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OCTOBER.

- Oct. 22-24.—Rhyl : Autumn Meeting ; Visitors' Cup.  
Oct. 22-29.—Hayling Island : Autumn Meeting.  
Oct. 23-24.—Prestwick : *Evening Times* Trophy  
Oct. 24.—Warwickshire : Leaf Prize.  
Royal Belfast : Iota Cup.  
Royal Montreal : Colts Champion Belt.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Bury Cup.  
Forfar : Autumn Meeting.  
Lanark : Vassie Prize.  
Woodford : Monthly Handicap.  
Seaford : Autumn Meeting.  
Oct. 24-27.—Felixstowe : Autumn Meeting.  
Oct. 26.—Burnham (Somerset) : Gold Medal Handicap.  
Oct. 29-31.—Royal Wimbledon : Autumn Meeting.  
Oct. 30-31.—Royal Eastbourne : Autumn Meeting ; Monthly Medal.  
Oct. 31.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup.  
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.  
Haddington : Ross Medal.  
Royal Montreal : Buchanan Cup.  
Dundee : Club Cross.  
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.  
Cathkin Braes : Vice-President's Prizes.  
Haydock Park : Legh Challenge Cup.  
Epsom : Rosebery Gold Medal.  
Alnmouth : Handicap Cup.  
Ilkley : Buckley Cup ; Monthly Medal.  
Littlestone : Autumn Meeting.  
Royal Dublin : Open Handicap Prize, value £10.

- Oct. 31.—Troon : Sandhills Medal.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Prestwick Monthly Medal.  
West Cornwall : Monthly Handicap (Final).

NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 3.—Hayling Island Ladies' : Bath Challenge Star.  
West Cornwall : Ladies' Monthly Handicap (Final).  
Nov. 5.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.  
Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.  
Nov. 6-7.—Tooting : Autumn Meeting ; General Meeting.  
Nov. 7-9.—Gullane : November Meeting.  
Great Yarmouth : November Meeting ; Autumn Meeting.  
Nov. 7.—Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Killick Gold Medal.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Alnmouth : Handicap Cup.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.  
Richmond : Monthly Medal.  
Warwickshire : Lefroy Prize.  
Seaton Carew : Wilson Shield.  
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal.  
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup.  
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.  
Lanark : McCall Tournament Prize.  
Lundin : Handicap Medal.  
West Cornwall : Winners of Autumn Handicap.  
County Down : Wallace Cup.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Captain Larke's Prizes.  
Glasgow : Wilson and Scott Medals.  
Manchester : Monthly Medal.  
Melbourne : Monthly Medal.  
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.  
Nov. 9-10.—West Cornwall : Club Challenge Cup.  
Nov. 10.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup (final).  
Great Yarmouth v. Cambridge University.  
Nov. 11.—West Cornwall (Ladies) : Winners of Autumn Handicap  
Nov. 12-13.—Bath : November Meeting.  
Nov. 14.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.  
Wilshire and District : Monthly Medal.  
Alnwick : H. Marsh's Painting.  
Warwickshire : Shaw Gold Medal.  
Nairn : Pullar Medal.  
Lanark : Gold Ball, and other Prizes.  
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
Formby : Pearson Prize.  
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition.  
Nov. 16-21.—Nagpur : Grand Annual Meeting.  
Nov. 19.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.  
Nov. 21.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Disley : First Winter Handicap.  
West Lancashire : St. Andrews Meeting.  
Alnmouth : Marsh Painting (Final).  
Lytham and St. Anne's : The Bury Cup.  
Warwickshire : Savile Cup (Tournament).  
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.

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## THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

On the 6th inst., the stirring contest for the blue ribbon of the golfing world took place at St. Andrews. Ever since I took part in the competition—in another form—at Perth, in 1867, I have had a special interest in the struggle for the Open Championship. At that time it was rare for an amateur to think of competing with the professional talent; but, seeing that I had never played on Perth Links before, I was delighted when I came in third—Bob Andrews, the professional at Perth being first, and Willie Park, of Musselburgh, second. Now things are quite different. Last autumn the Open Championship was secured by a brilliant English amateur, Mr. John Ball, jun., of the Hoylake Club, Liverpool. New zest has been given to the contest. Not only are amateurs holding their own with professionals, but there are so many first-class players in England, that this is becoming more and more an international competition for the golfing laurels.

St. Andrews—the Doncaster of the game—was crowded with brilliant players from both sides of the Tweed. The stormy and rainy weather was the only drawback, and for some it was only too serious. Mr. Ball, who held at the same time the Amateur and Open Championship, and who was in good "form," was naturally looked on as a likely winner, though eighty-two skilled players were against him. After him, the hopes of the gentlemen players—and of Scotchmen—centred in the present holder of the amateur championship—Mr. J. E. Laidlay, of the Honourable Company of Golfers, Musselburgh. Mr. Horace Hutchinson, an ex-champion, hailing from Westward Ho! was another favourite of the English players, though Mr. H. H. Hilton, of Hoylake, a close imitator of Mr. Ball, and one who took second honours in the amateur championship, was considered in the meantime a more powerful rival. Among less likely amateur winners, yet brilliant players, were Messrs. A. F. Macfie, R. B. Sharp, E. R. H. Blackwell, S. Mure Fergusson, W. Auchterlonie, H. S. C. Everard, F. G. Tait, A. Stuart, D. Leitch, and C. Hutchings.

The professional talent, too, was particularly strong. For the thirty-first time was old Tom Morris to take part in the contest on his native green, which he keeps with exceptional taste and ability. He was champion in 1861, 1862, 1864 and 1867; this proves his exceptionally high place as a golfer in his younger days, though he now plays "for the fun o' it," as he expresses it, without any serious thought of success. Willie Fernie, of Troon, who carried off the blue ribbon in 1883, was looked on as a formidable competitor, seeing that he was in capital play, Bob Martin, St. Andrews champion in 1876 and 1885—the last with the "record score"; Willie Park, jun., champion in 1887 and 1889; and Davie Brown, Malvern, champion in 1886, were all very likely men to come in high. Willie Campbell, too, of Bridge o' Weir, who was second for the 1890 championship, was in good order; and he was most anxious to add the blue ribbon to his many laurels. Ben Sayers, of North Berwick, also, has been playing a remarkably steady scoring game for some time. Nor was Archie Simpson, of Carnoustie, out of the favourite count, though he is more brilliant than certain. He was desirous of standing equal with his brother Jack, the champion of 1884, who was also a competitor. But old Tom was strongly of opinion, an opinion which he has held for a considerable time, that Hugh Kirkaldy, if he kept in to his play, would beat the field. He has been playing a very steady scoring game for some time past, and has broken the record of St. Andrews Links. With many, his brother Andrew was a greater favourite. No doubt Andrew is the most powerful driver, and the most determined of all the St. Andrews players. Two years ago, he tied for the championship with Willie Park, jun., and though then beaten he challenged the champion afterwards, and won the match with exceptionally brilliant play.

In all, eighty-three aspirants to the premier position among golfers started for the contest—forty of these being amateurs. The struggle was keen, the amateurs anxious to retain the honour, the professionals equally keen to regain the laurels which had only once been taken from them. The weather was wretched. They had to start at nine prompt, for each had to play thirty-six holes. Accordingly they had to brave it through the drenching rain, and against a high easterly wind. The on-lookers were undaunted. A "gallery" followed the principal players, and betting was pretty free.

Mr. Ball, began well, going out in 41. More indifferent was his play in, but at the Road hole he made an awful mess of it. His ball lay on the road, so near a stone that it was almost unplayable; and he took eleven to hole out. This put him entirely out of the running. Mr. Laidlay lost himself at the very first hole, pitching his ball into the burn. This put him out, and his score of 90 to the round threw him out. Of the amateurs, Mr. Mure Fergusson with 86, and Mr. Auchterlonie with 85, were alone left with a chance of success at the end of the first round. Much was expected from Fernie (an old St. Andrews man), when he went out in 39; but he required 45 home against the wind. He repeated the 84 during the second round, making his total 168, three strokes below the record.

But Hugh Kirkaldy, by almost faultless play, had also gone out in 39. He showed himself in grand form. His driving was perfect and his

approaches were deadly. Though he got trapped in one hole, when he had to play back, thus losing a stroke, he came in in 44, making his round 83. Andrew made a mess of the High hole out, yet managed to score the out-holes in 40. Taking 44 to come in, he scored the round in 84. Hugh's success became the more probable when he took 38 to go out the second round, against his brother's 39. By excellent play against the wind he came in in 45, holing the round in 83. His total was therefore 166. Andrew was playing a most powerful game; but at the turn he was two strokes behind his brother in the match. Could he retrieve these during the remaining nine holes? Within the next four holes he wiped them off. The following three he halved. At the Road hole, which is a difficult one, he failed to hole out in the number taken by his brother and by himself during the first round. Yet could he not, by an effort, hole in four against his brother's five at the last hole? Fernie had holed it both rounds in four, and several others had made the same score. Would Andrew not succeed? An immense crowd had now assembled. The numbers were whispered round. All knew that the championship depended on this hole's play. But just at the crucial point Andrew failed. He did not get home in his second, and he was dreadfully short with his third. If he had put himself dead, he would have halved the match. But the putt was too long; he missed it, and lost the championship a second time. Taking six to the hole, he came in in 45, making a total of 84, and tying with Fernie for second honours.

Hugh thus broke the championship record by five strokes, exceptionally creditable, considering the boisterous weather during a great part of the day. The professionals, too, have regained their lost honours, and have proved themselves unassailable in stormy weather by the best caste of amateurs. No one grudges Hugh Kirkaldy the much envied title of champion golfer of the world; for he is a favourite with all—gentlemen and professionals alike. Tom's favourite outstripped all.

J. G. McPHERSON.

**BURGESS GOLFING SOCIETY.**—The Burgess Golfing Society, which appears to have renewed its youth, held its autumn meeting on the 15th, at Musselburgh. Despite the fact that the weather conditions in the early part of the day were wretched, there was a good muster of members. The state of the course, on the other hand, was decidedly against good Golf. The recent stormy weather seems to have completed the work which the race meeting began, and between the one and the other the course has suffered greatly. The putting-greens especially are in a wretched state, and holing out on them is no easy matter. The "blue ribbon" of the meeting was of course the gold medal of the club, won at this competition last October by Mr. A. M. Ross. Mr. Ross, as was to be expected, was an absentee, and naturally all the members of the "first file" present had a desire to fill the vacant place. It was Mr. J. M. Williamson whose desire was gratified. As usual, a couple of rounds decided the competition, and these Mr. Williamson, notwithstanding his exertions at North Berwick on the two preceding days, succeeded in completing in 89. Mr. Gregor M'Gregor found himself quite at sea in his short game during the first nine holes, on account of the condition of the greens, and although he played in something more like his own form in the second round—doing it in 43—his score for the eighteen holes ran up to 91. It was indeed Mr. Swan who ran Mr. Williamson hardest, the latter only winning from him by a stroke. For handicap players the principal attraction of the meeting was the silver medal; but there were also several handsome prizes given by members of the club. The following are the best handicap scores, from which it may be seen to whom the prizes fell:—Mr. A. B. Doughty, 97, less 14=83; Mr. J. H. Forrester, 106, less 18=88; Mr. J. M. Williamson, scratch, 89; Mr. J. Livingstone, jun., 97, less 8=89; Mr. J. Swan, scratch, 90; Mr. R. Sowers, 94, less 4=90; Mr. A. J. Hodge, 93, less 2=91; Mr. R. S. Day, 93, less 2=91; Mr. T. Aitken, 95, less 2=93; Mr. W. Tait, 111, less 18=93; Mr. H. B. Ferrier, scratch, 94; Mr. O. Thomson, 92, plus 2=94; Mr. G. M'Gregor, 91, plus 4=95. Play being over, the members, according to custom, dined together in the club-house, when the chair was occupied by Mr. Kerr, the captain, and the croupier was Mr. Knight Watson, the treasurer of the club. In the course of the evening, Mr. T. Carmichael, captain of the Royal Musselburgh Club, who was one of the guests, proposed the "Burgess Golfing Society," which he spoke of as one of the oldest golfing clubs in the country. It had attained to the mature age of between 150 and 160 years, and it still retained its vigour, and was in a flourishing condition. The chairman replied, remarking on the flourishing state of the club.

**HARRISON CLUB (EDINBURGH).**—The fortnightly and last competition for the club's gold medal was held in Harrison Park, when the medal was won by Mr. A. Auchterlonie for the third time, and now becomes his own property. The following members were twice winners over the season's play:—Messrs. J. Allan, J. Blyth, D. Menzies, and J. Campbell.



Two Dundee golfers have for years back been inseparable companions on Monifieth course, and so equally were they matched that their encounters never failed to afford interest. In these circumstances it might have been expected that their friendly rivalry would have engendered a spirit of a different kind from that displayed in the following incident:—The one, whom we shall call Mr. A, lost his ball, and his opponent, whose identity shall also be disguised as Mr. B, was informed of what had happened. The latter, however, never offered any assistance to look for the ball, but held on his way, leaving his companion behind. Mr. A found the ball after a short search, but great was his surprise to find that in the meantime Mr. B had picked up another opponent, and was just about to play off from the next tee. Mr. A is naturally indignant at such discourteous conduct, and all the more so because it was wholly inexcusable.

OVERHEARD ON EARLSFERRY LINKS.—Ardent, but wholly ineffective golfer, who has been lifting turf, missing the globe, &c., &c., until his caddie's patience is entirely exhausted, and whose ball is now lying badly "cupped": "Weel laddie, what am a' tae tak' there?" Disgusted caddie: "Weel, sir, tae tell ye the honest truth, it disna maitter a d— what ye tak'!"

ANOTHER FROM EARLSFERRY.—Two golfers are playing a friendly match. One has played three more on the green, and remarks to his opponent that he may as well give up the hole. His caddie is horrified at the suggestion, and is overheard to say in an eager stage whisper, "Dinna gie'd up, Sir! mak' him hole it; min, he nicht drap doon in a fit, ye never can tell; and besides, a hole's never lost till it's won."

RECORD SCORE AT BUSHEY.—A. Thom (of Montrose), professional of the West Herts Golf Club, went over the course at Bushey, in a match with Mr. H. S. Whittaker on October 16th in 75 strokes (35 out and 40 in), breaking the record (held by Mr. Melville) by 4 strokes. The following is the detailed score:—Out, 5 4 4 2 4 4 5 4 3=35; In, 4 5 4 5 3 4 5 5 5=40; total, 75.

It may interest golfers to know that Mr. James Kerr, captain of the Thistle Golf Club, Leven, who won our second "Golfers' Prize," is a very keen player, although only having one hand—the left. He can, however, enjoy the game as well as those more fortunate, and can hold his own with many good players. In a match which his club had with the St. Andrews Club, some years ago, he played the round in 92, beating his opponent by 6 holes.

"The Spirit of Golf," idealised in our Christmas number, continues to spread her benign influence in the far-off corners of the world. Since that article was written Golf is now played within sight of the Rocky Mountains, more recently in Melbourne, Australia, and now, in our competition columns, will be found the account of a match at Christchurch, New Zealand. The possibilities to its extension in the New World are practically illimitable, and the time may come when reciprocal visits shall be made by picked Golf teams between the Mother

Country and the Colonies. Just as our best cricketers were taught to respect Colonial prowess with the bat and ball, so golfers, even of the calibre of Hugh Kirkaldy, Mr. Laidlay, Mr. Hutchinson, and Mr. John Ball, may have to reckon with some formidable Colonial offshoots as antagonists. Certain it is that the spread of the game among so many players bringing fresh minds to its consideration, leading them to speculate, theorise, and experiment free from traditional prejudices as to the form of clubs and balls, and the government of old laws, will exert an influence fraught with far-reaching consequences, which no one can adequately forecast.

In the driving competition in connection with the recent North Berwick amateur tournament, Mr. J. Williamson (Burgess Club), gained the special prize, the full length of his drive being 236 yards. Mr. A. Stuart (North Berwick New Club), was second with 228 yards, and Mr. G. Gordon Robertson (Tantallon Club) third, with 226 yards.

Mr. Frank Baden-Powell, the marine painter, and a member of the Wimbledon Golf Club, whose design for the commemorative diploma, about to be awarded by the Royal Naval Exhibition, was unanimously selected by the Council, has had the honour of submitting the finished drawing to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, at Marlborough House, who has granted it his official sanction, and expressed his admiration for it as a most ingenious work of art as well as a most complete emblem of the naval service.

