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## MARCH.

- Mar. 9.—Pau : T. A. Havemeyer Prize.  
Mar. 10.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
Littlestone Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.  
Southport : Monthly Competition.  
Porthcawl v. Abergavenny.  
Pau : Annual Meeting to elect Officers.  
Wilmslow : Haworth Cup and Scratch Medal.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Edinburgh University : Challenge Cup and Shield (Musselburgh).  
County Down : Railway Cup.  
Manchester : Monthly Medal (Winners' Final).  
Hayling : Monthly Medal.  
Cumbrae : Monthly Medal.  
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.  
Seaton Carew : Monthly Medal.  
Derby : Struss Trophy ; Monthly Medal.  
Macclesfield v. Disley (at Macclesfield).  
Huddersfield : Club Foursome Medals.  
Warwickshire : Graham Savile Challenge Cup.  
Staines : Monthly Medal.  
Mar. 12.—Pau : Ladies ; Ville de Pau Gold Medal.  
Chesterford Park : Monthly Medal.  
Cumbrae : Ladies' Medal.  
Royal Eastbourne : The Hambro' Challenge Bowl.  
Mar. 13.—Birkdale : Miss Burton's Prize.  
West Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Mar. 13 & 20.—Carnarvonshire : Subscription "Bogey" Cup.  
Mar. 14.—Porthcawl v. St. Fagan's.  
Mar. 15.—Bentley Green : Colchester Garrison, v. The Rest (return).  
Mar. 15, 16, & 17.—Sheffield and District : Captain's Cup.  
Mar. 16.—Pau : Ladies ; Ville de Pau Silver Medal.  
Mar. 16 & 17.—Littlehampton : Monthly Medal.

- Mar. 17.—Cambridge University v. St. Neots (at St. Neots).  
North West Club (Londonderry) : Ladies ; Monthly Medal.  
King's Norton : "Bogey" Competition for Captain's Prize.  
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.  
Headingley : Monthly Medal.  
Wakefield : Monthly Medal.  
Glamorganshire : Club Cup.  
Rochester : Monthly Medal.  
Sidcup : Monthly Medal (Second Class).  
Eltham : Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton : "Bogey" Competitions.  
Worlington and Newmarket : "Worlington" Monthly Medal.  
Beckenham : Monthly Medal.  
Formby : Optional Subscription Prize.  
Disley : Winter Silver Medal.  
County Down : Captain's Prize and Club Monthly Handicap.  
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medals (First and Second Class).  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Harrogate : Monthly Medal.  
Manchester : Captain's Cup.  
Rochester Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
West Middlesex : Monthly Medal.  
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Fleetwood : Monthly Medal.  
Bentley Green v. Felixstowe (at Bentley Green).  
Chester : Committee's Cup.  
Macclesfield : Mr. Tylecote's Cup.  
Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Huddersfield : Club Foursome Medals.  
Warwickshire : Ashton "Bogey" Prize.  
Preston : Six Medals (C).  
Mar. 19.—Royal Norwich : General Meeting, at Royal Hotel, 7.30 p.m., to receive Report, pass Rules, &c.  
Mar. 21.—Glamorganshire v. Swansea.  
Birkdale : Captain's Prize.  
Canterbury : Monthly Medal.  
Mar. 22 to 26.—Southport : Spring Meeting.  
Mar. 23 & 24.—Ilkley : Buckley Cup.  
Mar. 23 to 26.—Headingley : "Bogey" Sweepstakes.  
Mar. 24.—Royal Isle of Wight : "Bogey" Competition.  
Ranclagh : Monthly Medals.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.  
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.  
Royal Dublin : The Lumsden Medal.  
Aldeburgh : Easter Meeting ; Foursome Competition for Mr. H. W. Richards' Prize ; Ladies' Final Round for Monthly Medal.

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## THE BRADFORD ST. ANDREWS LINKS.

The links of the Bradford St. Andrews Golf Club, at Baildon Moor, have just been extended to a full course of eighteen holes, and experts who have played over the ground recently have pronounced it possible to make the links about the finest there are in the country. The extensions which have been carried out under the direction of the veteran Tom Morris, have cost the club close upon £150, and the executive mean to spare no effort to make the links—well, simply as links ought to be. The breezy heights of Baildon could scarcely be better adapted to the game, which has of late become immensely popular in the West Riding, whilst the enjoyment to be derived from a peep at the surrounding scenery is an additional attraction to the golfer.

The links are over natural moorland, and the cliffs, the rugged and rocky surface at various points, and some old relics of the Roman period, form capital hazards and provide plenty of sport. A brief description of the links will probably be of interest to our readers. Starting at the village end of the moor, the first green may be reached with a good drive. It is guarded a shade to the left by a quarry, which forms a difficult hazard, and is sure to trap a "hooked" shot, whilst the ground in front of the green is composed of thick bent grass. A good hole in 3. The second is a long hole, the whole length of which is guarded by a deep cliff on the right, and a sliced shot is certain to find the player in unsurmountable difficulties. A good drive and a brassy will reach the green, but being amongst small hillocks it needs very skillful play to get down in 5. The next is another long hole, and here again a sliced shot will find the player in difficulties, in the shape of a bunker known to the local golfer as "Moses," from the fact that it contains a thick growth of rushes. The green may be reached by a drive, a brassy shot, and a short approach, and is a good hole in 5. Hole four is over a deep quarry, and the green is placed at the extreme point of a hill. If overdriven, the ball lands in a deep gully, and if short, into very bad ground. Recently Douglas Rolland, in playing this hole, observed that it was the finest he had ever played. In still weather it may be driven with a cleek, but there is usually a wind against the player, and the shot from the tee is rendered extremely difficult. It is a good performance to hole out in 3. The next hole is not so difficult, and is rather an easy 4; but the sixth is most interesting. The green is laid in a kind of basin with natural hillocks, and though it may be reached by a drive and an iron shot, it requires considerable skill to negotiate the hole in 4. The next two are not so "sporting," as most, and should be done in 4 and 5 respectively. The ninth hole is considerably elevated, at a long distance from the tee, and a topped drive would find the player bunkered at the foot of the hill, the ascent from which is exceedingly difficult to manage; whilst a sliced shot would land the ball in heavy bracken and bent. A couple of drives and an iron shot will find the green, and the player should be well-satisfied to hole out in 5. The tenth hole may be captured in 4, the hazards being chiefly bracken and bent. The eleventh is a very fine hole. A couple of good shots brings the player just short of a fine bunker, which is said by the geologist to be a relic of the Romans, and known locally as the "Roman Barrow." The green just beyond needs a well-played approach to avoid further difficulties. It is a well-played 5. The twelfth green may be reached by a drive and a short approach, and should be negotiated in 4. If the player "hooks" his first shot, however, he may consider the hole lost. The thirteenth is again an exceedingly fine hole. With a strong wind behind the green may be reached with a drive, but it is entirely surrounded by bunkers, and requires some skill to get down in 4. Fourteen is a short hole, but very difficult to play. A pulled tee shot or an over-driven ball lands the player in hopeless difficulties. The green needs an exceedingly skillful approach, and is a good hole in 4. A sliced drive from the tee to the fifteenth would land the ball in a huge reservoir, and a hooked shot would find the player in very bad country. The green may be reached by a drive and a long approach, and the man is to be pitied who plays it badly, for it is completely surrounded by bunkers. It is a good performance to hole out in 5. Sixteen and seventeen are not so interesting, being over flat country forming little hazard, and may be taken in 4 and 5 respectively. The last hole, however, is another "sporting" one, and a good drive is essential to clear the hazards. The hole should be captured in 4.

The club, which was started by a few of the members of the Bradford St. Andrews Society a little over two years ago, has made rapid progress, and can now boast of a membership of close upon 200. The links are within a quarter of an hour's walk from Baildon Station, and four miles from Bradford.

**KEMP TOWN GOLF CLUB.**—The monthly medal of this club was played for on Saturday, the 24th, the winning return being handed in by Mr. Harold Taylor, 112, less 12=100.

## PROFESSIONAL MATCH AT CHESTERFORD PARK.

JACK WHITE v. HUGH KIRKALDY.

Partly with a view to making their charming sporting and difficult course more widely known to the outside golfing world, and partly to give their professional, White, of North Berwick, and nephew of Ben Sayers, an opportunity of testing the talent which his play had made them believe he possessed, the committee of the Chesterford Park Golf Club arranged a match between him and the ex-Champion Hugh Kirkaldy, of St. Andrews and Oxford University Golf Club, for February 27th. The match had been extensively placarded, and great interest was developed as the day drew near, fine weather being the only thing which was required to ensure a huge success, for it was known that a large contingent of golfers intended coming over from Cambridge, which is only twenty minutes by rail from Great Chesterford Station. Unfortunately the morning broke wet and stormy, and instead of a couple of hundred spectators only some seventy turned up, a very fair (naturally) percentage being ladies, whose enthusiasm, from the honorary secretary downwards, has had a material influence in causing the prosperity of the club. Mr. Lin-kill, honorary secretary of the Cambridge University Golf Club, and Mr. W. Waterhouse, of the Chesterford Park Golf Club, acted as umpires, and their office entailed no more difficult decisions than as to which ball played. No doubt the heavy rain of the morning affected the putting-greens very much, and made the whole course heavy, and probably, therefore, affected prejudicially the play of the visitor. As the game progressed the wind rose also, until, in the afternoon, half a westerly gale came rolling up the valley at the head of which, with a westerly slope, the links stand. Only from two tees is a wind in this direction a help, the driving from all the rest being either across or dead in the teeth of the gale. This factor also hampered Kirkaldy, as he has a well-known antipathy to strong breezes, and certainly his approaches against the wind were, as a rule, less confident than White's, who, throughout the match, showed judgment and nerve of a high order. The driving of both men down wind was good, one of Kirkaldy's to the ninth hole being remarkably long.

Play began punctually at eleven, the first hole, which stretches all along the side of a plantation with a hurdle hazard, being won in 3 by White to 4. Driving in the teeth of the wind to the second hole both sliced into a wood which here also bounds the course, and taking stroke and distance, Kirkaldy a second time repeated the performance and lost the hole. The third hole is two good shots to the green, the drive being across a plantation standing in the valley beneath the tee. Both got well across, but Kirkaldy, not getting far enough with his second, had to play the odd, and White, getting down in 4, was 3 up. The next hole gave them a following wind, and both drives were within easy iron distance of the green, which stands in a corner with wood to right and beyond. Kirkaldy down in 4 to White's 5. The fifth hole is the longest and least interesting of the course, and required, with a head wind, two raking shots and an iron, and was halved in 5. Going to six, Kirkaldy drove to the left and found his ball lying cupped, while White, preferring the right, with a good second was near the green, and won the hole in 5 to 6. Hole seven, which is at the end of a fir plantation, gave opportunities for beautiful approach shots by both players, and was halved in a good 4. The eighth hole is the shortest of the round, but a nerve-testing wood has to be crossed. Safely over this a 3 should be easily done, though 4's are more frequent. White was down in 3, Kirkaldy 4, and halving the last hole in 5 White turned 4 up. The first hole of the second round was halved in 4, but White won the second, Hugh missing a foot putt for a half. Across the wood to three both made fine shots, and Kirkaldy, after a beautiful second, got down off his mashie in 3—a wonderful performance, which elicited sighs of admiration from spectators who are more accustomed to 7 for this long hole! Give and take play occurred at the next two holes, White scoring at 4 and Hugh at 5. Going to six the latter met with hard luck in getting into a rabbit-scraps, and, as the ball was unplayable, lost the hole. Seven, Jack won in 4; eight, Hugh in 3. Going to nine, the drive of Kirkaldy was the longest of the day, probably 220 yards, and he won the hole in 5. It will be seen that, as a result of the first eighteen holes, White was 2 up.

The second portion of the match was begun at 2.30, the number of spectators being considerably larger than before lunch. The wind was higher than ever, and seemed to harass Kirkaldy the more of the two, and he began by driving into the plantation, and lost the hole. Two was halved, and also three. Going to four both players were on the green in 2, Hugh, playing the odd, holed a long putt from the edge of the green below the hole. It hardly seemed possible that White could save this hole, as he had a steep down-hill putt of three or four yards, but, putting on a lot of spin, he went for the hole, and was rewarded

by a splendid half in 3. The long hole went to White, as also the sixth, in 5 each, but, getting into the plantation at seven, he let in Kirkaldy, who also placed the short hole to his credit, and, halving the ninth, he was at this point 3 down. Entering on the fourth and last round, Jack took his turn at the wood, and lost the hole, Hugh getting a good 3. Another piece of bad luck befell Kirkaldy at hole two, as, getting his drive too far to the left, he had a blind approach, and got into the wood behind the hole, where his ball was unplayable, and he picked up. He won the third hole, however, and at the fourth green he was only 2 down, and was well up in his second shot. On reaching the ball it was found to be lodged against a piece of loose clay, which could not be moved without the ball rolling, and so he lost a stroke, and only secured a half. Two down and 5 to play. This, superstitious golfers say, never wins, but an exception to the rule was to be shown on this occasion. Going to the long hole, Kirkaldy apparently had made a fine cleek approach over the hazard which guards the green, but, on coming up, the ball was found to be buried, and he lost a stroke and the hole. 3 down and 4 to play. The next proved the deciding hole, and, being won by Jack, he claimed the match by 4 up and 3 to play.

A hearty shake of the hand at the conclusion of the round showed the good feeling of the defeated hero—defeated, but by no means disgraced. The rounds of both were approximately 169 for the 36 holes. The match was for a handsome purse subscribed by the club. White hopes to try his metal against Rolland at no distant date, and, in his present form, and on his own green, he will be hard to beat, and should be heard of in the Championship meeting next June. He does not drive quite so long a ball as some, though in this particular he has improved since leaving North Berwick; but, like so many North Berwick golfers, he is deadly with his mashie approaches, and is also a confident holer out. Kirkaldy's play is too famous to need comment, but the dour way in which he fought an uphill battle was the subject of much admiring remark.

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly competition took place on Saturday, February 24th, and March 1st. The conditions on Saturday were fairly favourable, but the scores ruled high. Mr. F. T. Green's net score of 77 was an exception, and highly creditable.

Thursday.—Handicaps of 16 and under:—Mr. J. Bower, 88, less 12=76; Mr. D. A. Crawford, 100, less 12=88; Mr. E. A. Coutts, 100, less 12=88; Mr. J. Johnstone, 106, less 12=94; Mr. C. B. Edwards, 116, less 16=100; Mr. J. W. Greig, 110, less 8=102; Mr. J. Doleman, 112, less 8=104.

Handicaps over 16.—Mr. J. Bright, 124, less 27=97; Mr. T. G. Mellors, 133, less 27=106; Mr. C. P. Dixon, 140, less 27=113; Mr. A. Baker, 137, less 21=116; Mr. H. Russell, 156, less 27=129.

Saturday.—Handicaps of 16 and under:—Mr. F. T. Green, 93, less 16=77; Mr. J. Hall, 91, less 5=86; Mr. A. N. Bromley, 98, less 12=86; Mr. C. G. Wardle, 100, less 12=88; Mr. R. D. Oswald, 102, less 8=94; Mr. C. F. Dobson, 115, less 16=99; Mr. W. H. Hutton, 119, less 16=103.

Handicaps over 16.—Mr. J. Forman, 105, less 24=81; Mr. J. D. Pearson, 119, less 36=83; Mr. G. C. Hine, 114, less 30=84; Mr. W. Ross, 111, less 24=87; Mr. L. Margetson, 111, less 22=89; Rev. L. Gwynne, 114, less 21=93; Mr. A. Barrow, 111, less 18=93; Mr. "A. Driver," 129, less 36=93; Mr. W. K. Lymbery, 124, less 22=102; Mr. A. Oliver, 130, less 27=103; Mr. R. Edwards, 139, less 36=103; Mr. E. J. Cooper, 130, less 24=106; Mr. A. H. Pearson, 142, less 36=106; Rev. J. Holroyde, 131, less 20=111.

