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DECEMBER.

- Dec. 6.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.  
Woodbridge : President's Prize.
- Dec. 7.—Finchley : Monthly Medal and Captain's Prize.  
Crookham : Monthly Medal (Final).  
Northwood : Monthly Medal.  
Manchester : Captain's Cup.  
Bury : Club Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.  
Morecambe and Heysham : Mayor of Lancaster's Prize.  
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.  
North Manchester : "Bogey" Competitions.  
Fairhaven : Monthly Medal.  
Rochdale : Mr. Stevens' Shield and Club Prize.  
Woodford : Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.  
Ealing : "Bogey" Competition.  
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.  
Birkdale : Second Medals.  
West Middlesex : "Bogey" Competition.  
Great Yarmouth : Monthly Medal.  
Muswell Hill : Monthly Medal.  
King's Norton : Monthly Challenge Cup.  
North West Club (Londonderry) : Monthly Medal.  
Hythe : Monthly Medal.  
Neasden : "Bogey" Competition.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.  
Rayne's Park : Monthly Medal.  
Bullwood : Monthly Medal.  
Tooting : Monthly Medal.  
Macclesfield : President's Challenge Cup.  
Lansdown : President's Cup, Monthly Competition, and Ladies' Monthly Medal.  
Southwold : Handicap (Medal).  
Fairfield (Manchester) : Mr. Court's Prize.  
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optionals.  
Brighton and Hove : Monthly Medal.
- Dec. 7.—Balham : Captain's Cup and Monthly Medal.  
Robin Hood v. Blackwell.
- Dec. 8.—Burnham (Somerset) : "Bogey" Competition.
- Dec. 9.—Woodbridge : Monthly Medal.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
- Dec. 10.—Chester : Gold Medal.
- Dec. 11.—Harrogate : Ladies' Monthly Medal  
Robin Hood v. King's Norton.
- Dec. 12.—Sapperton Park : Monthly Medal.  
Woodbridge Ladies : President's Prize.  
Royal Norwich : Monthly Medals.
- Dec. 13.—Brighton and Hove : "Bogey" Competition ; Annual General Meeting ; Annual Dinner.
- Dec. 13 & 14.—Seaford : Scratch and Monthly Medals and Prizes.
- 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.  
Wanstead Park Ladies : Quarterly Medal.
- Dec. 19.—Royal Epping Forest : Godwin "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).

## UMPIRES AND THEIR DUTIES.

It is not proposed to re-open the question, not long ago discussed in your columns, as to whether an umpire should give directions without being appealed to. At cricket, say, an umpire pronounces as to "Wide" or "No ball," at tennis as to a "Fault," and so on, *ex proprio motu*; and it would certainly seem that in no game so much as in Golf, where so much of the play is necessarily unseen by the antagonist, should this principle apply. It was by purest accident that A witnessed the following unusual caper a few summers ago at Machrihanish by B. B, the story runs, after vainly trying to hack down a noisome weed known on Scotch links as an Elshender, pulled it up. It was only then that he observed that his antagonist had been watching his proceedings from a neighbouring knoll. Either B failed to appreciate the enormity of the turpitude of his nefarious proceedings, or he was gifted with a sublimity of cool cheek that would be invaluable in one's partner to whom a seven-foot putt has been relegated in a tight game, for all that he serenely remarked was, "Oh, you're there, are you?" B, in his own interests (as well, of course, as those of A), should always be closely attended by an umpire.

But it is not to this phase of the question that we propose to refer at all. To it full justice could be done by the elementary, the most rudimentary, of officials, even if apparently mainly ornamental. It is to a consideration of the vast possibilities open to the umpire who has any conscientious appreciation of his momentous duties, that the reader is asked to spare a moment.

To begin at the end—because it is here that so much of the real pleasure of the game both begins and ends—it is the custom on all greens—at least in Christendom—that one or other (or, preferably, both), or, in the case of a foursome, all four players, should stand the umpire a peg on the conclusion of the game. This is all wrong, and founded on a fatally-erroneous principle. In the first place, it is wrong that the unfortunate loser, who has already suffered sufficiently in dashed hopes, humbled pride, and depleted pocket, should be still further sacrificed; but, in the second place, it is more infamous still that the winner should have such a nefarious tax imposed upon his hardly-earned chips, not to mention the fact that such a proceeding lays both player and umpire open to the hideous suspicion of bribery and corruption. It is the umpire who should stand drinks for the players, who, in spite of hot sun or east winds, and long, long miles for wee or other legs, have, with unflinching fortitude, done their best for his pleasure and instruction. His is the duty; and we have no doubt that in time he will come to look upon it as also a privilege.

His duties through the course again, are, year by year, increasing in weight and number. It is obvious that he must have a big, big voice, although only a wee, wee man, that thus he may hold an unruly crowd in awe. At the Open Championship this year, at St. Andrews, an impressive example of this was offered by a small umpire with a voice of the sonorous calibre of the famous Irish giants, who used to roar every night before going to bed (instead of saying their prayers, no doubt), and so shock a shuddering world.

"Guid G—, Jock!" said one giant from Pitlochry, with a jump, "Whaur did that voice com' frae?"

"Man, I heard it tae," said his friend, with a shudder. "I heard it tae; but I can see naething!"

But not only should the umpire have the power to show a dauntless front, and swear with a brawny voice in as many languages as seem applicable to the crowd's constitution, but he must, also, not care a twopenny d— (to quote the Iron Duke) for strange dogs. In other words, it is well that he should have hydrophobia in early life; for committees may cock up a dozen notices, begging and entreating golfers not to bring their dogs upon the green; it will be found to be all, all in vain. It may be that it is the dogs themselves who are responsible for this disregard, or it may, on the other hand, be their owners; but it

is probable, if not indeed certain, that, if either were aware that the umpire had hydrophobia, golfers would be less troubled with a growing infliction.

With the delicious influx of the nobler sex upon our hitherto bald and desolate links, it is clear that even the umpire must endeavour to increase his already-numerous attractions. For courtesy he has always been more or less conspicuous—it is really wonderful how many uses a mashie, or even a niblick, may be put to (as in the ghastly and appalling narrative told by your valued correspondent, "H. M. B.," in your issue for August 9th); but to this he will now be expected to add the accomplishments of an Admirable Crichton, a tongue as long and spry as that of a chameleon, and the unruffled urbanity of Old Tom himself. It is a matter of constant discussion on the Elie Links as to whether an umpire should be married or single. The latter has many obvious advantages, to which it is unnecessary to refer in this place, even distantly; but, on the other hand, if the fellow be married, he should always be bound to wear big whiskers, in case of any lady fainting—as they so often do when one in whom they feel anything of an affectionate interest fails to get out of a hazard at first bang—because—

He must also, in future, be expected to carry as many campstools as are likely to be required, because it is obviously impossible that the already over-burdened caddies can do so, and it is more than feared that the players themselves would decline with the energy of which pundits in natural philosophy so sweetly warble.

As a married man, too, he cannot fail to remember the many little wants that make children so attractive to those under their charge or thumb. He will, therefore, be expected to carry with him, in a portmanteau, or spacious carpet bag—of whatever capacity may seem suitable to his young friends—a store of sweet and delicious cates, and good things generally, along with bottles of Daffy's Elixir and Old Mother Seigel, or, still better, as much cyanide of hydrogen, made up in the form of lemonade, as the little dears might care to swallow. In the latter development, the umpire has an opportunity which should certainly not be neglected, of doing noble work as a benefactor of the great golfing world.

He will, of course, be also expected to show thorough familiarity with the rules of the game. With regard to this, it is probable that you will agree with me, in thinking that he cannot do better than learn by heart the *Twelve Golden Rules*, with the accompanying notes, which you were so good as to publish for his benefit about a year ago.

There seems to be a great future before a conscientious and energetic umpire, unless, of course, he have a cock-eye, or hair or nose of a colour likely to distract the player's attention, or an evil and reprehensible habit of sneezing, coughing, or hiccuping on the stroke.

W. DALRYMPLE.

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## Reviews.

THE LADIES' GOLF UNION ANNUAL: Vol. II. Compiled and Edited by the Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Golf Union (Miss Issette Pearson). Price 1s.

The members of the Ladies' Union are to be congratulated, as well as envied, in the possession of a solid, cohesive, representative organisation, yearly growing in power and influence, which discusses in practical fashion and legislates upon all matters affecting the game among the federated ladies' clubs. The Union, at its foundation, three years ago, was established on a sound basis, and it has been truly fortunate in the selection of its officers, who, in giving effect to the scope and objects of the Union, have been animated by the single-hearted desire to promote the highest interests of the game. These officers include, among the vice-presidents, Mr. Laidlaw Purves, Mr. Talbot Fair, Mr. Everard, Mr. Gilroy, and Capt. McCalmont, M.P. The hon. treasurer is Mrs. Hulton, better known to lady golfers as Miss Blanche Martin, and the hon. secretary, is Miss Issette Pearson. All are players of considerable repute, and, as our columns have oftentimes testified, they have mingled in the various controversies which have arisen in one shape or another, each adding to the common stock of Golf knowledge sagacious views on controverted topics or points of detail coming within the range of their own wide playing experience. What, then, is the object of the Union? It was founded by its promoters, among other reasons (1) to promote the interests of the game of Golf; (2) to obtain a uniformity of the rules of the game by establishing a legislative representative authority; (3) to establish a uniform system of handicapping; (4) to act as a tribunal and court of reference on points of uncertainty; (5) to arrange the Annual Championship competition, and to obtain the funds necessary for that purpose. These are the simple, practical objects of the Union, and it is on these lines the ladies have been working. Much has been done in the matter of handicapping, especially in the method of recasting wins in inter-team match play, where the curious anomaly is often seen of a side winning, for example, two matches against four on the other side and yet having a higher aggregate total of holes for the whole team. Their work in connection with the Ladies' Championship has undoubtedly so far been the most notable achievement of the Union; while as a centre for promoting the social amenities and the exchange of friendly hospitable courtesies among the ladies, no more important influence exists in connection with the game. Our only regret is that the many thousands of male golfers throughout the kingdom have not a similar platform from which to work in the cause of uniting in one representative body all the disintegrated elements surrounding the sport as it at present exists.

In this compactly got up volume, with its appropriate red cover, Miss Pearson has embodied many items of interest to lady golfers. There are accounts of the Lady Championship meetings, with maps of the courses and length of holes, a great deal of interesting correspondence, and other material from our own columns, about the place where the annual meeting should be held, reports of the annual meetings, lists of clubs and addresses of members, with full reports of the competitions pertaining to each club. "The luck of the draw" in the Championship is one interesting question set forth here. It was denounced at the time as an "innovation," because it savoured somewhat of an attempt, in the language of politicians, "to cook the register" in the interests of two or three privileged players. But the use of that terrifying word should not deter the Ladies' Union from trying the experiment, remembering, as they must, that the same argument has been urged time out of mind against every reform that the world has seen. In our judgment, the Union is admirably adapted to try the experiment of distributing the Champion and the medallists in equitable proportions throughout the draw of general entrants. It is a reform we should like to see adopted in the men's championships, for no competition can be satisfactory in its results which allows all the highest-class players

to be drawn in a bunch together, and thus to allow all "the hawks to pyke out all the hawks' een," with the prospect of a very inferior player eventually winning.

It is to be regretted that there appears to be no sign of the Scottish ladies' clubs affiliating themselves to the Union, and helping to promote a good cause. If, however, the Union accepts the invitation of the Burgess Golfing Society, to play next year's Championship at Barnton (as we heartily hope they will), much may be done to cut into the spirit of aloofness on the part of Scotland which now exists. In any case, this little book, compiled with care, ought to be added to the library of every lady-golfer wherever the game is played, for it contains much information that is valuable, practical, and of permanent interest. We cannot do better, in helping its progress forward, than close by quoting the airy, graceful lines with which its pages open:—

You must buy me, for I am only One Shilling,  
And wondrous is the information I possess,  
Full details of the Union Clubs, see, I am giving,  
With the names of all the members and their home address.  
The Editor of GOLF granted kind permission  
For certain articles, which have appeared before  
In his famed "Weekly," on the L.G.U.'s great mission,  
To be reprinted here for your benefit once more.  
I am the second volume of the "Annual";  
Reports of matches, records, championships, I hold.  
Yes, I am the very best and smartest "Golfing Annual";  
Order me quickly, golfers, or you will find I'm sold.

HOCKEY,—By H. F. Battersby: illustrated by photographs and drawings. London: Ward, Lock, and Bowden. Price 2s. 6d.

