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JULY.

- July 21.—Southend-on-Sea: Mr. Hudson's Gold Medal and Capt. Baldwin's Medal.
Fleetwood: Monthly Medal.
North-West Club (Londonderry), Ladies; Monthly Medal.
Headingley: Monthly Medal.
King's Norton: "Bogey" Competitions for Captain's Prize.
Royal Dublin: Monthly Medal.
Chester: Committee's Cup.
Sheffield and District: Captain's Cup.
Cheadle v. Bowdon.
Wakefield: Monthly Medal.
Rochester: Monthly Medal.
Rochester Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey: Senior Medal (First and Second Class).
Gullane: Gold Medal and Club Prize.
West Middlesex: Medal Competition.
Minchinhampton: "Bogey" Competition.
Worlington and Newmarket: Monthly Medal.
Porthcawl: Monthly Medal.
Southport: Captain's Prize.
Sidcup: Monthly Medal (Second Class).
Eltham: Monthly Medal.
Beckenham: Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew: Club Cup.
Disley: Summer Silver Medal.
Disley: Mr. R. W. Hutton's Prize.
Harrogate: Monthly Medal.
Seaford: Monthly Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Stanmore v. Northwood (at Stanmore).
Derbyshire v. Marple.

July 21 & 25.—Moray: Vice-Captain's Prize.

July 23.—Moray: Banff Club (at Lossiemouth).

- July 25.—Headingley: Ladies' Foursomes.
West Lancashire: Monthly Competition.
Windermere: Ladies' Monthly Competition.
- July 26.—Bentley Green: Monthly Handicap.
Mortonhall: Autumn Meeting.
Royal Guernsey: Monthly Medal.
Warminster: Monthly Handicap.
- July 28.—Ventnor: Saltarn Badge.
Royal West Norfolk: Monthly Medal.
Kemp Town (Brighton): Monthly Competition.
Fairfield: Monthly Medal.
Headingley v. Bradford.
Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.
Chester: The Yerburch Challenge Cup.
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.
Royal North Devon: Monthly Medal.
Cheadle: Silver and Bronze Medals.
Allreton: Gentlemen; Bronze Medal.
Alfreton: Ladies; Silver Spoon.
West Herts: Monthly "Bogey" Competition.
Warwickshire: Monthly Competition for a Cup.
Alnmouth: Monthly Handicap.
Redhill and Reigate: Silver Iron.
West Lancashire: Monthly Competition (Class 2).
Royal Cromer: Monthly Medal.
Cinque Ports: Monthly Medal.
Willesden: Monthly Medal.
Knutsford: Monthly Competition.
Luffness: County Cup Competition.
Luffness: Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Taplow: Monthly Medal.
Ilkley: Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew: Thompson Medal.
Neasden: Monthly Medal.
Marple: Club Medal and Captain's Cup.
Dumfries and Galloway: Monthly Competition.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Crookham: Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield: Monthly Medal.
Windermere: Monthly Competition.
West Cornwall (Gentlemen): Monthly Medal.
Eltham Ladies: Monthly Medal.
West Herts: "Bogey" Competition.
Troon: Sandhill Gold Medal.
Derbyshire v. Charnwood.
- July 31.—Waveney Valley: Monthly Medal.
Burnham (Somerset): Gold and Silver Medal.

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"OUR OWN GAZETTE" UPON GOLF.

It is quite within the bounds of possibility—however regrettable—that many of our readers of the ruder sex may have never even heard of this meritorious organ of a most meritorious society, the *Young Women's Christian Association*. The very name of the latter conjures up sweet memories of the countless saintly women who have blessed our race; and if we be inclined to smile at some of the queer statements, or even the quaint grouping under one head of somewhat incongruous subjects, it is with nought savouring of intentional sneer. But we must confess that our first feeling on perusing the Table of Contents for July—some unknown friend had underlined in red the item *Golf for Girls*—was one of unadulterated surprise. This soon merged in equally unadulterated pleasure; and we believe that our readers will join with us in thinking that this little article—coming as it does from a source held in honour wherever English womanhood holds place—is not only one of the most interesting, but should also be one of the most cherished tributes to our game of the many we have had in recent years.

The editor has spared no fewer than four of her columns to the game, and honoured it with four illustrations of various attitudes (of which it need only be said that, if not in every case strictly accurate, they are never unbecoming) and a diagram, which we must admit we like less. Some fellows, we say, might sneer at the attitudes—for some chaps are never happy unless when sneering at something or other; but, for our own part, we should envy deeply the partner of any of the four comely girls chosen by the lucky dog of an artist—and it may be admitted that a "tee" in putting is unusual. But the diagram of the links is really too enervating. If the draughtsman has reproduced this from actual experience he is deeply to be pitied: if he has concocted it out of his own brain he ought to be kicked, if not actually hanged. The plan is apparently designed after the tartan of the Gael—admittedly winsome enough in a she-Gael, but surely out of place in the sport honoured by dear old Philp—or some of those beastly puzzles with string, at which daft boys are so often skilful. And why call his one doleful hazard a wall? Surely courtesy to Old Goulay's memory might have prompted him to use the word dyke. There is no such word as wall in the golfing tongue.

The article itself is pleasantly written, and evidently by one who has a warm feeling towards the game. We have the somewhat thread-bare joke about the Cockney tennis-court-keeper and Scotch croquet; but it may be news to some that Old Tom made the best score of his life on his sixty-fourth birthday.

But what are we to say to this? "The grounds on which the game is played are called links, each distance between holes being a link" (!). This is a step worse than that of Mrs. Tweedie in your own columns (14th November, 1890), where she speaks of each village having a link of its own. It is really too bad—on a level, say, with laying an intentional stimpie, or bribing your caddie to sneeze on your adversary's putt. There is no such golfing word as link. Links it is, always has been, and always will be; and any remarks one may be called upon

to make in the connection may be either in the singular or plural with equal accuracy.

And surely it would have seemed offensively odd to Allan Robertson to reckon distances by feet—unless, to be sure, those of the quaint Celtic clan who use theirs on occasion for temporary umbrellas. Our author lays it down that "the distance between holes should never be less than 450 feet, as a good driver can send his ball that far with one stroke." One thinks one might with a little exertion.

The following, however, we confess is as bewildering to us as the present Attorney-General's recent utterances proved to the Leader of the Opposition:—"If the player is tolerably close to the wall, the lofter will be selected, so as to strike the ball high into the air, and so clear the wall. If the ball is very close the spoon may be used, but if there is space enough for a second long drive, then the cleek or niblick will be employed." After more than a dozen careful perusals we—surrender, give it up in despair, and merely breathe one sigh of wondering awe at what new capers our new makers are going to turn out.

Again—the worm must surely be excused an occasional turn—we read, "If it require more than two strokes to make the hole from within the green, the player will be more than amiable if he preserve an easy temper." The thought will naturally occur to every golfer that the author must either have confined his practice to putting-greens of singularly limited extent, or that he must be the ideal holer-out of whom enemies of the game have so long malignantly foretold.

And why invent the phrasing, "within the green?" Generations of saintly men and women—even clanging crowds of impious boys—have contented themselves with the immemorial "on the green." And, what is more, I will never believe that the bonnie lassie, who is daintily depicted in the position appropriate to a "high lofting stroke," could ever bring herself to such malversation of words. And to think that the Christian name of the author of this otherwise charming article is John—a name deservedly honoured by every golfer since the year 1402, and, no doubt, even earlier!

We believe every one of our readers will echo the wish that every reader of *Our Own Gazette*—every member of the Young Women's Christian Association—may spend many and many a happy hour over breezy links, and under a sunny sky.

W. DALRYMPLE.

PROFESSIONAL MATCH AT ELIE.

An interesting match has been played between A. H. Scott and John Duncan, of Elie, for a silver watch-chain, presented by an Edinburgh gentleman. A large gathering of visitors followed the professionals round the Elie course, and were treated to a fine display of Golf. Two rounds of the green, or twenty-two holes, decided the match, Duncan took the lead, and was 2 up on the first round. This advantage in the second round he increased to 3 up and 6 to play. Scott now came away with a very strong game, and stood even at the last hole. Another round of eleven holes was played, and a draw was again the result. Six holes more were decided upon, and quite a degree of excitement was felt among the crowd. Both players showed their best form, and gave an almost faultless exposition of the game. By a long putt at the third hole, Scott stood 1 up and 2 to play, and the following hole also fell to him, giving him the match by 2 up and 1 to play. Scott, who is a young man of twenty, like all the professionals, drives a very long, straight ball, and is deadly on the putting-green. He is a most promising player.

ELIE AND EARLSFERRY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—Lady Anstruther, of Balcaskie, lady patron of the club, has presented a gold bracelet to be played for as a challenge prize for the best scratch score made by a lady member of the club in any of the three competitions held on the second last Friday of July, August, and September. Lady Anstruther has further offered that the prize should become the property of any lady who may win it three times.

A FATAL FOURSOME.

Mr. R. L. Stevenson says: "The happiest lot on earth is to be born a Scotchman." In my case, alas! I have not always found it so, indeed, I should be inclined to amend the above to something like this: "The happiest lot on earth is to be born a Golfer!" I am a golfer, but as regards merit, a somewhat uncertain one. Every dog, they say, has his day; but in respect to good play my days are rather few and far between. One day last spring I received the following note:—

DEAR MR. HOGG,—“My mother hopes that you will be able to come here on Wednesday next, and stay a few days. We are going to have a great Golf match on Thursday, and I hope very much that you will be my partner against my sister and Captain Daintry. They are very conceited about their play; but, I rely on you as a *Scotchman*, to help me give them a beating.

Yours sincerely,

EDITH ISABEL LIND.

View Lodge,
Combe Hill, Surrey.”

Now, Edith Lind was the second daughter of old Lind of Combe Hill, and Throgmorton Avenue, City. She was a charming girl tall, and straight, with large hazel eyes, luxuriant brown hair crossed with a golden sheen, an oval face with a good deal of firmness about the mouth and chin. I was very much in love with her, and only wanted an opportunity to tell her so. She was a golfing maniac of the first water; indeed, our bond of union had always been Golf, that is, we had talked Golf and nothing but Golf whenever we met. It may be imagined, therefore, with what pleasure I received the above note, and with what alacrity I dashed off a well-worded reply. On the appointed day the train from Waterloo deposited me at Combe station, and a fly conveyed me to View Lodge. The Fates were kind, Miss Ethel falling to my lot to take into dinner. As we crossed the hall to the dining-room she whispered: "I am sure we shall beat them, Mr. Hogg. I am so glad you were able to come; otherwise I should have had to trust to Mr. Baldwin, and he says he only plays a very little."

I inwardly hoped that the morrow would prove to be one of my good days; but, as we say in Scotland, I had "ma doots." This Baldwin was my hated rival. He was a long-legged dandyfied person, who was always trying to cut me out with Miss Ethel. I was therefore not best pleased to find that he was also staying in the house.

The party at View Lodge consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Lind, their two daughters, a maiden aunt of uncertain age, Captain Daintry, Miss Nelly Lind's intended, Baldwin and myself.

I was a little puzzled that Baldwin, in whose character modesty had no place, should have said that he "only played Golf a very little." However, if he chose to efface himself that was all in my favour.

Nothing was talked of but the coming match. Ethel brimmed over with kindness to me all the evening. After dinner she established herself in a remote "cosy corner," which she permitted me to share; and on Baldwin's attempting to join us—dull fellow, Baldwin, never knows when he is not wanted—she straightway sent him off to talk to "Auntie." Poor fellow, I almost pitied him.