ROYAL WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, March 1st. Very high wind. Mr. E. H. Bachland, (scratch), 86; Mr. J. G. Wood, 107, less 17=90; Mr. C. R. Seymour, 113, less 17=96; Rev. G. Richards, 121, less 24=97; Capt. Russell, 107, less 7=100; Mr. H. Gairlay, 122, less 17=105; Col. Hunt, 129, less 21=108. Several others compete.

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OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

The University teams were very happy in their visit to Sandwich on Saturday when, over St. George's links, Oxford v. Cambridge, hitherto decided at Wimbledon, was played. Every condition was favourable. The weather was very fine, and the course, though some of the greens were not at their best—notably the fourth, sixth, and sixteenth—was in good order. Mr. Linskill was unfortunately unable to get to the match as usual. Oxford fared remarkably well, and their aggregate of 20 holes gave them a majority of 13. Eighteen were equally divided among Messrs. Boger, Mair, and Mitchell, while the Cambridge captain was the most successful on the other side. Play began at 10 o'clock, and the first pair came in soon after noon. Mr. Boger was very successful in his driving and putting, and at one time was 8 up with 7 to play; eventually he finished 6 up, and he did the round in 87. The two captains were all square at the turn; but coming home Mr. Chance played well and finished 4 up. He did the seventeenth in 3, and Mr. Stewart took only 4 for the same hole. Mr. Mair's fine driving was the chief cause of his easy victory over Mr. Upcher, who started badly, losing the first 4 holes. He had reduced the lead to 1 at the turn; but coming in Mr. Mair played very well, taking only 4 for the fifteenth hole, while the 16th he won in 3. Mr. Mitchell gained most of his lead going out, for he turned 5 up, his strokes thus far being 42. There was not much in it coming home; Mr. Mitchell, however, increased his lead by 1 and finished the round in 87. Messrs. Pearson and Low were particularly well matched. For the first three holes Mr. Pearson was a little off his game, and Mr. Low should have won them all, but he lost the first owing to getting an unplayable ball on the course when playing "one off two." The next two holes went to Mr. Low, in 5 and 4. Both played the fourth badly, and Mr. Pearson won it after a lot of bad play. From this point Mr. Pearson's driving was as fine as any that can be seen. He drove the fifth, which was lengthened out a bit, and Mr. Low only got a half with the aid of a good approach. The sixth (Maiden) was won by Mr. Low. Mr. Pearson won the seventh, Mr. Low missing a short putt. Going to the eighth (Hades) Mr. Pearson drove, against a strong wind, past, but to the right of the hole. Mr. Low was not on the green but made a good pitch and won in 3. Playing to the ninth, with a cross wind not favourable, Mr. Pearson carried into the far bunkers in front of the hole from tee, and Mr. Low had hard luck in losing the hole. Mr. Low 2 up. At the tenth Mr. Low was short with his tee shot, and in trying to get home with his driver got caught in the bunker in front of the hole and gave up. At the eleventh Mr. Pearson was past the hole on the edge of the green, and again Mr. Low had to thank his iron for a half (4). At the 12th Mr. Pearson hit another very long shot to within a few yards of the long bunker guarding the green, but missed a short putt, which gave Mr. Low a half (5). Going to the thirteenth Mr. Pearson took his cleek for his second and just caught the top of the bunker, while Mr. Low played short and won the hole in 5. At the fourteenth both were on the green in 2 and an iron; both putted badly; a half in 6. Mr. Low pulled his ball into the rushes on the left of the course at the fifteenth, and took 4 to reach the green; Mr. Pearson won in 5 to 6. The sixteenth was halved in 4. Mr. Low reached the edge of the seventeenth green in 2, and Mr. Pearson not getting a good second required 3 to get into the hollow, and Mr. Low won the hole and the match by 2 and 1 to play. Both were on the home green in a drive and iron; Mr. Low took 3 to hole out, and Mr. Pearson won in 4. Mr. Low 1 up. Messrs. Marshall and Atkinson halved. The former's driving was good, but the latter's capital short game counteracted this advantage. Mr. Atkinson was 3 up at the sixth hole, but only 2 at the turn, after which the play proved very even, and they finished all square. Mr. Le Fleming beat Mr. Smyth by 2 up; Mr. Smyth won two of the last three holes. Messrs. Robson and Marigold were the eighth couple to come in. The former's driving was effective and the latter played a good short game. They were all square at the twelfth hole, and then Mr. Robson finished 2 up. Score:—

OXFORD.	Holes.	CAMBRIDGE.	Holes.
Mr. R. B. Pearson, Brasenose...	0	Mr. J. L. Low, Clare...	1
Mr. F. H. Stewart (capt.), Magdalen ...	0	Mr. A. M. Chance (capt.), Trinity ...	4
Mr. R. H. Mitchell, Balliol ...	6	Mr. H. M. Siddall, Queen's...	0
Mr. R. B. R. Mair, Queen's ...	6	Mr. F. R. Upcher, Clare ...	0
Mr. A. J. Boger, Magdalen ...	6	Mr. H. Glasier, Emmanuel ...	0
Mr. G. M. T. Smyth, Queen's ...	0	Mr. E. K. Le Fleming, Clare	2
Mr. H. E. Atkinson, Exeter...	0	Mr. K. M. Marshall, Trinity...	0
Mr. J. Robson, Trinity ...	2	Mr. F. H. Marigold, Trinity...	0
	20		7

Majority for Oxford 13.

## Reviews.

THE "BADMINTON" GOLF. By Horace G. Hutchinson, Lord Wellwood, Sir W. Simpson, Andrew Lang, H. S. C. Everard, Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., and others. Illustrations by Thomas Hodge and Harry Furniss. Fourth edition, thoroughly revised. London: Longmans, Green & Co. 10s. 6d.

This has undoubtedly been one of the most popular volumes given to the public under the auspices of the Badminton Library of Sports and Pastimes. All golfers know the work so thoroughly that there is no need to enter into a detailed examination of the contents of the book at this time of day, especially as an earlier edition was pretty exhaustively reviewed in these columns more than three years ago. Suffice it to say that the authors have brought their work up to date, and have embodied the facts and the theories in connection with the game which discussion in our columns and experiment in the designing of clubs outside the traditional lines have brought to light from time to time. There was not much for Mr. Andrew Lang to revise in connection with the history of the game, though we think that the curious illustration unearthed by Mr. Horace Hutchinson in the museum at Venice, and entitled "A Raphael at Golf," published in these columns some time ago, might have been noted as an interesting fact connected with the earlier development of the game. Mr. Lang has added a few notes, and in the compass of his modest chapter probably all that is worth knowing of the earlier history of Golf is embodied. Mr. Hutchinson has considerably revised his chapter on "Clubs and Balls," and the name of Willie Park, jun., is now bracketed with that of the late Mr. Henry Lamb as being entitled to some recognition as one of the inventors of the now popular bulger. The Forrester and Carruthers cleeks, the various classes of balls, the Anderson improvements in iron and wooden clubs, Park's patent lofter, the Fairlie iron, and the investigations of Professor Tait as to the flight of a Golf ball have all found mention in this edition. A good deal of new matter has been added to the chapter on "Professionals and Caddies," especially with reference to the opening up of many new greens in the South, and the large inducements thereby held out to well-behaved members of those classes to rise in their profession and become green-keepers. Among the new greens which have been mentioned in the chapter on "Some Celebrated Links" are Muirfield, Tooting Bec, Eltham, Blundellsands, Coventry, Guildford, Minchinhampton, Dinard, Lytham and St. Anne's, Ascot, Epsom, Chorleywood, and many others. Illustrations are added of Muirfield and "The Chalk Pit," Guildford, which, by the way, taken in conjunction with the picture of "The Maiden," at Sandwich, supply an amusing commentary on the recent controversy waged in our columns as to the ethics of showing the line to a blind hole. Mr. Everard's chapter on "Some Celebrated Golfers" is enlarged by about a dozen pages, and is quite up to date. The portraits of Mr. Pat Alexander, Mr. Condie, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. R. Clark have disappeared, and in their places we have Mr. Hilton, Mr. Peter Anderson, the Amateur, and W. Auchterlonie, the Open Champions. There is no mention of the English professional, Taylor, who, judging by the general character of his play with other professionals, notably Rolland, is at least worthy of a line or two to mark the advent of a new school of professionals since the first edition of this work was published. We note also that Mr. Everard has allowed the mis-spelling of Mr. Laidlaw Purves' name to stand uncorrected in the new edition, while Mr. Hutchinson, with a fidelity worthy of a better cause, adheres on page 314 to the Cockneyism "held," when he means to say that a player "holed" his ball.

A new chapter has been added to the volume commemorating the institution of the Ladies' Championship. It is accompanied by two good instantaneous photographs of the first Lady Champion, Lady Margaret Scott, whose fine, free swing off the tee is admirably shown in the portraits. The book, as a whole, has been very carefully revised, and it is certain to receive a hearty welcome from all golfers.

The *English Illustrated Magazine* for March is again an attractive number. The illustrated interview with Monsieur Blondin, as to his experiences on the tight rope is very interesting reading, and so is Mr. Lambert's article on the Carmelites in London. Mr. Phil Robinson contributes an amusing paper on "A Chat with Roaring Alligators," and Mr. Stanley J. Weyman's article "Along the Garonne" is the transcript of some experiences in an out-of-the-way part of France. Mr. Andrew Lang's "Ballad of a Haunted House" is a sly dig at the men and women who people their chambers with the creations of their own morbid imaginations. It is charmingly illustrated withal.

### THE MEETING OF THE GODS.

Uneasy I slept, with the slumber that yields  
Weird dreams and wild visions untold,  
And I dreamt that I stray'd in Elysian fields,  
Playing Golf with the great gods of old.

There were Jupiter, Saturn, and Cælus and all,  
And Cupid with his little bow,  
And they sent down to Pluto a summary call,  
To come up at once from below.

There was Neptune, with trident, and crown on his head,  
As he hurried in, anxious to play,  
He was finishing half of a bloater, he sa'd,  
That he'd picked up in haste on the way.

Fleet Mercury came with his wings on his shoes,  
He had left his pet driver behind,  
But as Jupiter said he was certain to lose  
He didn't so very much mind.

Nimble Ganymede too, came with Hebe so sweet,  
Out of livery, both, for the day  
Doing caddie to Jupiter, who for a treat  
Had allowed them, as caddies, to stay.

Minerva was there looking learned, and cold,  
And Venus, who voted it tame,  
But that was because (at least so I've been told),  
She liked flirting, and hated the game.

'Twas the one big Golf meeting of all of the gods,  
And the din was surprising to hear,  
While Apollo went recklessly laying the odds,  
With a long quill pen stuck in his ear.

Old Jupiter seem'd to be surly and cross,  
For Juno'd just gone out on strike;  
When they asked him the rules he was quite at a loss,  
And said, "You can play as you like."

Diana, I saw, with the bow that she shoots,  
And Achilles, athletic and tall,  
He'd a thick double heel on to one of his boots,  
Being rather afraid of the ball.

Radamanthus presid'd, the rules to enforce,  
Being accustomed to terrible scenes;  
And they wouldn't let Niobe stop on the course,  
Because she would water the greens.

Old Jason was there, clad in orthodox red,  
He claimed forty strokes at the least,  
Compensation, he called it, because, as he said,  
He'd already been thoroughly *fleeced*.

Now, I thought to myself, they are going to begin,  
As I saw them collect on the links,  
But old Bacchus exclaimed, with an imbecile grin,  
"I'll stand every one of you drinks!"

"Of these silly delays," I exclaimed, "what's the use?  
We shall never get round before night,"  
When I heard a loud cry of "Old Cerberus is loose;  
"You'd better get out of the light!"

It was only too true, and 'twas easy to know  
How they'd let the old brute get away ;  
They were having a rollicking time down below,  
As Pluto was out for the day.

On he came just as fast as his legs would allow,  
And dragging his collars and chain,  
And Hercules muttered, his hand to his brow,  
"Can it be that I've got them again?"

With his three heads erect he was close on us now,  
Softly licking his murderous chops,  
And they tried him with "Good dog" and "Pretty bow-wow,"  
And endeavoured to soothe him with sops.

But all was in vain, the gods, thoroughly scared,  
Shouted wildly for Orpheus to come,  
And they hustled him forward, although he declared  
He had left all his music at home.

They said they had seen him, with lyre and with lute,  
Get the animals under his thumb,  
So he played on the niblick instead of a flute,  
And he beat on his bag for the drum.

He played to the brute with his heart and his soul,  
And tried it with jingle and rhyme ;  
But, do what he would, he could never control  
More than two of its heads at a time.

At this juncture there was a diversion, because  
Just then Theseus appeared on the scene,  
And saw Ariadne, who during a pause  
Asked him pointedly where he had been.

Eurydice having got leave for the day,  
Asked Apollo to reckon her score,  
And Orpheus, jealous, omitted to play,  
Leaving Cerberus ready for war.

Then two noble heroes, by Mars being led,  
Advanced bravely, the three in a row,  
They each clapped a caddie-bag on to a head,  
And took him in triumph below.

Andromeda cried, it reminded her so  
(As she fainted away with a scream)  
Of a dragon that once she had happened to know,  
And she woke me—and ended my dream.

ROSE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY.

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1885. Improvements in apparatus for carrying the implements used in the game of Golf.—C. G. Gordon, 35, Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

1956. Improved means for use in Golf scoring and marking, or for similar purposes.—D. H. & E. Kershaw, 104, Colmore Row, Birmingham.

1959. Improvements in wooden Golf clubs.—S. W. Gillett, 17, St. Ann's Square, Manchester.

2248. Improvements in Golf clubs.—Thos. Yeoman, 53, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

2460. Improved Golf scoring appliances. E. Palethorpe, 18, Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

2729. An apparatus for restricting the flight of Golf balls when struck.—J. Jaques, jun., 102, Hatton Garden, London.

#### A CRISIS AT LUFFNESS.

MORE than once within the last twelve months, we have given accounts in our columns of glorious days and interesting matches over Luffness links. Mr. Horace Hutchinson is responsible for the very elliptical expression, "Luffness links are very fine Golf." Every one, however, knows what he means, and every one will agree with him that the Golf to be had at Luffness is very fine. Especially when there is such pressure on some of the neighbouring greens, and brother-golfers, like gadflies, torment one all round, it is pleasant to get away for a day to Luffness links, for as Mr. Hutchinson says,\* "the chances are that you have them to yourself, save for the rabbits and the plovers, and the solitude is an agreeable change from the crowd at North Berwick." But even at Luffness the solitude, which not long ago was such a charm, is not now so certain. The green has been growing in popularity, and the club now numbers no fewer than 400 members. These gentlemen were entitled to expect that with the advent of the railway to this district, they would have greater facilities for reaching the green and having a game, than are now to be had by the buses that run from Longniddry station. Recent events have, however, led up to a crisis which threatens to end in the destruction of the club, or its removal to some other quarter, where of course the old name will have to be abandoned.

How this crisis has come about may only be fully understood by going back briefly over the club's history. There appears to have been golf at Aberlady in very ancient times. One of the Stuart monarchs is said to have made Golf on the links there an excuse for visiting a young lady who lived at Gosford, and the lords of Gosford at various times have been found taking part in the game. The weavers of Aberlady, it is said, were, in the old handloom days, wont to indulge in the game as a recreation, and on Auld Hansel Monday, the general holiday of the county, they used to meet the weavers of Dirleton at Gullane, and have a match at the Golf. In connection with Luffness, Golf was not heard of till within much more recent times. Attached to Luffness estate proper, there was very little link-land suitable for Golf. By purchasing the adjoining estate of Saltcoats, however, the laird of Luffness, the late Mr. Hope, in 1847, became proprietor of Saltcoats links, a tract of golfing territory, or rather a rabbit warren of some 237 acres in extent, running from near Saltcoats farm down to what is now the Luffness club-house. On part of this ground adjoining Luffness, some of the villagers appear, with the encouragement of Mr. Hope, to have begun playing Golf. In 1867, a meeting was held at Aberlady, "to arrange the preliminaries necessary to form a Golf Club," and "it was resolved to request Mr. Hope, of Luffness, to allow the game to be played over the Luffness links, on such conditions as he should arrange." At a second meeting, Mr. Peter Brown, the chairman, read the following letter:—

Luffness, Drem, N.B.  
24th October, 1867.