There is some affinity between the Royal and Ancient Game, and the pastime which is the subject of this practical little treatise. The origin of both is misty, but very ancient, and both games are played with club and ball. But there the analogy ends; for we hope it is no disparagement to hockey, and its ardent votaries, to say that there is a good deal of the rough-and-tumble danger of football in their sport. Mr. Battersby writes with a light touch, and imparts his information with great clearness, dashed now and then with a flash of humour. The game comes, we are told, from Ireland where it is known as hurley; and as the old Dalriadic Scots have the same origin, we find hosts of Highlandmen to-day, both at home and in the colonies, keen shinty players. So that barked shins and split knuckles have not cooled enthusiasm during all these centuries. On the contrary, the game appears to have grown very greatly, especially in the last decade; for it appears that the game only then began to be systematised under a code of rules specifically exact in penalty and clearness of definition, and above all under the fostering care of a Hockey Association. County matches are now great features in the game, which has become very popular in the northern English counties. Mr. Battersby, however, deplors that hockey is not yet looked upon with a favourable eye by the great public schools, though without official recognition it is played by the two Universities. A great deal of useful information is given by the author as to the evolution of the hockey-stick from a rude mass of tree into a neat club, which is a source of profitable manufacture to the trade, and we are initiated into the science of placing a field, and maintaining discipline among the players. The photographs show how the various strokes ought to be played; and here it seems that the Golf swing is anathema to the hockey player. The vertical Golf swing will brain the opponent who rushes in to carry off the ball; and therefore the golfer will evidently not be a good hockey player, since he must unlearn the rudiments of his own game. But we should say that the hockey player would soon make a good golfer, his horizontal, ugly swing, notwithstanding, for the grip of the club is the same, and the position of the ball to the fork of the legs is identical. If a hockey player, as Mr. Battersby assures us is the case, can drive a cricket ball with the club 175 yards, then, as a driver of the Golf ball, he ought soon to equal the carries of Rolland, Mr. Tait, and Mr. Blackwell. We shall not despair of seeing Mr. Battersby and his able coadjutors in the Hockey Association as ardent disciples of the Golf club and gutta. *Tempus omnia revelat.*



## LONDON ACTORS ON EPSOM DOWNS.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

The actors of London, or at least an important section of them, have become infected, like others, with the Golf epidemic that is so rapidly spreading all over England. They have realised the truth that there can be no better antidote to the mental and physical exhaustion which must inevitably attend the pursuit of an exacting profession than the invigorating exercise afforded by the Royal and Ancient Game. The leading spirit in the theatrical golfing fraternity is undoubtedly Mr. Rutland Barrington, of the Savoy, who took to the game about three years ago, and is now one of the most ardent members of the Epsom Club, playing regularly over the Downs three days every week. He plays a remarkably good game for one starting so late in life, and has a thorough knowledge of its technicalities, while he has been instrumental in inducing at least a score of his brother-actors to take to the clubs. So far there are between forty and fifty golfing members of the theatrical profession in London. The great majority of them are novices, but there is the nucleus of a strong actors' Golf club, which we hope to see initiated in the near future. In the meanwhile our dramatic friends enjoy the privilege of holding their annual competition or tournament over the links of the Epsom Club. The second event of the kind came off on Monday last under the most favourable atmospheric conditions. It was an ideal golfing day—bright and bracing, and the famous Downs never looked prettier. The turn-out of players was not so large as was expected—the exigencies of the theatrical profession curtailing the number by about a dozen. As it was, sixteen actors, representing seven of the leading London theatres, were fortunately able to compete. Amongst the number were Mr. Rutland Barrington and Mr. Scott Fische, of the Savoy; Mr. Edmund Maurice and Mr. Gerald Du Maurier of the Haymarket; Mr. Herbert Waring and Mr. Allan Aynesworth of the St. James's; Mr. Sydney Brough, of the Court; Mr. Reeves Smith, of the Globe; Mr. Frederick Kerr and Mr. A. Playfair of Terry's Theatre; and Mr. W. H. Denny, of the Prince of Wales's. Through the courtesy of the committee of the Epsom club, both the links and the comfortable club-house were placed for the time being entirely at the disposal of the actors, who seemed thoroughly to appreciate the compliment.

Play begun at eleven o'clock, the competitors starting in the following order:—Mr. J. J. Evelyn and Mr. A. Hart, Mr. Rutland Barrington and Mr. Arthur Playfair, Mr. Gerald Du Maurier and Mr. J. D. Hart, Mr. Frederick Kerr and Mr. W. H. Denny, Mr. Allan Aynesworth and Mr. H. Reeves Smith, Mr. Sydney Brough and Mr. Edmund Maurice, Mr. Herbert Waring and Mr. Kinsey Piele, Mr. H. Scott Fische and Mr. Felix Barry.

The only scratch man was Mr. Rutland Barrington, the handicaps ranging from 1 up to 25. The play, though not remarkably brilliant, was not by any means discreditable to tyros. Mr. Barrington was a little off his game. He has done the round in 90—the "Bogey" score being 84—but on Monday he took 104, which, however, was the lowest gross score, and secured him the third place in the prize list. When all the cards were handed in it was found that Mr. A. Hart (5) and Mr. H. Waring (25) tied for the first prize with the net score of 100. It said much for the courage of the competitors that, with the single exception of Mr. Felix Barry, they all returned their cards in spite of the rather high scoring.

The following are the scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. Hart	105	5	100	Mr. Reeves Smith	121	9	112
Mr. H. Waring	125	25	100	Mr. S. Brough	141	24	117
Mr. Rutland Barrington	104	scr.	104	Mr. E. Maurice	138	18	120
Mr. J. J. Evelyn	106	1	105	Mr. J. D. Hart	130	6	124
Mr. A. Aynesworth	116	11	105	Mr. G. Du Maurier	134	10	124
Mr. A. Playfair	121	14	107	Mr. W. H. Denny	124	9	125
Mr. F. Kerr	114	5	109	Mr. Kinsey Piele	140	15	125
				Mr. H. Scott Fische	180	18	162

## LADIES' GOLF IN ABERDEEN.

Play has been going on merrily on the ladies' course at Aberdeen, in spite of shortening days and "chill November's surly blasts." The recent cold snap with blinding showers of sleet and snow, damped the ardour of the fair golfers, and there were gloomy prognostications that "the season was over," and that it would be impossible to play again till spring. But the love of "ye ancient game" is strong, and

the fascinations thereof are great, so with the advent of milder weather the enthusiasm revived, and the course was again gay with graceful figures in scarlet blouses, eagerly competing for the various prizes. There are few more characteristic, more picturesque, or more interesting Golf links at the command of lady devotees of the game than the Balgowrie course belonging to the Aberdeen Ladies' Golf Club.

The royal game has had a sure foundation on the long stretch of turf between the Dee and the Don for over a century and a quarter, yet the ladies' course is an institution of quite recent date. Seven or eight years ago the Aberdeen Golf Club migrated from the long stretch of common, on which the game had been played for so many years, to a private course of their own on the north side of the Don, and one of the most charming courses in Scotland. Shortly after this the Ladies' Golf Club was formed in Aberdeen, and at first played in a large field near the University at Old Aberdeen, about as sorry a place for the game of Golf as could be imagined. There were no greens, no hazards, except an occasional sheep; no variety, nothing but long grass, bad lies, and stone boundaries. Under such conditions of play the Ladies' Golf Club threatened to die a natural death, a fate from which it was saved by the energy of some of the members of the Aberdeen Golf Club, and the ladies themselves, who, with much difficulty, succeeded in obtaining from the former permission to play on a stretch of their ground to the north of their club-house. The outlook was not very promising at first.

One hundred acres of almost solid whins is not much in the way of a Golf course; but energy works wonders; money was raised, the whins were cleared away, a most charming hut was built—it is, in fact, one of the features of Golf at Aberdeen—and the present excellent course was evolved. Its only fault is its shortness. There is no hole in the whole course where a strong player—we refer to male players—could not reach the green from the tee with his cleek, and the lady players at Aberdeen are improving so rapidly, that they begin to feel cramped. However, they are negotiating for an extension of their ground, so that this difficulty ought to disappear in time. As it is, every one of the holes on the course requires sound Golf. The greens, under Archie Simpson's care, are becoming fast and true, and there is scarcely a shot where a hazard has not to be negotiated. The result is that Aberdeen has developed some lady-players, for example, Miss Lucy Ferguson, of Caskieben, Mrs. Henry Hadden, the Misses Youngson, the Misses Crane, and others, who are now quite able to hold their own with first-class lady-players on any course whatever.

The hut is well worthy of a word of description. It is a picturesque building on the edge of the course, overlooking it and the links beyond, and within sound of the boom of the North Sea. The interior is attractive and comfortable in the highest degree. There are racks for the clubs of the players, and boxes for their balls and other possessions; there are delightful chairs, low and wide, just the thing for a lounge after exertion. There are occasional tables suggestive of that most charming of functions, afternoon tea; on the businesslike centre table, there is, in addition to the books of the club, a little tempting literature of an entertaining nature. Best of all, at this season of the year, is a bright fire. Altogether the ladies' room has about it that air of comfort and refinement, which carries the impression of home and the presence of the gentler sex. Beyond the public room is a tiny kitchen; outside is a verandah, where the ladies may sit and have tea in fine weather.

Even at this dull time of the year, a visit to the ladies' course is a pleasant walk for one who only goes as an onlooker. As the "wintry sunset's dying gleam" fades away behind the spires of the grand old Cathedral of St. Machar, and the chill airs and damp mists creep up from the ocean, the lady golfers gather in twos and threes to their cosy hut, for a little chat, and it may be some necessary business, after the day's play. Presently, a cup of Mrs. Scott's (the caretaker) excellent tea is called for, and partaken of amidst a ripple of small talk—principally of a professional nature, engagements for future meetings, and kindly criticism of each other's play, for there seems a praiseworthy spirit of friendly camaraderie among the Aberdeen lady golfers, worthy of imitation elsewhere. Then, as the twilight deepens, there is a rush to catch a train for town, the players taking with them from the breezy links a vigour and elasticity of body and mind unknown to their grandmothers in the days when it was reckoned "genteel" to be delicate and shrinking.

There are forty-three entries for the American tournament, which began last month, and will run on till May.

On Monday, November 18th, the first competition, for a very pretty timepiece, presented by Mrs. Dyer, took place over the ladies' course. The winners, after twelve competitions, are to play off for final possession. Each competition consists of five holes. Miss G. Crane was the winner, with a score of 137 for the two rounds.

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.—At Brancaster, on Saturday, Mr. W. H. Simms Reeve, 90 net, won the monthly medal; and Col. John Boughiey, 92 net, was second.



## THE ETHICS OF THE DERELICT BALL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The following case occurred in a new club just started. Player No. 1 lost a ball, and player No. 2, following No. 1, found a ball. No. 2, after play for the day was concluded, mentioned that he had found a ball at a certain point, and No. 1 immediately claimed it, and stated that as a matter of common honesty it ought to be given up to him.

I have played Golf for some years and have belonged to several clubs, and I have always understood that a ball found on the links became the property of the finder; also that a lost ball became derelict as soon as the loser gave up searching for it. I have looked through "Badminton," and can find no law or remarks bearing on the subject. Can you tell me if I have, hitherto, been right in my views, and refer me to some authority to confirm them?

I am, Sir, &c.,  
ARTIFICIAL TEE.

[Fortunately this is a question of ethics entirely outside the range and scope of the game, and we should hope that most golfers are able unaided to shed the light of their own inner moral consciousness upon the niceties of discriminating between the doctrine of *meum and tuum*. Our correspondent is not likely to find any sanction to the practice of annexing another player's ball in the pages of "Badminton" or any other authority dealing with the game; but if he varies his reading a little and peeps into the Decalogue he will find law and remarks sufficient "bearing on the subject." His contention is what Horace would call "a delightful insanity and most pleasing error of the mind." It is the first time we have heard of this doctrine of the derelict ball being seriously established on the Golf green, and our correspondent may take it from us that no such doctrine exists there any more than the doctrine exists in civil life, when cabby finds a "derelict" jewel-case in a hansom and omits to call at Scotland Yard to leave the property to be claimed. If golfers, as a body, were to follow the sweet predatory policy of Pistol, that "holdfast is the only dog," and balls were to be picked up and un-restored to their rightful owners, on the claim being thoroughly established, much friction and unpleasantness would inevitably be imported into the relationships of a club. So much for the personal aspect of the question. It is but fair to say, however, that some clubs have a by-law that balls found on the course are to be handed over to the committee, and ransomed at a penny or twopence by the owner, the money to aid the club funds. The primary object of that rule is to prevent players from buying balls from the caddies, a custom which leads to dishonest practices on the part of the boys. But this is a different question from that involved in the general, sweeping statement of our correspondent.—Ed.]

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## A GOLF UNION WANTED.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The numerous letters that have recently appeared in GOLF on the subject of the rules seem to show how impossible it is at present to attain anything like uniformity in the interpretation of the St. Andrews rules, and this not altogether from any want of clearness in their wording. The various solutions given each week of these "rule puzzles" is giving rise to a general feeling of uncertainty and confusion, and surely your correspondent, "Association," is right in thinking that the time is ripe for a Golf Union for England, which should be capable of settling all such questions. It seems, indeed, incredible that a sport which has attained such dimensions as has Golf in England, should have no recognised supreme authority.

St. Andrews has long ruled the game in Scotland; Ireland has its Golf Union; and even Wales is not unprovided for. Then, why should the "Predominant Partner" be left out?

One difficulty is the immense number of clubs now in existence, and, if we treat England as a whole, it is a serious one. But, as we in Hampshire have maintained for a long time, once establish for each county a Golf Association, and the National Union is as good as formed.

The experiments tried in several counties show how readily the various clubs respond to an appeal to form a County Association; and a Union consisting of representatives from each of these would practically represent all the Golf Clubs in England, and its authority would, therefore, be unimpeachable.

Now, will not those golfers who feel how necessary some central authority has become in England, make a move in this direction in their own counties? I am sure Hampshire, Norfolk, Somerset, and Yorkshire can each and all testify to the ease with which success was attained in their cases, and they surely are a fair sample of the English counties.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

P. F. MORTON.

Hook House, Winchfield, Hants.  
December 2nd.

## RECLAIMING LAND FROM THE SEA.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "J. R. R.," probably intends to refer to Holkham Hall, the well-known seat of the Earl of Leicester.

I am Sir, &c.,  
H. A. D.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

L. D. FORD.—Yes, you are allowed to play tee shots and shots through the green, but you must not approach the putting green. The point has often been dealt with in previous issues of the paper, as you will see if you can obtain access to the bound volumes.

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Miss Florence St. John made her first appearance as *Sylvia* in "The Bric-à-Brac Will" at the Lyric Theatre on Tuesday, 28th inst., and scored an instant success. At the fall of the curtain Miss St. John was recalled by a house crammed in every part. Signor Emilio Pizzi's charming music (including some new songs specially composed for Miss Florence St. John), combined with a superb stage production, in which Mr. Hugh Moss has surpassed himself, is now drawing crowded and enthusiastic houses nightly to the Lyric Theatre.

