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- Jan. 19.—Whitley : Captain's Prize.
Jan. 20.—Worlington and Newmarket : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Gentlemen ; Mr. W. J. Drewett's Prize.
Beckenham : Monthly Medal and General Meeting.
Formby : Optional Subscription Prize.
Willesden : Monthly Medals.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medals.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Rochester Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey : Monthly Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Winter Handicap ; Silver Medal ; Tonge Prize.
Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.
County Down : Captain's Prize ; Club Monthly Handicap.
Eltham : Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton : "Bogey" Competition.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal (Second Class).
Redhill and Reigate : Monthly Medal.
Southend-on-Sea : Monthly Medal.
Jan. 21.—Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Jan. 22.—Cambridge University : Committee Meeting, 8.15 p.m.
Jan. 24.—Cambridge University v. Mr. H. S. Colt's Old Cantabs
Team (10 a side), 11.45.
Jan. 25.—Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
Bentley Green : Monthly Handicap.
Cambridge University : General Meeting, Lion Hotel,
8.30 p.m.
Royal Cromer : Monthly Medal.

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- Jan. 26.—Warminster : Monthly Handicap.
Jan. 27.—Wilmslow : "Bogey" Competition.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; and Monthly Medal.
Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Medal.
Cheadle : Silver and Bronze Medals.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Didsbury : Mr. W. H. Young's Prize.
Marple : Club Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare : Monthly Medal.
Knutsford : Winter "Bogey."
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
Islay : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Annual Meeting ; Silver Cup.
Eltham Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Neasden : Monthly Medal.
County Down : Captain's Prize.
Kemp Town (Brighton) : Monthly Medal.
Wallasey : Monthly Optional Subscription Competition.
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
Jan. 29.—Pau : Captain's Prize.
Jan. 30.—Birkdale Ladies : Miss Burton's Prize.

FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 1.—Tyneside : Final for the Bi-Monthly Handicaps.
Feb. 2.—Cambridge University v. Stevenage, at Stevenage (six a side), 12.45 p.m.
Royal Cornwall : Gentlemen ; Monthly Medal.
Whitley : Captain's Prize (Final).
Feb. 3.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal (First Class).
County Down : Captain's Prize and Railway Cup.
Bowdon : The Captain's Cup.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Leicester : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Medal Competition.
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optionals.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Tooting Bec : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Berners Gold Medal.
Fairfield : Monthly Medal.
Feb. 3 & 10.—Old Manchester : Club Challenge Cup.
Feb. 5.—Hunstanton : Monthly Medal.
Feb. 6.—Royal Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Feb. 7.—Lyme Regis : Monthly Medal.
Feb. 10.—Cambridge University v. North Beds, at Biggleswade (twelve a side).
County Down : Captain's Prize.
Bowdon : The Morgan Prize.
Wilmslow : Haworth Cup.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : "Bogey" Competition.
Hayling : Monthly Medal.

GOLF IN JERSEY.

The golfer in search of a locality where he may pursue his favourite game in winter under pleasant conditions, may well bless those benefactors of their fellow-men who some fifteen or sixteen years ago planted the flag of Golf on Grouville Common. No happier selection could possibly have been made, for the Common is an ideal Golf course, consisting of undulating ground of the proper sandy soil, with fine, close turf, broken here and there by whins and sand bunkers.

I will not insult the intelligence of readers of GOLF by telling them how to get to St. Heliers, but once there I will show them how to reach the promised land. From St. Heliers, then, the Jersey Eastern Railway (who give special facilities to golfers in the shape of reduced rates) will take the happy golfer from their St. Heliers terminus at Snow Hill, in some twenty minutes, to Grouville Station, which faces the first teeing ground, and which is but a stone's-throw from the club-house—a delightful proximity, reminding one of Prestwick. Trains run to and fro on this line, which is a single one, every hour, the terminus on the links side being at Gorey Pier, about two miles beyond Grouville. The approach of a train from Gorey for St. Heliers is signalled by an electric bell in the club-rooms, so that golfers can, after their rounds, always consume their last "wee drap o' whusky" in comfort.

The Royal Jersey Golf Club was established in 1878, and in the earlier years the course contained only nine holes; these nine, however, being very difficult and very long. Soon afterwards that "many-counselled Ulysses" of Golf, Dr. Purves, appeared on the scene, and under his directions the course was parcelled up into the orthodox number of eighteen holes. Of these eighteen holes, it may be said with perfect truth that there is not a dull one among them. They are of the proper varied length, from the short hole, of about the same length as that at St. Andrews, upwards to the long hole, which slightly exceeds the St. Andrews giant. The course is now, in its severest medal form, with the tees put back and the holes lengthened, about three miles long, and during those three miles I can promise the golfer every opportunity for joy, perplexity, and despair. For this course, which in its present extended form only dates from the late Autumn meeting, 86 is taken as the scratch score, and any golfer returning that score may well feel proud of himself. It is an essentially difficult course, the main difficulty being the approaches. Woe be to the man who is a little off colour in his mashie play. Just as at Sandwich the unhappy wight who is off his driving may as well return home at once and console himself at billiards, so here the same advice can be given to the foolzer of approaches. I know no green where such pains and penalties wait on the inaccurate approach. Most of the greens are on natural plateaus, surrounded by every sort of trap that nature and man between them can devise for the terror of the player. Bunkers yawn for him, Martello towers frown upon him, iron targets (used for the rifle shooting, Grouville being the Wimbledon or Bisley of Jersey) defy him.

But, as we all know, the golfer will not complain of difficulties so long as good play has its proper reward. The better the green is guarded the greater the joy of lofting the ball in security upon it. The only complaint which the golfer may be tempted to make here will be as to the quality of the greens. Two things militate against that perfection of greens which the general excellence of the course would lead one to expect. The first cause is the extreme sandiness and softness of the soil, rendering it difficult to keep the turf level. The other cause is that though the Club have secured the sole rights of Golf, they are by no means in sole enjoyment of the Common, and cannot, therefore, deal with the greens in the drastic manner required by some of them. First and foremost there is a body of "tenants," who have rights of pasturing goats and sheep, scores of which are dotted about, tethered with long

ropes to iron pegs driven into the ground. These form very lively hazards, and if the ball lie near one of them it is sometimes necessary for the caddie to hold the beast by its rope to prevent its dancing round the distracted golfer like an animated teetotum. Then, besides the right of pasturage, the tenant has also the right to spread sea-weed or "vraic" (sea-wrack) as it is called here, on the common. This he does with a vengeance, and with an ingenuity most perplexing to the player, as "vraic" hazards are constantly springing up in new and unsuspected places. This sea-wrack gathering is one of the great occupations of the Jersey man, the stuff being used for manuring purposes. In its first state on the links it takes a spread-out, flat form. In this condition it may be removed from the vicinity of the ball; but, alas for him who hits his ball into it in its second stage, when it has been gathered into a small heap. Then he must play his ball where it lies, if haply he can see it. A more melancholy sight I have never seen than that presented once by an opponent of mine, hitting with more fury than accuracy repeated niblick blows at the spot in one of these heaps where he conceived his ball to be lodged. In a third stage these "vraic" heaps tower to the proportions of small haystacks, and considerably add to the terrors of the fourth hole, already grim enough, with the sea-beach to the right, a fortress to the left, and a sandy, rutty road to cross, with a very narrow course for the striver after the *medio tutissimus ibis*.

Then there are the riflemen, who are particularly active in summer, and who, on their shooting days, practically cut off the first five holes, and render a supplementary "shooting" course necessary. But in winter, thank heaven, we are free from them.

Lastly, there are three race meetings each year over a part of the course, the trampling of the soft ground by the horses making hazards for the drives at the thirteenth, fourteenth, and seventeenth holes, which it is advisable to avoid if you wish to preserve your temper. Indeed, the last race meeting considerably enlarged one particular bunker lying between the sixteenth and seventeenth holes. In the very first race one of the horses came down at the first flight of hurdles, and injured itself so severely that it had to be shot where it lay. Its grave was formed by widening a small bunker close by, and now when, as has happened to me in driving to the seventeenth hole, the golfer's ball lights in that melancholy sandy tomb he must seek consolation in humming Whyte Melville's famous song.

But now let me advert to the bright side of the picture, and a very bright side it is. I have already spoken of the excellence of the course. It has further charms in the beauty of the surrounding scenery. From the fifth and twelfth greens an exquisite view is obtained of Grouville Bay, sweeping up northwards to the grand pile of Mont Orgueil Castle, a fine old ivy-clad ruin with a lengthy history duly recorded in the local guides. To the south the eye rests on Larocque Point, famous in Jersey history as the spot where the French filibustering expedition landed under De Rullecour over a hundred years ago, when the island was saved by the gallantry of Major Peirson and his fellow-officers and men from the fate to which the incompetence or treachery of its then Governor had almost handed it over. To the east, on a fine day, the coast of France can be seen gleaming in the distance, and inviting the mechanical geniuses of the club, of whom there are several, to meditate the invention of that perfect club which shall enable them to drive a ball from Jersey's links to those of Dinard over the foaming Channel.

The climate is mild and equable, though occasionally the Englishman's too faithful friend, the east wind, shows his teeth. On the whole, Golf in Jersey is most delightful, and the Club do their utmost to make visitors enjoy their stay. Indeed, I may say that the prevailing note of Jersey Golf is hospitality, and kindly welcome to the wanderer from other clubs. Visitors, on their names being inscribed by a member in a book kept for the purpose, can enjoy the use of the club-house and links free of payment for a week. After that they must pay five shillings a week for the privilege. If they wish to compete for prizes during the spring or autumn meetings, they must be elected by ballot and pay £1 10s., or they can become temporary members on payment of the annual subscription of £1 10s. without entrance-fee. This temporary membership is

limited to six months, after which a visitor must become a full member and pay the regular entrance-fee.

I know very few clubs that allow visitors to compete for their prizes, and I think the unselfish example of Jersey golfers might well be followed more widely on other greens. Any member of a recognised Golf Club is sure of a warm welcome from the gallant captain, Colonel Mackenzie; the genial secretary, Captain Robin, and the rest of the members, and will be sure to find foes worthy of his steel (or should I say iron?) among them.

As to hotels, if the traveller stays in St. Heliers, I should advise either the Grand, with its lovely view over the bay, or Bree's, if he prefers to be nearer his point of departure for the links. If he wishes to be close to the links, he will find most comfortable quarters in the hotel adjoining the club-rooms which is kept by Miss Gray, who caters for the club and looks after their quarters, or at Cantell's British Hotel at Gorey Pier. Of the latter, I can speak from personal knowledge, and for cheapness, comfort, and homely good cooking, it is hard to beat. It is only five minutes by train from Grouville, and, if a party of golfers put up there they could walk from the hotel in a few minutes to the tee for the tenth hole, begin their round there, and finish at the ninth hole close to the same point.

A charming golfing tour could be made, starting at Guernsey, going on to Jersey, and finishing at Dinard, or starting from Dinard and finishing at Guernsey. If the visitor to Jersey happen to be a tyro, he will find a capable instructor in the club professional, Tom Butel, a first-class player, who, with his father, is in charge of the green.

The club have two meetings a year, the spring in March, and the autumn at the end of September, each meeting extending over a week, with a different prize for every day, while latterly an additional meeting at Christmas has pleasantly rounded off the Jersey golfer's year. Besides these meetings there are constant competitions going on for prizes given by various members, so that there is no lack of excitement.

Another point I must mention before closing is the excellence of the caddies, who display that keen interest in their master's game so rarely shown by caddies south of the Tweed. They are encouraged to play and practise by prizes being offered them for competition by the Club. From their ranks several first-class players have risen, and only the other day in a professional competition at Ilkley, four Jersey men, who learnt their Golf on Grouville Common, came in first, namely, H. Vardon, Butel, a younger brother of the greenkeeper here who made a record score at St. Anne's a few weeks ago, T. Vardon, and Gaudin. In conclusion, let me advise the golfer in doubt as to the place where he shall spend his next holiday to try Jersey. I am sure he will never regret following my advice.

ERNEST LEHMANN.

SMITH (*to Jones, a golfer*).—I say, your golfing fellows nearly killed me yesterday.

JONES.—Oh! how was that?

SMITH.—I was sitting on that seat at the top of the Down, when I saw two of your players two or three hundred yards off playing towards me. One of their balls whizzed past, close to my head.

JONES.—Two or three hundred yards off, eh? Well, one of them must have hit a pretty clean ball.

SMITH.—Clean! I should think it was clean! Why it was quite white!

ANDREW LANG AT ST. ANDREWS.

