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FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 2.—Cambridge University v. Stevenage, at Stevenage (six a side), 12.45 p.m.
Royal Cornwall: Gentlemen; Monthly Medal.
Whitley: Captain's Prize (Final).
- Feb. 3.—Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.
Sidcup: Monthly Medal (First Class).
County Down: Captain's Prize and Railway Cup.
Bowdon: The Captain's Cup.
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.
Leicester: Monthly Medal.
Birkdale: Medal Competition.
Royal Liverpool: Winter Optionals.
Manchester: Monthly Medal.
Tooting Bec: Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove: Berners Gold Medal.
Fairfield: Monthly Medal.
Glamorganshire: Medal Competition.
Great Yarmouth: Monthly Medal.
Crookham: Annual Meeting.
- Feb. 3 & 10.—Old Manchester: Club Challenge Cup.
- Feb. 5.—Hunstanton: Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 6.—Royal Cornwall Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Carnarvonshire: Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 7.—Lyme Regis: Monthly Medal.
Blackheath Ladies: Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 9 & 10.—Royal West Norfolk: Postponed Christmas Meeting;
General Meeting 1.45.
- Feb. 10.—Cambridge University v. North Beds, at Biggleswade
(twelve a side).
County Down: Captain's Prize.

- Feb. 10.—Bowdon: The Morgan Prize.
Wilmslow: Haworth Cup.
West Herts: Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: "Bogey" Competition.
Hayling: Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae: Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Crookham: "Bogey" Competition.
Seaton Carew: Monthly Handicap.
Southport: Monthly Medal; Monthly Competition.
Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
Staines: Monthly Medal.
Redhill and Reigate: Annual Meeting; Turner Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight: Monthly Medal.
Glamorganshire v. St. Fagans.
Frith Park: Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield: Monthly Medal.
Oxford University v. Ascot (at Ascot).
- Feb. 11.—Royal Dublin: Monthly Medal (Final).
- Feb. 12.—Hayling: "Bogey" Competition.
Chesterford Park: Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae: Ladies' Medal.
- Feb. 13.—Cambridge University: Linskill Cup (scratch); St. Andrew's Medal (15 and under); Pirie Memento (16 and over); Extraordinary General Meeting, Lion Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
- Feb. 13 & 20.—Carnarvonshire: Subscription "Bogey" Cup.
Feb. 13 and following days.—Hayling: The Liddell Cup.
- Feb. 14 & 16.—Pau: Ville de Pau Gold Medal; St. Andrews' Cross.
- Feb. 15.—Cambridge University v. Royston, at Cambridge (eight a side), 1.30 p.m.
- Feb. 17.—Disley: Tonge Prize.
Cambridge University v. Nottinghamshire (eight a side), at Cambridge.
Eltham: Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton: "Bogey" Competition.
Sidcup: Monthly Medal (Second Class).
County Down: Captain's Prize and Club Handicap.
Ranelagh: Monthly Medal.
Worlington: Monthly Medal.
Birkdale: Captain's Prize.
Beckenham: Monthly Medal.
Formby: Optional Subscription Prize.
Seaford: Monthly Medal.
Harrogate: Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe: Monthly Challenge Cup.
Rochester Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Rochester: Monthly Medal.
Knutsford: Monthly Competition (Final).
Mid-Surrey: Monthly Medal.
Disley: Winter Silver Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Wakefield: Monthly Medal.
Glamorganshire v. Abergavenny.
Porthcawl: "Bogey" Competition.
Oxford University v. Guildford (at Guildford).
- Feb. 18.—Royal Dublin: Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 20.—Cambridge University: Barrow Medal ("Bogey").

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THE LADIES' GOLF UNION.

On Friday, January 26th, a meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C. There were present—Mr. Laidlaw Purves, in the chair; Miss Issette Pearson, hon. secretary; Miss Blanche Martin, hon. treasurer; Mrs. Cameron and Miss Lena Thomson (Wimbledon); Mrs. Lucas (Ashdown Forest); Mrs. Willock (Southdown and Brighton); Mrs. Davis (Minchinhampton); Mrs. Mackern and Mr. H. H. Turner (Blackheath); Miss Stringer (Littlestone); Mr. Smith-Turberville (Kenilworth); Mr. Arthur Adams, and Mr. Wintle.

After the Chairman had read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed, the arrangements for the forthcoming Ladies' Championship were discussed. The invitation of the Littlestone Golf Club to hold the meeting on their links was accepted, and a vote of thanks for the invitation was recorded. The event will take place towards the end of May, the exact dates to be announced shortly. The question of entrance-fees proved to be a somewhat difficult one to settle; but, after careful discussion, it was decided that ladies entering for the Championship from clubs subscribing to the Union should pay an entrance-fee of 5s.; while ladies from non-subscribing clubs should pay an entrance-fee of £1 1s.; these fees to be spent in prizes and medals, and to be used for defraying incidental expenses of the meeting. The scale of fees is moderate, and the guinea entrance-fee is not imposed with any wish to prevent the members of non-subscribing clubs from entering for the Championship; but it was felt that, as the chief expenses and all the trouble of arranging the Championship falls upon the Union and its funds, it is right and just that ladies who through their clubs subscribe to the Union should have some advantage over non-subscribers in the matter of an entrance-fee.

It was then decided that any clubs joining the Union from the present time to the end of May next should pay their entrance-fees and annual subscriptions according to the scale of charges drawn up by the council, and that they should be exempt from further charges till May, 1895.

Miss Blanche Martin then proposed, and Miss Lena Thomson seconded, the Folkestone Ladies' Club, which was unanimously elected. Mrs. H. C. Willock proposed, and Mrs. Davies seconded, the Eltham and Barnes Ladies' Golf Club, which was also duly elected.

Mr. H. H. Turner's proposal for a new method of scoring in inter-club matches was then read, as follows:—

SCORING IN CLUB MATCHES.

The question of scoring is raised by the unsatisfactory result of such matches as the following (see GOLF for August the 4th, 1893, page 362):—

BALLATER.		ABOYNE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Reid	4	Mr. Peterkin	0
Mr. Cook	2	Mr. Caird	0
Mr. Williamson	1	Mr. A. Baxter	0
Mr. Miller	0	Mr. J. Baxter... ..	10
Mr. MacGregor	0	Mr. Nicol	0
Mr. Thain	0	Mr. Sandison	5
Mr. Simpson	5	Mr. Grant	0
	12		15

Here Ballater won four matches to two of Aboyne, but are considered to be beaten by 3 holes, owing to the large score made by Mr. J. Baxter.

Another example will be found on page 367 of the same number, where St. Andrews played Leven. The former are (by the present plan) considered to win with 44 to 42; whereas they only won nine matches out of the twenty-eight matches played, Leven winning seventeen and two being halved. This example is valuable as showing that even when very large teams are played (which might be expected to swamp the effects of a single match however one-sided), a result which is grossly unfair can be arrived at by the plan of counting holes only.

On the other hand, it would be equally unfair to count by matches only, and would probably lead to captains of teams placing their men in the wrong order if they saw a chance. Suppose we had a match between two teams of four players—A, B, C, D, and a, b, c, d, and

that A is as good as a, and B as good as b, C as good as c, and D as good as d, then if these players are placed in proper order by the two captains, A and a being the best, the matches would be all level, and we should have a drawn game like this—

Holes.				Holes			
A.	...	...	0	a.	...	...	0
B.	...	...	0	b.	...	...	0
C.	...	...	0	c.	...	...	0
D.	...	...	0	d.	...	...	0
			0				0

But suppose the captain of the first team puts D at the top he is very likely to score a victory if matches alone count, though not if holes alone count. The match might turn out like this, for instance—

Holes.				Holes.			
D.	...	...	0	a.	...	...	3
A.	...	...	1	b.	...	...	0
B.	...	...	1	c.	...	...	0
C.	...	...	1	d.	...	...	0
			3				3

D, of course, losing his match with a, but A, B, and C each being slightly better than their opponents, b, c, and d. By holes the match would still be halved, but if matches counted the big letters would win by 3 to 1. Thus it appears that some compromise between the two systems is necessary, and I propose that each match should count two points, in addition to the number of holes up. The reasons for this proposal are founded directly upon experience, viz., the examination of a large number of matches as recorded in GOLF, and references will be found to the calculations in GOLF, Vol. V., page 409.

The match given at the beginning of the illustration will now run as follows:—

BALLATER.		ABOYNE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Reid, 4 holes +2 for match	6	Mr. Peterkia	0
Mr. Cook, 2 holes +2	4	Mr. Caird	0
Mr. Williamson, 1 hole +2	3	Mr. A. Baxter	0
Mr. Miller	0	Mr. Nicol	0
Mr. MacGregor	0	Mr. Sandison 5+2 for match	7
Mr. Thain	0	Mr. J. Baxter 10+2	12
Mr. Simpson, 5 holes +2 for match	7	Mr. Grant	0
	20		19

And Ballater win by 1 point, instead of Aboyne winning by 3 holes. In the case of St. Andrews v. Leven—St. Andrews score 44 holes, plus 18 points for nine matches=62; and Leven score 42 holes, plus 34 points for seventeen matches=76; so that Leven win by 14 points, handsomely, in fact, as everyone looking at the scores would probably consider they should do.

Mr. Laidlaw Purves, in a clear and concise speech, said that Mr. Turner's system commended itself to him for several reasons. "Jockeying" is an ugly term, but it is undeniable that teams in inter-club matches are occasionally arranged in a manner open to an accusation of "jockeying," especially in cases where a good player in the club had not come prominently before the public, and could therefore take a place as a "dark horse." Mr. Turner's method of scoring would assist in reducing the evil results of such "jockeying," if it did not entirely obviate the evil. Mr. Moleworth had proposed a scheme by which no player could score more than 3 points for his side. This lessened the temptation of placing players in a wrong position in the team, but it also tended to lessen the spirit of Golf, which was to play every match out pluckily to the bitter end; and, if possible, to reduce the number of holes scored by the winning player. In this respect, Mr. Turner's system was superior to others which had been suggested, inasmuch as the spirit of the game would be sustained right up to the last tee. Finally, Mr. Purves recommended the ladies to give their full attention to Mr. Turner's scheme.

Mr. Adams suggested that the added points should be shown in the scoring to be club points, and not individual points, and also gave his approval to the system.

After some further discussion it was decided to give Mr. Turner's system a fair trial, by adopting it in such interclub matches as are to be played in the forthcoming season among the affiliated clubs.

Mrs. Lucas made a practical suggestion with regard to the arrangement of teams in accordance with their handicaps, which will be fully discussed later.

THE CRITICISM OF GOLF.

The National game of Scotland is just now undergoing the ordeal of public criticism, and its continued popularity will, doubtless, a good deal depend upon its condition when it emerges from the struggle. If it be tattered to pieces and demolished by destructive agencies, then Golf will, for the many, cease to exist; but if it emerge from the contest triumphant, as it no doubt will, then the game will flourish exceedingly, and no man may be able to place a limit upon it.

While the matter is under discussion, the question has occurred to the writer, Who is a competent critic? Many take upon themselves the task of criticism, but criticism is, after all, only the expression of individual opinion. The weight to be attached to such opinion depends upon the knowledge possessed by the critic of his subject, and the justness and impartiality with which he, from his knowledge, can examine and dissect the subject-matter under review.

Now, it is hardly making too bold a statement to say that if any one who had never seen Golf played at all were to observe the perfect play of some of the more able exponents, he would consider the game so ridiculously simple and easy that he would not deem it worthy of a trial. Watch a first-class player: he plays his tee shot, and his shot through the green, and gets away, in both cases, long raking balls; his approach a perfect stroke, and he holes out in 2 more, sometimes in 1 more; and this goes on with great regularity all through his game. It is only when an outside observer sees a duffer driving his ball a few yards with the utmost exertion, or quarrying it out of the depths of a bunker, or punting about on the putting-green in fruitless endeavours to find the bottom of the hole, that he realises there is anything in the game. It will thus be seen that the more perfectly the game is played the simpler and easier does it appear; and to criticise it fairly there is rendered necessary an intimate and minute acquaintance with all the circumstances and details appertaining to or affecting its different departments.

There are two methods open to the critic. The one is to purchase, more or less extensively, of golfing literature, and to listen largely to the comments of others, golfers and non golfers, to go and see the game played, and perchance to play a few holes. For many this is quite sufficient. Nothing further of the game could be learned, although some proficiency in play might be attained. The critic adopting this method is now armed for his warfare, which is generally of a destructive nature. The other mode is to play and to study the game until every little wrinkle which conduces to perfect play is understood thoroughly. Rome was not built in a day, nor can Golf be understood in so brief a space of time. It takes years of patient practice and observation to attain to even mediocrity both in the understanding and the play of the game. Those who learn late in life are seriously handicapped, for Golf is to be learned more by example than by precept. Their imitative powers are not so great, nor are they inclined to take so much for granted as in the days of youth. They require the why and wherefore of the almost inexplicable manoeuvres of that small globe that baffles their utmost skill to direct aright; and instead of treading in the footsteps of the fathers of the game, they follow their own devious paths—with implements duly patented under the name of Golf clubs—to the detriment of their own play, and to the degradation of the game. Professional Golf is the highest form of Golf as regards excellence of play. Ask a professional why the playing of a stroke in some particular way produces a certain effect on the ball, and the answer will be, "A' dinna ken." He does not know why, but practice and observation tell him that if he hits the ball in this way he will get the desired result, and more he does not care to know.