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The new eighteen-hole course of the Hasting's and St. Leonard's Golf Club will be opened on Wednesday, December 11th at one o'clock, when a luncheon will be given at the clubhouse. A match has been arranged between first-class players. Mr. B. G. Frith is the captain.

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ANOTHER CROW STORY.—A Correspondent writes:—"On Monday, November 25th, in playing the ninth hole at the Old Deer Park, Richmond, with Capt. Lyell, a crow swooped down and carried off his ball, and made its way to Isleworth. There it would find caddying Golf balls did not pay, but it gave me the hole."

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#### RIDDLE.

Two golfers, call 'em A and B,  
Began a match to play;  
With one good drive, A, from the tee,  
Holed out, to B's dismay.

But judge with what surprise B heard  
He'd won the hole, not A.  
If you explain what seems absurd,  
Much shrewdness you'll display.

A. G.

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The pavilion of the Dulwich and Sydenham Hill Golf Club was broken into the other Sunday evening by a particularly obnoxious tramp, who changed his clothes for the best he could find hanging in the pavilion, and making a bundle of some others, decamped after regaling himself right royally on cake and ginger beer. The worst feature about the expedition of the marauder was that the clothes, or rather rags, he left behind were only touchable with the tongs. The pavilion is now undergoing a steady course of disinfecting.

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The first annual dinner of the Ashby Golf Club was held at the Royal Hotel, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Wednesday, November 27th, when there were present Rev. L. W. Lloyd, captain, in the chair, Mr. G. Bullen, treasurer, in the vice-chair, Revs. A. S. Mammatt and H. B. St. John, and Messrs. Lionel Bean, T. Brown, W. A. Musson, Dr. C. R. Williams, and Mr. W. H.

Quarrell, secretary. Earl Ferrers and several other members were unable to be present. After the usual loyal toasts, the "Royal and Ancient Game" was proposed by Rev. A. S. Mammatt, "the Ashby Golf Club" by Dr. Williams, and "the Ladies" by Mr. W. A. Musson, the last toast being responded to by Mr. Lionel Bean. The Rev. A. S. Mammatt was announced as the winner of the November handicap medal.

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The excitement of the Rectorial election has for some time debarred the students at St. Andrews from Golf. Viscount Peel, late Speaker of the House of Commons, was put up against the Marquis of Bute, who has occupied the chair for the past three years. The one party was called "The Beauties," and the other "The Peelers"; and, curiously enough, the majority of the lady-students were not of the former party, and therefore not on the winning side, the Marquis beating the Viscount by forty votes. The usual torchlight procession took place in the evening.

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In the list of contributions to the Morris Testimonial it is very pleasing to come across the following, side by side:—Andrew Lang, £5; S. R. Crockett, £5. Such handsome tributes from two such distinguished literary men is perhaps the highest compliment Old Tom could have paid to him. The veteran would make a fine pen-portrait for the author of "The Raiders." The two writers, who cannot be said to "play the like" to each other from a literary point of view, seem on very friendly terms, each having visited the other lately.

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In a supplementary subscription-list which has just been issued, the subscriptions from members of the Royal and Ancient now amount to £141 2s. Among the other subscriptions are—£3 3s. from Mr. Hall Blyth; £2 2s. from Mr. Wharton Tod; £3 3s. from the Disley Golf Club; £5 5s. from Portrush; £2 2s. from Headingley and Ardeer; £5 5s. from Tantallon; £3 7s. 6d. from Bowdon; £2 7s. 6d. from Mid-Surrey; £2 6s. from Royal Eastbourne; £1 10s. from West Cumberland; and £5 from Mr. John Penn, M.P.

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Mr. Acland is said to be the latest victim to Golf. If as is likely, Mr. John Morley becomes representative of the Montrose burghs, he will not do his duty to that ancient Golf howff and its numerous players, if he does not make himself familiar with the game.

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The Rhodes Course at the East End of North Berwick is likely to be more heard of during next season than hitherto, its situation being inconvenient in many ways. A Hotel is to be built immediately in proximity to the course with no fewer than twenty-four bedrooms, and a new road is to be made from Tantallon Terrace to the new Hotel and the course. The club has been recently re-formed, with an entrance fee of ten shillings and annual subscription of the same amount.

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What will Gowff not do in "puir auld Scotland," when it has actually begun to hinder douce, decent, church-going folks from electing a minister? One of the most fashionable churches in Edinburgh—St. Andrews—having failed, within the six months allowed by statute, to elect a pastor, the Moderator of Session, himself a golfer, explained the delay by the fact that so many members were out of town during the summer months. The Presbytery of Edinburgh must therefore make the appointment. "To the critical mind," says the *Glasgow Herald*, "this seems a very handsome, though a veiled tribute to the fascinations of the mashie, the driver, and the putting-greens of Fife and North Berwick. It must be Golf, that great extenuator, that is at the bottom of it all; and with this felicitous hint we can well imagine a delightful picture of

the "stoops" of St. Andrews, indulging in unlimited foursomes during the long days of summer, and cheerfully leaving to their fathers and brethren the "honour" of a ministerial choice."

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Aberfeldy people, old and young, have betaken themselves in large numbers to Golf, on the nice little course laid out, not long ago, and kindly granted free, by the popular Marquis of Breadalbane. A Golf Club has now been formed and called the Breadalbane Aberfeldy Club, with Mr. W. L. Wood as captain, Mr. Thomas Bett secretary, and Mr. D. M'Diarmid treasurer.

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The Thorntree (Prestonpans) Golf Club—one of the oldest in the County of Haddington—after being virtually defunct, is now in a thriving condition. Mr. George Hunter is secretary, and Mr. James Dewar treasurer of the club, the hon. president being General Sir R. Cadell, K.C.B. A bazaar in aid of the funds is to be held next summer, a good deal being needed to put the extended course into perfect order.

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The annual general meeting of the Baberton Golf Club was held at Jupiter Green on November 28th. Accounts showing a balance of £204 17s. in favour of the club were submitted and approved. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Sir James Gibson Craig; captain, Dr. Simson C. Fowler; secretary, Mr. Robert Richardson; hon. treasurer, Mr. James Christie; council, Messrs. Bennett Clark, M. W. Scott, A. Robertson, J. L. M'Alley, D. Don, and J. G. Borthwick.

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The Dumfries and Galloway Cycling and Athletic Grounds Company, Limited (office, 17, King Street, Maxwelltown), has been formed to promote cycling and other athletic sports, including Golf, for which the present provision on the Kingholm Merse is not satisfactory. The Company have in view the purchase of the estate of Pearmount, near Dumfries, where a capital short course could be made; while cycling, cricket, football, &c., could also have ample room.

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Dr. Rankin, of Muthil, one of the most outspoken ministers of the Kirk of Scotland, has published a pamphlet, exposing the errors and shortcomings of the teetotallers, and especially of the fanatical members of that class. According to this trenchant critic, the cold-water worshippers are far from having a monopoly of all the graces and virtues. Commenting on the conduct of those who make teetotal dinners, to which they invite moderate drinkers, the Doctor relates the following experience:—

Thirty years ago, in Greenock I was entrapped into a dinner company, where, without warning, we were cut off from civilised drink, and face to face with a set of contemptible carafes. Just fancy, fish and water, roast and water, pudding and water, cheese and water, grapes and water!! Sometimes I laugh yet at the form of protest made by a well-known Bailie who sat opposite me. First he held a silent dialogue with me by gently inclining his head and shooting the tail of his eye at one of the offensive carafes. When we got the length of the cheese, and hope of the host's repentance was clean gone, the social Bailie could stand it no longer, but mimetically spread his hand over the bottom of his waistcoat, then got up and retired to pay a visit to his own sideboard, which was just over the garden wall. We all knew what the Bailie's withdrawal meant; and it was a merited rebuke on the inhuman entertainment. We broke up with the resolution which echoed the song—

"We'll gang nae mair to yon toun."

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A new paper, wishing no doubt to advertise itself, lately made an onslaught on the professional golfer, especially the Scotch specimen, calling him all the bad names in the dictionary. A

good many other papers have caught the bait, and are wriggling about with the hook in their mouth, the new paper getting all the notoriety thus created for nothing.

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For the last eight months a large squad of men has been busy extending the round of the Lanark Golf course from fourteen to eighteen holes. The new ground looked most unpromising, being entirely covered with whins, heather, and bent; but as the sub-soil is, as a rule, pure sand, there is every prospect of the new course being before long as good golfing ground as the old. The additions to the club-house are now completed. In addition to the former club-house, the members now have another large room, a drying-room, a lavatory, and other conveniences, besides similar accommodation for the ladies, many of whom are now taking a keen interest in the game.

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A foursome match, thirty-six holes, that had been looked forward to with great interest for some time past, took place over the Worlington Links on November 25th. Mr. C. H. A. Lock, of the Royal Norwich Club, and R. Kelly, the professional, playing Mr. A. Lee-Barber, Royal Worlington and Newmarket Club, and Jack White, the Worlington professional. It ended in rather an unexpected win for the home players by 13 up and 12 to play. Considering the strong north-easterly wind blowing, the winning score of 84 each round was highly meritorious.

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On Friday Gourlay Dunn, of Prince's Club, Mitcham, playing against Major P. Von Donope, lowered the record of the course at Mitcham. The score was as follows:—Out, 5 3 5 3 5 4 4 5 5=39; in, 4 4 4 4 4 5 4 4 5=38; total 77. It was raining hard at the time, and every putt was holed out.

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The Henley Telegraph Works Company (Limited), 27, Martin's Lane, Cannon Street, have laid in a good stock of well-seasoned "Melfort" and "Henley" Golf balls.

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Miss Malcolmson, on playing over the ladies' links at Bournemouth recently, made the record score of the green for nine holes, as follows:—3 3 2 3 2 2 3 5 2=25.

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The professional record of the Chislehurst Golf course, held by J. H. Taylor (76), has been broken by Dan Bryson, the local professional, playing with Mr. Minchin, when he completed the round in 75.

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The Birkenshaw Golf Club, being in need of a little help for their exchequer, and having among their members several ladies and gentlemen with histrionic abilities, have been distinguishing themselves at "play" of a kind somewhat different from that which takes place on the Golf links. On Friday and Saturday last they gave, in the Birkenshaw National School, which was crowded with interested spectators, two representations of H. M. Paull's comedy, "The Gentleman Whip," and J. Maddison Morton's farce, "Done on both Sides." The plays were well staged, and the amateur actors and actresses were highly complimented by their friends on their performances. The cast for the comedy was as follows:—Mr. Brown (Mr. H. C. Croft, secretary of the club), Baxter Slade ("Niblicks-Mashie") Tom Ellicott (Mr. R. Cooke), Dixon, the waiter (Mr. G. E. Oddy), Lady Jane Verinder (Miss Croft), and Mabel Verinder (Miss M. Croft). In the farce the following took part:—Mr. Whiffles (Mr. W. Hemingway), Mr. John Brownjohn (Mr. F. R. Rhodes), Mr. Pygmalion Phibbs (Mr. G. E. H. Maggs) Mrs. Whiffles (Miss E. M. Burnley), and

Lydia Whiffles (Miss A. M. Rhodes). Additional attraction was provided by the performances of the Birkehshaw Orchestral Band, who gave several popular selections each evening.

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A foursome of seventy-two holes, between Mr. Norman Boase and J. Kinnell (professional), of Leven, and Mr. John H. Outhwaite and A. H. Scott (professional), of Earlsferry, ended at Elie on Saturday, after a very exciting match, in a victory for the Leven pair by 1 hole. In the first half of the match, played at Leven on Wednesday, Mr. Boase and Kinnell were left with a lead of 2 holes, after being at one time 6 up. The end of the first round at Elie found the Leven players with still a lead of 1 hole on the match, but in the last round, Mr. Outhwaite and Scott squared the match with 6 holes to play. Five successive halves followed; but at the last hole, Kinnell holed a brilliant four yards putt for the hole and the match. During the whole match the Earlsferry pair were never a hole up, and only to be beaten by a putt at the last hole, shows that they are able to play an uphill game with great determination. The play was very good throughout, especially at Elie, as the following scores will show:—Mr. Boase and Kinnell, Leven, 77, 84=161; Elie, 76, 77=153. Mr. Outhwaite and Scott, Leven, 83, 83=166; Elie, 75, 77=152. The match aroused much interest in the locality, as Leven and Elie are rather rival Golf centres. Kinnell was in the first half-dozen on the first day of the Open Championship this year, and is a first-class player. Scott was fifth at the Open competition at Stirling this year also, and has also an increasing club-making business of his own.

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Two new connections which will be particularly appreciated by business men who have frequently to visit Egypt and the East, as well as by the large number of tourists who yearly make the traditional journey to the Land of the Pharaohs, have just been effected in connection with the Ostend-Vienna Express. Since November 12th, a greatly accelerated service has been in force between London and Constantinople, *via* Dover, Ostend, Vienna, and Constantza (Roumania), accompanied by a reduction in the price of tickets. Owing to the construction of a new bridge on the Danube at Tschernavoda, a saving in time of about five and half hours is effected by this, the fastest route, while the reduction made in the price of a ticket between London and Constantinople amounts to about £4. From December 1st, the "Ostend-Vienna Train de Luxe," in correspondence at Ostend with the 10 a.m. service from London, will run once a week between Vienna and Trieste, where it will connect with a steamer of the Austrian-Lloyds for Alexandria. The departure from London will take place every Sunday at 10 a.m., *via* Dover, Ostend, and Vienna, and passengers will arrive at Trieste on Tuesday at 8.18 a.m., and at Alexandria at 4 p.m. Saturday. In the other direction the departure from Alexandria will be on Saturday at 9 a.m., and from Trieste on Wednesday at 6 p.m., enabling passengers to arrive in London *via* Vienna, Ostend, and Dover, on Friday at 4 p.m. Between Ostend and Trieste the trains will consist of sleeping-cars and a restaurant-car.