Next morning the wagonette deposited the players and their backers, consisting of Papa, "Auntie," and Baldwin, on Wimbledon Common, which was to be the scene of our prowess. How charming Ethel looked in a most becoming cloth cap, a striped shirt, short blue serge skirt, and the sweetest little pair of brogue shoes in the world. She hit off for our side at the first hole. How deftly she poised her club, making it quiver in her firm little hands. After a most fascinating wagggle of her back skirts, how lightly she swung her driver round her pretty head, and how accurately she struck the ball, which flew straight as an arrow over the intervening gorse bushes, and alighted within an easy iron stroke of the putting-green. I played an admirable second, and we won the first hole with flying colours. It was now my turn to hit off. I drove a fine, long shot, while Daintry "heeled" his

ball, getting to grief among some rushes. Miss Nelly failed to extricate him, and in spite of a plucky third stroke by Daintry they lost the second hole also. At the ninth hole we were 4 up, and looked like winning hands down. Ethel looked radiant, her eyes sparkled with pleasure; never had she appeared so beautiful, and she listened to my conversation with obvious interest. Poor Baldwin was out of it; true, he carried her waterproof and umbrella—doubtless, deriving some satisfaction from that—but she barely noticed his remarks, turning eagerly to me. In the return half-round we fared somewhat badly. The tenth and eleventh holes we halved, and would have lost, but for two rather fluky putts by my partner. At the next, a splendid drive by Daintry, and a lucky putt by Miss Nelly, reduced us to 3 up. Hitting off at the thirteenth hole, Ethel made a poor start, while I, in trying to recover lost ground, got hopelessly amongst some stupid gorse bushes, thereby losing that hole too. The two following holes were halved.

The game was now 2 up for us, with 3 to play. Ethel was still radiant; she had never been kinder; whatever I said seemed right, and her eyes still seemed to flash encouragement. I had been playing the last few holes not quite so well, but, as a whole, my play had been much above my usual form; this of course I kept to myself.

At the next hole, the sixteenth, I had to hit off, and follow Daintry, who had made a fine long stroke into the centre of the grass ride, at the end of which lay the putting-green.

Whether it was over-excitement, or fancying that I heard that long ass whispering to Ethel, I know not. But I topped my ball badly, rolling it into a little drain, or trench, a few yards in front of the tee. My partner, looking perhaps a shade annoyed, got the ball out very deftly with her mashie. It now lay fairly well, and it seemed to me that our only game was to boldly try and carry the gorse, in which case we would be near the hole, and might still win it. I tried, but, alas! pulled the ball across the opening deep into the gorse bushes to the left. Ethel flushed with vexation, and hissed into my ear—

"Why didn't you play a short one and place me?"

In vain I explained how well the ball was lying. A pout, and an angry little stamp was the only reply. Of course we lost the hole; our lead being now reduced to 1, with 2 holes to play. At the next hole, Ethel got well on to the green with her drive, while her sister was short. The captain, however, got well up with their second. While I, now decidedly nervous, ran far past the hole into some fern, out of which Ethel failed to take us, and Miss Nelly holing out, the game stood all even with one hole more to play.

"I hope you will be very careful this time, Mr. Hogg," said Ethel, as I prepared to hit off and follow Daintry, who had made a good clean hit.

"Yes; sit tight, old man," chimed in Baldwin.

My drive was a dreadfully wild one, far to the right, in the very centre of a thicket of gorse and other abominations. I could have cried with vexation, and was by no means rendered happier by hearing Ethel ejaculate something which sounded uncommonly like "Duffer!"

What need to dwell any further on my misfortunes—on the long, frantic search for the ball, and, when it was found, on my renewed failure to make a decent iron shot after my partner had succeeded in playing from an almost hopeless position? Sufficient is it to say that we lost the match. My cup of misery was now full, for I had to meet Miss Ethel's eyes, flashing still, but, alas! only with scorn and anger. Remonstrances were useless; love-making, under the circumstances, out of the question.

As we left the ground, Ethel turned to Baldwin, saying, "Oh, Mr. Baldwin, I wish I had asked you to be my partner!"

Baldwin protested that he was but a beginner.

"No," she said, you are modest"; and, with a fierce little glance at me, "I wish everyone were as little conceited as you."

Crushed and hopeless, I asked leave to walk back. It was granted with, I thought, unmistakable satisfaction.

My love affair being now hopeless, I hastened to the telegraph office, and sent a wire to myself at Combe, telling myself at Combe that my presence was absolutely necessary in London at once. On arriving at View Lodge I found the telegram. To

find old Lind, and, when found, to explain to him that I must return to town at once, was to me the work of a few minutes. The rest of the party were out walking, so I was spared saying "Good-bye" to her.

I have not seen Ethel Lind since the "Fatal Foursome." Some few weeks later, however, I saw the following in the *Morning Post* :—

"A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Edward Arthur Baldwin, of Paper Buildings, Temple, and Ethel Isabel, second daughter of Geoffrey Lind, of View Lodge, Combe Hill, Surrey."

N. M. NISBETT.

A GOLFING LYRIC.

Heigh! for the Links, love,
Out and away!

Where the lark sinks, love,
Swooping for prey.
Out to the heather,
Gay or glum day,
Careless of weather,
Careful of play.

Hark to the swish, love,
Driver swung through,
Swifter than fish, love,
Ball rushes true.
"Over?" Why, yes, love,
Nought but a putt—
They're in a mess, love;
Foul lie, that rut.

Eye on the ball, love,
Loft high the gorse;
Low for the fall, love,
Clean through—don't force!
List to the hum, love,
Ball soaring clear,
Sweeter than drum, love,
To soldier's ear.

Three at the turn, love,
Might have been worse;
Mark well the burn, love,
Ah, well—don't curse.
Such is our life, love,
Now give—now take—
Envy and strife, love,
Then ale and cake.

Bunkers to clear, love,
Lies bad and good,
Courage and fear, love,
Iron and wood.
Stimies to lay, love,
Loft up or run;
Dormies to play, love,
Holes lost and won.

Tempers to keep, love,
Nerve and head cool;
Angels might weep, love,
Were Golf their school.
Two up and one, love,
Halved, too, the bye—
Shake hands—we've won, love,
We've made them cry.

C. B.

LARGS CLUB.—The champion medal competition of this club was played on Saturday. Best cards :—Rev. John Heggie, 47, less 2=45; Mr. Duncan M'Kellar, 61, less 15=46; Mr. James Crawford, 55, less 8=47; Mr. James Morris, 55, less 7=48; Mr. R. Spier, 73, less 15=58.

A LABOUR OF LOVE.

I was young and in love. The object of my adoration was a lady, also young, and extremely beautiful, but who was of an energetic disposition, and whose hobby was Golf. I had heard that she had announced her intention of marrying no one but a first-rate golfer, so I felt my chance to be poor indeed, as I had never even tried to play. Having plenty of time at my disposal—it was the summer vacation, and my studies at Cambridge had ceased for the nonce—I resolved to retire to some secluded spot to be initiated into the mysteries of the game, before I told the young lady the state of my feelings towards her.

I gave my family to understand that I required a little quiet study (of what, I did not mention), and made my preparations accordingly. I had a friend who was an ardent golfer, and to him I confided my desire to learn. He was delighted because, as I excelled in most sports, he thought it extremely probable I should excel also in Golf. From him I learnt which books gave the best instructions, and ordered every one I could hear of to be sent to my home, my family labouring under the delusion that they were the books I required for my quiet "study"! I found W. T. Linskill's list of clubs extremely useful, but was surprised to find when I tried to procure them at the stores, that several of them were very seldom used, and were not kept in stock. I took a club of every sort that they did keep, including all the new patents, and a bag and boxes of balls, but these purchases I ordered to be sent to the small hotel in the village on the East Coast, which had been recommended to me as a suitable place for beginners in the noble art of Golf.

I bade my family a tender farewell, and received many injunctions not to overwork myself. I finally departed with the Badminton Book of Golf to read in the train, and I studied it to such advantage that, by the time I had arrived at my destination, I was an enthusiastic golfer!

When I had deposited my luggage at the Hotel, I hurried off to interview the professional, as I had been advised, and made all the necessary arrangements for playing. I then returned to the Hotel, of which I was the sole occupant, as it was late in the season. Of this I was rather glad, as it gave me the opportunity of studying Golf in a more energetic form than merely reading. I found the table of the smoking-room covered with inviting-looking papers, instructive and amusing, but I resolutely put them aside and brought down my load of golfing books and papers to take their place; the chairs and floor I strewed with my clubs, and set myself to work to learn their names—a task I accomplished without much difficulty. I then proceeded, after the examples given in the Badminton Book, to learn to putt, and was vigorously putting ball after ball at the leg of a certain chair, keeping as well as I could along a certain line in the carpet, when the waiter announced that dinner was ready.

As soon as that meal was finished I returned to my Golf-books and tried to practise a swing. Naturally, the first thing I did was to break the gas-globe, which fetched the manager in a hurry. I apologised for the mischief I had done, knowing well enough I should have to pay for it in the bill, and the manager suggested that I should continue my practice in the hall, which was unusually large for the size of the hotel. I agreed, and took my books and clubs outside, where I smoked, and drove imaginary balls extraordinary distances, and practised iron shots over the back of the sofa—or, rather, *tried* to, as only one shot in ten rose in the air. I felt myself fast becoming fit to play in the Championship, and scoffed inwardly at the idea of Golf being a difficult game to play. The servants at the hotel found many reasons for passing through the hall, and were all deeply interested in my performance. At last I began to tire of my unusual exercise and retired to my room, still hugging the Badminton Book.

But alas for human expectations! When I awoke the next morning I found myself seized with violent pains in back, and neck and arms! I had forgotten I was not in good training, having done nothing during the first part of the vacation, owing

to a sprained ankle; and being rather inclined to be stiff when not in training, the unusual contortions of my arms and body had caused me to become so stiff that I could hardly move.

I rang and ordered my breakfast to be brought to my room, and fancied I detected a lurking smile in the face of the servant, who, no doubt, thought, and rightly, that I was overcome with fatigue from my evening's exertions. I therefore resolved, cost me what it might, to get down, and, if possible, begin to play, though I devoutly hoped for a wet day as an excuse for remaining indoors. But the day was perfect—sun, and no wind.

I told the manager I was going to inspect the links, and asked him for directions to get there. Again I saw that lurking smile, for he too, no doubt, could observe the difference between my energy overnight, and my extreme limpness of the morning.

"Feel stiff sir?" he inquired, and I thought it wisest to answer truthfully, "Just a little, I am out of training," and then turned away for my walk.

I soon came to the links, and watched two men playing, and followed them. Again I wondered how people could say the game was hard to play. These men did not seem to exert themselves, everything was done easily, and the ball seemed to go exactly as they wished. The madness came upon me once more with full force, and forgetting my stiffness, I hastily returned to the hotel, had luncheon, chartered a caddie, and started for my first game of Golf.

To say I was disappointed with the result is to put it mildly. I found I could not hit the little ball, or, if I did, it started off to the right or the left, quite independent of any wish of mine that it should go straight forward. It was most extraordinary!

I had resolved to learn solely with the aid of the Badminton Book; but though I had followed all the instructions and diagrams most carefully, they seemed to be of no avail when I came to put them into practice. I concluded that it was my stiffness which prevented my playing, and returned to the hotel after a few holes.

That evening I put myself through a scientific course of exercises that should free my arms, and practised swinging and putting again with much vigour. Next day I tried again, but, alas! with no better result in anything, for the putting-greens were not as smooth as the smoking-room carpet, nor were the tees as level as the hall. The following day I resolved to place myself in the hands of the professional, and, having done so, I found myself improving rapidly. The Badminton Book may be all very well for instruction and reference, but it will not make you play Golf!

I stayed for a month at the village, and when I returned to town, made inquiries about becoming a member of the nearest clubs, and from that day to this Golf has been my favourite method of passing every holiday, and I think the proudest day of my life was that on which I received the monthly medal for the first time.

By the way, on my return, I found that the girl for whose sake I had banished myself to learn Golf, had, during my absence, become engaged to another fellow, who not only had no idea of playing Golf himself, but also strongly disapproved of women indulging in games of this sort. Such is the inconsistency of women! But I never regretted my self-imposed task, though had I boldly inquired my fate first, who knows what the result might have been?

H. M. F.

NAIRN.—The monthly competition for the Pullar medal took place on Saturday. The medal was won by Colonel Galloway with a score of 104, less 10=94.

DORNOCH.—The aggregate competition was played on Saturday. The leading scores were:—Mr. W. Mackay, 85, less 2=83; Mr. A. Lobban, 87, less 4=83; Mr. W. Menzies, 91, less 6=85; Mr. H. Munro, scratch, 87; Mr. J. Morrison, 91, less 4=87; Mr. A. Innes, 91, less 4=87; Mr. G. R. Kennedy, 92, less 4=88; Mr. P. Park, 96, less 8=88; Mr. T. Ross, 100, less 12=88; Mr. W. G. Moore, 104, less 16=88; Mr. D. Mackenzie, 101, less 12=89.