Now observe the difference in the two methods of criticism. In the first case the critic, not having been fully initiated into all the mysteries of the craft, is not in a position to judge of the excellence of the game. His knowledge is largely of the theoretical kind, unproved by sufficient practice, and although, from his little experience of it, he may like the game, he has not yet found in it that steadfast pleasure which warms the heart of the true golfer. One day he plays fairly well, and is pleased; the next he fozzles almost every stroke, and curses the game. On the other hand, the golfer who has devoted long years to

the mastery of the game understands its intricacies, and uniformly enjoys its pleasures. He has seen the best players of the age; he has studied their different styles of play, and has noted their respective merits; he has himself played with many of them, and from them has learned everything that it is possible to know; he has played and practised till every stroke is familiar to him, and, although he may never be a player of the highest order, he understands the game. He understands the way in which each particular stroke should be played; how a ball may be driven low against the wind; how it may be pulled or sliced as circumstances require; how a beautiful skimmer may be taken out of a cup when a duffer would use an iron; how a long wrist shot may be played up to a hole, or how it can be "skiffed" up with a cleek, and when this should be done; how a ball may be beautifully pitched over a hazard, and made to fall almost dead, by putting on "cut" or by "cuttin' the feet frae 't"; and how the ball should be managed on the putting green. He has felt the voluptuous pleasure of a long shot, and the satisfaction of successfully extricating a ball from a bad lie. He has felt the keen gratification of a well-played approach, and has experienced a thrill of delight pass through his whole being when, after carefully taking the line of his putt, he has seen the ball thread its way along his imaginary path, and find the bottom of the hole. These are some of the pleasures of the game, and until they have been experienced by the critic he is writing about a subject of which he has yet a great deal to learn. Admitting a critic to possess all these qualifications, he requires, in addition, to have seen the skill of the best players tested under circumstances and conditions calculated to display their respective capacities. It is not enough to see good Golf played; it must be seen on a green capable of duly and fairly trying the merits of the men, both in stroke competitions and in hand-to-hand matches. The latter display Golf in its truest sense, and it is in match play alone that there have been witnessed some of the finest exhibitions of skill yet known of. Over and above, the critic must have an impartial mind. But how difficult is it to find a golfer who has an impartial mind as regards the game? To be a golfer, frequently, nay generally, means to become infatuated with the game, and how can any one in this condition judge impartially? A fair criticism of Golf is hard to obtain. It would almost seem to be between these two fires—a critic cannot criticise Golf without knowing the game thoroughly, and to know the game thoroughly means to be so devoted to it that impartiality disappears.

But is it fair to lay down hard and fast rules, and to say that these alone make a game first class? Who shall judge, and from what stand-point is the standard to be taken? Is it to be development of physique, or the enjoyment of pleasure, or what? It would not seem that any man, or any class, or any section of men can define the best game; but it would rather seem that the test of survival and popularity must be the ruling guide. Unless a game be first class it cannot survive the test of time. The doctrine of survival of the fittest applies to games as to all else.

J. A.

THE BRAIDS GOLF CLUB.—The annual general meeting of this club was held on Tuesday night, January 23rd, captain W. J. Walker presiding. Various reports were read and approved. Mr. H. M. Woodhead was presented with the monthly medal, which he had won with the average of 79.3 for six competitions. The hole-and-hole competition held during the summer resulted as follows:—1, Mr. W. C. Sturrock; 2, Mr. W. Oswald; 3 and 4, Mr. F. J. Walden and Mr. A. Falconer. The following office-bearers were elected for next season:—President, Councillor Kinloch-Anderson; captain, Mr. W. J. Walker; secretary, Mr. J. St. Clair Shaw; treasurer, Mr. P. Campbell; committee, Messrs. H. Craigie, H. M. Woodhead, W. C. Sturrock, J. Sinclair, J. S. Campbell and G. Borthwick.

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THE BLIND HOLE.

FROM A FORE-CADDIE.

Oh yes ! We're a-listenin', we know what you say,
 We've bin watchin' the writin' and fuss ;
 'Tis the dooties of caddies 'oo point out the way
 That you gen'lemen's pleased to discuss.
 And though nobody seems much the wuss,
 It's most aggravatin'
 To see you debatin'
 On matters relatin'
 To us.

Some say we should stand in a line with the 'ole,
 And look out for "the couple in front,"
 While others 'ud clear us out body and soul,
 And say off the line we're to shunt.
 And consid'rin' we bear all the brunt,
 As we're thus circumvented,
 From speaking prewented,
 We'll sit discontented
 And grunt.

The boys and meself we 'old meetin'ses too,
 But it isn't, as you might suppose,
 To discuss 'ow we'll stand most convenient to you,
 But—the chance of a ball on the nose.
 Of a whack from the ball as it goes.
 Of a regular stinger
 (Like Lucy) 'twill linger,
 And ketches your finger
 Or toes.

While you're talkin' of where a fore-caddie should stand,
 You might just as well leave us in peace,
 For there isn't no caddie in all this wide land,
 'Oo is anxious to meet his decease,
 With a grave in a bunker apiece.
 And we're tryin' to master
 Which heals up things faster,
 Diachylon plaster
 Or grease.

We must stop on the top of a 'ill and look out,
 Just that much ev'ry caddie boy knows ;
 That's what *your* meetin's say, but *our* meetin's about
 The best way to steer clear of the blows.
 For a fore-caddie has but one nose,
 Which he wears on his face, where it shows,
 And its wery distractin'
 To be badly whack'd in
 The place which exact in
 It grows.
 To be riddled by balls, overflows
 The full cup of a poor caddie's woes ;
 If we're meant like a sieve to be,
 We'll never live to be
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ROSE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY.

A NEW Golf club has been formed for working men, at Brancaster, under the direction of Mr. W. H. Simms Reeve, the hon. secretary of the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club.

AN eighteen-hole course was laid out at Monday at Cheetham Hill, Manchester, by George Lowe, the professional from St. Anne's. This should make an excellent course ; fine undulating, dry ground, a hazard or hazards at every hole. Several of the holes require the best of approaching to stop on the putting-greens. The club has already a good membership. The hon. secretary is Mr. J. H. Boardman, from whom any information can be obtained.



MOLES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I see that a correspondent is asking how to catch moles.

Let him invest in the patent mole-trap, price 1s. 6d., sold by the Army and Navy Stores.

We had some exceptionally clever moles here, that refused to be caught by the ordinary mole-trap ; but when I got the patent one referred to, we soon exterminated them. In soft ground, where they can, and will, burrow to the side or underneath the trap, they are invaluable.

I am, Sir, &c.,

P. A. CH. DE CRESPIGNY.

Round Hill, Lyndhurst.

LADIES' CLUB AT UPPER NORWOOD.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Can any of your readers tell me the nearest ladies' Golf links to Upper Norwood, and to whom I should apply for all particulars ?

I am, Sir, &c.,
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GOLF UNDER POLICE SURVEILLANCE.—Boxing Day was the day chosen by the committee of a club, with a nine-hole course, situated not a hundred miles from Charing Cross, for their opening. It was attended by an incident which, I venture to think, is entirely novel on such occasions. The course is flanked on one side by a wood. To the surprise of the players as they went round, they found the wood occupied by a detachment of police placed at regular intervals. The effect on the players (mostly beginners) on seeing this, may be better imagined than described, until a daring member of the committee, worked into a frenzy of despair, by the decapitation of a brassie head through trying to keep his eye on the police and the ball at the same time, ventured to ask their business there. Policeman X., with a broad grin, looking at the official's headless shaft, said : "Expecting a prize fight, hereabouts, sir. Me and my mates been here since six o'clock this morning!" "Prize fight!" said the surprised committee-man ; "nonsense." Policeman X. (with official dignity) : "Well, sir, I think we knows what we're about" (pointing to a putting-green, within sight of the wood, which was enclosed by four posts and a strand of wire to keep the cattle off)—"There's the ring already made, awaitin' for 'em." The committee-man, forgetting his smashed club, burst into a fit of laughter, and, after explaining what the supposed prize ring really was, retired chuckling. The police had gone when he played round again.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN GOLFER.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Cornelius Thompson, who was for many years well known in the world of Golf. He died on the 18th January on board his ship the *Damascus*, in the Bay of Biscay, on his way to Teneriffe. He came of a good North Country family, and was educated at Aberdeen and the University there. He chose shipbuilding as his calling, and had a great part in designing and building some of the most famous Australian and China clippers in the days when the great wool and tea races aroused as much interest as the America Cup. Leaving shipbuilding, he became the active partner in London of his father's well-known firm, George Thompson & Company. He was pressed to take to politics, but declined, for, although he took delight in battle with his peers, he disliked the fencing inseparable from the platform. He preferred the hard work of a business career and the recreation of Golf. Apart from his work, he will long be remembered as associated with Golf. As regards the game, he could, in his youth, hold his own with the best; and in social life he had few equals. He first became known as a member of the Aberdeen Club; there he won so many medals that he was dubbed by his friends "The Cock of the North." In the South his year of captaincy of the St. George's Golf Club will not be forgotten. As we have said, he died at sea, and it may be that he cherished the sailor's hope to be rocked to his last sleep by the sea that he loved so well. His grave is in Teneriffe. To one more kindly Scot have we spoken a last farewell.

BIARRITZ GOLF CLUB.

A sweepstakes was played for under handicap, on the "Bogey" system, over these links, on January 19th. "Bogey's" score for the eighteen holes was fixed at:—Out, 4 5 4 4 5 5 4 6 4=41; in, 4 5 4 4 6 4 4 6=41, total 82. The following was the result:—Mr. H. Hutchinson (plus 7), 4 up; Mr. C. de Lacy Lacy (8), all even; Mr. W. Burdon Muller (15), 2 down; Mr. A. Whitlaw (9), 5 down; Major Little (11), 5 down, and several others who either made no return, or who suffered more severe defeat at the hands of the gallant "Colonel." Mr. Hutchinson's round was a fine one, and was made up as follows; Out, 4 4 4 4 5 5 3 4 3=36; in, 4 3 3 4 4 6 3 3 5=35, total 71.

A "putting" competition for Ladies' of the Biarritz Golf Club took place on Wednesday, January 24th, for four prizes presented by Mr. G. F. Heath. In magnificent weather a start was made at two o'clock, Miss Ayscough leading off and scoring the first shot. Three tries at each distance being allowed, each of the twenty-eight competitors succeeded in holing the ball in the first and second round. At the third distance Miss Dodgson was counted out, and thereby secured the "duffer's" prize. Miss Hoskyns scored five distances with five clean putts, but failed at the sixth. Excitement ran high amongst the large concourse of spectators when at the eighth distance only three were left in—Mrs. Gillmore, Miss Wingfield, and Miss K. Wingfield. Mrs. Gillmore with a splendid putt, won the first prize, Miss Wingfield, and Miss K. Wingfield, playing a tie for second place, which resulted, after a keen competition, in favour of the former.

ROYAL OF ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

The "Bogey" pool inaugurated by Major J. F. C. Hamilton, at the commencement of 1893, and to the winner of which he gave a handsome prize, was terminated at Christmas, and the winners have been declared, the Rev. C. Shilson being first, having sent in a card beating "Bogey" 6 up. Major J. F. C. Hamilton follows with 5 up, and Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell is third with 4 up. Each competitor during the year having paid one shilling for his card this sum was divided in proportions between the winners. The number of competitors was 292. A description of this somewhat novel competition appeared in GOLF when it was started.

The committee have decided that at the end of the current year the winners shall be decided by three best average returns, instead of a single return, and by this means the chance of the winner being known before the completion of the competition is not so great. Although every care was taken to prevent scores returned being divulged in the past year, it was found difficult, as if the players themselves kept the secret, the caddies were not always so trustworthy.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

A mixed foursome competition was played on Tuesday, January 23rd, at Newcastle, under most enjoyable circumstances, the weather being all that could be desired. The first prize was won by Miss Magill and Mr. R. Magill, the second by Miss S. Garrett and Captain Ritchie. The consolation prizes, for those beaten in the first round, were won, the first prize by Miss De Wind and Mr. N. D. Ferguson, the second by Miss Mulligan and Mr. Morrell. For those beaten in the second round the prize was won by Miss Gregg and Mr. MacCormac, Miss A. Garrett and Mr. A. Herdman winning a second consolation prize.

First round.—Miss M. Garrett and Captain M'Calmont (1) beat Mrs. Taylor and Mr. C. Brownlow (6); Mrs. Carlisle and Mr. F. Hoey (5) beat Mrs. Hodges and Mr. Hodges (6); Miss S. Garrett and Captain Ritchie (4) beat Miss De Wind and Mr. N. D. Ferguson (5); Miss Gregg and Mr. MacCormac (2) beat Miss C. Taylor and Mr. T. Henderson (5); Mrs. Herdman and Mr. G. Combe (2) beat Miss Garrett and Mr. A. Herdman (4); Miss Magill and Mr. R. Magill (2) beat Miss Mulligan and Mr. H. Morell (1); Miss L. De Wind and Mr. R. Kelly, jun. (5) beat Miss MacLaine and Major Wallace (scratch); Miss Stronge and Captain Stronge (3) beat Miss Tyrrell and Mr. A. M. Andrews (5).