**ABERFELDY GOLF CLUB.**—The members of the Breadallbane Aberfeldy Golf Club finished on Saturday a three days' handicap competition by strokes for a set of Golf clubs, presented by Mr. W. L. Wood, captain of the club. The contest was keen and exciting. The winner is Rev. D. J. Graham, 239 (handicap); 2, Mr. W. L. Wood, 241 (scratch); Mr. S. P. Guttridge and Mr. John M'Laren, tie, 242 (handicap).

**GOLFER'S ELBOW.**—The following letter appeared in GOLF, September 13th, 1895:—"To the Editor of GOLF.—Sir, I suffered very much from this distressing complaint, and obtained no relief until I tried a preparation which I found advertised in your valuable columns. I refer to Walker's 'Semotine,' which in a little while quite cured me. I always keep a bottle of Semotine by me, and after a day's golfing invariably apply some of it to my limbs, which I am thus able to keep fit and supple. In the hope that this recommendation may be found useful to others, I am, Sir, &c., Twenty-five Years a Golfer. Rusack's Marine Hotel, St. Andrews, Fife, August 26th." In bottles, 1s. 1/6, 2s. 9d., and 4s. 6d. Of all Chemists, Stores, &c., or will be sent post free for 3d. extra by the proprietors, Rowland Walker & Co., Limited, 468, High Road, Chiswick. Wholesale, F. Newbery & Sons, London, E.C. Established 1746.

## THE PENALTY STROKE.

AN interesting discussion, whose scope and tendency ought to be carefully noted by golfers, has been going on in our correspondence columns during the past few weeks. It has been conducted with good temper by those taking part in it, and it reflects the matured opinions of a number of leading players who, from their playing knowledge of the game and the individual success which each has achieved during many years of play, are entitled to be heard with the respect and authority attaching to their reputation. The letters which we have published on the value of the penalty stroke, and its effect in influencing the rotation of play in foursomes, are noteworthy for the puzzling variety of opinion expressed by good players of long standing in the game when they attempt the by no means light task of interpreting the code of rules aided by their own individual playing experience. Where so many good authorities differ so materially in the correctness or otherwise of one point in the rules, it is not wonderful to find that the mind of the beginner, with neither tradition nor custom behind him to shed a ray of light on the true practice, should be full of distracting doubt, bewilderment, impatience, and despair when confronted unexpectedly with a Golf problem.

The ball was set rolling by a short conundrum propounded by "Association" in a letter published on November 8th, inviting solutions from old and well-tried golfers, who believed that they could answer the questions offhand without previous consultation of the rules. The challenge was accepted with light-hearted gaiety, and the responses which we subsequently published must have afforded "Association" great amusement, not only to see how easily the hook was baited, but how prone old players are to fall into error when the rules and their penalties are the subject of discussion. Dovetailed into the correspondence were two letters by "A. D." and "N. F." addressed to us, asking for a ruling on the penalty stroke, and how it affected the application of rotation in foursome play. The position is correctly and fairly summed up by "N. F." in his letter published last week; but the misfortune is that while ruling to the approval of one of the parties in one case, both correspondents disagree with us in the interpretation of the penalty stroke rule in another case. Thus is the path of righteous effort strewn with prodigious stumbling-blocks, and faithful service designed to benefit golfing mankind is in danger of causing threatening niblicks to be beaten into weapons of dire offence, to chastise the preacher of noxious heresies!

The point which we are anxious to elucidate is this. A and B are playing in a foursome; A touches a leaf with his hand, and causes the ball to move. We said that this was a penalty stroke which did not affect the rotation of play in accordance, not only with custom, but with the interpretation of Rules XXV. and XXXIX. "N. F." then asks, "Supposing A, in addressing his ball on the course with the club, causes the ball to move, whose turn is it to play next, A or B?" We replied that it was B's turn, because the action of A in moving the ball with the club was equivalent to his stroke. This reply satisfies neither "N. F." nor "A. D.," on the ground that they fail to recognise the distinction which we sought to convey by having the factor of the movement of the club introduced. Now, Rule IV. clearly defines what a stroke is, further amplified and rendered more specific by a recent addition of the Royal and Ancient in Rule XIV., exempting from penalty the backward and downward



movements of the club checked in playing out of a hazard. A stroke is therefore interpreted to mean the act of striking, attempting to strike, or moving the ball *with the club*. In the case put to us by "A. D.," there was no such action nor intention. A's action in moving the leaf, and therefore causing the ball to move, comes under the definition of Rules XXV. and XXXIX. On the other hand, the case put by "N. F." was one where A, in addressing the ball with the club on the course, caused the ball to move, and thereby his action clearly came within the definition of a stroke, causing him to make way for his partner, B, who had to play the next shot. In this case, A was in the act of striking, or attempting to strike, and moved the ball with the club. "A. D.'s" instance was clearly a penalty stroke, which did not interfere with the regular rotation of the playing strokes of the partners. "N. F.'s" was as clearly a case on the other side, where the intention and the action of the player were in all respects tantamount to a played stroke with the club.

But it is objected that we are endeavouring to import a distinction in the two cases which the rules do not justify. We do not agree with that view. A penalty stroke is a means devised to check carelessness or negligence, but it was never meant, as we conceive, to handicap players who had to suffer unwittingly from it in their due share of the game. Cases might often occur on billowy courses, like Troon, St. Andrews, or Wimbledon, where a player, finding his ball on a slope, in attempting to remove a leaf, an inch of twig, or a small pebble, might cause his ball to move four or five times in the course of nine holes, and if, in paying the penalty stroke, he were also to lose his turn to play, it is obvious that his side, if the superior player is thus penalised, would be unfairly, and we believe unjustly, fettered in the struggle. The penalty stroke is the expiation of an offence, but it is not capital punishment as well; and, in the view we have taken, we cannot see any other meaning intended in the wording of the rules above cited.

Looking at the present phraseology of the rules, we have nothing but the highest admiration for the lion-hearted courage of the golfer who undertakes to answer any question about them off-hand, and without book. With what success it has been attempted we see in recent letters. It is often said by old golfers that the St. Andrews rules are good enough for them, and that they see no difficulty in them. Very good. But when you put a point of perplexity to them, or of ambiguity, the rejoinder is that the question has never cropped up in their experience. That may very well be the case and, yet be a point upon which the rules are either silent or dubious, but upon which the sanction of custom seems to speak with a clear and precise voice. Writing with a most unique experience of the rules and their interpretation—we have run the whole gamut of them many times in the correspondence column—we have no hesitation in saying that they are a scandal to the game and to the authorities who sanctioned them. Take, for example, the language in which they are framed. In the second local rule for St. Andrews Links there is a provision for the dropping of a ball out of the Swilcan. If the ball cannot be found "another ball may be dropped on the line where it entered the burn, on the opposite side to the hole to that to which he is playing." The sighing moans of that much abused preposition ought to haunt the sleeping and waking hours of the compilers who have thus yoked it in harness so harshly; and yet the Lord Justice Clerk of Scotland, who knows something about style, allowed that sentence to go forth to the world with his *imprimatur*. The only satisfactory remedy for all this confusion and dubiety is that indicated in the last paragraph of his letter

by "Association." It is nearly five years ago since we urged the desirableness of a Golf Union, to undertake, among other important work, the overhauling of the rules. Every other sport and pastime has its Association, and its clear code of rules, with recurring opportunities afforded to the members to bring forward and debate amendments. Experience of the working of these institutions shows that they are beneficial and fraught with good to the games. Why should Golf be the only pastime denied this aid, more particularly in view of the fact that from its nature, and the varied manner in which the game is played, clearness of definition is even more essential here than in other sports?

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#### THE PLAINT OF THE BICYCLE-TYRE-O

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Such an ill-tempered brute as my bicycle is,  
Such a brute!  
I never have met with a temper like his.  
If he can, in the nastiest way he will whiz  
And will shoot  
Into every wet ditch in his wish to unload,  
Depositing me in inelegant mode,  
On the road.

I never appear to get on in the least  
With the beast.  
Up till now all my troubles have rather increased.  
He never goes straight, till a horse and a cart  
Are in front of him—then he'll go straight as a dart,  
With no shadow of twisting or turn from the start;  
He will chuck me, if possible, into the cart,  
And will choose out the awkwardest one he can find;  
And enough of this pastime's as good, to my mind,  
As a feast.

On the flat, where the road may be even and wide,  
He won't go.  
He will shy where no rational thing would have shied,  
He will turn and go sideways, and wobble and slide.  
It is useless to give him a kick in the side,  
It is perfectly useless, because I have tried,  
So I know.  
But just let him find a good dangerous hill,  
When a fall, if you get one, is certain to kill,  
Then he'll go.  
When you wish to be cautious, he'll go like the deuce  
You may rate him, and hurl at him rounds of abuse  
He will go down that hill, like an arrow let loose  
From a bow.

I hope that some night he'll go out on the spree,  
All alone,  
(I'll take very good care that he doesn't take me),  
And I hope he'll run into a ditch or a tree,  
Or a stone.  
I hope he may come to a violent end,  
That his spokes may be twisted, his handles may bend,  
Overthrown  
To atone  
For the vices he never attempted to mend;  
That his bell may be silent, his lamp cease to glow,  
That his tyres may both burst in his last deadly throe,  
That his disintegration be ling'ring and slow,  
That his bones may be picked by a carrion crow,  
And I pray he may go where bad bicycles go,  
Down below.

ROSE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY

## LONDON SCOTTISH.

MR. A. J. ROBERTSON.

MR. J. A. GREIG.

MR. A. E. WALKER.

MR. JOHN DUNCAN.

MR. W. M. RHODES.

MR. K. B. BROWN.



MR. D. S. FROY.

MR. JAMES DUNCAN.

MR. J. GOW.

MR. T. R. PINKERTON.

(Captain).

MR. A. ANDERSON.

MR. GEORGE DUNCAN.

These are the Teams which played at Wimbledon, on November 5th, for the handsome Challenge Cup, presented by Messrs. Mackay and Belfrage, and which was won by the London Scottish Team by 15 holes. The Photographs are by RUSSELL & SONS, of Wimbledon.

## LONDON SCOTTISH v. RICHMOND.

A team of the London Scottish visited the fine course of the Richmond Golf Club, at Sudbrook Park, on Saturday. The weather was unfortunately dull and lowering, and the light was bad; while the heavy rain of the two previous days had made the greens perhaps a trifle more sodden and sticky than they ought to be. It is nearly five years since the writer visited the course, and on that occasion it was the opening ceremony. At that time the course was in its experimental stage, and there were no permanent hazards. Hurdles were

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placed here and there at several of the holes just to break the monotony, and the course in some places was actually boggy. Comparing the impressions of that time with the visit on Saturday, one is surprised to see the improvements which have been carried out by the committee. The course has been re-arranged, some of the holes lengthened, some made shorter and full of sporting adventure, and, above all, bunkers have been cut in the sandy soil with great skill and foresight, just at those points where they ought to intercept the progress of the player to the green. A better designed and more skilfully planned course to test the highest capabilities of a player at all points of the game, we have not had the pleasure of playing over; and if, as we surmise, Mr. Patrick Don, the late secretary, had a large share in this handiwork, then no more enduring memorial to his memory could exist than the present course, affording, as it does, health and the keenest pleasure to thousands of golfers in the course of the year. The putting-greens are beautifully kept; few of them are



ROYAL WIMBLEDON.

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MR. F. A. FAIRLIE.

MR. A. MOLESWORTH.

MR. E. A. WALKER.

MR. J. H. MUDIE.

absolutely flat; the majority have the true billowy character which causes the player to "borrow" the line of his putt instead of forging his ball ahead straight for the hole—a true joy to every golfer. In Hogg, the professional, the committee and the members have a green-keeper who evidently understands his work, and what efforts are needed in order to make a green look its best. Though the London Scottish had a pretty strong team in the field, they were not strong enough for their opponents. Familiarity with the green, and, above all, with the distances, which are particularly deceptive when the intervening ground between the player and the hole is flat, may account for so big a balance on the wrong side. As a set-off to the defeat, however, one cherishes the memory of the kindly hospitality of the members, the keenness of the interest evinced in the contest, the successful efforts on the part of the energetic and courteous secretary, Capt. Reade, R.N., to make all the visitors comfortably at home, and of a day's golfing replete with the pleasantest associations:—

LONDON SCOTTISH.		RICHMOND.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. W. Duncan	... 0	Mr. J. R. Gairdner	... 0
Mr. T. R. Pinkerton	... 0	Mr. J. Abercromby	... 0
Mr. Jas. Duncan	... 1	Dr. Williamson	... 0
Mr. A. Anderson	... 1	Mr. A. Jockel	... 0
Mr. A. Walker	... 0	Mr. F. Booth	... 2
Mr. Jas. Gow	... 0	Mr. A. D. Hill	... 9
Mr. W. M. Rhodes	... 2	Capt. Gillon	... 0
Mr. A. J. Robertson	... 0	Dr. Gardiner	... 1
Mr. K. B. Brown	... 0	Mr. J. Wylie	... 1
Mr. J. A. Greig	... 2	Mr. G. A. C. Phipps	... 0
Mr. R. Hedderwick	... 0	Mr. J. B. Chamberlain	... 1
Mr. G. W. Duncan	... 1	Capt. Reade, R.N.	... 0
	7		14

It will thus be seen that Richmond won a keenly contested and enjoyable match by seven holes, principally by the fine play of Mr. A. D. Hill, who scored nine holes in his favour.

A GOLF BALLAD.

Two sportsmen gay went out to play  
A little game of Golf,  
As for their names, the one was James,  
The other was Rudolph.

They'd tried this sport for time so short—  
'Twas still their honeymoon—  
That they knew well they could't tell  
A bulger from a spoon.

