

GOLF

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JANUARY.

- Jan. 19.—Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
Worlington and Newmarket : Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey : Monthly Medal (1st and 2nd Class Senior).
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Rochester Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Macclesfield : Mr. Cameron's Bowl.
East Finchley : Monthly Medal.
North-West Club (Londonderry) : Ladies ; Monthly Medal.
King's Norton : "Bogey" Competition.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medals (First and Second Class).
Charnwood Forest *v.* Leicester.
Kenilworth : Albert Jones Prize and Ashford Cup.
Disley : Winter Silver Medal.
Eltham : Monthly Medal.
- Jan. 22.—Cambridge University *v.* Royal Blackheath (at Blackheath, eight a-side).
- Jan. 23.—Morecambe and Heysham : Captain's Prize.
Cambridge University : Linskill Cup (scratch) ; St. Andrews Medal ; and Prize Memento.
- Jan. 26.—Chislehurst : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Marple : Club Medal and Captain's Cup.
Warminster : Monthly Medal.
Alfreton : Bronze Medal.
Alfreton : Ladies ; Silver Spoon.
Warwickshire : Monthly Competition for a Cup.
Cinque Ports : Monthly Medal.
Knutsford : Monthly Competition.
Willesden : Monthly Medal.
Neasden : Monthly Medal.

- Jan. 26.—Royal North Devon : Monthly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; Monthly Medal.
Kettering *v.* Leicester.
City of Newcastle : "Bogey" Competition.
Eltham Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Kemp Town : Monthly Medal.
Kenilworth *v.* Coventry (at Kenilworth).
Disley : Annual Silver Cup and Annual Meeting.
Wanstead : Monthly "Bogey" Competition.
Enfield : "Bogey" Competition.
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
- Jan. 28.—Pau : Captain's Prize.
- Jan. 29.—Moseley : Monthly Medal.
Waveney Valley : Monthly Medal.
Burnham (Somerset) : Monthly Gold and Silver Medals.
- Jan. 31.—Woodbridge : Annual General Meeting.
Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
Cambridge University : Barrow Medal.
Bentley Green : Monthly Medal.
Wellingborough : Monthly Medal.
Royal Cromer : Monthly Medal.

FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 1.—Woodbridge :—President's Prize.
Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 2.—Hythe : Monthly Medal.
Panmure : Medal Day.
Bullwood : Monthly Medal.
Macclesfield : The President's Challenge Cup.
Macclesfield : Club Monthly Handicap.
Tooting Bec : Monthly Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Subscription Prize.
Birkdale : Medal Competition.
Neasden : "Bogey" Competition.
North-West Club, Londonderry : Monthly Medal.
King's Norton : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Woodford : Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.
Raynes Park : Monthly Medal.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23.—City of Newcastle : "Bogey" Competition.
- Feb. 4.—Woodbridge : Monthly Medal.
Hunstanton : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 5.—Royal Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale Ladies : Medal Competition.
- Feb. 5 & 15.—Whitley : "Bogey" Competition.
- Feb. 6.—Prince's Ladies (Mitcham) : Quarterly "Bogey" Competition.
Lyme Regis : Monthly Medal.
King's Norton Ladies : Challenge Prize.
- Feb. 7.—Woodbridge Ladies : President's Prize.
Royal Blackheath : Bombay Medal and Monthly Medal.

LESSONS ON GOLF.

LESSON VII.

I come now to putting, and I must protest that generally too much care is given to this stroke by those who are waiting for a partner who has not kept his appointed time. Whenever a spare moment can be had, away goes the man to a bit of practice putting, whereas it would be just as easy to do a bit of lofting, and far more useful. If putting were just knocking a ball across a level lawn, perhaps much practice would give greater accuracy; but no green should be level, though all greens should be smooth, and it is very seldom that the way to the hole is in a straight line between the ball and the hole, nor will any two putts be alike, and therefore, when style has been learned as well as the theory and practice, putting may fairly be left to take care of itself. A very little practice should ensure the necessity of not more than two putts on the green, with, of course, the probability of holing out in one; and before I speak of the art of putting, I must make my protest against what is, I fear, a prevailing vice amongst the members of our new inland links—they confound the two words, level and smooth. One so constantly hears this or that green should be relaid. No green should be laid at all. A bowling-green is a very bad putting-green; the ground should be taken with its ups and downs, well rolled and mown. The reason of this desire for a level green is not hard to understand, namely, the craving after a low score. Inland links are generally on clay, and the ball travels but slowly beyond the pitch. The desire is to make up for the loss of a stroke in the course by the gain of a stroke on the green, and nothing furthers this more than those bowling-green greens, hateful to all true golfers. Now, the great art and enjoyment of putting lies in overcoming those little ups and downs and side-slants, which must occur on a natural green, and if those are done away with, and the greens made like a lawn, half the pleasure of putting is destroyed. It should take much longer to study the line of the hole than, when that is determined, to make the putt. To succeed in sending the ball up the side of one hill, and down the slope of another, with just strength to carry over the little flat bit by the hole, and *in*, is real joy, though why some men who meant to do it, and succeeded, should apologise to their adversary on account of it, is very riling; if it puts the adversary off his play it is unfair; if done to tease him, it is unkind.

Now, for putting proper: I learned when a lad to putt with my cleek, simply because I had no putter, because my pocket-money would not run to it, and though in later years I have tried both wooden and iron putters, and even what is called a putting-cleek, I never was able to persuade myself that I did any better with the other tools, and so my cleek is my putter still. It has the advantage of lessening the number of clubs in use, and I am not sure but that a constant change of clubs, of different lengths and weights, is a disadvantage. However, if you elect to putt with the cleek, I don't think it much matters in what particular form you use it, so that whatever form you adopt you are careful to stick to; constant change of form is fatal to good putting, so much of the direction and strength and knack depend upon form. To change the form in which you are successful, means to learn to putt all over again. The only thing I would advise you to eschew is to putt with the cleek or the putter, with the ball equi-distant between the feet. With the cleek it is decidedly bad form, the cleek should be so used that the face of it should be as flat to the ball as though it were the iron putter; while with the putter there seems to be too much swing in the stroke if the ball (for a long putt, at all events) is taken equi-distant between the feet, and a consequent inability to guide and check the ball—a good putter always does check the ball as the ball gets near to the hole. Take the ball off one foot or the other, whichever you like, I prefer, simply from habit, to take it off the right foot, standing a little in front of my ball, with my toe slanting towards the hole; but I have seen some wonderful putting off the left foot. Anyhow, either way, get the hands well in front of the ball and the foot, so that the face of the cleek is nearly upright and even with the putter. I think more power is obtained over the ball when the

hands are kept forward, even though the face of the putter be, so to say, inclined over the ball. I took to the left foot first because I once saw a professional do it very fatally, and for a time thought it improved my putting; but it was always awkward to me, and I returned to my old style.

Now there is one thing I want to be observed, and I think it of importance; if you take an old broken club-head and go down on your knees and putt with it, you will soon find yourself able to lay the ball dead every time from a long distance. The same will happen if you bowl the ball along the ground, while with your putter the ball will be all over the green; and I daresay the use of a billiard cue would promote accurate putts. This shows that it is easier to be accurate the nearer one's hands get to the ball; so grasp your club as low as you conveniently can without awkwardness, and stoop down to the ball. I do not at all advocate eccentric attitudes, though in these days of patent clubs I should not be surprised to find a putter of about six inches in height from the ground brought out, with patent knee-caps for the player to attain the proper position to make the stroke. Now, be careful in making the stroke to strike the ball, if anything, slightly above the ground, that is, with the club a trifle off the ground. This shows that it rather tends to help the stroke than otherwise, to slant the club over the ball; by this means will be avoided touching the ground in making the stroke; touching the ground is fatal to accuracy. The club should always travel one eighth of an inch off the ground; the hands must feel all that the club is doing. If the club touches the ground a short stroke is sure to result, or if the ball is at all baffled it will travel far past the hole. Another thing that must specially be avoided is jerking. Jerking is apt to come from timidity—a fear of the ball going too far, often with a result that the player meant to avoid. No dependence can be placed upon a jerked putt. The ball may once in a way go rightly, but generally it is too short or too long; it is impossible to tell what the result may be. In fact, what I have counselled in other strokes is applicable equally to putting—the stroke must always be a through one. Of course in this case the putter must not be carried right away in front as with driving, nevertheless it must not be checked when it strikes the ball, but left to follow on—a through stroke. Such a stroke will in the end be found the most accurate, and accurate for the greater number of times in succession. What is wanted is, so to say, to shove the ball along, so that if it misses the hole, it does not go far beyond it. Everything which can conduce to give power over the ball must be resorted to, and to this end. A putt must be a stiff stroke—really it should be a sort of smear—with stiff arms and elbows, depending only on the wrist and fingers, and yet great care, if it be smeared, to avoid a foul stroke. I only use the term to try to impress upon the mind the sort of stroke required to obtain advantageous and certain results. With this, more perhaps than other strokes, it is more difficult to describe than to show what ought to be done, but if I can only impress upon my scholar the theory, the practice will follow as a matter of course. Therefore, do be careful, in learning putting, to make a good, honest, through stroke, steady and firm and through, and as stiff as you like—stiffness ensures direction—the club gently following the course the ball takes; the left shoulder well to the front to ensure direction, the fingers in touch with the club to insure distance; no jerking or baffing.

I am quite persuaded in my own mind, though I can give no reason for it, that the check on distance is the more readily obtained by playing off one foot or the other rather than with the ball equally distant between both feet; and when you have obtained judgment in strength, then you may safely reckon to hole out sometimes in one stroke, but always in two. I have nothing to say respecting the difficulty occasionally experienced to land the ball in the hole when only a foot from it. This is sometimes due to carelessness, sometimes to nervousness. It need never happen if as much pains be taken as with the long putt. But when the ball has been laid dead it may be advisable, for the last stroke, to take the putter to it in preference to the cleek, and to take the ball from between the feet, and not, as I have advised in the longer putt off one foot or the other. In fact, when within a short distance just putt as you like, so that you make sure always to go in; style cannot be of account in such a case. Any one can hole

out a foot from the hole ever so many times running, when nothing depends on it, but it is often missed when it is to win or lose the hole; therefore, even this little pottering stroke must not be treated with contempt. There is another putting stroke which should not be omitted, and is well worth practice—namely, where the ball has to be sliced. The position is where the hole is protected by a slope, which slope is between the ball and the hole, along to the right, but such that the ball must be carried up the slope and induced to roll down into the hole. A sliced putt in this, and where a double slope has to be negotiated, is very helpful in that it tends to check the ball from ascending the slope too far, and helps to draw it towards the hole—it is difficult but in no way impossible—just a thing worth knowing how to do. I have now said enough about putting to put my scholar up to what he has to do, and the best way, as I think, to do it. But still the form that suits one man does not suit another; therefore I am not a stickler for any particular form, so that principles are carefully observed. It is the keeping to the principles which ensures success. In conclusion let me advise you always to play for two on the green. I hope often you will find one enough, but I mean, in making a long putt it is by far safer and wiser to lay the ball dead, than to risk by too much strength passing the hole so far that there is no certainty of holing out in the second stroke.

COACH.

(To be continued.)

GOLF IN NEW ZEALAND.

We hear good news of the spread of Golf in New Zealand. There are clubs at Otago, Dunedin, Christchurch, and Auckland. A description of the last-named course has been received from Mr. Gillies, the hon. secretary, and it will be published shortly. Mr. Gillies says that any visitors from the old country are always made welcome to the links, and they ought to make it a point to take their clubs with them if they intend to visit the colony. The club was instituted in 1894, and the Governor, the Earl of Glasgow, is the patron. The course is laid out in the paddocks adjoining Green Lane Station, the rules of play being the St. Andrews Rules modified by local by-laws. There are between forty and fifty playing members in the club, and, judging by the names, we should say that the Scottish element is a strong one. In looking at the local rules we find one or two noteworthy and curious points. It is enough to make the golfer here envious to find that a good caddie can be had for threepence a round—the regulation charge established by the club. Then there is an element of “communal property” in this rule about lost balls:—“Balls found during a round become the property of the player finding them,” but “balls found otherwise than during a round become the property of the club. Such balls shall be handed to the hon. secretary, who will purchase them for the club at threepence each. Members must not purchase such balls from the finders except for the club.” Then comes this grim provision, stated with unconscious humour:—“Neither the committee nor the owners will be responsible in any way for the behaviour of cattle on the links.” When it is remembered that the Auckland course is in cattle paddocks, it must be somewhat trying to the golfing nerve to hole out with one eye on the hole and the other on the threatened charge of a lowering, aggressive bullock. A cattle hypnotiser would be a lucrative post at Auckland!

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“A BROKEN SHAFT.”

