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DECEMBER.

- Dec. 13.—Brighton and Hove: "Bogey" Competition; Annual General Meeting; Annual Dinner.
Dec. 14.—Willesden: Short Handicap.
Royal Epping Forest: "Bogey" Competition.
Hampstead: Monthly Medal.
Trafford: Monthly Medal.
Morecambe and Heysham: Captain's Prize.
Minchinhampton: "Bogey" Competition.
Southend-on-Sea (New): Captain's Prize.
North Manchester: Gold Medal.
Scarborough: "Bogey" Competition.
Fairhaven: President's Cup.
Formby: Monthly Optional Subscription Prize.
Woodford: Quarterly Medals.
St. George's (Sandwich): Monthly Medal.
Birkdale: Hon. Secretary's Prize.
Seaford: Monthly Medal.
Romford: Monthly Medal.
Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae: Monthly Medal.
Ranelagh: Monthly Medal.
West Herts: Monthly Medal.
Moseley: Captain's Prize.
Saltburn: Monthly Medal.
Enfield: Monthly Medal.
Fairfield (Manchester): Mr. Court's Prize.
Taylor v. Braid, at West Drayton.
Brighton and Hove: De Worms Challenge Cup; Prize for Winners of Monthly Medal.
Robin Hood v. Olton.
Dec. 15.—Burnham (Somerset): "Bogey" Competition.
Dec. 16.—Woodbridge: Monthly Medal (Final).
Dec. 17.—Enfield: Ladies' Monthly Medal.
Dec. 18.—Wakefield: Ladies' Monthly Medal.
West Middlesex: Committee Meeting.
Robin Hood v. Yardley.

- Dec. 18.—Wanstead Park Ladies: Quarterly Medal.
Meyrick: "Bogey" Competition.
Dec. 19.—Royal Epping Forest: Go-twin "Bogey" Competition.
Romford: Ladies' Competition.
Woodbridge Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Dec. 20.—Littlehampton: Captain's Cup.
Dec. 21.—Willesden: Long Handicap.
Northwood: "Bogey" Competition.
Littlehampton: Medal and Sweepstakes.
Ravenscliffe: Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey: Monthly Medals (Senior and Junior).
North Manchester: Captain's Cup.
Wakefield: Monthly Medal.
Royal Worlington and Newmarket: Monthly Medal.
Formby: Monthly Optional Subscription Prize (Final).
Birkdale: Mr. R. Jones's Prize.
Fleetwood: Monthly Medal.
Rochester: Monthly Medal.
West Middlesex: Monthly Medal.
King's Norton: Captain's Prize.
North-West Club (Londonderry): Ladies' Monthly Medal.
East Finchley: Monthly Medal.
Disley: Winter Silver Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies: Monthly Medal.
East Finchley: Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton: "Bogey" Competition.
Rochester Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Harrogate: Monthly Medal.
Lan-down: "Bogey" Competition and Monthly Medal.
Southwold: Monthly Bronze Medal.
Fairfield (Manchester): Mr. Court's Prize.
Wanstead Park: Quarterly Medal.
Seaford: Competition for Monthly Medal Winners.
Tonbridge: Monthly Medal.
Northwood: Monthly "Bogey" Competition.
Eltham: Monthly Medal (Score).
Dec. 22.—Burnham (Somerset): "Bogey" Competition.
Dec. 24.—Cumbrae: Club Prize and Sweepstake.
Dec. 25 & 26.—East Finchley: Christmas Competition.
Dec. 25 & 26.—Ilkley: Christmas Cup.
Dec. 25, 26, 27 & 28.—Littlestone: Christmas Meeting.
Dec. 26.—Finchley: "Bogey" Competition and Optional Sweepstake.
Royal Epping Forest: "Bogey" Competition.
Cheadle: Christmas Competition.
Trafford: Christmas Club Prize.
Manchester: Christmas Club Prizes.
Morecambe and Heysham: Mayor of Lancaster's Prize.
Minchinhampton: "Bogey" Competition.
Southend-on-Sea New: Captain's Prize.
North Manchester: "Bogey" Competitions.
Fairhaven: Mr. R. Walmsley's Prize.
Royal Cromer: Club Monthly Medal.
Woodford: Club Handicap.
Royal Ashdown Forest: Christmas Meeting.
Birkdale: Mr. R. Jones's Prize.
West Middlesex: "Bogey" Competition; The Peal Silver Challenge Putter.
Muswell Hill: "Bogey" Medal.

WANTED, A GOLF UNION?

FOR the last few weeks the pages of GOLF have been inundated with letters from golfers of various degrees of knowledge and its opposite, on the subject of the rules of Golf. The editor, in his able article in the issue of December 6th, has discussed the particular question at issue in a luminous way, and has pointed out, to my mind most satisfactorily, the essential difference between a penalty stroke and an ordinary stroke. But it is not with that question or with others of a similar nature that I wish to deal. To some minds the simplest rules seem to present insoluble difficulties, and, viewed in the light of the recent correspondence, it would be a straining of words to call the children of Golf children of light. No, whatever the game and whatever the code of rules that may govern it, there will always be found some who will find it difficult to play the game, and still more difficult to interpret its rules. Nor is this to be wondered at when we remember that no statute has ever been passed that has not been a fruitful subject of discussion and an unfailing means of enriching the lawyers called upon to expound its true meaning.

What has led me to pen this article is not a desire to analyse any particular rule of Golf, to reason whether it be clear or obscure, to question or defend the grammar in which it is couched, but to consider the importance of the following sentence in the Editor's article, namely, "The desirableness of a Golf Union to undertake . . . the overhauling of the rules." Here, let me observe at the outset, I am embarking on a perilous course. It is not many years since that the writer of these lines defended, with such poor eloquence as he has at command, the proposal to empower the Green Committee of the Royal and Ancient to consider and explain any questions on the interpretation of the rules which might be referred to them by the committees of any other Golf clubs. I pointed out then how important it was that the rules of the game and their interpretation should emanate from those into whose hands the best traditions of the game had come as a precious heritage from their forefathers and forerunners. Unless the St. Andrews Club gave their Green Committee the proposed powers, players in the South would frame their own rules and interpretations, and the safeguarding of the game would depart from those best qualified to preserve it. The proposal was passed, though not without opposition, for we were then in the early days of that tremendous development of the game in the South which is now in the full tide of its activity. But here, at any rate, we had the germ of that which the editor is aiming at.

Impatient critics in the South have perhaps overlooked the existence of these powers of the Green Committee of the Royal and Ancient. If they object that the responsibility is too great for one club alone, I would call their attention to the game of cricket and the position of the M.C.C. in relation to it. But, they will answer, the M.C.C. have an

A GOLFING CORRESPONDENT informs us that he overheard the following conversation on the opening day of the St. Andrews Golf Championship:—"I am certain I should not have been fit to take part in the Competition if I had not used 'Semotine.' I must have caught a violent chill while practising, in addition to straining myself; every muscle in my body ached, and dreadful pains robbed me of sleep, but, thanks to 'Semotine,' I am in perfect condition again." Every Golfer and Club should keep a bottle on hand, it is an embrocation that acts like magic. 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d., of all Chemists and Stores; or will be sent post free for 3d. extra, by the Proprietors, Rowland Walker & Co., Limited, 468, High Road, Chiswick, England. Wholesale of F. Newbery & Sons, King Edward Street, London, E.C.

annual meeting at which delegates from all the principal cricket clubs attend, and at which any burning questions on the rules are discussed, amendments proposed, rejected, or carried. At the annual meetings of the Royal and Ancient no delegates attend, and the meeting is confined to members of that particular club.

That, I must grant, and I must further sorrowfully add, that those very meetings of the club are the worst possible occasions on which rules can be discussed. The meetings are not confined to questions affecting the game alone, but much matter affecting the club solely, as is only natural, has to be brought forward; the meeting takes place in the afternoon, when most members have played two rounds of the St. Andrews Links, and are tired or more interested in their discussion of the game they have just played than in the questions before the meeting, and, generally speaking, there is a feeling of relief when the meeting is over. If any question on the rules is raised, most probably the line of least resistance is chosen, and very often that line is not the one most conducive to the clear elucidation and simplification of the rules which we all must have at heart.

What then is the remedy you propose, my anxious Southern friends will ask; do you agree with the editor's proposal of a Golf Union?

To a limited extent I would answer in the affirmative. To those who ask for a body explicitly assigned to the government of the game, I submit with all due modesty the assertion that they have such a body in existence in embryo already. From those who clamour for a wide and revolutionary proposal such as the founding of a Golf Union, I ask for that patient consideration of tradition and development which most Englishmen demand from those political reformers who wish to root up everything ancient and to put in its place some brand new article of their own invention. I have already spoken of the Green Committee of the Royal and Ancient. I gladly and immediately acknowledge that this body alone does not suffice.

But we have another body ready to our hand. Every year we have two Championship meetings, the Open and the Amateur. Let me take the Amateur Championship for choice. Originally three clubs governed this contest—namely, the Royal and Ancient, the Honourable Company, and the Prestwick Club. Since then the Royal Liverpool and the St. George's Clubs have been added. We have, therefore, three Scottish clubs and two leading English clubs governing the conditions of the Amateur Championship contest, and selecting the greens on which that contest shall be fought out. At whichever club's green that contest takes place, delegates from the other four clubs attend and discuss any questions arising upon that particular meeting and the choice of the green for the succeeding meeting. Happily, it seems to me, the proportion of Scottish to English clubs has been observed, having regard to the nationality of the game, in three Scottish to two English clubs. Why, I ask, should not these delegates at their annual meeting be empowered to take the rules into their consideration, to revise them where necessary, and to examine any questions submitted to them by the committees of other clubs, questions arising out of discussions on any of the rules excited by particular cases springing out of actual play?

If one opportunity a year be not considered sufficient, let delegates from these same clubs meet again at the Open Championship meeting for the same purpose. To my mind one meeting a year would be enough. But let that one gathering have one meeting distinctively assigned solely to the duty of considering the government of the game, and the framing and expounding of its rules.

In this way, it seems to me, that we should get the neces-

sary body with the least friction, and with the smallest amount of inconvenience. Such a body would represent the best elements in the Scottish and English golfing communities, and could with confidence be entrusted with the task of preserving the best traditions of the game, and adding whatever might be considered necessary to its rules.

If I may put in a plea for the Alma Mater of Golf, I would suggest that the presidency of this body should be permanently assigned to one of the delegates for the time being of the Royal and Ancient, and that a further recognition of the position of that club might with propriety be made, in the assigning to it of a larger number of delegates than that granted to any of the other clubs. I will not pretend that in the foregoing remarks I have sketched out an ideal body. The ideal is always difficult of attainment. Practical reformers must take the materials ready to their hand, and fashion out of them the best structure possible.

If I have done nothing else than bring the subject out of the field of vapid discussion into that of practical politics, I shall not have written in vain, and shall feel that I have done something, however small, for the furtherance of a game, than which none better has been devised by the wit of man.

ERNEST LEHMANN.

GOLF IN AMERICA.

A ladies' and gentlemen's open handicap foursome match was held on the links of the Country Club, Brookline, Mass., Saturday, November 16th. Sixteen couples took part in the match, and the play was exciting. Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Ernst won the first prize, with a net score of 100. Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Francis handed in a net score of 110, and received the second prize. The best gross score, 115, was made by Mr. W. B. Thomas and Miss Sargent. Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Ernst, 59, 61—120, less 20=100; Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Francis, 64, 66—130, less 20=110; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Thatcher, 71, 72—143, less 30=113; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Russell, 74, 74—148, less 35=113; Mr. R. S. Hardy and Miss Gonnough, 66, 74—140, less 25=115; Mr. T. B. Gannett and Miss C. Gannett, 59, 62—121, less 3=118; Mr. T. R. Wheelock and Mrs. W. B. Thomas, 65, 61—126, less 8=118; Mr. W. B. Thomas and Miss Sargent, 59, 56—115, plus 4=119; Mr. G. H. Windeler and Mrs. G. Lewis, 62, 62—124, less 4=120; Mr. G. E. Cabot and Miss F. G. Curtis, 69, 65—134, less 12=122; Mr. G. K. Richardson and Miss Fitzgerald, 82, 70—152, less 30=122; Mr. S. Carr and Miss E. Carr, 68, 63—131, less 8=123; Mr. F. Richardson and Mrs. G. F. Shipley, 68, 68—136, less 12=124; Mr. R. J. Clark and Miss H. Fitzgerald, 81, 63—144, less 15=129; Mr. J. T. Morse, jun., and Miss Shattuck, 79, 82—161, less 30=131; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Zerrahn, 70, 75—145, less 8=137.

The links of the Rockaway Hunt Club, of Cedarhurst, L.I., were crowded on Saturday, November 16th, with enthusiastic golfers. The occasion was the first monthly handicap Golf match. The day was a perfect one for Golf, and the links were in first-class condition:—Mr. Albert Francke, 47, 51—98, less 8=90; Mr. F. J. Winston, 51, 66—117, less 20=97; Mr. R. F. Francke, 64, 59—123, less 25=98; Mr. D. Channey (scratch), 50, 49=99; Mr. M. S. Burrill, 58, 53—111, less 10=101; Mr. E. Kenyon-Stow, 61, 55—116, less 15=101; Mr. T. J. Taylor, 60, 52—112, less 4=108; Mr. R. L. Burton, 73, 64—137, less 23=114; Mr. J. E. Cowdin, 54, 67—121, less 6=115; Mr. R. H. Hoadley, 62, 67—129, less 14=115; Mr. F. D. Porter, 60, 65—125, less 10=115; Mr. A. D. Henry, 72, 70—142, less 21=121; Mr. E. S. Goadby, 70, 69—139, less 15=124; Mr. E. La Montagne, jun., 71, 71—142, less 18=124; Mr. Rene La Montagne, 77, 80—157, less 30=127; Mr. E. L. Burrill, 88, 74—162, less 30=132; Mr. Leo Francke, 89, 70—159, less 25=134.

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Reviews.

IN SEARCH OF QUIET. By Walter Frith. 1 Vol. London: Smith, Elder, & Co.

