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JUNE.

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.
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.

June 30.—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.
Blackheath School Old Boys v. Redhill.
Bridgnorth v. South Staffordshire.
July 5.—Minchhead: 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.
Cheadle: Dr. Scowcroft's Prize (First Competition).
Redhill and Reigate: Turner Medal.
Glamorganshire: Medal Competition.
Rochester v. Richmond.
Glasgow: Club Monthly Medal.
Rochester Ladies v. Mid-Surrey.
Rochdale: Optional Subscription Handicap (Final).
West Middlesex: "Bogey" Competition.

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OUGHT THE STIMIE TO BE ABOLISHED?

THE stimie in Golf, like the poor in social life, is always with us; and the question how best to treat the one and the other is one of the ever-recurrent problems of our legislators. For a good many years the question as to whether the stimie ought to be abolished or retained in match play has been hotly contested among golfers. The subject was raised in a letter we published in the first issue of this journal four years ago, and an interesting correspondence was the result. But before that time controversy had raged round the question, and a great deal of ink was spilt by the advocates of retention and abolition without either side being able to claim the victory. Generally speaking, the old school of golfers, the men who had been trained to play the game in the North, were heartily averse from touching what they earnestly believed to be one of the most delicate and characteristic strokes in the game. On the other hand, the more modern golfer, accustomed to the game as it was played on greens on both sides of the Tweed, and enjoying the inestimable advantage of exchanging views with keen minds not wholly imbued with a slavish reverence for the spirit of tradition, handled the stimie largely from its ethical side. The skill of lofting over the opponent's ball, or of playing round it was admitted, but prominence was given to the arguments for and against the fairness or unfairness of permitting the opponent's ball to block the line to the hole, the general view being that the stimie in the majority of cases was the effect of a piece of bad play from which the player of it had no right to reap an advantage. A special committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, appointed in September, 1890, and composed, among others, of such names as Mr. Henry A. Lamb, Mr. Hall Blyth, Mr. Laidlaw Purves, Mr. Horace Hutchinson, and Lord Kingsburgh, drew up a draft code of rules, according to which the majority of the committee proposed to abolish the stimie altogether, or, in other words, to assimilate match and medal play. That was a sufficiently startling proposition to come from a committee of Royal and Ancient Golfers; but the general meeting of the club did not accept the alteration, and the stimie was retained.

The discussion of the fairness or unfairness of the stimie has been revived in a probably more intensified form owing to the experience of its working in a few of the important matches which have taken place at Sandwich during the recent Championship meeting. It was responsible for settling the destiny of at least two holes at an interesting stage of the game in the Rolland-Park match; and in the encounter between "Amateurs v. Professionals" the stimie played a by no means unimportant part. This was notably

the case in the match between Mr. F. G. Tait and Rolland; and it is believed by a large number of players that had it not been for the stimies laid by Rolland at the eighth and seventeenth holes, Mr. Tait would have won that splendidly contested match. With the view of concentrating attention on the point, and aiding in some degree to gauge the average opinion of our leading players of both classes, we have thought it desirable to appeal direct to these players for their opinions—(1) Ought the stimie to be abolished; and (2) if not, what were the modifications they were prepared to suggest in the present playing rule. Here are the replies which we have received:—

AMATEURS.

MR. JOHN BALL, JUN.—I think the stimie should be abolished in Championships and tournaments.

MR. HORACE G. HUTCHINSON.—It is my opinion that in such matches as the late Gentlemen v. Players at Sandwich, it would be better to abolish stimies altogether; but, as there are many objectors to that, I should hail with pleasure a change which would make it permissible to lift the styming ball when the stimie has not been laid by the player.

MR. S. MURE FERGUSSON.—I have no hesitation in saying that in a match competition, such as the Amateur Championship, or in a match such as Gentlemen v. Players, the stimie should be abolished. As regards ordinary matches, I would leave it optional for the opponents to play either with or without it. I have heard a good many suggestions on the subject, the one most often brought forward being as follows:—"If a stimie be given by one's antagonist, the stimie not to hold; but should the player lay himself a stimie, he be required to play under the existing rule." I am not much in favour of this, and would rather see the stimie abolished altogether on such occasions as I have mentioned. In giving my opinion I have no desire to remove old landmarks; but one must go with the times, and I think the change will tend to eliminate a certain amount of chance in such competitions.

MR. F. G. TAIT.—My views on the subject are as follows:—I should not like to see the stimie abolished, as I consider that the successful negotiation of one is the prettiest shot in Golf. I thoroughly agree with most people that a stimie is generally unfair, but I think this can be obviated in the following manner:—Your opponent has laid you a stimie; you ought, in my opinion, to be able to say: "Well, I give you your putt, remove your ball." This, of course, you would not do unless you considered your opponent "dead." This, to my mind, does away with the worst case of a stimie, *i.e.*, when both balls are close to the hole, one of them probably hanging on the lip of the hole. My reasons for not abolishing the stimie altogether are therefore as follows:—1. Not to do away with a very pretty stroke. 2. To have a penalty for a man who makes a bad putt and lays himself a stimie.

MR. LESLIE BALFOUR-MELVILLE.—I am strongly of opinion that stimies should be abolished in Championship matches, as each competitor is really playing against the field, and in a short match of eighteen holes, the element of luck of stimies might completely destroy the best player's chance of winning. With regard to the general question of stimies in ordinary matches, I think there is a great deal to be said both for and against them, and at present I would rather not have my opinion quoted in print. I trust, therefore, that you will excuse me for not giving it.

MR. ALEXANDER STUART.—I think that if one is not allowed to play for a stimie, you should be allowed to lift your opponent's ball if he gives you a stimie *only*.

MR. ARNOLD D. BLYTH.—I have no hesitation in saying that, in my opinion, the stimie ought most unquestionably to be abolished. It seems to me, as the rule stands at present, that on the putting green the player who is farthest from the hole—or, in other words, who has made the worst approach stroke to the hole, provided both players have played the same number of strokes—is placed at an advantage over his opponent, in so far as he is given a clear putt at the hole, which, in the event of

his ball missing, and remaining in the way of the player whose ball lies nearest the hole, he cannot have. This appears to me to be eminently unfair, and contrary to the spirit of the game. In answer to the second question, if the stymie cannot be abolished entirely, the suggestion, which I believe originates with Dr. Laidlaw Purves, that, in the event of a player laying a stymie for himself, either by putting short of the hole or running too far past, the balls should not be touched, but, if the opponent lays the stymie, the ball should be lifted, seems to me the best modification of the existing rule.

MR. B. HALL BLYTH.—I answer your two questions thus : 1. I do not think the stymie ought to be abolished. 2. I am not prepared to suggest any modifications of the existing rule. I have all along advocated the retention of the stymie at Golf. When it does occur it gives an opportunity for playing one of the most beautiful and effective shots in the game—a shot which can be mastered by practice. It may possibly be said that it introduces into the game an element of luck which might be eliminated. But no game is worth playing unless it has a certain amount of luck. If you do away with stymies, why not abolish bad lies, and allow the ball to be teed after every shot? But I think the strongest reason for the retention of the stymie is, that if you abolish it, it necessitates the lifting and replacing of a ball, and I am sure you will agree with me that the less a ball is touched with the hand so much the better; and then all disputes as to the replacing of the ball in its exact position are avoided. I daresay one or two players at Sandwich are smarting from recent defeats, which may have been caused by stymies; but I trust that, in their calmer moments, or possibly after winning some match by lofting a stymie, their views may be changed, and they may become as strong advocates for the retention of the stymie as I am.

MR. W. LAIDLAW PURVES.—(1) No—not in match play. (2) The modification I would desire is that brought by me before the St. Andrews Club at the last proposal to revise the rules of the game, namely, that where your opponent lays you the stymie, it shall be removed, but if the player give himself the stymie, it shall remain. The following are the words of the rule submitted by me to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in 1891:—"If an opponent interpose a ball on the putting green in any way between the player's ball and the hole, the ball so interposed shall be lifted, or if the player whose ball it is prefer it, played out of the way. Should a player give himself a stymie, it shall not be moved unless as provided for in the previous part of this rule. If in playing, a player move the opponent's ball, the opponent shall have the option of having his ball replaced. The entire abolition of stymies was supported by Lord Kingsburgh, Mr. Daniel Stewart, Mr. Henry Lamb, Mr. Horace Hutchinson. The entire abolition was objected to by Mr. Hall Blyth, Mr. Geo. Jackson, and myself; but I proposed instead the modification above given.

MR. H. S. C. EVERARD.—In answer to your two questions, I have been for years past, and am still, in favour of the abolition of stymies. The question has come up (more than once if I recollect aright) at the general meetings of the Royal and Ancient, but the abolitionists invariably have been outvoted. I have never been able to understand the correctness of the principle whereby your opponent is at liberty to introduce, if I may so express it, a notable hazard to your detriment. The ordinary hazards of a course are fixed quantities, known, and avoidable, and no one has a right to complain if he falls foul of them, but a styming ball is a hazard outside your control; it comes, as a bolt from the blue, robbing you of a well-earned half, or of a hole, and not infrequently giving the victory in an important match to the man who on his merits has been beaten; of which, as I gather from the newspaper reports, there has recently been a notable instance. Some time ago Captain W. H. Burn proposed a modification of the rule; I forget the precise terms in which he framed it, but his principle was that within a certain radius stymies should be counted as holed out (without calling on the man to play again), and, he argued, that nobody would give his opponent a putt if there were the least chance of his missing it, and, on the other hand, nobody could object to having a putt given him. The motion, though well supported (and to myself it seems a fair compromise), shared the usual fate, and, in truth, I think the stymie question in the

Royal and Ancient and the Deceased Wife's Sister in the House of Lords are likely to make a pretty good match of it.

MR. NORMAN R. FOSTER, Wimbledon.—(1) I am against the total abolition of the stymie. (2) I am strongly in favour of its modification, and support the proposal, viz., "that if a player lay his opponent a stymie the interposing ball shall be lifted or played out of the way; but if a player give himself a stymie he must play it."

MR. L. STUART ANDERSON.—My opinion is that stymies certainly should be abolished; my reason being that it is unfair for both players. It should not be in the power of either player (whether accidentally or intentionally) to spoil his opponent's game, which a stymie certainly does.

MR. DAVID ANDERSON, Monifieth.—In answer to question (1), I answer, Yes, with all my power of thinking. More power to you if you succeed in the abolition. For my part, I always arrange in private matches, if possible, not to play stymies.

MR. JOHN L. LOW, Royal Golfing Society, Perth.—I must answer an emphatic No to both questions. My reasons for doing so are these. Every stymie is negotiable by good play, and many of those laid by the player may be avoided by good approaching. If all luck be eliminated from the game, all balls kicked off the course by no fault of the player would have to be replaced, all balls in bad lies through the course dropped on to good ground, &c. It is the many slips between the cup of victory and the lip of the hole that make up the incidents of the game which give it its charm. The two main factors in this stymie agitation are (1) the growth of medal play, which has induced men to try to "assimilate match and medal rules." This is impossible, as in the one you have a companion competitor, and in the other an individual opponent. (2) The modern English idea of making the game more mechanical. Instead of the old game, with its "rubs" through the green and on the green, and its old-fashioned foursome matches, we have feats of record-making over links laid out like steeple-chase courses, with long trenches and water-jumps, and billiard tables for putting-greens. On the old, undulating greens, stymies were more easily played with the putter by spinning the ball; and whether played in this manner, or by "pitching," I think they are one of the most delicate points of the game, and not only ought they not to be abolished, but it should be considered fair to play to lay them.

PROFESSIONALS.

J. H. TAYLOR (Open Champion).—I am strongly opposed to the abolition of the stymie. I think it one of the best strokes in the game.

