Mr. C. D. Milne ...	95	5	90
Mr. C. S. Hoare ...	82	+1	83	Mr. J. Beaumont ...	100	10	90
Mr. G. H. Shakerley	94	8	86	Mr. P. Swanwick ...	101	9	92
Mr. A. N. Cumming	91	2	89	Mr. G. Bickham ...	100	5	95
Mr. W. W. Barlow	91	2	89	Mr. J. H. Milne ...	101	6	95
Mr. J. Sidebottom	97	8	89	Mr. J. Kent Ford ...	107	8	99
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. R. Burn ...	100	20	80	Mr. F. Haworth ...	104	12	92
Mr. J. J. Brickhill	98	11	87	Mr. W. Wood ...	109	13	96
Mr. W. Eller ...	102	15	87	Mr. J. B. Parkinson	113	15	98
Mr. A. Crewdson ...	112	22	90	Mr. J. C. Water-			
Mr. K. C. Bellhouse	102	11	91	house ...	118	17	101
Mr. F. Godlee ...	103	12	91				

WOODBIDGE GOLF CLUB.

The twelfth monthly competition took place on Monday, December 3rd, with following result:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. A. Morley ...	101	13	88	Mr. C. Morley ...	118	13	95
Mr. F. S. W. Wood	99	10	89	Major Larken ...	115	20	95
Sir R. Musgrave, Bart.	110	20	90	Mr. T. Carthew ...	120	25	95
Mr. H. A. Barthorp	122	30	92	Admiral Theobald...	112	16	96
Mr. J. B. Pettit ...	91	+2	93	Major E. St. F. Moore	125	25	100
Mr. H. Blomfield...	112	18	94				

No returns from Revs. Radcliffe and Summer, Major King, Captain Soppitt, and Messrs. Corrance, Cowan, Grant, and Edwardes-Ker.

The twelfth monthly competition for Ladies took place on Thursday, December 6th, with following result:—Miss Soppitt, 70, less 16=54; Miss Powell, 86, less 20=66. No return from Mrs. Hicks, Miss Hessey, and Miss Darling.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst. The morning was foggy, and the afternoon became so dark that play had to be given up before three o'clock. Scores sent in:—Mr. F. Cobbett, 93, less 16=77; Captain H. A. Armitage, 92, less 4=88; Sir H. Lewis, 95, less 6=89; Mr. C. C. Deane, 94, less 4=90; Mr. W. C. Perry, 100, less 10=90; Mr. J. W. Ieakes, 99, less 8=91; Mr. A. S. Archdale, 93, less 1=92; Rev. M. Woodward, 117, less 18=99. Mr. Cobbett won the "Bogey" prize and the junior medal, and Captain Armitage secured the monthly cup and the senior medal.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.—The ladies' monthly handicap was played on Saturday, December 8th, when Miss R. C. Garrett was successful in winning the medal, with the score of 131 less 17=114.

BEARSDEN.—The ladies' monthly competition for the Stewart gold medal took place on this course on Saturday, December 8th. The course was in very good condition. When the cards were returned it was found that Mrs. Macdonald was the winner of the medal, with a score of 69, less 16=53. The following were the next best scores:—Mrs. Scott, 66, less 6=60; Miss M. Armstrong, 72, less 8=64; Mrs. Connor, 76, less 12=64; Miss L. Russell, 74, less 10=64; Miss M. Burnside, 79, less 14=65; Mrs. Johnston (scratch), 66.

CRAWFORD.—The competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday. The medal was won by Mr. D. M'Arthur with a score of 107, less 20=87. The weather was sunny and calm, but the muster of players was disappointing.

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the gold medal presented by Baillie Cunningham took place on Millport course on Saturday, December 8th, in fine golfing weather. The course and greens were in good condition. The following are the best scores:—Mr. John Houston, 103, less 4=99 (winner); Mr. Archibald Cameron, 112, less 6=106; Mr. H. R. Wishart, 137, less 18=119.

DORNOCH.—The competition for two landscape paintings from the Dornoch Golf Links, and presented to the club by the artist, has just been completed. The pictures were competed for by holes and under handicap, the reckoning being made by wins and halves. The maximum number of wins was 23, and Mr. William Mackay, a scratch player, has secured the first prize with 1½ wins, and Mr. Hugh Munro (scratch), the second, with 17 wins.

EYEMOUTH.—The final ties in a competition for two prizes, presented by Sir Walter Simpson and Mr. W. Flett was played off last week. The winners were Mr. D. Fairbairn and Mr. R. Black. The president's medal was also played for, the successful competitor being Mr. John Wood—score 81.

MORTONHALL CLUB, EDINBURGH.—A special meeting of this club was held in Dowell's Rooms on Friday—the captain (Mr. Duncan M'Laren, S.S.C.) presiding. There was an attendance of over 100 members. The captain stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering alternative schemes framed by the Council with a view to meet an increased annual expenditure, which the Council considered ought, in the interests of the club, to be incurred on the course and club-house for the future, and he explained to the meeting both schemes in detail. Under the first scheme, which the Council had unanimously recommended for adoption, it was proposed to introduce fifty additional selected members at the present entry money of £10 10s. each, thereby enlarging the membership to 400, the annual subscription remaining at its present amount, viz., £1 11s. 6d. Under the other scheme the membership would continue at its present number, but the annual subscription would be increased to £2 2s. exclusive of box-money. On the motion of the captain, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Charles M'Gregor, the meeting unanimously approved the Council's recommendation, and remitted to the Council to select the fifty additional members. There was also remitted to the Council a suggestion made by Sheriff Melville that authority should be obtained for commissionaires being employed as caddies; and on the motion of Mr. Cox of Gorgie, a vote of thanks was awarded to the Captain for presiding.

NAIRN.—The Pullar medal was won on Saturday by Mr. A. Loban, Inverness, with a score of 93, less 3=90.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.—The final medal competition of this club took place on Saturday, 8th inst., with the following result:—Mr. C. S. Mainwaring, 103, less 13=90; Mr. H. G. Stock (scratch), 99; Rev. D. Griffiths, 119, less 18=101. Mr. R. Banks did not play.

ROYSTON GOLF CLUB.—The first competition for the captain's (Mr. W. T. Nash) prize was played on Saturday, December 8th, with the following result:—Mr. H. R. Parker, 104, less 20=84; Mr. P. T. Harris, 112, less 27=85; Mr. H. Y. Oldham, 109, less 18=91; Mr. G. F. Phillips, 98, less 6=92. Messrs. R. A. Nicholson, J. D. Duff, J. P. Bate, and Alan Gray, made no return.

WOODHALL SPA AND DISTRICT GOLF CLUB.—The monthly meeting was held on Monday, December 3rd, in perfect golfing weather, but did not attract a large gathering. Miss M. C. Bramley secured the medal, with a score of 110, less 33=77, and the ladies' "Bogey" handicap with 3 down. Mr. H. Hunt, with 99, less 11=88, and Col. Walter, 103, less 12=91, tied, 7 holes down against "Bogey," for the gentlemen's sweepstake. An extra nine-hole handicap fell to Mr. F. Bramley, who defeated "Bogey" by 1 hole.

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