SIR,—In answer to yours of this day's date, I agree to allow the members of the proposed Golf Club to play over the Luffness links during my pleasure, and for the payment of 1s. per annum. A notice from me that the privilege is withdrawn, to be sufficient announcement of the termination of the privilege.

To Mr. Peter Brown.  
Yours &c.,  
(Signed) H. W. HOPE.

Under this charter—not a very great one—the Luffness Club was formed. At the very outset the club made a great

\* Badminton "Golf," p. 321.

blunder in laying out their course for the greater part over Gullane Common, instead of confining it to the Luffness and Saltcoats links. Not that within the bounds of these, all would have been perpetual calm. About the boundaries of Saltcoats links there were serious disputes, the late George Heriot Stevens, who always championed the rights of the Gullane Commoners, having strong objections to certain Luffness claims, and to the boundaries laid down by the Ordnance Survey when "perambulating" the ground. But for a club bearing the title of "Luffness," and according to its small charter holding its privileges only from the proprietor of Luffness, to make only a few (six holes) on the Luffness ground, and then to make the remaining twelve out of Gullane Common, and call the whole the Luffness Club course was certainly an absurd and fatal error. This becomes apparent, as we trace further the course of events. In the year 1888, what with the increasing demand for play over the green, and owing to some difficulties that had arisen in protecting and keeping the same, Mr. Hope found it necessary to get the club to take a lease of the ground, and have things kept in order. A ten years' lease was entered on. Again the club paid no heed to those who warned them of the absurdity of including so much of Gullane Common in their course. In the six years of this lease several things have happened. There has been the Gullane Common case, in which Lord Low settled that the common was so far the property of the possessor of Dirleton estate, that horse-training could be interdicted over the common. It was not decided that Golf could be interfered with, but the Gullane Club have applied to the proprietors of Dirleton for a lease of the Gullane Golf course, and this has been granted the club for five years, at a small rent per annum. The Gullane Club's action has evidently something to do with the present situation at Luffness. The committee of the Luffness Club have been told that they can no longer be allowed to play over that part of Gullane Common included in their course without permission, and that they must make terms with the proprietors of Dirleton. These terms are not encouraging. The club are not offered a good lease on good conditions, they are to be tenants-at-will, but they are to be tenants. Now there comes in the consideration that the proprietor of Luffness and the proprietor of Dirleton are not particularly friendly, so the troubles of the poor Luffness Club increase and develop. Mr. Hope objects to any compact being made by the Luffness Club with the Dirleton proprietor. If such is entered into, he says he will withdraw the club's permission to play over the Luffness portion of the links as soon as the club's lease terminates. At this stage a new possibility comes up. Mr. Hope has in the last few years been busy laying out and getting into good playing condition, a new Golf green on the Saltcoats links, which runs close by the present Luffness course, and could easily be made the green of the Luffness Club. To the club in its difficulties, this new green is now offered, but it is understood that the rent asked is something like £200 per annum, and that the committee decline to take the ground at this rent. With the Dirleton threat on the one side and the Luffness threat on the other—liable under the one to be sent to the rightabout any day, and under the other to be thrust out of the club-house bag and baggage, and driven off the green at the end of the lease—the crisis at Luffness is certainly serious enough. The committee are between the devil and the deep sea, and the 400 members may well ask what is to be done.

Now we come to the point, to which it is the object of this article to draw attention, in the interest of the members of the Luffness Golf Club. The members, we say, might

well ask what is to be done; but as far as we know the majority of them are in total ignorance of the fact that such a crisis has occurred in the history of the club. It is surely high time that a general meeting of the club should be called, the whole situation discussed, and a definite decision come to by the members as to what is to be done. We are informed, on trustworthy authority, that the committee are in communication with the proprietor of Gosford, the Earl of Wemyss, and that there is a likelihood that a course may be obtained there along the sea-shore by Craighelaw. That would be a good enough course perhaps, and it would be interesting if the ancient and the modern game met together on Gosford Links. But are the committee, even in coquetting with Gosford, not going too far, without a mandate from the club? Surely they are. We certainly hold no brief for the proprietor of Luffness. More than once we have shown that the very opposite is the case. But in this matter we venture to suggest that the Luffness Club might consider whether the proposal made by Mr. Hope is not really one which the club would be wise to adopt. Perhaps the rent of the new green at Saltcoats may be modified. But when one considers the great advance of Golf, and the consequent rise in the value of Golf ground, is it so much out of the way? Let the members of Luffness note what is paid at Muirfield for a course not so good, what is paid at North Berwick for some space to enlarge that course, what is paid at many of the large Southern clubs, like Tooting and Eltham, and then they will not perhaps think Mr. Hope so exorbitant. Ten shillings per annum from each member would meet the rent. How many would gladly give that if only they could get a course they could call their own, secured to them under conditions that would ensure safety and peace? Be it remembered, also, that hundreds of pounds have been spent on the new course by Mr. Hope, that old Tom laid it out for him, and has returned more than once to guide the operation of perfecting its condition. All this is in favour of the proposal. As regards Mr. Hope, the golfers must all acknowledge that he has done a great deal for their interest, and by giving annually valuable prizes he has shown his desire for the club's welfare. For long he got merely a nominal sum, and since the lease of ten years was entered on the payment by the club has still been very small—some £20 a year or so. It cannot, therefore, be said that he has fattened his estate at their expense. There has also to be considered the coming of the railway to Aberlady and Gullane, and the situation of the Golf course thereto. The railway, as shown on amended plan, comes close past the new links, while it keeps a long way distant from Gosford. Even if no station were made near Luffness, the Gullane Station would be as near the new Saltcoat links as that at Aberlady would be to Gosford. It may do well enough to have a links at Gosford for the Aberlady villagers, but to us it appears that the players who come from Edinburgh and elsewhere would find the Saltcoats links by far the most useful. There, also, they would find themselves in close proximity to Gullane, and if resident there they could find room at Saltcoats when Gullane, as now often happens, is uncomfortably crowded. There is this to be added, that any who have tried the Saltcoats course speak highly of it. Thus, one of our most celebrated players, who has recently, with Tom Morris, gone several times round the green, puts down the following as distinct recommendations of the Saltcoats green, viz.: long driving, accurate putting, splendid approaches, beautiful soft, yielding turf, hazards in great variety, heavy punishment for bad play, good treatment for good play, all clubs brought into requisition; and the same

player adds, "I would prefer to play over the new course when completed, to any of the courses in the neighbourhood." This is high praise, but we have gone over the course and can attest its correctness from our own experience. We understand that Mr. Hope's proposal is not simply to ask the club to adopt this new green as it stands. The present club-house would remain the same, the six holes on the Luffness Estate would continue to be used, and the new course would be added in any way thought best by the club. Mr. Hope is also quite willing that the membership should be increased, and that a good lease be given of the ground. We strongly urge the Luffness Club seriously to consider their position, for we are convinced that if the present crisis is not met by accepting Mr. Hope's offer the club will regret only once, and that always, that they were so unwise.

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#### FORFARSHIRE.

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The tie for the Miller cup between Messrs. William Douglas, William Mudie, and Charles Philp, of the Broughty Club, was played off on Monifieth links on Saturday afternoon. Play being under handicap, Mr. Philp, with a score of 97, was most below his average, and won the trophy.

The members of the Monifieth club played their opening competition on Saturday, when the Panmure medal was played for. There was a large turn-out, over sixty members entering. At the close it was found that Messrs. Wm. Hutcheson and Wm. Still had tied for the trophy, at the good score of 81 strokes each. The next in order were:—Mr. Wm. Donaldson, 84; Mr. David Dempster, 85; Mr. Wm. Harris, 85; Mr. William Lorimer, 85; Mr. George Wright, 86; Mr. Thomas Brimer, 87; Mr. Alexander Hutchison, 87; Mr. D. L. Low, 87; Mr. George Pearson, 87; Mr. William Young, 88; Mr. David Anderson (Grange), 89; and Mr. John Hendry, 89.

The final tie for the Millar cup, presented for average competition among the members of the Montrose Mercantile Club, by Mrs. R. H. Millar, of Blair Castle, was played over the Montrose course in fine weather on Saturday. The finalists were Mr. William Vallentine, representing the players of the first class, and Mr. John Douglas, the winner of all the heats in the second class. After a close match the cup was won by the latter by two strokes.

On Saturday the play of the Carnoustie and Taymouth Club, was opened for the season, when there was a big turn-out of members. The gold cross was competed for, in addition to the usual sweepstakes. On the cards being handed in, it was found Mr. George A. Low was the winner of the cross with 87. The sweepstakes resulted:—1, Mr. John Dewars, 98, at average; 2, Mr. James Murray, 100, 1 above; 3, Mr. Alexander Nairn, 95, 2 above; 4, Mr. George A. Low, 87, 3 above; and 5, Mr. Thomas Mill, 109, 5 above.

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**EDINBURGH FORFARSHIRE GOLF CLUB.**—The annual general meeting was held in Dowell's Rooms on Monday evening, 26th ult., when the secretary's and the treasurer's reports, which showed the club to be in a sound condition, were submitted and unanimously approved of. It was announced that Mr. W. B. Cathbert had proved the winner of the President of the Association's prize; and that the winners of the club charm and other prizes in the monthly competitions were Messrs. A. Steel, J. C. Robbie, and D. Edgar. Office-bearers and committee were appointed for the ensuing year as follows:—Captain, Mr. D. Anderson; vice-captain, Mr. S. Mackenzie; secretary, Mr. J. C. Robbie; treasurer, Mr. D. Henderson, jun.; members of committee, Mr. H. M. Wallace, W. P. Wighton, A. Steel, and J. S. Officer.

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**HONESTAS (LATE LARKS) CLUB, MUSSELBURGH.**—At a general meeting of this club held on the 28th ult., it was unanimously agreed that the name of the club should be changed, the name "Larks" being now a misnomer. When the club was formed in 1883, the competitions were all played in the early morning, members being disqualified if not present by 6.45 a.m. Since then the competitions have been extended to the whole day, and Thursday, being now a half-holiday, is fixed for these events. The quartly cup and prize competition takes place on the third Thursday of February, May, August, and November. The monthly medal has also been abolished, and inter-club and private matches substituted.



We have not had long to wait for the initiative towards one of the finest matches which Southern golfers will ever witness, if it can be satisfactorily arranged. In another column will be found a challenge by Willie Park, jun., to play Douglas Rolland for £50 a-side during the Championship meeting at Sandwich. This will be a battle royal, and no mistake; and every one who has had the pleasure of seeing Willie Park play in one of his big matches will admit that Rolland has in him a foeman worthy of his best efforts, and one who will not be easily settled. It is to be hoped in the highest interests of the game that Rolland's many supporters will see that the challenge is accepted with alacrity.

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Among Joint-Stock companies registered in Scotland last week, there is the "Scottish Golf Club Manufacturing Company, Limited"—to carry into effect an agreement for the purchase from Mr. Daniel Fraser, gun and rifle maker, Edinburgh, of two machines for the manufacture of Golf-club heads, &c. Capital, £5,000, in 5,000 shares of £1 each." This is the company, to the formation of which we recently referred, whose operations will doubtless considerably affect the club-making industry.

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Mr. Robert Simpson, Carnoustie, has on view in his workshop two patent Golf-clubs, a putting cleek and a mashie. The patentee is Mr. William Ballingall, of Dundee, the well-known amateur golfer, whose idea, as embodied in the clubs, is unique, alike for its simplicity and practicability. The putting cleek has an ordinary sized blade, with a sole-plate extending some distance behind, so as to afford a rest to the player while putting. The plate extends the entire length of the back of the blade, is semicircular in shape, and at its greatest width is about half an inch broad. Besides this, the lower edge of the cleek is so completely rounded away as to make it impossible to catch the ground when striking the ball, the sole-plate enabling the club to "skid" along the surface. Those accustomed to the ordinary putting iron will at once see the benefit to be derived from the patent, which will enable players to putt with greater ease and precision. The mashie has also a sole-plate, which differs but slightly from that of the cleek, and has the great advantage of allowing the golfer to take liberties with the ground without the risk of lifting turf. An iron club which does not disturb the turf should command a ready market amongst golfers of all classes. The bottom edge is ground away to reduce ball-hacking to a minimum—a decided advance on the ordinary mashies.

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**IRISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.**—We are enabled to state that the above Championship, which is restricted to amateurs—Irish born and resident—will take place this year upon the grand green of the County Down Golf Club at Newcastle, on April 12th, 13th, and 14th. The Championship, at present held by that sterling sportsman, Mr. Thos. Dickson, is the only item on the programme; but the County Down Club have generously offered a fine consolation prize for those defeated in the first

round (the competition being by holes). The arrangement to hold the Championship meeting in April leaves the council of the club free to hold their Easter meeting as usual, at which there will be some open competitions. The green at Newcastle, since Mr. J. Ball, jun., won the Irish Open Championship last September, has been somewhat improved. Mr. F. G. Tait fixed the record, as lately reported in our columns, at 76; and if any aspiring golfers wish to lower this figure, the Easter meeting will afford them a good opportunity. The golfer's railway and boat ticket, from any part of Great Britain to Newcastle, is a marvel of cheapness.

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Special arrangements have been made by the committee of the Ladies' Golf Union for the accommodation of ladies for the Championship at Littlestone. The first floor of the Grand Hotel, Littlestone, has been reserved for members of clubs subscribing to the Union, and the special charge will be 9s. 6d. a day, inclusive. The charge for members of non-subscribing clubs, in other parts of the hotel, will be 10s. 6d. *per diem*. Rooms should be secured by writing at once to the manager of the Grand Hotel, stating membership, or otherwise.

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Mr. H. S. Colt writes:—"The course of the Rye Golf Club is on the Sussex coast, in the neighbourhood of Rye, and only twelve miles by train from Hastings. The round consists of eighteen holes, and there is at present an excellent course which is, however, going to be altered and greatly improved and lengthened. The links resemble greatly those of Leven. A range of sand-hills extends for some two miles along the sea shore, sheltering the course from the sea, and affording a grand series of hazards, which have been very carefully utilised in laying out the course. Inland there is a fine stretch of good golfing ground, with turf affording even at present excellent lies. This ground is undulating and bounded by water dikes, which cause straight driving to be necessary, and crossing this stretch of ground there are smaller ridges which form natural hazards. No artificial bunkers will be necessary, and the whole course will be perfectly natural. There are a great number already of excellent natural greens, and it will only be necessary to make a few artificial ones. Holes of good length will be the rule and not the exception, requiring one, two, or three full shots from tee to green, and blind holes are being avoided as far as possible. The ground has been secured on a lease for twenty-one years, at a very moderate rent. A hotel is about to be built on the course, and the club will be provided with rooms for its exclusive use. The country all round is charming, and Rye is a very picturesque old town. Already over one hundred members have joined, and we are going to raise the entrance fee when 150 is reached. The entrance fee is one guinea, and the annual subscription one guinea."

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Crieff and Callander are both advertising for parties to keep their respective greens. There are so many small earthquakes in the district, especially about Crieff, that those engaging would require not to take in hand to keep the green from disappearing altogether, or to preserve it as it stands.

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With reference to the suggestion of "An Old Golfer," proposing a foursome between Douglas Rolland and Jack Simpson against two other professionals, we are asked to call his attention to the forthcoming foursome between D. Rolland (Limpsfield) and R. B. Wilson (Beckenham), versus Hugh Kirkaldy (Oxford) and J. White (Chesterford Park, late North Berwick), to be

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played on the Frith Park links on Easter Tuesday, March 27th. "I might mention," adds our correspondent, "that these links were laid out by Hugh Kirkaldy, and are highly praised, and that D. Rolland reported very favourably of them when he inspected them a short time ago on behalf of the committee."

