

GOLF

A Weekly Record of "The Royal and Ancient" Game.
"Far and Sure."

[REGISTERED AS A NEWSPAPER.]

No. 173. Vol. VII.]
[COPYRIGHT.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 1894.

Price Twopence.
10s. 6d. per Annum, Post Free.



1894.

JANUARY.

- Jan. 5.—Royal Cornwall : Gentlemen ; Monthly Medal.
Jan. 6.—Birkdale : Gentlemen ; Medal Competition.
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Prize.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Smart Medal.
Dungannon : Ranfurly Challenge Cup.
Brighton and Hove : Berens Gold Medal.
Tooting : Monthly Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Leicester : Monthly Medal.
Old Manchester : The Atherton Silver Medal.
County Down : Captain's Prize ; Railway Cup.
Jan. 8.—Chesterford Park : Monthly Medal.
Pau : Arthur Post Medal and Pendant, and Sir V. Brooke Challenge Cup and Badge.
Dungannon : Open Competition.
Montgomeryshire : Handicap Sweepstakes.
Jan. 10.—Pau : Sir V. Brook Challenge Cup and Badge ; Anstruther Shield and Badge.
Jan. 11.—East Sheen Ladies : "Bogey" Competition.
Jan. 12.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Jan. 13.—West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Wilmslow : The Haworth Cup.
Hayling Island : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.
Cumbrae : Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Meeting.
Seaton Carew : Monthly Handicap Competition.
Southport : Monthly Competition.
Knutsford : Monthly Competition.

- Jan. 13.—Eltham Ladies : Mrs. Keen's Prize.
Frith Park : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
County Down : Captain's Prize.
Jan. 15.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Medal.
Jan. 17.—Canterbury : Monthly Medal.
Jan. 18.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Handicap.
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.
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.
Jan. 21.—Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Jan. 25.—Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
Bentley Green : Monthly Handicap.
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.
Jan. 29.—Pau : Captain's Prize.
Jan. 30.—Birkdale Ladies : Miss Burton's Prize.

FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 17.—Disley : Tonge Prize.

St. Andrews, N.B. RUSACK'S HOTEL, THE MARINE (on the Links). The Golf Metropolis—Parties boarded. Special terms to Golfers and families. W. RUSACK, Proprietor and Manager. Telegrams :—Rusack, St. Andrews, N.B. Telephone No. 1101.

RANDALL'S GUINEA GOLF BOOTS are now worn by all the leading players—And give the greatest satisfaction.

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

It is an old tradition in our family to sit up for the incoming of the New Year, and exactly at one minute to twelve the windows must be opened to speed the parting and receive the coming fragment of time. It is a custom which should be carried out in merry company—to-night I am alone. I had almost resolved this morning to treat our family superstition more honourably "in the breach than the observance;" but, early training proved too strong. I sit here over a blazing fire of seasoned drift-wood, which gives out the unmistakable salt smell of the ocean, and flickers and flares in transparent blue and amber flames. I think of those who have shared this watch in former days, roasting chestnuts in the grate, telling well-worn but popular tales, and singing familiar snatches of song. Are any of them watching alone also? Some are on the ocean, some in the bustling cities of America, one in the Australian bush—others—

The leaves of memory seem to make
A mournful rustling in the dark.

* * * * *

This strain of thought cannot be continued; I stir the red-hot wood and throw on another log. The flames leap up and curl round the fresh fuel, and a livelier memory comes to my rescue—my Summer holiday. What a holiday it was; three-parts of it spent in the wilds of Bonnie Scotland. How I longed for it through the heat, dust and weariness of dreary ungenial toil. I stepped into the express train at St. Pancras more dead than alive; a jaded, middle-aged, over-worked slave of necessity. One breeze from the blue sea, one glimpse of the heather highlands, one sound of the old familiar Gaelic, and the weight of my daily burden rolled from my shoulders, and I was young again. I had handled the driver, and cleek right loyally in my spare moments; but to the true golfer, and especially to him from the Highlands, it seems but poor consolation to play the national game on a suburban common, amid a swarm of emancipated fellow-slaves, in exchange for the free stretch of wild moorland, with the waves lashing on the beach a few yards away, and on the horizon the purple hills, range beyond range, and to hear the Golf language spoken sweetly in its native tones. Here too the postmen cease from troubling, and the news-boys are at rest. There is nothing but wild rugged nature, two or three congenial companions, and unlimited Golf. Not at present do I venture among the golfing public. In my wild retreat, with a pupil of Old Tom Morris, I regain a little of my earlier skill. Later on I tread the classic links haunted by the memories of heroes of might and fame. Musselburgh, St. Andrew's, Carnoustie, Prestwick, Hoylake and back to Sandwich. It was a glorious time whilst it lasted, and the memory of it will strengthen me through the twelve months which must be got through before I can repeat the programme.

Every match, every hole, every stroke I played remains clear in my memory. Here I drove a fine ball; there I was badly bunkered. Here I beat the professional on his own links; there I was completely crushed by a stranger. Fozzling or fortunate, victorious or beaten, every moment brought me fresh life and vigour. I drew in a store of fresh air and strength to be used in less happy moments. The memory of those breezy days sweeps over me like a tonic to my nerves. What a summer it was. I have forgotten the heat and the drought, and I remember only the cloudless sunny days; their warmth seems to cheer me now, and those long lazy hours in the intervals of sport, spent under shady trees, resting and revelling in the peace and quiet, all these pleasant recollections, and many others crowd upon me.

The hands of the clock point towards midnight: I throw open the window. Farewell 1893, and welcome 1894. May the New Year bring good luck and happiness to one and all. The Old Year did its best, but may the New Year do better by each of us.

B.

THE SIREN OF THE LINKS.

New Year's Eve, the night of dreaming!
When the real and the seeming
Blend in one, the fancy teeming
With weird sights, the spirit sinks
Softly in dreamland to ponder
With the feys and visions yonder,
There my soul beheld this wonder,
Saw the Siren of the links!

Laughingly, with smiles alluring,
She, with finger reassuring,
Beckons to the much enduring
Band, who follow in her wake.
Young and old, both man and maiden,
All with bags of clubs are laden,
Over heather, sand, and gladden,
All the same direction take.

Cunningly her toils preparing,
For the purpose of ensnaring
Those who once with foolish daring
Take the driver, and the ball,
That, with deeply laid devices,
Is the way that she entices,
Spite of warnings and advices,
Artless mortals to their fall.

Some with manifest elation,
And no sound of execration,
But as pleasant recreation,
Seem to glory in their fate.
Following her with head erected
O'er the path they have elected,
These, 'twould hardly be expected,
Ever once would hesitate.

Charmed by her delusive offers,
Those who once had been but scoffers,
Now transformed to ardent golfers,
Are the foremost in her train.
Missing, slicing, heeling, topping,
Round and round and never stopping,
Hints in aggravation dropping,
That they'll never play again.

But the nymph they follow after,
Smiling as the breezes waft her
Gentle sound of mocking laughter,
Loves to see them helpless rave.
They may swear (and mean it truly)
That the game is prized unduly;
Why pretend to be unruly?
Each is still the Siren's slave.

Stuff your ears with wax, for this is
How the brave and wise Ulysses,
Flying from the Siren's kisses,
Safely passed, the seas to roam.
Should you, doubtful, be debating
With the tempter fascinating,
Think of all the patient waiting
Poor Penelopes at home.

All may not be quite contented,
To spin webs till half-demented,
Watching suitors circumvented,
Weaving work to be undone.
If you thus should play the rover,
In the Golf nymph's train to hover,
All too late you may discover
Your Penelopes are gone!

Envoi

You may think that, recreation scorning,
"Don't play at Golf" is what I say to you.
No, not at all, I only give this warning,
You'd better make Penelope play too.

ROSE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY

Review.

GOLFING AND OTHER POEMS AND SONGS. By the late John Thomson. Glasgow: William Hodge and Co. 1893.

This pleasant and unpretentious little volume will be read with affectionate interest by many a Scottish golfer. In our pages, at all events, it is natural that the first section of the work should have place; though there is many a lilt on other subjects that his golfing brethren will not soon let die. The first poem, "The Auld Golfer's Advice," opens with a breezy spring, characteristic of the craft and redolent of sunny hours sped on many a sea-girt green:—

Tak' tent, ye blithe billies who drive at the ba',
And dinna think strength is the hale o't ava.

The lessons it inculcates, however, are, we fear, only too seldom pondered over by any of us. The maxim, "Tak' it cule," is admittedly wise—aggravatingly so, in fact—but, at the same time, does much to explain why Old Philp has never yet had a monument erected to his memory. Cheery, too, tuneful and bright—with all the genial gaiety that so often inspires the author's pen upon commemorating a happy day spent with friendly comrades far from the dark, grim city—the lines on breezy Gullane break on the ear:—

It's up the hill, it's down the hill,
An' roun' the hill an' a', man;
To Gullane Hill, wi' richt guid will,
If ye can Gowf ava, man!

And this kindly impulse—surely that of the born songster—recurs again and yet again. Take, for instance, his verses on Dornoch or peerless Machrihanish, or the following, if only for the pleasant lilt of the opening lines:—

The blithe lark's in the lift, an' sae bonnie to hear,
Fa's the sweet trill o' love roun' the links o' Ardeer;
Yet the gowfer aye thinks, as he follows his ba',
That the sound o' its flight is the best sang o' a'.

But far and away the best of his golfing poems is what he modestly terms a rhyming epistle to an ex-captain of the Leven Thistle, Mr. David Jackson, whom he cordially welcomes as his "canty, rhymin', gowfin' brither" (Mr. Jackson is himself the author of several songs which are extremely popular among the golfers of Fife, the best-known being probably that entitled "Gouff dings a'"). Mr. Thomson's first verse is good, but his second better:—

But leeze me on the folk o' Fife,
I lo'e them a'—man, maid, and wife—
They lead a hearty, cheerfu' life,
No sour nor dowf;
An' smoor a' bits o' passin' strife
Wi' songs or Gowf.

It was in such a spirit that famous old Dr. Graham, the Innerleven Laureate, loved to chant.

As with all our Scots poets, great and small, he sings often, and always with loving and tender appreciation, of children. The lines to his little sweetheart of five are pretty enough; but on a higher grade altogether—worthy, let us say, of a countryman of Miller, the immortal author of "Wee Willie Winkie"—are those on "The Bairn"—not "A," pray note. *The bairn* in a Scots home shares a deal of power with the gude man and wife.

O bairn, within that curly pow
Are mony ferlie thochts, I trow;
Ever spinning like a peerie,
Wardly things gang tapsalteerie.

And again:—

Auld Rover is a trusty reen',
You play wi' him about the green;
When tired, sit doon wi' him tae crack—
Twa neebors ne'er were half sae pack.

Or—and here we have no irreverent tang in the quaint reference to the queer, queer religious teaching in so many a middle-class Scots household—

First, I aye maun tell o' Josie,
A about his coat sae cosie;
The big claes-basket syne ye speel
To be like Moses in his creel.

And surely all who have ever pined in city cage for a brief flight to some breezy links will sympathise with the opening lines of "Glasgow Fair":—

Saint Mungo, can you hear a prayer?
Then send fine weather for the Fair,
That Glasgow folk to toil and care
May say guid day;
Oh, let them a' enjoy aince mair
Their holiday.

All Scottish braes—not only in poetry, but in actual fact—have their own bonny lasses, and Mr. Thomson lilt of the Flower of Cathkin Braes in very pleasant numbers; but in his lines to the lily and rose sisters of Drumeldrie he is, perhaps, treading dangerously in the footsteps of Captain Macheath, if not immortal Gleichen of the capacious heart himself. His lines on the robin, the caged bullfinch, the auld collie, the rosebud, the snowdrop, and many another, show a warm and appreciative love of nature, and all—as the quaint old phrasing used to run—are gracefully turned. We hope many of our readers will join us in wishing a hearty God-speed to these too brief liltings of a most loyal brother-golfer so recently passed to his rest.

RECENT GOLF PATENTS.

This list is specially compiled for GOLF by Messrs. Cassell and Co., registered patent agents, 22, Glasshouse Street, Regent Street, London, W., from whom all information concerning patents etc., may be had free upon application.

If any of our readers have an idea for an invention, and wish to secure their rights for it, they may obtain full particulars for securing patents and advice, free of charge, by applying to the Patent Editor of GOLF.

22,707. Improved means for indicating the results of football matches, cricket, Golf, and the like.—H. J. Milward, Colmore Row, Birmingham.

23,256. An improved grip for handles of Golf clubs.—G. B. Thornton, 78, Princes Street, Edinburgh.

23,982. An improved Golf scorer.—H. S. Bigger, 56, Evelyn Gardens, South Kensington, London.

24,059. A marker and recorder of game scores, especially applicable to the game of Golf.—R. E. Judd, 101, St. Martin's Lane, London.

24,153. Golf club bag.—J. C. Macdona, 1, Garden Court, Temple, London.

DEATH OF A BRISTOL GOLFER.

News has just been received by telegraph of the death of Mr. Francis M. Bartholomew, M.A., one of the masters of Clifton College, from cholera, while on a term's holiday at Madura, in the Madras Presidency. Mr. Bartholomew was educated at Marlborough and at Trinity College, Oxford. He became a master on the Classical side at Clifton College in 1869, and for some time had charge of one of the largest boarding-houses, which he resigned in 1892, though still continuing his connection with the college as a master. He was an active member of the Bristol Musical Association, which for twelve years past has supplied the poorer classes of Bristol with popular concerts at a nominal cost. He was a member of the committee of the Bristol Eye Hospital and of the council of Redland High School for Girls. He was an enthusiastic golfer, and a prominent member of the Bristol and Clifton Golf Club, of which he was treasurer. Mr. Bartholomew was about fifty years of age, and he will be widely and generally mourned.

JOHANNIS. The King of Natural Table Waters, charged entirely with its own natural gas. The "LANCET" says: "Johannis Water is of exceptional purity and excellence." To be obtained from all chemists, wine merchants, and stores, at the following prices, per dozen. Delivered—London, bottle 6s., $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle 4s. 6d., $\frac{1}{4}$ bottle 3s. 6d.; Country, bottle 6s. 6d., $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle 5s., $\frac{1}{4}$ bottle 3s. 9d. Springs, Zollhaus, Germany. London Offices, 25, REGENT STREET, S.W.

GOLF AT ARCACHON.

ARCACHON is to have a Golf links. There are people who do not know where Arcachon is. It is about an hour and a half, by train, south of Bordeaux, in the middle of that great stretch of pine trees which reaches, with hardly an interruption, except for the Bassin d'Arcachon, from Bordeaux to Bayonne and the Côte des Basques. It is a place to which people come in summer, and live on the shores of the *bassin*, in the Ville d'Été, to bathe and paddle and bore themselves. It is a place to which people come in winter to live in the Ville d'Hiver among the pine trees, sheltered from the wind by the pines and the sand dunes, and breathing in that resinous breath from the trees which is so good a balm for the weak lungs; and here they bore themselves yet more sorely. So the prospect of Golf presents features which are favourable. A recreation is badly needed, and the Scottish game will find itself practically without a rival. You may eat oysters, and you may kill mosquitoes; but it is possible to combine both these avocations with Golf.

