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1896. JANUARY.

- Jan. 10.—Bury : Monthly Medal.
Chester : Gold Medal (Fifth Competition).
- Jan. 10 & 11.—Seaford : Scratch and Monthly Medals and Prizes.
- Jan. 11.—Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Hon. Secretary's Prize (Final).
Fairhaven : President's Cup.
St. George's (Sandwich) : Monthly Medal.
North Manchester : Mr. W. Craven's Gold Medal.
Southend-on-Sea (New) : Captain's Prize.
Trafford : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Monthly Competition.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Romford : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Monthly Medal.
Moseley : Captain's Prize.
Saltburn : Monthly Medal.
Wilmslow : Fourth Winter Competition.
Saltburn : Club Medal.
Enfield : Monthly Medal.
Burnham (Somerset) : "Bogey" Competition.
Meyrick (Bournemouth) : Monthly Medal.
- Jan. 13.—Pau : Arthur Post Medal and Pendant (Scratch).
- Jan. 14.—Enfield : Ladies' Monthly Handicap.
- Jan. 15.—West Middlesex : Committee Meeting.
- Jan. 16.—Royal Epping Forest : Godwin "Bogey" Competition.
- Jan. 18.—Royal Worlington and Newmarket : Monthly Medal.
Robin Hood v. Kidderminster.
Mid-Surrey : Monthly Medals (Senior and Junior).
Ravenscliffe : Monthly Medal.
Northwood : "Bogey" Competition.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medals (First and Second Class).

- Jan. 18.—Willesden : Monthly Medal (Short Handicap).
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
West Middlesex : Monthly Medal.
King's Norton : Captain's Prize.
North-West Club (Londonderry) : Ladies' Monthly Medal.
Disley : Winter Silver Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Rochester Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
East Finchley : Monthly Medal.
Burnham (Somerset) : "Bogey" Competition.
- Jan. 19.—Disley : Schofield Prize.
- Jan. 21.—Cumbrae : Club Prize and Sweepstake.
- Jan. 25.—Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Cheadle : Fourth Winter Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup, Captain's Prize, and Monthly Medal.
Willesden : Monthly Medal (Long Handicap).
Royal Ashdown Forest : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal (First and Second Class).
Chislehurst : Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield : Monthly Competition.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Romford : Captain's Prize.
Royal North Devon : Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
Cinque Ports : Monthly Medal.
Neasden : Monthly Medal.
Alfreton : Bronze Medal.
Alfreton Ladies : Silver Spoon.
Moseley : Monthly Medal.
Glamorganshire : Monthly medal ("Bogey").
Eltham Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Annual Meeting.
Enfield : "Bogey" Competition (Kenilworth Cup).
Burnham (Somerset) : "Bogey" Competition.
- Jan. 27.—Warminster : Monthly Handicap.
Pau : Jubilee Medal (Open Handicap by Holes).
- Jan. 28.—Bowdon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Waveney Valley : Monthly Medal.
Enfield : Ladies' "Bogey" Competition (Wyndcroft Prize).
Burnham (Somerset) : Monthly Gold and Silver Medal.
- Jan. 29.—Robin Hood v. Ipsley.
Morecambe and Heysham : Captain's Prize.
- Jan. 30.—Romford Ladies : H. H. Raphael Prize.
Wellingborough : Monthly Medal.
Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
Royal Cromer : Monthly Medal.

LADIES' GOLF IN 1895.

Prophets foretold that the Golf fever among ladies would abate in two years, and some rash seers went so far as to predict the entire disappearance of the game, so far, at least, as ladies are concerned, in favour of the new athletic exercise of bicycling. These were but false prophets, however, and the latter were especially wrong in their reckonings, as bicycling has only made Golf more easy for those enthusiasts who are not within walking distance of links, and certainly the game has made rapid advances in favour among the fair sex, and more than one new ladies' Golf club has been started in 1895, while the older established clubs increased considerably this past year. Among the newer clubs whose members have improved rapidly, and whose organisation is now in excellent working order, we may particularly mention the Prince's Ladies' Golf Club at Mitcham, whose energetic secretary, Miss Grace Langley, may be most heartily congratulated on the result of her labours in 1895. Mrs. Ryder-Richardson, the winner of a bronze medal in the Championship of 1895, has worked wonders with the new ladies' club at Hoylake. From a rough, grass-grown, tussock-covered series of hillocks, she has, with the aid of her hard-working committee, arranged a most sporting little course, where the game may be learnt and enjoyed to great advantage.

Pyecombe, which was started in the latter part of 1894, has during the past year become firmly established, and though most of the members resident in the neighbourhood are new Golfers many of them show great promise, and the club has become a most popular institution.

The Ladies' Golf Union has continued its excellent work, and the Ladies' Championship contest held under its authority at Portrush in May and June last was more successful than any previous contest has yet been, as each year helps the members of the Council to meet the wishes of the competitors in all matters tending to the improvement and popularity of the competition. A great improvement was made in the preliminary arrangements for 1895, inasmuch as the much discussed and eagerly watched for "draw" was held in London, and all members of the Ladies' Golf Union were invited to attend. The numbers who availed themselves of the invitation proved the need for and popularity of the move, and the absence of any attempt to distribute the medal-winners in different quarters of the "draw" served to make matters pass off pleasantly and without discontent. The contest has been fully described in these columns, and from them has been transcribed verbatim and by special leave, into the pages of the "Ladies' Golf Annual," which indeed contains many articles of interest borrowed from GOLF, the whole being ably edited by Miss Issette Pearson.

Lady Margaret Scott once more holds the blue riband among lady golfers, and in 1895 she won her honours from no mere beginners, but was hard pressed both by Miss M. E. Phillips and Mrs. Ryder Richardson, the latter of whom was actually 4 up to the Champion at the turn. That Lady Margaret should have won for the third time in succession places her in a class which few lady golfers will ever attain to, and there is little doubt but that her style and excellence have done good work in raising the standard of ladies' Golf, and deserve some more special recognition than has yet been given.

Among the lesser events of 1895, the matches arranged by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wilson Hoare on the Lancashire Links were the most important and interesting. That Mrs. Wilson Hoare's team was successful in the majority of matches was not surprising, inasmuch as ladies' Golf has made far more progress in the South than in the North. The West Lancashire Ladies, who succeeded in beating the visitors are very strong players, and they have done good work and improved considerably during 1895.

Miss Issette Pearson, while giving her time and energy unflaggingly to the work entailed by her position in the Ladies' Golf Union, broke down from the pressure, and has not been

able to play in anything approaching her former style. We most heartily wish her more strength and better fortune in 1896.

Among lady golfers who have been steadily playing, and who have come well to the front in 1895 we must give a word of praise and congratulation to Miss Lythgoe (silver medallist), Mrs. Ryder Richardson, and Mrs. H. C. Willock (bronze medallists), Miss Pascoe, Miss Phillips, Miss Shirreff, and Miss Knight. The two last-named ladies belong to the Woking Ladies' Golf Club, whose members are fast becoming well known for their excellence.

Among those clubs who have held successful and crowded ladies' open meetings we remember some capital play at Brighton and Hove, Princes' Ladies', Pyecombe, Ashdown Forest, West Lancashire, Douglas, and Woking. In many cases there were upwards of seventy competitors from far and near, testifying to the increase of ladies' Golf in 1895. May the number of lady golfers continue to increase, to the health and pleasure of the fair sex, and to each one a hearty greeting with good wishes for a prosperous career, no bunkers, and fair winds in 1896.

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A NEW YEAR'S TOAST.

Here's a health to American golfers,
To our brothers in red o'er the sea;
And confusion the deepest to scoffers,
Wherever, or who, they may be.
Here's good luck to the game in Australia,
May their drives never swerve from the goal;
On the green may they never know failure,
But always putt straight for the hole.
He who drinks, lads,
To the links, lads,
Joins the toast that England offers
To the mighty host of golfers
Far away, lads;
Long may they, lads,
Play the game that nought surpasses;
And to them we'll think our glasses
Here to-day.

Here's to Golf on the wide-rolling prairie,
Where Canada's sons live and toil;
May their playing be cautious and wary,
And the "Colonel" be balked of his spoil.
Where the sun shines, in midday effulgence,
On poor golfers, in India's hot clime;
May their bad words find special indulgence
When it comes to the summing-up time.
He who drinks, lads,
To the links, &c.

We will drink to our red-coated brothers
Who play on South African shores;
We will wish them "Good luck!" with the others
May they never find fault with their scores.
From the West Indian Isles to Canaries,
Where'er British blood's to be seen,
With a good will that each golfer's share is,
We'll toast all and every Golf green.
He who drinks, lads, &c.

ROSE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY.

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

GOLF IN THE MIDLANDS.

Nowhere in the whole country has the cult of the flying ball taken firmer or more rapid root than in the counties embraced in what are comprehensively called the Midlands, and including Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, and Shropshire. Less than ten years ago, with the exception of Malvern (Worcestershire), the game was practically unknown throughout this wide district. Since then the Golf craze has spread like an epidemic through the land, and the face of the country has become a network of holes. In the neighbourhood of Birmingham alone there are something like thirty flourishing clubs, and in the counties enumerated above there are at least fifty clubs, most of them boasting of a large and enthusiastic membership. Herefordshire has been the last of the English counties to catch the "divine madness," but even there now a club has been formed and a nine-hole course has been laid out on the Downs at Bromyard. Fully a year ago Mr. Conway Morgan, secretary of the Stafford Club, took the lead in a movement which we believe had the countenance of the Earl of Dartmouth, to form a Midland Union of Golf Clubs on the same lines as those of the Yorkshire Union. But the proposal met with scant encouragement, and was eventually dropped.

One of Mr. Morgan's objects was the promotion of a Midland Championship meeting. Last year however such a gathering was inaugurated by the proprietors of the Birmingham *Daily Gazette*, who offered a cup for competition in addition to three medals for the best individual scores. The competition took place in September, and, curiously enough the cup was won by the Stafford representatives. There is a feeling among a few of the clubs that Spring would be a more convenient season for the competition than the autumn, and at the forthcoming meeting of the committee this subject will come up for consideration. Another illustration of the growing popularity of the game in the Midlands, is the fact that several of the clubs are becoming landlords of the ground on which their courses are situated. Some months ago Harborne Club was formed into a limited company, became their own landlords, and laid out a nine-hole course, which in course of time will take a high place among the golfing grounds of the district. Now an important development is on foot with regard to the King's Norton Club. Hitherto the club has only had an annual tenancy of the links, but as the proprietor of the land determined to sell it, a suggestion was made that the club should form a company for the purchase of the whole estate of seventy-nine acres, and extend the course to eighteen holes. A capital of £5,000 would have been required for this purpose, but the difficulty of raising this large amount has been removed by the enterprise of a member of the club, who has agreed to purchase the land, and give the club a ten years lease, at a rental of about £130 per annum. The members are now asked to raise £600 by debentures bearing 4 per cent. interest, and with this sum it is proposed to lay out the additional nine holes and to build a pavilion. The committee propose to raise the annual subscription to two guineas for gentlemen and fifteen shillings for ladies, and to double the entrance-fees when 150 members have been enrolled. The new ground is remarkably well suited to the proposed extension, and if the plans are carried out, the King's Norton Club will have one of the best inland courses in the country. Other clubs are also expending large sums in improving their grounds. They are, of course, of varying degrees of merit—indeed one might say that courses have been laid out where no courses ought to be—but, generally speaking, they all afford a capital day's sport, in a few cases unsurpassed anywhere.

Midland golfers have not troubled much about the controversies which have raged over the merits of the game—whether it is an "old man's game," a "young man's game," or a "feminine" game. They have long ago answered these questions in the affirmative, because players representing nearly every one of the "seven ages of man" are daily to be seen on the various links, enjoying themselves in their respective ways. Ladies, too, have taken to the game in large numbers, and in many of the clubs separate links are provided for their use.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of the Royal Cromer Golf Club was played for on Thursday (Boxing Day), and was won by Mr. C. H. Aveston, 101, less 10=91. There were few competitors. Mr. Aveston retains the medal, he having previously won it during the year (in March), his score then being 103, less 10=93.

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NEW YEAR MEETING AT PORTRUSH.

M'CALMONT CUP.

Fine, mild, but dull weather characterised the New Year meeting and competitions of the Royal Portrush Golf Club. For the M'Calmont cup, with which the meeting opened, there were twenty-eight entries, including some of the best players in the Royal Portrush Club and some excellent matches were witnessed. The competition was by holes, under handicap, the winner receiving a memento prize, value £3, and the runner-up a prize value £2. Subjoined is the score:—
First round.—Mr. C. W. Webb (3) beat Dr. Traill (3) by 1 up, after a tie; Mr. R. K. Hezlet (6) beat Mr. Hugh Adair (4) by 2 up; Dr. Massey (6) beat Mr. H. W. Kinley (7) by 2 up; Mr. O. B. Webb (3) beat Mr. Lloyd Campbell (5) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. R. R. Gilroy (scratch), beat Mr. J. S. Moore, jun. (2) by 2 up; Mr. C. M'D. Stewart (8) beat Capt. M'Calmont (9) by 1 up; Mr. T. Dickson (1) beat Mr. H. J. Daly (4) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. T. Livingstone (4) beat Mr. F. F. Figgis (3) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Thomas Stewart (4) beat Mr. A. Roberts Law (3) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. R. M'Donald (3) beat Mr. John Patrick (5) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. G. O'B. Hamilton (9) beat Mr. W. A. C. Usher (9) by 1 up, after a tie; Mr. D. David (4) beat Mr. J. S. Reade (3) by 1 up, after a tie.

Second round.—Mr. Herbert Williams (4) beat Mr. J. S. Alexander (7) by 2 up; Mr. George Clarke (3) beat Mr. C. J. Webb (7) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. R. K. Hezlet beat Mr. C. W. Webb by 1 up, after a tie; Dr. Massey beat Mr. O. B. Webb; Mr. R. R. Gilroy beat Mr. C. M'D. Stuart by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. T. Livingstone beat Mr. T. Dickson; Mr. T. Stewart beat Mr. J. R. M'Donald; Mr. D. David beat Mr. G. O'B. Hamilton.

Third round.—Mr. G. Clarke beat Mr. H. Williams by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. R. K. Hezlet beat Dr. Massey by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. R. R. Gilroy beat Mr. J. Livingstone by 1 up, after a tie; Mr. T. Stewart beat Mr. D. David.

Semi-final round.—Mr. G. Clarke beat Mr. R. K. Hezlet by 2 up; Mr. R. R. Gilroy beat Mr. T. Stewart by 2 up.

Final round.—Mr. R. R. Gilroy beat Mr. George Clarke by 3 up and 2 to play.

OPEN STROKE COMPETITION.

This was an open competition by strokes under handicap. Thirty-four competitors went out, including representatives of most of the Irish clubs. The weather remained practically unchanged from the opening day. A close and interesting competition concluded in a win for Mr. Robert Hunter, Coleraine, the runner-up being Rev. J. B. Armour, Ballymoney, both being novices in the art of prize-winning in open competitions. The first prize was value £3, and the second £2. Score:—

	Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.
Mr. Robert Hunter..	96 22 74	Mr. J. S. Moore, jun.	90 4 85
Rev. J. B. Armour..	106 26 80	Mr. R. R. Gilroy ...	84 2 86
Mr. C. M'D. Stuart.	103 22 81	Dr. Creevy ...	99 10 89
Mr. George Clarke..	89 6 83	Mr. G. O'B. Hamilton	114 24 90
Dr. Traill ...	91 6 85	Mr. R. A. C. Mon-	
Mr. H. J. Daly ...	95 10 85	tagu ...	118 24 94
Mr. Herbert Williams	96 10 86	Mr. J. R. Eccles ...	116 20 96
Mr. F. F. Figgis ...	94 8 86		

An inter-club match between teams representing the Royal Portrush Golf Club and Trinity College Golf Club came off on the links of the Royal Portrush Golf Club on Tuesday, December 31st. Both clubs were able to get together strong teams for the match, that representing Royal Portrush being perhaps the best that could have been selected for the occasion; and it is noteworthy that the only member of the Dublin team who did not experience a reverse was Dr. Anthony Traill. Play was, with that exception, all in favour of the local golfers, who won by 15 holes thus:—

ROYAL PORTRUSH.		Holes.	TRINITY COLLEGE.		Holes.
Mr. W. H. Webb	...	1	Mr. J. S. Moore, jun	...	0
Mr. R. R. Gilroy	...	2	Mr. B. O'Brien	...	0
Mr. T. Dickson	...	5	Mr. C. Barcroft	...	0
Mr. George Combe	...	7	Mr. J. Stevenson	...	0
Mr. J. S. Reade	...	1	Mr. C. W. Webb	...	0
Mr. O. Webb...	...	0	Dr. Traill	...	1
		16			1

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WANTED, A GOLF UNION?

UNDER the above heading, my friend Mr. Lehmann has written an article in GOLF (December 13th), in which he deals with the great constitutional question which is agitating the golfing world at present. Though not Radical in tone, it is distinctly Liberal and Unionist; and in this matter Conservative and Liberal Unionist are far from being synonymous terms. The present writer will try to indicate some of the points which may fairly be at least considered before a departure is made from the older way.