A correspondent writes:—"As to gutta balls floating or not it depends mainly upon the quantity of paint upon them. As a rule, a black gutta ball floats well out of water with two thin coats of paint, and just on the surface with three coats. If the paint be so put on as to fill all the grooves, down it goes."

THE "A1" GOLF BALL.

Golfers have long been familiar with the excellent qualities of this ball, and the widespread reputation which it has so deservedly earned. It came at a time when a good ball was largely in request owing to the spread of the game, and its use among players all over the world is probably as extensive as that of any other ball of equal excellence in the market. The material of which these balls are made is the best red gutta, and they are moulded and seasoned so well as to withstand any amount of rough usage, while for driving and putting nothing better could be desired.

Hitherto the experience of golfers with this ball has been that the paint somehow chips off too readily. This defect would seem to have been overcome, for the balls we recently tried (size 27) showed no such signs of usage after a day's play. In remaking these balls also the club-makers find that the material has an oily surface when completely moulded but not painted. Hence they have found a difficulty in coating the ball with paint which will adhere in defiance of the oily surface, and which will not cause players to complain of an unsightly ball after the first two holes. Some club-makers have tried a chemical preparation, either before the paint is put on or among the paint itself; but the success attained has not always been uniformly successful. The Gutta Percha Company, Wharf Road, City Road, London, N.—the makers of the "A1" ball—appear to have overcome this defect in the paint which they use, because in the balls we tried not the slightest symptom of the paint giving way was observable. A better ball in appearance, weight, and flying capacity, could not be found.

THE NEW GOLF CLUB AT WARKWORTH.—Tom Morris has just finished superintending the laying out of a 12-hole course, for the use of the members of the recently formed Warkworth Club. The course is within easy access of the village, and will doubtless be well patronised during the season. Morris has also been engaged by the Newcastle City Golf Club, and will begin operations on the Newcastle Town Moor at once. The membership of the club has been considerably added to lately, and the committee are now endeavouring to secure suitable premises for the purposes of a club room.

## THE ST. ANDREWS MANAGEMENT.

WHILE the Open Championship is quite fresh in the minds of golfers, a useful purpose may be served by saying a homely word or two to the authorities at St. Andrews, who were responsible for its management. In one or two of the northern dailies chronicling the events of that week, the customary roseate tag of congratulation was added, commemorating the success of the gathering, and felicitating the management on the admirable nature of their arrangements. There is no need, probably, to remind that body that one swallow does not make a summer; neither does a stray, colourless compliment signify that a feeling of profound contentment and satisfaction suffused the minds of all the golfers who either competed or were onlookers at the recent championship meeting. That very much the reverse of this was the case must have been gathered from the outspoken article which we published last week, and which, so to speak, dotted the i's and stroked the t's of a great deal of the current criticism from the mouths of golfers to be met with over a wide area.

The doings of the Royal and Ancient management would be comic were they not so serious in their effects. Apart altogether from the keen interest which amateurs take in the gathering and its success, there is the even more important element of the professionals; and in dealing with this body of players the Royal and Ancient contrived very thoroughly to give the golfing community a new and somewhat grotesque rendering of that maladroitness popularly known as "how *not* to do it." When one reads of the management's proceedings there is an inevitable disposition to ask whether we are living in the age of the steam-engine, the telegraph, and the penny press. The manner in which their arrangements were made seems to us to have followed very much on this principle. This dignified and select conclave of golfing legislators assembled round a table in order to fix the date of the meeting. They appear to have agreed among themselves to blot out in a geographical sense the existence of other large Golf clubs. They loftily disdained to look at the copious list of fixtures which we publish weekly for their benefit and that of other managing bodies, in order to find out the most suitable date which shall not clash too prominently with the convenience of other clubs. Like the Queen when she pricks with a bodkin the list of sheriffs eligible for election, the St. Andrews management evidently called upon the club steward to bring the club yearly almanack. The guiding authority of the conclave would appear then to have shut his eyes, and to have valiantly tried his luck by pricking for a date. If, after the cast, the date fixed upon with so much inspiration happens to be October 6th. and the following day is that on which the Hoylake members hold their large autumn gathering, so much the worse for Hoylake and the champion, Mr. John Ball, jun. The date having been selected, steps are next taken to secure that it shall not be too widely known. Though an oft-times

repeated advertisement of between twenty and thirty lines on the front page of a sixpenny paper is considered to be the right and proper thing to herald to the world that the St. Andrews Autumn Meeting (to a large extent, a local event) will be held on such and such a day, that there would be a little light festivity afterwards in the shape of a dinner for the gentlemen, and a ball for the ladies, three obscure lines in the smallest type, huddled away out of sight among the competitions, are thought to be ample publication for an infinitely more important engagement, national in its interest. Did the committee expect poor and struggling professionals to invest their hard-earned sixpences in order to disinter this curt piece of information? Not content, however, with allowing intending competitors to find out as best they could the date of the meeting, the enlightened management take the wholly unprecedented, as well as unnecessary, step of closing the list for entries *three* days before the competition is actually played—that is to say, that a competition fixed for October 6th cannot be entered for after Saturday evening the 3rd. The result was what might have been expected. Several professionals have poured into our ear bitter lamentations regarding the fool's errand of many hundred miles on which they had been induced to go to St. Andrews at this time of the year in order to take part in a competition which they imagined to be "open" in fact as well as in name. But evidently conscious that the indignation of the ten excluded professionals had some foundation in fact, a ludicrously abortive attempt was made to parade a document signed by the legitimate competitors, the practical effect of which was to give the ten professionals an ill-defined form of *locus standi* without in any degree ensuring that should the eventual winner turn up among their number he should enjoy the recompense of his success.

Did one ever hear of such hugger-mugger management in connection with the most important golfing event of the year? This, too, by a Golf club which allows it to be inferred that it contains not only the quintessence of Golf legislative wisdom, but that it can show an example to the world of how practical affairs ought to be managed. The truth is, that St. Andrews is just a little too prone to consider that prestige for past services counts for everything, and that it can be made to cloak a multitude of sins, both of omission and of commission. Although supposed to be the leading club in the country, it rarely takes the initiative in any Golf movement. It tinkers and tinkers the rules in a half-hearted, unworkmanlike way, only after repeated pressure, and in the interest of its own members alone, and without asking the views of the larger golfing democracy standing outside its gates. In this Open Championship business the same stolid, apathetic policy has been pursued, with the result that anger and bitterness have been engendered. In short, the Royal and Ancient is irresponsive to the progressive spirit of the times; it is narrow in its ambitions, and illiberal in its sympathies; it is slow in initiating reforms, and is extremely wedded to old ways; it is exclusive in its retrograde conservatism, and its government

needs a larger infusion of younger and fresher blood, more in touch with the wider world of Golf beyond the limits of Fife—always, of course, assuming that the St. Andrews Club wishes to take rank as the premier club in fact, and not only in theory. But the practical point which we wish to put straight to the management is this: Their bungling has had the effect of seriously crippling the resources of a number of poor, hard-working professionals who have left their homes, in some cases many hundreds of miles away, to play in the competition, only to find, on technical grounds which they cannot appreciate, that the door is shut in their faces. Would it not be a graceful act on the part of a very wealthy club to pay, at least, a portion of the railway fares of such men as George Lowe, who travelled all the way from St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, in Lancashire? If some such step as this were adopted, the present sense of ranking injustice against St. Andrews among the professionals would be, to a large extent, smoothed down.

**LARGS GOLF CLUB.**—In the competition for the captain's prize the lowest scorers were Mr. H. J. McCall (captain) and Mr. J. Bishop Culpepper; but as those two gentlemen were not competitors for the medal, the next lowest scorer was entitled to get it. As the lowest score was 66, and as three players made this score, viz., Mr. J. Murray, Mr. J. M. Thomson, and Mr. A. E. Barbour, they had to play off to decide who should hold the medal. The result of the tie on Saturday was that Mr. Murray was the winner with 92, for the double round, Mr. A. M. Thomson being 96, and Mr. Barbour, 119.

**LANARK GOLF CLUB.**—The members of the Lanark Golf Club held their first competition on Saturday for the silver cleek presented by the golfers in the 3rd and 4th battalions of the Highland Light Infantry, during the summer camp on the Muir. Two rounds of the green were played, 28 holes in all; and when cards were handed in, it was found that Mr. Haddow had got home in 129, which, after his odds were deducted, brought him in at 116, and gained the cleek, which becomes the property of any one winning it three times. Mr. John Smith, jun., was second with 119 net, and the Hon. A. J. Bingham came next, with 121 net. The greens were perfect, and the weather was all that could be desired.

**STONEHAVEN.**—The members of the Stonehaven Club held their usual half-yearly competition for the Mowat cup over the Cowie course on Saturday. The competition resulted as follows:—Mr. A. L. Wood, 88, plus 2=90; Mr. W. B. Cormack, 86, plus 5=91; Mr. W. Murray, 102, less 9=93.

**EDINBURGH C. A. CLUB.**—The autumn meeting of this club was held at Gullane on Saturday. The day was fine and bright, but a strong wind blowing across the course was against low scoring. The medal was won by Mr. Gordon Robertson with a score of 79, made up as follows:—Out, 4 5 4 7 5 5 6 3 4=43; in, 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 5 4=34. Mr. Robertson also proved the winner of Mr. Tait's prize for the lowest score at the three meetings of the club held this season, viz.:—North Berwick, 82; Luffness, 84; Gullane, 79. Mr. Turnbull Smith's prize fell to Mr. D. N. Cotton, and the club prizes were won by Messrs. James Paterson, James Brown, and William Greenhill.

**WEST LINTON.**—The best scores in the competition for Martin medal are Mr. Richard Aitken, 95, less 6=89 (medal); Mr. John Moubray, 96, less 6=90; Mr. William Adamson, 101, less 10=91; Mr. R. Millar, 96, less 4=92; Mr. James Laing, 103, less 9=94; Mr. Ranald M'Pherson, 99, less 5=94; Mr. George Hay, 111, less 16=95; Mr. J. Steele, 106, less 10=96; Mr. Andrew Alexander, 108, less 10=98; Mr. Robert Alexander, 102, less 4=98.

**SEAFIELD CLUB.**—The opening competition for the season took place over Leith green on Friday and Saturday. Thirty-four members took part in the competition, and the prize-winners were:—Mr. J. Scott, 75, less 10=65; Mr. R. Robinson, 67 (scratch); Mr. D. Blair, 76, less 6=70; Mr. R. Duthie, 79, less 9=70; Mr. J. Doig, 74, less 3=71; Mr. H. Koerber, 90, less 19=71; Mr. T. Anderson, 78, less 6=72; Mr. F. P. Cochrane, 80, less 7=73; Mr. George Sinclair, 82, less 9=73.



### QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—While playing in a foursome last week at Nairn, one of my adversaries played into some broom hazard, and when trying to get at his ball, badly punished, he pulled up some of the dead part of the bush in his way. My partner and I objected to this proceeding, but the player's partner backed him up, saying the bit of bush pulled away was dead (it was not loose), and therefore could not be growing. Was this hole lost?

2. The same player, when putting on the green, accidentally moved his ball slightly, and then played into the hole. Was this not a hole lost?

3. If a player presses down the turf with his hand round the edge of the hole before putting, is not the hole lost?

I am, Sir, &c.,

NIBLICK.

[(1.) The player described had no right to touch anything in the hazard. His action in tearing up the dead portion of the bush was distinctly illegal, and can in no way be defended by the technical quibble that a portion of a bush which is dead cannot be growing. He lost the hole. (2.) If in this case the player caused the ball to leave its original position, and not merely to oscillate, he played a stroke. Thus, by playing two consecutive strokes in the match he caused his side to lose the hole. (3.) The rule distinctly states that no irregularity of surface shall be pressed down by the hand. A player can only move loose obstacles in the line of putt, and this very lightly with the back of the hand. Here again the penalty should be enforced.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if you will answer the following question.

Everyone knows that in Golf nothing may be moved or lifted in a hazard; but what constitutes a hazard? If one gets into whins, say, one hundred yards long, and fifty wide, but happens to remain on a very small patch of grass, his ball being surrounded by loose sticks and stones, are these allowed to be removed? The player may remain on a large patch of grass in the midst of the whins. Where is the line to be drawn about a hazard?

I am, Sir, &c.,

BUNKER.

[A bunker has not been defined in the rules as they at present stand with any large amount of categorical clearness, but certainly a stretch of whins has always been considered a hazard, and subject to the same rules as govern other objects coming within that definition.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Playing a foursome at Portrush the other day, the following incident occurred. The two balls lay within a couple of yards of the hole in the like. Our adversaries, being the

further off, played the odd and holed. I then played, and my ball stopped on the very lip of the hole, and one of our opponents who was standing close by immediately knocked it away.

Had he any right to do so, and if not, how long were we entitled to let the ball lie in the hope of its going in? There was a strong wind blowing at the time, and I had allowed for this in my putt, and there was every probability that if the ball had not been knocked away it would have been blown in.

A similar incident occurred not long ago at St. Anne's, but in that case no one touched the ball, and as the party were turning away to the adjoining teeing ground, the wind blew the ball in, and straightway a dispute arose as to whether the hole was halved or not. I believe it was admitted. Of course, I know that if I had played the odd and my ball had stopped as described, if my adversary had then holed out, he would be entitled to knock my ball away: but the case I describe is essentially different, and I would be glad of an expression of opinion from you or any of your correspondents, who have experience in the game.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Mornington Park, Bangor, Co. Down.

H. G.

[If the opponent knocked away the ball *when it had ceased to roll*, and when there was no doubt among the players that the ball was actually dead, he was within his rights in acting as he did. Our correspondent had no claim to count on the off-chance of his ball being blown by the wind into the hole if the ball had ceased to move by the momentum of the putt. The rule is clear.—Ed.]

**LEITH CLUB.**—The first competition for the season took place on Saturday afternoon for the monthly scratch and handicap medals, and a dozen prizes from the club funds. The following are the results:—1st, Mr. P. Stoddart, 76, less 14=62 (handicap medal and first prize); 2nd, Mr. T. Kirk, 71, less 6=65 (scratch medal and second prize); 3rd, Mr. A. Carstairs, 77, less 8=69; 4th and 5th (tie), Mr. G. Paterson, 72, less 2=70; Mr. D. Hutchison, 82, less 12=70; 6th, 7th, and 8th, (tie), Mr. J. Mauchline, 77, less 6=71; Mr. D. Leitch, 73, less 2=71; Mr. R. Hutchison, 73, less 2=71; 9th, Mr. C. Gibson, 74, less 2=72; 10th and 11th (tie), Mr. J. Rolland, 75, less 2=73; Mr. P. Smith, 87, less 14=73; 12th and 13th (tie), Mr. R. Dunn, 88, less 14=74; Mr. A. Strath, 76, less 2=74. The best net scores were:—Mr. G. Mauchline, 89, less 14=75; Mr. A. J. Wilson, 83, less 8=75; Mr. A. Rutherford, 81, less 6=75; Mr. W. Dowie, 88, less 12=76; Mr. J. Keddie, 74, plus 2=76; Mr. A. Macpherson, 78, less 2=76.

**MORAY GOLF CLUB.**—There was a very large turn-out of the members of this club on Saturday afternoon, the 17th inst., on the course at Lossiemouth to play for Mr. Joseph Yeardon's prize and a sweepstake. The competition was a handicap one, and a keen interest was taken in it. Several showers of rain and gusty winds interfered with low scoring, but nevertheless some good rounds were made. Mr. Yeardon's prize was secured by Mr. John Adams with a score of 92, less 9=83; while Mr. W. Christie, 88, less 3=85; and Mr. J. C. Ruston, 92, less 7=85; divided the first sweepstake prize between them. The following are the other winners and scores:—Mr. J. Macleod, 94, less 8=86; Mr. D. Cameron, 96, less 10=86; Rev. J. Macdonald, 100, less 9=91; Mr. J. M'Isaac (scratch), 92; Mr. E. Kerr, 104, less 12=92. Next best scores were:—Mr. F. Davie (scratch), 93; Mr. A. W. Burn, 111, less 18=93; Mr. J. S. Urquhart (scratch), 94; Mr. A. Peterkin, 107, less 12=95; Mr. J. Garden, 111, less 15=96; Mr. J. Munro, 104, less 7=97; Mr. A. P. Haig, 109, less 12=97; Mr. R. Gordon, 117, less 18=99.