In his admirable work Andrew Lang has come forward as the genuine historian of the old University City by the Sea. In St. Andrews he spent two years of his opening life; there he met many who have been known since. At the College Hall, during his residence from 1861 to 1863, there were as associates the Marquis of Lorne, Bishop Milne of Bombay, Sheriff Henderson, and many others who have done good work in the world. I had the honour of being a fellow-student during these two years; Professor William Wallace of Oxford, and Professor Menzies, of St. Andrews were there also. His portrait is in the Moral Philosophy group now hanging in my study. Under the most genial and learned of professors—the great James Ferrier (son-in-law of Christopher North)—we sat; but the four mentioned did not study hard in the class. Their minds were more given to literary work—the brilliant manuscript magazine of The Hall, illustrated with marvellous genius by all. Andrew Lang returned to be Gifford Lecturer, and receive the highest academic honour the University can bestow.

But I am not going to review the book, "St. Andrews" (Longman and Co.), nor am I to say more than this, that I approve heartily of the author's views about Knox and Co., who were so ungentlemanly to poor Queen Mary, the girl-widow. I have at length stated my appreciative views on it in another journal. What has the book about Golf? Prominently comes forth the full page portrait of Tom Morris, from a sketch by the inimitable draughtsman, Mr. Thomas Hodge, once one of the most formidable opponents, and certainly one of the most deadly of scorers in the game. His style was wretched; yet he with a rare exception showed what could be done by perseverance. He was unrivalled at billiards and curling; his hand and eye were in unison. He brought the same coolness, exactness, method, pluck, and perseverance to bear upon his study of Golf, and he succeeded—barring his "awful style." He will forgive me for the word! But he succeeded in spite of style—for once.

Andrew Lang has, with the very pleasant associations of his early life, written *con amore* about the city and its University; but he never could do much to Golf. The last time I saw him was when I was playing with Sheriff Henderson, two years ago, when he seemed to think that my hand had lost its cunning. He likes the game; but he has not time to keep it up. Let us turn to the splendid volume to see what he says about the game. In his preface he throws a little cold water on Golf by remarking: "Very many persons yearly visit St. Andrews; of these some may care to know more of that venerable town than can be learned from assiduous application to Golf." But immediately afterwards he sends a glow of sympathy through the hard-workers at the game by his artistic reflection on the city in these terms: "Often, when gazing at the broken towers from the High Hole, have I tried to catch the vision of them as they used to be."

I have read the volume very carefully, not only for review purposes, but out of love of the city and respect for the writer, and have made note of all connected with the Links and Golf there. His first reference is to the ruins at the Priory. Compared with what is left above-ground of all the magnificence of the cathedral, the ruins of Troy may be called considerable. He adds: "On the top of the massive, vaulted first-floor of the ruined Priory the whins are growing as freely as on the links. What has become of the superstructure, of halls where Bruce was entertained?" Under the canons of the Priory, in King Robert the Bruce's time, the *régime* was so exacting that "they had not time enough for a round on the links." In the University (after 1411) the students were rigidly looked after. Four scholars by rotation swept out and cleaned the buildings weekly; and twice a year all took a hand in general cleaning. No women were admitted, except one laundress, who required to be above fifty years of age. But, there was this redeeming feature, "Once a week, all in a body, and accompanied by a master, the students were allowed to visit the links"—evidently for the game; for there was a special rule against football. Though the author considers that it is not possible for any one short of Shakespeare or Scott to show what was passing in the minds of men at St. Andrews in those days of

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devastation, still he can regret with righteous sadness the miserable delusion of the fishers, 'prentices, and boys in general, who, when delighted by the drama of destruction, could not foresee that "their Robin Hood pageants, their honest game of Golf on Sunday, &c., were to be put down." Yet soon the Kirk Session's business was mainly to deal with "Sunday golfing and like enormities."

With a leaning for the game, the author tells us that at the time of the siege of the Castle, "the distance between the chapel and the castle is hardly more than a good drive at Golf"—why introduced in such times one cannot say. We have here the very interesting notice which he recorded in the history of Golf in the "Badminton Series," about Andrew Melville. The student's entry is: "For amusement I had my necessary honestly enough of my father, but no more; for archery and Golf, I had bow, arrows, club, and balls, but not a purse for catchpull and tavern." The youth, it appears, had been previously trained by Mr. William Gray at Montrose "to handle the glub for Goff, &c." With clever satire Andrew Lang remarks that in 1586 "the Kirk could put down Golf on Sunday, but there are worse sins against which it was practically powerless." Fortunately the Church has now a higher idea of healthy amusement; its members take part in exhilarating games—and the "worse sins" are not a greater scandal. The great Montrose was a student of the University from 1627 to 1629. Of him the author says: "He was the most illustrious pupil of our University, and was hanged in Edinburgh, going to his death like a bridegroom." One could not think of Montrose as a "reading" man, seeing that he was always "buying Golf balls (10s.) and Golf clubs, always losing or winning at Golf," &c. At one time he was ill, and was nursed by James Petts' dochter. But who was James Petts? He was the club-maker, "the Tom Morris of the day"—and she had not attained the safe age of fifty, as stipulated by the old ordinances. Again we find Montrose paying a "chirurgen" for mending a boy's broken head; it may be safely conjectured that he had hit the boy with a drive at Golf. That is Andrew Lang's opinion; and it is too plausible to be untrue.

During the reign of "The Saints," in 1642, the General Assembly met at St. Andrews, and found in the people "much profanitie in ignorance, swearing, drunkenness, and the faults of the worse burghs." Though Messrs. Henderson and Blair were bright lights in the pulpit, we are told "terrible language in bunkers was to be remarked by the Assembly." Was that not in Hell or some other awful golfing delinquency? Still, on the back of this denunciation Golf was recommended and cards were forbidden. That means that swearing could be easier got rid of at the glorious pastime on the links than in a close den.

It is a remarkable thing that in 1697 the utter decay and destitution of the town were found to be so great that an attempt was made to shift the University to Perth. And one reason given was that "the inhabitants had a great aspersion to learning and learned men, probably despising them for their notorious want of skill at Golf." In the time of the poet Ferguson, the master of Burns in poesy, whose tomb Burns raised at his own charges, the University life was humbler even than under the satire of Dr. Johnson; for then the favourite dishes of the poet were "haggis, skate, sheep's head, and sowens." Two or three of Ferguson's poems deal with student life at St. Andrews; mainly with beer-drinking in the lodge of the janitor and with archery; but the author remarks, "these were then more fashionable than Golf." Poor Ferguson died in a madhouse at the age of twenty-four—yet St. Andrews has forgotten him. "Like many poets, he did little at college but versify, sing, drink, and divert himself:" these are the author's only too true words.

Most wonderful to relate, Dr. Chalmers was a golfer. The author tells us that the marvellous young student, who was destined to be the preacher of the century, "knew scarce any Latin," when the distinguished Dr. Hunter was his teacher; for "he was chiefly distinguished in Golf." Well done, Chalmers! Would that there were even more of the real muscular Christians among his pseudo-successors!

The last reference to the game is on the second last page of this most entertaining volume. The author says: "It were superfluous to dwell on the attractions of Golf; like certain golfing tombstones in the cathedral, the topic is not harmonious

with a history of ancient faiths. The historian, however, cannot but chronicle the merits, so kindly and genial, of famous Tom Morris, the Nestor of Golf 'and wale o' auld men.'" Yes, according to A. K. H. B., the Bishop of this worthy elder of the Kirk, "He is a great and good man."

J. G. McPHERSON.

THE DIRGE OF A DUFFER.

I ha' sworn an oath ha' plighted my troth, be it sun, or be it rain,
The Royal and Ancient game of Golf I ne'er will play again.

For years half-score and one year more I ha' ploughed o'er
many a links,
In Eastland by the rising sun, in Westland where it sinks.

Oh, east may be east, and west be west, and the twain may
never meet;
But Golf is Golf be it east or west, tho' the one the other greet.

I ha' studied the lore and books galore, I ha' learned the
perfect style,
In the wake of th' gutta-percha nitched I ha' followed many a
mile.

I ha' played slow-back, ha' spared the crack, ha' kept my eye
on the ba',
I ha' never pressed the ball addressed, I ha' followed the pre-
cepts a'.

But it's duff, and muff, and sclaff, and miss, and top and heel
and toe,
And never a shot I ever got that made the gutta go.

Oh, the oaths I ha' sworn, by night and morn, would shock a
coster's quean,
For I never mingle a figure single with my favourite "Sweet
Seventeen."

I ha' sworn an oath, ha' plighted my troth, be it sun or be it
rain,
The Royal and Ancient game of Golf I ne'er will play again.

My clubs I ha' ta'en and broke in twain; I ha' broke them one
by one,
And never more will my putter score, or my iron glint in the
sun.

I ha' sent the wood to General Booth to whittle for English
lights;
I ha' melted the balls for overalls and goloshes for stormy
nichts.

I ha' sent the metal to th' foundry kettle to melt for Bessemer
steel,
And I'm done wi' Golf till ends my life, be it for woe or weal.

MR. F. L. RAWSON writes:—"As the driver of the ball over Littlestone Water Tower, mentioned in last week's GOLF, I wish to correct an inaccuracy in the latter portion of the note. When the bunker guarding the green was carried in my second shot a strong wind was blowing from left to right, instead of 'a strong head wind exactly from right to left,' which is nonsense, to say nothing of the practical impossibility of carrying—at least, of my carrying—400 yards in 2 with a strong head wind.—'Far and (alack!) Uncertain.'"

AMONG the "Church Notices" of Edinburgh for Sunday last, a sermon was announced with the following title:—"Golf Lessons for Life's Game." The game has therefore got into the pulpit. Where will it end?

A NEW EMPLOYMENT FOR LADIES.

A new employment for ladies! How eagerly do we, who, from divers causes, seek to turn an honest penny, scan such an announcement, which usually ends in disappointment, the new employment being agents desired for a button-hook, or safety-pins, &c. The art of spending money is very generally shared; but the art of making it is somewhat unique.

There are, says Lady Dilke in the *Fortnightly*, six reasons why women work. First of all, because their intellectual activity will not allow them to rest at home; and those are they who work with light hearts. Then there are those who work unwillingly, because they must earn money somehow, and in so doing they miss the life they would prefer. Then there are the large majority who desire to make a little more money for dress or spending; others, who by working, wish to show they are as good as men. And there are a large army of women who find their home lives so deadly dull, and unsocial, and lonely, and vacuous, they want a change, and for this class of worker the work they seek should have an element of excitement in it. The dull monotony of daily teaching, the stern discipline of the nurse are not to the taste of these who would participate in the bustle of life without tasting the bitterness thereof, or feeling the tightening reins that are felt by those who labour till the evening. And the new employment that has presented itself to my mind as a suitable one to ladies who desire occupation, or to add to a slender allowance, is that of a Golf professional.

The duties would be both light and pleasant—to give lessons in Golf, and, perhaps, added to this, to supervise the ground-man, to see that he performed his duties, attended to the greens, and filled the tee-boxes with sand; also to overlook the pavilion should there be one.

There are few clubs that do not, at any rate, have a professional during some part of the year, and surely it would be pleasanter for ladies to take lessons from a lady than a man, because, be a man ever so good, both as teacher and player, his play must widely differ from that of his pupil if a lady. It is like the old-fashioned dancing-master, who is now supplemented by the dancing-mistress; how well we can recollect "chasseéing" up the room with the air of a cat treading on hot chestnuts. Either he needed the skirt, or modesty had to be thrown to the winds. It was impossible to please both; modesty or the master had to be disregarded. And so with the Golf professional. He requires a skirt to play as a lady should, else how can he understand the desire to learn to play with the handicap of womanhood as well and as gracefully as possible?

"Ladies always think of their feet," complained an irate relation, who was giving a lesson in Golf. "As we have to play with them," replied the pupil, "teach me how best to do so."

And as we have to play in our skirts, we desire to be taught how to do so well and gracefully. There are many ladies very competent to give lessons in Golf. Half-a-crown a lesson is a very general price charged; the lesson takes, as a rule, from an hour to an hour and a-half. Added to this, perhaps the club would pay the lady something for other duties, such as overlooking the ground-man's work, and undertaking the post of secretary. Members of the club might also extend their hospitality; for there are few fair golfers who do not love a Golf chat, in which they conjugate the verbs "to putt," "to stimy," and "to tee," and the lady professional would be a most congenial listener, and the language of Golf requires a teacher too.