Now James was tall and Rudolph small,  
And both were somewhat stout,  
But they quite meant to circumvent  
The course, and "putt it out."

The first to tee was James, and he  
Hit hard and without fear,  
He missed the globe, and split the lobe  
Of his opponent's ear.

Then Rudolph, mad with pain, yet glad  
Because he saw his chance,  
Swung driver round, and on the ground  
'Twas shivered like a lance.

Still undismayed, they next essayed  
With cleek to start the sphere ;  
One topped his ball, and saw it fall  
Into a quarry near ;

The other struck, and by good luck  
He sent it quite—ten yards ;  
To fully tell all that befell  
I leave to other bards.

They cut and hacked, they banged and whacked,  
But clean they never hit,  
Till each ball's face, to their disgrace,  
Was blackened every whit.

The caddies smiled, their players, riled,  
Breathed curses deep and sore ;  
But still the ball too short would fall,  
However hard they swore.

At last the green is fairly seen,  
A flag within the hole.  
To get ahead and lay him dead  
Each burned with ardent soul.

But, near the brim, a bunker grim  
Awaits the "foozled" shot ;  
Both balls with force land in the gorse,  
And come out they will not.

Reduced to shifts, first Rudolph lifts,  
Then James must follow suit ;  
In twenty-six that hole, they fix,  
Is halved beyond dispute.

As falls the night, in sorry plight  
Two sportsmen limp abreast ;  
Weary, forlorn, clubs broke, clothes torn,  
For Golf they've lost their zest.

"The only Tee," says James, "for me  
Is our high tea at home ;  
The only links are Hymen's links,  
And Golf may go to Rome."

A. G.

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.—The last game of the quarter for the club prize and sweepstakes was played off on November 27th in good although cold weather. The greens were in good order, and the winner on the day's play was Mr. John Houston, with a score of 96, less 3=93. Over the whole competition the best totals were made by Mr. John Houston, Mr. Arch. Cameron, and Mr. J. C. Sharpe, who got respectively first, second and third prizes.



ARDEN v. KING'S NORTON.

This match was played at King's Norton, on Saturday, November 30th, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 16 holes. Neither teams were fully represented. Scores :—

ARDEN.		KING'S NORTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne	... 6	Mr. A. D. Charles	... 0
Mr. E. P. Wright	... 3	Mr. T. W. Piggott	... 0
Mr. O. Airy	... 2	Mr. S. R. Baker	... 0
Mr. W. P. Wilson-Browne	... 5	Mr. A. W. Pritchard	... 0
	<b>16</b>		<b>0</b>

BARNES LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, November 11th, a match was played against the Chiswick Ladies' Golf Club, which resulted in a victory for the home team, scores as follows :—

BARNES.		CHISWICK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss M. Dickie	... 6	Miss Malet	... 0
Miss Gay	... 2	Mrs. Finnis	... 0
Miss Connell	... 5	Miss Anning	... 0
Mrs. Dickens	... 0	Mrs. Sim	... 2
Mrs. Warner	... 2	Miss Sands	... 0
Mrs. Gay	... 0	Miss Earle	... 0
	<b>15</b>		<b>2</b>

Monthly medal, November 13th :—Miss Dickie, 86, less 4=82 ; Miss Gay, 92, less 10=82 ; Mrs. Warner, 104, less 21=83 ; Mrs. Carroll-Otwen, 109, less 22=87 ; Miss A. Clare, 133, less 30=103. Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Dickens, Mrs. Dallas, and Mrs. Gatey made no returns.

Miss Dickie and Miss Gay played off the tie on November 20th, Miss Gay winning with the following score :—83, less 10=73, against Miss M. Dickie's, 90, less 4=86.

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING GOLF CLUB.

Two handicap matches of eighteen holes were played during the week ending November 29th, by members of this club, for the monthly badges. The first badge was won by Mr. J. H. Hobson, with a net score of 83. The second badge was won by Major Steele, with a net score of 84. The following were the scores. First badge :—Mr. J. H. Hobson, 99, less 16=83 ; Mr. C. N. Jackson, 100, less 12=88 ; Dr. Savege, 107, less 14=93. Second badge :—Major Steele, 109, less 25=84 ; Major Reid, 119, less 20=99 ; Dr. Stephenson, 120 less 20=100.

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) v. WELLS THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Played at Burnham, November 30th :—

BURNHAM.		WELLS THEO. COLL.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. S. Armstrong	... 0	Mr. D. Bartlett	... 1
Mr. J. H. Palmer	... 12	Mr. C. J. Cheshire	... 0
Mr. J. Gundry	... 5	Mr. E. H. Jones	... 0
Mr. T. H. Railton	... 12	Mr. C. K. Woolcombe	... 0
Mr. H. St. B. Goldsmith	... 6	Mr. S. R. Noble	... 0
Mr. W. S. Akerman	... 0	Mr. C. J. Vernon	... 3
	<b>35</b>		<b>4</b>

Burnham won by 31 holes.



**BURNHAM (BUCKS) v. HILLINGDON.**

This match was played at Burnham on November 30th. The ground was in excellent condition in spite of the recent heavy rain, and reflected great credit on the green-keeper, Moon. The result was a draw. Foursomes were played in the afternoon. Scores:—

BURNHAM.		HILLINGDON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. Dawson ...	5	Mr. H. B. Mayne ...	0
Mr. R. E. B. Wilmot...	0	Rev. A. H. Cochran ...	3
Mr. F. C. D. Haggard ...	0	Mr. C. M. Newton ...	1
Mr. A. E. Wilmot ...	7	Mr. H. W. North ...	0
Mr. A. E. Bellairs ...	0	Woods (professional) ...	8
	12		12

**CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.**

The second inter-monthly medal competition was held on Saturday last in wretched weather, drizzling rain and a bad light materially affecting those playing in the afternoon. Mr. J. H. Milne put in a win for the silver medal, and divided the sweepstake with Mr. A. T. Holland, and also tied for the Prescott badge (scratch) which is held at 85 gross. Scores:

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. H. Milne ...	85 6 79	Mr. C. H. Schill ...	102 13 89
Mr. A. T. Holland ...	87 8 79	Mr. C. Hopkinson ...	102 12 90
Mr. F. Bindloss ...	87 5 82	Mr. C. W. South-	
Mr. H. Mosley ...	91 9 82	well ...	104 13 91
Mr. G. King ...	100 11 89	Dr. Westmacott ...	107 15 92

No returns from six members.

**CHELTENHAM GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medals were played for on Saturday last, Mr. H. McLaughlin winning the senior, and Mr. J. W. Handley the junior. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. M. Mc-		Mr. G. W. Goodeve,	
Laughlin... ..	99 16 83	sen. ... ..	104 13 91
Mr. F. D. Longe ...	97 13 84	Mr. J. W. Handley	116 25 91
Capt. Littledale ...	101 16 85	Mr. O. J. Williams	112 20 92
Rev. W. D. Challice	96 10 86	Mr. W. M. Brown...	102 9 93
Mr. G. H. Logan... ..	91 4 87	Mr. George Chester	109 14 95
Mr. W. S. Macgowan	97 10 87	Mr. C. de Lacy ...	110 15 95
Mr. W. G. Blath-		Mr. G. Pruen ...	120 25 95
wayt ... ..	88 scr. 88	Mr. W. L. Mellersh	120 25 95
Mr. F. W. Hayward		Mr. G. W. Goodeve,	
Butt ... ..	92 3 89	jun. ... ..	101 4 97
Colonel Hume ...	107 17 90		

Seven others no returns or over 100 net.

The ladies' medal was played for on Friday on a course of eighteen holes, in very wet and stormy weather. Consequently the scores were high. Scores:—Miss M. Johnson, 115, less 5=110; Mrs. Aylmer, 117, less 5=112; Mrs. Babington, 144, less 20=124; Miss Johnson, 159, less 26=133. No returns from Miss Rawlinson and Miss A. Bateman-Champain.

**CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medal of this club was played for on Saturday, November 30th. It was a "Bogey" competition. Thirty members competed with the following results:—Col. Blake (11), 2 up; Capt. Urmston (2), 1 down; Mr. E. P. Barlow (9), 1 down; Mr. H. M. Leggatt (6), 2 down; Mr. A. E. Bewes (10), 2 down; Mr. F. H. (11), 2 down; Col. Davidson (12), 2 down; Mr. W. Gay (7), 3 down; Mr. M. Tomson (5), 4 down; Mr. B. H. Flint (14), 4 down; Mr. H. D. Hirst (6), 5 down; Mr. W. W. Smith (11), 5 down.

**CHISLEHURST GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly medal, November 30th.—This medal was won by Mr. R. H. Dun with the scratch score of 83, which is the amateur record for the eighteen holes. Scores:—Mr. T. A. Mitchell, 100, less 14=86; Mr. E. F. J. Mills, 103, less 16=87; Mr. E. Devonshire, 98, less 10=88; Mr. J. A. Dun, 99, less 10=89; Mr. T. R. Hewitt, 108, less 15=93; Mr. L. D. Ford, 103, less 9=94.

**CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.**

Men's medal.—The Cronin handicap medal was played for over the nine-hole course on Thursday, November 7th, in a terrific downpour of rain, which however did not damp the ardour of the four golfing enthusiasts who competed. Detailed scores:—Mr. S. G. Wallis

Adams, 49, less 5=44, and Mr. J. J. Hayes, 50, less 6=44, a tie; Mr. C. E. Last, 52, less 5=47; Mr. E. J. Hunt, 54, less 6=48.

The tie for the medal was played off on the following Thursday, and resulted in a win for Mr. S. G. Wallis Adams by 8 strokes. This player gave conclusive proof on this occasion that he had not learned Golf on the famous links at Westward Ho! in vain. But for a series of exceptionally bad lies and luck at the thirteenth hole he would have broken the amateur record made in a club competition, viz., 86. However, in spite of his bad luck at this hole, and of the rough greens and innumerable pools of casual water left after the heavy rains, he yet managed to go round in 89, a very good performance under the circumstances. His victory is a popular one.

Ladies' medal.—The ladies were very unfortunate in the weather on their medal day. It rained in torrents, but four of them (who are to be congratulated on their pluck) completed the round of nine holes. Scores:—Miss A. H. Bradbury, 72, less 11=61 (medal); Mrs. Woodhead, 73, less 6=67; Miss M. Bradbury, 85, less 12=73; Mrs. Rowarth, 90, less 15=75.

**DULWICH AND SYDENHAM HILL GOLF CLUB.**

Ladies' monthly medal competition, November 26th:—Mrs. C. F. Wollerson, 109, less 14=95; Mrs. Walter Cutbill, 112, less 16=96; Miss Corlett, 114, less 16=98; Miss Horne, 115, less 17=98; Miss E. M. Dorman, 113, less 12=101; Mrs. A. W. George, 127, less 14=113.

Ladies' monthly medal competition for October. Played on October 29th, with the following result:—Mrs. A. W. George, 102, less 16=86; Miss Corlett, 107, less 16=91; Mrs. Walter Cutbill, 110, less 16=94; Mrs. C. F. Wollerson, 117, less 14=103.

**ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

Mrs. Hedderwick proved the winner of the monthly medal on November 30th. Ten members competed, but only seven made any returns. The scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Hedderwick ...	83 11 72	Mrs. Andrews ...	100 19 81
Miss Richardson ...	86 11 75	Mrs. Richardson ...	96 10 86
Mrs. Archie Keen... ..	90 12 78	Miss Knapping ...	99 13 86
Mrs. Laird ... ..	88 8 80		

**ENFIELD GOLF CLUB.**

Ladies monthly competition on Tuesday, November 12th:—Mrs. A. W. Hutt, 119, less 18=101 (winner); Mrs. F. Porter, 134, less 18=116.

The "Bogey" competition on Saturday, November 23rd (Kenilworth cup):—Mr. A. Hill (10), 3 down (first prize); Mr. A. H. Paton (3), 5 down (second prize); Mr. W. M. Porter (14), 7 down; Mr. O. Sparks (11), 8 down; Mr. R. G. Cather (9), 9 down; Mr. F. Porter (14), 9 down; Mr. A. Leslie (6), 10 down.

Ladies' "Bogey" competition, on Tuesday, November 26th (Wyndcroft prize), resulted in a tie between Mrs. E. Hunter (14), 9 down, and Mrs. A. W. Hult (14), 9 down.

**FORFARSHIRE.**

The monthly competition of the Montrose Ladies' Golf Club, for the Paton medal, was held on the ladies' driving course on Friday, November 29th. The weather was unfavourable, with showers of rain, and there was not a full attendance of the thirteen competitors who had entered. In the Final, Miss A. Woodward beat Miss Duncan.

At Monifieth on Saturday afternoon, November 30th, the monthly competition of the Dundee Advertiser Club took place. The weather was dull and disagreeable for play, consequently the attendance of members was not so large as usual. The prizes and sweepstakes were won as follows:—First class—1st average and 1st sweepstake, Mr. Thomas Knox, 88; 2nd average and 2nd and 3rd sweepstakes, Mr. Robert Donn, 94, and Mr. W. F. Black, 94, tie; 4th sweepstake, Mr. Allan Bell, 90. Second class—1st average and 1st sweepstake, Mr. George Proctor; 2nd average and 2nd sweepstake, Mr. William Scott; 3rd sweepstake, Mr. David Nicoll. Third class—1st average and 1st sweepstake, Mr. William G. Westwood; 2nd average and 2nd sweepstake, Mr. Finlay Currie. Scores under the century not in the prize-list:—Messrs. William Still, 83; John Macrae, 93; John D. Brown, 94; Alexander Buchan, 96; Mr. Jacob Clark, 98; John Inglis, 98; and Arthur Forsyth, 99.