There are alternative sites suggested for the proposed links. One is far away from the town. You would need to go by train for a quarter of an hour or so, and then walk for twenty minutes to reach the course; or, it is of course possible to drive all the way. The proposed course, of nine holes, though there is space enough for ninety, would here be a flat one, in the country of the *landes*. A certain amount of clearing-off of low whin and heathery "fog" needs doing, and the hazards will consist almost entirely of such portions of this wild shrubbery as it may please the layers-out of the course to leave. The ground being flat will require no levelling, but turfing and beating will be necessary for most of the putting-greens. A charm of this prospective course is that you will probably employ a shepherd of the *landes* as fore caddy. On those high stilts which they all use, lifting their feet a walking man's height from the ground, they would have so fine a bird's-eye view of the low whin scrub that not a ball ought ever to escape them. Then there would be all the fun of making them *ramasser* a ball now and then—a much harder game than Golf. These stilts do not come up the leg any farther than the knee, where they are buckled to the leg, and are again fastened at the foot. When the shepherd wishes to rest, he fits the end of a long pole, which he carries, into the small of his back, or a little lower, and so stands propped on a tripod. This same pole he uses when he wishes to pick anything off the ground, bending one of his exaggerated legs, so as to get it out of the way, and supporting himself on the pole and the other leg—straightened out—climbing hand under hand down the pole till he can reach the ground. Then he raises himself again hand over hand up the pole. A resident in the country told the writer he had seen one of these shepherds throw his pole at a cow, then stoop, with one leg bent and one straightened, and so pick up the pole. But this seems to be a *tour de force* seldom practised. A shepherd whom we met told us he could go at the rate of a kilomètre in five minutes—a kilomètre is about seven furlongs. Shepherds on stilts are not Golf, but they are an inevitable incident of one of the alternative Golf courses proposed for Arcachon.

The soil is sandy, which is, as it should be; but only at a little depth comes a hard holy-stone floor, which is not as it should be, for it holds the water. This quality of the soil is what makes the stilt-walking of the shepherd possible and desirable. The stilt raises him above the flooding rain-water, and yet its foot finds a hard resting place on the

firm, stony floor. The stilt-walker, in a snipe-bog, would not do his kilomètre in five minutes.

The projectors of the course have leave to grub out those superfluous bushes among which the sheep of the *landes* would be even as those of Little Bopeep but for the stilted point of view of their warder. If, however, the suggestion of making the course near the town of Arcachon be adopted, there will be less of this "grubbing" to do. On the other hand, there will be more to do in other ways. The proposed site is scarcely a half iron shot from the nearest villa in the Ville d'Hiver, and is no longer in the country of the *landes* but of the *dunes*—positive, very positive, sand-hills, so lofty that the "Maiden" at Sandwich is hut a little girl-in-arms beside them. A brief while ago these sand-hills were overgrown, like the rest of the immediately circumjacent world, with pines. But these have been cut of late, to the ire of the inhabitants of the Ville d'Hiver, who resent any holes being made in their screen from the draughts. Here the ground is of up and down, delightfully undulating, character—much better adapted, in the long run, for good Golf. But the run will be a longer one than in the *lande* country. The soil is more friable; more mud and more turf will be needed. The mud is handy—in the oyster beds of the *bassin*—but turf in this country is not nearer than the Pyrenees or the Côte des Basques. Nevertheless, how much better is a good course at the door than an inferior one six miles or so away! Is it not worth a little more pains and money, and will not the outlay repay itself tenfold in smiles and subscriptions of members and of visitors?

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

THE FRENCH FAIR AT THE ROYAL AQUARIUM.

The management of the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, have made a special effort to offer a phenomenally varied and extensive programme of amusements during the Christmas holidays. Literally, as well as metaphorically, the programme is more than "as long as your arm," for it measures nearly four feet. The *pièce de résistance*, so to speak, is the "French Fair," which is arranged in the area and galleries. To speak of this as "a vast Parisienne Eldorado" savours, perhaps, of official hyperbole; but in the many booths, stalls, and side-shows, of which the fair is made up, there is plenty to interest and divert the visitor. That the "exhibitors" are genuine importations from across the Channel is sufficiently evident from the large printed bill displayed by a vendor of French sweetmeats. It runs as follows:—"NOUGAT DAVID. This manufacture, selling whole sale price, *very cheap*; *certificated* by the police-station." The French Fair is the standing dish, and the visitor may whet his appetite, therefore, by the hundred and one performances which are going forward in the building from morn till eve. From the boxing kangaroo and bear to the fire-eater, and from the strong man to the ballad concert, there is every kind of entertainment provided which the wit of man can devise, or the heart of man desire; and nearly all the items are free. The length of the programme we have already indicated, and to mention even a selection of its features would be to undertake a grievous labour without doing justice to the whole. But there is one performance which deserves especial attention. It is that of Mdle. Antonia, who comes immediately from the *Folies Bergères* in Paris, and whose native town is Bucharest. This lady is a trapezist, but of no ordinary kind; for, besides going through all the daring and clever feats of the gymnast on the high trapeze, she does that which her managers claim has never been done before by any trapezist, male or female. The feat, briefly described, is this. Swinging at arm's length on the trapeze, Mdle. Antonia suddenly looses her hands and turns a complete double somersault before reaching the net. Then she is drawn up to a fixed horizontal bar near the roof of the building, and on this she stands erect. From this height of nearly a hundred feet, Mdle. Antonia lets herself fall backward, and again accomplishes a double somersault before alighting in the net on her back. So little does this heroic leap trouble Mdle. Antonia, that she executes it twice during the day; and the only demerit which the performance possesses is that it is so rapidly completed that the spectator has hardly time to realise its cleverness and daring.



A very interesting correspondence, extending over three months, has been taking place in our columns on the subject of "Showing the Line to a Blind Hole." The letters have been interesting, not only on account of the authority with which their writers are entitled to speak, as among the foremost leaders of the game, but more, perhaps, on account of the diversity of view which has prevailed on both sides of the question. The origin of the correspondence was the publication of a letter, at the end of September, from a correspondent who asked whether his opponent was entitled to claim the hole, because a player sent forward his caddie to stand on a bank and show the line to a blind hole by remaining immovable on the top of the bank. We replied in the negative, and said there was no rule imposing this penalty, nor anything in the rules which discountenanced the practice. Our view was, that the caddie after showing the line to the hole, did, as a matter of ordinary practice, move aside while his master played, but that if the player insisted upon his caddie remaining a fixture in the line of the shot, no opponent had a right to insist otherwise. There were two leading conditions for the caddie, as a general rule, moving away—one, personal safety, and, two, the fear of losing his master the hole in a closely contested match by being struck with the ball. But if the caddie is willing to risk having a hole knocked in his head, and his master is also willing to risk a little bill for a "chirurgeon" to mend it, *plus* the loss of his five shillings on the match, we contend that there is neither rule nor etiquette to hinder them.

As the correspondence has come to an end by the natural process of exhaustion, it is fitting that the case should be summed up thus: The view we expressed in the foot-note to the first letter has only been, if possible, strengthened by the subsequent letters from all sides which have been published. That view has been upheld by, among others, Mr. Hall Blyth (one of the St. Andrews committee, be it remembered, engaged in framing the last code of rules), and Mr. Mure Fergusson. On the other side we have "Move Off," who has fought the case from his point of view with a cheery pugnacity, which would have been admirable had his cause not been such a hopelessly bad one. He dies game at the last ditch, however; but, like a skilful antagonist, earlier in the dispute, he wished to draw a scent across the trail by an appeal to a Council of Three, one of whom should be our dear old friend Tom Morris. No one would be disposed to question the high authority of Old Tom on all points affecting the game, but even he cannot go behind the *litera scripta* of the law, and give a decision which is neither backed up by rule nor established universal custom. Mr. Everard gives a modified support to "Move Off," on the ground that to send the caddie forward is against etiquette, though his authority rather tells against "Move Off" in admitting that there is no rule laying down a penalty for asking the caddie to stand and show the line. Inasmuch as there are but one or two partially blind holes at St. Andrews, a breach of the recognised etiquette there cannot be a very frequent occurrence.

As a matter of fact, however, there must be scores of breaches of etiquette every day at St. Andrews and elsewhere, when one sees how the caddie goes forward to the hole and holds up "the

pin" on high, in order to show a player in a hollow near the green the exact position of the hole. That frequent action cannot be logically defended any more than the placing of the caddie on the top of the bank, if "Move Off" and Mr. Everard are right in their view. And yet we are certain that neither the one nor the other is such a stickler for golfing orthodoxy as to maintain that the player who does call in such exceptional aid has lost the hole, or has committed a breach of etiquette by doing so. Where, then, is the line to be drawn against action which, in their view, is penal, and action of the same kind which is exempt from blame? The truth seems to be that by the tacit consent of all players the blind hole difficulty, without a guiding flag, is a defect in all courses; for all players, no matter how strict, adopt some kind of expedient to get the line and the distance. Thus, at Sandwich and other Southern greens, where there are holes in "punch bowls" or behind hills, small direction-flags are placed to show one and all the safe line. This gets rid of all friction about sending the caddie forward; from all of which the inference is clear, that the blind hole is a matter for the regulation and supervision of the green committee, and is not one to be taken note of either in the rules or in the governing conditions of etiquette.

The Chelmsford Golf Club has been recently formed. The president is Lord Rayleigh, and the vice-president Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P. The course is situate on the high land at Galleywood Common, about two miles from the Chelmsford station of the Great Eastern Railway, and is for the most part 270 feet above the sea level as shown on the Ordnance map. It consists at present of nine holes, with good natural hazards. The greens are, with one or two exceptions, already in excellent order. The course is about one mile in extent, and a scratch player should negotiate it in a score of from 34 to 38 strokes. There are fine country views from all parts of the common. There is no club-house at present, but ample accommodation can be obtained at the inns adjacent to the common. All particulars can be obtained from Mr. J. A. Copland, the honorary secretary, Chelmsford.

An important Golf tournament has been arranged to take place over the Machrihanish Links in the ensuing spring. The prize-money will amount to £100.

The Montgomeryshire Golf Club is prospering. They have over sixty members already. Visitors are admitted with nearly all the privileges of membership on payment of 5s. gentlemen, 2s. 6d. ladies, per week, *i.e.*, six days, which may be taken any time, and need not be consecutive. There is a comfortable club-room, and special arrangements have been made with the Bear Hotel, Newtown, for the conveyance of players to and from the club-room. The links are only thirty minutes' walk from Moat Lane station on the Cambrian Railway. The greens are in good order, and visitors will find these links as good as any inland ones.

A professional foursome was played at Limpsfield on the 26th ult. Charles Smith and James Braid, of the Army and Navy Stores, played Douglas Rolland (Limpsfield), and J. Pearson (Bournemouth). The first match of eighteen holes ended in favour of Rolland and Pearson by 2 up and 1 to play. The match in the afternoon stood all even and 1 to play. The last hole went to the Army and Navy men through Braid holing a fine putt, and thus winning the second match by 1 hole.

The Board of Agriculture calls attention to the recent Act of Parliament amending the law relating to commons with a view to their better preservation and in connection with previous enactments. By the Law of Commons Amendment Act, 1893, lately passed, it is enacted that an enclosure or approvement of a common purporting to be made under the Statute of Merton and the Statute of Westminster, the second or either of such statutes, shall not be valid unless it is made with the consent of the Board of Agriculture, who in giving or withholding their consent are to have regard to the same considera-

tions, and are, if necessary, to hold the same inquiries, as directed by the Commons Act, 1876, to be taken into consideration, and held by the Board before forming an opinion whether an application under the Enclosure Acts shall be acceded to or not. It follows from the above enactments that an enclosure of part of a common, whether purporting to be made under the Statutes of Merton and Westminster, the second or either of them, by way of approvement, on the ground of sufficient pasture being left for the commoners, or, under copyhold grant, founded on a custom of the manor, cannot now be legally made without the consent of the Board of Agriculture, who in giving or withdrawing their consent are to have regard as well to the benefit of the neighbourhood as to private interests, and that any person intending to make such an enclosure should publish notice of his intention in the local newspapers. This is a matter which well deserves the attention of Golf Clubs and golfers, especially where commons exist which are liable to be enclosed for specious reasons, and in time made private.

* * *

The present Christmas season will be remembered for its openness and high temperature. So unseasonable has the weather been that golfers have been able to continue playing without any interference on the part of John Frost, a fact on which it is dubious if we should congratulate them, for a good, clear frost and a spell of hard weather is best for all concerned at this time of the year, and the ravages of the dread plague of influenza seem to support the old Scots proverb—"A green Yule makes a fat kirkyard."

* * *

Difficulties have now, we believe, been so far removed that we may expect to hear of the immediate progress of the Aberlady, Gullane, Dirleton, and North Berwick Railway. The North British Company, it is understood, have taken up the matter, and are to carry it out, so that we expect soon to hear of the first sod being cut, and the invasion of the neighbourhood by the navy.

* * *

On Monday week next (Handsel Monday) the Luffness Golf Club open their season's competitions, when the chief prize is the president's (Mr. Hope) set of clubs. This year the prize is not to be awarded unless there are twelve competitors, a very proper regulation. The prize cannot be won twice by the same player, which, of course, limits the number of entrants.

* * *

It may safely be said that one of the most enjoyable golfing tours is that which can be had by making a tour of the Golf greens in Ulster. A short time ago we published sketches showing a few of the most characteristic holes on the Newcastle, County Down, green over which the Irish Championship was played, and which was won by Mr. John Ball. It is a fine sporting green of the genuine order, and Portrush in County Antrim is equally good. Very admirable facilities are afforded by Mr. Baillie's "Golfing Tour in Ulster," advertised in our columns, both in point of cheapness and the number and variety of greens which may be visited by the golfer. In order to encourage Golf in Ireland, the Irish Railway Companies issue tickets to members of Golf Clubs at a very cheap rate; and in addition to the greens mentioned players may visit the links of Ormeau and Belmont near Belfast, Carnalea on Belfast Lough, Rostrevor, Ballycastle, and Giant's Causeway, Buncrana (described in an earlier volume of GOLF), Portsalon, and Rosapenna. For little more than the expenditure of a ten-pound note this is a remarkably good and interesting way to spend a short golfing holiday. Information as to greens and questions of hotel accommodation, may be had by writing to Mr. G. L. Baillie (a good Scottish golfer), 21, Arthur Street, Belfast.

* * *

The North Berwick Town Council have been called to account by the Lord of the Manor, Sir Walter Dalrymple, for improving (?) the town by changing the old local names into names more suggestive of "the Brighton of the North." "I much deplore," says Sir Walter, "the loss of the old East Links for the vulgar English watering-place name Marine

Parade." The Council have taken their merited rebuke meekly, and have promised to restore the missing links, and to be good boys in the future—i.e., not to call anybody or anything bad names. Summer visitors will thank Sir Walter for his timely interference. This celebrated golfing resort has now got a fire-engine; so that if a conflagration occurs the Town Council may immediately *putt it out*. Golfers who get too heated over their play will in future know what to expect.

* * *

On Friday last a teachers' match, Gillespie's School *v.* Watson's, was played over the Baberton Links. Some good scores were made, and over the day's play Gillespie's representatives were 15 up.

* * *

The East Lothian Golf Club holds its first quarterly meeting on Saturday at Gullane. Mr. St. Clair Cunningham has succeeded Mr. Begbie as secretary, and the other office-bearers are—President, Mr. R. McGowan; Vice-president, Mr. Henry Parker; Committee, Mr. J. Usher, Mr. R. Muir, Mr. T. D. Thomson, and Mr. Thos. Binnie.