This scheme seems to be particularly feasible as an opportunity of affording a holiday to ladies who would otherwise be unable to indulge in one, or for those who have few friends, and do not care to spend a holiday in solitary grandeur in comfortless lodgings, with no diversion save a constitutional and a book, both of which amusements can be indulged in at home.

Here at once would be an occupation and an introduction to congenial companionship. Golfers are very kindred spirits; "one game of Golf makes us kin" in a way no other game can. For, as a lady remarked, "Golf decides our likes and dislikes, for one cannot walk a couple of miles or so with a person without liking or disliking that person by the time the round

is finished." A lady will come and teach cooking and dress-making, staying as long as required, and why not golfing? It seems to be an opening for ladies desirous of making a little money, or for those wishful for change from the monotony of home life; and in extending the channel of employment, we leave more room for those who sadly need the posts so often held by those who do not really need them. For those who would play at work are little fitted, and only rob those who are in deadly earnest. They are a distinct class, and I am now writing of the woman who cares not to weep (be it to her praise), but would rather play, not of those who *must* work.

M. E. BRADSHAW-ISHERWOOD.

THE NOVICE'S APOLOGY.

Roaring far over the grey sea,
The autumn wind blows off the land,
'Tis very far from tee to tee
And weary work to flog the sand;
For all goes wrong; my drives are stopped
By hopeless rabbit-scape or cup,
My easiest approach is topped,
My mashie shots are never up.

While, in the depths of my distress,
I still can hear my caddie say,
In scornful accents, that I press,
Or do not get my hands away.
He does not know that skill is vain
When fickle Fortune spreads her wing,
And that the scud of driving rain,
Plays havoc with a perfect swing.

Yet once again my teeth are set;
Again I toil along and call
By some quite novel epithet
The game, my brassie, and the ball.
And still my caddie has his word,
Which this dejected novice thinks
Is not unlike the counsel heard
Upon a very different links;

Where moralists can never see
The deadly bunker, gaping wide,
Which brings a grim calamity,
For which no talent can provide;
Who, when the dismal fun begins,
Will talk of purpose and of pluck,
And never note the sand, the whins,
The lies, the weather, and the luck.

A. C.

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The very sudden and keen frost which for a few days, from January 4th to January 9th, interfered with Golf, disappeared as suddenly as it came, and in weather wonderfully fine for the middle of January, golfers have been able to enjoy their game. The frost was very general. Even in the Isle of Wight on January 5th, the thermometer fell to 17.5 degrees below the freezing point, and in some parts in the North, several degrees below zero were registered. On Monday of last week, golfers were skating and curling, there being quite six inches of snow on some of the London greens; on Saturday, the same players were golfing with coats and vests off, the air being warm and balmy, and the sun shining strong as in spring.

Curlers in Scotland of course made the most of the frost, but unfortunately it disappeared before the England *v.* Scotland bonspiel could be got off. Snow having fallen with the coming of the frost, the ice was also rather rough and unsatisfactory.

"*Gutta cavat lapidem*," said the undergraduate golfer, when the frost came, which being translated is, "The golf-ball must now cave in to the curling-stone."

"Puir auld Scotland" is this year to be the "lion without a Christian." There is actually to be no Championship competition within the borders of the home of Golf. The amateurs compete at Hoylake, and the "opens" at Sandwich, so that Scotsmen who wish to see Golf up to date will have to "bang awa' their saxpences" in travelling over the Border. In these circumstances, the Machrihanish competition advertised to begin April 8th, is well-timed. Considering the amount of entry-money charged, the £100 offered should have been doubled, but doubtless the competition will be successful, for many will be glad to visit this famous green. One day the Championship may be played at Machrihanish, for no better test of Golf could be found anywhere than in a competition there.

One of the holes in the Machrihanish course, with a terrible "Pandy" on the line, is called Rorke's Drift. Woe to the unlucky visitor thereof, for over the portal may be written, "All hope abandon ye who enter here." A Southern golfer, who spent a holiday at Machrihanish, gave to a friend a pathetic and graphic bit of autobiography, in speaking of his visit to the bunker of Rorke's Drift. "I went into that place," said he, "an English gentleman, and came out a blaspheming cad."

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On a high eminence, "sitting on a fence," in delightful fashion, Mr. H. H. Hilton (who has become a contributor of a weekly column on Golf to a newspaper in the Midlands), now notices the blind hole controversy just closed. "It has," he says, "been continued rather longer than was necessary. For there is no room for doubt as to the rule. Where a player sends forward his caddie to show the line on a bank, the caddie ought to move away before the stroke is played. But, if he remains immovable, no penalty attaches to the player. It is simply a matter of etiquette. But it is to the interest of the player to observe the etiquette, for if he plays with his caddie on the bank, he runs the risk of striking him, and thereby losing the hole in the usual manner."

In this view it will be observed that Mr. Hilton, *longo intervallo*, simply re-echoes the opinion of Mr. Everard. But it is neither a question of rule nor of etiquette. It is one rather of the individual taste of players in estimating the chances of risk. An *obiter dictum* is all very well from a player of Mr. Hilton's repute, but unless it is founded in reason and common-sense, no great value can be, or ought to be, attached to it. We have an impression that not very long ago both Mr. Hilton and Mr. Ball played over the head of a boy perched on the top of the Maiden at Sandwich during the Amateur Championship there. If it is against etiquette to have a caddie to show the line to a blind hole, the breach of good behaviour is not healed by having the assistance of a flag, for though it may be contended that both players are on an equality in having the aid of a flag, the equality is not lessened if each player chooses to send forward his caddie. If the use of the caddie is to be interdicted as bad Golf, so must the flag placed by a considerate green committee. Mr. Hilton may choose either horn of the dilemma, or come over to our side, and agree that the question is simply one for the regulation of the green committee. He cannot, as an authority, maintain the unsatisfactory attitude of *inter utrumque tene*, at least in this controversy.

Apropos of the great discovery of last week's correspondent that "your humorous sketch, 'Tee Shots' pictorially settles the question, as the caddie is clearly showing the way to a blind hole," another correspondent (who disputes the verdict) writes that "the gentleman who thinks he has made the discovery only shows that he has failed to understand the humour of the picture. Does he not see that Mr. Alexander, the artist, is giving a burlesque of the game, and by the twisted figure of the player, the monstrous divot torn up and flying in the air, the mountain of a tee with the big globe on the summit, and the absurd figure holding a flag in the direct line of fire, he is showing how *not* to do it? The sketch therefore proves the very reverse of what your correspondent supposes."

Dr. Jaeger's Sanitary Woollen System Company, Limited, have been doing an exemplary thing in the way of advertisement by presenting secretaries of Golf clubs with "Jaeger Fleece" golfing caps. We have not heard whether the cap sent to each secretary fits, but next season secretaries may all be known by their "Jaeger" appearance if they do their duty by the company. One secretary strongly recommends the cap to members of his club, assuring them that for "driving" it is excellent, in a bunker it covers a multitude of bad words, and with the same on his skull he never misses a single putt. The cap is 'oo, a' 'oo, and a' ae 'oo, if a Sassenach may be able to decipher this Scots hieroglyphic description of the "Jaeger Fleece."

THE DEATH-RATES OF NORTH BERWICK AND GULLANE.—J. L. C., North Berwick, writes:—"I venture to think that the following statistics may not prove uninteresting to the many visitors who frequent the health-giving resorts of North Berwick and Gullane (in the parish of Dirleton.) The annual return for the parish of North Berwick shows that the number of deaths for 1893 was 35, or 11.2 per 1,000 of estimated population. Of this number, four were of children under one year, seven over 65, five over 70, and eight had reached 80 and upwards. In Dirleton parish the death-rate was much higher

last year than usual, there being 26 deaths registered, or about 18 per 1,000, but the age attained by many is very remarkable. Of the 26 five were infants, while among the remaining 21 the following figures occur:—70, 75, 80, 80, 81, 81, 82, 82, 84, 84, 84, and 88. With a single exception, there were no deaths in either district from the infectious diseases."

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This certificate is enhanced by the fact that the initials J. L. C. are those of Dr. Crombie, the able and estimable medical officer of the district, a brother-in-law of Dr. Browne, the "maker" of Great Yarmouth Golf club. Those who know the delights of summer visiting and Golf in these celebrated golfing quarters will see that, after a hard-working career, if they wish to spend a long and happy old age they cannot do better than settle down on the East Lothian seaboard.

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On the Dunbar Golf course a few alterations have recently been made in order to enable players to avoid crossing each other's line of play, which in any course is always an objectionable feature. Holes 3 and 15 are now on the same green, also holes 4 and 14. Both greens have been doubled in size. A new No. 8 hole has been made to the right of the line of No. 10 or Gurgie Mire, and leading towards No. 9, which has been shifted to the right of, and just beyond, the old shed, the teeing-ground for this being on the opposite side of the old shed. The new holes are as yet rather rough for good play.

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Golfers will regret to hear that Col. Winterscale, hon. secretary of the Royal North Devon Golf Club, is ill with an attack of scarlet fever. We have been asked to make this announcement on the ground that the popular hon. secretary has so many letters addressed to him privately that of course he cannot attend to them in the circumstances.

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The Notts Golf Club began 1893 with a membership of 106. Forty-five new members have since been elected, and thirteen have resigned, so that the club begins 1894 with a membership of 138. During the year matches have been played with other clubs, of which nine have been won and two lost. Since these inter-club matches were first instituted (about two years ago), the club has only lost four matches out of the twenty-two which they have taken part in. In accordance with the arrangements with the Corporation, the club has abandoned several of the old holes, and, by an extension of the course towards Hucknall, and by playing four holes twice over, the full number of eighteen holes has been obtained. A further extension of the links—involving the laying-out of seven new putting-greens—is being made. When this alteration has been completed the first four holes now used will be entirely abandoned, and a full course of eighteen holes, measuring from tee to hole nearly three miles, will be played. The holes themselves will be of a most sporting character; the new ground is of a better golfing quality than any part of the recent extension, and the course, when got into order, will, the committee consider, be second to no inland links in the country.

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An eighteen-hole course was marked out on Walney Island, Barrow-in-Furness, on Friday, by George Lowe, the professional from St. Anne's. Nine holes are to be played at present, the other nine later on. This will make a fine sea-side course, the ground being admirably situated for a good course.

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Mrs. Tweeddale, who (as Miss Violet Chambers before her marriage) was one of the best lady-golfers at North Berwick, has recently been on a visit to her friends there, and has been enjoying the game on the links.

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The death is announced of Dr. Good, one of the founders and hon. secretary of the St. Neots Golf Club. It was at his suggestion that the club was formed, and, some little time after its formation, when he became hon. secretary he infused new life into it, and greatly increased the number of members. It

was his idea, too, that ladies should also have the opportunity of deriving the great pleasure and benefit to their health that the St. Neots Links now afford to so many of the fair sex.

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Messrs. A. Teen and Co., Golf-Club and Ball Makers, Eastcombe Terrace, Blackheath, are sending out a new price list with the dawn of the new year. They are the makers of Mr. Claude Johnson's patent clubs, fully noticed in these columns some time ago. That form of club has been widely patronised, and many independent testimonials are forthcoming from golfers as to the improvement in their play from using the club. Messrs. Teen and Co. also make clubs of the orthodox pattern, and those we have seen and tried are made of the best material, neat in shape, and thoroughly seasoned. They also keep balls by the best makers—Paxton's "Perfection," the Eclipse, Forgans', and Thornton's Match Ball, and all other Golf requisites.

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"Another Indignant Pro" writes:—"In your issue of 29th ult. 'An Amateur' actually supports my contention that Rolland has yet to prove himself to be the best golfer in the world. Surely 'An Amateur' cannot reasonably claim that Rolland is the best golfer in face of his own statement—'As a professional Rolland never has played for the Championship. Where can we find better representative gatherings than at the Open Championship? And surely the whole thing is a farce if the Champion can be so confidently pointed out, as by 'An Indignant Pro,' independent of such a meeting. Again, in 'An Amateur's' statement that during the last nine years he (Rolland) 'has beaten Willie Park, Willie Fernie, and Ben Sayers each time they have met,' is there not a tendency to make a mountrin of a mole-hill? Take, for instance, the case of Sayers. Within the last nine years Rolland and Sayers have met only three times. In the first case, at Sandwich, Sayers did not actually meet Rolland. Secondly, at Westward Ho! Rolland won the stroke competition; but in the hole tournament, when he and Sayers met, Rolland won by only a putt, after tying Sayers, having led for the most of the game, and the match at the finish being 'anybody's.' Again, at St. Anne's, Rolland is

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said to have beaten Willie Park, Willie Fernie, Ben Sayers, and others. Well, in this case, A. Simpson and Rolland tied for first place, and Sayers was only a stroke behind. The yet unanswered question is—Can Rolland's record in Championship Competitions and public stake matches eclipse that of Park, Fernie, Sayers, and Hugh Kirkaldy. Until this can be justifiably answered in the affirmative the mass of your readers will surely think twice ere they accord to Rolland, though an admittedly excellent golfer, the proud title of 'Champion of the world.'