GOLFERS' FADS.

Thomas Carlyle was of opinion that this was a mechanical age. From the golfer's point of view it undoubtedly is; and if you do not view everything in life nowadays in its relationship to your golfing frame of mind—which ought to be an integral part of your mental constitution—then you are suffering from social ostracism, or wasting much of the short period allotted to poor mortals on this side the grave. We frequently wonder what all the men who now play Golf—or at least affect to do so—did with their spare hours before the golfing age arrived. There must have been an immense amount of good raw material pursuing devious paths, which led to nowhere. Now, however, all is changed. The modern golfer, at least one of the many types, seems to have in his mind's eye the proper idea—namely, to get round a links in as few strokes as possible. He attempts to do so by means of all sorts of patent instruments, and a card and pencil are an invariable part of his impedimenta. He begins at the wrong end. He puts one in mind of the man who goes to a teacher of music, and asks that he should be taught how to accompany himself on the violin or piano, without an essential knowledge of the rudiments of the instrument. He wishes to play the tune right away, and to have no trouble with the drudgery of scales.

The wide-awake mechanic has certainly seized his opportunity. The number of patent lofters, putters, drivers, and extraordinary and curiously constructed pieces of mechanism, devised in order to lure the novice on to the royal road of Golf—which is supposed to be the short road—is truly marvellous. It sounds so much easier to have an instrument that will do the necessary work, without the trouble of learning the secret automatism necessary to propel a ball in the direction one wishes. Our forefathers, in their weak moments of Golf, allowed their thoughts to run in another than the mechanical groove. They appealed, in their time of despair, to that unique specimen of humanity, the professional caddie.

I remember once being in an inn in Prestwick after a professional match between Old Tom and Willie Park, sen., when a famous Golf reporter (now eminent in another profession) was writing a graphic account of the match, for the *Scotsman*, assisted by a worthy who attended all these meetings. The reporter's pencil went wrong, as it often does, and on appealing for another to his colleague, the latter replied, "Eh! Man, I have not only to supply you with brains, but with writing material." The novice at Golf is in the same predicament; he wishes the instruments to perform the miraculous, and the perfected art without the trouble of years of practice and observation. Another type of golfer is he who treats the caddies as if they were carrying-machines, and not flesh and blood like himself; beings to be raided at. Unfortunately, the caddie race is rather degenerate, and many aggravate to exasperation; but if Golf is to continue the rage, the myriads of clubs ought to do something to elevate the caddie species. In a short article one cannot enumerate all the remedies, but in many clubs, I am happy to say, better discipline prevails, and more attention is paid to this indispensable individual. The sayings of golfers have been handed down from all time. These sayings are mostly good; those that are not good soon disappear. I should think the inhalation of the splendid air, the stimulating effect of the often beautiful surroundings, must have conducted in the past to make the golfer an original man. The boom may last, and if it does so much longer, the infinite variety of shapes must be nigh exhausted, and, like history, the club-maker must repeat himself. There are signs even now of a reaction. A year ago nothing would do but a deep-faced club, with a short head and a bulge. Now your golfer walks into the shop, when he is getting his club taced, and asks that not much bulge be put on, or rather left. Again, the head is getting something the shape of a smoothing-iron used by laundresses, and about the same thickness. Wait another year, and perhaps we will go back to the shape affected

by Hugh Philp, and, compared with the modern smoothing-iron, it had at least the advantage of being a thing of beauty. I suppose most golfers of some years' standing are very conscious of the fact regarding clubs that "there is nothing new under the sun," especially with regard to most patents. I was much struck by this the other day when examining an iron and putting cleek. They differed very slightly from an ancient couple which belonged to a noble golfer of a past age, and which I have in my possession. Fads, however, are good. They keep men interested; and in this age of unrest it is better to be full of fads that are innocent than to be busy promulgating ideas that are harmful.

JOHN HIGHET, M.D.

BROUGHAM'S PATENT BRASSEY.

The patent aluminium club-head invented by Mr. Reginald Brougham, with its small block of wood as driving face, is now pretty well known among golfers, and has established itself among them as a practical and useful improvement in driving clubs. Mr. Brougham has now carried his idea a little further, and has brought out a brassey modelled on the same lines, for playing through the green. The brassey is similar in construction to the driver, except that the face of the club is a little deeper, and is "grassed," so to speak, like the old brassey niblick. The face is composed of a new material, which is at once hard and proof against the injurious effects of wet weather. This material is vulcanised fibre, which is fitted so completely into the space allotted to it that there is no danger either of swelling from wet or shrinkage from dry weather. The club is made in two patterns—medium flat-lying and medium upright; the flat-lying club being provided with a little longer shaft than the more upright club. In ordering the club, therefore, a player has only to indicate whether he wishes an upright or a flat-lying club; and once he is suited in this respect he is equipped, as in the case of the driver of the same pattern, with a club which will last him a lifetime, and is free from all the dangers of having a favourite wooden club "made to pattern." We have tried the brassey very thoroughly, and can bear testimony to its power and effect in rough, unpromising lies. Those players who find a difficulty in using the cleek—a very difficult club to handle really well—will find this brassey a certain and effective substitute practically for all shots after the tee is left until the putting green is reached.

BURNTISLAND CLUB.—Cup and Medal Competition.—The annual competition for the Inchdairnie silver cup and Wallace medal took place at St. Andrews on Saturday. The cup was won with the actual score of 88 by Mr. John Still. Mr. Philip and Mr. T. Scott tied for the medal, but after playing an additional nine holes the former won. Sweepstakes were improvised, and the money prizes fell to the following, who constitute the prize-list:—Mr. J. Still, 88 less 4=84 (winner of the cup); Mr. H. Philip, 90, less 2=88 (winner of the medal); Mr. T. Scott, 94, less 6=88; Mr. W. Read, 102, less 12=90; Mr. J. Blyth, 93, less 2=91; Mr. D. Wood, jun., 96, less 4=92; Mr. W. Duncan, scratch, 93; Mr. J. Thomson, 99, less 6=93; Mr. D. W. Stevenson, 104, less 10=94; Mr. T. Watt, scratch, 96; Mr. A. Jackson, 100, less 4=96; Mr. R. Todd, 108, less 12=96.

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W. M. G., writes:—"More links for the North of Ireland. Not content with the grand sea-side links of Newcastle, Portrush, Port Salon, Rosapenna, Ballycastle, Carnalea, and the inland courses of Dungannon, Shanes Park, Lurgan, Ormeau, Garnerville, Killymoon, and a host of others, the grand game has burst forth in yet another Ulster watering-place. At Bundoran, which lies on the extreme south-western coast of County Donegal, three miles from Ballyshannon, the directors of the Great Northern Railway have taken a fine tract of 100 acres, along the sea-shore, and are building a fine hotel. The course, however, has already been laid out under the careful and experienced eye of Mr. G. L. Bailie, and when played over for some time will be second to none in the Kingdom. Bundoran is essentially a place for sport. The beach and strand are magnificent—the expanse of sand reminding one of Ostend. There is plenty of accommodation in the town, and, less than three miles away, is the famous Lough Melvin, celebrated for its *gilaroo* trout. Nearer than the Lough runs the fine salmon river Bundrowes, while of course the Erne discharges into the sea at Ballyshannon. Indeed a more perfect place than Bundoran for a summer outing does not exist in Ireland."

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The entrance fee of the Raynes Park Golf Club has been raised to £5 5s., and the Committee propose to increase the membership. The roll of members has all but reached 450.

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Leith, which of old gave to Scotland the epidemic of Golf, has of late acquired unenviable notoriety by an epidemic of smallpox which has caused quite a scare in Edinburgh and neighbourhood, and sent thousands to the vaccinator to be disabled for a time for Golf and other recreations. Tourists, on account of the scare, have avoided and passed by the port, and the capital and the hotel-keepers have suffered badly for the want of the usual summer patronage. There may now be said to be no danger, as the epidemic has nearly disappeared, and the Local Sanitary Authorities, after a good deal of wrangling, have set the place in order, and almost stamped out the disease. Those who intended to go north for a golfing holiday may therefore be assured that they run no risk in spending a few days in Edinburgh and visiting the Braids and other Golf courses adjoining the city, and they will find it worth while to make a visit to the old ground at Musselburgh, which has been greatly improved under the new regulations.

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Mr. G. Martin, Berwick-on-Tweed, has published a two-penny "Tourists' Guide" to the coasts of Northumberland and Berwickshire. From it we learn that the Berwick Golf Club have recently had a course laid out at Goswick, about two miles in extent, within easy reach of train, booking from Tweedmouth to Windmill Hill (N.E. Railway). Mention is made of the Ayton and Eyemouth courses, and also of Dunbar Links; but we are surprised that no account is given of the Alnmouth Golf Course, which is one of the finest nine-hole rounds to be found anywhere. This green is specially patronised during August, so that we cannot advise golfers who wish quiet play

to resort thither, but certainly those who do not mind the presence of numbers may here have a capital holiday. The railway station on the North-Eastern Railway is about a mile from Almouth, but conveyances meet nearly all trains, and there are two good hotels—"The Schooner" and "The Red Lion." Mr. Martin's booklet will be found to give a great deal of information of the historical associations of this most interesting part of our coast.

A glance over the list of Golf Clubs in the excellent "Annual," edited by Mr. D. S. Duncan, and published at the *Field* office, gives us some interesting facts about the expense of connection with various clubs, and throws light on the progress of Golf and its popularity in different districts. Selecting clubs whose price for admission to membership exceeds five guineas, we compile the following table:—

Name of Club.	Entry Money.	Annual Subscription.
Sandwich	£ s. d. 15 15 0	£ s. d. 3 3 0
Royal and Ancient (St. Andrews) ...	15 0 0	3 0 0
Prestwick	15 0 0	2 0 0
Tooting Bec	15 15 0	3 3 0
The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers	12 12 0	3 3 0
Eltham	10 10 0	5 5 0
Royal Liverpool	10 10 0	3 0 0
West Lancashire	10 10 0	2 2 0
Lytham and St. Anne's	10 10 0	1 1 0
Mortonhall	10 10 0	1 11 6
Neasden	10 10 0	6 6 0
New Club, North Berwick	10 10 0	2 0 0
Royal Wimbledon... ..	10 10 0	3 3 0
Royal Perth	10 10 0	2 2 0
Troon	10 10 0	1 10 0
Wallasey	10 10 0	3 3 0
Formby	8 8 0	2 2 0
Northwood... ..	8 8 0	4 4 0
Prestwick St. Nicholas	7 7 0	1 5 0

The list of Golf clubs whose entry-money is five guineas is as follows:—Aberdeen, Royal Ashdown Forest, Bowdon, Brancaster, Brighton, West Herts, Carnoustie, Cromer, Cinque Ports, Epsom, Felixstowe, Guildford, Hayling, Royal Isle of Wight, Littlestone, Royal Blackheath, London Scottish, Wimbledon Ladies' Club, Beckenham, Mid-Surrey, West Middlesex, Portrush, Stanmore, Wilmslow, and Great Yarmouth. Dublin and Elie Golf House clubs come next with entry-money £5, and Glasgow £4, exhausts the list of clubs in the "Annual," whose entry-money is over £3. The annual subscriptions of the above clubs vary from £5 in the case of Stanmore, which stands alone in the list at that figure, to £1, the subscription paid by Carnoustie and Elie; the average of the whole list of twenty-eight clubs being about £2 per annum. In the great majority of cases the entry-money is considerably greater than the annual subscription, but in some cases the reverse is the case, and a few charge no entry-money whatever. The following clubs charge more for annual fee than for entry, viz., Boxmoor, Bromley, Bury, Ventnor, Kettering, Willesden, Penang, Pleasington, Olton, Sidcup, and Torquay. For entry and annual the same is charged by the following:—Royal Belfast, Folkestone, Harrow, Leicester, Stanmore, Macclesfield, Malvern, and Oldham.