* * *

A correspondent writes:—"With reference to your recent correspondence on long driving, as it is no doubt difficult to get accurate figures, the following may be of interest. At the Christmas meeting at Littlestone one of the players from the seventh tee on the ladies' course, which is on the west side of the dyke, drove a ball clean over the top of the Water Tower. The ball passed over the centre of the tower, which faces the tee, and is 98 feet high and 139 yards from the tee. The ball was found 189 yards from the tee, the tower being exactly in between the ball and the tee. The immense height of such a long drive is no doubt owing to the fact that there was a strong head wind slightly from the right. The ball started moderately low, and as it came to the tower seemed to rise very rapidly. Of course, 189 yards is not a very long drive, but is an enormous drive against a strong head wind, and the accurate means of measuring the height makes it worth recording. The same player on the previous day, at the second hole, with a strong head wind, exactly from right to left, carried the farther bunker in two shots, and lay past the hole. The bunker is about 400 yards from the tee, and the hole 423."

* * *

Captain H. A. Kinloch has again holed the sporting first hole of the Huntingdon course in two strokes!

* * *

A new record for the Innerleithen Links has just been established by Mr. George A. D. C. Fergusson, both for the single round of nine holes and the double of eighteen, viz., 34 for the first and 37 for the second.

* * *

The annual general meeting of the Royal Eastbourne Club was held on Friday night, when Colonel Shaw was elected captain for 1894. It was also carried that the entrance fee be in future £3 3s. The annual dinner was also held after the meeting.

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.—The club held a "Bogey" competition on Bank Holiday, but owing to the heavy state of the links the "Colonel" held a great advantage over his opponents, and the result was that Mr. F. Bindloss, receiving 6 strokes, was declared the winner of the first sweepstake, being 2 down; and Mr. W. Scowcroft, receiving 6 strokes, was the winner of the second sweepstake, being 4 down.

GOLF IN ULSTER.—Inexpensive and enjoyable. Exceedingly mild Winter climate. Unsurpassed Eighteen-hole Seaside Courses. Portrush, Co. Antrim; Portsalon and Rosapenna, Co. Donegal. Superior Hotel accommodation. Special arrangements for Golfers all the year round. Full particulars from Thos. Cook and Son, and H. Gaze and Sons, Tourist Agents; and in Belfast from G. L. Baillie, 21, Arthur Street, and E. J. Cotton, General Manager, Northern Counties Railway.



HOW TO IMPROVE PUTTING GREENS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Repeated top-dressing with good sharp sand should ultimately tone down the hard grass, but attention should be paid to see that the quality of the sand is good, as there are great differences in the quality.

For impoverished putting-greens, or, in fact, impoverished ground of any kind, where a slow and permanent growth of grass is wanted, decayed manure (cow-dung for preference) and black earth mixed together and dusted over the greens cannot be beaten.

Sandy links should not be treated to artificial manures containing bones or lime. If there is plenty of grass sand alone should be used, but if stimulating is wanted there is nothing better than the before-mentioned compound.

I am, Sir, &c.,
EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In answer to "J. H.'s" letter, inquiring what is the most suitable top-dressing to apply to putting-greens where the soil is shell-sand, I beg to say that the constant use of the roller, when the season allows it, will do more towards alleviating the evil about which your correspondent writes than most applications of top-dressings. The nasty, hard grass will be gradually replaced by a sweeter and softer kind, which is invariably the effect from judicious rolling. The putting-greens only having been relaid last February, the dry spring and summer that followed, no doubt, did much to prevent the turf setting, and therefore maturing.

Bone manure might be used by "J. H."; certainly it is the only fertiliser from which any good is likely to accrue.

Of course, the best and most drastic remedy would be to return on a made soil of a suitable kind, for greens on shell-sand can never present a very satisfactory state.

I am, Sir, &c.
F. HUMPHREYS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent "J. H." nearly all coarse grasses may be rendered fine and playable upon by constant mowing and rolling. A lawn-mower of the "Ransomes" or "Greens" make should be used, and the cylinder set low down; but not too low that the knives scrape the soil and expose or injure the roots. The "hard grass" mentioned by "J. H." is not sufficiently described to identify it; but if its stem be too tough and hard for the mower to properly cut, or if the leaf be broad and remain flat on the soil, it must be exterminated with a spud or knife. A sowing of a mixture of the following seeds named on the top of some fine soil should be made:—Crested dogstail, sheep's fescue, wood meadow grass, and dwarf perennial rye-grass; and the best dressing that can be used is finely sifted bone meal. The same treatment equally applies where there is a deficiency of herbage.

Putting-greens treated in this manner, and kept constantly mown and rolled as described, attain a beautiful dense green sward. When playing the ball glides from the club-head as if it were on a billiard table; putting becomes a science and a charm, as it calls forth on the part of the player delicacy of touch, strength, and direction, instead, as in the case of too many links, having to force the ball along, and run it into the hole like a rabbit.

I am, Sir, &c.
SEATON CAREW.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. L. WHEELER.—(1) You were perfectly right, and your opponent had not the least claim to the hole. The latest code of revised rules was adopted on September 29th, 1891, and no new rules were issued in March last. Both the old rule and the new rule simply state that the ground may be brushed lightly "with the hand" across the putt, and there is no qualification limiting the act to the back of the hand only. As a matter of practice, both the front of the hand and the back of the hand are used indiscriminately according to the tastes of players; and it is ridiculous to claim a hole in the circumstances you mention. (2) Yes, we think a stroke was fairly enough claimed for the moved ball, though it was a hard case.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 23rd, and Tuesday, the 26th December, two competitions for optional subscription prizes were held on the links of the Bowdon Golf Club, at Dunham Massey. On Saturday the weather was fine, but owing to the recent heavy rains there was a good deal of "casual" water on the course, which was soft and sticky. The Rev. Wilson Cowie proved an easy winner. Out of the twenty members who competed the following had the best scores:—Rev. Wilson Cowie, 97, less 12=85; Mr. F. C. Morgan (scratch), 90; Mr. S. W. Gillett, 95, less 4=91; Mr. H. Holden, 95, less 1=94; Mr. J. Pattison, 108, less 14=94; Mr. T. D. Cummins, 98, less 3=95.

On Tuesday the weather was again fine, and the course drier and altogether easier than on Saturday. Mr. Cummins won with 80 net, his 83 gross being the record score in a competition over the present course; but owing to the ground being under repair the medal teeing grounds for the third and seventh holes were not used, which must be taken into consideration. Twenty-two members competed, and the following had the best scores:—Mr. T. D. Cummins, 83, less 3=80; Mr. W. G. Clegg, 87, less 2=85; Rev. Wilson Cowie, 99, less 10=89; Mr. F. C. Morgan (scratch), 91; Mr. T. Muirhead, 100, less 8=92; Mr. H. Holden, 95, less 1=94; Mr. S. W. Gillett, 100, less 4=96; Mr. J. Pattison, 111, less 14=97; Mr. J. Boyd, 121, less 24=97; Mr. A. Corah, 113, less 14=99.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Glasgow Golf Club was held on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., in the Religious Institution Rooms, Buchanan Street; Mr. John Risk, captain, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. Mr. George Gillespie, secretary and treasurer, presented the annual report. It showed that, including a balance of £523 from last year, the income amounted to £1,968, and, after paying expenses, there was a balance of £800 on hand. The membership had now reached 680, including 26 life, 7 honorary, and 647 ordinary members. During the year 66 new members were admitted, and 54 names passed from the roll, being a net increase of 12. The question of a club-house at Gales, and of the congestion at Alexandra Park had been the principal matters before the committee during the twelve months. The cost of erecting the club-house, according to estimates, would be £1,730. Already members of the club had agreed to take up debentures to the amount of £1,560. The report was adopted, and the committee instructed to proceed with the erection of the club-house. Mr. J. R. Motion reported that the "reconnoitring" committee had visited a site at Bishopbriggs, which might be suitable for a course, but meantime counselled delay until the Corporation had been approached with a view to regulations for play at Alexandra Park being framed similar to those existing at the Braids in Edinburgh. The suggestion was agreed to, and the committee continued. Mr. J. R. Motion was elected captain of the club, and Mr. Nealey was appointed secretary and treasurer.

EDINBURGH MORAY GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition of this club was played at Leven on December 25th in perfect golfing weather. The green was in fine condition. The monthly handicap medal was won with a net score of 86.



ABERDEEN.

Victoria Club.—The usual Christmas competition amongst the members of the above club took place over the extended course on the links on Saturday, the 23rd, and Monday, the 25th inst. (Christmas Day). There was a large field of competitors, the weather being exceedingly favourable on both days, and some very good scores were handed in, more especially amongst the first class players. The prizes, which were of a seasonable character, were all the gifts of members, and numbered twelve in all, six going to first class players and six to second class players, ties being decided by the lowest handicaps. The following were the prize-winners:—

First Class Players.—1st, Mr. L. Anderson, 82, less 2=80, box of cigars, presented by Mr. W. Mitchell; 2nd, Mr. R. Anderson, 86, less 4=82, pipe, presented by Mr. W. Thomson; 3rd, Mr. G. Mortimer, 88, less 6=82, leg of mutton, presented by Mr. J. Law; 4th, Mr. J. A. Adamson, 92, less 8=84, magnum of whisky, presented by Mr. J. Hay; 5th Mr. A. M'Connachie (scratch), 85, six Golf balls, presented by Mr. A. Simpson; 6th, Mr. T. Maclellan and Mr. M. H. Mackie (ties), 92, less 6=86, bottle of champagne, presented by Mr. T. Maclean.

Second Class Players.—1st, Mr. J. Sellar, 108, less 15=93, box of cigars, presented by Mr. G. Brewster; 2nd, Mr. J. Cruickshank, 97, less 2=95, Golf-club carrier, presented by Mr. J. Elrick; 3rd, Mr. D. W. Clark (scratch), 97, roast of beef, presented by Mr. W. Bowman; 4th, Mr. A. Troup, 112, less 15=97, Christmas cake, presented by Mr. C. Robertson; 5th, Mr. W. Caird (scratch), 98, six Golf balls, presented by Mr. A. Simpson; 6th, Mr. P. Macdonald, 106, less 6=100, box of cigars, presented by Mr. C. I. Graham.

At the same time a competition for the longest drive, and another for the best iron or mashie shot, took place. The conditions for the drive were two tries to each competitor, the player driving the greatest distance within a space of 50 yards broad to win. For the iron or mashie competition the conditions were—three shots to each competitor from a teeing-ground to a point 50 yards in front—each shot to carry over a line to be marked out. The competitor making the best average with his three shots to win. A number of members entered for each event, the entry-money being divided into three prizes for each, which were won as follows:—

Driving Competition.—1st, Mr. A. Cooper, 172 yards 1 foot 5 inches; 2nd, Mr. J. B. Banks, 172 yards 11 inches; 3rd, Mr. R. Anderson, 172 yards 4 inches.

Iron Competition.—1st, Mr. T. Crighton, average, 16 feet 1 inch; 2nd, Mr. D. B. Leslie, average, 17 feet 8 inches; 3rd, Mr. D. Gunn, average, 20 feet 11 inches.

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING GOLF CLUB.

December 26th. The club monthly badge resulted in a tie between Colonel Hallowes and Major Ward with a net score of 82.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Colonel Hallowes ...	96 14 82	Mr. T. P. Shepherd	100 14 86
Major Ward ...	98 16 82	Rev. J. H. Richardson	106 20 86
Mr. A. B. Reckitt ...	101 18 83	Mr. C. W. Dunkerly	116 30 86
Rev. J. E. Pease ...	84 scr. 84	Rev. H. N. Paterson	121 35 86
Mr. Edwd. Hodgson	94 10 84	Rev. A. B. Burney...	96 8 88
Captain Whittle ...	95 11 84	Mr. T. B. Todd ...	131 38 93
Mr. MacIlwaine ...	102 18 84	Mr. J. L. J. Clarke	123 25 98
Dr. Gregory ...	114 30 84	Dr. Macleod ...	121 18 103

BIRKDALE CLUB.

The competition for the handsome prize offered by Mr. W. H. Hayes took place on the Birkdale Links on Tuesday, 26th ult., in fine weather. Mr. J. F. Connolly won the trophy, and the winners of the first and second sweepstakes were Messrs. H. Liebert and G. F. Pearson respectively. Scores:—Mr. J. F. Connolly, 100, less 13=87;

Mr. H. Liebert, 93, less 5=88; Mr. G. F. Pearson, 93, less 4=89; Mr. R. Jones, 119, less 30=89; Mr. W. Bowker, 101, less 11=90; Mr. A. Smart, 106, less 15=91; Mr. G. D. S. Crowther, 91, plus 1=92; Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell, 102, less 10=92; Mr. G. Crowther, 102, less 10=92; Mr. J. F. Anderson, 105, less 11=94; Mr. W. D. S. Crowther, 120, less 20=100; Mr. T. N. Leighton, 124, less 24=100. Other players were over 100 net, or made no return.

BURGHLEY PARK (STAMFORD) v. BELTON PARK (GRANTHAM).

Played on Tuesday, December 26th, at Stamford, on the links in Burghley Park, and resulting in a victory for the visitors by 6 holes. Scores:—

BELTON PARK.		BURGHLEY PARK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. N. C. Treadgold	... 3	Rev. R. C. Faithful	... 0
Mr. F. W. Thompson	... 3	Mr. W. W. Lowe	... 0
Mr. A. H. Worrall	... 3	Mr. C. N. Day...	... 0
Mr. B. C. Thompson	... 1	Mr. P. R. Lowe	... 0
Rev. E. M. Clements...	... 0	Mr. H. B. Waite	... 8
Capt. C. A. Young	... 4	Mr. R. Wyche	... 0
	14		8

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold and silver medals of this club were competed for on Tuesday, December 26th, with the following results:—

Gold Medal.—Rev. T. Crump, 96, less 10=86; Mr. T. C. Hooman, 105, less 16=89; Mr. J. H. Raitlon, 112, less 16=96; Mr. T. C. Brice, 106, less 7=99; Canon Kennard, 115, less 16=99; Mr. W. S. Sheldon, 110, less 11=99. The following were over 100 net, or made no return: Messrs. T. W. Colthurst, A. B. Hill, and T. Holt.

Silver Medal.—Mr. H. G. Wheeler, 109, less 23=86; Mr. W. Stoa, 106, less 19=87. The following were over 100 net, or made no return:—Messrs. W. S. Akerman, F. N. Smith, F. M. Newton, and T. A. Nash.

CANNES GOLF CLUB.

The cups presented by M. Goulgoltz, proprietor of the Beau Site Hotel, were played for December 26th, with the following result:—Colonel Woodward, 105, less 17=88; Rev. T. Lloyd Philips, 106, less 17=89; Mr. C. Cazelet, 93, less 2=91; Mr. W. Renshaw, 104, less 5=99; Hon. W. Vernon, 124, less 25=99; Sir James Hanbury, 124, less 23=101; Mr. I. Roberts, 117, less 13=104. No return from twelve others.

Ladies: Mrs. Stubbs, 62, less 5=57; Miss Baseley, 76, less 18=58; Miss Wyllie, 101, less 25=76; Miss Sudlow, 100, less 22=78.

Fortnightly Handicap, December 30th:—Captain Whigham, 92, less 3=89; Mr. H. J. Whigham (scratch), 90; Mr. H. G. Walker, 95, less 3=92; Col. Woodward, 109, less 16=93; Hon. W. Vernon, 118, less 25=95; Col. Cragg, 120, less 25=95; Capt. Philip Green, 130, less 30=100; H.I.H. the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, 133, less 30=103.