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Golfers in the Liverpool district, and throughout the golfing communities of England generally, heard with the utmost regret of the intended resignation of Mr. Thomas Owen Potter from the honorary secretaryship of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, a position he has held with honour to himself and with conspicuous success to the club during a considerable number of years. For some time Mr. Potter's health had not been quite so good as his friends desired, and this induced him to tender his resignation to the council of the club for consideration at the annual meeting; but now that he has recovered, strenuous efforts are being made by his fellow-clubmen to get him to reconsider his decision—at any rate for the present year, when events of considerable interest to the golfing world are to be decided on the Hoylake Links. Mr. Potter, it will be remembered, was one of the originators of the Amateur Golf Championship, which will this year be played at Hoylake, and it is felt, were he to give up office at the present time, it would not only be a distinct loss to the game in England, but would also have some effect on the success of the forthcoming Championship meeting. It is hoped that the pressure being brought upon Mr. Potter will induce him to reconsider his decision, and continue to fill the office—at any rate for the present, and discharge the duties for another term with the same dignity and conspicuous ability which has in the past marked his official career.

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The following "Old Cantabs" team will play against the Cambridge University team at Cambridge on January 24th, at 11.30:—Mr. H. S. Colt, Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, Mr. W. T. Linskill, Hon. Ivo Bligh, Mr. C. E. Nesham, Mr. C. Pigg, Mr. W. Bazalgette, Mr. H. A. Curteis, Mr. H. T. Wright, and Mr. N. Hicks.

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With reference to Nicoll's patent leather-faced cleek, Mr. J. Osborne, Goodwood, Chichester, writes to Mr. Peter Paxton:—"I have tried the leather-faced patent cleek you sent me, and I certainly think it an excellent driving cleek. It drives a long, low ball with very little effort."

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the Ridley trophy was played on Friday, over the links at Coatham, in beautiful weather. Of the twelve members qualified to compete nine put in an appearance at the appointed time, and no time was lost in getting the couples away, as two rounds, or 36 holes, had to be played. The "Bogey" system of scoring was used, and the result proved that none of the competitors were able to beat the "Colonel." The winner proved to be Mr. C. D. Mackenzie, to whom the trophy—a handsome gong, mounted on two horns—was presented by Mr. Edward Robson, one of the vice-presidents, in the absence of Mr. Ridley, who was unavoidably absent. The scores were:—Mr. C. D. Mackenzie 2 holes down; Mr. S. Cradock 7; Mr. J. Lambert 10; Mr. T. H. Wynn 11; Mr. E. Cradock 11; Mr. D. Mackay, 13; Mr. A. O. Cochrane 20; Mr. J. Harrison and A. M'Kinlay retired. The annual meeting of the club was held on Thursday night, when the treasurer's accounts and secretary's report showed the club to be in a most flourishing condition. A motion to make the fee for caddies 9d. per round was lost, as was also one asking that the club should keep a stock of liquor to be supplied to members only at a reasonable price. It was decided to admit lady members at half the male subscription.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.—Monthly handicap, January 13th. Mr. H. L. Forbes, 97, less 6=91; Mr. W. Carr, 93, less 1=92; Mr. W. H. Corrie, 99, less 6=93; Mr. R. Howell, 101, less 7=94; Mr. H. H. Playford, 99, less 3=96.



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I will be much obliged by your giving an opinion upon the following case in your next number:—

The secretary of a Golf Club writes as follows to the chairman of the Green Committee of the club:—"I enclose the two leading cards for the gentlemen's prize played for to-day, and I await the decision of the green committee as to which wins."

One of these cards, duly marked and signed by the marker, had no date on it or player's name; the other had player's name, and was signed by marker, with the aggregate strokes at each hole only given. The cards bear the note at foot—"Mark immediately after the player makes a stroke."

The rules of the club applicable to the case are:—"Any breach of the rules in medal play entails disqualification." . . . "Any dispute respecting the play shall be determined by the green committee, whose decision shall be final." . . . "The St. Andrews Rules of Golf, when not at variance with these local rules, will be adhered to."

The referees, after considering the case, came to the conclusion that, according to the spirit of the St. Andrews Rule, No. 40, there being no rule specially applicable otherwise, equity ought to govern their decision; and that, therefore, the lowest score ought to win. This was the card without a player's name, and they called upon the marker to verify the card, and to fill in the player's name.

How would you have acted in the circumstances?

I am, Sir, &c.,

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
GREEN COMMITTEE.

[We should have acted precisely as the referees did in this case, which, in the circumstances narrated, was just and fair. A similar case was put to us on December 29th, page 252, which please see. It is a question of testing the good faith of the gentlemen concerned, and of being satisfied that the verification of each player's card is complete, and free of doubt and suspicion. Those conditions satisfied, we see no reason why the extreme penalty of disqualification should be applied to either card. Though one of the cards infringed the local rule that the individual strokes should be recorded, it must, in justice, be pointed out that this is not only a cumbrous, slow, and unsatisfactory method of scoring, but a most unusual system. If the marker guarantees the correctness of the aggregate for each hole by witnessing the card with his signature, we do not think that the committee would be justified in rejecting the card, and in thus casting a slur on the good faith of the marker and his partner. In the same way, if the gentleman who marked for the player whose card bore no name, on appeal verifies it, and supplies the missing means of identifying the player, we think that the committee in this case also would be acting properly in allowing the score to stand good.—ED.]

THE PORTRUSH LINKS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Permit me to state that your correspondent, "Boreas," who writes in this week's GOLF, is altogether mistaken in saying that this club has adopted, or is about to adopt, a course

of twenty-four holes. We have at present two eighteen-hole courses, and the laying out of a third eighteen-hole course has recently been considered by the council; but no one has ever proposed, or even suggested, that we should depart from the regulation number of eighteen holes, nor have we the smallest intention to introduce such an innovation.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. M. RUSSELL, Hon. Sec.

Royal County Golf Club, Portrush.

HOW LADIES PLAY GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—My attention has only now been called to three letters which appeared in GOLF of December 29th upon this subject. Produced after a fortnight's incubation, none of them is more laboured than one might from that circumstance expect. If it is not too late, you may allow me a word or two in reply.

To the Ashdown Foresters my thanks are tendered for their frank offer of hospitality. I regret I cannot accept their kind invitation. The idea of Golf in a forest does not appeal to me. Had it been "Ashdown Turnpike," or "Ashdown Brickfield," one might have hesitated to refuse, but one must draw the line somewhere. I should be sorry if I thought the Ashdown Foresters believed that I intended to disparage in any way their club or course. It may be, and I believe it is, an ideal English inland links, in all but its name. But when one who naturally associates Golf with such names of world-wide fame as St. Andrews, Prestwick, and Machrihanish, is brought up short (as I was by "Lady Golfer") with a reference to Ashdown Forest, the effect on his mind is much as if he were discussing Tennyson with an acquaintance, and the latter were to clinch the conversation with the remark, "Yes, Tennyson's all very well in his way, but you should just read Binks's last poem in our local paper."

"D. V.'s" letter is chiefly chaff of a more or less personal nature, to which I do not in the least object if it amuses him. But he must excuse me if I decline to follow his lead.

"C" takes exception to the tone of my letter in reply to "Lady Golfer," and objects, with "D. V.," to the words "extremely irate." "Extremely irate" is not a term of abuse. It means "very angry." (See any standard dictionary). And if a lady correspondent imports personalities into a discussion of a general nature, one naturally supposes she is very angry; and if an anonymous lady correspondent (who may be of the male sex) does so, she cannot expect the same deference to be shown to her erroneous statements, opinions, or references as would be ungrudgingly given by any man who had the happiness of being acquainted with her. For "C.'s" information, stimpies are always played in private matches in Scotland, unless otherwise stipulated. If you are going to abolish stimpies, why not abolish bunkers, or tee your ball whenever you get a bad lie? "Four strokes" may mean "four strokes a round." It may equally well mean "four strokes per hole," and did so in the case referred to."

"Golfeuse," in common with "C," objects strongly to the word "garble" in my last letter. If translating "the outstanding feature of feminine Golf is the absence of light and shade" into "ladies can neither drive, approach, putt, nor make any distinction in their own shots," is not "garbling" a passage, I withdraw the offending word, as it must be evident that I do not understand its meaning. If "Golfeuse" seriously imagines that my article was written in order to "sneer at lady golfers, and hinder the progress of the sport," she is merely giving another example of the amazing aptitude displayed by many ladies for reading an article upside down.

The discussion which has arisen in your columns, is due, like many others, to a misunderstanding. In mentioning 80 as a score over a nine-hole course by an average lady player, I was thinking of Scottish Golf courses, of which sand-bunkers form an integral part. Your other correspondents were thinking of the English inland course, which is excellent in its way, but not the same thing. Further, as I tried to make clear in your issue

of 15th December, my article was not intended to be taken altogether seriously, as anyone might have seen from the single fact that 150 was mentioned as a possible score over a nine-hole course. "Against stupidity the gods themselves make war in vain."

Finally, if your various correspondents have derived as much innocent amusement from the writing of their letters as I have from reading them, we have all reason for thankfulness that such a correspondence has arisen. "C's" letter especially is rich in humour, none the less delightful because it is unconscious. "In matters of opinion or taste, truth hardly comes in, any more than specific gravity," is a gem. "Golf is not a pastime, it is a religion," he apparently takes to be a sneer at Christianity, and asks the editor to silence the profane person. Behold how great a clutter a little chaff kindleth!

I am Sir, &c.

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

January 13.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read the correspondence on this subject with feelings compact of amusement and sorrow.

"Who but must laugh, if such a man there be?
Who would not weep, if Atticus were he?"

By which, I mean, that the matter of the fierce attacks upon the unfortunate "Rix" is intensely and perversely comical; but that feelings of sadness supervene when I look back on the high idea I used to have of the English intelligence and sense of humour. Here is a hapless humourist, who has succeeded in turning out a highly entertaining and perfectly innocuous article on some of the humours of Golf as played by ladies, which has been interpreted into a violent and brutal tirade against the ornaments of our social life. How many articles, even venomous in their style, have been penned against the bad or ordinary male golfer; and who has forborne to laugh if the thing were only well-enough written? Why should not the vigorous, divot-lifting male raise his hard-driving quill and smite the profane wag who writes so, when English Phillistines, male and female, combine to crush the man who extracts a laugh from the way in which ladies play?

"And lo, the Philistines gathered themselves together and pitched their battle by Ashdown Forest; and the Philistines were on a mountain on the one side, and 'Rix' was on a mountain over against them, and a great valley lay between them."

This quotation will perhaps convince "C" that there is some analogy between Golf and religion; and it might be a fruitful text for a golfing parson with a sense of humour and a typographical knowledge of either Ashdown Forest or Philistia.

Let us all pray for the time when universal education shall have succeeded in raising the intellects of the English people to a point from which they can see things as they are or are obviously meant to be, and in preserving them from the darkness induced by local prejudice—even though the locality be Ashdown Forest. At present the intellect of Philistia seems to be a mere "succedaneum to keep it from putrefaction"—a state of things which every true patriot ought to deplore.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ONE OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.

A REMEDY FOR MOLES WANTED.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should like to ask, through the medium of your Journal, whether anyone can suggest to me a remedy for getting rid of "moles." We are infested with them all over the links.

I am, Sir, &c.,

WILLIAM A. SOUTH.

Neasden Golf Club,
Neasden House, Neasden, N.W.

GOLF AT WEYMOUTH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you, or some of your readers, be so kind as to inform me whether there is any Golf to be had at, or near Weymouth, for ladies as well as for gentlemen.

I am, Sir, &c.

INQUIRER.

January 9th.

"A MOST FORMIDABLE PUTT."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Truly they manage these things much better in France, and we have yet much to learn in the art of laying out greens!

Here is a description, from *The World* of last week, of the links at Cannes:—"Some idea of the laborious laying out and formation of the links may be gathered from the expensive item of £100 for grass seeds alone, added to which artificial bunkers had to be raised; but the most formidable 'putt' is a river over thirty feet in width at the narrowest parts, which has to be crossed twice."

