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JANUARY.

- Jan. 25, 26 & 27.—Alfreton : Gentlemen ; Bronze Medal.
Jan. 26.—Warminster : Monthly Handicap.
Jan. 27.—Wilmslow : "Bogey" Competition.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; and Monthly Medal.
Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Medal.
Cheadle : Silver and Bronze Medals.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Didsbury : Mr. W. H. Young's Prize.
Marple : Club Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare : Monthly Medal.
Knutsford : Winter "Bogey."
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.
Islay : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Annual Meeting ; Silver Cup.
Eltham Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Neasden : Monthly Medal.
County Down : Captain's Prize.
Kemp Town (Brighton) : Monthly Medal.
Wallasey : Monthly Optional Subscription Competition.
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
Wakefield : Claude Leatham Cup.
Glamorganshire v. Swansea.
Olton : Monthly Medal.
Porthcawl : Monthly Medal.
Ventnor : Monthly Medal.

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- Jan. 29.—Pau : Captain's Prize.
Jan. 30.—Birkdale Ladies : Miss Burton's Prize.
Burnham : Gold and Silver Medals.

FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 1.—Tyneside : Final for the Bi-Monthly Handicaps.
Feb. 2.—Cambridge University v. Stevenage, at Steverage (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.
Feb. 3 & 10.—Old Manchester : Club Challenge Cup.
Feb. 5.—Hunstanton : Monthly Medal.
Feb. 6.—Royal Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Feb. 7.—Lyme Regis : 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.
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.
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 and following days.—Hayling : The Liddell Cup.
Feb. 14 & 16.—Pau : Ville de Pau Gold Medal ; St. Andrews' Cross,

DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The first annual general meeting of the members of this club was held on Friday evening last at the head-quarters of the club, the St. James's Hotel, Derby, when the treasurer's accounts and balance-sheet were presented and adopted. The Hon. W. M. Jervis was re-elected president of the club; Mr. W. Campion, hon. treasurer, and Mr. Walter Bancroft, hon. secretary, and the four members of the committee who retired by rotation, namely, Mr. F. C. Coulthurst, Dr. Macphail, Rev. T. E. M. Hutchinson, and Mr. F. K. Booty, were unanimously re-elected.

After the conclusion of the business of the meeting, the first annual dinner took place and proved to be a most successful and enjoyable *réunion*. The attendance was large and influential.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Herbert Strutt, of Makeney, one of the vice-presidents, who has taken a keen interest in the success of the club from the commencement; and amongst those present were:—Sir Thomas Roe, M.P., Mr. H. N. Sutton, Mr. A. Walkden, Mr. J. C. Warren (captain, Notts. Golf Club), Mr. A. Wilson, Mr. P. S. McCallum, Mr. J. P. Young, Mr. R. Harvey, M. J. Hall, Mr. E. A. Coutts, Mr. A. N. Bromley (Notts. Golf Club), Mr. Walker Somers (Halesowen), Dr. Johnston (Belper), Mr. G. Dusautoy, Mr. W. Hollis Briggs, Mr. J. A. Barrs, Dr. Vaudrey, Dr. Laurie, Dr. Brace, Mr. C. Timmins, Mr. F. C. Coulthurst, Mr. F. K. Booty, Rev. T. E. M. Hutchinson, Mr. A. Ainsworth, Mr. P. Newton, Mr. H. J. Bell, Mr. Hugo Burton, Mr. W. T. Morley, Mr. F. W. Elliott, Mr. C. R. Hewitt, Mr. J. T. Biddle, Mr. A. L. Upstone, Mr. B. D. Aspdin, Mr. T. C. Jeffrey, Mr. L. A. Guilman, Mr. W. Morley, Dr. Ashby, Mr. H. Marsh, Mr. J. N. Nutt, Mr. G. T. Knapton, Mr. W. S. Longbottom, Mr. H. M. Gray, Mr. J. W. Thompson, Mr. W. Crowther, Mr. W. Campion (hon. treasurer), Mr. Walter Bancroft (hon. secretary), &c., &c.