The question of the government of the Championships is one that affects such a very small percentage of the golfing public, and has been so little grumbled over, that I take it no one would desire a Golfing Union solely to manage such matters. I happened this year to be the delegate from the Senior Golfing Society at the meeting held at St. Andrews, and from what occurred, I gathered that any recognised club in England or Scotland could send a delegate, and in fact were asked to send delegates. With regard to the Open Championship, the trophy competed for was subscribed by certain leading clubs, who have, as a consequence, had the choice of the greens and the management of the competitions in their own hands. There may have been a voice of dissent raised as to the selection of the greens, and there is no doubt a strong feeling among the artizan players in Scotland that Sandwich is favoured to too great an extent, as its selection practically excludes them from competing in the competition; but, on the whole, the outcry for a Union does not arise from a desire for reform in this direction.

It is for the making and interpretation of the laws of the game that it is felt a Union would be desirable. Let us consider, first, the difficulty as to the rules; and, secondly, the advantages and disadvantages of a Golfing Union. It has been well said that "A code of rules which shall cover every conceivable case is scarcely possible to frame, and would certainly be most voluminous." Now, I suppose no one wants the laws of Golf to be divided into several volumes of royal octavo, yet there always seem to be a large body of people for whom the present rules are either inadequate or incomprehensible; the weekly queries in GOLF plainly show this. But who are these people, and what are their difficulties? They seem to me to be those who have need of milk, and not of strong meat. One rarely sees a question put which the editor, or anyone who understands the game, cannot easily answer; one almost never sees one put by a first-class player. The laws of anything are not generally understood by those who have not grasped the first principles. We cannot frame our laws to suit the requirements of the lowest degrees of knowledge; we must ask the uneducated to raise their standard of ability in exegesis. Of course, questions will arise that do not seem to come under the letter of the law; but they are generally very extreme cases, which happen in places which are ill-adapted for the pursuit of the game. The fact that people do not seem to understand what to do in such an every-day affair as a ball being driven into a burn in a foursome match, only shows that it is possible to play often, even with good players, and yet not attain a very great knowledge of the manner of playing the game. It is surely not necessary to form a Golfing Union to explain such a point; the club professional would, or should, be able to instruct those ignorant of these matters.

If the proposed Union is to draw up a code of rules which will include one for the guidance of players who have

to deal with whins which bring forth stones instead of thorns, I fear that it will mean "hard labour for life" to not a few people. Mr. Horace Hutchinson (than whom there is no one more widely received as an authority), referring to the rules drawn up in 1888 by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, says, "experience amply shows them to be sufficient for the proper conduct of the game of Golf, by all those who are willing to play it, and to interpret the rules in a fair and just spirit, not attempting to show the ingenuity of their cavilling, but being humbly grateful for the guidance thus afforded." Perhaps enough has been said to show that there is no real need for alteration in the present system of government, and if this be granted the object of this article is reached; but as there may yet be some who are not convinced of the fallacy of unnecessary change, it may be expedient to point out some of the probable evils which would arise from the proposed "Union."

It is well known that when a leading club governs the laws of a game, as in cricket, curling, lawn tennis &c. :—The minor clubs who receive the laws and have no voice in the making of them, accept these laws, and do not split off and form codes of their own.

Let us consider for a moment the case of a game which has a democratic government; let us take football as an example. First, we get two separate bodies playing games that differ in essential particulars. Then we find that England and Scotland each form their own Association or Union, who make *their* alterations—alterations which have even made it impossible for these countries during some years to play international matches. But the subdividing does not even end here. This year we find that not only in the Association game have we the subdivision of the "Association" and "League," but in the Rugby game we find a subdivision playing under rules which differ on such radical points as the shape of the ball, and the number of the players. Now is it not possible, if we start a Golf Union or Association, that some such result might take place? Is it not even probable that before long England would form her own Union, and alter her rules, and so we would get two sets of rules played, which result could only end in confusion worse confounded.

Then the question of the representation of the clubs would be very difficult. In Edinburgh there are nearly half-a-hundred different golfing societies, and supposing the meeting of the proposed Union to be held there, these clubs and the other Scottish bodies would swamp the English vote. So, I fear, that if we come to representation, those who wish to get the power into their own hands, would find that they were more powerless than before.

Instead of a Society of undeniable ability to govern us, we would have a dissentient rabble, split into many sections, and quite unable to agree on any point at issue. Golf has for centuries been known as a Royal and Ancient Game, and I would submit that any step that would tend to make it a democratic and modern game should be opposed by all who are real golfers at heart.

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A rather serious accident has occurred on the Golf links, which ought to serve as a warning to beginners and many other players who far too frequently set at defiance one of the cardinal points of Golfing etiquette, namely, to stand behind and wait until the opponent has hit his shot. Owing to failure to recognise this rule of etiquette, Mr. Alderman Thomas Wallis, a Northamptonshire county magistrate, while playing Golf on the Kettering links on Monday of last week, was struck on the head by a ball. He was removed home in a serious condition.

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Mr. Wallis, who is 77 years of age, is a very keen left-handed player, and scarcely a day passes that he has not his round. It is impossible not to admire the vigour of this septuagenarian golfer, and everyone, we are sure, will heartily regret the accident, and extend their sympathy to him. But Mr. Wallis, like a large number of golfers on English greens, has a habit of walking quickly ahead after his ball, immediately he has finished his stroke, regardless of what his partner is doing, or may do. When he was struck by the ball as above related, he was guilty of what lawyers call "contributory negligence." Mr. Wallis was playing in a foursome, and while approaching the sixteenth, or "Kittle" hole, at Kettering, the bad habit which he had contracted, caused him to move away as soon as he had struck his side's ball. The opponent was at the time preparing to strike, and unfortunately pulled the ball, striking Mr. Wallis, twenty yards off, sideways on the head. The ball rebounded with such force that it was picked up forty yards away. Mr. Wallis received an ugly wound in the head, which has been followed by slight concussion of the brain. We are, however, glad to hear that he is progressing as well as can be expected in a golfer of his advanced age suffering from an accident so serious. The moral of the accident is that all golfers, advanced as well as beginners, should play the game as it ought to be played, and is played by the best type here and in Scotland. The player who has played his shot should stand and watch the opponent play his ball, off the tee as well as through the green. Observance of that rule ought to be invariable; and this regrettable accident ought to enforce it more completely on the attention of the lax body of players unhappily to be seen, nowadays, on every green.

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Assiduous efforts are being put forth in certain quarters to get up agitation against Muirfield as the venue of the next Open Championship. Such agitation is quite useless. The Honourable Company have done much for the Championship, and are entitled to the *éclat* that comes from holding the meeting on their ground. No doubt there are better greens for testing skill, but when it is remembered that Mr. Horace Hutchinson led on the first day when it was formerly played there, and that Mr. Hilton by brilliant play came in Champion—two days being for the first time required to decide—it is quite evident that only the best players came to the front. We believe the round is now 3 or 4 strokes more difficult than it was on that occasion, and that neither Mr. Hilton nor any other will manage a 72 this time. We are also told that before the meeting comes off some alterations are to be made that will

make the course more difficult. Intending Champions may therefore be satisfied to let Muirfield decide their merits once more. In one direction we hope to hear of improvement, and that is in facilities for travelling to the ground and for getting refreshments when there. The last-named part of the programme was formerly very unsatisfactory.

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It was generally expected that two resignations of Burgess Golfing Society members would take place. These two have now taken effect, together with a third. Since then, however, other four new members have been admitted. In addition to several well-known citizens, a Judge of the Court of Session has been among the latest additions to the membership.

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With the absence of frost, Golfers during the Christmas and New Year holidays had a high time of it. In Scotland some grand scoring took place in the New Year's Day competitions. Mr. W. B. Taylor, with the Carlton Club at Archerfield, did a 74, thus lowering by 2 strokes the record of the local club. Messrs. J. Thomson and R. Andrew, with 79 each, made a record for the new round of the Prestwick St. Nicholas Club. Mr. T. G. Buchan compiled the following record score for the Barnton course—5 4 4 5 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 3 5 6 4 5 4=76. Mr. J. M. Williamson formerly held the record with 79. James Wilkie's 78, at Leven, and D. M. Jackson's 83 at North Berwick, are also worthy of honourable mention.

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In proposing to get a good club-house the Council of the Tantallon Club have suggested £2 as the annual payment of membership, the present rate being £1 to new, and 15s. to old members. A good many have intimated that they will resign if the annual fee is raised to £2. As we said lately, they must surely be rare visitors of the green. Surely in these days no one could grudge that sum for the privileges of a first-class course, which North Berwick, on all hands, is now acknowledged to be, along with which would go the use of a first-class club-house. For the information of the members who think the sum high we repeat a few of the specimen prices of subscription, given in GOLF a year or two ago:—Neasden, £6 6s.; Eltham, £5 5s.; Mitcham, £4 4s.; Northwood, £4 4s.; Sandwich, Honourable Company, Tooting Bec, Royal Wimbledon, and Wallasey, £3 3s. each per annum; Royal and Ancient, and Royal Liverpool, £3; West Lancashire, Royal Perth, and Formby, £2 2s.; Prestwick, and North Berwick New Club, £2 per annum. A comparison of the proposed Tantallon charge with these will show that the same is most reasonable.

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The special committee of the Tantallon Club are trying to get a temporary club-house made out of Point Garry Cottage, purchased some time ago by Mr. A. M. Ross, and offered to the club by him at the purchase price, which is less than half the sum at which Garve Villa was at first offered to the club. From the cottage a view of the starting-ground can be had, and it is very convenient for the station. The drawback is that it is at the back of the club-house of the New Club, and only partially overlooks the links. The house would, however, suit very well to start with, and by its occupation the members who are dissatisfied with the present houseless position of the club, could have what they wish, while time would be given the Council to look out for more extensive premises in a commanding situation.

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The Incorporated Society of Musicians has held its session this year in Edinburgh; the president, Sir A. C. Mackenzie, giving a good address on Scottish Music at the opening. Lord Provost M'Donald, in reciting the attractions of Edinburgh at the Society's dinner, in reply to the toast "Prosperity to the City," said that if any of the members who had come across the Border were apprentices at the game of Golf he would be glad to introduce them to one or two clubs, the members of which would show them how to play. His Lordship evidently

thinks Golf suitable for the sons of St. Cecilia, but he surely forgot that Englishmen don't require to cross the Tweed to learn the game.

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The golfer's wife, about whose grievances so much has been heard for some years back, has now a remedy. This year an Act of Parliament comes into force, which provides that, when a woman has been ill-treated by her husband, she may live apart from him at his expense. True, the treatment has to be of a certain severe kind before madame can act so; but, if all accounts are true, some enthusiastic golfers have so neglected their fair ones for their new love, Golf, that they had better keep within the bounds of the Act, and be good boys after this!

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Lady golfers may also timeously note that 1896 is Leap Year, and that another of the same does not occur till eight years hence. If they have designs they must, therefore, put them into action during the year; and certainly they have opportunities, such as other games do not afford, for "popping" the question at some turn of the course while playing a single with some shy bachelor. The shy bachelors, on the other hand, must note the Golf rule, *fore*-warned is *fore*-armed, and be on the alert. There are one or two clubs where prizes are offered to the ladies who marry during the year. Now is the chance.

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At Worthing on December 21st, Mr. Charles Archibald Lees, M.R.C.S., was married in St. Botolph's Church to Miss Harrison, Worthing. Dr. Lees is a grandson of the late Charles Lees, R.S.A., Edinburgh, who painted perhaps the most famous of all golfing pictures—that of a grand match at St. Andrews in which Sir David Baird and Sir Ralph Anstruther are seen playing against Major Playfair and Campbell of Saddell. All the distinguished golfers of the day figure in the picture. Where is now the original? The last we heard of it was that it was in the hands of Mr. Cheape. Mr. Lees also painted a most noteworthy picture of the grand curling match on Linlithgow Loch, which did for the curlers of the day what the other did for golfers.

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Sir Herbert Maxwell, in this month's *Blackwood*, rakes up a famous story which suggests that strong language prevails not so much on Golf courses as in church courts. It is thus:—"When Mr. Disraeli was forming his Administration in 1874, a certain noble Earl, noted, in addition to many estimable qualities, for his fecundity of forcible expletive, expressed a strong desire to become Master of the Buckhounds. 'Well,' said Disraeli, 'I had myself thought of that post for your Lordship; but the truth is that Her Majesty is very particular about the language used in the hunting field, so I have determined to submit your name to her approval as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly!' and to that post he was appointed accordingly."

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Miss Jessie M'Jarrow, Fairfield, with an aggregate score of 551 for the five competitions of the year, has won the gold bangle presented to the Annandale Ladies' Club by Mr. John Sanders, Rosebank. In the Annandale (Gentlemen's) Club Mr. John Dobie has won Sir Robert Jardine's medal. The club's course on the Lamb Hill gives a picturesque view of the Border country, and the turf is old and fine.

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Mr. Walter Richard has presented to the Clarendon Golf Club, of which he is the first honorary member, a neat medal of silver with gold centre for competition, among the members.

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The Management of the Princess's Theatre announce that in consequence of the great demand for seats, a special Grand Matinée of "A Dark Secret" will be given on Saturday, January 18th, at two o'clock.

A handsome monument of red granite has been erected in Dirleton Churchyard to the memory of George Fitzjohn, the esteemed club-master of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, who died at Muirfield on the 3rd January, 1895, at the age of 54. On the base of the monument are the words—"Loved and respected by all."

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Scotsmen can play at *menu*-making as well as Frenchmen. At Golf dinners the cards are sometimes as unintelligible to the majority as if they were done up in French, the reason being that the *cuisine* is redolent of the country from first to last. Such *menus* do well for Golf dinners, as they remind one of the nationality of the game. From the *Bombay Gazette* we give the latest and the best we have seen, which was used at the St. Andrew's dinner in the Bombay Town Hall, on November 30th last.

THE GRACE.

"Some hae meat, and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat, and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thanket."
A toothfu', wi' a bit snack.

RAILS AND BROTHS.

Het Indian-spiced kail. Broth frae a muckle turtle.
Glesca punch.

FISH.

Slices o' Indian saumon, cauld as ice.
Indian haddies, smeekeit.
A wee Donal' o' Glenlivet.

FIRST COORSE.

Wee nickets o' beef.
Qualyies, sma', but geyan tastie cooket.
Anither wee Donal'.

HOME-MADE HAGGIS.

"Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great Chieftain o' the puddin' race!
Aboon them a' ye tak' your place
Painch, tripe, or thairm;
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace
As lang's my arm.
Freedom and whisky gang thegither.
Sae tak aff your dram."

SECOND COORSE.

Roastit Bubbly Jock, wi' a slice o' s'jo's leg s'uitit.
A bit o' wee lammie, wi' mint sauce.
Tatties biled and champit; bashed neeps.
Biled ingens an' ither kinds o' gairden reets.
A mouthfu' for the stamack's sake.
Spurgie girss, wi' ream.
Sma' game birdies, weel seasoned.

PUDDINS.

Puddin' made o' a' kinds o' fruit.
Cauld frostit cream.
St. Andrew cakes.
Mity kebbu:k.
Crumps. Oat cakes.
Nits, aiples, plooms, an' swe-ties, a' vera fine.
Wi' jist anither dram to keep a' doon.

SCOTCH DRINK.

"Food fills the wame, an' keeps us leevin';
Tho' life's a gift no' worth receivin',
When heavy dragged wi' pine an' grievin';
But, oiled by thee,
The wheels o' life gae doon hill scievin',
Wi' rattlin' glee.

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The employés of Messrs Forgan & Son, clubmakers, St. Andrews, were entertained to supper one evening last week in the Imperial Hotel. About fifty were present, and during the course of the evening Mr. Forgan stated that forty years had elapsed since his father took over Hugh Philp's business.

Robert Foulis, clubmaker and keeper of the green at Chicago, was at the gathering, and, in reply to the toast of "American Golf," gave some interesting information regarding the Golf courses in America. The course at Newport, Rhode Island, he regarded as the equal of any in the world; but the others that he had seen were something like the new course at St. Andrews, possessing great capabilities, but needing a good deal of play to bring them into condition. In Chicago, he mentioned that Sunday was the chief day for Golf.

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A correspondent writes:—"I was astonished to read last week the totally inadequate description of the game of draughts, as given in Mr. Hillène's otherwise interesting article. It is perfectly evident that Strutt is not an authority on this game. A 'modern invention,' forsooth! Why, draughts was a popular pastime in Egypt 4,000 years ago. Rawlinson, in his learned work on Egypt, gives a reproduction of a piece of sculpture found at Thebes, which represents King Rameses playing draughts with a woman—probably a lady of the Court. Not only that, but if Mr. Hillène has a little time to spare, he might pay a visit to the British Museum, where he will find specimens of draughtsmen which were used by the Egyptians. As there are no contemporaneous references to chess, there is every reason to believe that draughts is a much older game than chess. Cecrops, who migrated to Greece about 1650 B.C., is supposed to have initiated the Grecians into the mysteries of the game. And from Greece the pastime was carried to Italy, thence to France and Spain. There are frequent references to draughts in Latin literature, and Cicero is said to have been very fond of it. The first book on the game was published by Torquemada, a Spaniard, and he was followed by a couple of countrymen, Canalejas and Garcez. Some years later, Pierre Mallet, a French mathematician, issued a work. William Payne was the pioneer of British draughts literature, which is now very extensive, and he was followed by a crowd of authors, principally Scottish. Mr. Hillène will find many interesting facts about this fascinating and profound game in Dunne's 'Guide to the Game of Draughts,' Sturges' 'Guide,' Falkener's 'Games, Ancient and Modern,' and, of course, in Rawlinson's book, to which I have already referred."

