

GOLF.

A Bi-weekly Record of "The Royal and Auncient" Game.
"Far and Sure."

[REGISTERED AS A NEWSPAPER.]

No. 202. Vol. VIII.]

[COPYRIGHT.]

TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH, 1894.

Price Twopence.

£1 IS. per Annum, Post Free.



1894.

JUNE.

- June 26.—Warminster: Monthly Medal.
Rochdale Ladies v. Eltham.
Luffness: Club Handicap Medal.
- June 26 to 28.—West Herts Amateur Open Competition.
- June 27.—Falkirk Tryst Monthly Competition.
West Lancashire: Monthly Competition.
Eltham Ladies v. Rochester.
- June 28.—Royal Guernsey: Monthly Medal.
Bentley Green: Monthly Handicap.
Royal Norwich: Scratch and Handicap Gold Medals.
- June 30.—Ventnor: Saltarn Badge.
Windermere: Monthly Competition.
Knutsford: Monthly Competition.
Rochdale Ladies: Final in Tournament.
Rochester v. Redhill and Reigate.
Cinque Ports: Monthly Competition.
Royal Cromer: Club Monthly Medal.
Woodford: Roberts' Challenge Cup (Final).
Royal West Norfolk: Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire: Monthly Competition (Class 2).
Warwickshire: Monthly Cup.
Kemp Town: Monthly Medal.
Headingley v. Harrogate.
Fairfield: Monthly Competition.
Waveney Valley: Monthly Medal.
Chester: Committee Cup.
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.
Royal North Devon: Monthly Medal.
West Herts: Monthly "Bogey" Competition.
Alnmouth: Monthly Handicap.
Porthcawl: Monthly Medal.
Luffness: Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Taplow: Monthly Medal.
Birkdale: "Bogey" Competition.
Bowdon: Bi-Monthly Competition.
Ilkley: Monthly Medal.

- June 30.—Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Cup; Captain's Prize
Monthly Medal.
Neasden: Monthly Medal.
Marple: Club Monthly Medal and Captain's Cup.
Dumfries and Galloway: Monthly Handicap.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Handicap.
Crookham: Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield: Monthly Medal.
Cheadle: Silver and Bronze Medals (Third Summer).
Clacton-on-Sea: Ashford Monthly Cup.
Alfreton: Bronze Medal.
Alfreton Ladies: Silver Spoon.
Southwold: Silver Quarterly Challenge Medal.
Eltham: Monthly Medal.
Eltham Ladies: Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall (Gentlemen): Monthly Medal.
Royal Cromer: Monthly Medal.
West Herts: Summer Meeting.

JULY.

- July 2.—Hunstanton: Monthly Medal.
Bowdon: Bi-monthly "Bogey" Competition.
- July 3.—Carnarvonshire: Monthly Medal.
Royal Cornwall Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Royal Blackheath: Monthly Medal.
- July 4.—King's Norton: Ladies' Challenge Prize.
Lyme Regis (Dorset): Monthly Meeting.
Blackheath Ladies: Monthly Medal.
- July 5.—Minehead: Monthly Medal.
Worcestershire: Monthly Medal.
- July 5 & 19.—Tyneside: Eighth Handicap Competition.
- July 6.—Royal Cornwall: Monthly Medal.
- July 7.—West Herts: Monthly "Bogey" Handicaps (Final Meeting).
Woodford: Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.
Southend-on-Sea: Mr. Grimshaw's Prize (Fourth Competition).
Royal Isle of Wight: Monthly Medal.
Preston: President's Cup.
North-West Club (Londonderry): Gentlemen; Monthly Medal.
Headingley: Challenge Cup.
King's Norton: Monthly Challenge Cup.
Brighton and Hove: Berens Gold Medal.
Macclesfield: Club Monthly Handicap.
Sheffield and District: Monthly Medal.
Bullwood (Essex) v. Maldon.

GREAT CITY DEPÔT for Forgan's, Carruthers', Forrester's, Park's, Ayres', Slazengers', The "Clan," &c., GOLF CLUBS. Agents for the Patent Aluminium Golf Drivers, Garden and Marine Golf, and the new game, Puttinshu. A large stock of well-seasoned Silvertown and "A 1" Balls always kept. Sports and Games Catalogue Free by Post.—BENEFINK & CO., 89, 90, 107, & 108, CHEAPSIDE, LONDON, E.C.

NOTICE.

GOLF is published every Tuesday and Friday. Price Twopence. All editorial communications to be addressed to the Editor of GOLF, 80, Chancery Lane, W.C. Advertisements to Greenberg & Co., at the same address.

Tuesday's paper is published in a red, and Friday's in a green cover.

"GOLFING EXTRAORDINARY."

ANY person not gifted with belief in the marvellous, coupled with a comprehensive knowledge of dynamics, will scarcely credit the following account of a recent match, achieved under conditions which, if attainable by the majority of golfers, will completely revolutionise the glorious game!

Some months since I was the guest, at Sandwich, of an eminent Professor, hailing from a well-known Scotch university, and as a matter of course an enthusiastic golfer; and our after-dinner conversations were chiefly criticisms of Professor Tait's theories, as set forth in his very interesting articles in GOLF. I little thought at the time what the result of these talks would be, and even now am so startled at the said result that I feel a certain diffidence in recording it—in fact, should not venture to do so but for the pressure put on me by the Professor, who, while naturally anxious to reap the glory of his grand discovery, is, as he himself confesses, "a bad hand at writing, though a man of letters!"

About a week or so ago, the Professor, in a state of great excitement, called on me very early in the morning, and without any form of greeting burst out with—"My friend, I've done it!" "Have you?" I replied; "then there is no time to be lost—you must escape at once! Is it the Foreign Office or the Mansion House?" "Don't talk *ro*," said he; "leave that to us. I'm not an Anarchist!" "Oh, then, what *have* you done?" "Why, you remember our talk about Tait's article, in which he said that, as a matter of course, a Golf ball hit into an absolute vacuum would never fall at all?" "Certainly I do." "Well, I've done it!" "Go on," said I, incredulously. "That's what the *ball* does," he replied; "I've come to prove it to you." "But I haven't got a vacuum—just had breakfast." "Don't jest; I am absolutely serious. What do you say to a Golf ball—which I have invented, mind you—which *creates its own vacuum*?" "Splendid! but wait a bit; a ball hit into a vacuum will never fall, so you would never see it again." "You're wrong there; because, firstly, a half-topped ball would fly so low that it would soon *hit something*! But *that* is the great triumph of my invention; the ball is fitted with my new patent vacuum brake and indicator, which not only regulates the length of flight, but also the direction of the ball to a yard or two. No more pulling or slicing off the tee! Fancy that; everyone who can hit a ball at all will be Amateur Champion; we shall all play level, and there will be an end of these ghastly competitions for monthly medals and other things, which threaten ruin to the moral character of modern Golf."

"By St. Golfe," said I, "I should like to try this wonderful ball!" "That's what I've come to fetch you for. You kindly asked me to play a round with you at Deal; can you come now?" "Yes, I can." "Good! Now, then,

I propose to play you from here to Deal! All the arrangements are made; get your clubs, and we will make a start. I have Sir Myles Fenton's permission to use the roof of Charing Cross Station as the first tee!"

No sooner said than done; and in less than half-an-hour my ball (one of the Professor's invention, of course) was teed on the glass roof of the station. It was a slippery stance, but I am in the habit of driving off the face of a watch, so to me it was easy. I was just about to "whang off" when an idea occurred to me, and turning to the Professor, I asked, "Where's the first hole?" "In a meadow close to the station at Chislehurst," he replied, "where our caddie is now standing with my putter, waiting for the balls, which are, of course, 'set' for the distance, as calculated by me." "Glorious!" I exclaimed; "why, of course, we only want a driver and a putter, as we are on every green from the tee!" "Precisely," said he, "but you must hurry up (consulting his watch), the train leaves for Chislehurst in five minutes." "Right! Here goes!" said I. "Fore!" (This from habit, simply, as I knew there was no possibility of hitting anyone, except, perhaps the caddie on the green at Chislehurst, and he was on the look-out, and, besides, could not hear me!) In my excitement I nearly fozzled the drive, though it would not have mattered much, as, of course, with the vacuum ball the slightest impact is sufficient. The Professor followed; we slid down the roof, and took our places in the train.

Arrived at Chislehurst, the Professor betrayed a little natural excitement as to whether his calculations would be verified, and his joy was great when he found our caddie on guard over the two balls, which lay within a yard or so of the hole he had improvised with a jampot! The Professor had to play the odd, and laid his ball dead. I felt that the honour of winning the first hole was by every law of courtesy his, so carefully overran it. He holed out; I missed, and he gleefully exclaimed, "One up at Chislehurst! My honour!" He then "set" the two balls; we drove off from the roof of a handy cowshed, and started for the station to catch the train for Sevenoaks, where the second hole was. On getting out there I was surprised to find that he was carrying our four clubs himself. "What's become of the caddie?" said I. "Oh, he's gone on with the jampot to the third hole at Tunbridge. We shall pick up the other one here, and as *we* go to Tunbridge *he* will go on to Paddock Wood, and so we work down to Deal! Ingenious, isn't it?"

Well, to cut a long story short, the Professor won the Sevenoaks hole; I took Tunbridge, Paddock Wood, and Staplehurst, and we halved Ashford and Canterbury, where, by the way, we found our best green, the Professor, with admirable foresight having selected part of the lawn in the Cathedral Close. This left me 1 up and 2 to play, viz., Minster and Deal. When preparing to tee off from the roof of the barracks, I noticed that he seemed rather longer than usual in "setting" the balls. I did not think much of it at the moment, but it recurred to my mind when, on reaching the green at Minster, I found one ball on the lip of the jam-pot, and the other *not to be seen*! The caddie pointed to a small duck-pond about forty yards short of the hole, and said: "The first ball fell in *there*, sir!" and sure enough, there it was, floating! Of course, I *said* nothing, but I *thought* a lot, and kept a keen eye on the Professor's movements while he "set" the balls for the last hole; all square and 1 to play! However, this time it *was* all square, and on arriving on the ninth green at Deal, there were the two balls, within a yard of the hole! The Professor played, and, to my intense delight, just failed to hole out! I took my putter, and in a nervous tremor

addressed the ball. Fancy the glory of having one's name handed down to posterity as the winner of such a match! I was just about to putt, when a noise like thunder burst upon me! I gave a start—my putter whirled wildly in the air, and I *awoke!*—to find myself snug in bed at Golf Villa, Deal, with the pale light of morning streaming in upon me—I looked at my watch—5.30 a.m. !—and I had been roused at this ghastly hour by one of two golfers wishing to catch an early train, and who had roused his companion (*and myself, which did not concern him*) by throwing his boots at his friend's door, with a yell!

I should have won that match, I *know*, and should have got from the Professor the particulars which would have enabled me to give to the golfing world a boon which is now probably lost for ever—the secret of the Vacuum Ball.

RUTLAND BARRINGTON.

GOLF AT TORONTO.

The beautiful silver trophy, presented to the Toronto Golf Club by Mr. Edmund B. Osler, who has been many times captain of the club, and who has always taken a great interest in the game, was designed and manufactured by Messrs. Hamilton and Inches, of Edinburgh. The idea emanated from a member of the club, and the details in every particular are perfectly worked out. It is for annual competition among the members only, and is styled the "Osler Trophy." The conditions are handicap, and the maximum allowance is 24 strokes, over two rounds of the course, or eighteen holes. The contest is by strokes, and the competitors play off in couples in a series of matches, the winners in the first series playing again in the second series, and so on to the finish. The winner has his name engraved upon the trophy, together with the best score for any two rounds of nine holes each made by him when competing.

The first competition took place on April 21st, when thirty-six members entered. On the evening previous to the competition the entrants were drawn together, and, as invariably happens in a contest of that nature, several of the stronger players were put out by the younger frequenters of the green. Many of the matches were very close and well contested, and Friday, June 1st, witnessed the final between Mr. A. Piddington and Mr. A. W. Smith. The former had an allowance of 14 strokes, while Mr. Smith started at scratch. This was a very keen game from start to finish, and the play was remarkably good considering the unfavourable condition of the weather, rain falling during the entire game. Mr. Piddington played in splendid form, and, considering that he only took to the game a little over a year ago, deserves great credit for the good game he played against his tough opponent and instructor, who had his early training over St. Andrews. The result ended in a win for Mr. Smith by a narrow majority of 3 strokes. The score taken by Mr. Smith was 39 strokes for each of the two rounds, total 78; Mr. Piddington finishing his first round in 47, and the second in 48, total 95, which, after deducting 14 allowance, brought his score down to 81.

The record score of the green was made by Mr. Smith in his match against Mr. Dyce Saunders, when Mr. Smith finished the two rounds in good style in 37 and 38 strokes respectively.

Mr. A. P. Scott, another of the strong players, was well in to the finish, having fought his way through not a few well contested struggles, until at last he was put out of the running by Mr. Piddington. Mr. Scott's best score was made when playing against Mr. W. R. Sloane, when he finished with a fine score of 81. His brother, Mr. T. M. Scott, who, by the way, is not this season playing up to his usual good form, was disposed of early in the game.

WEST LOTHIAN.—The final in the spring competition for the cup presented by Sheriff Melville was played between Mr. W. Swan and the Rev. Mr. Galbraith. The former, who conceded his opponent one hole, won by 5 up and 4 to play.

"SLOW BACK."

(Air, "WOT CHER.")

Larst week on the links there comes a toff,
Nice young feller, for a game of Golf—
Sees me. "Caddie," says 'e, "are you off
Dooty for this wery afternoon?"
"Sir," says I, "you've 'it the wery man,
If yer wants tootion, why I can
Fix yer up upon a proper plan,
Make yer John Ball, junior, wery soon!"

Chorus.—

"Slow back," all the caddies cry,
"Eye upon the ball, Sir,
Mussn't force at all, Sir,
No noo-fangled notions try,
Knock 'em in the Old Kent Road!"