The Chairman announced the receipt of a number of letters of apology for unavoidable absence, including communications from Mr. H. Evans Broad, M.P., Hon. C. W. Trollope, Sir A. Haslam, the Mayor of Derby (Mr. J. P. Doherty), and Mr. W. H. Marsden (ex Mayor of Derby).

Mr. J. P. Young proposed "The health of the Borough and County Members." In the course of a witty address, the speaker likened the House of Commons to the game of Golf. For instance, he said, they both had their "teeing" grounds, popular in both connections, whilst the two were remarkable for their cliques. (Laughter.) He did not know whether their local representatives were golfers, but he trusted they would be enrolled at no distant date. The House of Commons had given them some of the finest exponents of the game, and to their support in a great measure was due the popularity which Golf had achieved.

Sir Thomas Roe, M.P., acknowledged the compliment. With regard to the application of the game of Golf to Parliamentary life, he must candidly admit that he did not quite understand the terms made use of by Mr. Young, but he must confess that their "teeing" ground was a very favourite resort. With regard to the cleek of Golf he could not speak, but he understood the meaning of the word applied to public life. (Laughter and Hear, hear.)

The toast of "The Royal and Ancient Game of Golf" was received with acclamation, on the proposition of Mr. J. C. Warren, of Nottingham.

Rev. T. E. M. Hutchinson replied, and remarked that no game was more calculated to invigorate and recreate the jaded senses.

Sir Thomas Roe next submitted "The Derbyshire Golf Club." The success of the club, he said, was due in no small degree to the grounds being so near the town, and he felt convinced that the excellent start they had made was but an indication of what might be expected in the future. He trusted that the club would continue to prosper, and thought considerable praise was due to their secretary for the energy he had displayed on behalf of the club. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman and Mr. A. Wilson responded.

Mr. H. M. Gray next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," to which Mr. E. A. Coutts (Notts Golf Club) offered a most agreeable response.

Mr. William Morley, a veteran golfer and all-round good sportsman of nearly three-score-and-ten, gave "The Health of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer." In doing so he said it was only the members of the committee who knew the full worth of their services, and much of the success which had been achieved was due to the energy they had displayed. The toast was heartily drunk, and

Mr. Walter Bancroft, the hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Campion, the treasurer, offered, in happy and appropriate terms, their cordial acknowledgments of the toast.

The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by Mr. P. S. McCallum, who referred to the generous assistance rendered at all times by Mr. Strutt.

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and the Chairman briefly responded.

The speeches were pleasantly interspersed with music. Mr. Guilman played a couple of admirable solos on the violoncello, and Mr. A. L. Upstone rendered three songs in the best possible taste, while Mr. W. Crowther, Mr. Nutt, and others also contributed to the harmony of the evening. A capital skit to the tune of the well-known comique, "In public and in private," written by Mr. T. C. Jeffrey and describing the humours and coincidences of Golf, was sung by Mr. Nutt, and received with shouts of laughter.

AIR—"IN PUBLIC! IN PRIVATE!"

Now Golf is a game that's discussed everywhere—

In public.

Some sneer when it's mentioned, whilst some only stare—

In public.

Some swear by their polo, their tennis, or bowls,

To cricket or football they gather in shoals,

But Golf's fame will soon be as wide as the poles—

In public.

Then its foes will take the other side—

In private;

They'll say it's worth they ne'er denied—

In private.

They'll buy their putter, cleek, and all,

Their tennis will go to the wall,

They'll practise with a "captive ball"—

In private.

There are some of our men swear their play's really fine—

In private;

You will perhaps hear them say they have done thirty-nine—

In private.

Their driving is perfect, their iron play's true,

And they don't like to brag; but, "between me and you,"

"They did this hole in four and the other in two"—

In private.

But you should see these prodigies—

In public,

Their style of play peculiar is—

In public.

Watch them strain, and watch them strive,

See them "foozle" every drive,

Their score tots up to eighty-five—

In public.

