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FEBRUARY.

Feb. 16 & 17.—Littlehampton: Captain's Cup; Lord E. Hamilton's Cup; Monthly Medal.  
Feb. 17.—Disley: Tonge Prize.  
Cambridge University v. Nottinghamshire (eight a side), at Cambridge.  
Eltham: Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton: "Bogey" Competition.  
Sidcup: Monthly Medal (Second Class).  
County Down: Captain's Prize and Club Handicap.  
Ranelagh: Monthly Medal.  
Worlington: Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale: Captain's Prize.  
Beckenham: Monthly Medal.  
Formby: Optional Subscription Prize.  
Seaford: Monthly Medal.  
Harrogate: Monthly Medal.  
Felixstowe: Monthly Challenge Cup.  
Rochester Ladies: Monthly Medal.  
Rochester: Monthly Medal.  
Knutsford: Monthly Competition (Final).  
Mid-Surrey: Monthly Medal.  
Disley: Winter Silver Medal.  
Wimbledon Ladies: Monthly Medal.  
Wakefield: Monthly Medal.  
Glamorganshire v. Abergavenny.  
Porthcawl: "Bogey" Competition.  
Oxford University v. Guildford (at Guildford).  
King's Norton: Captain's Prize.  
Headingley: Monthly Medal.  
North West Club, Londonderry: Monthly Medal (Ladies and Juveniles).

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Feb. 17.—West Middlesex: Monthly Medal.  
Southend-on-Sea: Monthly Medal (Senior and Junior).  
Feb. 18.—Royal Dublin: Monthly Medal.  
Feb. 20.—Cambridge University: Barrow Medal ("Bogey").  
Feb. 21.—Canterbury: Monthly Medal.  
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Sutton Coldfield v. Arden (at Solihull).  
Feb. 21 & 22.—Alfreton: Ladies; Silver Spoon.  
Feb. 22, 23 & 24.—Alfreton: Gentlemen; Bronze Medal.  
Feb. 22.—Cambridge University v. Royston, at Royston (eight a side), 1.15 p.m.  
Royal Guernsey: Monthly Medal.  
Bentley Green: Monthly Handicap.  
Pau: F. de Courcy May Jubilee Medal.  
Feb. 23.—Cambridge University v. Royal Blackheath, at Cambridge (eight a side), 11 a.m.  
Feb. 24.—Cambridge University v. Great Yarmouth, at Cambridge (twelve a side), 10.30 a.m.  
Taplow: Monthly Medal.  
Willesden: Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Cup; Captain's Prize; Monthly Medal.  
Dumfries and Galloway: Monthly Medal.  
Cheadle: Silver and Bronze Medals.  
Lytham and St. Anne's: Captain's Cup.  
Didsbury: Mr. W. H. Young's Prize.  
Marple: Monthly Medal and Captain's Cup.  
Ilkley: Monthly Medal.  
Weston-Super-Mare: Monthly Medal.  
Crookham: Monthly Medal.  
Knutsford: Winter "Bogey."  
Wallasey: Monthly Optional Subscription Competition.  
County Down: Captain's Prize.  
Kemp Town (Brighton): Monthly Medal.  
Neasden: Monthly Medal.  
Sidcup: Monthly Medal.  
Wilmslow: "Bogey" Competition.  
Royal West Norfolk: Monthly Medal.  
Huddersfield: Monthly Medal.  
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.  
Aldmouth: Monthly Handicap.  
Eltham Ladies: Monthly Medal.  
Porthcawl: Monthly Medal.  
Ventnor: Monthly Medal.  
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.  
Oxford University: Past v. Present (at Oxford).  
West Herts: "Bogey" Competition.  
Dunn v. Rolland, at Tooting, 10.30 a.m.  
Olton: Monthly Medal.  
Southend-on-Sea: Extra Monthly Medal (Senior and Junior).  
Feb. 26.—Warminster: Monthly Medal.  
Feb. 27.—Cheadle: Annual Meeting.  
Burnham: Gold and Silver Medals.  
Waveney Valley: Monthly Medal.  
Feb. 28.—Cambridge University: Committee Meeting, 4.15 p.m.  
Headingley: Ladies v. Gentlemen, the latter to use putters only.

## THE LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

In a "Tee Shot" last week we were enabled to state in a brief sentence the decision of Mr. Justice Charles, in the case which has been argued in the Law Courts for some time of the "Wimbledon and Putney Common Conservators v. Nicol." As the dispute is of some interest to golfers we think it desirable to give a general outline of the facts which were contested.

It was an action to try the right of the defendant, as colonel commanding the 7th Middlesex or London Scottish Rifle Volunteers, to the iron house on the common, close to the rifle ranges. The plaintiffs, by writ, issued on August 2nd, 1892, claimed—(1) possession of the building and its enclosures; (2) a declaration that the defendant or the corps had no right or title to the iron-house in question; (3) a mandatory injunction to the London Scottish corps to remove the fences and buildings and throw the enclosures open. The defendants set up an adverse title by possession for 30 years, and claimed the freehold. It appeared that the London Scottish corps was formed in 1859, and the iron-house was built in 1861-2 at the expense of the corps and with the sanction of Earl Spencer as lord of the manor of Wimbledon. Since 1866 it has been used as a Golf club-house for the amusement of the men and to attract, as Lord Wemyss put it, Scotsmen to the corps, and he quoted Sir D. Baird, a keen sportsman and rider, as putting Golf first on the list of sports, continuing the order with salmon fishing, deer-stalking, and fox hunting. In 1871, on August 16th, the private Act (34 and 35 Vic., c. 204) passed, which handed over the common to the conservators, the present plaintiffs, and they relied on Sections 32, 34, and 55 of that Act.

Mr. Jelf, Q.C., in opening the case, said the question would be whether the defendants, through a succession of colonels, could acquire more than a "squatter's" title. They could show no lease and no grant, and had paid no rent for the premises for 30 years. At best, all they could acquire was the statutory privilege to use the accommodations there—butts, targets, ranges, flagstaves, and shooting-house. They could not acquire the freehold or even an easement over it. Their privilege might be withdrawn at any moment. Had the plaintiffs by their "laches" lost the right and the duty put upon them by statute to protect the public? Who were the London Scottish? A very fine and brave corps, no doubt. But they were a fluctuating and ephemeral body, which might be done away with any day. The colonel could acquire no title under the Statute of Limitations, and was no more than a casual interloper or a lucky vagrant, and could acquire no right through a succession of "squatters"—e.g., Lord Elcho and Colonel Lumsden. The corps had treated the plaintiffs repeatedly as owners, and asked permission to alter the structure. It was not till 1891 or 1892 that they for the first time laid any claim to the freehold.

Major Flood Page, in his evidence on behalf of the London Scottish, said that Lord Spencer had given them verbal leave, through Lord Elcho, to erect the iron house, which eventually cost £490. The place was then a deplorable swamp, and the witness had helped to reclaim a good deal of it with rails, posts, planks, and gravel. The corps played Golf there in 1864, and the club was formed in 1866. The corps used the club to recruit their numbers. The corps claimed the use of the "shooting house," permission to play Golf on the common, use of the curling pond in winter, the shooting ranges, butts, and mantlets. The corps had used the house continuously, irrespective of any shooting, from 1862, and had met with no interference. The golfers were honorary members of the corps, and none but such members were allowed to play. The promotion of Scottish games and sports was one of the constitutional purposes of the corps, as well as rifle shooting.

Earl Spencer stated in his evidence that in 1861 he made an agreement with Lord Elcho for the making of ranges, and he gave the corps permission to erect the iron house, though he could find no document to this effect.

Mr. Channell, Q.C., on behalf of Colonel Nicol, argued that colonels, *pro tem.*, of Volunteer corps, could acquire and hold titles to lands, drill halls, or canteens. The colonels were official trustees for a fluctuating body; and there was nothing to prevent them from acquiring property in that capacity.

Mr. Justice Charles, in delivering judgment, reviewed the entire history of the case. He could find no evidence to show that Lord Spencer intended, when the agreement was made, in 1861, to give the

freehold of the site of the iron house. They had a licence to use the site for building the house, and to use it, when built, for certain specified and limited purposes, but that was, in his judgment, the whole of their interest. He further stated that he could not see how such a body as a Volunteer corps could lawfully acquire land apart from the authority of an Act of Parliament. He thought that, under the term "London Scottish Ranges," in the agreement between Lord Elcho and Lord Spencer, the iron house was occupied as an integral part of the ranges. . . . "Now, it is, in my opinion, clear beyond all doubt, that in August, 1871, the London Scottish had acquired no title whatever to the house and its enclosures. They were the occupiers—the rated occupiers—but in no sense were the premises their property. If the house, with its enclosures, was included in the agreement, as I think it was, they held it under the terms of that agreement. If it was not so included, they were still, I think, mere licensees, having acquired no equitable title to it, and not being even tenants at will. They had not that sort of exclusive occupation to constitute a tenancy at all. They certainly were not trespassers. They were there with the entire acquiescence and sanction of Lord Spencer." On June 30th, 1878, proposals for an addition to the accommodation of the Golf Club were made to Lord Elcho; but the Conservators refused to accede to the application, though in 1879 they licensed the erection of a tent adjoining the iron house during the annual meeting of the Golf Club. In 1881 the Conservators applied for an injunction to restrain the Golf Club from putting up an addition behind the club-room. The club removed the addition and paid £42 costs. Here, therefore, was a distinct acknowledgement by the defendants of the right of the Conservators to prohibit any additions to the iron house, but there was no express acknowledgment of title. In October, 1885, a complaint was addressed by the secretary of the London Scottish Golf Club to their captain, Lord Elcho, about the crowded state of the club-room and the iron house. The remedy suggested was to build an addition in the garden at the rear, and Lord Elcho was requested to ask the permission of the Conservators to carry this plan out. He accordingly did so, and in reply the Conservators stated that they were unable to comply with the request, "as any further building is expressly contrary to the provisions of the Act under which they derive their powers." In 1889 they gave leave, after some hesitation, for the erection of an awning for the use of the Golf Club. In July, 1890, the Golf Club again asked the Conservators to sanction an addition, and on October 7th the same request was again made. On February 13th, 1891, the Conservators wrote, regretting that they were unable to comply with the request, as they could not, in their opinion do so legally. Shortly after this Colonel Nicol succeeded Colonel Lumsden in command of the London Scottish, and on July 24th he thus replied to the plaintiffs' letter of February 13:—"As the subject under reference is one which should be finally put at rest, and as I am advised that we have legal rights to make additions to the iron house so long as any such additions do not extend beyond the original enclosure, may I ask you to ascertain if the Conservators would have any objection to settling the question by a friendly suit in the High Court?" This letter was the first in which any claim of legal right was advanced by the London Scottish. Nothing further was done in 1891, but in July, 1892, the plaintiffs called on the defendant to give an undertaking to remove when called upon the additions and enclosures adjacent to the iron house made since the passing of the Act of 1871. This was not given, and on August 2nd, 1892, the writ in this action was issued. In the first instance the plaintiffs' claim was only in reference to the land adjacent to the iron house, but, as it became clear in the course of these proceedings that the London Scottish were asserting full possessory rights over the iron house itself, the claim was amended so as to include all questions in controversy between the parties. He held that neither the defendant, Colonel Nicol, nor the London Scottish Rifle Corps, have shown any title to the enclosures or to the site of the iron house, or to any estate therein, except such as is conferred upon them by the Act of 1871. He must also give judgment for possession of so much of the present enclosure as was not enclosed on August 16th 1871. He would make no order for a mandatory injunction to remove the additions to the iron house and the fences, because, in his opinion, the claim was made too late, and ought not therefore to be granted. The defendants must pay the costs as between party and party.

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A NEW ST. ANDREWS RECORD.