Ev'ry arfternoon this blessed week,
Driver, brassie, niblick, iron, cleek,
'As that youngster in 'is novel freak
"Wiled upon the disies' modest 'eds.
Dandelines is thick upon the ground,
Yet the Silvertowns 'e scatters round
Did a botanist 'isself astound,
Taking 'em for toolips in a bed!

Slow back, &c.

Fust 'e makes me build 'im up a tee,
A 'imalaya mounting in degree,
Takes a running 'op, says "One, two, three,"
Shets 'is bloomin' eyes and cops the ground.
Orf flew 'ed and thirty yards of string,
Then he cusses out like anything,
Takes 'is cleek and 'as another fling
Like a 'ungry panther on the bound.

Slow back, &c.

"Sir," says I, "You must go slowly back;
Swing's the motion, not a sudden smack."
Hall 'e did was looking mighty black,
Like as 'e was blaming it on me!
"Wot's," says 'e, "the spade that digs at it
When your ball is 'iding in a pit?"
Then 'e and the niblick 'as a fit,
And 'e 'oled it out in twenty-three!

Slow back, &c.

You should see 'im on the putting greens,
Knocks it in as easy shelling beans;
Then it ain't long odds by any means
That's the beauty of a amatoor!
But when bunkered you can 'ear 'im groan
Fit to melt the 'art within a stone,
Mutt'ring foreign in a undertone,
'Idden out of sight for 'arf-a-nour.

Slow back, &c.

I believe 'e might 'ave learnt the game,
But one day a chap he knew, as came
('E's the bloke as ought to bear the blame),
Arsked 'im 'ow 'e reckoned up 'is score!
Then 'e carst one piteous glance at me,
Broke 'is bulger brassie 'cross his knee,
Threw 'is iron clubs far out to sea,
And I never seed 'im any more.

Slow back, &c.

HARRY BELL

PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION AT FURZEDOWN.

The members of Tooting Bec Club, following the example of South of England Clubs, subscribed a purse with the object of securing some of the leading professionals taking part in the Sandwich meeting to play round their course after that event. They had the good fortune to arrange with such prominent players as J. H. Taylor (Winchester), who has just won the Open Championship, Hugh Kirkaldy, of Oxford and St. Andrews (an ex-Champion), Douglas Rolland (Limpsfield Chart), and Ben Sayers, the well-known popular North Berwick professional. The scheme of the competition, which took place on Saturday at Furzedown, was two singles—Rolland against Kirkaldy, and Taylor against Sayers, then a deciding match between the winners, and a foursome to wind up with. The weather was all that could be desired, the light was steady, and the course and putting-greens throughout reflected great credit upon Tom Dunn's care and attention. When play was started at half-past ten o'clock, there was a very considerable crowd, most of whom went round with Rolland and Kirkaldy, though the play of the Champion and Sayers had a numerous following. Throughout the play the crowd were well rewarded. Not always equal, it was generally speaking of a fine order, the weakest point, probably, being in some of the short approaches and putting, due, no doubt, to want of familiarity with the course. But the driving and play throughout the course were unexceptionable. Taylor's play from the tee was, in particular, much admired. His swing is easy and complete, and he rarely failed to follow the straight line to the next green with a long and not too high ball. Rolland's driving powers were seen to less advantage than has been customary. Probably he has been playing too much lately; but, on the whole, his tee shots were long, and the rest of his play was good. Hugh Kirkaldy and Ben Sayers, though they showed some very fine play, were, taking things all round, below their average. Both have been engaged lately in very extensive play, and Sayers suffered under the disadvantage of having to travel a week before to Scotland from Deal, and back again to London, in order to fulfil his engagement in this contest.

Rolland and Hugh Kirkaldy started at half-past ten, with Mr. J. P. Croal as umpire. Both drives were long, but Kirkaldy got into difficulty with his second, owing to being caught in a branch of a tree. Rolland was over the hedge facing the green in 2, and took two more to get down, Kirkaldy giving up the hole. Going to the second, Rolland pulled his drive into a heavy lie under the belt of trees, while Kirkaldy had a clear drive in fairly good line. Rolland extricated himself very deftly, but got down in the "Quarry" to the right of the green. He had, however, a pretty approach, and Kirkaldy missing what seemed to be an easy putt, the hole was halved in 5, leaving the Limpsfield man 1 up. The course to the third green is the longest on the links, and the hole is known as the "Long" hole. Both players had beautiful drives, clearing the bunker, Rolland's being longer and better in line than Kirkaldy's, which lay near the railway. Rolland's second was a remarkable specimen of his bold driving powers. His shot from the tee was a good 200 yards. With a good lie he took his brassie for his second, and clearing hedge and ditch with a beautiful low ball, he was almost green-high. He required three more, however, to get down. Kirkaldy required one more to reach the green, and though he had a splendid long putt, he took 6 to hole out, Rolland being thus 2 up. The fourth hole is a short one, but a long sheet of water has to be carried from the tee. Both players cleared this obstacle well, and were near the green. Very indifferent approaches followed, and with his third, Kirkaldy laid his opponent a stymie in a long putt. The Limpsfield professional cleverly overcame the obstacle, holed in 3, and was rewarded with a general cheer. His opponent took 2 more, Rolland being thus 3 up. The fifth hole was halved in 4 without incident. The course to the sixth is one of the most sporting on the links. A long drive is required for the prescribed course, which leaves a full iron shot for the green over a pond with an island in the centre. Both players drove well down, but while Rolland reached the green in 2, Kirkaldy fozzled his second, and getting into the water, he practically relinquished the hole, which Rolland got in 4. The seventh, or "Angle" green is a long creek shot. Rolland got his ball away heavily, while Kirkaldy reached the green. He made a splendid putt with his second, but, running round the edge of the hole, his ball went some distance away owing to the green being on a slope. This gave Rolland a chance, but his putting was weak, and Kirkaldy put his ball down with his third, his opponent taking one more. His lead was thus reduced to 3 up; but Rolland brought it back again to 4 at the eighth or "Zareba" hole. After fine drives both got on the green in 2, but Kirkaldy having to putt down hill misjudged the ground and took one more to hole out, the scores being 4 and

5 respectively. Going to the ninth hole, Rolland got into trouble first of all with his drive, which he sliced on to the further bank of the Graveney brook, out of bounds, and then, in playing his second (four strokes), he struck one of the trees on the ground side of the water. With his fifth stroke he got on the green, but was too greatly handicapped to win. Kirkaldy's drive was slightly pulled, and landed him in the bunker, but he extricated himself very smartly and landed well on the green in 3, taking two more to hole out. Rolland here had his largest score during the day's play, taking 7 to get down against Kirkaldy's 5, and thus at the turn he stood 3 up. The tenth was halved in 4, with level play. Some curiosity was manifested as to whether Rolland would repeat his record for the eleventh hole made when playing against Tom Dunn, the local professional, a few months ago. He again drove the green, but was very wide of the hole, and required three more to get down. Kirkaldy's drive was green-high, but low down. He had, however, a very pretty lofting approach over the ditch and hedge which intervened. Rolland's second was nearly a stymie, and both had indifferent putts with their third, each getting within three inches of the hole. The hole was halved in 4. The twelfth hole is a long one, and involves the negotiation with the drive of a formidable bunker known as the "Himalayas." There is, moreover, a risk of a heeled ball getting out of bounds. Rolland had one of his longest drives here. He not only cleared the obstacle, but the carry and run of his ball was quite two hundred yards from the tee. Kirkaldy drove the hazard, but was much shorter than Rolland, and he topped his second. Rolland was also unfortunate with his second, which ought to have reached the green. The ball struck the tree to the right, and required a third shot to get on the green. Kirkaldy got into difficulty with his other shots, and took 6 to hole out against Rolland's 4, the latter thus being 4 up with 6 to play. For the thirteenth or "Rectory" hole—a long one—both players had splendid drives and fine strong approaches. The hole was halved in 3. The next, the "Long Ditch" hole was won by Rolland, Kirkaldy's second placing him in trouble, while Rolland's equivalent, a very bold stroke, was hole-high, but just off the green. He had, however, a distinct advantage, and got down in 5 as against Kirkaldy's 6, and thus won the match by 5 up and 4 to play. The bye was halved.

The Match between Taylor and Sayers, umpired by Mr. Felix Skene, was an interesting one. This is the second time that these two players have met, the first time at Kilmalcolm, where Sayers won. The Champion took the first two holes, Sayers not showing to much advantage in this part of the course, or, indeed, until they got to the fourth green, when he managed to deprive Taylor of one of the two holes he was then leading by. The fifth was halved in 4 and the sixth in 5, some looseness being shown by both players on the putting-greens. Sayers accomplished the seventh in 3. Taylor missed a short putt, and took 4 to get down, and thus the players stood square. Going to the "Zareba," Taylor pulled his drive, though Sayers had shown him a magnificent lead over the chestnut trees. Taylor's second was punished by being checked in the branches of one of the trees. Sayers' second was too strong, getting a few inches beyond the green in long grass. Instead of taking his iron he employed his wooden putter, and left his ball very short. Taylor reached the green with his third, and the hole was halved in 5, though Sayers ought to have won it. In driving to the ninth, the North Berwick man imitated Rolland's example, and sliced into the banks of the Graveney Brook, which here bounds the course to the right. The ball was found on the edge of the hither bank of the river. Taking his mashie, Sayers got magnificently out of the difficulty. Taylor got nicely on the green in 2. Sayers' third was too strong, and landed in the ditch on the further side of the green. He would have taken 2 more to get down, but gave up the hole, which Taylor won in 4, and thus stood 1 up at the turn. Going to the tenth, both players got well off the tee. Sayers, in approaching the hole, had a very fine, though somewhat strong shot, which fell near the hole and rolled beyond into a whin. He had to lift, and though he made a fine effort to halve the hole, Taylor, with a stroke in hand, won it in 5 to 6. Taylor 2 up. Sayers' ill-luck pursued him in proceeding to the "Hole Across." His drive was a magnificent one as to length, but his ball ran into the ditch facing the green. Taylor had also a good drive, but he cleared the ditch, and left only the bunker to clear before getting to the hole. He got over easily and lay well. Sayers pluckily tried to play out of the ditch, but his effort was frustrated by the over-hanging branches of the whins, and the ball rolled back again. His second attempt, however, succeeded, and thus, with his third he lay pretty well on the green. Taylor's third left him about a yard from the hole; and he failed to get down in his fourth, thus enabling Sayers to equalise matters so far as this hole was concerned. Driving to the twelfth green, both players cleared the "Himalayas" well, and got to the green on equal terms. Sayers there, however, putted badly, and put it in Taylor's power to add another hole to his credit. The "Rectory" hole is a long one. Taylor was well on the green in two, and holed out in 3, rounding a partial stymie, while Sayers took 4, placing himself 1 further down. For the fourteenth hole both had long drives,

Taylor's being to the left and above the ditch, while Sayers got on to the straight stretch for the green. Taylor had an awkward line for the green, but he drove a long ball, luckily escaping the trees and the intervening hedge, getting into decent proximity to the hole. Sayers was easily on the green in 2 also, and both were "dead" in 3. Taylor had an easy putt, but missed it, while Sayers got down in 4, thus reducing the odds against him to 3. For the first time on the homeward journey, Sayers, in going to the fifteenth hole, had the honour. He sliced his drive, and got into some difficult ground. Taylor had a straight, clear drive, and got down in 3. The North Berwick man took 4, and Taylor thus won the match by 4 up and 3 to play. The bye also fell to Taylor.

The greatest interest centred round the match between Rolland and Taylor. The Champion had a lovely drive from the first tee; Rolland's was long, but a little sliced. Each had the trees to negotiate with their second. Here Taylor failed, and got into trouble, having subsequently to lift twice, whereas the Limsfield professional got over the hedge and near the green in 2. He, however, took three more to hole out. The estimate for Taylor's play was 7, and thus Rolland stood 1 up. The drives for the second green were both fine, but Rolland sent his second into the "Quarry," and thus lost his chance. Taylor holed out in 5, which would be about average play, Rolland taking one more. The game was so far equalised. Rolland topped his ball from the third tee, and Taylor pulled his into long grass, but he got well out with his second, and got near the green in 3. Rolland was very unfortunate in the rest of his play for this hole. Taylor achieved it in 6, while his opponent, getting into the ditch with his fourth, required eight to get down. Taylor was now 1 up. Both very nearly drove the fourth green, and their approaches were fine, landing the ball in each case about three inches from the hole. The hole was halved in 3. After fair drives to the fifth, the players got on the green in 2, and Rolland, with a fine putt, went down in 3, the Champion taking one more, so that the match was equalised. Rolland required 3 to get to the sixth green, which Taylor reached with a magnificent second shot. Rolland's putting was weak, and lost him his chance, Taylor having a capital long putt, which left his ball dead. He holed out in 4, Rolland taking one more, and again stood 1 up. The seventh hole was halved in 4, after middling play, the putting on both hands being loose. There were magnificent drives to the eighth hole, and both were on the green in 2. The hole was halved in 4. Taylor's drive to the ninth hole was one of the best he had done during the day, being long and straight. Rolland pulled his slightly. Taylor was easily over the Graveney, and to the right of the green with his second, while Rolland's second, a strong shot, was ditched to the left of the green. He got out in 1, but his chance was gone, his opponent having a fine long putt, and getting down in 4, while he required 6. At the turn Taylor was 2 up. Going to the tenth Rolland's drive struck the trees bordering the river, but he recovered well with his second, which landed him on the green. Taylor, who had an indifferent drive, got well on the green with his third, and almost stymied his opponent. The hole was halved in 4. The "Hole Across" was halved in 3. Taylor had a lucky drive, his ball bounding from the "carry" on to the green, while Rolland carried it clear. The advantage, however, lay with his opponent, but Rolland's putt laid a stymie, and the hole was halved in 3. In going to the long twelfth green, Rolland drove his second into the pond. He thus took 4 to reach the green, which Taylor achieved in 2, and holed out in 5, Rolland requiring 6 to get down. Taylor was thus 3 up. Both reached the thirteenth hole in 2, though wide of the hole. The putting was weak. Taylor's third left him about eighteen inches from the hole on the lower side. Rolland was still on the upper side with his third, and playing his fourth he failed to get down, but laid a dead stymie for his opponent. Here occurred what was generally regarded as the great incident of the day. Taylor took his lofting-iron and very deftly raised his ball over Rolland's and right into the hole. He got a well-deserved cheer for this expert piece of play. He was down in 4, as against Rolland's 5, and stood 4 up. The fourteenth hole, after some indifferent play, was halved in 5, and a like result occurring in 4 at the fifteenth, Taylor won the match by 4 up and 3 to play. The bye went to Rolland by 1.