Mr. Frith writes as a scholar and a man of the world, a combination that is somewhat uncommon. His *Country Journal* is a departure so far out of the beaten track that its popularity is a matter of speculation. There is no plot, scarcely a story in the usual acceptance of the word, but a series of silhouettes, such as might be drawn by Caran d'Ache, only by no means comic, connected with one another, and giving the features of several stories. A gentleman in search of quiet, wherein to recover from a London season, and to write a learned law treatise, visits Thorpe Green, a village which may be multiplied by hundreds all over England, save, indeed, for its distinctive feature "The Redan." By reason of his social qualities, and almost feminine sympathy with his neighbours, the gentleman in search of quiet becomes acquainted with the leading people of the village—the Doctor, Major Ross, Miss Harewood, and the unattractive evil spirit, Banquier. So unattractive is this latter gentleman, that one wonders he can have such power as to make the chief figure in the tragedy, a sort of masculine "Crauford." The book is at times artistic, at times dramatic, there being, however, less of the dramatic element than one might expect from the author of that much-praised play, "Her Advocate." Written throughout in a style which is essentially his own, gleaming with constant flashes of humour, and a keen knowledge of human nature, masculine and feminine, at its best and at its worst; beautified by many passages of very perfect writing, and astounding in its smaller touches of minute observation, there is something wanting. Dare we quote the immortal Joe Willett, and breathe a want of imagination? Bundy, the tramp, may be drawn from the very life, but he lacks vitality. His story, and the introduction of the vegetarian ladies, seem apart from the rest of the book, a patch to fill in some unforeseen gap, they are unnecessary, and a trifle dull, which is an accusation which cannot be brought against any other part of the book. Miss Sophia's party stands out as a most remarkable scene. Here is a wonderful power of investing an ordinary event with extraordinary humour, a veritable touch of an old school, recalling Dickens, Thackeray, and perhaps the older school of Miss Burney. The book is certain to be read with interest, and even cavillers will acknowledge its power. Of its popularity we have doubts; it is not modern, and it is written in good English. The dedication is, under very thin disguise, to a very great and beautiful lady, and we cannot but wonder that this disguise was considered necessary by those immediately concerned.

SOME CHRISTMAS NUMBERS.

Again the railway bookstalls are gay with brilliant pictures—forerunners of things less acceptable, Christmas bills and Christmas indigestion. But at any rate the Christmas numbers do their best to drive away the melancholy that besets adult and responsible persons at the festive season.

Punch, first and foremost of merry-makers, has never equalled, and certainly never surpassed, its Almanack for 1896. It is a matter of real thankfulness that, amid the gaps of the year 1895, we do not count those genial humourists of the pencil who delight us in *Punch*, that we may still laugh with Lindley Sambourne, genial Sir John Teniel, free-lance Phil May, Mr. "Trilby" du Maurier, and Mr. "Pre-historic" E. T. Reed. "The twelve labours of 'Arry," include a labour round the Golf links, in the course of which the hero brings sorrow upon others.

"Holly Leaves," the Christmas number of the *Sporting and Dramatic News* is, of course, excellent in point of print and paper, and redolent of special Christmas seasoning. The illustrations are particularly Christmas-like. There are games of blind man's buff played by great grandfathers and their contemporaries; monks full of festive cheer falling in the snow, and dainty ladies supervising the adornment of the stuffed peacock. The coloured plate is from the historical picture of

Lord Nelson's departure for Trafalgar Bay that hangs in the Manchester Exhibition, and it would be a welcome addition to the walls of many a nursery, and in camp or hospital will rouse the enthusiasm of many an Englishman, soldier, sailor, or bush-ranger.

The Graphic Christmas number boasts of a very fascinating cover drawn by Percy Macquoid, representing a graceful woman feeding turkeys in the snow—cruelly fattening them, we fear, for a day fatal to turkeys. The illustrations throughout are coloured, and are more or less humorous and appropriate. Yet, alas! England possesses no Caran d'Ache, and Messrs. Percy Macquoid and Reginald Cleaver, though admirable artists, fail direfully as humorists, "Nimrod's Daughters," by Goodwin Kilborne, is a charming picture, worthy of a frame, or a good position on a picture screen. With Mrs. Steel, Rudyard Kipling, and I. Zangwill, the standard of the letter-press is naturally high. The full plate illustrations are likely to be very popular, especially the Morning Greeting of our Queen by the first of her Ministers.

The Illustrated London News is somewhat ordinary and disappointing, and the unfinished tale by the late R. L. Stevenson is rather a shock to those unprepared for its incompleteness.

Yule Tide ranks very high this year, with its excellent illustrations and cheerful letterpress. "Captives of War," from Mr. Yeames' facile brush, will be one of the most popular plates this season.

A very inartistic cover mars the *Figaro*, and within the tinted illustrations are scarcely as dainty as those of last year's number. The coloured plates will well atone, however, and the exquisitely drawn and softly painted picture, entitled a "Letter from Home" will be framed in a worthy setting by many art-loving women for their special sanctums. The letter-press is *vif* and amusing, and the English copy can be obtained at 5, Regent Street, Pall Mall.

The Queen is an admirable Christmas number, and its illustrations surpass any of the former efforts which the oldest lady's newspaper has yet made at this season. From cover to cover success is written on every page, and the picture of the little orphaned Viscount Parker makes a very lovely coloured plate for the nurseries of other children. Some valuable prizes are offered for the special Christmas puzzles.

The Gentlewoman, encouraged by the enormous success of last year's venture, once more has a special number, all now sold out, containing six stories in clever imitation of six popular writers of to-day. Generous money is offered for the competitors who guess correctly the names of the authors thus travestied. A softly tinted picture on satin accompanies this amusing Christmas number.

The Ladies' Pictorial literally teems with good, clever short stories, and Fred Pegram's admirable illustrations are the very best of the kind that we have yet seen. High praise, but none too high, as those who have examined them will certainly agree.

HASKINS & POLLARD, Golf club and ball manufacturers, Hoylake, ask us to state that they have removed their business from 7, Albert Road, to Market Street, Hoylake, where orders for balls and material should now be addressed. The necessity of removal to larger premises has occasioned some delay in the execution of orders for the remaking of balls, and it is hoped that the explanation of this fact will ensure the indulgence of their customers in the circumstances.

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Owing to the sudden and severe onset of frost last week, Golf, in some places, was ruled out of court, and the curlers came to the front with their "roaring game." This winter has begun so like last that curling hopes run high, and another grand season is expected. A Free Church minister in the West of Scotland, who happened to visit the Dalrymple Curling Pond last winter, has ventured to chastise the fraternity as "below the average of Christianity"—a mistake which anyone might expect "a cauldraft loon," who could not curl, nor understand curlers' ways, would make, in viewing a match from the edge of the pond. What a future this Free Kirk divine, and all who are ignorant of the civilising influence of curling, have before them, if they would only now mend their ways and—curl.

One of the very best books on Golf (not excepting any of the modern publications on the subject) is "The Golfer's Manual," being, as stated on the title-page, "An Historical and Descriptive Account of the National Game of Scotland." The book was published by J. Cook and Son, St. Andrews, about the year 1857, and contains an excellent portrait and autograph of Allan Robertson, the famous invincible. It was written "under the special patronage of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club," and "by a Keen Hand," the author being Mr. H. B. Farnie. We should like to hear something of this gentleman, our information at present being little more than this, that he wrote plays, and died, a rich man, in Paris, and that two sisters of his resided at St. Andrews. It is notable that this interesting work, though written less than forty years ago, gives a list of Scottish Golf clubs containing only a little over twenty.

Mr. A. J. Balfour is to receive the freedom of the City and Royal Burgh of Glasgow. Lord Provost Bell, in proposing the honour, detailed the honorary degrees of the right hon. gentleman, and said, "I think it is not the record of any other man of the age of Mr. Balfour to have such acknowledgment from the centres of intellectual culture." True, but my Lord Provost might have added a word about the additional acknowledgments from the centres of Golf culture. Golf, as everybody knows, requires "a heid."

On the ground that "so many new clubs are springing up throughout the colony," *The Australasian*, of October 26th, recently come to hand, has an article on "Golf links and how to lay them out." The writer says "I have not seen the proper sort of turf in the Colony yet, but, from what I hear, Flinders and Warnambool are the most likely places to get it." A plan is given of the Royal Melbourne Golf links, Caulfield, from which it appears that the club has many difficulties to contend with, the ground being hampered, and roads and even houses interfering with the play. Still there seems great enthusiasm among the golfers of Melbourne, and the number of lady players has increased so much of late that the cottage opposite the club-house has been taken by the club for the convenience of the "lady-associates." We lately referred to two gentlemen who are expected to prove pioneers of the game in their dis-

tricts, viz., Mr. Eddy, Commissioner of Railways, and Dr Morton, who accompanied Lord Brassey in his voyage out on the *Sunbeam*, both of whom attained proficiency in Golf on visiting Scotland. The paper to which we have referred has reproductions of Dr. Morton's photographs taken on the voyage, and we shall no doubt hear that the Governor's medical adviser has persuaded his Excellency to take Golf under his care in his rule of Australia.

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"Timothy," who has been looking over our shoulder, expresses surprise that we have not discovered till now that Australia is under the dominion of Golf when governed by a Brassey.

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Mr. John Morley, in his interesting farewell address at Newcastle, with his characteristic fondness for epigrams, used some which would almost imply that he was already studying Golf, so as to fully represent Montrose, as, for example, "that you ought to take nothing tragically, and ought to take everything seriously" is as good for Golf as for politics. Then again, "Don't let us hurry into any sterile and misleading bustle" is just the old golfing adage translated into the politician's advice—*Festina lente*: "Dinna hurry the swing."

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Captain J. H. Forester and ex-Captain A. Gunn have won the Tullo trophy played for in couples by the Edinburgh High Constable's Golf Club. The trophy was presented to them by the captain at a social meeting in the Imperial Hotel last week, with gold pendants from the secretary and treasurer, while the runners-up received silver pendants.

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The Baberton Golf Club has had presented for competition by Mr. A. L. Struthers, jeweller, Leith, a trophy in the form of a shield surmounted by a golfing figure moulded in silver, and in the centre a view of the course with players putting. The shield is to be played for annually. The membership of the club is now 400.

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A Perthshire Golf Club is being formed in Edinburgh, names being received by Mr. James Halley, 21, Hazelbank Terrace. This combination of gentlemen belonging to one county is a good idea, for Golf makes a suitable and healthy occasion for social fellowship and re-union.

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A good deal of progress has recently, we are told, been made in the way of getting shares in the Aberlady and Gullane Railway scheme taken up in the locality, and it is now fully expected that 1896 will see a beginning made with the scheme.

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In the Dunfermline Fine Art Exhibition, Miss M. Cameron has an interesting group of Gullane caddies, sketched with very happy effect.

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"Bruce's box has been blawn owre, an' a' the ile's rinnin' oot." So ran the tale of the gale the other night, and Musselburgh was alive with excitement over the event. With philosophic calm, the Town Council have allowed the box to lie on the table.

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At a recent meeting of Musselburgh Town Council, a letter was read from the secretary of the Lothians Racing Club, stating that the owners of racehorses would not in future run their horses at Musselburgh meetings unless the course was put into a proper state of repair, it being at present hard and turfless. The letter was remitted to the Common Good Committee, who, at a meeting last night, agreed to lay the course with peat litter, and otherwise improve it.

The "Sunday Question" has not yet reached Bournemouth in an acute form, but there is another matter which is very seriously exercising the minds of local golfers. The "Betterment of Golf in Bournemouth," is occupying a good deal of space in the local newspapers, and a deputation of golfers a few days ago invaded the sacred precincts of the municipal council chamber, where a discussion on the technicalities of the links formed quite an agreeable relief to the immediately preceding subject of how best to collect the refuse of the large and increasing borough of Bournemouth. The deputation consisted of Mr. W. W. Moore (chairman of the Bournemouth magistrates), Captain W. G. Wyld, and Messrs. D. W. H. Robson-Burrows, Pontifex, H. E. Acklom, F. W. Brewster, F. H. Haviland, G. E. Bridge, and G. Bone, and they presented a petition signed by 100 golfers in favour of certain alterations and improvements in the links. The petitioners expressed the opinion that it was highly necessary to put the links "more on a level with other first-class courses, in order that they may become more attractive, and so induce a larger number of golfers to visit the town." The two chief complaints mentioned by the deputation with respect to the links were (1), that they are too short, the total round being a few yards over two miles, and (2), that there are too many short or "bad" holes. The Mayor (Alderman H. Newlyn), himself a golfer, promised that the memorial should receive the earnest consideration of the Council. We hope it will, and that some practical good may result.

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The various correspondents who have written to the local newspapers under the signatures of "Hard Hitter," "An Old Golfer," "A Resident Golfer," "Winter Visitor," &c., have detailed their various experiences while playing on the links. One of them very pertinently observes, "It will never do to allow it to go forth and gain hold in golfing circles that the Golf we offer our visitors is nearer third-class than first-class. But what other conclusion can be arrived at when ladies do the long course in 90, 'Bogey' is acknowledged to be 69 or 70, and Taylor (first time) goes round in 66?" Such a comment from one who knows what he is writing about, justifies the action taken by local golfers in the prayer they have wafted to the council chamber for the betterment of Golf in Bournemouth, and there is no doubt that the Corporation, who by-the-by, were the first municipal authority in England to establish a links, will attend to the expressed wishes of so large and influential a body of players. One argument more than any other perhaps which will urge them to carry out in part or whole the scheme presented to them by the deputation, is the suggestion that the improvement is necessary, if they wish to render the links at Bournemouth superior to those at any of the rival watering places of Brighton, Hastings, Eastbourne, or abroad at Pau and Biarritz. We shall therefore hope to hear good things from Bournemouth, for no watering-place likes to hear its rivals spoken of as offering superior advantages for visitors.

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One outspoken golfer, with regard to the links as they now exist at Bournemouth, as an argument for their extension, says, "Men do not want ladies' Golf, and ladies do not want children's Golf; but something a good deal better than this should be obtained after the large expense that has been gone to. There are so many Golf courses now in England that going to sleep is bad policy for Bournemouth." The golfers in Bournemouth are just the sort of people who do not mean to let the Corporation go to sleep over the matter, and the facts that three very commodious pavilions have been erected on the links, and that the three clubs have a total membership of about 300, testify to the popularity which the game has acquired in the Evergreen Valley.

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A good deal is heard about the remuneration of professionals in Golf, but their earnings are absolute poverty when compared with the fees obtained by professional football players and

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cricketers. In football £300 to £500 is an ordinary salary obtained by a professional for a season's play—more than the income of many men engaged in commerce or in professional life working hard all the year round. It is no wonder, therefore that the Income Tax Commissioners have had their eye upon the professional football player. The other day the Aston Villa Football Club players were thrown into a high state of indignation. Before leaving for a match at Burnley each player received a demand note for income tax amounting to £6 13s. The claim is, of course, disputed, and we are promised some elucidations as to what the incomes really are, taking into account, no doubt, the share of gate money and retaining fees.

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WORD PUZZLE.

My whole is a word of several letters,
 Meaning what often is owned by our betters;
 Headless, it's used for a happy condition,
 Also for that of man's endless perdition.
 Thrice lopped of its leaders, it tells how a woman
 Once treated the gift of a wily old foeman;
 The last two and first together will mention
 Whence players may start for a drive in contention.

A. G.

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The "Home" Golf Ball Press Company, 20, St. Vincent Lane, Glasgow, have just brought out a novelty in the shape of a "Stymie" Scoring Card. It not only measures the requisite six inches, but it folds up neatly for the pocket, and it is ruled into columns for the scores of two players over eighteen holes. It is a useful card to carry in the pocket in case of dispute about the six-inch rule at the hole side. We are glad to hear, also, that the handy, effective Golf Ball Presses of the Company are everywhere giving satisfaction, and that the sale, as well as the demand for them, continues good.