Second round.—Mrs. Carlisle and Mr. Hoey beat Miss M. Garrett and Captain M'Calmont; Miss S. Garrett and Captain Ritchie beat Miss Gregg and Mr. MacCormac; Miss Magill and Mr. Magill beat Mrs. Herdman and Mr. Combe; Miss L. De Wind and Mr. Kelly beat Miss Stronge and Captain Stronge.

Third round.—Miss S. Garrett and Captain Ritchie beat Mrs. Carlisle and Mr. Hoey; Miss Magill and Mr. Magill beat Miss L. De Wind and Mr. Kelly.

Final.—Miss Magill and Mr. Magill beat Miss S. Garrett and Captain Ritchie.

CONSOLATION PRIZE.

First round.—Mrs. Hodges and Mr. Hodges beat Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Brownlow; Miss De Wind and Mr. Ferguson beat Miss Taylor and Mr. Henderson; Miss Mulligan and Mr. Morrell beat Miss Garrett and Mr. Herdman; Miss MacLaine and Major Wallace beat Miss Tyrrell and Mr. Andrews.

Second round.—Miss De Wind and Mr. Ferguson beat Mrs. Hodges and Mr. Hodges; Miss Mulligan and Mr. Morrell beat Miss MacLaine and Major Wallace.

Final.—Miss De Wind and Mr. Ferguson beat Miss Mulligan and Mr. Morrell.

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal.—Notwithstanding a hurricane of wind and occasional downpours of rain, there was a large turn-out for this competition. Of course the scoring was high, and many players failed to make returns. The results were as follows:—

First Class.—Mr. A. L. Woodhead, 93, less 6=87; Mr. R. Holliday, 98, less 9=89; Mr. F. K. Adcock, 108, less 18=90; Mr. A. P. Crosland, 102, less 11=91; Mr. J. H. Exley, 95, less 3=92; Mr. F. E. Woodhead, scratch, 94; Mr. T. B. Keighley, 114, less 13=101. No returns from eight others.

Second Class.—Mr. A. C. Sharpe, 119, less 30=89; Mr. E. E. Hirst, 117, less 21=96; Mr. R. Nelson, 116, less 19=97; Mr. J. S. Ainley, 129, less 23=106. No returns from twelve others.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, January 27th, when fully thirty members took part. A strong gale from the south-west made low scoring almost impossible. Scores:—Mr. H. D. Hirst, 109, less 19=90; Mr. W. P. Matthews, 106, less 10=96; Sir Bevan Edwards, 113, less 15=98; Mr. J. S. Calverley, 117, less 18=99; Colonel E. Jee, 117, less 18=99; Dr. Stone, R.N., 124, less 24=100. The others made no return, or were over 100 net.

WALLASEY GOLF CLUB.—The third of the monthly optional handicaps was played off on Saturday, January 27th. A heavy gale from the west prevailed all day, the afternoon players having to contend as well with a blinding rain-storm. Dr. Grimsdale put in a win with the gross score of 101.

OLD MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.—The monthly gold medal was played for on January 27th, and the following scores were made:—Mr. M. S. Bles, 101, less 9=92; Mr. R. S. Boddington, 98, less 4=94; Rev. T. N. Carter, 108, less 9=99; Mr. J. B. Southern, 116, less 9=107; Mr. James Bryant, 122, less 9=113; Mr. Alfred Brooks, 123, less 21=102; Mr. Alfred Brooks, jun., 134, less 27=107.



An event of momentous interest to all who are concerned with the manufacture of Golf clubs is the formation of a company to work an invention which has been duly patented, and which aims at nothing more nor less than the manufacture of club-heads by machinery. The patent, it appears, is quite successful, and turns out heads which for style and finish cannot be surpassed, while it is guaranteed also that the club-head can be made as a *fac-simile* to any which a golfer may wish to be reproduced as suiting his individual play. If all that we hear of the new invention be correct, there is no doubt a revolution at hand in the matter of making club-heads. They will now be turned out at a price that will make it impossible for hand-labour to compete in the manufacture, and if the company which has been formed intends to work its own patent the outlook is serious for those whose capital is sunk in the present appliances for club-making. It is needless to point out that this rapid manufacture of club-heads will greatly conduce to the development of the game, and that it will cheapen for the golfer his chosen form of pleasure, and take away from it one of the features which at present causes a good many to sigh over their devotion to the game when they sum up accounts at the year's end.

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Edinburgh golfers are to be congratulated on the prospect of soon having a fine hotel in the neighbourhood of the Braids, Mortonhall, and Lothian Burn courses. The work is already begun, and is to be speedily pushed forward, and no one can suppose that anything but the most brilliant success will reward the plucky persons who have in such a businesslike way gone about this new venture. Such a building was simply a crying necessity. The site chosen is most suitable, and besides being approximate to the Golf courses, and the tramway terminus, it will command a fine view of the Forth and surrounding district; and, the Pentland air being delicious, many besides golfers will take advantage of the hotel to breathe the air and have a rest. The situation is also very suitable for excursionists to the district of the Gentle Shepherd, Rullion Green, Roslin, Habbie's Howe, and many interesting places. The hotel is so far to be a Golf club, as a large room is to be fitted up with golfers' boxes, for which an annual charge will be made. The building has been designed by Mr. Lyle, 3, Hill Street, Edinburgh, and will cost about £7,000.

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The Post Medal of the Pau Golf Club was won last week by Mr. J. R. Hutchison. The ladies' prize given by Mrs. Elton Maud was won by Miss Nora Ross.

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Another promising young poet has been called to join the immortals, to the great grief of all who knew him. Robert Fuller Murray, who died at Ilminster, Somerset, on the 17th inst., published in 1891 "The Scarlet Gown," a dainty volume of verses redolent of St. Andrews and its university, of which he might have been called the Poet-Laureate, for most of the songs related to student life, and were published in the students' magazines. Curiously enough, Mr. Murray never took to Golf, but many know how humorously he hit off St. Andrews as the City of Golf, in his song beginning—

Would you like to see a city given over,
Soul and body, to a tyrannising game?
If you would, there's little need to be a rover,
For St. Andrews is the abject city's name.

Then, further on, he bursts out—

Golf, Golf, Golf—is all the story!
In despair my overburdened spirit sinks,
'Till I wish that every golfer was in glory,
And I pray the sea may overflow the links.

The poet has one ray of consolation; he has one friend left to keep him company, who, like himself, does not golf. As he writes the words, that friend enters, "with a brassie and an iron in his hand." He, too, has been smitten: crushing is the blow; it is more than he can withstand:—

So now it but remains for me to die, sir,
Stay! There is another course I may pursue—
And perhaps upon the whole it would be wiser—
I will yield to fate, and be a golfer too!

Would that fate had so permitted; for who can read R. F. Murray's verses without a pang of deep regret that one so bright and clever had to go so soon. "Whom the gods love die young."

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Many of R. F. Murray's songs are parodies of popular pieces, more especially familiar to students, and suitable for their social gatherings. In the collection recently published by Professor Knight and Mr. Oliphant, Mr. Greville Matheson's parody on Longfellow's well-known song, which, under the title of the "Golfer's Big, Big D," was given in our pages, appears as a *finale*. More amusing is this of Mr. Murray:—

THE GOLF BALL AND THE LOAN.

I drove a Golf ball into the air;
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I lent five shillings to some men;
They spent it all, I know not when;
For who is quick enough to know
The time in which a crown may go?

Long, long afterward, in a whin,
I found the Golf ball, black as sin;
But the five shillings are missing still!
They haven't turned up, and I doubt if they will."

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"I have," writes "Scrutator," "been reading the life of Dean Stanley, and what a charming life it is! Even a golfer might do worse than read it during the winter recess. There is a good deal in the "Life" about St. Andrews, for Dean Stanley was Rector of the University, and loved the old place. But, dear me! What a wonder it is that I find no mention of either of the Andrews, who in our day are making the "city of Golf" famous—no, not a word about Andrew Lang, and not a word about the very Rev. Andrew K. H. B! How does the latter like this omission, after his efforts in the 'Twenty five years' to make out a close friendship."

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With reference to Mr. South's inquiry as to how to get rid of moles, and H. M. B's reply, "Protector" writes cautioning Mr. South as to the danger of getting rid of moles. "It may be well enough to keep them down," he remarks, "and this is easily done, for, unlike rabbits, they are small breeders, each pair producing only one litter of four or five per annum, but to

exterminate them is to be oblivious of the fact that moles do a great deal of good to the soil by destroying noxious insects, mice, lizards, frogs, etc." "Protector" decidedly warns Mr. South, and asks him to be careful as to what he is about, for he may find if he gets rid of moles that worms (the moles' chief food), and other pests may do more harm to the green than ever moles did.

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On the query as to getting rid of moles, "Pandy" writes in not quite so serious a strain, but at the same time protesting in favour of the value of the *Talpa*. "In fact," he says, "every golfer is aware that the surname of one of the most noted families of golfers is a testimony to the *Worth of Moles*. However" he goes on to say, "if Mr. South *must* get rid of Mr. and Mrs. Mowdy (the mistresses are, by the way, in the majority), he must take Mrs. Glass's advice, and first catch them. That, as H. M. B. shows, is not such an easy matter, and though H. M. B. is right enough as to the mole's fondness for water, yet I (*i.e.*, Pandy) from a long experience can testify that the *mole-ular* attraction of water is (as Lord Neaves, in his famous song, very well said) much increased by adding a little whisky. This is sure to have a *mollifying* influence, and to turn the Talpaian nose in the direction of H. M. B.'s trap whether set South or North.

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An octagonal pavilion, of modest but neat design, has been erected at Balgownie Links for the Aberdeen Ladies' Golf Club. A novel feature is the vane fixed on the apex of the roof, which has a revolving Golf-club to indicate the direction of the wind. The pavilion, which gives a good view of the sea and the surrounding landscape, arrests attention by its highly-coloured aspect. It is painted with bright colours, the corrugated iron of the roof being red, the sides yellow, and the woodwork projections moss-green. Mr. A. J. Murray is the architect.

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Playing on Tuesday over the Hawick course, Mr. J. S. Turner had the seventeenth hole, not by any means an easy hole to play, in one. The green-keeper must enforce the usual penalty if he is up to his business.

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"Fore-words" seems to be coming into use instead of the word "Preface." No doubt this new departure is a consequence of the development of Golf. It is not an unhappy adaptation of the *Fore!* of the golfer. We notice its use in a handy little volume, "Do you know it?" issued by Messrs. Saxon and Co., for explanation of common newspaper terms.

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A well-known Scottish Doctor of Divinity attended the New Year's meeting of the Leven Golf Club. Meeting Old Robert (who is a well-known character) charged with giving out tickets of permission to play to strangers, and who generally salutes them with the genial refrain, "I suppose ye'll hae a tickat?" the following conversation took place:—

DOCTOR.—"I am glad to see you are still well, *Geordie*."
One of Robert's friends, standing by, said to the old chap:—"Does he no' ken your name's Robert?"

ROBERT.—"Fine that—brawly dis he ken that; bit we mist allow a bit o' latitude at this season o' the year, *even till Doactors of Diveentee!*"

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Good links are now to be found at Kirkwall, Stromness, and Lerwick in Ultima Thule. The links at Kirkwall are quite near the town; those at Stromness are a little more remote, but beautifully situated as regards surrounding scenery. The course is one of nine holes, on ground so admirably prepared by the lavish hand of nature that practically no money has been spent on the preparation of the ground.

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The Parks Committee of the London County Council recommend that Golf be allowed on the margins of Wormwood Scrubs, upon the same conditions as on Tooting and Clapham Commons—that is to say, before 10 a.m., during the period from

March to October, and before noon on each week day, except Saturday, when play shall cease at 10 a.m. during the months of November, December, January and February—subject to the condition that Golf shall not be played whilst the military occupy any portion of the Scrubs, nor whilst any other games are being played on the part proposed to be used for Golf.

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We have recently seen a new grip for Golf club shafts, sent to us by Captain H. Arnold Armitage, Sufton Court, near Hereford. The grip consists of a covering of light wood, or other light substance, grooved so as to fit over the shaft, to which it is glued, and when filed to desired shape, is whipped with waxed string. The grip is made rather flat for the left hand, thus ensuring the club being held true, and round for the right hand to allow the club to turn. As will at once be seen, the grip is very durable. It does not alter the balance of the club, while it can be fitted to any club, without interfering with the shaft, and the old grip can be put on again, if desired.

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Dublin is the centre chosen for the twelfth International Sportman's Exhibition, which will be held from April 12th to 21st inclusive. It was formerly held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London. The Exhibition has established itself as one of the fixtures looked forward to year by year by the best classes, and in its new *locale* will doubtless attract a great number who have hitherto been deterred from visiting it, on account of the distance of the previous exhibitions. As a new departure this year, diplomas of honour, diplomas for gold and silver medals, and diplomas will be awarded by competent jurors or experts to such exhibits in any department or section as may be judged entitled thereto. The exhibits, will include Golf, cricket, lawn-tennis, fishing, billiards, archery and fencing. Among the patrons we find the names of Sir David Baird, of Newbyth, Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., and Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell. The offices of the Exhibition are at Tottenham Chambers, 4, Oxford Street, W.