But still for all that, boys, we mustn't forget—

They are golfers, yes, golfers,

Though duffers at present they'll perhaps come out yet—

As golfers, true golfers.

Their names for their sakes shan't appear in my ditty,

Their failures to make a good "round" have our pity,

Be they officers, privates, or men of committee—

They are golfers, yes, golfers.

Then to their health a toast we'll pass—

For Golf's sake,

To them we'll fill a generous glass—

For Golf's sake.

When for the game they've once a zest,

Practice and care will do the rest,

Let's hope they'll do their very best—

For Golf's sake.

Now this song would be quite incomplete we must own—

Don't you think so?

Unless 'twere adorned by those names now well known—

On our links, O!

Such as Hutchinson, Vaudrey, Marsh, Guilman and Nutt,

Who can make a sure drive and an accurate "putt,"

And with them we include our vice-president Strutt—

On our links, O!

But when they want the "Statuette"—

This season,

With equal men they will be met—

This season,

McCallum, Jeffrey, Bruce, will make

The "Chaplain" and the Doctors shake

Before they home the trophy take—

This season.

THE URQUHART ADJUSTABLE CLUB.

Mr. Robert L. Urquhart, a member of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, has been engaged for some time in perfecting a patent adjustable Golf club, which was briefly noticed in these columns on September 15th. Mr. Urquhart's tests and experiments with the club have extended over three years, with the aid of professionals at Musselburgh and North Berwick, and it is only now, after severe trials with the club in actual play by some well-known Scottish professionals scoring rounds, that he feels himself justified in placing it on the market. We have examined and tested the club, and this is our report of its merits.

The club is simply a cleek, somewhat broader in the face than the ordinary blade, and a little longer in the shaft. The object is to make this single club take the place of a whole set, or to reduce the number of iron clubs which are usually carried in the player's bag. The blade of the club is movable. It is fixed by means of a spring into the iron socket at the end of the wooden shaft, this socket being a kind of cog-wheel arrangement which hinders the head from moving or becoming loose. The face of the club can be turned to any angle of loft desired by the player. Thus, off the tee, the blade would be straight like a driving cleek. By pressing a small button at the socket the spring holding the blade is released, and by tuning the blade back one or two inches in the cog-wheel arrangement and the button released, the club is ready for an iron shot. Placed a little further back the blade is converted into a lofting iron—and a lofting iron, remember, which shall suit any kind of lie. On the putting-green the club may be instantly converted into a straight-faced putting cleek. If a player desires it, therefore, either on the score of economy or scarcity of caddies, he has only to carry this adjustable club, or this club with a driver for the tee shots, and he is as well equipped for the round as a player with eight clubs and the aid of a caddie.

That the club has been well tested there can be no doubt. At the Musselburgh Tournament, on September 7th, two professionals, Kelly and Johnston of North Berwick, used the club throughout except off the tee. Kelly scored two rounds of 40 and 39; Johnston had 41 and two 42's. Mr. Urquhart also had the club thoroughly tested by a week's consistent play from December 11th to December 16th, on the part of R. Tait, a Musselburgh professional, formerly at Chingford and at Sheffield. Here are Tait's scores for the week, using this adjustable club for every shot from tee to hole. December 11th, 47, 42=89; 40, 39=79. December 12th, 42, 43=85; 42, 42=84. December 13th, 42, 42=84; 42, 41=83; December, 14th, 43, 43=86; 37, 43=80. December 15th, 42, 39=81; 40, 45=85. December 16th, 43, 44=87; 44, 41=85. These scores give an average for nine holes of 42, and an average for the eighteen holes of 84. Anyone who knows Musselburgh will agree that this is first-class steady play, especially when it is borne in mind that the medal round had to be gone over, and that on two of the days snow lay on the course, and the putting-greens were covered with water. Tom Morris and David Ayton played with the club at St. Andrews last week, and they also speak highly of its capabilities.