HUGH KIRKALDY (ex-Champion).—I hope the stymie will not be tampered with; and I am all in favour of adhering to the existing rule.

WM. PARK, JUN. (ex-Champion).—I think the stymie should not be abolished, as I consider it to be one of the finest strokes in Golf to hole a stymie. 2. The only modification of the rule which I could suggest, is that the hole should be made a quarter of an inch larger ($4\frac{1}{2}$ inches), so as to give a better chance of negotiating the stymie.

WM. AUCHTERLONIE (ex-Champion).—I am decidedly of opinion that the stymie ought not to be abolished. I consider it one of the finest strokes in the game, and any good player should be able to do it four times out of 6. I am, therefore, not prepared to suggest any modification of the existing rule.

W. FERNIE.—I am of opinion that the stymie ought to be abolished in matches not exceeding eighteen holes duration; but if from thirty-six holes and upwards, I think it would take away a very fine feature of the game were it abolished. My reason for objecting to it in the first instance is that a player, in the event of being laid stymies by his opponent, has not sufficient opportunities to return the compliment, whereas in the other instance he has ample time to retaliate if necessary.

ARCHIE SIMPSON.—I think stymies ought to be abolished, as they are, in my opinion, quite unfair; and I also think that should a player's ball lie in a position to give his opponent a guide to the hole, that the ball nearest the hole should be removed or holed out.

DOUGLAS ROLLAND.—I think it would be unwise to abolish the stymie or to alter it in any way. I am all for playing the balls as they are found at the hole-side; and I generally find that a stymie by one player is redressed by another from the opponent before the match closes. Justice, even in Golf, holds the balance pretty evenly.

B. SAYERS.—On no account touch the stymie. A better or more delicate shot does not exist in the game, and when the stymie is successfully played, nothing demoralises an opponent so much.

From the above expressions of opinion by players of light and leading in the game it will be seen that there is practically a line of direct cleavage between the Gentlemen and the Players. With the exception of Willie Fernie and Archie Simpson, most of the professionals elect to stand by the existing rule as to the stymie. What is the reason for this strongly marked tendency to hold by a rule and a stroke which the bulk of the leading amateurs as strenuously assert to be unfair and detrimental to good Golf? Is it because the professionals are more consistent in their practice of the stroke, and that they find less difficulty and take more pride in surmounting the ball which blocks the way to the hole? Or is it because, like Fernie and Rolland, they believe in applying the doctrine of *Lex talionis*, of giving "a Roland for an Oliver" at the first available opportunity in the round?

The villany you teach me I will execute;
And it shall go hard but I will better the instruction.

At any rate there is the fact, which appears to speak for itself. There is something captivating in the suggestion of Willie Park that the hole should be enlarged by another quarter of an inch, and also in the other proposal by Mr. Low that putting-greens should not be flat, smooth, and uninteresting, but billowy with "heichs and howes." The last-named hint is one of value to greenkeepers and committees when engaged in the difficult work of laying new greens. It is a good suggestion, and one which ought to be given effect to more than it is. But as a practical contribution to the stymie question it, of course, cannot be considered. The amateurs, on the other hand, are pretty unanimous that some such proposal as that embodied in Mr. Laidlaw Purves's letter ought to be adopted, at least in large tournaments like the Championships. The practical proposals, therefore, reduce themselves to three. (1) To retain the stymie in all matches of whatever kind and degree; (2) to modify the rule so as to make it compulsory on a player laying himself a stymie to bear with it, but otherwise to hole out his ball; and (3) to enlarge the hole to four and a-half inches.

There is a great deal to be said in justification of the agitation which has arisen as to the general unfairness of the stymie. One may put it down as a pretty widely accepted view not easy of contradiction, that the laying of a stymie within a short radius of the hole is really the effect of bad play. A putt which lies an inch off the hole has been badly judged by the player in point of strength, for had he observed the canon to "be up," the putt would have been holed. It, therefore, is unjust that a player should gain an advantage from a really bad shot. Justice requires that the premium on bad play should be removed. The view we take of the question is that contained in the replies of Mr. Purves, Mr. Tait, and Mr. Hutchinson. The rule should be so framed as to leave the stymie optional rather than imperative in all private matches; that is to say, that players may arrange (they do so now, as a matter of fact) to contract themselves out of the operation of the rule. In all large tournaments, however,

like the Amateur Championship, and such matches as "Gentlemen v. Players," the "compromised" stymie mentioned above ought to operate as the law; for here one has a right to look to the element of luck and chance of position being reduced to the lowest *minimum* in favour of the individual skill of each separate stroke by players of the highest class. Alternatively the suggestion of increasing the diameter of the hole by a quarter of an inch is a good method of arriving at a compromise without disturbing a rule which we know is favoured by a very numerous body of players. Before any final settlement of this delicate question can be made, however, golfers must, first of all, settle the legislative authority which is to enact the alteration. St. Andrews has had the question before it more than once, and has stolidly refused to entertain suggestions on the stymie, as on many other points affecting the unequal penalties contained in the rules. The stymie, and the rules as a whole, are questions which ought to be determined by the free and open deliberations of a Golf Parliament, approximately representative of the opinions, not only of the well-nigh thousand Golf Clubs, but of the professional players as well. We have appealed to St. Andrews more than once to pay some slight regard to the body of opinion outside their own membership; to recognise the altered conditions of the game as it is played in these days of ever-spreading Golf popularity; to lead the Golf movement, and not to churlishly turn their backs upon it. We make that appeal once again. Will they take the initiative in federating the Golf Clubs of the world into one representative and harmonious whole, or will they be content, as in the past, to turn a deaf ear to the appeals that are being made, and to see the work eventually undertaken by more energetic though mayhap less capable hands?

WINDERMERE GOLF CLUB.

This popular club has, through the kindness of Mr. J. M. Sladen, one of the members, added another series of monthly competitions to its 1894 fixtures. The above-named gentleman has presented four medals, value £2. 2s. each, for monthly "Bogey" competitions, under handicap, to be held in June, July, August, and September, limited to members of this club. Course, one round (eighteen holes). Mr. Sladen has also generously given a handsome carriage clock, value £15, for a final "Bogey" competition, under handicap, to be played for on Saturday, October 13th, by the three competitors who shall stand highest in each of the above monthly competitions, making twelve competitors in all.

On Saturday last conclusions were tried with "Bogey" at the first monthly, the Scotch game opening in a "Scotch mist," which, towards afternoon, changed into heavy showers, with a strong south-west wind. There was a very fair entry, but the climatic influences had such a discouraging effect, no doubt damping the spirits of some of the aspirants to fame, that only eight cards were returned. "Bogey's" score was fixed at 40 out and 38 home; total, 78; competitors being allowed two-thirds of their current medal handicap. None of the competitors could approach "Bogey," owing to the wind blowing strong, and the greens being wet and heavy, in fact, it would have required a very strong player indeed under the circumstances to have topped him. Mr. Arthur Tucker made the best score, winning the medal and a place in the final with 6 holes down. The following are the scores of the cards returned:—Mr. Arthur Tucker, 6 down; Mr. A. R. Sladen, 8 down; Mr. Norman Green, 8 down; Mr. C. Telford Smith, 9 down; Mr. J. T. Bownass, 10 down; Dr. Parker, 10 down; Mr. G. E. Moser, 11 down; Mr. W. B. Logan, 13 down.

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THE LIFE OF GENERAL SIR HOPE GRANT.

It might be thought that a book so full of purely military details as the life of Sir Hope Grant might receive notice in Service journals more appropriately than in the columns of a paper whose sole *raison d'être* is Golf, but Sir Hope was a keen player, and one of the best amongst his contemporaries, hence our excuse, for if we may so paraphrase Terence, *nihil golfici a nobis alienum esse putamus*. The book consists mainly of extracts from Sir Hope's journal, with correspondence, edited by Colonel Henry Knollys, who remarks that the General's language, "though not infrequently graphic, and even characterised by a sort of rough pathos, was habitually ungrammatical, often to an extent which obscured the instant appreciation of his meaning." Of this an amusing instance is given in Vol. II., p. 345. Sir Hope Grant had assembled his brigadiers and staff at Aldershot with the object of explaining his plan for some manoeuvres. After a long harangue a crusty brigadier intimated that he had not understood a single word that Sir Hope had uttered during the last half-hour. "Very well," said the General, perfectly unruffled, "I will go over it again." Repetition, and universal bewilderment as before. Deferentially and with much misgiving his A.D.C. and present editor ventured to suggest that the plan had been imperfectly understood, or understood not at all. "Certainly, my dear fellow, I know I am a terribly bad hand at explaining." More recapitulation, when dimly through the fog, somebody at length caught a glimmering of light, and the plan, when intelligibly reproduced, proved to be that of "the most sound, instructive and brilliant field days of the season." One lays down the book with a feeling of sorrow that one who had rendered such signal service to his country should have met with, comparatively speaking, such inadequate recognition; but "he could never either verbally or in writing, ably state his case, far less plead his cause," consequently, being no blatant self-advertiser, "he was readily shoved aside by the eloquent, the jealous, and the unprincipled." Further, one feels sincere regret that his last days should have been embittered by unseemly broils with military chaplains and clerics, one of whom most effectually gibbets himself by a letter (Vol. II., pp. 332-3) on which comment were wholly superfluous. With the book in its professional aspect we do not propose to deal; suffice it to say, that its main subjects are, in Vol. I., the first China War, 1842-4, the first and second Sikh Wars, and the Indian Mutiny. Vol. II. deals with the China War of 1860; and thereafter we find Sir Hope successively Commander-in-Chief at Madras, 1861-5, Quartermaster-General 1865-70, and finally in command at Aldershot, where he died.

Generally, it may be said that Sir Hope's most striking characteristics were his sound judgment, his decision of character, and self-confidence, with which, in critical situations, he assumed the gravest responsibilities. As thus: he had been specially enjoined by all means in his power to conciliate our allies, the French, in the China War; but no sooner was the expedition well afoot, if one may say so, than Sir Hope's views, and those of General de Montauban, began to diverge in one detail after another, their differences being focussed, so to speak, at the objective point, the Taku Forts, and how to take them. Each remained wedded to his own opinion, but in the end Sir Hope had his way, and though the French General could not but co-operate, he did so under protest. Similarly, in the looting and subsequent destruction of the Summer Palace of Peking, Sir Hope Grant's force of character asserted itself, he took upon himself the responsibility of an immediate division of the spoil, his own share of which he renounced; and subsequently he received a letter from Lord John Russell, intimating to him that, although in this matter Sir Hope had assumed grave responsibility, yet that in the circumstances Her Majesty approved of what he had done. Without doubt, to the General's resolution was due the speedy and satisfactory termination to which this war was brought.

Sir Hope Grant was born at Kilgraston, in Perthshire, in 1808. A keen sportsman, he retained to the last his fondness for hunting, shooting, fishing, and Golf. His eldest brother, John, was also a golfer, but whereas Sir Hope was quite first-class amongst his contemporaries, the nature of his brother's game may be deduced from the historic lines of contemporary bards—

"Kilgrastor's laird, worst of the bad,
To see thee play is truly sad."

And again—

"But for John Grant, a clever fellow, too,
I really fear that Golf will never do."

His accomplishments included painting, riding, he could hunt the hounds, and

"Amuse his friends with anecdotes and fun,
But when he takes his club in hand, he's done."

The truth of which we may assume, from the fact that an eponymous bunker on St. Andrews Links is distant only some ten to fifteen yards from the tee (at the Corner of the Dyke going out), and that tradition avers it was a usual resting-place for the laird. Sir Francis Grant, P.R.A., was another brother, not a golfer, but his portrait of Mr. Whyte Melville in the R. and A. Club is well known.