**ARCHERFIELD GOLF CLUB.**—The autumn meeting of this club was held on Saturday last, when there was a good turn-out of members. The principal prize was the handsome scratch medal, presented to the club by Mr. Hamilton-Ogilvy, and for handicap a set of clubs was gifted, as usual, by the same donor. The weather was fine, but a strong wind interfered with low scoring. On comparing cards, it was found that Mr. Thomas Yule, with a score of 87, was entitled to the medal, while the handicap prize and sweepstake were awarded as follows:—Mr. James Morrison, 95, less 10=85; Mr. Thomas Yule (scratch), 87; Mr. Thomas Binnie, 90, less 2=88; Rev. John Kerr, 93, less 4=89. This green is just now in good condition, the club, per Mr. T. D. Thomson, secretary, having lately been bestowing attention upon it in the way of turfing, &c. Mr. Penn, M.P., who is at present tenant of the shootings and mansion of Archerfield, is also keeping the green in order. In a foursome played some time ago over the links, Mr. Horace Hutchinson, with Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary, accomplished the round in the fine figure of 76. Mr. Hutchinson bestows great praise upon the green, a compliment of which the Archerfield Club may well be proud.



#### ABERDEEN.

The members of the Victoria Club here finished their season's work on Saturday with the final competition for Messrs. James Williams and John R. Smith's prizes. There was not a large turn-out of competitors, and a comparison of the cards handed in showed that Mr. Williams's prize (open to first-class players only), was won for the month by Mr. A. McConnachie with a score of 83, plus 3=86. This being the final competition for the prize, and Mr. A. Mitchell having won it four times out of the twelve monthly competitions, it now becomes his own property. Mr. John R. Smith's prize (for second-class players) fell to Mr. Thomas Crighton with a score of 103 (scratch), and as he has won it three times out of the twelve monthly competitions, it now becomes his own property.

The members of the Bon-Accord Club held their annual business meeting in the club-room on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The Council's report and treasurer's statement for the year were submitted, and showed the club to be in a very flourishing condition; and after these had been adopted, office bearers for the ensuing season were elected as follows:—Captain, Mr. Alexander Kynoch; secretary, Mr. James W. Murray; treasurer, Mr. James Moir; members of council, Messrs. W. Smart, J. Twigg, J. Michie, and J. Smith. Thereafter, the prizes won throughout the season were presented to the various winners as follows:—Challenge cup, scratch medal, and Mr. Michie's prize: Mr. W. Smart, scores, 87, 80, and 77. Captain's prize, Mr. Jaffrey's prize, and the Rennie cross: Mr. James Florence, scores, 90, 92, 97. Handicap medal: Mr. James Ogilvie, 90. Mr. Ogilvie's prize: Mr. James W. Murray, 84. The Golfer's prize: Mr. John Michie, 102. The Wellwisher's prize: Mr. Andrew Ducat, 95. Mr. Moir's prize: Mr. Robert Reid, 93; and Mr. Longair's prize: Mr. Fred. Watt, 86.

#### ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

The weather at Forest Row on the 17th to 19th inst., was most unpropitious for the autumn meeting. Though Saturday opened fine, and those who went round early made fair scores, the later starters were treated to thunder and lightning and hail. On Monday it rained heavily and persistently, and everything was sopping wet, yet some good returns were made, and Mr. Lawford Andrews' performance was a grand one under all the circumstances. He went out, it may be said, in 36, very nearly a record here. In addition to taking the sweep on Monday, and a valuable prize for the best net score on that day, he also won the Blackheath cup for the two best aggregate net scores made at any of the club meetings during the previous year (handicap limited to 18). Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, of cricketing fame, took the club gold challenge medal, with memento, for the best aggregate gross. He was hardly playing up to his top form, but the weather was fearful. Mr. P. E. Payne-Crawford won the prize for the best net on Saturday, and also the "Stonehouse" challenge cup, with memento, for the best aggregate net score. A prize given by the club to the member winning most monthly medals during the previous year was taken by Dr. J. Magrath, who beat Mr. J. O. Scott, who, like himself, had won the medal twice. Scores:—

Saturday, October 17th:—			Saturday, October 17th:—		
	Gross.	Hcp. Net.		Gross.	Hcp. Net.
Mr. P. E. Payne-Crawford...	93	16 77	Mr. H. Jeddere-Fisher ...	103	13 90
Mr. J. Mews ...	93	9 84	Mr. H. E. Metcalfe	108	18 90
Mr. "Camer" ...	101	17 84	Mr. Felix Skene ...	95	4 91
Mr. A. Crerar ...	102	18 84	Dr. J. Magrath ...	103	11 92
Mr. W. B. Dick ...	100	15 85	Mr. F. R. Lucas ...	118	25 93
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke ...	90	3 87	Mr. A. H. Newington	99	5 94
Mr. L. Roper ...	96	9 87	Rev. C. C. Woodland	107	12 95
Mr. Lawford Andrews ...	99	10 89	Mr. F. Andrews ...	109	14 95
			Mr. G. B. Flanagan	113	16 97
			Mr. G. P. Birch ...	119	22 97

About sixteen others went round.

Monday, October 19th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. L. Andrews ...	85	10	75	Mr. A. Crerar ...	102	17	85
Mr. P. E. Payne- Crawford ...	90	10	80	Mr. Felix Skene ...	95	4	91
Mr. H. M. Bray- brooke ...	87	3	84	Dr. J. Magrath ...	109	11	98
Mr. A. H. Newington	89	5	84	Mr. A. L. Roper ...	108	9	99
				Captain Lyall ...	124	25	99

About twelve others went round.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, October 14th, a match was played at Forest Row between six members of the above club and six of the Blackheath Ladies' Golf Club. The latter all arrived at the appointed time, in spite of the fearful gales and rain of the preceding day, and the threatening appearance of the sky in the morning. Though a few heavy showers fell before one o'clock, by the time both teams had partaken of luncheon provided in the club-rooms the clouds cleared off, and several of the matches were completed in bright sunshine. The high wind and soaking state of the putting-greens prevented any good scores by strokes. The result when all the games were finished came rather as a matter of surprise to both clubs, Blackheath having been victorious in all previous matches.

ASHDOWN.		BLACKHEATH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Andrews ...	5	Miss Paine ...	0
Miss Ethel Richardson	4	Miss Wilkinson ...	0
Miss Fox ...	0	Miss M. Richardson ...	3
Miss Birch ...	0	Mrs. Mackern ...	2
Miss Lee ...	0	Miss Farnell ...	2
Mrs. Cecil Green ...	0	Miss Sillar ...	0
	9		7

In the last match it was a curious incident that each player won 9 holes, and none were divided.

BUCKIE.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 14th inst., the members of the Buckie Club competed for the Webster challenge belt over their course at Strathlene. The belt was won by Mr. Charles Davidson with a score of 100, less 8=92. The final competition for the captain's medal, and the half-yearly competition for the Shearer cup also took place. Eight competitors started. Both trophies were won by Mr. John Keir with a score of 96, less 9=87. The annual meeting of the club was held in the evening, when office-bearers for the ensuing season were appointed as follows:—Patron, Mr. W. G. Bryson, Strathlene; president, Mr. John P. Gordon, of Cairnfield; vice-president, Mr. James Wilson, Inchgowrie; captain, Mr. W. F. Johnston; vice-captain, Mr. John Simpson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. John L. M'Naughton; members of council, Messrs. John Webster, John Macdonald, R. J. Mackay, and John Green. It was agreed to obtain the services of Tom Morris, St. Andrews, with the view of having the course changed.

CHRISTCHURCH (NEW ZEALAND) GOLF CLUB.

The first annual handicap match was played on the links, Hagley Park, on Saturday, September 5th. The prizes were presented by the captain, Mr. P. Cunningham. The first consisted of a very handsome gold medal in the form of a St. Andrews cross with the figure of a Golf player neatly engraved in the centre. The medal was the work of Mr. A. Gundersen, and was much admired. The second prize was "The Art of Golf," by Sir W. G. Simpson, Bart., very beautifully illustrated. The medal was won by Professor F. W. Haslam with a net score of 101, and the second by Dr. F. G. Westenra with a net score of 103. Below will be found a list of the players engaged, with the handicaps and scores made in each case:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. B. H. Burns ...	104	scr.	104	Mr. T. D. Condell	112	8	104
Mr. W. T. Charle- wood ...	104	scr.	104	Mr. W. M. Lambie	113	8	105
Dr. G. Gosset ...	104	scr.	104	Mr. Geo. Lambie ...	116	10	106
Mr. R. Richardson	122	scr.	122	Mr. F. W. Haslam	113	12	101
Mr. L. B. Wood ...	107	scr.	107	Mr. H. N. Nalder ...	126	15	111
Mr. J. W. Marshall	112	5	107	Mr. F. G. Westenra	115	12	103
*Mr. A. T. White ...	6	—	—	Mr. J. Beaumont ...	160	25	135
Mr. A. Otterson ...	118	7	111	Mr. J. B. Fisher ...	147	25	122

\* Retired.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on the 15th inst. in very rough, squally weather, in consequence of which there was a small entry. Mr. J. B. Wood won the Fairlie gold medal with a score of 94, and Mr. Grover the first handicap prize with 107, less 16

=91. The course was bad, owing to the long grass, but the greens were in good order. The scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. J. B. Wood ...	94	7	87	Mr. T. Ravenhill ...	121	22	99
†Mr. J. W. Grover ...	107	16	91	Mr. W. Williams ...	113	14	99
‡Mr. J. W. Pace ...	111	18	93	Mr. D. F. Russell ...	123	20	103
§Mr. J. Wood ...	106	12	94	Mr. J. Lidiard ...	146	25	121
Mr. A. S. Ransome	116	18	98	Mr. T. R. Pace ...	No return.		
Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	117	18	99				

\* Fairlie scratch gold medal, held for six months.

† First handicap prize. ‡ Second handicap prize.

§ Third handicap prize.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The sixth summer handicap was contested on October 17th, but a strong wind and the wet state of the ground interfered very much with the play, and very few competitors made good returns. Rev. J. Bourne secured a win for the medal and took the first sweepstake prize, the second falling to Mr. W. Bell. The following were the best returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Rev. J. Bourne ...	97	7	90	Mr. J. E. Mills ...	120	25	95
Mr. W. Bell ...	94	scr.	94	Mr. P. Campbell ...	122	22	100
Rev. G. O'Brien ...	119	24	95				

No returns from a large number of members.

EALING GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal.—Owing to the heavy rain of the last fortnight the course was heavy and the greens soft, which will account for the high scoring, but Mr. Bird, who has come on lately, brought in a good score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. Bird ...	93	24	69	Mr. F. Carver ...	94	7	87
Mr. C. H. Martin ...	97	18	79	Mr. J. Rogers ...	105	scr.	105
Mr. C. D. Somers ...	101	20	81	Mr. W. Jackson ...	134	24	110
Mr. R. Yeo ...	99	18	81	Mr. J. Prescott-			
Mr. B. M. Barton ...	97	15	82	Roberts ...	139	20	119
Mr. J. T. Bowen ...	108	24	84	Mr. A. G. Low ...	158	scr.	158
Mr. H. Dunbar-				Mr. A. McBarnett ...	162	scr.	162
Walker ...	96	10	86				

Several others, no return.

Ladies' medal.—Miss Cox, 157, less 30=127; Miss Carver, 153, less 24=129; Miss Patten, 151, less 17=134.

FORFARSHIRE.

A match was played at Monifieth on Saturday, between the Arbroath and Dundee Advertiser club. The weather was all that could be desired, while the greens were in excellent order. Each club was represented by twenty-one players, and a close and interesting match resulted in a win for the Dundee men by the narrow margin of 3 holes. Subjoined are the details:—

"DUNDEE ADVERTISER."		ARBROATH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Still ...	5	Mr. J. Duncan ...	0
Mr. J. Melville ...	6	Mr. J. Garvie ...	0
Mr. A. Bowman ...	3	Mr. A. Bruce ...	0
Mr. A. Forsyth ...	0	Mr. D. Arbutnott ...	5
Mr. R. Donn ...	5	Mr. A. Yule ...	0
Mr. J. P. Inglis ...	0	Mr. J. Doig ...	3
Mr. J. Macrae ...	2	Mr. A. D. Lawson ...	0
Mr. W. Duguid ...	0	Mr. D. Stewart ...	2
Mr. T. Knox ...	3	Mr. R. Sellars ...	0
Mr. James Clark ...	0	Mr. A. Shepherd ...	4
Mr. A. Buchan ...	0	Mr. R. Guthrie ...	1
Mr. J. Wallace ...	10	Mr. D. Brown ...	0
Mr. J. D. Brown ...	0	Mr. R. Corstorphine ...	1
Mr. Jacob Clark ...	0	Mr. C. Greig ...	2
Mr. W. F. Black ...	0	Mr. A. Scott ...	0
Mr. J. Wynd ...	0	Mr. G. Macdonald ...	2
Mr. A. Davidson ...	0	Mr. R. Crichton ...	2
Mr. Allan Bell ...	1	Mr. D. B. Walters ...	0
Mr. P. Williamson ...	0	Mr. T. Ross ...	0
Mr. J. Livingstone ...	0	Mr. A. Macallum ...	6
Mr. T. Coufts ...	0	Mr. J. Kydd ...	4
	35		32

The members of the Montrose Star Club last week competed for the Mowat medal (lowest score) and Hastie medal (average). The weather was unfortunately very stormy, and altogether unsuited for play. On the cards being scrutinised, it was found that Mr. C. Ramsay Murray was the winner of both trophies.

The monthly competition of the Carnoustie and Taymouth Club was played at Carnoustie on Saturday last. The weather was excellent, and there was a large turn-out of members. The prizes were gained as follows:—1st prize and Kinloch medal (scratch), Mr. Alex. Cant, 85, 2 below average; 2nd, Mr. David Scott, 92, 1 below; 3rd, Mr.

Alex. Boyle, 88, 2 above; and 4th, Mr. Peter Auld, 102, 4 above. Amongst the best scores made were the following:—Messrs. Robert Munro, 89; David Ramsay, jun., and Robert Ferrier, 90; Jas. Ogilvie, 93; John Boyle and James Boyle, 94.

A match between the Caledonian Club, of Carnoustie, and the Victoria, of Montrose—thirteen men a-side—was played over the Carnoustie course on the afternoon of Saturday last. It turned out a somewhat one-sided affair, only one of the Montrose men managing to beat his opponent, the home club winning by 36 holes. Scores:—

CALEDONIAN.		VICTORIA.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Young...	5	Mr. L. S. Smith ..	0
Mr. J. M'Andrew, jun.	0	Mr. H. W. Thomson ...	0
Mr. G. Wright ...	1	Mr. A. Wilkie... ..	0
Mr. D. Winter ...	0	Mr. W. Cobb ...	3
Mr. W. Harris ...	2	Mr. R. R. Balfour ...	0
Mr. J. Lamb ...	0	Mr. C. R. Murray ...	0
Mr. J. P. Morison ...	3	Mr. J. Cameron ...	0
Mr. D. M. Boath ...	4	Mr. W. Edward ...	0
Mr. W. Ferrier ...	4	Mr. W. Mitchell ...	0
Mr. W. Menzies ...	7	Mr. W. Wallace ...	0
Mr. D. Smith ...	7	Mr. A. Cuthbert ...	0
Mr. A. Colquhoun ...	0	Mr. W. F. Melvin ...	0
Mr. G. Spark ...	6	Mr. J. R. Mitchell ...	0
	39		3

Amongst the best scores made were the following:—For the Caledonia—Mr. William Young, 86; Mr. D. Winter, 86; Mr. William Harris and Mr. John Lamb, 87. For the Victoria—Mr. W. Cobb, 85; Mr. H. W. Thomson and Mr. C. R. Murray, 88; Mr. R. R. Balfour, 89; and Mr. L. S. Smith, 92.

The members of the Montrose Mechanics' Club held the last competition for the silver badge on Saturday. Mr. David Lyall, with 94, 2 above his average, was the winner, and, having had the badge on a former occasion, it now becomes his own property.