Will Professor Tait kindly construct for us a scientific club, adapted not only for putting over a river thirty feet in width at the narrowest part, but also for causing the ball to cross it twice?

I am, Sir, &c.,

F. W. F.

January 10th, 1894.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CECIL BARCROFT.—(1) We think your decision was right in the circumstances. Please see a similar point fully set out in GOLF, November 3rd, page 117. (2) No: the hole ought not to be claimed, and, it claimed, ought not to be allowed, if the player was not in the vicinity of his ball and addressing it. Certainly "no good and true golfer" would dream of straining the action you describe even into a technical infringement of the rule.—Ed.

ROYAL BELFAST GOLF CLUB.

On Boxing Day and the following day a prize was competed for. It was an exceedingly beautiful and valuable cup, presented by the popular late captain, Mr. G. S. Clark, and was well worthy of the occasion. The competition was one round of the course (nine holes). Forty-four members entered the lists. The following is a record of the various contests:—

First Round.—Winners, Mr. James Henderson, J.P.; Messrs. P. H. Charley, Hill Charley, J. S. Stewart, Hyndman, H. Gregg, H. Davis, James Irvine, W. E. Williams, W. L. Wheeler, and Rodman. Mr. T. Hughes and twenty other players got byes.

Second Round.—Winners, Messrs. S. Wilson, jun.; P. H. Charley, J. S. Stewart, James Hyndman, Jas. Magee, Henry Gregg, W. Macoun, H. Wilson, James Woodside, C. Topping, E. T. Maguire, W. S. Wheeler, William Rodman, T. Hughes, A. N. Charley, and Henry Agnew.

Third Round.—Mr. S. Wilson, jun. (4) beat Mr. P. H. Charley (5); Mr. J. Stewart (6) beat Mr. James Hyndman (5); Mr. James Magee (5) beat Mr. H. Gregg (scratch); Mr. W. Wilson (4) beat Mr. W. Macoun (8); Mr. C. Topping (4) beat Mr. James Woodside (1); Mr. W. S. Wheeler (5) beat Mr. E. T. Maguire (4); Mr. T. Hughes (2) beat Mr. William Rodman (8); Mr. A. N. Charley (2) beat Mr. Henry Agnew (5).

Fourth Round.—Mr. S. Wilson, jun. beat Mr. J. S. Stewart; Mr. W. Wilson beat Mr. James Magee; Mr. W. S. Wheeler beat Mr. C. Topping; Mr. T. Hughes beat Mr. A. N. Charley.

Fifth Round.—Mr. S. Wilson, jun., beat Mr. W. S. Wilson; Mr. W. S. Wheeler beat Mr. T. Hughes.

Final.—Mr. W. S. Wheeler beat Mr. S. Wilson, jun.

The prize now becomes Mr. Wheeler's property.



ABERDEEN.

ABERDEEN CLUB.—The members of this club held their usual competition for the monthly medal (scratch), and the Pickop-Dutton handicap cup, over Balgowrie links on Saturday. There was a strong south-westerly wind blowing, which rendered low scoring very difficult. Notwithstanding these unfavourable conditions, there was a good turnout of competitors, and on reckoning up the cards at the close, it was found that Mr. L. Stuart Anderson had won the medal, with the score of 81, and Mr. M. H. Mackie had carried off the cup with 92, less 10=82. The following were the lowest scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. M. H. Mackie	99	10	82	Mr. J. M. Duncan	93	scr.	93
Mr. L. Stuart Anderson	Mr. J. Williams	100	5	95
...	81	+3	84	Mr. J. R. Whyte	101	6	95
Mr. W. C. H. Jopp	97	5	92	Mr. D. Littlejohn	102	7	95
Dr. James Moir	98	6	92				

LADIES' CLUB.—The January competition for the monthly handicap prize, presented by Mr. George Davidson, and the monthly scratch prize, presented by Mrs. Youngson, took place on Saturday. There was a large turn-out of competitors, but the strong wind was all against low scoring. Both prizes were carried off by Miss Littledale with the good scratch score, considering the weather, of 85. The following scores were returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Littledale	85	7	78	Miss Pirie	99	12	87
Mrs. M'Clymont	85	9	79	Miss L. Ferguson	89	scr.	89
Mrs. H. C. Hadden	87	7	80	Miss H. D. Ferguson	98	9	89
Mrs. Youngson	88	5	83	Mrs. J. R. Whyte	95	4	91
Mrs. Storie	99	15	84	Miss F. L. Jamieson	103	12	91
Miss Miller	97	12	85	Miss Mitchell	107	12	95
Mrs. W. C. H. Jopp	98	12	86	Miss L. Youngson	97	scr.	97
Miss M. Ferguson	94	7	87	Miss R. Duncan	114	15	99

BON-ACCORD CLUB.—This club held their competition on Saturday over the Links course for the scratch and handicap prizes for first and second-class players, and it resulted in Mr. John Twigg winning both prizes in the first class, with a score of 87, less 7=80; and Mr. Joseph M'Farlane (scratch) both in the second class, with a score of 100. The following were next in order:—Mr. W. Smart, 88; Mr. H. Glass and Mr. J. Ogilvie, 94, tie; Mr. A. Smart, 96.

BRADFORD ST. ANDREWS.

A great muster turned out on Saturday for the monthly competition. Messrs. Exley and Steel were the winners of first and second prizes respectively. A good number of players did not return their cards.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. H. Exley	86	5	81	Mr. A. R. Hill	108	10	98
Mr. H. Steel	83	scr.	83	Mr. Jno. Leeming	120	22	98
Mr. A. Priestman	100	16	90	Mr. W. M. Barwick	110	10	100
Dr. Macvie	91	scr.	91	Dr. Dunlop	114	13	101
Mr. W. B. Crichton	101	8	93	Mr. G. G. Thompson	123	22	101
Mr. W. J. Leeming	102	6	96	Mr. H. D. Tickel	138	22	116
Mr. N. Brook	133	36	97				

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the gold monthly medal of this club took place on January 3rd, in very frosty weather, with the following results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Rose Harries	106	34	72	Mrs. T. W. Colthurst	103	20	83
Mrs. A. B. Hill	100	24	76	Mrs. A. Edwards	119	30	89
Miss Piers	111	34	77	Miss Armstrong	128	36	92
Mrs. W. S. Akerman	100	20	80	Miss Caro Piers	129	36	93
Miss M. V. Brice	101	20	81	Miss Edwards	119	24	95
Miss Sybil Sinclair	101	18	83	Miss K. M. Edwards	123	22	101

CANNES GOLF CLUB.

Fortnightly handicap, January 6th.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. G. Walker..	91 3 88	Sir A. Clarke Jervoise	103 14 94
Mr. H. G. Whigham	91 scr. 91	Rev. T. Lloyd Phillips	118 17 101
Col. Woodward ...	108 16 92	Mr. E. Hewetson ...	136 32 104
Mr. E. L. Lucas ...	123 30 93		

Mrs. Woodward's prizes, January 9th.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. Walker ...	103 26 77	Sir James Hanbury..	131 26 105
Mr. W. Renshaw ...	90 5 85		
Mr. H. G. Walker..	90 2 88	Mrs. Tennent ...	41 +4 45
Mr. J. Roberts ...	106 18 88	Miss F. Halford ...	69 22 47
Mr. J. W. Allen ...	112 22 90	Miss Wylie ...	80 30 50
Mr. E. Hewetson ...	122 32 90	Miss Baseley ...	73 22 51
Col. Cragg ...	116 25 91	Mrs. Barlow Webb..	71 14 57
Sir A. Clarke Jervoise	112 14 98	Miss Schenley ...	83 24 59
Rev. T. Lloyd Phillips	118 17 101	Mrs. Stubbs ...	70 8 62

Mrs. Frederick Walker's prizes, January 13th.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. L. Lucas ...	105 26 79	Col. Woodward ...	110 16 94
Mr. J. Roberts ...	99 18 81		
Mr. W. M. Allen ...	110 27 83	Miss F. Halford ...	62 22 40
Mr. J. W. Allen ...	107 22 85	Miss Baseley ...	70 22 48
Mr. H. G. Walker..	88 2 86	Mrs. Barlow Webb.	63 14 49
Sir J. Hanbury ...	114 26 88	Countess of Torby...	60 10 50
Sir A. Clarke Jervoise	105 14 91	Miss Want... ..	58 6 52
Rev. T. Lloyd Phillips	109 17 92	Miss Schenley ...	90 24 66

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

The seventh day of the winter competition, January 13th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. S. Ferguson	87 1 86	Mr. W. J. Nimmo...	122 25 97
Mr. G. W. Williams	91 3 88	Mr. E. N. Orde ...	103 9 99
Mr. R. T. Thomson	87 +2 89	Mr. R. A. Dunlop...	124 25 99
Mr. J. W. S. Carpenter	121 30 91	Mr. J. R. Bolton ...	105 5 100
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe...	92 +1 93	Mr. R. Howden ...	106 6 100
Mr. F. Smith ...	103 8 95	Mr. A. Hedley ...	104 4 100
Mr. V. Richardson...	110 14 96	Mr. W. P. Cochrane	116 15 101
Mr. A. H. Marsh ...	106 9 97	Mr. W. R. Heatley	113 8 105
Mr. C. A. H. Todd	117 20 97	Mr. H. Armstrong...	123 18 105

Mr. A. M. Carswell, Mr. J. Milton, Mr. W. McCleary, Mr. J. L. Owen, Mr. N. S. Green, Mr. A. W. White, Mr. J. W. Carr, and Mr. C. D. Ismay, made no returns.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

RAILWAY CUP.

The fourth competition for the Railway cup, which was postponed from the 6th inst. on account of the links being covered with snow, was played at Newcastle on the 13th inst. The weather was most unpropitious, a strong gale from the south-east blowing the whole day made low scoring impossible. Mr. Claude Brownlow came in with the best net score; Messrs. Combe and Hodges tied for second place, but Mr. Hodges retired in favour of Mr. Combe; Messrs. Brownlow and Combe are therefore qualified to play in the final. Out of a good entry only the following had net scores of 100 and under :—Mr. C. Brownlow, 128, less 30=98; Mr. G. Combe, 103, less 4=99; Mr. J. F. W. Hodges, 111, less 12=99; Dr. McKeoun, 124, less 24=100.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, January 15th :—Gentlemen.—Mr. A. C. Edwards, 84, less 9=75; Sir Bevan Edwards, 93, less 8=85; Mr. H. A. Travers, 107, less 18=89; Mr. J. W. Jeffery, 102, less 7=95; Mr. A. Paine, 109, less 13=96. And others over 100.

Ladies, thirteen holes.—Miss K. Ritchie (winner of the quarterly silver medal), 89, less 16=73; Mrs. Parker, 94, less 18=76; Miss E. Ritchie, 101, less 25=76; Miss Paine, 88, less 8=80; Miss B. Wood, 82, less 2=80; Miss Edwards, scratch, 83; Miss D. Jeffery, 87, less 3=84; Miss Wood, 98, less 14=84; Miss Archer, 105, less 18=87; Mrs. Wilson, 96, less 6=90; Miss Disraeli, 120, less 25=95.

EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW CLUB.—The Edinburgh St. Andrew Club held a competition at Musselburgh, when twenty-four competed, and, after a pleasant game, the result was as follows :—1, Mr. A. Wilson, 99, less 15=84; 2 and 3, Mr. J. Knowles (scratch), 87, and Mr. J. Paterson, 97, less 10=87—tie; 4, 5, and 6, Mr. A. Lawson, 86, plus 2=88; Mr. W. Stirling, 92, less 4=88, and Mr. J. Rankine, 105, less 17=88—tie; 7, Mr. J. Stevens, 92, less 3=89; 8, Mr. A. Auchterlonie (scratch), 90.

FORFARSHIRE.

On Friday an interesting foursome was played over Montrose Links, when Mr. Kennedy Erskine, of Dun, and Bob Dow met Messrs. Jas. Findlay and George M'Intosh, two of the best amateurs in the town. The weather was good and the greens in excellent order. The match was one of thirty-six holes (two rounds). At the end of the first round the latter couple had a substantial number of holes to their credit, but, on the whole play was rather loose. The second round was keenly contested, and was better played, the fine driving and approaching of Mr. Erskine being the feature of the match. He and his partner, however, failed to wipe off the odds, and had again to submit. The victors' score for the second round was 81, but it is impossible to give that of their opponents, as they had to lift several times.