Sir Hope probably learnt to play on the famous Perth links, and amongst his famous contemporaries may be mentioned Mr. James Condie, Mr. Oliphant, of Rossie, Mr. James Hay, and the Woods, of Leith. As to his style, it was extremely easy and neat, characterised by precision and steadiness rather than power, resembling Mr. George Glennie in this respect, but with a fuller all-round swing. Like others of his generation he was an effective baffly player. When opportunity offered he always went to St. Andrews, and his editor remarks that several pages of the journal are devoted to expatiating on St. Andrews Golf, "would that he had been equally diffuse on his personal exploits at Sobraon, Chillianwallah, or Delhi." It may be noted that there is mention of Sir Hope Grant in connection with St. Andrews Golf in G. F. Carnegie's "Golfiana—Another Peep at the Links." We cannot resist the following quotation from the General's Life, exemplifying as it does his unbounded enthusiasm for the game:—"I have, I believe, played almost every game of the United Kingdom, but I have never seen any to equal the glorious game of Golf. I have got up early in the morning and played till breakfast, which I scarcely gave myself time to finish, so keen was I to resume play. Then I used to set again to work, and played till it was dark, when I was sorry that the daylight had failed, and that I had been reluctantly driven from my amusement. Play ever so well, or ever so indifferently, everyone seems to feel the same excitement in the glorious game. There is an interest attached to each hole, and to each club in your possession. These latter you oil and polish up, and look at with the delight a fond mother does on a dearly loved child. If you explain your fine strokes to some friend, and if he takes no interest in them, you set him down as an Englishman, and think of him with sorrow." Here stands self-revealed the true enthusiast, inspired by his subject, despite his difficulties with the pen! In those pre-Taylorian, and pre-Hiltonian days it will be noted, "they didn't know everything down in Judee," the hour of the Englishry was not yet; but one sympathises with "the dear man" (the expression is copyright) essaying to explain his good strokes to a listener void of intelligence, as who should try to drive the point of a joke through the impervious headpiece of the dullard. Mark too his tender solicitude for his clubs; probably he had christened his favourites, or some of them—the custom was then in vogue (Allan Robertson had his Bobby Peel, for instance), though now obsolete; and in good truth some of the modern patents and monstrosities do by no means arouse in us the romantic element which thus finds expression—rather indeed the contrary. But literature teems with instances of their owners giving names to their lances, swords, and warlike gear—Roland, in the *Chansons de Geste*, had his sword Durandal, King Arthur, in the *Mabinogion*, has Excalibur, his keen lance Rongomiant, yea, and Beamingboss his shield, and Gleaminglaive his dagger. In the *Nibelungenlied*, Siegfried has the sword Balmung, which, however, is

known in the Edda, as Gramr (wrath), forged by Regin for Sigurd (Siegfried); in the Heimskringla, Hakon the Good has Quernbiter, and Magnus Barefoot, Legbiter, whose hilt was ivory, the handgrip gold thread, and the blade exceeding sharp. Skarphedinn, in Njala, has his terrible axe Ogress of War; Wieland, Rinaldo, Charlemagne, Egil Skallagrimm, and dozens of others might be given, and lastly, Mr. Haggard introduces the custom in Nada the Lily. But though the old school golfers followed the example of the heroes of the Sagas, of the Eddas, and others, we know of but one modern golfer who has christened a favourite club, a driver, and the name thereof is "Fail-me-never"; its assistance is invoked only on momentous occasions, such as medal days, or when its owner is in a parlous condition, say three down and five to play.

Allusion has been made to Sir Hope Grant's difficulties in clothing his ideas in language; he was but too well aware of his disabilities in this respect; his astonishment, therefore, was unbounded that he of all men should ever have written a book; but all the same, the book is one of great, though pathetic interest, and probably will be widely read. The gallant old soldier, his health undermined by privations and service in the tropics, obtained leave of absence from Aldershot, and visited his beloved St. Andrews in 1874, but the end was near; he had "fought a good fight, he had finished his course, he had kept the faith;" and on March 7th, 1875, he passed away at Aldershot. He was buried in the Grange Cemetery at Edinburgh, "A good soldier of Jesus Christ," as his tombstone records.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

SIR HOPE GRANT ON ST. ANDREWS LINKS.

I have just read with pleasure the life of General Sir Hope Grant, by Colonel H. Knollys (Edinburgh: Blackwood). It will be found most interesting to all who like to follow the footsteps of great and valiant soldiers; but it is especially entertaining to golfers of the days of old. We rejoiced to see the hero of Delhi in the Indian Mutiny, playing Golf with as great keenness and determination as if he were storming a town. His figure was well known on St. Andrews links during the brief intervals he could get, snatched away from his onerous military work.

General Sir James Hope Grant was born at Kilgraston, Perthshire, in 1808. Colonel Knollys rightly says that the hero of his pen was "a keen sportsman, and up to the last retained his fondness for hunting, shooting, fishing and Golf." When young he was a good golfer. In 1838 he gained the King William the Fourth's Gold Medal of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club on the links of St. Andrews, with the very creditable score of 100. It was creditable; for then players had rough weapons, feather balls, and an extremely narrow course, where every mistake was thoroughly punished by bunker, whin, bents, rushes, or water. Many a medal was lost by the Beardies and Hell, that need not be looked at now. Many a score was spoiled by the Principal's Nose and Tam's Coo. The Heather Hole was a dangerous trap, and the Road Hole was a lottery. In "Badminton" Mr. Everard brings forward Sir Hope Grant as one of the celebrated golfers half a century ago, when the tall hat and swallow-tail coat were held to be adjuncts of the game no less indispensable and necessary than the feather ball and baffle. With him Mr. Everard associates Sir David Baird, R. Oliphant, James Condie, the brothers Wood, W. M. Goddard, and the brothers Playfair—medal holders, who were in the "forefront of every golfing battle."

At that time Golf was Golf; and Sir Hope was not behind in his golfing enthusiasm, which expressed itself in considerable bets on the matches. Sometimes £5 a hole and £100 a round were played for, instead of the modest and routine half-crown of modern players. After his return from India, Sir Hope gave up betting, a fact which one of his very intimate friends, Mr. James Balfour-Melville, is much pleased to record in his interesting volume of golfing reminiscences.

There was just as great a difference between Sir Hope Grant's style of play and his brother John's as there was between his general demeanour and that of his famous artist brother,

Sir Francis. The artist and the soldier were sitting together at the dinner of the Royal Academy when the former was President. After dinner David Roberts, the painter, came up and said to Sir Hope: "You two have made the charming picture of peace and war. There is your brother happy, contented-looking, and comfortable; and you, tall, worn, and gaunt. It has quite delighted us." I well remember the play of Sir Hope and his brother John; and in my paper on "Mannerism in Golf," I find this remark: "Who on earth got John Grant, of Kilgraston, to adopt such a stiff and weak style compared with the swing of his brother Sir Hope? One who knew him well said of him, 'I really fear that Golf will never do.'" Sir Hope had a fine, round, easy swing, whereas his brother had only a half-swing, falling forward with all his weight on the ball, which he drove about as far(!) as Dr. Traill or the Rev. Mr. Hill.

Colonel Knollys tells us that Sir Hope's journal has many capital references to the game, after his return from the China War of 1860. Unfortunately the Colonel has not inserted much. Several pages were devoted to expatiating on the subject and describing the glorious keenness of his matches with friends on St. Andrew's links. According to his biographer, he was absolutely absorbed in his delight at once more playing Golf. Surely the Colonel cannot be a keen golfer, when he says (as already noticed in "Tee Shots"), "Would, indeed, that he had been equally diffuse on his personal exploits at Sobraon, Chillianwallah, or Delhi!"

I cannot help quoting a full paragraph from Sir Hope Grant's own journal as to his idea of the royal and ancient game:—"I have, I believe," he says in 1861, "played almost every game of the United Kingdom, but I have never seen any to equal the glorious game of Golf. I have got up early in the morning and played till breakfast, which I scarcely gave myself time to finish, so keen was I to resume play. Then I used to set again to work, and played till it was dark, when I was sorry that the daylight had failed, and that I had been reluctantly driven from my amusement. Play ever so well or ever so indifferently, everyone seems to feel the same excitement in the glorious game. There is an interest attached to each hole, and to each club in your possession. These latter you oil, and polish up, and look at with the delight a fond mother does on a dearly loved child. If you explain your fine strokes to some friend, and if he takes no interest in them, you set him down as an Englishman, and think of him with sorrow!"

The ideas there concentrated could be expanded into a volume. He just hits the nails on the head all round. Though up to every game, he puts Golf before all. Only imagine a General in the Army, with such a distinguished career in India and China, writing in his journal with such enthusiasm. "Glorious" seems to be his favourite epithet for Golf. Never was he tired; from early morn to dewy eve did he play, so long as he could get a match. The game fascinated all—duffers and experts alike. Like Allan Robertson, he gave every favourite club its name, spoke to it as if it was an intelligent being, and cleaned it as if it were a child. But we cannot now set down a man as an Englishman who will not listen to Golf talk, for the game has spread by leaps and bounds all over the playable ground south of the Tweed since the General wrote in 1861. Not only is the Open Champion an Englishman, but the brilliant Amateur Champion is also an Englishman; never could Sir Hope have dreamt of such an event. As what now can we set down a man, if he cannot listen to the enthusiastic golfer's account of his fine shots, seeing that the game is spreading over the world? A golfer's putt can be described with all the enthusiasm of an angler's trout; exaggeration is allowed in both cases. To the "natural," in Norman MacLeod's "Starling," the flyhooks were living beings, each having done its own deadly work at trout-fishing; to the keen golfer every club has a glorious history—all misses being forgotten, only successes being chronicled.

The only other reference to Golf in this charming life of the distinguished, but inadequately rewarded General is shortly before his death. The autumn manoeuvres of 1874 marked the last occasion when Sir Hope Grant was able to perform any military duty in the field. At the conclusion of the manoeuvres, it became manifest that Sir Hope's health was failing. "He obtained leave of absence," writes Colonel Knollys, "and sought for strength in Scotland and elsewhere, especially delighting in

Golf at St. Andrews. In vain! When he returned he grew rapidly worse." In four months he died. To Golf the warrior turned as his last physician; but Death stimed him. Still he left the record of a blameless, pure, and distinguished life—the Christian soldier being proud to leave on his stainless name the exploits of a keen golfer.

J. G. MCPHERSON.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB, DEAL.

The open tournament for the Borough of Deal challenge cup was held on Monday, the 18th inst., and two following days, obtaining an entry of thirty-two, but several scratched at the last moment, thus giving half-a-dozen of the competitors byes in the first heat. The weather was rather unsettled, the second heat being played on Monday in a drenching rain, and the final on Wednesday in half a gale. Mr. T. R. Mills, last year's winner, was defeated by Mr. Acklom in the first heat. Some of the matches were very keenly contested, especially the one between Capt. Urmston and Mr. F. T. Welman. They being all even at the eighteenth hole, but the latter took the next hole and won his match. The final between Mr. C. E. Hambro (scratch) and Mr. W. E. Dunsford (2) was a most exciting match. The scratch man lost the first three holes but was all even at the turn. He won the next, but they were at the fifteenth again all square, but Mr. Hambro won the sixteenth, and by winning the seventeenth in splendid style in 4 won the cup by 2 up and 1 to play. The putting-greens were in perfect order. Results:—

First Heat (Monday, 18th).—Mr. W. Gay (9) beat Capt. G. Austin (5); Rev. G. Hyde-Smith (10) beat Mr. A. T. Kent (12); Mr. J. Oswald (2) beat Mr. H. C. Robinson (12); Mr. B. C. Manly (12) beat Commander R. R. Cochran, R.N. (12); Mr. M. Tomson (8) beat Colonel Davidson (12); Mr. H. M. Leggatt (8) beat Capt. Tattersall (3); Mr. C. Lake (6) beat Mr. W. H. Peto (12); Mr. H. E. Acklom (8) beat Mr. T. R. Mills (3); Mr. C. E. Hambro (scratch) beat Lord Ernest Hamilton (4); Capt. A. G. Urmston (7), beat Mr. R. A. Paterson (12). Mr. W. P. Matthews (9), Mr. E. Lehmann (6), Mr. W. E. Dunsford (2), Rev. A. H. Cochran (2), Mr. F. T. Welman (2), and Mr. H. D. Hirst (12), had byes owing to the following having scratched:—Hon. A. H. Grosvenor, Hon. Ivo Bligh, Sir Bevan Edwards, Mr. F. G. Tait, Mr. E. P. Barlow, and Mr. T. H. Ogler.