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The Willesden Golf Club have secured the services of Jack Irvine (assistant greenkeeper Cinque Ports Club) as their professional. There is every indication that the course will be in first-rate playing order this coming season.

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The two great meetings of the year have now been fully arranged. The Amateur Championship takes place at Hoylake, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 25th, 26th, and 27th April. It is pleasant again to see the name of Mr. Potter, the hon. secretary, under the announcement; but this, we believe, will be the last time, as the Prime Minister of Hoylake Golf, to the great regret of the club, has resignation ahead. The 11th and 12th of June are the days fixed for the Open Championship at Sandwich, and on the 13th the St. George's vase, the blue ribbon of the green, is to be played for. Very opportunely, a match has also been arranged, Gentlemen *v.* Players, eight a-side, on the Friday and Saturday following. A thorough good repast is therefore on this occasion furnished out of the *Sandwich* arrangement, which is not generally supposed to satisfy either a golfing or any other appetite.

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One more I name—and only one—but he  
Was older far, and lower in degree—  
Great Davie Robertson, the eldest cad,  
In whom the good was stronger than the bad.  
He sleeps in death! and with him sleeps a skill  
Which Davie, statesmanlike, could wield at will.  
Sound be his slumbers! Yet, if he should wake  
In worlds where Golf is played, himself he'd shake,  
And look about, and tell each young beginner,  
"I'll gie half ane—nae mair—as I'm a sinner."  
He leaves a son, and Allan is his name,  
In golfing far beyond his father's fame;  
Tho' in diplomacy, I shrewdly guess,  
His skill's inferior, and his fame is less!

In the above lines, Carnegie, in his "Golfiana," extols the merits of Davie Robertson, a famous St. Andrews caddie, and father of the famous Allan, to whom he was evidently, in some respects, superior. Can Dr. Macpherson, who is the Boswell of Allan Robertson, or can some older golfer, give a countryman some fuller information about father Davie Robertson than is furnished in Carnegie's lines?

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The past winter has been noted for sudden changes, and for wind and rain. A North man says it was "From Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand" and back again continually, but on the whole it was much more favourable for the use of Golf clubs than curling stones. The immense rainfall of February will no doubt greatly benefit most Golf greens. Its full effect will be seen when the season comes round. Nature knows what she is doing, and no doubt much water was needed, as in many, and more especially sandy districts, water was really scarce, and old wells showed signs of drying up that had never before been seen to fail. The wettest place in the world is Greenock—Sugaropolis, as it is called—the city arms being a duck with an umbrella up. They golf there, but it must surely be in Mackintosh if not in Ulster, for they had only two dry days in February. While 7 or 8 inches fell elsewhere Greenock had about double that amount. Mr. Barclay, the editor of "A Batch of Golfing Papers," who was some time ago appointed to the chief church of Sugaropolis, has been very successful in his work, and is quite a favourite in the rainy town.

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The committee in charge of the *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch* tournament, which is annually played over the Braids course, have had to deal with cases where players entered certain clubs just for the purpose of taking part in this competition, they not being otherwise *bonâ-fide* members of the club they played for.



The committee have passed the following Rule :—"That the four players who represent each competing club must have been entered for six months prior to the tournament, and have taken part in any competition of their club held during these six months, any exceptional circumstances connected with the latter qualification to be decided by the "Tournament Committee."

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THE SCIENCE OF GOLF.—"Golf is a science which, simple as it appears to the tyro, demands a combination of qualities not always found together—a ready hand, a fine eye, a cool head, prudence, promptness, and *pluck*. The battle is not to the strong, and mere brute force is of little service on the green; for Golf must be played 'with brains'; and the first-rate golfer is generally the man who, if bred to arms, would make a dashing soldier, or, if bred to the law, a sound counsellor and judge. Luck, no doubt, enters into the play, but then luck, here as elsewhere in the world, commonly attends the man who knows how to make the most of it; or as Tom Alexander used to say in his shrewd way, 'Luck's a lord, if it's weel guidet.'" —*Macmillan's Magazine*, VIII. p. 410.

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Mrs Mary Georgiana Constance Nisbet Hamilton-Ogilvy, of Belhaven and Dirleton, with consent of her husband, Henry Thomas Nisbet Hamilton-Ogilvy, as heiress of entail, in possession of the Dirleton estate, has presented a petition to the Lords of Council and Session for authority to grant feus and long leases of certain parts of the said entailed estate. This is another proof of the progress of Golf in East Lothian, for it is on the above estate that the ground is chiefly situated which will be required by those who wish to build in this golfing locality. At Gullane several new houses are now being built.

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Mr. D. R. Kemp, who has left Edinburgh to be manager of "Dalgety and Co.," in London, had a handsome presentation made to him by the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, in their club-house, on Saturday last. Outside of the Company his friends in Edinburgh and district also recognised his kindness and worth by presenting him with a valuable chiming-clock and other gifts.

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The Haddington Ladies' Club have got permission to lay out a Golf course on the Clerkington Estate in a field adjoining the Haddington Curling Pond. The course will be a very good one when completed, the situation being convenient for the town, and the turf very old and suitable for Golf.

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A new Golf course of nine holes has been laid out by Tom Dunn, on the estate of Mr. J. P. Rodger, Hadlow Castle, near Tonbridge, Kent. The ground is highly suitable, being undulating and dry, with plenty of hazards in the shape of streams, ditches and hedges. The green will be private.

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Another private nine-hole course has been laid out by Dunn, on the property of Mr. Brooke, Leylands, Wootton, near Dorking. The ground is nearly a hundred feet above sea level, and is surrounded by most picturesque scenery.

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We have received from the Rev. T. W. Goddard, Hon. Secretary of the Nazing Golf Club, Waltham Cross, a new scorer called the "Abacus." As in other contrivances having the same end in view, the design is to surmount the inconvenience of pencil and scoring card. The arrangement of the new marker is a novel one, the strokes being noted by means of small beads on wires, enclosed in a small, light wooden frame. The construction is simple, and the cost is cheap, though one disadvantage against its extended use in the present form is its larger size as compared with other novelties in the same direction. But the chief point is whether it is equally serviceable to players, and on this head each golfer must decide for himself by trial and comparison.

We understand that the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews have purchased the links for £5,000. The club has agreed to make a new course alongside the present one, at a cost for making of £2,000, besides paying a yearly rental of £150.

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We have received from R. B. Wilson, professional attached to the Beckenham Golf Club, one of his mashie cleeks. It is short in the blade, about the breadth of an ordinary iron, and is beautifully finished. In his recent big matches with Sayers, at Norwich, Taylor, at Lytham and St. Anne's, and with Tom Dunn at Tooting, Rolland played with this club; and nothing could be finer than the length of balls he got with it. Indeed, it was by its use at the last hole at Norwich that Rolland was enabled to carry the big hazard, land on the green, win the hole in 3, and halve the match. It is unquestionably a neat and highly serviceable weapon, which is meeting with a good sale.

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John Dunn, Professional attached to the Prince's Golf Club, Mitcham, writes :—"Golfers residing in the neighbourhood of Henley-on-Thames will be glad to know that a Golf course has been laid out at Peppard Common, three miles from the town of Henley. The spot chosen is a breezy common, with very undulating ground, and the soil is light, with chalky sub-soil. The turf throughout is really perfect, and Nature has designed six holes that no one could ever get tired of playing (except, perhaps, physically). Without going into a detail of the round there are two features that I cannot let pass without mention. The tee, going to number three hole, is on the brink of a deep chalk-pit of horse-shoe formation. The drive for the first hundred yards is over this appalling abyss on to fine turf sloping down to the valley, but the long driver can have a grand shot by clearing a road quite 160 yards from the tee on to a plateau on the other side of the valley. The next exceptionally sporting shot is driving to hole five. The drive is from the valley on to the top of the hill. This shot requires excellent judgment, as the face of the hill is covered with furze, with the exception of a lane about forty yards wide, from the tee to the hole, which is situated in a pretty cup-like hollow about twenty feet below the surrounding ground. A room has been engaged in the Red Lion Inn for the convenience of members and their friends. The first tee and last hole are not twenty yards from the inn. The course will be ready for play by Easter. All requisites for the game may be procured from Bosley, saddler, Henley-on-Thames.

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The gentleman who writes the "Golf Notes" in the *Manchester Courier* appears to have a curious notion of the duties of the editor of a daily newspaper. Writing of the Oxford University "Past v. Present" match, last week, he says :—"A remarkable instance of 'Golf' keenness was displayed. Mr. G. E. Buckle, the editor of the *Times* and formerly Fellow of All Souls, was unable, owing to his arduous duties, to play at the proper time. He, however, caught the 12.30 train from Paddington to Oxford, drove four miles to Hincksey, where the ground lies, won his match, drove back, caught the 5.30 train to town, and resumed his work at the *Times* office the same night." All very capital, if it were only true. The contributor to a daily newspaper ought to know that there is no work for the editor on a Saturday night at his office, and that not even the *Times* is open for work on that evening. Saturday is a *dies non* in newspaper life; and what Mr. Buckle probably did was to get back to attend some important political or social function.

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THE POSITION OF THE UMPIRE AT GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Now that we are in the full swing of another year, and that a few months will bring us to the Amateur Championship. I should like to elicit your opinion and that of other Golf authorities on the question of what the proper attributes and status of the umpire at Golf should be.

At present, so far as I know, the umpire invariably plays a passive rôle and does not awaken into active existence until appealed to by one of the players. His position is, therefore, in some respects similar to that of the umpire at cricket. Now, at cricket it is perfectly right that the umpire should wait for the player's appeal, for it is very rare that any doubtful point escapes the notice of one of the fielding eleven, be it bowler, wicket-keeper, or fielder. The players are always near enough to see everything that goes on, and if the umpire is not appealed to when he ought to be the fault is with the supineness or inattention of the fielding eleven. But even at cricket he is not entirely passive, as he has active powers in the matter of calling wides and no balls, for in these matters he is acting, so to speak, on behalf of the side that is in and seeing that fair play is strictly preserved for them.

Now, in a Golf match, it seldom happens that the players are always so near to one another that they can see all each other's strokes; thus, if any doubtful point arises when they are wide apart, it cannot be settled unless the umpire have active powers. A case admirably illustrating the point I wish to drive home occurred in the Amateur Championship a few years ago: In a closely contested match, between two players of the highest class, it happened that one of them at a very critical stage of the match found his ball in a seemingly hopeless lie. The other player was too far off to see his adversary's stroke; the latter managed to get his ball out, but in doing so made what seemed to the bystanders to be undoubtedly a foul stroke. The player himself was probably unconscious of this, under the effort of hammering sand, turf and ball out together. Possibly he did not make a foul stroke. The umpire saw the stroke, but, as the player said nothing and his adversary from ignorance could not appeal, he could take no action. Thus, in the minds of those who were watching the match, a point which, if raised, might have had a grave influence on the result of a very close match was never even mooted. I do not say that the decision would have been against the player, but the point would have been decided one way or the other, and have left no one the possibility of throwing a doubt on the matter afterwards. Now, such a matter would never have remained unsettled if the umpire's status were assimilated to that of the umpire at football and he were given active as well as passive powers.

To my mind, for important matches, such as the Amateur Championship, there ought to be two umpires and a referee, one umpire to each of the players and a referee to decide any point on which the umpires differed. These umpires should have active powers and should not wait for the player's appeal if anything occurred which seemed to them to require their interference; the player's power of appeal would of course also remain. Under such a system no possible taint of injustice

could rest on any match, and every one would feel that every precaution had been taken to give every player an absolutely fair chance. I do not wish for a moment to imply that any unfairness has ever occurred during any of the Amateur Championships; it is the possibility of such a thing which ought to be eliminated.

I think, therefore, that it would be an excellent thing if you, Sir, would start a discussion on this subject, so that if you and others are of my opinion the Hoylake authorities may be induced to take some action in the direction of defining the powers of the umpire or umpires, as the case may be, and to clothe him or them with active powers of initiative. Should they do so their lead would undoubtedly be followed by the other clubs concerned with the Amateur Championship, and the position of the umpire in all important matches would be accurately and satisfactorily defined.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
ERNEST LEHMANN.

### INNOVATIONS IN SCORING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The correspondence which has ensued from the two proposals mentioned in my letter to you of the 12th ult., shows that there is considerable interest taken in the methods and manners of playing and scoring at Golf. This makes me hope that something may yet be done in the way of restoring what many consider to be the fairer rules—as they are certainly the older rules—and in regulating the new methods which have arisen since the game has become so popular “furth of Scotland.”

In answer to “A Conservative Player,” I have to say that I agree with him in thinking that “Golf is Golf” and not cricket, and that I see no reason why the method of scoring at the latter game should regulate the scoring at the former, nor, if it be thought desirable by the majority, why the mode of scoring in the comparatively new innovation of inter-club match play should not be improved upon.

As to whether “Old Tom” agrees or not with the new proposal I cannot say, but, from what I know of Tom Morris, I am sure he would welcome any change in rule or method of which he thought well, irrespective of the source from which it originated. It may surprise your correspondent to learn, but I give it as a fact for which I can vouch, that Tom Morris was a strong supporter of the rule proposed by a majority of the special committee appointed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in 1890, to abolish stimpies; certainly the most radical change from old rules and traditions proposed by that committee.

To the request of “Senex” I would say that committees might find some difficulty in admitting the competition scores of a competitor who has (1) putted with a croquet mallet, used as a pendulum acting on the ball from a position between his legs; or (2) putted out with a billiard cue; or (3) used the shaft of a club in the manner in which a billiard cue is usually employed; or (4) lofted a stimpie by lofting the ball towards him. I may be mistaken on this, and trust that committees will find no difficulty in dealing with such innovations, but will agree with me in thinking that the game of Golf must be played with a Golf club, and that a croquet mallet or billiard cue is as much out of place on a Golf green as a cricket bat would be on a billiard table, or a tennis bat on a cricket pitch.

I regret that I cannot, as one “of the old school of golfers” of which he writes, agree with “Senex” in thinking that “the old school are deservedly proud of the laws of the game”; and if he will make himself acquainted with the history of the rules, he will find that the changes and innovations in the laws of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, since the boyhood of the old school, are more numerous than the rules themselves.

Let me remind your correspondents that competitions under handicap, inter-club matches, “Bogey” competitions, and tournaments, are comparatively new innovations, and may require special rules apart from those regulating singles and four-somes; and that to talk against a proposal because it is an

innovation is idle, as I do not believe there are five rules in the old Royal and Ancient code which have not been changed in one way or another since I first played Golf. Happily, the Royal and Ancient Club does not take such a view as regards innovations, but gradually, very gradually, adopts in small fragments, rules which it rejected as a whole.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

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### GOLF AT KILLARNEY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It may be of interest to some of your readers to know that, in addition to the enchanting scenery of Killarney, the visitor who has the good fortune to be a golfer can now have all the delights of "Ye Royal and Ancient Game" on capital links. The Earl of Kenmare has most kindly given the use of his deer park, and has become president of the local club, which is established.

There is ample space in this beautiful park for a course of eighteen holes, but the committee are working prudently, and are endeavouring to make the tee grounds and putting-greens for nine holes as perfect as possible.

The distances of the holes are as follows. viz. :—No. 1, the Flatwood Hole, 347 yards; No. 2, the Forrest Hole, 335 yards; No. 3, the Spring Bunker, 417 yards; No. 4, the Turret Hill Hole, 319 yards; No. 5, the Watergate Hole, 438 yards; No. 6, the Valley Hole, 247 yards; No. 7, the Hole in the Wall Hole, 170 yards; No. 8, the Race Course Hole, 333 yards; No. 9, the Home Quarry Hole, 339 yards; total, 2,945 yards.

There is a short break in the round, between Nos. 2 and 3, owing to a beech wood—too thick to play through at present, but a passage will come with the eighteen holes of the future—350 yards out, and the same returning, between Nos. 7 and 8, adds 700 yards to the above total, as the accurate measurement of the course.