The third heat in the Millar cup competition of the Montrose Mercantile has just concluded, with the following result :—First class—1st, Mr. Alexander Paterson, 3 above; 2nd, Mr. William Vallentine, 4 above; 3rd, Mr. William Cobb, 8 above. Second class—1st, Mr. John Douglas, 1½ above; 2nd, Mr. Walter Nicol, 10½ above. Play in the fourth heat commences on the 26th inst., and only one in each class will be successful.

The Dalhousie Club, Carnoustie, held its winter monthly sweepstakes competition on Saturday, when fourteen couples took part in the game. The weather was fine, though a somewhat stiffish wind blew from the south-east. The game was played according to the "Bogey" system. None of the players succeeded in beating "Colonel Bogey." Messrs. R. B. Sharp (scratch), H. M. Robinson (3), and Daniel M'Intyre (5), tied for the sweepstakes, having each lost 3 holes to the "Colonel." Mr. M'Intyre gained a place in the optional sweepstakes.

FRITH PARK GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for the 1894 monthly medal took place on Saturday last. Unfortunately the weather was very wet, and this no doubt accounted for the small number of players and the high scores. The greens were as usual in excellent condition. This medal becomes the property of the member winning it the most times during the year. Scores of those cards sent in :—Mr. G. S. Head, 91; Mr. W. Stopher, 95; Mr. W. May, 97; Mr. H. C. Nightingale, 98; Mr. A. S. Read, 101; Mr. A. J. Williams, 105.

Douglas Rolland, in reporting to the committee of the Frith Park Golf Club, East Grinstead, as to the condition of their links, refers to the dry soil of the course, and adds :—"The links are very good, with plenty of natural hazards. The greens are well looked after, and have been laid out at great expense, being perfectly level for quite 60 feet square, and covered with a beautiful sward."

GLAMORGANSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

A match played on Saturday at the Penarth Links, between the Glamorganshire and Porthcawl Golf Clubs, resulted in a victory for the home team by 31 holes to 2. Score :—

PORTHCAWL.		GLAMORGANSHIRE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. Forrester ...	0	Mr. J. Hunter...	0
Mr. E. U. David ...	0	Mr. R. Price ...	5
Mr. H. J. Simpson ...	0	Mr. C. B. Stoddart ...	5
Rev. D. Davies ...	2	Mr. T. M. Barlow ...	0
Mr. J. V. Heneage ...	0	Mr. W. H. M. Tucker ...	6
Mr. H. C. Vivian ...	0	Mr. R. H. T. A. Rickards ...	6
Mr. C. Ward ...	0	Mr. P. H. Evens ..	5
Mr. J. Tait ...	0	Mr. J. F. F. Common ...	4
	2		31

ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of the above club was held over the Braids on Friday. The course was exceedingly heavy, and the prevalence of a high wind also militated against low scoring. Mr. William Wood was the winner, with a score of 89, less 3=86.

ARCHERFIELD CLUB.—Mr. John Penn, M.P. for Lewisham, who is at present tenant of Archerfield House and shootings, having presented a valuable silver beaker for competition among the members of this club, the contest came off on Saturday, when there was a large muster of members. The Rev. John Kerr was successful in winning the coveted trophy, with a score of 87 plus 1=88.

EDINBURGH BURGESS CLUB.—The silver medal, which was tied for at the autumn competition in October last by Mr. Oliver Thomson and Mr. John Williamson, has now been played for and won by the latter. The scores were as follows :—Mr. Oliver Thomson, 53 for thirteen holes; and Mr. John Williamson, 91 for eighteen holes, Mr. Thomson having retired after the fourth hole in the second round.

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The quarterly competition for the MacEwen challenge cup and other prizes was played over the course in the Happy Valley on Thursday, Friday, and Monday, November 23rd, 24th, and 27th. Saturday was omitted from the days for play, as it was considered that the valley would be too crowded with other games to allow of Golf being played in safety. It would have been well if Thursday also had been omitted, as two cricket and two football matches were in progress at the time. Fortunately, on Friday and Monday the course was clear, and the majority of players were enabled to play their rounds without continuous shouts of "Fore!" and the risk of appearing in the Police Court charged with manslaughter. The following are the results:—

MacEwen challenge cup and optional sweepstakes.—There were twenty-six entries for the cup, and sixteen for the sweepstake. Capt. Rumsey, R.N., proved to be the winner, with an excellent net score of 76. His win was a deservedly popular one. Capt. Dumbleton was runner-up with a scratch score of 78, the lowest record up to the present in club competitions.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Capt. Rumsey	91	15 76	Lieut. Coxon, R.N.	114	30 84
Capt. Dumbleton,			Mr. E. A. Ram	102	18 84
R.E.	78	scr. 78	Lieut. Lloyd, R.E.	100	15 85
Capt. Murray, A.D.C.	98	18 80	Hon. N. G. Mitchell-		
Major Bennet, R.E.	87	6 81	Innes	95	9 86
Lieut. Rawnsley,			Rev. R. F. Cobbold	101	15 86
R.N.	112	30 82	Mr. C. S. Sharp	110	24 86
Rev. J. M. Morton,			Col. Mulcahy	117	30 87
R.N.	101	18 83	Dr. John Bell	112	24 83

The remainder scored over 90, or made no return.

"Bogey" competition.—"Col. Bogey's" score on this occasion was 83, an ordinary scratch score. There were twenty-one entries. Capt. Rumsey defeated the "Colonel" by 5 holes, and thus wins the club prize for this competition. Capt. Dumbleton was again the runner-up. Capt. Rumsey (received $\frac{3}{4}$), 5 up; Capt. Dumbleton, R.E. (scratch), 3 up; Major Bennet, R.E. (5), 1 up; Lieut. Lloyd, R.E. ($\frac{3}{4}$), 1 up; Rev. J. Morton, R.N. (6), all even. The remainder were beaten by "Bogey."

Pool competition.—There were twenty-one entries for this competition, and Major Bennet, R.E., proved the winner, Capt. Rumsey taking second prize, and Capt. Dumbleton the third prize.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Major Bennet, R.E.	88	6 82	Lieut. Blake, R.N.	115	30 85
Capt. Rumsey	98	15 83	Rev. R. F. Cobbold	101	15 86
Capt. Dumbleton,			Mr. C. S. Sharp	110	24 86
R.E.	84	scr. 84	Lieut. Rawnsley,		
Commodore Boyes,			R.N.	116	30 86
R.N.	100	15 85	Col. Mulcahy	117	30 87
Lieut. Lloyd, R.E.	100	15 85			

The remainder over 90 or no return.

Aggregate cup.—The competition for a cup presented by the club, for the best aggregate of two net scores made in playing for the MacEwen challenge cup during the year 1893, resulted in a win for Mr. E. A. Ram, whose exceedingly low score of 72 in the first competition of the year rendered it probable that he would eventually be the winner. Best scores:—Mr. E. A. Ram, 72, plus 84=156; Rev. J. Morton, R.N., 75, plus 83=158; Mr. H. Pinckney, 79, plus 81=160; Capt. Dumbleton, R.E., 84, plus 78=162; Rev. R. F. Cobbold, 77, plus 86=163; Hon. Mr. Fielding Clarke, 75, plus 90=165; Major Bennet, R.E., 86, plus 81=167; Dr. J. Bell, 80, plus 88=168; Capt. Thomas, 84, plus 85=169; Capt. Rumsey, 93, plus 76=169; Mr. C. S. Sharp, 84, plus 86=170. The remainder over 170.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

The Kenilworth Club has provided a ten-guinea cup for members' play, and the first competition, on Saturday, brought out a good company of golfers. The cup has to be won three times by a member, in order to become his absolute property:—Mr. G. Watson, 100, less 18=82; Mr. H. O'Leary, 106, less 20=86; Mr. T. Day, 108, less 22=86; Mr. T. Latham, 95, less 9=86; Mr. Vincent Jepson, 97, less 11=86; Mr. G. Curey Franklin, 115, less 25=90; Mr. A. B. Jepson, 118, less 28=90; Mr. T. Kinmond, 111, less 19=92; Mr. T. E. Baines, 124, less 30=94; Mr. A. B. Cross, 110, less 15=95; Mr. W. T. Pears, 124, less 29=95; Mr. W. H. Mitchell, 116, less 20=96; Mr. H. Smith-Turberville, 112, less 16=96; Mr. E. K. Bourne, 107, less 9=98; Mr. John Kinmond, 123, less 24=99; Mr. C. A. Ludlow, 136, less 33=103; and Mr. W. Stead, 120, less 15=105. At the last competition for the Pears' challenge cup, in December, Messrs. G. Watson and G. Kinmond tied. The tie was played off on Saturday, and Mr. Watson won.

The hon. secretary of the above club writes us:—"I think it might interest golfers to know that during the past season, our president for

that year (Mr. W. H. Mitchell), presented a prize to be played for on the American tournament system with a view to compel the good and the bad players in the club to meet each other, as we had many complaints from the long handicap men that they seldom got a chance of playing with anybody much better than themselves. I am glad to report that for a first attempt it worked out fairly well. Twenty-three members entered, which meant a total of 484 games to be got through, and although a good many backed out when their position was hopeless, still we brought off over 300 games, and it had the desired effect. In the event of any brother-secretary organising a similar tournament I should suggest dividing the entry (if a large one), into sections of not more than ten players in each (eighty-one games), when the interest would be sustained to the end. There were three prizes, and Mr. Vincent Jepson took the first, Mr. H. Smith-Turberville the second, and Mr. T. Kinmond the third."

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal:—Mr. J. T. Welldon, 114, less 16=98 winner. Others over 100 net, or no return.

LITTLESTONE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played under new handicaps for the first time:—Miss H. Stringer, 112, less 26=86; Miss W. Rolandson, 119, less 24=95; Miss E. Cobb, 120, less 24=96; Miss Stringer, 118, less 12=106; Miss M. Cobb, 126, less 18=108. Four others no returns.

MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM CLUB.

The replayed tie for the captain's (Mr. W. Stewart) prize, a standard lamp, and gold memento designed by the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths' Company, between Mr. D. Glegg (Morecambe), and Captain Le Feuvre (Lancaster), was played on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for Captain Le Feuvre. The tie for the first handicap prize was also played off, Mr. D. Glegg proving the winner.

The "Bogey" competition which has been in progress for the last few months, resulted in a win for Mr. W. Stewart (Lancaster), playing from scratch, and returning the three best cards, of 2 up, 1 up, and 1 down.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for the winter optional subscription prizes took place at Hoylake last Saturday in fine, mild weather, some thirty couples competing. A win-in for the first class winter optional prize was secured by Mr. Gershom Stewart; Messrs. W. S. Patterson and J. Royston tying for a win-in for the second class winter optional prize, with their respective net scores of 80. The first and second sweepstakes were divided between Messrs. W. S. Patterson and John Royston; Mr. Gershom Stewart taking the third. The result of the play was as follows:—

First class (limited to a handicap of 14).—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Gershom Stewart	97	12 85	Mr. F. W. Carson	103	12 91
Mr. F. P. Crowther	84	+2 86	Mr. W. W. Sand-		
Mr. J. Hornby	88	2 86	brook	105	14 91
Mr. A. Turpin	89	scr. 89	Mr. Ed. Whineray	93	6 92
Mr. J. H. Knight	94	5 89	Mr. H. Eccles	97	4 93
Mr. C. E. Dick	86	+4 90	Mr. H. Keef	109	14 95
Mr. A. H. Higgins	91	1 90	Mr. J. B. Hunter	110	12 98
Mr. John Ball, jun.	82	+9 91	Mr. Jas. Fairclough	101	2 99
Mr. John Ball, sen.	93	2 91			

Seventeen competitors made no returns.

Second class (15 to 30 in the handicap).—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. S. Patterson	97	17 80	Mr. C. S. Parker	120	25 95
Mr. J. Royston	110	30 80	Mr. J. H. Silberbach	116	19 97
Mr. H. R. Robertson	107	20 87	Mr. H. S. Bower	114	16 98
Mr. W. Lowndes	117	25 92	Mr. Theo. Turpin	125	25 101
Mr. H. St. Clare-			Mr. J. W. Glover	111	not
Byrne	115	22 93	Mr. E. J. M. Phillips	123	hcp.
Mr. C. Gostenhofer	123	30 93			

Thirteen competitors made no returns.

A special general meeting of members of the club was held on Monday afternoon at the Law Association Rooms, Liverpool, to consider the subject of club accommodation. Mr. Leslie Ferguson presided over a crowded attendance of members, and it was agreed, after considerable discussion, to erect, as speedily as possible, a new club-house on a site to be selected on the Hoylake Links. The new building will cost about £8,000.

ROYAL COUNTY GOLF CLUB, PORTRUSH.