Second Heat (Monday, 18th).—Mr. Gay beat Mr. Matthews; Mr. Dunsford beat Mr. Lehmann; Mr. Hyde-Smith beat Mr. Oswald; Mr. A. H. Cochran beat Mr. Manly; Capt. Urmston beat Mr. Tomson; Mr. Welman beat Mr. Leggatt; Mr. Lake beat Mr. Acklom; Mr. Hambro beat Mr. Hirst.

Third Heat (Tuesday, 19th).—Mr. Dunsford beat Mr. Gay; Mr. Hyde-Smith beat Mr. Cochran; Mr. Welman beat Capt. Urmston; Mr. Hambro beat Mr. Lake.

Semi-final (Tuesday, 19th).—Mr. Dunsford beat Mr. Hyde-Smith; Mr. Hambro beat Mr. Welman.

Final.—Mr. Hambro beat Mr. Dunsford.

ACHES AND SPRAINS!—When a Peer out in the mountains of Chinese Tartary gives a Panamik coolie some Elliman's Embrocation to rub in for a sprain, and the coolie drinks it by mistake, and exclaims, "It is good," you have evidence that Elliman's Embrocation is harmless. Proof:—"To one of the Panamik coolies, who had sprained his knee, I gave some Elliman's Embrocation, in one of our tin teacups, and thought I had made him understand he was to rub it in, but to my horror, and before I could stop him, he swallowed the lotion, and in a very short space of time was sprawling on his stomach, choking and spluttering; but as soon as he recovered his breath, he got up and salaamed, saying it was very good. So, as he seemed quite pleased and none the worse, I did not enlighten him as to his mistake."—Page 13. Quoted from "The Pamirs," by the Earl of Dunmore, F.R.G.S., 1893. Elliman's Universal Embrocation for Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Sore Throat from cold, Chest Colds, Stiffness, Cramp, Bronchitis, &c., is an excellent good thing. 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. Prepared only by Elliman, Sons, and Co., Slough, England.



AMATEURS v. PROFESSIONALS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I noticed in GOLF, of June 19th, that B. Sayers was not pleased with his exclusion from the select eight at Sandwich. I sympathise with Sayers, as his play entitles him to a place in the first eight professionals. If the Amateur-v. Professional match is to be continued at the Championship meetings, the only satisfactory way to select the players is to let the first eight amateurs and the first eight professionals in the Championship competition fight out the above tournament. This would also do away with the first draw, as the first amateur would play the first professional, and so on. A better exhibition of the game would be given. According to the above arrangement, the competitors at Sandwich would have been:—

- Mr. F. G. Tait and J. H. Taylor.
- Mr. A. D. Blyth and D. Rolland.
- Mr. J. Ball, jun., and A. Kirkaldy.
- Mr. S. Mure Fergusson and A. Toogood.
- Mr. C. E. Dick and W. Fernie.
- Mr. C. E. Hambro and B. Sayers.
- Mr. C. Hutchings and H. Vardon.
- Mr. L. Stuart Anderson and A. Herd.

In this arrangement the players would get their places by honour, not favour. Should there be a tie for eighth place the tie could be played off. In the above arrangement, Fernie, Sayers and Vardon tied for fifth place, and as they had already secured places in the eight, they could settle their order of play by toss.

I am, Sir, &c.,
JOHN S. PEARSON,
Professional, Bournemouth Golf Club.

STONE IN A HAZARD.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I write in support of "New Forest's" and your view of this question. Surely it is an unwritten law of Golf that nothing in a hazard may be removed?

Sticks and stones and broken pots and pans, or any other obstacle within a hazard, form a part of that hazard, whether the encircling ring be sand or gorse.

Rule 11 refers to "playing through the green"; and I maintain that the term, "loose impediment," can only be applied to obstacles which are on the green or course.

I am, Sir, &c.,
H. M. B.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. L. WATSON.—The opponents are right in asking that the ball should be dropped behind the bush and the putting-green, the bush to be kept in the line of play. The player could not possibly be allowed to lift out of the bush and drop again on the tee. If the hurdle is intended to serve as a hazard, it appears to us to be placed in a most ridiculous situation. It ought to be removed, so as to give players a carry of 120 yards at least off the tee.

WILLIE PARK'S CADDIE.

"Fiery" is a well-known figure at Musselburgh, and on all the East Lothian greens. He has probably seen more important Golf matches than any golfer living, old Tom Morris perhaps excepted. During the recent meeting at Sandwich, golfers and spectators were very much interested in his movements, and particularly in the match which Willie Park played with Rolland for £100. "One of the most interesting personages engaged in the contest was Willie Park's caddie, "Fiery," whose portrait and biography we published some time ago (see GOLF, vol. VI, page 360, article by the Rev. John Kerr), and who has been brought all the way from Scot-



land for this encounter. This is, we believe, his first visit to the Southern green, and many of the onlookers watched his movements with quite as much interest as those of his master. No one who has ever seen that bronzed, clean-shaven face, full of shrewd, pawky character, surmounted by the Scottish glengarry bonnet, is soon likely to forget it. No one could divine in the course of the ups and downs of the tough up-hill match which his master was laboriously fighting, whether "Fiery" was vexed or the reverse. There he stood, as the writer remembers to have seen him in his youth at Musselburgh—silent, immovable, alert, sleeplessly vigilant of the movements of both balls and both players, the right club ever ready in his hand."—*The Park v. Rolland match, by the Editor, June 12th.*

THE GOLFER'S COMPLAINT.

"Colonel Bogey," mystic monster,
Prithce cease to harass me!
On the putting-green thou hauntest—
Hauntes: me upon the tee!

If, perchance, by fortune's favours,
Just for once my ball lies clean,
Still my ghostly adversary
Dogs my footsteps through the green.

When, by woful misadventure,
In a bunker I am bowed,
He is sure to stand behind me,
Counting all my strokes aloud!

Surely ne'er was born the mortal
Who could play so sound a game.
My approaches may be faultless,
Yet he'll beat me all the same.

Putter poised, I glance around me,
Just to see there's no one near,
When the voice of "Bogey" whispers,
"You've this for it," in my ear.

Goddess Golf, in mercy hear me!
Free thy keenest devotee
From this creature of the monstrous
Regiment of the Englishry!

A. B.

TO A BUNKER.

A patch of sand upon a low sea-shore,
Of sand, with here and there a tuft of rank
And half dried grass and weed; a sloping bank
Of yellow crumbling sand, and nothing more.

How innocent it looks! No maiden, all
Adorned and waiting her first ball, could match
Its smiling innocence; that yellow patch
Of sand is also waiting for a ball.

How innocent it looks! and yet 'tis said
That those who find themselves within its pale
Will murmur, with a melancholy wail,
That they would rather far be lying dead.

ROSE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY.



Everyone who has visited Musselburgh since the new regulations came into force bears testimony to the great improvement that has taken place all round, and especially in the condition of the green. The celebrated old course has renewed its youth, and instead of going to ruin and destruction, it is now able to hold its own with any course in the kingdom. The council are acting very fairly all round, giving free tickets not only to the inhabitants, but to visitors who stay not less than a month at the sign of the "Anchor and Mussel." And as house-letting is a considerable source of revenue, this boon is much appreciated. From the charge of 6d. per day on non-inhabitants the sum of £50 has been drawn in six weeks, and no demur has been made as to the payment. The players now are much the same in number as before the new régime, the number last week being nearly 1,500.

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Dr. Almond, of Loretto School, has been successful in his application to have part of Musselburgh links set aside for games other than Golf, "Dex" being the Loretto game for which the headmaster is concerned. In the "figure eight" round of the Golf course, the "Dex" pitch is to be in front of the grand stand, and in the "medal" round it is to be in the hollow at the gasworks. Space for football, &c., is assigned outside the racecourse, and to the east, west, and south of the grand stand.

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What a collection of prizes awaited the competitors in the Braids Tournament. There were over forty prizes for about 200 players, so that every one went hopefully into the lists. Marble timepieces, liqueur-frame, table-lamp, claret-jug, biscuit-box, fish knife and fork, dinner-cruet, umbrellas galore, gent's handbag, butter cooler, and so on. How the pot-hunter's teeth ought to water. It is really worth coming to Edinburgh and playing at the Braids when there is such spoil to be divided every year. What, after all, is the use of golfing for Golf's sake when you can golf for a marble timepiece, a breakfast-cruet or a Drooko umbrella? Yet they were not all satisfied. One wrote complaining that the scratch men had the best of it, for out of eight entrants, five were prizemen. Why not? Is it not right that the scratch men should have the best of it in such a competition, that the handicapped may play better up if they want to win, or would our correspondent prefer the tournament to be a donkey race, and give the spoils to the hindmost? That could be easily done, and perhaps next time, for variety, the thing might be tried.

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Under the new rules, licenses are to be granted to the Musselburgh caddies, but they do not seem anxious to avail themselves of these badges of their freedom, perhaps because they think them the reverse. Three Bailies presided at the first meeting of the Caddies' Licensing Court on Monday last, when only eight applications were received, all of which were granted, and divided in classes thus, 1st class, 1; 2nd class, 5; 3rd class, 2. One of the court suggested that the town-clerk should write to the four Golf Clubs of Musselburgh, asking the members not to employ other than licensed caddies, and it was decided to strictly enforce the by-law, and to deal with those

who contravened the same. The council are no doubt right, but when there are so many well-known efficient old hands on the course it is rather absurd to ask them now to apply, along with every new urchin, for licenses to carry clubs. Honorary licenses in recognition of long and faithful service should at once be conferred upon them. Such a *clarum et venerabile nomen* as "Fiery," should not be submitted to the farce of licensing. The council would honour themselves by honouring, as we have suggested, the G. O. M. of Musselburgh players, to whose many merits we have more than once referred.

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Things seem to require a great amount of arranging at North Berwick. The clearing of the new greens by a staff of workmen is going on. Part of the wood on the way out has disappeared, and the click of the wandering ball on the old Scots fir branch will no longer vex the golfer's soul at the sixth hole; but when the new arrangements are to come into vogue, what the new course is to be, where it is to begin, and where it is to end nobody seems to know. Indeed it is said that the arrangements are not yet completed. Some exquisite fooling seems to be going on somewhere. Surely the parties in charge of the green and its enlargement have a duty to perform to the golfers. They might take them more into confidence instead of moving in such dark and mysterious ways. The course just now is badly afflicted, as the public lately were, with the refrain of "Daisy, Daisy," and the little plant "looks up with its yellow eye" all over the place. The green-keeper seems to be "Daisy's" friend.

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Moffat golfers have been employing their spare time in keeping up their driving power by a series of competitions in St. Ninian's cricket-field, where the ground was mapped out in various divisions, and points allowed according to the distance and direction of the drive. Only the carry of the ball was taken into account, and the longest drive was 190 yards. Clubs wishing to keep up the game, especially at inland courses, where vegetation checks the play in summer, might be well advised to get a plan of the ground from the secretary of the Moffat Club, and to try this experiment.