The club is not only ingeniously contrived, but it is as effective as it is ingenious. The advantages claimed by the inventor are :—(1) That the player can play all through the green with one club only; (2) that the head of the club can be instantly adjusted to any angle to suit the lie of the ball and the stroke to be played; (3) that the club can be used as a right or a left hand club; (4) that the weight of the club and the length being always the same, guarantee greater steadiness and accuracy of play; (5) that the club will do for unplayable balls lying close up to bunkers, walls, or fences; (6) that it is especially suited for ladies and for boys beginning to learn Golf; and (7) economy to golfers all round.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal of this club was played for on the Braids, and was won by Mr. A. Hamilton with the score of 90, less 4=86. Messrs. Thom, Neilson, and Morgan tied for second place with the net score of 90.

GOLF IN ULSTER.—Inexpensive and enjoyable. Exceedingly mild Winter climate. Unsurpassed Eighteen-hole Seaside Courses. Portrush, Co. Antrim; Portsalon and Rosapenna, Co. Donegal. Superior Hotel accommodation. Special arrangements for Golfers all the year round. Full particulars from Thos. Cook and Son, and H. Gaze and Sons, Tourist Agents; and in Belfast from G. L. Baillie, 21, Arthur Street, and E. J. Cotton, General Manager, Northern Counties Railway.

OLTON GOLF CLUB.

The Royal and Ancient game has made rapid strides in the neighbourhood of the Midland metropolis. Until lately, there were only the well-known Warwickshire, Sutton Coldfield, Coventry, and Arden clubs, but now others have sprung up at King's Heath, Harborne, Yardley, Acocotis Green and Olton. This latter club was only formed in October, with a nine-hole course, laid out by Ross, the Sutton professional. It was originally intended to have twenty-five members only, but at the first meeting this was increased to fifty, and at once this full complement was reached, several lady members being also enrolled; at the present time there are a number of candidates awaiting vacancies. W. M'Kinley from North Berwick has been engaged as professional and green-keeper, and a small but commodious temporary pavilion with workshop has been erected. The "lies" and greens will require a good deal of attention, and when the spring shall have enabled these to be put into really good condition, golfing authorities are unanimous in considering that the links will be equal to any in the Midlands. Members turn up freely through the week, and on Saturdays it is no uncommon thing to have twenty or thirty members engaged in beating records, or "agricultural" pursuits, in their futile attempts to do so. The tee for the first hole (plantation or long hole), 406 yards, is near the pavilion; a full drive followed by a long brassie may land one fairly over the watercourse and short of the hedge, from which point it is possible with a full iron shot to reach the green, making the hole 5 to a strong and accurate driver, but more often 6. The second (Gorse-bush), 211 yards, over two hedges, has a dangerous spiny on the right, and the clump of gorse from which it is named, directly in front of the green, will punish a badly-judged approach, it should, however, be done in 4. Third (the short hole), 126 yards. A brassie should clear the hedge, and fall dead on the green just beyond, but must have plenty of "loft," to avoid overdriving it, and take it in 3. Fourth (the far hole), 277 yards, and fifth (the Rut), 306 yards, are both in the open, in one large field with a cart-road intersecting it, with ruts about a foot deep, a veritable "slough of despond" for the short driver in the former, and punishing also the erratic one to the left in the latter; if properly negotiated being careful to avoid the various whins that lie across the course these may both be taken in 4. The sixth (the Oak-tree), 200 yards, and seventh (the Plough-field), 161 yards, so-named from the boundary on the right, are both over thickset hedges and somewhat similar, 4 each. The eighth (the Daffodil), 230 yards, is a fine sporting hole over two hedges with pits, and the green situated on a plateau above a deep bunker, this by an accurate driver can be taken in 4, but more often 6 or even more. The ninth (the home hole), allows of a fair drive in the open, whence an iron approach may reach the green, but beware of overdriving it, as it lies between a whin-covered bank and the road boundary not more than forty feet beyond, a doubtful 4. Here endeth the first round, when five minutes for refreshment, and at it again.