Whatever doubts may have existed as to the possibility of reducing the record for St. Andrews' links, first established by Hugh Kirkaldy, and subsequently equalled by his brother Andrew, have now been set at rest by Mr. F. G. Tait. Recently, it may be remembered, that gentleman was in the position of a good man struggling with adversity; to-day the pendulum swings back, and Mr. Tait enjoys his own again, together with all the enhanced honour and glory accruing from an altogether unrivalled performance. After his severe defeat by Kirkaldy, a spell of frost and snow put an end to all play, but when the weather became open, Mr. Tait began to improve to such an extent that rounds of 80 became with him the rule rather than the exception, and anything over 83 was not to be thought of. It is worth while to reproduce two rounds; one played in a violent gale of wind, on the 24th January, the other two days later. The first of these will bear comparison even with his record score, for the conditions of play were tenfold more difficult—

Out ...	...	4	4	4	5	5	4	3	3	4=36	} 78
Home...	...	5	6	4	5	5	4	4	5	4=42	

and on the 26th January—

Out ...	...	4	5	4	5	6	4	4	2	3=37	} 77
Home...	...	4	3	4	5	6	5	4	5	4=40	

This round equalled his own previous best, but Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville and Mr. Ernley Blackwell, having each had a 76, held the then amateur record. On the morning of February 5th Mr. Tait again broke 80, with 38 and 41=79; and in the afternoon with 72, 36 each way. In view of this latter feat, it may be that golfers, especially those abroad, will not find it wearisome if we describe the round somewhat minutely. First, as to the position of the holes: the first was on the medal green to the right, the tee some 70 to 80 yards from the railings; the second, on a newly-made green to the right (the putting here being rough), rather farther on than the medal hole; the tee to the third hole is 30 yards further forward than on medal days, and a good deal to the right, among the rough grass. From that point every hole and tee was much about the same as on medal days, as far as distance is concerned, until the end hole, which was only some ten yards past the small bunker, and just to the right of it. Turning homewards, though the tee is a little more forward, the balance is about restored by the hole being placed about the same distance further back—the eleventh hole was far to the left, close to the Eden, on a small table with steep sides, and immediately behind the bunker; it could not have been reached from the tee save by a driver of exceptional power, such as Rolland or Mr. Tait himself. Thus it will be seen that the next hole was considerably shorter; in fact, Mr. Tait, with a terrifically long ball, could, and actually did reach the green. From this point the only alterations to be noted are—from the Hole o' Cross to the Ginger-beer; a much longer hole than on medal days, by reason of the tee being put very far back; and at the eighteenth hole, where the same remark applies. Any exceptionally fine play is invariably met by the criticism that "it was not the medal round"; this in Mr. Tait's case is certainly true; but, had he played the same game on the exact medal round as he did on this occasion, his score probably would have been as good. For a player of his power there is little to choose between the difficulties of the two courses; if the ninth and twelfth holes were easier, the difference was quite made up by the extra length of the long hole home, and of the last. Perhaps some idea of Mr. Tait's performance may be given by taking two "Bogey" scores, calculated for the particular day on which the record was made. The first would probably be considered altogether too low if set for a competition; the second we may call an idealised "Bogey," calculated with reference to Mr. Tait's own play, and

exceptional driving power. Our common "Bogey" then works out thus:—

Out ...	...	5	5	4	5	5	4	4	3	4=39	} 81
Home...	...	4	4	4	5	6	5	4	5	5=42	

and the quintessential spook as follows:—

Out ...	...	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4=36	} 73
Home...	...	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	5	4=37	

Mr. Tait, it will be perceived, was on strikingly harmonious terms with his own "Bogey," all things considered; the latter winning at the first, seventh, and thirteenth holes, but losing at the fourth, ninth, tenth, and twelfth. Here then is the actual record:—

Out ...	...	5	4	4	3	5	4	5	3	3=36	} 72
Home...	...	3	3	3	5	5	4	4	5	4=36	

Details as thus:—

1. Two long drives over the Burn to left; short loft; two putts.
2. Two, rather to right; short pitch; putt (2 yards).
3. Drive; pitch; two putts (almost a 3).
4. Very long shot; driving mashie; putt (10 to 12 yards).
5. Two drives on to narrow table fronting green; approach; two putts (nearly a 4).
6. Very long drive; approach a little past; two putts.
7. Drive drawn into second bunker; niblick; approach; two putts.
8. First very wide to the right; approach putt 2 yards past; third, in (good recovery).
9. Very long drive; nearly home; two putts.
10. Drive to foot of green; approach 10 or 12 yards past; third, holed out.
11. Long shot to left of teeing-ground; putted up; holed out from 10 yards.
12. Very long drive which just reached green on the left; two putts.
13. Carried all the bunkers; indifferent iron shot, heeled; three putts.
14. Two very long drives; an iron shot quite straight; two putts (almost a 4).
15. Long drive; cleek shot to foot of green (too heavily taken); approach dead; one putt.
16. Drive; wrist approach; two putts (almost a 3).
17. Drive somewhat drawn to left; second to right of bunker; running loft on to green; two putts.
18. Long drive; cleek shot past hole; two putts; the first of which hit the hole for 71, and ran about a yard past.

The crucial putt was well holed by Mr. Tait amidst loud plaudits. From the sixth hole homewards he knew what he had to do, and did it, though by half-missing his iron shot, he made his task all the harder—for all the most difficult holes were yet to come. A stroke might have been saved at the first hole, where a fairly easy putt was missed, and again the seventh hole on that day should have been a certain four for him; it will be noticed that he had three long putts, but nothing else in the nature of luck befriended him—it was all sterling Golf. Mr. R. A. Hull, and Old Tom, who played their best ball, finished on their merits, 10 down, although their round was the good one of 84. They were in receipt of 3 holes up; nothing of course would have affected the result as against a round averaging 4 a hole, but it may be mentioned that Tom was scarcely in a condition to play, for two or three days previously at the top of his own staircase his heels had slipped up, and he tobogganned down to the bottom, without the toboggan however, and with a separate bump for each step. Says the author of Ecclesiasticus, "He put upon him perfect glory, and strengthened himself with rich garments, with breeches," but the veteran's nether raiment was in a state of anything but perfect glory at the end of his glissade (a singularly inappropriate word) and the veteran's bones and joints were bruised and uncomfortable. Under these circumstances, that worthy failed to "join in" (as Mr. Tait has it), and considerable credit is due to Mr. Hull, who with the three holes kept the match going for half the round; indeed, the allies were only 1 down at the turn; but the string of 3's at that stage was too much for them. That figure occurs, it will be seen six times; five of which are in succession. Hugh Kirkaldy also performed this last feat when he made the record, and almost at the same holes. Good as this is, however, it has once been bettered, namely by Jamie Anderson, about fourteen years ago. He was playing J. O. F. Morris, who describes the

event with much circumstantiality and dramatic force. The fifth 3 had been secured, and the players were coming in to the Heather hole; and "Jamie was joost on the green in twa and nae mair, and he played his putt an' rinned after it like a hare, wi' s potter in his left haund (ye ken the wye he hauds it), an' syne the ba' drappit en, and he loupit up and tuk' aff his hat till't." Andrew Kirkaldy still holds the record with 149 for the double round (76 and 73), but Mr. Tait runs him pretty close with 151. For curiosity's sake we may imagine the three record makers in a three-ball match; Mr. Tait with his score beats Hugh Kirkaldy by 2, and halves with Andrew, who again halves with his brother, although Andrew has the worst of the match all through. For convenience of comparison we reprint the Kirkaldys' scores:—

Andrew—	Out	...	5	5	4	4	4	6	4	2	3=37	} 73
	Home	...	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	4=36		
Hugh—	Out	...	4	5	4	3	5	5	3	3=35	} 73	
	Home	...	3	3	4	4	5	5	4	5=38		

It is remarkable how closely Hugh Kirkaldy's 3's correspond with those of the new record holder.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

### THE SONG OF THE GOWF-FINCH.

[Scene.—The first tee at Musselburgh, with a ragged urchin, perched on the racecourse fence, with a bundle of clubs beside him.]

A pert little gowf-finch sat on a fence,  
Sing hey, the bonnie clubs and the brassy bright !  
Ma maister's a duffer, wi' unco little sense,  
For a' his bonnie cleeks an' his irons bright.  
He taps aff the tee, syne glooms at me,  
Or juist says something wi' a big big D,  
Then maiches aff wi' his heid on hie,  
An ca's for his spoon or his niblick bright.

He misses, he baffs, he heels an' he taes  
Wi' a' his bonnie clubs and his brassy bright ;  
He slices, he draws, richt, then left, he gaes,  
For a' his bonnie cleeks an' his irons bright.  
He swings up his club, like auld Wallace Wicht,  
You'd think the ba' wad flee oot o' sicht ;  
It juist trun'les a wee for very fricht  
At a' his bonnie clubs an' his mashie bright.

The bunkers he fin's in the coorse o' a roond,  
Wi' a' his bonnie clubs an' his brassy bright ;  
An' the shots that he plays are oot o' a' boond,  
For a' his bonnie cleeks an' his putter bright.  
Noo he drives like a lion, wi' micht an' wi' main,  
Syne putts like a kittlin fearin' the rain ;  
But here he comes, an' I must aff again,  
Wi' a' his bonnie clubs an' his irons bright.

A. PATTERSON.

MR. GLADSTONE ON THE LINKS.—A friend who has just returned from Biarritz, where he has been golfing, tells a London correspondent of the *Edinburgh Evening News* that he saw Mr. Gladstone there on several occasions. He says that his great occupation out of doors is walking, his usual companion being Mr. Armitstead. The latter is a big powerful man, and a great walker, yet Mr. Gladstone can always hold his own with him. The two often appear on the Golf course or in its neighbourhood, and the story goes that the Premier would fain become a golfer himself. He is not, of course, ignorant of the game.

THE North-West Golf Club, Londonderry, is a very flourishing one, and as the links are situated among some of the finest scenery of county Donegal, are in proximity to a first-class new hotel, and covered by the finest golfing turf, there were many English and Scottish visitors last autumn, to whom the club accorded a hearty welcome.

## Review.

A WINTER JAUNT TO NORWAY. By Mrs. Alec Tweedie. 1 vol: 16s., Illustrated. London: Bliss, Sands, and Foster.

The present is such a reading age that even the man of sports wants to read—sometimes! After a day's cricket, hunting, or golfing, a comfortable chair, and an interesting book, for an hour or so, is a pleasant thing; for preference the book chosen should be one to keep him awake, and not to play the part of a narcotic. Just such a book is "A Winter's Jaunt to Norway," by Mrs. Alec Tweedie, a frequent contributor to our columns. Norway is the country of which the British public is rather tired of hearing, with its eternal theme of the "midnight sun." Tourists choose it for a trip of a week or two, and then, with paste and scissors and a visit to the British Museum Library, publish something between an unreliable guide-book, and a dull compilation of impersonal matter, adding yet another to the mass of books *not* to be read.

This "Winter Jaunt" is something quite different; it is an excellent book. The contents are vivid and personal, pithy, novel, and unusual. There is no mention of the midnight sun, but one learns much about kjoelke, and ski, Norsk peasantry and customs. Written by a keenly observant, intelligent woman, full of pluck, of energy, and love of adventure, it is simple and unaffected, full of incidents and people, scenery and adventures, touched so brightly and told so graphically that with charm and vivacity the author carries her reader with her from cover to cover. It is the outcome of two visits paid by Mrs. Alec Tweedie to Norway, and as she had exceptional opportunities of seeing the home-life of the Norse, of meeting several of Norway's foremost men of the day, and of indulging in novel experiences, she has much to say that is worth telling, and says it in such a crisp, incisive, chatty manner, that the result is delightful. There is not a dull page in the book, and there is so much "atmosphere" and local colour, that it is evident there was "a Chiel among the Norsemen takin' notes." Endowed with health and vigour, difficulties delight her, and with daring intrepidity, she refuses to be ever thwarted by the unexpected. "Imagine the sudden disappearance of the whole sea and nothing but solid ice left in its stead," she exclaims, as she describes the journey she and her sister accomplished from Kiel across the frozen Baltic to Korsör, in the little vessel that "shivered from end to end" in her efforts to make her way through the great ice floes: "ice, ice, ice everywhere." "It was, indeed, a novel experience, although a somewhat anxious one; but all new experiences are worth having, although not necessarily worth repeating."

To set out upon an adventurous enterprise in an unusually severe winter, as these two did, joined afterwards by their brother, Dr. Vaughan Harley, and a Norwegian professor or two; to roam up and down snow-clad hills in little sleighs a mere foot in width, at 30 and 40 degrees below zero; to pass a couple of days after a hazardous climb—and to enjoy them!—3,000 feet above the sea, in the midst of snow many feet in depth, in a deserted shepherd's hut, while the thermometer was registering intense cold, is in itself novel and refreshing; and to read in her own words how it was done, what was experienced, together with the evident delight of all the members of the party, is exhilarating. Accompanied by Professor Torup, "an energetic mountaineer," and Herr Schmelk, "one of the best skilobers," the author herself soon became expert in the use of ski, the national mode of locomotion. The Hønefos waterfall and the celebrated Tellemachen Valley were visited in their winter garb of snow, and very beautiful they must both have looked; and the Norwegian "Derby," which takes place annually at Christiania, is described with much animation. The book, apart from much novel information, gains piquancy by the alertness and intelligence with which all the experiences of the party are described, whether it is a descent into a silver mine in an unbecoming dress of patched brown calico like a convict's—falling repeatedly into snow-drifts, helplessly tied up, so to speak, in many feet of wooden ski—interviewing men of note—or going over a Danish butter factory.

The author is so energetic that she must see and investigate everything for herself, and by sheer force of energy, not only seizes her opportunities, but sometimes creates them. With good

natural powers of observation, Mrs. Tweedie sees what she looks at, which, paradoxical as it may sound, is more than most women and men do. She can look at the sky and tell you its colour; she can be a spectator at sports and give you clear detail; she can travel through a country side and amuse you with all her eye has noted. An artist in the wider acceptance of the term, from a mass of material she intuitively selects details that present a picture—a picture in drawing, composition, colour, and treatment, and her book is a series of such pictures.

Perhaps the most interesting chapters in this "Winter Jaunt" are Nos. X. and XI., telling of the toilsome and hazardous ascent of the Nora Fjeld, and the life the party led in the sæter while there. "We had no books—nothing, in fact, but the barest necessities; but we chatted, and fought, and discussed everything under the sun. . . . Candles stuck in bottles, and the light from the crackling logs were our illumination, and a queer picture we made in our ski garments." Were one inclined to be hypercritical, one might wonder at so much energy displayed for so little attainment; but in the novelty doubtless lay the zest and the reward.