With regard to this match it will be observed that Rolland was not playing the same game as in the morning with Kirkaldy, when he did the first eight holes in 33, a record which was spoiled by his 7 at the ninth hole. Taylor's play was, however, consistent in steadiness after the first hole. The following are the scores for the eighteen holes in this match:—

Taylor.—Out	7	5	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4=42	} 81
In	...	...	4	3	5	4	5	4	5	4	5=39	
Rolland.—Out	...	...	5	6	8	4	3	5	4	4	6=45	} 84
In	...	...	4	3	6	5	5	4	4	4=39		

In his recent match with Tom Dunn, Rolland made the professional record of the course of 74.

In the afternoon the players joined in a foursome. Rolland and Sayers played Taylor and Kirkaldy, and a very fine match was the result. The play was of a very give-and-take description during the first half of the round, though Rolland and Sayers had, on the whole, the whip-hand of their opponents. At the turn they were 2 up. After three halves, however, in which the driving, approaching, and putting left nothing to be desired, Taylor and Kirkaldy picked a hole off the lead of their opponents, and at the sixteenth hole they pulled the match all square. For the first time in the match Sayers played a very weak approach shot off a fine drive of Rolland's. The ball was taken very heavily, and was landed in the bed of the Graveney, while Taylor lay on the edge of the green. Rolland entered the brook and played the ball out manfully, and though the attempt to get a half was nearly successful, Taylor and Kirkaldy carried off the hole in 4 to 5. All square and 2 to play. Going to the seventeenth hole, Sayers had a fine straight shot, while Taylor slightly sliced and got into a heavy grass lie. Rolland laid the second dead, and Kirkaldy, playing a very difficult approach, was a little too weak. The hole went to Rolland and Sayers in 3 to 5, making them dormy. They also won the home hole in 3 to 5, and the match by two holes. Scores:—

Rolland and Sayers.—Out,	5	5	5	4	4	5	3	4	4=39	in,	4	5	5	5	3	3=38	total, 77.		
Taylor and Kirkaldy.—Out,	5	5	7	5	4	4	3	4	5=42	in,	4	5	5	4	6	4	4	5=42	total, 84.

BABERTON GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition was held on Saturday, when the winner was Mr. John Raeburn, with a score of 87, less 10=77. The lowest scratch score—viz., 83—was returned by Mr. W. Jenkins. There was a strong wind, which was against low scoring.

Vol. VII. (price 6/-), and Binding Cases and Index (3/-), now ready.

Publisher, GOLF, 80, Chancery Lane, W.C.

The Glasgow Herald says:—As a record of the leading competitions of the day, the publication easily holds the first place, while the general articles are of an instructive and humorous character. There are also a number of interesting illustrations.

The Perthshire Advertiser says:—This excellent record of the ever popular game of Golf, shows no flagging, but rather intensified energy in the interesting material which it regularly produces to its readers. And the popularity of the magazine is now proved by the demand for a bi-weekly issue. Mr. Horace Hutchinson, Mr. Everard, the Rev. John Kerr, Dr. McPherson, Prof. Tait, Mr. Lehmann, Mr. Dalrymple, and others send interesting contributions. "Imp" continues his humorous sketches of his fellow-golfers. Mrs. de Crespigny enlivens the pages of the magazine with half-a-dozen very lightsome poems, though one is entitled "A Tale of Golfing Woe"—a game "all full of lies and death." The "Tee-shots" form a historical record; and the correspondence is often lively, and generally useful. The records of different matches during the six months will be serviceable for reference. The whole volume reflects great credit on its clever and enthusiastic editor.

The Dundee Advertiser says:—This volume has been issued, with another feast of good things to the lovers of the Royal and Ancient game. If there is no new feature in the book, that is simply attesting the excellence to which it had previously attained, for nothing which has taken place in the golfing world during the six months fails to find a place in its pages, and the original articles, the correspondence columns, the questions on the rules, the rhymes and songs, and the Tee Shots are all as instructive and entertaining as ever. Amongst the contributors still figure the names of such well-known writers as Mr. Horace Hutchinson, Mr. H. S. C. Everard, the Rev. Dr. M'Pherson, the Rev. John Kerr, "J. A.," "Imp," who continues to chronicle in a racy manner the peculiar traits of his fellow-golfers. Professor Tait, who talks learnedly on matters pertaining to the science of the game, and a host of others. Many valuable suggestions are to be found in the correspondence columns, especially that portion dealing with questions affecting the rules, and players of every class may study with great profit the replies of the editor to the numerous queries put to him.

BALLATER GOLF-COURSE.

Ballater has for a considerable time been known as a health resort. It is accessible by railway. Its situation among the hills is picturesque as well as pleasant. The air is fresh and bracing; and to a jaded townsman, worn out by the tear and wear of ten or eleven months of city life, the place offers attractions of no ordinary kind. To one who loves our Scottish Alps, and desires to sniff their air, and survey our island home from their summits, Ballater will form only a stage in the pilgrimage to Braemar, which lies some eighteen miles farther up the Dee. But October among the Cairngorms, is for the select few; the majority of those who are unfortunate enough to have to go from home for a brief season of change and rest at so late a period of the year, and who betake themselves to the valley of the Dee, will probably stop short at Ballater. It fell to the writer of these lines to spend a fortnight in such circumstances in this Highland village, and the experience was as pleasant and satisfactory as could well be desired.

About twenty years ago (alas for the flight of time!) the writer's holidays were spent in this same place for some years in succession; and it was interesting to note the progress made by the village in the interval. The situation favours the growth of the place. At the west end of Craighendarroch—the gracefully rounded hill, which forms the most conspicuous feature of the landscape—the River Dee makes a bend to the south, leaving a plain of considerable extent between the bed of the stream and the foot of the fore-named hill. Ballater is built on this plain, and (as a worthy rustic once remarked, by way of criticism of his minister's sermon, "his text gave him fine room for scope") this level space offers ample room for a Ballater several times as large as the present village. Still, it is growing rapidly, especially (as in larger places) towards the west. Handsome villas lie along the foot of Craighendarroch, ensconced among trees, the glory of whose colours in this month of October simply forbids an attempt at description. Houses (villas we should probably say) are being built at this moment between Craighendarroch and the Dee; and the general appearance of the place suggests present prosperity, and the prospect of more to follow.

Ballater is well provided for visitors. There is a public hall, erected by Mr. Gordon, London, in memory of the late Prince Consort, with library, billiard-room, &c. And last year the inevitable Golf-course was added to the attractions of the place. A more interesting inland course it would be difficult to find in Scotland. Nethy Bridge has the advantage, in so far as Cairngorm and its giant neighbours are within easy view; but these mountains are visible only at rare intervals, and apart from them the views from the Ballater course are to be preferred. It must be admitted that the field of play at Ballater is monotonous and tame as compared with that at Nethy Bridge; but, *per contra*, the grass by the side of the Dee is almost as short as that on an ordinary sea-side course, and the turf is soft and springy (if the word may be allowed).

If the player leaves the village square at the office of the North of Scotland Bank, a cart-road takes him straight to the links, about a quarter of a mile distant. Right in front are the Coyles of Muick, and beyond, in a fine day, the peaked summit of Lochnagar, apparently attached to the clouds, forms a perfect gem. Here and there on the course the player is favoured with a similar view of this queen of the Deeside mountains. The course lies along the left bank of the Dee and appears to have been at one time under water. Two, hollows, covered with stones (with banks on each side) separated from each other by a considerable space, can be traced for some distance, almost parallel to the channel of the Dee. These appear to have once formed the bed of a river—the Dee, or an arm of it; it is possible that the Golf-course once formed an island. In this notice these hollows will be spoken of as ancient river-beds. These have to be negotiated in driving to the second, third, and fourth holes, and a poor drive will most probably be severely punished.

At the end of the cart-road leading from the village square, the first of these ancient river-beds is crossed, and here more or less water will probably be found during the greater part of the summer. Immediately across the water, and, of course, on a higher level, lies the ninth and last hole. The green is good—one of the best in the course; but care must be exercised in the approach, as, owing to the slope of the ground, a badly pitched ball is likely to roll into the water.

Beyond this green, on the flat summit of the bank of the old channel, is the teeing-ground for the first hole, some 250 yards from the Dee. A gravel-pit and two rudimentary stone dykes (formed apparently of stones gathered from the adjacent fields) constitute the only difficulties in the way. Right in front, across the Dee, rises Braichlie Hill, covered well up to the top with trees of various kinds, birch, larch, Scotch fir, &c. The autumn tints, in the middle of this October, were, if not perfect, at least all that an untrained eye could desire to gaze on. In the foreground the birch held undisputed sway; behind, and away far up the face of the hill, green firs, with here and there a larch in its autumn dress, formed a pleasing contrast. The old house or castle of Braichlie—the home of the Gordons of Glenmuick—has disappeared. The existing house was erected some years ago by the late Sir James T. Mackenzie, Bart., who, in 1863, purchased the property on the south bank of the river Muick from Farquharson of Invercauld—the Farquharsons having acquired it from the Gordons in the seventeenth century. Behind Braichlie House, in the face of the hill, the course of a burn may be easily traced, along which lies the shortest way from Ballater to Mount Keen, distant probably eleven or twelve miles.

From the second tee the drive crosses the second river-bed. A good shot will lay the ball on the green, or near it. (By a good shot is not meant by any means one of Mr. Laidlay's or Mr. Ball's best drives.) A miss may involve a penalty, which it may be best to leave to the imagination of an unlucky driver. Glenmuick House is right in front of the player, and, on a fine day, the situation of this mansion appears to great advantage, and reflects no little credit on the taste of the late baronet who built it.

The drive to the third hole crosses, in the reverse direction, the same river-bed as that to the second, and beyond the river-bed one of the dykes mentioned in connection with the first hole has to be surmounted. A good drive will easily lay the ball clear of both difficulties, quite close to the hole, indeed. On the way to this hole Craighendarroch (the Hill of Oaks) rises up before the player in all its beauty and gracefulness, the spire of the Free Church in the foreground, and villas peeping out from among the trees all along the base of the hill. In driving to the fourth hole, the two banks of the second river-bed have to be crossed, and only an exceptionally good drive for the kind of player referred to in this notice will suffice. If the second bank is not carried by the drive, care must be taken not to make the approach shot too strong, otherwise the ball will very probably land in the Dee, the hole being within a few yards of the river. Going to this hole the player has before him as the most conspicuous objects the Coyles of Muick, already referred to, a series of peaked hills which lie temptingly above the bed of the river Muick. The fifth and sixth holes lie close by the channel of the Dee, and the chief difficulty arises from a multitude of large stones, the proof, probably, that the ground once lay under water. It would be a great improvement to the course, and would add to the interest of the game, if these stones were collected and formed into a proper hazard in the shape of a stone dyke. At present, the most skilful player may land his ball on a stone not visible from the tee, and see it (the ball, unfortunately, not the stone) bound off the line into a broom bush, or behind a mound, where there is little chance of a good lie. If, however, the stones on the course try the player's temper, the landscape offers ample compensation. The Coyles of Muick look down from the left, as if challenging competition. And on a sunny day, with the light and shade playing on their slopes, it needs all the attractions of Golf to keep in check the longing to stand on their summits. Right in front the Dee appears sweeping gracefully between wooded banks; and farther on, to the right, the valley of the Gairn opens up, enclosed by heathery hills, the appearance of which, on a bright autumn day, cannot easily be forgotten.

The sixth hole lies at the most westerly part of the course, and the green might easily be placed a good many yards farther up the river-side. This would add to the interest of the game, as too many short holes follow each other. To the left of the player, when he reaches this sixth hole, across the Dee, lie the ruins of Knock Castle, in a clump of trees. This castle, like that of Braichlie, was a possession of the Gordons. The last "Knock," according to tradition, came to an untimely end. His neighbour, "Black" Arthur Forbes, of Strath Girnock, between whom and Gordon a feud existed, one day unexpectedly "fell upon Knock's seven sons while they were casting turf, and having killed them before any resistance could be made, stuck their heads on their 'flaughter-spades.' Knock fell down dead when he received the news.* Peace be with him. It is more pleasant to look across at the ruins from the Golf-course, than to own a castle with a Black Arthur Forbes hanging about for his prey. The seventh hole is the longest in the course. The green lies at the foot of what appears from the teeing-ground to be an isolated mound; the apparent mound turns out to be the western extremity of the left bank of the second river-bed, which has to be negotiated so frequently, the bank terminating here somewhat abruptly. The eighth hole—the course to which faces, generally, the same landscape as that to the fifth and sixth—lies close to the fields of the farm of Sluivannachie; the whole course, we understand, forms part of the pasture-ground of this farm, and has been generously conceded by the enterprising tenant. The drive to the last hole is across the same country, in the reverse direction. The ground is broken; and the player is in luck if he does not find his ball lying between two small mounds, which render a good second shot impossible. If a fortunate lie follows a good drive, the second should reach the green. In the course to this hole, as to the seventh, the view in front is bounded by our old friend Braichlie Hill. The green, as already mentioned, lies close by the water, which has to be crossed in order to reach the course.