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The *Saturday Review* thinks that if John Bunyan had been a St. Andrews man we would have had an allegory of the "Christian Golfer's Progress," and that in a bunker the immortal Bedford tinker who swore terribly at tip-cat would have been very edifying. No doubt; but many Bunyans have "improved" the game of Golf and drawn instructive allegories therefrom, even in our own paper. We notice that Mr. Dalrymple announces an illustrated volume of "Moral Tales for Golfers," in which we expect he will act the Bunyan of Fife for the Royal and Ancient game.

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Mr. Grant, late of the Argyll Hotel, Inverary, has been appointed manager of the Golf Hotel, now being erected on the Braid Hills.

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Mr. Graham Henderson, Hawick, has brought out a remarkable Scottish tweed, which he thinks suitable for golfers more especially. The cloth is reversible, and one suit becomes another suit by reversing. Thus the golfer who plays in a nice light check on the links during the week need not offend Mrs. Grundy by appearing at church in the same secular garb; he has just to turn his coat and go to church like a gentleman in a pretty Cheviot mixture of darkish colours. Some say this cloth has been known to many Members of Parliament for some time back. It is new to golfers.

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Before the Dumfries and Galloway Antiquarian Society, Mr. James Shaw recently read an interesting paper on obsolete words of Dumfriesshire and district. He gave a list of the same, among which the following curious one is found:—"Gowf, to flaunt about, to coquette. A *gowf* is a foolish giggle." Chaucer.—*Gofish* = foolish. Golfers will please note that this use of the term is obsolete.

Wm. Duncan, lately with Tom Morris, St. Andrews, and now professional to the East Finchley Golf Club, made the record score for that course on Monday, doing it in 38 (nine holes). At the professional competition at Deal this youthful golfer secured a prize with a score of 177, coming in before many men famous in the annals of Golf. We hope to hear more of the doings of this promising "Fifer" in the Golf of the future, and we are glad a metropolitan club has been so lucky as to secure his services.

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Andrew and Jack Kirkaldy had a match on Saturday evening for a purse of money subscribed by a few visitors to St. Andrews. Andrew allowed his brother two holes to start with, but he found that the odds were rather heavy, Jack pulling off the stake by 3 at the Burn.

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The Bradford St. Andrews Club, which is little more than three years of age, seems a very healthy and flourishing specimen of the club genus, for it has already a membership of 200, although two guineas bar the entrance. The course at Baildon Moor was originally nine holes, but under Tom Morris it was extended to eighteen holes in the fall of last year, and the course is now first-rate in every respect. Formerly, visitors had to depend on Bradford for good accommodation, but the club have decided to erect a club-house, close to the starting-ground, costing £500, which will doubtless be a great improvement, and help still further to popularise the green and the game at the Woollen City. Mr. Chesney, jun., 32, Market Street, Bradford, and Mr. Steel, Moorgate, Baildon, are joint hon. secretaries of the club.

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Quite a gloom was cast over the St. Andrews Links on Saturday by the very sudden death of Mr. James Reid, Lord Dean of Guild of Glasgow, who was playing a round of the green with his son, and at the fifth hole fell as if in a faint, and died before medical aid reached him. Heart disease was the cause of death. Mr. Reid was much respected in Glasgow, where he was for a time a Town Councillor.

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In view of the opening of a new nine-hole course on the Braids on Monday last, the *Edinburgh Dispatch* gives some interesting statistics on the progress of Golf in the Edinburgh district since the Braids course was opened five years ago. In that time many offices and public works had formed clubs; eighteen new courses had been opened within a radius of twenty miles from the city; the average number of players over the Braids for the last three years had been 80,000 per annum. Twenty-five years ago there were only six Golf clubs in Edinburgh; there are now 140.

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Mr. C. Smith, secretary of the Dirleton Castle Golf Club writes in the *Haddington Courier*, under date June 20th, as follows:—"I notice in this week's GOLF, a reference to Mr. Haldane's cup, and it is suggested that it should be played for by the county clubs by strokes." Mr. Smith is not accurate in this statement. If he refers to our remarks he will find that we said (GOLF June 19th), that we hoped that the Haldane cup would be played for under different conditions from those which regulate the Wemyss cup competition." This did not imply that that it should be played for by strokes, although it would certainly be better to let the members of all the clubs compete, and try to lower Mr. Ross's record of 70 over Gullane, than simply to make a repetition of the Wemyss cup competition. In GOLF, June 22nd, Mr. Frank Kinloch gives a very good account of the Wemyss cup competition, rightly commending it to other counties. What we may suggest as a variation is that, instead of requiring two foursomes to decide between club and club, one foursome might do for the Haldane cup. Each club would only send its two best players to represent it, instead of sending four as is now done at Luffness. This would make a very good change, especially as the cup presented to the Dirleton Castle Club would scarcely command so much attention from the county clubs, as the Wemyss cup, which has become a valuable historical trophy.

Mr. Smith very properly asks for the opinion of the various county clubs on the matter, as the Dirleton Castle meet on the 30th, to make arrangements. He might have expected a better response if he had applied direct to the secretary of each club, stating something about the cup and its value, and making tentative suggestions on the part of his Dirleton Castle Club, instead of presenting a blank-sheet of paper. We hope, however, to hear that the East Lothian clubs give the Dirleton Castle the benefit of their united counsel, and that a successful tournament may be arranged for annually at Gullane.

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One of the most popular of Gullane feuars, whose buirdly form is familiar on the links, and who stands prominently head and shoulders among the Society of Accountants in Edinburgh, this year paid a visit to the Ascot race meeting. His friends have been so overwhelmed with his glowing recitals of the wonders of this fashionable gathering that they intend next year to follow in his footsteps, heedless of the Nonconformist conscience, which has not yet taken accountants into account.

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Taylor, the Champion golfer, is a teetotaler and non-smoker.

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Mr. A. J. T. Allan, of the Edinburgh University Club, who had the best scratch score of 80 at the North Berwick competition on Saturday, seems in the fair way of becoming a "crack." He suddenly sprung into fame by his recent remarkable scores on the Braids; but it is evident he does not intend to disappear like a meteor from the golfing firmament, and his career will now be followed with interest.

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The last meeting of the Varsity Club showed a little improvement in the arrangements, but much might yet be done to put the club in a more lively condition. The cleek competition in which Mr. C. L. Blaikie was victorious seems rather a failure. Out of twenty-two entries, eight failed to appear in the first round, and three in the second, so that one moiety scratched and the other came to the scratch—a paradoxical way of putting it, which shows that the cleek competition is a bit of a fizzle.

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In "Cock Lane and Common Sense" Mr. Andrew Lang has collected together several curious papers on subjects supernatural, in which Cock Lane has the best of the innings. Mr. Burgin, in an interesting essay in "The Idler" on "Some Literary Critics," speaks of Mr. Lang as "perhaps the most variously accomplished man of letters in England or in Europe," and contrasts his geniality as a critic with the scurrility of the "smart writers."

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"Look after the caddie, and the tee will look after itself." So said once a golfing philosopher, at least, the *Daily Telegraph* (June 22nd) says so. Who was the philosopher, and when did he thus make a fool of himself?

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The foursome of thirty six holes, which was arranged in May last between Mr. J. R. Hutchison and Capt. Kinloch against Taylor (Champion), and Capt. Molesworth, R.N., will be played at Prince's Golf Club, Mitcham Common, on Thursday, June 28th.

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PROFESSIONAL MATCH.

R. KELLY v. J. MILNE (NEASDEN).

In beautiful weather the links of the Royal Norwich Golf Club at Hellesdon were, on the 21st, the scene of a conflict of the keenest description, the thirty-six-hole match being halved, and the destination of the purse being decided on the thirty-seventh-hole. The match commenced at 11.30, the gallery at that time being very small. But as the day proceeded the number gradually swelled to fair proportions, and keen interest in and enjoyment of the game was exhibited.

The first hole was halved in 4. At the second Milne did not allow for the wind and went into "King Solomon's Mine;" but lying on grass he got out nicely. Kelly, however, was ahead of him on the green, and secured the hole in 4 to 5. At the third hole, after good drives over "Sahara," Kelly overran the green, but made up for it in his approach putt, and Milne, missing a short putt, lost the hole, and Kelly stood 2 up. Kelly failed to lie dead with his fourth at the "Road," and Milne secured the hole in 5 to an indifferent 6. This was the beginning of a fine display on the part of Milne. He took the fifth in a splendid 3 by dint of laying a full cleek shot dead. The Quarry out was finely halved in 5. At Eastward Ho Kelly drove his second out of bounds, and lost the hole in 7 to 5. Kelly secured the Quarry in a perfect 4, reaching the green in 2 with his iron; whereas Milne sliced into the fence, and went from there into the quarry, taking 7 to the hole. Milne replied with a still better 4 for Inkerman to Kelly's 6, and turned 1 up with approximate scores of 43 and 45. Milne again came to the front at the Redan and the Glade, both being very fine 4's, and the corner Pocket he got in a perfect 3, making Milne 4 up. At the Road in Kelly reduced his lead by 1, but Milne was again 4 up at the Bank in, where Kelly threw away a stroke on the green. At the fifteenth hole Kelly, with extraordinary carelessness, gave away the hole by striking his opponent's ball with his hand while flicking a small impediment from the line of his putt. At the sixteenth hole it was noticeable that Kelly's ball moved while he was on his swing, and that was probably the cause of his scuffling it. But, from whatever reason, he took 4 to Milne's 3, and Milne stood 6 up; and the remaining two holes being halved, the adjournment was made with the game in that position.

After lunch the game proceeded with a larger following, and Kelly again showed his pluck in playing against a lead. For, securing the first in 4 to 5, and halving the next, he took the third in a perfect 4. A half in 6 was followed by another in 5, and then bad luck was the portion of both, and Milne lost the hole by failing in a short putt. But he recovered his lead of 4 at the next hole by getting down a beautiful putt. The next two holes fell to Kelly, and at the turn Milne stood 2 up and 9 to play. At the Redan Kelly played a very fine second into the fort, and Milne, being in the hedge, lost further ground, and the match from this point was most exciting. Milne secured the "Glade," and a half at the Pocket was followed by a win for Kelly at the Road. The Bank in was halved. At the fifteenth Milne visited the Devil's Punch Bowl, and, taking 3 to get out, gave up, and the game was all even. The sixteenth hole fell to Milne, but Kelly replied by taking the "Paradise Regained" hole, and they stood all even and 1 to play. Kelly had the better drive for the "Rocket," and Milne lay badly among thistles, but he put his ball well on to the green. Kelly was very weak with his approach putt, and a half resulted,

amidst intense excitement. The question whether the purse should be divided was considered by the committee, and it was decided to play on until one of the players should win a hole. The issue was not long in doubt, for the visitor missed his drive, and, failing to get away his second and third, Kelly came in winner of the purse.

Milne's first round was a magnificent performance, his score, as will be seen below, being exactly the same as registered by Jack White in the recent match, and only 1 stroke above the record. Mr. Leatham, of the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, kindly acted as referee.

Amongst those present were the president of the club (Mr. J. J. Colman, M.P.), Col. Dawson (the captain), Miss Deuchar, Messrs. T. A. Ireland, C. H. A. Lock, Gill, Davidson, Walker, Forrester, Rice, Pinder, De Carle Smith, Howlett, and Gilman. Subjoined will be found the approximate scores:—

Kelly:—

First Round ... 4 4 4 6 5 5 7 4 6 5 6 6 4 5 5 4 3 4=87
Second Round ... 4 5 4 6 5 7 5 5 6 4 7 4 4 5 4 4 3 4=86

Milne:—

First Round ... 4 5 5 5 3 5 5 7 4 4 4 3 5 4 5 3 3 4=78
Second Round ... 5 5 6 6 5 8 4 6 7 5 6 4 5 5 7 3 4 4=95

It should certainly be added that the greens were, almost without exception, in first-class condition.