The description of the magnificent view from the Nora Fjeld across the Hallingdal Valley, the night drive across the frozen Hitterdal Lake—"It was a most glorious night. On our right the heavens were illuminated by the most perfect sunset—a sunset that spread over the whole sky, and changed continually from palest yellow to deepest shades of carmine. On our left the heavens made a deep, dark-blue frame to an almost full moon. . . . The sky was like a rainbow, and in this glorious setting the moon and sun shone forth together"—the wonderful early morning effect observed when starting through snow and ice, surrounded by mountains, to reach ground 4,000 feet above the sea, and other passages, show keen appreciation for natural beauties. Like Nansen, who "is not easily worried or irritated," our adventurous author has the proper temperament for a traveller, and triumphs over all difficulties. Nothing upsets her equilibrium—except falls on ski—whether it be the inability of making herself understood when she and her sister are alone at an up-country inn, the refusal of her ponies to get through a five-foot snow-drift, or only the three common factors of wind, cold, and fatigue, often sufficient in themselves to make many ill at ease.

Mrs. Tweedie writes with a facile pen, and touches on the most diverse subjects with a certain grip and ability; but she needs to exercise more patience, and to give more work, if we may so express it, to what she writes. Though excellent reading, the want of conciseness in "A Winter Jaunt to Norway" makes it less a continuous narrative than a series of sketches; and there is again the same tendency to carelessness and repetition which one observed in "A Girl's Ride in Iceland." This is a pity, as in other respects this new work from her pen shows marked improvement in literary ability and skill. But no one becomes perfect in any art at a bound. For most of us the ladder of fame has to be climbed rung by rung; and her quick perceptions and eager assimilation, the artistic and intellectual ability that all Mrs. Tweedie's work evinces, are winning for her a deserved recognition. To bring together in book form the cleverly-touched sketches of Norwegian and Danish celebrities that the public already have enjoyed was wisely done; they will bear reading a second time. We congratulate Mrs. Alec Tweedie on writing a book that so merits popular success; and the excellent illustrations she has procured lend an additional attraction to the pleasing volume.

At the annual dinner of the Orkney and Shetland Association, held last week in Edinburgh, Professor Chiene, in referring to the pleasure he had enjoyed in frequently visiting the Northern islands, mentioned with pride that he had the honour some years ago of introducing the game of Golf, observing that he was the first to use clubs on the excellent Birsay Links. Professor Chiene is a keen golfer, and takes an interest in the University Golf Club and its competitions, which require some improvement. No name is more dear to medical students than that of John Chiene, as he takes a personal interest in their welfare, and has a small hospital of his own in Fife, for any who may become invalided during the session. He is also a capital lecturer.



The North Berwick Town Council understands the meaning of *quid pro quo*. The town cannot get a permanent tenure of the Golf links from the proprietors of Archerfield, on which most of the course is situated, and this must always be a drawback. But, now that feuing is going on on the Dirleton estate, and parties wish water, it is proposed to give it to them in perpetuity, if the links are given to the town in the same way. The Council, however, forget that it is not possible for the Archerfield proprietors to do this, and they should consider whether their withholding of water may not prove a mistake.

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The Committee of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers are asking the members to subscribe to a testimonial to Mr. Kemp, who, as we mentioned last week, has been appointed manager of "Dalgety and Company" in London, in recognition of his long and valuable services to the club. Subscriptions are limited to ros., and, needless to say, a hearty response has been given to the committee's suggestion. The presentation is to be made to Mr. Kemp in the club-house at Muirfield, on Saturday, the 24th inst.

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Since his encounter with Rolland, at Norwich, Ben Sayers has been playing on the Archerfield green, and taking part in various singles and foursomes arranged by Mr. John Penn, M.P., who is residing just now on this estate. On Tuesday last, Sayers and Mr. T. D. Thomson, the captain and secretary of the local club, played Mr. Penn and the Rev. John Kerr. The foursome brought out some first-rate play, the scoring being low on both sides. The latter couple won by 3 up and 2 to play, and going back over sixteen holes as a second match, Sayers and his partners succeeded in pulling the match out of the fire by a putt at the final hole, Mr. Penn and Rev. J. Kerr thus standing 2 up on the day's play.

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A Golf course of nine holes has now been laid out at the east end of North Berwick, between the Rhodes Farm and the sea, and a club is now being formed to take the management of the course under a lease from Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, the lord of the manor. The club is to be limited to 150 members, the entrance-fee is £1 and the annual subscription is £1. All who are members of the Honourable Company, the North Berwick Club, and the New Club, North Berwick, are eligible. It is proposed to erect a pavilion or small club-house where luncheon and refreshments can be served. The committee of the club are to have power to issue tickets to lady friends of members, allowing them the privilege of playing on the links.

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The highest award has been given, at the Chicago Exhibition, for the Golf-clubs made by the Golf Company of St. Andrews.

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To the political orator in quest of a metaphor, recent speeches by Mr. Alexander Stuart (of medal renown), and Mr. R. C. Munro-Ferguson, M.P., may be commended. These gentlemen, diametrically opposed in politics, have, so to speak, met upon the links, and out of the game of Golf have quarried similes,

with, it must be confessed, rather neat success, the more so, since blast and counter-blast, the Conservative and Liberal meetings both took place at St. Andrews.

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Mr. Stuart was given to understand that Golf was played not a hundred miles from where he stood, and if he might be permitted a technical simile, which his friend Tom Morris would explain to the uninitiate, the present Government was like a golf-club, "loose in the glue," and only kept together by the whipping.

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Mr. Munro-Ferguson observed, "that the first drive from the tee of the Home Rule ball was the longest drive that was ever taken in the political history of this country. It was a magnificent drive, but it landed them in a bunker. (Laughter.) By dint of some effort they had got it out of that bunker, and now they lay fairly on the green, and somewhat in advance of the Tory ball. (Applause.) They had now to make the most of their position." Upon which the reflection arises, let these two champions play the match out, and may the best man win.

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The Bradford St. Andrews Club, during the last week, were favoured with a visit from Douglas Rolland, fresh from his victory over Taylor, at St. Anne's. The weather was most trying for the golfer, a regular hurricane of wind and heavy rain prevailing. During the morning Rolland took part in a four-some with Dr. Macvie as partner, opposing Redman, the local professional, and Mr. Harry Steel. The game was very evenly contested until towards the finish, when Rolland's staying powers told, and were the means of winning the match by 4 up and 2 to play.

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In the afternoon, with the weather even more stormy, a nine-hole match was played by the same pairs, and was England *v.* Scotland. An exciting game ensued, ending all square, holes and strokes (42) being equal. Mr. Steel and his partner may be congratulated on the result, considering their opponents took the sixth and seventh holes in two strokes each, and were dorny 1.

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Harry Redman, the youthful professional of the Bradford St. Andrews Golf Club (he is only eighteen), made a sensational drive, a few days ago, in playing a round with Mr. Steel, the captain of the club. The ground was almost on a dead level, but the ball, having the advantage of a slight breeze, travelled 270 yards. From tee to hole is 250 yards, and the drive was perfectly straight.

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The Committee of Management of the Glasgow Golf Club has forwarded a memorial to the Parks Committee of the Glasgow Town Council, on the subject of the playing of Golf on Alexandra Park. The memorial states that during the last four or five years the popularity of the game of Golf has enormously increased, with the result that the number of players at Alexandra Park is so large that unless a system of by-laws for the regulation of play be instituted and enforced by the Town Council the enjoyment of the game is impossible. Reference is made to the regulations at St. Andrews and Edinburgh, and the Glasgow Club asks that as a return for the outlay in maintaining the green some privileges should be extended to the members, or that the Parks Committee should undertake the upkeep and regulation of the ground.

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The Parks Committee having considered the memorial have recommended the Town Council to authorise them to meet representatives of the club, with the view of drawing up by-laws for the regulation of play in the park.

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The Prince of Wales has promised a challenge cup, to be played for by members of the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club, at Brancaster.

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In the *Miscellany of the Scottish History Society* just published, the first place is given to a catalogue of the library of James VI., written by his Majesty's tutor, Peter Young. Some of the entries include other things than books, one being to the effect that the king had two Golf clubs presented to him by the laird of Rossyth. This is a fresh proof of the interest of royalty in the game in earlier times.

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Professor Henry Drummond is one of the healthiest and happiest expounders of Christianity going, and the students of Edinburgh University are fortunate in getting the benefit of his teaching. Recently he told them that Christianity would not make life uninteresting to them. The previous evening, his host who was a D.D., sent out for an evening paper to get the result of the Wales and Scotland football match. (Laughter.) Not long ago another Edinburgh D.D. wrote a post-card to him as follows: "Don't miss the article in this month's *Blackwood* on Fly-fishing." (Laughter.) Christianity humanised and brightened existence, and one of the highest types of Christian was often a recreative Christian.

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"An Old Kirk Chronicle," is the title of a handsome volume, by the Rev. P. Hatley Waddell, B.D., recently published by Blackwood, and being a history compiled from old records of the parishes of Auldham, Tynninghame, and Whitekirk, in East Lothian. In this district Golf seems to have been popular in ancient days, and, as in other places, it brought its players into conflict with the Kirk Session for Sabbath desecration. Thus, speaking of discipline about the beginning of the seventeenth century, Mr. Waddell says (p. 90), "Twice we have charges of 'playing Golf' on the Sunday, but nothing terrible comes of them; for in one case it was only idle boys who played, and who were reprov'd; and in the other case it was 'some masoins wha were bigging the ladie's hous, wha were indwellers in Edinburgh, and since their coming in amongst us had been cairful heirers of the word on all uther Sabbothes'; so they were dismissed with an admonition."

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In the February issue of *The Bookman*, Mr. D. Hay Fleming, the best authority on the history of St. Andrews, has a severe critique on Mr. Lang's volume, recently published, and points out several inaccuracies in the same. Mr. Fleming says of the volume: "It is not at all likely that it will add anything to the permanent reputation of the author, unless the time may come when eager book-collectors will hunt for it, as they do now for Field's Bibles, because of their numberless errors."

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In *All the Year Round* for February there is a bright and humorous article on "The Pleasures of Golf," which players may read with much amusement.

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The formation of a Nimrod Club has been so favourably received in hunting circles that already six hundred members are enrolled, and premises have been secured at No. 12, St. James' Square, formerly the *rendezvous* of the Salisbury Club. Sir W. T. Hunter, who presided at the luncheon which followed the inauguration of the club, said that the membership would be restricted to hunting men. We presume that all mighty "hunters of the pot," a *genus* well known in the fields of Golf, will be eligible. They will at least have as much claim to membership as these gentlemen who loll upon their luxurious couches in their luxurious club have to be accounted the successors of the mighty hunter whose name they bear, who would have despised the whole affair.

A Golf Club has been formed at Dalbeattie in the South of Scotland. A committee consisting of Rev. R. S. Kirkpatrick, Rev. J. Aikman Paton, and Mr. W. Smith, was appointed to draw up rules, have the course laid out, and report to a future meeting. Mr. Smith was elected captain, and Rev. Mr. Paton, Souleseat, Castle Kennedy, secretary and treasurer. The course is to be in the "Coo Park," on Mr. Baird's farm at Meikle Dalbeattie, going over into Mr. Cowden's farm at Hillhead.

Among players from our side who are going over for a time to Biarritz are, Mr. G. F. Charlton and Mr. F. B. Dunford, two good players of the Tyneside Golf Club, the former being secretary, and the latter a member of Committee. Mr. Charlton, as reported in last week's issue, has just won a handsome cup in his home club. They are due at Biarritz on the 20th. Then, on the 28th, Mr. James Law, a well-known Edinburgh Golfer, and Mr. Mitchell Thomson, a member of the Town Council and captain of the Corporation Golf Club, are to arrive, so that the old country will be well represented at this fashionable resort.

"In the lines of life," says a writer in the *Newcastle Journal*, "as they obtain in our Northumbrian colliery villages, the advent of a travelling circus comes as a relief to the humdrum monotony of the colliers' existence. These nomadic entertainers, in their fitting to and fro, recall the lines of Longfellow:—

'And the night shall be filled with music,  
And the cares that infest the day  
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,  
And as silently steal away.'

To those who can understand the quaint and vigorous sayings of our mining population, it is a rich treat to compare the strong and sometimes ludicrous metaphors used by the people in giving expression to the various emotions and passions. In illustration of this, let the following anecdote tell its own tale. Betsy, a collier's wife, died, and after the funeral, there was a mournful gathering of housewives, who, in their own sweet way, descanted upon the virtues of the deceased, and reflected upon the uncertainty of human life. 'Aye, hinnies,' at last exclaimed one of the women, 'there's plenty troubles in this world, that's sartain. Poor Bet's deed and gyen. It's always the way; wor here th' day and gyen the morrow—just like a sorcus.'

The members of Chesterford Park Golf Club have arranged a thirty-six-hole match between Hugh Kirkaldy and their professional, Jack White (of North Berwick), to be played at the above links on Tuesday, February 27th.

Miss "Mashie," the lady golfer who so ably conducts the Golf column of the *Gentlewoman* from week to week, is starting a "Divots Gallery," to contain the portraits of well-known lady golfers. Very rightly a certain limitation has been imposed; entrance to the "gallery" will not be open to all sorts and conditions of lady golfers. Only the portraits of those ladies who are really good players will be given, and an admirable beginning is made by a portrait of Miss A. A. Tyrwhitt-Drake, captain of the Royal Eastbourne Ladies' Golf Club.

The Right Hon. James Bryce, M.P., Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, enjoyed a round of the North Berwick course on Tuesday of last week, in company with the Rev. Mr. Davidson.