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The directors of the Baslow Hydropathic Company, deserve to be heartily congratulated on their enterprise in laying out Golf links for the free use of visitors at the charming Hydro. of Baslow. Golf, to many people in their periods of leisure, has become a necessity, and golfers flock to establishments where facilities are provided for pursuing their favourite pastime. Happily for the Baslow Hydro, the directors were able, a few months ago to obtain the use of sufficient land to supply an excellent nine-hole course. It is within four minutes' walk of the Hydro, doors, lying between Yeld Wood and Old Sheffield road. The course has been in process of laying-out since July, and very great care has been taken in the preparation of the greens and teeing grounds. Drainage work has also been undertaken, and much desirable work done between the holes. The turf generally is good, and allows capital lies. The hazards are the Bar Brook and other natural bunkers. There is a hazard at nearly every hole, making an ideal sporting course. The sixth hole lies at the far end of Yeld Wood, close to the point where the path comes into the open. This is a great advantage, as it enables spectators to see play without being in the way of the players. The drive here is from a high plateau across a ravine interspersed with rocks, and a bad stroke will land players in considerable difficulties. A professional, formerly junior at Lindric, has been engaged, and will be at the service of learners, at a very moderate fee of one shilling per round.

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The opening of the links took place on Saturday, when, on the invitation of the chairman, Ald. Brittain and the directors of the Baslow Hydropathic Company, a large party journeyed to Baslow to take part in the ceremony. A saloon carriage attached to the eleven o'clock express, put ladies and gentlemen down at Grindleford, where carriages were waiting to convey the party to Baslow. Luncheon was served at one o'clock, and at two the opening ceremony was performed. Amongst those present were Ald. and Mrs. Brittain and Miss

Winifred Brittain, the Master Cutler (Mr. H. Andrew), the Mistress Cutler (Miss Andrew), and Miss Maud Andrew. Mr. Henry Pawson and Mr. Barber, the four gentlemen named, being the directors of the Hydropathic. The Rev. J. Stockdale, vicar of Baslow, was also present, and Dr. Wrench, who has rendered valuable help in formation of the links, was represented by his wife and daughter. Ald. Brittain, by virtue of his chairmanship at the Hydropathic, inaugurated the links by driving off the first ball, declaring the links open for play. Thereupon a number of experts set to win the presentation medal, which was carried off by Mr. A. Thompson with a gross score of 88 and handicap of 14. Mr. J. Barber was second, with a gross score of 93 and handicap of 16, and Mr. Holand Leader third, with the gross score of 85 and handicap of 5. The match was medal play, twice round the course. Considering the heavy rains last week, the course was in excellent condition.

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THE EDGBASTON GOLF CLUB.—We understand that this club is being started, and that a most perfect site has been secured, which it is considered will make one of the most picturesque and best inland Golf links in the country. Mr. S. A. Edwards, of Beech Lanes, Edgbaston, is the hon. secretary, *pro tem*.

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An interesting foursome was played over Chiswick and the Mid-Surrey Golf course, Old Deer Park, Richmond, C. R. Smith and Jas. Braid, Army and Navy Stores, being opposed to R. Munro, professional, Mid-Surrey Golf Club, and D. Duncan, Staines Golf Club, for a stake of £10 and a purse kindly presented by the Chiswick Golf Club. The first half of the match was played at Chiswick on November 30th, and at the end of the day's play Smith and Braid were 12 holes to the good. The second half, played at the Old Deer Park, Richmond, on December 7th, was a much closer affair, victory, however, resting with Smith and Braid, by 12 up and 11 to play. They also won the bye by 4 holes.

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Mr. Thos. Gilroy, of Mount Royal, Portrush, a member of the Royal and Ancient and Hoylake Golf Clubs, has accepted the post of secretary and treasurer of the Seaford Golf Club, and has taken up his duties.

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A NEW PUTTER.—Among the Golf patentees who have recently entered the lists is Mr. Alexander Aitken, the club-maker attached to the green of the Burgess Golfing Society at Barnton, Cramond Brig, near Edinburgh. Mr. Aitken's new club is an improved putter. The blade is two and a half inches long and one and a half inches deep, thick on the sole, and fairly broad and solid all through, with the face quite plane; indeed, there is nothing to distinguish the club in appearance from a truncated, broad-faced cleek or iron. On the green, however, the club is a very effective one. Its broad face entirely covers the ball, and therefore propels it forward without jerk or spin in a perfectly straight line for the hole. The broad face seems to cause the ball to "bite" the inequalities of the ground on the line of putt, and thus to save it from being deflected to the same extent as the narrow-faced cleeks are prone to do. This characteristic is most noticeable when a fairly long approach putt has to be made, say, the whole width of the green. The ball goes off the club quickly, but it runs true, and if the required strength has been imparted the ball is generally pretty near the hole. All the players who have tried the club speak highly in its favour, believing that Mr. Aitken is working on the correct lines for a putter by presenting a deep, straight face behind the ball, and in allowing it to have the full benefit of impact with the striking surface of the club. We have tried the club, and can speak in this sense from actual experiment. The club, which is beautifully finished, in black leather grip and hickory or green-heart shaft, is also made in requisite weights for ladies, who, as a rule, stand more upright over their ball when putting, and to whom therefore the club ought to be particularly welcome.

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THE PENALTY STROKE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I feel sure you have taken the sound view of the penalty stroke. In the argument one point has, so far as I have noticed, not been touched upon. It is, that the moving of a leaf, or any other obstacle, is, if the term may be used, in no sense personal to the stroke. Has "N. F." never had experience of a foursome in which his partner, prior to a stroke being played, asked him to wait a moment till he picked up a loose bit of turf, or other obstacle, it not being his (the partner's) turn to play? In matches with some of our best-known amateurs in Scotland, I have often had that done for me, sometimes by my partner, sometimes by my partner's caddie. If the ball were moved in that case, it would be moved by the player who was not in turn to play. If I have made this illustration clear enough, it shows that the accidental moving of the ball in the case first brought forward had no direct or personal connection with the stroke about to be played, and that the penalty stroke is reckoned, just as it would be if a ball were in water, or any other hazard, and had to be dropped.

I am, Sir, &c.,
J. P. C.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In the article entitled "The Penalty Stroke" in your issue of to-day, you say that the rules "are a scandal to the game and to the authorities who sanctioned them"; and you also state that "every other sport and pastime has its association." In regard to your first contention, every one who has played Golf knows how difficult it is to make clear and comprehensive rules to embrace every contingency that may arise, and at the same time have the merit of terseness and briefness. And yet it is the opinion of most of the older school of players, who have the greatest experience of the game, that the rules may fairly be said to meet these requirements. I certainly have been struck with the extraordinary fertility of the imaginations of some of your correspondents who have appealed to you for rulings on cases, well nigh impossible, which they say might occur in the course of the game; but I have also been impressed with the fact that you have always been able to answer them, and in accordance with a strict interpretation of the rules. This surely points to the fact that they are sufficiently lucid and comprehensive. With reference to your second statement, I would like to point out that cricket is governed precisely in the same manner as Golf. The Royal and Ancient Golf Club does for Golf what the M. C. C. does for cricket. If this arrangement has been found to answer in the case of cricket, surely it can also do so in that of Golf. Any union of clubs for purposes of framing laws and governing the game generally, to be representative, would be a most unwieldy body, and no better results could be attained than are arrived at under the existing arrangement. I speak under correction; but I would affirm that the management of the

game is better left in the hands of those who, by experience and practice, are most competent to deal with it. Apologising for encroaching at such length on your space,

I am Sir, &c.,
JAMES G. MCCALL.

Cambridge, December 6th.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—"Association," in GOLF, and Mr. H. H. Hilton in another quarter, both take exception to my ruling when I say that in all cases where a ball has been moved, accidentally or otherwise, from a good or bad lie, either on the course or putting green, the ball must be replaced in its former position, and a penalty stroke imposed. The St. Andrews rule, which they both adhere to, says that the ball is allowed to lie where it has been moved to, and only a penalty stroke imposed. The proper rule that governs the illegal moving of a ball was framed with the intention of acting as a check and preventive against players moving their ball from a bad lie on to a good lie on the course. It works evenly and smoothly, and metes out even-handed justice all round, in every case. It never exacts more than a one-stroke penalty for a ball that is moved from a good or bad lie; but it never fails to exact that penalty from both. It does not allow or recognise a ball being moved from its position on the course or putting green, other than by being played. A moved ball, to the proper rule, is like a broken string to a fiddle. The ball in every case must be replaced before the rule works perfectly in all its parts, just as the string must be replaced to restore a harmonious whole to the instrument. The proper rule says to a player who moves his ball unwittingly from a good lie on to a bad lie on the course, "I am sorry for you. You could not improve the position of your ball by moving it; but I don't allow of a ball being moved other than by being played; at the same time I must not punish you unduly to the benefit of your opponent. Therefore, to keep things equal and maintain my proper balance, I restore your ball from its present bad lie to its former position; all I want is my penalty stroke." The proper rule says to a player who moves his ball accidentally, or by design, from a bad lie on to a good lie on the course, "I will not let you gain any advantage from what you have done. I have been designed for the express purpose of checking actions such as yours, that would benefit you unduly at the expense of your opponent; and your ball not having been played but simply moved from its lie, to make things equal and maintain my proper balance, I restore your ball to its former bad lie and impose the loss of a stroke. I am not punishing you unduly, and you suffer nothing from my causing you to do this, as your ball went into the bad lie from your own act, and it must be replaced there until played out fairly." The St. Andrews rule is based on the false assumption that a ball moved, accidentally or otherwise, from a good or bad lie on the course is a stroke. Now a ball must be *struck*, or *attempted to be struck*, to constitute a stroke. No stroke has been struck here, but an offence against the law regulating the play has been committed, and for this offence a penalty stroke is imposed, and the ball never having been struck is treated as if it had never been moved from its lie.

The St. Andrews rule commences with a wrong conception and apprehension of the true meaning and purpose for which the rule was framed, and getting on the wrong line at the beginning, it continues to be wrong in every instance where it is called upon to act. It fosters and keeps alive the very evils the proper rule was designed to discourage and destroy. It is harsh where it should be kind, and kind where it should be harsh. It neither works evenly nor smoothly, and is unjust in every case. It often exacts a two strokes penalty for a ball moved from a good lie, while it exacts no penalty at all from a ball moved from a bad lie, but sometimes gives it a stroke to the good. The St. Andrews rule thus gives the greatest encouragement and strongest incentive to players to move their ball from a bad lie, and thus makes the rule intended to check this a nullity and of non-effect. I will give a few illustrations to show how the two rules act, and will first take the case of a ball with a good lie.

A and B are partners in a match. A in playing his ball from

a good lie—the hole being distant a full drive—gets it well away and lands his ball on the green in one stroke. In the following round it falls to A to play the same stroke, but this time A, in addressing his ball, moves it accidentally from its good lie into a bad one. The ball is lifted from the bad lie, and replaced in its former position, and a penalty stroke imposed. B, from a good lie gets the ball home in the next stroke. This, with the penalty stroke makes two strokes A and B have taken to reach the green. The loss of a stroke is plainly seen here. And this is all that the real rule wants. It never takes more and it never takes less.

This is how the St. Andrews rule acts: A, in addressing his ball from a good lie, moves it accidentally into a bad lie. A penalty stroke is imposed for this, and B playing the ball next, and from a bad lie, can only manage to send it a short distance. It takes A another stroke to reach the green. This, with the penalty stroke, makes three they have taken to reach the green. Can anything be more absurd than thus to penalise a player for moving his ball when he had no interest in doing so?

I will now show how the two rules work in the case of a ball with a bad lie.

Playing under the proper rule, A, playing his ball from a bad lie, say an old iron-mark, the hole being distant a full drive, can only manage to send it half the distance. B plays next, and lands the ball on the green, thus making two strokes they have taken to reach the green. In the following round it falls to A to play the same stroke. But this time A, in addressing his ball, either by accident or design moves his ball from its bad lie to a good lie on the course. The ball is replaced in its former position and a penalty stroke imposed. B, now playing, drives the ball about half-way to the hole. A, playing the next stroke, lifts the ball neatly on to the green. This, with the penalty stroke included, makes three strokes they have taken to reach the green. Here, again, the penalty stroke is plainly seen, and this is all the proper rule asks. It never takes more, and it won't take less.

Now for the St. Andrews rule. Playing under St. Andrews rules, A, in addressing his ball from a bad lie, (say) an old iron-mark, either by accident or design, moves it from its bad lie to a good lie on the course. A penalty stroke is imposed for this. B, playing next, and his ball lying well, and he hitting a clean stroke, lays the ball on the green. Thus, penalty stroke included, A and B only take two strokes to reach the green. Here it is plainly seen that the penalty stroke is evaded.

What check is this against a player moving his ball from a bad lie to a good one, and against whom the rule was made to be directed? I may tell "Association" that in my lifetime I have been engaged in many matches, both singles and foursomes, some of them very notable matches, too. I shall only tell him of one foursome I played, but it will give him some indication of what the others might be. With J. D. Brown, of Bruntsfield and St. Andrews, for a partner, we played a series of matches over the links at Perth with the Brothers Park (Old Willie and Davie) as our opponents. We played six rounds, each round counting as a match. Brown and I won the whole six matches in succession. I count that a very notable match, as on the following day the two Parks beat all that came before them, and these were represented by the late Peter McEwan, J. D. Brown, and Bob Andrews ("The Rook"), the Perth professional, and then a noted player. A fine assemblage of golfing talent was present. I only mention this to "Association" to let him know that in my own play, and that of others, we none of us indulged in those antics, capers and pranks which seem to give a peculiar prominence to him and his associates, such as moving a ball from a bad lie, say, an old iron-mark, putting balls into the hole without playing them, striking at a teed ball and missing it, &c. We never did those things in our day. But to return to the question of the rules. If "Association" still thinks that my ruling is wrong I shall consider that it is owing more to my imperfect advocacy than to any fault of the rule. As to the St. Andrews rule, the mighty and potent oracles who uttered their inspired breathings from the ancient and venerable metropolis of Golf, must, when they framed this immortal and never-to-be-forgotten rule, have stood upon their heads as it is upside down with common sense, sound reason, and fair play.

I am, Sir, &c.,
RONALD ROSS.