From the above it appears that England (as in the Championship) "takes the cake" against Scotland and the rest of the golfing world for prices of club membership, Sandwich and Furzedown leading off in guineas against the pounds of the Royal and Ancient and Prestwick. It must also be noted that our table does not really show the most expensive club with which the golfer may be connected. Among the few who charge no entry money is the Ranelagh Club (the bearer of a fine old name which has recently renewed its youth), which

charges its members *ten guineas* per annum, thus taking first prize for prices, and making itself the most expensive of all Golf Clubs. Then Neasden comes with an annual charge of six guineas per annum; next come Richmond, Eltham, and Stanmore, each five guineas per annum; Northwood following alone at four guineas. The annual charges really determine the expense of club-connection—at least, they do so in great degree. When this is considered, England's lead in the matter of charges is still more remarkable. In the matter of cheapness the most economical club in the golfing world to which the golfer may belong is the Ardwell Club (Wigtonshire), presided over by Sir Mark J. Stewart, Bart., M.P., which charges no entry money, and only 1s. 6d. per annum. Now that the fact is known, we expect to hear of such a golfing expedition to Ardwell that Mr. Crockett will require to write a new version of "The Raiders," suited to a new age in that ancient and interesting district.

The success of the New Ranelagh Club seems to be quite marked, and according to the correspondent of the *Scotsman*, the lawns of this famous West End resort are crowded daily by visitors and members. Polo, Golf, tennis, boating, and the resuscitated croquet all the week, with gymkhana meetings, driving competitions, tournaments of all sorts, pastoral plays on Wednesdays and Saturdays, make up a full list of attractions. The committee is presided over by Lord Dudley, and includes the names of the Duke of Portland, the Earl of Chesterfield, Mr. Alfred de Rothschild, Mr. Astor, Mr. Kenneth Howard, and Mr. Lewis M'Iver, whose presence, according to the above authority, "has contributed not a little to the list of candidates for election."

A remarkable commentary on the development of Golf and Golf clubs is found in the advertisement in our columns by the Royal Liverpool Golf Club for a secretary at a salary of £200 per annum; and from the same advertisement we can infer how much the club are indebted to Mr. Potter, who so long did the work so well. No doubt there will be many applicants for the post.

George Shepherd, who for a time was engaged on Mr. Hope's new green has been recalled by the Committee of the Luffness Golf Club, and set to get the green into order for the county cup competition. This will not be an easy matter, as the green has lately been getting worse and worse, and the cup players will scarcely find it in such good trim as on former occasions. Still a good day's play is expected, and much speculation goes on as to the probable winners. The defeat of the Bass Rock Club at Archerfield by the Dirleton Castle has given the latter club much confidence in their team, as Messrs. Brotherstone and D. Ritchie, sen., beat respectively Messrs. D. M. Jackson and A. Thorburn by three holes. Even discounting the performance of the youth, who scarcely did justice to an honoured golfing name, by being seventeen holes down, the Bass Rock were in the minority, and some of their best players on the down side; they will have to look to their laurels.

The Royal Hotel, North Berwick, which adjourns the railway station, has always been a favourite "howff" for golfers, and in one room a few players have made a little clubhouse for themselves, with boxes for their clubs and belongings. The popularity of the Royal was due to the excellent management of Mrs. Fleck, who, to the regret of many, has now retired. The license has been transferred to Mr. Arthur G. Holloway, lately manager of the Edinburgh Hotel, and those who know this gentleman, say that in his hands the popularity of the Royal will be greater than ever.

Mr. John Gilmour, of Montrave, one of the most popular landlords in Fife, has presented a handsome silver jug for competition among members of the Leven Thistle Golf Club. The conditions are that the cup be played for annually under handicap by holes, in heats, and to become the property of the player winning it three times (not necessarily in succession).

Mr. James Kinnell has the honour of being the first holder of the jug, having beaten Mr. J. T. Ireland in the final, after a close contest.

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After his victory in the Parliamentary Golf Tournament, Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., seems to have turned his attention to "Philosophic Doubt," and a second volume on this subject from his pen is said to be imminent. What is called a "picturesque" rumour has been set afloat to the effect that Colonel Wauchope is giving up his candidature for Mid-Lothian, and that Mr. Balfour is to appear there to seek the seat to be vacated by Mr. Gladstone. The right hon. gentleman is again expected at North Berwick for a few weeks' play later in the season, and, with his Parliamentary victory, his Golf will be more interesting than ever.

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The Earlsferry and Elie Golf Club hold their summer meeting to-morrow, when the Balcaskie medal (present holder, Mr. L. Fish), which is scratch, and Browning quaiich (handicap) fall to be competed for. The green was never in better condition than at present, and many of the regular visitors have again put in their appearance at this favourite seaside resort, which has had lustre recently conferred on its links and its Golf by the splendid performances of Douglas Rolland, who here began his illustrious career as a player. The professional match between Scott and Duncan was a fine exhibition of good Golf, and evidently Elie has other great players to keep up her fame. The Balcaskie family never lose any occasion of showing their interest in the links and the game, and Lady Anstruther has just presented the ladies' club, of which she is patron, with a gold bracelet as a challenge prize to become the property of the lady who wins it three times. It is a pity that the present service of boats between the north and south shores of the Forth is not more complete, so that Elie and North Berwick might come and go with each other more than is possible under the present intermittent and uncertain sailings.

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Mr. Laidlaw Purves has patented a new feature in Golf club bags, which ought to become popular among golfers. It consists in dividing the bag into three compartments, one for wooden clubs, one for the irons, one for the cleek, niblick, and putter. By this means the clubs are so separated that not only is the selection of a club by the player himself facilitated, but the work of the caddie in disentangling the clubs at every shot is greatly lessened. But the main utility of the improvement consists in this, that all players who take pride in the general appearance of their clubs—and where is the player who does not?—preserve the leathers from being torn and frayed, the shafts twisted and injured, and the whipping at the neck of wooden clubs battered and loosened.

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With reference to the suggested match with Andrew Kirkaldy, we understand that Willie Fernie is prepared to play Kirkaldy for £100 over three greens, home and home, and one neutral green.

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An interesting three-ball match was played between Fernie, of Troon, against Mr. E. D. Prothero and Mr. J. A. Neilson, over Troon and Prestwick, last week, the amateurs playing the best of their balls against the professional. The match was of seventy-two holes, thirty-six holes over each green. The amateurs were 2 up on the first round, the scores being 74 and 77; but the professional gained a hole on the second round, the scores being 73 and 75. Over Prestwick the first round was halved, but Fernie won the second by 4 up and 2 to play, and thus won the long match by 3 up and 2 to play. Fernie was playing for a record in the last round. With 64 strokes to the sixteen holes, he took 6 and 5 to the last two, and finished at 75.

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A match between Captain Molesworth, and J. H. Taylor, the Open Champion, against Mr. J. R. Hutchison and Captain Kinloch, was played over Mitcham on Tuesday. Captain Moles-

worth and the professional were 1 up at the turn, but after some grand play Messrs. Hutchison and Kinloch were all square at the eighteenth hole. Scores:—Captain Molesworth and Taylor, out, 46; home, 48. Mr. Hutchison and Captain Kinloch, out, 46; home, 44. In the end, however, Mr. Hutchison and Captain Kinloch won by 3 holes up and 2 to play.

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Playing at Littlestone with Mr. G. Pemberton Leach, Alexander, the home professional, made the record for the green with a score of 76 from medal tees:—

Out	4 6 5 4 4 3 3 4	4=37	} 76
Home	4 4 5 5 4 6 3 5	3=39	

Alexander had hitherto held the record of the green (76) before the alterations, by which the course is held to be 2 strokes more difficult, "Bogey" being raised to 84.

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Mr. H. J. Stewart, of the Lothianburn Golf Club, in an eighteen-hole match with Mr. W. H. Laidlaw, of the same club, over Musselburgh green on Saturday, finished fourteen holes up with a score made up as follows: First round, 2 5 4 3 5 5 3 4 3=34; second round, 4 5 5 4 4 5 4 3 3=37, total 71.

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The annual general meeting of the Chislehurst Golf Club was held on Tuesday last, July 10th, when the officers for the year and the committee were elected. Mr. John Dun was unanimously elected captain of the club. The opening ceremony is fixed for to-morrow (Saturday 21st), on which occasion matches will be played by several well known amateur and professional players. The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., and his brother, Mr. Gerald Balfour, M.P., Mr. A. D. Blyth, Mr. Mure Fergusson, and others. Amongst the professionals, Douglas Rolland, Tom Dunn, and Peter Paxton, are expected.

A BALLADE OF WARNING.

"Out of the depths I call."

Our links are set within a barren land,
Round which the waters of a dead sea flow;
Here are great bunkers full of burning sand,
Here are swart skies which like a furnace glow.
There is not any rain, and no winds blow,
Upon the greens the scanty grass is sere;
This is the Hell where wicked golfers go;
"All hope abandon, ye who enter here."

No respite now for us: a weary band,
From tee to tee we wander to and fro;
Sometimes in pauses of our game we stand,
Remembering all our sins of long ago.
The devil tempted us but once, and, lo!
We gave up wife, and home, and all things dear.
Shall not repentance save us? No; ah, no!
"All hope abandon, ye who enter here."

Sometimes a vessel comes, and on the strand
More sinners disembark, sad-hearted, slow.
We scan the sea we have so often scanned,
And watch and wait for others whom we know—
For Lang and Balfour, Lyttelton, also,
Yea, many whom on earth we did revere,
Unwitting they were harbingers of woe:
"All hope abandon, ye who enter here."

ENVOY.

All ye who golf, both amateur and pro,
Who play not wisely or not well, give ear,
And heed this solemn warning from below—
"All hope abandon, ye who enter here."

GREVILLE E. MATHESON.



REMOVAL OF STONE IN HAZARD.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I have another word on this subject? Your correspondent, Mr. T. S. Robin (see p. 409), says that “according to the rules a hazard carries no penalty unless the ball is in or touches it.” On the contrary, Rule XII., which treats of things “growing near the ball,” forbids the disturbance of any bush, and excepts only Rule XVIII. Even Shylock could not remove a heavy stone without disturbing the bush or the grass more than is allowed by the rule.

Mr. Robin is fortunate in having the authority of Mr. Horace Hutchinson to quote, but even Homer nods.

Permit me to add a second chapter to Mr. Robin's hypothetical case of A and B. C is playing in front of them, and takes note of the stone in the bush, but is not aware of the double interpretation of Rule XI. In playing his second round, he gives (as he supposes) the break-club in the bush a wide berth; judge of his disgust when he comes up and finds that the stone, thrown away by A, is now on the course and his ball touching it, whereby C suffers the penalties of Rule XXV. Such cases would occur far oftener if stones were constantly being thrown out of bunkers.

I regret that a sentence of mine, quoted by Mr. Robin, which was meant to be rhetorical, in order to draw the other side, reads like a conclusive argument for want of a point of interrogation.

I wish Mr. B. Hall Blyth, Mr. W. T. Linskill, or Mr. H. S. C. Everard would give their views on this interesting point.

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. M. BELL.

Sawtry, July 14th.

REMOVAL OF STONE IN A HAZARD.—MISSING BALL INTENTIONALLY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In answer to yours asking my opinion on the case of the removal of “a large stone hanging in a bush” by a player whose ball lies within a club-length of the stone, I would, like Mr. Horace Hutchinson, before looking at the rules, say “that the stone could not be removed.” But when Captain Robin says he has nothing to do with unwritten laws, and that he must decide the question by written laws, I can appreciate his difficulty in not coming to the same conclusion. For, on looking at the St. Andrews Rules, I find no written law saying that in such a case “nothing in a hazard may be touched or removed before the ball, even lying outside, is played.” That this is the unwritten law, and has been, as far as my experience goes, the custom followed by St. Andrews players, I feel certain.

But if Captain Robin will look at Rule XII., he will find something which may induce him to reconsider his decision in

this case. It reads as follows:—“Before striking at the ball the player shall not move, bend, or break anything fixed or growing near the ball.” Now I can hardly conceive it possible to remove “a large stone hanging in a bush” without moving or bending something growing, and, if so, the stone could not be removed from the bush before striking at the ball.

With regard to Captain Robin's statement that, “according to the rules, a hazard is just as much a part of the green as if there were no hazard,” I would refer him to Rule XV., which says that a hazard is “anything which is not the ordinary green of the course.”