(Read at the Annual Dinner of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club.)

Born in the forest, far away in the West,
Nursed by the sunbeams and fed by the dew;
The tall stems of my kindred fondly protecting,
A handsome young sapling I flourished and grew.

To a far distant clime at length I was taken,
Snatched from my birthplace, they bore me along
To a land in the North across the big waters,
Ruthlessly carried when supple and strong.

A shaft I was made, to a Philp head was fitted,
With skill I was fashioned by a maker well known;
Well balanced and slim I soon found a lover,
A Golfer soon wooed me and made me his own.

Oft round his shoulders I deftly have circled,
Lithesome and free I've answered his call;
Swift as the lightning, I've downwards descended,
Far have I watted the little white ball.

Oft at St. Andrews with awe I've been welcomed,
Oft have been praised and handled with glee;
Oft have been honoured and many times chosen,
Before all my fellows to drive off from tee.

Oft have I rescued the game of my owner,
At critical moments when one or two down;
With cheers have they greeted my prowess and power,
When I've succeeded and gained him renown.

Fearless of death I've many times conquered,
In the days of my youth that have vanished and past;
Now old age has seized me, of suppleness robbed me,
Dried up and riven I am shattered at last.

Take me up gently, now I am done for,
Handle me softly, once supple and strong;
Remember my triumphs, Oh! do not burn me,
Think of me kindly, Oh! think of me long.

Bury me carefully, ever guard over me,
Lay me below, all covered with earth;
Save me from those that will not respect me,
Restore me to whence I first took my birth.

Farewell, beloved Golf, my career's now ended,
Gladly in life I've been under thy spell;
No more, alas, again may I see thee,
Long may'st thou flourish! For ever, farewell!!

22nd October, 1894.

WEBSTER GLYNES.

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23,563. A new or improved rest for Golf clubs in combination with an umbrella or walking stick.—C. S. Good, 27, Martin's Lane, Cannon Street, London.

23,943. Improvements in Golf caddies.—A. N. Charley, 46, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London.

24,228. Improvements in Golf balls.—J. H. Exley, 2, Market Street, Bradford.

24,301. A new or improved tally or marker for Golf, whist, or other similar purposes.—R. D. O'Brien, 12, Cherry Street, Birmingham.

THE SIZE OF THE GOLF HOLE.

The size of the hole for Golf is worthy of greater attention than is usually accorded to it. Judging from what is to be seen on many greens, one would imagine that a number of golfers are quite content if they have a hole of any kind to play at—the bigger the better—irrespective altogether of the standard laid down by the rules. Now the laws of Golf are, to borrow a legal phrase, *strictissimi juris*, and the game, to be Golf, must be played according to the strict letter of the law. Go outside of that, and call the game what you please, but it is not Golf. The rules provide that “the hole shall be $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, and at least 4 inches deep.” This means that there should be $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches of clear space for the ball to drop into, and hence the measurement should be made in the inside of any lining that may be placed in the hole for the purpose of supporting the sides, and a disc $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter should, if inserted to test the size, fit tightly from top to bottom.

Mistakes in regard to size arise in various ways, but all are the result of carelessness. At some greens the cutter is of the regulation size, and, where the hole is not lined, this is no doubt correct. But there are few greens where the soil is stiff enough to stand the tear and wear of play without some support, and where the cutter makes a $4\frac{1}{4}$ -inch hole, and a lining, or “tin,” as it is usually called, is thereafter placed inside, the hole is bound to be smaller than it ought, owing to the thickness of the tin. Erring on the small side is not, however, a general fault. At most greens where the holes are at fault the evil lies in their being too large. In a few instances the cutter and tins were in use before the new rules came into existence, and an alteration has not since been made; but in the majority of cases the fault lies either in the tins being made too large—sometimes on the same green tins may be found which will telescope into each other—or, more frequently, in the tins being sunk too far into the ground, and the top edge of the hole being worn away by the rubbing of the flag-stick or by other means, thus allowing a ball, which would otherwise have rolled past, to fall in. But the opposite extreme to this is still worse. The cutting of the hole tends to make the surrounding green buckle up slightly, and the result is that a small ridge guards the hole round and round. This frequently accounts for balls just sticking on the lip of the hole, when they ought otherwise to have gone down. There are cases, too, where the lining of the holes, instead of being thin, is quite thick, about the sixteenth part of an inch perhaps, with the top edge bevelled off. This is most objectionable, because, if this kind of “tin” (?) is at all near the surface, a ball played “on the back of the hole” will not go down, but will strike the bevel-edge and jump out.

These are a few of the evils of holes not being properly made. It is the duty of those in charge of every green, to see that these and similar evils are avoided, and the following hints may be of some use. The lining should be of thin galvanized iron, made perfectly round and measuring $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches inside. The hole should be cut straight down, the tin inserted and pushed into position so that the upper edge is from half an inch to a quarter of an inch below the surface of the ground, depending upon the firmness or looseness of the soil. After the tin is placed in position, the ground should be firmly batted down with the back of a spade, and the edge of the hole trimmed up. When finished the depth should be at least 4 inches, this matter of depth is a point not always attended to. In selecting a spot for a hole a piece of level putting green should be chosen, and care should be taken to see that there is no run to the hole from any side, and that the grass is properly trimmed round about, so that no strong blades of grass are left which might turn a ball coming into contact with them. Heavy flag-sticks are a frequent source of injury to holes. Players are apt to put them in carelessly, and the pressure against the sides breaks the green, and enlarges the hole. The deeper the hole the less danger is there of this, and hence the hole should always be of good depth; moreover, if it be shallow, there is the risk of a ball strongly played jumping out.

J. A.

Review.

AFRICAN HUNTING AND ADVENTURES FROM NATAL TO THE ZAMBESI, from 1852 to 1860. By W. C. Baldwin, F.R.G.S., with illustrations by James Wolf and J. B. Swecker. London: Bentley & Sons. 18s.

There is no part of the world that is changing its aspect more rapidly than Africa. Colonisation is being diligently pursued in districts where, twenty years ago, the hunter found oppressive solitude. It has even been stated, in dead earnest, that Mr. Johnston, Her Majesty's Commissioner in British Central Africa, has cast his eyes over a lovely plateau, some 4,000 or 5,000 feet above the sea-level, which it is clear Nature intended for an unparalleled Golf course. But Mr. Baldwin tells us of an Africa very different from this—of the Africa of thirty years back, when he met Livingstone close by the Zambesi Falls, then newly discovered, and when for eight successive years he led a life of hardship and peril in quest of sport and of ivory. His volume of 400 pages breathes the very air of the African desert, for it is for the greater part his diary as he wrote it up from day to day, narrating his adventures as they befell, reflecting his feelings at the moment, and thus photographing the quickly varying moods that come to the white man living alone in a pathless desert, depending on his gun for his daily sustenance, and with none but Kaffirs around him. It is this quick pulse of life that makes Mr. Baldwin's narrative so fascinating. Literary skill is not needed; the simplest language and the plainest style suit best this record of rare endurance and pluck. Mr. Baldwin was sent by his father to the West Highlands to learn sheep-farming; but he picked up Gordon Cumming's book, and then he knew he must hunt in the South African wilds, just as Mr. Selous, the most adventurous sportsman of the present day, was greatly influenced in his decision to seek the elephants and lions by Mr. Baldwin's book, when the first edition of it—for this is the third—appeared some years ago. The sort of life he led for eight years, relieved only by brief visits to Natal for necessary rehabilitation, may best be indicated by one or two extracts from his diary. Here is the record of one or two days away from the waggons:—

On the whole, very good sport. Five old bull buffaloes afforded good sport and took a deal of killing. I had many chances at black rhinoceros, but they were not worth a shot; lost Nettle, by a tiger I suppose; saw five lions at different times, but being alone did not venture battle, as I did not see one by himself. Almost tumbled over three rhinoceros in the dark and they hunted me away, following me up a good way, showing every demonstration of their displeasure. Made a sad mull of two sea-cows which I took for rhinoceros, the night being very much overcast. Saw several large snakes about the St. Lucy and one horrid puff-adder alarmed me considerably. I was trying to despatch him with an iron ramrod, when his head and throat swelled to an enormous size, turning a hideous livid colour as he screwed himself up, and with a horrid hiss pitched himself at me; but I managed to dodge him, and he disappeared. Got a couple of crocodiles, and caught a small one, about a foot long, alive—a wicked little monster.

In another passage, Mr. Baldwin relates how, being taken by game farther than he intended, he lost the wagon, and found himself at sundown in the open wild, a shirt and trousers his only attire, with a bitter cold, white frost, and a dense mist covering the waste all around him. The jackals came and howled round him; every minute he expected lions; his horse could not be got to lie down; and at last he felt he must be fatally chilled if he could not get warmth. In his extremity he hit upon this plan:—

I made loose my stirrup-leathers, put one round my dog's loins and buckled it loosely above my knee, then put the other behind his shoulder and forelegs, bringing it back over his neck, buckled it loosely and slipped my hand and my left arm and shoulder through. Being a strong brute, as most of the greyhound breed are, on finding himself fast he got alarmed and began to struggle tremendously, hanching and snapping like a baited fox. I threw myself down, he on top of me, held his black muzzle fast with my left hand, turned half over, and having my right hand free, hammered into his ribs with my fist, till I knocked every particle of breath out of his body. His struggles for some time were fearful; he foamed at the mouth as if he

were rabid. At last my voice had the desired effect, and he lay on top of me all night, and I firmly believe the warmth of his body was the means of saving my life. I was so cold I could do nothing till the sun was high.

This is only one of scores of adventures that could well bear quotation. The hunter seems to have had more lives than any cat, for besides yearly attacks of fever and ague, which wore him to the bone, he was again and again almost on the horns of buffaloes, on the tusks of infuriated elephants, or in the jaws of lions. This is how he got clear in one of his lion encounters:—

My horse is a fast one, and has run down the gamsbok, one of the fleetest antelopes; but the way the lion ran him in was terrific. In an instant I was at my best pace, leaning forward, rowels deep into my horse's flanks, looking back over my left shoulder, over a broad flat excellent galloping ground. On came the lion, two strides to my one. I never saw anything like it, and never want to do so again. To turn in the saddle and shoot, darted across my mind when he was within three strides of me, but on second thoughts I gave a violent jerk on the near rein, and a savage dig at the same time with the off heel, armed with a desperate rowel, just in the nick of time, as the old manikin bounded by me, grazing my right shoulder with his, and all but unhorsing me.

Mr. Baldwin, notwithstanding his hard chase, did not let the lion go, but bagged him when he was still full of mischief. What we specially like about these stories is the modesty and downright candour with which they are told. The book is one of the comparatively few that will keep golfers awake after a keen day's play. The illustrations are themselves an exciting record of a good hunting time, that is fast passing away.

THE LAHORE GOLF CLUB AND THE VICEROY'S VISIT.

For a fortnight before the Viceroy's visit, says the *Civil and Military Gazette*, Golf players in Lahore had to abandon the game, because the links were being rooted up to prepare for the Viceroy's escort. During the Durbar week there was, of course, no Golf; and now it will take more than a month to restore the links again. Moreover, the Golf Club is poor, and has not the funds to do so. They have, therefore, applied for compensation for the injury done. The application was sent through the Deputy Commissioner of Lahore, who forwarded it on. So far good; but the Deputy Commissioner of Lahore in his official capacity writes to the secretary of the Golf club to make the astounding statement that he "thinks that the honour of entertaining the Viceroy's escort on your ground more than counterbalances any slight injury which may have been done to the links." Apart from the fact that the "slight" injury was the utter destruction of bunkers and greens, is it not surprising that officialism can so warp men's minds that they can actually expect people to be grateful for injuries done to them by "personages"? We suppose that if an Excellency were to use a Deputy Commissioner as a door-mat and wipe his boots upon him, the latter would feel his position a dignified and honourable one. What, too, makes the matter worse, is that the Golf links were destroyed without any official intimation whatever being sent to the club; the first knowledge which the Golfers had being the discovery that gangs of coolies were hard at work levelling the links. *Zabardast* and *bebandoobast* appear to have been the official watch-words for the Durbar in more ways than one.

MARPLE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On January 7th Miss Eskrigge put in a third win for the Captain's cup, which now becomes her property. Other ladies who had gained a win were Mrs. Fergusson, Miss Tattersall, Miss Johnson, and Miss Isherwood.

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Our Ladies' Letter.

MY DEAR LADY GOLFERS,—Most of you will have been obliged during the frost to abandon the Royal and Ancient Game in favour of skating, an amusement which I, personally, welcomed most heartily, but, alas, the enjoyment of it was all too fleeting. Some of us tried the St. Andrews swing on skates, with various results more or less undignified; but a few experts succeeded in measuring their strokes by the new invention, "Linka," and some fun was obtained from this all-too accurate register.