THE ELIE LINKS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—From time to time, paragraphs have appeared in your paper, as to the state of the Earisferry and Elie Golf Links, which I may say are wholly unfounded in fact, and are such as to have caused a great deal of feeling among the Golfing community here, and especially among the members of the club. For your information, I may say that the links are managed by a joint green committee, composed of members from the three clubs in this place, and it has been admitted on all hands—saving your informant—that the links have never been in better condition, or better looked after, than at present. It is not for us to dictate to an editor of a paper, but we suggest that one making such strong statements as your informant has done, should have the courage of his opinion, and put his name to the information he thus gives, and so allow parties interested to have an opportunity of replying direct. But for the publicity which a paper such as yours gives, the remarks would be treated with that silence and contempt which they deserve; and I shall therefore be obliged by your giving the statements complained of a direct denial in your first issue, and at the same time request that parties sending further information on this matter will please put their names to such communications, so that it may be officially replied to. I may add that this letter has been approved of by the joint green committee.

I am Sir, &c.,

H. M. KETCHEN,
Hon. Secretary.

The Golf House Club, Elie, Fife,
December 7th.

WORM CASTS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence about worm casts, in your issue of November 29th, will "A" kindly state the proportions of lime and water to be used.

I am, Sir, &c.,

C. G. C.

Cannes, December 8th.

PUTTING-GREENS AND TEES IN INDIA.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It is not perhaps generally known to your readers in Great Britain that in the majority of Golf clubs throughout India such a thing as a "putting-green" is unheard of, and sounds as strange to the ear of a resident as the common substitute "brown" does to the stranger who visits the shiny East for the first time. These "browns" are formed artificially with a foundation of soil, mud, and rubble, well worked down, and topped with a layer of fine sand, which is constantly rolled until the whole, under a tropical sun, becomes hard and true. In the dry season, accurate putting is by no means easy, for (1) the ground being very hard, it is difficult to judge the required strength; (2) a slight unevenness, though almost imperceptible to the eye, is sufficient to turn a ball out of its original course; (3) if anything approaching a stiff breeze is blowing, considerable allowance has to be made; also the wind blows the surface sand to the leeward side of the "brown," and one may have to putt or loft over a drift, thereby losing accuracy in strength. When slightly damp, the "browns" are at their best, for the ball keeps a true line owing to the binding nature of the sand. Sea sand should be used, as river sand, unless carefully sifted, is full of small stones which may turn a ball. "Browns," vary five to ten yards in diameter. One cannot be confident of laying one's ball dead, on the vast majority of "browns," from a greater distance than five yards from the edge, for the grass, which is at times thick, extends up to that point, and there is often a drop of from one

and a-half to two inches from the level of the grass to the level of the "brown." Even if a player pitches his ball to his own satisfaction, a slight obstruction may prevent its reaching the "brown," and an extra kick may send it spinning across to the opposite side. In some of the hill stations good greens may be had, and even in a few places in the plains, such as Calcutta, greens are kept up, but the expense is heavy, as they need endless fresh water, an article which becomes extremely scarce in the hot season. Some patent tee, such as "Dalziel's," would be a great boom in this country where wet sand rapidly becomes dust; but I doubt if there is a club to be found who could afford to lay them down, and possibly the portion composed of india-rubber would not stand the heat of an Indian sun.

I am, Sir, &c.,
H. R. W. E.

Madras, November 12th.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The Amateur Golf Championship, which falls to be played on the links of the St. George's Club, at Sandwich, next year, has been fixed to take place in the week of the 18th May, 1896.

I am, Sir, &c.,
W. RUTHERFORD,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
St. George's Golf Club.

December 9th.

GOLF AT CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It is with a feeling of astonishment and regret that I note in GOLF of November 29th a letter by Mr. W. T. Linskill, hon. secretary, Cambridge University Golf Club. Either Mr. Linskill must be growing nervous as to the prospects of his own particular club, or he is jealous of what amount of success has attended the praiseworthy efforts of Messrs. H. J. Gray & Sons.

I am glad to read that Mr. Linskill does not write "as one prejudiced by my connection with the University Golf Club." To see this in print is a great relief, as otherwise readers might be left under a cloud of misapprehension.

Personally, I should have thought that a club whose membership numbers "nearly 500," could well afford to view with interest and pleasure the advent of an additional links in the vicinity, which, for pleasantness of situation, certainly surpasses that at Coldham.

As "a St. Andrews man," I hail with delight the efforts of Messrs. Gray & Sons to bring the Royal and Ancient Game within easy reach of town and gown; and, as a true lover of the sport—though, alas, but a poor exponent of the same—I wish every success to the Granta Golf Club.

I am, Sir, etc.,
G. HOLMDEN.

St. Andrew's University Golf Club,
3, Gresham Road, Cambridge.
December 6th.

GOLF AT ABERFELDY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you or any of your readers kindly give me information about Aberfeldy Golf Links.

I am going to stay in the neighbourhood, and I should like to know if it is worth the while taking my clubs with me.

I am, Sir, &c.,
JAMES STREET.

PLAYING OFF TIES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A club holds eight medal competitions during the year, between each of which the score of the recent winner is scrutinised, and if necessary a reduction in his handicap effected. Playing on this "sliding scale," the member who secures most wins during the season lays claim to the gold charm presented by the club.

In the present instance, three members tie for the charm with two wins each, and a difference of opinion exists as to the handicap of the winner of the eighth competition (the last on the card), in playing off the tie.

A wins No. 1, and gets reduced four strokes; and playing on this reduced handicap, he again comes in first in No. 6, but this score being poor, no further reduction is made by the committee.

B (a scratch player) wins No. 2, and is pulled down one stroke; on the new handicap he again wins No. 4 with an indifferent score, and is left alone.

C wins No. 5, and loses two strokes. Playing on reduced handicap he also wins No. 8 with lowest score of the season, for which he is further penalised two strokes.

C holds that having won in the last competition on the card any reduction for that win does not affect his handicap till next season, and cannot therefore be taken into account in the tie, which is not a competition. He further states that he could have played off the tie immediately on the termination of the last competition, and before his handicap for second win had been adjusted.

A holds that the last competition being one of the eight must be subject to the same laws as the other seven. The tie, he considers, is a competition (though limited) which must be played by the three parties on their adjusted handicaps after all the competitions have finished, and not on the termination of the seventh. He will only play C on his handicap as last reduced.

Who is right, A or C?

Each medal competition is practically an independent one, a prize being given each month.

I am Sir, etc.,
GOLFER.

[We think that the contention of C is the correct one, and for this reason. The gold charm is not a competition set apart by the committee of the club to be played off by the winners of the monthly competitions as a separate prize from the others, irrespective of the number of wins gained throughout the year by each competitor. It is part and parcel of the same competition, the winner being, as it were, automatically pointed out by his aggregate number of wins. Therefore, if there are three ties at the close of the eighth competition, those players who tie have to play off on the same handicap as that which was in force when the competition began. If the contention of A were conceded, the effect would be to penalise C unjustly in a tie with his other competitors, or, in other words, in a competition which has not yet been decided, and to which neither of the players can lay any claim as the winner. When the tie has been decided, then it becomes the duty of the committee to reconsider the handicaps of the competitors, and to adjust them as they think best; but, until the tie has been decided, it would be an arbitrary use of their power to say to C that he must submit to further penalty before the competition has been closed. As a matter of fact, the committee ought not to take cognisance of the result until the tie has been decided, and the result declared to them, when, of course, they have the right to say to any of the players that each, or all, shall have a stroke less in the next competition, which begins the series of a new season. This is the ordinary and regular practice.—ED.]

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.—The competitions for the Risk, Wilson, and Scott medals of the Glasgow Golf Club took place over their links at Gables on Saturday, December 7th. There was a small attendance of members owing to the stormy nature of the weather, but the links, nevertheless, were in good playing condition. Best scores:—Risk medal—Mr. G. Steele (winner), 89, less 5=84; Mr. R. B. Mitchell (scratch), 86; Mr. Robert Adam, 86, plus 3=89; Mr. J. R. Motion (scratch), 89; Mr. J. T. Irving, 93, less 4=89; Mr. John Stewart, 95, less 5=91. Wilson medal—Mr. H. Rey (winner), 100, less 10=90; Mr. W. C. Wilson, 102, less 10=92; Mr. John French, 104, less 12=92; Mr. A. Walker, 100, less 7=93; Mr. J. Colville, 109, less 11=98. Scott medal—Mr. J. C. Crawford (winner), 111, less 18=93; Mr. Alfred Morton, 114, less 18=96.

TAYLOR and HERD at KETTERING.

KETTERING is a large industrial centre for the manufacture of boots and shoes. The population is 25,000 and is increasing rapidly. It is one of the principal towns of the country, situated on the main line of the Midland Railway, being seventy-two miles from London. There are plenty of fast trains to and from London; the journey, with stoppages, taking eighty minutes. Golf was introduced into Northamptonshire

increased to between eighty and ninety. A fine pavilion was erected in October, 1893, designed by Gotch & Saunders, a well-known firm of architects in the Midlands. The club steadily increasing, it was felt that the orthodox course of eighteen holes should be laid out. This was done in the same year. Members of the club come from Northampton, Wellingborough, Rugby, Gretton, and other places. The

MR. H. W. MORRIS.

MR. STAIDBURY.

MR. E. P. TOLLER.

MR. H. BRYAN.

MR. A. BARLOW.

DUNCAN.
(Cambridge).

MR. H. A. COOPER.

MR. B. BAKER.

MR. H. HANGER.

COL. BRINDLEY.

MR. F. IENSON.

MR. N. DAWSON.

MR. B. B. MUSCOTT.

MR. F. NEWTON.

MR. P. WALLIS.

MR. R. B. WALLIS.

MR. C. NICOLSON.



MR. G. H. LANE.

MR. A. C. SHIMMONDS.

TAYLOR.

MR. F. MORRIS.

MR. A. J. ROBERTSON.
(Umpire).DR. ALLISON.
(Captain).

MR. J. P. CROAL.

HERD.

MR. J. HALL (Notes).

MR. W. MEADOWS.

MR. J. A. GOTCH, J.P.

MR. C. SAUNDERS.

in October, 1891, and Kettering has the honour of being the premier club in the county.

Suitable ground was found on one of the farms belonging to the Duke of Buccleuch, five minutes from the town and station. The "Grand Old Man," Tom Morris, was induced to come from the "gray city" ayont the Tweed, to lay out a nine-hole course; and since then he has paid several visits to them, and one of his cherished sayings is "Nae Gowfer need be ashamed to come and play here."

The club started with a membership of thirty, which has

course is 5,075 yards long, the short hole being 130 yards, and the long, or "Kittle" hole, 510 yards. The usual inland hazards abound, namely, hedges, ditches, burns, railways, artificial bunkers, and not forgetting the much-despised "hurdles stuffed with whins." Before the round is played and a good score returned, it is essential that one plays correct Golf.

As the members of the club began to get enthusiastic, it was felt desirable to have a good match between well-known professionals, and J. H. Taylor and H. Kirkaldy came and

played a thirty-six hole match on April 2nd, 1894. 'Hugh was victorious by 4 up and 3 to play.

Again—as recently as November 9th, an event which is fresh in the memory of most golfers—Taylor and Herd met, and the Champion was 2 up and 1 to play. The record of the course was made by Herd on the previous day, and the first time he had seen the links—79. This was equalled by Taylor on the day of the match.

One of the distinctive features of the course is the exceptionally fine putting-greens for an inland course. In fact, all that is required to make the whole course a very fine one is plenty of members who will play, and rolling and cutting and enlarging, still further, the putting-greens.

The Midland Railway Company have generously conceded to members of this club a reduction of fares within fifty miles of Kettering, and no doubt, were a sufficient number of gentlemen from town to become members, they might be induced to give them the same privilege by extending the radius to seventy-five miles.

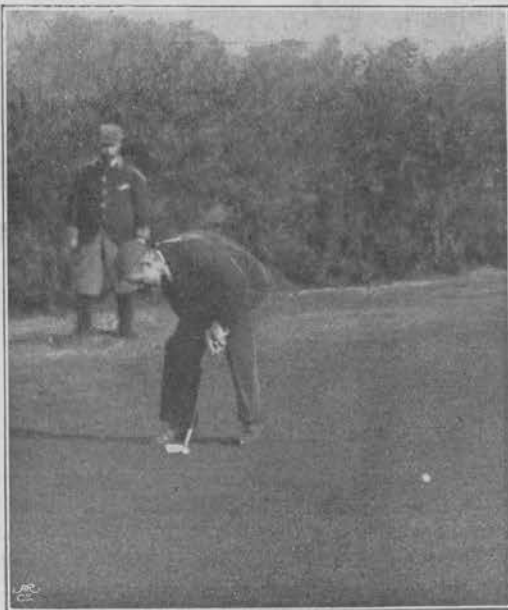
The club are most fortunate in having an indefatigable secretary in Mr. Mobbs, an enthusiastic golfer embued with all the traditions of the royal game, who will be pleased to give information regarding the links to any gentlemen who would like to become members. Out of-town members, £1 1s.; no entrance fee. The committee, with the idea of



TAYLOR DRIVING.—The position admirably illustrates Taylor's swing—club held well away from the shoulder, hands low down on the grip of the club. As will be seen, the swing is more horizontal than Kirkaldy's, Herd's, or any of the other professionals, who drive with the club well above the shoulder, and more vertical in the radius of its sweep.

popularising the game, have drawn up a scheme to present to the club. Its object is to allow youths to play on the course at a reduced subscription, which, it is hoped, will have the effect of getting more players. Some day the future Open Champion may hail from Kettering; who knows?

The accompanying photographs were taken on the day of the Taylor v. Herd match, and are by Speight, of Kettering.



TAYLOR PUTTING.—Golfers should note the grasp of the club, and how the fingers apparently interlock on the grip. The ball is also played off the right foot—practically the uniform position of the Champion in playing most of his shots.

WE have received a copy of the "Annual" of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club for 1895-6. The volume is bulkier than any of its predecessors, as is to be expected from the fact that curlers had the rare privilege of two and a-half months' uninterrupted enjoyment of their favourite game at the beginning of the year. The volume is rich in material of interest to the curler—as, for example, the reports of meetings and of committees dealing with the controversy as to whether the weight of stones should be reduced from 50 lbs. to 42 lbs., the international match between England and Scotland, curling in the Colonies, accounts of presentations, well executed photographs of curling scenes on the ice, and some well-known players, together with a copious collection of buoyant curling songs "in guid braid Scots." The "Annual" reflects the highest credit on the taste and literary ability of the Secretary, Mr. Davidson Smith. The volume shows us that there is a membership of 23,000, and 587 clubs are affiliated under the ægis of one society. If, as this book shows, the society does so much useful work to the benefit of curling, why should not a society, founded on similar lines, be an equally effective platform for the promotion of Golf and golfing interests?

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. O. P.—The contention of A is wrong. B was entitled to replace his ball in the position from which it was knocked in the like, and before A played the odd. By his bad play A gave himself a stimpie, which he must "thole," as the Scots' language has it. The point has been often raised before in these columns.