The New Year meeting of this club was begun by the holding of a foursome competition in heats and by holes, under handicap, on 3rd ult. Better winter weather could not have been desired, and, as the greens were in capital order, considering the recent rains, a very enjoyable day's play was the result. Mr. D. Christie, B.L., and Mr. H. C. Kelly, Belfast, giving 3 strokes, played against Col. G. Beresford Knox, Portrush, and Mr. A. Fullerton, a visitor from Scotland, in the final. The heat was keenly contested, and Mr. Kelly and his partner won the competition by 2 holes up. The heats were as follows:—

First heat.—Mr. F. Koeller and Mr. J. A. Patrick (7) beat Mr. J. R. M'Donald and Mr. O. Grimshaw (6) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. H. C. Kelly and Mr. D. Christie (5) a bye; Mr. H. Adair and Mr. John Patrick (6) beat Mr. R. Brownlie and Mr. T. Hughes (3); Mr. J. Massey and Mr. H. W. Kinley (7) beat Dr. Traill and Mr. J. N. Hamilton (7) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. T. Stewart and Mr. J. M. Davies (7) beat Mr. T. Dickson and Mr. C. J. Webb (4) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. James Dickson and Mr. T. Ferguson (5) beat Mr. J. R. Atkinson and Mr. J. R. Eccles (7), by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. J. S. Alexander and Capt. Ross (6) a bye; Col. G. Beresford Knox and Mr. A. Fullerton (8) beat Mr. S. M. Fraser and Mr. T. V. P. M'Cammon (5) by 2 up and 1 to play.

Second heat.—Mr. Kelly and Mr. Christie beat Mr. Koeller and Mr. J. A. Patrick by 2 up and one to play; Mr. John Patrick and Mr. Adair beat Mr. Kinley and Mr. Massey by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. James Dickson and Mr. T. Ferguson beat Mr. Stewart and Mr. Davies by 1 after a tie; Col. Knox and Mr. Fullerton beat Mr. Alexander and Capt. Ross by 2 up and 1 to play.

Third heat.—Mr. Christie and Mr. Kelly beat Mr. Adair and Mr. John Patrick by 3 up and 2 to play; Col. Knox and Mr. Fullerton beat Mr. Ferguson and Mr. James Dickson by 2 up.

Final.—Mr. Christie and Mr. Kelly beat Mr. Fullerton and Col. Knox by 2 up.

Hole competition.—On the 1st inst, in splendid weather, the M'Calmont cup was competed for in heats and by holes under handicap. The entries were not quite so numerous as usual. In the semi-final Mr. J. Massey, Portrush, defeated Captain J. M. M'Calmont, M.F., who received two strokes, while Dr. Traill, F.T.C.D., giving three strokes, disposed of Mr. O. B. Webb, a very promising son of Mr. C. J. Webb, J.P., the genial captain of the club. A close contest ensued between Dr. Traill and Mr. Massey in the final heat. The latter, getting two strokes from his rival, led over the first six holes, but Dr. Traill, who was in fine form, steadily reduced his lead, and secured the cup at the last hole.

First Heat.—Mr. S. M. Fraser (5), a bye; Mr. T. Dickson (1) beat Mr. J. R. M'Donald (4).

Second Heat.—Mr. F. R. Webb (9), a bye; Captain M'Calmont (9) beat Mr. J. M. Davies (8); Professor Macmaster (5) beat Mr. George Coombe (1); Captain Ross (6) beat Mr. John Patrick (8); Mr. J. Massey (7) beat Mr. C. W. Webb (9); Mr. J. S. Alexander (6) beat Mr. J. R. Atkinson (7); Mr. J. S. Moore (9) beat Mr. T. Stewart (5); Mr. T. Hughes (4) beat Mr. H. Morrell (7); Dr. Traill (5) beat Mr. J. A. Patrick (6); Mr. C. J. Webb (7), a bye; Dr. J. T. Creery (8), a bye; Mr. C. Brownlow (8), a bye; Major Ormsby (7) beat Colonel G. Beresford Knox (9); Mr. O. B. Webb (8), a bye; Mr. F. Koeller (7) beat Mr. James Dickson (5); Mr. Frazer beat Mr. T. Dickson.

Third Heat.—Captain M'Calmont beat Mr. F. R. Webb; Professor Macmaster beat Captain Ross; Mr. Massey beat Mr. Alexander; Mr. Hughes beat Mr. Moore; Dr. Traill beat Mr. C. J. Webb; Dr. Creery beat Mr. Brownlow; Mr. O. B. Webb beat Major Ormsby; Mr. Koeller beat Mr. Frazer.

Fourth Heat.—Captain M'Calmont beat Professor Macmaster; Mr. Massey beat Mr. Hughes; Br. Traill beat Dr. Creery; Mr. O. B. Webb beat Mr. Koeller.

Semi-Final.—Mr. Massey beat Captain M'Calmont; Dr. Traill beat Mr. O. B. Webb.

Final.—Dr. Traill beat Mr. Massey.

The New Year meeting concluded on the 2nd inst. with a competition by strokes under handicap. Dr. Traill, 97, less 12=85; Mr. James Massey, 104, less 18=86; Mr. E. T. Maguire, 99, less 10=89; Capt. Ross, 108, less 17=91; Mr. F. Koeller, 114, less 22=92; Capt. M'Calmont, 118, less 26=92; Mr. T. Stewart, 108, less 16=92; Mr. T. S. Alexander, 115, less 18=97; Mr. G. Combe, 103, less 4=99.

The presence of so many golfers at Portrush was taken advantage of on the 3rd inst. for the purpose of holding a mixed foursome tournament. The weather was bitterly cold, and the frost had rendered the ground exceedingly hard. Details are appended:—

First heat.—Mrs. Mann and Mr. Alexander (2) beat Miss Cox and Mr. Davies (1); Miss Exham and Mr. W. Webb (6) beat Miss Dunn and Mr. Watson (3); Miss Massey and Mr. Massey (3), a bye; Mrs. Hamilton and Capt. Ross (3) beat Miss McClintock and Mr. O. B. Webb (4); Miss Creighton and Mr. Combe (scr.) beat Miss Gunning

and Mr. Hughes (1); Mrs. Russell and Mr. Exham (2) beat Miss E. Hamilton and Mr. F. R. Webb (4); Miss Beresford and Mr. Richardson (4) beat Mrs. Armour and Rev. J. B. Armour (6); Mrs. Exham and Mr. Stewart (1), a bye.

Second heat.—Miss Exham and Mr. W. Webb beat Mrs. Mann and Mr. Alexander; Miss Massey and Mr. Massey beat Mrs. Hamilton and Capt. Ross; Miss Creighton and Mr. Combe beat Mrs. Russell and Mr. Exham; Mrs. Exham and Mr. Stewart beat Mr. and Mrs. Armour.

Third heat.—Miss Exham and Mr. W. Webb beat Miss and Mr. Massey; Miss Creighton and Mr. Combe beat Mrs. Exham and Mr. Stewart.

Final.—Miss Exham and Mr. W. Webb beat Miss Creighton and Mr. Combe.

In the ladies' club-house, where luncheon had been provided, the first prize was presented, amid applause, to Miss Exham, and the second to Miss Creighton. A large opaline portrait, handsomely framed, of Capt. Begley, Portrush, a valued friend of the ladies' branch, was then presented to the club.

SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, November 25th, proved to be a fine golfing day. The sky being cloudy allowed many competitors for the Championship and Club Cup handicap to make an early start. The greens were in fine condition, a marked improvement being noticeable. The winner of the Championship, Capt. Barter, is to be congratulated on his success. He played an excellent two rounds, finishing in 83; in fact, in his second round, he tied the record of the green for one round viz. 37. Capt. Barter obtains the gold medal presented to the club by Sir John Tankerville Goldney for one year, but, to retain it altogether he will have to win it three years consecutively. Mr. J. B. Robertson had previously won it twice consecutively. Mr. R. N. Crichton played a fine game. For the club cup, Mr. J. B. Elcum, with his long handicap, came in first. Mr. Crichton came in for the second prize. Capt. Barter and Mr. R. Dunman tied for third prize. Mr. C. Stringer won the fifth prize. For the highest score prize presented by an anonymous donor, Mr. Hewgill was the unhappy winner. Capt. Barter also won the Captain's prize, his round of 37 being the lowest score for one round. This prize consisted of a set of presentation clubs and bag from the well-known makers: Anderson and Sons of Edinburgh.

Among the prizes placed on the table, was seen the Penang-Singapore challenge shield, which has just arrived from Messrs. Mappin and Webb of London.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

Capt. Barter ...	46	37	83	Surg.-Capt. Hinde...	52	48	100
Mr. R. W. Crichton	42	42	84	Mr. J. M. Allinson	55	49	101
Mr. J. B. Robertson	43	44	87	Mr. E. J. Robertson	52	49	101
Mr. J. B. Elcum ...	45	42	87	Mr. H. E. Daunt ...	54	50	104
Mr. R. Dunman ...	43	47	90	Mr. P. A. Gillespie...	57	50	107
Mr. A. W. Stiven ...	50	42	92	Mr. W. Grigor Taylor	57	59	116
Dr. Kerr ...	49	44	93	Mr. A. J. Macdonald	61	64	125
Mr. A. Mackay ...	48	46	94				

CLUB CUP HANDICAP.

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Mr. J. B. Elcum ...	87	14	73	Dr. Kerr ..	93	2	91
Mr. R. W. Crichton	84	9	75	Mr. J. M. Allinson...	101	9	92
Mr. R. Dunman ...	90	14	76	Mr. A. A. Earle ...	114	22	92
Capt. Barter ...	83	7	76	Mr. W. A. Cadell ...	109	16	93
Mr. C. Stringer ...	98	16	82	Mr. J. MacRitchie...	119	24	95
Mr. H. E. Daunt ...	104	18	86	Mr. W. Grigor Taylor	116	20	96
Mr. J. H. Drysdale	98	12	86	Mr. R. H. Padday...	119	22	97
Mr. J. B. Robertson	87	scr.	87	Mr. H. Wade ...	109	12	97
Mr. A. W. Stiven...	92	5	87	Mr. P. A. Gillespie...	107	9	98
Mr. W. E. Hooper	103	16	87	Mr. W. Fox ...	119	20	99
Mr. A. Mackay ...	94	7	87	Mr. D. Paul ...	120	20	100
Dr. Ellis ...	105	18	87	Major O'Gorman ...	125	24	101
Mr. J. G. Boyd ...	105	18	87	Mr. J. H. D. Jones...	122	20	102
Mr. E. J. Nanson ...	108	20	88	Mr. A. J. MacDonald	125	22	103
Mr. E. J. Robertson	101	12	89	Mr. J. Graham ...	122	18	104
Mr. A. J. R. Greene	103	14	89	Mr. A. J. Burchatt...	128	24	104
Mr. H. Bryan ...	106	16	90	Mr. C. Hewgill ...	153	24	129
Surg.-Capt. Hinde...	103	9	91				

The committee has, for some months past, been considering the advisability of restricting the membership of the club. The number of members now is 140, and a resolution will be brought forward proposing to limit the number to 150.

PRESIDENT'S CUP.

First round.—Capt. Barter (4) beat Mr. R. W. Crichton (6) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. B. Robertson (scratch) w.o., Dr. Kerr (scratch) scratched; Mr. H. Bryan (12) beat Mr. W. Hutton (7); Mr. F. M. Elliot (9) beat Mr. J. M. Allinson (5) by 1 up; Mr. W. G. Taylor (14) beat Dr. Hight (14) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. R. Dunman (7) w.o., Dr. Hinde (6), scratched; Mr. E. Bramall (18) w.o., Mr. J. W. B.

Maclaren (6) scratched; Mr. H. Edwards (14) beat Mr. E. J. Nanson (12) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. Jones (8) beat Mr. J. Taylor (8) by 8 up and 7 to play; Mr. E. J. Robertson (8) beat Major O'Gorman (18) by 1 up; Mr. H. Vade (7) beat Mr. W. H. Shelford (18) by 1 up; Mr. G. Hare (18) beat Mr. J. B. Elcum (7) by 1 up; Mr. R. N. Greene (10) beat Mr. A. J. Burchall (18) by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. Miller (12) beat Mr. A. Gentle (18) by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. L. Woodward (18) beat Mr. J. O. Anthonisz (18) by 5 up and 4 to play; Dr. Mugliston (7) beat Mr. A. Mackay (4) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. W. Stiven (3) beat Mr. J. H. Jones (14) by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. W. E. Hooper (9) w.o., Mr. A. H. Raeburn (14) scratched; Mr. A. Reid (18) beat Mr. D. Paul (12) by 2 up; Mr. P. A. Gillespie (5) beat Dr. Hoad (14) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. H. Drysdale (7) w.o., Mr. F. Dennys (14) scratched; Mr. A. J. Macdonald (12) w.o., Mr. W. B. Bonser (9) scratched; Mr. W. A. Caddell (14) beat Mr. A. C. Somerville (16) by 8 up and 6 to play; Mr. C. Stringer (8) beat Mr. Hewgill (12) 8 up and 6 to play.