There has always been some question, fraught with doubts on the part of sceptical men, as to whether women are or are not "clubbable." Ladies' Golf Clubs have gone far towards establishing the affirmative. I refer to the question at this moment in consequence of the most interesting event in the Ashdown Forest Ladies' Golf Club last Friday, when Miss Birch, who has held the captaincy since the foundation of the club in 1889, and has this year been succeeded by Mrs. C. Green, was presented by the members of the club with a handsome silver tea service and coffee-pot, in recognition of her services and popularity. The post of captain to a Golf Club is by no means an easy one to fill with satisfaction, and it involves an amount of hard work on the part of a conscientious officer, that is not always as gratefully and generously acknowledged as in the case of Miss Birch. Were women as jealous and self-assertive, as they are sometimes represented to be, it would have been impossible for one lady to have held so prominent a position, without causing offence for four years in succession. Tact and zeal, two qualities that by no means run inseparably, are the chief qualities required to ensure success in a such position. Miss Birch was extremely fortunate to have such a colleague as Miss Andrews, the Hon. Secretary, and such supporters as those ladies who form the committee of the Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells Ladies' Golf Club. No men were present at the luncheon held on the occasion of the presentation to Miss Birch; consequently the speeches were made by the ladies, and very pithy and epigrammatic were some of the remarks. Miss Andrews made some very happy and telling allusions; while Mrs. Green brought down the house when she remarked, that in succeeding Miss Birch she felt she lacked one great qualification as a captain, namely the possession of a donkey cart. Miss Birch's donkey cart was a well-known feature on the links, and figured in much of the work done on the greens. Miss Birch proved quite eloquent in returning thanks, while her mother added a few telling words as to her gratification in the kindness shown to her daughter. The proceedings were marked by a cheerfulness and enjoyment that would have been popularly considered impossible in a merely female gathering some years ago. Floreat Golf! If it draws women together in generous and friendly intercourse the debt of health, which the sex already owes to the game, will be increased by the number of friendships formed through the medium of Ladies' Golf Clubs.

It is really difficult to know what is the most warming and effectual form of food to take out on a day's golfing in this cold weather. Sandwiches, however tempting and convenient, are not exhilarating. Many Golf clubs do not furnish hot soups, coffee, or chocolate. Some of my friends find ginger, the crystallised form of the condiment, both warming and satisfying; while others take cakes of chocolate. A hunting man has lately told me of some invention known as "live long candy," which he and his fellow-sportsmen find most excellent for a long day in the saddle. It is the invention of a well-known doctor, and when I receive the address where it may be obtained, I will give you the benefit of my information, as I feel sure that many golfers will be glad to know of some portable form of nourishment. As to sandwiches, have you ever tried thin slices of tomato, sprinkled with Parmesan cheese, between brown bread and butter? This is an excellent variety for a light lunch, and proved extremely popular at a skating party the other day. If any of my correspondents have any useful recommendations to forward on this subject I feel sure that their suggestions will be welcomed by many golfers, not necessarily of the weaker sex; and I shall make a collection of all such suggestions for the benefit of my readers, to whom I subscribe myself their faithful friend,

LADY TATTLER.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal was won, with the monthly challenge prize presented by Mrs. Gordon Dill, by Mrs. Baker:—Mrs. Baker, 88, less 12=76; Mrs. Germon, 101, less 24=77; Mrs. Gordon Dill, 92, less 12=80; Miss Farnall, 97, less 16=81; Miss Hitchins, 109, less 28=81; Mrs. W. G. Nicholson, 102, less 15=87; Miss Bell, 103, less 16=87; Mrs. Barry, 97, less 9=88; Miss Heathcote, 99, less 10=89; Miss D'Albiac, 115, less 25=90; Mrs. Sanderson (scr.), 91

"FUNK."

"Ubi timor adest, dexteritas adesse nequit."

ALTHOUGH not so common on golfing lips as bunker, the mental state expressed by this colloquial term has probably lost more matches to the ordinary golfer than he cares to admit. A man will try many shifts rather than plead guilty to anything akin to cowardice. It is nevertheless true that, if Bunker has slain its thousands, "Funk" has slain its tens of thousands. It is a foe to be dreaded more than the direst hazard, for it has its seat and centre in the breast, and, if it cannot be curbed by some strong effort of will, it induces a temporary paralysis of wrist which renders even a twelve-inch putt a somewhat uncertain performance.

To find a satisfactory definition of our term is not so easy, and perhaps it is not necessary. De Quincey tells us that the word was in current use at Eton, and he gives as its nearest equivalent the phrase "horrid panic." We suppose that Eton boys, like students of riper years, feeling their unpreparedness for some scholastic ordeal, would, when the day of reckoning came, experience a certain sinking of heart, or "horrid panic," and find it convenient to stay away. They assured their relations and friends that they were indisposed; but their fellows, who had a plain way of telling the truth, bluntly remarked that they had "funked the exam." Or take a nobler case and a more trying ordeal: On the morning of battle a young ensign looked pale, and a comrade thus twitted him:—"Beginning to funk, eh?" "If you were half as frightened as I am," replied the young soldier, "you would run away." An admirable retort surely, and from the braver man of the two; for the courage that subdues fear is greater than the recklessness that is conscious of none.

The golfer has his ordeals too, and his vocabulary would be incomplete without this word of pungent veracity. He funks a bunker, and finds himself in it; he funks a putt, and loses the hole; and, like the Presbyterian divine of the old school, who traced the potato blight to a Government grant bestowed on a Roman Catholic college, he shows the same utter disregard of all scientific sequence. He finds the efficient cause of his fizzle in things remote. He blames everything and everybody but himself. He hurls his maledictions against the sweetest of our song-birds, which, however, mocks his wrath with a shower of melody from heaven's gate. This is quite a frequent weakness. We have seen a keen clerical golfer miss a short putt on the Alexandra Park, Glasgow. He was a quick-tempered gentleman, and, instead of castigating himself for lack of decision in the stroke, he delivered a torrent of abuse against an innocent tourist, who was standing on an eminence about a quarter of a mile from the putting-green, apparently enjoying the view. "How could I hole the ball, with that ignorant blockhead over there working his umbrella as if it were the pendulum of an eight-day clock?" His opponent deemed it unsafe even to smile. Such concentrated earnestness has always a subduing effect, and to have hinted that the putt was funk'd might have issued in assault to the effusion of blood. The rev. gentleman suffered acutely, and these ebullitions brought relief. He accepted his fate with wonderfully good grace, and in an opportune hour of convivial fellowship, he was told that the umbrella had very little to do with his defeat.

Much rather commend us, however, to the heroic Anglo-Indian, whose frank confession is familiar to many golfers. He despised all such vain subterfuges as larks and tourists.

The whole animate universe was entirely inoffensive, and gave him no trouble. But let us hear his own words:—"I have encountered all the manifold perils of the jungle, have tracked the huge elephant to his destruction, have stood eye to eye with the man-eating tiger, and never once trembled till I came to a short putt."

It is in this very delicate part of the game where funk most frequently declares its baneful power. A slight nervous twitch may do little or nothing to spoil a drive, but on the putting-green it is often fatal. Andrew Kirkaldy, in the days of his caddiehood, said to a Divinity student: "Man, Mr. L——, this is awfu' wark. Ye're dreivin' like a roarin' lion and puttin' like a puir kittlin'." The student was a little nervous throughout the game, but the nervousness only told disastrously at the hole-side; and that is where the best of professionals sometimes play the kitten as well, and discover that it is then and there the tide of battle takes the unfavourable turn.

But where is the remedy for this common trouble? It seems so much a matter of temperament, that some men would require to be reconstituted before any improvement is possible. We do not know what sort of a golfer the grand old Sage of Chelsea would have made. It might not be an unfair inference to observe that he would in all probability have insisted on playing his own game, and that in a foursome he would have been "gey ill to dae wi'." However that may be, he was always good at laying down the law, and his remarks on funk have the right prophetic flavour. "The first duty of a man is that of subduing fear; he must get rid of fear, he cannot act at all till then." How is it to be subdued, Mr. Carlyle? "Go, and do it." We have heard a North Berwick caddie give much the same advice to a professional in a tournament. The professional was frequently very short in his putting, and the caddie at length remonstrated. "Het the ba', min; het the ba'. What are ye frightened for?" The advice was taken. The exhortation inspired confidence, and the putting very perceptibly improved. It is confidence that is needed, and a caddie who knows his business often succeeds in some occult magnetic way in imparting it to the timid golfer. As a general rule, however, there is nothing better than the policy of self-help and persistent effort. The young player who has mastered the rudiments of the game, and who at first falls an easy victim to the old golfing hand, has only to continue the struggle to find the element of funk gradually broken on the wheel of growing experience, and to see his master occasionally fail at a critical stage of the game, because now pressed by a steadiness and accuracy as good as his own.

It is the same in competitions. The 85 which was so easily achieved in a friendly match a few days before, and which, with a decent handicap, promised a sure win, becomes on the day of battle a hideous 103. The disappointment is as gall, and the best face has to be found for a case of unmitigated funk. A few competitions, however, will mend matters. The additional anxiety invariably present on field-days will be modified by an increase of confidence—the sure reward of patient perseverance—and the disheartening difference between the friendly match score, and that of the club competition will be gradually reduced to a vanishing quantity.

Of course, so long as men have nerves, the trouble will never be entirely eradicated, but experience seems to indicate very clearly that the maximum of control will be found on the lines we have ventured to lay down.

W. PROUDFOOT.



THE COURTESY OF THE GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR—Golfers have so often been indebted to GOLF for the sensible opinions pronounced on points submitted to you, that I am the more earnest to protest against the view you take of "Enquirer's" letter. I know nothing of the circumstances except so far as they are stated by your correspondent. On the facts disclosed, I believe him to have been entirely within his rights and, moreover, to have acted in the only manner possible or tolerable on a crowded green. The man in front had ceased to play the game. Golf is not the "pottering" of a ball up to the hole, for no intelligible, or at least intelligent, reason, by one man, after his opponent has ceased to play against him. If for one hole, why not for all? If "Enquirer" was in the wrong, would he not have been again in the wrong in calling "Fore!" and going on at the next hole in the event of the match in front of him having been altogether broken off, and of the obstinate and inconsiderate "pottering" gentleman choosing to continue alone punching about his ball from hole to hole. There are, of course, two ways of doing a right thing, a rough way and a gentlemanly way. But the discourtesy, whether due to ignorance or unhappy desperation, began with the man in front; "Enquirer" simply vindicated his own right and that of every player behind him. I cannot but think that the committee of the club to whom the appeal was made, overlooked the essential point of the question—whether a single player is at liberty, not to play Golf, but to knock about a ball as he pleases, while in doing so he causes inconvenience, delay, and, no doubt, irritation to scores of golfers behind him.

In criticising your decision, I admit I have more in view the large nuisance of "pottering" players than this individual case. "Pottering" is the curse of all greens near London. It used to be unknown in Scotland; it spreads there like a disease, when, in summer, hordes go from London to North Berwick and Fife. A gentlemanly player, whether he be a working man or a marquis, continually bears in mind that the course does not exist for him alone. "Enquirer's" enemy behaved—well, not like the gentlemanly player at all events. He needed a lesson. He got it; and then the committee and GOLF say it was wrong to give it. A little more firmness, please, a little more discrimination as to the meaning of words, and then there need be

NO POTTERING.

[We have as much objection as our correspondent to the exasperating tactics of "potterers"; but where inferior players, or "potterers," as our correspondent prefers to call them, constitute sometimes two-thirds of modern Golf clubs, contributing more than the "old golfer" or the slashing player, to the upkeep of green and club-house, we see no reasonable justice in upholding the view that their rights are to be sacrificed to the convenience of the better players, or that they are fair game to be driven into at every opportunity, and perhaps maimed or killed. Our correspondent's plea is one for a separate course for learners, or for legislation by the local club. The first is almost impossible of attainment; and in the second case, no committee would have the hardihood to undertake the invidious task of separating the sheep from the goats, and of providing special by-laws recognising the right of a small minority of a club to special privileges of play and

priority through the green where the players legislate in a different form, as a rule, the financial backing of the club. Again, we say, put yourself in the position of the inferior player, and do as you would be done by.—ED.]

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LINKS.—(1) Good for beginners and rough play; very much like the "Eclipse." (2) Good. (3, 4, and 5) Very fine match balls, and particularly well painted. (6) Not so satisfactory as original expectations led one to believe, but it floats in water. (7 and 8) Fatal objection is the bad paint, which chips off, and leaves ball black after a few holes. (9) One of the finest in the market. (10) Very satisfactory. Your selection should be made out of 3, 4, 5, and 9.