In reference to the example Captain Robin gives of the hard lines which would be awarded to A if he be not allowed to remove an obstacle in a hazard lying within a club-length of his ball, I would ask him if he thinks A has done “just what he played for,” if he has played the ball within a club-length of a bush over which he has to pass on his way to the hole. That I very much doubt; and further I would remind Captain Robin that there are many such hardships meted out in the rules at present in force. For example, by Rule XXI. two balls lying in the same bunker, one in sand, and the other in casual water in the bunker, may be penalised very differently. For lifting the former the penalty is two strokes, while for lifting the latter the penalty is one stroke—certainly a very unequal penalty for the same mistake. Or again, if two unplayable balls are lying in the same drain, the player who should play the odds loses the hole. Or again, both balls being lost, the player whose ball is admittedly or presumably the farther from the hole loses the hole.

It is certainly full time that such glaring unreasonableness should be done away with, and it will give me pleasure if Captain Robin, as the secretary of a well-known club, will assist in removing them.

While writing on rules, let me draw your attention to your answer to a correspondent in GOLF of May 25th, and to the letter of the Rev. J. G. McPherson, in your issue of June 5th, on the subject of “missing the ball intentionally.”

I regret to differ from you in your opinion on the point, and ask you to consider the following rules in their bearing thereon:—

Rule V. reads:—“In a match with two or more on a side, the partners shall strike off alternately from the tee, and shall strike alternately during the play of the hole.” Rule VI. reads:—“If a player shall play when his partner should have done so, his side shall lose the hole.”

I think you will agree with me that the word “play” in Rule VI. is synonymous with the word “strike” in Rule V., and that being so, let us see what to strike or play, at Golf, means.

Rule IV. runs as follows:—“Any movement of the club which is intended to strike the ball is a stroke;” and in the Glossary attached to the Rules of St. Andrews, in force previous to 1891, a stroke is defined as “The act of hitting the ball with the club, or the attempt to do so.”

How, therefore, can a player, A, who intentionally misses the ball, be said to have conformed to Rule V., and struck alternately with his partner, either from the tee or during the play of the hole. He has not done so, but has committed a breach of this rule; and if his partner, B, plays without his, A, having made a movement with his club which is intended to strike the ball, he will, under Rule VI., lose the hole.

If the missing of the ball intentionally be not meant to deceive the opponents, why is any motion of the club necessary? Why should the player not say to the opponents, “I wish my partner to play, and you can count a stroke against me for my not playing?” Why did Allan Robertson “whisper” his advice to the duffer? Why did he not say openly, “Let our opponents count one for your not playing, and let me play this stroke?” Because, I contend, that it was not honestly “winning the hole,” and Allan and his partner wished to deceive their opponents by making a pretence of conforming to Rule V., and made the false appearance of “striking alternately.”

It should be our pride to keep the “ethics of Golf, and the chivalry of Golf” on the highest platform, and I think to intentionally deceive our opponent is not worthy of the game.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

July 14th.

THE GUERNSEY LINKS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With reference to the article on the Guernsey links, in your issue of the 13th inst., will you kindly insert in your next issue that the committee have succeeded in buying the commoners' rights of cutting bracken, and that the course now consists permanently of eighteen holes.

I am, Sir, &c.,

REGINALD J. BAINBRIGGE.

Hon. Secretary,
Royal Guernsey Golf Club.

SELKIRK GOLF CLUB.

The competition to decide the championship of the club, which is played according to tournament rules, has been in progress during the past weeks. The winner in the competition becoming holder for the year of the Border challenge shield—won a few years ago by the Selkirk Club in a series of competitions with the other Border clubs—while the runner-up holds the Muir trophy.

The first ties were won as follows:—Mr. J. Hardie (2) beat Mr. A. Weir, scratched; Mr. R. Penman beat Mr. W. Webber, scratched; Mr. J. Walker beat Mr. J. H. Lidderdale by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. A. McBain beat Mr. G. McNeill by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. John Connochie beat J. Pollock by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. D. C. Alexander beat Mr. T. Paterson by 1 hole; Mr. J. Jamieson beat Mr. Jas. Watson by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. D. M. Mackintosh beat Mr. Jas. Lewis; Mr. C. Alexander beat Mr. J. Scott (2) by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. F. N. Scott beat Mr. G. T. Scott.

Second ties.—Mr. R. Penman beat Mr. J. Hardie by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. Walker beat Mr. A. McBain by 1 up, after a tie; Mr. John Connochie beat Mr. D. C. Alexander by 1 hole; Mr. J. Jamieson beat Mr. D. M. Mackintosh by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. C. Alexander beat Mr. F. N. Scott by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. J. Thomson beat Mr. Jas. Connochie by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. G. Wright beat Mr. T. S. Muir by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. C. Mercer beat Mr. J. Buckham by 6 up and 5 to play.

Third ties.—Mr. J. Walker beat Mr. R. Penman by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. John Connochie beat Mr. J. Jamieson by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. C. Alexander beat Mr. J. Thomson by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. A. C. Mercer beat Mr. G. Wright by 3 up and 2 to play.

Fourth ties.—Mr. John Connochie beat Mr. J. Walker by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. C. Mercer beat Mr. C. Alexander by 5 up and 4 to play.

Final.—Mr. John Connochie beat Mr. A. C. Mercer by 2 holes.

In playing the tie with Mr. Jamieson, last year's champion, Mr. Connochie completed the eighteen holes in 75, 1 under the previous record. Mr. Connochie also holds the record for one round, having completed the nine holes in the fine score of 34.

The final tie was played on Saturday, July 14th, between Mr. Connochie and Mr. A. C. Mercer, an old Loretto boy. The play was throughout very good, and the game close, Mr. Connochie was 1 up on the first round, Mr. Mercer having had to lift an unplayable ball at the last hole. This advantage Mr. Connochie maintained until the eighteenth hole, which he also won, thus gaining the match by 2 holes.

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ABERDEEN.

ABERDEEN CLUB.—The monthly competition of this club for the scratch medal and Pickup-Dutton handicap cup took place on Saturday over Balgownie links. The heavy rain-storm prevented anything like a good return from a large field of competitors. There were only three cards given in, and of these Mr. J. Milne, with a score of 86, less 2=84, proved the winner of both prizes. The best scores were:—Mr. J. Milne, 86, less 2=84; Mr. J. M. Duncan, 92, less 3=89; Mr. W. Grahame Walker, 97, less 8=89.

VICTORIA CLUB.—The members of this club competed last week over the nine-hole course on the links (which was gone round twice) for the press members' prize. The prize is competed for under special handicap, places being determined by points, the player coming in first receiving 3 points, the second 2, and the third 1. On the cards handed in being compared, it was found that Messrs. G. Anderson (2), 89, less 8=81, and A. Taylor, 93, less 12=81, had tied for first and second places; while Messrs. D. Jessiman, 88, less 5=83, and W. Anderson (1), 91, less 8=83, had also a tie to play off for third place. Among the remaining cards the following had the lowest scores:—Mr. A. M. M. Dunn, 85; Mr. A. Cooper, 86; Mr. A. Mitchell, 87; Mr. J. B. Banks, 90; Mr. G. Hendry, 93; and Mr. James R. Smith, 99.

BASS ROCK v. DIRLETON CASTLE.

A match between these clubs—eighteen players a side—took place over the Archerfield links on Thursday night, July 12th, an enjoyable game resulting in favour of Dirleton Castle by 9 holes. The results were as follows:—

DIRLETON CASTLE.		Holes.	BASS ROCK.		Holes.
Mr. A. Litster ...	...	0	Mr. J. Mitchell ...	...	3
Mr. J. Brotherstone ...	...	3	Mr. D. M. Jackson ...	...	0
Mr. D. Ritchie, sen. ...	...	3	Mr. A. Thorburn ...	...	0
Mr. H. Cunningham ...	...	0	Mr. J. Glass ...	...	1
Mr. A. Johnston ...	...	6	Mr. D. Horsburgh ...	...	0
Mr. D. Ritchie, jun. ...	...	0	Mr. A. Hutchison ...	...	4
Mr. S. Hair ...	...	0	Mr. A. Hogg ...	...	0
Mr. C. Todd ...	...	3	Mr. J. Thomson ...	...	0
Mr. G. Barclay ...	...	0	Mr. J. Walker (2) ...	...	2
Mr. A. J. G. Barclay ...	...	0	Mr. J. Marr ...	...	9
Mr. J. Rose ...	...	2	Mr. M. Thorburn ...	...	0
Mr. A. G. Gow ...	...	0	Mr. J. Elliott ...	...	6
Mr. S. Aitken ...	...	0	Mr. G. Tait ...	...	0
Mr. T. Yule ...	...	0	Mr. J. W. Greig ...	...	1
Mr. G. O. Turner ...	...	1	Mr. W. Merrilees ...	...	0
Mr. James Scott	8	Mr. G. S. Milne	0
Mr. W. Hush	0	Mr. J. Walker (1)	8
Mr. G. Leishman	17	Mr. P. Brodie, jun.	0

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BLACKFORD GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the charms—scratch and handicap—was held over Kinghorn on Saturday. Mr. George A. Ross won both charms with the fine actual score of 72, made up as follows:—First round—4 4 5 4 5 4 3 3 4=36; second round—4 4 4 4 5 5 3 3 4=36; total—72. Sweepstake prizes were won by:—1, Mr. George A. Ross, 72; 2, Mr. George G. Murray, 79; 3, Mr. James Ramsay, 80.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, July 10th, the ninth competition for Mrs. Tyrer's medal was played for. In spite of the showery weather the scores were creditable. The following cards were handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mrs. Chambres ...	93	11	82	Miss F. Shand ...	114	18	96
Miss K. Coombe ...	89	5	84	Miss Cogswell ...	119	20	99
Mrs. Swetenham ...	104	16	88	Mrs. Hy. Jolliffe ...	123	24	99
Mrs. Tyrer ...	99	9	90	Mrs. Archer ...	126	24	102

* Winner of medal.

On July 14th the fifth monthly competition took place. Owing to various causes the competitors were not as numerous as usual. The following were the only scores returned, viz:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. R. W. Shand ...	98	14	84	Mr. J. G. Frost ...	101	9	92
†Mr. Gibbons Frost ...	100	12	88	Capt. Shelton ...	111	18	93
Mr. W. D. Jolliffe ...	107	16	91	Dr. Archer ...	99	4	95

* Winner of competition and first sweepstake.

† Winner of second sweepstake.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

Fourth monthly competition, second day, July 14th:—Mr. C. Ismay, 97, less 17=80; Mr. R. Howden, 91, less 8=83; Mr. Geo. J. Glover, 93, less 9=84; Mr. H. P. Bailey, 106, less 19=87; Mr. Fred. Smith, 97, less 9=88; Mr. J. R. Bolton, 97, less 8=89.

DORNOCH v. MORAY.

A large number of the Moray Golf Club visited Dornoch on Wednesday, the 11th, and twenty-eight of their number engaged in a friendly match with the home club (briefly noticed in last issue). The day, though cloudy and threatening in the morning, turned out an ideal one for the Royal and Ancient Game. The greens were in the pink of condition, thanks to the attention of D. Ross, the green-keeper, and a capital day's Golf was enjoyed.

The visitors were treated to lunch on their landing from the steamboat *Ernholm*, which conveyed them from Lossiemouth to Embo Point, and play commenced shortly after noon. It was not to be expected that, on a course which was new to most of them, and one which is very much longer than that upon which they are in the habit of playing, the visitors would hold their own against the locals, and especially as the latter had all their best men to the front; yet no one could imagine that the game would have been so very one-sided as it turned out to be.