ABERDEEN.

VICTORIA CLUB.—The members of this club held their fourth monthly competition for Mr. Orr's gold medal on Wednesday and Saturday of last week. Owing to the show-yard enclosure on the Town's Links, the course was a nine-hole one to the north of the Broadhill, which was gone round twice. The holes being a good deal longer than usual, the scoring was high. The prize is competed for under special handicap, places being decided by points, the player coming in first receiving three points, the second two, and the third one. The competition resulted as follows:—1st, Mr. W. A. Gordon, 103, less 19=84; while Messrs. G. G. Cameron, jun., 97, less 10=87, and T. Macmillan, 107, less 20=87, have a tie to play off for second and third places. At the same time there was an extra competition for the scratch and handicap prizes, which resulted as follows:—Mr. A. M. M. Dunn won the scratch prize with a score of 90; while Mr. J. R. Smith, with a score of 98, less 10=88, was the winner of the handicap prize for first class players; the same prize for second class players being won by Mr. W. A. Gordon with 103, less 9=94. Among the remaining cards, the following had the lowest figures:—Messrs. R. Anderson, 92; D. Jessiman, 95; C. Robertson and J. A. Ross, 98 each; and W. Anderson (1) 99. Last week also the members of the Victoria Club concluded a competition, played for under handicap by holes, for the office-bearers' prizes. The competition has been in progress for the last two months, two prizes being given, one to first class players and one to second class players. The whole of the members were drawn, and specially handicapped by holes, and, in the course of the various heats, were weeded out, until in the first class Messrs. M. M. Dunn (scratch) and A. Cooper (1 hole) alone remained. These playing off, Mr. Dunn was found to be the winner; Mr. Cooper taking a second prize given by the club. In the second class, Messrs. J. H. Shepherd (scratch) and W. Ironside (8 holes) were the finalists, the result showing that Mr. Shepherd had won the first prize, and Mr. Ironside the second.

BRIDGNORTH GOLF CLUB.

At the summer meeting held on June 21st and 22nd, the following gentlemen were the winners:—In the handicap sweepstakes.—Mr. T. W. Haslehurst first, with a score of 112, less 18=94; Mr. H. B. Southwell, 101, less 5=96; Rev. G. H. Maddison, 127, less 27=100. In the competition for the club silver and bronze medals, the Rev. G. H. Maddison, 115, less 25=90, won the silver medal. Mr. Samuel Harvey, 109, less 17=92, won the bronze medal; and Rev. H. K. Southwell, 109, less 15=94, won the third prize.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The quarterly competition for the De Worms challenge cup was held on June 23rd in fine weather. A moderate south-

west wind was blowing, but on the whole the going was fairly easy. Mr. E. J. Game won with the good return of 80, Messrs. A. R. Kenyon-Stow and H. T. Ross being close up. The following is the score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. J. Game ...	96	16	80	Mr. C. O. Walker ...	95	5	90
Mr. A. R. Kenyon-Stow ...	88	7	81	Mr. S. S. Schultz ...	95	4	91
Mr. H. T. Ross ...	91	10	81	Mr. A. C. Woolley ...	108	15	93
Mr. R. W. Ker ...	97	15	82	Mr. H. A. Hodson ...	108	15	93
Mr. H. E. Acklom ...	93	4	89	Mr. A. J. Stanley ...	97	3	94
Mr. C. G. Thomas ...	105	16	89	Mr. D. E. Cardinall ...	112	16	96
Mr. W. O. Baily ...	94	4	90	Mr. G. R. Burnett ...	117	18	99
				Mr. E. Howitt Lodge ...	121	22	99

There were twenty-six players.

CARLISLE v. PENRITH.

Played at Carlisle, June 23rd. Score:—

CARLISLE.		PENRITH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. Todd ...	3	Mr. W. H. Macpherson ...	0
Rev. E. Robertson ...	0	Mr. E. W. Parker ...	1
Mr. G. A. Story ...	1	Mr. G. H. Heelis ...	0
Mr. J. K. Parker ...	2	Rev. T. B. Tylecote ...	0
Rev. T. W. Stephenson ...	6	Mr. J. G. Gandy ...	0
Mr. F. W. Buck ...	0	Mr. H. Gandy ...	0
Mr. A. Wybergh ...	0	Dr. Livingstone ...	5
Mr. Dodd ...	0	Mr. R. Leech ...	6
	12		12

CARLISLE v. WEST CUMBERLAND.

The return match was played at Dalston on June 21st, the home team winning by 2 holes. Return:—

CARLISLE.		WEST CUMBERLAND.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. Todd ...	7	Mr. J. R. Crum ...	0
Dr. Murphy ...	0	Dr. Hight ...	1
Mr. E. W. Parker ...	0	Rev. J. T. Pollock ...	5
Mr. "Dodd" ...	8	Mr. R. S. U. Thompson ...	0
Mr. J. K. Parker ...	0	Dr. McKerrow ...	5
Rev. E. Robertson ...	0	Mr. E. A. Thompson ...	2
Mr. W. P. Story ...	5	Mr. R. Willis ...	0
Mr. H. Scott ...	0	Mr. D. Fraser ...	4
Dr. Macdonald ...	0	Mr. G. S. Wilson ...	3
Mr. G. Long ...	2	Mr. W. L. Fletcher ...	0
	22		20

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

June 23rd.—Third day of third monthly competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. D. Ismay ...	106	18	88	Mr. G. W. Williams ...	96	5	91
Mr. W. Cross ...	108	19	89	Mr. F. W. Wyndham ...	107	14	93
Mr. A. Richardson ...	102	12	90	Mr. J. W. Robson ...	106	12	94
Mr. C. H. Harrison ...	109	19	90	Mr. J. R. Bolton ...	108	8	100
Mr. R. Dunlop ...	115	25	90				

Retired—Messrs. D. R. Coates, H. Simms, A. G. Ridout, and Col. Campbell.

DISLEY v. CHEADLE.

A match was played between the first teams of the above clubs on Saturday, June 23rd, at Disley, which resulted as follows:—

DISLEY.		CHEADLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. W. Hutton ...	1	Mr. J. Marry ...	0
Mr. A. B. Scholfield ...	0	Mr. E. Macdona ...	1
Mr. W. Bell ...	6	Mr. R. H. Prestwich ...	0
Mr. R. C. Hutton ...	6	Mr. F. Bindloss ...	0
Mr. G. C. Greenwell ...	8	Mr. J. M. Eaton ...	0
Mr. E. G. Hutton ...	0	Mr. W. Scowcroft ...	2
Mr. E. Hutton ...	0	Mr. J. H. Milne ...	1
Mr. H. D. Tonge ...	3	Mr. J. D. Milne ...	0
Mr. T. S. Turnbull ...	6	Mr. C. D. Milne ...	0
Rev. E. J. Satterthwaite ...	5	Mr. S. Fernyhough ...	0
	35		4

Disley won by 31 holes.

DORNOCH.

The aggregate competitions were continued on Saturday last in rather wet weather. The following are the best scores:—Mr. W. Menzies, 86, less 6=80; Mr. W. Cameron (scratch), 83; Mr. D. Ross, 90, less 5=85; Mr. M. Macdonald, 85, plus 1=86; Mr. W. Mackay, 90, less 2=88; Mr. J. Morrison, 92, less 4=88; Mr. G. Bridgeford, 96, less 8=88; Mr. C. Gillespie, 102, less 14=88; Mr. T. Ross, 102, less 13=89; Mr. H. Munro (scratch), 91; Mr. A. Angus, 103, less 8=95; Mr. R. Macrae, 118, less 18=100.

DURHAM v. CLEVELAND.

This inter-club match was played on Friday, June 21st, on the ground of the former, with the following result:—

DURHAM.		CLEVELAND.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Dr. Treadwell ...	4	Mr. S. Cradock ...	0
Dr. E. S. Robson ...	0	Mr. J. Whitwell ...	0
Dr. T. E. Hill ...	0	Mr. H. Roberts ...	0
Mr. J. Duncanson ...	2	Dr. Mackinlay ...	0
Mr. A. M. Hutchinson ...	0	Mr. C. D. Mackenzie ...	1
Dr. T. W. Barron ...	0	Mr. A. Me'Kinlay ...	4
Mr. G. F. Charlton ...	10	Mr. F. J. March ...	0
Rev. A. Robertson ...	5	Mr. R. Robson ...	0
Rev. E. Adams ...	4	Mr. R. Smurthwaite ...	0
Mr. F. W. Cluff ...	10	Mr. J. W. Kyle ...	0
	35		5

EDINBURGH BURGESS GOLFING SOCIETY.

On Friday, June 22nd, the annual summer meeting of this club was held over Musselburgh Links. Thirty-three couples competed, under handicap conditions, for six club prizes. The day was very favourable, with a stiffish south-westerly breeze, which gave golfers some trouble on the homeward course. The green was in capital condition. This was the first occasion that the meeting had been held since the passing of the new by-laws, and the members were unanimous in their praise of the new conditions. In the forenoon some difficulty was experienced in getting caddies, only eight having applied and obtained licences from the magistrates. But, in view of the Burgess Golf meeting, an adjourned Licensing Court was held in the forenoon, when twenty-five additional caddies were licensed. It may be mentioned that the members of the club are determined to support the magistrates in carrying out the new by-laws with regard to caddies, and will, therefore, only employ those holding a licence. At the close of the competition the prize-winners were found to be as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. O. Thomson ...	83	2	81	Mr. T. Aitken ...	88	2	86
*Mr. J. Miller ...	101	18	83	†Mr. J. F. Cockburn ...	101	14	87
*Mr. J. Easton ...	93	10	83	†Mr. J. Robbie ...	105	18	87
Mr. J. Riddle ...	91	6	85				

* Tied.

† Tied.

Other scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. Kay ...	98	10	88	Mr. R. Wilson ...	106	14	92
Mr. J. Forbes ...	100	12	88	Mr. A. B. Doughty ...	102	10	92
Mr. J. Williamson ...	85	+4	89	Mr. P. M'Phail ...	111	18	93
Mr. H. Craigie ...	91	2	89	Mr. J. Strachan ...	101	8	93
Mr. J. Cruikshanks ...	95	6	89	Mr. F. Harley ...	109	16	93
Mr. D. M'Kay ...	98	8	90	Mr. George Haig ...	103	8	95
Mr. R. Wooley ...	109	18	91	Mr. H. B. Ferrier ...	98	2	96
Mr. T. Hannah ...	101	10	91	Mr. J. F. Home ...	108	12	96
Mr. G. Robb ...	97	6	91	Mr. J. Stonehouse ...	106	10	96
Mr. D. W. Matthew ...	105	14	91	Mr. D. Stewart ...	113	16	97
Mr. R. J. Robertson ...	109	18	91	Mr. A. M. Ross ...	92	+6	98
Mr. A. Stevens ...	97	6	91	Mr. A. Struthers ...	100	2	98
Mr. P. Moir ...	110	18	92	Mr. J. A. Smith ...	108	10	98
Mr. J. Doig ...	92	no hcp.		Dr. Stocks ...	107	8	99

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The members of this club held their annual summer medal meeting over the North Berwick course on Saturday in rather showery weather. The awards comprised the scratch gold medal and captain's prize, handicap challenge cup, Senatus prize for first and second year's students, and allowance prizes in kind. Twenty-three players competed. On return of cards,

Mr. A. J. T. Allen was found to have carried off the honours of the day. Mr. Allan's fine actual score of 80 sufficed to gain for him the merit medal and captain's prize, and, with an allowance of 4, he had also the lowest net score, accordingly winning, in addition, the Senatus award for first and second year's students, challenge cup and first handicap prize in kind. Mr. W. H. Bryce secured second place in handicap order, with 83 net. The details of the lowest actual scores were:—Mr. A. J. T. Allan—out, 4 5 5 3 3 4 4 3 4 5 6=42; in, 4 4 3 4 4 6 7 6 =38; total, 80. Mr. C. Morrison—out, 5 6 5 4 3 4 4 3 5 5 =44; in, 5 5 5 3 5 6 6 5=40; total, 84. Mr. W. H. Bryce—out, 5 5 4 5 4 8 4 4 5 4=48; in, 5 6 4 3 4 5 5 5=37; total, 85. The principal returns were as appended:—Mr. A. J. T. Allan, 80, less 4=76; Mr. W. H. Bryce, 85, less 2=83; Mr. C. Morrison, scratch, 84; Mr. H. J. Simson, 88, less 4=84; Mr. D. Smith, 95, less 9=86; Mr. R. Park, 89, less 2=87; Dr. Robertson, 93, less 5=88; Mr. W. Nicholson, 93, less 5=88; Mr. G. Chiene, 94, less 6=88; Dr. R. H. Blaikie, scratch, 89.