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Robert Simpson, finding he cannot spare the time required to discharge the duties, has given up the office of green-keeper of Carnoustie Links. Bob's services, however, have not altogether been dispensed with, as he has been retained as Superintendent, and his valuable advice will be got in cases when he requires to be consulted.

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The appointment of professional and green-keeper for the Newcastle-on-Tyne Club has resulted in Somerville, of Dunbar, being chosen for the office. The applicants were reduced to two—Alexander Simpson, Monifieth, being the runner-up. The membership of the club is over 300.

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Although the fixture card of the Royal Liverpool Club has not yet been officially issued, it may interest readers to know that the dates fixed for the Amateur Championship competition are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 25th, 26th, and 27th of April, while the spring meeting of the club is to take place on Monday and Tuesday of the same week, *viz.*, the 23rd and 24th. It may be remembered that the same arrangement was successfully carried through on the last occasion on which the championship was played at Hoylake. The second class players have Wednesday and Friday, the 18th and 20th of April, put by for their benefit.

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A TRIO OF CHAMPIONS.

I.—MR. PETER C. ANDERSON.

ANCIENT withal and somewhat musty of savour is the aphorism that St. Andrews is the nursery of Golf, yet, true it is, that up to 1893 none of her children might be found among the very elect—that, so far, at least, as Amateur Champions were concerned, they were to be sought elsewhere, being in nowise indebted to the City of St. Rule for their golfing education. It remained for Mr. Anderson to burnish the shield afresh; to break the spell, and to demonstrate that he, at any rate, bore well in mind the motto of his University, *ἀνὴρ ἀπυρρέτων*. And yet, in truth, the old city can boast many a player scarcely, if at all inferior to Mr. Anderson—himself would gladly acknowledge it—but, somehow, for the most part, these share the fate of the “gem of purest ray serene” and of the “Elegy.” We who live there know them, these students and artisan golfers; we play with them, watch and appreciate, regretting only that so few of them ever think of entering for honours farther afield. First-class Golf is very far from being monopolised by the Royal and Ancient Club, and if the strongest selection from that body were to be met by a similar team chosen from the University and local clubs, Victory might well hesitate ere she decided. However, in 1893, two worthy aspirants did enter for the Amateur Championship, and, as events proved, with complete success; these two were Mr. Anderson and Mr. J. T. Patterson, who had the extreme ill-fortune to be drawn against each other for the first round; but Mr. Patterson withdrew in favour of his friend, who thus had the no small advantage of a walk over. Mr. Patterson, a golfer from his youth up, is an extremely graceful player, and often most effective; in fact, between the three leading players of the University Club, the third being Mr. T. Carmichael, there was really but little to choose.

Perhaps in a long run of matches Mr. Anderson's steadiness might tell, but in casual matches, in triangular duels, one seemed to win as often as another. This fact is touched upon merely as showing the possibilities open to anybody (and there are many) who can play as good a game as this trio of students; Mr. Anderson's victory is thus of encouraging omen.

Certainly, when playing for his University against other teams, his record has been an extraordinary one. It is almost correct to say that numerous as these encounters have been, Mr. Anderson can point to an unbroken string of successes. Assuredly a very Paladin is he, and one might incline to the belief that the magic properties of Astolpho's lance somehow reside in his driver, in his iron, and in all the clubs that are his. Yeoman service has he done, and besides, his victories have usually been not by a mere beggarly hole or two at the last, but by a good substantial majority of six or seven, as, for instance, Mr. R. B. Sharp (erewhile conqueror of Mr. John Ball, jun., in an Amateur Championship), may with propriety testify, if he will forgive us for again bringing this painful circumstance to the light of day. It will thus be gathered that in his connection with the University lay Mr. Anderson's chief

claim to distinction, before the 13th of May, when he awoke, like Lord Byron, to find himself famous.

Few at the present time are keener golfers than he, but curiously enough, in his early days he did not take to the game at all; differing therein from the average boy, whose dreams are of drives colossal, and his waking practice in conformity therewith, as far as circumstances permit. No; Mr. Anderson cared not for it—never indeed touched a club till he was about twelve years old; but although he thus played Gallo, his brothers, of whom he has six, made footprints in the sands of time and bunkers, one of them, the eldest, having won the University medal, while another carried off Antipodean honours at Melbourne, where he won the Championship. On beginning Golf, Mr. Peter Anderson seems to have found it a somewhat expensive form of recreation, for he was continually breaking his clubs; but it is to be supposed that matters eventually righted themselves, and he played more to his own satisfaction. We now track him to the Madras College, and discover that he played twice for the senior medal; once indeed he was lost in the crowd, but on the other occasion came well to the front with 93—this at the age of fifteen—a very good performance. The winner however was Mr. A. F. Duncan, with 88, if we mistake not, a record, and in any case a surprisingly good return for a boy. Mr. Anderson, however, received a prize given by Messrs. Forgan for the second best scratch score. In 1888 he left the Madras College, and went to the University, in connection with which, as we have before noted, his principal laurels, apart from the Amateur Championship, have been won. He has played at Musselburgh, Perth, Gullane, Montrose, Forfar, and Leven; at the last-mentioned of which places he was third in a tournament held in 1891, his score being 85; the winner Mr. D. M. Jackson, being 80, and Mr. R. Adam and W. Marshall 83 each. Over his own green Mr. Anderson has had several rounds of 80, and one of 79, his lowest, made about two years



MR. PETER C. ANDERSON, Amateur Champion of 1893.

ago. But, speaking generally, the last eighteen months or so have witnessed a marked improvement in his play; he has become very steady, and appears hardly ever to have a bad round. While his many friends were but too delighted to welcome Mr. Anderson as Amateur Champion, few of them probably, before the tournament, would have ventured to predict his success. Tracing the course of his career throughout the contest, we find a most formidable foe removed at the outset, in the person of his “condisciple” (to use James Melville's word) Mr. Patterson, who as we have said scratched. Next, Mr. Anderson met Mr. H. H. Harley, of the Tantallon Club, defeating him by 3 holes, and anon Mr. T. B. Pease, of Alnmouth, was beaten by a like number. In the fourth round Mr. Anderson had to meet a player of somewhat wider reputation, Mr. D. Bone, who is in fact one of the very strongest players of the West, but over him, curiously enough, Mr. Anderson scored by far his easiest victory, one of 7 and 6 to play—such are the unaccountable vagaries of Golf. This brought him to the semi-final, where Mr. Mure Fergusson lay in wait for him; that gentleman, however, at the time was partially incapacitated by an attack of gout, which on the

morning of the day he did his best to dislodge, but without result; ruefully might he echo Ovid's

Tollere nodosam nescit medicina podagram.

Handicapped to a considerable extent by this misfortune, he was unable to drive in his usual powerful manner; still he battled right manfully, but lost the match on the home green by 2. Thus the final lay between Mr. Anderson and Mr. Laidlay; the latter had the advantage for about three-quarters of the round, and when eventually he stood 2 up and 5 to play, the match seemed practically over. But now, with a 4 against 5 Mr. Anderson won a hole; at the next, both were caught in some of the numerous traps which add perhaps too much variety to the fifteenth hole, but after divers vicissitudes, the same player added that one also to his credit; halving the next, with a brilliant putt, he won the seventeenth (where Mr. Laidlay, with perhaps questionable judgment, attempted an almost impossible shot at his second), and holing out well on the home green, pulled the match, as one may say, out of the fire. While giving the victor every credit, it is but fair to the loser to say, that obviously he was far below the form he had displayed in the morning with Mr. F. G. Tait, with whom he had tied, defeating him only at the nineteenth hole. It is a moot question whether the final in such an important competition should not be played when both men are fresh, and have had time to recover from the severe strain entailed by a contest thus fought out hole by hole to the bitter end. Shortly afterwards, the following week in fact, the Amateur Champion decided to tempt fortune anew; he entered for the Local Clubs medal at St. Andrews, presented by the Royal and Ancient, and competed for by all the finest players in the city, of whom indeed there abideth no lack. It was a risky experiment, at this time when his laurels were fresh upon him; one made, moreover, against the advice of his friends; but the wilful man had his way, and moreover effectually silenced all remonstrance by winning the medal, no small triumph in such a field—more—he won it with a score which was then a record for the full course, in medal play, to wit, 80. This has since been equalled by Mr. F. G. Tait, and beaten by Mr. Mure Fergusson's splendid 79 in the autumn; before Mr. Anderson's round, Mr. Edward Blackwell and Mr. A. F. Macfie held the field with 82. But the Champion's 80, excellent in itself, was the more so, that it not only contained nothing which the most uncharitable could characterise as a fluke, but every shot, if one may say so, was played to a point, and with consummate judgment, in fact every ball went exactly where it was intended to go; there was not a solitary drive from start to finish which did not receive the full value of the club, the approaches were all perfect, and but one little putt missed at the last hole for 79; a round in every way worthy of a champion. The green was heavy, and one shot was unluckily lost in casual water at the fourth hole. We give the details:—

Out	5	4	4	6	5	5	4	2	5=40	} 80
Home	4	3	3	5	5	4	5	6	5=40	

The next best score was 83, by Mr. W. Greig. The strength of Mr. Anderson's game undoubtedly lies in his approaching and putting—certainly his short game won him the Amateur Championship. But he has one shot peculiar to himself, a shot scarcely rivalled, except, perhaps, by Rolland and Andrew Kirkaldy; it is a kind of iron approach, a sort of right-shoulder shot, and astonishingly deadly it is. Not only so, but the long distances from the hole where he brings this shot into play are sufficiently remarkable. Perhaps his commanding height gives him an advantage, as the club must move in a larger arc; but the fact remains, that whereas, in many instances, other good players would call for a cleek and play nearly a full shot, Mr. Anderson compasses the distance with this sort of half or three-quarter shot with an iron, and as straight as an arrow; moreover, when going against the wind, he seems to have the knack of keeping the ball quite low—an extremely pretty and useful shot. In his own opinion the important thing is, what happens to the iron (or other club) after impact; if you find the club well away over your left shoulder, it has had no semblance of a check anywhere in its career; consequently the weight of the shoulders has been rightly applied, and the ball flies dead true without any lateral spin, and the stroke is perfect. Most good players will concur

with Mr. Anderson in this, as it seems to the writer; it is, in short, the "follow on," and in approaching, especially against the wind, it is a particularly important thing to remember—in any case it is of importance, unless you want to put spin on the ball, and even then the same principle holds good, though perhaps in a somewhat modified way. But this is no place for didactics, so let us note that Mr. Anderson is a good driver, not of the class exceptionally long, but he has the invaluable merit of accuracy; he has a somewhat marked pause at the end of the swing. In putting, he has a distinct style of his own, he seems to face the hole and have the ball almost in advance of his left foot, which always points to the hole; thus the left arm, of necessity, is held a good way out from the body, the general effect being reminiscent of forward play to a pitched-up one at cricket. There are days when he is quite invincible with his wooden putter, which he almost always uses for the short game. He is immensely popular; in the language of the country and the day, a "real good sort." When the University re-assembled, in honour of his victory, he was entertained at dinner by his "condisciples," responded right well, and was corrected in his Greek by a professor. The portrait is from a photograph by Mr. A. F. Macfie.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A tournament by holes was played, on Tuesday, for a silver box, kindly presented by Miss C. Allen, and was won by Mrs. Gaitskell, who played a good game throughout. The following were the results:—

First Round.—Mrs. E. K. Bourne (10), a bye; Mrs. W. Mitchell (scratch), a bye; Miss Wall (13) beat Miss M. Saunders (6); Miss Neva Saunders (2) beat Miss L. Hassall (11) scratched; Mrs. Gaitskell (5) beat Miss Craddock (2); Miss Ada Allen (13) beat Miss Helen Allen (13); Miss Saunders (scratch), a bye; Miss Parratt (10), a bye.

Second Round.—Mrs. E. K. Bourne walked over, Mrs. Mitchell scratched; Miss N. Saunders beat Miss Wall; Mrs. Gaitskell beat Miss Ada Allen; Miss Parratt beat Miss Saunders.

Third Round.—Miss N. Saunders walked over, Mrs. E. K. Bourne scratched; Mrs. Gaitskell beat Miss Parratt.

Final Round.—Mrs. Gaitskell beat Miss N. Saunders.