On Saturday last the members of the Dalhousie club started to play at Carnoustie for the cup presented by the late Earl of Dalhousie. The game, which is played in heats, is decided by holes, and each player, except the scratch men, receives a handicap allowance of strokes. The following is the result of Saturday's play:—

First Heat.—Dr. Anderson (8) beat Mr. James Prain (8) 5 up and 3 to play; Professor Steggall scratched to Mr. George Gilroy, jun. (6); Mr. C. M. Boase (12) beat Captain Mitchell (14) 1 hole; Mr. John Mathewson (9) beat Mr. George Halley (11) 1 hole; Mr. John Jones (5) beat Mr. Alex. Johnston (6) 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. C. C. Crole scratched to Mr. J. M. Smieton (14); Mr. Wm. Gibson, jun. (7) beat Mr. W. Ballingall (scratch) 1 up; Mr. D. Scott, jun. (4), scratched to Mr. A. Pattullo (11); Mr. R. L. Watson (8) and Mr. James Duncan (5) tied; Mr. W. M. Martin (11) beat Mr. A. Willison (12) 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. Irvine Drimmie (7) beat Mr. Allan Mathewson (6) 1 hole; Mr. Alex. Mathewson scratched to Mr. Wm. Mann (11); Mr. R. A. Hull (2) beat Mr. J. P. Mathewson (3) 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. A. R. C. Paterson scratched to Mr. James Watson (8); Dr. Templeman (11) scratched to Mr. Wm. Anderson (3); Mr. H. M. Robinson (5) beat Mr. D. R. Gilroy (11) 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. P. C. Scott (5) beat Mr. A. G. Morgan (7) 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. L. Luke (2) beat Mr. J. D. Bruce (14) 9 up and 7 to play; Mr. W. O. Cunningham (9) beat Mr. J. W. Carmichael (14) 1 up; Mr. C. E. Gilroy (scratch) beat Mr. Robert Steven (8) 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. D. Anderson (scratch) beat Mr. J. M. Gray (14) 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. H. B. Gilroy (4) beat Mr. D. Bannerman (10) 1 hole; Mr. W. S. Melville (14) scratched to Mr. T. S. Robertson (11); Mr. James Cunningham, jun. (scratch), beat Mr. D. M'Intyre (5) 4 up and 3 to play.

Second Heat.—Mr. Geo. Gilroy, jun. (6) beat Dr. Anderson (8) 2 holes; Mr. John Mathewson (9) beat Mr. C. M. Boase (12) 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. John Jones (5) beat Mr. J. M. Smieton (14) 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. G. Pattullo (11) beat Mr. William Gibson, jun. (7) 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. James Duncan (5) beat Mr. R. L. Watson (8) 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. I. Drimmie (7) beat Mr. W. M. Martin (11) 2 up; Mr. R. A. Hull (2) beat Mr. William Mann (11) 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. William Anderson (3) beat Mr. James Watson (8) 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. H. M. Robinson (5) beat Mr. P. C. Scott (5) 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. L. Luke (2) beat Mr. W. O. Cunningham (9) 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. C. E. Gilroy (scratch) beat Mr. D. Anderson (scratch) 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. H. B. Gilroy (4) beat Mr. T. S. Robertson (11) 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. Cunningham, jun. (scratch), a bye.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition of this club for the silver medal and prizes took place over Musselburgh links on Saturday, with the following result:—1, Mr. W. D. Munro, jun.; 2, Mr. M. M. Lees; 3, Mr. G. Brown, Mr. W. C. Pickeman, and Mr. A. R. Murray, a tie.

FAKENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of one of the most successful Golf clubs in the county of Norfolk, took place on the fine links at Hempton, on Monday and Tuesday in last week. The club numbers among its members some of the best players in the county, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. The weather was very fine on the first day, but on Tuesday morning it was rather windy, and the afternoon was most unpropitious, it setting in wet.

Monday.—Capt. Digby, 104, less 15=89; Mr. R. Hammond, 102, less 15=87. (Prize: sugar basin, presented by Mr. R. W. Newman, Fakenham.) Rev. J. B. Owen, 110, less 15=95; Mr. O. T. Curtis, 102, less 10=92; Rev. J. M. Lucas, 95 (scratch). (Two dozen gold balls, presented by club.) Rev. H. C. Rogers, 100, less 7=93; Capt. R. N. Hammond, 115, less 18=97; Dr. Belding, 109, less 15=94; Rev. G. Broke, 96, less 9=87; Rev. G. Elwes, 95, less 10=85. (Prize: a silver challenge cup, presented by Capt. R. N. Hammond, also silver medal given by club.)

Tuesday.—Mr. O. T. Curtis, 94, less 10=84. (Prize: a silver challenge cup, presented by the Right Hon. Lord Hastings, and a silver medal given by club.) Capt. Hammond, 124, less 18=106; Mr. R. Hammond, 107, less 15=92; Rev. B. Owen, 122, less 15=107; Commander Digby, 108, less 15=93; Rev. G. P. Elwes, 100, less 10=90; Dr. Belding, 109, less 15=94. (Prize: a bulger driver, given by Mr. H. Newson, for the longest drive.) Rev. G. Broke, 103, less 9=94. (Prize: two dozen gold balls, presented by club.)

No returns: Rev. P. M. Lucas, Sir L. J. Jones, Mr. Bond-Cabbell, and Mr. R. W. Ketton.

HAYLING LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting fixed for October 6th and 7th was restricted to one day's play, owing to the unfavourable weather. The Routledge cup was competed for on Wednesday, October 7th, and fell to Miss Turner, who also carried off the Bath challenge star and the handicap prize, a very handsome diamond and sapphire bangle presented by Mrs. W. Gann. The scores were as follows:—Miss Turner, 99, less 10=89; Miss C. Lynch, 119, less 20=99; Miss F. Turner, 125, less 15=110; Miss McEwen, 136, less 20=116.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The autumn meeting of this club, perhaps the most important of the club's annual fixtures, took place at Alexandra Park, Glasgow, on Saturday. There was a rather stiff breeze blowing from citywards, but otherwise the weather was favourable, and the links and putting-grounds were in good condition, albeit a good deal of rain had fallen at a recent period. The meeting of the club on Saturday was in some respects unique, and, indeed, historical. In the matter of dimensions the meeting was the largest ever held by the club. The competitors who entered and actually played numbered one hundred and sixty, or eighty couples, and this is the largest turn-out on record, and speaks eloquently to the vitality of the club, and the keen interest of the members in their game. Underlined are the names of the gentlemen who composed the above historical turn-out:—Messrs. J. Thomson and J. M. Jamieson; Messrs. J. R. Motion and A. Porteous; Mr. D. G. Miller and Rev. J. Anderson; Messrs. D. Menzies and W. Risk; Mr. A. Neillie and Rev. J. H. Shearer; Messrs. R. Scott and A. Rae-side; Messrs. G. Newton and W. G. Strachan; Messrs. J. Risk and J. B. Low; Dr. McLean and Mr. J. May; Messrs. W. A. Thomson and D. G. Kemp; Messrs. A. G. Peattie and K. Tullis; Messrs. C. E. Beckett and J. Imrie; Messrs. W. M. Paton and A. M. Shanks; Messrs. J. Miller and J. Amours; Messrs. D. Fullarton, sen., and J. H. Miller; Messrs. A. Jamieson and R. Hogg; Messrs. J. Kilpatrick and A. Miller; Messrs. W. H. Griffen and A. Bryson; Messrs. E. S. Moor and A. Thomson; Messrs. W. F. Orr and James Tullis; Messrs. A. V. Lothian and J. B. Duff; Messrs. J. Hutton and W. Duncan; Messrs. D. Todd and J. W. J. Watt; Dr. Clark and Mr. R. Philp; Dr. Colvil and Mr. A. S. Henderson; Dr. Ogilvie and Mr. F. G. Tulloch; Mr. J. Brown and Rev. D. Watson; Messrs. A. Morison and James Neil; Dr. Watt and Dr. Hutchinson; Messrs. James Aitkinson and H. Johnston; Dr. Murray and Mr. W. Thomson; Messrs. W. K. Aitken and John Clark; Messrs. A. M'Donald and W. Cameron; Messrs. C. Watt and T. M. Motion; Messrs. R. Lawrie and Andrew Muir; Messrs. J. French and W. Heron; Messrs. R. Rule, jun., and J. M'Glashan; Mr. D. Bone and Dr. Duffus; Messrs. G. Gillespie and G. K. Thomson; Messrs. M. McAulay and J. Guthrie; Messrs. W. E. Bond and A. Welsh; Messrs. A. C. Stevenson and J. T. McGuffie; Messrs. H. Couper and J. M. Ronaldson; Messrs. J. W. Gray and H. M'Creddie; Messrs. R. Paterson and J. Rhind; Messrs. J. Davidson and C. D. Sandeman; Messrs. W. Doleman and James Denny; Messrs. R. Fullarton and G. M'Donald; Messrs. J. L. W. Watt and J. W. Webster; Messrs. A. P. Muir and A. N. M'Donald; Messrs. W. R. Wilson and D. Rintoul; Messrs. J. Mack and A. Bishop; Messrs. J. S. Carrick and H. Osborne;

Messrs. A. E. Jordan and A. Elliot; Messrs. E. J. M'Lean and W. Macfarlane, jun.; Messrs. D. Sinclair and W. Lod; Dr. Dougan and A. Runcie; Messrs. T. H. Mottram and J. Donaldson; Messrs. J. Blair and T. Ross; Messrs. J. Baird and W. Mitchell; Messrs. J. Storrar and J. T. Elder; Messrs. J. Hamilton and J. V. Scott; Messrs. W. Martin (No. 1) and W. E. Griffen; Messrs. J. F. Wilson and R. Dunn; Messrs. A. Macvean and A. Inglis; Messrs. J. B. Stewart and G. A. Grant; Messrs. J. W. Wood and G. Johnstone; Dr. Robertson and Mr. J. Lauder; Messrs. R. Wood and A. A. Guthrie; Messrs. E. T. Ritchie and Stewart M'Nicol; Messrs. J. M. Falconer and J. Todd; Messrs. W. H. Campbell and P. Lunnan; Messrs. D. Stark and D. Robertson; Messrs. J. Doleman and J. Gordon; Messrs. J. Harriet and R. Young; Messrs. D. Ogilvie and W. Smith; Messrs. W. Wingate and N. Cook; Messrs. James Stevenson and D. Fullarton, jun.; Messrs. J. M'Gregor and T. Sheriff; Messrs. A. Wilson and A. W. Wilson.

The competition was open from ten till four, between which hours the competitors were entitled to enter. The greater number, however, played early. As may be easily imagined, the appearance on the links during most of the day was a busy one, a good deal of play in addition to the competitions, in the way of foursomes and singles, being engaged in. The principal prizes contested for were the Ræ Arthur Gold medal (scratch) with gold memento, and the Salmon medal (handicap) and the captain's prize. But over and above these there was a large series of minor prizes and sweepstakes.

One of the first players whose round attracted some attention was Mr. David Bone, who handed in an aggregate amounting to 75, mostly made up of 4's, as under is—

Out ...	4	4	4	4	5	5	4	4	4	38
In ...	4	4	4	3	5	4	3	5	5	37

This was a very good score, and hard to beat. A little later, however, it was stated that Mr. W. Doleman, with four holes to go, was doing even better, and was in a fair way of eclipsing this. He was out in the same number of strokes as Mr. Bone, and was better than him by one stroke at the fourteenth hole. But alas for the veteran. A heavy shower that came down at this point seemed to put him out, and 5 5 5 5 for the four holes brought his total up to 77, two strokes beyond the, as yet, lowest score. Indeed the above 75 remained unbeaten, though there was a near approach to it twice, two 76's being recorded later—by Mr. A. Neillie, and by Mr. W. Martin—and another 77 by Mr. A. Morison. Mr. Bone accordingly become winner of the scratch medal. He was also the winner of the same medal at the autumn meeting last year with 80 after a tie with Mr. D. G. Miller and Mr. D. G. Rose at 79. Mr. Bone also won the scratch medal at the spring meeting with 77. The score made by Mr. Martin, as above, 76, turned out in its way to be a phenomenal one. It was early known that Mr. A. McDonald had the unusually low handicap score of 67, viz., 81, less 14=67. It was confidently predicted that this score would not be beaten for the Salmon medal. Had it won the medal, it would have been won with the lowest score on record, and the compiler went away in the comfortable assurance that he had won the medal and deserved it. His feelings may be imagined when he eventually learned that low as his score was there was a still lower, for with his 76, Mr. Martin had 10 of a handicap which thus secured him the medal with 66. As it was, however, the principal prizes went to very low actual scorers.

It need hardly be stated that with so much business, the honorary secretary, who was in personal attendance the whole day, had quite as much as he could do, even with the assistance of several other members of the club. It is not improbable that his abstention from the competition, holding, as he does, the easy record of the green at 69, may have modified the result. In any case, Mr. Milne must have found his task in dealing with such a mass of figures, and correctly allocating a large number of prizes, no sinecure.

Undernoted are all the cards of 90 and under handed in, the players being divided into three divisions, according to handicap, for the allocation of the minor prizes.

First Division :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. A. Neillie ... 76 2 74	Mr. J. R. Motion... 81 scr. 81
Mr. D. Bone ... 75 scr. 75	Mr. F. G. Tulloch... 81 scr. 81
Mr. D. G. Miller ... 78 2 76	Mr. J. S. Storrar ... 83 2 81
Mr. W. Doleman ... 77 scr. 77	Mr. And. Muir ... 84 3 81
Mr. A. Morison ... 77 scr. 77	Mr. J. Tullis ... 85 4 81
Mr. A. Porteous ... 80 3 77	Mr. J. M. Gray ... 82 scr. 82
Mr. G. Gillespie ... 78 scr. 78	Mr. G. K. Thompson ... 86 4 82
Mr. J. R. Ward ... 81 3 78	Mr. J. S. Carrick ... 83 scr. 83
Mr. J. L. W. Watt 82 3 79	Mr. W. F. Orr ... 83 scr. 83
Mr. J. Blair ... 82 3 79	Mr. R. Philp ... 85 2 83
Mr. A. Wilson ... 79 scr. 79	Mr. T. M. Motion 85 scr. 85
Mr. J. Thomson ... 82 2 80	Dr. J. C. C. Duffus 87 2 85
Mr. A. A. Guthrie... 84 4 80	Mr. I. B. Scott ... 91 3 88
Mr. R. Lawrie ... 84 4 80	
Mr. W. Mitchell ... 84 4 80	

Second Division :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. Martin ... 76 10 66	Mr. J. Hamilton ... 87 6 81
Mr. A. V. Lothian... 81 8 73	Mr. J. B. Duff ... 88 7 81
Mr. McAulay ... 83 9 74	Mr. H. Osborne ... 88 7 81
Mr. J. Baird ... 82 7 75	Mr. D. Sinclair ... 88 7 81
Mr. D. Tod ... 82 7 75	Rev. D. Watson ... 89 8 81
Mr. W. R. Wilson... 85 10 75	Mr. A. Roeside ... 91 10 81
Mr. A. W. Todd ... 81 5 76	Dr. Ogilvie... ... 87 5 82
Mr. James Denny... 82 6 76	Mr. J. Brown ... 89 7 82
Mr. A. M. Shanks... 86 10 76	Mr. D. Fullarton, sen. 92 10 82
Mr. W. A. Thomson 86 9 77	Mr. J. Risk ... 93 11 82
Mr. J. Elder ... 86 9 77	Mr. J. W. J. Watt... 88 5 83
Mr. R. Scott ... 88 11 77	Rev. T. H. Shearer 91 8 83
Dr. Colvil ... 83 5 78	Mr. W. H. Campbell 94 11 83
Mr. J. Hutton ... 84 6 78	Mr. J. B. Stewart... 94 11 83
Mr. T. Ross ... 85 7 78	Mr. J. Doleman ... 89 5 84
Mr. J. Guthrie ... 86 8 78	Mr. J. W. Webster. 93 9 84
Mr. A. Welsh ... 87 9 78	Dr. Dongan ... 94 10 84
Mr. A. W. Wilson... 83 5 78	Mr. J. M. Falconer. 94 10 84
Mr. W. E. Bond ... 85 5 80	Mr. J. Donaldson ... 92 7 85
Mr. J. M. Jamieson 85 5 80	Mr. H. J. McCredie 93 8 85
Mr. J. Gordon ... 87 7 80	Mr. A. G. Henderson 94 9 85
Mr. Jas. Meik ... 87 7 80	Mr. R. Hogg ... 94 9 85
Mr. G. McDonald... 88 8 80	Mr. W. Duncan ... 92 6 86
Dr. Clark ... 87 6 81	Mr. J. Davidson ... 97 9 88

Third Division :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. A. M'Donald... 81 14 67	Mr. J. F. Wilson ... 98 16 82
Dr. Murray ... 84 12 72	Mr. C. E. Beckett... 100 18 82
Mr. G. Newton ... 90 15 75	Mr. A. Miller ... 100 18 82
Mr. A. Y. Peattie... 91 16 75	Mr. W. H. Griffen 99 16 83
Mr. W. M'Farlane 90 15 75	Mr. R. Rintoul ... 99 16 83
Mr. D. Ogilvie ... 93 18 75	Mr. J. Lauder ... 101 18 83
Mr. E. T. Ritchie ... 91 16 75	Mr. J. G. Johnstone 96 12 84
Mr. John Clark ... 91 14 77	Mr. J. French ... 100 16 84
Mr. A. C. Steven ... 92 15 77	Mr. J. Imrie ... 102 18 84
Mr. A. M. Paton ... 93 14 77	Mr. R. Rule, jun. ... 103 18 85
Mr. A. Inglis ... 90 12 78	Mr. J. T. McGuffie 101 15 86
Mr. A. M'Vean ... 94 16 78	Dr. Robertson ... 101 15 86
Mr. K. Tullis ... 94 15 79	Mr. J. M'Glashan... 103 17 86
Mr. W. K. Aitken... 97 18 79	Mr. R. Paterson ... 104 18 86
Mr. J. M'Lean ... 98 18 80	Mr. D. Stark ... 104 18 86
Mr. G. A. Grant ... 94 13 81	Mr. J. Todd ... 104 18 86
Dr. Watt ... 96 15 81	Mr. R. Kilpatrick ... 105 18 87
Mr. H. Johnston ... 97 16 81	Mr. J. Amours ... 106 18 88
Mr. J. Rhind ... 97 16 81	Mr. J. Hay ... 106 16 90
Mr. J. W. Wood ... 97 16 81	Mr. R. Dunn ... 108 18 90
Mr. A. P. Muir ... 99 18 81	Mr. T. H. Mottram 108 18 90
Mr. J. B. Atkinson 97 15 82	

The Northern Counties cup, which was won by the Glasgow Golf Club on July 23rd, 1890, was exhibited in the club-house for the first time. The cup, it will be remembered, was competed for for the first time on the above date by fourteen players, members of and representing Glasgow Golf Club, and fourteen players, members of and representing the Golf clubs in the northern counties of Scotland, when it was won by the Glasgow representatives by 50 holes to 10. The cup, which is of silver, and stands about twenty-four inches high, including a golfer in the act of driving on the top, is a very fine piece of work, the principal feature in the decoration being two large engraved garlands of thistles, one on each side.