The following are the details:—

DORNOCH.		Holes.	MORAY.		Holes.
Mr. J. Sutherland ...	...	11	Mr. J. MacIsaac ...	...	0
Mr. M. Macdonald ...	...	7	Mr. D. Cameron ...	...	0
Mr. W. Cameron ...	...	9	Mr. J. Hunter ...	...	0
Mr. H. Munro ...	...	3	Col. Underwood ...	...	0
Mr. W. Mackay ...	...	16	Mr. F. Davie ...	...	0
Mr. A. Innes ...	...	10	Mr. J. W. Gibb ...	...	0
Mr. D. Ross ...	...	11	Mr. J. Falconer ...	...	0
Mr. J. Morrison ...	...	14	Mr. J. Sim ...	...	0
Mr. L. Alexander ...	...	13	Mr. W. Spense ...	...	0
Mr. W. Menzies ...	...	9	Mr. D. West ...	...	0
Mr. G. Bridgeford ...	...	7	Mr. H. W. Fraser ...	...	0
Mr. A. Angus ...	...	2	Mr. D. K. Stewart ...	...	0
Mr. G. R. Kennedy ...	...	5	Mr. A. Fleming ...	...	0
Mr. G. Mackintosh ...	...	4	Dr. Mackay ...	...	0
Mr. H. Munro, sen. ...	...	15	Mr. T. W. Greenstreet ...	...	0
Mr. D. Bruce ...	...	14	Mr. A. Sim ...	...	0
Capt. Leslie ...	...	0	Mr. G. Scott-Hunter ...	...	1
Dr. MacLachlan ...	...	8	Mr. W. M. Macbey ...	...	0
Mr. P. Park ...	...	11	Mr. W. Christie ...	...	0
Provost Sutherland ...	...	10	Mr. J. A. Jeans ...	...	0
Mr. R. T. Hamilton-Bruce ...	...	12	Rev. W. Adam ...	...	0
Mr. G. Munro ...	...	6	Mr. P. Dow ...	...	0
Mr. D. Mackenzie ...	...	11	Mr. J. B. Mair ...	...	0
Mr. T. Ross ...	...	6	Mr. D. Taylor ...	...	0
Mr. C. Gillespie ...	...	2	Rev. W. MacHardy ...	...	0
Mr. W. G. Moore	10	Mr. J. Wittett	0
Mr. D. Peters	9	Mr. C. Forbes	0
Mr. L. Speed	11	Mr. J. H. Glennie	0
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DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

Strutt trophy competition, July 14th. The monthly competition for the Strutt trophy took place on Saturday, July 14th, when Mr. A. L. Upstone proved victorious. The following are the scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. L. Upstone ...	103	20	83	Mr. T. Newton ...	104	15	89
Mr. T. C. Jeffrey ...	88	4	84	Mr. H. H. Brown ...	105	15	90
Dr. Vaudrey ...	91	6	85	Mr. W. T. Morley ...	112	20	92
Mr. C. J. Cade ...	105	20	85	Mr. J. Wells ...	113	20	93
Mr. J. N. Nutt ...	95	9	86	Mr. L. Archbutt ...	127	27	100

"Bogey" competition, July 14th.—This competition was won by Mr. T. C. Jeffrey, who, playing the "Colonel" a very close game, was eventually beaten by that strong opponent by 3 holes.

EDINBURGH MORAYSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The summer competition of this club took place on Saturday at Gullane, a fair proportion of the members taking part. The first prize, presented by Mr. James Shepherd, Rossend Castle, Kirkcaldy, the Adair handicap medal, and the Shaw monthly medal, were won by Mr. C. A. Macpherson, with a score of 83, less 1=82. The other prize-winners were:—Second, Mr. L. W. Macpherson, 89, less 4=85; third and fourth (a tie), Mr. George Ross, 97, less 11=86, and Mr. R. Wilson, 95, less 9=86; fifth, Mr. C. W. Calder, 92, less 5=87; sixth, Mr. W. Jenkins, scratch, 90.

FORFARSHIRE.

On Saturday evening the last eighteen holes in the final tie for the Boothby-Campbell championship shield were played. The contestants were Mr. W. Reid and Mr. James Thow, both of the Victoria Club. As already reported, the first eighteen holes were played on Wednesday, when Mr. Reid at the finish led by eight holes. The weather on Saturday, when the match was resumed, was miserable in the extreme, and there were consequently no spectators. A drizzling rain fell continuously until the ninth hole was reached, when the match was ended. The first two holes were halved in 6's and 5's. Mr. Reid took the third in 4 to his opponent's 6, and after halving the fourth in 4 he increased his lead to ten holes by getting down in 4 to Mr. Thow's 5. The Rashies hole, and the hole before crossing the Gully were both halved in 4 each. Mr. Thow reduced his opponent's lead by 1 at the Gully hole, getting to the bottom in a finely played 4, while Mr. Reid, who had a bad lie for his second, required 6. The championship was decided at the next—the Girdle—hole, when Mr. Reid, taking 4 to Mr. Thow's 5, the former ran out, winner of the shield by 10 holes up with 9 to play. This is the first time Mr. Reid has won the blue riband of Montrose golfers, and it is also the first time that it has gone to a member of the Victoria Club. Mr. Reid's victory was a most popular one.

The semi-final round in the Carnoustie and Taymouth competition for the Dalhousie Jubilee Cup has just been finished with the undernoted result:—Mr. Robert Myles (10) beat Mr. George Davidson (10), 3 holes and 2 to play; Mr. Thomas W. Smith (12) beat Mr. James Simpson (scratch), 3 holes and 2 to play. In the final tussle, Mr. Robert Myles (10) plays Mr. Thomas W. Smith (12).

The members of the Monifieth Club competed on Saturday for the handsome gold medal presented by Mr. Fenton, Edinburgh. The weather was fine, and there was a large turn-out, about seventy players entering. Some good play was shown, as many as nineteen breaking the 90, while three had scores under 80. For the medal there was a tie, at the splendid total of 78 each, between Messrs. D. L. Low and George Wright. Their scores were as follows:—Mr. D. L. Low.—Out, 4 4 5 4 5 4 7 4 3=40; in, 4 4 4 6 4 4 3 5 4=38; total, 78. Mr. George Wright.—Out, 5 3 5 4 3 5 4 4 4=37; in, 4 5 4 6 4 4 4 5 5=41; total, 78. Mr. David Dargie.—Out, 3 5 5 5 4 4 4 5 4=39; in, 5 4 5 6 4 4 3 5 4=40; total, 79. Amongst other good scores were:—Mr. William Lorimer, 80; Mr. Thomas Brimer, 82; Mr. R. D. Smith, 83; Mr. George Fox, 83, Mr. Alexander Oslea, 83; Mr. William Hutcheson, 84; Mr. William Drimmie, 84; Mr. David Anderson, 85; Mr. John Macrae, 86; Mr. David Dempster, 86; Mr. James Young, 87; Mr. John Hendry, 88; Mr. William

Donaldson, 88; Mr. George Pearson, 88; Mr. Sylvester Wybrants 89. The following were the prize-winners:—First class—Scratch (tie), Mr. David L. Low and Mr. George Wright; average, Mr. Alexander Osler, 6 below; First sweep, Mr. William Drimmie, 3 below; Second and Third sweeps (tie), Mr. D. L. Low and Mr. William Lorimer, each 2 below; Fourth sweep, Mr. Thomas Grant, 1 below. Second Class.—Scratch and average, Mr. Robert D. Smith, 10 below; First sweep, Mr. John Freeland, 8 below; Second sweep, Mr. Sylvester Wybrants, 7 below; Third and Fourth sweeps (tie), Mr. John Macrae, Mr. J. L. Crockatt, and Mr. Edward Brown, all 5 below. Third Class—Scratch and average, Mr. Robert Locke, 93, 12 below; First, Second, and Third sweeps (tie), Mr. Allan Bell, Mr. William Gray, and Mr. Alexander Mann, all 8 below; Fourth sweep, Mr. Thomas Douglas, 7 below.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting was held from Monday, July 9th, to July 14th inclusive, the only drawback being the weather, which was boisterous on Wednesday, increasing to half a gale for the ladies' day on Thursday. The Calverley prize, a massive silver and cut-glass inkstand, won by Mr. Walker, was remarkable for the number of hard-fought matches, no fewer than five being decided after ties at the eighteenth hole. In the annual return match with Barham, Folkestone fared better than they did at Barham in May, when they had to be content with second honours, and, as is generally the case in these inter-club matches, either team seems to have a decided advantage on the home green. The two beautiful prizes for ladies, presented by Captain Tattersall, were played for in the above-named gale of wind, which caused havoc with the scores, but making it more creditable to those ladies who returned the winning cards. A new and popular feature at these meetings was the driving competition, though here again the strong wind interfered sadly with the results. The green was in excellent order, thanks to the care of Charles Port, the green-keeper and his assistants, who, by sheer hard work all the summer, have managed to keep the upper-hand over the grass. The mixed foursomes on Friday and Saturday were played in favourable weather, this competition bringing one more pleasant meeting to a satisfactory conclusion.

The Calverley prize, July 9th and 10th.

First round.—Rev. H. Wood (22) beat General Williams (20); Captain Eccles (7) beat Mr. Duff (22).

Second round.—Captain Vernon Eccles (8) beat Captain Lyon (4); Captain Tattersall (plus 1) beat Colonel Blake, scratched; Mr. C. Edwards (2) beat Colonel Jee (12); Captain Austin (3) beat Mr. Manley (8); Mr. Walker (9) beat Mr. Haughton (14); Captain Heneage (16) beat Mr. Ritchie (8); Mr. Jeffery (6) beat Sir B. Edwards (8); Captain Eccles (7) beat Rev. H. Wood (22).

Third round.—Captain Vernon Eccles beat Captain Tattersall; Captain Austin beat Mr. C. Edwards; Mr. Walker beat Captain Heneage; Captain Eccles beat Mr. Jeffery.

Fourth round.—Captain Austin beat Captain Vernon Eccles; Mr. Walker beat Captain Eccles.

Final.—Mr. Walker beat Captain Austin, and won.

Folkestone v. Barham Downs, July 11th:—

FOLKESTONE.		BARHAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. Edwards	7	Captain Tattersall	0
Captain Lyon	4	Captain Austin	0
Mr. Jeffery	0	Rev. J. Hyde-Smith	3
Sir B. Edwards	9	Dr. Morris	0
Captain Vernon Eccles	0	Mr. Hirst	4
Mr. Walker	0	Mr. Blore	1
	20		8

Ladies:—

Miss Edwards	0	Miss E. Ramsay	0
Miss Starkie-Bence	10	Miss N. Ramsay	0
Miss D. Jeffery	4	Mrs. Stanley-Stubbs	0
Miss B. Wood	1	Miss Borrow	0
Miss Augusta Eccles	12	Miss M. Waterfield	0
Miss Jeffery	0	Miss Ramsay	0
	27		0

Driving Competition Sweepstakes, July 11th.—This competition was held after the Barham match; a very strong side wind, preventing long and accurate driving, and carrying many balls outside the flags. Six drives were allowed to each competitor. The flagged course being about 40 yards wide.

	Yds. carry.	Ft.	In.		Yds. carry.	Ft.	In.
*Capt. Austin	160	2	3	Capt. Tattersall	150	0	0
Mr. Ritchie	157	1	0	Mr. Jeffery	147	2	3
Mr. C. Edwards	157	0	10	Capt. Lyon	144	1	9
Mr. Blore	155	2	4	Sir B. Edwards	141	0	6
Mr. Grazebrook	153	2	2				

* Winner.

Ladies:—

*Miss Edwards	116	2	6	Miss E. Wood	100	1	0
Miss Starkie Bence	110	2	6	Miss B. Wood	98	1	5
Miss M. Waterfield	108	1	10	Miss D. Jeffery	96	0	3
Miss E. Ramsey	108	1	0	Miss N. Ramsay	89	2	9

* Winner.

The Tattersall, Prizes July 12th. "Bogey" competition. Two rounds of the Ladies' Course. Handicaps under 10:—

	Hcp.	1st Round.	2nd Round.
Miss B. Borrow	6	Even	3 down (winner)
Miss Starkie-Bence	+1	2 down	7 "
Miss B. Wood	4	4 "	9 "
Miss D. Jeffery	1	9 "	6 "
Miss Augusta Eccles	8	8 "	7 "

Handicaps 10 and over:—

Miss Jeffery	12	5 down	5 down (winner)
Miss E. Wood	10	8 "	7 "
Miss E. Ritchie	25	7 "	8 "
Miss P. Jeffery	25	8 "	8 "
Miss Woodruff	25	7 "	9 "
Miss Wood	12	9 "	7 "

Several others made no return, owing to the high wind, which made average scores very difficult.