BRADFORD ST. ANDREW'S.—The third annual general meeting of this club was held in the Midland Hotel, Bradford, on Friday last, Mr. Robert Macmillan presiding. The hon. treasurer's financial statement showed that the funds were in a satisfactory condition, the balance in hand at the close of the year being £31 12s. 10d.—The Hon. Secretary stated that, owing to the extension of the links to eighteen holes, it would be necessary to increase the income of the club. It was resolved that the entrance fee should be increased to £2 2s., the annual subscription to £1 11s. 6d., the annual subscription for family ticket to £5 5s., lady's subscription £1 11s. 6d., and visitors' tickets to 5s. weekly and 12s. 6d. monthly. The following gentlemen were elected as officers for the year:—President, Mr. T. M. Holmes; vice-presidents, Dr. Macvie and Mr. J. W. Cockerham; captain, Mr. Harry Steel; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. H. Douglas, M.A.; hon. secretaries, Mr. P. Kerr Chesney, jun., and Mr. H. Steel. After the meeting the members and friends, to the number of fifty-three, sat down to dinner served in the coffee-room of the hotel, Mr. F. M. Holmes presiding.

ST. ANDREWS.—Fine scoring.—On Saturday, Mr. F. G. Tait, playing a round with Mr. J. Oswald, made the fine score of 77 strokes, composed as follows:—Out—4 5 4 4 6 4 3 2 3=35; in—4 3 4 6 6 5 5 4 =42; total, 77. From the above it will be seen that Mr. Tait accomplished the first twelve holes in 46, which is exceptionally low scoring.

TROON.—The usual monthly competition for the Sandhills gold medal took place on Saturday. The weather being very boisterous, play was not up to the average. Mr. Andrew Johnson was first with a score of 97, less 4=93; Mr. David Fullarton second with 116, less 16=100; and Mr. Arthur Langhorne third with 119, less 18=101.

PRESTWICK.—The monthly handicap gold medal was played for on Saturday in the most unfavourable of weather—strong gales and drenching showers prevailing during the day. The following are the best scores registered for the game of eighteen holes:—Mr. A. Berrell, 104, less 12=92; Mr. Thos. Anderson, scratch, 94; Mr. P. Davidson, 109, less 14=95; Mr. D. Reid, 113, less 13=100.



ABERDEEN.

ABERDEEN CLUB.—A match between the married and single members of this club was played over Balgownie Links on Saturday. The day, more especially the early part of it, was an ideal one for the game, but in the afternoon the weather turned bitterly cold, while the wind also was troublesome. The turn-out of players was the largest ever seen at a match in Aberdeen, no less than thirty-three members starting in singles, while one couple played a foursome. Some splendidly-contested individual games took place, but in the aggregate the married men decisively asserted their supremacy, winning no less than 83 holes as against 52 put together by the single men, the married party thus winning by 31 holes. Full score as follows:—

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Colonel Boyes ..	0	Mr. L. S. Anderson ...	4
Captain H. J. Brooke...	0	Mr. W. F. Orr...	5
Mr. W. C. H. Jopp ...	0	Mr. J. M. Duncan ...	1
Mr. R. D. Leslie ...	0	Mr. T. Todd ...	7
Mr. J. Williams ...	0	Mr. M. M. Duncan ...	0
Mr. F. M'Crie...	6	Mr. F. C. Diack ...	5
Dr. J. Moir ...	2	Dr. Angus ...	0
Mr. D. Littlejohn ...	8	Mr. G. F. Johnston ...	0
Mr. B. S. M'Lellan ...	0	Mr. W. D. Davidson ...	1
Mr. J. R. Whyte ...	3	Mr. J. A. Adamson ...	0
Mr. A. J. W. Storie ...	5	Mr. D. S. Rose ...	0
Mr. W. R. Reid ...	3	Mr. J. S. Butchart ...	0
Mr. H. C. Hadden ...	4	Mr. J. G. Paull ...	0
Dr. J. Ogilvie ...	0	Mr. A. Chalmers ...	1
Professor Harrower ...	4	Mr. W. G. Jamieson ...	0
Mr. H. F. Gordon ...	1	Mr. G. A. Simpson ...	0
Mr. W. Mackenzie ...	0	Mr. A. Blacklaw ...	0
Mr. J. Davidson ...	1	Mr. A. L. Miller ...	0
Mr. L. Mackinnon, yost	0	Dr. J. S. Riddell ...	6
Mr. J. Spence ...	0	Mr. J. E. Rae ...	7
Mr. H. Peterkin ...	7	Mr. A. J. R. Thain ...	0
Mr. J. A. M'Clymont...	0	Mr. H. J. Jopp ...	6
Mr. A. Wilson...	0	Mr. W. Sheriff...	2
Mr. J. Cook ...	0	Mr. G. Leslie Thomson ...	3
Mr. A. Thomson ...	9	Mr. J. R. Dean ...	0
Mr. W. F. Moffat ...	0	Mr. J. R. F. Elsmie ...	2
Mr. G. Carmichael ...	0	Mr. W. S. Gill...	0
Mr. A. Murray...	6	Mr. R. W. K. Bain ...	0
Mr. G. G. Whyte ...	0	Mr. D. R. Thom ...	0
Mr. G. R. Elsmie ...	3	Mr. V. Van Langenberg	0
Mr. D. A. Abercromby	0	Mr. D. R. Milne ...	2
Mr. W. Westland ...	4	Mr. T. Jamieson ...	0
Mr. A. J. Brander ...	10	Mr. J. P. R. White ...	0
Messrs. H. Hall and J. F.		Messrs. P. C. Cochran and W.	
Lumsden ...	7	O. Duncan ...	0
	83		52

Majority for married, 31 holes.

The members dined together in the evening. There were forty present at dinner.

BON-ACCORD CLUB.—The members of this club competed for the Bannermill members' prize for first-class players, and the Councillors' prize for second class players over the Links course, on Saturday, when Mr. W. Smart gained first place with the splendid score of 75, Mr. R. Reid being second with 90, less 13=77; Mr. D. Hutcheon, 87, less 7=80; Mr. J. Greig, sen., 89, less 9=80; Mr. J. Greig, jun., 92, less 12=80; Mr. A. Thomson, 94, less 14=80 (tied for third place). In the second class the first place was gained by Mr. J. Linton with 97, less 8=89; 2, Mr. G. Farquhar, 103, less 6=97; 3, Mr. J. Forsyth,

104, less 6=98. Other scores were:—Mr. C. Smith, 92; Mr. J. Florence, 94; Mr. A. Jaffrey, 98; Mr. J. Moir, 98; Mr. G. Thomson, 98.

KING'S COLLEGE v. MARISCHAL COLLEGE.—A return match between teams representing these colleges was played over the links course on Saturday, January 20th. Eight couples started, and a most enjoyable match ended in a victory for Marischal by 16 holes. The King's men won the former match by 6 holes. Scores:—

KING'S.		MARISCHAL.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. T. Reith ...	3	Mr. A. Chalmers ...	0
Mr. J. M. Duncan ...	2	Dr. Fowlie ...	0
Mr. W. R. Macbean ...	0	Mr. A. Don ...	0
Mr. C. J. Beattie ...	0	Mr. T. Lumsden ...	3
Mr. J. Webster ...	0	Mr. D. V. Haig ...	3
Mr. F. Sellar ...	0	Mr. P. Macdonald ...	5
Mr. J. Macqueen ...	0	Mr. P. Henderson ...	2
Mr. J. Crombie ...	0	Mr. W. J. Fortescue ...	8
	5		21

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, January 25th.—On a very wet and stormy day only four gentlemen and seven ladies competed. Winners:—Mr. H. D. Hirst, 94 less 10=84; Miss E. Ramsay, 81 plus 3=84. Miss Ramsay's score deserves notice; it is a record for the ladies' links, and, made as it was under the most unfavourable conditions, was a remarkably fine performance.

BECKENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition was held at Woodside, on January 20th, with the following results:—

Handicaps of 18 and under:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. A. R. Stephenson	107	16	91	Mr. O. Cramp	118	15	103
Mr. W. H. Dees	112	15	97	Mr. H. R. Latter	120	15	105
Mr. S. Howard	111	14	97	Mr. T. F. Kerr	114	9	105
Mr. S. J. Prest	113	15	98	Mr. H. C. Bond	124	18	106
Mr. B. H. Latter	116	14	102				

* Winner of the gold medal.

Handicaps over 18:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. W. C. Cutler...	113	25	88	Mr. G. Howse	129	26	103
Mr. W. N. Dunn ...	128	30	98	Mr. H. P. Spottiswode	132	27	105
Mr. W. B. Bishop...	124	25	99	Mr. J. Gibb	124	18	106
Dr. Fawcett	135	36	99				

* Winner of the silver medal.

After the competition the annual general meeting of the club was held (Mr. R. Stevens, J.P., in the chair), when the report and accounts for the past year were submitted and approved. Mr. J. M. Kerr, was elected captain for the year; the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were re-elected, and Mr. J. Aste, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Dees and Mr. T. F. Kerr, were appointed members of the committee in the place of the four who retired. The rule, as to visitors, was modified, and the proceedings closed with votes of thanks to the committee and officers.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

January 27th:—Mr. A. Hedley, 98, less 4=94; Mr. R. S. Ferguson (scratch), 97; Mr. A. M. Carswell, 106, less 6=100; Mr. W. McCleary, 117, less 17=100; Mr. R. Howden, 111, less 6=105; Mr. A. Richardson, 120, less 14=106; Mr. W. J. Nimmo, 133, less 25=108. Messrs. H. P. Bailey, C. A. H. Todd, W. G. Richardson, and J. W. Robson retired.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

The opening handicap match of the Christmas tournament was played off at Dum-Dum on Saturday, December 23rd. Owing to some of the visitors having only just arrived their scoring was not so good as might have been expected, while the field was disappointingly small, considering the large number of entries. No fewer than twenty players, having got into serious and irretrievable difficulties, retired during the match; but Mr. H. C. Begg's scratch score of 90 should make him a favourite for the Championship, and it is to be hoped that it may also encourage the other competitors to improve on their form. Mr. F. H. E. Lamb completed the first nine holes in 48, but for the second round he put in a 44, which gave him second place against Mr. Mitchell Innes

(94 scr.), who played remarkably steadily throughout the match. Annexed are the best scores handed in :-

	Hcp.
Mr. H. C. Begg, Calcutta ...	46+44 scr. 90
Mr. F. H. E. Lamb, Calcutta ...	48+44 scr. 92
Mr. N. Mitchell Innes, Calcutta ...	48+46 scr. 94
Mr. S. Forbes, Barrackpur ...	56+51 12 95
Mr. R. D. Murray, Calcutta ...	49+52 4 97
Mr. C. W. Burn, Nagpur ...	51+50 3 98
Mr. D. Pym, Calcutta ...	52+50 4 98
Mr. J. B. Robertson, Singapore ...	49+49 scr. 98
Mr. R. M. Spence, Nagpur ...	51+48 scr. 99
Mr. F. E. Patteson, Calcutta ...	50+55 2 103
Mr. D. Youngson, Calcutta ...	54+56 6 104
Mr. J. Adamson, Calcutta ...	54+52 scr. 106
Mr. J. H. Oatts, Calcutta ...	55+55 4 106
Mr. C. Little, Calcutta ...	53+54 scr. 107
Mr. J. G. Ritchie, Calcutta ...	60+56 9 107
Dr. D. Macdonald, Bombay ...	54+54 scr. 108
Mr. J. C. Fraser, Nagpur ...	59+55 scr. 114
Mr. W. R. Macdonald, Calcutta ...	60+63 3 120

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF INDIA.

The Amateur Golf Championship was begun on Saturday, the 23rd December. As will be seen from the annexed scores, Calcutta has again won the Championship this year, and retains the honour and the cup. The cup is a particularly massive and handsome piece of silver work, presented by the Calcutta Golf Club, to be competed for, and to be held by the winner until next competed for. The present holder is Mr. J. F. Macnair, who has gone to England, and did not compete this year; but Mr. Macnair's score of last year was quite eclipsed by Mr. N. Mitchell-Innes' brilliant performance in the present match. Mr. Mitchell-Innes' aggregate of 184 for the thirty-six holes at Dum-Dum was a particularly fine exhibition of steady Golf, consisting as it did of a 45, 44, 48, and a 47, and, although 44 is not the record for the green, there was only one other competitor, Mr. J. B. Robertson, from Singapore, who equalled it throughout the tournament. Mr. F. H. E. Lamb and Mr. H. C. Begg each put in a 45 round at Dum-Dum, while Mr. R. D. Murray had a 46 to his credit. Altogether there were thirty-two entries for the Championship, the majority of which were from the Calcutta Club; but whether it was the want of the usual Christmas rain rendering the ground at Dum-Dum even harder than usual, or from there being so much going on in Calcutta at present to disturb the usual quiet life of the golfer, a large number retired, and did not return their scores, while Mr. Leslie Smith, from Umballa, was prevented by illness from competing, and Mr. F. M. Bowdon, the Madras representative, as well as all the Ceylon and Newera Eliya men, at the last moment found it impossible to make arrangements fit in for their coming to Calcutta.

Mr. Mitchell-Innes' score of 278 for the fifty-four holes beats Mr. Macnair's of last year by 10 points, and had he been playing up to his previous day's form, his Calcutta rounds might easily have been improved upon. Singapore comes second, with 284, and Mr. Lamb, of the Calcutta Club, third, with 285, while Mr. R. M. Spence, of Nagpur, made a good fourth with 290, his two 45's at Calcutta taking him well ahead of Mr. L. C. Brown, the Penang representative.