The following play for the captain's prize, the competition being by holes :—Mr. W. Martin, Mr. A. Macdonald, Dr. Murray, Messrs. A. V. Lothian, A. Neillie, D. Bone, J. Baird, W. R. Wilson, D. Todd, G. Newton, W. Macfarlane jun., A. Y. Peattie, D. Ogilvie, M. L. McAulay; and the following tie with 76 for the last two places, Messrs. D. G. Miller, A. W. Tod, J. Denny, W. Shanks, E. T. Ritchie.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, when the contest for the Quarterly medal was decided under climatic conditions so truly appalling that it may be doubted whether any description of sportsman less keen than a golfer would have plucked up courage to face them. The wind, which blew with the force of a very respectable hurricane, swept the flying globe this way and that, at its own sweet will, while torrents of drenching rain with intervals of hail reduced the green (save the mark!) to a dismal swamp in which the putting-greens shone conspicuously from afar as wind swept pools, into which the ball (when occasionally it reached them) sank with sullen splash, or (where things were better) crawled slowly towards the water-logged hole, scattering the spray as it went. Under such circumstances it can hardly be a matter of astonishment that scores were very large, or that several members shrank with becoming modesty from exposing their

cards to "That fierce light which beats upon" Golf! Results of the several competitions are appended below:—

Quarterly medal presented by Mr. Norman Watney:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. H. Urmsion	110 18 92	Mr. F. Jefferson	114 18 96
Mr. C. N. Butler	110 16 94	Mr. F. Scorer	114 17 97
Mr. H. P. St. John	108 12 96	Mr. Norman Watney	125 27 98

Monthly Medal, Oct. 7th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Norman Watney	125 27 98	Mr. J. O. Scott	119 13 106
Mr. H. P. St. John	113 12 101		

Level competition (ladies) for Mr. Norman Watney's challenge prize, with which was combined the monthly medal, October 12th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Ethel Board	96 13 83	Miss A. Stewart	106 12 94
Miss Board	110 22 88	Miss Bartlett	111 13 98
Miss L. Bartlett	114 24 90	Mrs. Cecil E. Smith	106 5 101
Miss Watney	103 10 93	Miss Pamela Stewart	113 12 101

Miss Ethel Board returned the lowest gross and the lowest net score, and thus won both prizes.

Level competition for the President's challenge cup. October 14th:—Mr. F. Beauford, 112; Mr. B. R. S. Pemberton, 117; Mr. R. Brodie, 118; Mr. H. P. St. John, 119.

Autumn handicap, October 15th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Chas. Leveson-Gower	119 16 103	Mr. H. P. St. John	117 12 105
Mr. Dendy Watney	118 14 104	Mr. Norman Watney	131 25 106
		Mr. A. Boyson	135 22 113

Mr. Leveson-Gower (captain of the club) won the prize.

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held at Wimbledon on Thursday and Saturday, the 15th and 17th of October. The attendance on Thursday was very small (only ten couples starting), owing to the boisterous and inclement state of the weather. Mr. John Walker, jun., carried off the Mackenzie challenge cup with 101, less 14=87. The following are the returns sent:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. John Walker, jun.	101 14 87	Mr. A. Anderson	94 scr. 94
Major Lindsay	95 6 89	Mr. James Gow	99 5 94
Mr. R. H. Hedderwick	103 14 89	Mr. S. C. Pegg	106 12 94
Mr. J. A. Greig	95 5 90	Mr. W. T. Henderson	104 7 97
Mr. James Duncan	91 scr. 91	son	104 7 97
Mr. T. R. Pinkerton	91 scr. 91	Mr. D. S. Froy	106 5 101
Mr. A. E. Walker	93 2 91	Mr. H. E. Fisher	116 10 106
		Mr. James Mortimer	132 21 111

Messrs. Archer, P. Bonthron, W. F. Beauford, D. Cumming, W. M. Rhodes, and A. Tait made no return.

Saturday, the 17th, was a great contrast to the Thursday as regards weather, and although the day was everything that could have been desired the scores returned, excepting one or two, were not creditable. Mr. T. R. Pinkerton succeeded for the second time in winning the autumn scratch medal with a score of 83, and was followed closely by Mr. Anderson with 85. The following are the returns sent:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. R. Pinkerton	83 scr. 83	Major Lindsay	100 6 94
Mr. A. Anderson	85 scr. 85	Mr. W. F. Beauford	106 12 94
Mr. A. B. Chalmers	100 12 88	Mr. A. E. Walker	99 2 97
Mr. E. A. Walker	94 4 90	Mr. D. Cumming	115 18 97
Mr. John Walker, jun.	104 14 90	Mr. R. H. Peirce	100 2 98
Mr. K. B. Brown	93 2 91	Mr. J. Armstrong	113 15 98
Mr. W. J. Henderson	99 7 92	Mr. S. C. Pegg	111 12 99
Mr. A. M. Crichton	107 15 92	Mr. C. C. Scott	112 12 100
Mr. R. C. Lindsay	107 15 92	Dr. Dudgeon	118 18 100
Mr. H. E. Fisher	103 10 93	Mr. Jas. Sutherland	126 25 101
Mr. John Bell	111 18 93	Mr. S. B. Tristram	120 12 108
Mr. D. S. Froy	99 5 94	Mr. Jas. Mortimer	131 21 110
Mr. James Gow	99 5 94		

Messrs. S. Belfrage, J. D. Charrington, John A. Greig, L. Heygate, A. Mackay, W. M. Rhodes, and S. G. Warner made no return. The aggregate prizes were won by Mr. T. R. Pinkerton, 91, plus 83=174; Mr. Jas. Mortimer, 111, plus 110=221.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE AUTUMN MEETING.

Ninety-four members played in the competitions on Saturday last, the first day of the autumn meeting of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club. The programme for the day included the competition for the Manchester Golf medal, with gold memento for the best scratch score, three handicap prizes, and the final competition of the six winners of the Macara cup under special handicap for possession of the cup. Ninety-four members faced the tee. The day was not very favourable

for good Golf, and occasional very heavy showers wet some of the players through. The net scores under 100 were as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Chelford	81	+3	84
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby	90	4	86
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester	92	4	88
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's	96	8	88
Mr. J. A. Tweedale, Wilmslow	102	14	88
Mr. J. Hornby, Liverpool	92	2	90
Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Lytham	104	13	91
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's	97	6	91
Mr. F. T. Wright, Tyldesley	101	10	91
Mr. C. Hutchings, Warrington	88	+4	92
Dr. Forbes Dick, Lancaster	101	9	92
Mr. C. E. Dick, West Kirby	94	1	93
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's	99	6	93
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's	101	7	94
Mr. S. Gask, Lytham	109	15	94
Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton	109	15	94
Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton	114	20	94
Rev. J. G. Denison, Stockport	101	16	95
Mr. J. Eccles, jun., Ashton, Preston	103	8	95
Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's	111	16	95
Mr. D. E. Anderson, Manchester	111	16	95
Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's	110	15	95
Mr. R. J. Kerr, Manchester	100	4	96
Mr. W. H. Crossland, Manchester	116	20	96
Mr. F. Hermon, Hoylake	98	2	96
Mr. J. B. Hunter, Liverpool	108	11	97
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton	98	scr.	98
Mr. F. Topp, Little Hulton	114	16	98
Mr. M. Pole, Sowerby Bridge	101	2	99
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham	108	9	99
Rev. A. T. Davidson, Scotton	117	18	99

The best gross scores of the day were Mr. W. E. Fairlie, 81, and Mr. C. Hutchings, 88; Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, 90; Mr. J. Hornby, 92; Mr. F. C. Morgan, 92; Mr. C. E. Dick, 94. There was an optional sweepstakes as usual.

The competition and the score for the Macara cup was as follows, the special handicap having been kept sealed until after the play had concluded:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Chelford	81	scr.	81
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton	98	2	96
Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's	108	9	99
Mr. J. E. Pearson, Liverpool	112	12	100
Mr. W. Fletcher, Manchester	107	4	103

Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton, absent, ill.

The result of the day's play may be summarised as follows:—Mr. W. E. Fairlie won the Manchester gold medal with gold memento for the best scratch score. The Macara cup the first handicap prize and the first sweepstakes; Mr. F. E. M. Dixon won the second handicap prize and the second sweepstakes; and Messrs. F. C. Morgan, J. A. Brown, and J. A. Tweedale tied for the third handicap prize and divided the third sweepstakes.

Sixty-five of the members dined together in the evening, under the presidency of the captain of the club, the Rev. W. G. Terry.

On Monday, the second day of the autumn meeting, seventy-eight players put in an appearance. The items were the Thistleton gold medal, with gold memento, for best scratch score; three handicap prizes, and the Hermon silver cigar-box, under handicap, limited to ten strokes, with accompanying memento for the best net aggregate score of both days' play. The Thistleton medal and memento were won by Mr. W. E. Fairlie, 86; the first handicap prize by the Rev. G. E. Badeley, Blackpool, 97, less 13=84; the second by Mr. C. E. Dick, West Kirby, 89, less 1=88; and the third was tied for by Mr. W. Stewart, Lancaster, 90, scratch, 90; Mr. M. Pole, Sowerby Bridge, 92, less 2=90; Mr. F. T. Wright, Tyldesley, 100, less 10=90; and Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's, 103, less 13=90. The prize for the aggregate score of both days' play was won by Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Saturday, 84, Monday, 91; total, 175. The first optional sweepstake was won by the Rev. G. E. Badeley, the second by Mr. C. E. Dick, and the third was divided between Mr. W. Stewart and Mr. F. T. Wright. There had been continuous rain all Sunday night, and the links were, consequently, in a very unfavourable condition for good play.

PROFESSIONAL MATCH AT CHINGFORD.—A match between W. McEwan and W. Newhook was played over the course of the Royal Epping Forest Club at Chingford, on Monday, and ended in a somewhat easy victory for McEwan by 11 up and 10 to play. The weather was against good scoring, a strong wind, accompanied by heavy rain, prevailing during the entire game, and many of the putting-greens were under water. Notwithstanding, McEwan holed the first round of eighteen holes in 80, being 10 up, which left the match beyond doubt, ultimately winning as above stated.

MACCLESFIELD v. ROCHDALE.

The return match between the Macclesfield and Rochdale clubs was played on the ground of the latter on Saturday, the 10th inst., resulting in a victory for Macclesfield by four holes.

MACCLESFIELD.		ROCHDALE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. K. Bell...	0	Mr. E. B. Petrie ...	0
Mr. A. G. Gray ...	4	Mr. G. D. M'Lennan ...	0
Mr. F. Tylecote ...	6	Mr. R. Godby... ..	0
Mr. F. Edmonson ...	4	Mr. R. G. Heape ...	0
Rev. R. F. Cobbold ...	0	Mr. F. G. Padwick ...	6
Mr. W. H. L. Cameron ...	0	Mr. G. Kemp ... ..	4
	14		10

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The first competition of the Melbourne Golf Club was held on Saturday, September 5th, the prize being a full set of clubs, case and balls, presented by the captain, Mr. J. M. Bruce. Some very interesting games were played, Mr. Turnbull, from scratch, being the winner with the excellent score of 97. Among the competitors were past members of the following clubs: Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews, Musselburgh, Wimbledon, Blackheath, and Cambridge. This day's outing was arranged in order to gauge the capabilities of the members, so as to allot the handicaps for the regular monthly medal competitions, which will in future be held on the first Saturday in each month. Mr. Patrick McIntyre, of Fore Street, London, has generously forwarded, through Mr. Bruce, a silver-headed cleek, which will be played for, two rounds of the links, on the 3rd and 24th October. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Turnbull ...	97 scr. 97	Mr. H. S. Playfair ...	105 scr. 105
Mr. R. F. Gow ...	107 9 98	Capt. J. M. Bruce...	106 scr. 106
Mr. D. M. Maxwell	113 14 99	Mr. M. G. Anderson	112 3 109
Mr. T. J. Finlay ...	109 9 100	Mr. H. G. Calloway	136 27 109
Dr. O'Hara...	128 27 101	Mr. T. Brentnall ...	121 11 110
Mr. D. Conacher ...	102 scr. 102	Mr. G. W. Bruce ...	131 18 113
Mr. Alister Clark ...	103 scr. 103	Mr. J. A. McHarg...	136 22 114
Mr. F. A. Campbell	121 18 103	Mr. E. Jackson ...	149 27 102
Mr. Neil Black ...	111 7 104	Mr. J. Dyer ... ..	151 27 124
Mr. J. Maxwell ...	126 22 104	Mr. J. Stephen ...	147 22 125

OSTERLEY GOLF CLUB.

The opening competitions of this recently formed club were held on Saturday, Oct. 17th. The course, which is close to Osterley Park station, is not yet in good playing order, owing to the recent wet weather—a fact which led to high scoring on the part of many competitors. The lowest net scores among the gentlemen were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. G. H. Savage	90 scr. 90	Mr. C. T. Drew ...	91 scr. 91
*Mr. A. G. Hogg...	96 6 90		

\* Tie.

The following ladies only made returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss A. Seton-Burn	89 20 69	Miss Wilberforce ...	77 scr. 77
Miss J. Dobson ..	75 scr. 75	Miss Seton-Burn ...	94 scr. 94
Miss V. Seton-Burn	77 scr. 77	Miss Dobson ... ..	118 15 103

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS GOLF CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The autumn meeting of Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club took place on Saturday, and the weather being fine, there was a large turn-out of the members. The principal prizes competed for were the second Ayr trophy, the Armour medal, and a special prize given by ex-captain Meikle. When the cards were handed in it was found that there was a tie for the trophy and the medal between Mr. C. I. Hight and Mr. A. Crawford at 79, which will have to be played off. Undernoted are the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. I. Hight ...	91 12 79	Mr. H. G. Peattie...	103 16 87
Mr. A. Crawford ...	89 10 79	Mr. H. Boyd ... ..	93 6 87
Mr. J. Andrew ...	85 3 82	Mr. A. Boon ... ..	89 scr. 89
Mr. M. Smith ...	101 18 83	Mr. J. Howat ... ..	95 6 89
Mr. W. Paterson ...	104 20 84	Mr. J. Gray ... ..	97 8 89
Mr. A. M. Boyd ...	105 20 85	Mr. D. Fergusson ...	101 12 89
Mr. W. A. Kennedy	92 6 86		

In addition to the above competition there was also the final for Marshall Wane & Co.'s prize between Mr. A. J. Larke, captain, and Mr. W. A. Kennedy. Each player had 12 of odds for the round of twenty-four holes, so that they virtually started from scratch. A very close game was the result. At the end of the first round of nine holes the couple were all square. At the end of the second the captain led by one hole, and at the end of the succeeding six holes the round ended in a tie, so that the match falls to be played over again.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly competition for the club medal took place on Saturday last, the 17th instant. The putting on several of the greens was rendered very uncertain owing to the quantity of rain recently. The following cards were returned under the 100.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. G. Monkland	97 18 79	Mr. H. D. Tucker...	115 18 97
Mr. G. H. Emmett	102 18 84	Mr. E. Pinkerton...	112 13 99
Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. W. B. Avery ...	115 16 99
Mr. T. C. Fenwick	117 27 90	Mr. C. Hall ... ..	117 18 99
Mr. A. J. Eames ...	97 5 92	Mr. J. C. Tucker ...	117 18 99
Mr. L. Horner ...	101 8 93		

The above was also the last competition for the aggregate prize presented by the club for the eight best net scores handed in from March to October, inclusive, in medal play. The winner proved to be Mr. Alfred Schacht, the captain of the club, with 688, or an average of 8.6 strokes a round. The other totals were Mr. A. J. Eames, 695; Mr. J. C. Tucker, 698; Mr. F. P. Browne, 701; Mr. L. Horner (hon. sec.), 714; Mr. W. B. Avery, 715; and Mr. W. H. Pelly, 733.