Ladies:—Mrs. Tennent, 47, plus 4=51; Mrs. Stubbs, 59, less 4=55; Miss Baseley, 74, less 18=56; Miss F. Halford, 75, less 18=57; Mrs. Barlow Webb, 65, less 7=58.

CHELTENHAM v. COLTSWOLD.

Played at Stow-on-the-Wold on Friday, the 29th December, the Cotswold club winning after a pleasant match by 28 holes:—

CHELTENHAM.		COTSWOLD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. Tillard 0	Mr. G. Goodeve, Junr.	... 0
Captain Mascie Taylor	... 0	The Earl of Eldon	... 9
Major C. L. Young	... 0	Hon. M. Scott...	... 3
Mr. F. Burgoyne Wallace	... 0	Mr. H. E. Rose	... 6
Mr. W. M. Baker	... 0	Hon. D. Scott 10
Mr. G. W. Blathwayth	... 0	Hon. O. Scott 3
Mr. G. Christie	... 0	Mr. L. Sartoris	... 2
Mr. W. S. McGowan	... 7	Mr. F. Sartoris...	... 0
Rev. W. D. Challice	... 0	Mr. G. W. Goodeve	... 1
Mr. J. M. McGowan	... 0	Colonel W. Wynter	... 1
	7		35

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.—The annual challenge-cup competition of this club was played for on Thursday, December 28th, with the following result:—Mr. W. S. De Mattos, 87, plus 1=88; Mr. E. L. Arnold, 109, less 14=95; Mr. T. R. Pace, 111, less 15=96; Dr. Woodhead, 111, less 14=97; Mr. J. W. Pace, 109, less 11=98; Mr. D. Russell, 110, less 11=99. Other competitors made no returns, or were over 100 net. A dense fog prevailed the whole of the morning.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.

Over forty members competed for the monthly medal at Deal on Saturday last, the 30th December. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
General Williams	110	24 86	Mr. R. Moxon	108	12 96
Mr. Hamman Paine	105	13 92	Mr. A. M. Tod	120	24 96
Sir Bevan Edwards	107	15 92	Mr. G. A. Meredith	110	12 98
Mr. H. B. Fox	105	12 93	Capt. Stanton, R.A.	114	16 98
Mr. H. M. Leggatt	105	12 93	Dr. J. N. Stone	123	24 99
Capt. A. G. Cochran	117	24 93	Colonel Lloyd, R.A.	120	18 102

The others made no return. The weather was perfect, but the hard frost made putting very difficult, especially in the morning.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

December 30th, sixth day of winter competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. N. S. Green	106	18 88	Mr. C. H. Herries	115	18 97
Mr. W. McClery	108	20 88	Mr. A. Hedley	101	4 97
Mr. R. T. Thomson	87	+2 89	Mr. R. Howden	103	6 97
Mr. J. W. Carr	97	8 89	Mr. A. W. White	107	10 97
Mr. W. G. Richardson	100	10 90	Mr. C. A. H. Todd	122	25 97
Mr. G. W. Williams	95	3 92	Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	98	+1 99
Mr. A. Richardson	107	14 93	Mr. A. Marmion	105	6 99
Mr. C. D. Ismay	116	22 94	Mr. A. Muir	130	30 100
Mr. H. N. Bailey	110	15 95	Mr. F. Smith	110	8 102
Mr. A. H. Marsh	105	9 96	Mr. W. J. Nimmo	127	25 102
Mr. H. Armstrong	114	18 96	Mr. T. S. Williams-son	113	8 105
Mr. R. Dunlop	121	25 96			

Messrs. J. W. Robson, J. Milton, and H. Simms retired.

CLACTON-ON-SEA GOLF CLUB.

This club held its fourth quarterly meeting on Thursday, the 28th ult., the greens were in excellent order, and gave general satisfaction. The following was the result of the day's play:—First quarterly challenge medal, with memento (gun-metal putter), Mr. S. N. Dimbleby, with a score of 102, less 7=95. Second brassie bulger, Mr. J. Owen-Perry, 120, less 15=105. Best nine holes—Bulger driver, Lieut.-Col. Openshaw, with 59, less 7=52. Mr. Dimbleby and Mr. Owen-Perry scored respectively 45, less 3½=41½, and 59, less 7½=51½, but having secured other prizes, were both ineligible for this; they, however, divided the half-crown sweepstakes.

The club's quarterly competition, which will include, among other prizes, a ten-guinea challenge trophy, will be deferred probably until they get into their new club-house accommodation at "The Towers," is within two minutes of the first tee. This, it is expected, will be about May next, the members will then have a handsome club-room (30 feet by 20 feet), besides access to a fine billiard-room, good lavatories, dressing and other rooms, &c. The committee will from that date put on an entrance-fee for new members, in addition to the present annual subscription.

The club's president, the Earl of Warwick, has intimated his intention of paying a visit to the greens ere long as president of the club.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The twelfth qualifying competition for the right to play in the final for the Ridley trophy, took place on Friday and Saturday over the links at Coatham, in fine golfing weather. There was a large turn-out of members, and the winner proved to be the captain, Mr. A. O. Cochrane, with a score of 2 holes up on "Bogey." The final competition for possession of the trophy will be brought off on January 12th. The cards sent in were as follows:—Mr. A. O. Cochrane (17), 2 up; Mr. J. F. Whitwell (8), 1 down; Mr. G. Scroby-Smith (21), 2 down; Mr. W. F. Whitwell (14), 2 down; Mr. C. E. Scott (4), 4 down; Mr. H. E. Cradock (10), 5 down; Mr. C. L. Scott (scratch), 8 down; Mr. R. J. Robson (13), 8 down; Mr. Walter Young (14), 10 down.

CONINGTON CASTLE v. HUNTINGDON.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., a match was played at Huntingdon between Captain Kinloch's team, and Mr. J. M. Heathcote's of Conington Castle. The weather was favourable, and a keen battle took place, with this result:—

CONINGTON CASTLE.		HUNTINGDON.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. Moyer Heathcote	10	Mr. Ross Tillard	0
Mr. C. G. Heathcote	0	Mr. A. C. Sweeting	9
Mr. J. Norman Heathcote	0	Captain H. A. Kinloch	2
Mr. H. M. Bell	4	Mr. A. C. McNish	0
	14		11

The Coningtonians won by 3. They were also successful after lunch, Messrs. J. M. Heathcote and J. N. Heathcote beating Captain Kinloch, who, in the absence of Mr. Tillard, played the best ball of the other two, and Messrs. C. G. Heathcote and H. M. Bell defeating Messrs. Sweeting and McNish.

A return match was played at Conington Castle on 26th ult., but, in spite of an alteration in the Adjutant's men, the Castle party gained another victory:—

Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. Moyer Heathcote	0	Mr. Percy Maule	1
Mr. C. G. Heathcote	0	Mr. A. C. Sweeting	1
Mr. J. Norman Heathcote	5	Captain H. A. Kinloch	0
Mr. H. M. Bell	1	Mr. A. C. McNish	0
	6		2

In the afternoon the Squire of Conington and his son beat Captain Kinloch and Mr. Maule by 4 holes, while Messrs. Sweeting and McNish defeated Messrs. C. G. Heathcote and Bell by a similar figure.

COUNTY LOUTH GOLF CLUB.

An open competition was held on the links at Bettray on St. Stephen's Day, for handsome prizes. The day was fine, the greens in good order, and the meeting very successful. The new club-house was open, and gave great satisfaction.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. R. Blood, Royal Dublin	104	25	79
Mr. J. V. Byrne, County Louth	95	14	81
Mr. T. Gilroy, County Louth	85	scr.	85
Mr. D. F. Moore, County Louth	97	12	85
Mr. G. H. Pentland, County Louth	95	9	86
Mr. J. W. Browne, County Louth	96	10	86
Mr. G. Daly, County Louth	108	20	88
Mr. N. J. Gilroy, County Louth	102	12	90
Mr. W. S. Hayes, County Louth	130	40	90
Mr. J. B. Kelly, County Louth	130	40	90
Mr. J. H. Barrington, Royal Dublin	103	12	91
Mr. H. J. Daly, County Louth	104	12	92
Mr. R. R. Gilroy, County Louth	95	2	93
Mr. J. Harbinson, County Louth	133	40	93
Mr. P. Watson, Royal Dublin	106	11	95
Mr. J. Wakeham, County Louth	136	40	94
Mr. H. S. Searancke, County Louth	127	30	97
Mr. A. Blood, Royal Dublin	131	25	106

Prize-winners:—Mr. J. R. Blood, first (a barometer), Mr. J. V. Byrne, second. Messrs. T. Gilroy and D. F. Moore tied for third prize. Mr. Moore won a prize presented by the captain; Mr. Gilroy for the best net score in the second round; and Mr. A. Blood became the recipient of a special prize, presented by the secretary for the highest net score returned. Several players made no returns.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

Notwithstanding the very early start and the counter-attraction of Carnalea, where the competition for the Clark cup attracted a large number of competitors, a good entry turned up at Newcastle on St. Stephen's Day. The weather was gloriously fine, and a splendid day's Golf was enjoyed. Time not permitting the competition to be finished on Tuesday, the final was played on Thursday, when Messrs. Kelly and Henderson won after a good game by 2 up. The following are the details:—

Preliminary round.—Messrs. H. M. Charley, jun., and A. T. Herdman (7) beat Messrs. G. Combe and F. L. Heyn (5) by 1 up; Messrs. T. Dickson and R. MacIlwaine (5) beat Messrs. A. S. Matier and T. W. MacCammon (6) by 1 up; Messrs. T. S. Ferguson and N. Ferguson (7) beat Major Wallace and M. P. Trowsdale (7) by 1 up, after a tie.

First round.—Messrs. T. B. Black and J. N. R. Pim (7) beat Messrs. H. V. Coates and W. H. Smiles (6) by 3 up and 1 to play; Messrs. H. C. Kelly and H. T. Henderson (8) beat Mr. A. Duffin and Dr. Lindsay (7) by 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. H. P. Hill and W. Gregg (8) beat Messrs. F. Hoey and W. A. Taylor (7) by 1 up; Messrs. S. C. Kelly and A. Combe (5) beat Mr. L. B. Barker and Dr. S. Smith (6) by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. R. Magill and R. Kelly, jun., (7) beat Messrs. H. Herdman and J. Turnbull (7) by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. E. Young and F. W. Finlay (7) beat Messrs. W. F. Coates and G. Andrews (9) by 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. J. MacCormac and W. F. Crawley (7) beat Messrs. H. M. Charley, jun., and A. T. Herdman (7) by 3 up; Messrs. Dickson and MacIlwaine (5) beat Messrs. Ferguson and Ferguson by 1 up.

Second round.—Messrs. H. C. Kelly and Henderson beat Messrs. Smiles and Coates by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. S. C. Kelly and Combe beat Messrs. Hill and Gregg by 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. Magill and R. Kelly beat Messrs. Young and Finlay by 4 up and 3 to

play; Messrs. MacCormac and Crawley beat Messrs. Dickson and MacIlwaine by 3 up and 2 to play.

Semi-final round.—Messrs. H. K. Kelly and Henderson beat Messrs. S. C. Kelly and Combe by 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. MacCormac and Crawley beat Messrs. Magill and Kelly by 3 up and 1 to play.

Final round.—Messrs. H. C. Kelly and Henderson beat Messrs. MacCormac and Crawley by 2 up.

ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A competition took place on Tuesday, December 26th, for two prizes, kindly given by the members of the ladies' committee; also for sweepstakes. The first prize, a silver-backed hair-brush, was won by Miss A. Richardson; the second, a silver-backed clothes-brush, by Miss Hamilton, after a tie with Mrs. Poland, who took the first sweepstakes. Mrs. Richardson won the second sweepstakes.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss A. Richardson...	90	9	81	Miss May Fraser ...	110	17	93
Miss Hamilton ...	86	4	82	Miss Richardson ...	100	6	94
Mrs. A. Poland ...	90	8	82	Mrs. Fraser ...	113	17	96
Mrs. Richardson ...	92	9	83	Miss A. Bloxam ...	112	14	98
Miss Farnall ...	95	10	85	Miss V. Fraser ...	116	18	98
Miss M. Richardson ...	95	8	87	Miss Knapping ...	113	13	100
Mrs. Mackern ...	88	scr.	88	Miss E. A. Richardson ...	123	19	104
Mrs. Stokes ...	96	6	90	son ...	131	14	117
Mrs. Lord ...	102	10	92	Miss W. Richardson	131	14	117

Several others made no returns.

On December 30th the monthly medal was again competed for, and was won for the second time by Mrs. Stokes. A sharp frost made the putting very difficult; the scores were in consequence a good deal higher than usual.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Stokes ...	89	6	83	Miss Hunter ...	113	12	101
Mrs. Poland ...	97	8	89	Miss Knapping ...	114	13	101
Mrs. Richardson ...	99	9	90	Mrs. Mackern ...	103	scr.	103
Mrs. McArthur ...	103	13	90	Miss L. T. Ronaldson	120	17	103
Miss E. A. Richardson	109	19	90	Mrs. Charles ...	120	15	105
Miss A. Richardson	101	7	94	Miss Smithers ...	133	23	110
Miss Hamilton ...	99	3	96	Miss A. Bloxam ...	125	14	111
Miss Loveless ...	102	6	96	Miss Halliday ...	133	20	113
Mrs. Fraser ...	113	17	96	Miss Margery			
Miss C. Bean ...	113	16	97	Richardson ...	134	20	114
Mrs. A. Schacht ...	114	16	98				

Others played, but made no returns.

FORFARSHIRE.

The Montrose Mercantile Club have finished their competition for the consolation prizes in connection with the Millar cup. The first prize was gained by their popular captain, Mr. C. D. Napier, a gentleman who has done a great deal to promote the prosperity of this, the most flourishing club connected with the town. His score was 98, 2 above his average. The other prize-winners were:—2nd and 3rd tied for by Mr. D. Burgess, 90, and Mr. Edward M'Donald, 85, each 4 above; 4th, Mr. J. C. Pairman, 92, 5 above; and 5th, Mr. A. Wilson, 96, 6 above.

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The second of the winter monthly competitions for an optional subscription prize took place on Saturday, the 23rd, at the links at Freshfield, when about twenty couples competed. Mr. C. Hutchings scored a win, and took the first sweepstakes, whilst the second and third were divided between Messrs. J. B. Arkie and M. H. Goold. Details:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. Hutchings...	81	+3	84	Mr. W. S. Higgin...	111	20	91
Mr. J. B. Arkie ...	99	13	86	Mr. R. J. Kerr ...	95	3	92
Mr. M. H. Goold...	104	18	86	Mr. J. Rose ...	106	14	92
Mr. H. H. Hilton...	77	+10	87	Mr. B. L. Tarleton...	112	20	92
Mr. R. Goold ...	88	1	87	Mr. J. Spink ...	108	15	93
Mr. R. P. Stein ...	101	13	88	Mr. W. H. Edwards	117	24	93
Mr. G. F. Smith ...	87	+2	89	Mr. G. R. Cox ...	94	scr.	94
Mr. J. R. Brooke...	106	16	90	Mr. J. Fairclough...	97	3	94
Mr. A. Lavington...	120	30	90	Mr. E. C. Edgecombe	106	12	94
Mr. J. Shepherd ...	92	1	91	Mr. J. S. Remer ...	114	18	96
Mr. W. T. Rowley...	98	7	91	Mr. T. W. Rowley...	105	8	97
Mr. D. Webster ...	99	8	91	Mr. G. A. Thomson	111	14	97
Mr. R. A. Tatton...	111	20	91				

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.—A handicap competition was played on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Mr. R. J. F. Taylor, 96, less 8=88; Major Gully, 107, less 18=89; Mr. J. B. Gooding, 103, less 8=95; Mr. W. Whytock (scratch), 100; Mr. C. J. Waller, 113, less 13=100. Mr. A. R. Grubbe, no return.