The first monthly medal competition is fixed for Saturday, the 27th, winners of each medal being eligible for the final in October for the club trophy, and also, under special conditions, for the Ashford cup, given by a local firm of club makers.

ROYAL MUSSELBURGH CLUB.

The quarterly competitive meeting of the Royal Musselburgh Club was held on Monday, the 27th, when about thirty members took part in the play. The weather was of a very favourable character—cold, but dry and bracing, with little wind to speak of. The green was in capital order, and the scoring was creditable. Particularly was this the case with the scratch players, two of whom succeeded in getting a place in the prize-list. They were Mr. T. T. Gray and Mr. H. B. Tristram, both of whom did the double round of nine holes in actuals of 82. The details of Mr. Gray's card were :—First round—5 4 5 4 5 6 4 5 4=42; second round, 5 5 4 3 6 5 4 4 4=40. The details of Mr. Tristram's card were :—First round—6 7 5 4 6 4 4 4 3=43; second round, 4 4 5 4 5 5 5 4 3=39. The best scores in the competition were as follows :—Mr. H. B. Tristram, 82, plus 4=86; Mr. T. T. Gray, 82, plus 4=86; Mr. R. C. Menzies, 92, less 6=86; Mr. J. M. Williamson, 83, plus 4=87; Mr. T. A. Buttar, 96, less 6=90; Mr. W. Tait, 100, less 8=92; Mr. A. W. Millar, scratch, 92; Rev. John Edgar, 111, less 18=93; Rev. George Lowe, 95, less 2=93; Mr. J. S. C. St. Clair, 105, less 12=93; Rev. J. Sharp, 108, less 14=94; Mr. J. Young, 109, less 12=97; Mr. D. S. Duncan, 109, less 12=97; Rev. R. G. Fraser, 117, less 18=99. At the business meeting held prior to the play, several new members were admitted to the club.

Reviews.

STORIES OF GOLF. Collected by William Knight and T. T. Oliphant; with Rhymes on Golf, by Various Hands; also, "Shakespeare on Golf." Enlarged edition. William Heine-mann, London. 2s. 6d.

This little book, dedicated by its authors "To Andrew Lang, an ardent golfer, a true critic, and a good friend," is an old favourite under a new guise. Five years ago a modest collection of humorous golfing anecdotes, gathered carefully together by Professor Knight, of St. Andrews, appeared under the title of "On the Links." The booklet had a certain vogue at the time, though Golf was neither so widespread, nor were its players so numerous as now. The volume of five years ago forms the basis of the present work; and, in the interval, it would appear that both Professor Knight and Mr. Oliphant have been diligent in their researches, note-book in hand, to capture evanescent and sometimes not too obvious humour, dropped from oracular and sententious caddie lips on St. Andrews Links. A good many of these stories, in some apocryphal shape or another, have been the current small change of Golfers for many a day at social gatherings. They made their appearance conjointly with the wine and the walnuts, and were passed on from mouth to mouth, the incidents and the humour changing according to the fancy and the memory of the narrator. The authors have, therefore, done a great service by putting on permanent record the scene, character, incidents and language of each story as they actually occurred, thereby banishing some of the Protean forms which many of the most popular stories had assumed through the fluid medium of oral narrative. It is but fair to say, however, that when the authors state in their preface that the chief interest of the stories, "for the majority of readers, will undoubtedly consist in their disclosures of character alike in the golfer and his caddie," the remark applies more particularly to the St. Andrews golfer and his caddie. For though there are some stories of more general interest, the bulk of them have relation to St. Andrews players and St. Andrews caddies.