A handicap tournament is being arranged, entries for which close on the 24th inst.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' monthly competition was played on October 12th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. J. P. Lewis...	150 35 115	Miss K. Lloyd	
Miss Pennant ...	119 +3 122	Williams...	154 30 124
Miss Mainwaring ...	127 4 123	Miss Lloyd Williams	125 scr. 125
Miss G. Pennant ...	148 25 123	Miss A. Pennant ...	149 6 143

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, the 13th inst., thirty-one members started to compete for the George Glennie medal (scratch), and the Penn cup (under handicap limited to 21 strokes). The weather was fairly good when the first couple started, but rapidly grew bad, and went from bad to worse, culminating in a storm of wind and rain in the afternoon, which either caused the late starters to tear up their cards, or precluded them from any chance of making a good return. Mr. W. O. S. Pell won the medal with the highly creditable score of 117 gross. The cup was won by Mr. W. E. Hughes with a score of 119, less handicap allowance of 6=113. Details of the play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. E. Hughes .	119 6 113	Mr. Robert Whyte	128 1 127
Mr. W. O. S. Pell...	117 scr. 117	Mr. H. H. Turner	130 2 128
Mr. W. H. M.		Mr. W. Morris ...	140 10 130
Christie ... ..	145 28 117	Mr. G. H. Freaun ...	151 18 133
Capt. H. Gillon ...	121 3 118	Mr. W. R. M.	
Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	122 3 119	Glazier ... ..	168 30 138
Mr. A. Schacht ...	124 3 121	Mr. A. H. Baker ...	178 35 143
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	127 scr. 127		

No returns from Messrs. W. A. Adam, J. W. G. Andras, T. J. Baillie, J. R. J. Bramly, Frank Gilbert, W. C. Johnson, W. Meikle, A. H. Newington, T. A. Raynes, M. H. Richardson, R. M. Richardson, W. H. Richardson, J. M. Sawyer, J. S. Sawyer, P. C. Scott, E. F. S. Tylecote, E. A. Walker, and A. T. Young.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club began on Saturday, October 10th. The attendance was not so large as usual, but this is easily accounted for by the very bad weather. Eight and a half couples started in torrents of rain; the latter, with one or two exceptions only, quite spoilt all good scoring. Mr. J. H. Mudie made an excellent round, and won the Tottenham gold challenge medal with 88; he was closely pressed by Dr. W. Reid, R.N., who also played a remarkably good game, his score being 89. This is Mr. Mudie's first win on these links, and it is certainly a popular one. Mr. Dudley Ward, a most persevering and improving player, again came to the front, and won the club prize. The foursome tournament commenced on Monday, October 13th, in most boisterous and wet weather. Nine and a half couples entered for the club prize, and there was a keen competition throughout. Eventually, Messrs. J. H. Mudie and G. F. Muir halved the final with the Rev. W. H. Richards and M. Tabuteau; as time did not permit to play it off, it was decided to divide the prize and entrance fees.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. W. H. D. Ward	98 14 84	†Dr. W. Reid, R.N.	89 2 87
Mr. J. H. Mudie ...	88 2 86	Mr. M. Tabuteau ...	100 9 91

\* Club prize. † Second club prize.

Thirteen others were over 100 or made no return.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on Saturday at the Braid Hills, to play for their monthly trophy (the last of the season). Eighteen players started to play one round, when Mr. G. Masterton was declared the winner, with the score of 77, less 4=73.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, 10th inst., in a perfect deluge of rain, the monthly winners played off the yearly competition for the Gordon challenge cup, and the final for the captain's (Mr. J. Glover) prize. Considering the state of the weather, and consequently the state of the course, Mr. J. Gould-Smith's score of 88 was exceptionally fine. Ten out of the twelve monthly winners competed, Messrs. J. G. Fowler and J. L. McDowall being unable to make any returns. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Gould-Smith	88	4 84	Mr. S. R. Bastard	104	10 94
Mr. J. S. Pearce	101	16 85	Mr. J. J. Read	107	12 95
Mr. J. E. Shaw	99	11 88	Mr. D. Womersley	113	15 98
Mr. J. M. Kerr	100	8 92	Mr. A. W. Good	120	14 106
Mr. E. A. Read	104	12 92			

Saturday last, the 17th inst., being the annual autumn meeting, and being a most perfect October day, a very large number of members turned out. Owing to a week's incessant downpour, the course was, not to put too fine a point on it, juicy, which tended to make the scoring rather high, but being such an exceptionally fine day, the competition was thoroughly enjoyed by the forty-seven or forty-eight couples that competed. The following are some of the best scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. S. R. Bastard	92	10 82	Mr. G. Spurling	108	12 96
Mr. R. C. Kerr	100	12 88	Mr. H. Tanner	111	15 96
Mr. E. A. Tewson	100	12 88	Mr. J. D. Patullo	114	18 96
Mr. N. Micklem	113	25 88	Mr. J. Gould-Smith	99	2 97
Mr. W. M. Rhodes	93	4 89	Mr. F. F. McKenzie	111	14 97
Mr. J. W. Greig	97	8 89	Mr. E. R. Lindley	115	18 97
Mr. J. J. Read	101	12 89	Mr. W. B. Crichton	106	8 98
Mr. E. Walbourne	105	15 90	Mr. A. H. Darlington	106	8 98
Mr. H. Hawkins	102	10 92	Mr. S. N. Dimpleby	110	12 98
Mr. J. W. James	106	14 92	Mr. W. P. Bowyer	116	18 98
Mr. A. Kemp	108	16 92	Mr. R. Redmond	115	16 99
Mr. E. Flint	106	13 93	Mr. J. F. Whyte	115	16 99
Mr. T. F. Kerr	108	15 93	Mr. J. Badkin	117	18 99
Mr. R. T. Glover	120	27 93	Mr. W. R. Stikeman	108	8 100
Mr. N. Wykes	108	14 94	Mr. G. F. Sanders	111	11 100
Mr. H. A. Gardom	110	16 94	Mr. G. E. Buckle	112	12 100
Capt. S. Peskett	112	18 94	Mr. H. W. J. Hill	118	18 100
Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger	110	15 95	Mr. J. Godwin	124	24 100

The winners were as follows:—1st (scratch medal), Mr. S. R. Bastard; 2nd (quarterly medal), Messrs. R. C. Kerr and E. A. Tewson, tie; 3rd, Messrs. W. M. Rhodes and J. W. Greig, tie; 4th, Messrs. R. C. Kerr and E. A. Tewson, tie; 5th, Messrs. W. M. Rhodes, J. W. Greig, and J. J. Read, tie; 6th Mr. N. Micklem; 7th, Messrs. W. M. Rhodes, J. W. Greig, and J. J. Read, tie; 8th, Mr. E. Walbourne.

Immediately after the competition the club held their third annual meeting, for the purpose of receiving the annual report and balance-sheet, electing officers and committee for the ensuing year, and other business. The hon. secretary was able to congratulate the club upon its highly satisfactory state, both financially and otherwise, and to inform them that the club was now full, having reached its membership limit of 400.

The members, numbering about seventy, then adjourned to the banqueting-hall for dinner, Mr. J. W. Greig, the new captain, taking the chair, and Mr. J. G. Glover, the past captain, taking the vice-chair. A most successful evening was enjoyed, which was greatly owing to the excellent music, &c., rendered by Messrs. J. Kift, Dyved Lewys, James Bayne, F. G. Sanders, — Ellis, E. Walbourne, &c., the party breaking up about ten o'clock.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting began on Saturday, the 3rd inst., in lovely weather. The greens were in their usual excellent condition, and many good scores were recorded.

October 3rd.—The Club challenge cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. C. E. Lewis	95	13 82	Lieut.-Col. Mayne	99	9 90
†Capt. Fairlie	92	9 83	Capt. Elliot	104	14 90
†Mr. O. Belk	96	13 83	Mr. R. Lattimer	100	7 93
Mr. C. C. Renton	98	14 84	Mr. R. Renton	109	14 95
Capt. Sumner	94	9 85	Mr. T. Lattimer	109	14 95
Mr. G. Hornby	89	2 87	Mr. W. H. Monckton	112	17 95
Capt. Robin	91	4 87	Mr. H. Spencer	100	4 96
Dr. Comerford	99	12 87	Rev. H. Yorke	111	15 96
Mr. T. W. Barker	94	6 88	Mr. J. Brown	106	9 97
Mr. T. C. Robin	94	6 88	Capt. Mohl	111	14 97
Mr. S. Robin	88	+1 89	Major Scott	99	scr. 99
Col. Mackenzie	92	3 89	Lieut.-Col. Robin	118	18 100
Mr. A. Lushington	94	5 89	Dr. Stephens	120	18 102
Mr. D. Turnbull	104	15 89	Mr. E. J. Edwardes	124	18 106
Major Little	106	17 89	Major Spofforth	130	18 112
Mr. C. A. Teape	92	2 90			

\* Winner of prize. † Divided sweepstakes.

Fourteen players made no return.

October 5th.—The Brewster clubs, handicaps limited to eighteen for handicap prizes, and twenty-two for sweepstakes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. C. C. Renton	96	12 84	Capt. Sumner	102	9 93
Mr. G. Hornby	89	2 87	Gen. Renton	107	14 93
Major Scott	88	scr. 88	Mr. C. A. Teape	96	2 94
Major Richardson	106	18 88	Capt. Robin	98	4 94
†Capt. Mohl	103	14 89	Mr. T. C. Robin	100	6 94
Lieut.-Col. Mayne	99	9 90	Mr. G. O. Mackenzie	107	13 94
Mr. M. Nixon	101	11 90	Mr. R. R. Renton	108	14 94
Rev. H. Yorke	105	15 90	Mr. H. Spencer	100	4 96
Mr. A. Lushington	96	5 91	Rev. W. Holland	114	18 96
Mr. O. Belk	101	10 91	Mr. C. E. Lewis	103	6 97
Dr. Comerford	103	12 91	Mr. R. Reynolds	115	18 97
Capt. Elliot	105	14 91	Mr. T. W. Barker	104	6 98
Mr. D. Turnbull	106	15 91	Mr. T. Lattimer	112	14 98
Mr. W. H. Monckton	109	17 92	Major Little	120	17 103
†Lieut.-Col. Robin	110	18 92	Mr. P. V. Luke	117	12 105
Mr. S. Robin	92	+1 93			

\* Winner of prize. † Divided sweepstakes.

Fifteen players made no return.

October 6th.—The Robin medals, scratch competition, open to resident members only, played for in half a gale of wind, and a steady downpour of rain. Most of the scores, therefore, were higher than usual.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. S. Robin	87	87	Lieut.-Col. Mayne	104	104
†Major Scott	91	91	Mr. M. Nixon	106	106
Capt. Robin	95	95	Gen. Renton	106	106
Mr. T. W. Barker	95	95	Major Little	107	107
Col. Mackenzie	101	101	Mr. D. Turnbull	114	114
Mr. T. C. Robin	101	101	Lieut.-Col. Robin	118	118
Capt. Sumner	101	101	Mr. B. J. Edwardes	128	128
Mr. G. Hornby	102	102			

\* Silver medal. † Bronze medal.

Six players made no return.

The Visitor's prize, presented by Admiral Saumarez, C.B.:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Dr. Comerford	101	12 89	Mr. C. C. Renton	108	11 97
Capt. Mohl	106	14 92	Mr. P. V. Luke	114	12 102
Mr. R. R. Renton	109	14 95			

\* Winner.

Three players made no return. Mr. Barker and Dr. Comerford divided sweepstakes.

October 7th.—Lieut.-Col. P. Robin's cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*†Capt. Sumner	92	9 83	Mr. C. A. Teape	95	2 93
Gen. Renton	101	14 87	Mr. T. Lattimer	107	14 93
†Lieut.-Col. Mayne	97	9 88	Major Little	110	17 93
Mr. S. Robin	88	+1 89	Dr. Stephens	111	18 93
Dr. Comerford	101	12 89	Mr. G. Christie	111	18 93
Capt. Elliot	103	14 89	Mr. G. Hornby	96	2 94
Capt. Robin	94	4 90	Mr. J. Brown	103	9 94
Mr. T. W. Barker	96	6 90	Rev. H. Yorke	109	15 94
Mr. O. Belk	100	10 90	Mr. A. Lushington	100	5 95
Mr. C. C. Renton	101	11 90	Mr. W. K. Rettie	113	18 95
Capt. Mohl	104	14 90	Mr. R. Lattimer	103	7 96
Major Scott	91	scr. 91	Mr. G. D. Mackenzie	109	13 96
Mr. M. Nixon	102	11 91	Mr. W. H. Monckton	113	17 96
Lt.-Col. Stevenson	108	17 91	Col. Mackenzie	100	3 97
Mr. R. Reynolds	109	18 91	Capt. Prendergast	116	18 98
Mr. D. Turnbull	107	15 92	Mr. C. E. Lewis	109	9 100
†Major Richardson	110	18 92	Mr. E. J. Edwardes	119	18 101
Mr. H. Spencer	97	4 93	Capt. Withington	123	18 105

\* Winner. † Divided sweepstakes.

Eight players made no return.

October 8th.—Cup presented by the officers of the P. W. V. 1st S. Lancashire Regt.:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Capt. Fairlie	90	8 82	Mr. A. Lushington	97	5 92
Mr. C. A. Teape	85	2 83	Mr. T. C. Robin	98	6 92
†Capt. Sumner	92	8 84	Mr. R. Lattimer	99	7 92
Major Scott	86	scr. 86	Mr. R. R. Renton	106	14 92
Mr. G. Hornby	88	2 86	Major Little	109	17 92
†Mr. T. W. Barker	92	6 86	Dr. Stephens	110	18 92
Capt. Mohl	100	14 86	Mr. S. Robin	92	+1 93
Capt. Robin	91	4 87	Col. Mackenzie	96	3 93
Mr. C. C. Renton	98	11 87	Major Richardson	111	18 93
Mr. W. H. Monckton	104	17 87	Capt. Elliot	108	14 94
Mr. H. Spencer	92	4 88	Capt. Prendergast	113	18 95
Mr. D. Turnbull	104	15 89	Mr. E. J. Edwardes	115	18 97
Lieut.-Col. Mayne	99	9 90	Dr. Hodder	113	15 98
Dr. Comerford	103	12 91	Capt. Withington	117	18 99
Major-Gen. Renton	105	14 91			

\* Winner of cup. † Divided sweepstakes.

Twelve players made no return. Mr. C. A. Teape won the Clutton cup with the best scratch score of 85, and Capt. Sumner won the cup presented by the officers of the R.A., with a handicap average of 87½.