On Saturday, November 30th, the members of the Montrose Ladies' Club held a special competition for a prize presented by Mrs. Woodward, The Rectory, Montrose. The weather was wet, but notwithstanding that, no fewer than twenty players turned out. The competition took place over the driving course, and was played under a handicap of strokes. Miss L. Burness (scratch) beat Miss Burness (14) in the final, and won the prize.

GRANTA GOLF LINKS.

A match took place on Saturday, November 23rd, between Way, the professional of the above links, and Hepburn, the Royston professional. A strong wind was blowing, and the ground was very wet from the recent rain. Hepburn was 3 up at the fifth hole, but Way made the match square at the eleventh hole, and, playing a very steady game, won the match by 3 up and 2 to play. Hepburn had bad luck at the sixth and ninth holes, while Way's approaches in the latter half of the game were very certain. The bye was halved. The scores were:—Way, first round, 6 4 4 5 5 5 4 6 5; second round, 4 4 6 4 4 3 4 5 7; total, 85. Hepburn, first round, 5 4 4 4 5 5 4 5 7; second round, 5 5 4 5 5 4 5 6 5; total, 88. There was a large attendance, and the ground now is in perfect condition. Mr. C. D. Brown, Trinity College, was referee.

HERNE BAY GOLF CLUB.

Result of November competition for monthly medal:—Mr. F. K. Laver, 111, less 13=98; Mr. S. J. Mason, 116, less 17=99; Mr. E. J. Todd, 107, less 7=100; Mr. E. W. Senior, 121, less 11=110; Mr. F. Bawcomb, 165, less 25=140. Rest no returns.

HUNTINGDON v. HITCHIN.

Played at Huntingdon on Friday, November 29th, resulting in a victory for the home team by 6 holes.

HUNTINGDON.		HITCHIN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. T. B. Monypenny	0	Mr. W. J. Hughes	1
Mr. R. B. Lindsell	3	Mr. E. Lindsell	0
Mr. A. C. Sweeting	5	Rev. R. A. Walls	0
Gen. G. Bevan	2	Rev. Mr. Rivett Carnac	0
Mr. R. Bell	0	Mr. Wm. Onslow Times	3
	10		4

KEMP TOWN GOLF CLUB (BRIGHTON).

Monthly medal, Saturday, November 30th:—Dr. D. W. Giffard, 110, less 15=95; Mr. W. H. Abbey, 112, less 15=97; Mr. H. H. Peacock, 113, less 13=100; Rev. A. P. Spelman, 119, less 18=101; Capt. O. H. Fisher, 121, less 20=101; Mr. M. B. Peacock, 121, less 13=108.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday last, November 28th, the ladies of the above club competed for a Golf walking stick, kindly presented by Mrs. Smith-Turberville. Medal play under handicap. Unfortunately the afternoon proved very wet, and only five started. Results:—Miss C. Allen, 131, less 27=104; Miss Stead, 137, less 32=105; Miss L. Sidebottom, 118, less 11=107; Mrs. Kemp Bourne, 151, less 38=113. Miss Sidebottom made no return.

KENILWORTH v. NORTH WARWICKSHIRE.

Played at Kenilworth, November 23rd:—

KENILWORTH.		NORTH WARWICKSHIRE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. Walker	7	Mr. T. R. Barton	0
Mr. A. C. S. Glover	1	Mr. E. Mason	0
Mr. E. Kemp Bourne	0	Mr. C. V. Howitt	12
Mr. T. Day	0	Mr. S. K. Thornley	0
Mr. H. O'Leary	0	Mr. F. A. Lindner	4
Rev. F. Page	2	Mr. J. H. Ketley	0
Mr. T. Kimmond	0	Mr. R. Clive	1
Mr. A. Hatton	2	Mr. L. Clive	0
Mr. A. B. Jepson	7	Mr. R. Chinn	0
Mr. E. C. Cooper	7	Mr. W. H. W. Walker	0
	26		17

KENILWORTH v. ROBIN HOOD.

Played at Kenilworth, November 27:—

KENILWORTH.		ROBIN HOOD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. T. Brown	7	Mr. H. Lowe	0
Mr. H. Walker	0	Mr. E. Fordred	7
Mr. A. C. S. Glover	3	Mr. E. Mason	0
Mr. E. Kemp Bourne	0	Mr. F. A. Lindner	1
Mr. E. C. Cooper	0	Mr. S. Harris	0
Rev. F. Page	3	Mr. H. H. Monckton	0
Mr. H. Suthery	2	Mr. J. F. Jordan	0
Mr. W. Etheridge	2	Mr. H. H. Fordred	0
	17		8

KETTERING GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, Saturday, November 30th. The following handed in their cards:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. B. Wallis	107 8 99	Mr. F. Mobbs	113 10 103
Mr. A. Mackay	110 10 100	Mr. B. B. Baker	117 14 103
Mr. A. H. Bryan	110 10 100	Mr. W. Meadows	111 7 104
Mr. J. P. Roughton	114 14 100	Mr. J. Thompson	117 10 107
Mr. A. Barlow	112 10 102		

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, November 30th, the members held their second monthly competition for the medal presented by Mr. Renwick of Castle Park. The day was misty, and the light bad, but the greens were in excellent order, and some good scores were recorded. After all had gone the eighteen holes, it was found that Mr. Horn was the winner with 81, less 5=76; Mr. Haddow was second with 82, less 4=78; and the third place was tied for by Messrs. Jas. Arthur Vassie with 84, less 4=80, J. Smith, jun., with 88, less 8=80, and Jas. Gilroy, jun., with 90, less 10=80.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

For St. Andrew's Day, Saturday last, November 30th, a special prize was presented to the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club by Mr. C. W. Macara, for competition. The morning broke with very heavy rain, and the forenoon was most unfavourable; but, notwithstanding the threatening weather, fifty-four players went out. The net scores, under 100, were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. James Mellor	91 6 85	Mr. T. H. Miller	102 9 93
Mr. E. Hulton, jun.	99 13 86	Mr. A. B. Scholfield	95 1 94
Mr. G. F. Smith	86 +3 89	Mr. B. Thompson	102 8 94
Mr. W. Newbigging	94 4 90	Rev. W. Elstub	117 20 97
Mr. J. G. Gartside	98 8 90	Mr. E. Kessler	106 11 95
Mr. J. A. Brown	91 scr. 91	Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft	104 8 96
Mr. A. N. Cumming	97 6 91	Mr. G. R. Cox	99 1 98
Mr. A. Ramm	99 8 91	Mr. W. A. Scholes	103 5 98
Mr. J. H. Hulton	98 6 92	Dr. MacKenzie	111 12 99
Mr. F. A. Stewart	92 +1 93	Mr. H. D. Harker	119 20 99
Mr. F. T. Wright	97 4 93		
Mr. C. W. Fisher	101 8 93		

Several players did not return their cards. The winner was Mr. James Mellor, and when the result was announced there was much applause, it being a very popular win. The best gross scores were, Mr. G. F. Smith, 86; Mr. J. A. Brown, 91; Mr. James Mellor, 91; Mr. W. Newbigging, 94. The optional sweepstakes were won—first, by Mr. James Mellor; second, by Mr. E. Hulton, jun.; and third by Mr. G. F. Smith. In the evening a party of the members dined together at the St. Anne's Hotel in celebration of the day. For the Christmas competition on Boxing Day the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company are running a special train (to St. Anne's) leaving Manchester at 8.45 a.m., and Bolton 9.5 a.m., and returning from St. Anne's at 7.57 p.m.

MARPLE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly club medal competition, on Saturday last, resulted in favour of Mr. A. Simon with score of 107, less 11=96. The darkness fell so early in the day that only a few of the players who started first were enabled to finish the competition. Mr. Simon also qualifies to compete in the competition for the captain's prize.

MID-SURREY LADIES v. WOKING LADIES.

Played over the links of the former on Wednesday, November 27th. The following are the results. Singles:—

MID-SURREY LADIES'.		WOKING LADIES'.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss A. Roberts	0	Miss Pascoe	6
Miss M. Freeling	0	Mrs. Willock	1
Mrs. Holmwood	0	Miss Knight	9
Mrs. Taunton-Collins	0	Miss Shirreff	6
Mrs. Craven	0	Mrs. Cameron	5
Miss Roberts	2	Mrs. Lewis	0

Foursomes:—

		Holes.	
Miss A. Roberts and Miss M. Freeling	0	Miss Pascoe and Mrs. Willock	8
Mrs. Taunton-Collins and Miss Roberts	0	Miss Knight and Mrs. Cameron	12
Mrs. Craven and Miss Lawson	0	Miss Shirreff and Mrs. Lewis	6



MEYRICK GOLF CLUB.

The November monthly medal was played for in bad weather, on Wednesday, the 20th ult. A tie between Col. Rebbeck and Mr. A. E. Andrews was played off on the 25th ult., in a high wind, when Col. Rebbeck defeated Mr. A. E. Andrews, and won the medal. The following were the scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. E. Andrews	102 13 89	Mr. W. Turner-Jones	114 18 96
Col. Rebbeck	104 15 89	Mr. G. E. Bridge	113 13 100
Rev. R. J. Simpson	103 12 91	Dr. Curtis	121 21 100
Mr. S. A. Foreman	100 7 93	Mr. H. Keene	133 24 109
Mr. G. Bone	115 21 94		

Result of tie:—Col. Rebbeck, 106, less 15=91; Mr. A. E. Andrews 113, less 13=100.

NEASDEN GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, November 30th. Senior:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. W. J. Ketley	85 4 81	Mr. R. H. Glanfield	98 12 86
Mr. J. A. Bell Beattie	94 12 82	Mr. R. Taubman	96 9 87
Mr. C. A. Barton	94 11 83	Mr. S. M. Dent	100 11 89
Mr. L. A. Lawrence	97 12 85	Mr. C. G. Port	101 11 90
Mr. A. L. Foley	88 2 86	Mr. V. Dicks	104 9 95

\* Also wins McCalmont Hill scratch medal.

Junior:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. W. Rushworth	106 23 83	Mr. Wallace Jones	111 22 89
Mr. S. Hayward	101 16 85	Mr. A. C. Nicoll	110 20 90
Mr. C. A. Dunn	105 20 85	Mr. M. Woolf	108 16 92
Mr. C. Gover	107 20 87	Mr. O. Guttman	108 16 92

NEW ZEALAND LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

This tournament was held at Dunedin, New Zealand, on the links of the Otago Golf Club, from September 23rd to 30th, inclusive. A large number of ladies took part, including sixteen strangers from different parts of New Zealand, and the meeting proved to be the most successful yet held. The events were:—(1) The New Zealand Championship; (2) the open handicap; (3) "Colonel Bogey" (single); (4) inter-club match with Christchurch. The Championship cup (presented, last year, by the Countess of Glasgow) and medal were won by Mrs. Melland, Dunedin, who was runner-up at last year's meeting. The following is the list of prize-winners at the tournament:—

Championship cup and medal.—Mrs. Melland, Dunedin; runner-up, Mrs. Higgins, Dunedin. The final round of the Ladies' Championship was played off on Monday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The bitter wind that was blowing made things somewhat unpleasant for both players and spectators, but those who faced it were rewarded by seeing a splendid and evenly-contested game. Mr. J. O. Kettle fulfilled the duties of umpire in a satisfactory manner. The game lasted for exactly three hours. Mrs. Higgins has been a golfer for only six months. Her fine play in the five rounds of the Championship shows what steady practice and perseverance are able to do. Mrs. Melland is well known as a strong player. She has come very near winning the Championship twice already, and no one will grudge her the honour she has just gained. The tournament was brought to a close by the presentation of prizes. Dr. Brown, in a short speech, congratulated the ladies on the success which had attended their gathering; and then Mrs. Lindo Ferguson, captain of the Otago Ladies' Golf Club, handed the prizes to the successful competitors.

Handicap competition.—Mrs. Higgins, Dunedin, 1; Miss F. Rattray, Dunedin, 2.

"Bogey" (single).—Mrs. Stilling, Dunedin, 7 up; Miss K. Rattray, 6 up; Miss M. Campbell, 2 up; Mrs. Melland, 2 up; Miss F. Rattray, 2 up. Miss Bowen halved the match. The "Bogey" score was 112—a very liberal one; too much so.

The inter-club match between the Christchurch and Dunedin Ladies came off on Thursday forenoon. Last year the Christchurch Ladies were much too strong for their opponents, but this time the local players completely turned the tables, and won by the substantial majority of 37 holes. The following are the results:—

CHRISTCHURCH.		DUNEDIN.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mrs. Boyle	0	Miss Rattray	10
Mrs. Payne	0	Mrs. Woodhouse	10
Mrs. M. Campbell	0	Mrs. Melland	3
Miss Bowen	0	Mrs. Ogston	6
Mrs. Vernon	0	Mrs. Higgins	5
Mrs. Wilder	0	Mrs. Stilling	3
	0		37

NORTHAMPTON v. BEDFORD.

A match was played between the above-named clubs on Thursday, November 28th, at Northampton, resulting in a win for the home team by 20 holes:—

BEDFORD.		NORTHAMPTON.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. C. E. S. Innes	0	Mr. N. Dawson	5
Colonel D. Broughton	0	Mr. B. B. Muscott	6
Mr. H. E. Tredcroft	1	Mr. W. C. Henderson	0
Mr. N. R. Slator	0	Mr. J. Haviland	4
Rev. G. F. Aphorpe	0	Mr. E. R. Bull	6
	1		21

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal competition for November took place on Thursday and Saturday last, with the following result. Handicaps of 16 and under. Thursday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. G. Mellors	98 15 83	Mr. J. Hall	94 2 92
Mr. C. R. Hemingway	91 4 87	Mr. J. McMeeking	101 9 92
Mr. W. P. Snook	95 8 87	Mr. J. Bright	104 12 92
Mr. J. Johnstone	97 9 88	Mr. J. Bowes	102 8 94
Mr. C. B. Edwards	100 12 88	Mr. C. S. Wardle	107 13 94
Mr. E. A. Coultis	98 9 89	Mr. J. D. Pearson	111 16 95
Mr. R. F. Carey	106 16 90	Mr. Green	111 10 101
		Rev. G. A. Smith	121 16 105

The Revs. F. Thomson and G. Arthur did not return their cards.