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' Monthly Competition.—In view of the beautiful day and the time of the year, there was but a poor turn-out for this competition. The returns, however, were better than they have yet been, as of the six who took out cards, four sent in good scores. Miss Maud Sykes, last month's winner, tied with Miss G. Walker, and these two will have to play off. Miss Maud Sykes, 94, less 13=81; Miss G. Walker, 95, less 14=81; Miss F. M. Kenyon, 98, less 14=84; Miss C. Middlemost, 106, less 19=87; Miss G. Grist, 128, less 24=104.

Monthly Competition.—Almost perfect conditions prevailed for this competition, and there was a large entry. Forty-three players took out cards in the two classes, though comparatively few returned them. A halved match with "Colonel Bogey" was enough to ensure a win in the first class, whilst in the second the best return was 1 down on the doughty opponent.

First Class.—Mr. J. H. Exley (4), all square; Mr. A. E. Learoyd (2), 1 down; Mr. T. B. Keighley (10), 2 down; Mr. A. L. Woodhead (5), 3 down; Mr. O. L. Anders (11), 5 down; Mr. H. M. Woodhead (5), 6 down; Mr. N. Nugent (13), 6 down; Mr. Arthur Shaw (14), 6 down; Mr. J. Oliver (12), 9 down. No returns from seventeen others.

Second Class.—Mr. B. P. Allen (14), 1 down; Mr. H. Terry, jun. (17), 2 down; Mr. G. C. H. Willans (16), 5 down; Mr. W. A. Hutchinson (14), 6 down; Mr. R. Nelson (14), 6 down; Mr. T. Heron (26), 6 down; Mr. J. Wilkinson (14), 7 down; Mr. F. H. Shaw (19), 7 down. No returns from nine others.

ILFRACOMBE GOLF CLUB.

A handicap competition took place on the links at Mullacont, on 25th ult., one round (nine holes) for the president's prizes, a Golf brooch for ladies, and a Golf pin for gentlemen. About fifty ladies and gentlemen were invited up to the pavilion for afternoon tea, and to view the play. The weather was fine. Miss Pedder went round in 69. Mr. Stabb, jun., 53, less 8=45; Mr. Boatfield, 50, less 4=46; Mr. Stabb, 63, less 14=49; Mr. Hulton Lewis, 79, less 30=49; Mr. Copner, 73, less 14=59; Mr. H. Dickenson, 74, less 12=62. No scores from others. Miss Pedder (scratch), 69; Miss Bertram (scratch), 73; Miss Dawson (scratch), 93; Miss E. V. Bertram (scratch), 109. No other scores sent in. There is only one hazard, viz., a stone wall, six feet high, with a hedge on top. This has to be got over going and coming back. It is sixty yards from No. 6 hole, and seventy yards from No. 7 hole.

The club was formed in November, 1892, changed to the present ground, called Mullacont, about 400 feet above level of sea, one mile and a-half from Ilfracombe, and has fine views of Welsh coast, British Channel, the hills Hangman and Hillsborough, Toors Walk, Lundy Island, town of Ilfracombe, Exmoor, and Dartmoor. Play goes on all the year round. To show the direction of three holes for strangers there are flags. President, Mr. W. Bertram; vice-president, The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P.; committee, Mr. Darbyshire, J.P., C.C., Mr. Leatham, Mr. Guilding; Mr. Boatfield, secretary and treasurer.

KING'S NORTON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, December 30th, 1893. Scores:—Mr. W. Goodrick Clarke (winner), 109, less 24=85; Mr. C. J. Hart, 113, less 27=86; Dr. G. H. Hart, 106, less 18=88; Mr. F. Clarke, 116, less 20=96; Mr. A. D. Charles, 125, less 27=98; Mr. E. P. Wright, 106, less 5=101. Several players made no returns. As Dr. G. H. Hart is the only member who has won it twice during the year, the medal becomes his property.

Ladies' brooch competition, December 27th, 1893. Scores, once round:—Miss M. Wolseley (winner), 65, less 5=60; Miss Hart, 74, less 5=69; Miss Wynn, 84, less 12=72; Miss Tomson, 93, less 20=73; Mrs. Symonds, scratch, 76. Mrs. Symonds, Miss Hart and Miss M. Wolseley tie for possession of the brooch, having each won it twice during the year.

LANARK.

On New Year's Day the members of the Lanark Golf Club held their annual competition by handicapped couples for the Orchard shield and accompaniments. The weather was fine, though a touch of frost, after the greens had been rolled, made the putting very uncertain, and the scores were consequently higher than usual. Undernoted are the net scores returned for the two rounds, twenty-eight holes in all:—Hon. A. Y. Bingham and Mr. John Smith, jun., 129; Mr. Paterson and Sir W. C. Anstruther, 131; Messrs. D. M. Cassels and James Annan, 133; Mr. W. R. Anstruther and Sheriff Davidson, 136; Messrs. J. Vassie, jun., and W. L. Hatrick, 138; Messrs. H. Renwick and Frame, 141; Mr. Vassie and Rev. W. Nash, 142; Messrs. John Stodart and Archibald McMartin, 142; Messrs. George S. Seater, jun., and Pickering, 144; Messrs. Haddow and James Gilroy, jun., 147; Messrs. James Arthur Vassie and Swan, 148; Mr. W. Davidson and Rev. W. W. Dawson, 151.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

The usual Christmas competition took place on Tuesday, December 26th, on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. Considering the very great quantity of rain that had fallen during the previous few days, the course was in very fair condition indeed, though in places somewhat heavy. There were seven prizes, presented by Mr. T. H. Miller, (Singleton Park), Mr. R. Fitton (St. Anne's), Mr. J. G. Gartside (Manchester), Mr. C. H. Atkinson (Singleton Grange), Mr. J. Buckley (St. Anne's), and George Lowe, the professional to the club. Forty-four players went out, and there was some very even scoring:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. Hampson, South Shore ...	97	13	84
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore ...	101	14	87
Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's ...	103	12	91
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's ...	105	13	92
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's ...	96	3	93
Mr. J. Buckley, St. Anne's ...	100	7	93
Mr. R. B. Hardman, St. Anne's ...	105	12	93
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore ...	92	+2	94
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ...	100	6	94
Dr. Eason, Lytham ...	101	7	94
Rev. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's ...	112	18	94
Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore ...	109	14	95
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's ...	110	15	95
Mr. J. Mellor, St. Anne's ...	103	7	96
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ...	104	8	96
Mr. R. Fitton, St. Anne's ...	117	21	96
Mr. N. Macbeth, jun., St. Anne's ...	112	15	97
Col. C. A. Birley, Bartle Hall ...	114	17	97
Mr. E. Catterall, St. Anne's ...	115	16	99
Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton Grange ...	117	18	99

The prizes were taken as follows:—First, Mr. W. H. Hampson; second, Mr. J. Bradbury; third, Mr. H. N. Brown; fourth, Mr. E. M. Whipp. A tie for fifth, sixth, and seventh, was decided thus:—Mr. R. B. Hardman took fifth prize, Mr. J. Buckley sixth, and Mr. W. Newbigging the seventh. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. J. Bradbury, the second by Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, and the third was divided between Mr. J. Mellor, Mr. T. H. Miller, and Mr. R. Fitton.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The third competition for the silver cup, presented by the captain (Mr. J. Marcus Rea) to the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, took place on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea on Saturday. November weather had invaded December, the day being damp, dark, and dull, and after noon a thick fog set in, making it anything but advantageous for the after-luncheon players. Forty-nine members faced the tee, the best gross scores being:—Mr. H. H. Hilton, Formby, 87; Mr. A. B. Scholfield, Disley, 91; Mr. J. Eccles, Preston, 94; Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's, 94; Mr. T. S. Turnbull, Manchester, 94. The net scores under 100 were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's ...	95	12	83
Mr. T. S. Turnbull, Manchester ...	94	8	86
Mr. A. E. Fair, Lytham ...	106	18	88
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, Disley ...	91	1	90
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton ...	99	9	90
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's ...	94	3	91
Rev. J. G. Denison, Church ...	95	4	91
Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool ...	99	8	91
Mr. J. Eccles, jun., Preston ...	94	2	92
Mr. W. Cross, St. Anne's ...	108	16	92
Mr. G. Haig, Manchester ...	102	8	94
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's ...	96	1	95
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham ...	104	9	95
Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore ...	104	9	95
Mr. P. Musgrave, Bolton ...	106	11	95
Mr. H. H. Hilton, Formby ...	87	+9	96
Mr. P. Thompson, St. Anne's ...	103	6	97
Mr. James Mellor, St. Anne's ...	104	7	97
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's ...	112	15	97
Mr. J. G. Gartside, Manchester ...	106	7	99
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ...	107	8	99

Others were over 100 net, and a considerable number did not send in any returns. Mr. H. N. Brown, therefore, put in the win for the cup, and was presented with the silver memento. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. T. S. Turnbull; and the second and third were divided between Messrs. A. B. Scholfield and F. H. Smith. The previous winners of competitions for the captain's cup were:—On October 28th, Dr. Eason, Lytham, with 90, less 9=81; and on November 25th, Mr. J. Eccles, Preston, with 93, less 3=90. There will be three more competitions, and the six winners will play off at the spring meeting for possession of the cup.

LITTLESTONE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

CHRISTMAS MEETING.

The mixed foursomes for members of the Littlestone Ladies' Golf Club and the Littlestone Golf Club (two rounds of the ladies' links), were played off on Boxing Day, in charming weather. Pairs were handicapped by halving the aggregate handicaps. The prize consisted of two silver badges presented by the hon. sec. of the Littlestone Golf Club (C. Winter, Esq.). The following is the score:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Miss W. Rowlandson (24) and Mr. H. E. Johnson (12)	96	18	78
Miss D. Rowlandson (22) and Mr. H. T. Wright (6)	92	14	78
Miss E. Cobb (24) and Mr. F. L. Rawson (7)	99	16	83
Miss H. Stringer (26) and Mr. F. Jefferson (14)	106	20	86
Miss E. Rowlandson (30) and Mr. L. E. G. Abney (15)	110	23	87
Miss M. Cobb (18) and A. J. Stanley (5)	100	12	88
Miss J. South (36) and Mr. W. E. Martyn (10)	112	23	89
Miss Rowlandson (30) and Mr. C. Wintle (18)	117	24	93
Miss F. South (10) and Mr. H. T. Grundtvig (11)	105	11	94
Miss Stringer (12) and Mr. F. Faithfull Begg (14)	108	13	95

* Miss W. Rowlandson and Mr. H. E. Johnson won the tie.

Two rounds of the ladies' links for a satchet presented by Miss Hilda Stringer:—Miss South, 104, less 14=90; Miss E. Rowlandson, 122, less 30=92; Miss W. Rowlandson, 119, less 24=95; Miss F. South, 106, less 10=96; Miss Stringer, 110, less 12=98; Miss E. Cobb, 131, less 24=107; Miss Rowlandson, 144, less 30=114. Others no returns.

MACCLESFIELD v. HOLMES CHAPEL.

Played on the Holmes Chapel Links, December 26th.—

MACCLESFIELD.		Holes.	HOLMES CHAPEL.		Holes.
Mr. G. C. Greenwell ...	0	0	Mr. L. Armitstead ...	0	4
Mr. J. W. Burgess ...	0	0	Mr. W. Rowland ...	0	0
Mr. F. Tylecote ...	2	2	Mr. F. Laurence ...	0	0
Mr. A. G. Gray ...	11	11	Mr. H. Rowland ...	0	0
Mr. M. H. Hall ...	7	7	Col. Swettenham ...	0	0
Mr. F. Edmunson ...	3	3	Mr. A. W. Swettenham ...	0	0
	23	23			4

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The annual competition for club prizes took place on Tuesday, in beautiful weather. A special handicap, framed on the experience of monthly medal competitions, had been drawn up for the purpose. Thirty-four members entered for the competition, twenty-eight of whom returned cards at the finish. The hon. treasurer secured the first prize with a net score of 81, Mr. James Macdonald coming in second with 83, and Mr. G. Haig third with 84. A fourth prize was presented for the best nine holes, which was tied for by Mr. A. Darbyshire and Mr. James Macdonald, with a net score of 40 each. A special prize, under sealed conditions, was won by Mr. E. O. Schneider. It may be mentioned in this connection that the "Bogey" competition for November resulted in a draw between Captain Farrant and the Rev. H. H. Brayshaw. The following are the details of Tuesday's contest:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. Barbyshire	89	8	81	Mr. H. Smith	104	13	91
Mr. J. Macdonald	95	12	83	Mr. G. Macdonald	97	5	92
Mr. G. Haig	89	5	84	Mr. F. S. Pattison	103	10	93
Mr. A. C. Knight	88	3	85	Mr. J. E. Cooper	111	18	93
Mr. J. A. Brewis	103	18	85	Mr. T. C. Midwood	101	7	94
Mr. F. Jones	98	12	86	Mr. W. J. Crighton	112	18	94
Captain Hobbs	101	14	87	Mr. C. P. Gray	110	15	95
Mr. R. Holmes	101	14	87	Professor Core	113	18	95
Mr. W. Bell	88	scr.	88	Mr. E. O. Schneider	120	25	95
Mr. J. Macalister	89	scr.	89	Mr. R. L. Taylor	104	8	96
Mr. S. B. Graves	93	4	89	Mr. W. Lund	115	18	97
Mr. R. Maclure	98	8	90	Mr. R. Haig Brown	106	8	98
Mr. P. Morton	98	8	90	Mr. J. W. Schofield	112	14	98
Mr. H. Macdonald	99	8	91	Mr. G. J. Cox	114	11	103

MARPLE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and captain's cup were competed for on Saturday. The course and putting-greens were in excellent condition, but a dense fog prevailed, and Mr. Cresswell was the only player who returned a score of under 100 net. Score:—118, less 25=93. This return also gives him his first win for the captain's cup. The following also competed:—Mr. H. P. Hill, Mr. J. H. Tattersall, Mr. W. Livesey, Mr. D. G. Holmes, and Mr. A. M. Cresswell.

Mr. H. P. Hill has kindly presented to the club a handsome pair of silver putters, to be played for in foursome matches, with a stipulation that they are to be returned to the donor in case of the club being dissolved for any reasons whatever. This prize will be known as the Hill Foursome Challenge Putters.