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A perpetual "Bogey" competition has just been started at Mitcham, by the Princes' Ladies Golf Club, and one of the features of the club-room is a delightful "Bogey" box, designed, painted, and presented by Mr. Charles Newton, the well-known artist and golfer. "Bogey's" mouth gapes for sixpences to be deposited before starting. The box is cleared every two months, and the contents handed to the owner of the card showing the best performance, under handicap, against "Bogey."

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LORD ROSEBERY AND THE CADDIES.—On Monday, when Lord Rosebery arrived at Cramond Brig Station, en route for England, his attention was attracted to a group of caddies waiting for Barnton golfers. His Lordship, in homely fashion, entered into conversation with the lads, and inquired which of them were regular caddies, and which schoolboys. On learning that the district schools were on holiday, the ex-Premier gave 30s. to one of the lads for equal distribution.

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ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.—The members competed for their annual prizes on New Year's day. The weather was very mild and pleasant. The following were the best scores:—Mr. A. Litster, 90, less 9=81; Mr. L. Auchterlonie (scratch), 83; Mr. J. Ritchie, 92, less 7=85; Mr. A. Milne, 93, less 8=85; Mr. A. Dargie, 95, less 9=86; Mr. J. Robb (scratch), 86; Mr. W. Greig (scratch), 87; Mr. J. Davidson, 93, less 6=87; Mr. D. Simpson (scratch), 87; Mr. L. Waters (scratch), 88; Mr. R. Condie, 102, less 14=88; Mr. J. Mackie, 95, less 7=88; Mr. G. Braid, 92, less 4=88; Mr. J. S. Stewart, 98, less 10=88; Mr. P. C. Anderson (scratch), 89; Mr. C. Grieve, 97, less 8=89.



SUNDAY GOLF IN SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of Golf.

SIR,—In an article on the above subject, that appeared in your columns, and was quoted in the *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch* of the 2nd inst., the following sentence occurs, "Even the Convener of the Sabbath Alliance of Scotland tardily recognises this fact" (viz., the illegal action of the late Council of the Burgess Golfing Society in prohibiting Sunday Golf). "His letter to the *Evening Dispatch* is a remarkable change of front on the part of a militant Society."

The alleged change of front has reference to a minute of this Alliance published in the *Daily Mail* and *Dispatch* some weeks ago. That minute had reference to Sunday amusements generally; and affirmed the principle, borne out by the Biblical conception of the Christian week, that the Day of Rest is not a day for amusement either in its nature or purpose. This abstract principle the Alliance has always stood by, whether as regards personal freedom or more public rights. And any such headstrong principle of relaxation of the Sabbath law as is now legalised at Barnton, I distinctly repudiate as the teaching of the Alliance.

My remarks, in a letter addressed to the *Dispatch* of the 28th ult, had reference solely to the methods of special pleading in that journal in favour of Sunday Golf, which I characterised as "childish worry."

Even though the transactions of the Burgess Golfing Society in this matter had not been made public, according to the virtuous remonstrances of the party of freedom now in power, the attitude and tone of the article in the *Dispatch* in reference to the question of Sunday Golf would still have to be reckoned with by this Alliance, and all whom it represents, as all in the direction of a secular, instead of a sacred, day of rest.

The Burgess Golfing Society, who only overturned the by-law of the Council by a very narrow majority, has already the reputation of a Sunday Golf Club; and the Council did right to wash its hands of all obligation in such service.

I am, Sir, &c.,
JAMES M. SHIACH,

Convener of the Sabbath Alliance of Scotland.
Sabbath Alliance of Scotland,
January 6th.

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A LESSON FROM THE AUTUMN MEETINGS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I be allowed to say a few words by way of qualification to the Rev. J. L. Morrow's interesting and suggestive article in your issue of this week? I take it that the lesson Mr. Morrow draws from "the Autumn Meetings of 1895" is, that the younger school of players have failed to maintain the position they gained in 1894, and this owing to a "falling-off" on their part as score players. With regard to the Hoylake meeting, Mr. Morrow's line of

argument is not very strong, as it is based on making Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Ball representative of the older and younger players respectively. Mr. Ball was the representative of the young school ten years ago. Passing on to St. Andrews, of which I have more intimate knowledge, I cannot see that Mr. Tait's failure to again carry off the blue ribbon of Scottish Golf, means that the younger school of golfers have "gone back" in their play. Unfortunately I have not the record of the principal scores by me, and must write from memory; but I think you will find that the younger, I might almost say the youngest, school, as a whole, did better this year than ever before, and, taken as a class, they occupy the best position. One cannot compare schools of players by taking the *one* best of one, against the *one* best of another; we must take at least half-a-dozen, or a dozen players of each, and then weigh the merits of the classes. If I remember rightly, Messrs. Balfour-Melville and Mure Fergusson at the spring meeting at St. Andrews, handed in scores nearly ten shots worse than the scores they made in September; yet no one would say that they, or the school they represent, had improved in their game to the extent of "a half." Though Mr. Tait is, in my humble opinion, unsurpassed by any amateur player, no one could expect in a field of about thirty scratch men that he should *always* win, or always be able to go round the links in the very exceptional score of 78.

We must, I think, take the scores of class *v.* class, and not the records of individual men, if we are to learn aright "a Lesson from the Autumn Meetings of 1895."

I am, Sir, &c.,

Butterstone, Dunkeld, N.B.

JOHN L. LORD.

BADMINTON GOLF BOOK, 1895, AND ST. ANDREWS MEDAL SCORES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I wrote the letter to which Mr. Hutchinson refers in his article in GOLF of November 29th, but I do not recognise as mine anything that he quotes from it, except one statement concerning the present holder of the Amateur Championship. This comes of "quoting from memory."

Mr. Hutchinson is now of opinion that the widening of the course is of *some* use to a man going round under 80 strokes, and he has forgotten that in the Badminton Book he said it was of *no* use ("makes not the slightest difference," p. 304). He admits all I contended for.

I regret to see that he still clings to his *à priori* notion that a round under 80 is made by "perfect play," in which the player "never, we may say, drives a ball off the line." I said this notion was opposed to facts, and pointed out that there were heeled mashie shots in Mr. F. G. Tait's 72, and missed drives in Mr. Laidlay's 78 at the spring meeting. "I should have thought," replies Mr. Hutchinson, "that such was not the case." So should I have thought, if I had not known the facts.

However, these are not very serious matters. All I maintain is, that one paragraph in the Badminton Book requires modification. I have the utmost respect for its author as a golfer, and as a writer on Golf, and I should not have referred to this again, except for the purpose of showing that the "Indian Correspondent" did not write utter nonsense.

Mr. Hutchinson goes on to say that the tramping of the turf into a brick-like consistency is the chief reason why medal scores to-day are half a stroke a hole, on the average, lower than twelve years ago. Now I do not believe that there has been such a change in the turf of the course proper in the last twelve years. The turf in 1887 was as hard as could be, and I do not think that it was harder in 1887 than in any ordinary year of the previous decade. If there has been any hardening, it must have been at the sides where bent, fog, and heather used to grow. This I should class as *widening* of the course.

Another reason, Mr. Hutchinson gives, is that men hit harder. But this does not explain why Mr. Mure Fergusson

and Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville won their early medals twenty years ago with scores of 90 and over, and have recently returned medal scores of 79 and 80. Their style of driving has not changed in the last twenty years. [Mr. Hutchinson deprecates these "personalities," but how can you discuss Golf without discussing golfers.]

I venture to suggest for Mr. Hutchinson's consideration the following reasons: First, the widening of the course and the improvement of the putting-greens. Second, the improvement in play. Third, improvement in clubs and balls. The first and second reasons I consider as equally important; the third of comparatively slight importance.

The improvement in play is partly due to the fact that there are more first-class golfers now. The competition is severer, and no man has a chance of winning unless he is in his very best form. But it is chiefly due to the fact that the leading amateurs play through the year far more than they did a dozen years ago. The best amateur play is now practically on a level with the best professional play, simply because the amateurs play as much as the professionals. Dr. J. G. McPherson was, I believe, the only amateur of his day who could make a match with young Tom Morris, and he has told us in his "Golf and Golfers" with what assiduous practice he became a master of iron play. But after his day no amateur came near the professionals. Between 1870 and 1880 many of the likely medal-winners played for a week at the spring meeting and a week at the autumn meeting, and that was their Golf for the year. When they went away from St. Andrews where could they get Golf? These players had not the accuracy in driving and approaching that they might have attained with regular practice. I remember well the first time I saw Mr. Ball play. It was at Carnoustie in 1885. Every drive went off as clean as one of Mr. J. H. Blackwell's, and his approaches were made with the marvellous accuracy of Jamie Anderson. He, like Dr. McPherson, had perfected his natural gift by regular play, and his play was higher than the standard of St. Andrews medal play previous to 1885. Since then the standard has risen.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. G. TAIT.

Bangalore (India), December 19th, 1895.

P.S.—It may be thought that I have written too confidently about a matter of opinion—the alleged hardening of the turf. What makes me confident is, that this idea has only recently occurred to Mr. Hutchinson. Had such hardening been going on Mr. Hutchinson must have noticed it long ago; but he had not thought of it in January last (Badminton Book, p. 301.)

THE SINGLE PLAYER.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A gentleman playing over the course alone objected to two others playing a match passing him, the ground of his objection being that they were not warranted in claiming the right to pass him by any rule of Golf. As I can find nothing bearing on this in the rules of the game, I shall be glad of your views on the subject in your next issue. The general idea here is that the two players were in the right, but there appears to be no rule to support them.

I am, Sir, &c.,

C. P. G. C.

[It is quite true that there is no rule, but there is a well-established "courtesy of the green" in connection with the game which the majority of single players, who know anything about the traditional method in which gentlemen play the game, usually observe. We are sure that all true golfers, not to say sportsmen, will facilitate the progress of the green, and do nothing to hinder legitimate matches from being played without friction and unnecessary delay. At present the single player has not been legislated for. St. Andrews cannot well do it, for their green is public; and there is no law except the exercise of *force majeure* to prevent a single player, or a file of single players, from occupying the green. The single player is really not playing the game as popularly understood; he is indulging in private practice; and when met with a courteous request to allow a properly constituted match to pass him, he ought to consent with alacrity. Still, if the

cantankerous player stands upon his rights, and objects to any match passing him, he may, we regret to say, do so. We should like to see all clubs possessed of private greens pass a bye-law stating that the single player *must* yield priority to a properly constituted match. Inasmuch as the rule would be made by the club as a whole it would be for the benefit of the members as a whole, and could be enforced by the committee in the interests of every one. On this subject please see some interesting correspondence and articles in Vol. IX., "The Courtesy of the Green," pp. 309, 327, 409 ("New Bye-laws for St. Andrews"), 419 ("Etiquette at a Discount").—Ed.]

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

DUBIOUS.—We have already condemned the practice in the sense you mention, especially in winter-time when the greens are soft. We also indicated that the opponent ought to object to any such practice, or such position, on the ground that the caddie's heels practically create a hazard on the lip of the hole. A fair-minded player would recognise the abuse and hardship which such a position would create for his opponent, and would refrain from giving directions to his caddie to stand so close to the hole. There is no necessity for the caddie taking up that position, and the opponent ought to be watchful to object, and to see that the caddie takes his position sideways, so as not to damage the line of putt.

GOLF IN AMERICA.

The first competition for the gold medal presented by Mr. George Hunter, the captain of the Golf Club of the Richmond County Country Club of Staten Island, was played on the links of the club on Saturday, December 4th. The day was a pleasant one, but the ground was frozen; a fact which militated against the players and made the play difficult. The winner was Mr. Alfred A. Paterson, a well-known and active member of the Staten Island Cricket Club, who completed the round in 96 strokes. The medal will be competed for annually:—Mr. Albert E. Paterson, 96; Mr. George E. Armstrong, 103; Mr. James Park, 105; Mr. W. K. Jewett, 114; Mr. John R. Chadwick, 115; Mr. W. Callender, 122; Mr. O. Hockmeyer, 125; Mr. T. H. Simpson, 131.

The annual meeting of the St. Andrews Golf Club, Yonkers, U.S.A., was held at Delmonico's, New York, on Wednesday evening, December 11th. The most important business transacted was the decision to lease from the St. Andrews Company the tract of land, consisting of 155 acres, near Mount Hope, recently purchased by the company. Judge Horace Russell, the president of the St. Andrews Company, and a prominent member of the St. Andrews Golf Club, introduced the subject, and, after a short debate, a resolution was passed in favour of leasing the property. The land will be leased for a period of ninety-nine years, with the privilege of purchase, at such terms as may hereafter be agreed upon between the managers of the St. Andrews Company and the managers of the St. Andrews Golf Club.

The club will expend 100,000 dols. (£21,000) in laying out new links and in building a new club-house. A committee of five was appointed to frame a new constitution, and it was also decided to increase the membership limit to 300. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. John Reid; vice-president, Mr. W. D. Baldwin; hon. secretary, Mr. William R. Innis; treasurer, Mr. Walter E. Hodgman; captain, Mr. L. B. Stoddart; governing committee, Messrs. Henry W. Taft, R. A. Robertson, Willard Brown, and A. L. Livermore.

INNERLEVEN GOLF CLUB.—The Innerleven Golf Club held a competition on New Year's Day for a sweepstake. The day was dull, but it kept fair till the finish of the competition. There were only about a dozen competitors. The sweepstake was won by Mr. W. H. Dalrymple, with a score of 93, less 12=81. The best scratch scores were as follows:—Dr. A. F. Crole, 85; Mr. John Macgibbon, 87; Mr. W. H. Dalrymple, 93; Mr. John H. Carswell, 95; Mr. James H. Smith, 95; Mr. William Shepherd, 97.

CUMBRAE.—The quarterly competition for the Smart medal took place on the links of the Cumbræ Club on Thursday. The course and greens were heavy, owing to the recent rains. Scores:—Mr. William Macfarlane (scratch), 89; Mr. William Reid (scratch), 94; Mr. Robert Robertson, 103, less 8=95.

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, January 4th:—Mr. E. A. Tewson, 92, less 6=86; Mr. C. J. Fox, 97, less 8=89.

THE RECREATIONS OF WOMEN.

III.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

STOOL-BALL, an amusement often mentioned by writers of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, seems to have been much played by women, though occasionally by the other sex, as may be deduced from the following quotation from D'Urfey's play, "Don Quixote" (1694).

Down in a vale on a summer's day
All the lads and lasses met to be merry,
A match for kisses at stool-ball to play,
And for cakes and ale, cider and perry,
Come all, great, small, short, tall,
Away to stool-ball.

Strutt says, one player tried to hit a stool with a ball whilst another defended it with his hand. If the stool were struck the players changed places. This definition, though other than good, is not quite so vague as that given by Dr. Johnson—"A play in which balls are driven from stool to stool." When several stools were brought into requisition the various players changed places every time the ball was driven away; if, however, the stool were unfortunately struck, the thrower and the defender changed places. We must not confound this simple amusement with *Stop-ball*, which was a species of GOLF.

Hand-ball is perhaps the most primitive and ancient of rural pastimes. Some writers state that a lady of Corcyra, named Angalla, made the first ball, and taught Nausicaa, the daughter of the King of Phœacia, how to use it. Whether this be true, who can say? Homer showed hand-ball to be coeval with the taking of Troy, and it was none other than Nausicaa who met the shipwrecked Ulysses, after the destruction of that famous city, and who introduced him to her father Alcinous. Herodotus, however, ascribes the invention to the natives of Lydia, a district in Asia Minor.

Though subsequently played by both sexes, the game appears to have been a female recreation at first. The ball-playing maidens of Corcyra have lately been once more immortalised, not by poet this time, but by the artist Sir Frederick Leighton, in one of his deservedly renowned Academy pictures (1886).

During the Middle Ages hand-ball, as well as foot-ball, was approved by the clergy, who encouraged the playing thereof on Sunday evening after divine service.

The following entry appears in the Household Book of Lady Mary, the Daughter of Henry the Eighth.

"Payed for a frontlet lost in a wager to my Lady Margaret IIIJ li."

"Item, payed for a brekefast lost at bolling by my Lady Mary's Grace Xs."

Strutt copies an illustration of a lady and gentleman engaged at balloon-ball, from a fourteenth century manuscript in the Harleian Library.

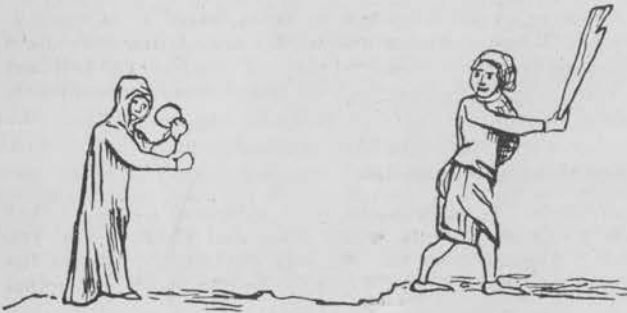
Tennis was known in ancient Greece, as *Sphairistiké*, and played by the Romans under the name of *Pila*. The earliest mention of this game with us occurs, in the Legends of Arthur, where it is designated *Paume*, because the ball was struck with the palm of the hand. Fives, or hand-tennis, was popular in the fourteenth century. A line called "the cord" was then traced along a wall, and any ball played below this mark was considered faulty. The hand was after a while protected by a double glove; rackets were devised later on. Tennis was not played by women alone, but by all sorts and conditions of men. Henry the Seventh, his son and Charles

the Second were experts with the racket. The game was prohibited by Edward the Fourth, but permitted by the more tolerant James the First.