The following is from the *Eastern Province Herald*, Port Elizabeth, regarding Jack Johnston, who left North Berwick some time since for South Africa:—"By the *Methven Castle*, John Johnston, a Scottish professional Golf player, arrived at Port Elizabeth on an engagement with the Port Elizabeth Golf Club. Johnston hails from North Berwick, and has entered upon a two years' engagement. . . . He has with him a large supply of clubs, and possesses a machine for re-making the balls, so that nothing will be wanting for the encouragement of Golf at the Bay. He walked over the links here on Monday, finding them, when compared with those at home, rough and hard, he in particular missing the soft sward of the Scottish links. Golfing at Port Elizabeth should receive a strong impetus by Johnston's engagement.

At a successful concert at North Berwick, on Thursday evening last, in aid of the public library, the royal game was well represented, Mr. R. F. Shaw Stewart presiding, and Messrs. R. T. Boothby and Patrick Balfour contributing to an excellent entertainment.

J. Cunninghame, the professional of the Arden Golf Club, made an extraordinary drive while playing with Mr. J. L. Wright, the other day. From the tee to the last hole is a distance of 280 yards, a tree sixty feet high being near the green, this he cleared with his driver, landing on the green in 1, which even with a strong wind behind was undoubtedly a "tall hit."

A GOLF DISEASE.—The *Lancet* of Saturday, contains an article entitled "Two cases of Gluteal Strain in Golf Players," by Dr. A. Symons Eccles, a medical graduate of Aberdeen University. Both patients described themselves as being beginners at Golf, and attributed the condition from which they suffered to the unaccustomed attitude and unskilful mode adopted by each of them in performing the act which, the writer believes, is technically known to Golf players as "driving." The first case was that of a man fifty-two years of age, who came into his consulting-room in February 1893, presenting the usual appearance of a patient suffering from severe sciatica of the right limb—his mode of progression and the posture adopted in standing being at first sight identical with those most commonly acquired by persons afflicted with long-standing painful affections of the sciatic nerve. In the first case daily massage of the part for seven days completely restored the patient to the painless use of the affected limb, and after the first four days he was able to walk and maintain an almost erect position, both standing and walking; but the treatment was initiated within twelve hours of the appearance of the local deformity. The second case was that of a member of the medical profession.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club took place at the Law Association Rooms, in Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson was unanimously elected captain for the year; Mr. H. J. Simpson was re-elected hon. treasurer; and Mr. Thos. Owen Potter re-elected hon. secretary. Four members—viz., Messrs. Alex. Sinclair, Helenus R. Robertson, S. Gibson Sinclair, and Harold Janion—were placed on the council, to fill up vacancies caused by four members retiring by rotation. The new rule for visitors was carried, and it will read as follows:—

"Any member may admit a friend or friends to the use of the club house and the green for a period not exceeding two days, on inserting his or their names in a book to be kept for that purpose (called the Visitors' Book). The same person or persons cannot be again admitted during the current year, except upon the terms under-mentioned:

"If it is desired that the person or persons should be admitted for a longer period, a payment must be made for each person of 2s. 6d. for every day, or 10s. for every week during which the privilege is enjoyed; the admitting member to be answerable for the above charges. The name of the person or persons so admitted is subject to approval by the council, and must be attested in the visitors' book by the signature of the introducing member and a member of council.

"A ticket must be applied for by any one introduced as above, and must be produced at any time on the demand of a member of the club, or of the custodian of the green or his representative, such ticket to be signed by an officer of the club, and to bear the date of issue and the period for which it is in force.

"On competition days, holidays, and Saturdays no visitor will be permitted to play unless he is introduced for not less than a week."

The financial position of the club was in a prosperous condition. Many candidates are waiting for vacancies, the membership of the club being full, viz., 700.

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### QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A and B are playing in a foursome (match play) competition for a prize; at the seventeenth hole the ball of A and B lies beyond the green, that of C and D is on it. It is D's turn to play after A and B. Whilst waiting for them to play, D takes another ball out of his pocket and makes a practice putt on the green, towards the hole. A and B claim the hole; the claim is allowed, and approved by the Green Committee. Nothing, however, can be found in the Rules bearing on the case, or upholding this decision. Kindly give your opinion.

I am, Sir, &c.,

INQUIRER.

[It is quite true that there is no rule which specifically fits this case; but we think that considerations of equity would fairly bring the circumstances within Rule XXXIII. The object of the player was clearly to obtain a "guide" to the hole by testing the strength of the putt which would be necessary to take his ball as near as possible to the hole; and with this object in view, he endeavoured to secure an advantage over his opponent. Clearly the game could not be carried on in anything approaching an amicable spirit if every player was allowed to drop a ball when he chose, and to take a preliminary shot before playing the ball of the match; for in this case two or more balls would be in constant play by one side alone, to the detriment and inconvenience of the succeeding players, not to speak of the unfairness of such tactics to opponents. We think, therefore, that the hole was rightly claimed, and the claim rightly upheld by the Green Committee.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you be so good as to settle the following question. A and B are playing a match, and B in approaching the green with an iron, strikes the turf well behind the ball, the club lifting the turf, which in turn drove the ball into the air where the ball was struck by the club following through. A claimed the hole on account of B striking the ball twice, which B denied, saying, and truly saying, that the club only struck the ball once, and then when in the air. Who wins the hole?

I am Sir, &c.,

G. C.

[The ball was clearly struck twice, and the hole was lost. It is a casuistical refinement on the part of the player to argue that in the circumstances the ball was only struck once, and then when the ball was in mid air. Golfers do not strike the ball as a cricketer hits a "full pitch." The ball was hit first when the divot was so unceremoniously dug out; it was struck again towards the end of the swing following the cutting of the divot; therefore the ball was struck twice, and A wins the hole.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In medal play, is there any rule which precludes a competitor from going round the course two or more times, and then handing in the score of his best round?

Also, would a competitor be disqualified if, from some occur-

rence, such as illness or accident, he was forced to change his marker during a medal competition?

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. T. C.

[(1) A medal competition is ordinarily understood to be a round of eighteen holes, unless the committee otherwise state in the regulations governing the competition. No player can go round more than once and score for such a competition. The rules debar him from playing on the putting-green before scoring, and if such a player goes round twice, and hands in a score for the second round, he has disqualified himself by having broken the rule which forbids preliminary practice on the putting green. (2) This would be a question for the decision of the Committee, who would necessarily have to test the *bona fides* of the parties, and the circumstances attending the illness or the accident which created the necessity for a change of marker.—ED.]

### WORM-CASTS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Salt, soot, or lime sprinkled on the greens, will keep down worms. Waste fishery salt is preferable, and keeps the ground longer than common salt, on account of the slower dissolution of the crystals.

It also thickens the grass. Apply on a wet day, and roll.

I am, Sir, &c.

JOHN DONALD.

Peterhead, N.B., February 12th.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In answer to the letter in your last GOLF, from the Hon. Secretary Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club, inquiring as to the best way to deal with worm-casts, without destroying the grass, the only really efficacious mode of alleviating the annoyance is by the use of a full, soft, bass broom, sweeping the casts into small heaps, and then removal by shovel. This treatment will produce the minimum amount of injury, if any, to the grass, and it will, at the same time, stimulate its growth. The roller can then be employed without the ill effects resulting from its flattening the casts, and the consequent greasy condition of the putting-green will be prevented.

I am, Sir, &c.

F. HUMPHREYS.

Aldington, February 11th, 1894.

### PRINCE HENRY'S "GOLFS."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In Chambers's "Picture of Scotland" (Vol. II., p. 332. Edinburgh. 1827) there is a notice of the Old Tower of Alloa. Dr. Chambers, in the notice, says:—"In it James VI. and his eldest son, Henry, were successively educated, under the care of the Mar family. The cradle of the former and his little nursery-chair, besides Prince Henry's golfs, were preserved in the Tower till a recent period, when they fell into the possession of Lady Frances Erskine, daughter of the late venerable Earl of Mar, who, we understand, now preserves them, with the care and veneration due to such valuable heirlooms, in her house near Edinburgh."

The cradle and the chair are still the property of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, and both are engraved in a superb volume, "The Royal House of Stuart," drawn by William Gibb, R.S.A., Plates 20 and 21, and are in Alloa House. No record seems to exist, however, of "Prince Henry's golfs," and, being desirous to trace, if it were possible, these relics of ancient Golf, I applied through a friend to the Earl of Mar and Kellie, who replies: "I remember hearing my father talk of James VI.'s Golf stick being at Alloa; but I never saw it, and fear it is not there now."

It would be interesting to find if any trace of these Golf relics can be found. Can your correspondent, "J. A.," or the



Rev. John Kerr, whose collection of golfing literature is unrivalled, help us, or any of your numerous readers, some of whom may be visitors at the ancient house?

I have failed to find that any Golf Club or museum contains specimens of old clubs; old Philps and the first McEwan seem to be the oldest specimens.

In connection with this, I noticed in a Dingwall paper lately a letter on this subject, in which the writer, speaking of Golf in Ross-shire a century ago, says:—

I was glad to see that the *News* contained some reference to Golf, as played at Fortrose at that time, and I am glad to be able so far to supplement it. It is well known here to lovers of the game that the popular pastime was in favour with their forbears. Some years ago an old set of clubs was discovered by a servant amongst some lumber in a dwelling-house in Fortrose. The girl could not understand the meaning of the "sticks with the rusty ends," and so coolly put them into the fire, with the exception of one or two. One of these came into the possession of a gaming gentleman in Fortrose, and on special occasions it is brought out, and has done good service. The head is made of hammered metal, and the hammer-marks are still discernible. It has some points resembling some of the newest patent Golf clubs, specially so in its hollow face. It is a remarkably heavy club, and would nearly require the "sons of Anak" to do full justice to it as a club for daily use. Besides these clubs there are still several specimens of the old feather balls in existence, and which have been preserved from a far-away past. I was presented with two of them myself, and preserve them as special treasures of a past art.

I shall be pleased if by these notices any of your antiquarian readers can help to find out specimens of the "Original Club." The Ross-shire correspondent seems to tell us that there is nothing new in some of the recent patents, and it is quite possible that better Golf would be played by adhering to the ancient Philp or McEwan style, and discarding all the trumpery patents of the last few years. If there were fewer duffers there would be fewer patents.

Hoping some of your readers will help in this quest,

I am, Sir, &c.,  
THOMAS CHAPMAN.

#### INNOVATIONS IN SCORING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Permit me to return my thanks to "A Conservative Player" for the complimentary letter in your last issue. If, however, the writer will make himself conversant with the correspondence on the subject which appeared in Vol. V. of GOLF, he may be still more surprised to find that any vituperative epithets which he may think proper to heap on such a proposal, or its author, should be directed at me, as the phantom he speaks of is an apparition of my own raising, and for it I alone am responsible. The scheme may be wrong, but that is at present a matter of opinion. Many golfers agree with me in thinking that it is right. I think it is a fit subject for sober discussion.

The following reasons influenced me in proposing the innovation in question:—

- (1) By the present method of scoring in inter-club matches it frequently happens that the presence or absence of one player decides the match, which is, I submit with all deference, not a satisfactory mode of having an inter-club match decided.
- (2) By the present method means are left for an arrangement of the players which might lead to most distasteful results.
- (3) By the present method the comparative strength of two clubs is not arrived at.

I would further desire to see adopted what I understood was proposed by Mrs. Lucas, and agreed to at the last meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union, viz., that in inter-club matches the arrangement of opponents must be made so that the players are opposed to each other according to their handicaps, and that a club must, in such matches, be represented by a number of players in proportion to the number of its members, say, if consisting of 100 members eight must play, if of 200 members twelve must play, if of 300 members fifteen must play when opposed to a club of equal magnitude.

I am not satisfied that we have, in Mr. Turner's proposal, yet arrived at the due proportion which "club" or match points should bear to the individual or hole points. It seems to me that the hole points have still an undue preponderance over the match points. Since, however, the future inter-club matches of the Ladies' Golf Union are to be determined under the method of awarding two club points for each match gained, it will be well, I think, to acquire the *data* to be gained thereby before making any definite amendment to Mr. Turner's proposal.

Allow me to take this opportunity to pray of you, Mr. Editor, to move in some way or other to have a definition of a Golf-club accepted by the principal Clubs in the kingdom. At present the innovations in the shapes of clubs, and the positions in which they are used, are capable of being numbered and dealt with; but the innovations, if not now regulated, may become innumerable, and lead to incalculable difficulty and trouble to committees. The question is not so simple as it may at first seem, and there are so many degrees of departure from the traditional clubs, and the methods of handling them, that it will be found difficult to determine what is and what is not legitimate.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

February 12th, 1894.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I suggest to "A Conservative Player" that he should read Mr. Turner's proposal for scoring in inter-club matches in the report of the Ladies' Golf Union meeting over again, and then, perhaps, it will not be necessary to point out to him that the cases he quotes are not exactly analogous.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
A UNIONIST.

#### "DIRECTOR OF LINKS."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—If "Celt" requires the occupation as mentioned in last week's GOLF, I should be very pleased to communicate with him through your office, as it might be to our mutual benefit.

I am, Sir, &c.  
PROPRIETOR.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I have a few lines of your space to answer the letter which appeared in your issue of 9th inst., signed "Celt," and may I, to be in sympathy with his *nom-de-guerre*, begin, Irish-like, by asking him a question? How does he know that the occupation of "Director of Links" is gentleman-like work when he yearns in the first instance, for enlightenment as to what the post is? You cannot answer this, Mr. Editor, I am sure, neither can I, neither probably can he; therefore I shall not press the question upon him, having respect for "old age" which, Gladstonian-like, still has "abilities." Surely, however, "Celt" is an expatriated Milesian, or he would understand the phrase which he calls a high-sounding title used in reports of meetings of Irish Golf Clubs, and he would also know the hard-working and self-sacrificing golfers, who, upon the chief links in Ireland, are thus designated! Taking his letter in serious part, however, I will attempt to enlighten him, and—as a prologue—let me first tell him that if his "old age abilities" are seeking "gentleman-like work"—with an eye, dulled perhaps by the ravages of decades, yet keen to the main chance of "remuneration"—I would, as a friendly fellow-countryman, advise him to devote what God has left him, at this late period of his history, of sprightly briskness, of intellect and of nimble suppleness of body, to some other—to *any* other—avocation rather than to that of a Director of Links.