Mixed foursomes, July 13th and 14th:—

First Round.—Mr. Haughton and Miss B. Wood beat Mr. Manly and Miss Wood; General Williams and Miss E. Wood beat Col. Jee and Miss K. Ritchie; Mr. Billiat and Miss D. Jeffery beat Mr. Shaw and Miss A. Eccles (scratch); Capt. Heneage and Miss Starkie Bence beat Rev. H. Wood and Miss L. Wood.

Second Round.—Capt. V. Eccles and Miss B. Borrow beat Mr. Ritchie and Miss Jeffery; Mr. Jeffery and Mrs. Billiat beat Capt. Eccles and Miss E. Ritchie; Mr. Haughton and Miss B. Wood beat General Williams and Miss E. Wood; Capt. Heneage and Miss Starkie Bence beat Mr. Billiat and Miss D. Jeffery.

Third Round.—Capt. V. Eccles and Miss B. Borrow beat Mr. Jeffery and Mrs. Billiat; Mr. Haughton and Miss B. Wood beat Capt. Heneage and Miss Starkie Bence (scratch).

Final.—Capt. V. Eccles and Miss B. Borrow beat Mr. Haughton and Miss B. Wood.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, July 14th. A most extraordinary storm, which reached Merrow Downs about noon, caused every player on the course to take shelter, and reduced the returns to a very limited number, as only those who started after lunch completed their round. The hailstones were very large, and fell in such quantities that the Downs wore quite a winter appearance for some time, and the greens and bunkers were for a time converted into ponds. Casual water on this course is so rare that few members have ever seen any here before. The water disappeared from the greens very quickly, and left them in beautiful order. Mr. W. F. Richmond, 96, less 9=87; Mr. C. H. Parry, 103, less 16=87; Mr. C. H. Sapte, 97, less 8=89.

EDINBURGH GOLF CLUB.—The half-yearly competition was played at Gullane on Tuesday, July 10th, when a large number of members turned out. The first prize was won by Mr. Rees, 80, plus 4=84; Dr. Gilruth, 97, less 11=86; Dr. Millard, 104, less 16=88; Mr. Somerville, 102, less 13=89; Mr. Michael Brown, 90, plus 1=91.

LEASOWE GOLF CLUB.

After an interval of eleven months, the Leasowe Club resumed their monthly competitions on Saturday, in glorious golfing weather, when forty aspirants to medal honours, started from the first tee. This being the first meeting on the new course, considerable interest was manifested in the result of the competition. The greens were all in good condition, some of them especially so, and considering that the links have only been played on for two months, a very marked improvement was observed, not only on the putting greens, but throughout the whole course.

The winner of the medal was Mr. J. H. Howell, 107, less 30=77. The best scratch scores being 79 and 85, made respectively by Mr. John Ball (2), and Mr. G. Dean Burrell. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. J. H. Howell	107 30 77	Mr. Jas. Preacher	104 18 86
†Mr. C. C. Wall	96 18 78	Mr. F. W. Wood	105 18 87
Mr. F. W. B. Pedder	103 25 78	Mr. John A. Gray	107 20 87
‡Mr. C. H. H. Scott	98 18 80	Mr. Chas. H. Smith	94 6 88
Mr. G. V. Wall	99 18 81	Mr. J. B. Smith	102 14 88
Mr. John Ball (2)	79 +3 82	Mr. I. P. Carr	103 15 88
Mr. G. Dean Burrell	87 5 82	Mr. Wm. Sproat	98 9 89
Mr. Jas. Fearnley	100 18 82	Mr. E. B. Higgins	109 20 89
Mr. J. C. Clarke	108 25 83	Mr. L. S. Smart	111 20 91
Mr. B. H. Higginson	106 22 84	Mr. W. C. L. Mawdsley	110 18 92
Mr. F. M. Preston	100 15 85	Mr. J. Cromarty	110 18 92
Mr. J. Anderson	103 18 85	Mr. A. G. T. Cox	125 30 95
Mr. Tom Jones	110 25 85	Mr. R. Bolas	129 30 99
Mr. Q. M. Sproat	104 18 86	Mr. Wm. Sutton	132 30 102
Mr. Wm. Blackley	104 18 86	Mr. Wm. Wood	126 20 106

- * Winner of medal and first sweep.
- † Winner of second sweep and optional.
- ‡ Winner of third sweep.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, July 14th. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. F. Adams	108 18 90	Mr. J. Turner Well-	
Mr. Julian Stephens	114 24 90	don	103 12 91
Mr. F. Faithfull		Mr. J. Fleming	103 10 93
Begg	104 13 91		

Others over 100 net, or made no return. In playing off the tie, Mr. Adams won with 87 net.

MATCH TOURNAMENT AT TROON.

An interesting tournament took place over Troon Links on Saturday, when a large contingent of the members of the club engaged in a match tournament for two valuable pieces of plate. The competition had for its object the encouragement of the match game in preference to the medal game, and as the tournament was confined to one day, a nine-hole round was arranged. The arrangement was that the winner of the nine holes going out played the next winner coming home, so that the tournament was concluded with three rounds of the links. In all, fifty-eight players entered, and thus necessitated six byes in the first round. The weather was all that could be desired, and the links was in the pink of condition. The following was the result of the draw with handicaps, the figures indicating the number of holes (not strokes) allowed:—

Messrs. R. Scott (3) and A. J. Johnston (1); Messrs. J. Dundas (3) and J. H. Wilson (1); Messrs. G. Mackirdy (1) and J. Sturrock (3); Messrs. John Muir (3) and Jas. Wilson (8); Rev. J. Anderson (1) and Mr. T. B. MacMichael (scratch); Messrs. D. Robertson (3) and J. Hunter (4); Messrs. D. Lindsay (1) and J. Barclay (4); Mr. J. A. Templeton (3) and Dr. Lawrie (2); Messrs. Jas. Templeton (4) and W. J. Guthrie (4); Messrs. P. Robertson (3) and J. S. Alston (1); Messrs. Chas. Aird (2) and R. M. Clark (3); Messrs. Jas. Irvine (3) and J. Herbertson (2); Messrs. H. W. Mackie (1) and J. M. Bishop (1); Messrs. G. Fullarton (4) and Abernethie (3); Messrs. A. Wood (4) and J. Goldie (1); Messrs. W. Y. Fleming (4) and A. Walker (2); Messrs. E. D. Prothero (scratch) and A. H. Holm (1); Messrs. Jas. Robertson (scratch) and J. A. Nelson (scratch); Messrs. W. Fulton (4) and R. Fullarton (2); Messrs. J. W. Hartley (4) and D. Fullarton, sen (4); Messrs. Neilson Craig (4) and J. Hendrie (4); Messrs. D. G. L. Maclure (3) and

C. H. Herbertson (3); Messrs. Geo. Drummond (2) and W. C. Mitchell (2); Dr. Clark (2) and Mr. W. M. Donald (4); Messrs. A. C. Robertson (scratch) and W. P. Stewart (3); Messrs. W. Mackie (3) and J. N. Walker (3). Mr. T. H. Walker (1), Dr. Roxburgh (4), and Messrs. R. Shaw (4), Archibald Brown (4), N. D. MacMichael (2), and R. Dundas (1) had byes. The following are the results:—

First round.—Mr. Scott beat Mr. Johnston; Mr. Dundas beat Mr. Wilson (absent); Mr. Mackirdy beat Mr. Sturrock (absent); Mr. Muir beat Mr. Wilson; Rev. J. Anderson beat Mr. MacMichael; Mr. Robertson beat Mr. Hunter (absent); Mr. Barclay beat Mr. Findlay; Dr. Lawrie beat Mr. Templeton; Mr. Guthrie beat Mr. Templeton (absent); Messrs. Robertson and Alston absent; Mr. Clark beat Mr. Aird; Mr. Irvine beat Mr. Herbertson; Mr. Bishop beat Mr. Mackie (absent); Mr. Fullarton beat Mr. Abercrombie; Mr. Goldie beat Mr. Wood; Messrs. Fleming and Walter absent; Mr. Prothero beat Mr. Holm; Mr. Neilson beat Mr. Robertson (absent); Mr. Fullarton beat Mr. Fulton (absent); Mr. Hartly beat Mr. Fullarton; Mr. Hendrie beat Mr. Craig; Mr. Maclure beat Mr. Herbertson; Mr. Mitchell beat Mr. Drummond; Mr. Donald beat Dr. Clark; Mr. Robson beat Mr. Stewart; Messrs. Mackie and Walker absent.

Second round.—Mr. Scott beat Mr. Dundas; Mr. Muir beat Mr. Mackirdy; Rev. J. Anderson beat Mr. Robertson; Mr. Barclay beat Dr. Lawrie; Mr. Guthrie a walk over; Dr. Clark beat Mr. Irvine; Mr. Fullarton beat Mr. Bishop; Mr. Goldie a walk over; Mr. Prothero beat Mr. Neilson; Mr. Fullarton beat Mr. Hartley; Mr. Maclure beat Mr. Hendrie; Mr. Donald beat Mr. Mitchell; Mr. Robertson a walk over; Mr. Walker beat Mr. Roxburgh (absent); Mr. Rowan beat Mr. Shaw; Mr. MacMichael beat Mr. Dundas (absent).

Third round.—Mr. Muir beat Mr. Scott; Rev. J. Anderson beat Mr. Barclay; Mr. Clark beat Mr. Guthrie; Mr. Fullarton beat Mr. Goldie; Mr. Prothero beat Mr. Fullarton; Mr. Maclure beat Mr. Donald; Mr. Walker beat Mr. Robertson; Mr. MacMichael beat Mr. Rowan after a tie.

Fourth round.—Mr. Muir beat Rev. J. Anderson; Mr. Clark beat Mr. Fullarton; Mr. Maclure beat Mr. Prothero; Mr. MacMichael beat Mr. Walker.

Semi-final.—Mr. Clark beat Mr. Muir; Mr. MacMichael beat Mr. Maclure.

Final.—Mr. Clark (3) beat Mr. MacMichael (2), by 2 up and 7 to play.

The game played in the final was a very good one considering the calibre of the players as indicated by the handicap, but both threw away some chances. The winner is, however, only sixteen years of age. He won the boys' medal two years ago, and was well known some time prior to that as the strongest player on the ladies' links. His style is not quite so good now as it was then, but with a little correction in that respect he is a promising player.

COMRIE.—The second competition for the Merchants' cup, which is open for competition to visitors and members during this and the two following months (two scores to count), took place on Saturday. There was a good turn-out of players, and the following were the best scores handed in:—Mr. P. M'Intyre, 86, less 1=85; Mr. James Campbell, 99, less 12=87; Mr. D. Wallace, 96, less 8=88; Mr. J. Stobie, 92, less 2=90; Mr. W. E. Maclagan, 94, less 3=91; Mr. D. Ferguson, 100, less 9=91; Dr. Temple, 91, plus 1=92. Mr. P. M'Intyre, playing round the course last week, put on the scores of 38 and 39=77, which is the record for the green. Mr. James Morrison, Rangoon, through his brother, Mr. A. F. Morrison, Glasgow, on Saturday presented to the Comrie Golf Club a silver bowl of exquisite Burmese workmanship to be competed for annually in August. The competition for the bowl is open to the members of the club and visitors.

CRAIGMILLAR GOLF CLUB.—The final tie in the foursome competition was played off on Saturday at Gullane, and resulted in a win for Messrs. E. Bruce, jun., and R. Berry (7) by 5 up and 4 to play, who thus receive the captain's prizes, their opponents, Messrs. Scott and Williamson (2) receiving the club prizes.

MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal day was held on Saturday, July 14th. The scores were as follows :—

Gentlemen.—			Gentlemen.—		
Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. P. J. Trouncer	95	22 73	Mr. W. Davies	101	16 85
Mr. E. B. Haygarth	99	22 77	Mr. W. B. Davies	101	15 85
Mr. F. T. Woolwright	102	22 80	Mr. E. F. Chamberlain	107	21 86
Mr. E. C. Cripps	106	25 81	Mr. A. MacDonnell	103	17 86
Mr. W. E. Smith	105	23 82	Mr. L. Grist	95	7 88
Mr. H. L. Swinburne	106	24 82	Mr. F. H. Steward	91	2 89
Mr. A. R. Grieve	106	23 83	Mr. F. J. Leslie	97	8 89
†Mr. C. F. Chamberlain	95	12 83	Mr. J. H. Bryan	105	16 89
Mr. E. F. Davies	102	18 84	Mr. E. A. Chamberlain	111	17 94
Rev. E. H. Hawkins	85	1 84			
Mr. R. H. Wood-Seys	106	22 84			

* Junior medal. † Senior medal.