The volume opens with the well-known story of the inroad of two shabby, wild, unkempt-looking men into a railway carriage at Leuchars, wherein was seated an English lady whose ears were startled by the gibberish of cleek, stimie, niblick, and by finally hearing how the partner of one of these strange-looking men "had taken him out of Hell with a long spoon." Again we have the St. Andrews professor, who was being taught Golf by a caddie, and who asked the latter the reason of his want of progress in the game. "Oh, sir, ye see, onybody can teach thae laddies" (meaning the students of the University) "Latin and Greek; but Gowf, ye see, sir, Gowf needs a *heid*." We are disposed to think that the authors are wrong in their story on page 24, headed "Golf and Croquet." Here the contemptuous remark about Golf being "Scotch croquet" is assigned to a billiard-marker at Wimbledon, in explanation of the fact that few players attended the tables—a pointless and very badly told jest. Mr. Alfred Lyttelton tells the story thus:—"We were doing very well," said the secretary of a tennis and racket club in the Midlands, "till this d—d Scotch croquet came"—a much more probable explanation of the weaning away of tennis players and cricketers to Golf links. There are some good stories about the Scottish clergy and the "unco guid," while this suggestion of an Edinburgh University professor as a new scheme for graduation is certainly amusing and original:—"Mark each subject on a separate Golf-ball. Tee them at the first hole. Ask Tom Morris to drive them all off. Take the furthest seven, and make *them* the future Scottish M.A. degree." Lord Kingsburgh (the Judge who presided at the great Ardamont trial recently in the Court of Session) has contributed several new stories to the volume. Here is one of them:—"A Lord of Session, whose strokes seldom went far, asked for his short spoon. "Aum thinkin'," said his caddie, "that if yer Lowrdshup wud tak' yer Lowrdshup's driver, yer Lowrdshup wud wun nearer the hole, if yer Lowrdshup didna wun up till't."

The remainder of the book is made up of Mr. Lang's "Socrates on the Links" (from "A Batch of Golfing Papers"

already reviewed in these columns), a new poem from the same pen entitled, "A Song of Life and Golf," and a number of rhymes relating to the game, which have been published in Mr. Clark's book or in newspapers. "Shakespeare on Golf" is an attempt, probably not serious, to show that the immortal dramatist must have had the ups and downs of the game many a time in his mind's eye when writing his tragedies and comedies. The labour of digging out these references must have been considerable, but the ingenuity displayed to find suitable golfing applications for the texts is just a little misplaced, and by no means proportionately rewarded.

The *English Illustrated Magazine* for February is a bright and attractive number, full of interesting material from the pens of writers of established reputation, and illustrated with much care and technical beauty. One of the principal articles in the number is the first by Mrs. E. T. Cook, entitled "A Royal Mountaineer: The Queen of Italy," giving a description of Her Majesty's love for Alpine climbing. The interest of the article is enhanced by a beautiful frontispiece of the Queen in evening costume, and by reproductions of photographs scattered throughout the text, showing incidents in Her Majesty's holiday among the Alps. "Oriental Bill," by Mr. J. D. Symon is an amusing transcript of the life of a well-known Oxford dog, and the illustrations will raise a broad smile on the readers' face, particularly if he is familiar with the trying incidents in the undergraduate's career known as "Passed" and "Ploughed." Mr. Barry Pain contributes a charming little story "Cynthia's Love Affairs," and Mr. Phil Robinson displays his accustomed lightness of humorous touch in treating of animal life at the Zoo. Mr. Grant Allen gives us a characteristic little story of domestic servant life. The principal article of the magazine is "My Impressions of Zola," by Mr. George Moore. It is an estimate by the master of naturalism in England, of his French analogue, and Mr. George Moore, though on terms of close personal friendship with Zola, does not hesitate to speak out and criticise the author of "La Terre." He counsels M. Zola, now relieved from the pecuniary pressure of his early struggles, to abate his excessive literary production, and to cultivate "refinement of thought, and the sentiment of literary expression." Mr. Moore is disposed to place "L'Assommoir" above the other works of Zola, who, he thinks, "has sacrificed his genius for the sake of ephemeral conquest; the literature he is now writing, will perish even as a barbaric horde that overwhelms civilisation for a moment, and, after some rapine, is driven back. For the sake of such conquest, I repeat, Zola has sacrificed the joy of life and the joy of art."

KING'S NORTON GOLF CLUB.