Such are the nine holes with which, during a bright fortnight which passed all too speedily, something like a personal friendship was contracted. This inland course will not satisfy the golfer who is fastidious as to the ground on which he plays. The crack professionals of the leading greens of the South would probably despise it; but to the man who occasionally has recourse to Golf for health and recreation, it possesses advantages to which many of the more fashionable grounds can lay no claim. It lies in the bosom of the hills which guard the entrance of the passage to the Cairngorms. The player, throughout the course, has as his companion a river whose head-waters are found some forty miles to the west, on the broad summit of Braeriach, more than 4,000 feet in height. Every step he takes in the pursuit of the game he inhales the fragrance of the pine, and as fresh air as our Scottish hills can supply. To one who really needs a change, and desires, without the fatigue of climbing, to breathe the air of the Cairngorms, the Ballater Golf-course may be safely recommended.

The course might be improved. In the case of some of the holes, the tee might be placed farther back, or the green farther forward. This would give a more regular succession of short and long holes. The large stones (as already noted) should certainly be gathered off the line of approach to several of the holes; and these (as already suggested) might, in the form of a stone dyke, make a very good hazard at more than one part of the course. Further, both the putting-greens and the teeing-grounds should be carefully examined, with the view of removing the roots of shrubs or bushes. At present, it may easily happen that a straight put is spoiled by a fragment of a root which could not be seen a few yards off. And the drive may be interfered with in the same way on several of the teeing-grounds.

But fault-finding is scarcely fair or reasonable. This, we understand, is really the first season of the course, in any proper sense. And there is the best reason to believe that the ground will improve with every year's play. The enterprising leaders of life in Ballater are to be congratulated on this addition to the attractions of the place; and it is to be hoped that they will have an ample reward.

GEO. G. CAMERON, D.D.

A DANGER TO GOLF.

No game has rushed so quickly into favour all over the world as Golf, the game of Scotland. It is played, talked about, and written about everywhere. Club-makers and ball-makers of any note are making fortunes. Greens are being laid out in every possible place, giving employment to hundreds of men. Golf is at the climax of its glory.

But, as with nations, games degenerate when at their best, by some unerring cycle of events. Unless watched in time, the curious history slips on of birth, rise, progress, success, glory; then degeneracy, weakness, decay, and death. But there is not a great distance between glory and degeneracy; and it is time this was observed in the best of all games.

There is a mania abroad to break records in all sports—billiards, shooting, fishing, yachting, racing, cricket, and other pastimes; and Golf is coming in for its dose. There is scarcely a number of this magazine which has not a statement of a broken record on some green; and the wonderful craze is that the breaker of the record may not be really the best golfer on that green. Grant that he has holed the round for once in a few number of strokes than any other, that may be by reason of a series of flukes, which very likely will never occur again. I remember once, in playing for the St. Andrews Club's medal, that, after making a mess of it for the first six holes, I holed the next six running in three each, winning the medal after all. But I never did that again on St. Andrews Links, and possibly that is the record for these holes on a medal day.

Though the counting of strokes was, to a great extent, developed by the ever-increasing competitions for medals and prizes, especially after the introduction of the handicap (which in a great measure is unavoidable during the early history of a green and club), yet record-breaking is the unfortunate result. If the counting of strokes was confined to competitions, all would be well, for the prizes could not easily be decided in any other way; but it is the ever-absorbing passion for counting strokes in a match which is to be deplored.

One form of the degeneracy of Golf by this everlasting counting of strokes is to be seen in the solitary player: That man may be playing at a ball, and registering the number of strokes he takes to "do" the round; but he is not golfing. Why? Because Golf is a game which is played by two or more persons, generally two or four, but not one. One man cannot golf. There is no enthusiasm, no dash to beat a rival; only a vague battering away against all men in the "bogey," of a record. Surely that is a caricature of the game; whatever it may be called, it is not Golf. I have in my mind a solitary player on links near me, who drives in his trap half-a-dozen miles so many days a week, mechanically goes to work, and at the end of each hole takes out his cardboard and registers the number of strokes taken. Day after day he records the *total* in his notebook, and calls that his daily score. But, if one only thinks of it, his total may be marred some days by one or two very bad holes. Really, he may have been playing a superior game on a day when his score is three strokes above his minimum. He may have easily beaten one of his equals in holes, though by one or two bad messes he has damaged his score. The consequence is, that this gentleman cannot play a match for holes against another without the ever-recurring paper being taken out to record the number of strokes at the end of each hole. Of course, this is not a little annoying to a man who cannot be bothered with this style of play. "Seven!" he will be heard mumbling; "I have damaged my score." "What about that?" the other answers. "I've got the hole; that's all I want."

Go into a club-house after the first round is over, and the talk is very much now about the score. Not, as of old, "I beat him at the Burn"; but, "I am round in 81." It is a matter of moonshine what holes are lost or won, or what his opponent has been about. Is that Golf? It is unworthy of the name. The glorious prestige is waning. Individualism is possessing players. Now, in many cases, a man does not play against another, but has another there only for company, while he is trying to beat his own or some other body's record, or, even among the best players, the record of the green.

* See "Deeside," by A. Inkson McConnochie, p. 104.

Now I have seen this record mania injure a man's play in various ways. By steady, faultless play, a man may be 2 up and 3 to go. Some one whispers to him that he has only to hole the three in 13 to beat the record. He knows he has been playing very steadily, but the score never entered his head until that fatal whisper thrilled his nerves. The consequence is that he begins to play more carefully; the dash is gone; the record takes the place of the match. He hesitates at an approach, he funks a putt, he loses the hole. Now his opponent comes in with a rush, though 1 behind and 2 to play, and in many cases the scoring man loses the match, and does not break the record after all. Stranger still, he may have broken the record after the match has been won, if the record whisper had not rung in his ears. I remember well, playing at St. Andrews against young Tommy before he was at the zenith of his fame. I had played faultlessly up to the Corner of the Dyke hole, and had won the match; but at that point I was told that I had to hole the last two holes in 9 to make a 78. Of course I did not do it; I took 80. That was in 1867. I missed making a faultless round (in those days) by that fatal whisper.

It is a pity to see the scores recorded in the newspapers after a great match has been played; for the players have been striving for holes; they were not bent on breaking the record. A man at the crisis point of the game has sometimes to "make a spoon or spoil a horn" by trying some shot which in scoring he would not attempt. If he succeeds, he saves a stroke on a round which was not really a scoring round; if he fails, his score is damaged. People, looking at his total, conclude that he has been out of his play.

Besides, record-breaking, unless on medal days, is not to be generally trusted. No doubt Golf is, perhaps, *par excellence* the game of honour. A man is left alone with his ball in a bunker while his opponent is at some distance, and he may save his score by scraping just a little of the sand away. Were it for the glory of the game by holes only he would never be tempted; but the itching for a good score is not so easily borne. The temptation is too great. The same may be said of whins, the road, a bad lie, and so forth. The fine, delicate sense of honour, which in the old game for holes only was never dimmed, is not always so rigidly attended to when the scoring craze has possessed the man. How many of these record scores have been all holed out? An opponent who is being hopelessly beaten never ceases to speak of the terrible play of the man who has broken the record (though by not holing out some putts of a yard) which might be easily missed in medal playing. The records in the newspapers, unless on medal days, when the scores have been marked hole after hole by a neutral party, are rarely accurate. The balls have not been always holed out. In fact, if a man has missed at two more, he gives up the hole; but it is not accurate to put down on the paper that the other man has holed out his putt when he has not even tried it.

In fact, something must be done to counteract this record-breaking, which will certainly bring about a degeneracy of the most glorious of all games. This I will take up again; but I may, meanwhile, bring before our real lovers of the game, in its living interest, a suggestion with regard to the Championship competition. Just now the Open Championship is decided by strokes alone. That is a test of quiet, careful play; but it takes away the element of dash and nerve. It is the mechanical playing against the world, whereas hole playing is the personal influence of a player on one opponent. Let all competitors have two rounds (of eighteen holes each), to play by scoring; but at the end of the second round each man is allowed to take the best of his scores in the several holes out of the two rounds, to be called his choice score. For instance, if in his first round he takes 5 by being in the Burn, but 4 in the second round, he is allowed to mark down 4 as the choice score for the first hole; and so on. This will prevent a good player being thrown out by one or two bad holes in either round; for rarely does a likely champion mess the same hole in two successive rounds. The four lowest choice scores determine the four champions, who next day are to fight it out by holes. The first round reduces the number to two (for if a round is halved, they play on until one gets a hole). These two play again for holes to decide the Championship. This will tend greatly to check the mania for record-scoring among golfers of lower repute. Something must be done to cause a vital reaction in

the game. All paper and pencil work at the end of each hole should be discouraged. Handicapping by the handing in of a series of scores thus made out should be entirely stopped, and some other method adopted; and the chattering about scores and records should never be listened to. If not, I am quite certain that, ere long, there will be a lagging of the grand old enthusiasm, and the glorious game will degenerate. Alas! will "Ichabod" yet be written on the colours of the matchless pastime?

J. G. MCPHERSON.

GOLF AT UMBALLA (INDIA).

Golf continues to flourish here, as in many other parts of India. The Royal and Ancient Game should now add "Ubique" to its old motto of "Far and sure." It now flourishes in the heart of Kashmere, and a tournament was lately reported from the mountainous wilds of Gilgit, the *ultima thule* of British influence in that direction.

The following are some of the Umballa events during the past winter:—

Tournament by match play, handicap by holes.—Mr. G. Leslie Smith, Bengal Civil Service, 1; Capt. T. H. Bairnsfather, Cantonment Magistrate, scratch; Lieut. Meiklejohn, Gordon Highlanders, scratch; Major Craigie Halkett, 32nd Pioneers, scratch; Surgeon-Major Wardrop, A.M.S., plus 2; Lieut. Wingate, Gordon Highlanders, plus 2; Surgeon-Capt. Cree, A.M.S., plus 3; Major Downman, Gordon Highlanders, plus 4; Lieut. Forster, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, plus 5; Surgeon-Capt. Bate, A.M.S., plus 5; Capt. Henderson, Gordon Highlanders, plus 7.

First ties.—Surgeon-Major Wardrop beat Major Craigie Halkett; Mr. Smith beat Captain Henderson; Capt. Bairnsfather beat Lieut. Meiklejohn; Surgeon-Capt. Bate beat Lieut. Forster (scratched); Major Downman beat Lieut. Wingate; Surgeon-Capt. Cree, a bye.

Second ties.—Surgeon-Major Wardrop beat Major Downman; Mr. Smith beat Capt. Bairnsfather; Surgeon-Capt. Bate beat Surgeon-Capt. Cree.

Third ties.—Mr. Smith beat Surgeon-Capt. Bate; Surgeon-Major Wardrop, a bye.

Final.—Mr. Smith beat Surgeon-Major Wardrop.

It is perhaps a record that the winner lost only *one* hole throughout the tournament, and that by missing an eighteen-inch putt!

Second tournament, by match play, handicap by holes.—Mr. G. Leslie Smith, 1; Major Craigie Halkett, 1; Capt. Govan, Norfolk Regiment, scratch; Capt. Bairnsfather, scratch; Capt. Gossett, Derbyshire Regiment, plus 1; Surgeon-Major Wardrop, plus 2; Capt. Johnston, R.H.A., plus 4; Surgeon-Capt. Cree, plus 4; Surgeon-Major Peard, plus 4; Lieut. Bliss, Derbyshire Regiment, plus 6.

First ties.—Capt. Bairnsfather beat Lieut. Bliss; Mr. Smith beat Capt. Gossett; Capt. Johnston beat Major Craigie Halkett; Surgeon-Capt. Cree beat Capt. Govan; Surgeon-Major Wardrop beat Surgeon-Major Peard.

Second ties.—Mr. Smith beat Surgeon-Major Wardrop; Capt. Bairnsfather beat Surgeon-Capt. Cree; Capt. Johnston, a bye.

Third ties.—Capt. Johnston beat Mr. Smith; Capt. Bairnsfather, a bye.

Final.—Capt. Johnston beat Capt. Bairnsfather.

Handicap by scores.—Surgeon-Lieut. Col. Clery, 82, less 24=58; Lieut. Keene, 70, less 12=58; Capt. Bairnsfather, 63, less 2=61; Mr. Leslie Smith (scratch), 63. The rest were over 63 or made no returns. The tie was won by Surgeon-Lieut. Col. Clery.

Second handicap by scores.—Mr. G. Leslie Smith (scratch), 57, and Surgeon-Capt. Spence, A.M.S., 69, less 12=57, a tie; Major Taylor, Derbyshire Regiment, 67, less 8=59; Lieut. Ames, Derbyshire Regiment, 84, less 24=60. The rest were over 60 or made no returns. The tie was won by Mr. Leslie Smith.

Th. Umballa Links are in fine order and very sporting. The "Bogey" round (twelve holes) is 56.



THE SELECTION OF THE RECENT PROFESSIONAL TEAM.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It is always and confessedly easier to criticise another's choice than to choose oneself; but with regard to the recent Amateur and Professional Tournament at Sandwich, it would seem that criticism of the professional team is not only possible but necessary. Every golfer must have noticed the omission of Hugh Kirkaldy, and of Ben Sayers—and any reason that can be given for such an oversight is surely inadequate. I have been told that Hugh Kirkaldy was omitted because Andrew was already chosen, but if one brother *must* be chosen and the other left, why should the record-holder of St. Andrews and the Champion of 1891 over those classic links, give place? It has been suggested that other professionals had come such a distance to play; if so, why omit Ben Sayers?—for it will surely be admitted that the “wee laddie” will travel any distance to play, and play his level best too, and that his public performances have been as consistently successful, as they have been frequent. Hugh Kirkaldy was champion in 1891, he was bracketed second in 1892, he was well up in 1893, and he has been more than once successful in competitions lately, notably at Musselburgh immediately after last year's Championship, and at Machrihanish in the spring of this present year of grace. His style and *clan* are an inimitable inspiration, and as a golfing genius he is certainly second to none, while, combined with Sandy Herd, perhaps, he is the typical St. Andrews player of the day. As to Sayers, everyone will admit that he is as good a golfer as he is a pleasant man, and that if North Berwick Golf should be illustrated (“which nobody can deny”) he is the man to do it.