Tennis-courts were quite common in England during the sixteenth century. A line stretched down the middle divided them into two equal parts. The players standing on either side had to receive and return the ball over the line.

In the fifteenth century a clever Parisienne named Margôt created quite a *furor*, as an exponent of *le jeu de paume*. She vanquished every opponent, no matter whether man or woman, delivering the ball with astonishing force and adroitness, either with the palm or the back of the hand.

Club-ball and Golf, respectively played with straight and curved clubs, were unquestionably enjoyed by women as well as men. In an illustration reproduced in the "Sports and Pastimes of the People of England," from a manuscript dated 1344, in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, a woman is playing with a man at club-ball. "Behind the woman at a little distance appear, in the original delineation," Strutt writes, "several other figures of both sexes, waiting attentively to



CLUB BALL, FOURTEENTH CENTURY.
(MS., Bodleian Library).

catch or stop the ball when required by the batsmen: these figures have been damaged and are very indistinct in many parts, for which reason I did not think it proper to insert them." (p. 105).

Though the unfortunate Mary Stuart is said to have been an expert golf-player, yet the game was not played on a large scale by ladies before 1870. Perhaps the first offer of prizes to the other sex may be found in the Minutes of the Musselburgh Golf Club. The following extract, dated December 14th, 1810, may be interesting:—

"The club resolved to present by subscription a handsome new creel (fish-basket) and shawl to the best female golfer, who plays on the annual occasion on January 1 next, old style: to be intimated to the fish ladies by Wm. Robertson, the officer of the club. Two of the best Barcelona silk handkerchiefs to be added to the above premium of the creels."

GOLF A SUITABLE RECREATION FOR WOMEN.

Amusements of a rough and violent nature, in which English women seem at one time to have delighted, became unfashionable during the latter part of the seventeenth century. In the "Anatomy of Melancholy," Burton mentions, "curious needlework, cut-work, spinning, bone lace making, with other pretty devices to adorn houses, cushions, carpets and stool seats, as better suited to the modesty and softness of the sex."

Although it would be highly injudicious for ladies ever to overtax their strength by gymnastic exercises of a trying character, yet we cannot wholly approve of the purely sedentary recreations enumerated by this writer. Neither can we agree with the fastidious John Foster, who certainly

drifted to the opposite extreme when he declared in speaking of an embroidered piece of wool-work, that it was red with the blood of murdered time, nor with the facetious Douglas Jerrold, who defined a darn in a stocking as "premeditated poverty."

"The Preacher" was right when he exclaimed: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." In the nursery and the school our girls should assuredly be taught the use of needle, crochet-hook and knitting-pins, and when womanhood with its domestic cares overtakes them, they should not then forget the knowledge acquired in earlier years. Verily, "there is a time to rend, and a time to sew." Neither should their hands grow weary in making their own *dulce domum* surpassingly attractive and incomparably unique. Notwithstanding, sedentary occupations should not be permitted to exclude healthy exercises and amusements from the routine of any woman's life, because all work and no play will unquestionably have the same effect upon Jill as upon Jack.

Now, the easiest and most natural of health-giving exercises is walking, which is achieved, we are told with the greatest possible economy of force. The incalculable benefit derived from walking has long been recognised by ancient as well as modern medical men. In the "Ménagier de Paris," the author gives advice to female pedestrians. "As you go," he writes, "look straight before you, with your eyelids low and fixed, looking forward to the ground at five toises (that is five fathoms or thirty feet) before you, and not looking at or turning your eyes to man or woman who may be to your right or left, nor looking upwards, nor changing your look from one place to another, nor laughing, nor stopping to speak to any body in the street." (Anno Domini 1393). How could Pitty-sing, Yum-yum, Peep-bo, or any other demure little maid from school abide by these absurd restrictions?

Well would it be with the women of our land if they took greater interest in outdoor recreations. Not to emulate the deeds of Olaf Trygvesson, the ambidextrous King of Norway, who could jump over his men's shoulders, and adroitly step upon their oars, whilst the boat was going at full speed. Their object must be to brace up and further develop enervated constitutions, rather than to eclipse men by breaking records; and no recreation is better adapted for this purpose than the Royal and Ancient Game of Golf. In lawn tennis the exercise is too violent, and there is, moreover, a tendency, perhaps, to lengthen the arm and to cause the shoulders to become unevenly developed. Croquet, on the other hand, is painfully slow, and the exertion insufficient to expel the residual air which lurks in the cavities of the lungs. Cycling, though beneficial when moderately indulged in, has often bestowed upon its devotees an awkward, plunging walk, other than graceful, whilst much riding on horseback is said to cause a deformity in the hips.

The New Woman has lately added to her list of outdoor exercises, that of Football. Miss Nettie Honeyball claims the honour of being the organiser of the British Ladies' Football Association, whilst Lady Florence Dixie has consented to be the first president. Thirty women have already enrolled themselves as members, and they are unquestionably anticipating a grand time. The Association rules have been adopted, and the ball selected is to be somewhat smaller than that commonly used. "I will have nothing to do with balloon sleeves and trained skirts and anything like that," writes Lady Florence. "Don't court ridicule by ridiculing yourselves. Hence a costume consisting of blue serge knickerbockers, cardinal or pale-blue blouses, small peaked caps, and leg-guards has been selected as most becoming by this clique of athletic Peris.

Whatever comes of this, the latest of our sporting epidemics, we must not venture to predict, we are, however, sure that no modern recreation can be better suited for women than Golf. There are no hazardous assaults to be repelled, neither is there the anxiety incident to playing against time, but in this seductive amusement there is a maximum amount of walking and a minimum amount of violent exercise. The straddle, the waggle and the twist, "the backward twisted head and shoulder"—those terribly exaggerated Golf diseases described by Mr. Lehmann—need cause the discreet player no uneasiness. Skill and chance are likewise so blended in this popular pastime that the contingencies waylaying the crack golfer ought to fill the heart of the novice with hope, and at the same time teach a salutary lesson to an over-confident opponent. Shots, more by luck than judgment, will render the long toilsome, tramp, up hill and down dale, over heather and bracken, other than listless or arduous, and whilst hazard or stimy occupy the mind, the body will unconsciously be toned and strengthened with exhilarating ozone.

With healthy, well-developed constitutions our women may not be able to plant a huge shield, as Olaf Trygvesson did, upon the craggy crest of the Smalserhorn Rock, nevertheless, in their ranks there will assuredly be found many a brave Eadwen who would raise a shield in defence of those she loved—many an heroic Boadicea, who, with sword in hand, would rush forth to avenge her country's wrongs.

HENRY J. HILLÈNE.

BALLADE OF FUTURE GOLFERS.

Where are the golfers we hope to know,
The famous players we trust to meet,
When our handicap's the reverse of low,
When our winter's come, with its snow and sleet?
Where are the drivers who will repeat
The drives we made in our vanished Mays?
Where are the men who our scores will beat,—
The famous players of future days?

Where are the Champions who will show
How to putt in a style more neat,
How to approach more *comme il faut*,
To take the cleek-shot more clean and sweet?
Where is the man who more straight and fleet
Will drive his ball when he daily plays?
Where are the men who will do this feat—
The famous players of future days?

Some are babes at the breast, and crow
When penny rattles their optics greet,
Some are wheeled about by the nursemaid slow,
Up and down a suburban street;
Some are boys who have bliss complete
As they roam about in the woodland ways;
I see them coming to kill conceit—
The famous players of future days!

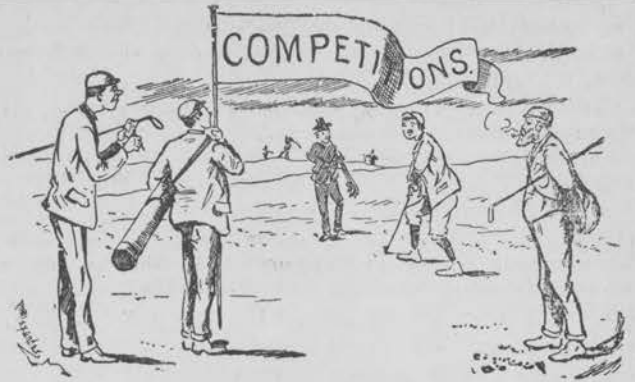
Envoi.

Golfers, play while your youthful heat
Is in vein and sinew! Brook no delays!
Soon they'll show you a soft back seat—
The famous players of future days!

J. F. T.

ROBIN HOOD GOLF CLUB.

Playfair gold medal.—The final for this medal was played on Saturday, December 28th. Score:—Mr. E. Fordred (winner) 96, less 10=86; Mr. J. F. Jordan, 107, less 19=88; Mr. A. Woolley, 108, less 18=90; Mr. H. Lowe, 100, less 9=91.



ABERDEEN.

On Saturday the January medal was played for over the Balgownie course by the members of the Aberdeen Golf Club. The following were the best scores:—Scratch medal—Mr. L. S. Anderson, 82, and Mr. R. A. Nicolson, 82. Mr. A. J. W. Storie handicap bowl—Mr. J. Williams, 84, less 5=79; Mr. M. H. Mackie, 87, less 7=80; Mr. Hugh M'Lennan, 99, less 18=81; Mr. R. A. Nicolson, scratch, 82; Mr. J. Milne, 84, less 2=82; Mr. A. W. Mitchell, 87, less 5=82; Mr. A. F. Lumsden, 93, less 10=83; Mr. W. S. Davidson, 96, less 12=84; Mr. H. J. Jopp, 94, less 10=84; Mr. L. S. Anderson, 82, plus 3=85; Mr. J. R. Whyte, 92, less 6=86; Mr. M. M. Duncan, 90, less 2=88; Mr. T. Todd, 88, plus 1=89; Capt. Jones, 105, less 16=89; Mr. J. M. Duncan, 87, plus 3=90.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, January 4th.—The first monthly medal of 1896 produced but few competitors and no grand scoring; in fact, it would seem that the mild foggy weather had a depressing influence on the balls and the players:—Mr. W. F. Thompson, 96, less 7=89; Mr. W. F. Gorton, 95, less 5=90; Mr. John Fry, 108, less 17=91; Mr. Percy A. Bull, 107, less 15=92; Mr. C. E. Salmon, 106, less 11=95. The remainder made no returns.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly cup competition of the above club for January took place on Saturday, 4th inst., with the following results:—Mr. M. C. Lord, 85, less 7=78; Mr. W. J. Burman, 98, less 15=83; Mr. O. Airy, 92, less 5=87; Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne, 94, less 2=92; Mr. W. P. Wilson-Browne, 120, less 10=110; Mr. W. F. Lindner, 123, less 22=101.

ASHBOURNE v. BASFORD.

This match was played on January 1st, and resulted in a win for the home team. Scores as follows:—

ASHBOURNE.		BASFORD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. T. H. B. Bamford	... 4	Mr. E. H. Powell	... 0
Mr. A. Macbean	... 1	Rev. P. Williams	... 0
Mr. T. Holmes	... 5	Mr. A. English	... 0
Mr. L. Frank	... 8	Mr. W. Forshaw	... 0
Rev. T. Middleton	... 14	Mr. J. T. Gibbins	... 0
	32		0

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medals and putting prize was held, as usual, on the first Saturday in the month. Scores:—

Misses.			Gross.Hcp. Net.			Gross.Hcp. Net.		
*Miss S. Green	... 88	9 79	Miss L. Nix	... 94	5 89			
Miss Reade	... 94	12 82	Mrs. Astbury	... 109	18 91			
†Miss E. B. Curteis	76	+8 84	†Mrs. J. Fisher	... 111	20 91			
Mrs. C. Green	... 85	1 84	Miss M. Nix	... 97	5 92			
Miss M. E. Phillips	... 85	scr. 85	Miss E. K. Scott	... 122	30 92			
Miss Moor	... 100	14 86	Miss Malden	... 105	12 93			
Miss Birch	... 86	+1 87	Mrs. McC. Hill	... 128	30 98			
Miss E. Reade	... 95	8 87	Miss E. Banister	... 118	18 100			
Mrs. Russell	... 97	9 88						

* Gold medal. † Greenhall scratch. ‡ Junior medal.

Putting.—Miss Malden, 19; Miss Reade, 20; Miss J. Curteis, Miss Birch, Miss Moor, Miss L. Nix, 21; Mrs. Astbury, Miss E. B. Curteis, Mrs. J. Fisher, Miss Green, Miss M. Nix, Mrs. Russell, Miss E. Reade, Miss M. Parsons, 22; Miss Andrews, Miss Riddle, Miss E. K. Scott, 23.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD GOLF CLUB.

Cups for December, played for on Saturday, 21st ult. Both were won by Mr. A. R. White. Scores:—Mr. A. R. White, 92, less 10=82; Mr. A. Maxwell Tod, 101, less 18=83; Mr. P. S. White, 93, less 9=84; Mr. H. G. Nadin, 102, less 18=84; Mr. T. E. Lowe, 109, less 22=87. Twelve others over 90 net.

Cups for January were played for on Saturday, 4th inst., and both scratch and handicap cups were won by Mr. H. G. Nadin. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. C. Nadin ...	94 16 78	Mr. F. Jennings ...	95 6 89
Mr. A. G. Jennings	107 22 85	Mr. P. S. White ...	98 9 89
Mr. A. R. White ...	96 10 86	Mr. S. H. Evershed	105 16 89
Mr. A. H. Palmer ...	95 8 87	Mr. H. B. Whet-	
Mr. G. M. Day ...	112 25 87	stone ...	109 20 89
Mr. G. G. Palmer ...	106 18 88	Mr. P. S. Palmer ..	117 27 90
Mr. G. E. Lowe ...	106 18 88		

Nine others were over 90 net.

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING GOLF CLUB.

Two handicap matches of eighteen holes were played off on the 2nd inst by members of this club for the monthly badges. The first badge was won by Mr. T. P. Shepherd, with a net score of 86. The second badge was won by Mr. F. S. Stevelly, with a net score of 91. The following were the scores made, viz:—

The gold badge—Mr. T. P. Shepherd, 100, less 14=86; Mr. J. H. Hobson, 105, less 16=89; Captain Ogle, 117, less 15=102.

The silver badge—Mr. R. S. Stevelly, 114, less 23=91; Mr. W. Crosskill, 117, less 25=92; Mr. A. Hobson, 122, less 24=98; Mr. J. Bickersteih, 123, less 25=98; Major Steele, 130, less 25=105. Several others played, but did not give in their scores.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

Enjoyable golfing weather was experienced on the Birkdale links on Saturday, January 4th, when a fair field engaged in the third round for first and second class medals, the respective winners being Mr. G. F. Pearson and the Rev. W. B. Hutton. The best cards handed in were (first class):—Mr. G. F. Pearson, 90, less 5=85; Rev. W. Scott, 99, less 8=91; Mr. W. Bowker, 105, less 12=93. Second class:—Rev. W. B. Hutton, 120, less 25=95; Mr. W. H. Hayes, 124, less 25=99. Mr. Pearson won the first sweepstake, and Mr. Bowker the second.

Ladies.—The following is the result of the "Bogey" competition for ladies for the last three months on the links of the Birkdale Golf Club:—Miss A. M. Morris, 7 down; Mrs. Chalmers, 9 down; Miss L. Cheetham, 10 down; Mrs. Williamson, 11 down; Mrs. Wilks, 11 down; Miss Hesketh, 11 down. The ladies' course is new, and the greens not all yet in perfect condition, while the "Bogey" score was low, which accounts for the high returns.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal (against "Bovey"), Wednesday, January 1st:—Mrs. Laird (4), 5 up (winner); Miss J. Wray (8), 3 up; Miss Sillar (15), 3 up; Mrs. Penrose (3), 1 up; Mrs. Edwards (9), halved; Mrs. Triscott (15), halved; Mrs. Needham (10), 3 down; Mrs. Browning (12), 3 down; Miss Prase (15), 3 down; Miss A. Izard (20), 3 down; Mrs. F. Tate (24), 4 down; Mrs. Mackern (scratch), 5 down; Miss Knapping (11), 5 down; Miss M. Sillar (15), 5 down; Miss Kendall (20), 5 down; Miss M. Richardson (5), 7 down; Mrs. R. Whyte (8), 7 down; Miss Loveless (11), 7 down; Miss Richardson (19), 8 down; Mrs. Michelli (24), 8 down; Miss Robson (18), 9 down; Miss A. Richardson (8), 10 down. The other members who competed were over 10 down to "Bogey."

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, December 31st:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Rev. C. F. Montgomery ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. H. R. Thomson	116 18 98
† Capt. C. M. Fox ...	117 20 97	Mr. F. J. Clark ...	117 18 99
Rev. T. Crump ...	104 6 98	Mr. D. W. Wheeler	121 20 101
Mr. H. G. Wheeler	109 11 98	Mr. G. D. Barne ...	112 8 104

* Gold medal. † Silver medal.