J. D.—(1) Yes; Y and Z lose a stroke, and the ball cannot be replaced on the tee, as it is in play. It must be played from the position in which it lies. Y plays next. (2) Z plays next, as Y's action is equivalent to his stroke. (3) No. We do not think that the rule means to include the wind in its description of "outside agency." The description rather applies to the active displacing agency of a crow, a boy or girl, a nursemaid, or the misplaced politeness of a saunterer, who "fields" the ball, and brings it joyfully back to the player. In the case you mention, A's ball is not replaced, but the ball is counted as having been holed out in the last stroke he played.

H. DANE.—A year or two ago some very interesting correspondence took place in these columns, on the subject of mud on balls on inland greens. A well-known player of high authority suggested that there should be a by-law to the effect you indicate, and that a player should be enabled to ask his opponent to lift the ball and remove the mud, and replace the ball on the green, or alternatively, put down a clean ball. A great many players make an arrangement with each other in private matches to this effect, and in the winter time the Editor does the same in his own matches; but the drift of the correspondence was against allowing a player himself to tamper with the position of the ball. In private matches the arrangement works well, and is more satisfactory play. We see no reason against such a by-law, if the player or his caddie are not allowed to touch the ball; the action must come from the opponent in order to ensure strict fairness, and to obviate a charge of improving the lie of the ball. (2) The ordinary and general practice is stroke and distance. The lost hole rule is unfair, as it simply means a promenade to the next tee without an effort to play the hole.

JOHN MCLEAN.—The old rule was that when a player said that he thought his ball was unplayable, the opponent could have a try to dislodge it, and if he succeeded in getting the ball out in two strokes, those strokes were counted as if played by the player himself. But he was not allowed to lift out of a ditch, as there are none at St. Andrews. As you know, the general rule is to play the ball wherever it lies, or give up the hole; and the ditch rule is more of a local by-law than the general rule of play. This by-law, however, has been in force on Southern greens for many years before the last revision.

VILLAGERS AND GOLFERS.

A meeting of the commoners of the parish of Puttenham, Surrey, was held in the schoolroom on December 2nd, Mr. Edwards presiding. Mr. James Callingham proposed: "That the Golf Club pay a sum of £10 annually towards the parish if the lord of the manor were agreeable, so that the parishioners should have an interest in the club staying there." The money, he said, would go towards the rates, or some institution in the parish; or whatever the commoners decided to do with the money, he was agreeable to. It would be understood that no one should interfere with the club. Mr. R. M. Howard asked if the club really interfered with the pasturage. If it were detrimental, he should say they ought to pay a certain sum to the village, but £10 seemed rather a large sum. The chairman thought that it was only right that the Golf Club committee should meet in the matter. There was no doubt that to a certain extent they were destroying the pasturage. He seconded the motion. The Rev. William Davies considered £10 was a very large sum, and he hardly thought the club would be able to pay it. Major Fairclough, a member of the Golf Club, asked what the conditions were as to the agreement, as they could not pay a sum of money without an agreement. The chairman read over the proposed agreement. Mr. Howard then moved as an amendment, that the sum should be £2 a year. A person present raised the question as to whether the chairman was a commoner, for, if he was not, he was not eligible as a seconder of the motion. The chairman remarked that he seconded as no one else seemed willing to do so, and he would withdraw from seconding. It was then proposed that the amount to be paid should be £6, and Mrs. Elsley seconded. On the chairman putting the motion, about six voted for it, and as no one was against it, it was carried.

Major Fairclough said there seemed to have been a lot of misunderstanding in the matter. In the first place, when the club was started they did what they thought was the right thing by going to the Lord of the Manor and obtaining permission; they paid 1s. a year as acknowledgment, and then commenced the game. After a year they

had found that there was opposition. If any one who had opposed them had gone straight to the committee, they would have been at once ready to clear away any difficulties. With reference to Mr. Callingham's remarks, they did not want to interfere with any one, or infringe any rights. Mr. Callingham said that probably they would end by fencing the place in. That was ridiculous, as the club for one thing would not go to the expense. Mr. Callingham had also said that they would cut the gorse, but any one knowing anything about the game would know that the more gorse they had the better. It was further said that people had been ordered off the common. He personally had never known anyone ordered off the course. Perhaps people had been asked to stop, whilst they were at a certain point of play, but that was all. The club was quite prepared to pay a reasonable sum, but when it was put at £10 it seemed they wanted to get a good deal out of them. He could not see that the pasturage had been injured in any way. Mr. Callingham now came down and made it £6, but he was not empowered to pay that. The cricket ground, by the rules of the club, would not be interfered with. They had employed mostly local labour, and as the club went on increasing, more money would no doubt be circulated in the parish. No agreement would be satisfactory unless the villagers assisted in its being carried out. During the past few weeks, some one had done a lot of damage by breaking in the holes and pulling up the flags. It was useless to have any agreement with the commoners unless they were assisted in other quarters. Seven boxes were gone, eighteen flags were broken or damaged, and all the cylinders, with the exception of two, were gone. They did not come to monopolise the whole place. Mr. Callingham said he did not think any one would interfere with the club if they paid the money.

The time for closing the ground in the agreement was then mutually altered from seven to two days. The Rev. W. Davies proposed that the sum should be £4 instead of £6. Mr. Howard strongly advised the meeting to accept the sum offered by the club, as all they wanted was the recognition of their rights. Major Fairclough said the club had spent £30 in laying out the greens. If they were forced to close they would go elsewhere. He proposed they should pay £5 a year, and that the amount of damage done to their property should be paid out of that in the first year. The Chairman asked that the sum of money for damage might be withdrawn, as it was done in ignorance. Major Fairclough said he did not think he could withdraw it. It was only fair and reasonable that compensation should be paid. The damage was estimated at £2 12s., but if the sum of £2 were paid the club would be satisfied. Mr. Callingham said he was once called a rogue and a thief when upon the heath. Major Fairclough said he was told on the occasion mentioned by Mr. Callingham, that he used very abusive language. Mr. Stovold proposed that the sum be £5 a year, and the club should withdraw their claim for £2 damages. Mrs. Elsley seconded, and the resolution was carried, Mr. Callingham refraining from voting. The Rev. W. Davies said he quite respected a person who stuck to his opinion, but when it conflicted with the interest of the parish he thought he might give in. Mr. Callingham eventually agreed to the motion, amidst cheers.

A NEW CLUB GRIP.—A good many golfers have turned their attention to the grip of the Golf-club with the object of improving the player's hold upon the club while engaged in playing a variety of shots. Hitherto the success has not been marked. With the exception of Sayers' patent grip, the improvement which has been sent to us by Mr. H. Roberts, Palace Chambers, 9, Bridge Street, Westminster, seems to be the most feasible for aiding the erring preliminary steps of the beginner. The grip designed by Mr. Roberts may be roughly described as a sort of metal trigger, protected by soft india-rubber, which is screwed vertically on to the leather binding of the ordinary club, at the place, and in the position, which the player feels to be most suitable for his stance and swing. When this is settled to the player's satisfaction, the first finger of the right hand folds itself round the trigger projection, thereby securing by this leverage-power a grip of the club which is not likely to be loosened through a buff on the ground or through wet and slippery leathers. All the clubs can be fitted with one of these vertical grips; like the mountain-climber's steps in a rocky wall, they are meant to be the guide and holdfast for insecure youth. The object of the inventor seems to be, that once you have a grip of the club that suits you perfectly—when you are on your game—fix a trigger at the point of the handle, and there is your ideal grip in perpetuity, whether it be driver, cleek, brassie, iron, or putter. The advantages of the grip are stated to be—(1) Ensures same length of club for the different strokes played; (2) ensures same grip each stroke, making each stroke more certain; (3) most valuable for forcing shots where the club-head is very often turned by uneven ground. Mr. Roberts says that the grip has been tried with great success, and that the consequent improvement in play has been very marked. We admit the utility of the grip as an aid to the learner, but Mr. Roberts can hardly expect that his ingenious contrivance will be extensively used by players with a settled or consolidated style. All the same, we have pleasure in introducing it to the notice of players.



ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

Gentlemen's monthly medal, December 7th:—Mr. John Sherwood, 111, less 18=93; Mr. John Fry, 113, less 17=96; Mr. Percy A. Bull, 117, less 15=102.

This competition completes the monthly medal for gentlemen, and the following monthly winners play off for a prize at Christmas:—January, Mr. A. F. Stewart; April, Mr. J. V. Thompson; May, Dr. Wrightson; June, Mr. W. F. Thompson; July, Mr. C. E. Pearson; August, Mr. F. Aste; September, Mr. E. V. Longstaffe; October, Mr. C. S. Murdoch, C.B.; November, Mr. J. B. Pettit; December, Mr. J. Sherwood. There was no play in February owing to the snow, and the March winner was the late Mr. G. P. Macdonell.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medals, played for December 7th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss M. Parsons ...	90 8 82	†Mrs. Skipwith ...	121 30 91
Miss Moor ...	97 14 83	Miss L. Nix ...	97 5 92
Miss E. Reade ...	96 8 88	Miss Reade ...	104 12 92
Miss Malden ...	101 12 89	Miss A. Scott ...	107 14 93
Mrs. C. Green ...	91 1 90	Miss Birch ...	93 +1 94
Mrs. S. Russell ...	99 9 90	Mrs. Hessenberg ...	104 10 94
Mrs. S. Whitfield ...	102 11 91		

* Gold medal and Greenhall scratch † Silver cup.

Over 100: Miss M. Nix, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. A. J. Fisher, Mrs. Grieve, and Miss M. Finch. No return from twelve others.

Putting competition on nine greens:—Mrs. Gordon, Miss E. Reade, Miss L. Nix, 19; Miss Andrews, Miss Lee, Miss Moor, Miss M. Riddle, 20; Miss Birch, Mrs. C. Green, 21; Mrs. Astbury, Mrs. A. J. Fisher, Miss Malden, Miss Marchant, Miss M. Parsons, Miss Reade, Mrs. Whitfield, 22; Miss Arbuthnot, Miss M. Nix, Miss Playford, Miss A. Scott, 23. Eight other players.

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, November 28th. Gentlemen:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Lieut.-Gen. Sir B. Edwards ...	89 11 78	Capt. J. C. Tattersall ...	88 2 86
Col. H. W. Parker ...	83 3 80	Mr. E. T. Ward ...	108 19 89
Capt. G. L. Austin ...	83 1 82	Gen. L. Williams ...	116 24 92
Mr. H. D. Hirst ...	88 5 83		

Several others made no return.

Miss Edwards won the ladies' medal with a score of 104, less 5=99.

BEDFORD v. HUNTINGDON.

Return match, played over Huntingdon links on Friday, November 22nd, and won by Bedford by 8 holes:—

BEDFORD.		HUNTINGDON.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. C. E. S. Innes ...	7	Mr. C. J. B. Monypenny ...	0
Mr. H. E. Tredcroft ...	1	Mr. A. J. Lindsell ...	0
Mr. W. N. Church ...	0	Mr. A. C. Sweeting ...	1
Mr. C. F. G. Hervey ...	1	Mr. P. G. Payne ...	0
Mr. N. R. Slator ...	2	Mr. J. E. H. Vernon ...	0
Rev. G. F. Apthorp ...	3	General G. Bevan ...	0
Captain Littledale, R.N. ...	0	Mr. J. P. Maule ...	5
	14		6

BEDFORD v. SOUTH BEDS.

Return match played over Bedford links on Tuesday, December 3rd, and won by Bedford by 23 holes:—

BEDFORD.		SOUTH BEDS.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. C. E. S. Innes ...	3	Mr. C. H. Osborne ...	0
Colonel D. Broughton ...	2	Mr. J. C. Kershaw ...	0
Mr. H. E. Tredcroft ...	2	Mr. F. Simpson ...	0
Mr. J. B. Forsyth ...	1	Mr. R. N. Christie ...	0
Mr. S. Fuller ...	6	Mr. E. W. Greatorex ...	0
Mr. N. R. Slator ...	4	Mr. W. Randall ...	0
Rev. G. F. Apthorp ...	0	Mr. H. Blundell ...	0
Major-General Layard ...	5	Mr. G. Fyson ...	0
	23		0

BENTLEY GREEN GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap competition, played Thursday, November 28th. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Colonel A. Campbell ...	99 14 85	Capt. C. S. Keith, O.S.D. ...	110 16 94
Mr. H. H. Morgan-Brown ...	103 8 92	Mr. E. H. E. Morgan ...	104 8 96
Mr. M. S. Adye (King's Regt.) ...	101 9 92	Mr. E. J. Dampier ...	117 16 101
Mr. C. H. Morton ...	94 scr. 94		

Rev. L. A. Cockerell and Lieut.-Col. F. S. Openshaw, A.P.D., no returns.

BENTLEY GREEN (LADIES') GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the monthly handicap competition, played on Saturday, November 30th (St. Andrew's Day):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Edwardes ...	108 2 106	Mrs. Openshaw ...	141 16 125
Miss Colvin ...	138 22 116	Miss M. Burdett ...	162 35 127
Miss Davison ...	142 22 120	Miss Ethel Colvin ...	168 35 133
Mrs. S. H. Harrison ...	149 28 121	Mrs. Allan ...	158 23 135
Mrs. A. H. A. Harrison ...	158 35 123	Mrs. Richmond ...	180 40 140
Mrs. C. H. Morton ...	152 28 124	Miss H. A. Addison ...	182 35 147

Miss Lovell no return.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A competition was held on Tuesday, December 3rd, for a prize kindly given by Mrs. Meredith for the best medal round of eighteen holes under handicap. The result was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mrs. P. Newton ...	91 22 69	Miss Fraser ...	94 11 83
Miss Fossett ...	90 17 73	Mrs. Laird ...	88 4 84
Miss Loveless ...	88 11 77	Mrs. F. S. Ireland ...	92 8 84
Miss Sillar ...	94 17 77	Miss Wray ...	93 8 85
Mrs. Needham ...	88 10 78	Mrs. McCracken ...	109 24 85
Mrs. Browning ...	91 12 79	Miss Swinton ...	97 11 86
Mrs. Triscott ...	96 15 81	Mrs. Evans ...	104 16 88
Miss M. Sillar ...	96 15 81	Miss L. Chretien ...	109 21 88
Mrs. Penrose ...	85 3 82	Miss Robson ...	109 18 91
Mrs. R. Whyte ...	90 8 82	Mrs. Gibson ...	104 11 93
Miss Pease ...	97 15 82	Mrs. Lightfoot ...	118 24 94
Miss M. Smyth ...	89 6 83	Mrs. Michelli ...	119 24 95
Mrs. Edwards ...	93 10 83		

* Winner of prize.