Turn to the other side for a moment, and let us suggest two questions—What has Archie Simpson done or won for the last five years? It is true that he “worked” at Prestwick, but he has not shown up very much as a golfer; and, as to Auchterlonie, he has certainly shown no signs since of repeating his great performance of last autumn—so why should he have been included?

I have no wish to impugn the good faith of those who chose the professional team, and their task was certainly no easy one; but another year it would surely be better if both sides were chosen by the same committee, and that the amateur committee of the club over whose links the Championship is played; or, perhaps better still, by a mixed committee of chosen gentlemen and players.

I am, Sir, &c.,
DISSATISFIED.

June 18th.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP—SUGGESTED RECONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In GOLF of June 15th I have read with much interest the leader under the above heading. As an old golfer, dating

back to 1862 at St. Andrews, might I suggest a way out of the difficulty?

I quite agree with you that the playing of an extra hole does not meet the case. My idea would be, in case of a tie, that the two players take a round of nine holes the following day. If the tie took place in the forenoon round, then it might be played off in the afternoon if it did not interfere with the other competitors.

Your idea of a competition by strokes, to preface the tournament by holes, is a very good one, and I hope to see other well-known golfers advocate it in your paper.

I am Sir, &c.,
JAMES HENDERSON.

County and Castle Club, Ventnor, I.W.

RULE AS TO STARTING TIME.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In answer to paragraph 1 of Mr. Fryer's letter, my committee amended the St. Andrew's rule on learning that this course had already been taken at Sandwich, or Hoylake, I forget which. I do not think that Mr. Fryer's letter on the subject was ever brought under our notice.

In paragraph 2, Mr. Fryer is in error. Whether under the old, or the amended rule, his friend's name could not have been entered a second time in the visitors' book, except after a lapse of six months.

With regard to paragraph 4, I am in complete accord with “Brancastrian.” I know not by what stretch of discourtesy his reasons can be called “silly.” They appear to me to be unanswerable, and I notice that they are not answered. May I take the opportunity of stating that, on referring to the minute book, I find I was wrong in giving 2.30 p.m. as the limit of starting time; it should have been 2 p.m.

I am, Sir, &c.,
W. H. SIMMS REEVE.

Hon. Secretary Royal West Norfolk Golf Club.

GOLF CLUBS AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should be exceedingly obliged if any clubs who have a concession granted them by railway companies for their members to travel to and from their links at a reduction from the ordinary fares such as “fare and a quarter,” or “single fare for the double journey,” would acquaint me of the fact. We are seeking such a concession, and want to instance where such is made in support of our application. Probably other clubs are doing the same, and any information I can get on the subject I shall be pleased to supply for the common good.

I am, Sir, &c.,
FRANK MOBBS,
Kettering Golf Club. Hon. Sec.

THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Many Scotchmen, like myself, have read the letter signed “Scotchman” in your issue of the 15th inst. with a feeling akin to disgust. A more ungenerous or more unsportsmanlike production I never read, its only object evidently being to detract from Lady Margaret Scott's victory.

Your correspondent states as a fact that Scotland possesses several lady-golfers who are stronger players than the present Champion—not an opinion, observe, but a fact. Will he kindly

prove it? I for one doubt it, and, like many others, will doubt it until we have proof to the contrary.

Has "Scotchman" watched the development of Golf during the last three years? Let me tell him that ladies' Golf has greatly changed (as far as regards the great bulk of lady-players). It is no longer a "putting" or running-up-with-the-cleek game; it is real, all-round Golf now, and no one can say what would happen if the best players from each side of the Border were to meet on a stiff course.

I understand that the Ladies' Championship was practically open to any players, although not belonging to the Union, on payment of an entrance fee; further, that the Ladies' Golf Union, at the time of formation and since, has approached the Scotch clubs, inviting them to join, but that, for some reason best known to themselves, they received such overtures with much the same heartiness as Northern golfers generally hailed the advent of your valuable publication, GOLF.

Scot though I be, I cannot help feeling that this is absurdly ostrich-like. Is it "cussedness," or what is it? Any one whose head is above the sand must see what is happening and likely to happen in the next few years.

Will any one dispute the following facts:—

1. That Golf has taken firm root in England.
2. That it is much the larger nursery of the two.
3. That England has now, and is laying out, ladies' links which would astonish most St. Andrews' ladies.

Your best friends, Scotia, say: Wake up! It is high time, or you may have to woo instead of being wooed.

Apologising for the length of this letter,

I am, Sir, &c.,
A. G. R.

Liverpool, June 21st.

[In the letter of "Scotchman," published in our issue of the 15th inst., occurs the following passage:—"There are two sisters, well known on St. Andrews, North Berwick, and Machrihanish links, with whom, in the opinion of such authorities as Hugh Kirkaldy and Ben Sayers, Lady Margaret Scott would not have a look-in." We are asked, both by Hugh Kirkaldy and Ben Sayers, to authoritatively contradict the statement that either of them has ever given expression to such an opinion. Sayers has never seen Lady Margaret Scott play, and could not therefore have made the statement attributed to him, while Kirkaldy, on the other hand, who has played many times with the lady Champion, bears the highest testimony to the all-round excellence of her play.—ED.]

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R. C. LONG.—Your better and more economical plan is to consult a specialist, like Tom Dunn or Tom Morris, on the question of the formation of links. There is no book treating of the subject exclusively, though you will find some useful information in Mr. Horace Hutchinson's "Golfing," published by Routledge, price 1s.

CROOKHAM.—(1) No, a ball with mud attached to it is not unplayable. We have published some interesting correspondence with reference to a suggested modification of the rule, to the effect that a ball covered with mud should be lifted, cleaned, and replaced. (2) No; it must be submitted to, as well as the mud, until the hole is played out.

SATURDAY'S issue of *Black and White* contains eight snapshot photographs of some of the incidents and players at the recent Championship meeting at Sandwich. Taylor and Rolland are seen driving off the tee, Mr. Arnold Blyth, bunkered in the "Maiden." Old Tom Morris, two groups of the first "Amateur and Professional" match, and a view of the putting green at the "Maiden" in the course of the match between Taylor and Mr. John Ball.

In playing on the Ottawa Links against the Kingston Club, on the 2nd June, Mr. A. Z. Palmer, of the Ottawa Club, made the third hole, 193 yards, in one.



ALFRETON v. BULWELL.

A match was played on Bulwell Forest on June 9th:—

ALFRETON.		BULWELL.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Rev. J. A. Hervey ...	2	Mr. G. L. White ...	0
Mr. L. W. Compton ...	2	Mr. S. Austin ...	0
Mr. L. S. Stroyan ...	0	Mr. S. Smith ...	0
Mr. T. W. Taylor ...	0	Mr. T. Maund ...	11
Mr. W. W. Nelson ...	0	Mr. W. Hallam ...	13
Mr. R. A. Wade ...	0	Mr. G. Taylor ...	12
Mr. J. Oakes ...	0	Mr. J. Leatherland ...	12
Mr. V. Maltby ...	0	Mr. S. Anthony ...	0
Rev. S. C. Hayward ...	0	Mr. T. Parker ...	1
	4		49

Return match, played at Alfreton on June 16th:—

BULWELL.		ALFRETON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. E. Williamson ...	5	Rev. S. C. Hayward ...	0
Mr. S. Anthony ...	0	Mr. L. S. Stroyan ...	3
Mr. J. S. Austin ...	0	Mr. W. Salmond ...	6
Mr. S. Smith ...	8	Mr. L. W. Compton ...	0
Mr. J. Leatherland ...	7	Mr. Jas. Oakes ...	0
Mr. T. Parker ...	14	Mr. V. Maltby ...	0
Mr. T. Maund ...	18	Mr. C. H. Oakes ...	0
Mr. G. Taylor ...	2	Dr. Corkery ...	0
Mr. E. Leatherland ...	15	Mr. T. W. Taylor ...	0
	69		9

BANK OF SCOTLAND v. BRITISH LINEN COMPANY.

The annual match between teams of the above clubs was played over Musselburgh on the 18th, with the following result:—

BANK OF SCOTLAND.		BRITISH LINEN COMPANY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Lamond ...	0	Mr. J. Mitchell ...	4
Mr. J. J. Morison ...	11	Mr. W. H. Montgomery ...	0
Mr. R. Richardson ...	0	Mr. A. K. Bow ...	3
Mr. J. Arnot ...	0	Mr. W. J. Laing ...	1
Mr. W. Sellar ...	0	Mr. R. W. Stevenson ...	5
Mr. R. B. Bell ...	0	Mr. M. C. Videon ...	0
Mr. M. J. Grieve ...	2	Mr. W. Murray ...	0
	13		13

BEDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June 9th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. G. F. Aphorpe	99 16 83	Rev. W. C. Massey..	114 24 90
Mr. W. R. Heneage	104 20 84	Mr. H. E. Tredcroft	100 8 92
Mr. E. A. Holmsted	105 22 84	Col. G. Hamilton ...	116 24 92
Mr. S. Fielder ...	99 14 85	Col. F. W. Grant ...	113 20 93
Col. C. E. Harenc ...	101 16 85	Col. T. H. B. Young	117 24 93
Mr. W. C. Fletcher.	95 9 86	Mr. C. F. G. Hervey	114 20 94
Mr. H. W. Barnes ...	108 20 88	Mr. W. G. Lovell ...	119 24 95
Mr. S. Fuller ...	99 10 89	Mr. E. H. Dasent ...	103 6 97
Mr. N. R. Slator ...	106 16 90		

No returns from others.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The winners during past year played for Miss M. Riddle's scratch prize on June 18th, and it was won by Mrs. Mackern. Scores:—Mrs. Mackern, 36, 40=76; Miss M. Smyth, 41, 43=84; Mrs. Laird, 45, 41=86; Mrs. Meredith, 44, 44=88; Miss Loveless, 47, 43=90.

BOWDON v. CHEADLE.

Home-and-home matches were played between these clubs on Saturday, June 16th, in fine weather, Bowdon winning both events.

First teams at Cheadle. Bowdon won by 18 holes:—

BOWDON.		CHEADLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. C. Morgan	5	Mr. E. G. Macdona	0
Mr. W. G. Clegg	0	Mr. F. Blindloss	5
Mr. S. W. Gillett	0	Mr. J. M. Eaton	0
Mr. A. G. Hogg	1	Mr. J. H. Milne	0
Rev. T. P. Williamson	10	Mr. C. D. Milne	0
Mr. C. H. Occleston	0	Mr. J. D. Milne	1
Mr. E. Withington	8	Mr. J. F. Milne	0
	24		6

Second teams at Bowdon. Bowdon won by 8 holes:—

BOWDON.		CHEADLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. H. Wolf	0	Rev. F. A. Macdona	1
Mr. G. Shorland Ball	3	Mr. O. J. Mosley	0
Rev. Wilson Cowie	8	Mr. G. G. Campion	0
Mr. G. Worthington	0	Mr. A. Ramm	1
Mr. F. Merriman	6	Mr. J. B. Parkinson	0
Mr. H. Staffurth	0	Mr. G. E. Lund	4
Mr. John Pattison	0	Mr. C. Hopkinson	3
	17		9

CASTLETOWN GOLF CLUB (ISLE OF MAN).

The third monthly handicap competition for Mr. Meredith's gold medal was played on Thursday, 21st inst. Result as follows:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Percy Fisher	121	36	85	Dr. Hannay	113	20	93
Rev. J. T. Davies	102	16	86	Major Coaran	124	31	93
Mr. T. Moore Law	129	40	89	Mr. T. Kneen	104	9	95
Mr. J. T. Wicksey	109	19	90	Rev. A. B. Stevenson	124	26	98
Mr. A. Cox	126	35	91	Mr. Tom M. Dodd	142	40	102
Mr. W. A. Stevenson	119	27	92				

Mr. H. S. Christopher (9), Rev. W. A. Baker (16), Mr. G. L. Colbourne (20), and Mr. W. A. Hutchinson (18), made no returns.

DERBYSHIRE v. NOTTS.

Played on the Osmaston Park Links, Derby, on Saturday, the 16th inst.

DERBYSHIRE.		NOTTS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. T. C. Jeffrey	0	Mr. J. Hall	3
Rev. T. E. M. Hutchingson	2	Mr. B. Forest	0
Dr. Vaudrey	2	Mr. J. Harris	0
Dr. Macphail	0	Mr. R. D. Oswald	8
Mr. J. Brunton	0	Mr. E. A. Couetts	3
Dr. Johnston	2	Mr. J. Johnstone	0
Mr. G. Dusautoy	1	Mr. C. S. Wardle	0
Mr. J. N. Nutt	9	Mr. C. B. Edwards	0
Mr. L. Guilment	0	Mr. C. F. Dobson	3
Mr. H. M. Gray	2	Mr. J. A. Simpson	0
Mr. A. C. Laurie	2	Mr. B. Akers	0
Dr. Moon	5	Mr. W. Ross	0
	25		17

Majority for Derbyshire 8 holes.

EAST SHEEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, June 7th, the East Sheen Ladies had putting and approach shot competitions. The prizes being a parasol and a cloak. The putting competition was won easily by Miss Sinclair, Miss A. Cholmeley, Mrs. Marson and Miss A. Rawstorne tying for the second place. The approach competition

resulted in a tie between Miss Ramsay and Mrs. Marson, and was finally won by Miss Ramsay. The monthly medal was played for the same day. Result:—Miss Vidal, 66, less 15=51; Miss Rawstorne, 72, less 20=52; Miss E. Sinclair, 64, less 9=55; Miss L. Wigan, 81, less 20=61; Miss A. Rawstorne, 82, less 20=62; Miss E. Rawstorne, 77, less 11=66. No return from Miss A. Cholmeley.