The natural hazards are not numerous, but some of them are of a formidable character. At the start the drive must be a clean hundred yards to get on the safe side of a quarry, and straight to keep out of trouble; for any serious drawing or slicing would land the ball in bracken fern on the one side or in the jungle on the other. The bunker at No. 3 hole is full of difficulties, to get round it, through, or over. A crack player will endeavour to loft it; but should the daring shot not come off, a muddy ball, a muddled score, and muddy muddled language is likely to follow. The Rabbit Warren approaching the Turret Hill hole is dangerous ground—a local rule allows the ball to be dropped with a penalty of one stroke, should the one in play be swallowed up, which sometimes happens. Surprising what desperate attempts are made by our members to lose balls in the countless burrows. The great ambition is to clear the warren in a drive, but no such carry has as yet been accomplished except in dreams.

The view from the putting green on the Turret Hill is one of the most superb imaginable. No matter how exciting the match, there are few who do not pause to glance round at the glorious prospect—the distant mountains encircling the glittering Lakes—and to inhale the fresh breeze, straight up from the sea.

The noble red deer are often met in this lonely corner of the park, and are spectators of a pursuit which does not seem to put them out in the least.

On the way to the Watergate—the long hole—an artificial bunker has been erected, a veritable Burmese stockade, which takes no little skill to circumvent. Other imposing obstacles will arise in time. At the home hole the quarry has to be again negotiated, where a successful approach shot becomes a thing of joy. Now, to enable visitors to find our links, cards will be issued by the hon. secretary to the managers of the principal hotels, which can be had on payment of a small fee. Caddies have been "planted," and genuine golfers will know how rapid is the growth of

this species, so there will be no lack of "gorsoons to show his Honour the course."

Will one or more of your readers kindly advise, through your columns, how best to destroy moss without breaking the surface? Notwithstanding cutting and rolling we have rather too much "velvety" turf.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
WALTER BUTLER,  
Captain and hon. secretary.

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### SHAPE OF CLUBS, AND POSITION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The specious arguments employed by "Senex," in your last week's issue, protesting against any additions to, or alterations of, the rules, whereby either the shape of clubs, or position of player be defined, seem to suggest that he either uses some unorthodox shape of club, or adopts some peculiar stance which he fears may come within the compass of any such new rule.

Were the shape of clubs once defined, and "regulation" measurements adopted, limiting the extremes of length, width, and depth of wooden, and iron club-heads; also prohibiting the attachment, or insertion, of the shaft in any other way than to, or into, the neck (*i.e.*, the lateral prolongation of the head) we should not alone get rid of the numerous and unsightly abominations masquerading as Golf clubs, but—still more to the purpose—we should hear no more discussion as to what position a player should, or should not, adopt.

I am, Sir, &c.  
JUVENIS.

P.S.—We shall soon have the "Hockey-knockers"—to give the wielders of these ghastly shaped clubs a name—clamouring for a square hole on the putting green!!

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I hope that the letter signed "Senex" will bring an avalanche of opposition upon its writer.

Though I have only recently taken to playing (of course, men whom I know I can beat, call it crowding the green), I have for many years had to listen to and understand "Golf shop," and I think that the way in which the traditions of the game are being invaded is too horrible, and should be checked by the most precisely worded rules.

In the dear old days of croquet I did not use a Golf club when playing against my brothers. Why should their sons now, on the putting-green use a croquet mallet when playing Golf against me? Golf, forsooth! And the mean methods of some men do not even stop at croquet mallets, but extend to the position in which they are used. Fancy a man (I can't call him a golfer) taking so mean an advantage as to appropriate his wife's household flat-iron, knock off the handle, fit a shaft to the middle of the heavy part, and call it a "putter," and swing it like a pendulum between his feet to strike the ball. Of course a girl's dress prevents her from doing this, so, in the absence of a rule against it, the man gets an unfair advantage.

By all means, dear Mr Editor, let us have a rule (and please make it, please do make it, very soon), that will frustrate such horrid unfairness, and abolish both the ugly clubs and the ugly attitude in which they are used.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
A GOLFING SPINSTER.

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### SMOLLETT AND GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Some time ago a friend of mine told me that there was a reference to Golf in Smollett's "Humphry Clinker." I have looked out the passage, and think perhaps some of your

readers who take an interest in the literature of Golf, may like to see what Smollett says about the game.

I may just mention that "Humphry Clinker" was published in 1771.

"I never saw such a concourse of genteel company at any races in England as appeared on the course of Leith. Hard by, in the fields called the Links, the citizens of Edinburgh divert themselves at a game called Golf, in which they use a curious kind of bats tipped with horn, and small elastic balls of leather stuffed with feathers, rather less than tennis-balls, but of a much harder consistence. This they strike with such force and dexterity from one hole to another, that they will fly to an incredible distance. Of this diversion the Scotch are so fond, that, when the weather will permit, you may see a multitude of all ranks, from the senator of justice to the lowest tradesman, mingled together in their shirts, and following the balls with the utmost eagerness. Among others, I was shown one particular set of Golfers, the youngest of whom was turned of four-score. They were all gentlemen of independent fortunes, who had amused themselves with this pastime for the best part of a century, without having ever felt the least alarm from sickness or disgust, and they never went to bed without having each the best part of a gallon of claret in his belly. Such uninterrupted exercise, co-operating with the keen air from the sea, must, without all doubt, keep the appetite always on edge, and steel the constitution against all the common attacks of distemper."

I am, Sir, &c.,  
DAVID MUNRO.

Littlehampton, Sussex.

### GOLF AT HASTINGS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you or some of your readers kindly inform me about Hastings Golf Club, whether there is a ladies' links, and if not, whether Ladies can play on the gentlemen's links? I am going to stay at Hastings for a fortnight, at Easter, and shall be glad to know particulars of the club there.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
VIOLET HANSON.

[We understand that the ladies play round the gentlemen's course, the ground not being sufficient to admit of a separate ladies' course. Lady players start at the second hole, the first hole being too steep for ladies to climb the hill. A room is set apart for the accommodation of ladies in the gentlemen's club-house.—ED.]

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

B.—Both in medal and match play A must lift his ball, without a penalty, off the putting green and drop it at the side on the course.

A SUBSCRIBER.—(1.) No; the hole was not lost by changing the ball, because the rule gives the option to do this in the case of a ball in water. (2.) The ball striking the player's club while dropping the ball would not entail the loss of the hole; but in the event of your not being satisfied with the legitimacy of the drop, you could ask the player to re-drop.

A PROFESSIONAL match of thirty-six holes will be played over the Bentley Green course on Saturday, March 17th, between Philip Wynne of North Berwick, who is at present engaged at Bentley, and Thomson, the Felixstowe professional.

THE committee of the Disley Golf Club have engaged Gourlay, late of Bowdon, as greenkeeper, and have also taken the whole of School Lane Farm House.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—With unfavourable weather on Saturday, the St. Nicholas Club competed for the vice-captain's prizes. The cards showing the following were the best scores for the round of eighteen holes:—Mr. James Andrew, 85; Mr. D. Meikle, 88; Mr. J. G. Macfarlane, 89; Mr. John Gray, 91; Mr. C. L. Macfarlane, 92; Mr. D. Moore, 93; Mr. John Wallace, 93; Mr. A. Boon, 94.



### ABERDEEN.

ABERDEEN CLUB.—The members of this club competed over the Balgowrie links on Saturday, for the monthly scratch medal, and the Pickop-Dutton handicap cup. The day was fine and favourable for low scoring. Mr. J. M. Ferguson won both prizes with the brilliant score of 76, which is the record for a medal round on the extended course. Mr. Ferguson completed the first half of the round in 34. The following were the scores handed in:—Mr. J. M. Ferguson (scratch), 76; Mr. W. C. H. Jopp, 86, less 5=81; Mr. L. S. Anderson, 80, plus 3=83; Mr. C. F. W. Deans-Dundas, 87, less 2=85; Mr. A. W. Mitchell, 90, less 5=85; Mr. W. F. Orr, 83, plus 3=86; Mr. W. D. Davidson, 91, less 5=86; Dr. J. Moir, 93, less 6=87; Prof. Harrower, 98, less 8=90; Dr. J. S. Riddell, 100, to=90.

BON-ACCORD CLUB.—The members of this club held a competition over the links course on Saturday, for Chancellor Maitland's and Mr. Leith's prizes, when, for the former, Mr. John Duthie, 88, less 13=75, was first; Mr. A. Thomson, 91, less 14=77, second; and Mr. R. Reid, 95, less 13=82, was third. Mr. J. Lamont, 105, less 14=91, was first; Mr. J. R. M'Farlane (scratch), 94, second; and Mr. J. Fyfe, 115, less 18=97, third, for Mr. Leith's prize. Other scores:—Mr. W. Smart, 83; Mr. A. Jaffray, 95; Mr. J. Ogilvie, 96; Mr. A. Smart, 96; Mr. John Twigg, 97; Mr. W. Leslie, 97; Mr. C. Smith, 97; Mr. J. Florence, 97; Mr. J. Anderson, 97; Mr. G. Simpson, 98; Mr. A. Noble, 98; Mr. H. Glass, 98; Mr. F. Watt, 99; Mr. A. Greig, 99.

FRASERBURGH.—The golfing season was inaugurated last week by a match between teams chosen by the captain and vice-captain, Rev. G. Wauchope Steward and Mr. John Reiach, banker. Far greater interest is being taken in the club this season than ever there was. New greens have been selected by the advice of Robbie Mearns, Aberdeen, and everything promises for an excellent season. The match held last week was finished on Saturday. Some good scores were handed in, but the result was most one-sided, the vice-captain's side having a majority of no less than 29 holes:—

CAPTAIN.		VICE-CAPTAIN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. Mitchell	0	Mr. G. M. Joss	4
Mr. James Stephenson	0	Mr. M. Ritchie	2
Mr. John Cranna, jun.	0	Mr. G. Stephen	6
Mr. D. M. Lamont	0	Mr. R. Mutch...	2
Mr. William Noble	0	Mr. James Milne	1
Mr. J. P. Davidson	0	Rev. P. Milne...	3
Rev. G. W. Stewart (captain)	5	Mr. J. C. Esslemont	0
Mr. Peter Noble	2	Mr. George Milne	0
Mr. William Grant	0	Mr. P. M. Davidson	5
Mr. William M'Kenzie	0	Mr. L. M'Allan	5
Mr. William Cruickshanks	0	Mr. A. Whyte...	12
Mr. R. Stephen	0	Mr. W. Noble, jun.	0
Mr. W. Smith...	7	Mr. D. C. Dundas	0
Mr. John Buchan	3	Mr. Charles Black	0
Mr. John Finlayson	0	Mr. J. Reiach (vice-captain)	5
Mr. James Cooper	0	Mr. J. G. Davidson	8
Rev. J. King	7	Dr. Cameron	0
	24		53

Majority for vice-captain, 29.

Huddersfield Golf Club.—Ladies' monthly medal.—The weather was again altogether against the ladies when they turned out to play in this competition. There has been only one decent day since the competition was instituted, and the natural consequence has been a small turn-out of players. On Wednesday but four entered, of whom the three following made returns:—Miss C. H. Middlemost, 103, less 19=84; Mrs. R. Holliday, 112, less 24=88; Miss Barnicor, 115, less 24=91.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly meeting, Saturday March 3rd.—Thirteen members competed, but of these only two sent in returns under 100 net, the course being at its very longest. Miss E. B. Curteis, 84, plus 4=88; Miss M. Parsons, 122, less 25=97. The only event of interest was that Miss E. B. Curteis for the third time carried off the monthly medal and scratch prize, and now retains the medal, which was presented to the club four years ago by the Misses Harrild, to be played for monthly and to become the property of any member winning it three times consecutively. Miss E. B. Curteis is the first to have achieved this, and is much to be congratulated.

BARIHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, 22nd February. Gentlemen:—Captain J. C. Tattersall (scratch), 80; Mr. J. W. Jeffery, 89, less 7=82; Mr. E. Morris, 94, less 8=86; Captain Lyon, 90, less 2=88; Mr. A. W. Andrews, 122, less 25=97; Rev. G. H. Gray, 123, less 25=98. No returns from Mr. F. T. Welman, Colonel H. W. Parker, Captain G. L. Austin, Colonel Gee, Mr. C. Edwards, Mr. W. A. Lochee, Rev. C. H. Routledge, and Rev. G. Hyde Smith.

Ladies:—Mrs. Stanley Stubbs, 91, less 8=83; Miss N. Ramsay, 89, less 2=87; Miss K. Ritchie, 102, less 13=89; Miss E. Ramsay, 87, plus 3=90; Miss Ramsay, 101, less 10=91; Miss Jeffery, 105, less 14=91; Miss M. Waterfield, 100, less 7=93; Miss P. Jeffery, 118, less 25=93; Mrs. Parker, 110, less 16=94. No returns from Miss Waterfield, Miss Campbell, Miss D. Jeffery, and Miss N. Ritchie.

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING GOLF CLUB.

A handicap match of eighteen holes was played on 28th February, by the members of this club, for the club monthly badges. The following were the scores made, viz.—

First Badge:—Captain Whittle, 87, less 11=76; Dr. Maclaren, 103, less 18=85; Mr. J. A. Unett, 101, less 15=86; Captain Maunsell, 100, less 11=89; Major Ward, 105, less 16=89; Dr. Macleod, 108, less 18=90; Mr. G. Ford, 102, less 11=91; Mr. G. A. Robinson, 105, less 14=91; Mr. C. R. Hugill, 113, less 18=95.

Second Badge:—Colonel Dibb, 122, less 40=82; Dr. Gregory, 115, less 30=85; Major Thorney, 126, less 40=86; Dr. Savage, 108, less 20=88; Mr. G. Davis, 128, less 40=88; Mr. C. O. F. Saner, 119, less 26=93; Major Reid, 124, less 30=94.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

An average field went round the Birkdale links on Saturday for the first and second class monthly medals. Owing to a gusty wind, the balls were difficult to direct, and scores ruled rather high. In the first class section the chief cards were:—Mr. G. D. S. Crowther, 90, plus 2=92; Mr. G. F. Conolly, 100, less 8=92; Mr. W. Bowker, 105, less 11=94; Mr. A. Smart, 110, less 13=97; Rev. H. J. Bryan, 112, less 13=99. The tie for the win-in will be played off. For the second class the top scores were:—Mr. W. D. S. Crowther, 112, less 19=93; Mr. W. T. Drewett, 115, less 16=99; Mr. F. W. H. Campbell, 119, less 19=100; Mr. F. W. Price, 126, less 23=103; Mr. R. Jones, 134, less 27=107; Mr. R. Evans, 147, less 30=117.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly competition in the preliminary rounds for the captain's cup, took place on the links of this club on Saturday last, March 3rd. The winner was Mr. W. R. Craig, who with Messrs. S. W. Gillett and H. F. Ransome, has now secured a place in the final to be played off in June. The first and second prizes in the optional sweepstake were divided between Messrs. W. C. Morgan and W. Bellhouse. The weather was fine with a strong westerly wind, and the course was in capital order. Forty-three members competed, and the following were the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. R. Craig	104	12 92	Mr. H. F. Ransome	110	10 100
Mr. F. C. Morgan	94	scr. 94	Mr. T. D. Cummins	102	1 101
Mr. W. Bellhouse	110	16 94	Mr. S. W. Gillett	103	2 101
Mr. H. Holden	97	1 96	Mr. E. Withington	107	6 101
Mr. A. G. Hogg	100	3 97	Mr. T. Muirhead	109	6 103
Mr. E. Hulton, jun.	116	18 98	Mr. G. Worthington	115	10 105
Mr. S. Smelt	107	8 99	Mr. S. Venour	123	18 105

The first bi-monthly "bogey" competition which closed at the end of February, was won by Mr. S. W. Gillett, who, receiving 2 strokes, was 2 down, and Mr. F. C. Morgan (scratch) was second, 3 down.