NEW COURSES FOR EDINBURGH.

A meeting was held last week in Dowell's Rooms, Edinburgh, of gentlemen interested in the formation of a new Golf club, and also in the acquisition of a new Golf course at Duddingston, on land belonging to the Duke of Abercorn. Mr. J. Turnbull Smith (Life Association of Scotland) presided, and there were about ninety gentlemen present. Mr. C. M. Henderson (North British and Mercantile) moved—"That this meeting hereby constitutes itself into a Golf club, to be named the Duddingston Golf Club, and incorporates with itself, as members of the club, other persons who are not present, but whose names were given in the schedules lodged to form the club, a list of the whole to be hereafter made up and signed by the chairman." Mr. Andrew Cunningham (Bank of Scotland) seconded. Mr. Rankine (Caledonian), in moving an amendment, said that it would be most unfortunate if they called this the Duddingston Golf Club. He, therefore, moved that the club be called the Insurance and Banking Golf Club, and on the vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a majority of 26, the figures being 57 against 31. Mr. Colin M'Cuag (Scottish Union and National) moved the second resolution, which restricted the membership to 500, put down the subscription at £1 5s., the entry money, for all those who have formed the club, and who may join before the 19th of January, 1895, £1 1s., made provision so that a ballot might be taken, if the members joining exceeded the number required, and also made provision that if the number of applicants should be below the number the committee should have power to select and admit members. This motion was seconded by Mr. A. K. Wright (Royal Bank) and carried. The third resolution was moved by Mr. Gordon Douglas (Life Association of Scotland), and seconded by Mr. T. Arnott (Bank of Scotland), and was that the meeting approved the steps taken to secure a lease of part of the policies of Duddingston Park for the use of the club as a Golf course.

Much of the success of this proposal is due to the interest taken in the matter by Mr. Turnbull Smith, who never fails to carry out in thorough business style what he takes in hand. His interest in Golf is shown by the excellent cartoons of golfing subjects issued annually from his office, the latest, of the Sandwich gathering, being the most notable. The following are some of the conditions of the lease:—That the ground to be let include the parks, the total acreage being 132 acres; that the tenants shall be a duly constituted Golf club with sufficient, but limited, membership, as may be agreed on, and no other game but Golf shall be played on the ground; that the lease shall be for twenty years at £500, but there shall be a break every five years in favour of the club; that the proprietor reserves power to resume any part of the lands, as may be arranged; that the only access to the Golf course be by the large gate at Duddingston Station; that no buildings except a club-house shall be erected on the ground; that no persons be admitted to the lands except bona-fide members of the club, and such persons as they may invite to play Golf with and accompany them; that no balls be played across the east and west approaches, and no member of the club shall go beyond the limits in pursuit of balls or for any other purpose; that no caddie shall be allowed on the ground. A few of these conditions need modification, particularly that prohibiting caddies.

A nine-hole Golf course is being formed at Craigmillar Park, and is expected to be ready for play in February. A lease of the ground, which extends from Crawford Road to Lady Road, has been obtained from Captain W. Gordon Gilmour, of Liberton and Craigmillar. The principal entrance will be from Crawford Road, within three minutes' walk of the Craigmillar Park car terminus and Newington Suburban Station. The course is about a mile in length, and has been laid out by Mr. Day, of Musselburgh, who has given a very favourable report of the suitability of the ground for the purpose. Already about 150 ladies and gentlemen have been admitted as members of the club. Mr. C. W. O. Morrison and Mr. Archibald Campbell, jun., 52, Hanover Street, have been appointed joint-secretaries.



We have received the annual Calendar of the Life Association Insurance Company of Scotland, which, following the precedents of the last few years, has again a golfing picture as its attraction. This picture is really of historical interest in connection with the game, for it represents, in a well-posed group, all the leading professional and amateur players assembled at the Championship at Sandwich in June last. The picture has again been entrusted to the very capable hands of Mr. J. Michael Brown, an Edinburgh artist of high reputation, and himself a golfer with a good sound game in him. Mr. Brown has taken for his subject the final between Taylor and Rolland in the match between teams of amateurs and professionals at Sandwich on June 15th, and which Rolland won after a good fight by 2 and 1 to play. The two players occupy the foreground, Rolland holing out and Taylor looking on, with his own ball lying dead. Among others on the green watching the play are Auchterlonie, Mr. A. Stuart, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Tait, Sayers and A. Kirkaldy, Mr. Hutchings, "Fiery," Mr. Mure Fergusson, Mr. Ball, H. Kirkaldy, Willie Park, Ramsay Hunter, Mr. Laidlaw Purves, and Old Tom. The famous bunker of the "Maiden" is in the far background, and a view is given of the club-house nestling among a clump of trees. Mr. Brown has, in the great majority of cases, seized the likenesses with marvellous exactitude, Rolland and Taylor being particularly good and life-like. We think that an improvement has been made in departing from colour, and in adopting what, for lack of a more correct technical description, may be described as a Bromide process. The picture will become very popular among golfers, and will ensure for the Life Association of Scotland a warm corner in all their hearts.

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The Hyde Imperial Rubber Company (Limited), Woodley, Stockport, is another firm of india-rubber manufacturers who have entered the field as makers of Golf balls. We have recently tested a sample of their balls, which in the form of the mould adopted do not differ from the majority of those in the market. It is a good hard ball, well painted, clean nicking, and a fine "flyer." It ought to become as popular as any of the other fine balls at present in the market.

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We welcome the appearance of new club-makers in these days of widening play. We have received from Messrs. T. Padmore & Sons, 118, Edmund Street, Birmingham, a sample of their lofting irons, the manufacture of which is superintended by a professional familiar with all the requirements. The head is well made and finely balanced, and the shaft is a particularly sound piece of hickory. The club is a very excellent sample of Messrs. Padmore's stock.

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LILY (from Devonshire, on a visit to her Scottish cousin, Margy, in St. Andrews):—"What a strange thing fashion is, Margy! Fancy a game like Golf reaching as far North as this!"

We are asked to state that the demand for the costume cards issued by the "Johannis" Company, has been so great, that the stock of 25,000 has been exhausted.

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Curling holds the field in Scotland, and for the nonce the boom of the channel stane has silenced the Golf boom. The Grand National Scottish Bonspiel at Carsebreck came off successfully last week, about 1,600 curlers taking part in it. The South beat the North by a majority of 273 shots. It is hoped that the match, England v. Scotland, will also be brought off this week at the Tarn, Brampton. About 600 curlers are expected to take part in it. Such a keen and continued frost as we have had this winter ought to convince golfers that they should cultivate the other great national game of Scotland. There is nothing like it to putt "birr and smeddum" in the frame in such cold weather.

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The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., has spent the Christmas and New Year at his family seat of Whittinghame, East Lothian, and he seems to have entered with keen zest into all the festivities got up for the children resident in the house and for the families on the estate, whose enjoyment is always provided for at this season. Replying to his health, which was rapturously received at the annual supper of Whittinghame Estate work-people ("He's a jolly good fellow" being chorused in grand style), Mr. Balfour said he had great pleasure in being present at the annual re-union of those with whom he was so closely associated in his ancestral home. He hoped that he would not be absent again from the same cause that had prevented him from being present for some years past. Mr. Balfour, during his holiday, has also had Golf at Archerfield, the old foursome which was so close in summer being re-played more than once with the same result.

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From time to time we have the political situation described in golfing terms. As a seasonable variation, the following may be given as a sample of what may be done with curling phrases in the same line:—Replying to the toast of his health at a social meeting at Stewarton, the Hon. T. Cochrane, M.P., said that the political game was, like curling, a bit slippery. But he thought the side that played straight would win in the long run, and that side was the Unionists. Their opponents had been changing their skip, and if the oldest curler on the ice could not win the match, the new hand would not make much of it. The Unionist side lay pretty well. Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain were within six inches of the tee, and Lord Rosebery had got a very difficult job to put them out. He had a very queer stone to play: he had to draw a port between Scottish Disestablishment and Welsh Disestablishment. He would have to get "rub" of the House of Lords, perhaps try to knock them out of the ring altogether, and then he would have to get a "wick" of the Local Veto Bill. He did not know if Lord Rosebery was clever enough to manage all that, but there was one thing of which he was certain, that he would not get Sir William Harcourt to sweep his ice for him long.

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The Marquis of Lorne, in *Good Words* for January, describes, under the title, "A Game We Might Play," a sport practised in the low-lying lands of Friesland, in North Germany, not far from the Baltic, where there is a country of canals and ditches and meadows. The game is akin to Golf in some respects. A ball is used by each competitor, and the winner is he who can do a certain distance in fewest strokes, the strokes being throws of the ball. It is akin to curling in its requiring hard icy ground for play, and each player uses a mat like a curler's crampit from which to make his throw. The name of the game is "Klotschiessen"—"Clot shot game." It is certainly fitted to keep up a good circulation in cold weather, but it does not seem likely to take a place in a country where we have Golf, curling, and skating.

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His friends all over the world will soon, we hear, have an opportunity of sending their hearty congratulations to young

Willie Park. It is significant of the coming event that the ex-Champion has recently purchased a handsome villa at Inveresk, and that the pony and carriage are in waiting to take the heiress home. To no one in the Golf world will golfers more readily send their good wishes on such an interesting occasion, and if his happiness is proportionate to his merits as a man and a golfer, it will be great. We regret to hear that Old Willie Park has recently not been in good health.

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Mrs. A. Stuart, wife of the celebrated "Andy," who is by birth a Haig of the Bemersyde family, is editing a unique magazine, entitled, *Tyde What May*, which is entirely devoted to the history of this ancient and famous family, whose name is so familiar in Border annals. Mrs. Stuart, whose address is 19, Regent Terrace, Edinburgh, intimates that she will be glad to receive for her magazine communications concerning the Haig family. The good lady, who has set an example to others by this study of family history, shows her devotion to Golf, and her admiration of her husband, by wearing, on important occasions, a beautiful necklace composed of Golf trophies won by Mr. Stuart.

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Mr. S. R. Crockett, the brilliant author of "The Raiders" and other volumes, has, like the clergyman who took to Golf, found it necessary to give up the ministry. He tries his hand now and then at the game; and now that he is free of clerical cares, and requires recreation from his devotion to literature, we hope to hear more of him on the links. His new story in *Good Words* promises to be one of his best.

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"Golf by machinery" is the title of an article in the *Globe*, suggested by our recent "Tee Shot" regarding Mr. A. F. Macfie's invention. The writer holds that there is no fixed swing proper. Mankind, he says, is so diversely made, legs and arms are relatively of such varying dimensions, that a swing which is easy to one man, is an impossibility to another. He thinks Mr. Macfie in person should "swing for it," if a good machine were wanted to show the correct style.

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The latest to shed his crude enlightenment on the value of Golf, is the Rev. Dr. Mitchell, of South Leith. Sir Charles Pearson, M.P., had lectured on "Law-making," and had instanced some old restrictions against Golf and football, showing the futility of Parliamentary interference with the amusements of the people. The Doctor, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said that "too much time was spent in football and Golf, instead of volunteering." Pooh, Doctor!

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For some months past, Messrs. H. J. Gray and Sons, club-makers, Cambridge, have had in hand the laying out of a new Golf course in Cambridge. It is situated in the Granchester Meadows (about fifteen or sixteen minutes' walk from the centre of the town) by the side of the river Granta for a considerable way, and then running up into the village of Granchester. There are about sixty-six acres of land, most suitable for the course, and there are several ditches, hedges, trees, and other hazards. It is hoped that the course will be open (anyway fifteen holes of it), in about three weeks' time. The green is situated in the most picturesque part of Cambridge. David Duncan, of Elie, has been engaged as professional.

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Tom Dunn was down at Bude, in Cornwall, two days last week, reconstructing the links. The ground has really the making of a first-rate Golf course, splendid turf, great variety, and any amount of natural hazards; in fact, he has no hesitation in classing it as a first-rate links. The green is a little "ungetatable," it being necessary to drive a distance of ten miles by coach from Holsworthy. Some players, however, consider this an advantage, as no "cheap trippers" can venture so far. There is a very comfortable hotel, the "Falcon," where the best of cooking can be obtained.

A young man named M'Gregor was playing Golf at Braid Hills, Edinburgh, on Saturday, when he was struck on the head by a ball which had rebounded. He died in a few hours. It is supposed that his skull was fractured.