Handicaps over 16:—Mr. T. McCulloch, 121, less 20=101; Mr. A. H. Pearson, 126, less 24=102. Mr. A. Oliver did not return his card.

Saturday.—Handicaps of 16 and under:—Mr. A. N. Bromley, 95, less 6=89. Messrs. W. R. Lymbery, F. J. March and H. M. Robinson did not return their cards.

Handicaps over 16:—Mr. A. Baker, 106, less 19=87; Mr. C. A. Rastall, 115, less 21=94; Mr. B. Dobson, 126, less 27=99; Mr. H. D. Snook, 123, less 20=103; Mr. L. F. Pearson (scr.), 135.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Wednesday, November 27th.—Club challenge cup (scratch), and Davidson cross (handicap limited to 18). Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. A. J. P. Hagar	84 13 71	Mr. R. W. W. Henderson	81 4 77
Mr. H. W. Kaye	81 7 74	†Mr. R. H. Mitchell	80 scr. 80
Mr. M. Waterlow	82 7 75	Mr. R. W. Mitchell	87 7 80
Mr. T. Ranken	82 6 76	Mr. F. J. Hope	85 3 82

\* Davidson cross.

† Challenge cup.

Twenty-four entries.

Weekly handicap, Friday, November 29th.—First class:—Mr. H. L. Havers, 84, less 8=76; Mr. F. Wylie, 87, less 10=77; Mr. T. Ranken, 84, less 6=78. Second class:—Mr. E. T. P. Hagar, 92, less 13=79; Mr. W. S. Gosset, 97, less 16=81. Eleven entries.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

The members of Prestwick Club held their monthly handicap competition for the gold medal, eight couples starting on the round of eighteen holes. The best cards were:—Mr. J. T. Goudie, 89, less 9=80; Capt. H. Crawford, 96, less 12=84; Mr. G. W. Younger, 97, less 10=87; Mr. W. T. Clark, 97, less 9=88; Mr. E. A. Miller, 107, less 18=89; Mr. P. Davidson, 101, less 12=89; Mr. A. E. Stephen, 99, less 10=89.

PRESTWICK, ST. NICHOLAS.—A handicap competition took place on Saturday over the re-arranged course of eighteen holes. The weather, unfortunately, was dull and cloudy in the forenoon, but bright sunshine favoured the players in the afternoon. Twenty-five couples started, and the scores recorded were fairly up to the average, the best being the following:—Mr. J. H. O'Bierne, 98, less 18=80; Mr. John H. Andrew (scr.), 82; Mr. W. Macfarlane, jun. (scr.), 83; Mr. James Andrew (scr.), 83; Mr. James Houat, 89, less 6=83; Mr. A. Reid, 96, less 12=84; Mr. A. Cranford, 90, less 6=84; Mr. R. Andrews (scr.), 85; Mr. W. D. Fisher, 99, less 14=85; Mr. W. T. Morton, 94, less 8=86; Mr. J. Thomson (scr.), 86; Mr. M. Smith, 103, less 16=87; Mr. T. Weir, 103, less 16=87; Mr. D. H. Cranford, 93, less 6=87; Mr. J. M'Cosh, 91, less 4=87.

PRINCE'S LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A return match was played at Mitcham on Tuesday, November 26th, between Prince's and Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Clubs, when the home team were 5 up on the singles and 1 up on the foursomes. It will be remembered that in the first match at Wimbledon Prince's was also the winner.

Singles:—

PRINCE'S.		WIMBLEDON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Pascoe ... ..	0	Miss Issette Pearson ... ..	1
Miss Mildred Rostron...	0	Miss M. E. Phillips ... ..	0
Miss Langley ... ..	3	Miss E. Scott ... ..	0
Mrs. Harry Willock ... ..	3	Miss Lena Thomson ... ..	0
Miss G. Hassard Short ... ..	5	Mrs. Cameron ... ..	0
Miss Marion Langley ... ..	0	Mrs. A. King ... ..	3
Mrs. Harry Stewart ... ..	0	Miss Henderson ... ..	3
Mrs. Pakenham Lawrell ... ..	1	Miss K. MacFarlane ... ..	0
	12		7

Foursomes:—

Miss Pascoe and Miss Langley	4	Miss Issette Pearson and Miss Lena Thomson	0
Miss M. Rostron and Miss Marion Langley	0	Mrs. A. King and Miss E. Scott	3
Mrs. Harry Willock and Miss G. Hassard Short	0	Miss M. E. Phillips and Mrs. Cameron	0
Mrs. Harry Stewart and Mrs. Pakenham Lawrell	0	Miss Henderson and Miss K. MacFarlane	0
	4		3

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

A driving competition for a prize kindly presented by Mr. Abney, was decided on the 30th ult. Each competitor was allowed three drives, the ball having to be driven within an area marked by boundary flags, only carry counting. The winner proved to be Mr. Newton. Thompson, who drove 185 yards 1 foot 4 inches.

ROMFORD GOLF CLUB.

Captain's prize, November 30th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. Brown ... ..	91 5 86	Mr. N. A. Scrutton	100 9 91
Mr. J. J. Read ... ..	91 4 87	Mr. D. Hill, jun. ...	106 10 96
Mr. C. C. Knowles	101 14 87	Mr. W. Scott ... ..	107 10 97
Mr. H. C. Scrutton	98 9 89	Mr. H. E. Fenner	109 12 97
Mr. E. Benthall ... ..	102 13 89		

Ladies' competition, November 28th.—Miss M. Hill, 72, less 10=62; Miss H. G. Courage, 73, less 8=65; Mrs. J. J. Read, 68, less 1=67; Mrs. A. W. Ramsey, 79, less 12=67; Miss Fraser, 73, less 5=68; Miss C. A. Courage, 73, less 4=69; Miss D. Courage, 73, less 2=71; Miss E. Sperling, 83, less 10=73; Mrs. Hill, 84, less 8=76.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

A match between the above club and the Royal Artillery, Woolwich, was played at Blackheath on Wednesday, November 27th, resulting in a win for the home club by 22 holes. Scores:—

ROYAL BLACKHEATH.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. S. Ireland ... ..	11	Capt. Cole ... ..	0
Mr. J. G. Gibson ... ..	1	Major Coker ... ..	0
Mr. R. Whyte ... ..	0	Mr. Digby Jones ... ..	4
Mr. W. E. Hughes ... ..	9	Capt. Crampton ... ..	0
Mr. E. Pinkerton ... ..	8	Major Curtis ... ..	0
Mr. R. Winch ... ..	0	Capt. Lachlan ... ..	3
Mr. H. Laird ... ..	0	Capt. Phipps Hornby...	2
Surg.-Col. Staples ... ..	2	Mr. Thwaites ... ..	0
	31		9

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, November 30th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. H. de Montmorency ... ..	83 7 76	Mr. R. B. Masefield	93 8 85
Mr. J. C. Bayldon...	92 12 80	Mr. A. Tabor ... ..	101 16 85
Mr. J. H. W. Johnstone, R.A. ... ..	89 8 81	Mr. G. H. Peacock	89 3 86
Rev. H. Salwey ... ..	96 14 82	Mr. J. C. Robinson	98 9 89
Dr. Bookless ... ..	93 9 84	Mr. R. B. Jacomb...	104 14 90
		Mr. C. A. Leatham	106 14 92

ROYAL DUBLIN v. DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.

This match was played on November 30th, and resulted in a victory for the Royal Dublin Club by 22 holes. The sides were as follows:—

ROYAL DUBLIN.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.

	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. A. Upton ... ..	4	Mr. B. O'Brien ... ..	0
Mr. G. C. Green ... ..	0	Mr. J. Stevenson ... ..	5
Mr. J. H. Pigot ... ..	0	Mr. J. S. Moore ... ..	0
Mr. J. Barrington ... ..	2	Mr. C. Barcroft ... ..	0
Mr. J. Petrie ... ..	5	Mr. R. Magill ... ..	0
Mr. W. Hone ... ..	6	Dr. Traill ... ..	0
Mr. C. D. Barry ... ..	1	Mr. P. Watson ... ..	0
Mr. D. M. Wilson ... ..	1	Mr. C. W. Webb ... ..	0
Mr. G. C. May ... ..	0	Mr. A. T. Johns ... ..	4
Mr. D. Christie ... ..	6	Mr. H. Dodd ... ..	0
Mr. J. P. Auld... ..	6	Professor Palmer ... ..	0
	31		9

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

St. Andrew's day falling on Saturday last, the above club decided to hold the usual competition for the St. Andrews gold cross on that day. Rain came down heavily in the early hours, but by the time the first couple started, the downpour had changed, as if to do homage to the patron saint of the Royal Game, into a real Scotch mist. By noon the mist had cleared off, leaving a beautifully fine but windy day. The wind was in the north-west, a quarter from which it does not help to make the Hoylake course any easier. In spite of the bad morning, there was a capital entry, 104 members taking out cards. The chief winners on the day's play were, for the St. Andrew's gold cross with gold memento for best scratch score, Mr. H. H. Hilton with the score of—

Out ... ..	5 4 4 6 3 4 4 4 5=39	} 83
In ... ..	7 4 3 5 6 3 5 6 5=44	

He was closely followed by Mr. J. Ball, jun., with:—

Out ... ..	5 4 5 9 3 3 3 6 5=43	} 84
In ... ..	6 5 4 5 5 3 4 5 4=41	

Then came Mr. C. E. Dick, 88; Mr. J. Hornby, 89.

The club handicap prize for the first class was won by Mr. H. St. C. Byrne, 98, less 14=84; he also took the first sweepstake. The second and third going to Messrs. A. G. Steel and E. Whineray.

For the club handicap (second class) prize, Mr. J. H. Silberbach, 106, less 17=89, and Prof. Strong, 109, less 20=89, tied.

Mr. H. H. Hilton also won the Stewart-Govane cup, for which he and Mr. John Ball, jun., had tied on the last day of the autumn meeting.

The usual St. Andrew's dinner was held in the club, at which some forty members and guests sat down. The captain was in the chair. Returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. St. C. Byrne	98 14 84	Dr. T. B. Grimsdale	95 1 94
Mr. A. G. Steel ... ..	91 6 85	Mr. C. J. Crowther	100 6 94
Mr. E. Whineray ... ..	92 5 87	Mr. N. A. G. Dowie	103 9 94
Mr. W. Potter ... ..	90 2 88	Mr. G. N. Francis	108 14 94
Mr. H. E. B. Harrison ... ..	98 10 88	Mr. A. Huntingdon	112 18 94
Mr. J. Hornby ... ..	89 scr. 89	Mr. C. E. Dick ... ..	88 +7 95
Mr. G. Hamilton ... ..	93 4 89	Mr. F. R. Crowther	93 +2 95
Mr. J. Moore ... ..	103 14 89	Mr. John Farrar ... ..	104 9 95
Mr. H. J. Ryalls ... ..	99 10 89	Mr. W. Lowndes ... ..	109 14 95
Mr. J. A. Silberbach ... ..	106 17 89	Mr. J. E. Pearson... ..	96 scr. 96
Prof. Strong ... ..	109 20 89	Mr. J. May Somerville	107 11 96
Rev. P. Williamson	99 9 90	Mr. John Given ... ..	126 30 96
Mr. H. B. Steel ... ..	100 10 90	Mr. A. H. Doleman	97 scr. 97
Mr. E. Evans, jun. ... ..	101 11 90	Mr. A. H. Higgins	100 3 97
Mr. H. G. Smyth... ..	106 16 90	Mr. J. Cullen ... ..	101 4 97
Mr. G. V. Wall ... ..	105 14 91	Mr. W. Dod ... ..	101 4 97
Mr. H. H. Hilton... ..	83 +9 92	Mr. St. C. Byrne ... ..	108 11 97
Mr. J. K. Honsden	102 10 92	Mr. H. Kerf ... ..	111 14 97
Mr. J. Ball, jun. ... ..	84 +9 93	Mr. P. Brown ... ..	113 16 97
Mr. C. T. Dixon ... ..	96 3 93	Mr. W. H. Alexander	114 17 97
Mr. F. W. Carson ... ..	105 12 93	Mr. Andrew Stuart	115 18 97
Mr. A. D. Hannay	111 18 93	Mr. G. C. H. Dunlop	107 9 98
Mr. B. H. Hilton... ..	115 22 93	Mr. A. F. Tarbet ... ..	108 10 98
Mr. T. W. Crowther	93 +1 94	Mr. C. C. Hall ... ..	115 17 98
Mr. H. Holden ... ..	94 scr. 94	Mr. C. S. Parker ... ..	119 20 99

Sixty other members made no returns or were over 100 net.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

Dull weather and a course more difficult than usual were the conditions under which the monthly medal was competed for on Thursday, November 28th. As a consequence scores ranged rather high, and several players made no return. Mr. J. W. Scott was the winner, 100, less 13=87.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, November 30th, weather fine with strong north-west wind. Twenty-two competitors. Result:—Medal, Mr. C. V. Wilks, 93, less 9=84. Next scores, Hon. O. Scott, 87, less 2=85; Mr. J. A. Grant, 90, less 1=89; Mr. F. E. Badham, 102, less 8=94. No other returns.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal, November 30th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Major J. Alexander	99	16	83	Mr. H. T. Wright...	97	4	93
Mr. F. E. Faithfull	84	scr.	84	Mr. W. R. L'Amey..	102	9	93
Mr. W. H. Oliver...	101	16	85	Lieut.-Col.F.I.Tidy.	111	18	93
Mr. J. D. Charring-				Mr. W. E. Martyn...	104	10	94
ton	92	6	86	Mr. H. Blake	109	15	94
Mr. J. L. Ridpath...	95	9	86	Mr. C. Macdona	110	16	94
Mr. G. E. Tabor	97	10	87	Mr. A. H. Moles-			
Mr. N. R. Foster...	86	+2	88	worth	94	+1	95
Mr. D. Forde	98	10	88	Col. G. Farie	95	scr.	95
Mr. A. L. Tweedie	98	10	88	Mr. E. A. Walker..	99	4	95
Mr. F. C. Stapylton	100	12	88	Mr. N. Lubbock	103	8	95
Mr. P. Strickland	94	5	89	Mr. W. Michie	105	9	96
Mr. W. Johnston	100	11	89	Mr. J. Gane	112	16	96
Mr. J. H. Mudie	94	4	90	Mr. H. Jackson	114	18	96
Mr. A. N. Morley	98	8	90	Mr. G. Nicol	101	4	97
Mr. J. Murray	100	10	90	Mr. T. G. Harkness	107	10	97
Mr. H. W. Bradford	105	15	90	Mr. F. S. Cresswell	110	12	98
Mr. J. M. Hender-				Mr. H. W. Horne...	107	8	99
son	95	4	91	Mr. S. T. Fisher ..	116	12	104
Mr. F. J. Walker	96	5	91	Mr. H. Smith-Tur-			
Mr. J. MacFarlan	109	18	91	berville...	105	no hcp.	
Mr. H. P. Cumming	98	6	92				

No return from forty players.