The silver cleek of the Edinburgh University Golf Club has been carried off by Mr. Charles L. Blaikie, who beat Mr. Gregor M'Gregor in the final round of the tournament by 4 holes. The competition is hole-and-hole, and under scratch conditions, extending over the season. The award is a handsome silver cleek, with silver balls attached, on which the winner's name is engraved. Appended are the results of the various rounds of the tournament:—First round.—Dr. Wallace beat Mr. W. H. Bryce by 3 holes; Mr. L. V. Laurie beat Mr. A. Robertson, scratched; Mr. C. L. Blaikie beat Mr. H. Simson by 2 holes; Mr. H. Baylis beat Mr. Bloxson, scratched; Mr. H. Holland beat Mr. W. K. Aikman, scratched; Mr. R. J. Bryce beat Mr. C. C. Watson by 4 holes; Mr. D. W. N. Smith beat Dr. Muir, scratched; Dr. Haultain beat Mr. Hall Blyth, scratched; Dr. Blaikie beat Mr. D. A. Stevenson, scratched; Mr. W. Nicholson beat Mr. J. S. Fraser, scratched; Mr. Gregor M'Gregor beat Mr. J. Barnardo, scratched. Second round.—Dr. Wallace beat Mr. Laurie by 3 holes, Mr. C. L. Blaikie beat Dr. Findlay, scratched; Mr. Holland beat Mr. Baylis by 8 holes. Mr. C. A. Stevenson beat Mr. St. Clair Cunningham by 1 hole; Mr. C. Morrison beat Mr. J. W. H. Smith, scratched; Mr. R. J. Bryce beat Mr. D. W. N. Smith by 2 holes; Dr. Blaikie beat Dr. Haultain by 1 hole; Mr. Gregor M'Gregor beat Mr. W. Nicholson, scratched. Third round.—Mr. C. L. Blaikie beat Dr. Wallace by 3 holes; Mr. H. Holland beat Mr. C. A. Stevenson by 4 holes; Mr. R. J. Bryce beat Mr. C. Morrison by 2 holes; Mr. Gregor M'Gregor beat Dr. Blaikie by 3 holes. Semi-final round.—Mr. C. L. Blaikie beat Mr. H. Holland by 4 holes; Mr. Gregor M'Gregor beat Mr. R. J. Bryce by 1 hole. Final round.—Mr. C. L. Blaikie beat Mr. Gregor M'Gregor by 4 holes.

FLEETWOOD GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for the silver challenge cup, presented by the president, took place on the Fleetwood Links on Saturday, June 23rd. The greens were in fairly good condition, but good scoring was precluded through the grass having attained a considerable length in certain parts of the course. The winner of the round was Mr. R. F. Addie, with a net score of 96. The following are the best cards returned:—Mr. R. F. Addie, 127, less 31=96; Dr. Grimshaw, 120, less 23=97; Mr. M. Barlow, 127, less 25=102; Dr. Penman (scratch), 105; Mr. F. J. Thompson, 144, less 35=109.

FORFARSHIRE.

The annual general meeting of the Carnoustie Ladies' Club was held on the links at Carnoustie, when the following were elected office-bearers for the current year:—President, Mrs. Gibson, E. C. Manse, Carnoustie; vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Cæsar, Lochty House, Carnoustie; joint secretaries, Mrs. Dickson and Miss Dickson, Dalhousie Villa, Carnoustie; council, Mrs. John Robertson (ex officio), Mrs. David Scroggie, Miss Stewart, Miss Fullerton, Miss Colquhoun, and Miss Nicol. The minutes of last general meeting were read and approved. A few new members were admitted, and the club was reported to be in a flourishing condition. The Halley challenge medal and other prizes were afterwards competed for, and although the course has been slightly extended, and as yet is not in its best condition, some most creditable scores were returned.

The medal and first prize were gained by Miss Colquhoun with the fine score of 110 strokes, being the same figure as it was won at in June last year. The consolation prize, given to the member making the lowest score who had not previously gained a prize, was won by Miss Anderson. The lowest scores were as follows:—Miss Colquhoun, 110; Mrs. Gibson, 114; Mrs. Scroggie, 115; Miss H. Freeland, 116; Miss H. Stewart, 118; Miss Anderson, 119.

HAGLEY v. COVENTRY.

Played at Hagley:—

HAGLEY.		COVENTRY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. E. F. Chance ...	2	Mr. H. Smith ...	0
Mr. A. M. Chance ...	0	Mr. A. Rotherham ...	1
Rev. H. Bourne ...	6	Rev. F. Evans ...	0
Mr. W. H. Grazebrook ...	0	Hon. and Rev. R. Moncrieff ...	3
Mr. E. Evers ...	3	Mr. F. Smith ...	0
Mr. J. W. Wilson ...	0	Mr. A. Pridmore ...	1
Mr. W. L. Roberts ...	0	Mr. E. Blackburne ...	3
	11		8

Hagley won by 3 holes.

HAMPSTEAD GOLF CLUB.

The Hampstead and Highgate members of this club played a match on Saturday last, with the following result:—

HAMPSTEAD.		HIGHGATE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. R. Norris ...	0	Rev. A. E. Allcock ...	8
Mr. H. B. Figgis ...	0	Mr. J. G. Glover ...	7
Mr. T. L. Livingstone ...	5	Mr. W. J. Barton ...	0
Mr. E. Swain ...	9	Mr. W. Scrimgeour ...	0
Mr. W. F. Peacock ...	0	Mr. R. T. Glover ...	2
Mr. F. R. Hoare ...	2	Mr. C. Church ...	0
Mr. R. Pearce ...	0	Mr. C. J. B. Marriott ...	3
Mr. W. Dawes ...	4	Mr. W. C. Wigley ...	0
	20		20

KETTERING v. CHARNWOOD FOREST.

Played on the Charnwood Forest Links, and, after a pleasant game, resulted in a win for the home team.

KETTERING.		CHARNWOOD FOREST.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Dr. Allison ...	0	Mr. J. Foord-Kelcey ...	2
Mr. W. Meadows ...	1	Eev. H. Hampson ...	0
Mr. B. Wallis ...	0	Mr. E. F. Wood ...	4
Mr. F. Mobbs ...	0	Mr. C. H. Rome ...	1
Mr. C. Stringer ...	0	Mr. T. B. Jones ...	3
Mr. H. Bryan ...	0	Mr. C. T. Parker ...	7
Mr. A. Mackay ...	1	Mr. G. C. Sillar ...	0
	2		17

KING'S NORTON v. SUTTON COLDFIELD.

Played at King's Norton on Saturday, the 23rd inst. The visitors won by 28 holes.

KING'S NORTON.		SUTTON COLDFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. S. Baldwin ...	0	Mr. E. L. Lamb ...	6
Mr. H. H. Greenway ...	0	Mr. F. Jennings ...	9
Mr. W. G. Clarke ...	0	Mr. E. P. Wright ...	0
Mr. W. Tolkie ...	0	Dr. C. Palmer ...	2
Mr. A. D. Charles ...	0	Mr. P. A. Bourke ...	7
Mr. R. Paull ...	0	Mr. T. G. Griffiths ...	4
	0		28

MARPLE v. MACCLESFIELD.

This match was played on the Marple links on the 23rd inst., resulting in the defeat of the visitors by 18 holes. Scores:

MARPLE.		MACCLESFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. H. Roth ...	0	Mr. F. Tylecote ...	11
Mr. H. P. Hill ...	3	Mr. A. G. Gray ...	0
Mr. A. Simon ...	10	Mr. J. K. Bell ...	0
Mr. H. Eskrigge ...	4	Mr. W. H. L. Cameron ...	0
Mr. G. Sherwin ...	12	Mr. E. L. Oliver ...	0
	29		11

MORTONHALL GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting of the club took place on Saturday on Mortonhall course. The prizes competed for numbered five, the principal being a drawing-room clock with side ornaments, presented by Mr. Duncan M'Laren, the captain of the club, and the others club prizes. The competition was played over the newly-extended course of eighteen holes, and the putting-greens throughout were in perfect condition. The only drawback was the length of the grass in the new field, but this is a defect of a temporary nature. The feature of the meeting was the very fine score returned by Mr. W. B. Taylor, who went round in 75. This compares very favourably with the record of the course made by Mr. Marcus J. Brown, when under better weather conditions he returned an 80. Mr. Taylor's score might have been improved by 4 in consequence of an 8 at the Cottage Hole—the second in the new field—which is a 4 by par play. This was compensated for, however, by a 3 at the Buckstane Hole, which was one under par. The details of Mr. Taylor's score were as follows:—Out, 4 4 5 4 3 4 4 4 8=40; In, 3 4 4 4 4 5 4 3 4=35; total, 75. The other prize-winners were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. George Morris	85	4 81	Mr. D. W. Walker	95	9 86
Mr. Robert Aitken	96	14 82	Mr. Cossar Mackenzie	93	6 87
Mr. J. S. Smith	94	12 82	Mr. James Ford	96	9 87
Mr. John Taylor	83	scr. 83	Mr. A. Macdougall	99	12 87
Rev. W. W. Smith	94	10 84	Mr. Hew Morrison	95	6 89
Mr. G. P. Turner	94	10 84	Rev. Mr. Stevenson	91	2 89
Mr. T. L. Walker	89	5 84	Dr. Buist	101	12 89
Mr. Henry Bower	92	8 84	Dr. Sym	102	12 90
Mr. C. F. Scott	88	3 85	Mr. A. Craigie	90	scr. 90
Rev. D. M'Gregor	89	4 85	Mr. A. Ker	108	18 90
Mr. Alexander Ross	98	12 86			

NORTH BERWICK LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The opening meeting for the season of the North Berwick Ladies' Club was held on Friday, afternoon. Some twenty-four competitors were forward, the attendance at this early period being as a rule comparatively small, and increasing with the advance of the "season." Whilst the meeting in August provides an especial attraction for scratch players, the gold medal of the club being then competed for, a sufficient stimulus to friendly rivalry amongst the cracks of the club was afforded yesterday in the form of a handsome merit prize in kind. The club allowance awards were:—First, a silver scent-bottle; second, two silver gilt photo. frames; and third, a purse and card case combined; and in addition a toilet box was offered for competition as the scratch prize. On a return of cards, it was found that Miss Madeline Campbell and Miss Ethel M'Culloch had tied for the scratch award with an actual score of 69 each—a very good figure, considering the stiff breeze blowing across the course. The principal returns were as appended:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Miss Madeline Campbell	67	4 63	Miss Blanchard	91	18 73
*Miss Ethel M'Culloch	69	6 63	Miss Mariel Campbell	85	10 75
Miss M. S. Guthrie	80	16 64	Miss L. S. Clark	91	16 75
Miss A. B. Guthrie	81	16 65	Miss Guthrie	91	16 75
Miss Ada Hunter	75	9 66	Miss Edith M'Culloch	81	5 76
Mrs. Dunlop	84	18 66	Miss Blanche Anderson	77	scr. 77
Miss F. Blyth	74	6 68	Miss H. M'Culloch	87	10 77
Miss Edith Campbell	79	10 69	Mrs. D.A. Stevenson	95	18 77
Miss Eveline Campbell	76	6 70	Miss Boothby	80	scr. 80
Miss Hunter	79	9 70	Miss N. Aitchison	102	18 84
Miss A. Dalziel	77	6 71	Miss Anderson	103	18 85
Miss Gillies-Smith	73	scr. 73			

* Tie for scratch award.