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Golfers on both sides of the Border will be pleased to hear of the marriage of Hugh Kirkaldy, of St. Andrews, and professional to the Oxford University Golf Club, to Janet, third daughter of Mr. John Little, Dalston, Cumberland. The marriage took place on the 9th inst., at St. John's Church, New Hincxey.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the club was held at the Cleveland Hotel, Coatham, on Thursday, January 10th. The committee's report showed progress and prosperity in every direction. The hon. treasurer's statement was satisfactory, showing the club to be practically out of debt. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. T. D. Ridley; new vice-presidents, Hon. G. E. Lascelles, Mr. C. D. Mackenzie, Dr. Lennard, and Mr. J. Lambert; captain, Mr. A. O. Cochrane; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. M. Meek; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Kyle. Committee:—Messrs. S. Cradock, R. F. Helm, T. W. Ridley, A. Mackinlay, T. Davison, and W. Smurthwaite.

Mr. F. J. March, a rising player, has presented a silver putter as a prize, to be played for by holes, from scratch, during the year; and a few of the leading members, headed by one of the new vice-presidents (Mr. Lambert), have subscribed for a scratch medal, by strokes, in hopes that it will become an annual prize, to carry with it the Club Championship.

On Friday the final for the president's prize was played, when eleven of the twelve who qualified competed. The ground was thickly covered with hoar-frost, and red balls had to be used. Mr. R. T. Robson won by 4 up. Messrs. W. Young and C. D. Mackenzie tied for second place, 2 down.

THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF MUSSELBURGH COURSE.—A special meeting of Musselburgh Town Council was held on the 10th, —Provost Keir presiding—to receive the report of the Links Extension Committee. Treasurer Simpson, convener of the sub-committee entrusted with the inquiries into the extension over the Pinkie Mains Farm, submitted his report. He stated that Sir William Hope would let the fifty-six acres at £9 per acre for twenty-one years. Mr. Brown, the tenant of the ground, was prepared to part with it on compensation of £8 per acre for forty-eight acres, where the manure was unexhausted, and £4 for the remaining eight acres. He also demanded £3 5s. per acre per annum during the remaining thirteen years of his lease. The annual capital outlay for the first thirteen years would be £720, and for the remaining eight £536. It would be two years before Golf could be played on the ground, a portion of which, it was the opinion of the farmer, would never make a good green. Treasurer White moved, seconded by Bailie Grosset, that the scheme be abandoned. This was agreed to unanimously. Councillor Henderson, as convener of the sub-committee entrusted with the inquiry into the extension westward over Goose Green, Downie's Park, and Fisherrow, stated that the expense was set at £3,300. The outlay for the first year was set at £415 10s., which should gradually be reduced. The estimated income from Golf tickets was computed to be £550. Councillor Kelt, convener of the seaward extensions sub-committee, set the cost of reclaiming 110 acres from the sea, between Fisherrow harbour and West Pans, with construction of bridge and other expenses, at £7,000. None of the schemes found favour, and the committee was asked to make further inquiry with a view to getting an eighteen-hole course from town's land.

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SEPOY LINES GOLF CLUB (SINGAPORE).

The monthly medal handicap was played off on Nov. 24th, with the result that His Excellency, the Governor, came out winner with a net total of 78. In spite of the shower, the greens were in very good order. The following is a list of those who returned their scores:—Sir C. Mitchell, 98, less 20=78; Dr. Hoad, 105, less 18=87; Mr. C. Severn, 111, less 22=89; Mr. A. P. Talbot, 117, less 28=89; Mr. J. K. Birch, 96, less 6=90; Major Moyan, 104, less 12=92; Mr. D. W. Lovell, 115, less 20=95; Dr. Croucher, 112, less 16=96; Mr. F. S. B. Gaffney, 122, less 16=106.

SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

The club prize competition was played off on Saturday, November 24th, under favourable conditions. Mr. Stiven won with a score of 86, being 2 strokes in excess of the record; his rounds were 45 and 41; Mr. J. H. D. Jones, was second with a net score of 87, having a handicap of 14. A prize for the lowest net score of one round was won by Mr. J. B. Robertson with 40:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Hcp. scr.	Net.
Mr. A. W. Stiven ...	45	41		86
Mr. J. H. D. Jones ...	49	56	18	87
Mr. J. F. Gowans ...	49	53	14	88
Mr. H. Fort ...	60	60	30	90
Mr. C. Stringer ...	55	49	14	90
Dr. Fowlie ...	48	42	scr.	90
Mr. P. A. Gillespie ...	51	47	8	90
Mr. J. B. Robertson ...	48	40	+2	90
Mr. P. P. Langdon, R.A. ...	49	48	6	91
Mr. A. Mackay ...	50	48	5	93
Dr. Mugliston ...	54	44	5	93
Mr. H. W. Crighton ...	50	52	8	94
Mr. Jas. Ronald ...	54	57	12	99
Mr. J. H. Drysdale ...	56	56	12	100
Mr. T. E. Earle ...	58	54	9	103
Mr. P. Zimmer ...	67	66	24	109

On Saturday evening, the members held their first annual dinner. Some sixty or seventy members of the club sat down at 8 o'clock, Mr. MacRitchie, the president, in the chair. The band of the regiment played throughout the dinner and afterwards, "Haggis" figured in the menu card.

In proposing "The Royal and Ancient game," Mr. MacRitchie referred briefly to the history of Golf, to the various preliminary attempts that had been made in Singapore to start the game of Golf, and to the meeting, held at the instance of Mr. (now Sir) John Goldney in January 1891, when it was agreed to make the preliminary arrangements for introducing the game. Mr. MacRitchie noted that, during the period between January and June, of 1891, the preliminary arrangements for the establishment of a Golf Club were successfully carried out, with the assent and the assistance of the Singapore Sporting Club, and that, on the 14th June, 1891, the club was formally inaugurated, Mr. Goldney driving the first ball. At that time, there were sixty-six members. By the end of the year, the number had increased to ninety-two, and, afterwards, the pressure of new members became so great that it was decided to fix a limit of one hundred and fifty, which was very shortly reached. The first president was Mr. Goldney, and he was followed by the late Sir Edward Bovill. The Golf Club had received great assistance from the Sporting Club, which provided, among other things, the money to build the present very convenient club-pavilion. He also noted the very great services that had been rendered to the club by the Honorary Secretary Mr. MacLaren, and the fact that the pavilion had been designed and built under the superintendence of Mr. MacLaren. Mr. Stiven, who had been for some time the champion of the club, and who had made some of their record rounds, learned to play Golf in Singapore. Reference was also made to the very creditable manner in which the club had been represented last year at the Calcutta Golf Tournament, and to Mr. Robertson's achievements there. The Chairman read a telegram from the Golf Club at Malacca congratulating the Singapore Golf Club upon the occasion of their dinner. He also noted that the very flourishing and successful Sepoy Lines Golf Club might in a manner be considered an offspring of the Singapore Golf Club; and he had pleasure in stating that, on that very day, the monthly medal of the Sepoy Lines Golf Club had been won by His Excellency the Governor, who was a regular and habitual player. He coupled the toast of the "Singapore Golf Club" with the toast of the "Sepoy Lines Golf Club," and he would ask Dr. Hoad to reply.

Dr. Hoad replied briefly, mentioning that the Sepoy Lines Golf Club had its origin in the fact that Mr. Merewether and he had laid out a very small course there, chiefly in order that they might have

opportunities for practising at their own doors. From that small beginning, the now successful Sepoy Lines Club had grown.

Mr. Stringer then proposed the health of Mr. MacRitchie, the president of the Singapore Golf Club, a toast which was drunk with Highland honours.

During the interval between the speeches, Dr. Fowlie sang "The Braes o' Yarrow." Mr. Greig sang a song, specially composed by himself for the occasion and entitled "The Singapore Golf Club;" and Mr. Grant sang "A wee drappie o't." The following was Mr. Greig's song:—

THE SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

Tune.—The March of the Cameron Men.

There's many a game we can readily name,
That our Youth and our Manhood contested,
Though as years o'er our head, so swiftly have sped,
We abandoned—though aye we protested.
But we cling to our Golf Clubs so kindly—kindly,
And briskly we step o'er the Green,
For the Golfer in youth is a Golfer for aye,
See how briskly he skips o'er the Green.

To this tropical shore of our Fair Singapore,
We've transplanted the Royal Old Game,
See the Lads how they drive, and the Maids how they putt,
And the Matrons e'en struggle for Fame!
For they cling to their Golf clubs so kindly—kindly,
And briskly they step o'er the Green,
For a Golfer in youth is a Golfer for aye,
See how briskly he skips o'er the Green.

There are heroes of Fife—they are heroes to us—
But we've Robertson, Greig, and Mackay,
And we've Stiven and Hinde—and lots more behind—
So the game will not readily die.
While we cling to our Golf Clubs so kindly—kindly,
And briskly we step o'er the Green,
For a Golfer in youth is a Golfer for aye,
See how briskly he skips o'er the Green.

So let us still seek to be deft wi' the Cleek,
Send the ball Far and Sure on the wing,
If we aye play the game, we'll get health, wit, and fame,
While we've strength left to lustily sing—
We'll cling to our Golf Clubs so kindly—kindly,
And briskly we'll step o'er the Green,
For a Golfer in youth is a Golfer for aye,
See how briskly he skips o'er the Green.

ENCORE VERSE.

Now we must drink a toast to our prominent men.
As MacRitchie, MacLaren, and more.
But whoever they are you must vera weel ken,
Its Guid Gowffers we want to the fore.
We'll cling to our Golf Clubs so kindly—kindly,
And briskly we'll step o'er the Green,
For a Golfer in youth is a Golfer for aye,
See how briskly he skips o'er the Green.

The company left the table about 10.30, and the remainder of the evening, until a late hour, was spent in song and harmony.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

The prize kindly presented by Messrs. Manton & Co., the club's agents, which takes the form of a very handsome silver inkstand mounted on silver Golf balls, along with a pair of pretty silver candlesticks to match, was competed for at Dum-Dum on December 1st, and resulted in Mr. F. H. E. Lamb winning with a finely played scratch score of 93. The Dum-Dum links has undergone several improvements since last season, notably in the nullahs, which are now much fairer hazards, but outside the line of play the ground is still very rough, and this, no doubt, in a measure, accounted for so many good players breaking down. The sand bunkers have been very considerably enlarged, and with an abundant supply of sand in them, now constitute formidable hazards which are by no means to be despised. The following are the best scores handed in:—Mr. F. H. E. Lamb (scratch), 93; Lieut. S. Lethbridge, 100, less 4=96; Dr. D. M. Moir, 108, less 12=96; Mr. H. Callaway, 108, less 11=97; Mr. J. G. Buchanan, 106, less 3=103; Mr. R. D. Murray (scratch), 108; Mr. J. E. Cubitt, 116, less 8=108; Capt. W. W. Cookson, 122, less 14=108; Mr. Thos. Drimmie, 113, less 3=110; Mr. W. M. Yule, 119, less 9=110; Mr. D. Pym, 114, less 3=111.



ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the 5th inst., and won by the captain, Mr. A. F. Stewart. Scores as under:—Mr. A. F. Stewart, 101, less 9=92; Mr. W. F. Gorton, 104, less 5=99; Mr. J. V. Thompson, 117, less 12=105. No returns from Messrs. C. E. Salmon, C. G. Salmon, Herbert Cowell, and Mr. F. D. Bright.

BROMLEY AND BICKLEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, January 5th:—Mr. F. Schooling, 125, less 24=101; Mr. A. S. Gedge, 132, less 30=102; Mr. J. B. Batchelor, 127, less 25=102.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The Cronin handicap medal was played for over the eighteen-hole course on Thursday, 3rd January. Detailed scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
* Mr. E. L. Arnold	102	10 92	Mr. S. Wallis Adams	109	4 105
* Mr. C. E. Last	106	14 92	Mr. S. H. Wells	121	16 105
Mr. W. S. De Mattos	95	+3 98	Mr. J. W. Pace	117	11 106
Rev. R. Lovett	123	25 98	Dr. G. S. Woodhead	118	10 108
Mr. T. C. Last	102	2 103			

* On playing off the tie, Mr. Arnold won the medal.

COUNTY DOWN LADIES v. ROYAL BELFAST LADIES.