"Bogey" competition, June 14th.—Miss L. Wigan (15), all even; Miss Rawstorne (15), 1 down; Miss Vidal (10), 4 down; Miss E. Rawstorne (9), 4 down; Miss T. Onslow (13), 5 down. No returns from Misses B. Waterfield, F. Ethelwood, and A. M. Rawstorne.

EDINBURGH INSTITUTION (F.P.) GOLF CLUB.

This club held a competition on Tuesday afternoon, the 19th inst., over Mortonhall, permission having been kindly granted by the Council. There was a good turn-out, thirty-two members leaving the tee, to compete for a beautiful water colour presented by Mr. R. B. Nisbet, A.R.S.A., and four club prizes. The best scratch score was an 80 by Mr. Marcus J. Brown, 40 out, and 40 home, as follows:—4 4 4 5 4 3 5 5 6 3 6 2 6 4 4 4 4 7=80.

The prize winners were: Tie for first and second prizes, Mr. John Stevenson, 87, less 5=82; Mr. W. K. Martin, 94, less 12=82; third, Mr. D. Crawford, 99, less 16=83; fourth, Mr. Marcus J. Brown, 80, plus 4=84; tie for fifth, Mr. A. Henderson, 88, less 3=85, Dr. Buist, 105, less 20=85, Mr. D. Foulis, jun., 103, less 18=85.

EPPING GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal v. "Col. Bogey," or "St. Andrew," was played on Saturday, June 16th, in good golfing weather. A good many competed. "Col. Bogey's" score, 41 each round, total 82:—Mr. A. Kemp (9), 1 down; Miss Georgie Waters (23), 4 down; Mr. A. C. Oldham (8), 6 down; Mr. R. C. Lyall (10), 7 down; Mr. H. B. Yerburch (14), 8 down; Mr. S. Kemp (6), 9 down; Mr. E. Oliver (19), 10 down; Mr. A. Sewell (23), 11 down; Mr. P. S. Lee (11), 12 down. Eight others competed but made no return.

FORFARSHIRE.

Playing in the fourth round for the Montrose Championship challenge shield on Tuesday evening, Mr. James Hampton, of the Mercantile Club, came in with the exceptionally low score of 74, which included a 2, five 3's, six 4's, four 5's, one 6, and one 7, the last figure being at the Long Hole, where he got into the bunker and took two strokes to get out. He defeated his opponent (Mr. James Johnston) by 6 holes.

HARROW GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal round, June 16th:—Mr. L. S. Pawle, 86, less 7=79; Mr. H. E. Farrell, 103, less 22=81; Mr. V. P. Löhr, 100 less 18=82; Mr. W. B. Rouse, 114, less 22=89; Mr. W. G. Guillemard, 116, less 24=92; Rev. W. Done Bushell, 108, less 12=96; Mr. C. H. P. Mayo, 111, less 12=99. Others over 100 net, or no return.

HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly "Bogey" competition took place on June 18th:—Capt. Burton (29), 3 down; Mr. E. W. M. Lloyd (12), 4 down; Mr. P. F. Morton (9), 6 down; Rev. W. Claxton (12), 6 down; Mr. A. F. Gribbell (15), 6 down; Mr. H. Hollings (11), 7 down; Mr. H. Bourdillon (13), 8 down; Mr. E. Wilkins (14), 10 down; Mr. C. R. Seymour (11), 12 down.

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

During the last month the lady members have played off the first competition for the brooch kindly presented to the club by Mrs. R. Holiday. There were thirteen entries, the names and result of the rounds being given below. Miss M. Sykes has the honour of being the first holder; Miss Sykes had to give her opponent in the final 11 strokes, and, after a close struggle, just succeeded in winning the match at the last hole.

First Round.—Miss M. Sykes (9) beat Miss G. Grist (24); Mrs. Knight (11) beat Miss L. Fisher (18); Miss E. G. Walker (10) beat Mrs. Watkinson (9); Miss E. A. Grist (24) beat

Mrs. F. Huth (24); Miss Barnicot (24) beat Miss Holmes (14). Misses C. H. Middlemost (16), A. M. Shaw (8), and C. Vickerman (6), drew byes.

Second Round.—Miss M. Sykes beat Mrs. Knight; Miss Walker beat Miss E. A. Grist; Miss Barnicot beat Miss C. H. Middlemost; and Miss Vickerman beat Miss A. M. Shaw.

Semi-final Round.—Miss Sykes beat Miss Walker, and Miss Barnicot beat Miss Vickerman.

Final Round.—Miss Sykes beat Miss Barnicot by 1 up.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The Christmas cup was played for on Saturday, June 16th, in fine weather. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. P. N. Lee	89 8 81	Mr. W. Watson	109 20 89
Dr. Bampton	94 12 82	Mr. F. R. Kitson	102 12 90
Mr. H. Russell Smith	94 12 82	Mr. W. M. Barwick	101 10 91
Mr. R. G. Scott	104 20 84	Rev. G. H. Frodsham	102 10 92
Mr. S. M. Yoxall	96 8 88	Mr. F. Steinthal	117 25 92
Mr. J. Cooper Shaw	96 8 88	Mr. T. K. Hattersley	114 18 96
Dr. McDowall	104 15 89	Mr. L. Glyde	123 25 28

No returns, or over 100 net, from eight more.

KIRBY MUXLOE GOLF CLUB.

In fulfilling a long-standing engagement, Tom Morris, of St. Andrews, visited the links of this club on Monday, the 18th. The committee, when the club recently acquired further ground, with a view of extending and improving the course, decided to have the best possible advice as to the mode of laying out the ground to the greatest advantage, and in order to secure to the club as good a nine-hole course as the locality admits of. The club were satisfied that they had secured ground which was admirably suited to the game, if well utilised. The fields are well broken up, and offered scope for every variety of play. The turf, for the most part, is of a fine character, and even at this time of the year, when, at many inland links, play is interfered with by a superabundance of grass, very little inconvenience arises from that cause at Kirby, as shown by some of the scores made during the afternoon. In addition there are some capital natural hazards, and the ground is readily accessible, being in immediate proximity to the railway station. Having these advantages already provided for them, the club could not have done better than to secure the services of old Tom Morris. Having been engaged at the Open Championship meeting at Sandwich, he made his visit to Kirby Muxloe en route to St. Andrews. The course has been laid out at Kirby Muxloe for some nine months past, but it was only made as a temporary one, and it was intended to defer the permanent making of tees and greens until after the event which has just taken place. The early part of the day was occupied with the inspection of the course and the existing tees and holes, during which Tom made some very valuable suggestions for improvements. It is satisfactory to know, however, that the general line of play and arrangement of the course will not be materially altered. Some of the holes will be lengthened, but only in two instances did Tom think it desirable to alter the position of the greens. In the afternoon, notwithstanding the steady, persistent rain, some interesting play took place, which was witnessed by a considerable number of members and other gentlemen interested in the game. In spite of the weather several ladies also were sufficiently enthusiastic to follow the players. The first match was a foursome for nine holes between Tom Morris and Mr. Alfred Barlow (a member of the Kettering Club) against Smith, the professional of the Leicester Club, and Scott, another professional player. The match was followed with great interest by all present. Starting from No. 1 tee, Scott and Mr. A. Barlow made two good drives, getting well over the footpath. The hole, however, owing to the long grass in this field, was rather a bad one for both sides, and ended in a half for 6. From the next tee, with a cleek shot over the gully, the veteran showed the finest form, his ball lying on the green, and the hole was taken in 4. The match ended in favour of the young professionals by 4 up. The scores were as follows:—

Smith and Scott	... 6 5 4 6 5 5 6 4 4=45
Morris and Mr. Barlow	... 6 4 7 7 6 6 7 4 4=51

The second match arranged was a foursome between Old Tom and Mr. Barlow against Capt. Gray and Mr. G. H.

Hughes, two members of the club, which ended in favour of Morris and Mr. Barlow by 3 up, the scores being as follows:—

Morris and Mr. Barlow	... 5 4 8 6 5 6 5 6 5=50
Capt. Gray and Mr. Hughes	7 4 9 7 5 7 7 4 4=54

A single match of eighteen holes was played between Smith and Scott, in which some very fine form was exhibited, Smith ultimately winning by 6 up. The scores were as under:—

Smith—First round	... 4 4 6 5 4 6 5 4 4=42	} 90
Second round	... 6 4 6 6 4 5 7 5 5=48	
Scott—First round	... 5 4 6 5 5 5 7 5 5=47	} 96
Second round	... 6 4 7 6 5 5 5 6 5=49	

After the conclusion of the games, Tom Morris stated that with the few alterations he had suggested the Kirby Muxloe Links would make a capital nine-hole course, and expressed his appreciation of the convenience of having the ground so near the railway station. He also gave a favourable opinion as to the suitability of the course and general surroundings, and expressed his conviction that the links would become popular amongst golfers in the neighbourhood, and had a very promising future.

MARPLE v. FAIRFIELD.

This match was played on the Marple Links on Saturday, June 16th, in splendid weather. Both clubs were well represented, and the match ended in a victory for Fairfield by 14 holes.

MARPLE.		FAIRFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. H. Roth	1... 0	Mr. W. M. Campbell	... 1
Mr. G. Sherwin	... 0	Mr. W. E. G. Wilcock	... 2
Mr. H. Eskrigge	... 0	Mr. B. C. Sellars	... 3
Mr. W. Livesey	... 5	Mr. J. Hall	... 0
Mr. A. Simon	... 10	Mr. R. K. Jones	... 0
Mr. G. Holmes	... 0	Mr. G. Hunter	... 0
Mr. T. R. Carver	... 0	Mr. J. P. Sharp	... 9
Mr. J. Englemann	... 0	R. C. Callison	... 12
Mr. J. Tattersall	... 0	Mr. K. Sutton	... 2
	—		—
	15		29

MONTREAL v. QUEBEC LADIES.

A most interesting gathering took place on the Cove Fields a fortnight ago, on the occasion of the first match between the Ladies' Golf Clubs of Montreal and Quebec. Six competitors on each side faced the tee at 10.30 o'clock. The morning opened with splendid weather, and the bright costumes of the ladies, in contrast with the fresh spring grass, made a lovely picture. Nearly all the members of the Quebec Ladies' Golf Club were present, and a large number of spectators, who took the keenest interest in the game throughout. Each couple was accompanied by a gentleman, a member of the Quebec Golf Club, who acted as a scorer. Unfortunately, the weather proved fickle and rain fell towards the end of the game. The result of the match was in favour of the Quebec ladies by 33 holes. A return match will be played in the fall in Montreal.

QUEBEC.		MONTREAL.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss M. Thomson	... 6	Miss Young	... 0
Miss A. McLimont	... 1	Miss Buchanan	... 0
Miss M. Thomson	... 9	Miss Ferrier	... 0
Miss R. Thomson	... 10	Miss Buchanan	... 0
Miss B. White	... 3	Miss Cassels	... 0
Miss M. Scott	... 4	Miss Bond	... 0
	—		—
	33		0

After the conclusion of the match the victors entertained their guests to a most delightful banquet at the Château Frontenac, where covers were laid for about seventy-five persons.

MATCH AT DUNBLANE.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 20th, a match was played over the Dunblane course between teams representing the President (Mr. A. Philp, sen.) and the Vice-President (Mr. William Alexander). The day was favourable, and an enjoy-

able game resulted in a victory for the Vice-President by 11 holes. Scores:—

PRESIDENT.			VICE-PRESIDENT.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. R. Henderson	...	0	Mr. A. Whitton	...	6
Mr. A. Philp	...	0	Mr. R. Blair	...	4
Mr. W. Tetlow	...	0	Major Reid	...	2
Mr. D. M'Lauchlan	...	0	Mr. J. F. Robertson	...	0
Mr. R. D. Lennox	...	1	Mr. A. B. Moir	...	0
Mr. G. Bremner	...	0	Mr. James Barty	...	2
Mr. Dodds	...	5	Mr. Symington	...	0
Mr. J. Scobie	...	0	Mr. J. Lennox	...	5
Mr. M. M'Kie	...	2	Mr. G. C. M'Naughton	...	0
		8			19

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

The lady members of the Needles Golf Club held their summer meeting on the Afton links. On Monday, June 11th, the competition was for a gold brooch, presented by Baron Raymond de Cerwange. The conditions were medal play, two competitors to play together, all competitors to be on the links at the fixed time. The contest was a keen one. Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford established a new competition record for the links with a score of 85, the record previous to this was held by Miss Tankard, who also sent in a good score on this occasion. The prize, however, fell to Mrs. Windus, after a tie with Miss Nicholson. Mrs. Tankard invited all competitors with their friends to tea at Afton Manor.

On June 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th, a mixed tournament, match play, was held, for a prize offered by Mrs. Holford Gower. Each lady competitor nominated a gentleman for the competition. The ladies drew lots for partners. Miss McCreery, Mrs. Tankard, Miss Tankard, Mr. Graham, Mr. Tankard, and Mr. Musgrave scratched, being unable to play. Miss Frost's entry and nomination of Mr. Dover reached the committee too late, they were therefore disqualified. The winners were Miss Nicholson and Major Stratford.

On June 13th and two following days there was a match-play competition, open only to the losers of June 12th. The prizes, a Golf-bag and clock, were secured by Miss Bailey and Dr. Hands. The presentation of the match-play prizes took place on Friday at the Terrace House, where Miss Ffytche extended hospitality to all comers.

On Saturday the consolation prize, a travelling clock, was played for under medal rules, and won by Miss Edith Nicholson. Lady Hamond-Graeme also presented a silver pen and pencil in case for the best score of the day, which was won by Miss Tankard. Mrs. Wharton-Smith kindly invited all competitors to tea at the Briary. Mrs. Windus and Miss Prinsep were equally kind in their hospitality on the Tuesday and Wednesday. The ladies were fortunate in having good weather all the week, there being but little rain or sunshine, and not much wind—quite a contrast to the spring meeting, when nearly every competitor was drenched on the opening day, and had to contend against brilliant sunshine or strong winds for the rest of week. The limit handicap for ladies has been reduced from 54 to 32.