Several players were over 104, or made no returns.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

The seventh of the present series of monthly competitions for the captain's medal was played on Saturday, January 4th, on the links of the Bowdon Golf Club at Dunham. The weather was fine but, as the ground was rather sticky and the course was at its longest, nearly all the medal tees being put at full stretch, low scoring was anything but easy. Mr. W. Bellhouse scored a win-in for the medal and also won

the first prize in the optional sweepstakes, the second and third falling to Messrs. S. Smelt and E. Withington respectively. The best gross score of the day was the 89 returned by Mr. S. W. Gillett, an unlucky 9 at the fourth hole bringing up his score for the first round to 49, but his second round 5 4 5 5 4 6 4 3 4=40, was 1 under "Bogey," who is allowed forty-one for the nine holes. The scores under 100 net are appended:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Bellhouse ..	102 18 84	Mr. T. Muirhead ...	101 8 93		
Mr. S. W. Gillett ...	89 2 87	Mr. R. Sykes ...	109 16 93		
Mr. S. Smelt ...	96 8 88	Mr. C. F. Worrall ...	117 22 95		
Mr. E. Withington ...	91 2 89	Mr. H. F. Ransome	98 2 96		
Mr. W. R. Craig ...	96 7 89	Mr. R. D. MacLaren	112 16 96		
Mr. C. H. Occleston	94 4 90	Mr. J. Pattison ...	115 18 97		
Rev. T. Pym Williamson	99 8 91				

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the club links at Brockenhurst on Saturday, January 4th. The weather was fine, with little wind; the greens were rather tricky. About twenty-four started:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. E. R. Morris .	89 13 76	Mr. H. E. Acklom .	88 4 84
Mr. H. Kinsey ...	94 17 77	Mr. F. W. Beckford	89 4 85
Mr. H. Sladin ...	92 14 78	Mr. H. E. H. Kent	90 4 86
Mr. H. G. Lewin ...	91 12 79	Mr. Robson-Burrows	93 6 87
Mr. D. Preston ..	97 18 79	Mr. P. Walker ...	111 18 93
Mr. E. D. Hake ...	100 20 80		

* Winner.

Thirteen made no returns.

BOURNEMOUTH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medals were played for on Wednesday, January 1st, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Walmesley ...	71 10 61	Mrs. Rolland Ander-	
Miss Lowndes ...	65 2 63	son ...	73 6 67
Miss E. Roberts ...	75 12 63	Miss A. Ballantine	73 2 71
Mrs. Rogers ...	76 10 66	Miss Dumergue ...	86 14 72

Mrs. Walmesley won the gold handicap medal, and Miss Lowndes the scratch medal.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, Saturday, January 4th.—Thirty competed, in strong north-east wind. Mr. A. C. Woolley, 92, less 9=83; Mr. A. J. Stanley, 90, less 2=88; Mr. P. Tindal Robertson, 103, less 14=89; Mr. D. E. Cardinall, 108, less 14=94; Mr. Geo. Rumsey, 107, less 10=97.

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly winter medal competition was held on Saturday, December 28th, when Mr. F. Bindloss put in a win for the silver medal, and took the first sweepstake, and Mr. F. J. Norbury put in a win for the bronze medal, and Mr. J. M. Eaton took the second sweepstake. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. Bindloss ...	89 5 84	Mr. S. Fernyhough..	97 7 90
Mr. John Merry ...	87 scr. 87	Mr. J. B. Parkinson..	107 13 94
Mr. J. M. Eaton ...	94 7 87	Mr. A. T. Holland..	103 7 96
Mr. F. J. Norbury ...	104 15 89	Mr. A. Elliott ...	121 25 96
Mr. J. H. Milne ...	95 5 90	Mr. C. D. Milne ...	105 6 99

The remainder were over 100 net, or made no return.

The club held their New Year's competition on January 1st, for a prize presented by Mr. Samuel Fernyhough, over three rounds of the course, i.e., twenty-seven holes, medal play. Mr. E. J. Bridgford won the prize, Mr. W. Scowcroft first sweep, and Mr. S. Fernyhough second sweep:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. J. Bridgford.	145 22 123	Mr. H. Mosley ...	151 13 138
Mr. W. Scowcroft...	134 10 124	Mr. Z. A. Ward ...	158 18 140
Mr. S. Fernyhough.	137 10 127	Mr. C. H. Schill ...	161 19 142
Mr. H. Wilson ...	145 16 129	Mr. G. King ...	158 16 142
Mr. John Merry ...	130 scr. 130	Mr. O. J. Mosley ...	162 18 144
Mr. J. M. Eaton ...	141 10 131	Dr. Westmacott ...	167 22 145
Mr. C. D. Milne ...	142 9 133	Mr. W. H. Mann... 175 30 145	
Mr. F. Lee... ..	153 16 137	Mr. A. Elliott ...	183 37 146
Mr. J. H. Milne ...	144 7 137	Mr. C. Hopkinson .	164 18 146

The remainder were over 150 net, or made no return.

CANNES GOLF CLUB.

A perfect day and many players, but many made no returns. Among the company present were the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, the

Comtesse de Torby, and the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, with many others.

Fortnightly handicap.—Mr. W. Renshaw, 89, less 6=83; Mr. R. Soames, 102, less 8=94; Mr. A. R. Clark, scratch, 96; Mr. F. R. Clark, scratch, 98; Colonel Woodward, 115, less 14=101; Mr. Fredk. Walker, 119, less 14=105; Mr. F. Girard, 148, less 35=113.

Ladies.—Mrs. Shelton, 64, less 5=59; Mrs. Walker, 82, less 18=64.

CHESTERFORD PARK GOLF CLUB.

Sixth competition for the Charterhouse challenge cup, December 14th.—Miss F. Burgess, 116, less 23=93; Mrs. Bellingham, 125, less 25=100; Mrs. Bartlett, 169, less 25=144; Miss Nockolds, Miss H. Wright, and Miss Robinson, no returns. Mr. S. H. Edgerley, 104, less 12=92; Rev. E. E. Edgerley, 110, less 18=92; Mr. M. Taylor, 144, less 37=107. Mr. J. C. T. Smith, Mr. H. Neville, and Mr. Waterhouse, no returns.

CHISWICK GOLF CLUB.

Winter meeting, 1895. December 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th.—Thursday, 26th, six-hole tournament under handicap, match play. First prize, a silver cigar case; second prize, a box of balls, both presented by Mr. R. H. Veal. Forty-five members entered, of whom forty played. The final was between Messrs. D. Matthias and S. J. Chesterton, being won by the former.

At 2 p.m. an approaching and putting-out competition at three distances. First prize, a silver muffinier, Mr. H. D. Howes; second prize, a box of balls, Mr. A. St. J. Sargeant.

Friday, the 27th, one medal round. First prize, a silver salver; second prize, a box of balls:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. F. Finnis ...	85 3 82	Mr. J. W. Price ...	100 14 86
Mr. H. L. Foster ...	88 4 84	Mr. C. H. Byers ...	97 10 87
Mr. G. M. Burd ...	96 11 85	Mr. G. R. Mewburn ...	95 7 88
Mr. H. R. Payne ...	94 9 85	Mr. F. S. Finnis ...	98 10 88
Mr. C. D. Snowden ...	96 11 85	Mr. A. D. Brown-	
Capt. Cowper-Coles ...	86 scr. 86	john ...	102 14 88
Mr. E. H. Laurie ...	95 9 86	Mr. D. M. Scott ...	94 5 89

Eight more under 100 net.

Saturday, 28th. Monthly medal and sweepstake (optional.) Seniors:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. C. G. Poole ...	90 11 79	Mr. A. St. J. Sargeant ...	96 9 87
* † Mr. C. H. Byers ...	89 10 79	Mr. F. G. Hook ...	97 10 87
† Mr. C. D. Snowden ...	93 11 82	Mr. C. F. Dickens ...	100 13 87
Mr. J. McHardy ...	86 3 83	Mr. J. W. Price ...	101 14 87
Mr. E. H. Lawrie ...	92 9 83	Mr. S. C. Bignold ...	100 11 89
Mr. H. L. Foster ...	89 4 87		

Ten more under 100 net.

* Tie for medal. † First sweep. ‡ Second sweep.

Juniors.—Mr. J. H. W. Malet, 107, less 28=79 (medal and sweepstake); Mr. G. Brooke Alder, 110, less 20=90; Mr. E. Beale, 112, less 22=90.

The club senior challenge bowl, to be held for six months, and a silver memento (cigarette case) for the best two cards in the medal rounds on 27th and 28th. Handicap limited to 15:—Mr. C. H. Byers, 166, first; Mr. C. D. Snowden, 167; Mr. H. L. Foster, 169; Mr. E. H. Lawrie, 169; Mr. G. R. Milbourne, 171; Mr. R. F. Finnis, 172; Mr. J. W. Price, 173; Mr. H. R. Payne, 178. Seven more under 200 net.

December 29th. "Bogey" singles under handicap limited to 15, for the senior challenge cup, presented by the lady members of the club, and a memento (silver matchbox). Second prize, box of balls. Sweep (optional) for seniors and juniors:—Mr. H. F. A. Willis (10), 1 up (first prize and first sweep); Mr. H. Castle (5) level, Mr. G. Crawley (13) level (second prize and second sweep); Mr. H. D. Howes (9), 2 down; Mr. G. H. Lawrie (8), 3 down; Mr. G. W. Tuzelman (14), 3 down; Mr. E. Crawley (18), 3 down (junior sweep); Mr. G. Gilbert (18) 7 down.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of this club was played for on Saturday, December 28th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. A. E. Bawes, K.M.L.I. ...	98 13 85	Mr. H. M. Leggatt ...	97 6 91
† Capt. Pym, R.M.A. ...	106 20 86	Mr. Martin Tomson ...	101 6 95
† Mr. H. D. Hirst ...	96 8 88	Major Banks ...	107 12 65
		Col. Blake ...	109 11 98

* First sweepstake. † Second sweepstake. ‡ Medal.

CLACTON-ON-SEA GOLF CLUB.

The usual Christmas meeting of this club was held on Thursday and Friday, the 26th and 27th ult., the weather proved very unfavourable

for good scores, and the results were as follows, these being the only cards put in not over 100 net:—

December 26th. Half-yearly challenge bowl:—Mr. S. N. Dimbleby, 100, less 7=93; Lieut.-Col. Openshaw, 110, less 16=94; Mr. H. A. Worts, 116, less 16=100.

December 27th. Quarterly challenge medal and memento:—Mr. S. N. Dimbleby, 101, less 6=95; Mr. F. King, 133, less 35=98; Lieut.-Col. Openshaw, 115, less 16=99.

EDINBURGH BURGESS GOLFING SOCIETY.

The Burgess Society held a New Year's competition for prizes presented by the Council. The following are the prize-winners:—Mr. T. G. Buchan (scratch), 76; Mr. James S. Fraser, 81, less 2=79; Mr. James Young, 95, less 12=83; Mr. J. E. Boyd, 87, less 4=83; Mr. Donald Stewart, 99, less 16=83; Mr. D. W. Mathew, 98, less 14=84; Mr. William Dickson, 102, less 18=84; Mr. H. B. Ferrier, 86, less 2=84; Dr. Stocks, 98, less 14=84. Mr. Buchan, by his brilliant scoring, established the official record of the green. Mr. Williamson's previous scores were as follows:—April (gold medal), 88; June, 83; October, 79; and January, 83.

FINCHLEY GOLF CLUB.

January 4th.—Monthly medal and captain's prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. M. McGregor ...	96 10 86	Mr. F. H. Swinstead ...	104 10 94
Mr. P. B. Tubbs ...	99 12 87	Mr. D. Watson ...	111 17 94
Mr. W. P. Harrison ...	113 21 92	Mr. J. L. Clark ...	103 8 95
Mr. C. M. Bailhache ...	111 19 92	Mr. A. B. Smith ...	110 13 97
Mr. A. MacGregor ...	105 12 93	Mr. H. B. Wimbush ...	104 6 98
Mr. S. W. Tubbs ...	103 10 93	Mr. W. Bower ...	120 21 99
Mr. E. L. Milner-Barry ...	100 6 94	Mr. E. Houlbrooke ...	116 14 102

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly medal for the year was taken by Major Burton on New Year's Day, when the following cards were returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Major Burton ...	93 11 82	Mr. H. Ritchie ...	97 8 89
Mr. J. W. Jeffery ...	90 5 85	Mr. A. C. Edwards ...	90 scr. 90
Col. Blake ...	95 10 85	Mr. E. F. Wood ...	102 12 90
Sir J. B. Edwards, M.P. ...	96 8 88	Mr. W. J. Haughton ...	95 2 93
		Genl. Williams ...	113 20 93

The ladies' quarterly silver medal was played for on January 2nd, and won by Miss K. Ritchie. Mrs. Follett, who returned an equally good net score, as a visitor was not eligible to win the medal, and therefore only participated in the sweepstakes. Miss K. Ritchie, 95, less 12=83; Mrs. Follett, 108, less 25=83; Mrs. Parker, 108, less 16=92; Miss E. Ritchie, 112, less 20=92; Miss Jeffery, 118, less 22=96. Five others made no returns.

FORFARSHIRE.

The members of the Broughty Club held a competition on New Year's day, for prizes on Monifieth course. There was a large muster, the entries numbering thirty-seven. The weather was mild and spring-like, and some good scores were returned. The best scratch scores were:—Mr. W. Harris, 85; Mr. F. A. Begg, 86; Mr. A. Bell, 89; Mr. A. Bowman, 90; and Mr. F. L. Parker, 90. The following are the principal prize-takers:—First class.—1, Mr. F. L. Parker, 4 below; 2, Mr. A. Bell, 2 below; 3, Mr. F. A. Begg, 1 below; and 4, Mr. James Robertson, average. Second class.—1, Mr. James Belford, 8 below; 2, Mr. W. R. Smith, 3 below; 3, Mr. E. Parker, 2 below. Third class.—1, Mr. George Stenhouse, 9 below; 2, Mr. J. W. Spence, 5 below; 3, Mr. W. Snaddon, 2 below.

The members of the Victoria Club, Montrose, held a special competition for a number of valuable prizes presented by members of the club. The competition was under handicap, and was played under favourable conditions as regards weather. The prize-winners were:—Mr. L. S. Smith, 78; Mr. John M'Kenzie, 86; and Mr. D. Crockett, 107, each 3 below registered number; Mr. P. Low, 96, 2 below; Mr. R. Winton, 83; Mr. D. M'Kenzie, 82 and R. Low, 109, each 1 below; Mr. W. A. Lamb, 96; Mr. D. Lyall, 101; Mr. James Murray, 86, and Mr. A. B. Kydd, 87, each at number; Mr. J. Thow, 88, 1 above; Mr. W. Reid, 84; Mr. J. Lessells, 89; Mr. J. Niblock-Stuart, jun., 102, and Mr. A. Wilkie, 87, each 2 above; Mr. G. Gray, and W. Stewart, 92, each 3 above; Mr. J. Wood, 86, 4 above.

There was as usual, a New Year's day competition among the members of the Montrose Mercantile Club, and the turnout of members was large. The competition was under handicap, and the winners of the prizes were as follows:—Mr. C. Foreman, prize for lowest score on green, with 79; Mr. J. Forrest, 100, 4 below; Mr. J. M'Kenzie, 92, Mr. A. Rennie, 97, and Mr. R. M'Farlane, 108, 2 below; Mr. J. Fyfe, 82, and Mr. D. C. Clark, 85, 1 below; Mr. W. Clark, 89; Mr. T.

Methven, 92; Mr. J. Murray, 87; Mr. W. Nicol 93; Mr. C. Ferrier, 101, and Mr. A. Jarvis, 110, at number; Mr. J. Thow, 88, 1 above; Mr. W. Wilson, 89; Mr. W. M. Napier, 91; and J. P. Cook, 92, 2 above; Mr. W. Valentine, 86; Mr. W. Forbes, 92; Mr. J. Alves, 98; and John Laing, 106, 3 above; Mr. J. Findlay, 84; Mr. W. Cobb, 84; Mr. W. Findlay, 89; Mr. W. A. Burgess, 89; and Mr. C. D. Napier, 100, 4 above; Mr. J. Hampton, 95; Mr. W. Foreman, 93; Mr. W. Nicol, 93; Mr. J. Burnett, 96, each 5 above; Mr. R. Cobb, 88; Mr. A. Davidson, 103; Mr. A. Middleton, 106; Mr. J. Fullarton, 108; and Mr. J. Bowick, 6 above; Mr. D. Burgess, 89; Mr. J. C. Pairman, 93; Mr. J. Hardie, 96; Mr. J. Young, 96; and Mr. K. Winton, 83, each 7 above; Mr. J. Douglas, 94, 8 above; Mr. C. S. Butchart, 82; Mr. T. Robertson, 96; Mr. A. Strachan, 107, each 9 above; Mr. D. Valentine, 10 above; Mr. A. Still, 93, and G. M. Smith, 89, each 11 above; Mr. C. Crowe, 97, and Mr. A. Jack, 108, each 12 above; Mr. D. P. Stott, 101, and Mr. J. Caird, 113, each 15 above; Mr. W. Gordon, 102, and Mr. W. Jack, 100, each 16 above.