The annual meeting was held at the Old School-room, King's Norton, on Saturday evening, the 20th January, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., the president, in the chair. A considerable number of members were present. The report and statement of accounts were read and adopted, showing a balance in hand of £41 18s. 6d. The greens have been greatly improved during the year, and the committee have recently engaged, as professional and green-keeper, J. Burns, Champion Golfer, 1888. The number of members is now 136, viz., 96 gentlemen and 41 ladies.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., was re-elected president. Messrs. C. P. Lane, G. H. Cartland, J. Baldwin, and the Rev. C. W. Barnard vice-presidents; Mr. S. Baldwin, captain; Mr. J. J. Tomson, hon. secretary and treasurer. Messrs. A. K. Baillie and P. M. Ellis, were elected on the committee to fill two vacancies.

Mr. Chamberlain, in acknowledging his election, said he thought it felt to be almost necessary for the politician of the present day to be a golfer—at any rate most politicians considered it necessary to belong to Golf clubs. He hoped, during the ensuing year, to be able not only to take more interest in the club, but to play the game with them. (Applause.)

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY v. EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.—The first of a home-and-home match between these clubs was played over the St. Andrews Links on Saturday—twelve men a side. The home club won by 38 holes, the scores being—St. Andrew's University, 53; Edinburgh University, 15.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE GOLF CLUB.

THERE are many things which we should like to know, but know not, in the history of Golf, and one of them relates to the shape which has become more or less stereotyped for Golf clubs. For though there are Dalrymple patents and Anderson patents, and divers others which depart from the usual form, there is nevertheless, as we have confessed even while writing of it, such a thing as a "usual form"—a stereotyped shape which the word "Golf club" instantly calls to the mental vision of each of us.

At first sight it appears almost an obvious inference that the "Golf club" shape is a development from something like the rough bent sticks which are rustically used for hockey; and this, even on further consideration, is the view which we are likely to hold, although there is a certain circumstance which rather argues against it. For when civilised nineteenth-century man wishes to know what manner of man, or monkey, he was in days which are lost right away behind the fogs of history, it is his custom to consider the manners and the ways of those primitive races which he calls "savage," assuming that he sees in them something resembling the beginnings of himself. The golfer will naturally turn to those races to whom the name of Hugh Philp is unknown, deeming that in their hands, if they golf at all, he will be likely to see weapons similar to those with which he golfed before his regeneration, and the days of Hugh Philp and modern patentees. No race could seem to fulfil this condition more perfectly than those little queerly-clad caddies who carry the golfers' clubs at such places as Biarritz and Dinard, where no traditions have been handed down to the multitude. Civilised man will look at these *gamins* as they ape his manners of Golf, expecting to see in their hands such a hockey-stick as he assumes to have been the origin of his shapely clubs. He will be entirely at fault. The caddie both at Biarritz and at Dinard plays his little Golf with a club which he has constructed out of a block of wood for the head, and a thin, springy shaft more supple than that of any recognised driver.

It is not so with the English caddie. The latter, if he have to rely for his weapons on his own efforts, will cut and shape just such a hockey-stick as the contemplative golfer's inferences will have led him to expect. Is this on account of the superior ingenuity of the French caddie, who has rightly judged that the ball requires to be hit with a swift, living blow, rather than with a heavy, dead one—a Latin rather than a Teutonic blow? *Donner und Blitzen*, what a Thor's hammer of a club a German caddie would fashion!

But perhaps this, after all, is no very strong testimony against the derivation of our Golf club from the hockey-stick. It may have something to do with the absence of waste timber in France, which makes every hockey-stick a valuable bit of firewood. But there is strong evidence that when we turn our attention to France we are looking to the land which will one day solve for us our historical Golf problems. We do not say that we shall learn, even from her, the *origin* of the game; for does not the *origin* of every game of ball date from that pre-historic day on which our quadrumanous forefather first caught a cocoa-nut? But we do say that she has not yet told us her last word about the evolution of the game. Still, in Normandy they play at *crose*, and under that name play a game which bears a close resemblance to that *chole* which has often been described as played in old French Flanders—only it does not appear that the scoring is so intricate. The game of *crose*, better

known as played in the South of France, was so called from the form of the stick used in it—a form resembling that of a primitive hockey-stick. When the French went to Canada they found Indians playing a game at ball with their snow-shoes. The French immigrants substituted a bent stick with a net stretched across the bend of it, and called the game Lacrosse; with a fond memory of the very different game which they had played with a similarly bent stick in their own country.