The tie for the scratch award between Miss Madeline Campbell and Miss Ethel M'Culloch was played off in presence of a large following. After two rounds had been finished, the ladies were found to have tied for the second time with the excellent score of 66. Another round of nine holes decided the tie in favour of Miss Madeline Campbell with the score of 32, against 34 by her opponent. Miss Madeline Campbell accordingly gained the scratch prize, and three handicap prizes were won by Misses Ethel M'Culloch, M. S. Guthrie, and A. B. Guthrie, respectively.

ROCHESTER LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The members of the above club competed on the 23rd inst. for the midsummer challenge prize, a handsome silver salver, presented by Mrs. Schacht, of Blackheath (entries limited to handicap of eighteen), with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Anderson	95	17 78	Mrs. Upton	105	18 87
Miss Pound	93	14 79	Miss Pease	107	18 89
Miss Lizzie Winch	85	3 82	Miss Pochin	101	10 91
Mrs. Budden	93	9 84	Miss F. E. Cobb	109	18 91
Mrs. F. Knight	103	16 87			

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

Of all the competitions held by this club, the most important is that for the Moncrieff challenge cup, presented by Major-General Moncrieff, the president of the club, to be won by the player who returns the best scratch score for the eighteen holes. This event took place on Saturday, June 23rd. The weather was not altogether favourable for good scoring, a strong southerly wind, with showers of rain prevailing during the afternoon. Mr. Thomas Gilroy, the captain of the club, was by no means in his best form, and with a score of 90 failed to retain the cup, of which he was the holder. Mr. B. O'Brien returned a good score of 86, and becomes the holder of the challenge cup and winner of the club's gold medal, Mr. G. C. May taking second place and the silver medal with 89, Mr. T. Gilroy and Dr. Traill being equal for the bronze medal. Scores:—Mr. B. O'Brien, 86; Mr. G. C. May, 89; Mr. T. Gilroy, 90; Dr. Traill, 90; Mr. R. H. Charles, 92; Mr. D. Christie, 92; Mr. J. Petrie, 93; Mr. R. Bolton, 97; Mr. R. H. Auld, 98; Mr. C. P. Brett, 100. Five competitors made no return.

An optional prize under handicap for those not competing for the Moncrieff cup was also played for. This was won by Mr. J. H. Barrington with a gross score of 91, less 15=76. He also succeeded in beating the Rev. M. Morrow in their tie for the monthly medal, held on June 16th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. H. Barrington	91	15 76	Mr. J. O. Wylie	100	16 84
Mr. G. C. Greene	90	12 78	Mr. R. F. Harrison	111	26 85
Professor Doherty	101	22 79	Mr. A. G. Bailey	109	22 87
Rev. M. Morrow	104	22 82	Mr. R. H. Jones	106	16 90

SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

A large field of competitors played on Saturday, June 9th, for the usual monthly handicap, and the result ended in a tie between Messrs. T. E. Earle and E. J. Nanson, which will be played off during the course of this week. The links were in very good condition, and low scoring should have been the order of the day, but somehow or other competitors were fairly off the game, and many did not hand in their cards. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. T. E. Earle	93	10 83	Mr. F. M. Elliot	104	12 92
Mr. E. J. Nanson	99	16 83	Mr. Grigor Taylor	109	16 93
Mr. C. Stringer	104	16 88	Mr. A. A. Earle	112	18 94
Mr. R. W. Crighton	96	8 88	Mr. A. P. Talbot	114	20 94
Dr. Fowle	88	scr. 88	Mr. H. E. Daunt	104	8 96
Mr. G. Muir	112	24 88	Mr. W. R. Collyer	127	30 97
Dr. Mugliston	97	8 89	Mr. J. W. B. Mac-laren	110	12 98
Mr. W. Fox	102	12 90	Mr. J. C. D. Jones	105	7 98
Mr. J. B. Robertson	91	scr. 91	Mr. J. M. Allinson	107	8 99
Mr. A. W. Stiven	92	scr. 92			

BRITISH LINEN COMPANY CLUB.—The last competition of the season for the Allan gold medal and handicap prizes was held at Gullane on Saturday, June 23rd. Twenty-four members competed. The winners of handicap prizes were:—1, Mr. A. Dempster; 2, Mr. W. J. Fernie; and, 3, Mr. A. K. Bow. Messrs. W. Shields, W. J. Laing, and David Forest tie for fourth, fifth, and sixth prizes. Mr. W. H. Moatgomery, having the three best scores for the Allan gold medal, becomes the holder for the ensuing year. For this competition Mr. Hotson, hon. president of the club, kindly presented a pair of handsome silver candlesticks, to be awarded to the player returning the best card. Under the rules of the competition it was found that Mr. W. H. Moatgomery was the winner by 1 stroke, after a tie with Mr. A. K. Bow.

SOUTHPORT v. BIRKDALE.

The return match between representative teams of these clubs was played on the Southport links on Saturday. The weather was fine, but a strong wind was experienced. Both clubs were short of some of their best players, Mr. H. Hilton being absent on the Birkdale side, and Mr. G. F. Smith from Southport. Besides that Birkdale came with ten instead of twelve players, and consequently two Southport men had to stand down. In the end Southport won by 16 holes to 8. Scores:—

BIRKDALE.		SOUTHPORT.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. G. D. S. Crowther	0	Mr. E. Leese	4
Mr. G. C. Liebert	2	Mr. H. Sidebottom	0
Mr. H. Liebert	3	Mr. A. C. Knight	0
Mr. G. F. Pearson	0	Mr. G. Duffus	0
Mr. J. H. F. Hulton	0	Mr. W. E. Bland	5
Mr. C. McLaren	0	Mr. A. Smart	0
Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell	2	Mr. W. T. Rowley	0
Mr. G. F. Anderson	0	Mr. P. Musgrave	3
Mr. W. Barker	0	Mr. J. Morison	4
Mr. F. W. H. Campbell	1	Mr. G. Fernihough	0
	8		16

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the third competition for the summer handicap prize, played on Thursday, June 21st, over Ryton Willows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. Dunn	103	15	88	Mr. W. Jones	104	14	90
Mr. G. F. Charlton	93	4	89	Mr. F. Smith	103	8	95
Mr. Jas. Tennant	91	2	89	Mr. Jas. Hiddleston	104	8	96
Mr. G. Welch	96	7	89	Mr. C. Atkinson	112	16	96
Mr. M. Dodd	95	5	90				

The rest were over 100 net, or made no returns.

WEST LANCASHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A competition took place on the ladies' links at Blundell-sands, on Wednesday, June 20th, for two prizes, given by the club, for the best scores, under handicap, returned by the associates. The weather was wet and disagreeable in the morning, but it cleared up, and the afternoon and evening were fine. The first prize was won by Mr. C. MacTier, with a score of 72, less 6=66; and the second by Mr. Louis J. Ferguson, with 72, less 4=68. It having been arranged that the sweepstakes should be taken by the third and fourth scores, these were accordingly divided between Messrs. F. W. Cornelius, H. Durandu, and D. L. Chalmers. The following are the scores returned under 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. B. MacTier	72	6	66	Mr. T. A. Kirkwood	80	3	77
Mr. L. J. Ferguson	72	4	68	Mr. G. W. Harris	84	6	78
Mr. F. W. Cornelius	76	6	70	Mr. J. E. Pearson	79	scr.	79
Mr. H. Durandu	80	10	70	Mr. M. Rollo	85	6	79
Mr. D. L. Chalmers	81	11	70	Mr. E. G. Glover	88	9	79
Mr. F. Litchfield	76	5	71	Mr. C. Hobbs	88	8	80
Mr. C. Rawcliffe	77	5	72	Mr. C. Taylor	89	9	80
Dr. Wylie	92	20	72	Mr. S. R. Taylor	98	18	80
Mr. C. McLaren	79	6	73	Mr. F. Harrison	84	3	81
Dr. MacTier	81	8	73	Mr. W. F. Barrell	87	6	81
Mr. O. Dobell	82	8	74	Mr. J. Potter	92	9	83
Mr. J. Beausire	86	12	74	Mr. D. Inglis	95	11	84
Mr. A. Chisholm	75	scr.	75	Mr. J. W. Appleyard	103	18	85
Mr. W. Potter	75	scr.	75	Mr. J. Rose	95	6	89
Mr. D. H. Greenwood	75	scr.	75	Mr. F. Caroe	99	9	90
Dr. Rowlands	80	5	75	Mr. H. B. Wyatt	100	10	90
Mr. H. J. C. Anderson	81	6	75	Mr. E. Taylor	103	13	90
Mr. J. W. Fowler	77	scr.	77	Mr. Lyon Taylor	112	18	94

STANDARD GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The competition for the Ramsay medal and other prizes took place over Kinghorn Links on Saturday, June 23rd, when six couples took part. Rain fell continuously during the game, which made the greens dull, and the scores were therefore high. The medal and prize presented by the captain were gained by Mr. J. C. Somers with a score of 94, less 10=84. The other prize-winners were:—Mr. R. Gibson, jun., Mr. George Bikerton, and Mr. John Robertson.

WILLESDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the 23rd inst., and was won by Mr. J. Ogilvie, the two scores better than his card not being eligible for the competition. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Horn	93	11	82	Mr. H. Dobb	112	20	92
Mr. E. F. Currie	88	5	83	Mr. J. K. Hume	112	18	94
Mr. J. Ogilvie	96	9	87	Mr. J. G. Anderson	108	14	94
Mr. C. J. Simpson	103	15	88	Mr. L. Carter	116	20	96
Mr. A. T. Lyon	98	9	89	Mr. W. P. Johnson	115	18	97
Mr. Franklin Ross	85	+4	89	Mr. A. H. Briggs	121	22	99
Mr. J. T. Heath	114	25	89	Mr. F. W. Cleveland	129	30	99

Thirteen other players with scores over 100, or no cards returned.

ST. ANDREWS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition took place on Saturday afternoon, June 23rd. The weather being unpropitious, only nine couples started. The result was:—1st (medal), Miss H. Houston, 113; 2nd (medal), Mrs. Scratton and Miss Mackechnie, 115; 3rd, Mrs. Newall, 124. On the tie for the second medal being played off, Miss Mackechnie won. The star for the best round was won by Miss Houston, 56. The challenge putter tournament was finished on Saturday, when the following six ladies played, viz.:—Miss L. C. Bethune, Miss J. M. Bethune, Miss M. Bethune, Miss J. K. Stewart, Miss Meiklejohn, and Miss Moir. The successful competitor was Miss L. C. Bethune, with 4½ wins.

CALEDONIAN INSURANCE GOLF CLUB.—The second competition for the President's medal was played over the Braids, with the following result:—1, Mr. A. Robertson, 86, less 1=85; 2, Mr. A. R. Lessel, 103, less 14=89, and Mr. C. W. Mitchell, 101, less 12=89 (tie); 3, Mr. W. I. Adamson, 98, less 8=90.

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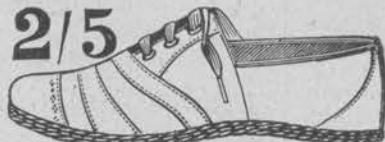


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