This match, which was played at Newcastle on Monday, January 7th, resulted in a victory for the Royal Belfast Ladies' Golf Club by 4 holes. The play was not brilliant, which may be attributed to the course being covered with snow, and the greens very difficult to putt over. The most closely contested match was that between Miss Mulligan (Irish Ladies' Champion) and Miss N. Graham, the former winning by 1 hole. The visitors were entertained to luncheon by the County Down Ladies' Club, and left by the 4.30 train. The following are the details:—

ROYAL BELFAST LADIES.		COUNTY DOWN LADIES.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Mulligan	1	Miss N. Graham	0
Miss Garratt	4	Miss G. Graham	0
Mrs. G. Shaw	0	Mrs. G. H. Clarke	6
Miss MacLaine	0	Miss Magill	5
Miss A. Garratt	0	Miss M. Zerell	3
Mrs. G. S. Clarke	3	Miss L. Brush	0
Miss E. Gregg	4	Miss Tyrrell	0
Miss Knox	0	Miss M'Causland	3
Miss A. Gregg	9	Miss F. Carr	0
	21		17

COUNTY DOWN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A competition took place at Newcastle on Tuesday, January 8th, for two very handsome prizes, presented by Mr. G. L. MacLaine, Wandsworth House, Strandtown. It is very much to be regretted that so few entered, considering the prizes were so valuable, but the weather was so unfavourable as to deter all but the keenest of golfers. Those who competed were rewarded with a good day's sport, notwithstanding that the links were thickly covered with snow. After the competition, Mr. MacLaine entertained the competitors and their friends to a sumptuous entertainment in the ladies' club-house, at the conclusion of which a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. MacLaine for their kindness. Owing to the light failing, the final between Miss Tyrrell and Miss L. Brush had to be postponed. The following are the details:—

First round.—Miss Magill (scratch) beat Mrs. Crawley (7), absent; Miss M. Tyrrell (2) beat Mrs. M'Geagh (6), absent; Miss L. Bush (5) beat Miss A. De Wind (5) by 1 up, after two ties; Miss Tyrrell (5) beat Miss Carson (4) by 1 up; Miss L. De Wind (6) beat Miss Burden (7) by 3 up and 2 to play; Miss M'Causland (5) beat Miss F. De Wind (4) by 5 up and 4 to play; Miss Garrett (scratch) a bye; Mrs. Hodges (7) a bye.

Second round.—Miss Garrett, absent; Mrs. Hodges, absent; Miss M. Tyrrell beat Miss Magill by 1 up after a tie; Miss L. Brush beat Miss Tyrrell by 1 up after a tie; Miss M'Causland beat Miss L. De Wind by 2 up.

Semi-final.—Miss M. Tyrrell a bye; Miss L. Brush beat Miss M'Causland by 5 up and 4 to play.

DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly competition for the Trollope gold medal and the monthly medal took place on Saturday last, under the most unfavourable conditions, the links being covered with snow, the greens frost-bound, and a biting easterly wind blowing; and there is little wonder that so few players turned out. Mr. L. A. Guilmant qualified to play in the final competition for the Trollope gold medal, and Mr. Hugo Burton secured the monthly medal (Second Division).

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. L. A. Guilmant	100	15 85	Mr. J. Sayers	119	15 104
Mr. J. N. Nutt	107	9 98	Mr. T. C. Jeffery	110	3 107
Mr. J. Wells	113	15 98	Mr. G. M. Coulson	123	14 109
Mr. H. Burton	119	18 101			

No returns from Messrs. B. D. Aspdin, W. Holloway, L. Archbutt, and H. Secretary.

The silver medal presented by the club for the best record in inter-club matches during the year 1894 has been won by Mr. L. A. Guilmant.

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT GOLF CLUB.

Since the early part of November, the members have been engaged in playing off the rounds in the competition for the cup presented by the captain of the club, Mr. T. L. Chadwick. There were thirty-one entries, so that there was only one bye necessary in the first round to reduce the number of players to sixteen. The solitary bye was drawn by Mr. E. B. Wilson, of Mirfield, and Saturday, November 10th, saw the first round completed, and the second, reducing the number to eight, was played off by December 1st. The most notable feature of the third round, played December 8th, was the somewhat unexpected defeat of Mr. Wilson by Mr. T. G. Beaumont, after a round so close that one extra hole had to be played. Dr. Edwin Lee beat Mr. Wigram, who had to concede him ten strokes, by 4 up and 3 to play. Mr. Calvert got the better of his adversary, and Mr. B. Woodhead, giving eight strokes, beat Captain Despard by 1 hole only. Mr. Woodhead was 4 up and 5 to play, but Captain Despard, taking advantage of both his strokes, played up so well that he won 3 holes and halved one, leaving Mr. Woodhead dormy one. The Chief Constable played the last hole so steadily that it was halved. Mr. Woodhead broke his driver at the twelfth hole, so was slightly handicapped. The semi-final came off on the following Saturday, when Dr. Lee (25) beat Mr. Calvert (25), by 8 up and 7 to play; Dr. Lee played a characteristically steady game, but Mr. Calvert was out of form, and did not do himself justice. Mr. Woodhead (14), met Mr. Beaumont (14) and going round in 90, was 5 up and 3 to play.

The final between Dr. Lee and Mr. Woodhead was a closely contested match. The round should have been played on the Saturday before Christmas, but the terrible gale which blew all the morning had not settled enough for anything like accurate Golf, and play was postponed till the Thursday in Christmas week. A very even game was played, and when, at the seventeenth hole, the Doctor had taken the last of his eight strokes, the players were equal. Flaying for the eighteenth, Mr. Woodhead had the best of the exchange for a time, but trying to carry the bunker with his brassy, was left near the wall, and had to play the odd over. A good approach recovered him most of his advantage, but the Doctor laid himself near the hole with his approach, whilst his opponent overran the hole with a bold stroke intended to steal it, and as the Doctor holed his putt, Mr. Woodhead had a very nasty yard putt over difficult ground to save the match. Fortune favoured him, and, as the match was halved, it was agreed to play the whole course over on the following Tuesday, instead of letting the possession of the cup depend on a single hole. In the meantime the frost made the greens as hard as iron, but it was never-theless decided to play off the tie. Mr. Woodhead, won an extraordinarily tough, but very pleasant match by 1 hole.

The last Saturday of the Old Year, saw the links busy with an important fixture, the competition for the yearly medal amongst the players who had won the monthly competitions, or come second where the winner had been previously successful. Dr. E. Lee won the medal with a net score of 91.—Dr. Lee, 116, less 25=91; Mr. Woodhead, 105, less 14=92; Mr. Wigram, 105, less 12=93.

EAST SHEEN GOLF CLUB.

January "Bogey" competition.—The 10th being a bitterly cold day, the ground covered with frozen snow, there were not many ladies playing, and only three sent in their cards:—Miss E. Rawstorne (9), all even; Miss E. Willis (9), 2 down; Miss A. Rawstorne (15), 4 down.

Medal competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Lady Florence Hay	70	20 50	Miss Sinclair	65	9 56
Miss Cecil L. Penrhyn	60	9 51	Miss H. Cholmeley	76	17 59
Miss Enid Willis	64	12 52	Miss T. Onslow	79	18 61
			Miss A. Cholmeley	74	10 64

No returns from Miss Rawstorne, Miss E. Rawstorne, and Miss Leigh Clare.

The scent-bottle for the best scratch score was won by Miss Cecil L. Penrhyn.

ENFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap, January 12th:—Mr. Arthur W. Hutt, 107, less 18=89 (winner); Mr. Beazley, 114, less 18=96; Mr. H. Bourne, 116, less 18=98; Mr. Ernest Hunter, 126, less 26=100; Mr. F. Porter, 134, less 30=104. All other returns over 105 net.

FORFARSHIRE.

The series of weekly competitions at Arbroath, for prizes presented by the captain of the club, Mr. A. D. Lowson, and Mr. David Greig, was brought to a close last week. Owing to the snow storm several of the players were prevented from getting a third score, and thus debarring them from the prize-list, the conditions being that every competitor must return at least three scores of the first twelve holes of the course. On the cards being gone over, it was found that the result was as follows:—1, Mr. Arthur Coutts, 2 below; 2 and 3, Messrs. John Cobb and Robert Guthrie, each 3 above; 4, 5, 6, and 7, Messrs. A. M. Carrie, A. Batchelor, James Smith, and W. A. Douglas, each 7 above.

GOLF AT TRINIDAD.

The St. Andrews Golf Club, Trinidad, Port of Spain, closed their season on Saturday, December 15th. It was a splendid day for the twelfth and final competition for the gold medal presented by the late vice-president, Mr. Wm. Mitchell Murray. In addition to this the club presented a number of prizes of clubs and balls for general competition, it being the last Saturday of the year when a fair field was likely to turn out. The ground was in pretty good condition; but the long grass (which has to be encountered at this season of the year) spoilt many a grand approach stroke, with the result that the handicapped men had the best of the game.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. J. Hamlyn...	59	7 52	Mr. D. Munro	78	12 66
Mr. J. K. Murray	54	scr. 54	Mr. J. S. Campbell	85	18 67
Mr. J. W. Norman	62	6 56	Bishop Hayes	70	2 68
Mr. Robt. Henderson	59	scr. 59	Mr. J. T. Taylor	79	9 70
Mr. J. T. Rousseau	68	7 61	Mr. J. Barclay	93	18 75
Mr. J. H. Hart	73	12 61	Mr. Chas. Buchanan	84	9 75
Mr. R. G. Burket	67	2 65	Mr. A. H. Wight	89	scr. 89

This competition closed the Golf season of 1894.

Considerable interest was centered on the play of Bishop Hayes and Mr. Henderson, as His Lordship was the only one who could tie with Mr. Henderson for the medal, he having won it twice while Mr. Henderson had scored three times for it, and, curiously enough, the toss for coupling the players coupled these two gentlemen. The fact that it was a struggle to tie on the one hand and to secure a special victory in four wins, on the other, evidently produced that degree of nervous tension or pressing, both of which are fatal to fine scoring. His Lordship's score came out a very long way above his usual figures. Mr. Henderson having won the medal three times during the year against His Lordship and Mr. Hamlyn's two wins, and one each to Messrs. Russell Murray, Buchanan, J. Wilson ter. R. G. Bushe, and J. Norman, the medal is thus gained by him, and was presented to Mr. Henderson on the opening day of this season, January 5th, 1895.

HUNSTANTON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal.—Played on Monday, January 7th, in fine weather. Dr. B. G. Sumpter, 111, less 25=86; Mr. C. A. Gregson, 102, less 12=90; Mr. E. Dawbarn, 122, less 26=96; Rev. H. D. Barrett, 110, less 10=100. No returns from four others.

HYÈRES GOLF CLUB.

On the 12th inst. the weekly handicap was played, the day was perfect, and the green played well all through, some good scores being made. Visitors were much interested in the game, and,

amongst others, we noticed the Prince de Rohan, an ardent golfer who had just joined the club. Hyères promises to become a golfing centre. The following are the scores, no returns being sent in above 100 net:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Capt. Slazenger	104	24 80	Mr. R. Peel	113	24 89
Mr. R. Fogg	98	16 82	Mr. J. Roberts	100	10 90
Mr. Peel	101	16 85	Mr. H. Fergusson	108	18 90
Mr. G. R. Corbett	109	24 85	Mr. F. J. Patton	94	scr. 94
Mr. T. W. Barron	99	12 87	Rev. H. Bellasis	115	16 99

LEICESTER GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Thursday and Saturday, January 3rd and 5th, and was won by Mr. A. Lorrimer. A large number of members competed, but the frost, coming upon the top of a thaw, rendered the ground exceedingly difficult for play. The best scores returned were the following:—Mr. A. Lorrimer, 99, less 9=90; Mr. H. S. Elliott, 117, less 21=96; Mr. B. W. Russell, 118, less 18=100; Mr. J. A. Corah, 117, less 15=102; Mr. C. J. Billson, 125, less 20=105.

MID-SURREY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, played on January 8th. Day bright and fine; greens hard from frost:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Miss E. K. Sykes	128	36 92	Mrs. E. Britten-Holmes	138	36 102
Miss A. Roberts	108	9 99	Mrs. Craven	118	11 107
Miss F. Ravenshaw	112	13 99	Mrs. Taunton-Collins	123	16 107
Miss Roberts	127	28 99	Mrs. Marston	138	27 118
Miss Millwood	136	36 100	Miss F. H. Emmett	147	36 111

* Winner of medal.

MORETON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The fourth monthly competition (eighteen holes) was held on the links of the Moreton Ladies' Golf Club on Wednesday, January 9th. Eleven members entered, and the result was as follows:—Miss B. J. Laird, 113, less 21=92; Miss Dod, scratch, 93; Mrs. A. Whitworth, 116, less 20=96; Miss E. M. Smyth, 117, less 19=98. Four competitors sent in no return, and three were over 100 net.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the challenge cup and memento presented by the Rev. T. J. Filmer Bennett, for the best aggregate of three scores against "Bogey," was brought to a conclusion last month, when the winner proved to be Mr. Horace White, with 4 down, the next best returns being Sir W. Russell, 11 down, and Mr. G. A. Williams, 12 down. The donor of the prizes entertained all those whose names appeared on the entry list at dinner at the club-house on Thursday evening, the 10th, when twenty-one guests sat down to a first-rate dinner, and, under the presidency of their genial and kindly host, spent a most enjoyable evening, which proved an unqualified success from start to finish.