The cards sent in show a marked improvement on those of the last meeting.

June 11th, medal competition for Baron R. de Cerwange's prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Windus	...	104 32 72	Miss Bowdon-Smith	118	32 86
Miss Nicholson	...	104 32 72	Miss Bailey	...	119 32 87
Mrs. C. Wingfield-Stratford	...	85 10 75	Miss Agnes Nicholson	...	116 25 91
Miss Edith Nicholson	...	97 21 76	Miss Webb	...	124 32 92
Miss Hamond-Graeme	...	103 26 77	Mrs. Hands	...	127 32 95
Miss Tankard	...	86 6 80	Miss Money	...	130 32 98
			Mrs. Walford	...	123 23 100

Mrs. Cleveland-Swayne and Miss McCreery were disqualified through playing round irregularly. Nineteen entries. The rest were over 100 net. On playing off the tie Mrs. Windus won by two points.

June 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th—mixed tournament for Mrs. Holford Gower's prize (match play):—

First round.—Miss Webb and Baron Raymond de Cerwange (plus 6) beat Mrs. Windus and Captain Hoblyn by 1; Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford and Mr. Easton (plus 6) beat Miss Agnes Nicholson and Mr. Lockhart by 6 up and 4 to play; Miss Edith Nicholson and Capt. Inglis (plus 6) beat Miss E. McCreery and Major Walford by 4 up and 2 to play; Miss Nicholson and Major Stratford (3) beat Miss Ffytche and Capt. Cuming by 3 up and 2 to play; Mrs. Hands and Mr. Suther beat Miss Bowden-Smith and Mr. Webb by 2 up and 1 to play; Mrs. Walford and Mr. Pritchard (2) beat Mrs. Swayne and Capt. Hamond-Graeme by 6 up and 4 to play; Miss Hamond-Graeme and Mr. Pickering (plus 2) beat Miss Bailey and Dr. Hands by 3 up and 2 to play.

Second round.—Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford and Mr. Easton (plus 10) beat Miss Webb and Baron Raymond de Cerwange by 3 up and 1 to play; Miss Nicholson and Major Stratford (7) beat Miss Edith Nicholson and Capt. Inglis by 3 up and 2 to play; Mrs. Walford and Mr. Pritchard (plus 4) beat Mrs. Hands and Mr. Suther by 4 up and 3 to play; Miss Hamond-Graeme and Mr. Pickering, a bye.

Third round.—Miss Nicholson and Major Stratford (8) beat Mrs. Stratford and Mr. Easton by 2 up; Miss Hamond-Graeme and Mr. Pickering (plus 2) beat Mrs. Walford and Mr. Pritchard by 2 up.

Final round.—Miss Nicholson and Major Stratford (3) beat Miss Hamond-Graeme and Mr. Pickering by 2 up and 1 to play.

June 13th, 14th, and 15th.—Mixed foursomes for losers of June 12th, Match play:—

First Round.—Miss Ffytche and Capt. Hoblyn (plus 1) beat Mrs. Windus and Capt. Hamond-Graeme by 5 up and 4 to play; Miss Bailey and Dr. Hands beat Miss A. Nicholson and Mr. Lockhart by 2 up and 1 to play; Miss Bowden-Smith and Capt. Cuming (plus 5) beat Miss E. McCreery and Mr. Webber by 6 up and 5 to play; Mrs. McCreery and Major Walford, a bye.

Second Round.—Miss Bailey and Dr. Hands beat Miss Ffytche and Capt. Hoblyn by 5 up and 3 to play; Miss Bowden-Smith and Capt. Cuming (plus 2) beat Miss McCreery and Major Walford by 1 up.

Final.—Miss Bailey and Dr. Hands (2) beat Miss Bowden-Smith and Capt. Cuming by 1 up.

June 16th.—Consolation prize, medal play:—Mrs. Tankard, 102, less 23=79; Miss E. Nicholson, 96, less 17=79; Miss Hamond-Graeme, 105, less 22=83; Mrs. Walford, 111, less 23=88; Mrs. Hands; 122, less 32=90; Miss Tankard, 95, less 4=91; Miss A. Nicholson, 122, less 28=94; Mrs. Wingfield Stratford, 102, less 5=97. Twelve entries; the rest were over 100 net. On playing off the tie Miss E. Nicholson won by 2 points. Prize presented by Lady Hamond-Graeme for the best score of the day was won by Miss Tankard.

POLLOK GOLF CLUB.

An interesting professional stroke match was played on the Pollok course on June 19th, between the local professional, James Douglas, and his brother George Douglas, of North Berwick. The weather was perfect, and the players were followed round by a good turn-out of members, who had the pleasure of witnessing a fine exhibition of the game. The record of the course, previously held by James Douglas with 79, was broken by George Douglas, who after a somewhat disappointing outward journey, finished with 77, viz:—Out, 42; in, 35. For the start, both had good drives, and lay close to the hole in 2. George Douglas, however, lay in a difficulty, while with his third, James Douglas overran the green, and had the misfortune to strike the fence with his fourth. Ultimately the hole was won by George Douglas in 6 to his brother's 7. The second, third, fourth, and fifth holes were indifferently played by both, but at the Cowglen hole George Douglas had a brilliantly-played 4, and an equally good 3 for the Damshot. A half in 6 was registered for Crookston, but George Douglas won the Halfway in 3, James Douglas just failing to get down in the like. For the outward half the scores were:—George Douglas, 42; James Douglas, 48. The homeward journey was begun well, James Douglas securing the Corkerhill hole in 3, against 4 for his brother, who failed to put down a somewhat awkward putt for a half. From this point, however, George

Douglas settled down to a magnificent game. With the exception of a short approach at the Avenue hole, his play was perfect, as his score of 35 inwards indicates. His approach game, and putting were particularly fine, and at the same time his driving and play through the green were of the first-class order. James Douglas was, unfortunately, quite off his game, the short play and putting, unlike his brother's, being especially weak. The scores home were:—George Douglas, 35; James Douglas, 44. The details of George Douglas's full round were:—

Out	6	6	5	4	5	4	3	6	3	—42	} 77
In	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	—35	

The greens were in good condition, and, indeed, the whole course was in splendid order.

A new record for the Pollok course was established on Thursday, 14th, when George Douglas, in a match with Mr. William Laidlaw, succeeded in breaking the previous record (made by himself on Tuesday), with a score of 76—one point less than his Tuesday's performance. Mr. Laidlaw received a third from Douglas, and lost the match by four holes. George Douglas's play during the whole game was of the steadiest description, a 4 at the Damshot, and his failure to get down a short putt at Crookston being the only faults in the outward journey. From the Halfway he registered five 3's in succession, a very fine piece of play, notably for the Rhannan and the Bridge holes. The two long holes, Warren and Lawbush, were taken in 5 each. Driving his usual low ball, at the Dowcate he had the misfortune to strike the top of the fence in front of the tee, the ball rebounding into the next field and lying heavily. The hole (which he had on Tuesday in 3) ultimately cost him 6. 4 and 5 respectively were registered for the last two holes, the total home being 37. This score is two points worse than his previous inward record, but this difference was caused entirely by his ill-luck at the Dowcate. The details of the round are:—

Out	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	6	3	—39	} 76
In	3	3	3	3	5	5	6	4	5	—37	

The feature of George Douglas's play is in his approach game and putting, and on Thursday he fairly excelled himself. His mashie play in particular was very deadly. Mr. Laidlaw's score for the round was 86.

ROYAL COUNTY GOLF CLUB, PORTRUSH.

On Saturday, June 16th, at Portrush, County Antrim, there opened in connection with the above club a nine days' Golf tournament. Saturday's contest was for the M'Calmont cup. It was played in heats, and by holes, under handicap, and was open to the members of the Royal County Club. A memento prize of £3 went to the winner of the cup, and £2 to the runner up. The cup becomes the property of the player who first wins it three times. The ground was in excellent order, and the weather was splendid; but, unfortunately, there was a rather high wind, which to some extent interfered with the play. Scores:—

First Heat.—Mr. F. Topp (9) beat Mr. O. Grimshaw (5); Mr. R. King (7) beat Mr. G. Greer (5); Mr. J. Black (7) beat Mr. F. Koeller (6); Mr. J. S. Alexander (6) beat Mr. J. S. Exham (6); Dr. Creery (7) beat Mr. S. C. Kelly (4); Mr. R. Young (8) beat Mr. R. Walmsley (9); Mr. W. H. Webb (3) beat Mr. H. C. Hart (6); Mr. J. Dickson (5) beat Mr. R. A. Richardson (9); Mr. A. F. Henderson (6) beat Mr. A. B. Stuart (4); Mr. J. Atkinson (7) beat Dr. Claxton (7); Mr. L. Campbell, a bye; Mr. H. G. Scott (6), a bye; Mr. J. R. Macdonald (3) beat Mr. J. C. Webb (7); Mr. W. H. Johns beat Mr. T. S. Moore (7); Mr. T. Dickson (1), a bye; Mr. J. R. Eccles (7) beat Mr. S. Wilson.

Second Heat.—Mr. R. King beat Mr. F. Topp; Mr. J. S. Alexander beat Mr. J. Black; Dr. Creery beat Mr. R. Young; Mr. W. H. Webb beat Mr. J. Dickson; Mr. A. F. Henderson beat Mr. J. Atkinson; Mr. H. G. Scott beat Mr. L. Campbell; Mr. J. R. Macdonald beat Mr. W. H. Johns; Mr. T. Dickson beat Mr. J. R. Eccles.

Third Heat.—Mr. R. King beat Mr. J. S. Alexander; Dr. Creery beat Mr. W. H. Webb; Mr. H. G. Scott beat Mr. A. F. Henderson; Mr. T. Dickson beat Mr. J. R. Macdonald.

Semi-Final.—Dr. Creery beat Mr. R. King; Mr. T. Dickson beat Mr. H. G. Scott.

Final.—Mr. T. Dickson beat Dr. Creery.

Stroke competition.—The second of the midsummer competitions was held on Monday, June 18th. The weather was magnificent, though the sunshine was perhaps rather bright for good play. For an open competition by strokes under handicap about fifty players entered. When the cards were returned it was found that the lowest net score had been made by Mr. J. B. Black (Belfast), who thus won the first prize; while Mr. C. J. Webb, J.P., and Mr. J. R. M'Donald, J.P., tied for second prize, with net scores of 84 each. On the tie being played off the latter secured the prize. The following are the net scores under 100:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. B. Black	...	101 22 79	Mr. S. Wilson	...	117 24 93
Mr. J. R. M'Donald	93	9 84	Mr. J. Atkinson	...	116 22 94
Mr. C. J. Webb	...	104 20 84	Mr. F. Koeller	...	112 18 94
Mr. J. S. Exham	...	106 20 86	Mr. S. C. Kelly	...	106 12 94
Prof. Macmaster	...	102 16 86	Mr. Airth Richard-	...	...
Mr. F. Figgis	...	95 8 87	son	...	120 26 94
Dr. Claxton	...	108 20 88	Mr. H. G. MacGeagh	...	114 19 95
Mr. J. S. Alexander	106	18 88	Mr. R. Kelly	...	118 22 96
Rev. Mr. Abrahall	...	100 12 88	Mr. F. Topp	...	112 16 96
Mr. Thos. Dickson	93	3 90	Mr. J. F. Peddie	...	117 20 97
Mr. I. S. Moore, jun.	103	11 92	Mr. G. O'B. Hamil-	...	...
Mr. H. C. Hart	...	111 18 93	ton	...	125 28 97

A putting competition for a prize presented by Mr. Webb took place at five o'clock, each competitor holing out three balls. There was a large number of competitors, and Dr. Claxton (Philadelphia) and Mr. J. Patrick, jun. (Gledheather), tied with a score of 6 each. On playing again, Dr. Claxton holed out in 7 and Mr. Patrick in 8, the former being, therefore, the winner. A second prize was awarded to Mr. Patrick.

The Corry Cup.—On Tuesday, June 19th, a hole competition for the Corry cup was held. Dr. Creery, Coleraine, the winner of the second prize on Saturday, took first place, while Mr. A. B. Stuart, Mr. R. A. Richardson, and Mr. A. F. Henderson tied with the score of 84 for the second prize. The tie was subsequently played off, Mr. Richardson being the winner. The scores under 100 were as follow:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Dr. Creery	...	96 16 80	Mr. H. C. Hart	...	107 18 89
Mr. R. A. Richardson	110	26 84	Dr. Claxton	...	111 20 91
Mr. A. F. Henderson	103	19 84	Mr. J. Atkinson	...	113 22 91
Mr. A. B. Stuart	...	96 12 84	Mr. J. R. Eccles	...	112 20 92
Mr. Thomas Dickson	88	3 85	Mr. S. Kelly	...	104 12 92
Mr. J. S. Alexander	104	18 86	Mr. J. R. M'Donald	102	9 93
Mr. I. S. Moore	...	109 22 87	Mr. T. H. Abrahall	109	12 97
Mr. F. Topp	...	105 16 89			

The following also competed:—Rev. J. H. Kelly, Dr. Carson, Messrs. Adair, J. B. Kinley, F. Hilton, A. Grimshaw, H. G. Scott, C. J. Webb, R. N. Grimshaw, R. Walmesley, and F. Koeller.

The final competition for the annual club cup took place on Monday afternoon. Nine of the twelve monthly entered, and a close contest took place between Mr. J. S. Exham and Prof. Macmaster, the former winning the trophy, which is valued at £10, with a net score of 80. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. S. Exham	...	100 20 80	Mr. F. Koeller	...	111 18 93
Prof. Macmaster	...	98 16 82	Mr. L. B. Barker	...	109 16 93
Mr. S. C. Kelly	...	97 12 85	Dr. Creery	...	113 18 95
Mr. J. S. Moore	...	110 22 88	Mr. H. W. Stronge	128	24 104
Mr. John Patrick, jun.	108	16 92			

A ladies' putting competition took place on Tuesday afternoon, when the first prize was won by Miss Herlet, and the second by Miss Cox.