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

The last ties for the Championship were played off on Saturday, November 19th. The matches were very closely contested, and resulted finally in Mr. W. M'Intyre winning the Championship, which includes the privilege of holding the Championship cup and a gold medal. The first tie was between Messrs. Masson and Balfour. Mr. Balfour started well, winning the first hole in 4, but lost his advantage at the second. Dr. Masson got the lead at the fourth hole, and a give-and-take game left him 2 up at the last hole, he having gone out in 45. Dr. Masson held his advantage, and holing the sixteenth in 3 was dormy 2. Mr. Balfour winning the seventeenth in 3, the match depended on the result of the last hole, which was halved in 5, and Dr. Masson thus won his tie by 1 hole. The second tie took place between Mr. Anderson (then Champion) and Mr. W. M'Intyre. Mr. M'Intyre started playing very strongly, and was 4 up at the turn. The game was now rather more in the ex-Champion's favour, he winning 3 holes in succession, but failed to keep this play up. The remaining holes were of a give-and-take character, Mr. M'Intyre finally winning by 2 up and 1 to play. The final between Mr. M'Intyre and Dr. Masson was very keenly contested. Mr. M'Intyre started by winning the first hole in 4, but lost his advantage at the third. Dr. Masson took the lead at the fifth, and, although his opponent played well, he failed to wrest it from him, Dr. Masson being still 1 up at the turn. The game was of a give-and-take character all the way home, slightly in favour of Mr. M'Intyre, who had put himself even with his opponent at the sixteenth, but, missing a short putt at the seventeenth, allowed Dr. Masson to dormy him. He retrieved his mistake by winning the eighteenth. Under Championship rules, when a match results all even at the eighteenth, the competitors must play round again until one or other loses a hole. The game now becomes intensely exciting. At the nineteenth Dr. Masson holed out a long putt, and seemed for a moment to have won, but Mr. M'Intyre replied with the same, halving the hole in 4. The next hole, which is a long one, was holed by Mr. M'Intyre in brilliant form in 4 strokes, and gained the Championship. He thus takes the position of Mr. Anderson, who has held the place of honour since the club was started.

MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM GOLF CLUB.

The Christmas competition of this club took place on Tuesday, December 26th. The weather was all that could be desired, and notwithstanding the continuous rain the previous days, the course was perfectly dry. Twelve handicap prizes were competed for, the first prize being an exquisite combined clock and barometer, presented by the wife of the captain, Mrs. Stewart (Lancaster). Other prizes were given by the captain, Captain Le Feuvre, Mr. C. J. Clark, Mr. R. Preston, Mr. John Leeming, Mr. Frank Storey (Lancaster), Dr. Glegg (Morecambe), Mrs. Mashiter (Heysham), and W. Hazlehurst, the club professional.

On completion of the rounds, which were two rounds of the course, or twenty-four holes, it was found that Mr. W. Stewart (Lancaster), Dr. Glegg (Morecambe), and Captain Le Feuvre (Lancaster) had tied for the first place with a net score of 110 each. Mr. W. Stewart, during his first round, established a new record for the twelve holes, going round in 52. Details as follows:—3 5 4 5 5 6 4 4 4 3 4 5 = 52.

At the same time the winners of the six monthly competitions played off for the right of who should become the possessor of the captain's (Mr. W. Stewart) prize, a standard lamp, with gold memento, which was played for under special sealed handicap. Dr. Glegg and Captain Le Feuvre also proved to have tied for this prize with a net score of 116 each for the twenty-four holes. Appended are the scores for the Christmas competition, as also the scores for the captain's prize.

Christmas competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. W. Stewart ... 108 +2 110	*Mr. John Leeming 163 26 137
*Dr. Glegg... 116 6 110	*Mr. T. B. Dixon... 168 30 138
*Capt. Le Feuvre ... 122 12 110	*Mr. B. H. Cookson 163 24 139
*Mr. C. E. Mason... 146 24 122	Mr. R. G. Howson 169 27 142
*Mr. R. Charnley... 147 24 123	Mr. A. I. Swift ... 178 27 151
*Mr. H. A. Paley... 143 18 125	Mr. C. J. Clark ... 190 36 154
*Mr. Geo. Stewart 149 24 125	Colonel Leggett ... 210 36 174
*Mr. R. Preston ... 153 26 127	Mr. W. W. Mason... 210 36 174
*Rev. C. V. Gorton 166 33 133	

* Prize-winners.

No returns from Rev. W. J. Locke, Messrs. George Satterthwaite, J. W. Pickard, and A. Satterthwaite.

Captain's prize, special handicap:—Dr. Glegg, scratch, 116; Capt. Le Feuvre, 122, less 6=116; Mr. R. Charnley, 147, less 18=129; Mr. John Leeming, 163, less 20=143; Mr. B. H. Cookson, 163, less 18=145; Mr. A. I. Swift, 178, less 21=157. This tie will be played off this week.

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition for December took place on the 23rd and 28th December, and resulted in a win for Mr. E. A. Coutts on the former day, and in a tie between Messrs. McMeeking and Hutton for the first place on the latter. Details:—

Saturday's play.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. E. A. Coutts ... 98 10 88	Mr. C. S. Wardle ... 113 10 103
Mr. J. Johnstone ... 98 9 89	Mr. C. P. Dixon ... 131 27 104
Mr. A. Barrow ... 106 16 90	Mr. A. Oliver ... 128 22 106
Mr. C. F. Dobson... 105 14 91	Mr. P. W. Allen ... 119 12 107
Mr. J. B. Wells ... 122 24 98	Mr. E. J. Cooper... 131 23 108

Thursday's play.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. McMeeking... 89 7 82	Mr. J. Doleman ... 101 6 95
Mr. W. H. Hutton... 100 18 82	Mr. J. Harris ... 101 5 96
Mr. J. Bowes ... 97 14 83	Mr. C. B. Edwards... 110 14 96
Mr. W. F. M. Webb... 103 16 87	Mr. A. Baker ... 118 22 96
Mr. A. Harwood ... 115 24 91	Mr. T. G. Mellors... 118 20 98
Mr. W. A. Rickman 116 25 91	Mr. W. P. Snook ... 136 27 103
Mr. J. C. Warren ... 97 5 92	Mr. H. Russell ... 128 24 104
Mr. W. Lymbery ... 112 20 92	Mr. McCulloch ... 146 14 132

ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The last few days of 1893 have witnessed a good deal of Golf on this green. Mr. R. Chignell accomplished a feat hitherto unheard of on this green, though possible at two or more holes, since he holed out the thirteenth in 1. There were many players for the Forest Row cup on December 26th, but the returns were few, and the play in general indifferent, though the weather was superb, and the green in good order.

Forest Row cup, December 26th.—Mr. W. A. B. Musgrave, 103, less 20=83; Mr. H. G. Bateson, 98, less 14=84; Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, 86, plus 1=87; Mr. Lawford Andrews, 92, less 5=87; Mr. L. B. Burns, 108, less 20=88; Rev. A. T. Scott, 93, less 5=88; Mr. C. Bigwood, 103, less 12=91; Mr. J. S. Scott, 93, less 1=92; Mr. H. H. Turner, 98, less 5=93.

The Tunbridge Wells challenge cup for the two best net returns at any of the larger meetings of the club during the year was won by Mr. Norman Grieve with 80 and 76, the next best being Mr. A. F. White, 76 and 82.

The December monthly medal meeting took place on the 30th ult. with the following results:—Mr. A. Lubbock, 88, less 2=86; Mr. L. Andrews, 91, less 5=86; Mr. M. Cammell, 102, less 16=86; Rev. S. P. Macartney, 109, less 23=86; Mr. R. Chignell, 100, less 12=88; Mr. C. E. Green, 113, less 25=88; Mr. T. Hyde, scratch, 89; Mr. C. L. Reade, 98, less 4=94; Mr. E. H. Morgan, 104, less 10=94; Mr. J. F. Gordon, 104, less 10=94. It will be seen that no less than four tied for the medal, and Mr. A. Lubbock takes the Yewhurst clubs for the best gross score.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

Gordon cup, captain's prize, and monthly medal. Played Saturday, December 30th, with following results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. T. T. Cowell ... 98 10 88	Mr. H. F. Gilmour 111 15 96
Mr. Alfred Kemp... 101 12 89	Mr. R. Redwood ... 104 7 97
Mr. E. Swain ... 105 16 89	Mr. G. Thompson... 109 12 97
Mr. G. H. Swinstead 97 7 90	Mr. J. Badkin ... 112 13 99
Mr. A. W. Good ... 102 12 90	Mr. J. James ... 110 10 100
Mr. J. Godwin ... 109 18 91	Mr. J. Hax... ... 116 16 100
Mr. C. E. Greig ... 100 8 92	Mr. J. O. Milledge 115 14 101
Mr. F. H. Swinstead 106 14 92	Mr. J. Cleghorn ... 121 20 101
Mr. A. A. Hannay 101 8 93	Mr. G. W. M. Guy 114 12 102
Mr. B. G. Fabian ... 103 10 93	Mr. G. T. B. Cobbett 121 18 103
Captain Peskett ... 105 12 93	Mr. Chas. W. Cooke 116 12 104
Mr. J. D. Pattullo... 112 18 94	Mr. Ernest Flint ... 120 10 110
Mr. S. R. Bastard... 96 1 95	Mr. W. Challice ... 128 18 110
Mr. J. Gould-Smith 97 2 95	

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

In the monthly medal competition held at Westward Ho! on December 30th, the following scores were returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. C. J. Didham... 91 6 85	Dr. Liddell... ... 96 4 92
Major Winter ... 103 16 87	Rev. E. C. Pigott... 106 14 92
Mr. A. H. Boyd ... 91 3 88	Rev. C. W. L. Bode 108 16 92
Mr. Wilson Hoare... 95 6 89	Mr. J. C. McLaren... 93 scr. 93
Mr. H. W. Kaye ... 95 6 89	Rev. J. M. Eustace. 105 11 94
Dr. Legge Reid ... 106 17 89	Rev. R. W. Sealy... 105 9 96
Mr. S. S. Wollaston 101 11 90	

Many others played.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The winter meeting of the above club was held on Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th inst. Both days were beautiful days for Golf, and the course being in good order, it is strange that better returns were not made. Over sixty members played each day. All returns made 100 net are given below. Friday, December 29th.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. H. C. Barnes	93	10	83	Mr. W. F. Wilkin-son	106	12	94
Laurence...	93	10	83	Mr. E. Matheson	110	16	94
*Mr. A. Smith	94	11	83	Mr. A. Max Wilkin-son	104	9	95
Mr. S. M. Mellor	97	10	87	Mr. R. B. Masefield	110	15	95
Mr. H. G. S. Hughes	96	7	89	Mr. T. R. Davenport	112	16	95
Mr. C. Lethbridge	105	16	89	Mr. T. H. B. Beresford	109	12	97
Capt. C. D. King, R.A.	103	11	92	Capt. Syngé, R.A.	119	22	97
Col. Shaw, J.P.	101	8	93	Rev. H. von E. Scott	102	4	98
Mr. C. H. Evill	107	14	93	Mr. G. H. Gowring	109	11	98
Mr. A. M. S. Groeme	110	17	93	Mr. A. Jaffé	116	18	98
General Hill	111	18	93				
Mr. H. E. Hambro	102	8	94				

* Tie for the Eaton prize and First and Second Club prize. Divide sweepstake.

Result of tie as played on Saturday—Mr. A. Smith, 105, less 11=94, wins first Club prize and holds Eaton prize. Mr. H. C. Barnes Laurence, 108, less 10=98, wins second Club prize.

Saturday 30th.—There had been a frost during the night, which made the greens very fast :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Col. J. Fitzgerald	90	11	79	General Hill	112	18	94
†Mr. H. T. Matheson	97	11	86	Mr. A. Smith	105	10	95
Mr. S. M. Mellor	98	10	88	Mr. R. H. Ellis	115	20	95
Mr. W. F. Wilkinson	102	12	90	Mr. C. Lethbridge	112	16	96
Mr. J. L. Warner	108	18	90	Mr. H. E. Hambro	105	8	97
Mr. A. Max Wilkin-son	100	9	91	Capt. Swinford	108	10	98
Mr. C. H. Evill	105	14	91	Rev. H. Salwey	114	16	98
Mr. R. B. Masefield	106	15	91	Mr. H. C. Barnes Laurence	108	9	99
Capt. Syngé, R.A.	114	22	92	Mr. G. P. Leach	112	13	99
Mr. J. H. Wright	114	22	92	Mr. F. R. Davenport	115	16	99
Mr. A. M. S. Groeme	111	17	94				

* Wins monthly medal; wins first club prize; scores a win for Langham prize; wins two-thirds sweepstake.

† Wins second club prize and one-third sweepstake.

Aggregate for the two days' play :—

1st Day.		2nd Day.		1st Day.		2nd Day.	
*Mr. S. M. Mellor	87	+88	=175	Mr. A. Max Wilkin-son	95	+91	=186
Mr. A. Smith	83	+95	=178	Mr. R. B. Masefield	95	+91	=186
Mr. H. C. Barnes Laurence	83	+99	=182	Mr. A. M. S. Groeme	93	+94	=187
Mr. C. H. Evill	93	+91	=184	General Hill	93	+94	=187
Mr. W. F. Wilkinson	94	+90	=184	Capt. Syngé	97	+92	=189
Mr. C. Lethbridge	89	+96	=185	Mr. H. E. Hambro	94	+97	=191
				Mr. F. R. Davenport	96	+99	=195

* Wins club prize.

The tie for the November monthly medal was also played off on Friday, with the following result :—Capt. C. D. King, R.A., 103, less 11=93; Capt. Swinford, 122, less 10=112.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

The Christmas meeting took place on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when the Bembridge gold medal, Eaton memorial putter, and a club prize, value £5, were competed for. Mr. G. W. Ricketts succeeded in carrying off the medal and putter, with a fine score of 87, less 6=81. His first nine holes, done in 39, are a record at the competitions of the club. Messrs. Rowe and Longman tied for the club prize. The day was a perfect one for Golf—quite calm and a temperature of spring. Annexed is the score :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. W. Ricketts	87	6	81	Mr. F. A. Govett	100	6	94
Mr. G. D. Rowe	95	11	84	Mr. Davenport Knight	120	24	96
Mr. H. H. Longman	96	12	84	Major C. W. Knox	116	18	98
Prof. Ray Lankester	109	24	85	Mr. W. D. Bovill	102	4	98
Rev. C. Shilson	99	10	89	Mr. W. F. Fisher	102	3	99
Mr. C. D. Knight	103	13	90				
Mr. C. C. Wyllie	115	24	91				

Twelve more were over 100 net or gave no return.

On Wednesday a "Bogey" competition took place, when Mr. G. W. Ricketts was successful. Although reduced to scratch he was all even with "Bogey."

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. M. Smith	86	4	82	Mr. H. Peel	101	7	94
Mr. W. Morley	95	12	83	Mr. A. N. Morley	102	8	94
Mr. H. C. Archer	101	16	85	Mr. M. Talbuteau	103	9	94
Mr. W. C. Anderson	101	14	87	Mr. J. H. Mudie	99	4	95
Hon. Ivo Bligh	90	2	88	Mr. G. Nicol	99	4	95
Mr. F. E. Faithfull	91	3	88	Mr. A. E. Peat	102	7	95
Mr. S. F. Still	104	16	88	Mr. J. M. Kerr	104	9	95
Mr. J. H. Nelson	98	9	89	Mr. A. L. Tweedie	105	10	95
Mr. W. L. Purves	90	scr.	90	Rev. J. H. Ellis	106	11	95
Mr. W. J. Cundell	101	11	90	Mr. J. MacFarlan	114	18	96
Mr. H. W. Bradford	105	15	90	Mr. E. Field	101	4	97
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	95	4	91	Col. G. Farie	104	7	97
Sir H. Pottinger	103	12	91	Mr. C. Macdona	113	16	97
Mr. N. R. Foster	90	+2	92	Mr. J. A. C. Tanner	115	18	97
Mr. E. Sidgwick	99	7	92	Mr. C. A. Pilcock	105	7	98
Mr. R. Thomson	97	4	93	Mr. F. S. Creswell	110	12	98
Mr. A. Davidson	103	10	93	Mr. C. W. Harrison	111	12	99
Mr. E. A. Walker	98	4	94	Mr. J. H. Driver	111	9	102

No returns from twenty-three players.