SIDCUP GOLF CLUB.

The fourth annual meeting of the above club was held on the 28th ult. The hon. secretary, Dr. J. Crombie, was able to present a most satisfactory report. The membership had been increased by twenty-five members. The balance in hand, £25, after the extraordinary outlay of the year, was very good, and what was most pleasing to all the members, he was to lay before the meeting the lease for their present links with twelve more acres of ground. The present nine holes will be extended by this amount of ground, and so a compact, interesting course has been secured within two minutes' walk of the centre of the village. Mr. W. J. Harries has been appointed captain for the year. W. Thomson, the professional, holds the record of the links, having done the double round in 69—33 and 36.

SOUTH WILTS GOLF CLUB.

"Bogey" competition for the St. Andrew's cup, played November 30th:—Mr. E. C. Boyle, 1 down; Mr. W. H. Jackson, 2 down; Rev. F. W. Macdonald, 6 down; Mr. K. R. Ward, 6 down; Rev. E. E. Dorling, 9 down; Mr. W. A. Newman, 9 down.

THAMES DITTON AND ESHER v. ASHLEY PARK.

Played at Walton, on Wednesday, November 27th:—

THAMES DITTON.		ASHLEY PARK.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. F. Corbett...	0	Mr. R. Read	5
Mr. E. M. Corbett	5	Mr. N. Rushworth	0
Mr. H. Davenport	1	Mr. J. N. Bush	0
Mr. W. H. Game	3	Mr. R. J. Barley	0
Mr. H. A. Harvey	5	Mr. R. Kirke	0
Mr. R. Howell...	0	Mr. E. S. Trouncer	0
Mr. C. Martineau	0	Mr. J. S. Sassoon	3
	14		8

TROON GOLF CLUB.

There was a very large attendance of members in the competition for the Sandhills and Club gold medals on Saturday, and the weather was very favourable to Golf. On the cards being compared it was found that the lowest scorer was Mr. A. Lauder, with 92, less 14=78, and

with this score he was first for the Sandhills medal, but he did not put down his name for the Club medal. For the latter medal, Mr. W. A. Thomson, with 93, less 12=81, and Mr. John M'Nee, with 99, less 18=81, tied. Some of the other scorers were:—Mr. W. Barrie, 103, less 18=85; Mr. R. Brownlie, 96, less 10=86; Mr. J. Walker, 104, less 18=86; Mr. R. Dundas, 94, less 6=88; Dr. Lawrie, 94, less 6=88; Mr. H. P. Buchanan, 91, less 2=89; Mr. A. H. Holm, 94, less 5=89; Mr. James Brown, 96, less 7=89.

WANSTEAD PARK GOLF CLUB.

The ladies of this club played the Romford ladies on Wednesday, November 27th, at Wanstead. The home team won by 2 holes. One round of the nine-hole links was played:—

WANSTEAD PARK.		ROMFORD.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mrs. Worsam	2	Mrs. J. Read	0
Mrs. White	1	Miss D. Courage	0
Mrs. Redwood	0	Miss C. Courage	1
Miss Kindersley	7	Miss Frazer	0
Miss Holden	2	Miss Hill	0
Mrs. Bell	1	Mrs. Womersley	0
Mrs. Ramsey	0	Miss H. E. Sperling	4
Miss Frost	0	Miss H. G. Courage	2
Miss Soper	0	Miss M. Hill	1
Miss Walters	0	Mrs. Hill	3
	13		11

The monthly medal was played for on the 30th November, in unpleasant showery weather. Considering the amount of rain that had fallen in the week, the greens were in fair condition. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R.M. Nettleship	110	20	90
Mr. Harold E. Smith	100	9	91
Dr. Jekyll	104	12	92
Dr. Nicoll	110	16	94
Capt. Bishop	108	13	95
Mr. H. A. Gardom	96	1	95
Mr. J. W. Bonner	113	18	95
Mr. D. L. Howard	119	20	99

Other cards over 100 net, or not returned. Sixteen entries.

The competition (under match play rules) for the silver challenge bowl presented to the club by the late Lord Cowley, which has been in progress for some weeks, resulted in a win for Dr. G. C. Bell, after a very close match in the final with Mr. H. Gripper. Dr. Bell holds the bowl for a year, and receives a memento. There were thirty entries.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The third annual match between the English and Scottish members of the club was played on Saturday, November 23rd, when sixteen couples tried conclusions over the Warwick links. The course was, for the time of year, in wonderfully good order, the turf being much drier than usual at this season after the recent heavy rains; but the players were considerably hampered by the stiff north-easterly gale, which blew steadily throughout the day. A large company of spectators, including Colonel Boothby, the late president, whose re-appearance at the club-house was warmly welcomed by the members present, and Mr. J. E. Laidlay, ex-Amateur Champion, witnessed the match, which was for the first time won by the Scotsmen by the decisive majority of twenty holes. The following was the score:—

ENGLAND.		SCOTLAND.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. F. M. G. Abell	0	Mr. G. W. Hume	1
Mr. M. T. Brown (captain)	0	Mr. C. G. Graham	5
Hon. R. H. Lyttelton	5	Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair	0
Mr. A. E. Williams	0	Mr. W. M. Smythe	3
Mr. H. L. V. Pryse	1	Mr. R. O. Milne	0
Mr. W. J. Burman	0	Mr. J. W. Liddell	5
Rev. R. Arnold Edgell	0	Mr. S. J. Wheble	3
Mr. M. O. Smith	0	Mr. G. D. Paton	5
Mr. E. Edmonson	0	Colonel Fell	4
Mr. C. W. Falcon	0	Mr. E. L. I. Blyth	2
Mr. H. F. Thursby	0	Capt. Cowan	10
Mr. R. Harrington Smith	0	Mr. W. Moncreiffe	1
Rev. A. H. M. Russell	0	Mr. W. C. Alston	5
Rev. E. J. Bidwell	9	Brig.-Surg. Wilson	0
Rev. J. Adams	4	Major Kelso (captain)	0
Rev. C. J. Reade	5	Mr. J. F. Alston	0
	24		44

Majority for Scotland, 20 holes.



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### WEARSIDE v. SOUTH SHIELDS.

A return match between these clubs was played at Coxgreen on Saturday afternoon, November 30th. The course was wet and heavy, and the light bad, but the weather fair overhead. Scores:—

WEARSIDE.		SOUTH SHIELDS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. D. H. Birse	8	Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe	0
Mr. J. Craig	0	Mr. A. Purvis	9
Mr. C. H. Elliot	0	Mr. W. H. Wilson	1
Mr. T. Patterson	8	Mr. R. Purvis, jun.	0
Mr. E. Hirst	0	Dr. Campbell	1
Mr. H. Clark	0	Dr. Goudie	1
Mr. W. T. Haworth	3	Mr. A. Smith	0
Mr. E. Legat	3	Mr. G. Robson	0
Mr. F. Vint	1	Mr. J. M. Hayton	0
Mr. T. S. Hunter	8	Mr. F. W. Legat	0
Mr. W. Mills	4	Mr. T. F. Wilson	0
	35		12

Majority for Wearside, 23 holes.

### WESTON-SUPER-MARE v. HENBURY.

A match between the above clubs was played at Weston, on Monday, December 2nd, and resulted in a win for the home team:—

WESTON.		HENBURY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Dr. J. Wallace	7	Maj. Archdale	0
Mr. E. Digby	0	Mr. H. E. Lees	3
Mr. A. G. Lockwood	0	Mr. W. H. Jeffries	2
Mr. R. F. Duckworth	8	Mr. W. McPherson	0
Mr. D. L. Evans	3	Mr. C. Smith	0
	18		5

### WOKING GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, November 30th. Monthly handicap:—Mr. R. H. Balloch, 90, less 7=83; Mr. J. S. Paton, 90, less 4=86; Mr. J. A. Luttman-Johnson, 109, less 18=91; Mr. H. E. Richards, 100, less 8=92; Mr. R. R. Gibbs, 109, less 14=95; Mr. G. E. S. Fryer (not handicapped), 97. Several competitors made no returns.

### WOKING v. MID-SURREY.

Singles:—

WOKING.		MID-SURREY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Pascoe	6	Miss A. Roberts	0
Mrs. Willock	1	Miss Freeling	0
Miss Knight	9	Mrs. Holmwood	0
Miss Shirreff	6	Mrs. Taunton-Collins	0
Mrs. Cameron	5	Mrs. Craven	0
Mrs. Lewis	0	Miss Roberts	1
	26		1

Foursomes:—

WOKING.		MID-SURREY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mrs. Willock and Miss Pascoe	8	Miss A Roberts and Miss Freeling	0
Mrs. Cameron and Miss Knight	12	Miss Robers and Mrs. Taunton-Collins	0
Miss Shirreff and Mrs. Lewis	6	Mrs. Craven and Miss Lawson	0
	26		0

The match was played on Wednesday, November 27th, at Richmond, in very foggy weather, and resulted in a decided win for the visitors.

### WOKING LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The November medal of the above club was played for on Monday, and won by Mrs. Travers, with the net score of 95. Mrs Lewis, 100; Miss Pascoe, 102; Miss Hassard-Short, 107; Miss Shirreff, 113; Miss Knight, 114; Mrs. Willock, 116. No returns from Mrs. Cameron and others.

The putting prize was won by Miss Knight, with the good score of 19. Miss Pascoe, 24; Miss Shirreff, 24; Mrs. Cameron, 25; Miss Hassard-Short, 27; Mrs. Corrie, 28; Mrs. Travers, 29; Mrs. Gibson, 29; Miss Harris, 29; Mrs. Willock, 29; Mrs. Lewis, 30; Miss M. Shirreff, 31; Mrs. Palmer, 32.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.—This club held its opening meeting at Musselburgh on Saturday, November 23rd. At the first ballot in the morning, eight couples started; at the second ballot two couples. A strong wind helped to account for the high scoring. The best scores were:—Mr. Josiah Livingstone (scratch), 87; Mr. A. J. T. Allan, 89, plus 2=91; Dr. Gray (scratch), 93; Mr. C. Morrison (scratch), 93; Mr. H. T. Holland, 94, less 7=87; Dr. Stockman, 108, less 18=90. Mr. Josiah Livingstone won the challenge cup, and he and Mr. Holland tied for the first handicap prize.

PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR MATCHES AT NORTH BERWICK.—On Saturday, Willie Park, jun., visited North Berwick, and engaged in a friendly match of thirty-six holes with Bernard Sayers over the course there. In the forenoon game the all-round play was very fine, the local professional leading by 3 holes at the close of the round. Sayers was in rare form, all but equalling his splendid record of 75 for the extended course, and establishing a record of 34 for the home half. Park, however, ran him closely, and finished with the excellent score of 79. The details of the scoring in the first round were as follows:—Sayers—Out, 5 5 5 4 5 4 5 5 4=42; in, 3 3 4 4 3 5 4 5 3=34, total 76. Park—Out, 5 6 5 4 4 5 4 5 3=41; in, 4 4 4 4 4 4 5 6 3=38, total 79. In the second round Sayers maintained his advantage, and ultimately, gradually increasing it, stood 6 holes up with 9 to play. Then a remarkable change came over the aspect of the game. Park running off in splendid style with five holes successively, and reducing the lead against him to 1 with 4 to play. The Redan was halved, but Sayers got dorny at the gate and ultimately the North Berwick professional won an exciting match over the day's play, by 3 at Point Garry-in hole. The bye was halved. In the afternoon some of the holes were not played out for score, the weather being very unfavourable. Willie Park speaks very highly of the North Berwick course as extended, and he is expected to be a frequent visitor to it now. The Amateur Champion also paid a visit to the links here on Saturday, and had two rounds on the green. Playing the better of the balls of Mr. E. S. Balfour-Melville and Captain H. Kinloch. Mr. Leslie M. Balfour-Melville won a grand game in the forenoon by two holes, and in the afternoon game he was again successful just by 1. In the first round the Amateur Champion showed especially fine form, completing the round in the low score of 79.

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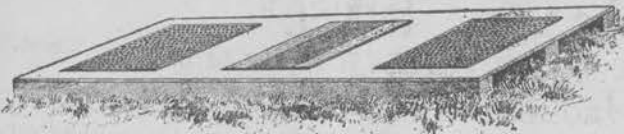
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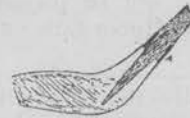
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