October 10th—A prize presented by Gen. Pipon, C.B., and the monthly prize. There was some good scoring in this competition, Mr. Spencer Robin breaking his own and the club record with 83, made up as follows:—Out, 4 6 5 5 3 3 3 6=42; In, 4 4 6 5 5 4 4 4 5=41; total 83.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Capt. Elliot ...	93	14	79	Mr. T. C. Robin ...	98	6	92
Mr. G. Hornby ...	84	2	82	Dr. Comerford ...	104	12	92
†Mr. S. Robin ...	83	+1	84	Dr. Stephens ...	114	22	92
Mr. C. A. Teape ...	85	1	84	Major Scott ...	94	scr.	94
†Mr. C. C. Renton	96	11	85	Mr. A. Lushington..	99	5	94
†Mr. G. Mackenzie	98	13	85	Capt. Prendergast...	113	19	94
Col. Mackenzie ...	89	3	86	Capt. Withington ...	116	22	94
Capt. Sumner ...	94	7	87	Mr. R. Reynolds ...	116	22	94
Major Richardson...	109	22	87	Mr. H. Spencer ...	99	4	95
Lieut.-Col. Mayne..	97	9	88	Mr. E. F. Oakley...	115	20	95
Rev. H. Yorke ...	103	15	88	Mr. E. J. Edwardes	117	22	95
Mr. M. Nixon ...	100	11	89	Major Little ...	113	17	96
Mr. T. W. Barker...	95	5	90	Rev. W. B. Holland	116	20	96
Capt. Robin ...	95	4	91	Mr. C. E. Lewis ...	107	9	98
Mr. R. Lattimer ...	98	7	91	Mr. J. Brown ...	109	9	100
Lieut.-Col. Robin...	112	21	91				

\* Winner of prizes.

† Divided sweepstakes.

Fourteen players made no return.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The autumn competition of the above club began at Hoylake, on Wednesday, 7th October, in good weather. The strong wind of the morning moderated as the day advanced, so that the players who started late had some advantage. Forty-five couples competed for the various prizes, and on the cards being examined it was found that, notwithstanding the night journey from St. Andrews, Mr. John Ball, jun., and Mr. H. H. Hilton, who had on the previous day been competing for the open championship there, had succeeded in coming to the front. Mr. John Ball, jun., did the round in 82, winning the Dowie cup and the accompanying gold memento. The round was made up as follows:—

Out, 5 5 4 4 4 4 4 5 6=42; Home, 6 5 4 3 5 6 2 5 4=40=82. Mr. H. H. Hilton, with the score of 87, winning the Hall Blythe gold medal. The next best scratch scores were Mr. A. Turpin 88, Mr. F. B. Crowther 89, General J. Briggs 90, Mr. C. E. Dick, 91, H. C. R. Sievwright 93, Messrs. A. H. Doleman and Herbert Farrar 94. The first club handicap prize was won by Mr. C. J. Crowther, with the net score of 84, and the second handicap prize by General James Briggs with the net score of 85. The first sweepstakes was won by Mr. C. J. Crowther, the second by Mr. C. B. Taylor, and the third by Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright. The result of the day's play was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. J. Crowther	99	15	84	Mr. J. Talbot-Fair	110	16	94
Genl. Jas. Briggs ...	90	5	85	Mr. G. F. Milligan	111	17	94
Mr. C. B. Taylor ...	105	18	87	Mr. C. Holt ...	106	11	95
Mr. Arthur Turpin	88	scr.	88	Mr. W. H. Wilson	107	12	95
Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright	93	5	88	Mr. C. T. Dixon ...	108	13	95
Mr. F. P. Crowther	89	scr.	89	Mr. George Bird ...	108	13	95
Mr. W. Potter (2)...	96	7	89	Mr. Osmond Williams	111	16	95
Mr. H. E. B. Harrison	105	16	89	Mr. St. Clare Byrne	116	21	95
Mr. John Ball, jun.,	82	+8	90	Mr. C. Macdonna ...	117	22	95
Mr. A. H. Doleman	94	4	90	Mr. C. Darbyshire...	103	7	96
Mr. H. Holden ...	98	8	90	Mr. E. F. Watt ...	106	10	96
Mr. A. Chisholm ...	102	12	90	Mr. J. W. Williamson	108	12	96
Mr. John Taylor ...	103	13	90	Mr. John Farrar ...	107	10	97
Mr. C. E. Dick ...	91	scr.	91	Mr. H. K. Layborn	115	18	97
Mr. Egerton Macdonna	100	9	91	Mr. A. Travis ...	115	18	97
Mr. H. Walker ...	121	30	91	Mr. N. Darbyshire...	115	18	97
Mr. H. Farrar ...	94	2	92	Mr. J. Hornby ...	100	2	98
Mr. T. W. Crowther	95	3	92	Mr. E. J. B. Farrar	101	3	98
Mr. R. A. Dun ...	96	4	92	Mr. John Dun ...	105	8	98
Mr. H. Ross				Mr. J. Moore ...	117	19	98
Coubrough ...	99	7	92	Mr. J. B. Hunter ...	111	12	99
Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	101	9	92	Mr. E. H. Higgins	116	17	99
Mr. W. C. A. Milligan	108	16	92	Mr. J. H. Silberbach	118	19	99
Mr. A. Huntington	110	18	92	Mr. Herbert Keef ...	118	18	100
Mr. H. H. Hilton ...	87	+6	93	Mr. H. W. Hind ...	113	12	101
Mr. A. H. Higgins	97	4	93	Mr. D. C. Scott ...	117	16	101
Mr. R. Goold ...	101	7	94	Mr. J. C. Innes ...	110	8	102
Mr. B. Hall Blyth...	101	7	94	Dr. P. Davidson ...	105	3	103
Mr. J. H. Knight ...	103	9	94	Mr. Geo. Crowther	122	18	104
Mr. W. Thomson ...	103	9	94	Mr. Jas. Fairclough	110	5	105
Mr. A. Dod ...	110	16	94	Mr. J. F. Ellison ...	132	25	107
				Mr. W. Sandbrook	132	24	108
				Mr. Theo. Turpin ...	132	23	109
				Mr. W. H. Potter ...	123	12	111

Twenty-six competitors made no return.

The above medal score had to decide who were the winners, under special handicap, of the first and second optional subscription prizes that have been competed for during the last eight months. The result was as follows:—First optional subscription prize: Mr. John Ball, jun., (scratch), 82, first prize; Mr. John Farrar, 107, less 20=87, second prize; Mr. C. Darbyshire, 103, less 14=89; Mr. J. Hornby, 100, less 10=90; Dr. P. Davidson, 106, less 11=95; Messrs. L. S. M. Munro, J. B. Hinshaw, and J. H. Wild, absent. Second optional subscription prize: Mr. C. J. Crowther, scratch, 99; first prize; Mr. H. E. B. Harrison, 105, less 1=104, second prize; Mr. A. Huntington, 110, less 3=107; Mr. H. K. Layborn, 115, less 3=112; Mr. A. Travis, 115, less 3=112; Mr. J. Stewart, 131, less 8=123; Messrs. J. G. Roger and Wm. Bates, absent.

Friday, the 9th October, the second day of the autumn meeting, was again fine, with a fresh breeze blowing across the links all day. Some 45 couples again competed, and on examination of the cards it was found that Mr. Charles Hutchings had won the Kennard gold medal and memento with a score of 85—a most popular win. His visit north, where he went for his health, had evidently done him much good. His score was made up as follows:—

Out ...	5	6	4	4	7	3	5	4	6=44	85.
Home ...	5	6	4	3	5	8	2	4	4=41	
Mr. H. H. Hilton secured the Stewart-Govane cup for the second-best scratch score, with the following:—										
Out ...	4	7	4	6	5	5	4	4	5=44	89.
Home ...	6	7	5	3	5	5	4	6	4=45	
Mr. John Ball junior's score was 87, as follows:—										
Out ...	5	6	4	5	5	3	5	4	6=43	87.
Home ...	5	6	5	4	6	5	4	4	5=44	

Mr. Charles Hutchings and the Rev. J. G. Denison, with their respective scores of 85 net, tied for the Grierson claret jug and two club prizes, all under handicap. They divided the first and second sweepstakes, and Mr. William Potter (2) secured the third. The Muir jug, for the best net aggregate of both days' medal play, was won by General James Briggs, with his scores of 90, less 5=85, and 92, less 4=88=173. Having won the jug previously, it now becomes his property. The result of the day's play is as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. Hutchings ...	85	scr.	85	Mr. J. W. Langlands	118	22	96
Rev. J. G. Denison	92	7	85	Mr. John Ball ...	99	2	97
Gen. Jas. Briggs ...	92	4	88	Mr. J. S. Beauford	104	7	97
Mr. Wm. Potter (2)	95	7	88	Mr. A. Chisholm ...	109	12	97
Mr. A. Turpin ...	89	scr.	89	Mr. J. F. Ellisor ...	122	25	97
Mr. R. Dun ...	94	4	90	Dr. P. Davidson ...	101	3	98
Mr. R. L. Dalglish...	108	18	90	Mr. R. W. Brown ...	102	4	98
Mr. F. P. Crowther	91	scr.	91	Mr. A. H. Doleman	102	4	98
Mr. T. W. Crowther	94	3	91	Mr. H. Ross			
Mr. K. J. Kerr ...	94	3	91	Coubrough ...	105	7	98
Mr. H. Holden ...	99	8	91	Mr. R. Goold ...	105	7	98
Mr. J. C. Innes ...	99	8	91	Mr. J. H. Knight ...	107	9	98
Mr. H. H. Hilton ...	86	+6	92	Mr. J. Taylor ...	111	13	98
Mr. C. E. Dick ...	92	scr.	92	Mr. J. Moore ...	117	19	98
Mr. Theo. Turpin ...	115	23	92	Mr. A. H. Higgins	103	4	99
Mr. P. J. Pringle ...	99	6	93	Mr. J. H. Silberbach	118	19	99
Mr. W. Dod ...	107	14	93	Mr. W. H. Legge...	124	25	99
Mr. A. H. Crossfield	101	7	94	Mr. J. B. Hunter ...	112	12	100
Mr. C. Darbyshire...	101	7	94	Mr. H. Spalding ...	113	13	100
Mr. C. Holt ...	105	11	94	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	110	9	101
Mr. C. J. Crowther...	106	12	94	Mr. H. W. Hind ...	113	12	101
Mr. J. White ...	118	24	94	Mr. H. E. B. Harrison	116	15	101
Mr. J. Hornby ...	97	2	95	Mr. E. H. Higgins	118	17	101
Mr. E. Macdonna ...	104	9	95	Mr. A. Dod ...	119	16	103
Mr. J. Farrar ...	105	10	95	Mr. A. Huntington	121	18	103
Mr. W. H. Wilson	107	12	95	Mr. Wm. Thomson	113	9	104
Mr. R. Haigh ...	111	16	95	Mr. Jas. Fairclough	112	5	107
Mr. P. Brown ...	121	26	95	Dr. A. Hamilton ...	122	15	107
Mr. John Ball, jun.	87	+9	95	Mr. Osmond			
Mr. J. C. Baldwin ...	100	4	96	Williams...	124	16	108
Mr. John Dun ...	104	8	96				

Thirty competitors made no return.

The tie for the Grierson claret jug and the two club handicap prizes was played off on Saturday, with the following result:—Mr. C. Hutchings (scratch), 88, wins the Grierson claret jug, and first club handicap prize. Rev. J. G. Denison with 99, less 7=92, winning the second.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The strong south-west wind, which was direct across the course, made the game more than usually difficult for the first competition for the club challenge cup on Saturday last. Now that the club has a groundman repairing and attending to the greens, their gradual improvement is easily noticeable, and when the new teeing-grounds are laid, and a few unfair hazards covered up, the Seaton Carew course will rank among the best in the country. The result proved to be a tie between the Rev. W. Wickwar, who has been playing a very improving game latterly, and for a beginner did a very creditable round in 109, and Mr.

Seymour Walker, who accomplished the round in 92, taking but 44 strokes on his outward journey, which was exceptionally good play considering the wind, but the Pond hole accounting for eight strokes coming in totalled the round as above, which was the best score on merit. Mr. Cooper coming next with 95, and the captain third with 97. Mr. A. Massingham, M.A., was unfortunately but one stroke behind, after meeting with such fearfully bad luck at the first hole, which took no less than thirteen strokes. The detailed scores are as follow:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. Seymour Walker	92 6 86	Mr. W. Purves	97 5 92
*Rev. W. Wickwar	109 23 86	Mr. C.O. Trechmann	117 25 92
Mr. A. Massingham	102 15 87	Mr. H. Simpson	107 13 94
Mr. E. W. Walker	107 18 89	Mr. F. W. Purvis	99 4 95
Mr. C. Cooper	95 4 91	Mr. M. H. Horsley	121 25 96
Mr. O.K. Trechmann	100 9 91		

\* Tie.

Messrs. G. Newby, P. Wood, R. E. Leach, A. R. Paton, A. B. Wilson, E. W. Walker, L. K. Fawcitt, J. R. Fryer, C. J. Bunting, and Rev. F. L. Cope made no returns, the high wind which blew across the course accounting for the large number of retirements.

#### ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

The autumn meeting of this club took place on Saturday and Monday last. Mr. Mure Fergusson won the Franklin-Adams scratch gold medal on Saturday, and the handicap prizes on both days. The Caird prize for the best score home on Saturday fell to Mr. John Taylor. Details follow.

The captain's medal for the four best aggregate scratch scores of the spring, Whitsuntide, and autumn meetings:—S. Mure Fergusson, 82, 85, 82, 87=346.

Saturday.—The Franklin-Adams gold medal:—Mr. S. Mure Fergusson, 82; Mr. A. D. Blyth, 90; Mr. W. O. S. Pell, 93; Mr. C. E. Nesham, 93; Mr. F. T. Welman, 94; Mr. W. Rutherford, 94; Mr. F. Barry, 94; Mr. W. L. Purves, 95.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. Mure Fergusson	82 scr. 82	Mr. W. L. Purves	95 scr. 95
Mr. C. E. Nesham	93 5 88	Mr. J. Oswald	100 5 95
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	93 4 89	Mr. J. R. D. Hill	107 12 95
Mr. J. Taylor	102 13 89	Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	104 8 96
Mr. W. Rutherford	94 5 89	Mr. W. E. Hughes	105 9 96
Mr. F. Barry	94 5 89	Mr. Geo. Nicol	105 9 96
Mr. A. D. Blyth	90 scr. 90	Mr. E. H. Dunn	114 18 96
Mr. F. T. Welman	94 4 90	Gen. Elliott	118 22 96
Mr. H. Nicholls	100 9 91	Mr. A. Denman	102 5 97
Mr. H. L. Forbes	102 11 91	Mr. R. Lawson	102 5 97
Mr. T. R. Mills	97 5 92	Mr. H. H. Turner	106 9 97
Mr. F. Pownall	112 20 92	Mr. R. H. Caird	108 11 97
Mr. R. H. Pringle	99 6 93	Mr. D. S. Hindmarsh	104 6 98
Mr. S. S. Schultz	102 9 93	Mr. W. P. Matthews	108 10 98
Mr. G. P. Leach	107 14 93	Capt. Austin	111 13 98
Mr. J. M. Henderson	101 7 94	Mr. F. H. A. Booth	109 10 99
Mr. J. C. Wadhaw	103 9 94	Sir T. Troubridge	109 10 99
Capt. Eccles	112 18 94	Mr. J. L. Ridpath	111 11 100

All the rest were 100 or over.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. Mure Fergusson	87 scr. 87	Mr. R. Lawson	103 6 97
Hon. A. Grosvenor	97 7 90	Mr. W. O. S. Pell	102 4 98
Mr. C. Plummer	91 scr. 91	Mr. W. Carr	107 9 98
Mr. J. Abernethy	116 22 94	Mr. C. E. Nesham	104 5 99
Mr. A. D. Blyth	95 scr. 95	Mr. R. H. Pringle	106 7 99
Mr. J. L. Ridpath	106 11 95	Mr. S. S. Schultz	108 9 99
Mr. J. Oswald	101 5 96		

The rest were 100 or over.

#### PORTRUSH COUNTY GOLF CLUB.

##### AUTUMN MEETING.

This meeting, which is one of the four important gatherings in the calendar of the County Golf Club, opened on the 10th, and closed on the 12th inst. In the matter of weather the club enjoyed its wonted good fortune. Two lovely autumn days imparted an additional charm to the popular game, and rendered the meeting the most pleasurable, as it was certainly the most successful, of the whole year. A field of about fifty players turned out to join issue for the various prizes offered for competition. The first day was devoted to the fifth competition for the Port Glenone challenge cup. Mr. James Woodside and Mr. Alexander, the donor of the cup, met in the final, and after a spirited contest the former was left master of the field. With the challenge cup was presented a memento prize, value £3; the second prize being awarded to Mr. Alexander, the runner-up. The following are the heats:—

First Heat.—Mr. J. Patrick, jun. (9), beat Mr. J. Young (3); Mr. W. H. Mann (5) beat Mr. J. R. M'Donald (9); Mr. J. S. Alexander (6) beat Mr. C. J. Johnstone (10); Mr. Hugh Adair (4) beat Mr. R.