STAINES GOLF CLUB.—The Sanger Cup was played for on Saturday, 24th ult., the winner being Capt. F. R. Harrison:—Capt. F. R. Harrison, 88, less 12=76; Mr. M. W. Mossop, 88, less 10=78; Mr. W. Clibborn, 95, less 14=81; Mr. W. E. Townsend, 109, less 19=90; Mr. H. C. Master, 113, less 23=90.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, March 3rd:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Keen	90	10 80	Mr. D. E. Cardinall	107	20 87
Mr. C. O. Walker	87	6 81	Mr. P. De Worms	108	20 88
Mr. F. E. Badham	95	11 84	Major Edwardes	111	20 91
Mr. W. O. Baily	90	4 86	Mr. R. S. Greenhill	115	20 95
Mr. R. E. Campbell	102	16 86	Mr. S. A. Boulton	105	10 95
Major Richards	102	16 86	Mr. T. S. D. Selby	107	10 97

Thirty-two competed.

CARLISLE v. MOFFAT.

Played at Dalston on Saturday, March 3rd. Strong wind blowing. Scores:—

CARLISLE.		Holes.	MOFFAT.		Holes.
Mr. C. Todd	...	0	Mr. J. Salmond	...	4
Rev. T. W. Stephenson	...	0	Mr. J. Duncan	...	5
Mr. E. W. Parker	...	0	Mr. W. S. Smart	...	2
Mr. J. K. Parker	...	4	Mr. J. Pearce	...	0
Mr. W. P. Story	...	0	Mr. H. W. Deane	...	1
Mr. R. Todd	...	11	Mr. J. R. MacGibbon	...	0
Mr. G. A. Story	...	6	Mr. J. N. Robinson	...	0
		21			12

Majority for Carlisle, 9 holes.

CHELTENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The annual monthly medal handicaps were played over the club course at Cleeve Hill on Saturday, February 24th. The senior medal was won by Mr. G. W. Blathwayt, with a net score of 81, and the junior medal by Rev. C. McArthur, with a net score of 88.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. W. Blathwayt	91	10 81	Mr. J. Taylor	117	22 95
Earl of Eldon	94	10 84	Mr. J. F. Campbell	117	22 95
Mr. F. W. Butt	99	12 87	Mr. A. A. Hunter	116	20 96
Rev. C. McArthur	113	25 88	Rev. J. Lockhead	118	22 96
Mr. A. A. Bourne	102	12 90	Mr. A. Baker	115	18 97
Mr. J. G. Baker	109	18 91	Rev. H. A. James	132	35 97
Mr. F. H. Crawley	100	8 92	Mr. S. P. Ryland	108	10 98

No returns from twenty-two others.

The competition for the ladies' medal took place at Cleeve Hill on Friday, February 23rd, over a course of fifteen holes. Miss Morin, with a net score of 97, was the winner. Miss Morin, 117, less 20=97; Miss A. Bateman Champain, 129, less 25=104; Mrs. Aylmer (scratch), 108. No returns from Miss Johnson and Miss Campbell.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

Tenth day of winter competition, March 3rd.—Mr. C. A. H. Todd, 115, less 20=95; Mr. A. Richardson, 111, less 14=97; Mr. R. T. Thomson, 95, plus 3=98; Mr. R. Howden, 104, less 6=98; Dr. Richardson, 105, less 7=98; Mr. Robert Dunlop, 124, less 25=99; Mr. H. Armstrong, 119, less 18=101; Mr. C. J. Crawford, 131, less 25=106; Mr. J. W. Robson, 119, less 8=111. Messrs. R. Y. McIntosh, A. Hedley, G. W. Williams, W. S. Carpenter, J. Philipson, J. Arnott, and H. P. Bailey, retired.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club tankard was held on Friday and Saturday over the Coatham Links, and as the weather was all that could be desired, there was a large muster of members, and the cards sent in show some very level play, the winner on this occasion not having figured at the head of the list for a long time. The cards sent in were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. W. Ridley	108	24 84	Mr. W. Robinson	118	24 94
Mr. J. L. Scott	94	5 89	Mr. W. T. Mackay	119	24 95
Mr. J. F. Whitwell	101	10 91	Mr. M. L. Bell	110	14 96
Mr. T. French	99	8 91	Mr. W. F. Whitwell	115	18 97
Mr. A. M'Kinlay	106	14 92	Mr. Alwyn Man	121	20 101
Mr. C. E. Scott	100	8 92	Mr. Geo. Fidler	128	21 107

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal on February 24th resulted as follows:—Mr. E. J. Maguire, 86, less 10=76; Mr. A. H. Evans, 85, less 1=82; Mr. S. S. Wollaston, 95, less 9=86; Mr. A. C. Bartholomew, 95, less 8=87; Mr. W. H. Belcher, 102, less 12=90; Rev. H. H. Skrine, 117, less 27=90; Rev. J. Stewart, 98, less 7=91; Mr. W. P. Godwin, 115, less 16=99; Mr. J. S. Woods, 120, less 1=105. No return from Messrs. Garry, Haviland, and Rendall.

COTSWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Thursday, March 1st, in a strong south-west wind and heavy rain. Medal:—The Earl of Eldon, 91, less 9=82; Mr. H. E. Rose, 96, less 7=89; Hon. W. B. Barrington, 122, less 30=92; Mr. G. W. Goodeve, 109, less 13=96; Mr. W. J. Chamberlayne, 130, less 25=105. No return from Captain C. Le Marchant.

Ladies' brooch (nine holes).—Lady L. Scott, 57, less 3=54; Miss Wiggins, 62, less 7=55; Mrs. H. E. Rose, 74, less 17=57; Miss May Rose, 80, less 23=57; Lady M. Scott, 52, plus 6=58.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

The sixth competition for the Railway cup was played on Saturday last at Newcastle, in delightful golfing weather. Out of a large entry there were only ten who returned their scores. The feature of the competition was the extraordinarily improved play of Mr. F. W. Finlay, who had evidently caught the handicapping committee napping. Messrs. Finlay and Shaw are now qualified to play in the final in June.

The following are the scores of 100 and under returned:—Mr. F. W. Finlay, 106, less 28=78; Mr. G. M. Shaw, 91, less 4=87; Mr. J. Woodside, 93, less 4=89; Mr. W. E. Williams, 114, less 18=96; Mr. J. Bell, 110, less 10=100.

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB.

This club opened five new holes on Saturday. Some thirty members turned up, and competed for a sweepstake prize. The new holes proved a great improvement on the old holes they replace, and have added considerably to the length and difficulty of the course. Mr. W. Higginbottom proved the winner, with 102, less 19=81, Messrs. W. C. Adamson and H. Ross-Coubrough dividing second honours with 82 net. The following returned cards under 100 net:—Mr. W. Higginbottom, 100, less 19=81; Mr. H. Ross-Coubrough, 91, less 9=82; Mr. W. C. Adamson, 92, less 10=82; Mr. J. G. Fleming, 100, less 14=86; Mr. G. A. Brown, 100, less 12=88; Mr. R. G. Adamson, 102, less 9=91; Mr. H. Hyslop, 100, less 9=91; Mr. H. E. Lees, 105, less 15=91; Mr. J. W. Hulse, 103, less 11=92; Mr. M. Bythway, 108, less 15=93; Mr. F. H. Overmann, 105, less 11=94; Mr. F. D. Smith, 109, less 14=95; Mr. C. W. Foster, 119, less 22=97; Mr. J. Boyd, 119, less 22=97; Mr. C. de W. Kicut, 119, less 21=98.

EAST SHEEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The East Sheen Ladies have agreed to enlarge their borders, and admit men as members of their club. Consequently, a new course, with considerably longer holes, is in preparation. In some ways it will be a great improvement on the original one, as crossing the public road and almost all collision with the cricket ground will now be avoided.

February "Bogey" competition:—Miss H. F. Cholmeley (27), 2 down; Miss Radcliffe (27), 2 down; Mrs. Marson (24), 3 down; Miss E. Willis (27), 3 down; Miss E. Rawstone (20), 4 down; Miss J. Vidal (30), 4 down; Miss A. Cholmeley (15), 5 down; Miss Constance L. Penrhyn (20), 6 down; Mrs. Courtenay (30), 8 down; Miss Cecil L. Penrhyn (15); 9 down; Miss Rawstone (30), 11 down; Miss A. Rawstone (30), 11 down; Mrs. Dean (30), 13 down.

March medal competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Marson	111 32 79	Miss Aimée Cholmeley	115 20 95
Miss E. Willis	114 34 80	Mrs. Routh	114 18 96
Miss Cecil L. Penrhyn	103 20 83	Miss Alyne Rawstone	139 40 99
Mrs. Dean	128 40 88	Miss H. Cholmeley	139 34 105
Miss Constance L. Penrhyn	119 27 92	Miss Onslow	146 35 111

GLAMORGANSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

Medal competition, March 3rd:—Senior competition.—Mr. C. B. Stoddart, 93, less 10=83; Mr. W. H. M. Fucker, 111, less 16=95. Several others retired, or were over 100 net.

Junior competition.—Mr. G. A. Wood, 123, less 35=88; Mr. L. O. A. Hankey, 130, less 35=95. Several others retired, or were over 100 net.

GLASGOW—The monthly medal competition of the Glasgow Golf Club took place on Saturday, with the following result:—First class (club medal) Mr. J. W. Wood, 87, less 6=81; Mr. J. W. J. Watt, 87, less 5=82; Mr. W. J. Anderson, 85, less 3=82; Rev. D. Watson, 86, less 4=82. Second class (Scott medal) Mr. John Boyd, 84, less 7=77; Mr. I. H. Miller, 84, less 7=77; Mr. D. Sinclair, 85, less 7=78; Mr. W. Smith, 89, less 9=80. Third class (Wilson medal) Mr. A. Vallance, 91, less 14=77; Mr. A. Sharp, 97, less 18=79; Mr. C. Farquharson, 100, less 18=82.

HYÈRES GOLF CLUB.

On February 22nd, a ladies' competition of fourteen holes was played on the gentlemen's course. Mrs. Carpenter Rowe (scratch), 141 (winner); Mrs. Heath (scratch), 149; Miss Nielson (scratch), 163; Mrs. Ralph Slazenger (20), 159; Miss Heath (24), 183; Miss Twyford (30), 219.

A four-in-hand coach leaves the Albion Hotel, Costebelle, for the links every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, for golfers liking to drive to the ground. The course is in splendid order, and is very much appreciated. Many of the natives are beginning to take an interest in the game, and we shall doubtless soon find them not only playing, but indulging in the various expressions of interest and disappointment usually associated with, if not forming part of, the Royal and Ancient game.

The weekly handicap was played on 24th February, resulting in a tie. The following are the scores:—Mr. F. J. Patton (scratch), 89; Mr. Wm. Peel, 125, less 36=89; Mr. Carpenter Rowe, 112, less 12=100; Mr. Bryce Allen, 115, less 18=97; Mr. G. R. Corbett, 123, less 20=103; Capt. Slazenger, 125, less 26=99; Mr. J. R. Corbett, 126, less 24=102.

KETTERING v. NORTHAMPTON.

Played at Kettering on Thursday, March 1st, the visitors finishing 3 up, 18 holes. Scores:—

KETTERING.		Holes.	NORTHAMPTON.		Holes.
Dr. Allison	...	3	Mr. N. Dawson	...	0
Mr. A. C. Simmons	...	0	Rev. H. H. Stewart	...	4
Mr. W. F. Milson	...	0	Mr. B. B. Muscot	...	9
Mr. T. G. Fraser	...	0	Mr. W. C. Henderson	...	4
Mr. C. Saunders	...	4	Mr. W. H. Deane	...	0
Mr. F. Mobbs	...	6	Mr. J. Haviland	...	0
Mr. R. B. Wallis	...	0	Mr. R. S. riven	...	1
Mr. R. Abbot	...	0	Mr. A. E. Anderson	...	1
Mr. A. Barlow	...	3	Mr. W. G. Hobbs	...	0
		16			19

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Sixth monthly handicap competition for this season, played Saturday, March 3rd. Mr. F. Tylecote, 101, less 12=89; Rev. J. H. Wilcockson, 114, less 24=90; Mr. G. C. Greenwell, 97, less 5=92; Dr. Sheldon, 109, less 15=94; Mr. A. E. Hughes, 112, less 18=94; Mr. J. W. Burgess, 105, less 10=95; Mr. A. G. Gray, 107, less 12=95; Mr. G. H. Swindells, 113, less 18=95; Mr. W. H. L. Cameron, 116, less 20=96; Mr. M. H. Hall, 111, less 14=97.

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The last of the monthly medal competitions took place on at Manley Park, Whalley Range, on Saturday. Thirty-seven players entered for the competition, twenty-three of whom made returns.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. P. Horsley	90 12 78	Mr. G. Haig	93 4 89
Capt. Hobbs	97 13 84	Mr. R. Haig Brown	99 8 91
Mr. W. Bell	85 scr. 85	Mr. F. Jones	102 11 91
Mr. S. Kneale	100 13 87	Rev. T. N. Carter	97 5 92
Mr. R. L. Taylor	96 8 88	Mr. J. Macdonald	100 8 92
Mr. G. V. Cox	99 11 88	Mr. W. Harden	114 20 94
Mr. T. H. Core	106 18 88	Mr. R. Holmes	107 11 96
Mr. J. Macalister	83 scr. 83	Mr. W. Lund	113 16 97
Mr. A. C. Knight	91 2 89	Mr. T. C. Midwood	104 6 98
Capt. Farrant	92 3 89	Mr. Harry Smith	111 12 99
Mr. S. B. Graves	93 4 89		

The prize presented by the hon. treasurer, Mr. Alfred Darbyshire, to be played for by tournament play, was won by the Rev. H. H. Brayshaw.

MINCHINHAMPION GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal day took place on Saturday last, when a very good number of members competed. Owing to the sticky nature of the ground, and to a change of some of the greens, the scores are rather high. The ladies' links have recently been enlarged, which accounts for their scores being rather higher than usual. Mr. J. H. Bryan, 105, less 25=80 (junior medal); Rev. H. Summerhays, 100, less 17=83 (senior medal); Mr. A. R. Grieve, 110, less 25=85; Mr. A. W. Waller, 100, less 14=86; Mr. E. P. Little, 111, less 18=93; Mr. E. B. Haygarth, 118, less 25=93; Mr. G. F. Sotherton-Estcourt, 112, less 18=94; Mr. R. Lewis Grist, 102, less 7=95; Mr. Lawrence Grist, 108, less 8=100. Several members made no returns.

Mrs. Davies, 98, less 7=91 (Senior medal and Taylor prize); Mrs. Pierce Taylor, 110, less 8=102; Miss J. Gollyghtly, 108, less 4=104; Mrs. Henry, 120, less 16=104; Miss Woolright, 118, less 11=107; Miss Maud Henry, 116, less 5=111. No returns—Mrs. Storry, Miss F. Chambers, Miss Johnson.

NEW FOREST v. BOURNEMOUTH.

Played at Lyndhurst, February 10th.

NEW FOREST.		BOURNEMOUTH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. de Crespigny	3	Mr. H. E. Acklom	0
Mr. J. Bryan	3	Mr. H. de Paravicini	0
Mr. R. Hargreaves	2	Mr. Haviland	0
Capt. Aitchison	0	Dr. Hibberd	3
Mr. H. Stevenson	1	Mr. A. Pontifex	0
Mr. T. Howard	3	Mr. Browne	0
	12		3

NEW FOREST v. SOUTHAMPTON.