Monthly handicap medal, Saturday, January 12th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Arthur Pearson	99	16 83	Mr. Woodbine-Parish	111	18 93
Mr. W. E. Beak	97	12 85	Mr. H. F. Burke	118	24 94
Mr. H. R. Troup	101	15 86	Mr. F. Keen	104	9 95
Mr. R. Leigh	103	16 87	Mr. J.C.M. Thomson	115	20 95
Mr. J. G. Wylie	94	5 89	Mr. A. Waddy	104	8 96
Mr. T. J. Filmer-Bennett	100	11 89	Mr. L. E. G. Abney	106	10 96
Mr. W. Wincott	114	24 90	Mr. M. Cleote	111	14 97
Sir H. Berge	107	16 91	Mr. A. Craven	115	16 99
Mr. A. E. Bateman	112	20 92	Sir T. V. Lister	119	20 99

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' monthly medal competition of this club took place on January 7th. Miss Haynes, 132, less 30=102; Miss Mainwaring, 109, less 7=102; Miss M. Pennant, 102, plus 2=104; Mrs. Miller, 149, less 40=109; Mrs. Hewitt, 153, less 20=133.

The tie in the ladies' monthly handicap on 7th inst., was played off on the 9th with the following result:—Miss Haynes, 127, less 30=97; Miss Mainwaring, 109, less 7=102.

ROYAL COUNTY GOLF CLUB, PORTRUSH.

As might have been expected, the weather proved a serious impediment to the success of the New Year meeting of this club, which commenced on December 31st. For the foursome competition on that

day there were less than thirty entries, and when the first foursomes were started at half-past eleven a stiff northerly breeze was blowing, and the links were thinly sprinkled with the snow which had fallen in the early morning. By one o'clock the snow had quite disappeared, but in the afternoon the breeze increased in force, and the air was intensely cold. The competition concluded about four o'clock, when Messrs. James Dickson (Dungannon) and J. Massey (Portrush) beat Messrs. C. I. Webb and J. Heath by 3 up and 2 to play. The following are the heats:—

First round.—Messrs. T. Dickson and J. Atkinson (4) beat Capt. Ross and Mr. J. S. Moore, jun. (3); Messrs. George Combe and A. D. Gausson (2), a bye; Mr. G. M. Shaw and Dr. Creery (3) beat Messrs. James Patrick and J. S. Moore (6); Messrs. C. W. Webb and R. K. Hezlet (5), a bye; Messrs. J. S. Exham and H. E. Reid (5) beat Messrs. H. Adair and F. Hilton (5); Messrs. James Dickson and J. Massey (5), beat Capt. Stewart and Capt. Hefferman (5).

Second round.—Messrs. J. Heath and C. J. Webb (4) beat Mr. J. F. Carter and Dr. Carson (7); Messrs. George Combe and Gausson beat Messrs. Atkinson and T. Dickson; Messrs. C. W. Webb and R. K. Hezlet beat Mr. Shaw and Dr. Creery; Messrs. James Dickson and Massey beat Messrs. Exham and Read.

Third round.—Messrs. Heath and J. Webb beat Messrs. Coombe and Gausson; Messrs. J. Dickson and Massey beat Messrs. C. W. Webb and R. K. Hezlet.

Final.—Messrs. James Dickson and Massey beat Messrs. Heath and C. J. Webb.

The M'Calmont Cup.—On New Year's Day the weather had vastly improved, a comparatively clear sky and light, dry breeze superseding the strong wind and hail showers of the previous day, and in consequence there was a large muster of competitors for the M'Calmont cup, though the event was confined to members of the Royal County Club. The competition was in heats and by holes under handicap, and there were forty entries. In the semi-final, Mr. J. Heath, getting 1 stroke, beat Mr. G. M. Shaw, while Mr. C. W. Webb, giving 1 stroke, beat Mr. James Dickson. The final was played on January 2nd, when a round of eighteen holes was played, and Mr. Heath beat his opponent by 4 up and 3 to play. Details of the play are as follows:—

First round.—Mr. W. H. Webb (scratch) beat Mr. A. D. Gausson (3); Mr. R. Lloyd (3) beat Mr. R. King (7); Dr. Creery (5) beat Mr. T. Dickson (1); Mr. J. R. M'Donald (3) beat Mr. J. Atkinson (7); Mr. James Usher (6), a bye; Mr. C. W. Webb (4) beat Mr. J. A. Patrick (5); Mr. Hugh Adair (3) beat Mr. F. Hilton (7); Mr. F. Hoey (6) beat Mr. H. Dodd (6).

Second round:—Mr. R. K. Hezlet (7) beat Mr. F. R. Webb (7); Mr. J. Heath (2) beat Captain Stewart (2); Captain Ross (3) beat Mr. J. S. Moore (7); Dr. Carson (6) beat Captain Hefferman (8); Dr. Traill (2) beat Mr. C. J. Webb (6); Mr. L. F. Carter (7) beat Mr. F. Cumming (4); Mr. G. M. Shaw (1), a bye; Mr. George Combe (1) beat Mr. J. Massey (5); Mr. J. Patrick (4) beat Mr. N. C. Patrick (8); Mr. James Dickson (5), a bye; Mr. G. S. Clark (3), a bye; Mr. J. S. Moore, jun. (3), a bye; Mr. W. H. Webb beat Mr. Lloyd; Dr. Creery beat Mr. M'Donald; Mr. Hoey beat Mr. Adair; Mr. C. W. Webb beat Mr. Usher.

Third round:—Mr. Heath beat Mr. Hezlet; Captain Ross beat Dr. Carson; Mr. Carter beat Dr. Traill; Mr. Shaw beat Mr. Combe; Mr. James Dickson beat Mr. John Patrick; Mr. G. Clark beat Mr. J. S. Moore, jun.; Dr. Creery beat Mr. W. H. Webb; Mr. C. W. Webb beat Mr. Hoey.

Fourth round:—Mr. Heath beat Captain Ross; Mr. Shaw beat Mr. Carter; Mr. James Dickson beat Mr. Clark; Mr. C. W. Webb beat Dr. Creery.

Semi-final:—Mr. Heath beat Mr. Shaw; Mr. C. W. Webb beat Mr. James Dickson.

Final:—Mr. Heath beat Mr. C. W. Webb.

Stroke competition:—Wet and boisterous weather again marred the success of the meeting on January 2nd, when the competition was an open one by strokes, for first and second prizes, presented by the club. The best net score was returned by Mr. F. W. Hoey, Belfast, and the second best by Mr. H. Dodd, Dublin, to whom the prizes were accordingly awarded. Mr. E. H. Buckland, a member of the Westward Ho! Club, made the lowest gross score of the day. The net scores under the hundred were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross.Hcp. Net		
Mr. F. W. Hoey ...	96	18 78	Mr. J. S. Moore, jun	104	10 94
Mr. H. Dodd ...	101	19 82	Dr. Creery ...	110	16 94
Mr. J. Stevenson ...	102	17 85	Mr. C. J. Webb ...	112	18 94
Mr. E. H. Buckland	87	scr. 87	Mr. James Dickson	110	16 94
Mr. G. S. Clark ...	97	10 87	Dr. Traill ...	101	7 94
Mr. J. Heath ...	95	6 89	Mr. A. B. Stuart ...	106	12 94
Mr. J. A. Patrick ...	106	16 90	Captain Ross ...	104	10 94
Mr. F. Cumming ...	105	14 91	Mr. F. R. Webb ...	117	20 97
Mr. H. Adair ...	103	10 93	Mr. John Patrick ...	110	12 98

Mixed Foursomes.—Ladies' and gentlemen's foursomes were held on the ladies' course on January 3rd, for an elegant prize, kindly presented to the ladies branch by Mr. R. A. Taylor, J.P., Ballysally, Coleraine, one of the members of the council of the Royal County Golf Club. A much-welcomed improvement in the weather had set in, rendering play greatly more enjoyable than on any previous day of the meeting. The entries numbered about sixty. Darkness was setting in when the competition terminated by Miss Campbell and Mr. J. S. Exham winning the final round from Mrs. Hezlet and Master Hezlet by 3 up and 1 to play, the former pair receiving a stroke from the latter.

First Round.—Mrs. Russell and Mr. S. Wilson, jun. (4) beat Mrs. Turner and Mr. J. S. Moore (6); Miss Cox and Col. Alison (2) beat Miss C. Adair and Mr. H. Adair (3); Mrs. Hezlet and Mr. R. K. Hezlet (5) beat Miss R. Adair and Mr. Stuart Kelly (5); Miss Hezlet and Mr. James Young (3) beat Miss Dodd and Mr. H. Dodd (6); Miss M. Hezlet and Mr. J. S. Moore, jun. (4) beat Miss G. Brownrigg and Mr. Platt Higgins (5); Miss Campbell and Mr. J. S. Exham (6) beat Miss F. M'Clintock and Mr. F. R. Webb (5); Miss M. Grimshaw and Mr. O. Grimshaw (8) beat Miss Fleming and Dr. Fleming (6); Mrs. Exham and Dr. Carson (5) beat Miss Brooks and Master C. Magill (7); Miss K. Brownrigg and Mr. R. Lloyd (4) beat Miss R. C. Macaulay and Capt. Ross (5); Miss M'Clintock and Mr. W. H. Webb (2), a bye; Miss N. Adair and Mr. J. Atkinson (6) beat Miss M'Eachern and Sergeant Dodd (5); Miss Campbell and the Rev. E. F. Campbell (8) beat Miss E. Young and W. Young (9); Mrs. Mann and Major Ormsby (6) beat Miss Pannell and Mr. A. Carter (7).

Second Round.—Miss M. Massey and Mr. J. Massey (6) beat Miss Exham and Mr. C. Webb (5); Mrs. Russell and Mr. Wilson beat Miss Merrick and Mr. J. Stevenson (5); Mrs. Hezlet and Mr. Hezlet beat Miss Cox and Col. Alison; Miss M. Hezlet and Mr. J. S. Moore, jun., beat Miss Hezlet and Mr. J. Young; Miss Campbell and Mr. Exham beat Miss Grimshaw and Mr. Grimshaw; Mrs. Exham and Dr. Carson beat Miss K. Brownrigg and Mr. Lloyd; Miss N. Adair and Mr. Atkinson beat Miss M. M'Clintock and Mr. W. H. Webb; Miss Mann and Major Ormsby beat Miss Campbell and Mr. Campbell.

Third Round.—Miss Massey and Mr. Massey beat Mrs. Russell and Mr. Wilson; Mrs. Hezlet and Mr. R. K. Hezlet beat Miss M. Hezlet and Mr. Moore, jun.; Miss Campbell and Mr. Exham beat Mrs. Exham and Dr. Carson; Miss N. Adair and Mr. Atkinson beat Mrs. Mann and Major Ormsby.

Semi-Final.—Mrs. Hezlet and Mr. Hezlet beat Miss Massey and Mr. Massey; Miss Campbell and Mr. Exham beat Miss N. Adair and Mr. Atkinson.

Final.—Miss Campbell and Mr. Exham beat Mrs. Hezlet and Mr. R. Hezlet.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, and prize presented by Mr. H. Gillon, played on January 8th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. J. Low ...	110 scr. 110	Mr. R. Whyte ...	128 2 126
Mr. E. C. Fraser ...	121 6 115	Mr. G. F. Sanders ...	140 14 126
Mr. G. O. Jacob ...	136 21 115	Col. Staples ...	143 17 126
Mr. G. Spurling ...	135 13 122	Mr. W. H. M.	
Mr. F. J. Lawrence	143 21 122	Christie ...	151 25 126
Mr. A. H. Baker ...	144 22 122	Mr. R. Winch ...	143 16 127
Col. Harman ...	145 23 122	Mr. G. W. Smyth ...	152 24 128
Mr. J. Sawyer ...	132 9 123	Mr. C. Johnson ...	153 25 128
Mr. W. Morris ...	137 14 123	Mr. A. Sales ...	154 25 129
Capt. Gillon ...	127 3 124	Mr. R. S. Sheffield	157 28 129
Mr. W. E. Hughes	132 8 124	Mr. E. Pinkerton ...	141 11 130
Mr. H. Burton ...	139 15 124	Mr. C. B. Lindsay	149 17 132
Mr. C. M. Baker ...	147 22 125	Major Sill ...	160 28 132
Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	122 +4 126		

* Winner of monthly medal and Mr. H. Gillon's silver cigarette case.