SAPPERTON PARK GOLF CLUB, CIRENCESTER.

The members of this newly-formed club held their first handicap competition on December 26th against "Colonel Bogey." Ten competed, with the following result :—Mr. E. C. Cripps (18), 3 down; Rev. G. L. Amphlett (36), 5 down; Mr. E. B. Haygarth (18), 6 down; Mr. T. E. L. Oakley (13), 7 down; Capt. G. Neville (18) 8 down. Messrs. C. A. Lawrence (27), J. Rawlins (36), J. Ross-Hume (13), E. C. Sewell (27), and W. L. Stanton (27), made no returns.

The course, which is one of eighteen holes, has been laid out by kind permission of the president, Earl Bathurst, in a portion of his lordship's park. It is about two and three-quarter miles round, and was arranged by Nicholls, the professional of the Minchinhampton Golf Club. The turf throughout is good, and the lies are excellent. The holes vary in length from 170 to 420 yards, and the hazards consist chiefly of a quarry, groups of small thorn trees, and clumps of gorse bushes. The club-room, which is a comfortable apartment in a cottage at Park Corner farm, where there is good accommodation for horses and traps, is about four miles from Cirencester, and 100 yards from the first tee. Cirencester is well known as the centre of one of the finest hunting countries in England, and it is hoped that this newly formed Golf Club will add to its attractions. The hon. secretary is Mr. R. Anderson, The Barton, Cirencester.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

Mr. J. F. Wilson kindly presented a prize of the value of £3. 3s., and Mr. O. K. Trechmann a second prize of £1. is., to be competed for in a medal competition, under handicap, on New Year's Day. There was also a sweepstake subscribed amongst the competing members. Unfortunately there was a strong northerly gale blowing accompanied by showers of rain, which made play very difficult. Mr. O. K. Trechmann, who played a very steady round of 98, the best gross score of the morning's play, won his own prize and second sweepstakes :—Mr. S. Stover, 99, less 21=78; Mr. O. K. Trechmann, 98, less 12=86; Mr. C. O. Bunting, 101, less 8=93; Mr. S. Walker, 103, less 10=93; Mr. E. L. Pease, 118, less 25=93; Mr. F. W. Savory, 110, less 16=94; Mr. G. Pyman, 105, less 10=95; Mr. A. S. Jenour, 120, less 25=95; Mr. L. H. Fawcett, 107, less 12=95; Mr. G. Newby, 106, less 9=97; Mr. H. Simpson, 109, less 10=99. Ten other players made no returns.

In the afternoon another sweepstake was played for with a limit handicap of 12 :—Mr. E. W. Walker, 95, less 12=83; Mr. S. Walker, 96, less 10=86; Mr. G. Pyman, 97, less 10=87; Mr. C. J. Bunting, 102, less 8=94; Mr. S. Stover, 107, less 12=95; Mr. O. K. Trechmann, 110, less 12=98.

SOUTHPORT CLUB.

The Christmas meeting took place on Tuesday, 26th ult., on the links at Churchtown, when the chief prize competed for was the club handicap prize. The weather was very favourable all through the day. Messrs. H. Sidebottom and G. Duffus tied for the first prize, and will have to play off on a date to be fixed; they divided the first and second sweepstakes, and the third sweep was divided between the next four players. Mr. H. Sidebottom, 88, less 1=87; Mr. G. Duffus, 93, less 6=87; Mr. S. A. Ashington, 105, less 10=95; Mr. W. G. Clinning, 111, less 16=95; Mr. G. Swire, 112, less 17=95; Mr. T. O. Clinning, 117, less 22=95; Mr. W. T. Rowley, 104, less 8=96; Mr. A. Entwistle, 110, less 11=99; Mr. G. F. Pearson, 106, less 6=100. Other players were either over 100 or made no return. Mr. H. Sidebottom has won the monthly medal competition for the year, having made the best six returns.

ST. ANDREWS.

On Monday, before a large crowd of spectators, a well-contested single was played over the St. Andrews Links, between Mr. F. G. Tait and Hugh Kirkaldy. The weather was all that could be wished, and the game was two rounds. In the first round the play was give-and-take, but ultimately the players came in level. In the second round Kirkaldy proved too much for his amateur opponent, and beat him by 4 and 2 to play. Kirkaldy's score was 79 in the afternoon.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly "Bogey" competition was brought to a close on Saturday, December 30th, when the result was found to be as follows:—First, Mr. T. G. Griffiths (10), 89, all even; second, Mr. E. E. Lamb (4), 84, 1 down; Mr. P. A. Bourke (6), 2 down; Rev. A. E. R. Bedford (10), 2 down; Mr. G. S. Albright (4), 3 down; Rev. W. C. R. Bedford (10), 3 down; Mr. Whitworth Wallace (16), 3 down; Mr. G. A. Muntz (14), 4 down; Mr. A. A. Glenday (14), 5 down; Mr. A. L. Lloyd (14), 5 down; Mr. F. Rathbone (10), 6 down. There were forty-five entries.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The half-yearly handicap competition for the prize presented by the Marquess of Granby, M.P., was concluded last week, and resulted in the popular win of Mr. Norman C. Bailey, who, though a comparatively young golfer, has improved very rapidly in the last few months. The competition has been in progress for a couple of months:—

First heat—Mr. J. Moore (8) scratched, Mr. W. Duff Bruce (12) walked over; Mr. J. D. Charrington (6) beat Mr. J. P. Croal (6) by 2 and 1; Mr. J. Duthie Matthew (12) beat Mr. J. B. Voules (18) by 2 and 1; Mr. J. Russell (18) beat Mr. S. Payne Galloway (14) by 6 and 5; Mr. R. Stewart Bain (16) walked over, Mr. E. C. Bambridge (14) scratched; Mr. S. T. Fisher (18) beat Mr. F. G. Hogg (16) by 8 and 6; Major W. Morris (8) beat Dr. Lewis Jones (16) by 5 and 4; Mr. E. J. Hunt (16) beat Hon. Regd. Brougham (14) by 2, after a tie; Mr. A. Hood (12) beat Mr. W. Williams (9) by 8 and 6; Mr. J. T. Stein (13) beat Mr. T. R. Pace (17) by 7 and 5; Mr. A. J. Robertson (5) beat Mr. T. L. Corbett (18) by 2; Mr. C. E. Pearson (9) beat Mr. W. F. Richmond (12) by 2 and 1; Mr. R. L. de Zoete (scratch) beat Lord Granville Gordon (12) by 5 and 4; Mr. W. H. Warner (12) beat Rev. P. Bainbridge (18) by 2 up; Mr. T. R. Pinkerton (+3) beat Mr. J. Verran (10) by 2 and 1; Mr. C. E. Walker (16) beat Dr. G. Sims Woodhead (14) by 5 and 3; Mr. O. G. Langley (16) beat Mr. A. McCall Smith (18) by 6 and 4; Mr. Neville Hicks (7) beat Mr. Edward Robinson (18) by 6 and 5; Mr. E. F. de Zoete (18) beat Mr. Stanley Roberts (18) by 2 up; Mr. J. Gould Smith (1) beat Mr. R. K. Harvey (18) by 2 up; Mr. D. M. Mason (16) beat Mr. G. Ernest Tabor (8) by 3 and 2; Mr. J. Creswell Bayldon (16) beat Mr. C. E. Tomlin (16) by 1 up; Mr. Hugh Lugton (scratch) scratched, Mr. H. H. Lawless (16) walked over; Mr. J. G. Maclean (7) beat Mr. J. B. Carr (18) by 2 and 1; Mr. A. F. Leach (18) beat Mr. Sydney Peel (18) by 1; Mr. D. F. Russell (16) beat Mr. J. D. S. Sim (18) by 1; Mr. N. C. Bailey (18) beat Mr. Norman Dawson (15) by 2 and 1; Mr. W. M. Rhodes (3) beat Mr. G. L. Denman (18) 1 up; Mr. G. F. Collyer (14) beat Mr. John Wood (12) by 4 and 3.

Second heat—Mr. J. D. Charrington walked over, Mr. Duff Bruce scratched; Mr. J. Duthie Matthew beat Mr. J. Russell by 4 and 2; Mr. S. T. Fisher walked over, Mr. F. G. Hogg scratched; Mr. E. J. Hunt beat Major Morris by 4 and 3; Mr. A. Wood beat Mr. J. T. Stein 3 by and 1; Mr. C. E. Pearson beat Mr. A. J. Robertson by 2 and 1; Mr. R. L. de Zoete beat Mr. W. H. Warner by 3 and 2; Mr. C. E. Walker beat Mr. T. R. Pinkerton by 3 and 1; Mr. O. G. Langley walked over, Mr. N. Hicks scratched; Mr. J. Gould Smith beat Mr. E. F. de Zoete 1 up; Mr. J. C. Bayldon beat Mr. D. M. Mason by 6 and 5; Mr. J. G. Maclean beat Mr. H. H. Lawless by 5 and 3; Mr. A. F. Leach beat Mr. D. F. Russell by 2 and 1; Mr. N. C. Bailey walked over, Mr. W. M. Rhodes scratched; Mr. E. A. Walker beat Mr. G. F. Collyer by 1; Major-General Maitland walked over, Lord Granby scratched.

Third heat—Mr. J. D. Charrington beat Mr. Matthew by 2; Mr. E. J. Hunt beat Mr. Fisher by 5 and 3; Mr. A. Hood beat Mr. C. E. Pearson by 6 and 5; Mr. R. L. de Zoete beat Mr. C. E. Walker by 3 and 1; Mr. O. G. Langley beat Mr. J. G. Smith by 4 and 3; Mr. J. G. Maclean beat Mr. J. C. Bayldon by 1 up; Mr. N. C. Bailey beat Mr. A. F. Leach by 3 and 2; Mr. E. A. Walker beat Major-General Maitland by 4 and 3.

Fourth heat—Mr. J. D. Charrington beat Mr. E. J. Hunt by 6 and 4; Mr. A. Hood beat Mr. R. L. de Zoete by 2; Mr. O. G. Langley beat J. G. Maclean by 3 and 2; Mr. N. C. Bailey beat Mr. E. A. Walker by 3 and 2.

Semi-Final—Mr. A. Hood beat Mr. J. D. Charrington by 2 and 1; Mr. N. C. Bailey beat Mr. O. G. Langley by 6 and 5.

Final—Mr. N. C. Bailey beat Mr. A. Hood by 1.

TONBRIDGE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was held on December 22nd. The weather was as unfavourable as could be, a cold wind with drizzling rain making the play both unpleasant and difficult. Mr. E. K. Le Fleming won the medal and first sweepstake with 101, less 6=95, and Mr. J. Le Fleming, jun., secured the second sweepstake with the score of 119, less 14=105; the next best scores being Mr. de L. Winter, 138, less 26=112, and Mr. C. Prissick, 148, less 30=118.

On the same date a ladies' handicap competition for a medal took place in the same unpleasant weather, on the ladies' links, resulting in Miss M. A. Prissick winning with 78, less 20=58 (for twelve holes); the next best scores being:—Miss A. Le Fleming, 78, less 16=62; Miss E. Armstrong, 78, less 16=62; and Miss M. Le Fleming, 72, less 8=64.

On the 23rd a handicap competition for a medal for members receiving 20 handicap on nine holes was played, and resulted in Mr. F. O. Streeten winning the medal and first sweepstake, with the net score of 60; Mr. C. Kennington, 64, and Mr. C. E. Warner, 64, dividing the second sweepstake.

On Boxing Day sweepstake handicaps were played on the gentlemen's and ladies' links, resulting in Mr. C. Kennington, 135, less 40=95, winning the former, and Miss M. Le Fleming, 68, less 8=60 (twelve holes), the latter.

TORQUAY AND ST. MARYCHURCH GOLF CLUB.

The winter meeting of the above club opened on Wednesday, December 27th, when a prize of the value of £5 was competed for. The following scores were handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. R. Hunt	111 18 93	Mr. T. W. Sorby ...	118 20 98
(winner)	Mr. N. Harvey ...	110 12 98
Mr. A. S. Knox-Gore	100 4 96	Rev. E. B. Layard..	116 15 101
Mr. O. J. Blundell..	104 8 96	Rev. G. T. Warner..	116 15 101
Mr. C. G. Wollen ...	118 22 96	Mr. C. Hunt ...	122 18 104
Mr. W. A. Dixon ...	112 15 97	Mr. T. W. Thomson	131 22 109
Genl. S. Knox-Gore	115 18 97	Mr. Pratt Barlow ...	134 22 112
Mr. F. Maconchy ...	111 14 97		

In the afternoon a sweepstake of 5s. each entry was competed for. Match play: In the first round, Mr. C. Hunt beat General S. Knox-Gore by 1 hole, playing even; Mr. Sorby, giving 1 stroke, beat Mr. Engelhardt by 1 hole; Mr. F. Maconchy, giving 2 strokes, beat Mr. Norris by 2 holes; Mr. Blundell, giving 3 strokes, beat Mr. Dixon by 3 up and 1 to play, and the Rev. G. T. Warner, receiving 1 stroke, beat Mr. Harvey by 1 hole. In the second round, Mr. A. S. Knox-Gore, giving 5 strokes, beat Mr. C. Hunt by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. F. Maconchy beat the Rev. G. T. Warner by 3 up and 1 to play, playing even, and Mr. Sorby, receiving 5 strokes, beat Mr. Blundell by 4 up and 2 to play.

On Thursday, the 28th, there was a competition for a prize of the value of £5, each player having the right to subtract the score of any one hole from his total. The following scores were handed in:—

Mr. T. W. Sorby (winner) ...	103-9-20=74
Mr. W. Engelhardt ...	112-10-22=80
Mr. C. Hunt ...	109-10-18=81
Mr. A. S. Knox-Gore ...	94-7-4=83
Mr. W. A. Dixon ...	108-9-15=84
Mr. O. Blundell ...	105-10-8=87
Mr. T. W. Thomson ...	109-11-22=87
Mr. C. G. Wollen ...	124-13-22=89
Mr. A. R. Hunt ...	115-9-16=90
General S. Knox-Gore ...	119-10-18=91
Mr. N. Harvey ...	112-8-12=92
Mr. G. Maconchy ...	120-9-16=95

In the afternoon the sweepstake competition was continued, Mr. F. Maconchy (winner) beating Mr. Sorby, to whom he allowed 2 strokes, by 3 up and 1 to play, and Mr. A. S. Knox-Gore, from whom he received 5 strokes, by 3 up and 2 to play.

On Friday, the 29th, there was a foursome competition for two prizes of the value of £2 10s. each. In the first round General and Mr. A. S. Knox-Gore, giving 1 stroke, beat Mr. Harvey and the Rev. E. B. Layard by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Sorby and Mr. Wollen, receiving 2 strokes, beat Mr. F. and Mr. G. Maconchy by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. Dixon and Mr. Blundell, giving 4 strokes, beat the Rev. G. T. Warner and Mr. Norris by 3 up and 1 to play, and Mr. Harvey and Mr. Engelhardt beat Mr. A. and Mr. C. Hunt by 2 up and 1 to play, playing even. In the second round, General and Mr. A. S. Knox-Gore beat Mr. Blundell and Mr. Dixon by 6 up and 4 to play, playing even, and Mr. N. Harvey and Mr. Engelhardt, giving 2 strokes, beat Mr. Sorby and Mr. Wollen by 3 up and 2 to play.