Kelly (8); Mr. H. M'Geah (9) beat Mr. F. Johnstone (10); Mr. T. J. Dixon (10) beat Mr. W. H. Phillips (9); Mr. Moore (3) beat Mr. T. M'Keown (10); Colonel Knox (10) beat Mr. J. S. Exham (8); Mr. Joseph Black (9) beat Mr. J. Patrick (8); Captain M'Calmont (8) beat Mr. John Black (9); Mr. R. Gilroy (4) beat Mr. H. W. Kinley (10); Mr. George Combe (3) beat Mr. J. Rowan (7); Mr. D. Cochraue (5) beat Mr. C. L. Magill (6); Mr. C. J. Webb (8) beat Mr. R. Collingwood (8); Mr. W. E. Williams (5) beat Mr. W. H. Webb (3); Mr. W. B. Ritchie (8) beat Mr. J. K. Black (9); Mr. James Woodside (3) beat Mr. A. D. Gausson (5); Mr. J. Bell (6) beat Mr. S. Wilson (8); Mr. R. Young (7) a bye; Mr. James M'Gee (4) a bye; Lieutenant Carter (9) a bye; Major Alison (8) a bye; Mr. H. A. Macaulay (7) beat Mr. T. Key (9); Mr. J. S. G. Ussher (7) beat Mr. H. C. Kelly (8).

Second Heat.—Mr. Mann beat Mr. J. Patrick, jun.; Mr. Alexander beat Mr. Adair; Mr. M'Geah beat Mr. T. J. Dixon; Dr. Moore beat Colonel Knox; Mr. Joseph Black beat Capt. M'Calmont; Mr. R. Gilroy beat Mr. G. Combe; Mr. C. J. Webb beat Mr. D. Cochraue; Mr. Williams beat Mr. Ritchie; Mr. J. Woodside beat Mr. Bell; Mr. M'Gee beat Mr. R. Young; Major Alison beat Lieut. Carter; Mr. Macaulay beat Mr. Ussher.

Third Heat.—Mr. Alexander beat Mr. Mann; Dr. Moore beat Mr. M'Geah; Mr. Black beat Mr. R. Gilroy; Mr. Williams beat Mr. C. J. Webb; Mr. Woodside beat Mr. M'Gee; Mr. Macaulay beat Major Alison.

Fourth Heat.—Mr. Alexander beat Dr. Moore; Mr. Black a bye; Mr. J. Woodside beat Mr. Williams; Mr. Macaulay a bye.

Semi-Final.—Mr. Alexander beat Mr. Black; Mr. Woodside beat Mr. Macaulay.

Final.—Mr. Woodside beat Mr. Alexander.

For the second day of the meeting a match by strokes under handicap had been arranged, and for this competition there were about 45 entries. The scrutiny of the cards showed that the first place had fallen to Mr. J. S. G. Ussher, Ballymoney, while Mr. J. Patrick, jun., was the winner of the second prize. The match was one of 18 holes, and the following are the net scores not exceeding 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. S. G. Ussher	92 22 70	Mr. J. Rowan	112 24 88
Mr. J. Patrick, jun.	103 28 75	Colonel Knox	119 30 89
Mr. T. Key	105 28 77	Mr. C. L. Magill	107 18 89
Mr. Cecil Topping	97 18 79	Mr. W. H. Webb	100 10 90
Dr. W. D. Moore	90 10 80	Mr. H. Bacon	112 22 90
Mr. J. M. Russell	110 28 82	Mr. Robert Fox	113 22 91
Mr. H. B. Fox	95 12 83	Mr. James M'Gee	104 12 92
Mr. H. C. Kelly	107 24 83	Mr. J. S. Exham	116 24 92
Mr. H. M'Geah	109 26 83	Mr. Hugh Adair	106 12 94
Mr. J. Patrick	108 24 84	Mr. D. Driver	122 24 98
Major Alison	109 24 85	Mr. W. E. Williams	114 16 98
Mr. R. Gilroy	98 12 86	Mr. George M. Combe	106 8 98
Mr. A. D. Gausson	100 14 86	Mr. C. J. Webb	122 24 98
Mr. Joseph Black	111 24 87	Captain M'Calmont	124 24 100

On Saturday evening the annual dinner of the club was held in the Northern Counties Hotel, Mr. W. H. Mann (captain) presiding.

#### THE NORTH BERWICK TOURNAMENT.

Judging from recent experience the amateur tournament at North Berwick is apparently destined to undergo a rather chequered career. Last year, the efforts of the promoters were undoubtedly rewarded with a very fair share of success, and as they have this season been equally assiduous in their endeavours, it is matter for regret that so few competitors came forward on Wednesday of last week. Very much is it to be desired that by another year such arrangements may be made as to place the meeting on a firm basis, so as to prepare the way for its rapid development into a competition fitting to the renown of North Berwick as a golfing resort. As play proceeded a fair amount of attraction centred around the probable issue; but it must be admitted that an unfortunate combination of bad weather, with a meagre turnout, tended to make the interest in the various matches of a comparatively listless and limited character. The play, notwithstanding, ruled excellent and close, a fact of much significance being that most of the matches finished either at "Pointgarry-in," or the Home hole.

In the first round of the contest, Colonel M'Kinnon and Mr. John Forrest each showed an excellent game. Out in an almost faultlessly compiled 39 (the course was much extended on tournament day), against 41 by his opponent, Colonel M'Kinnon led by 2 at the turning. Mr. Forrest, however, is a player seldom easily disposed of, and although he proved unequal to securing the lead, he yet succeeded in making the match level at "Pointgarry" home. After the approaches for the Home hole had been played, the gallant colonel might well have felt anxious as to the result, but just at the critical juncture the local crack was unaccountably lacking, and, missing an easy putt, he allowed his antagonist to enter into the second round. The victor had a creditable 79 for the round (the best score of the day), and the vanquished followed closely with 81. Mr. Garden G. Smith conquered Mr. David Anderson at this stage, the second prize winner of last year's tourna-

ment succumbing at "Pointgarry" after a fine tussle. The two might, in a way, be said to be old rivals. They tied, after a close encounter, last year, and an extra hole had to be played ere Mr. Anderson could then be declared winner. Mr. Smith had his revenge on Wednesday, for although the couple were again equally matched, and stood all even at the turning, the Royal Musselburgh player succeeded in just winning on the homeward journey. Mr. John M'Culloch met in this round the veteran captain of the Tantallon Club, Mr. J. R. Whitecross, of North Berwick. Mr. Whitecross, who has had a splendid record in his palmy days, showed that his right hand had not yet lost its cunning, and Mr. M'Culloch had to play a good game to win by two holes. Mr. Adam Hogg rather easily disposed of Mr. A. Hutchison, the defeated representative of the Bass Rock Club practically losing the match to his captain in the outward half. Mr. A. Stuart defeated Mr. W. G. Paxton, the latter showing up pluckily in the encounter with his strong antagonist. A good and close game was that between Mr. Lehmann and Mr. Younger, the latter being ousted just at "Pointgarry-in." Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, who showed so admirably in his match on the last occasion against Mr. Harold Hilton (the then champion of the tournament) succumbed to Mr. J. Williamson by 5 and 4 to play. In this round, and throughout the tournament, Mr. Williamson proved himself an opponent by no means to be despised. Mr. S. H. M'Culloch, the young Tantallon representative, had his initial tussle in the competition in his match with Colonel M'Kinnon, the former having had a bye owing to the non-appearance of Mr. Pullar. The Trap hole saw Mr. M'Culloch assume the lead with the aid of a splendid approach. The couple again started level on going to the seventh hole, the younger player having found his way into the wood at Low Bent. From this point to the Pit hole they won almost alternately, and here they still stood on even terms. After driving from the Pit hole the St. Andrews player forged steadily ahead, but he missed a simple putt at the Perfection, and the game again turned in favour of his opponent. As the players neared home a hurricane of wind and rain raged. The Royal and Ancient player now fell away, topping some of his drives whilst the Tantallon representative held surely and well on his way. At "Pointgarry" Mr. M'Culloch was dorny, and he won at the last hole. Mr. Garden Smith had a close battle with Mr. John M'Culloch. From start to finish the match remained in a position of the utmost doubt, and was only decided at the Home hole. Mr. M'Culloch, who is an elder brother of the ultimate champion of the tournament, succumbed here by a hole. Mr. Stuart defeated Mr. Hogg by 4 and 3 to play. At one stage the Bass Rock captain gave promise of placing a different complexion on the aspect of the game. He more than held his own in the outward portion. At the Hole o'Cross, which was gained by him in 2, Mr. Hogg led by a couple of holes, and on turning he had still the advantage of one. The driving powers of Mr. Stuart especially told in the Home play, and as Mr. Hogg failed against the gale of wind and rain, he ultimately fell an easy victim to his formidable opponent. Mr. Lehmann gave Mr. Williamson a tough fight for entry into the third round, a very equal game resulting in favour of the latter by 2.

In the semi-final Mr. Sydney M'Culloch ran off with the match from Mr. Garden Smith, ousting the latter in a manner that had hardly been bargained for in view of the previous excellent form exhibited by Mr. Smith. The greatest surprise in the tournament was occasioned, however, in the defeat in the semi-final of Mr. A. Stuart, who was first favourite at the outset. Close play in the outward portion of the match finished by Mr. Stuart leading Mr. Williamson by one at the end. When the Pit had been reached he had yet one in hand; but he threw away a very easy chance of a half at the High Bent, and the match was again level. Perfection was halved. Mr. Stuart had here the worst lie from his drive, but played the shot admirably. As the result of the following two holes, Mr. Williamson stood dorny 2, Mr. Stuart being comparatively weak on the Redan green, and topping some of his drives for the Gate hole. Winning "Pointgarry," where a half would have sufficed to give him victory, Mr. Williamson thus qualified for the final encounter.

Some speculation naturally existed as to the probable result of the match in the final round between Mr. Sydney M'Culloch and Mr. J. Williamson. Opinion was pretty equally divided in the matter, each of the contestants having given so excellent an account of himself in the previous stages of the play. Mr. Williamson started most unpromisingly, indeed, halving one and losing as many as four of the first five holes. Ditch and sand difficulties were largely responsible for this state of matters. Mr. M'Culloch's advantage was reduced to 3 at the Hole o'Cross, and to 2 at the turning after a half at Quarry-out, the game of the Burgess player recovering in steadiness. This glimpse of good fortune and possible success was, however, short lived, for, after halving Quarry-in, he followed up an indifferent drive for the Pit by pulling his second on towards the beach. Mr. M'Culloch, who had a rare drive, followed with a good approach, and now led by 3. Further increasing his advantage at High Bent, which he gained in a good 3 to 4, the Tantallon representative was at Perfection hailed the winner of the match, and champion of the tournament of this year. Mr. M'Culloch, accordingly, gained the first cup, and the second fell to Mr.

Williamson. The results of the various stages were as appended:—

First Round.—Tuesday forenoon. Draw: Mr. J. F. Pullar, Royal and Ancient Club, and Mr. Sydney H. M'Culloch, Tantallon Club; Colonel M'Kinnon, Royal and Ancient, and Mr. John Forrest, Bass Rock; Mr. Garden G. Smith, Royal Musselburgh, and Mr. David Anderson, Dalhousie, Carnoustie; Mr. J. R. Whitecross, Tantallon, and Mr. John M'Culloch, Tantallon; Mr. Adam Hogg, Bass Rock, and Mr. A. Hutchison, Bass Rock; Mr. A. Stuart, jun., North Berwick New Club, and Mr. W. G. Paxton; Mr. Ernest Lehmann, Royal and Ancient, and Mr. R. J. Younger, North Berwick New Club; Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, Tantallon, and Mr. J. Williamson, Burgess. Result:—Mr. S. H. M'Culloch walked over, Mr. Pullar being absent; Colonel M'Kinnon beat Mr. Forrest by 1; Mr. Smith beat Mr. Anderson by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. M'Culloch beat Mr. Whitecross by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Hogg beat Mr. Hutchison by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. Stuart beat Mr. Paxton by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Lehmann beat Mr. Younger by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Williamson beat Mr. Gordon Robertson by 5 up and 3 to play.

Second Round.—Tuesday afternoon. Order of start: Mr. S. H. M'Culloch and Colonel M'Kinnon; Mr. Smith and Mr. J. M'Culloch; Mr. Hogg and Mr. Stuart; Mr. Lehmann and Mr. Williamson. Result:—Mr. S. H. M'Culloch beat Colonel M'Kinnon by 1; Mr. Smith beat Mr. J. M'Culloch by 1; Mr. Stuart beat Mr. Hogg by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Williamson beat Mr. Lehmann by 2.

Semi-Final.—Wednesday forenoon. Order of start: Mr. S. H. M'Culloch and Mr. Smith; Mr. Stuart and Mr. Williamson. Result:—Mr. S. H. M'Culloch beat Mr. Smith by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. Williamson beat Mr. Stuart by 3 up and 1 to play.

Final.—Wednesday afternoon: Mr. Sydney H. M'Culloch, Tantallon Club, beat Mr. J. Williamson, Burgess Club, by 5 up and 4 to play.

The arrangements in connection with the competition were over-taken in an entirely unexceptionable manner, much credit reflecting on Rev. F. L. M. Anderson and Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, joint secretaries, and Provost Brodie.

TYNESIDE CLUB.

The first of a series of bi-monthly competitions was begun at Ryton on the 15th inst. The prize offered by the club was a cup valued at £10 10s., the individual winners to play off at the end of the season for absolute possession of the trophy. The first contest was played in favourable weather, Mr. Tennant, the president, proving the victor with the excellent score of 84.

Gross. Hep. Net.		Gross. Hep. Net.	
Mr. J. Tennant ...	90 6 84	Mr. F. Babington ...	99 4 95
Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. F. W. Wynd-	
Mr. F. T. Ridley ...	95 5 90	ham ...	114 19 95
Mr. J. Milton ...	105 15 90	Mr. M. P. Ismay ...	112 16 96
Mr. G. F. Charlton ...	93 2 91	Mr. G. W. Walters	97 scr. 97
Mr. W. C. Nicholson	117 25 92	Mr. H. W. Spencer	123 25 98
Mr. T. L. Temperley	121 28 93	Mr. T. A. Hutton...	113 12 101
Mr. G. Welsh ...	110 16 94	Mr. B. Brumell ...	120 17 103

Messrs. E. Hunter, A. Dunn, J. B. Radcliffe, J. Hiddleston, H. Blair, J. McKenzie, and F. Smith retired.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The October medals were played for on Saturday, the 17th inst., when the first-class medal was won by Miss Bertha Thomson, and the second class by Miss Marion Schwann. As so many members seem to be prepared for winter play, the hon. sec. is giving two prizes to be played for in a tournament during November and December. Entries to be made at the Club Cottage, or by post-card to the professional, before the draw, which will take place on Wednesday, the 28th of October, at eight o'clock p.m.

First Class.—Miss B. Thomson, 90, less 15=75; Miss M. Dickie, 98, less 17=81; Miss Issette Pearson, 86, less 4=82; Miss E. Clarke, 102, less 18=84; Miss Lena Thomson, 90, less 4=86; Mrs. Norman Foster, 103, less 15=88; Miss Muir, 111, less 17=94; Miss Stevenson, 124, less 18=106.

Second Class.—Miss Marian Schwann, 108, less 36=72; Miss Reeves, 105, less 30=75; Mrs. Cameron, 101, less 25=76; Miss Hassard-Short, 102, less 24=78; Miss Gow, 121, less 36=85; Miss S. Henderson, 115, less 30=85; Miss Want, 113, less 28=85; Miss Evelyn Orde, 105, less 19=86; Mrs. Poole, 120, less 32=88; Mrs. Archer, 111, less 22=89; Miss K. Macfarlan, 126, less 36=90; Miss Emily Carver, 121, less 30=91; Miss Margaret Orde, 111, less 19=92; Miss Clapham, 122, less 30=92; Miss Connell, 113, less 19=94; Miss Aston, 134, less 36=98; Mrs. Horne, 126, less 28=98; Miss E. Dickie, 118, less 19=99; Miss B. Martyn, 124, less 25=99; Mrs. R. Browne, 136, less 36=100; Miss Tee, 119, less 19=100; Miss E. P. Horne, 121, less 21=100.

Over 100 or no return, Mrs. Stephenson, Miss N. Martyn, Miss L. Field, Mrs. Chetwynd-Stapylton, Miss E. King, Mrs. Dowson, Mrs. Fisher, Miss M. C. Faithfull, Miss Blake, Mrs. Willock, Miss S. Scott, Mrs. Cundell, Miss M. Scott, Miss B. Martyn, Miss Delcomyn, Miss Buxton, Miss Edith Martyn, Miss Edith Scott, Mrs. Field, Miss Stevenson.

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