Monthly medal December 4th.—Two boxes of balls were kindly given by Mrs. Mead, on the same day, for the two best scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss Sillar ...	92 17 75	Mrs. Gibson ...	95 12 83
†Mrs. Edwards ...	86 10 76	Miss Pease ...	98 15 83
Mrs. Sheringham ...	86 9 77	Mrs. Evans ...	99 16 83
Mrs. Mead ...	97 20 77	Miss L. Chretien ...	104 21 83
Mrs. Laird ...	82 4 78	Miss Fraser ...	95 11 84
Miss Wray ...	87 8 79	Miss Fossett ...	99 14 85
Miss Knapping ...	90 11 79	Miss M. Sillar ...	100 15 85
Mrs. Penrose ...	84 3 81	Mrs. C. Johnson ...	106 20 86
Mrs. Needham ...	91 10 81	Mrs. McCracken ...	114 20 94
Miss Loveless ...	92 11 81	Mrs. R. Whyte ...	99 8 91
Mrs. G. Spurling ...	100 19 81	Mrs. Browning ...	104 12 92
Miss Mocatta ...	92 10 82	Mrs. Lightfoot ...	116 24 92
Mrs. Michelli ...	106 24 82	Miss Arnould ...	119 24 95
Mrs. Mackern ...	83 scr. 83	Mrs. Newton ...	110 14 96
Mrs. F. S. Ireland ...	91 8 83	Mrs. Charles ...	117 18 99

* Winner of medal and box of balls. † Winner of box of balls.

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING v. HESSLE.

A match of eighteen-holes was played on the Beverley links on Saturday, December 7th, which was won by the Beverley Club by 17 holes. The following were the scores:—

BEVERLEY.		HESSLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. E. Hodgson ...	6	Dr. J. Jovnor Fraser ...	0
Mr. C. N. Jackson ...	9	Colonel Dibb ...	0
Dr. Macleod ...	3	Mr. Coode ...	0
Mr. A. W. MacIlwaine ...	0	Mr. L. Harrison ...	4
Mr. R. S. Stavelly ...	2	Mr. G. L. Davis ...	0
Major Bower ...	3	Mr. Wright ...	0
Mr. A. B. Reckitt ...	0	Mr. F. Grotrian ...	2
Mr. F. F. Lambert ...	0	Mr. C. O. F. Saner ...	0
	23		6

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the Club links at Brockenhurst, on Saturday, December 7th, and at the same time the final possession of the 1894-5 medal was decided, being won by Mr. Robson-Burrows. There was a very high wind, making play difficult, but the links were in very good order. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. H. Piercy ...	94	18	76	Dr. Hibberd ...	95	7	88
Capt. Wyld ...	94	12	82	Col. H. D. Fryer ...	95	7	88
Mr. H. W. Robson-Burrows ...	90	6	84	Rev. H. W. Laidlay ...	107	18	89
Mr. H. Sladen ...	92	14	85	Mr. F. H. Haviland ...	94	4	90
Mr. E. W. Charlton ...	97	10	87	Mr. J. Lowthian Bell ...	101	8	93
				Mr. H. G. Lewin ...	105	12	93

Seven others made no returns.

BOURNEMOUTH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Twenty members started, on Wednesday, December 4th, to play for the monthly medals. The scratch medal was won by Miss Fryer, and the gold handicap medal by Miss Turner. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Turner ...	69	10	59	Miss A. Ballantine ...	70	2	68
Miss Fryer ...	65	2	63	Mrs. Mainwaring ...	74	6	68
Miss Roberts ...	77	14	63	Mrs. Sanderson ...	74	5	69
Hon. Mrs. R. Tolle-mache ...	71	6	65	Miss A. Brook ...	75	6	69
Miss French ...	79	14	65	Miss Wanklyn ...	75	6	69
				Miss E. Dumergue ...	84	14	70

No returns from others.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

At this club a modified form of American tournament by match play, under handicap, has just been completed. The tournament was played in two divisions, the first division comprising members receiving 12 strokes and under, and the second division receiving over 12 in the handicap. The first class was subdivided into two sections, and the second class into four sections.

The sectional winners in the first class were Messrs. H. F. Ransome and C. H. Occleston, and in playing off, Mr. Ransome, receiving two strokes, went round in 88 and beat Mr. Occleston by 4 up and 3 to play, and so won the silver cup presented by Mr. A. Corah. Mr. Ransome's win was most popular, but Mr. Occleston is to be commiserated for the ill-fortune which attends him when playing off a final.

The sectional winners in the second class were Messrs. F. Merriman (scratch), A. Corah (4), C. Hopkinson (4), and R. Cressy (6), and in playing off Mr. Merriman beat Messrs. Corah and Hopkinson, but lost to Mr. Cressy; while Mr. Corah beat Messrs. Cressy and Hopkinson, and lost to Mr. Merriman. As Messrs. Merriman and Corah had each won two out of their three matches, they tied for the silver cup presented by Mr. H. J. Hampson, and this tie was decided on Saturday, with the result that Mr. Corah beat Mr. Merriman by 2 up and 1 to play, and won the cup, which was a facsimile of the one he had presented to the first class. Mr. Corah did the first nine holes in 43, and completed the round in 93, playing in better form than he has ever previously shown, so that his success was thoroughly well-earned, and he is to be heartily congratulated on his first win.

The sixth of the series of twelve preliminary monthly medal competitions was held on Saturday, December 7th, in a perfect blizzard. The force of the wind was tremendous, and the unfortunate members who took out cards in the morning had to contend with a succession of storms of mingled snow and hail which made anything like low scoring absolutely impossible. Under the adverse conditions Messrs. Holden and Morgan did exceedingly well in returning scratch scores of 96 and 97 respectively. Mr. Ransome, who went round in the

afternoon when the snow and hail had ceased, put in the lowest return for the third time since these competitions began in spite of his reduced handicap. Mr. Ransome having already secured a place in the final, the competition resulted in a tie between Messrs. Muirhead and Smelt, which a spin of a coin settled in favour of Mr. Muirhead, who it should be mentioned, at each round succeeded in holing the eighth hole in two strokes. The best returns were as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. F. Ransome ...	94	4	90	H. Holden ...	98	scr.	96
Mr. T. Muirhead ...	102	8	94	Mr. F. C. Morgan ...	97	scr.	97
Mr. S. Smelt ...	102	8	94	Mr. A. Corah ...	113	14	99
Mr. J. Fortune ...	109	14	95	Mr. R. D. MacLaren ...	116	16	100

The Ladies' monthly medal competition, played on the last Tuesday in November, resulted in a win for Miss M. Field with a gross score of 142.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, Saturday, December 7th, north-westerly gale in early part of day. Forty competed:—Mr. E. J. Game, 95, less 10=85, and Mr. F. H. Cripps, 97, less 12=85, a tie; Mr. R. S. Greenhill, 110, less 17=93; Major G. Edwardes, 113, less 18=95; Mr. E. Hopkins, 113 less 16=97.

CARNARVONSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of the above club was played for at Conway on Tuesday, December 3rd, in a strong westerly wind. Scores as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. Will ...	99	17	82	Col. C. E. Dixon ...	108	17	91
Canon Rees ...	102	19	83	Mr. E. A. Young ...	98	5	93
Mr. F. E. Woodhead ...	85	scr.	85	Mr. G. H. Healey ...	106	11	95
Rev. F. Willoughby ...				Mr. J. D. Millar ...	110	9	101
Jones ...	94	4	90				

Rev. E. Tudor Owen and Mr. W. B. Turner made no return.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

The qualifying competition for the Captain's prize took place at Newcastle on Saturday, November 30th, in magnificent weather. There was a large entry, and, although the meteorological conditions were perfect, the scoring was unaccountably high. The "qualifier" in the first class proved to be Mr. J. S. Reade, with a 94, gross. Mr. T. S. Ferguson qualified in the second class, with 101, gross. The "Bogey" competition was won by Mr. Claude Brownlow, who returned a card of 96, less 14=82, being only 1 down to the mysterious commander. The following scores were returned in the various competitions, viz.:—Captain's prize—Mr. J. S. Reade, 94; Col. Alison, 96; Mr. G. M. Shaw, 97; Mr. T. S. Ferguson, 101; Mr. W. J. Martin, 102; Mr. W. J. Hurst, 106; Mr. E. White, 108; Mr. W. L. Lockhart, 111; Mr. A. A. Usher, 112.

"Bogey" prize.—Mr. C. Brownlow (14), 1 down; Rev. Mr. Forbes (18) 3 down; Mr. Fred Hoey (12), 3 down; Mr. W. L. Stronge (20), 4 down.

FINCHLEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal and captain's prize, December 7th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. B. Wimbush ...	95	7	88	Mr. C. Pailhache ...	116	19	95
Mr. W. G. MacGregor ...	97	8	89	Mr. J. W. James ...	104	8	96
Mr. A. MacGregor ...	101	12	89	Mr. J. M. MacGregor ...	107	10	97
Mr. P. B. Tubbs ...	103	12	91	Mr. I. Hax ...	109	11	98
Mr. A. F. Drew ...	104	12	92	Mr. F. H. Swinestead ...	110	10	100

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The December medal was played for on Wednesday, 4th inst. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
* Capt. Carter ...	81	2	79	Major Burton ...	104	11	93
† Col. Blake ...	97	13	84	Mr. Hirst ...	98	4	94
Col. Parker ...	91	2	89	Sir Wm. Style ...	118	20	98
Dr. Eastes ...	102	13	89	Mr. Crombie ...	120	22	98
Mr. Haughton ...	94	2	92	Col. Jee ...	111	12	99

* First sweep.

† Medal.

Twelve others made no return.

The ladies' medal was played for on Thursday, December 5th, in half a gale of wind. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss K. Ritchie ...	105	12	93	Mrs. Parker ...	124	16	108
Miss Augusta Eccles ...	107	13	94	Miss Wood ...	123	14	109
Miss D. Jeffery ...	101	scr.	101	Miss Ibbetson ...	135	24	111
Miss Jeffery ...	126	22	104	Miss L. Wood ...	140	22	118

Three others made no return.

GUILDFORD v. ROYAL ASCOT.

A match between the above-named clubs was played on Ascot Heath, on Saturday, November 30th. Each club turned out nine players, and, after some interesting games, the result proved to be in favour of Guildford, who had a majority of eight holes. The several matches and results are given below:—

GUILDFORD.		ASCOT.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. B. Howell	0	Mr. J. F. E. Bowring	5
Mr. W. Carr	4	Mr. J. R. Tarver	0
Mr. J. A. Ross	0	Mr. G. W. Ricketts	2
Mr. H. H. Playford	0	Mr. H. Sawyer	2
Rev. H. Gaye	2	Mr. F. N. Garry	0
Mr. D. L. Poole	3	Mr. H. H. Longman	0
Mr. H. L. Forbes	7	Mr. F. L. Govett	0
Mr. H. Davenport	0	Mr. S. M. Monkland	4
Mr. W. M. Corrie	5	Mr. S. Eden	0
	21		13

HUNSTANTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and two-thirds of optional sweepstakes were won, on December 9th, by Rev. W. H. Waller. The scores were as follows:—Rev. W. H. Waller, 110, less 28=82; Mr. G. F. Campbell, 94, less 9=85; Dr. E. G. Sumpter, 102, less 16=86; Rev. H. D. Barrett, 94, less 7=87; Mr. E. Dawbarn, 118, less 22=96; Dr. C. R. Whitty, 112, less 15=97. The second share of sweepstakes was won by Rev. H. D. Barrett.

KETTERING v. NORTHAMPTON.

Played at Kettering on Saturday, December 7th, in a gale of wind and snow. Scores:—

KETTERING.		NORTHAMPTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Meadows	0	Mr. N. Dawson	1
Mr. R. B. Wallis	0	Mr. B. B. Muscott	9
Mr. C. Saunders	0	Rev. H. H. Stewart	3
Mr. F. Mobbs	4	Mr. W. C. Henderson	0
Mr. A. Barlow	2	Mr. Tebbutt	0
Mr. A. G. Leighton	3	Mr. A. E. Phipps	0
Mr. H. Bryan	2	Mr. R. Scriven	0
Mr. E. P. Toller	2	Mr. H. Marshall	0
	13		13

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, in gusty, stormy weather:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. E. Fisher	97 10 87	Mr. J. Halliday	110 18 92
Dr. Carter	96 8 88	Mr. A. J. Robertson	98 2 96
Mr. A. Anderson	90 scr. 90	Major Lindsay	102 6 96
Mr. K. B. Brown	92 2 90	Mr. I. H. Davidson	104 8 96
Mr. J. Wood	103 12 91	Mr. A. E. Walker	97 scr. 97

Final miniature monthly medal:—Mr. H. E. Fisher, 97, less 10=87; Mr. A. Anderson (scr.), 90; Major Lindsay, 102, less 6=96; Mr. A. E. Walker (scr.), 97.

LYME REGIS GOLF CLUB.

The November medal was played for on the 6th ult., and was won for the ladies by Miss Barlow, and for the gentlemen by Mr. Pares. The ladies' gold brooch was won by Miss Goacher, and the gentlemen's silver medal by Mr. Pares.

The December monthly medal was played for on the 4th inst., and resulted in a win for Mrs. Sharpe for the ladies and Mr. Willis for the gentlemen.

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Third monthly handicap competition, played Saturday, December 7th. Result:—Mr. G. C. Greenwell, 91, less 7=84; Mr. W. Welsh, 121, less 26=95; Mr. W. H. L. Cameron, 123, less 25=98. One card not returned.

MUSWELL HILL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 7th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. A. Ensell	97 16 81	Mr. A. B. Smith	99 12 87
Mr. W. S. Bax	101 18 83	Mr. Chas. W. Cooke	98 10 88
Mr. C. M. Rose	100 16 84	Mr. T. Ormeston	101 12 89
Mr. A. M. Kyd	96 10 86	Mr. W. G. Green-	
Mr. J. Walker	97 10 87	wood	105 16 89

MID-SURREY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The senior and junior monthly medal competitions were played on Tuesday, December 3rd, with the following results:—Seniors, handicaps 1 to 18.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss M. Freeling	92 5 87	Miss Lawson	114 11 103
Miss A. Roberts	95 4 91	Miss Waldron	120 16 104
Miss Sparrow	107 11 96	Mrs. Taunton-Collins	114 9 105
Miss E. A. Bowyer	111 15 96	Miss M. J. Bowyer	115 10 105
Mrs. Craven	108 9 99	Mrs. Dalbiac	127 18 109
Miss G. E. Roberts	120 18 102	Mrs. Britten Holmes	126 12 114

* Wins Senior medal.

Juniors.—Handicaps 19 to 30.—Mrs. F. M. Marson, 112, less 25=87 (wins Junior medal); Miss Bury, 122, less 30=92; Mrs. Woodl, 115, less 21=94; Mrs. Thomasset, 125, less 30=95; Mrs. Hepburn, 120, less 20=100.

NEASDEN GOLF CLUB.