The Dum-Dum round has been considerably improved since last year's Christmas meet, and the lies through the green are more easily obtainable for a player playing the straight course; but the good scoring is not to be put down to this improvement in the green; for, while the green has been so much made up and improved, the number of hazards has been increased, and Mr. Mitchell-Innes is fairly entitled to look upon his success as the merit of his own good play.

Among those who retired early in the competition were Mr. C. W. Burn, Nagpur; Mr. E. M. Shand, Rangoon; Mr. A. F. Simson, Calcutta; Mr. R. W. Ochterlony, Calcutta; Mr. H. C. Boyd, Calcutta; and Mr. J. Adamson, Calcutta.

The following are the best scores handed in :-

	Four Rounds at Dum-Dum.	Two Rounds at Calcutta.	Total.
Mr. N. Mitchell-Innes, Calcutta ...	184	94	278
Mr. J. B. Robertson, Singapore ...	191	93	284
Mr. F. H. E. Lamb, Calcutta ...	192	93	285
Mr. R. M. Spence, Nagpur ...	200	90	290
Mr. L. C. Brown, Penang ...	204	92	296
Mr. H. C. Begg, Calcutta ...	199	102	301
Mr. C. Little, Calcutta ...	202	100	302
Mr. R. D. Murray, Calcutta ...	212	93	305
Mr. D. Pym, Calcutta ...	205	102	307
Mr. J. C. Fraser, Nagpur ...	211	104	315
Dr. D. Macdonald, Bombay ...	214	101	315
Mr. N. McLeod, Calcutta ...	213	105	318

An open handicap match, excluding players entered for the Championship match, formed a feature of the Christmas tournament, and brought out a large field of no less than forty-seven entries, the scene of this match was the Calcutta Maidan, and nine holes on each round had to be played. Mr. S. Forbes (Barrackpur Golf Club), a young golfer of great promise, won with an excellent net score of 85, but was closely followed by Capt. J. M. Fleming, who had 2 points less of a handicap. The following are the best scores handed in :-

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. S. Forbes, Barrackpur ...	95	10	85
Capt. J. M. Fleming, Calcutta ...	95	8	87
Mr. C. S. Hickley, Naval Brigade ...	100	12	88
Mr. J. A. Tuke, Naval Brigade ...	105	16	89
Mr. D. S. Murray, Calcutta ...	98	8	90
Mr. R. T. Denne, Calcutta ...	106	16	90
Mr. A. F. Bruce, Calcutta ...	110	16	94
Mr. J. A. Cassels, Calcutta ...	106	9	97
Mr. A. Hume, Naval Brigade ...	109	14	95
Dr. R. Macleod, Calcutta ...	108	12	96
Commander Streeten, H.M.S. <i>Brisk</i> ...	112	16	96
Mr. J. H. Oatts, Calcutta ...	102	4	98
Mr. J. G. Ritchie, Calcutta ...	107	9	98
Capt. J. Stewart, H.M.S. <i>Redbreast</i> ...	114	16	98
Rev. Mr. Whitton, Nagpur ...	105	6	99
Mr. H. Callaway, Calcutta ...	108	9	99
Capt. W. V. Eccles, Calcutta ...	103	3	100
Mr. W. T. Reid, Calcutta ...	105	5	100
Mr. A. Watson, Calcutta ...	105	5	100
Mr. J. F. Finlay, Calcutta ...	108	8	100

Much interest was also evinced in the Visitors' handicap match which was competed for both in Calcutta and Dum-Dum. Mr. S. Forbes, Barrackpur, again won the prize (value Rs. 100) by very steady play. The Naval Brigade, a number of whom had entered, appear to have broken down at Dum-Dum, as they only returned their scores over the Calcutta round, and so retired from the match. The best scores completed on Thursday night were as follows :-

	Two Rounds at Dum-Dum.	Two Rounds at Calcutta.	Hcp.	Total
Mr. S. Forbes, Barrackpur ...	106	93	12	187
Mr. L. C. Brown, Penang ...	96	94	scr.	190
Mr. J. B. Robertson, Singapore ...	99	95	scr.	194
Mr. R. M. Spence, Nagpur ...	108	92	scr.	200
Dr. D. Macdonald, Bombay ...	107	99	4	202
Mr. J. Stiven, Bombay ...	112	96	4	204
Mr. J. C. Fraser, Nagpur ...	105	105	3	207
Mr. N. de Latouche, Saidpur ...	115	107	15	207

Mr. C. W. Burn, Nagpur, Mr. E. M. Shand, Rangoon, although entered, did not compete, while the Rev. Mr. Whitton, Nagpur, retired.

A scratch match for visitors only, one round over each course on the Calcutta maidan, was played on Friday, December 29th, and resulted as follows :-

Mr. J. B. Robertson, Singapore ...	42+46= 88
Mr. C. W. Burn, Nagpur ...	45+51= 96
Mr. L. C. Brown, Penang ...	47+50= 97
Mr. R. M. Spence, Nagpur ...	48+49= 97
Mr. E. M. Shand, Rangoon ...	46+53= 99
Mr. J. Stiven, Bombay ...	52+47= 99
Dr. D. Macdonald, Bombay ...	50+50=100
Mr. N. D. La Touche, Saidpur ...	54+56=110

On Saturday afternoon an interesting foursome match took place, in which Calcutta, who were not playing quite their strongest team, played different couples of the visitors. The most decisive win for the visitors was that of the Bombay combination, who completed the first nine holes in 43 strokes, and started the second round with seven holes to the good. The visitors came off victorious by 1 hole up, as may be seen by the appended scores :-

Calcutta—Mr. F. H. E. Lamb and Mr. F. E. Patteson beat Mr. E. M. Shand, Rangoon, and Rev. Mr. Whitton, Nagpur, by 5 holes up; Mr. H. C. Begg and Mr. J. E. K. Boyd beat Mr. L. C. Brown, Penang, and Mr. J. B. Robertson, Singapore, by 1 hole up. Calcutta won 6 holes. Mr. C. W. Burn and Mr. R. M. Spence, Nagpur, beat Mr. J. Adamson and Mr. H. C. Boyd by 1 hole up; Dr. Macdonald and Mr. J. Stiven, Bombay, beat Mr. Mitchell-Innes and Mr. W. Orrell by 6 holes up; Calcutta lost 7 holes. Majority for the visitors, 1 hole up.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, January 27th.—Mr. Micholls, 105, less 10=95; Mr. H. Shipton, 101, less 6=95; Mr. E. M. Owen, 114, less 14=100. The day was exceedingly rough and stormy, and a number of competitors made no returns.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. OLD CANTABS.

Played Wednesday, January 24th. Day cold, with wind and hard frost; ground like brick.

OLD CANTABS.		CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. S. Colt...	8	Mr. A. M. Chance ...	0
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke	3	Mr. F. R. Upcher ...	0
Mr. W. T. Linskill ...	3	Mr. E. K. le Fleming ...	0
Mr. C. Piggy ...	0	Mr. H. Glasier ...	4
Mr. W. Bazalgette ...	0	Mr. H. M. Siddall ...	7
Mr. H. A. Curteis ...	0	Mr. F. E. G. Johnston ...	3
Mr. II. T. Wright ...	8	Mr. W. Watson ...	0
Mr. R. O. J. Dallmeyer	2	Mr. K. M. Marshall ...	0
Mr. N. Hicks...	5	Mr. C. G. L. Cator ...	0
	29		14

Old Cantabs won by 15 holes. The Hon. Ivo Bligh and Mr. C. E. Nesham were unable to come owing to illness.

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.

Fourth winter medal.—The high wind made scoring very difficult. Scores:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. Lund ...	106	20	86	Mr. H. Mosley ...	106	13	93
Mr. F. Bindloss ...	95	8	87	Mr. C. W. Southwell	110	17	93
Mr. C. R. Milne ...	99	9	90	Mr. S. Fernyhough.	112	19	93
Mr. C. P. Ritson ...	110	20	90	Mr. J. M. Eaton ...	104	9	95
Mr. G. Ream ...	116	25	91	Mr. G. King ...	118	20	98
Mr. W. H. Smith...	105	13	92	Mr. G. Barker ...	115	17	98

No returns from ten members. Prizes:—Silver medal, Mr. W. H. Smith; bronze medal and first sweepstake, Mr. G. Lund; second sweepstake, Mr. F. Bindloss.

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly "Bogey" competition took place on Saturday, January 13th, with the following result:—Mr. W. H. Belcher, (8), 7 down; Rev. J. Stewart (5), 8 down; Mr. W. Palmer, (12) 8 down. No returns from Messrs. Garry, Godwin, and Teape.

The final for the 1893 medal and the first competition for the 1894 medal were played on Saturday, January 27th, in a gale of wind from the west. Scores consequently ran high:—Mr. S. S. Wollaston, 101, less 11=90; Mr. B. Rendall, 103, less 12=91; Mr. W. Palmer, 110, less 18=92; Mr. F. N. Garry, 105, less 13=92; Mr. E. J. Maguire, 104, less 10=94; Mr. R. S. Wilson, 104, less 8=96; Mr. P. A. Underhill, 105, less 9=96; Rev. J. Stewart, 107, less 7=100; Mr. W. H. Belcher, 112, less 12=100. No returns from Rev. E. P. Spurway and Messrs. Edwards, Evans and Neeve.

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the club was held at the National Schools, Bastow Moor, on Monday evening, January 15th. The accounts submitted to the meeting showed a balance in hand of £24, and were passed unanimously. The retiring captain, Mr. H. Ross Coubrough, referred to the satisfactory history of the club for the past year and hoped that this year continued progress would be shown, in view of the improvements being made in the club-house and ground. Mr. A. Galbraith was elected captain for this year and also undertook to continue the post of hon. treasurer. Messrs. H. Ross Coubrough, J. W. Hulse, E. A. Russell and R. G. Adamson, were elected to the committee, which was increased to six members in place of four as previously. Messrs. W. C. Adamson and W. Higginbottom remain on the committee for this year, and Mr. J. G. Fleming continues to act as hon. secretary. The retiring members of the committee are Messrs. W. H. Young and F. N. Godde Smith; the last named is leaving Didsbury, and the club will feel his loss extremely, and his services on the committee have been appreciated.

The fourth round of the winter monthly competition for a prize presented by Mr. W. H. Young was played on Saturday, January 27th. A strong wind prevented good scoring, but the rain held off till the bulk of the players had gone round. Mr. Hy. Hyslop put in a win with 90, less 9=81; the ex-captain, Mr. H. Ross Coubrough, being second with 82 net. The following cards were returned:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Hy. Hyslop ...	90	9	81	Mr. M. Bythway ...	103	15	88
Mr. H. Ross Coubrough	91	9	82	Mr. J. W. Hulse ...	100	11	89
Mr. A. Galbraith ...	97	14	83	Mr. W. H. Young	106	15	91
Mr. F. D. Smith ...	98	14	84	Mr. W. Cownie ...	107	15	92
Mr. W. C. Adamson	96	10	86	Mr. T. G. Hill ...	109	16	93
Mr. A. Lyall ...	106	19	87	Mr. C. M. Foster ...	117	22	95

Some twelve members did not return cards, the last few couples having to give up on account of heavy rain.

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

An American tournament was played between December 14th and January 3rd, for a prize given by the Earl of Eldon. Twelve competitors. Mr. M. Edey (1st), won nine matches; Sir G. Duntze (2nd), won seven.

January 13th.—Col. Garnett's prize.—First round.—Mr. A. M. Elton beat Mr. S. W. Pomeroy (8); Mr. B. Greene (18) beat Mr. M. Edey; Mr. J. E. Bateson beat Col. Domville (2); Col. Garnett beat Col. Dansey; Mr. J. W. Handley beat Sir F. Blackwood (11); Mr. S. Chapman (12) beat Sir G. Duntze.

Second round.—Mr. S. Chapman (8) beat Mr. A. M. Elton; Col. Garnett beat Mr. B. Greene (11); Mr. J. E. Bateson beat Mr. J. W. Handley (7).

January 15th.—Third round.—Col. Garnett beat Mr. S. Chapman (4); Mr. J. E. Bateson, a bye.

Fourth round.—Col. Garnett (5) beat Mr. J. E. Bateson.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last the members of the above club played for possession of the annual cup. Owing to the strong gale which was blowing, the scores returned were much higher than usual, and the majority of the competitors did not hand in their cards. Mr. G. F. Scholfield won the cup and the first sweepstake, the second being taken by Mr. E. G. Hutton. The following were the best scores:—Mr. G. F. Scholfield, 119, less 30=89; Mr. E. G. Hutton, 93, less 3=90; Mr. E. Hutton, 100, less 8=92; Mr. R. C. Hutton, 100, less 4=96; Mr. A. B. Scholfield, 98, less 1=97; Mr. A. N. Monkhouse, 107, less 7=100. The remainder were over 100, or made no return.

ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The medal was played for again on January 27th, and resulted in a tie between Mrs. Poland and Miss Maud Richardson. A high wind and rain made play very difficult, and prevented many players from sending in returns. The scores were as follows:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. A. Poland ...	90	8	82	Mrs. Meredith ...	94	1	93
Miss M. Richardson	90	8	82	Mrs. Richardson ...	105	9	96
Mrs. Laird...	97	11	86	Miss Richardson ...	103	6	97
Mrs. Massey ...	103	16	87	Mrs. Johnston ...	119	17	102
Mrs. L. Stokes ...	95	4	91	Mrs. G. Spurling ...	124	20	104

FORFARSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the members of the Broughty Club was held in the club-house, Monifieth, on Wednesday night, January 24th. There was a large attendance, Mr. Allan Bell, the captain, presiding. The captain was re-elected. Mr. John S. Croudace was appointed vice-captain; Messrs. James Belford and William Chalmers, joint minute secretaries; Alexander Bowman, match and competition secretary; and Messrs. W. K. Lorimer, David Smyton, F. A. Begg, D. P. Scott, and Edward Rowan, members of Council. It was agreed to divide the members into three classes, instead of two, as formerly—first class members whose averages are 99 and under; second class, from 100 to 109; third class, 110 to 120. The secretary reported that the membership of the club now exceeded 200.

The monthly competition of the Dundee Advertiser Club was played at Monifieth on Saturday. In consequence of the disagreeable weather the turn-out of players was small. The sweepstakes were won by the following:—First class.—1 Mr. Alexander Bowman; 2, 3, and 4 (tie), Messrs. Thomas Knox, Peter Wallace, and W. F. Black. Second class.—Mr. John Wynd. Third class.—Mr. Alexander Garland. The following players returned scores under the century:—Mr. Arthur Forsyth, 90; Mr. Alexander Bowman, 90; Mr. Thomas Knox, 93; Mr. John Inglis, 95; Mr. Peter Wallace, 96; and Mr. W. F. Black, 97.

HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB.

The eleventh monthly competition for the President's gold medal was played on Saturday, January 20th. The early starters fared the worst, as the rain ceased later in the afternoon and it kept light much later than usual. The score returned by Mr. Ellis is, considering the day, one of the best that has been returned for some time. Owing to the inclement state of the weather only eleven members started, and the following scores were returned:—Mr. J. H. Ellis, 87 less 8=79; Mr. F. Hilton, 108 less 25=83; Mr. S. I. Thomson, 97 less 10=87; Mr. W. Dewse, 108 less 20=88; Mr. J. Stirling, 106 less 15=91; Mr. A. H. M. Gow, 102 less 10=92; Mr. H. Taylor, 112 less 20=92; Mr. W. Sockett, 121 less 25=96. Messrs. Hyslop, Mann and Chester, made no returns.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the club medal took place on Thursday, January 25th, the winner being Dr. Fenner, 92, less 12=80. The winners of the optional sweepstake were Dr. Fenner first, and Dr. Dent second.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Sea breezes are all very well in their way, but when they blow with the force of a hurricane during a Golf competition, accompanied by fierce drifts of sea sand, making the face tingle and the eyes smart, one is apt to wish for more moderate zephyrs. On Saturday, during the fourth competition for "The captain's cup" (the gift of Mr. J. Marcus Rea), the wind from the south-west blew with the strength of a full-sized gale; and when a golf-ball went aloft, there was no telling where it would alight; whilst on the greens, the gale seemed determined to do as much towards spoiling the putting as if it had been specially instructed to obstruct the players. In the afternoon there was also very heavy rain. The consequence was a result which has never before occurred on the St. Anne's links since their formation. Not one player succeeded in making a score of under 100 net. Fifty players went out, and the best gross scores were Mr. A. H. Doleman, 104; Mr. J. E. Pearson, 109; Mr. J. Jones, 112; Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, 112; whilst the best net scores under 120 were:—

	Gross.	Hc.	Net.
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore ...	104	+2	106
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ...	112	6	106
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham ...	115	9	106
Mr. J. E. Pearson, Liverpool ...	109	2	107
Mr. J. Jones, Manchester ...	112	4	108
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton ...	117	9	108
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's ...	121	13	108
Mr. J. G. Gartside, Manchester ...	117	8	109
Mr. P. Musgrave, Bolton ...	121	11	110
Mr. G. C. Greenwell, Poynton ...	117	5	112
Mr. W. Fletcher, Manchester ...	118	2	116
Mr. G. Haig, Manchester ...	126	8	118

Many players did not send in any returns. The three members who tied with 106 net, will have to play off for the win for the cup final. First optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. J. E. Pearson, and the second and third were divided between Mr. F. H. Smith and Mr. J. Jones. The previous winners in these captain's cup competitions have been:—1st. Dr. Eason, Lytham; 2nd. Mr. J. Eccles, junr., Ashton, Preston; and 3rd. Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's.

LADIES' COMPETITION.—THE CAPTAIN'S PRIZE.

The lady subscribers to the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club played the second of their six competitions for the prize presented by the captain of the club, Mr. J. Marcus Rea, on Wednesday, January 24th. The morning promised very badly, the frost of the previous two days having suddenly disappeared, and rain falling. Towards noon there was a slight improvement, but the ladies had a very strong southerly wind to contend against. The course was twice round the ladies' links, eighteen holes in all, and the best eight scores were as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss May Mugliston, Lytham ...	97	5	92
Mrs. E. Catterall, St. Anne's ...	91	+4	95
Miss M. Terry, St. Anne's ...	113	18	95
Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park ...	111	13	98
Miss Terry, St. Anne's ...	109	3	106
Miss Christine Fisher, Lytham ...	129	20	109
Miss N. Oram, Lytham ...	130	20	110
Miss G. Oram, Lytham ...	148	25	123

Many ladies did not send in any return. Miss May Mugliston put in the win for the prize with her net score of 92. At the first competition, Miss A. Turnbull, of Manchester, was the winner, with 96, less 9=87. The next competition is fixed for Wednesday, the 14th February.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The fifth competition for the Robert album took place on Friday, January 26th, with the following result:—Miss Middleton, 81, less 7=74; Miss Darlington, 89, less 5=84; Miss Humphreys, 99, less 14=85; Miss Radcliffe, 101, less 13=88; Miss Dawkins, 91, less 1=90; Miss A. Darlington, 102, less 12=90.

BENTLEY GREEN GOLF CLUB.—The monthly handicap competition took place on Thursday, January 25th. Result:—Colonel W. Merriman, 111, less 18=93; Lieutenant-Colonel W. T. McLeod, 109, less 15=94; Mr. C. H. Morton, 107, less 10=97. Captain L. P. Ditmas, Lieutenant-Colonel J. Harden, and Captain Patten made no return.

MARPLE GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal competition:—The winner of the monthly medal was Mr. W. Livesey, with a score of 107, less 11=96, who also puts in a win for the captain's cup. The course was in good condition for the time of the year, but the weather was fatal to steady scoring, half a gale blowing with occasional drenching showers, and of the eleven players who started out this was the only score returned under 100 net.

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition for January took place on the 25th and 27th ult. The players are divided into two classes, those with handicaps of 16 and under, and those with over 16. Separate competitions are held for Thursday and Saturday play on account of local half-holiday difficulties, and the winners on both days will eventually compete against each other in their respective classes. Thursday was a perfect golfing day, and the scoring was very good; but on Saturday a hurricane was blowing, and scores ruled high. On the former day Mr. Bowes and Mr. Dixon, and on the latter, Mr. McMeeking and Mr. Taylor, were the winners. The following are the particulars:—

Thursday play. Handicaps of 16 and under.—			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Bowes ...	89	14	75	Mr. C. B. Edwards ...	104	16	88
Mr. J. C. Warren ...	83	6	77	Mr. E. Forester ...	108	14	94
Mr. A. N. Bromley ...	91	12	79	Mr. J. Johnstone ...	107	10	97
Mr. J. Hall ...	85	5	80	Mr. W. H. Hutton ...	118	16	102
Mr. W. F. Green ...	103	16	87	Mr. J. Doleman ...	115	8	107
Mr. W. F. M. Webb ...	103	16	87				

Handicaps of over 16.—			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. F. Dixon ...	113	30	83	Rev. J. F. K. Bran-			
Mr. A. Baker ...	114	21	93	ford ...	121	18	103
Mr. J. Forman ...	125	24	101	Mr. A. Oliver ...	156	27	129

Saturday play. Handicaps of 16 and under.—			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. McMeeking ...	96	8	88	Mr. E. A. Coutts ...	111	12	99
Mr. R. D. Oswald ...	102	8	94	Mr. A. T. Ashwell ...	109	7	102
Mr. C. S. Wardle ...	109	12	97	Mr. C. F. Dobson ...	126	16	110

Handicaps of over 16.—			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. A. Taylor ...	100	27	73	Mr. J. W. Windley ...	137	27	110
Mr. A. Harwood ...	122	27	95	Mr. E. J. Cooper ...	135	24	111
Mr. L. Margetson ...	121	22	99	Mr. J. B. Wells ...	142	30	112
Mr. W. R. Lymbery ...	122	22	100	Mr. R. Edwards ...	148	36	112
Mr. A. Barrow ...	119	18	101	Mr. T. G. Mellors ...	141	27	114
Mr. J. D. Pearson ...	139	36	103	Mr. H. J. Pearson ...	160	36	124

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Weekly handicap, Friday, January 26th.—Mr. C. F. Osborne, 94, less 22=72; Mr. G. R. Bardwell, 98, less 22=76; Mr. G. Lubbock, 94, less 14=80; Mr. R. H. Mitchell, 83, less 2=81; Mr. H. Nicholls, 87, less 4=83; Mr. J. H. Richardson, 94, less 11=83; Mr. R. P. Lewis, 105, less 20=85; Mr. R. W. Macan, 95, less 9=86; Mr. J. E. B. Livingstone, 111, less 24=87; Mr. N. R. Stone, 104, less 15=89; Mr. R. B. Townshend, 107, less 18=89. Twenty-four entries. No returns from the rest.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY V. MR. H. S. COLT'S TEAM.

This match was played at Hincksey, on Thursday, January 25th, and resulted in a win for Oxford by eight holes.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		MR. H. S. COLT'S TEAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. J. Boger ...	0	Mr. H. S. Colt (captain) ...	2
Mr. H. Nicholls ...	0	Mr. H. M. Braybrooke ...	2
Mr. F. H. Stewart (captain) ...	0	Mr. J. S. Scott ...	5
Mr. R. H. Mitchell ...	0	Mr. H. A. Curteis ...	0
Mr. R. B. R. Mair ...	5	Mr. M. Marshall ...	0
Mr. H. E. Atkinson ...	3	Mr. H. T. Wright ...	0
Mr. H. G. B. Ellis ...	7	Mr. R. O. J. Dallmeyer ...	0
Mr. J. Robson ...	2	Mr. N. Hicks ...	0
	17		9

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The following are the results of the competition played on Saturday last, the 27th January, for the Gordon cup, captain's prize, and monthly medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Geo. Hillyard			Capt. R. L. Cowper-		
Swinstead ...	92	7	Coles ...	100	scr. 100
Mr. J. Gurney Fowler ...	93	4	Mr. Charles W. Cooke ...	112	12
Mr. G. W. M. Guy ...	106	12	Mr. B. G. Fabian ...	111	10
Mr. A. L. Foley ...	111	16	Mr. Frank Swinstead ...	115	14
Capt. Lewis Peskett ...	108	12	Mr. Robt. Oxenham ...	120	18
Mr. Sydney Kemp ...	106	9	Mr. A. W. Good ...	114	12
Mr. J. O. Milledge,			Mr. G. T. B. Cobbett ...	121	18
jun. ...	111	14	Rev. Ewart Barter ...	123	18
Mr. J. Hax ...	114	16	Mr. J. Godwin ...	125	17
Mr. G. Thompson ...	111	12	Mr. J. Cleghorn ...	131	20
Mr. H. A. Gardom ...	104	5	Mr. W. Challice ...	136	18

ROYAL BELFAST GOLF CLUB.
MONTHLY MEDAL.

The competition for the monthly medal of the above club took place on Saturday last at Carnalea. Considering that the weather was in perfect consonance with the London Meteorological forecast, viz., "Wind shifting to the west—strong, a gale in places with rain or sleet," the scoring was very good. A strong wind from the south-west, with incessant rain, certainly did blow across the course, and some players who found themselves on the putting-green in 2, took three or four more to hole out, without exercising the privilege of lifting a ball out of water! On examining the cards returned, Mr. H. M. Charley was found to be the winner with a net score of 89. The other scores of 100 net and under are as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. M. Charley	107	18	89	Mr. Richard Bell	117	22	95
Mr. Jas. Woodside	98	6	92	Mr. W. N. Jenkins	121	26	95
Mr. S. Wilson, sen.	116	24	92	Mr. W. Megaw	113	17	96
Mr. W. Wilson	109	16	93	Mr. F. F. Figgis	115	15	100
Mr. Jas. Usher	112	18	94	*Mr. J. S. Reade	110	20	90
Mr. W. J. MacGeagh	111	16	95	*Mr. J. Bell	106	14	92
Mr. Jas. Hyndman	114	19	95				

* Disqualified.