On Saturday night the annual meeting of the club was held in the club-house, and was very largely attended. The outgoing president, Mr. C. J. Webb, J.P., Randalstown, presided. The annual report stated that the number of members on the roll at the end of the financial year was about 520. The total receipts during the year amounted to £1,870, being an increase of £546 over those of the previous year, and of £1,028 over those of 1891-92. Mr. Webb, the outgoing captain, marks the termination of his year of office by the presentation of a handsome cup to be competed for twice a year by the members; while Mrs. Magill, the first captain of the ladies' branch,

has excited a spirit of fresh rivalry amongst the lady members by the presentation of an elegant silver cup. The Council have also had the pleasure of receiving a notification from the Ladies' Golf Union that the Ladies' Championship of Great Britain and Ireland will be played for next year on the Portrush Links. The ladies' and juveniles' branch of the club now numbers 195 members. Mr. Hugh Adair, J.P., Cookstown, was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year. Messrs. C. J. Webb and J. R. Eccles were re-elected members of the Council, and Mr. S. Wilson (Belfast) was also elected a member of the Council in room of Capt. Gage, R.M., resigned. Mr. J. M. Russell was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. H. A. Macaulay hon. treasurer. A lengthened and very animated discussion took place on a recommendation from the Council, "That the question of the opening of the club-house on Sunday be considered at the general meeting." Several motions and amendments were proposed as to the opening not only of the club-house on Sunday, but also of the links, some of the proposals holding that the bar should be open, and others that the bar should, like the billiard-room, be kept closed. All these proposals as to the opening of both the club-house and the links on Sunday were rejected, so that matters stand as they were.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE v. BLACKHEATH LADIES.

This match, played under the rules of the Ladies' Golf Union, took place at Eastbourne on Wednesday, June 20th. The weather was very unpleasant, a high wind prevailing, and the foursomes had to be abandoned in the afternoon, owing to the rain. Scores:—

EASTBOURNE.		BLACKHEATH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss A. Drake ...	3+2 5	Mrs. Mackern ...	0
Miss Starkie Bence ...	4+2 6	Mrs. Penrose ...	0
Miss M. C. Reid ...	6+2 8	Mrs. Stubbs ...	0
Miss Drake ...	4+2 6	Miss Wray ...	0
Miss M. E. Phillips ...	7+2 9	Miss Kernaghan ...	0
Mrs. Ryder Richardson ...	2+2 4	Mrs. Laird ...	0
Miss Routledge ...	5+2 7	Miss F. Paine ...	0
Mrs. Jeffery ...	...	Miss Farnall ...	8+2 10
	45		10

ROYAL EPPING FOREST v. ELTHAM.

Thursday, June 21st, at Eltham:—

ROYAL EPPING FOREST		ELTHAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	0	Mr. A. S. Johnston ...	8
Mr. A. Anderson ...	0	Mr. H. W. Forster ...	1
Capt. Cowper Coles ...	2	Mr. W. H. Richardson ...	0
Mr. S. R. Bastard ...	0	Mr. J. H. Hedderwick ...	5
Mr. H. A. Gardom ...	1	Mr. A. Hicks ...	0
Mr. R. Redwood ...	0	Mr. R. H. Hedderwick ...	5
Mr. J. W. Greig ...	0	Mr. L. Stokes ...	0
Mr. C. E. Greig ...	0	Mr. W. McArthur ...	5
Mr. W. E. Hall ...	0	Mr. A. Marshall ...	4
Mr. A. H. Hannay ...	2	Mr. E. M. Protheroe ...	0
Mr. S. Kemp ...	1	Mr. J. Brooksmith ...	0
Mr. H. E. Fisher ...	1	Mr. J. E. Shaw ...	0
Mr. J. James ...	0	Mr. W. G. Mitchell ...	3
Mr. E. Flint ...	0	Mr. T. J. Baillie ...	4
	7		38

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Result of monthly medal competition, played on Saturday, June 16th. Rev. E. P. Anderson, 87, less 8=79; Mr. Duncan Furner, 92, less 7=85; Mr. Wilfred Cundell, 100, less 14=86; Captain Nugent (scr.), 88; Mr. Hugh Thomson, 103, less 11=92; Mr. R. F. Lambe, 116, less 24=92; Mr. William Lambe, 115, less 16=99. Messrs. S. V. Symondson, A. J. Jack, F. Tate, H. Farmer, A. P. White, C. S. Hand, H. E. Currey, J. F. Farncombe, and W. W. Crouch, made no returns, or were over 100 net.

TAIN.—The weekly competition of the St. Duthus Golf Club, for prizes presented by Mr. D. M'Phail, was held on the 16th. The best scores were:—Mr. J. M'Lean, 107, less 10=97; and Dr. M'Kenzie, 104, less 6=98.

WEST MIDDLESEX GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June 16th. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. S. Chick ...	82	6 76	Mr. H. E. Pegg ...	105	13 92
Mr. R. P. P. Rowe ...	95	18 77	Mr. E. D. Moore ...	113	20 93
Mr. G. E. S. Fryer ...	94	11 83	Mr. J. Moody Stuart ...	110	16 94
Mr. W. S. Har-			Mr. M. G. Pechell ...	116	22 94
greaves ...	92	8 84	Col. Parker, C.B....	113	18 95
Mr. A. Hayne ...	103	18 85	Dr. Gibbons ...	119	22 97
Mr. W. L. Mansergh ...	103	18 85	Mr. W. H. Miller... ..	100	2 98
Mr. J. Rogers ...	92	6 86	Mr. F. B. Becker... ..	108	10 98
Mr. J. Rumsey ...	98	12 86	Mr. J. Hardie ...	112	14 98
Mr. H. Ludlow ...	102	14 88	Mr. E. Bradley Hunt ...	113	15 98
Mr. R. A. Currie ...	103	15 88	Mr. T. G. Hewitt... ..	113	15 98
Mr. R. H. Wood-			Mr. J. R. Phillips... ..	112	13 99
house ...	93	4 89	Mr. P. Barlow ...	113	13 100
Mr. J. Valerie ...	113	22 91	Mr. W. G. Greig ...	118	18 100

* Winner of medal.

Others over 100 or no returns.

IRVINE.—On Saturday, 16th, the semi-final tie in the foursome handicap competition, and the monthly match took place on the club's course at Bogside. Great interest has been manifested in the foursome competition, and forty-six members entered, necessitating eighteen ties. The weather on Saturday was splendid, and the course was in good order. On account of the two events, there was a large turn-out, the course being thronged with players during the whole afternoon. The foursome match was very well contested. In it Mr. James Black and Mr. D. A. Gilmour beat Mr. John Walker and Mr. A. S. Thomson by 1 hole up. Mr. David Baird and Mr. William Connor beat Mr. William Mitchel and Mr. William Parker by 4 up and 3 to play. Mr. Lewis Porter, jun., won the medal in the monthly competition, and Mr. W. C. Wilson was next with a score of 85, the remaining best scores being:—Mr. J. W. Murray, 86; Mr. J. M. Stewart, 86; Mr. John Walker, 89; Mr. James F. Wilson, 92; Mr. W. G. M'Andrew, 92; Mr. James Stewart, 95; and Mr. Robert Boyd, 97. Ex-Bailie M'Gillvray, Irvine, has presented the club with a gold medal, to be played for in monthly competition, the winner each month to be the recipient of a badge.

GREENOCK.—The monthly competition for the club medal took place on the 16th, and notwithstanding a high wind the scoring was good. The following were the best scores:—Mr. Alexander Arthur (winner), 82, less 3=79; Mr. R. Blair, 86, less 6=80; Mr. J. W. Arthur, 91, less 10=81; Mr. Peter Brown, 101, less 20=81; Mr. J. B. Duff, 90, less 6=84; Mr. John Adams, jun., 94, less 10=84; Mr. J. P. Lathem, 98, less 14=84.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE CLUB.—This club held their monthly competition at Musselburgh on Tuesday evening. The following were the prize-winners:—1, Mr. A. R. Murray; 2, Mr. R. Reid; 3, Mr. R. Galloway; 4, Mr. G. C. M'Laren, Mr. Murray also won the scratch medal with 89.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for over the Braids last week, when it was won by Mr. J. Robb, with a scratch score of 82. Mr. A. Hamilton, 85, less 2=83, being second.

EDINBURGH CLEEK COLF CLUB.—The members of this club competed at Gullane the other day for the scratch medal and handicap prizes. Results:—Scratch medal—Mr. T. Aitken; 1st handicap prize, Mr. William Fergie; 2nd, Mr. M. Archibald; 3rd, Mr. J. Frater; 4th, Mr. T. Aitken; 5th, Mr. D. Murdoch; 6th, Mr. A. G. Macauley; 7th, Mr. H. Blanche; 8th, Mr. A. Barclay; 9th, Mr. A. Grieve; 10th, Mr. R. Maxwell.

LANGHOLM.—The monthly medal competition resulted in a tie, Messrs. Thomas Beattie and Jackson Howie having each a net score of 86. Captain Scott, who started from scratch, had a total of 91, his first round resulting in a score of 45, and his second in one of 46. Messrs. W. A. Connell, A. J. Craig, Rev. W. W. White, and one or two more had also fair scores. In playing off the tie, Mr. Beattie showed the best form, and won with ease, his net being 76, while his opponent had a total of 97 for the two rounds.

FINAL TIE FOR GREENOCK CHALLENGE CUP.—The final tie for the handsome challenge cup, presented by a member, took place on Wednesday evening in splendid weather between Mr. James Millar (scratch) and Mr. J. W. Arthur. Mr. Arthur, who is a young and promising player, and who has defeated in the tournament some of the most experienced players, was victorious over Mr. Millar by 2 holes and 1 to play. Besides the cup, the club presents a handsome gold medal to the winner. Up till this week Mr. James Millar has held the record for the Greenock course with 78 strokes, but that has been lowered by Mr. John Latham by no fewer than 3 strokes. The out nine holes Mr. Latham did in 40, which is nothing out of the way; but the in he accomplished in 35, the last three holes being taken in 3 strokes each, which is quite phenomenal.

Club Notices.

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

ROMFORD GOLF CLUB.

A COURSE of Eighteen Holes has been Opened at Romford, Essex, on the Gidea Hall Estate, and is under the care of GEORGE MCINTOSH of Montrose.

There is a splendid service of trains from Liverpool Street, many of the trains performing the journey in twenty minutes. Conveyances are arranged for at special low rates to take members from the Station to the Club-house, which contains every comfort, including Dining-room, Smoking-room, Bedrooms, and Lavatories.

Members are now eligible for election at an Annual Subscription of Two Guineas. There is, at present, no Entrance-fee.

Applications for Membership may be made to LESLIE HOLLEBONE, ESQ., Hon. Secretary, Gidea Hall, Romford.

Hotel Notices.

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

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

HAYLING ISLAND.—The Saint Andrews of the South.—Accommodation for Golfers at the ROYAL HOTEL.—Members of the Hayling Golf Club boarded for 10s. a day during the winter season. New management. First-class cuisine, and wines at moderate price.—For further particulars, apply to DOYLE, Manager, Royal Hotel, Hayling Island.

Trains to Havant from Waterloo (one hour and three-quarters), Victoria, or London Bridge, thence to Hayling by rail or road (half-an-hour to Royal Hotel. Conveyances waiting).

PARAMÉ.—Golf. English Pension. Facing the Sea. One mile from St. Malo, and within easy reach of the Paramé Golf Links (eighteen-hole course). English Church. Tennis and Library, etc. Terms, two guineas per week.—Address, MISS WALLER, Alexandra House, Paramé, France.

Houses & Apartments to be Let and Sold.

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

GENTLEMEN coming to London for the season can have Board and Residence in well-appointed large detached house; S.E. district; easy access to all parts. Private family; every home comfort. Delightful gardens, well stocked. Terms, Two and a-half Guineas weekly.—Address, "B," care of Harrisons, 29, Paternoster Square, E.C., London.

LITTLEHAMPTON.—Close to Sea and Golf Links. A lady will let two or three furnished Rooms, with board if required.—Address "LINKS," GOLF Office, 80, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

Wanted.

PROFESSIONALS, CLUB AND BALL MAKERS. Prepaid, Four lines 3s. 6d., and 6d. line after.

WANTED.—A good Green-keeper who can do ordinary repairs to clubs.—Timperley Golf Club, Brentwood, Stamford Road, Altrincham.

EXPERIENCED GOLF CLUB MAKER, Wanted.—Apply, H. BROCKAS AND Co., 2, St. Mary Street, Coventry.

WANTED.—Professional and Club Maker. Salary 20s. a week.—Apply, W. A. B. PINCHARD, Brough Golf Club, Brough, East Yorkshire.

Situation Wanted.

WANTED.—Situation as Custodian, or Manager to first-class Club, or Club-making Business. First-class maker, player and coach.—For references and all particulars, "S." care of Editor.

LUNN & CO., BALFOUR GOLF CLUBS AND BALLS.

Agent for all the best Scotch Makers.

LUNN & Co., Oxford Circus, 257, Regent Street.

PITKEATHLY CUM LITHIÆ.

The Best Mineral Water for Congestion of the Liver and Kidneys, for Acidity, Indigestion, and Morning Sickness, with Coated Tongue. Two or three bottles may be taken daily, either alone or with a little spirit. To be had of all Wine Merchants, and at the Principal Hotels.

Wholesale—INGRAM & ROYLE,
Farringdon St., E.C., and Liverpool.
Agent.—D. WHEATLEY,
16a, North Audley Street, London, W.

REID & DONALD,
Perth, Proprietors.

ADVERTISEMENTS IN "GOLF"

Are charged as follows:—

Per Page (3 and 4 in proportion) £8 Os. Od.
Per Inch (4 cols. to page) 4s. 6d.

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

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

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

For Advertisement Spaces Apply to

GREENBERG & CO.,
80, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.