FORMBY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The links of the above club, which consist of nine hole adjoining the gentlemen's course, were opened on Wednesday, January 1st, in beautiful weather. There were twenty-four competitors for the following prizes. Prize for best scratch score presented by Mr. Edgar Storey, won by Miss L. Cheetham with a score of 91. First handicap prize, presented by Mr. Edgar Storey, won by Miss F. Carr with the scratch score of 94. Second handicap prize presented by Mrs. C. A. Earle, won by Miss C. Young with the scratch score of 96. The optional sweepstakes were taken by Miss E. Young and Mrs. Ainslie. Below is the full return of play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss L. Cheetham...	91 scr. 91	Miss A. Herron ...	118 11 107
Miss F. Carr ...	94 scr. 94	Miss Welch...	109 scr. 109
Miss C. Young ...	96 scr. 96	Mrs. F. E. M. Dixon	124 15 109
Miss E. Young ...	97 scr. 97	Miss E. Shelmerdine	117 6 111
Mrs. E. H. Ainslie...	112 11 101	Mrs. J. Girvin ...	120 9 111
Miss B. Welch ...	103 1 102	Miss Amy Welch ...	130 16 114
Mrs. J. Ainsworth...	108 6 102	Mrs. M. H. Goold..	135 20 115
Miss M. G. Cheetham	110 7 103	Miss G. S. Kirkby...	138 20 118
Miss Shelmerdine ...	106 2 104	Miss Rollo ...	137 17 120
Mrs. Chalmers ...	107 3 104	Miss M. Welch ...	146 20 126
Mrs. C. A. Earle ...	112 8 104	Miss Helder ...	161 30 131
Mrs. J. W. Fowler...	106 scr. 106		

GREAT YARMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played January 4th:—Mr. F. J. Hope (scratch), 81; Rev. H. J. Arnold, 89, less 5=84; Mr. G. Bagnall, 97, less 13=84; Major-Gen. Dixon, 100, less 11=89; Rev. H. H. Lucas, 102, less 10=92.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Pinkerton prize (David Pinkerton's benefit), which has been open to all members since December 14th, closed on the 4th inst., with result which left Mr. W. M. Corrie an easy winner. Scores as under:—Mr. W. M. Corrie, 84, less 6=78; Mr. G. Martineau, 92, less 9=83; Mr. W. P. Trench, 96, less 10=86; Mr. C. E. Nesham, 92, less 2=90; Mr. H. L. Forbes, 94, less 3=91; Capt. Lamb, R. A., 95, less 4=92. A good many other members competed, but their cards were not returned.

HALIFAX GOLF CLUB.

Competition (twenty-four holes), January 4th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. R. Apple-	yard ... 134 28 106	Mr. J. H. Bottom-	ley ... 139 22 117
Mr. A. F. Firth ...	117 10 107	Mr. J. E. Hartley	150 32 118
Mr. J. Bairstow ...	125 16 109	Mr. J. B. Kershaw	136 18 118
Mr. F. S. Utley ...	135 24 111	Mr. C. G. Sugden	145 24 121
Mr. H. R. Starke	Jones ... 131 16 115	Mr. W. S. Paskin	151 30 121
Mr. F. L. Watkin-	son ... 132 16 116	Mr. F. Barraclough	134 12 122
		Mr. D. G. Sugden	147 24 123

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARD'S LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The above club held their monthly medal competition on Thursday, January 2nd. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Willmott ...	122 25 97	Miss Monkhouse ...	147 30 117
Miss Crofton Atkins	131 25 106	Miss Rhodes ...	152 30 122
Miss Smith ...	112 scr. 112	Miss Jelf ...	154 30 124
Mrs. Frith ...	133 18 115	Miss Styles...	164 30 134

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The postponed December competition of this club for three medals took place on Saturday at Fixby against Colonel "Bogey." Results:

First class—Mr. E. T. Woodhead (10), 4 down; Mr. A. L. Woodhead (2), 6 down; Mr. A. Moore (9), 6 down; Mr. E. Woodhead (10), 6 down; Mr. T. B. Keighley (8), 7 down; Mr. J. S. Ainley (9), 7 down; Mr. A. Neild (11), 7 down; Mr. G. C. H. Willans (8), 9 down; Mr. R. Nelson (9), 10 down; Mr. A. P. Crosland (5), 12 down. Second class—Mr. J. S. Gaunt (15), 4 down; Mr. A. C. Sharpe (12), 6 down; Mr. J. Barnicot (12), 6 down; Mr. W. R. Carter (13), 7 down; Mr. J. Oliver (14), 7 down; Mr. C. Oliver (18), 11 down.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, January 2nd, the ladies of the above club competed for a prize kindly presented by Miss C. Allen, an engraving, to be played for by medal play under handicap. Only five ladies started. The links were very wet after the recent heavy rains, but Mrs. O'Leary proved the winner with an excellent score. Mrs. O'Leary, 98, less 5=93; Miss Gem, 108, less 5=103; Miss Jepson, 132, less 20=112. No returns from Mrs. Kemp Bourne and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell.

Pears cup competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. John Kinmond	96 19 77	Mr. Victor Jepson...	104 15 89
Mr. Vincent Jepson	93 11 82	Mr. E. Kemp Bourne	100 10 90
Mr. H. O'Leary ...	100 15 85	Mr. R. C. Franklin	116 25 91
Mr. T. Kinmond ...	100 13 87	Mr. G. Carey Franklin	109 16 93
Mr. H. Walker ...	98 10 88	Dr. H. N. C. Atkinson	109 13 93

Mr. H. R. Hands made no return.

KETTERING v. WELLINGBOROUGH.

Played at Kettering on Saturday, January 4th, the home team being 47 up.

KETTERING.		WELLINGBOROUGH.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. W. Meadows ...	5	Mr. G. Nicholson ...	0
Mr. C. Saunders ...	0	Rev. Mr. Wynter ...	0
Mr. F. Mobbs ...	0	Mr. Pendered ...	0
Mr. A. Barlow...	1	Mr. H. Dullely ...	0
Mr. A. Mackay ...	3	Mr. P. E. Dullely ...	0
Mr. J. Thompson ...	3	Mr. W. W. Robinson...	0
Mr. T. Widdowson ...	12	Mr. F. Chamberlain ...	0
Mr. B. B. Baker ...	9	Mr. Laycock ..	0
Mr. C. W. Stringer ...	4	Mr. W. H. Miller ...	0
H. V. Bird ...	10	Mr. W. F. Mills ...	0
	47		0

KING'S NORTON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly cup, played January 4th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. C. S. Green ...	95 20 75	Mr. W. C. Bellingham	114 24 90
Mr. A. B. Whitfield	99 18 81	Mr. T. Hadley ...	110 18 92
Mr. T. H. Charles...	102 20 82	Mr. A. H. Wolseley	114 22 92
Mr. F. Holliday ...	101 18 83	Mr. A. G. Brinton ...	116 24 92
Mr. W. G. Goode...	108 24 84	Mr. D. Kershaw ...	121 27 94
Mr. A. D. Charles...	98 8 90	Mr. H. B. S. Bennett	122 24 98

* Winner.

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

The members of the Lanark Golf Club held their annual competition for the Orchard shield and souvenirs on New Year's Day, in perfect weather. There was a large turn-out, and the greens were in excellent order. Two rounds (twenty-eight holes in all) were played, and resulted in the victory of Messrs. Haddow and McCutcheon. Many couples retired, but the scores returned are as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Messrs. Haddow and McCutcheon ...	146 12 134
Rev. D. Mackintosh and Mr. G. J. Miller...	156 21½ 134½
Messrs. H. Renwick and R. McKeane ...	148 11 137
Messrs. W. L. Hatrick and James Swan ...	151 14 137
Mr. Jas. Arthur Vassie and Capt. Kays ...	151 13 138
Messrs. Vassie and L. Stuart ...	154 15½ 138½
Messrs. Jas Arman and Wm. Arman, jun....	155 16½ 138½
Messrs. J. Smith, jun. and J. A. Young ...	156 17½ 138½
Messrs. W. R. Anstruther and James	Templeton ... 168 24 144

At a special general meeting, held the same day, Sir W. C. Anstruther, Bart., vice-president of the club, in the chair, the entry money was raised from £2 2s. to £3 3s.

On Saturday, January 4th, the third competition was held this season for the monthly medal. It was postponed from the previous Saturday on account of snow; but on the day of competition the weather was such as would have done credit to a day in midsummer. On cards being handed in, it was found that Mr. Renwick had done

the eighteen holes in 84, which, less 3, brought him in at 81, and gained the medal; Mr. Vassie, with 90, less 7=83; and Mr. Jas. Annan, with 90, less 7=83, tied for second place; and Mr. McCutcheon came next with 95, less 12=84.

LEICESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medals, played for January 2nd and 4th. Short handicaps.—Dr. F. M. Pope, 97, less 12=85; Mr. O. J. Taylor, 105, less 16=89; Mr. C. E. Hare, 113, less 18=95; Mr. H. S. Elliott, 113, less 15=98. Many other players competed, and were over 100 net.

Long handicaps.—Mr. H. G. Warburton, 116, less 30=86; Mr. H. S. N. Toller, 124, less 22=102; Mr. W. N. Toller, 127, less 22=105. Many other players competed.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The Christmas meeting of this club was held on December 25th and two following days, in cold and dull weather. The competition for the Wintle cleek resulted in a win for Mr. W. L. Croll, the details of the play being as under:—

First round.—Mr. A. Gibbings (10), beat Mr. C. Webb (10), by 2 up; Mr. H. E. Johnson (8), beat Mr. A. J. Stanley (3), by 3 up and 2 to play.

Second round.—Mr. F. W. Maude (5), beat Mr. F. L. Rawson (3), by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. O. B. Martyn (12), beat Mr. G. G. Thoms (14), by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. F. F. Begg (13), beat Mr. F. A. Lyall (20), by 1 up; Mr. W. L. Croll (10), beat Mr. J. A. Thomas (11), by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. H. E. Johnson (8), beat Mr. A. Gibbings (10), by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. E. Taylor (12), beat Mr. J. R. T. Robertson (20), by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. R. G. MacMillan (9), beat Mr. R. Belton (10), by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. R. Lawson (scr.), beat Mr. E. Hands (10), by 4 up and 3 to play.

Third round.—Mr. F. W. Maude (5), beat Mr. O. B. Martyn (12), by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. W. L. Croll (10), beat Mr. F. F. Begg (13), by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. H. E. Johnson (8), beat Mr. E. Taylor (12), by 1 up; Mr. R. G. MacMillan (9), beat Mr. R. Lawson (scr.), by 3 up and 2 to play.

Fourth round.—Mr. W. L. Croll (10), beat Mr. F. W. Maude (5), by 1 up; Mr. H. E. Johnson (8), beat Mr. R. G. MacMillan (9), by 8 up and 7 to play.

Final.—Mr. W. L. Croll (10), beat Mr. H. E. Johnson (8), by 4 up and 2 to play.

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, January 4th. Green a little heavy. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. J. A. Greig ... 89 5 84	Mr. W. Watkin
Mr. F. Single ... 99 15 84	Mills ... 110 18 92
Mr. J. Wood ... 100 12 88	Mr. J. P. Croal ... 100 7 93
Dr. F. H. Carter ... 97 8 89	Mr. J. H. Parkes ... 117 21 96
Mr. K. B. Brown ... 92 2 90	Mr. J. H. Davidson ... 107 8 99
Mr. A. J. Robertson ... 93 2 91	Mr. A. Thompson ... 126 25 101
Mr. H. E. Fisher ... 101 10 91	Mr. J. S. Belfrage ... 123 18 105
Mr. A. E. Walker ... 92 scr. 92	Mr. J. Driver Hollo-
Mr. D. S. Froy ... 92 scr. 92	way ... 123 18 105

* Winner.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

Opening of the New Links.—The formal opening of the new links of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club has been celebrated by a competition for a very handsome prize, presented by Mr. Henry Tate, jun. The prize consisted of a massive silver cup, period George IV., elaborately chased, and bearing a suitable inscription. It was given for the aggregate of the six best net scores made by any one player on the new links between October 1st and December 31st. Not fewer than 264 cards were taken out between those dates, and the links, considering that they have just been formed, were in very good condition. The six combined best net returns were as follow:—Mr. W. H. Worthington, 80, 86, 88, 88, 88, 88=518; Mr. J. G. Gartside, 81, 85, 87, 88, 88, 90=520; Mr. J. Mellor, 89, 90, 91, 95, 96, 96=557; Mr. T. Baxter, 88, 92, 92, 96, 96, 99=563; Mr. R. S. Jewison, 91, 93, 96, 96, 98, 99=573; Mr. C. H. Atkinson, 98, 99, 101, 101, 101, 101=601. In the unavoidable absence of the captain, and also of the donor of the prize, the cup was presented to the winner, Mr. W. H. Worthington, by the hon. secretary, Mr. J. Talbot Fair.

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The fourth monthly handicap competition for this season was played on Saturday last. Result:—Mr. W. F. Taylor, 107, less 27=80; Mr. J. G. Barclay, 114, 28=86; Mr. J. M. Leake, 99, less 12=87; Mr. J. Webster, 114, less 26=88; Mr. E. Budden, 120, less 25=95; Mr. E. Wright, 122, less 27=95; Mr. H. Hall, 108, less 10=98. Two cards not returned.

NEASDEN GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, Saturday, December 28th:—Senior, Mr. R. H. Glanfield, 90, less 9=81; Mr. F. J. Debenham, 95, less 12=83; Mr. E. J. Lewis, 95, less 10=85; Mr. J. Wood, 95, less 8=87. Remainder 100 net or no return.

Junior:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. T. E. Lescher ... 96 20 76	Mr. C. A. Dunn ... 112 20 92
Mr. E. N. Vowler ... 97 14 83	Mr. O. Guttman ... 109 16 93
Mr. W. J. Grierson ... 98 14 84	Mr. M. Woolf ... 109 16 93
Mr. C. C. Baker ... 105 18 87	Mr. G. H. Boyce ... 112 17 95
Mr. H. W. Lawrence 108 18 90	Mr. F. D. Davy ... 119 20 99
Mr. J. C. Monsell ... 111 20 91	Mr. E. W. Rush-
Mr. F. J. Mims ... 116 25 91	worth ... 117 18 99

Remainder 100 net or no return.

"Bogey" competition on Saturday, January 4th:—Mr. S. M. Dent, 3 down; Mr. H. H. Tankard, 3 down; Mr. A. H. Beard, 6 down; Mr. M. Woolf, 7 down; Mr. E. N. Vowler, 7 down; Mr. L. A. Lawrence, 8 down; Mr. T. H. Lewis, 8 down; Mr. L. G. Sloan, 8 down; Mr. H. W. Lawrence, 9 down. Remainder over 9 down or no return.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition of the above club for December, which was postponed owing to the unfavourable weather, took place on Thursday and Saturday, January 2nd and 4th, with the following result:—Thursday, handicaps of 16 and under—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. N t.
Mr. T. G. Mellors 101 14 87	Mr. C. B. Edwards 104 12 92
Mr. H. M. Robinson 94 5 89	Mr. W. R. Lymbery 107 15 92
Mr. J. Doleman ... 99 10 89	Mr. J. Bowes ... 101 8 93
Mr. J. Johnstone ... 100 9 91	Mr. J. Bright ... 105 12 93
Mr. C. Barker ... 103 12 91	Mr. J. A. Simpson 126 16 110
Mr. J. McMeeking 101 9 92	

Messrs. J. C. Warren and E. Forester could not finish the round owing to the light falling.

Handicaps over 16.—Mr. T. McCulloch, 112, less 20=92; Mr. A. Harwood, 115, less 19=96; Mr. W. J. New, 127, less 20=107. Mr. A. Oliver did not return his card.

Saturday, handicaps of 16 and under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. Harris ... 91 8 83	Mr. W. P. Snook ... 99 8 91
Mr. F. Ashwell ... 100 14 86	Mr. J. Forman ... 108 16 92
Rev. F. J. K. Bran-	Mr. E. A. Coultis ... 102 9 93
ford ... 104 16 88	Mr. C. F. Dobson ... 108 14 94
Mr. J. D. Pearson ... 104 16 88	

Messrs. C. S. Wardle and P. W. Allen did not return their cards.

Handicaps over 16.—Mr. C. A. Rastall, 111, less 21=90; Mr. E. J. Cooper, 112, less 21=91; Mr. G. C. Hine, 119, less 21=98; Mr. H. D. Snook, 125, less 20=105; Mr. R. Edwards, 134, less 27=107. Mr. L. Pearson did not return his card.

NORTH BEDS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal and special prize were played for on Saturday, January 4th:—Mr. C. E. S. Innes, 97, less 6=91; Rev. G. F. Aphthor, 108, less 16=92; Rev. G. Gatty, 119, less 24=95; Rev. F. S. Bagshaw, 129, less 30=99. Other players over 100 net.

PRINCE'S LADIES' (MITCHAM) GOLF CLUB.

The January medal was played on Wednesday, January 1st, and won by Miss Langley, with 78, less 3=75. The monthly approach and putting competition at nine holes was tied for by Mrs. Harry Willock and Miss Mildred Rostron, with a score of 28. The latter remained the winner with 29.

Monthly medal.—Miss Langley, 78, less 3=75; Miss M. Rostron, 77, less 1=76; Miss Hatfield, 91, less 14=77; Miss Helen Martineau, 101, less 20=81; Mrs. Harry Willock, scratch, 84. The remaining thirteen made no return.

ROBIN HOOD GOLF CLUB.

Ashford cup.—The final for the above cup was played on January 1st, with the following result:—Mr. E. Forded 90, less 10=80; Mr. H. Lowe, 92, less 9=83; Mr. J. F. Jordan, 107, less 18=89; Mr. W. Patterson, 119, less 20=99. No other returns.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The winter meeting of the above club was held on December 27th and 28th, in good golfing weather. Over fifty members competing each day. On Friday, Mr. H. C. Barnes Lawrence took the first club prize, Mr. J. H. Haviland winning the Barnes-Lawrence prize, and on Saturday the first club prize and monthly medal. Colonel E. W. Shaw

took the aggregate prize, and scored a win for the Eaton prize. Mr. J. Jackson and Mr. J. H. Lane winning the second club prizes on Friday and Saturday. Rev. H. Salwey taking the Leatham prize for handicaps of 10 and upwards.