Messrs. Henry Herdman (captain), R. Young, W. E. Williams, C. H. Bowen, and some others who competed, made no return. Messrs. Bell and Reade were disqualified under the rule which prohibits competitors from starting after the arrival of the 2.30 p.m. train from Belfast.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The January monthly competition and the winter prize meeting of this club was held on Tuesday, January 23rd, and Wednesday, January 24th. The weather was excellent, the course in good condition, and about thirty members entered for the competitions. On Tuesday Miss E. Curteis won the monthly medal, and Miss A. L. T. Drake the prize given by the club to be competed for by the monthly medallists of 1893. On Wednesday Miss Starkie Bence took the quarterly medal and the prize given by the club for the best scratch score, after having played off the tie with Mrs. Ryder Richardson. Mrs. Franks won the prize presented by the captain; Miss A. Tyrwhitt Drake, for the best aggregate score under handicap, and Mrs. Ryder Richardson took the prize presented by Miss G. Mills for the best score of the day under handicap. Mrs. Ryder Richardson also carried off the putting prize, which had been kindly presented by Messrs. Bruford and Son, of Eastbourne. Scores:—

Tuesday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss E. Curteis	87	6	81	Miss Dowker	95	5	90
Miss J. Curteis	103	20	83	Miss M. C. Reid	103	11	92
Miss A. L. T. Drake	86	1	85	Miss Buchanan	100	7	93
Miss J. Davenport	97	12	85	Miss G. Mills	104	11	93
Miss A. T. Drake	92	6	86	Mrs. Pott	117	24	93
Mrs. Franks	100	14	86	Mrs. S. Whitfeld	108	13	95
Mrs. Thornhill	90	3	87	Miss H. Lambert	114	15	99
Miss Lawrence	101	14	87	Miss McLaren	112	11	101
Miss M. Lawrence	98	11	87	Miss M. Gregg	122	16	106
Miss Starkie Bence	92	2	90				

Remaining scores not received.

Wednesday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Ryder Richardson	80	6	74	Miss A. L. T. Drake	84	scr.	84
Mrs. Franks	89	14	75	Miss O. Hoare	93	9	84
Miss Dowker	81	5	76	Mrs. S. Whitfeld	98	13	85
Miss Starkie Bence	80	2	78	Miss J. Curteis	105	20	85
Mrs. Von E. Scott	91	12	79	Mrs. Thornhill	89	3	86
Miss G. Mills	91	11	80	Miss E. Curteis	91	5	86
Miss H. Lambert	96	15	81	Miss J. Davenport	98	12	86
Miss Buchanan	89	7	82	Miss M. Gregg	102	16	86
Miss M. Lawrence	93	11	82	Miss M. C. Reid	101	11	90
Miss A. T. Drake	89	6	83	Miss Rivett-Carnac	112	22	90
Miss Lawrence	97	14	83	Miss McLaren	107	11	96

Remaining scores not received.

Aggregates:—

Mrs. Franks	86	75	161	Mrs. Thornhill	87	86	173
Miss Dowker	90	76	166	Miss G. Mills	93	80	173
Miss E. Curteis	81	86	167	Miss Buchanan	93	82	175
Miss Starkie Bence	90	78	168	Mrs. S. Whitfeld	95	85	180
Miss J. Curteis	83	85	168	Miss H. Lambert	99	81	180
Miss A. L. T. Drake	85	84	169	Miss M. C. Reid	92	90	182
Miss A. T. Drake	86	83	169	Miss M. Gregg	106	86	192
Miss M. Lawrence	87	83	170	Miss McLaren	101	96	197
Miss J. Davenport	85	86	171				

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal.—Played on January 2nd. Ground frozen hard. Cold intense.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Petherick	112	18	94	Mr. Matthews	124	21	113
Major H. Y. Hext	130	32	98	Mr. Melvill Sandys	125	12	113
Lieut. Goldfinch, RN.	104	scr.	104	Mr. E. Magor	134	20	114
Mr. C. Hext	112	8	104	Mr. Young Jamieson	121	5	116

Mr. Bannerman made no return.

ROYAL CORNWALL LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap.—Played on January 24th. Nice day for Golf. Play excellent.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Every	123	44	79	Miss Alms	114	14	100
Miss A. Barnett	82	+1	83	Miss Every	109	8	101
Mrs. C. Hext	101	12	89	Mrs. Simpson	111	6	105
Miss Page	90	+3	93	Miss Archer	148	40	108
Mrs. Edyvean	108	14	94	Miss K. Archer	146	35	111
Miss Fenwick	112	15	97	Mrs. Fox	186	31	155
Mrs. Salmon	99	2	97				

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Mr. A. F. G. Brown's prize ("Bogey" competition), Saturday, January 20th:—Captain Palmes (14), 4 up; Colonel Mackenzie (2), 1 up, and Mr. G. Pipon (10), 2 down, divided sweepstakes; Mr. R. B. Lattimer (7), 4 down; Mr. T. Ramsbotham (8), 3 down; Mr. W. L. Lawson (9), 3 down; Mr. J. M. Robin (9), 3 down; Mr. J. Alexander (2), 4 down; Mr. C. W. Corlett (11), 5 down; Mr. H. G. H. Spencer (4), 6 down; Mr. W. H. Moughton (11), 6 down; Mr. H. A. Berryman (13), 6 down; Mr. D. Turnbull (11), 8 down; Dr. Hodder (11), 8 down. Several players made no return.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal, January 27th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. D. Bovill	94	5	89	Mr. H. P. Cumming	103	6	97
Mr. C. Robertson	107	18	89	Mr. J. H. Driver	105	9	97
Mr. F. E. Faithfull	95	3	92	Mr. G. W. Harrison	109	12	97
Mr. J. H. Nelson	101	9	92	Mr. W. Morley	109	12	97
Mr. E. A. Walker	97	4	93	Mr. G. F. Muir	109	12	97
Mr. N. T. Wright	98	5	93	Mr. H. H. Batten	111	14	97
Mr. W. P. Crake	103	10	93	Mr. H. W. Lawrence	115	18	97
Mr. W. C. Anderson	107	14	93	Mr. A. N. Morley	106	8	98
Mr. E. Field	98	4	94	Mr. A. L. Tweedie	108	10	98
Mr. G. Nicol	98	4	94	Mr. W. R. Portal	115	16	99
Mr. W. L. Purves	95	scr.	95	Sir H. Pottinger	112	12	100
Hon Ivo Bligh	97	2	95	Mr. J. L. Ridpath	111	9	102
Mr. J. G. Gibson	97	2	95	Mr. G. G. Butler	118	16	102
Rev. H. W. Hussey	109	14	95	Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	107	4	103
Mr. W. Johnston	109	13	96	Mr. G. Humphreys	118	15	103
Mr. J. A. C. Tanner	114	18	96	Mr. A. Adams	107	3	104
Sir Wm. Style	116	20	96	Mr. H. W. Bradford	122	15	107
Mr. N. R. Foster	95	+2	97				

No returns from thirty-five players.

THE CIVIL SERVICE GOLFERS.

A meeting of members of Her Majesty's Civil Service, interested in Golf, was held on Wednesday last, 24th January, under the presidency of Mr. H. Tomlinson, Paymaster-General's Office. It was unanimously decided to form an association of Civil Service golfers, under the above name, as a peripatetic club, for the purpose of playing team matches. The gentlemen whose names are given below, were elected the officers and committee of the club:—Captain, Mr. Felix Skene, House of Lords; hon. secretary, Walter D. Bovill, Royal Courts of Justice. Committee: Mr. A. J. Eames, General Post Office; Mr. W. Tatham Hughes, Chelsea Hospital; Mr. H. Tomlinson, Paymaster-General's Office; Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Pratt, War Office; Mr. H. Howard Batten, late Charity Commissioner; Mr. C. Guy Pym, late War Office.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The January competition for the club cup was held on Saturday last, the ground being very heavy after the recent rains, and any low scores being rendered impossible by a severe gale, which swept over the links throughout the day. The following were the returns:—Mr. C. G. C. Mallam, 106, less 15=91; Mr. S. J. Wheble, 108, less 15=93; Mr. F. M. G. Abell, 100, less 5=95; Captain M'Kinstry, 114, less 18=96; Rev. R. A. Edgell, 114, less 16=98; Captain Osborne, 117, less 18=99. The remainder were over 100 net, or no return.

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WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly "Bogey" competition was played over the club course at Bushey, on Saturday last. Handicaps under 12.—Mr. B. M. Barton, 5 down; Mr. Howard Williams, 8 down; Mr. O. W. F. Hill, 9 down; Mr. E. G. Jackson, 11 down; Mr. D. Scholes, 11 down; Mr. J. S. Crawford, 12 down.

Handicaps over 12.—Rev. Dr. Cockrem, 9 down; Mr. G. B. W. Digby, 15 down.

WEST WRATTING PARK GOLF CLUB.

The January competition of the monthly medal was played off on Friday, January 26th, and resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. M. Haggard ...	139	70	69	Mr. P. Lee Warner	140	44	96
Mr. W. N. Cobbold	98	26	72	Mr. G. Wedgwood	139	42	97
Mr. W. R. Gray ...	99	26	73	Mr. J. Forster	139	49	99
Mr. R. Austin Leigh	131	56	75	Mr. E. Nugent			
Mr. F. Nuttall ...	130	48	82	Banks ...	160	58	102
Mr. H. Marsden ...	121	38	83	Mr. A. Henderson...	142	36	106
Mr. W. L. B. Hayter	111	26	85	Mr. R. Clapham ...	152	46	106
Mr. H. Montgomery	154	66	88	Mr. H. Gould ...	166	59	107
Mr. C. Wreford				Mr. N. Morris ...	180	70	110
Brown ...	161	72	89				

BLACKWELL GOLF CLUB.—The first monthly competition for the Ashford cup took place on Saturday, the 20th. The winner was Mr. W. G. Clarke, with a net score of 46. The entries were as follows:—Messrs. T. J. Addenbrooke, T. Adkins, W. G. Clarke, H. Mitchell, jun., E. Palethorpe, H. Heaton, F. Smith, and C. Walters.

SUTTON GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal of the club was played for on Saturday, the 27th January, and resulted as follows:—Mr. E. Sheppy, 111, less 25=86; Mr. H. J. Bowen, 131, less 40=91; Mr. R. W. Ker, 111, less 15=96; Mr. W. A. W. Scott, 114, less 14=100; Dr. A. L. Tate, 117, less 14=103. Others made no returns.

ROYAL GUERNSEY GOLF CLUB.—Result of January gold badge—Mr. J. A. Pain, 116, less 26=90; Mr. H. Maclean, 103, less 8=95; Mr. A. Fraser, 118, less 22=96; Capt. Amadroz, 114, less 15=99; Mr. F. P. Hutchesson, 117, less 17=100. All returns over 100 net score are omitted. Weather showery, with strong wind.

WORLINGTON AND NEWMARKET GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, January 20th. The only score returned under 100 was Mr. W. Gardner's, viz., 52 plus 51=103 less 12=91.

TAPLOW GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on January 27th, in a fall of wind. Hon. Reginald Brougham, 105, less 12=93; Mr. J. H. Mitchell, 101, less 7=94; Mr. F. C. D. Haggard, 109, less 12=97; Mr. Meadows Taylor, 138, less 25=113; Mr. H. Manley, 140, less 25=115. Several others made no return. On the same day Hon. R. Brougham and Mr. F. J. Leslie played off a tie for last year's medal, three wins each. Result:—Hon. R. Brougham, 106, less 15=91; Mr. F. J. Leslie, 109, less 12=97.

EDINBURGH NORTHERN MERCHANTS' GOLF CLUB.—The first monthly medal competition for the season in connection with the club took place over Musselburgh Links on January 24th. There was a good turn-out of members. On the cards being returned, Mr. R. C. Bain was found to be the winner with a net score of 94.

EDINBURGH STOCKBRIDGE CLUB.—The annual general meeting of this club was held on January 23rd. The report showed the club to be in a flourishing condition, there being a greater number of members on the roll than in any previous year. The following office-bearers were appointed:—Honorary president, Councillor Lang Todd; honorary vice-president, Mr. Peter Anderson; captain, Mr. Peter Seton; vice-captain, Mr. H. M. Wallace; treasurer, Mr. J. Cochrane; members of Council, Messrs. Aitken, Cowper, Dewar, Drummond, Johnstone, and Keddie; secretary, Mr. J. J. Gunn.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.—At Westward Ho! on Saturday the competition for the monthly medal was held with the following results:—Mr. C. B. Carnegie, 100, less 4=96, first; Mr. W. Houldsworth, 108, less 10=98, second; Colonel Stanley Scott, 116, less 11=105, third; Mr. W. E. Dunsford, 107, less 1=106; and Major Harding, 112, less 6=106, tied for fourth place.

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.—At Brancaster, on Saturday, for the monthly medal, Mr. D. M. Bryant was first, Mr. H. M. Crookenden second, and Mr. A. J. M'Andrew third.

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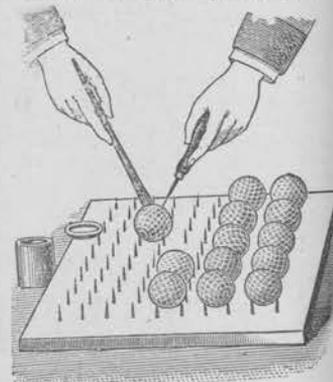
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