This club's autumn meeting was brought to a successful termination on Saturday last with the final stage of the foursome competition. The concluding heat of the match competition (thirty-six holes), furnished a close game, the play being even throughout. The prize for this event was a handsome and artistic bronze statuette, presented by Mr. R. Taubman, the work of Mr. R. Taubman, jun. Details:—Foursome competition, first stage (medal play):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Messrs. A. E. L. Slazenger and R. H. Glanfield	98 11 87
*Messrs. W. J. Grierson and G. Goodsir	102 14 88
*Messrs. G. G. Smith and W. J. Ketley	90 1 88½
*Messrs. S. Clifford and J. Clifford	102 9 92½
Messrs. D. A. Howden and T. Thomson	113 20 93
Messrs. F. W. Watts and A. L. Foley	100 5 94½
Messrs. C. A. Dunn and F. A. Davies	117 20 97
Messrs. T. H. Lewis and E. N. Vowler	110 13 97
Messrs. C. G. Port and O. Guttman	111 13 97½

* Qualify for second stage.

Remainder over 100 net or no return.

Second stage (match play).—Messrs. G. G. Smith and W. J. Ketley beat Messrs. R. H. Glanfield and A. E. L. Slazenger by 3 up and 2 to play; Messrs. W. J. Grierson and G. Goodsir beat Messrs. S. Clifford and J. Clifford by 6 up and 4 to play.

Final.—Messrs. G. G. Smith and W. J. Ketley beat Messrs. W. J. Grierson and G. Goodsir by 4 up and 3 to play.

Match competition. First Round.—Mr. S. Haward (16) beat Mr. L. A. Lawrence (12) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. F. J. Lewis (22) beat Mr. E. N. Vowler (16) by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. J. Woolf (25) scratched to Dr. Thomson (15); Mr. V. Dicks (10) beat Mr. T. Gowland (18) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. E. W. Rushworth (25) beat Mr. R. Taubman (11) by 1 up; Mr. I. Clifford (10) scratched to Mr. W. H. Fassett (20); Mr. H. H. Hextall (22) beat Mr. A. C. Lewis (23) by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. H. J. Bowen (12) beat Mr. W. A. Collins (20) by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. I. A. Limebeer (21) beat Mr. T. P. Morson (16) by 2 up; Mr. F. D. Davy (20) beat Mr. A. H. Squire (23) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. G. G. Smith (scr.) beat Mr. W. J. Ketley (4) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. R. H. Glanfield (12) beat Mr. J. A. Ewin (23) by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger (10) beat Mr. H. A. Chetwyne (13) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. S. M. Dent (11) beat Mr. G. H. Loyce (17) by 2 up; Mr. E. R. Lodder (15) beat Mr. F. A. Rowe (18) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. T. H. Lewis scratched to Mr. H. C. Nicoll (22); Mr. H. J. Allen scratched to Mr. G. P. Collins (22); Mr. H. H. Tankard (10) scratched to Mr. M. G. Bauer (25). The following drew byes:—Mr. W. J. Grierson (14); Mr. E. J. Lewis (10); Mr. A. S. Purdey (22); Mr. S. H. N. Vowler (19); Mr. W. J. McVicker (25); Mr. G. G. Port (11); Mr. F. A. Davis (20); Mr. A. H. Beard (11); Mr. Wallace Jones (22); Mr. J. A. Bell Beattie (12); Mr. F. W. Watts (8); Mr. A. L. Foley (3); Mr. S. Clifford (10); Mr. H. Scott (20).

Second Round.—Mr. F. J. Lewis beat Mr. S. Howard by 1 up; Mr. V. Dicks beat Dr. Thomson by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. E. W. Rushworth beat W. H. Fassett by 8 up and 7 to play; Mr. H. J. Bowen beat Mr. H. H. Hextall by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. J. A. Limebeer beat Mr. F. D. Davy by 1 up; Mr. R. H. Glanfield beat Mr. G. G. Smith by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. S. M. Dent beat Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. A. C. Nicoll beat Mr. E. R. Lodder by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. G. P. Collins scratched to Mr. G. P. Bauer; Mr. W. J. Grierson beat Mr. E. J. Lewis by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. S. Purdey beat Mr. S. H. N. Vowler by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. C. G. Port beat Mr. W. J. McVickers by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. H. Beard beat Mr. F. A. Davis by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. A. Bell Beattie beat Mr. Wallace Jones by 6 up and 5 to

play; Mr. A. L. Foley beat Mr. F. W. Watts by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. S. Clifford beat Mr. H. Scott by 3 up and 2 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. V. Dicks beat Mr. F. J. Lewis by 2 up; Mr. H. J. Bowen beat Mr. E. W. Rushworth by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. R. H. Glanfield beat Mr. J. A. Limebeer by 2 up; Mr. S. M. Dent beat Mr. A. C. Nicoll by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. W. J. Grierson beat Mr. M. J. Bauer by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. S. Purdey scratched to Mr. G. A. Port; Mr. J. A. Bell Beattie beat Mr. A. H. Beard by 1 up; Mr. A. L. Foley beat Mr. S. Clifford by 6 up and 5 to play.

Fourth Round.—Mr. V. Dicks beat Mr. H. J. Bowen by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. S. M. Dent beat Mr. R. H. Glanfield by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. W. J. Grierson beat Mr. G. A. Port by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. A. L. Foley beat Mr. J. A. Bell Beattie by 6 up and 5 to play.

Fifth Round.—Mr. V. Dicks beat Mr. S. M. Dent by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. L. Foley beat Mr. W. J. Grierson by 5 up and 4 to play.

Final (thirty-six holes).—Mr. A. L. Foley beat Mr. V. Dicks by 2 up and 1 to play.

"Bogey" Competition, December 7th.—Mr. H. J. Bowen, 3 up; Mr. W. W. J. Ketley, 1 down; Mr. Franklin Ross, 2 down; Mr. S. Clifford, 2 down; Mr. C. S. Gover, 3 down; Mr. E. N. Vowler, 5 down; Mr. J. A. Bell Beattie, 5 down; Mr. L. A. Lawrence, 6 down; Mr. J. C. Monsell, 7 down; Mr. R. Taubman, 7 down. Remainder over 9 down or no return.

NEEDLES AND FRESHWATER GOLF CLUB.

Monthly sweepstake, December 4th.—Mr. J. Dover, 108, less 13=95; Capt. Inglis, 110, less 15=95; Dr. Hands, 108, less 12=96; Mr. C. Swayne, 132, less 30=102. The rest sent in no returns. Played in a strong westerly wind. Mr. J. Dover was 7 down and Capt. Inglis 8 down with "Bogey" match play. Therefore Mr. J. Dover was adjudged the winner.

NORTHWOOD GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, December 7th, monthly medals.—Senior: Mr. L. W. Webster, 111, less 10=101; Mr. H. O. Wills, 116, less 14=102; Mr. C. Plummer (scratch), 104. Junior, no entries.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, December 7th. Long hole competition. Sixpenny sweepstakes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Hornby	70	11 59	Miss Middleton	64	scr. 64
Miss Darlington	60	scr. 60	Miss Acheson Gray	71	5 66
Miss A. Dawkins	62	scr. 62	Miss L. Darlington	73	4 69
Miss Margaret Acheson Gray	67	3 64	Miss Humphreys	78	6½ 71½

Mrs. Turner, Miss Matheson, and Miss E. Howe, no returns.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Friday, December 6th.—Weekly handicap.—First class:—Mr. P. A. Lushington, 82, less 4=78; Mr. H. G. B. Ellis (scratch), 80; Mr. A. C. Paterson, 93, 12=81. Second class:—Mr. G. A. Vulliamy, 104, less 24=80; Mr. A. H. Leathart, 102, less 15=87; Mr. R. Francis, 111, less 24=87; Mr. W. S. Gossett, 105, less 16=89. Twenty entries.

PETERBOROUGH GORDON v. BURGHLEY PARK.

Played at Peterborough, Thursday, December 5th:—

PETERBOROUGH GORDON.			BURGHLEY PARK.		
Holes.			Holes.		
Mr. Peyton	...	0	Mr. Thorold	...	3
Mr. Bell	...	0	Mr. Waite	...	6
Mr. Ward	...	2	Mr. Iggulden	...	0
Mr. Sharpe	...	2	Mr. Wyche	...	0
Mr. Simpkins	...	8	Mr. Phillips	...	0
Mr. Gates	...	0	Mr. Evans	...	1
Mr. English	...	3	Mr. Wilkin	...	0
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15			10		

PRINCE'S LADIES' GOLF CLUB (MITCHAM).

The monthly medal, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., was won at Mitcham by Mrs. Harry Willock, with the good score of 75, less 3=72. There were very few returns considering the large number of entries:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Harry Willock	75	3 72	Hon. Mrs. D. Bevan	105	18 87
Miss Rutter	86	9 77	Miss Rostron	111	24 87
Miss Hassard Short	85	4 81	Mrs. Dakin	107	19 88
Mrs. P. Lawrell	95	9 86	Mrs. Fisher	102	11 91
Miss Hatfield	100	14 86	Miss Pascoe	92	scr. 92

A match was played at Mitcham between Prince's and Eltham Ladies' Golf Clubs on Friday, 6th inst., with the following result:—

PRINCE'S.			ELTHAM.		
Holes.			Holes.		
Miss Pascoe	...	0	Mrs. Mackern	...	0
Miss M. E. Phillips	...	10	Mrs. Richardson	...	0
Miss Rutter	...	0	Mrs. Hedderwick	...	0
Mrs. Harry Stewart	...	0	Mrs. Keen	...	2
Mrs. P. Lawrell	...	2	Miss Richardson	...	0
Mrs. Powell	...	8	Miss Knapping	...	0
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20			2		
Miss Pascoe and Miss Phillips	3		Mrs. Mackern and Mrs. Richardson	...	0
Miss Rutter and Mrs. H. Stewart	6		Mrs. Keen and Mrs. Hedderwick	...	0
Mrs. P. Lawrell and Mrs. Powell	0		Miss Knapping and Miss Richardson	...	0
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9			0		

PAU GOLF CLUB.

Result of second round for Harrison cup. Played on Monday, December 2nd. Scores:—Mr. H. R. Jameson, 101, less 13=88 (winner); Mr. C. A. C. Ponsoby 94, less 5=89; Mr. C. Cutbertson, 95, less 2=93; Mr. N. Simpkins, 106, less 13=93; Mr. T. G. King, 114, less 18=96.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' competition was played off on Monday, December 2nd, with the following result:—Miss Haynes, 109, less 17=92; Miss M. Pennant, scratch, 99; Miss A. Pennant, 118, less 18=100; Miss Luxmore, 176, less 60=116; Mrs. Miller, 156, less 38=118; Miss G. P. Pennant, 144, less 23=121; Miss Mainwaring, 133, less 7=126.

ROMFORD v. CHISWICK.

Played at Romford on Saturday, December 7th.

ROMFORD.			CHISWICK.		
Holes.			Holes.		
Mr. H. A. Gardom	...	2	Capt. Cowper-Coles	...	0
Mr. G. Pearson	...	2	Mr. R. Finnis	...	0
Mr. F. Lawrence	...	4	Mr. J. McHardy	...	0
Mr. S. R. Bastard	...	0	Mr. H. L. Foster	...	0
Mr. J. J. Read	...	5	Mr. L. Finnis	...	0
Mr. S. Kemp	...	4	Mr. J. T. Currie	...	0
Mr. S. Brown	...	0	Mr. J. R. Mewburn	...	1
Mr. A. Kemp	...	0	Mr. J. Chamberlain	...	1
Mr. J. W. M. Guy	...	0	Mr. C. D. Snowden	...	0
Mr. D. Womersley	...	1	Mr. H. R. Payne	...	0
Mr. H. C. Miéville	...	1	Mr. E. H. Lawrie	...	0
Mr. F. H. Spackman	...	0	Mr. C. E. Byers	...	8
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19			10		

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Result of competition for Photographic medal, Calcutta cup, and monthly medal played on the 3rd December.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. G. Spurling	125	13 112	Mr. C. B. Lindsay	140	17 123
Mr. W. C. Johnson	139	25 114	Mr. D. Christopher-son	...	149 25 124
Mr. J. G. Gibson	118	2 116	Mr. C. Bell	...	143 18 125
Mr. J. S. Sawyer	127	9 118	Mr. W. E. Hughes	...	132 5 127
†Mr. F. S. Ireland	114	+5 119	Mr. W. H. M. Christie	...	152 25 127
Mr. E. W. Sampson	135	16 119	Mr. R. S. Sheffield	...	155 28 127
Mr. R. Whyte	123	3 120	Surg.-Col. Staples	...	142 14 128
Mr. W. K. Graham	131	11 120	Mr. W. R. M. Glasier	...	166 31 135
Mr. H. Gillon	...	124 3 121	Mr. J. E. Crickmer	...	157 21 136
Mr. M. H. Richardson	133	12 121	Mr. F. J. Lawrence	...	173 15 158
Mr. R. Winch	...	137 14 123			

* Winner of Calcutta cup and monthly medal.

† Winner of Photographic medal (scratch).

No returns from five members.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

At the meeting on St. Andrew's day, Mr. W. Fisher won the scratch prize (St. Andrew's gold cross), with a score of 94, taking also the first club prize under handicap, with a net score of 89, the Morton cup going to Mr. M. Tabuteau with a score of 100, less 9=91, and the second club prize being won by Major Hamilton, with a score of 103, less 10=93.

ROYAL ARTILLERY, WOOLWICH GOLF CLUB.

Third medal competition, December 7th:—Played, on a very cold day, with a strong north-west wind. However, some good scores were handed in, though half the players made no return.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Surg.-Capt. Donaldson ...	89	20	69	Capt. Minchin ...	89	9	80
*Lieut. Hankey ...	87	12	75	Capt. Strange ...	97	14	83
†Capt. Temple Cole ...	87	9	78	Mr. Foord Kelcey... ..	91	7	84
‡Capt. Lachlan ...	92	13	79	Capt. Rich... ..	100	14	86

* First sweep. † Second sweep. ‡ Third sweep.
Eight others made no returns.

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played December 6th, in a gale from N.W. with frequent showers of hail and rain:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Maj. H. Y. Hext ...	112	18	94	Capt. Johnstone, R.N. ...	132	27	105
Mr. B. F. Edeyan ...	104	4	100	Mr. Melvill Sandys ...	117	12	105
Mr. Matthews ...	120	19	101	Mr. C. H. Hext ...	116	10	106
Mr. Young Jamieson ...	118	14	104	Lieut. Goldfinch, R.N. ...	114	7	107

Mr. E. L. Poulett and Brigd.-Surg. Elliot made no returns.