On Saturday, the 30th, the foursome competition was concluded, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Engelhardt, who received 4 strokes, beating General and Mr. A. S. Knox-Gore by 1 hole, after a tie.

"The name CAD-BURY on any packet of Cocoa is a guarantee of purity." — *Medical Annual.*

Cadbury's cocoa

"The typical Cocoa of English Manufacture — absolutely pure." — *The Analyst.*

VENTNOR GOLF CLUB.

The first New Year's meeting of this new club was held on Monday, 1st inst., fifteen members competing. A strong east wind somewhat interfered with low scoring, the day being dull and cold, towards noon lovely sunshine; the meeting was a great success:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. J. Burt ...	118 25 93	Col. Coyne ...	174 22 152
Mr. H. Mitchell ...	123 18 105	Mr. G. Mitchell ...	180 25 155
Mr. M. Huish ...	126 18 108	Capt. Gillson, R.N.	181 25 156
Mr. F. Friedrichs ...	145 25 120	Mr. H. Pope ...	184 25 159
Mr. W. Giles ...	147 25 122	Comman. Burt, R.N.	187 25 162
Mr. E. Waltham ...	155 25 130	Mr. W. M. Judd ...	187 25 162
Mr. D. S. Malden ...	172 25 147	Mr. A. Prentice ...	235 25 210

One player made no return.

WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' competitions.—A competition was held on December 18th, over the links at Heath Common, for a driver, presented by Mrs. Hurst, of Crofton Old Hall, for competition among the lady members of the club. Miss Hilda Mackie, of the Maror House, Heath, was the winner. Results:—Miss Hilda Mackie, 125, less 33=92; Mrs. Creswick, 135, less 40=95; Miss Norah Haigh, 113, less 18=95; Miss Elsie Mackie, 138, less 40=98; Mrs. Hurst, 117, less 16=101; Miss Stanfield, 145, less 40=105; Miss Ethelwyn Mackie, 147, less 40=107.

The ladies' monthly medal competition for December, played on December 28th, also resulted in a win for Miss H. Mackie:—Miss Hilda Mackie, 119, less 33=86; Mrs. Creswick, 147, less 40=107; Miss N. Haigh, 126, less 18=108; Miss Stanfield, 151, less 40=111; Miss Mabel Mackie, 156, less 40=116.

WARMINSTER GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap, played on Boxing Day.—Although excellent weather with little wind the scoring was higher than usual, hence only a few cards were returned.

Ladies.—Miss Wyld, 133, less 14=119; Miss M. Bleeck, 131, less 9=122; Miss E. Smith, 153, less 27=126; Mrs. Bleeck, 161, less 26=135; Miss H. Wakeman, 182, less 31=151; Miss Glass (first time round in public competition), scratch, 182.

Gentlemen.—Mr. F. J. W. Glass, 101, less 13=88; Mr. M. R. Wakeman, 121, less 28=93; Rev. H. A. Hickin, 106, less 9=97; Mr. G. B. Mundy, 127, less 27=100; Mr. F. J. N. Glass, 114, less 10=104; Mr. A. B. Gillett, 120, less 9=111; Rev. H. L. Dixon, 132, less 16=116.

EDINBURGH BRAIDS CLUB.—The Edinburgh Braids Club played the members' competition on the Dunfermline course on December 25th. The scratch charm presented by a member was won by Mr. W. C. Sturrock with 92. The best scorers for the handicap prizes were:—Mr. R. Grossart, 94, less 15=79; Mr. P. Grant, 95, less 10=85; Mr. J. M'Pherson, 100, less 11=89; Mr. J. S. Campbell, 95, less 4=91; Mr. D. Peter, 99, less 8=91; Mr. J. M. Paterson, 93, less 2=91; Mr. G. Borthwick, 100, less 8=92; Mr. H. Blanche, 106, less 14=92; Mr. J. M'Intosh, 106, less 14=92; Mr. A. Black, 100, less 7=93; Mr. R. J. Robertson, 106, less 13=93; Mr. P. Campbell, 100, less 7=93; Mr. J. Omit, 101, less 8=93.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE CLUB.—This club held a competition for special prizes at Musselburgh on December 25th, a large number of members turning out. The following were the prize-winners:—1, Mr. A. R. Murray; 2, Mr. G. Brown; 3, Mr. D. G. R. Murray; 4, Mr. R. R. Reid; 5, Mr. A. Paterson. Mr. A. R. Murray's prize, competed for by the best attenders at the club's meetings during the past year, falls to Mr. D. G. R. Murray.

BENTLEY GREEN GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition took place on Thursday, December 28th. Result:—Mr. C. H. Morton, 95, less 10=85; Mr. H. W. Poyntz, 99, less 12=87; Lieut.-Col. W. T. McLeod, 106, less 15=91; Captain L. P. Dumas, 111, less 20=91; Colonel W. Merriman, 114, less 18=96; Mr. E. J. Dampier, 116, less 18=98.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the quarterly challenge medal (gross) was played on Saturday, the 30th ult., and was won by Mr. W. Whytock, with 87. There were ten entries,

ST. ANDREWS.—On Thursday, the 28th ult., a capital three-ball match was played over the St. Andrews Links, the players being Mr. F. G. Tait, Mr. P. C. Anderson (the amateur champion), and Hugh Kirkaldy. Mr. Tait beat both—Kirkaldy by 6 and 4 to play, and the amateur champion by 5 and 4 to play; while Kirkaldy beat Mr. Anderson by 4 and 3 to play. Mr. Tait played a strong all-round game, but Mr. Anderson and Kirkaldy were scarcely in their usual form.

HEADINGLEY GOLF CLUB.—A "bogey" sweepstake was played for on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, the two best cards of each player to count. Eighty-five cards in all were taken out during the three days. The winner was Mr. H. S. Baines (8), 3 up and all square. Mr. J. D. Cormack was second (5), 1 up and all square; and Mr. H. Oxley third (5), all square twice.

SEAFIELD CLUB.—The monthly medal and prizes were competed for over Leith Links on Friday and Saturday, 22nd and 23rd, with the following result:—1st, Medal and first prize, Mr. R. Robinson, 68; 2nd, Mr. T. Sinclair, 81, less 11=70; 3rd and 4th (tie), Mr. F. P. Cochrane, 77, less 6=71; and Mr. R. J. Henderson, 73, less 2=71.

HARROW GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal round, December 16th:—Mr. A. S. Hargreaves, 95, less 10=85; Mr. J. H. Williams, 122, less 13=109. Sweepstake medal round, Boxing Day:—Mr. L. S. Pawle, 98, less 12=86; Mr. H. A. G. Stiven, 101, less 14=87; Mr. J. Lawrence Bell, 122, less 30=92; Mr. F. B. Pitcairn, 110, less 16=94.

LONG ASHTON GOLF CLUB.—A match took place on Boxing Day on the new nine-hole links of the Long Ashton Golf Club, which has recently been formed. The weather was wet, and the ground heavy. The putting-greens are not yet in good order, and low scoring was difficult. Mr. Charles Bernard made the record of the links, his driving from the tee being excellent:—Mr. Charles Bernard, 45; Mr. J. Nichols, 58; Mr. W. L. Bernard, 63; Mr. C. H. Tippett, 65; Mr. H. H. Ham, 75.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the Badger Dish took place on Wednesday, December 6th, and was won by Miss Oldfield. An American tournament was played during the months of November and December, for a prize kindly presented by Mrs. Kinmond. There were fifteen entries and Miss E. A. Whieldon who won all her matches proved the winner, Miss Neva Saunders came in second, having lost one match.

NEASDEN GOLF CLUB.—The first monthly medal competition took place on Saturday. Handicaps of 12 and under—Mr. John Wood, 114, less 12=102. Handicap of 13 and over—Mr. A. H. Beard, 103, less 23=80.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.—Mr. P. M. Lucas (captain) was winner of the monthly medal, played for on Thursday, December 28th, his score being 86, plus 2=88. The same player also won the optional sweepstake. Among other scores were:—Mr. Alfred Burton, 108, less 18=90; Mr. R. W. Ketton, 98, less 7=91. The following made no return:—Messrs. O. S. Curtis, F. T. Simpson, H. Rast, Walter Churchyard, D. Davison, and T. Aveston.

OLD MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.—The monthly gold medal was played for on the 30th ult. Owing to thick fog, play was rendered very difficult, and only five members returned their cards, viz.:—Mr. John Barnes, jun., 114, less 27=87; Mr. Chas. Chapman, 104, less 12=92; Mr. Ed. Broadhurst, jun., 105, less 9=96; Mr. Y. H. Fulton, 106, less 9=97; Mr. M. S. Bles, 107, less 9=98.

TROON GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the Sandhills gold medal took place on Saturday. The weather was highly favourable, and the course in excellent condition. A considerable number of players were out. The winner for the month is Mr. R. G. Campbell, 99, less 14=85; 2nd, Mr. David Fullarton, 102, less 16=86; 3rd, Mr. R. D. Dickie, 96, less 8=88.

PERTH ARTISAN GOLF CLUB.—A competition for several prizes took place on the North Inch on Saturday. The greens were in excellent condition. Twenty-five couples started. The following are the prize-winners:—First class: Mr. W. M'Nicoll, 87, 2 below; Mr. J. Brough, 89, 1 above; Mr. F. Grant, 90, 1 above; Mr. E. Robson, 91, and Mr. J. Leitch, 88, 3 above. Second class: Mr. W. Wannan, 92, 6 below; Mr. P. Robertson, 93, 2 below; Mr. J. Robson, 98, 1 above; Mr. W. Young, 97, 3 above. Third class: Mr. P. Jack, 113, 2 below; Mr. J. Gibson, 105, 1 below; Mr. W. Reid, 114, 1 below; Mr. D. Pirrie, 116, Mr. D. Thomson, 107, and Mr. C. Robertson, 113, all 2 above.

PRESTWICK.—With favourable weather on Saturday, there were a fair number of players taking part in the competition for the monthly handicap medal. The cards showed the following results for the game of eighteen holes:—Mr. J. Blackburn, 91, less 11=80; Lieutenant C. H. P. Carter, 93, less 8=85; Mr. J. Harvey, 102, less 15=87; Mr. P. Davidson, 102, less 14=88; Mr. D. W. Kidston, 94, less 6=88; Mr. R. G. Macmillan, 98, less 9=89; Mr. W. S. Wilson, 88, plus 2=90.

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.—Captain's prize final:—Mr. E. A. Tewson, 96, less 6=90; Mr. R. Redwood, 100, less 8=92; Mr. F. T. Shadbolt, 107, less 15=92; Mr. J. W. M. Guy, 104, less 11=93; Mr. C. Grundy, 109, less 13=96. Other returns all under 100. Course very frosty and difficult.

ADVERTISEMENTS IN "GOLF"

are charged as follows:—

Per Page ($\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ in proportion) £8 Os. Od.

Per inch (4 cols. to page) 4s. 6d.

Club Notices, Matches, etc., Four lines 3s. 6d., and 6d. per line after.

Wanted Advs. for Professionals, etc.; Houses and Apartments to Let; Properties to Let and Wanted, 4 lines, 3s. 6d., 6d. per line after (Prepaid).

Paragraph Advertisements, 6 lines, 10s., 1s. per line after.

FOR ADVERTISEMENT SPACES APPLY TO
GREENBERG and CO., 80, CHANCERY LANE, W.C.

Club Notices.

Four lines 3s. 6d., and 6d. line after.

NEASDEN GOLF CLUB, N.W.

PRESIDENT:

The HON. ALFRED LYTELTON.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

LORD RIBBLESDALE, The Hon. CHANDOS LEIGH,
The Hon. DEVEREUX, BARON HALKET.

AN opportunity now presents itself for a limited number of Gentlemen to belong to a Club almost in London, combining the advantages of a good social club with sporting Golf Links. The Club (which is situated at Neasden, about five miles from Hyde Park Corner), contains spacious lounge, billiard, dining, reading, drying, bath and bedrooms, and good stabling and pleasure grounds. The Links have been laid out in the private Park, by David Cuthbert, of St. Andrews, now the resident professional, in eighteen sporting holes. The Club is within six minutes' walk of a Metropolitan and Midland railway station. Play seven days a week.—For particulars and plans apply to the HON. SEC.

CHELMSFORD GOLF CLUB.

THE COURSE at Galleywood Common, about two miles from the Chelmsford Railway Station, being now Open for Play, the Committee invite Gentlemen desirous of becoming Members of this Club to send in their names and addresses to the Honorary Secretary.

Entrance fee for the first fifty Members, £2 2s.; and Annual Subscription, £1 1s., payable in advance.—J. ALBERT COPLAND, Honorary Secretary, Chelmsford, Essex.

Houses & Apartments to Let.

Prepaid, Four lines 3s. 6d., and 6d. line after.

LITTLESTONE-ON-SEA. — Kilmarnock. On Sea Front. Well appointed private rooms, with board, for Golfers. Suites of rooms for Families. Catering optional. Terms inclusive and moderate.—MRS. MACKAY.

Hotel Notices.

Prepaid, Four lines 3s. 6d., and 6d. line after.

EASTBOURNE GOLF LINKS.—THE CLIFTON HOTEL is the nearest to these Links and to all places of public amusement. Accommodation first-class; charges moderate. Private rooms, billiards, smoking-room, and every convenience.

DOVER. — GRAND HOTEL. — This High-class Family Hotel, on the Sea Front, is now open. 100 handsomely-furnished apartments, including spacious Public Rooms, Hydraulic Lifts. *Table d'Hôte* at separate tables, open to non-residents. Perfect *cuisine*. Choice wines. Moderate tariff.—Applications to the MANAGERESS.

CANNES.—Hotel Beausite and Hotel de l'Esterel. These magnificent Establishments are situated in the West End of Cannes, and are nearest the Golf Links. They contain 350 bed and sitting rooms, and possess the best Lawn Tennis Courts on the Continent. Prices moderate. Arrangements made for a minimum stay of seven days.—G. GOUGOLTZ, Proprietor.

Wanted.

PROFESSIONALS, CLUB AND BALL MAKERS.

Prepaid, Four lines 3s. 6d., and 6d. line after.

WANTED, for a fortnight or three weeks, Professional Golfer. Steady young man, with good references; to help look after eight greens, and especially to coach members of small Club. 25s. with travelling expenses.—Answer to C. M. NEWTON, Esq., Hillingdon House, Uxbridge.

THE BEST CLUB

For playing through the green is R. B. WILSON'S "Mashie Cleek."

SOLE ENGLISH AGENT,

DOUGLAS ROLLAND,

Limpsfield Chart Golf Club, Limpsfield, Surrey.

PRICE 7s.

D. ANDERSON & SONS,

Professional Golf Club and Ball Makers,

ST. ANDREWS, N.B.

Anderson's special Mashie for playing cupped balls and approach strokes, pronounced to be the best Mashie yet introduced. Cleeks and Irons on the same principle, Price 6s. 6d. each. Nothing but the best materials are used in the Manufacture of our Clubs and Balls.

London Agents: J. WISDEN & Co., 21, Cranbourne St., W.C.
WHOLESALE AND EXPORT TERMS ON APPLICATION.