No returns.—Messrs. E. W. Sampson, W. R. M. Glasier, C. Chittick, T. B. Lightfoot, and J. G. Gibson.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The winter meeting of this club was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 8th and 9th. There were about thirty competitors, but the golfers were greatly handicapped by the frozen state of the ground. On Tuesday Miss M. C. Reid won the prize presented by the club for the best score made by the monthly medallists of 1894. Miss M. Lambert took the monthly medal and Miss Mayo a prize presented by Mrs. Ryder Richardson for the best score against "Bogey" (1 down). On Wednesday Mrs. Ryder Richardson carried off the scratch medal, with a prize presented by the club, and also the prize given by the club for the lowest score of the day under handicap; Miss M. Lambert, won the aggregate prize presented by Miss A. Tyrwhitt Drake;

Miss Dowker the prize given by Miss A. L. T. Drake for the lowest score under handicap made over the last nine holes and Miss O. Graham the prize given by Miss M. Lambert for the lowest score under handicap made by members whose handicap was 12 and upwards.

Scores, Tuesday :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Lambert ...	90	15 75	Miss M. E. Phillips	85	1 84
Miss Lawrence ...	90	14 76	Mrs. Franks ...	90	6 84
Miss Mayo ...	101	24 77	Miss Starkie Bence	84	+2 86
Miss M. C. Reid ...	82	1 81	Miss M. Cobham ...	110	24 86
Miss O. Graham ...	93	12 81	Miss A. L. T. Drake	87	scr. 87
Mrs. Ryder Richard-son ...	84	2 82	Mrs. Pott ...	110	20 93
Miss M. Gregg ...	94	12 82	Miss Matheson ...	114	24 93
Miss J. Davenport ...	95	12 83	Miss M. Lawrence ...	101	10 91
Mrs. H. von E. Scott	95	12 83	Miss G. Mills ...	100	8 92

No returns from the remainder.

Wednesday :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Ryder-Richard-son ...	83	2 81	Miss M. Gregg ...	101	12 89
Miss Dowker ...	86	4 82	Mrs. T. S. Whitfield	102	12 90
Miss O. Graham ...	95	12 83	Miss M. C. Reid ...	91	scr. 91
Miss G. Mills ...	94	8 86	Miss Starkie-Bence	89	+2 91
Miss H. Lambert ...	101	14 87	Miss A. L. T. Drake	92	scr. 92
Miss Mayo ...	102	15 87	Miss Maclaren ...	104	11 93
Miss B. Thornhill ...	107	20 87	Miss J. Davenport ...	106	12 94
Mrs. Franks ...	94	6 88	Miss M. Lawrence ...	105	10 95
Miss M. Cobham ...	112	24 88	Mrs. Pott ...	115	20 95

No return from the remainder.

Aggregate scores :—

1st. 2nd. Total.			1st. 2nd. Total.		
Day.	Day.	Total.	Day.	Day.	Total.
Miss H. Lambert ...	75	87 162	Miss M. Cobham ...	86	88 174
Mrs. Ryder-Richard-son ...	82	81 163	Miss Starkie-Bence	86	91 177
Miss O. Graham ...	81	83 164	Miss J. Davenport ...	83	94 177
Miss Mayo ...	77	87 164	Miss G. Mills ...	92	86 178
Miss M. Gregg ...	82	89 171	Miss A. L. T. Drake	87	92 179
Mrs. Franks ...	84	88 172	Mrs. Pott ...	90	95 185
Miss M. C. Reid ...	81	91 172	Miss M. Lawrence ...	91	95 186

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.

Christmas meeting, January 4th, "Bogey" competition.—The competitions at the Christmas meeting were played amidst very stormy weather. The foursome competitions for the prizes kindly given by Mr. W. H. Leslie were postponed, on account of the links being covered with snow on Thursday; but it melted away, so that play was possible on Friday and Saturday, but few players put in an appearance. Mr. Holcombe Ingleby, 7 down; Mr. H. H. Morgan-Brown, 8 down; Rev. T. Ward, 9 down; Rev. R. Faithful, 11 down; Mr. H. T. Wright, 11 down; Mr. J. C. Morgan-Brown, 11 down; Dr. Charles Whitty, 15 down. Mr. H. Ingleby wins the club prize.

Second day, January 5th.—Rev. T. Ward, 105, less 16=90; Mr. H. T. Wright, 97, less 4=93; Rev. R. Faithful, 104, less 10=94; Col. Boughy, 109, less 13=96. Rev. T. Ward wins the club prize.

ROYSTON GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, December 27th, the second competition for the monthly medal was played :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. L. Milner Barry ...	99	10 89	Mr. G. Hicks ...	105	9 96
Mr. H. Smith ...	101	10 91	Mr. H. R. Parker ...	118	17 101
Mr. G. F. Phillips ...	101	6 95	Mr. R. F. Crossley ...	119	17 102

On Saturday, January 5th, the third competition for the captain's prize was played :—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. L. Milner Barry ...	99	10 89	Mr. H. R. Parker ...	114	17 97
Mr. W. H. Whitfield ...	107	18 89	Mr. G. F. Phillips ...	104	6 98
Mr. J. Greaves ...	111	15 96	Mr. H. E. Dixon ...	127	25 102
			Mr. F. H. Chase ...	134	27 107

On the tie being played off, Mr. E. L. Milner Barry won—97, less 10=87; Mr. W. H. Whitfield, 115, less 18=97.

On Saturday, January 12th, the third competition for the medal was played. The frost being severe and the ground very hard, only two played.—Mr. E. L. Milner Barry, 97, less 8=89. Mr. A. H. Wade made no return.

SALTBURN GOLF CLUB.

The fourth monthly medal competition was played on Saturday last, January 12th, at Saltburn. The weather was adverse to low scoring; a keen frost, and sufficient snow to necessitate the use of red balls. The following competitors returned their cards :—Mr. G. S. Hikeley, 121, less 24=97; Mr. R. T. Hughes, 127, less 24=103; Mr. T. N. Muller, 123, less 18=105.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The first "Bogey" competition, for a prize of the value of £5 5s., kindly presented by Alderman Thomas Richardson, J.P., one of the vice-presidents of the club, and for a second prize, given by the club, took place on Seaton Snook on January 9th. Ten competitions in all will be held for the above prizes, and will take place on the second Wednesday in every month, commencing in January and ending in October, and the winner will be the member who has the three best scores against the "Bogey" score, which is, comparatively speaking, a fairly easy one, being as follows :—Out, 6 5 4 4 5 6 4 5 6=45; in, 5 4 6 4 6 4 5 4 4=42; total, 87.

The weather was beautifully fine and the greens in capital order, but competitors who had the misfortune to get into the bunkers had snow instead of sand to contend against. Seventeen players took out cards, with the result that Mr. George Pyman, playing a very strong game, beat "Bogey" on level terms in both match and medal play, going round in the fine score of 85, and, with the assistance of 4 strokes handicap, ended 5 holes up. Mr. M. H. Horsley, with 12 handicap, also defeated "Bogey" by 2 holes, whilst Messrs. N. Gordon and A. B. Norton halved their matches :—Mr. G. Pyman (4), 5 up; Mr. M. H. Horsley (12), 2 up; Mr. N. Gordon (5), all even; Mr. A. B. Norton (7), all even; Mr. T. Richardson (12), 3 down; Mr. J. Robson (3), 3 down; Captain H. Doughty, 7 down. Ten other competitors made no returns.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on the links at Churchtown on Saturday. There was but a fair muster of players; a cutting easterly wind was blowing, and on account of the frozen state of the ground, scores were decidedly higher than usual. The players were arranged in two classes, the first receiving 15 strokes and under, and the second, 16 strokes and over. Mr. T. E. Flitcroft won in first class, taking also the second sweep, with a net score of 97; Mr. J. B. Southern won in second class, and took first sweep with net score of 90; Messrs. J. E. Pearson, A. Smart, and W. Pierpoint divided third sweep. The six winners in the last six monthly competitions played off in the same round, the competitors being Messrs. R. Deane, W. T. Rowley, S. A. Ashington, H. T. Scowcroft, and C. Legh, Mr. W. Eckersley being absent. Mr. H. T. Scowcroft returned the best score, 117, less 18=99, but unfortunately was disqualified for a breach of the rules, and Mr. C. Legh won with a net score of 102. Details :—

First class :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. T. E. Flitcroft	107	10 97	Mr. A. Darbyshire	113	13 100
Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	100	2 98	Mr. H. B. Barlow ...	115	13 102
Mr. A. Smart ...	104	6 98	Mr. S. A. Ashington	110	7 103
Mr. G. F. Pearson	105	5 100	Mr. W. G. Clinning	116	12 104
Mr. F. W. H. Campbell ...	109	9 100	Mr. R. O'Connell	120	13 107
Mr. T. Aitken ...	112	12 100	Mr. W. E. Buckley	118	10 108
			Mr. W. T. Rowley	114	5 109

Second class :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. B. Southern	106	16 90	Mr. C. Stewart ...	130	18 112
Mr. W. Pierpoint ...	128	30 98	Mr. J. H. Gornall	143	not hcp.
Mr. C. Legh ...	118	16 102	Mr. P. Ashworth ...	118	not hcp.
Mr. P. Davies ...	132	30 102			

No returns from Messrs. J. H. Knowles, R. H. Prestwich, A. Entwisle, J. E. Longson, W. Pownall, W. Thomson, H. Sidebottom, H. H. Perkes, J. Morrison, and J. K. Bell.

STANMORE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competitions of this club took place on Saturday, January 5th, with the following results :—Mr. F. Tiernay winner of the president's medal. Mr. O. O. Wrigley, winner of Mr. Grinling's medal.—Mr. F. Tiernay, 101, less 18=83; Mr. O. O. Wrigley, 104, less 19=85; Mr. P. W. Everett, 95, less 9=86; Mr. J. A. Begbie, (scratch), 91; Mr. J. W. Greig, 99, less 8=91; Mr. J. Law, 106, less 15=91; Mr. W. B. Dove, 101, less 8=93; Mr. F. K. Horley, 108, less 15=93.

STAINES GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition of the above club was held on January 12th, with the following result:—Mr. W. H. S. Cutler, 109, less 24=85; Mr. W. E. Townsend, 104, less 18=86; Mr. F. Barrett, 104, less 18=86; Mr. G. J. Hunter, 101, less 9=92.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The first of the series of monthly medal competitions under handicap, was played on Saturday, 5th inst. This is the first club competition played over the new course, and, taking into consideration a stormy and bitterly cold north-east wind, Mr. W. Perry's score was a most creditable performance. The following was the result:—

Ont. Home, Gross. Hcp. Net.

Mr. W. Perry	...	...	52	47	99	10	89
Mr. Geo. Gow	...	...	56	53	109	16	93
Mr. R. F. Tyacke	...	...	61	56	117	18	99
Mr. Robert Fox	...	...	70	54	124	18	106
Mr. T. Lang	...	...	70	59	129	13	116

Mr. R. Barclay Fox and Mr. A. Brown made no return.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal handicaps were played over the club course at Bushey on Saturday. Handicaps of 12 and under.—Mr. B. M. Barton, 92, less 6=86; Mr. C. A. Barton, 98, less 11=87; Mr. C. L. M. Pearson, 102, less 8=94; Mr. H. H. Tankard, 106, less 12=94; Mr. H. J. Cottam, 106, less 11=95; Mr. J. S. Crawford, 106, less 9=97.

Handicaps over 12.—Dr. J. Herbert Walker, 102, less 17=85; Mr. W. G. Barton, 112, less 19=93; Mr. C. Davis, 116, less 18=98; Mr. B. Schofield, 119, less 16=103.

WHITLEY GOLF CLUB.

On December 8th the sixth competition for the Donkin cup was played over Whitley links under the "Bogey" rules. The morning was all that could be desired for the game, being calm and mild, and no snow being visible on the green; thus the players who finished before a heavy snowstorm occurred in the afternoon had considerably the best of the argument. Mr. E. W. Taylor, a very promising player, who had the good fortune to complete his rounds before the snowstorm commenced, topped the list with 3 holes up, no one else being "in it" with the mythical "Colonel." Scores:—Mr. E. W. Taylor (8), 3 up; Mr. T. Green (12), 5 down; Mr. W. Ashworth (12), 6 down; Mr. J. S. Brown (3), 6 down; Mr. R. Howard (2), 6 down, Retired—Messrs. F. H. Burn, H. B. Herbert, E. W. Herbert, R. A. Charles, F. T. Ridley, J. Milton, P. W. Leathart, and W. B. Shaw.

EDINBURGH GOLF CLUB.—The twelfth competition for the monthly medal was held on the Braids on January 8th. Eight members turned out. Ice and snow made the course hard for driving as well as walking, and dazzling for the eyes. The following is the result:—Mr. W. Johnston, 86, plus 2=88; Dr. Keiller, 109, less 17=92; Mr. George, 89, plus 6=95; Mr. Chisholm, 114, less 19=95.

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