Friday, December 27th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Col. E. W. Shaw ...	89 7 82	Mr. W. S. Sheldon	95 4 91
Mr. H. C. Barnes	...	Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	96 5 91
Lawrence ...	92 8 84	Rev. H. Salwey ...	105 14 91
Mr. J. Jackson ...	95 10 85	Mr. A. Tabor ...	107 16 91
Mr. J. H. Haviland	97 12 85	Rev. H. Von E.	...
Mr. O. C. Bevan ...	87 1 86	Scott ...	94 2 92
Mr. C. A. Leatham	100 14 86	General Hill ...	103 11 92
Mr. B. E. Scott ...	101 15 86	Mr. T. S. Whitfield	101 8 93
Mr. G. Gardner ...	86 +1 87	Capt. T. F. Swinford	103 10 93
Mr. R. B. Mansfield	95 8 87	Capt. Stansfeld, R.A.	106 12 94
Mr. R. H. Ellis ...	100 13 87	Dr. Gabbett ...	109 15 94
Rev. W. F. Eaton	102 15 87	Mr. A. Jaffe ...	112 18 94
Mr. J. H. Lane ...	112 24 88	Mr. E. O. Langham	103 7 95
Mr. J. H. B. Beresford	... 98 9 89	Mr. J. H. Morley...	108 12 96
Mr. G. P. Leach ...	99 10 89	Rev. C. W. Horsburgh	... 99 1 98
Mr. H. G. S. Hughes	97 7 90	Mr. E. Spencer ...	109 11 98
Mr. F. R. Morris ...	105 15 90	Mr. S. F. Hulton ...	111 12 99
Mr. J. C. Miller ...	95 4 91		

Saturday, December 28th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. H. Haviland	95 11 84	Mr. H. G. S. Hughes	97 7 90
Mr. J. H. Lane ...	108 24 84	Mr. R. A. Kyrke ...	105 15 90
Mr. H. C. Barnes	...	Mr. J. Lee Warner	107 17 90
Lawrence ...	92 6 86	Mr. J. Jackson ...	101 9 92
Colonel E. W. Shaw	93 6 87	Mr. C. Bell...	104 12 92
Dr. J. P. Bookless...	97 9 88	Mr. C. Pitt-Taylor	110 18 92
Rev. H. Salwey ...	102 14 88	Capt. Stansfeld, R.A.	105 12 93
Mr. R. H. Ellis ...	102 13 89	Mr. T. E. Blundell	113 18 95
Mr. C. A. Leatham	103 14 89	Mr. B. E. Scott ...	111 15 96
Rev. H. Von E. Scott	... 92 2 90	Mr. J. H. Morley...	110 12 98
Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	... 95 5 90	Dr. H. S. Gabbett...	114 15 99
		Mr. A. Jaffe ...	117 18 99

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for the winter optionals was held on Saturday, January 4th, in fine, but cold weather. Fifty-eight members took out cards, but no very good scores, with the exception of those of Messrs. Cox and Crowther, were handed in. In the second class, the member who handed in the highest net score obtained a win for that class optional, as the others, with the exception of a former winner, had not entered. First class :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. G. R. Cox ...	86 2 84	Mr. J. B. Hunter ...	103 12 91
*Mr. J. K. Housden	94 10 84	Mr. H. S. Bower ...	105 14 91
†Mr. C. Pilkington .	98 12 86	Mr. W. Lowndes ...	105 14 91
Mr. C. J. Crowther .	93 6 87	Mr. H. J. Ryalls ...	102 10 92
Mr. P. Springmann .	94 7 87	Mr. W. C. Glover...	93 scr. 93
Mr. H. St. C. Byrne	98 11 87	Mr. F. W. Carson...	105 12 93
Mr. T. W. Crowther	88 +1 89	Mr. G. A. Solly ...	107 14 93
Dr. T. B. Grimsdale	91 1 90	Mr. G. V. Wall ...	105 11 94
Mr. Jas. Fairclough .	94 4 90	Mr. G. N. Francis...	108 14 94
Mr. J. H. Wild ...	98 8 90	Dr. A. Stewart ...	108 14 94
Mr. J. E. Pearson...	91 scr. 91	Mr. R. J. Kerr ...	97 2 95
Mr. N. A. G. Dowie	100 9 91	Mr. A. A. Lea ...	106 8 98

* Tie for win-in, winter optional prize; divide first and second sweep. † Wins half third sweep.

Second class.—Mr. W. H. Alexander, 103, less 17=86 (wins half third sweep); Mr. P. Wild, 108, less 18=90; Mr. E. J. M. Phillips, 115, less 25=90; Mr. J. Given, 120, less 30=90; Mr. Rushton Parker, 112, less 17=95; Professor Strong, 114, less 18=96; Mr. J. H. Silberbach, 115, less 16=99 (scores a win for second winter optional prize). Twenty-four others made no returns.

ROYAL NORWICH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' monthly medal was played for on January 1st, with the following result :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Davidson Walker	80 19 61	Miss E. Pratt ...	78 4 74
Miss Cozens Hardy	69 6 63	Miss H. Bullard ...	83 6 77
Miss Pratt ...	66 1 65	Miss Reeve...	80 2 78
Miss E. Boardman	75 10 65	Miss E. B. Smith ...	109 30 79
Miss A. Barwell ...	70 3 67	Mrs. E. Reeve ...	117 30 87
Miss Deuchar ...	93 25 68	Miss Bond ...	98 scr. 98
Miss M. Moltram ...	77 7 70	Miss Steward ...	121 18 103

ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

Forest Row cup, December 26th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Lubbock ...	87 3 84	Rev. A. Meyrick ...	92 4 88
†Mr. C. L. Reade .	88 4 84	†Mr. S. McCalmont	...
Mr. Lawford Andrews	...	Hill ...	100 12 88
drews ...	90 6 84	Mr. F. Scrutton ...	97 8 89
*Capt. Payne Crawford	...	Mr. Stanley Russell	108 19 89
... ..	92 8 84	Mr. L. B. Burns ...	96 5 91
†Mr. M. Drummond	93 9 84	Mr. A. F. White ...	105 13 92
Mr. H. A. Curteis .	86 1 85	Mr. H. Lazenby ...	105 11 94
§Mr. L. Horner ...	89 3 86	Mr. A. D. Stevenson	106 12 94
Mr. J. S. Scott ...	89 2 87	Mr. N. W. Grieve .	109 13 96
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke	...	Mr. F. Hessenberg	111 14 97
... ..	84 +4 88	Mr. W. N. Cobbold	111 8 103

* Winner of Forest Row cup, after playing off tie, with score of 88, less 8=80. † Winner of Bonet prize. ‡ First and second sweepstakes divided. § Third sweepstake.

A match was played on December 27th between members of the Royal Ashdown and the Cantelupe Working Men's Club, resulting in a victory for the latter :—

ROYAL ASHDOWN.

	Holes.
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke	... 0
Mr. J. S. Scott ...	... 0
Mr. A. Lubbock ...	... 0
Mr. C. L. Reade ...	... 0
Mr. L. B. Burns ...	... 0
Mr. Cecil Bigwood ...	... 1
Capt. Payne Crawford	... 6
Mr. Lawford Andrews	... 4
Mr. M. Drummond ...	... 0
Mr. Cecil Green ...	... 0
	11

CANTELUPE.

	Holes.
Mr. W. Mitchell ...	... 2
Mr. A. Padgham ...	... 1
Mr. E. Mitchell ...	... 4
Mr. A. Mitchell ...	... 3
Mr. W. Mitchell, jun.	... 4
Mr. G. Mitchell ...	... 0
Mr. C. Mitchell ...	... 0
Mr. H. Horsey ...	... 0
Mr. W. Dival ...	... 6
Mr. M. Seymour ...	... 0
	20

Monthly medal, December 28th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. F. Swainson...	85 8 77	§Mr. H. M. Braybrooke	... 83 +4 87
Mr. Cecil Bigwood	84 5 79	Colonel St. Clair ...	102 14 88
Capt. Payne Crawford	...	Mr. A. F. White ...	102 13 89
... ..	88 8 80	Mr. R. Chignell ...	102 12 90
†Mr. F. W. Baker...	90 9 81	Mr. S. McCalmont	...
†Mr. E. H. Stevenson	...	Hill ...	103 12 91
... ..	93 12 81	Mr. W. A. B. Musgrave	... 105 14 91
Mr. C. E. Sykes ...	93 10 83	Mr. W. N. Cobbold	101 8 93
Mr. Stanley Russell	103 19 84	Rev. A. Meyrick ...	98 4 94
Mr. C. L. Reade ...	89 4 85	Mr. J. F. Gordon ...	104 9 95
Mr. A. Lubbock ...	88 3 85	Mr. C. W. Nix ...	107 11 96
Mr. F. Bell... ..	102 17 85	Mr. O. S. Trinder ...	120 16 104
Mr. Lawford Andrews	...	Mr. J. Ramsey Parsons	... 134 25 109
drews ...	92 6 86		
Mr. H. E. Bateson...	94 8 86		
Mr. M. Drummond	95 9 86		
Mr. F. A. Lee ...	97 11 86		

* Monthly medal and first sweepstake. † Second sweepstake. ‡ Third sweepstake. § Yewhurst gold club for best gross score.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

Gordon cup, captain's prize, monthly medal, December 28th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Lush ...	99 10 89	Mr. C. J. Fox ...	101 6 95
Mr. Alf Kemp ...	95 5 90	Dr. J. D. Cruickshank	... 102 6 96
Mr. L. S. McKenzie	100 10 90	Mr. J. Hax... ..	106 10 96
Mr. G. Hillyard	...	Mr. J. D. Geddes...	106 10 96
Swinstead ...	97 4 93	Mr. J. O. Milledge,	...
Mr. F. H. Swinstead	...	jun. ...	107 9 98
... ..	101 8 93	Mr. N. Womersley	109 10 99
Mr. John Godwin...	104 11 93	Mr. A. W. Good ...	109 9 100
Mr. E. A. Tewson	100 6 94	Mr. J. W. Greig ...	109 7 102
Mr. Geo. Thompson	105 11 94	Mr. Robt. Oxenham	120 14 106
Rev. E. A. Stuart ...	106 12 94		

"Bogey" competition (single), Thursday, December 26th :—Mr. A. W. Good, 3 down; Mr. N. H. Wykes, 5 down; Mr. E. A. Tewson, 7 down; Dr. J. D. Cruickshank, 8 down; Mr. C. J. Fox, 8 down; Mr. Geo. Whitley, 8 down; Rev. E. A. Stuart, 9 down; Mr. H. Scrivener, 9 down; Mr. J. E. Brown, 10 down; Mr. Geo. Thompson, 10 down; Mr. W. H. Martin, 10 down; Mr. H. Lowen, 10 down; Mr. R. H. King, 10 down; Mr. Robt. Redwood, 11 down; Mr. J. D. Geddes, 11 down.

ROYSTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal, with a sweepstake, was played for on January 4th, when the following scores were returned:—Mr. E. B. Lindsell, 98, less 20=78; Mr. H. Y. Oldham, 95, less 13=82; Mr. C. Pigg, 87, less 2=85; Mr. J. Clay, 111, less 25=86; Mr. C. D. Brown, 105, less 18=87.

ROYSTON v. FINCHLEY.

Played at Royston on December 31st. Result as below:—

FINCHLEY.		ROYSTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. E. L. Milner Barry	0	Mr. B. M. Darwin	3
Mr. H. B. Wimbush	0	Mr. C. Pigg	1
Mr. J. L. Clark	6	Mr. G. F. Phillips	0
Mr. W. G. MacGregor	0	Mr. J. W. Greig	6
Mr. J. W. James	2	Mr. H. Smith	0
Mr. J. M. McGregor	2	Mr. W. T. Rowley	0
Mr. F. Swinstead	5	Mr. H. Pigg	0
Dr. Bryan	0	Mr. J. Hax	3
Mr. S. W. Tubbs	1	Mr. W. Adamson	0
Mr. P. B. Tubbs	4	Mr. J. Phillips	0
	20		13

ROYSTON v. HITCHIN.

Played at Royston on January 2nd. Result as below:—

ROYSTON.		HITCHIN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. Pigg	3	Mr. W. J. Hughes	0
Mr. G. F. Phillips	0	Mr. E. B. Lindsell	0
Mr. E. L. Milner Barry	8	Mr. Philip Dunn	0
Mr. H. Smith	0	Mr. L. C. Vaughan Wilkes	2
Mr. H. Pigg	12	Rev. G. Rivett Carnac	0
Mr. H. W. Barclay	1	Mr. P. T. Harris	0
Mr. R. F. Crossley	10	Mr. A. Foster	0
Mr. T. M. Howson	3	Mr. R. Lucas	0
	37		2

RYE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, January 4th:—Mr. W. E. Brodrick, 101, less 11=90; Mr. E. J. Vidler, 116, less 23=93; Mr. V. Waldron, 117, less 20=97; Mr. H. Morse-Hewitt, 108, less 10=98; Mr. H. Waldron, 118, less 18=100. All other scores over 100 net.

Silver cleek.—Mr. H. S. Colt (plus 2), halved; Mr. A. M. S. Graeme (10), 2 down; Rev. J. L. Bates (14), 7 down; Mr. E. J. Vidler (23), 8 down; Mr. H. Morse-Hewitt (10), 10 down; Mr. F. H. Brodrick (9), 10 down.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

A competition open to members of the Seaford Ladies' Golf Club and of the Seaford Golf Club was held over the ladies' links on New Year's day. About twenty entered, and the play was of a very interesting character, the handicaps having been very carefully adjusted. Mr. A. W. Murray took first and Miss Farncombe and Mr. T. Gilroy tied for second prize. The following were the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. W. Murray	72 +1 73	Mr. B. B. Head	83 scr. 83
Miss Farncombe	84 10 74	Mr. C. S. Hand	84 1 83
Mr. T. Gilroy	68 +6 74	Mrs. Reynolds	96 12 84
Mrs. W. Lambe	91 16 75	Miss Danby	100 12 88
Mrs. Danby	90 11 79	Mrs. Tyler Smith	117 22 95
Mr. W. M. Cundell	79 scr. 79	Mrs. Jack	118 16 102
Capt. Nugent	75 +6 81		

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

New Year's Day competition.—A medal competition, under handicap, for prizes presented by Messrs. J. F. Wilson and W. Somerville Woodiuss was held on the Seaton links on New Year's Day. The weather was dull, with a south-westerly wind blowing, but fairly favourable to golfing, the only drawback being the quantity of blown sand and somewhat sodden condition of the links. The competition resulted, as on Boxing Day, in another tie, proving the accuracy with which the handicapping committee gauge the play of the members. Messrs. Seymour Walker and O. K. Trechmann being equal on net scores. Mr. Seymour Walker's was a very good performance, his 88 being the best score on merit of the day. It is evident the inflowing of subscriptions has had a happy effect on the hon. treasurer's (Mr. O. K. Trechmann) game, for, notwithstanding a reduction of three strokes per round in consequence of his success in the Boxing Day competition, Mr. Trechmann again came to the front, and as he and Mr. Scott and the Rev. C. B. Hunter agreed to play off their tie in the Boxing Day

competition on this occasion, the result is, Mr. Trechmann won Dr. A. E. Monson's prize, Mr. Scott and the Rev. C. B. Hunter dividing second honours. There was a capital turn-out of members, twenty-eight competing, of which the following made returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. Walker	88 7 81	Mr. G. Newby	95 6 89
Mr. O. K. Trechmann	90 9 81	Rev. E. Sykes	107 18 89
Mr. S. S. Bell	94 12 82	Mr. R. Scott	89 +1 90
Mr. L. K. Fawcett	95 12 83	Rev. C. B. Hunter	108 18 90
Mr. E. W. Walker	94 9 85	Mr. C. Cooper	102 7 95
Mr. A. B. Crosby	96 8 88	Mr. A. F. Trechmann	116 18 98
Mr. J. Robson	89 1 88		

Club cup.—The first competition for this year's club cup was held on the Seaton links on Saturday last in favourable weather, only a moderate breeze blowing. This year there are only five competitions for the cup which will be played on the first Saturday in every alternate month, the winner being the member who has the three best net scores out of the five competitions. Mr. R. Balfour, playing from one behind scratch, was first on this occasion with a fine round of 83 gross, Mr. A. F. Trechmann being second, on the net score only one behind. Twenty-one members took part in the competition, of which the following made returns.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. Balfour	83 +1 84	Mr. A. S. Reid	109 18 91
Mr. A. F. Trechmann	103 18 85	Mr. O. K. Trechmann	102 8 94
Mr. J. Robson	89 1 88	Mr. E. C. Jackman	107 13 94
Mr. L. K. Fawcett	100 12 88	Mr. A. Crosby	105 8 97
Mr. G. Newby	97 6 91		

SIDCUP GOLF CLUB.

An optional subscription handicap competition was held by the above club on Boxing day, and resulted as follows:—Mr. W. J. Harris (12), 5 down (first prize); Mr. C. Spreckley (20), 7 down (second prize); Mr. H. J. Donaldson (9), 8 down; Mr. F. Everett (25), 8 down; Mr. T. W. Fry (10), 9 down; Mr. W. S. Fisher (10), 9 down; Mr. F. H. Monckton (16), 9 down; Mr. L. P. Kekewich (13), 9 down; Mr. W. W. Nicholson (10), 11 down; Mr. A. Atkins (36), 11 down; Mr. E. L. Martin (16), 11 down; Mr. E. Meade (26), 11 down; Mr. H. Fry (12), 15 down; Mr. J. Wilson (18), 15 down.