Ladies' Club.—The December medal was played on the 3rd inst.: Mrs. Bannerman, 95, less 7=88; Miss Every, 102, less 7=95; Miss Magor, 129, less 34=95; Mrs. Simpson, 101, less 4=97; Miss Page, 104, less 4=100; Miss Sandys, 127, less 20=107. Mrs. C. Hext made no return.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The storm that was raging all over the country last week was at its worst in these parts on Saturday last, December 7th, the day appointed for the first winter optional subscription prize competition. There was a frightfully cold wind blowing from the north all day, and during the morning there were tremendously heavy hail showers; but in spite of the elements, thirty-six members started for this competition. Those who played after lunch had not so many hail storms to contend with, which was a slight advantage. All the returns, which are very high, owing to the weather, are given below. First class:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. J. Moore ...	111	14	97	Mr. W. S. Henderson ...	115	9	106
†Mr. W. Lowndes ...	113	14	99	Mr. R. L. DalGLISH ...	118	12	106
‡Mr. W. N. Crowe ...	111	11	100	Mr. G. W. Clegg ...	108	scr.	108
Mr. J. Royston ...	113	12	101	Mr. H. B. Steel ...	118	10	108
Mr. C. E. Dick ...	95	+7	102	Mr. H. S. Bower ...	112	14	108
Mr. A. Wall ...	110	8	102	Mr. F. W. Carson... ..	123	12	111
Mr. J. Ball, jun. ...	94	+9	103				
Mr. G. R. Cox ...	106	2	104				

* Scores a win for first-class optional prize, and wins first sweepstake. † Wins second sweepstake. ‡ Wins third sweepstake.

Second class:—Dr. R. Parker, 120, less 18=102 (scores a win for second-class optional prize); Mr. J. H. Silberbach, 122, less 16=106; Professor Strong, 126, less 18=108.

Tie for second-class club prize on St. Andrew's Day:—Mr. J. H. Silberbach, 122, less 17=105 (winner); Professor Strong, 126, less 20=106.

ROYAL WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Thursday, December 5th, in a high wind, and the following cards were sent in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. H. Buckland ...	86	+2	88	Rev. A. M. Hill ...	110	15	95
Mr. J. A. T. Bramston ...	93	5	88	Mr. H. C. Steel ...	106	9	97
Mr. L. L. Garbutt ...	113	18	95	Rev. W. P. Smith... ..	118	20	98
Rev. G. M. A. Hewett ...	101	6	95				

RYE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 7th:—Mr. H. C. L. Tindall, 97, less 10=87; Mr. H. S. Colt, 91+2=93; Mr. A. M. Dorman, 109, less 14=95. All other scores over 100 net. Very high wind.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

Gray trophy. The eighth competition for the president's prize took place on the Seaton Links on Saturday last, December 7th. This is the only competition of the club which is held between the autumn meeting and Boxing Day, and it is interesting to observe the variances in the form of the play of the members. Cold wintry weather prevailed, with a strong northerly wind, whilst there was a slight scattering of frozen snow on the links and some of the putting-greens, which

rendered low scoring difficult. The result was that Mr. T. Danby put in a win with, under the weather conditions, a very good score of 94, less 11=83, Mr. E. C. Jackson being only 2 strokes behind. Mr. G. Pyman, from scratch, played the best score on merit of the day, 87, which was a very capital performance. Twenty-two members took part in the competition, of whom the following made returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. T. Danby ...	94	11	83	Mr. W. Somerville Woodiwis ...	104	14	90
Mr. E. C. Jackson... ..	98	13	85	Mr. S. Stover ...	104	14	90
Mr. C. J. Bunting... ..	90	4	86	Mr. E. W. Walker ...	103	12	91
Mr. O. K. Trechmann ...	98	12	86	Mr. F. W. Purvis... ..	103	6	97
Rev. C. B. Hunter ...	104	18	86	Mr. C. Cooper ...	106	7	99
Mr. G. Pyman ...	87	scr.	87				

SIDCUP v. CHISLEHURST.

Ladies' competition, December 3rd:—

SIDCUP.		Holes.	CHISLEHURST.		Holes.
Miss Burrell ...	...	5	Mrs. Fleming ...	...	0
Miss Woolmer... ..	...	13	Mrs. A. Fleming ...	...	0
Mrs. Fisher ...	...	17	Mrs. Pembroke ...	...	0
Miss F. Kinder ...	...	5	Miss Martin ...	...	0
Miss Meade ...	...	0	Miss Rogers ...	...	0
Miss C. Woolmer ...	...	1	Miss Nickalls ...	...	0
		41			0

TIMPERLEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the medal was played for on Friday, December 6th. Owing to wet weather, very few competed. Miss S. Taylor was the winner, with a net score of 56.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 7th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. O. E. Coles ...	90	8	82	Mr. J. Wild ...	109	16	93
Mr. W. Leaf ...	98	14	84	Mr. N. C. Bailey ...	107	12	95
Mr. J. T. Steen ...	98	12	86	Mr. E. Fyffe ...	113	18	95
Mr. G. H. J. Taylor ...	99	13	86	Lieut.-Col. Hare ...	113	14	99
Dr. Seymour Taylor ...	102	14	88	Mr. W. C. Marshall ...	112	12	100
Mr. J. C. Bayldon ...	102	12	90	Mr. J. L. Anstruther ...	122	18	104
Mr. C. L. Anstruther ...	100	8	92	Mr. J. Bell... ..	121	13	108

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The fourth competition for Mr. W. S. Burrell's prize was played on Thursday, December 5th, in a gale of wind and heavy rain. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Dr. J. Limont ...	95	4	91	Mr. J. S. Brown ...	107	7	100
Mr. J. Hiddleston ...	101	8	93	Mr. G. F. Charlton ...	106	5	101
Mr. R. Y. Batey ...	108	11	97	Mr. A. E. Carr ...	117	16	101
Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	98	scr.	98	Mr. W. H. Ritson... ..	111	9	102
Mr. F. E. Thew ...	106	8	98	Mr. H. H. Blair ...	112	5	107
Mr. G. W. Welch... ..	107	7	100				

Eight others made no returns.

WANSTEAD PARK v. HAMPSTEAD LADIES.

The return match took place at Hampstead on December 5th in a gale of wind. The visitors were successful by 27 holes. Score:—

WANSTEAD PARK.		Holes.	HAMPSTEAD.		Holes.
Mrs. Worssam... ..	...	9	Mrs. Church ...	...	0
Mrs. White ...	...	4	Miss Wood ...	...	0
Mrs. Redwood... ..	...	3	Miss Higgins ...	...	0
Miss Kindersley ...	...	1	Mrs. Harvey ...	...	0
Miss Holden ...	...	3	Mrs. Scrimgeour ...	...	0
Mrs. Bell ...	...	0	Mrs. Atkinson... ..	...	0
Mrs. Johnson ...	...	1	Miss Harvey ...	...	0
Miss Soper ...	...	6	Mrs. Henderson ...	...	0
		27			0

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Club cup was held on Saturday, November 30th, in very stormy weather. Score:—Mr. J. W. Liddell, 95, less 13=82; Rev. E. J. Bidwell, 105, less 16=89; Mr. G. W. Hume, 96, less 6=90; Mr. C. T. Richardson, 104, less 13=91; Hon. and Rev. W. R. Verney, 105, less 12=93; Rev. R. Arnold Edgell, 109, less 14=95. Five players made no return. The winner of the "Bogey" competition for November proved to be Mr. H. F. Thursby, handicap 11, 6 down.

WEST MIDDLESEX GOLF CLUB.

FOURSUME COMPETITION.

First Round.—Messrs. F. B. Becker (9) and S. Hull (14) beat Messrs. G. Rumsey (4) and H. C. Roberts (18) by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. H. Francis (12) and H. Maule (14) beat Mr. E. Bird (14) and Commr. Laurence (12); Messrs. T. G. Hewitt (4) and T. Ballantine (15) beat Messrs. R. W. Regge (10) and W. G. Chapman (17) by 1 up after a tie; Messrs. H. Ludlow (4) and B. W. Willett (16) beat Mr. S. W. Smith (5) and Dr. A. Routh (13) by 3 up and 2 to play.

Second round.—Messrs. F. B. Becker and S. Hull beat Messrs. Carter and Menzies by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. C. M. Bayfield (17) and J. Turner (20) beat Messrs. H. Maule and H. Francis by 1 up; Messrs. Bradley-Hunt and Hart beat Messrs. Payne and Warner by 6 up and 5 to play; Messrs. Hewitt and Ballantine beat Messrs. Murray and Houlder by 2 up; Messrs. Warner and Skinner beat Messrs. Gibbins and Lane by 1 up; Messrs. H. Ludlow and B. W. Willett beat Messrs. Farr and Hardie by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. Ryan and Bourne beat Messrs. Marriott and Buchanan by 1 up; Messrs. Pritchard and Bartlett beat Messrs. Currey and Stuart by 2 up.

Third round.—Messrs. Becker and Hull beat Messrs. Bayfield and Turner by 2 up; Messrs. Bradley-Hunt and Hart beat Messrs. Hewitt and Ballantine by 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. Warner and Skinner w.o., Messrs. Ludlow and Willett scratched; Messrs. Ryan and Bourne beat Messrs. Pritchard and Bartlett by 1 up.

Semi-final.—Messrs. Bradley-Hunt and Hart beat Messrs. Becker and Hull by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. Ryan and Bourne w.o., Messrs. Warner and Skinner scratched.

Final.—Messrs. Bradley-Hunt and Hart beat Messrs. Ryan and Bourne by 5 up and 3 to play.

Radford "Bogey" competition, Saturday, December 7th:—Mr. E. Farr (7), 1 down; Mr. H. Ludlow (1), 2 down; Mr. H. E. Pegg (9), 4 down; Mr. J. Rogers (scratch), 4 down; Mr. R. W. Regge (10), 6 down; Mr. E. B. Ellington (12), 6 down; Mr. A. G. Low (16), 6 down; Mr. H. Francis (11), 7 down; Mr. J. R. P. Phillips (12), 9 down; Mr. I. Moody Stuart (16), 10 down; Mr. J. Hardie (17), 10 down; Mr. E. Bird (14), 11 down. Not entered for the Radford:—Mr. H. S. Mahony (18), halved; Mr. T. Ballantine (13), 2 down; Mr. W. Bartlett (14), 3 down; Mr. W. G. Greig (11), 7 down; H. Shephard (14), 9 down; Mr. E. Woodger (20), 9 down; Mr. H. Furber (20), 12 down; Mr. J. Turner (20), 14 down. No return from twenty-eight other players.

WEST MIDDLESEX LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

At Hanwell, on Saturday, Miss Griffith, 102, less 8=94, won the monthly club gold brooch; and Mrs. Bartlett, 103, less 8=95, was second. Six other players no returns.

WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Fairbairn cup, played Friday and Saturday, November 29th and 30th (thirty-six holes):—Mr. H. C. Steel, 192, less 22=170; Rev. G. M. A. Hewett, 190, less 12=178; Rev. A. M. Hill, 209, less 30=179; Mr. E. H. Buckland, 176, plus 4=180; General Hope, 207, less 24=183.

St. Andrew's cup, Saturday, November 30th:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
Capt. Stevenson ...	93 16 77	Rev. G. M. A.	
Rev. J. H. Hodgson	94 16 78	Hewett ...	93 6 87
Mr. H. C. Steel ...	94 11 83	Rev. A. M. Hill ...	103 15 88
Mr. L. L. Garbutt ...	103 18 85	Rev. W. P. Smith ...	109 20 89
Mr. E. H. Buckland	84 +2 86	General Hope ...	102 12 90
		Capt. Coddington ...	117 20 97

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, December 4th. Owing to some of the greens being under repair, the course played was shorter than usual. However, the wind blew as it knows how to do at Malvern, in strong gusts, which appear to come from every direction. This put a stopper on low scores. Captain Armitage won the Senior medal and the monthly cup; Mr. Hookham won the Junior medal, and Mr. Perry was first for the "Bogey" prize with 2 down. Scores as follows:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
Capt. H. A. Armitage	83 2 81	Mr. Osmond Williams	89 4 85
Mr. G. A. Jones ...	84 2 82	Mr. F. A. Horn ...	89 1 88
Mr. W. C. Perry ...	90 8 82	Mr. F. Hookham ...	101 13 88
Rev. H. Foster ...	83 +1 84	Mr. J. W. Jeakes ...	96 7 89
Mr. J. I. Tomson ...	92 8 84	Mr. S. Jebb Scott ...	103 13 90

WOODBIDGE GOLF CLUB.

In a gale of wind, which prevented good scoring, the monthly competition for the president's prize took place on Friday, December 6th. Result:—Major R. King, 99, less 10=89; Capt. Pole Soppitt, 101, less 11=90; Mr. H. Blomfield, 110, less 18=92; Mr. T. Carthew, 125, less 24=101; Major Larken, 127, less 20=107. Remainder made no returns.

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 7th:—Mr. R. S. Cox, 101, less 9=92; Mr. E. A. Tewson, 100, less 6=94; Mr. W. Kemsley, 102, less 8=94; Mr. H. E. Kaye, 106, less 12=94. Twenty entries. Strong wind blowing.

LADIES' GOLF AT BIRKDALE.—Tuesday, December 3rd, on the links of the Birkdale Golf Club, the ladies' second medal competition was held. The scores were as follows:—Mrs. Matear, 96, less 20=76; Mrs. Chalmers (scratch), 79; Mrs. Williamson, 102, less 23=79; Miss L. Cheetham, 79, plus 6=85; Mrs. Ainsworth (scratch), 86; Mrs. Smyth, 98, less 10=88; Mrs. R. Jones, 124, less 30=94.

BIRKDALE CLUB.—In very unfavourable weather on Saturday, December 7th, hailstorms being frequent, and the wind high, a moderate number of members of the Birkdale Golf Club engaged in the second round for the first and second-class medal competitions. The only cards below 100 net returned in the first class were as under:—Mr. S. Bateman, 98, less 8=90; Mr. A. Gilmour, 113, less 16=97; Mr. J. Sykes, 116, less 18=98. None of the cards in the second class were returned.

NORTH BERWICK.—The weather was very cold and breezy on Saturday, December 7th; but a good many players drove from the tee in friendly matches. In the afternoon the course was especially brisk, the members of the Bass Rock Club holding their closing competition for the year for the handicap trophy. Owing to the unfavourable weather conditions the scoring was much above the average, the lowest actual figure being a 91 by Mr. D. M. Jackson. The trophy was won by Mr. W. Thomson with a net score of 97, less 7=90; and the next best figures were:—Mr. D. M. Jackson (scratch), 91; Mr. A. Gow, 111, less 18=93; Mr. J. Glass, 102, less 8=94; Mr. J. D. Rattray, 98, less 3=95; Mr. A. Hutchison, 103, less 8=95; Mr. F. Campbell, 116, less 20=96; Mr. G. Nelson, 106, less 8=98; Mr. James Mitchell, 97, plus 2=99; Mr. J. Walker, 107, less 7=100; Mr. J. M'Grail, 118, less 18=100; Mr. A. Thorburn (scratch), 101. Over the nine competitions held during the year, Mr. James Mitchell carries off the first award with two wins, whilst for the second prize a tie has resulted amongst the following, who have been each once successful:—Messrs. A. Vass, J. D. Rattray, T. Horsburgh, A. Bernard, J. Marr, A. Thorburn, and W. Thomson.

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