He might take to agitation. The *imprimatur* of "gentleman-like-work" may be said, from recent political developments, to have been put upon that; but if he desire the position of

"Director of Links," and approaches the matter with the casual "light-iron" giddiness which characterises his letter, I would warn him that a very brief occupation of the post would painfully teach him that he had got the wrong sow by the ear.

The Director of the Links, as he exists in the three leading Irish clubs of which I am a member, has no idle or indolent office. He is a good and unselfish fellow first, a good golfer second, and further, a man of sense, of intelligence, of dogged pertinacity, a man (to borrow a metaphor from our translation of the Scriptures), "wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove." His duties are to overlook greenkeepers, workmen, labourers, and boys, to plan out their work, and to see that it is done. He it is who selects and arranges teeing-grounds, watches putting-greens, sees when the strain upon them is so great that their local habitation requires a change, who spends much of his precious, and hard-earned leisure, which might be devoted to playing at the game he loves, in making that game better and more pleasant for others. He is firm, withal, yet not dictatorial; he can withstand the censure of his friends, when, in the interests of the green, he removes their pet tee, or interferes with their well-studied line; without indignation he can listen to the plans which are daily propounded to him by the golfing faddist; and, above all, he can meet with a smile the preposterous, and often imbecile suggestions, which, ever and anon, he receives from the bot, flustered, and impatient duffer, who, on emerging from "Hades," or "King Solomon's Mine," in which he has probably passed the greater part of his day, greets him with a "Why the d— I don't you take this infernal thing out of the course—it isn't Golf?" And for all his trouble, worry, and downright hard work through the season, he probably receives at the annual general meeting of his club a vote of thanks and a round of applause! I think our friend "Celt" will admit that, considering the nature of this "remuneration," "old age abilities" might find a fatter pasture.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
W. J. MARTIN.

County Down Golf Club, Newcastle.

[Owing to excessive pressure on space, several letters have been unavoidably held over.—ED.]

THE WHEELBARROW TRICK AT NAIRN.—"Lift it out and count one," suggested Mr. Crombie, in a suave tone. "Count one be hanged!" cheerfully replied his opponent in the foursome, Mr. H. Brown, "I am going to play it, if I stand up to the chin in water." This was at the twelfth hole, and the match stood all even and seven to play. It was an old feud between four of our best known local men, Messrs. J. J. Annan and Crombie against M. Murray and H. Brown. With a long carry from the tee Mr. Murray's ball lay beautifully teed on ice in the middle of a bunker about 30 yards from the green. The ice was only about one inch thick, and his partner, Mr. H. Brown, draws the beam at 13 stone, so that standing on the ice meant a dip into three feet of water at a temperature of about 25. Here was a dilemma. The ball was quite playable, and, giving up a stroke at this critical stage, meant possibly the loss of the match. Just then the green-keeper's assistant hove in sight, wheeling a barrowload of turf for the new greens. Happy thought! "Will you allow me to use the wheelbarrow?" asked Mr. Brown. After a momentary pause this was magnanimously agreed to. With great care the barrow was wheeled into the bunker, where it gradually sank past the wheel in water. Every movement threatened to disturb and submerge the ball; but, at last, all was ready, and, mounting the barrow, Mr. Brown, amid a breathless silence, went for it with a mashie. But luck was against him. The ball struck the shelf of the bunker and glided swiftly to the other side, where it still lay on the ice. Again the barrow was cautiously trundled; this time Mr. Murray had a capital shot, which lay well on the green, and a half was the result. The match ended all square, after a disputed hole—at which the wind blew the ball into the hole, as the other man was in the act of addressing—had been settled in favour of a "rub" by Dalgleish, the green-keeper.—THE CHIEF.



BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The February medal was competed for on the 7th in a gale of wind, which rendered low scoring impossible. It resulted in a tie between the Misses Richardson which will be played off shortly. Mrs. Mackern holds the scratch prize this month:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss M. Richardson	87	9 78	Mrs. Whyte	109	20 89
Miss A. Richardson	90	12 78	Mrs. Meredith	91	scr. 91
Mrs. Laird	91	12 79	Mrs. McArthur	107	16 91
Miss M. Sillar	92	12 80	Mrs. Charles	108	17 91
Miss Fraser	102	20 82	Miss A. Turner	115	20 95
Mrs. Mackern	86	scr. 86	Miss Gahan	107	10 97
Miss Loveless	95	7 88	Mrs. Gibson	109	12 97
Miss F. Paine	95	7 88	Mrs. Lightfoot	138	24 114

Provisionally handicapped:—Mrs. Needham, 106, less 16=90. Not handicapped—Miss Burton, 138; Miss. Wray, 103.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

A competition for a prize presented by Mr. F. C. Morgan, was held on the links of this club, at Dunham Village, on Saturday, 10th February. The competition was restricted to members receiving 15 and upwards in the handicap, and was won by Mr. James Fildes, with the net score of 95. Considering the violent westerly to north-westerly wind which prevailed, this return is a very good one. The second prize, provided by an entrance fee of 1s. for each competitor, was divided between Messrs. W. Bellhouse and E. Hulton, jun., who were each 101 net. Twenty-two members competed, and the following were the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. James Fildes	115	20 95	Mr. S. Venour	128	18 110
Mr. W. Bellhouse	117	16 101	Mr. J. H. Myrtle	130	20 110
Mr. E. Hulton, jun.	119	18 101	Mr. R. Sykes	135	24 111
Mr. C. Hopkinson	122	18 104	Mr. D. C. M. Lunt	132	18 114
Mr. W. Reid	125	18 107	Mr. James Boyd	138	24 114
Mr. P. J. Worsley	128	18 110			

BROMLEY AND BICKLEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, February 3rd.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Rev. F. W. Haines	94	15 79	Mr. J. H. Yolland	109	20 89
Mr. C. Coventry	99	17 82	Mr. W. C. Gregory	118	26 92
Mr. P. W. Johnson	113	30 83	Mr. E. Baldwin	118	25 93
Mr. J. F. Tattersall	116	30 86	Rev. A. Willink	124	30 94
Mr. G. Grant	118	30 88	Mr. P. F. Buckley	122	18 104
Rev. R. I. Woodhouse	105	16 89			

\* Winner.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. NORTH BEDS.

Played at Biggleswade, Saturday, February 10th. Day fine, but windy.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.		Holes.	NORTH BEDS.		Holes.
Mr. A. M. Chance	...	0	Capt. D. Kinloch	...	2
Mr. F. R. Upcher	...	3	Capt. H. Kinloch	...	0
Mr. H. Glasier	...	2	Mr. Horace Mann	...	0
Mr. H. M. Siddall	...	8	Mr. H. Tredcroft	...	0
Mr. E. K. Le Fleming	...	5	Mr. A. C. McNish	...	0
Mr. F. H. Marigold	...	0	Mr. W. H. Dudley Ward	...	2
Mr. F. E. G. Johnston	...	0	Mr. R. J. Lindsell	...	4
Mr. W. L. De B. Thorold	...	3	Mr. A. C. Sweeting	...	0
Mr. W. Watson	...	1	Mr. A. B. Brackenbury	...	0
Mr. C. G. L. Cator	...	0	Mr. J. C. Daniel	...	5
Mr. K. M. Marshall	...	10	Mr. S. H. Whitbread, M.P.	...	0

## CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the ladies' monthly medal took place on February 6th, but, owing to the quantity of casual water lying about the course, most of the scores were rather high. Mrs. Woodhead (scratch), 85; Miss M. Bradbury (scratch), 94; Mrs. Saunders, 120, less 16=104; Miss A. H. Bradbury, 124, less 8=116; Miss Russell, 139, less 20=119. Other competitors made no returns.

## COPTHORNE GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly competition of the year was held on the 8th and 10th inst. A high wind on both days, and the effects of the recent heavy rain rendered good scoring impossible. The following were the best scores:—Mr. J. P. Elliot, scratch, 100; Mr. M. Drummond, 103, less 2=101; Mr. C. L. Reade, 100, plus 2=102; Mr. C. W. Nix, 108, less 5=103.

Ladies' competitions.—Miss M. C. Nix (scratch) 56 and Miss E. S. Reade, 70, less 14=56, tied for first place. On playing off, won by the former with the good score of 53. The same player succeeded in winning the Russell gold clubs, both for January and February, with a score of 58 on both occasions. Other scores:—Miss E. S. Reade, 75, less 14=61; Mrs. S. Russell, 66, less 4=62; Miss L. H. Nix, scratch, 63; Miss Reade, scratch, 66 and 65. The remaining players made no return.

## CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held at the Volunteer Inn on Saturday, February 3rd, at 4.30 p.m. There were present—Mr. W. G. Mount, M.P. (president), in the chair, and Messrs. A. C. Bartholomew, W. H. Belcher, W. P. Godwin, J. H. Haviland, E. J. Maguire, R. S. Wilson, R. Valpy, and the Rev. H. H. Skrine, hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. N. Garry, hon. assistant secretary. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. G. Mount, M.P.; captain, Mr. A. C. Bartholomew; committee, Messrs. W. H. Belcher, A. B. Cook, A. H. Evans, F. Q. Louch, B. Rendall, J. Ridley, and Rev. J. Stewart; the president, captain, and secretaries being *ex officio* members of the committee; handicapping committee, Messrs. A. C. Bartholomew, W. H. Belcher, A. H. Evans, and F. N. Garry; greens committee, Messrs. A. H. Evans, E. J. Maguire, and Rev. H. H. Skrine; hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. H. H. Skrine; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. F. N. Garry. The secretary then read his report for the year 1893, which showed a balance in hand of £13 7s. 1d., which, though not quite so large as last year, was very satisfactory. The club numbered eighty-two members, as against seventy-eight at the end of each of the previous years. There had been eight additional members already elected for 1894, bringing the total up to ninety. The club has played six matches with other clubs, as against five in the previous year, and has been successful in all.

The notable scores of the year were as follows:—October 28th, Mr. E. H. R. Buckland (Winchester), 42 plus 44=86. November 1st, T. Taylor, the Winchester professional, playing with Mr. E. H. R. Buckland and Captain Russell for the first time on the links, in spite of a very strong wind and driving rain, made the fine score of 83, namely 43 out, and 40 home. December 9th, playing in the "Bogey" competition, his card being marked by the Rev. E. P. Spurway, Mr. A. B. Cook made a record of the green, being 6 up to "Bogey." His score, in detail, was as follows:—Out, 4 5 5 5 4 4 5 4 5=41; in, 4 4 3 4 7 3 4 4 4=37; total, 78. The thanks of the members were especially due to Mr. A. R. Tull, the lord of the manor, for his continued interest in the affairs of the club, as also to Mr. Mount for acting as president. Altogether the New Year opened with good promise of steady prosperity.

## DINARD GOLF CLUB.

Mrs. Candy's prize for mixed foursomes, January 18th:—Col. Dansey and Miss Dansey, 121, less 6=115; Mr. S. Chapman and Miss Collingwood, 128, less 8=120; Sir G. Duntze and Mrs. S. Chapman, 126, less 2=124; Col. Garnett and Miss Laurie, 133, less 6=127; Mr. J. W. Handley and Mrs. Elton, 144, less 12=132. Several other couples also competed.

Monthly medal, February 1st.—Mr. S. Chapman, 111, less 20=91; Mr. A. M. Elton, 104, less 12=92; Sir G. Duntze, 100, less 7=93; Mr. S. W. Pomeroy, 114, less 20=94; Mr. J. W. Handly, 117, less 20=97. Several other players competed.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, February 3rd:—Rev. G. S. Rogers, 104, less 20=84; Mr. H. S. Acklom, 91, less 4=87; Mr. F. H. Haviland, 97, less 7=90; Mr. A. Pontifex, 101, less 10=91; Mr. H. Sladen, 110, less 14=96; Mr. J. Ballantine, 117, less 22=95. Others over 100 net.

ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the monthly medal was played over the Braids on the 9th. The stormy weather interfered very much with the scoring. Mr. A. J. Wilson was the winner with a net score of 92, Mr. D. Moore being second.

## EAST SHEEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

January "Bogey" competition.—Miss E. Rawstorne (26), 1 up; Miss H. Cholmeley (27), 3 down; Miss E. Willes (27), 3 down; Mrs. Routh (14), 4 down; Miss Aimée Cholmeley (15), 6 down; Miss Vidal (30), 7 down; Miss Leycester Penrhyn (30), 9 down; Mrs. Dean (30), 12 down.

Monthly medal competition, February 1st.—Miss E. Rawstorne, 118, less 30=88; Miss C. V. Leycester Penrhyn, 119, less 30=89; Mrs. Marson, 132, less 32=100; Mrs. Routh, 120, less 18=102; Miss Rawstorne, 145, less 40=105; Miss E. Willes, 144, less 36=108; Mrs. Courtenay, 148, less 40=108; Miss Cecil Leycester Penrhyn, 144, less 20=120. No returns from Misses A. Rawstorne, H. Cholmeley, Ramsay and Vidal.

## FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal for gentlemen was played on the 7th inst. in a strong gale of wind:—Mr. C. Edwards, 89, less 5=84; Major Carter, 94, less 6=88; Colonel Parker, 94, less 3=91; Sir Bevan Edwards, 100, less 8=92; Mr. E. T. Ward, 109, less 16=93; Mr. Richards, 117, less 23=94; Mr. Jeffery, 102, less 7=95; Mr. R. Seymour, 108, less 12=96. Ten others made no return.

Ladies' medal (thirteen holes), was played on the 1st inst. in a very strong wind:—Miss P. Jeffery, 102, less 25=77 (also wins the Edwards' prize); Miss L. Wood, 96, less 12=84; Mrs. Parker, 100, less 16=84; Miss Paine, 92, less 8=84. Seven others made no return.

## FORFARSHIRE.

The Dalhousie Club (Carnoustie) held their monthly competition on Saturday, when there was a good turn-out of players. As usual, the match was played according to the "Bogey" system, but some of the players were able to defeat the "Colonel." The first prize was gained by Mr. William Ballingall, who, with a handicap allowance of two strokes, was 3 holes to the bad. The second prize was tied for by Mr. Alex. Johnstone (4), Mr. W. N. Machan (7), and Mr. James Duncan (4), who all suffered defeat by four holes each.

The final tie for the Millar cup of the Montrose Mercantile Club (presented by Mrs. R. H. Millar, of Blair Castle) was played over the Montrose course on Saturday afternoon between Mr. W. Vallentine and Mr. J. Douglas. The weather was boisterous, with occasional showers of sleet, and at the close it was found that both were eleven above their average number, so that the tie was undecided.

## GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap, a "Bogey," February 10th. It was practically impossible to keep on terms with "Bogey," who holds the record for the green, and repeats it, gale or no gale:—Mr. H. L. Forbes (5) 7 down; Mr. W. Carr (1) 8 down; Mr. C. E. Cottrell (7) 8 down; Mr. H. Devenport (5) 9 down; Mr. B. Howell (2) 10 down; Mr. J. Kenrick (2) 11 down; Colonel W. Sykes (11) 12 down; Mr. L. Howell (7) 13 down.

## HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, played February 5th.—Rev. W. Claxton, 101, less 20=81; Mr. F. G. Tuck, 91, less 9=82, record score for eighteen holes; Mr. C. P. Hastings, 105, less 17=88; Mr. H. Hollings, 105, less 16=89; Mr. C. R. Seymour, 106, less 17=89; Mr. H. Bourdillon, 107, less 17=90; Mr. E. W. M. Lloyd, 111, less 17=94; Mr. R. N. Smyth, 119, less 20=99.

Ladies' medal competition, played February 8th.—Mrs. Hollings, 93, less 4=89; Miss Sharpe, 118, less 28=90; Miss M. G. Sharpe, 111, less 12=99; Miss Maturin, 112, less 10=102.

## HYÈRES GOLF CLUB.

On February 10th, the weekly handicap of this club was played; the day was gloriously bright and warm, and the greens played fast and true, necessitating very careful putting. The following are the scores for two rounds of nine holes each.—Mr. Carpenter Rowe, 101, less 18=83 (winner); Mr. Bryce Allen, 105, less 18=88; Mr. F. J. Patton, (scratch), 92; Mr. J. R. Corbett, 141, less 24=117; Colonel Barne, 139, less 26=113. Mr. G. R. Corbett no return.

## LEICESTER GOLF CLUB.

The February monthly handicap took place on Saturday, February 3rd, with the following result:—Mr. B. Lorrimer, 99, less 17=82; Mr. F. M. Payne, 114, less 27=87; Mr. A. Lorrimer, 99, less 12=87; Mr. F. W. Beale, 108, less 18=90; Mr. J. A. Corah, 110, less 18=92; Mr. C. E. Hare, 119, less 23=96; Mr. T. Hollis, 122, less 25=97; Mr. J. S. Anderson, 125, less 28=97. Several other members competed, but did not hand in their cards.

## LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal:—Mr. F. L. Pattinson, 117, less 16=91; Mr. W. Trower, 109, less 15=94; Mr. J. Campbell, 116, less 20=96; Mr. C. Wintle, 118, less 18=100. Others over 100 net, or no return.

LITTLESTONE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal :—Miss D. Rowlandson, 117, less 20=97; Miss W. Rowlandson, 122, less 22=100; Miss M. Cobb, 118, less 16=102; Miss E. Cobb, 125, less 22=103; Miss Stringer, 116, less 12=109; Miss E. Rowlandson, 137, less 28=109; Miss Rowlandson, 148, less 30=118.

MID-SURREY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal.—This was played for on Tuesday, the 6th in half a gale of wind, Miss Ravenshaw's card, showing 130, less 36=94, being the best return, and a very creditable one, too, considering the day. The following are the scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Ravenshaw ...	130	36	94	Mrs. Marson ...	141	36	105
Miss K. A. Burke ...	137	36	101	Miss F. Ravenshaw	139	33	106
Miss Bowyer ...	121	18	103	Miss S. Burke ...	148	36	112
Miss Agnes Roberts	121	18	103	Mrs. Ridley Prentice	148	25	123
Miss M. Woodd ...	126	23	103	Mrs. Coote... ..	160	36	124
Mrs. Taunton Collins	136	33	103	Miss G. Roberts ...	167	36	131

MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

A good number of members took part in the February medal day, on Saturday last. A strong wind severely handicapped the players, and accounts for the large number of "no returns" in the scores given below. Gentlemen—Mr. J. H. Bryan, 115, less 25=90; Mr. L. D. Winterbotham, 112, less 22=90—tie for junior medal; Mr. E. P. Little, 109, less 18=91—senior medal; Mr. W. Margetson, 110, less 18=92; Mr. A. R. Grieve, 123, less 25=98.

Scores over 100 and no returns :—Messrs. W. H. Bishop, W. W. Chamberlain, W. Davies, R. Lewis Grist, Lawrence Grist, Rev. H. Summerhayes, A. E. Smith, Rev. G. M. Scott, P. J. Trouncer, A. W. Waller, J. T. Woolright, F. Winterbotham, and M. T. Woolright.

Ladies.—Miss M. Margetson, 121, less 25=96, junior medal; Mrs. Davies, 105, less 7=98, senior medal; Miss P. Cooke, 123, less 25=98. Scores over 100 and no returns :—Mrs. Pierce Taylor, Miss Blenkin, Miss F. M. Johnstone, Miss Stewart, and Miss Woolright.

NORTH-WEST GOLF CLUB, LONDONDERRY.

There was a large turn-out of members for the usual monthly medal competition at the Lisfannon Links on Saturday, 3rd inst. Some twenty competitors started from the first tee, but the conditions were not favourable for an exhibition of good Golf. A strong wind off the sea, putting greens sodden with melted snow, and casual water lying in unexpected places, alike combined to render low scoring difficult. Only nine competitors returned scores under 100 net. The medal was secured by Professor MacMaster, Mr. Munn and Dr. Patterson having each previously won in a monthly competition. Subjoined are the scores :—Professor Macmaster, 101, less 15=86; Professor Leebody, 110, less 22=88; Mr. Harold Chambers, 116, less 27=89; Mr. Crawford M'Cay, 116, less 27=89; Professor Dougherty, 117, less 26=91; Mr. C. R. Tillie, 119, less 20=99; Mr. H. M'Connell, 129, less 30=99; Mr. A. M. Munn, 103, less 22=81; Dr. J. Patterson, 98, less 15=83.

The December medal competition, which resulted in a tie between Professor MacMaster and Mr. Munn, was played off in January, when Mr. Munn won with a score of 84 net. The January competition, which was postponed on account of the snow, will be played off on Saturday, March 17th. In addition to the medal competitions on Saturday, there were a number of members engaged in private matches, and the links have seldom been more fully occupied on a winter day.

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the winners of the last half-year's monthly competitions played off two rounds of eighteen holes. The weather being extremely boisterous, the scores ruled somewhat high. Mr. J. Hall's 83 for the first round was an excellent score in the circumstances, and Mr. A. N. Bromley's 91 for the second round was also very creditable. The detailed score is as follows :—

	1st round.		2nd round.		Ttl.		
	Gross	Hcp. Net.	Gross	Hcp. Net.			
Mr. J. Hall ...	83	5	78	91	5	86	164
Mr. A. N. Bromley ...	99	11	88	91	11	80	168
Mr. W. F. M. Webb ...	118	18	100	98	18	80	180
Mr. R. D. Oswald ...	101	7	94	96	7	89	183
Mr. W. Ross ...	122	21	101	117	21	96	197

Mr. Hall will now play Mr. E. A. Coutts, the winner for the previous six months, for the medal.

CRIEFF.—The monthly and Aitken medals were played for on Saturday in a gale of wind, accompanied with very heavy showers of snow. Dr. J. Maxtone Thom won both medals with, in the circumstances, the very good score of 108, less 11=97. He having now won the latter medal three times, it becomes his own.

OLD MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The club silver challenge cup, with memento and optional sweepstakes, were played for during the week. Mr. H. A. Dods won the two former, and Mr. M. S. Bles the latter. Subjoined are the scores for thirty-six holes :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. H. A. Dods ...	181	+6	187	Mr. C. R. Schofield	231	18	213	
Mr. R. H. Prestwich	190	scr.	190	Mr. Alfred Brooks	262	42	220	
Mr. M. S. Bles ...	210	18	192	Mr. Chas. Southern	238	18	220	
Mr. W. F. Rollinshaw	...	222	24	198	Mr. Ed. Broadhurst	...	...	
Mr. J. H. Fulton ..	225	18	207	jun. ...	...	231	10	221
				Mr. John Barnes	...	274	36	238

Nine other players did not return their scores.

OLTON GOLF CLUB.

The first competition in connection with this club was played on January 27th. The majority of the members being beginners, it was decided to make the competition as open as possible, in order to secure a general interest, the limit men receiving 50. This necessitated some delicate work for the handicap committee; the results, however, gave general satisfaction. There were thirty-four entries for the club trophy, and twenty-one for the Ashford cup, both of which prizes run concurrently under their separate conditions. The day was not propitious for low scores, a rough south-westerly gale preventing anything approaching records. Mr. A. E. Wilson Browne's 97, however, was a highly creditable score under the circumstances. Mr. J. B. Powell returned the lowest net score, and takes the monthly medal; he also holds the cup and trophy for the month, having entered for both competitions. The next monthly competition will take place on Saturday, February 24th. The following are the leading scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. J. B. Powell ...	138	46	92	Mr. W. P. Wilson	...	...	...	
Mr. A. E. Wilson	...	...	...	Browne ...	...	106	9	97
Browne ...	...	97	4	93	Mr. C. J. Madeley...	138	38	100
Mr. E. Bond ...	143	50	93	Mr. G. Godfrey ...	151	50	101	
Dr. A. Bostock Hill	141	48	93	Mr. J. P. Heaton ...	134	30	104	
Mr. F. Feeny ...	120	24	96	Mr. H. Huggins ...	149	38	111	
Dr. E. Luke Freer..	136	40	96					

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Weekly handicap February 9th :—Mr. C. G. Marsham, 85, less 18=67; Mr. M. Balfour, 89, less 15=74; Mr. R. H. Mitchell, 80, less 2=78; Mr. C. R. Jelf, 100, less 22=78; Mr. G. R. Bardswell, 101, less 20=81; Mr. C. W. W. Surridge, 89, less 7=82; Mr. R. B. Townshend, 104, less 18=86; Mr. F. H. Stewart, scratch, 89. Twenty-five entries, no return from the rest.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB v. ASCOT.

Played at Ascot on Saturday, February 10th, and resulted in a victory for Ascot by 13 holes ;—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		Holes.	ASCOT.		Holes.
Mr. F. H. Stewart (captain)...	0		Capt. A. Wolfe-Murray	...	4
Mr. R. H. Mitchell ...	0		Mr. C. M. Smith ...	...	4
Mr. R. B. R. Mair ...	0		Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell	...	2
Mr. A. J. Boger ...	0		Mr. G. W. Ricketts ...	...	5
Mr. H. G. Atkinson ...	5		Mr. J. F. E. Bowring...	...	0
Mr. H. G. B. Ellis ...	0		Mr. P. V. Broke ...	...	6
Mr. A. C. M. Croome...	0		Mr. E. Posonby ...	...	0
Mr. H. Nicholls ...	3		Mr. F. L. Liddell ...	...	0
Mr. A. B. Sanders ...	0		Capt. Cooper Key ...	...	5
Mr. G. M. T. Smyth ...	5		Sir T. Dyer ...	...	0
Mr. R. Lodge ...	0		Mr. H. N. Longman ...	...	2
Mr. C. W. W. Surridge	...		Sir G. Pigott ...	...	0
		13			28

A match for a small purse was arranged between Hugh Kirkaldy, the Oxford professional, and J. G. Longhurst the Ascot professional, Kirkaldy winning by 5 up and 4 to play.