Played at Lyndhurst, March 2:—

NEW FOREST.		SOUTHAMPTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Bryan	0	Capt. Corse Scott	0
Mr. R. Hargreaves	1	Mr. A. J. L. Hill	0
Capt. Aitchison	0	Mr. Johnson	2
Mr. Stevenson	0	Mr. Dickson	2
Col. Macleay	6	Major Waller	0
Mr. Jeffreys	15	Mr. Pilcher	0
	22		4

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the captain's medal, conferring the captaincy for the year, took place on Tuesday, February 20th, with the following result:—

1st and 2nd			1st and 2nd		
Rnd.	Rnd.	Gross.	Rnd.	Rnd.	Gross.
Miss A. A. Tyrwhitt			Mrs. Smith Turber-		
Drake	39	35 75	ville	49	39 88
Miss A. Dawkins	40	35 76	Miss A. L. Tyrwhitt		
Miss Middleton	38	38 76	Drake	47	42 89
Miss E. A. Whieldon	39	38 77	Miss Dawkins	47	46 93
Miss Darlington	39	41 83	Miss M. Gray	45	49 94
Miss Gray	45	39 84	Miss L. Darlington	51	49 100
			Miss Chambers	48	54 102

Miss Clarke made no return.

The club gold medal, with sweepstakes, was played for on Thursday, February 22nd, resulting in a victory for Miss F. Whieldon, Miss Middleton taking the sweepstakes.

First Round.—Miss A. L. T. Drake beat Miss Gray (scratched); Miss Darlington (scratched) beat Miss A. Darlington (scratched).

Second Round.—Miss F. Whieldon beat Miss Humphreys; Miss V. Whieldon beat Miss H. Darlington (scratched); Miss E. A. Whieldon beat Mrs. Smith Turberville (scratched); Miss A. Dawkins beat Miss A. A. T. Drake; Miss Chambers beat Miss E. N. Whieldon; Miss L. Darlington (scratched) beat Miss M. Gray (scratched); Miss Middleton beat Miss Dawkins; Miss A. L. T. Drake beat Miss Darlington (scratched).

Third Round.—Miss F. Whieldon beat Miss V. Whieldon; Miss E. A. Whieldon beat Miss A. Dawkins; Miss Middleton beat Miss A. L. T. Drake; Miss Chambers, a bye.

Fourth Round.—Miss F. Whieldon beat Miss E. A. Whieldon; Miss Middleton beat Miss Chambers.

Finals.—Miss F. Whieldon beat Miss Middleton.

Monthly Silver Medal Competition, Saturday, February 24th—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss H. Darlington	88 17 71	Miss A. A. T. Drake	81 scr. 81
Miss Dawkins	78 1 77	Miss Humphreys	95 14 82
Miss M. Gray	86 9 77	Miss Chambers	97 13 84
Miss A. Dawkins	79 scr. 79	Miss A. L. T. Drake	85 scr. 85
Miss E. A. Whieldon	81 2 79	Miss Darlington	91 3 88
Miss Crane	94 15 79	Mrs. Cole Hamilton	134 25 108
Miss Gibsons	98 13 79		

No returns—Miss Gray, Miss Edlman, and Miss Elith Ferguson.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Weekly handicap, Friday, 2nd, inst.:—Mr. C. G. Marsham, 83, less 10=79; Mr. A. Batchelor, 93, less 14=79; Mr. A. E. M. Taylor, 91, less 10=81; Mr. J. E. Talbot, 96, less 14=82; Mr. R. B. Townshend, 102, less 18=84; Mr. R. Malett, 109, less 24=85; Mr. G. C. Jobling, 93, less 9=90. Twenty-two entries:—No returns from the rest.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

Nearly a quarter of the total membership of the club turned out on Saturday last, to compete for the monthly medal. Taken all round, the scoring was very even, no less than fourteen members making returns

under 100. The result was a tie between Messrs. Trew and Avery which will have to be played off at a subsequent date. The scores returned were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. H. Trew	92 12 80	Mr. E. S. McEuen	92 6 86
Mr. W. B. Avery	96 16 80	Mr. W. Figg	110 24 86
Mr. W. W. Dymond	95 14 81	Mr. E. L. Balcombe	96 9 87
Mr. J. F. Gordon	96 14 82	Mr. H. D. Tucker	106 18 88
Mr. G. H. Emmet	96 12 84	Mr. F. P. Browne	103 13 90
Mr. A. H. Eve	97 12 85	Mr. L. Horner	94 2 92
Mr. C. A. Malone	112 27 85	Mr. T. H. D. Berridge	113 17 96

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition of the above club was played off on Saturday, March 3rd, with the following result. A strong wind was blowing, which somewhat prevented good returns. The first sweepstake was won by Mr. T. E. R. Johnson, and the second by Colonel Mainwaring. Result:—Mr. T. E. R. Johnson, 111, less 20=91; Mr. F. F. C. Jagger, 112, less 16=96; Colonel C. S. Mainwaring, 116, less 19=97; Mr. P. Plunkett, 107, less 9=98; Mr. H. G. Stock, 112, less 14=98; Mr. J. Wild, 113, less 12=101. Several others made no returns.

ROCHDALE GOLF CLUB.

The first quarterly competition for the Stevens shield, with club prize added, took place on the Lobden Links on Saturday, March 3rd. The following were the net returns under 100, the winner being Mr. Frank Pilling, with 85 net; the best gross return was made by Mr. Padwick:—Mr. Frank Pilling, 101, less 16=85; Mr. F. G. Padwick, 99, less 12=87; Mr. G. D. McLennan, 101, less 14=87; Mr. Ben. Schofield, 109, less 20=89; Mr. T. C. McKenzie, 114, less 24=90; Mr. Frank Taylor, 116, less 20=96.

ROYAL BELFAST GOLF CLUB.

About thirty members took part in this club's monthly handicap competition on Saturday, February 24th.—Mr. J. S. Reale, 101, less 20=81; Mr. W. Rodman, 110, less 28=82; Mr. J. L. M'Ferran, 113, less 24=89; Mr. Hill Charley, 111, less 22=89; Mr. Richard Bell, 112, less 22=90; Mr. C. H. Bowen, 112, less 20=92; Mr. F. H. Rogers, 124, less 30=94; Mr. G. M. Shaw, 101, less 4=97; Mr. S. Wilson, jun., 111, less 13=98; Mr. W. Megaw, 116, less 17=99.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Mr. A. F. G. Brown's prize. "Bogey" competition. Saturday, February 17th:—Mr. W. Field, receiving 8 strokes, beat "Bogey" by 2; Mr. E. Lehmann, receiving 2 strokes, beat "Bogey" by 2; Mr. J. Alexander, receiving 2 strokes, halved (and divided sweepstakes with Mr. Lehmann); Mr. T. Ramsbotham, receiving 8 strokes, lost to "Bogey" by 1; Mr. E. B. Pusey, receiving 14 strokes, lost to "Bogey" by 2; Mr. E. L. Vans Agnew, receiving 14 strokes, lost to "Bogey" by 2; Mr. A. Critchley Salmonson, receiving 9 strokes, lost to "Bogey" by 3; Capt. Mercer, receiving 14 strokes, lost to "Bogey" by 3; Mr. T. W. Barker, receiving 3 strokes, lost to "Bogey" by 4; Mr. A. G. Robertson, receiving 10 strokes, lost to "Bogey" by 4; Dr. Hodder, receiving 11 strokes, lost to "Bogey" by 6. Thirteen players made no return.

Colonel Mackenzie's prize, Saturday, February 24th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. Hodder	100 14 86	Mr. C. W. Corlett	106 14 92
*Mr. W. H. Monck-		Mr. H. A. Berryman	109 17 92
ton	102 15 87	Mr. J. Alexander	95 2 93
*Mr. E. B. Pusey	106 18 88	Mr. R. B. Lattimer	102 9 93
Mr. A. F. G. Brown	102 13 89	Col. Mayne	98 4 94
General Fellows	105 16 89	Mr. T. Ramsbotham	104 10 94
Col. Wylie	107 18 89	Mr. E. Lehmann	97 2 95
Mr. W. Field	101 10 91	Capt. Robin	97 2 95
Mr. H. G. H. Spencer	95 4 92	Col. Mackenzie	99 3 96
Capt. Le Feuvre	99 7 92		

\* Divided sweepstakes, limited to 22.

Several players made no return.

BASS ROCK GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, a number of matches were played in the competition for the handicap trophies of this club. The following are the results:—Mr. J. Henderson (scratch) beat Mr. G. Tait (7), by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. D. M. Jackson (scratch) beat Mr. J. D. Rattray (4), by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. G. S. Milne (8) beat Mr. T. Johnston (7), by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. J. Mitchell (scratch) and Mr. J. B. Burd (10), halved; Mr. D. Horsburgh (5) beat Mr. Thorburn (2), by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. J. W. Earnshaw (6) beat Mr. Milne (8), by 1; Mr. Jackson (scratch) beat Mr. Hogg (5), by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. Milne (8) beat Mr. J. Walker (8) by 2 and 1 3 play after tying twice; Mr. Thorburn (2) beat Mr. Mitchell (scratch) by 4 and 3 to play.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST v. RANELAGH.

A match of nine a side was played at Ranelagh on Saturday the 3rd, with the result recorded below:—

ROYAL EPPING FOREST.		RANELAGH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	2	Sir W. Russell ...	0
Mr. Alex. Anderson ...	0	Mr. J. G. Wylie ...	3
Capt. Cowper Coles ...	0	Mr. A. R. Kenyon Stow ...	0
Mr. S. R. Bastard ...	5	Rev. T. J. Filmer Bennett ...	0
Mr. J. Gould Smith ...	0	Mr. L. E. Guy Abney ...	0
Mr. G. H. Swinstead ...	0	Mr. A. Waldy ...	8
Mr. H. A. Gardom ...	6	Mr. R. Dawson ...	0
Mr. R. O. J. Dalmeyer ...	6	Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger ...	0
Mr. Ernest Flint (captain) ...	1	Capt. W. E. Beak ...	0
	20		11

ROYAL GUERNSEY GOLF CLUB.

Result of February monthly gold badge, played February 22nd:— Col. J. St. Clair, 107, less 16=91; Major C. E. Wright, 116, less 24=92; Capt. L. E. Amadroz, 110, less 15=95; Gen. J. G. Cloete, 110, less 13=97; Mr. D. Turnbull, 116, less 18=98; Mr. B. Tupper, 114, less 16=98; Mr. E. De Jersey, 125, less 27=98; Mr. F. Macleane, 110, less 8=102; Mr. F. A. Fraser, 125, less 22=103. Several made no return. Weather fine.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The fourth and last competition for the winter optional subscription prizes, under handicap, took place at Hoylake last Saturday in fine weather, but there was a fresh breeze from the west, which increased somewhat as the day advanced. Thirty-eight couples competed. The result being that Mr. C. E. Dick, with a net score of 83, secured a win-in for the first class winter optional subscription prize. Mr. A. Wall being credited with a win-in for the second class winter optional subscription prize, with his net score of 86. Mr. C. E. Dick took the first sweepstakes, Mr. A. Dod the second, and Mr. A. Wall the third. The two actual scores of Messrs. John Ball, jun., and C. E. Dick were made up as follows:—

Mr. John Ball—Out ...	4	6	3	4	5	3	4	4	5=38	} 78
Home ...	6	5	5	3	6	5	3	3	4=40	
Mr. C. E. Dick—Out ...	5	5	5	4	5	3	5	4	5=41	} 79
Home ...	4	5	4	3	6	5	3	4	4=38	

The result of the play was as follows:—

First-class winter optional subscription prize, limited to fourteen in the handicap.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. E. Dick ...	79	+4	83	Mr. J. H. Wild ...	100	9	91
Mr. A. Dod ...	95	10	85	Mr. W. S. Patterson ...	102	11	91
Mr. T. W. Crowther ...	85	+1	86	Mr. F. W. Carson ...	104	12	92
Mr. John Ball, jun. ...	78	+9	87	Mr. E. Evans, jun. ...	105	13	92
Mr. G. Stewart ...	97	10	87	Mr. W. C. A. Milligan ...	106	14	92
Mr. W. H. Wilson ...	99	11	88	Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright ...	95	2	93
Mr. W. Dod ...	95	6	89	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	98	2	96
Mr. G. Wild ...	102	13	89				
Mr. J. Hornby ...	92	2	90				

Twenty-two competitors made no returns.

Second class.—Winter optional subscription prize (15 to 30 in the handicap):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. Wall ...	102	16	86	Mr. John Royston ...	115	20	95
Mr. W. C. Aspinall ...	107	20	87	Mr. St. Clare Byrne ...	115	19	96
Mr. H. S. Bower ...	104	16	88	Mr. J. W. Glover ...	119	22	97
Mr. H. R. Robertson ...	106	18	88	Mr. W. Lowndes ...	116	18	98
Mr. H. Walker ...	104	16	88	Mr. R. Parker ...	123	22	101
Mr. T. Turpin ...	115	25	90	Mr. J. H. Silberbach ...	121	19	102
Mr. G. W. Harris ...	110	16	94	Mr. W. Mapplebeck ...	126	22	104

Not handicapped:—Mr. G. F. Pearson, 101; Mr. W. Bamford, 04; Mr. A. C. Bamford, 110; Mr. Leonard Pilkington, 112; Mr. D. A. Bingham, 118; Mr. T. G. Williamson, 118; Mr. J. L. Grant, 124; Mr. Geo. Wall, 125; Mr. Oliver H. Jones, 128; Mr. Cola Stolterfoht, 28; Mr. John Given, 133; Dr. H. Briggs, 133; Mr. J. E. S. Maxwell, 139.

Eleven competitors made no returns.

Four winners in the two classes, viz., Messrs. John White Williams, G. Stewart, T. W. Crowther, and C. E. Dick in the first class; and Messrs. St. Clare Byrne, W. S. Patterson, Horace Walker, and A. Wall in the second class, will play off, under special handicap, at the next monthly competition, which takes place on April 7th.

ST. ANDREWS.

The monthly handicap in connection with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club was played over the green on the 28th ult., with the following result:—Mr. C. E. Gilroy (scratch), 90; Mr. W. B. Sharp, 97, less 4=93; Captain Livingstone, 98, less 2=96. Mr. J. E. Laidlay had two rounds with Captain Burn; the first was halved, but Mr. Laidlay won the second by 2 holes.

The opening match of the season of the St. Andrews Thistle Club, which took place on the 1st inst., was one played in foursomes by teams representing President and Vice-President respectively. A draw was the result. The details of play were as follows:—

PRESIDENT		VICE-PRESIDENT.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Messrs. T. Robb & J. Robb...	0	Messrs. J. Kirk & A. C. Aikman	1
Messrs. R. Stenhouse & W. Wilson ...	4	Messrs. D. Baldie & C. Neaves	0
Messrs. C. Grieve & partner...	0	Messrs. M. Provan & T. Forgan	1
Messrs. A. Doig and C. Howie	3	Messrs. T. Craig & T. Auchterlonie ...	0
Messrs. M'Kenzie & L. Stewart	0	Messrs. G. Murray & W. Morton	3
Messrs. W. Putterton & C. Grubb	5	Messrs. A. Aikman & W. Blair	0
Messrs. J. Weighton & W. Douglas ...	0	Messrs. R. Niven & J. Scott...	6
Messrs. T. Howie & W. Craig	0	Messrs. G. Hogg & P. Young.	0
Mr. D. Burns ...	0	Mr. M. Turpie ...	6
Mr. W. Duncan ...	5	Mr. J. Wilson ...	0
	17		17

On March 1st Mr. J. E. Laidlay played Andrew Kirkaldy two rounds of the links. At the outset Kirkaldy had the best of the game, and was 2 up after four holes had been played; but by the time the end hole was reached the tables were turned, and Mr. Laidlay was two holes to the good. After this it was give and take with the next two holes, while the next four were halved, and Mr. Laidlay stood 2 up and 3 to play. He secured the Corner of the Dyke, and thus won the round by 3 and 2 to play. On the second round the first half was pretty evenly played, and at the turn the match stood all square. Mr. Laidlay, however, won the first three holes homeward, but Kirkaldy picked off the next two. Mr. Laidlay carried off the next, and again stood, as in the morning round, 2 up and 3 to play. The Dyke was halved, but Mr. Laidlay won the Burn and the round by 3 and 1 to play, being thus victor of both encounters.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY v. MONTROSE.—This match was played at St. Andrews on Saturday—nineteen players a-side. The result was a very heavy defeat to the strangers. The details are as follows:—

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.		MONTROSE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. P. C. Anderson ...	1	Mr. T. S. Smith ...	0
Mr. T. Carmichael ...	4	Mr. H. W. Thomson...	0
Mr. J. Patterson ...	4	Mr. W. Cobb ...	0
Mr. R. Johnstone ...	8	Mr. A. Wilkie...	0
Mr. Walter Anderson...	6	Mr. R. B. Balfour ...	0
Mr. A. G. Abbie ...	2	Mr. J. Thom ...	0
Mr. T. Douglas ...	3	Mr. D. Mackenzie ...	0
Mr. W. Anderson ...	0	Mr. J. Winton...	2
Mr. D. Rusack ...	0	Mr. A. B. Kydd ...	5
Mr. W. Fogo ...	10	Mr. D. Murison ...	0
Mr. W. Wilson ...	0	Mr. I. Sime ...	8
Mr. M. G. Mitchell ...	1	Mr. W. Edward ...	0
Mr. Campbell ...	2	Mr. W. Mitchell ...	0
Mr. R. C. Mitchell ...	2	Mr. J. Lessels ...	0
Mr. Oliphant ...	4	Mr. D. L. Watt ...	0
Mr. Meiklejohn ...	4	Mr. J. D. Simpson ...	0
Mr. Caie ...	0	Mr. J. R. Pullar ...	3
Mr. Holcroft ...	0	Mr. George Kidd ...	2
Mr. P. Anderson ...	11	Mr. J. Law ...	0
	62		20

STEVENAGE GOLF CLUB.