Second round.—Mr. Elliot, w.o., Mr. Bryan scratched; Mr. Dunman beat Mr. Taylor by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Edwards beat Mr. Bramall by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Jones beat Mr. Robertson by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Vale, w.o., Mr. Napier scratched; Mr. Hare beat Mr. Green by 1 up; Mr. Woodward beat Mr. Miller by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Hooper beat Mr. Reid by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Gillespie beat Mr. Drysdale by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. Caddell beat Mr. Macdonald by 8 up and 6 to play; Mr. Boyd beat Mr. Stringer by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Des Vœux (16) beat Mr. Fox (14) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. H. E. Daunt (18) beat Dr. Ellis (12) by 4 up and 2 to play.

Third round.—Mr. Robertson beat Captain Barter by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Elliot beat Mr. Dunman by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Jones beat Mr. Edwards by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Hare beat Mr. Vade by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Woodward beat Mr. Macdonald by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. Gillespie beat Mr. Hooper by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. Caddell beat Mr. Boyd by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Daunt beat Mr. Des Vœux by 4 up and 2 to play.

Fourth round.—Mr. Elliot beat Mr. Robertson by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Jones beat Mr. Hare by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Woodward, w.o., Mr. Gillespie scratched; Mr. Daunt by Mr. Caddell by 1 up.

Semi-final.—Mr. Elliot beat Mr. Jones by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. Daunt beat Mr. Woodward by 7 up and 5 to play.

Final.—Mr. Daunt beat Mr. Elliot by 4 up and 2 to play.

Result of the monthly medal, December 2nd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Grigor Taylor	96 20 76	Mr. A. J. R. Greene...	106 14 92
Mr. A. W. Stiven ...	83 5 78	Mr. A. Mackay ...	99 7 92
Mr. R. Dunman ...	91 9 82	Mr. E. J. Robertson	102 9 93
Mr. P. A. Gillespie...	93 9 84	Mr. J. C. D. Jones...	105 10 95
Mr. A. J. Macdonald	107 22 85	Capt. Barter ...	95 scr. 95
Mr. E. J. Nanson ...	107 20 87	Mr. H. E. Daunt ...	114 16 98
Mr. H. W. Vade ...	100 12 88	Mr. H. Bryan ...	112 14 98
Mr. J. B. Robertson	89 scr. 89	Mr. J. H. D. Jones	118 20 98
Mr. R. W. Crighton	95 5 90	Mr. J. D. Taylor ...	110 12 98
Mr. J. W. B. MacLaren	100 9 91	Mr. W. B. Hulke...	146 16 130
Mr. J. M. Allinson...	100 9 91		

SILLOTH GOLF CLUB.

An open competition was held on the links on New Year's Day. The day was fine, the greens in good order, and the members had a very enjoyable day altogether. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Strachan ...	82+15 97	Mr. W. Tod ...	146 25 121
Mr. W. P. Story ...	116 15 101	Mr. J. T. Stronach...	159 25 134
Mr. C. Todd ...	105 scr. 105	Mr. F. Jones ...	156 19 137
Mr. T. W. Buck ...	125 15 110	Mr. Redmayne ...	163 25 138
Mr. R. Todd ...	128 15 113	Mr. W. Johnston ...	181 40 141
Mr. G. A. Story ...	130 15 115	Mr. Long ...	166 25 141
Mr. J. N. Thom ...	147 26 121		

Several players did not give in their scores.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on the links at Moss Lane, Churchtown, on Saturday. The weather was beautifully fine, but a high wind prevented good scores. The best returns were as follows:—Mr. G. S. Ball, 102, less 8=94; Mr. W. T. Rowley, 102, less 8=94; Mr. F. Baker, 107, less 9=98; Mr. G. F. Pearson, 106, less 6=100; Mr. T. O. Clinning, 127, less 22=105; Mr. A. H. Dorn, 118, less 11=107; Mr. M. S. Bless, 125, less 16=109. Fourteen players made no return. Messrs. Ball and Rowley tied for the medal, and will have to play off. Mr. G. S. Ball took first sweepstake, Mr. F. Baker the second, and Mr. G. F. Pearson the third.

TIMPERLEY GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly medal competition was played on Saturday, 6th inst., and resulted as follows:—Mr. C. Occleston, 101, less 12=89; Mr. S. W. Gillett, 91, less 1=93; Mr. W. A. Craig, 106, less 10=96; Mr. H. Goble, 122, less 25=97; Mr. E. Withington, 103, less 5=98; Mr. R. Wild, 127, less 28=99; Mr. H. R. Yates, 129, less 30=99; Mr. S. Thompson, 125, less 25=100. The remaining returns were over 100 net. Messrs. T. Ibbotson, S. W. Gillet, and C. Occleston have now secured places in the final competition for the captain's gold medal.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, December 20th, a mixed foursome was played over the ladies' course of twelve holes, with the following results:—

First Round.—Mr. E. Boase and Mrs. Harvey beat Mr. A. Lang and Mrs. Tyacke, 2 up; Mr. H. H. Batten and Miss Vivian beat Mr. F. Harvey and Mrs. Lang, 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. R. F. Tyacke and Miss Bodilly beat Mr. C. W. Smith and Miss Boase, 5 up and 3 to play. Bye, Mr. C. Hunt and Miss Wilkinson.

Second Round.—Mr. E. Boase and Mrs. H. Harvey beat Mr. R. F. Tyacke and Miss Bodilly, 1 up; Mr. H. H. Batten and Miss Vivian beat Mr. C. Hunt and Miss Wilkinson, 2 up and 1 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. E. Boase and Mrs. H. Harvey beat Mr. H. H. Batten and Miss Vivian, 2 up and 1 to play. Thus Mr. Boase and Mrs. Harvey were the winners of a well-contested game. Mr. Boase is a rapidly improved player, and of his drives all but one were good illustrations of the golfing motto, "Far and sure." The links were well covered with players from early morning until dark.

The first of the spring series of monthly handicaps took place on Saturday, December 30th. The weather was simply perfect; but several who had entered were unable to play, and only nine competed. The results were as follows:—Mr. R. Barclay Fox, 104, less 25=79; Mr. Robert Fox, 106, less 18=88; Mr. R. S. Read, 124, less 36=88; Mr. T. A. Lang, 102, less 13=89; Mr. C. E. Bridges, 104, less 13=91; Mr. H. Mansel, 113, less 18=95; Mr. R. F. Tyacke, 115, less 18=97; Mr. C. Hunt, 136, less 30=106. Mr. H. H. Batten, no return.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal handicaps were played over the club course at Bushey, on Saturday last. Handicaps of 12 and under:—Mr. Howard Williams, 100, less 12=88; Mr. Bell Barton, 96, less 6=90; Mr. J. S. Crawford, 103, less 12=91; Mr. O. W. F. Hill, 100, less 8=92; Mr. E. F. Maitland, 104, less 9=95; Mr. H. J. Cottam, 112, less 12=100.

Handicaps over 12:—Mr. H. E. Tyser, 111, less 24=87; Mr. C. A. Barton, 113, less 18=95; Mr. C. Davis, 117, less 17=100.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.—The annual meeting took place at the club-house on Saturday the 6th inst., when the balance-sheet for the year, which showed a very satisfactory balance in hand, was adopted with acclamation. The absence of the hon. treasurer through illness and also the enforced retirement of the hon. secretary, Mr. Edward Micholls, in consequence of his leaving Buxton, were much regretted. The new hon. secretary is Mr. Edward Bythway, 1, Avenue Terrace, Buxton. The members dined together at the St. Anne's Hotel in the evening.

GLASGOW CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of the Glasgow Golf Club took place on Saturday at Alexandra Park. The course was very soft. The number of couples competing was fifty-five. In the first class (Club medal)—Mr. J. Carnegie was first, with 83, less 5=78; Mr. A. W. Wilson, 83, less 3=80; Mr. D. Menzies, 86, less 6=80; Rev. D. Watson, 84, less 4=80. Second class (Wilson medal)—Mr. T. Robb, 88, less 12=76; Mr. D. Thomson, 85, less 8=77; Mr. T. Mitchell, 87, less 10=77. Third class (Scott medal)—Mr. J. Lauder, 96, less 18=78; Mr. P. M'Farlane, 93, less 13=80; Messrs. A. Boyd, J. R. Mackay, and A. Sharp came third, with 100, less 18=82.

ARDEER.—The competitions for the monthly medals took place on Saturday. Considering the unfavourable weather, there was a fair turn-out of members. Results:—Heys medal—Mr. William Law, 90, less 11=79; Mr. H. Macfarlane, jun., 94, less 10=84. Robertson medal—Mr. James Gardner, 100, less 13=87; Mr. A. C. Steven, 102, less 14=88; Mr. James Mackintosh, 102, less 13=89.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' CLUB.—The first quarterly competition of the season was held at Musselburgh on Saturday, and resulted as follows:—First division—1st, Mr. John Brown, 93, less 8=85; 2nd, Mr. C. W. Calder, 94, less 8=86; 3rd, Mr. T. A. Buttar, 95, less 8=87. Second division.—1st, Mr. J. Robb, 95, less 15=80; 2nd and 3rd, Mr. W. S. Anderson, 107, less 24=83, and Mr. G. Shedden, 107, less 24=83, a tie.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The Caxton medal of this club was played for on the Braids on Saturday, and was won by Mr. Arnott with a score of 89, less 3=86. The green was somewhat heavy, and a stiff south-westerly breeze tested the merits of the players.

BEARSDEN.—The usual monthly handicap competitions among the lady members of this club for the gold medal presented by Mr. J. H. Bowie, and among the junior members for the Jarvie gold medal, took place on this course on Saturday. The day was fine and the greens in good condition, but there was a smaller number of competitors than usual. The following were the results:—Bowie medal, won by Mrs. Scott with a scratch score of 63. Jarvie medal—Master Peter Henderson, 109, less 8=101, and Master Alexander Wilson, 115, less 14=101, tied for the medal. The next best score was that of Master John Burnside (scratch), 103.

CUMBRAE CLUB.—The monthly competition for the handsome gold medal presented by the vice-captain of the club, Mr. Duncan Mackintosh, took place on the links at Millport on Saturday afternoon. The wind was very high, and consequently good scoring was impossible. The course and greens were in very fine order considering the recent severe weather. When the cards were handed in it was found that Mr. John Houston was the winner of the medal for this month.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition took place on Saturday last, with the following result:—Mr. A. A. Glenday, 101, less 22=79; Mr. E. A. Spurgin, 103, less 18=85; Mr. T. G. Griffiths, 101, less 15=86; Mr. F. Rathbone, 103, less 15=88; Mr. A. H. Griffiths, 103, less 15=88; Mr. H. T. Edge, 111, less 21=90; Mr. P. A. Bourke, 104, less 11=93. No returns from eleven others.

STAINES GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, 13 inst., the winner being Mr. Geo. Struthers. The following are the best scores:—Mr. Geo. Struthers, 88, less 14=74; Capt. F. R. Harrison, 93, less 12=81; Mr. M. W. Mossop, 92, less 10=82; Capt. S. F. Warren, 96, 14=82; Mr. H. C. Masters, 106, less 23=83; Mr. W. E. Townsend, 112, less 19=93; Mr. W. J. Sicklemore, 116, less 22=94.

ST. GEORGE' GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.—Monthly medal, January 13th:—Mr. T. A. Fison, 100, less 10=90; Mr. W. Gay, 100, less 9=91; Mr. T. B. Keyser, 103, less 9=94; Mr. G. D. Rowe, 104, less 9=95; Mr. F. W. Fison, 116, less 20=96; Mr. A. S. Eve, 103, less 12=96; Mr. R. H. Caird, 109, less 12=97. Other returns were over 100.

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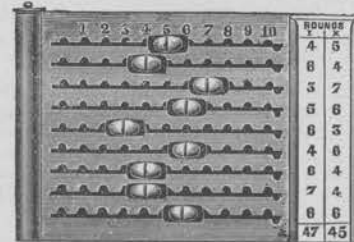
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