ROCHDALE GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Rochdale Golf Club took place at the Lyceum, Baillie Street, on Thursday evening, 1st inst. There was a good attendance. Mr. E. B. Petrie (captain of the club) presided. The statement of accounts submitted to the meeting showed that the club had paid its way during the past year, and it was reported that there were now one hundred and twelve members, and thirty-two lady subscribers, this being the largest membership the club has ever had. It was also reported that during the past year the club had acquired fresh links on a site at King's Road, and this had caused a considerable accession of members to the club. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows :—Honorary president, Mr. James

Griffith Dearden (lord of the manor); honorary vice-presidents, the Archdeacon of Manchester, and Messrs Abm. Brierley, J.P., John A. Bright, J.P., J. H. Lancashire, J.P., Col. Roysds, J.P., D.L., and Robert Slack. Mr. Allen Stevens was elected vice-president, with a seat on the committee. Mr. A. H. Crowther was appointed captain in place of Mr. E. B. Petrie (resigned), and Mr. James Broadbent was elected hon. secretary in place of Mr. Stevens, who resigned office. Messrs. A. Bell, E. Healy, Ed. B. Petrie, Wm. S. Petrie, Ben Schofield, and W. S. Scholes were appointed to serve on the committee. A pleasant part of the evening's meeting was the presentation to Mr. Allan Stevens of a pair of beautiful silver candlesticks as a slight recognition of the debt the members owe to him for his services as the founder of the club, and for acting as its honorary secretary since its formation on May 17th, 1888. The presentation was made by Mr. Petrie in felicitous terms, and Mr. Stevens very suitably responded. It was mentioned that several of the members have already promised to provide prizes during the coming year, and the captain (Mr. Crowther) intends to present a cup, or some such trophy, to be played for.

The new links at King's Road were formally opened by the captain, Mr. Abm. H. Crowther, on Saturday, the 3rd. These links are pleasantly situated on high ground, within one mile of the Rochdale Town Hall. The ground is undulating and exceedingly dry, the sub-soil being sand and gravel. There is a fair hazard for each hole, and the course of nine holes is of average length, the total distance between tee and hole being 2,338 yards. The greens are at present necessarily rough, as it is only a month since the club took possession of the ground, and the lies are not always just what one could wish; but these defects will rapidly disappear under the attention of the groundsman and the foot of the golfer, and it is anticipated that the links in a short time will prove a good sporting course. There is already a large membership, and an entrance-fee of £2 2s. is now exacted. The club still holds the Lobden Links at Whitworth, but a separate subscription is fixed for those members who wish to play on only one of the links. The club gave two prizes to be competed for on Saturday, and two additional prizes were given by Mr. Regd. W. Shaw and Mr. R. W. Schofield. Cobb, the professional, also gave a prize for the player returning the most fives on his card. This was won by Mr. Wm. S. Petrie, with eight fives. The following were the net returns of 100 or under. The high wind interfered with low scoring:—

First class.—Mr. W. A. Scholes, 105, less 13=92; Mr. G. D. M'Lennan, 113, less 15=98; Mr. Sam. Thackeray, 117, less 19=98; Mr. Wm. S. Petrie, 111, less 12=99; Mr. Lewis W. Porritt, 123, less 23=100.

Second class.—Mr. Ed. Rothwell, 127, less 32=95; Mr. Frank Taylor, 125, less 26=99.

Mr. Scholes and Mr. Rothwell took the optional subscription sweepstakes.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

February 6th.—Monthly medal, Bombay medal, and Captain's cup. Green very wet, much casual water; high wind. Mr. Alfred Schacht wins the Bombay medal (scratch) with 125; Mr. Clifford Young, the Monthly medal (handicap) with 119 net. Scores on this day are to count towards the aggregate of two net scores for the Captain's cup, the other score to be made on the Spring medal day.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Clifford Young	127 8 119	Mr. E. W. D. Walthall	154 25 129
Mr. W. Morris	134 14 120	Mr. A. Schacht	125 +5 130
Mr. E. W. Sampson	139 18 121	Mr. G. H. Freaun	155 25 130
Mr. G. Spurling	136 12 124	Mr. M. H. Richard-	
Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	130 6 124	son	143 12 131
Mr. W. K. Graham	133 9 124	Capt. H. Gillon	132 scr. 132
Mr. H. H. Turner	130 5 125	Mr. W. Murray	160 23 137
Mr. S. Young	134 9 125	Dr. Staples	162 25 137
Mr. R. M. Richard-		Mr. R. Winch	152 13 139
son	141 6 125	Mr. C. Lethbridge	154 15 139
Mr. R. Whyte	126 scr. 126	Mr. F. J. Lawrence	162 21 141
Rev. F. W. S. Le		Mr. C. Bell	166 25 141
Lièvre	137 11 126	Mr. F. Graves	170 28 142
Rev. J. H. Ellis	140 12 128	Mr. G. C. Snelling	163 20 143
Col. J. F. Harman	148 20 128	Mr. E. Pinkerton	157 8 149
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	129 scr. 129	Mr. D. Christopher-	
Mr. F. S. Ireland	126 +3 129	son	170 21 149
Mr. C. M. Baker	150 21 129	Major Sill	176 25 151

Messrs. H. C. Burton, H. Soames, A. Young, C. B. Lindsey, G. O. Jacob, W. A. Adam, G. F. Sanders, W. E. Hughes, W. C. Johnson and W. H. M. Christie, made no returns.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' GOLF CLUB.—The monthly charm competition was held at Musselburgh on Saturday, and resulted as follows: First Division: Mr. James Halley, 97, less 10=87. Second Division: Mr. William Young, 102, less 12=90.

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal.—Mr. B. F. Edyvean, 99, less 7=92; Mr. Robert Fox, 119, less 24=95; Mr. C. H. Hext, 108, less 8=100; Capt. F. M. Hext, 111, less 8=103; Col. Parkyn, 140, less 37=103; Mr. Melvill Sandys, 116, less 12=104; Capt. Wilbraham, 115, less 10=105; Mr. H. Mansel, 123, less 17=106; Brigadier-Surgeon Elliot, 126, less 19=107; Mr. Young-Jamieson, 112, less 5=107; Mr. G. Rawlinson, 127, less 15=112.

ROYAL CORNWALL v. ROYAL NAVY.

A match was played on the old Bodmin racecourse on February 1st. The visitors were, with one exception, strangers to the course. A steady downpour of rain accompanied by half a gale from the south-west raged throughout the play.

ROYAL CORNWALL.

ROYAL NAVY.

Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. E. M. Bannerman	5	Lieut. Goldfinch	0
Mr. B. F. Edyvean	7	Surgeon W. Craig	0
Mr. Young-Jamieson	3	Lieut. Grogan	0
Mr. C. H. Hext	6	Lieut. Johnston Stewart, R.M.L.I.	0
Capt. F. M. Hext	3	Commander Startin	0
Mr. Melvill Sandys	2	Major Wilkinson, R.M.L.I.	0
	26		0

ROYAL CORNWALL LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The fifth of the half-dozen winter handicaps was played on Tuesday, February 6th.—Miss Archer, 128, less 40=88; Mrs. Edyvean, 105, less 14=91; Mrs. C. Hext, 103, less 12=91; Mrs. Bannerman, 112, less 19=93; Miss Rolleston, 123, less 30=93; Mrs. Every, 135, less 39=96; Miss Fenwick, 113, less 15=98; Miss Page, 95, plus 3=98; Miss C. Burgess, 119, less 20=99; Miss Alms, 113, less 14=99; Miss K. Archer, 136, less 35=101; Mrs. Salmon, 108, less 2=106.

Miss Barnett and Miss Marke retired.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Club medal, to be played for by the winners of the Monthly medals during the past year, took place on the 10th inst. The following were the returns:—Mr. J. P. Barrington, 101, less 18=83; Mr. T. Gilroy, scratch, 88; Mr. P. Watson, 100, less 11=89; Mr. J. Petrie, 95, less 5=90; Dr. Traill, 100, less 9=91; Mr. J. R. Bristow, 110, less 11=99.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the "Bogey" (single) competition, played on Saturday, February 10th:—Mr. H. A. Gardom, 3 down; Mr. A. A. Hannay, 4 down; Mr. F. H. Swinstead, 4 down; Mr. Ernest Flint, 7 down; Mr. J. S. Badkin, 7 down; Rev. Ewart Barter, 7 down; Mr. B. G. Fabian, 7 down; Mr. H. W. Horner, 7 down; Mr. Sidney Kemp, 7 down; Mr. F. F. McKenzie, 7 down; Mr. E. A. Read, 7 down; Mr. A. Boney, 8 down; Mr. J. W. Greig, 8 down; Mr. J. W. M. Guy, 8 down; Mr. J. O. Mildred, jun., 8 down; Captain L. Peskett, 8 down; Mr. A. W. Good, 9 down; Mr. C. E. Greig, 9 down; Mr. W. E. Hall, 9 down; Mr. J. W. James, 9 down; Mr. J. S. Pearce, 9 down; Mr. Geo. E. Smythe, 9 down; Mr. Geo. H. Swinstead, 9 down; Mr. W. Challice, 10 down; Mr. H. Parker, 10 down; Mr. J. B. Shaw, 10 down; Mr. Geo. Thompson, 10 down; Mr. A. L. Foley, 12 down; Mr. R. T. Glover, 14 down; Mr. F. M. Bryan, 15 down; Mr. Chas. W. Cooke, 15 down.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly prize, Saturday, February 3rd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. T. W. Barker	90 5 85	Mr. W. Field	103 10 93
Capt. Robin	88 2 86	Mr. J. M. Martin	112 18 94
*Mr. E. B. Pusey	106 18 88	Capt. Fairlie	99 4 95
Col. Mackenzie	92 3 89	Mr. R. B. Lattimer	104 9 95
Dr. Hodder	103 14 89	General Fellows	111 16 95
Major Scott, R.A.	89 +2 91	Mr. T. Ramsbotham	106 10 96
Capt. Palmes	109 18 91	Mr. C. Lehmann	99 2 97
Mr. J. Alexander	94 2 92		

\* Divided sweepstakes limited to 22. Sixteen players made no return.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, 10th February:—Captain G. L. Austin, 93, less 7=86; Mr. J. M. Henderson, 97, less 7=90; Mr. W. Gay, 100, less 9=91; Mr. F. T. Welman, 93, less 2=91; Sir B. Edwards, 108, less 16=92; Mr. H. A. Peto, 114, less 18=96; Mr. M. Tomson, 105, less 8=97; Mr. W. Muir, 110, less 13=97. Other scores were over 100.

## ROYAL NORWICH GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for the monthly medal was held on the 25th ult., over the long nine-hole course. The weather was unfortunately stormy, a high wind, and a heavy rain making play difficult, and rendering the scores high, though it did not prevent over twenty members from competing. Mr. Mannall was the winner of the medal. The principal scores are as follows:—Mr. J. H. Mannall, 59, less 8=51; Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar, 54, less 2=52; Mr. Davidson Walker, 57, less 5=52; Mr. T. A. Ireland, 60, less 7=53; Mr. Richardson Jewson, 61, less 7=54.

## ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.

Christmas meeting, February 9th. Mr. P. M. Lucas (scratch), 98; Mr. A. P. Charles, 104, less 6=98; Mr. A. J. Stanley, 107, less 6=101; Mr. W. Williams, 111, less 10=101; Mr. W. H. Simms-Reeve, 122, less 16=106; Mr. H. Ingleby, 117, less 10=107; Mr. H. T. Wright, 117, less 9=108; Rev. C. Prangley, 132, less 23=109. No returns from Messrs. F. W. Wilson, W. F. Danby, C. J. Torrey, and P. G. Spence; Hon. W. H. Mansfield, Rev. G. T. Thompson, Dr. Turner Belding, and Commander H. A. Digby, R.N. Mr. P. M. Lucas and Mr. A. P. Charles tie for the £2 2s. club prize, and the cup presented by Mr. H. G. S. Hughes, and divide the sweepstakes, 30s.

Christmas meeting, February 10th. Mr. W. H. Simms-Reeve, 116, less 16=100; Mr. P. M. Lucas (scratch), 103; Mr. H. T. Wright, 118, less 9=109; Mr. A. P. Charles, 118, less 6=112; Mr. H. Ingleby, 122, less 10=112; Mr. F. W. Wilson, 124, less 9=115. No returns from Hon. W. H. Mansfield, Captain H. A. Digby, R.N.; Revs. G. T. Thompson and C. Prangley, and Messrs. P. G. Spence, F. W. Danby, and Dr. Turner Belding. Mr. W. H. Simms-Reeve wins the club prize; Mr. P. M. Lucas takes two-thirds sweepstakes (16s. 8d.), and Mr. H. S. Wright one-third (8s. 4d.) Rev. H. D. Barrett wins the silver salver with previous net score of 90. A gale of wind was blowing both days, which made low scoring impossible.

## SAPPERTON PARK GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly medal competition of this newly-formed club was held on Thursday, February 8th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Rev. E. H. Towns-			Mr. H. Ohm	132	35	97	
end	119	35	84	Mr. J. Ross-Hume	118	20	98
Mr. E. B. Haygarth	106	20	86	Mr. B. Leighton	140	40	100
Mr. C. Leveson-				Rev. G. L. Amphlett	137	35	102
Gower	117	30	87	Mr. R. J. Mullings	152	50	102
Mr. E. C. Cripps	110	20	90	Major F. Butler	144	40	104
Mr. E. W. Bubb	124	30	94	Mr. G. S. Estcourt	124	20	104
Mr. J. Rawlins	140	45	95	Capt. G. Neville	134	25	109
Mr. W. Wilson	122	25	97				

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the medal took place over nine holes, at Lindrick, on the first three days of this month. The weather was very boisterous. Twenty-three cards were taken out, the following was the result:—Mr. W. Robinson, 60, less 15=45; Mr. J. E. Goodbody, 58, less 10=48; Mr. A. E. Thompson, 62, less 12=50; Mr. H. Hughes, 65, less 14=51; M. J. G. Ronksley, 63, less 10=53; Mr. G. F. Lockwood, 66, less 12=54; Mr. D. Burgess, 67, less 13=54; Mr. S. White, 70, less 15=55; Mr. G. Denton, 71, less 16=55. Three others were over 55, the rest made no return.

## SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

The Penang-Singapore Inter-settlement match and the Straits Championship were played at the close of the year. These games are annual, and are played alternately in Singapore and Penang, and attract a considerable amount of attention in these parts. Penang is 360 miles from Singapore, so that the Penang men had to be away a week or ten days from their work.

The match between Penang and Singapore, played at Singapore on December 25th last, took place under the most favourable circumstances, and in the presence of a fair number of spectators, including a majority of the members of the Golf Club. The weather was ideal from a golfing point of view, a pleasant breeze blowing across the links. The greens, after the late rains, were in splendid trim, and the only unsatisfactory feature in the contest for the challenge shield was the poor show made by the home team. Play was begun by Mr. David Brown, of Penang, and Mr. Stiven, the visitor being conceded the honour. Mr. Brown, an old St. Andrews player, was too strong for his opponent, and stood 3 up on the round.

The feature of the match was, however, the splendid driving of Dr. Sullivan, a left-handed player, who paired with Dr. Kerr, and the latter, though making a good round (41), was still 2 holes to the bad on the first round. His second round added 2 more holes.

Penang won by 5 holes, thus:—Penang, Mr. D. Brown, 4 up; Dr.

Sullivan, 4 up; Mr. Birch, 3 up; total, 11; less Singapore, Captain Barter, 6 up.

The president of the club, Mr. MacRitchie, then presented the trophy to the winners in a few appropriate words, to which Mr. David Brown, the Penang captain, briefly replied.

## THE STRAITS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The play for the Championship of Malaya, played at Singapore on December 26th, resulted in a decisive victory for Singapore, the first three players being members of the Singapore team. There was a large attendance of spectators and members of the club. The weather, as on the first day, was ideal for spectators, but the heat and glare sadly interfered with good scoring. Mr. A. W. Stiven, 88; Mr. R. Dunman, 93; Mr. P. A. Gillespie, 94; Dr. Kerr, 94; Dr. Mugliston, 94; Mr. A. Mackay, 94; Mr. H. W. Vade, 94; Dr. Brown, 94; Dr. O'Sullivan, 95; Mr. W. N. Dow, 96; Mr. J. C. D. Jones, 100; Captain Barter, 101; Mr. R. W. Crighton, 101; Mr. J. K. Birch, 103; Mr. J. H. Drysdale, 104; Mr. E. J. Robertson, 108.

## SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition took place at Churchtown, on Saturday, in a half-gale of wind, which fully accounts for the high scoring. Mr. G. F. Smith and Mr. J. E. Pearson, tied for the first place, and will have to play off again at some future date; they divided the first and second sweepstakes, Mr. W. T. Rowley taking the third. A number of players made no returns. Best scores:—Mr. G. F. Smith, 94, plus 2=96; Mr. J. E. Pearson, 98, less 2=96; Mr. W. T. Rowley, 109, less 8=101; Mr. H. B. Barlow, 114, less 13=101; Mr. J. Morrison, 112, less 10=102; Mr. R. O'C. W. Dean, 120, less 18=102; Mr. H. Sidebottom, 104, less 1=103; Mr. W. E. Bland, 110, less 6=104.

## ST. NEOTS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal.—The ladies' competition took place on January 29th. Result:—Miss Tomson, 75, less 30=45; Miss J. Squire, 61, less 10=51; Mrs. Jordan, 68, less 16=52; Miss Bower, 58, less 5=53; Mrs. Holman, 89, less 30=59; Miss Brown, 91, less 30=61. One member made no return.

The gentlemen's competition, postponed from January 30th, was held on February 3rd. Mr. J. A. Ennals, 118, less 14=104, winner of monthly competition for members with handicaps under 18; Mr. J. Spencer, 142, less 25=117, winner of monthly competition for members with handicaps of 18 and over; Mr. D. McLaren, 176, less 30=146. No returns from other competitors.

## SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, the 10th inst. The weather was very stormy:—Mr. A. Godlee, 105, less 27=78; Mr. Shirley Baldwin, 90, less 10=80; Dr. R. M. Simon, 102, less 17=85; Mr. S. J. Porter, 108, less 23=85; Mr. H. M. Eddowes, 95, less 9=86; Mr. A. H. Griffiths, 104, less 15=89; Mr. J. A. Marigold, 107, less 18=89; Mr. P. A. Bourke, 106, less 11=95; Mr. E. C. Keay, 123, less 27=96.

## WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal handicaps were played over the club course at Bushey on Saturday last. Handicaps 12 and under.—Mr. C. L. M. Pearson, 94, less 11=83; Mr. B. M. Barton, 96, less 6=90; Mr. O. W. F. Hill, 98, less 8=90; Mr. A. G. Bradley, 105, less 11=94; Mr. G. F. Pearson, 104, less 9=95; Mr. E. G. Jackson, 108, less 12=96; Mr. J. S. Crawford, 111, less 12=99; Mr. R. Franks, 108, less 8=100.

Handicaps exceeding 12.—Mr. F. J. Burr, 103, less 18=85; Mr. A. Nowell, 105, less 17=88; Mr. I. L. Clark, 104, less 14=90; Mr. A. S. Walker, 113, less 22=91; Col. H. Oddie, 113, less 18=95; Mr. E. A. Horne, 116, less 20=96.

## WEST WRATTING PARK (CAMBS) GOLF CLUB.

The handicap foursomes were played off on Saturday, February 10th, and resulted as below:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Messrs. N. R. Gray and H. Montgomery	114 36 78
Messrs. T. Wedgwood and A. Schilizzi	138 57 81
Messrs. W. N. Cobbold and P. Lee Warner	116 30 86
Messrs. C. Wreford Brown and F. Nuttall	150 57 93
Messrs. H. J. Cobbold and R. Clapham	124 30 94
Messrs. J. Forster and H. Gould	150 55 95
Messrs. L. Heathcote and G. Nugent Bankes	165 66 99
Messrs. A. Henderson and M. Haggard	142 39 103
Messrs. N. L. B. Hayter and W. A. Leslie	140 34 106
Messrs. H. Marsden and R. Austin Leigh	153 38 115

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—This month's competition for the club's silver medal, for which few members entered, has resulted in the same being won by Mr. James Main, Pittenweem, with a score of 95, less 12=83.

WILMSLOW GOLF CLUB.

The fifth winter competition was played on Saturday, in windy weather. Thirty-nine members turned out, of whom twenty-nine returned cards. Mr. W. W. Barlow won the Boddington cup and memento, and the first sweepstakes; Mr. F. Haworth won the Haworth cup and memento, and divided the third sweepstakes with Mr. J. H. Milne; and Mr. A. N. Cumming won the second sweepstakes.

The following were the scores under 100 net. Boddington cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. W. Barlow...	86	5	81	Mr. J. Beaumont ...	102	10	92
Mr. A. N. Cumming	87	2	85	Mr. J. D. Hobkirk	107	10	97
Mr. J. H. Milne ...	96	10	86	Mr. G. H. Shakerley	106	8	98
Mr. J. A. Tweedale	91	4	87	Captain Herapath...	112	14	98
Mr. G. Bickham ...	97	10	87	Mr. A. H. Dixon ...	108	9	99
Mr. H. G. Langley...	98	8	90	Mr. R. R. Schofield	113	14	99
Mr. C. D. Milne ...	98	7	91				

Haworth cup.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. Haworth ...	103	17	86	Mr. G. T. Redmayne	110	16	94
Mr. A. Crewdson ...	112	25	87	Mr. R. P. Robinson.	113	16	97
Mr. C. W. Stoehr	109	16	93	Mr. R. Burn ...	117	20	97
Mr. W. R. R. Gemmell	110	17	93	Mr. F. Godlee ...	115	16	99

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held on the 7th inst., and owing to the boisterous wind, which sometimes blew with the force of a gale, play was carried on with only a modicum of pleasure. With a capital return of 85, Mr. W. C. Perry won the cup and senior medal, and also the "Bogey" competition, being 3 down. Mr. J. W. Jeakes, whose return of 86 was of equal excellence, took the junior medal. Appended are the returns sent in:—Mr. W. C. Perry, 96, less 11=85; Mr. J. W. Jeakes, 101, less 15=86; Mr. F. Cobbett, 109, less 18=91; Mr. R. H. C. Neville, 112, less 18=94; Mr. A. S. Archdale, 102, less 7=95; Sir H. Lewis, 106, less 10=96; Mr. G. H. Neville, 108, less 10=98; Capt. O. S. Vale, 111, less 12=99. Other members made no returns, or were over 100.

NOVEL MATCH AT ST. ANDREWS.—An interesting match was played on Monday over St. Andrews links between Mr. F. G. Tait, Mr. H. S. C. Everard, Captain Burn, and Tom Morris, Mr. Tait playing against the best balls of the other three. In spite of the heavy odds against him Mr. Tait won in the morning by 2 and 1 to play. In the afternoon, however, his opponents defeated him by 7 and 5 to play. The return will be decided to-day (Friday).

ARDEER.—The monthly medal competitions took place on Saturday. The weather was stormy, with heavy rain showers. Result:—Hey's medal—Mr. Stuart Foulis, 97, less 10=87; Mr. J. Y. Mackay, 100, less 12=88. Mr. Stuart Foulis having previously won the medal it falls to Mr. J. Y. Mackay. Robertson medal—Mr. James Donaldson, 102, less 14=88; Mr. R. M'Lelland, 118, less 19=99.

LARGS CLUB.—The new course of the Largs Golf Club was opened on Saturday afternoon by the playing of the monthly competition for the gold medal presented by the captain, Major Eckford. The course is situated in Kelburne policies—the entrance being on Fairlie Road, about a mile from the station at Largs. The course as laid off is a nine-hole one, and the most of the holes are long distance—taking a long drive and a full cleek shot to reach the greens. There are hazards in plenty sprinkled over, mostly consisting of trees and a burn, but considered pretty nasty, especially for the novice. On Saturday there was a considerable field for Major Eckford's medal. The best cards were:—Mr. John Macdonald, scratch, 47; Mr. John Baldie, scratch, 47; Mr. Donald Miller, 58, less 10=48; Mr. H. J. M'Call, 55, less 3=52; Mr. Thomas Widowson, 65, less 9=56; Mr. James Crawford, 70, less 10=60; Mr. Harry Malcolm, 76, less 15=61; Mr. J. K. Boyd, 83, less 15=68.

LYME REGIS GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was competed for on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Entries were poor owing to the weather, which was not inviting. For the gentlemen's medal the following entered:—Sir L. Smith-Gordon, Rev. P. Ellis, Mr. J. Worthington, Mr. T. Blathwayt, Mr. M. Wynch, and Mr. G. Newall. Mr. Worthington was the winner. For the ladies only three entered:—Mrs. Newall, Miss Smith-Gordon, and Miss Barlow, of whom the first-named was successful.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.—The club medal, played for on the 10th inst., was won by Mr. H. Aste, who was 2 down against "Bogey." Other good scores were:—Messrs. W. W. Dymond and C. A. Malone, 3 down, and Mr. C. H. Trew, 4 down. The annual meeting was afterwards held in the club-house, when the officers and committee were re-elected, and, in view of a probable influx of new members owing to the greatly improved state of the course, a resolution was passed unanimously authorising the raising of the subscription for new members to two guineas should the committee see fit.

THISTLE GOLF CLUB, ST. ANDREWS.—The annual general business meeting of the above club was held in the Golf Hotel on Friday evening. Bailie Murray occupied the chair. The secretary and treasurer's reports were submitted and found to be satisfactory, there being a good balance at credit. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr. B. J. Lawlor; vice-president, Mr. Robert Niven; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Thomas W. Robb; committee—Messrs. W. Morton, C. Grieve, G. Murray, D. Baldie, James Kirk, and R. C. Stenhouse.

BRADFORD ST. ANDREWS' GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition of this club took place on Saturday last in very wet and windy weather, which made low scoring out of the question. The turn-out was small. The handicaps have been divided into two classes, and the following were the winners, and, singularly, with the same score:—First Division: Mr. Walter Leeming, with a net score of 100. Second Division: Mr. Arnold Priestman, with a net score of 100.

BARNES LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—On Wednesday, February 7th, the monthly medal was played for during very high winds; consequently scores were high:—Mrs. Warner, 114, less 25=89 (winner); Miss M. Dickie, 98, less 5=93; Miss Barclay Brown, 121, less 25=96; Miss Gow, 109, less 12=97; Miss Connell, 113, less 12=101; Miss R. Dickie, 130, less 25=105. No return from Mrs. J. Gay and Mrs. R. B. Brown.

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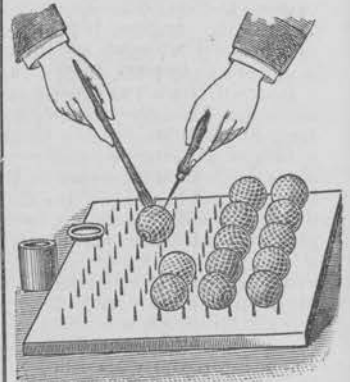
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