Club foursome, Saturday, February 24th. Two prizes presented.— Mr. H. W. Barclay and Miss W. Thompson, 74, less 21=53; Mr. C. Standing and Miss L. Thompson, 66, less 12=54; Mr. W. Slagg and Mrs. Young, 75, less 21=54; Mr. G. S. Ward and Miss Russell, 76, less 21=55; Rev. W. Jowitt and Miss Buttanshaw, 70, less 13=57; Mr. P. Dunn and Mrs. Standing, 71, less 12=59; Mr. A. C. Young and Miss K. Jowitt, 60, scratch=60; Mr. A. Fox and Miss Gainsford, 80, less 19=61; Mr. B. Dunn and Mrs. Smith, 81, less 18=63; Mr. M. Robinson and Miss M. Jowitt, 83, less 18=65; Mr. W. Spencer and Miss Poston, 80, less 12=68; Rev. Aston and Miss Nugent, 100, less 24=76; Mr. W. O. Times and Miss Slagg, no returns.



STEVENAGE LADIES v. BIGGLESWADE.

Friday, February 23rd.—

STEVENAGE.		BIGGLESWADE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mrs. Standing	2	Miss Conder	0
Mrs. Young	0	Miss E. Conder	3
Miss Gainsford	0	Miss Brinkwell	1
Miss Buttanshaw	0	Mrs. Pope	9
Miss K. Jowitt	10	Miss Miller	0
	12		13

Biggleswade thus won by 1 hole.

Ladies' medal, February 22nd.—Mrs. C. Standing (scratch), 68; Miss K. Jowitt, 74, less 5=69; Miss C. Gainsford, 85, less 8=77; Miss Buttanshaw, 90, less 8=82; Mrs. Smith, 92, less 8=84; Miss Poston, no return. Miss C. Gainsford won the medal, as Mrs. Standing and Miss K. Jowitt hold the November and December medals.

ST. NEOTS GOLF CLUB.

Over the St. Neots Links a mixed foursome handicap competition, arranged by Mr. J. A. Ennals, took place on Saturday, for a sweepstake:—Rev. W. W. Whistler and Mrs. P. C. Tomson, 98, less 23=75; Mr. Spencer and Miss G. A. Tomson, 126, less 37=89; Mr. J. A. Ennals and Miss Bower, 102, less 11=91; Mr. F. Day and Mrs. A. Jordan, 119, less 24=95; Mr. F. N. Butler and Mr. D. B. McLaren, 124, less 27=97; Mr. A. B. Brackenbury and Mrs. J. W. Addington, 126, less 27=99.

TIMPERLEY GOLF CLUB.

The fifth monthly medal competition was held on Saturday, and resulted as follows:—Mr. E. Withington, 94, less 5=89; Mr. C. H. Occleston, 98, less 7=91; Mr. E. C. Symons, 118, less 25=93; Mr. J. M. H. Blamey, 116, less 22=94; Mr. W. Ibbotson, 123, less 28=95; Mr. H. G. Langley, 110, less 15=95; Mr. J. E. Wild, 120, less 25=95; Mr. G. E. Haworth, 126, less 30=96; Mr. W. R. Craig, 108, less 10=98; Mr. R. Cressy, 124, less 25=99; Mr. T. Ibbotson, 119, less 20=99. Twenty-five others competed, but their returns were over 100 net. Mr. E. Withington scored a win for the month, and also took the optional sweepstakes, Mr. Occleston taking second prize. The tie for the previous month's medal competition was also decided, Mr. Blamey winning with 94 net.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, March 3rd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P.	82 2 80	Mr. A. Mackintosh	105 18 87
Mr. A. Hood	90 10 80	Mr. H. M. Marshall	106 18 88
Dr. H. Hetley	94 14 80	Mr. E. A. Walker	105 16 89
Mr. T. R. Pinkerton	78 +3 81	Mr. H. Seton Karr, M.P.	97 7 90
Mr. H. Lugton	81 scr. 81	Mr. G. H. Gill	102 12 90
Dr. Ackroyd	92 10 82	Mr. E. Micholls	106 16 90
Mr. R. K. Harvey	100 18 82	Mr. G. B. Voules	108 18 90
Mr. Ernest Colman	103 20 83	Mr. W. Williams	100 9 91
Mr. J. G. Maclean	91 7 84	Mr. J. S. Robb	103 12 91
Mr. John Wood	96 12 84	Mr. J. T. Steen	104 13 91
Mr. Norman Dawson	95 10 85	Mr. E. H. Stevenson	105 14 91
Mr. J. Verran	95 10 85	Mr. F. G. Hogg	109 16 93
Major G. G. Clowes	97 12 85	Mr. S. T. Fisher	112 18 94
Mr. A. F. Waters	90 4 86	Dr. G. S. Woodhead	110 14 95
Mr. J. P. Croal	92 6 86	Mr. T. R. Pace	115 17 98
Mr. Neville Hicks	93 7 86	Mr. Matthew Gloag	119 18 101
Mr. W. F. Richmond	98 12 86	Major W. Morris	110 8 102
Mr. J. D. S. Sim	106 20 86	Mr. D. F. Russell	121 16 105

WAVENEY VALLEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult., on the Bungay Common. The result was a win for the captain of the club. The weather was unfavourable. The early starters had to play in rain, and a strong wind throughout the day added to the difficulties of a by no means easy course. With a strong head-wind, the rampart of the Roman encampment at the Home hole was not easily negotiated from the tee. The scoring was high:—Mr. F. J. McLaughlin, 120, less 9=111; Mrs. Rider Haggard, 151, less 36=115; Mr. R. C. Mann, 134, less 18=116; Mr. L. McDonnell, 135, less 18=117; Mr. F. O'Gorman, 157, less 36=121; Mr. A. St. John, 154, less 30=124. Miss J. Hartcup and Mr. H. J. Hartcup made no return. Several other players did not compete owing to the unfavourable weather. Several new members have joined the club during the past month.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The last competition for the club cup of 1893-4 was held over the links on St. Mary's Common on Saturday, February 24th, the day being fine, with a stiff breeze from the north-west. Any low returns were however rendered impossible, by the heavy state of the course, the hard frost of each night during the week having alternated with a bright sun by day, and this, following on the deluge of rain on Saturday week, had converted the common into a sea of mud. Upwards of forty members, however, put in an appearance on Saturday, twenty-five of whom competed for the cup, an excellent handicap, resulting in the victory of Mr. Hugh Rotherham. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Hugh Rotherham	97 7 90	Mr. P. A. Leaf	111 18 93
Mr. A. Rotherham	97 6 91	Mr. F. C. Hunter	102 6 96
Mr. C. W. Falcon	105 14 91	Rev. O. Mordaunt	112 16 96
Colonel Fell	109 18 91	Mr. W. J. Burman	107 11 96
Mr. A. L. Chance	108 16 92	Rev. R. Arnold	116 18 98
Captain Osborne	110 18 92	Edgell	114 15 99
Mr. J. F. Shaw	116 24 92	Mr. H. H. Child	114 15 99
Mr. G. G. Brodie	103 10 93		

The remainder were over 100 or made no return.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The third of the spring series of handicap competitions was played off on Saturday, February 24th, with the following result:—Mr. H. Mansel, 106, less 18=88; Mr. R. F. Tyacke, 108, less 18=90; Mr. F. Harvey, 133, less 36=97; Mr. H. E. West, 124, less 25=99; Mr. W. L. Fox, 125, less 25=100; Mr. T. A. Lang, 115, less 13=102; Mr. R. S. Reade, 139, less 35=104; Mr. J. Mudge, 115, less 10=105; Mr. R. Fox, 127, less 18=109; Mr. A. Butcher, no return.

WEST CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the eleventh competition for the monthly cup took place in exceedingly wet and unfavourable weather, which accounts both for the high scoring and the large number of no returns. Mr. W. L. Fletcher was the winner. Scores:—Mr. R. S. U. Thompson, 122, less 12=110, previous winner; Mr. W. L. Fletcher, 131, less 20=111; Mr. E. A. Thompson, 129, less 15=114; Mr. J. W. Wilson, 143, less 18=125. Doctors Highet, McKerron, Clarke, and Messrs. D. Fraser, J. R. Crum, C. Thompson, G. S. Wilson, H. Thompson, D. Robertson, R. Simpson, E. W. Lightfoot, and W. M. S. Wood, made no returns.

WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB.

A new pavilion and more sporting course was opened by the president of the above, on Saturday, March 3rd, when the monthly medal was played for, but the novelty and increased distance (some 350 yards) of the new course, and perhaps the heaviness of the ground, told greatly against the subjoined scores:—Monthly medal—Rev. J. L. Templar, 109, less 15=94; Mr. J. T. Stephens, 118, less 14=104; Rev. St. John Methuen, 123, less 18=105; Rev. Gordon Wickham, 137, less 26=111; Rev. C. L. Sanctuary, 140, less 29=111; Rev. F. W. Crick, 125, less 10=115; Mr. J. Gundry, 136, less 18=118. Mr. G. Suttill made no return.

WEST MIDDLESEX GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, March 3rd, "Bogey" competition:—Mr. R. A. Johnston (18), 1 up; Major Maule (14), halved; Mr. S. Chick (6), 4 down; Mr. C. M. Bayfield (17), 4 down; Mr. E. H. Hay (22), 5 down; Mr. Cyril Plummer (scratch), 6 down; Mr. C. Martin (2), 6 down; Mr. W. S. Hargreaves (8), 6 down; Mr. Hal Ludlow (14), 7 down; Mr. G. Rumsey (18), 9 down; Mr. N. W. Regge (18), 12 down; Mr. Henry Hall (20), 15 down. A large number of members made no return.

CROMER.—The monthly medal of the Royal Cromer Golf Club, played for on Thursday, February 22nd, was won by Dr. Dent, score, 92, less 8=84. Mr. A. H. Cathcart came in second, 92, less 6=86. The two players named, took first and second respectively in the optional sweepstake.

HARROW GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal round took place on Saturday, 24th inst., the scores being as follows:—Mr. L. S. Pawle, 98, less 10=88; Mr. A. Magnay, 108, less 18=90; Mr. J. H. Williams, 104, less 13=91; Mr. F. B. Picairn, 106, less 14=92; Mr. A. K. Carlyon, 114, less 18=96; Mr. A. S. Chinnock, 120, less 30=90. Others over 100 net, or no returns. The high scoring was due to the heavy state of the green caused by the recent rain.

HAGLEY GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was won on Saturday, 24th ult., by the Rev. H. Bourne, with the low net return of 74. Rev. H. Bourne, 79, less 5=74; Mr. T. S. Lea, 109, less 20=89; Mr. E. Wilson, 107, less 16=91; Mr. H. T. Williams, 107, less 16=91; Mr. R. H. King, 101, less 7=94.

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**CLACTON-ON-SEA GOLF CLUB.**—The monthly medal and club aggregate prize were played for on Saturday, the 3rd inst., with the result that Dr. Murray put in the best card with a net 99; Captain E. Frayling being second with 102. Only eight players returned cards. The greens were in splendid order, and gave great satisfaction, an effectual remedy having been found for the worm-casts on the greens which formerly gave such trouble.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.**—The result of the "Bogey" competition for February was as follows:—Mr. Shirley Baldwin, 1 up; Mr. T. G. Griffiths, 4 down; Rev. W. C. R. Bedford, 5 down; Dr. R. M. Simon, 6 down; Rev. A. E. R. Bedford, 6 down; Mr. S. J. Porter, 6 down. There were thirty-nine entries.

**WEST KILBRIDE GOLF CLUB.**—The monthly competition for the silver medal, presented by the captain (Mr. Nicol P. Brown, Crosbie Castle), took place on Saturday afternoon. The following were the best scores recorded:—Mr. Archibald Gray (30), 93; Mr. Robert G. Paterson (10), 104. Mr. John Steven (25), 108.

**HAWICK.**—The Tuesday medal was competed for over the Vertish Hill course, on the 27th ult. The players had to contend with a strong gusty wind, and also a snowstorm, with the result that the scores were high. Mr. William W. Forsyth had a somewhat phenomenal experience in taking the seventeenth hole in one. The tee is situated on the top of a high terrace, and the hole has a very difficult approach. Mr. Forsyth's drive landed on the green within a yard of the hole, and rolled in. A few weeks ago Mr. J. S. Turner, while playing for the Bombay medal, took the same hole in one; and in a former competition Mr. Forsyth had what is known as the Herd's hole twice in succession in two. Details: Mr. William F. Disner, 111, less 24=87; Mr. James Purves, 93, less 4=89; Mr. Alexander Morrison, 105, less 16=90; Mr. James Scott, 106, less 9=97; Mr. W. W. Forsyth, 109, less 6=103; Mr. J. A. Turnbull, 126, less 20=106.

**"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.**—The Caxton medal was played for on the Braid on Saturday, and was won by Mr. Melrose, with the score of 86, less 1=85. Presented to the club in 1888 by Mr. John Baird, Airdrie, the medal has since that date been played for every alternate month—the medal to become the property of any member winning it three times, not necessarily in succession. Mr. Melrose having on Saturday, won the medal for the third time, it becomes his own property.

**NALB.**—The monthly competition for the Pullar medal took place on Saturday. It was won by Mr. J. Annan with a score of 84 (scratch). The other principal scores were:—Mr. M. Murray, 89, less 4=85; Mr. K. Moore, 97, less 6=91; Mr. J. Finlayson, 102, less 10=92; Mr. E. Simpson, 103, less 8=95.

**SOUTHFIELD GOLF CLUB.**—A competition against "Bogey" was played on Saturday, the 3rd inst. The following returns were handed in:—Mr. J. B. Gooding (8), 2 down; Mr. W. Whytock (scratch), 3 down; Mr. R. J. F. Taylor (6), 6 down; Mr. C. J. Waller (11), 8 down.

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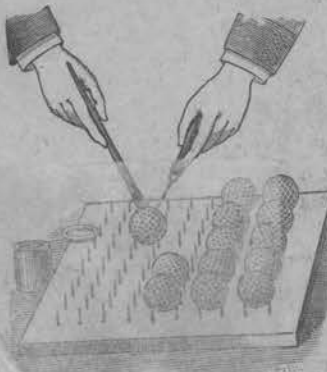
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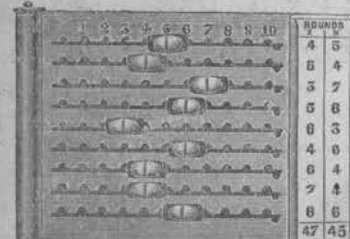
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