The annual competition for the Scratch prize presented by the captain was concluded on Friday, when Mr. T. W. Fry defeated Mr. W. W. Nicholson in the final round of thirty-six holes by 5 up and 3 to play.

On Saturday the first of the monthly competitions, under the new rules, against "Bogey" was played. Scores were handed in as follows:—First Class—Mr. T. W. Fry (10), 6 down (winner first class medal); Mr. E. F. Spreckley (14), 7 down; Mr. C. Myrtle (12), 9 down; Mr. W. J. Harries (12), 10 down; Mr. L. P. Kekewich (13), 11 down; Mr. W. W. Nicholson (10), 11 down. Second Class—Mr. C. Spreckley (20), 5 down (winner second class medal); Mr. F. Everett (25), 8 down; Mr. A. Atkins (36), 12 down; Mr. F. H. Monckton (24), 13 down.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition was played on Saturday, January 4th, when the following scores were returned:—Mr. J. B. Gooding (7), 6 down; Mr. B. Whitmore (14), 8 down; Mr. E. W. Moore (32), 8 down; Mr. C. J. Waller (10), 9 down; Mr. W. H. Gill (20), 11 down; Mr. S. W. Woollett (8), 11 down.

FOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, January 4th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. N. C. Bailey	91 12 79	Mr. J. Verran	104 12 92
Mr. W. C. Warner	100 16 84	Mr. J. C. Bayldon	106 12 94
Mr. O. E. Coles	92 6 86	Mr. H. F. Turner	114 18 96
Major Ruck	94 7 87	Col. C. H. Coles	117 18 99
Mr. J. T. Steen	99 12 87	Mr. F. E. Badham	109 7 102
Mr. F. G. Hogg	104 14 90		

The half yearly handicap competition for the prize presented by Lord Granby, begun in November, has just been brought to a close. The competition has been productive of some good matches, notably the final between Major Ruck and Mr. Bayldon, who has recently been playing a strong game, which was won at the last hole by a putt. The following are the details:—

First Round.—Mr. J. Y. Henderson (18) beat Col. R. P. Hare (14), by 1 up; Mr. J. C. Bayldon (12) beat Mr. N. C. Bailey (12) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. W. Cowell Davies (16) beat Mr. W. Williams (8) by 2 up; Dr. Seymour Taylor (14) beat Mr. H. Butler (16) by 2 up

and 1 to play; Mr. E. J. Hunt (13) beat Mr. E. K. Harvey (16) by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. B. B. Turner (18) walked over, Mr. H. Fisher Smith (18) scratched; Mr. Cecil Tennant (18) beat Capt. F. H. Lyell (16) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. T. R. Pinkerton (plus 4) beat Mr. Alwyn Sapte (18) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. T. Steen (12) beat Mr. John Wood (11) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. G. B. Voules (12) beat Mr. E. C. Bond (12) by 5 up and 3 to play.

Second round.—Mr. J. C. Bayldon walked over; Mr. J. Y. Henderson scratched; Dr. Seymour Taylor beat Mr. W. Cowell Davies by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. E. J. Hunt beat Mr. B. B. Turner by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. T. R. Pinkerton beat Mr. Cecil Tennant by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. T. Steen beat Mr. G. B. Voules by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. H. F. Turner (18) beat Mr. J. Verran (12) by 1 up; Mr. T. W. Tamplin (18) walked over; Capt. Schuyler (9) scratched; Mr. R. S. Bain (12) beat Rev. B. Bainbrigg (16) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. D. F. Russell (16) beat Mr. G. L. Denman (14) by 2 up and 1 to play; Dr. R. C. Priestley (12) beat Mr. N. Dawson (10) by 2 up; Mr. S. T. Fisher (12) beat Mr. A. Baker (16) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. G. T. Petherick (18) beat Mr. B. E. Johnson (18) by 3 up and 2 to play; Dr. G. S. Woodhead (14) beat Mr. W. S. Hastings (16) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. T. L. Corbett (12) beat Mr. J. Hoppood (18) by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. G. Tayleur (13) beat Rev. D. Morrison (10) by 4 up and 3 to play; Major Ruck (7) beat Mr. J. Moore (8) by 3 up and 1 to play.

Third round.—Mr. J. C. Bayldon beat Dr. Seymour Taylor by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. T. R. Pinkerton beat Mr. E. J. Hunt by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. T. Steen beat Mr. H. F. Turner by 1 up; Mr. R. S. Bain beat Mr. T. W. Tamplin by 3 up and 1 to play; Dr. R. C. Priestley beat Mr. D. F. Russell by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. G. T. Petherick beat Mr. S. T. Fisher by 3 up and 2 to play; Dr. G. S. Woodhead beat Mr. T. L. Corbett by 7 up and 6 to play; Major Ruck beat Mr. G. Tayleur by 4 up and 2 to play.

Fourth round.—Mr. J. C. Bayldon beat Mr. T. R. Pinkerton by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. I. T. Steen beat Mr. R. S. Bain by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. G. T. Petherick beat Dr. R. C. Priestley by 6 up and 5 to play; Major Ruck beat Dr. G. S. Woodhead by 2 up.

Semi-final—Mr. J. C. Bayldon beat Mr. J. T. Steen by 3 up and 2 to play; Major Ruck beat Mr. G. T. Petherick by 6 up and 4 to play.

Final.—Major R. M. Ruck beat Mr. J. C. Bayldon by a putt at the last hole.

TRAFFORD GOLF CLUB.

Bank Holiday competition.—Through the frozen state of the putting greens, good scoring was almost impossible. Messrs. Hart, Graves, and Wilkinson won the prizes in rotation named.

The first Ladies' competition of this club took place on Friday, December 27th, once round, nine holes, which is a mile and a-half; the frozen state of the ground was very much against them also. Mrs. Saatweber was the winner, and her score of 75, less 5=70 was extremely good in the circumstances.

Bank Holiday competition, Thursday, December 26th. Twenty-six took out cards:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. M. Hart ...	106 15 91	Mr. W. Syer ...	121 18 103
Mr. S. B. Graves ...	100 3 97	Mr. W. Lund ...	114 10 104
Mr. F. Wilkinson ...	109 10 99	Rev. D. Dorrity ...	117 12 105
Rev. F. E. Thomas	127 25 102	Rev. H.H. Brayshaw	108 3 105
Mr. S. F. Jackson...	118 15 103		

Ladies' competition, Friday, December 27th, seven took out cards:—Mrs. G. A. Saatweber, 75, less 5=70; Miss M. D. Hart, 95, less 20=75; Miss Whitworth, 92, less 15=77; Miss Langley (scratch), 79; Mrs. Foster Jackson, 105, less 25=80.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club cup was held on Saturday, December 28th, in very wet weather. Score:—Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncreiff, 90, less 4=86; Rev. E. J. Bidwell, 106, less 16=90; Mr. C. G. Graham, 98, less 6=92; Rev. R. A. Edgell, 112, less 14=98. No returns from Mr. E. Edmondson (15); General van Straubenzee, C. B. (16); Rev. H. Victor Macdona (12); Mr. E. Turner (18).

WEST MIDDLESEX GOLF CLUB.

Radford "Bogey" competition, Saturday, January 4th:—Mr. R. W. Regge (10), 1 down; Mr. W. H. Miller (5), 2 down; Mr. A. Burr (12), 2 down; Mr. C. M. Bayfield (16), 2 down; Mr. T. G. Hewitt (4), 3 down; Mr. H. E. Pegg (9), 3 down; Mr. E. Bird (14), 4 down; Dr. A. Routh (16), 4 down; Mr. Clifford Gibbons (6), 5 down; Mr. E. Bradley-Hunt (1), 6 down; Mr. G. E. S. Fryer (12), 7 down; Mr. W. Grindlay (18), 6 down.

Not entered for the "Radford":—Mr. F. E. Ward (17), 6 down; Mr. E. Woodger (20), 6 down; Mr. J. Turner (20), 8 down.

No return from seventeen other players.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The New Year Day meeting of the West Lancashire Golf Club most successfully inaugurated the long list of fixtures, which will mark 1896 as soon as the new council, shortly to be elected, has exercised its revising hand. Two prizes were given by the club for handicap competition, and about forty couples started. For the season, the weather was ideal for golfing, though, of course, the greens were rather rough after the short frost. Mr. J. Royston, 82 net, won the first prize, Dr. A. Fisher, 83, taking the second. The first two sweepstakes went in the same order, while Capt. Chamier, Mr. Frank Harrison and Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe divided the third. Chief scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Royston ...	94	12	82	Mr. William Buckley	107 13 94
Dr. A. Fisher ...	89	6	83	Mr. R. Gould ...	96 1 95
Mr. F. Gittins ...	95	10	85	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	97 1 96
Dr. D. Harrison ...	103	18	85	Mr. W. Staveley	
Mr. T. Mellard Reade	103	16	87	Taylor ...	102 6 95
Mr. Wm. Gracie ...	104	16	88	Mr. W. B. Sproule	111 15 96
Capt. Chamier ...	90	1	89	Mr. W. S. Ebsworth	117 20 97
Mr. F. Harrison ...	93	4	89	Mr. A. M. Sing ...	119 22 97
Mr. P. Dobell ...	93	4	89	Mr. H. J. C. Ander-	
Mr. O. Dobell ...	96	7	89	son ...	108 10 98
Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe.	97	8	89	Mr. John J. Yates ...	116 18 98
Mr. G. R. Cox, jun.	90	scr	90	Mr. A. Gilmour ...	119 21 98
Mr. R. H. Dempster	103	13	90	Mr. D. L. Chalmers	117 18 99
Mr. D. H. Greenwood	92	1	91	Mr. L. J. Ferguson	107 6 101
Mr. A. Stoddart ...	103	12	91	Rev. C de B. Winslow	120 18 102
Mr. S. E. Job ...	104	13	91	Mr. T. N. Philip ...	121 18 103
Mr. H. M. Durandu	101	9	92	Mr. W. Forshaw-	
Mr. Malcolm Rollo	99	6	93	Wilson ...	126 20 106
Mr. Walter C. Clark	111	18	93	Mr. Geo. Durandu...	121 9 112
Mr. Geo. Newsom...	103	9	94		

WEST LANCASHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The New Year's Day meeting of this club took place on January 1st, eighteen couples competing for a prize given by an associate of the club. The winner was Mrs. S. H. Johnson with 84 net. The following are the scores returned under 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Johnson ...	103	19	84	Miss Shelmerdine ...	96 3 93
Mrs. Ryder Richard-				Miss E. Young ...	96 3 93
son ...	90	1	89	Mrs. Anderson ...	106 13 93
Miss C. Young ...	90	scr.	90	Miss Rollo ...	111 18 93
Mrs. Chalmers ...	93	3	90	Mrs. Sumner ...	114 21 93
Mrs. Clark ...	109	19	90	Miss G. F. Taylor...	94 scr. 94
Mrs. Fowler ...	93	3	90	Miss L. Cheetham...	95 1 94
Miss Latham ...	93	3	90	Miss E. Shelmerdine	105 11 94
Miss McCulloch ...	104	13	91	Mrs. Thompson ...	106 12 94
Mrs. Pettitjean ...	104	12	92	Mrs. Ainslie ...	111 16 95
Mrs. Wimshurst ...	108	16	92	Miss A. Herron ...	108 11 97

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting took place on the 1st inst. in open weather, and the muster of members was unusually small, even at this season of the year. Owing to recent frost and snow and heavy rains, the course was soddened and the greens very sticky. The majority of the competitors fared so ill that they elected to tear up, while the cards sent in are by no means up to the standard. Mr. G. W. Blathwayt wins the monthly cup and senior medal, Dr. H. E. Dixey the junior medal, and Messrs. Blathwayt and E. Hilliard tie for the "Bogey" prize with 4 down. Subjoined are the returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. W. Blathwayt	84	scr.	84	Mr. F. A. Horn ...	89 1 88
Mr. J. W. Jeakes ...	93	7	86	Dr. H. E. Dixey ...	101 13 88
Mr. E. Hilliard ...	98	12	86	Mr. G. A. Jones ...	94 2 92
Mr. M. G. Davidson				Mr. F. L. Banks ...	101 8 93
(Visitor) ...	101	14	87	Mr. F. R. Burrow	101 6 95
Mr. A. S. Archdale	88	scr.	88		

WOKING GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap, Saturday, December 28th:—Mr. J. D. Sykes, 87, less 9=78; Mr. W. F. Currey, 89, less 9=80; Mr. W. Howard, 96, less 12=84; Mr. W. Carr, 87, less 1=86; Mr. W. M. Corrie, 92, less 4=88; Mr. E. W. Howard, 104, less 16=88.

WOKING LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The December medal of the above club was played for on Monday, the 30th ult., and was again won by Mrs. Travers with a score of 104. Miss Knight, 108; Mrs. Lewis, 110.

The putting prize went to Miss Knight, whose total amounted to 21; Miss Shirreff, 22; Mrs. Corrie, 23; Mrs. Lewis, 25; Miss Harris, 26; Miss M. Shirreff, 27; Mrs. Travers, 30; Miss Corrie, 34.

CARLTON CLUB EDINBURGH.—This club held a competition at Archerfield (kindly granted by Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Ogilvy), there being a good attendance of members. Mr. W. B. Taylor was the winner of the gold medal, challenge jug, and scratch prize, with the fine score of 74; Mr. W. C. L. Stark won the gold medal (handicap) and Mr. J. S. Sutherland's prize with 87, less 12=75; second prize, Mr. P. W. Drummond, 98, less 18=80; third, Mr. J. G. Dan, 94, less 12=82, and Mr. G. S. Turnbull, 90, less 8=82 (tie).

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—On New Year's Day, the members of the St. Nicholas held their winter meeting, when, with favourable golfing weather, there was a fine turn-out of players, thirty-two couples starting in the competition for the club medal and other handicap prizes. The following are the best scores returned:—Mr. J. Thomson 79, and Mr. R. Andrew 79, who tie for the medal, and whose scores form a record for the new round. The details are:—Mr. J. Thomson, out, 6 3 4 7 4 4 6 4 4=42; in, 4 3 4 5 4 3 4 5 5=37, total 79; Mr. R. Andrew, out, 5 3 4 5 6 5 4 3 6=41; in, 5 3 4 5 5 4 4 4 4=38, total 79. The handicap prizes fell to:—Mr. J. Thomson, 79; Mr. R. Andrew, 79, plus 3=82; Mr. D. Lamb, 95, less 14=81. The Wilson medal fell to Mr. J. Thomson. The other scores were:—Mr. W. Smith, 108, less 24=84; Mr. A. Stewart, 93, less 8=85; Mr. A. Crawford, 92, less 6=86; Mr. T. Weir, 103, less 16=87; Mr. W. T. Morton, 96, less 8=88; Mr. A. S. Young, 101, less 12=89; Mr. H. H. Wallace, 94, less 4=90.

LEVEN THISTLE GOLF CLUB.—The Leven Thistle Golf Club held their annual New Year's meeting to compete for sweepstake prizes. The weather was cloudy, but mild and pleasant; and considering that that play commenced at 9.30, the number of players (thirty) which turned out was good. The following were the prize-winners:—First and second (tie), Mr. Malcolm Allan, 85, less 8=77, and Mr. Kerr Thomas, 91, less 14=77; third, Mr. James Wilkie (scratch), 78; fourth and fifth (tie), Mr. Charles Neaves, jun. (scratch), 81, and Mr. William Marshall (scratch), 81; sixth (tie), Mr. James Waddell, sen., 92, less 10=82, and Mr. James Creer, 87, less 5=82. The next best scores were:—Mr. Henry White, 98, less 16=82; Mr. John Barker, 91, less 8=83; Mr. John Brown, 89, less 6=83; Mr. James Kirkby 99, less 16=83; Mr. Robert Chalmers, 89, less 4=85; Mr. Robert Simpson (scratch), 86; Mr. George Bruce (scratch), 88; Mr. James Robertson, 100, less 12=88; Mr. G. Wilkie, jun. (scratch), 89; Mr. James White, 97, less 8=89; Mr. Daniel Philp, 95, less 6=89; Mr. William Gordon, 102, less 12=90; Mr. John Patrick (scratch), 90; Mr. Thomas Ireland, 110 less 20=90; Mr. David Rintoul, 110, less 20=90.

BRIDGE OF ALLAN GOLF CLUB.—Three prizes were given for competition. Mr. C. Dewar, 115, less 40=75; Mr. C. C. Ramsay, 122, less 40=82; Mr. M'Laren, 125, less 40=85; Mr. J. Bain, 117, less 30=87; Mr. W. S. Silver, 127, less 40=87; Mr. J. Carmichael, 138, less 50=88; Mr. H. Dewar, 112, less 24=88; Mr. J. M. Drysdale, 118, less 28=90; Mr. K. Ferguson, 118, less 28=90; Mr. W. Wotherspoon, 123, less 32=91; Mr. D. Munro, 130, less 34=96; Mr. G. R. H. Miles, 123, less 20=103; Mr. A. Morrison, 157, less 50=107.

ELIE AND EARLSFERRY.—The members of the Earlsferry and Elie Golf Club had a Christmas competition over the extended eighteen-hole course at Elie. There was a fair attendance, and the conditions were excellent. The weather was fine, and the green in splendid order. Prize-winners were:—First, Mr. G. B. Kay; second, Mr. J. H. Outhwaite; third, Mr. L. Fish; fourth, Mr. A. Hodge; fifth, Col. Outhwaite. Afterwards the members dined in the Marine Hotel, under the presidency of the captain (Mr. R. Ritchie), and spent a most enjoyable evening.

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