The following members made no returns, or their scores exceed 100 :—Captains Fenwick and Golightly, and Messrs. T. Norton and G. T. Sotheron-Estcourt.

Ladies.—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Miss Blenkin	105	23 82	Miss V. Chambers	111	21 90
†Mrs. Leslie	95	9 86	Miss May Morton	120	25 95
Miss M. H. Ricardo	107	18 89	Miss Denne	108	10 98
Mrs. Davies	97	7 90			

* Junior medal. † Senior medal.

The following ladies made no return, or their scores exceeded 100 :—Mrs Wood-Seys, and Miss F. M. Johnstone, Miss C. Playne, Miss Stewart, and Miss A. Ricardo.

ROCHDALE GOLF CLUB.

The final for the optional subscription handicap and Mr. Bell's prize took place on the links at King's Road on Saturday. Mr. Mackenzie carried off both prizes with the excellent net score of 80. This competition also included the third ties for the captain's cup. Below are the scores under 100 net :—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. T. H. C. Mackenzie	96	16 80	Mr. L. A. Porritt	105	18 87
Mr. James Elliot	107	24 83	Mr. J. Broadbent	98	10 88
Mr. A. Bell	97	13 84	Mr. Wm. S. Petrie	93	4 89
Mr. F. W. Horsfall	102	18 84	Mr. Ben. Schofield	103	14 89
*Mr. A. Hosegood	102	17 85	Mr. James Leach	114	21 93
*Mr. E. B. Petrie	93	8 85	Mr. Fred Lye	114	20 94
*Mr. Frank Pilling	95	10 85	Mr. G. D. McLennan	106	12 94
*Mr. S. Thackeray	95	10 85	Mr. Wm. A. Scholes	100	5 95
Mr. Robt. Godby	91	5 86	Mr. Ed. Healey	114	18 96

* Tied for sweepstakes.

ROYAL GUERNSEY GOLF CLUB.

The ladies of the above club played for their monthly medal and long handicap spoon on July 12th. A strong south-west gale prevented good scoring. Result :—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mrs. Ozanne	128	8 120	Miss Lyall	173	35 138
Miss A. Kirkpatrick	131	1 130	Miss Stevenson	182	30 152
Miss Fraser	166	34 132	Miss Field	170	15 155
Miss Bigg	159	22 137	Miss Connell	215	not hepd

Mrs. Ozanne won the medal and sweep. Miss Fraser won the spoon.

ROYAL NORWICH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played for on Thursday, 12th inst., and resulted in a popular win for Mr. C. H. A. Lock. Scores :—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. H. A. Lock	104	16 88	Dr. Everett	117	22 95
Rev. A. T. Farquharson	99	10 89	Mr. F. Jewson	114	18 96
Rev. E. B. Pearse	105	16 89	Mr. E. Rice	125	25 100
Mr. W. S. C. Wilcox	111	16 95	Mr. E. Reeve	125	25 100

Others were over 100, or made no return.

ROYAL NORWICH v. NEWMARKET.

Played over the links of the Royal Norwich, at Rabbit's Hill, Helledon, on the 12th July, with the following result :—

WORLINGTON AND NEWMARKET.			ROYAL NORWICH.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. A. C. Sealey	1		Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar	0	
Mr. F. E. Badham	0		Rev. A. T. Farquharson	6	
Mr. W. Gardner	3		Mr. J. Tillard	0	
Mr. O. E. Griffiths	0		Mr. Davidson Walker	2	
Mr. C. E. Salmon	0		Mr. Poole Gabbett	0	
Mr. C. J. E. Sparke	0		Mr. C. H. A. Lock	6	
Rev. Mr. Tuttiet	0		Rev. E. B. Pearse	2	
Mr. I. Ryan, jun.	0		Mr. E. T. Boardman	4	
Mr. H. Salmon	1		Mr. W. S. C. Wilcox	0	
	5			20	

Majority for Norwich, 15 holes.

STANMORE v. WEST HERTS.

Played over the West Herts club course at Bushey, on July 11th. Score :—

STANMORE.			WEST HERTS.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Dr. Stiven	0		Mr. F. W. W. Graham	4	
Mr. J. H. Begbie	2		Mr. B. M. Barton	0	
Mr. W. A. Kernmach	3		Mr. R. S. Clouston	0	
Mr. Gibbon Grinling	0		Mr. C. L. M. Pearson	9	
Mr. H. Stiven	0		Mr. A. H. Wallace	9	
Dr. Tudor Risk	0		Mr. A. B. Chalmers	10	
Mr. J. Law	0		Mr. S. Hirst	2	
Mr. J. Horley	12		Mr. H. H. Tankard	0	
Mr. S. Klein	2		Mr. H. H. Williams	0	
	19			34	

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal handicaps were played at Bushey on Saturday last. Monthly medals, July 14th. Handicaps of 12 and under :—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. G. Bradley	92	12 80	Mr. F. W. W. Graham	86	scr. 86
Mr. Howard Williams	92	12 80	Mr. O. W. F. Hill	96	8 88
Mr. J. L. Clark	92	9 83			

Handicaps exceeding 12 :—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. S. Clerk	92	15 77	Mr. J. Annan	110	19 91
Mr. F. J. Burr	97	15 82	Mr. E. T. M. Tunnicliffe	111	20 91
Mr. A. T. Nowell	102	15 87	Mr. A. S. Walker	113	21 92
Mr. A. Roberts	101	12 89	Mr. J. A. Simson	109	16 93
Dr. O. C. Cockrem	107	18 89	Mr. B. Schofield	115	15 100
Mr. C. Davies	109	18 91			

WILMSLOW GOLF CLUB.

The fourth summer competition took place on Saturday, when the following scores were returned :—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. T. S. Beaumont	104	24 80	Mr. P. Swanwick	99	9 90
Mr. F. Godlee	97	13 84	Mr. J. J. Brickhill	107	15 92
Mr. H. Hughes	97	10 87	Mr. W. Wood	107	14 93
Mr. E. L. Herapath	98	10 88	Mr. C. S. Hoare	95	1 94
Mr. A. N. Cumming	90	1 89	Mr. F. Haworth	108	13 95
Mr. H. G. Langley	96	6 90	Mr. J. D. Milne	104	7 97

Fifteen competitors either made no return, or were over 99 net. Mr. T. S. Beaumont qualified to play in the final for the Ashford challenge cup. Mr. F. Godlee won the first sweepstakes, Mr. H. Hughes the second, and Mr. A. N. Cumming the third.

CUMBRAE CLUB.—The monthly competition for the gold medal, presented by Mr. D. Macintosh, took place on Saturday. The weather was good, and the greens were in capital condition. The following were the best scores :—Mr. John Reid (winner), 99, less 2=97; Mr. J. C. Sharpe, 103, less 2=101; Mr. J. G. Whammond, 114, less 10=104; Mr. R. Boyle, 135, less 18=117.

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NORTH BERWICK.—On Saturday, a foursome was played between Mr. E. Balfour of Balbirnie, partnering Ben Sayers, and Davie Grant with George Sayers. Two rounds were played, and in each the game throughout was of the closest character, resulting in halved matches. In a foursome on the previous evening Mr. C. R. Hemingway and Ben Sayers were opposed to Mr. A. M. Ross and George Sayers. A good game ensued, each couple turning in 40. Mr. Ross and his partner had the best of the home play, however, and they ultimately won at the gate by 3, completing the round in the very fine score of 72.

ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB—SCRATCH TOURNAMENT.—The semi-final in the scratch tournament among the members of the St. Andrews Golf Club was played on Saturday with the following result:—Mr. L. Auchterlonie beat Mr. H. Turpie by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. P. C. Anderson beat Mr. James Anderson by 4 and 2 to play. The final thus lies between the ex-Amateur Champion and Mr. James Anderson, and will be played this week, and the match is being anticipated with considerable interest.

BEARSDEN CLUB.—The lady members of this club engaged on Saturday in the monthly competition for the gold medal presented by Mr. J. W. Stewart, Balgownie. The medal was won by Mrs. Russell, with a score of 74, less 10=64. The next best score was Miss Armstrong's, 88, less 15=73.

ST. ANDREWS.—An interesting match took place on Saturday night between the brothers Kirkaldy, Andrew and Hugh. There was a slight drizzle of rain during the match, which was, nevertheless, followed by a crowd. Andrew finished 2 up, his score being 76, and Hugh's 77.

WEST MAYFIELD CLUB (EDINBURGH).—This club held its midsummer competition at North Berwick, on Saturday, in fine weather. The result was as follows:—1, Mr. W. Geoghegan, 92, less 4=88; 2, Mr. D. F. Sutherland, 103, less 8=95; and for the third prize, Messrs. Wood and Allison tied with net scores of 96, Mr. Wood winning it after playing off the tie.

CRAWFORD CLUB.—The competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday. The medal was won by Dr. Dey with a score of 93, less 7=86. The runners-up were Mr. Wm. Shanks with a score of 88, plus 5=93, and Mr. Lothian with a scratch score of 93.

EDINBURGH FORFARSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—This club visited Kinghorn Links on Saturday, when the third prize competition took place. There was a good turn-out of members, and the following is the prize list:—Mr. H. M. Wallace, 86, less 7=79; Mr. W. C. Sturrock, 85, less 1=84; Mr. W. B. Cuthbert, 90, less 5=85; Mr. D. Anderson, scratch, 87; Mr. W. A. L. Byars, 98, less 11=87; Mr. S. Mackenzie, 95, less 7=88.

HERIOT GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The summer competition took place over Gullane Links on Saturday. Messrs. R. Forrest and G. R. Turner tied for the scratch prize with the score of 88. Handicap prizes were won by:—First, Mr. J. Stenhouse (silver medal and charm), 80; second, Mr. G. R. Turner, 86; third, Mr. J. Rankin, jun., 87; fourth, Mr. R. R. Hogg, 88; fifth, Mr. R. Forrest, 90; sixth, Mr. S. P. Latimer, 92; seventh, Mr. J. B. Clark, 95; eighth, Mr. W. C. Gray, 98.

WHITEHOUSE CLUB, EDINBURGH.—This club held its monthly competition on the Braids on Saturday in fairly good weather. On the cards being handed in it was found that Mr. J. Melville had won the monthly medal and first prize with a score of 83, less 8=80, Mr. R. B. Small being second with 78, plus 3=81. The other scores were:—Mr. T. C. Brown, 86, less 4=82; Mr. F. Walkinshaw, 91, less 7=84; and Mr. D. Robertson, 104, less 13=91.

THISTLE (ST. ANDREWS).—The members of this club competed for the monthly medals on Thursday, July 12th. The weather conditions were favourable, the greens being very true. The scratch medal was carried off by Mr. Thomas Robb with the fine total of 82, his 38 inwards being a fine performance. The details were:—Out, 7 6 4 4 6 5 4 3 5=44; In, 4 3 5 4 5 4 4 5 4=38. His brother, Mr. James Robb, followed closely with 83-40 and 43. Mr. Wm. Fletcher won the handicap medal with 92, less 8=84.

PEEBLES.—The competition for the monthly medal by the members of the club came off on Saturday, when the principal scores were as follows:—Rev. J. C. Williamson, scratch, 80; Mr. Andrew Melrose, 98, less 18=80; Mr. T. Plenderleith, 104, less 21=83; Mr. W. Campbell, 107, less 24=83; Mr. A. Yellowlees, 90, less 5=85; Mr. W. MacQueen, 90, less 5=85; Mr. D. Morrison, 99, less 12=87; Mr. T. Cleghorn, 109, less 21=88; Mr. A. Ruickbie, 112, less 24=88.

ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for over the Braids on Friday, July 13th, Mr. Hogarth being winner with a net score of 81.

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