But the interval between the sticks used in *crose* and even the earliest Golf clubs of the St. Andrews museum is very wide, and history gives us no word towards filling it. The iron club which Mr. Andrew Lang presented to the Wimbledon Golf Club as a specimen of the weapon with which M. Zola says that the Belgians drive four hundred yards is more like a battle-axe than anything else. They should have shown it to M. Zola when he was in London, as a testimony to the "realism" of his fiction.

There are gaps which want filling badly; and if only travellers in any out-of-the-way parts would tell the world about the games which they find there, especially in France, they might go a long way towards filling them. But no traveller ever does this. He assumes that every one knows all that he has seen, or else he tells the world about the town hall or the crops. So far as we have any knowledge at all of the direct ancestors of the Golf club, they were a very clumsy race. Over their mallets for the *jeu de mail* the players took a deal more pains, and made them works of art. But is it not curious that when we look at the caddies of Biarritz and Dinard we find them playing with inventions which have all the main features of those finely-finished works patented by Mr. Anderson?

There is nothing new under the sun—but we should like the gaps in the cycle filled in.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

LUFFNESS GOLF CLUB.

The annual Hansel Monday competition of this club took place last week at Luffness, in splendid golfing weather. There was an unusually large muster of members, who found the green in capital order. The meeting is the first on the Luffness card, and the principal prize consists of a handsomely finished set of clubs, the gift of the president (Mr. H. W. Hope, of Luffness), and supplied by Tom Morris, St. Andrews. The clubs are a merit award, and are given annually by Mr. Hope—a condition being that no player can win them more than once. A fine medal, given by Mr. A. M. Ross, formed the first handicap award—the medal becoming the property of the winner. Various other handicap awards were given by the club, making in all an attractive prize-list. The day was very favourable for low scoring, there being an almost entire absence of wind. The lowest card, an 84, was returned by Mr. J. Williamson, who had previously won the clubs, and who was consequently disqualified. The next best score was an 86, returned by Rev. W. Proudfoot, Haddington, and this card secured for him the president's clubs. In the handicap competition the Ross medal was won by Mr. A. M'Lennan with an actual of 99, less 18=81. The best cards in the scratch and handicap competitions were:—Scratch competition—Mr. J. Williamson, 84; Rev. W. Proudfoot, 86; Mr. T. T. Gray, 89; Dr. Gray, 89. Handicap competition—Mr. A. M'Lennan, 99, less 18=81; Mr. J. Williamson, 84; Rev. W. Proudfoot, 86; Mr. A. M. Miller, 95, less 8=87; Dr. Gray, 89, less 2=87; Mr. T. T. Gray, 89; Mr. A. Stevens, 94, less 5=89; Mr. J. S. Stevenson, 93, less 4=89; Mr. D. Ritchie, 90; Mr. J. F. Paxton, 94, less 4=90; Mr. J. Hunter, 99, less 8=91; Mr. H. Bryden, 91; Mr. D. Fisher, 101, less 10=91; Mr. T. D. Thomson, 100, less 9=91. A committee meeting of the club was held in the afternoon, when a draft lease was submitted from Mrs. Hamilton-Ogilvy relating to that portion of the course situated on the Archerfield property.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on Saturday, at the Braid Hills to play for their monthly Golf trophy, which was won by Mr. J. Bell with a score of 44, less 4=40. Only nine holes were played.



For some time before the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers removed from Musselburgh to Muirfield, it was observed with regret by many golfers that this fine old green, one of the classic golfing grounds of Scotland, had suffered severe deterioration from the reckless havoc of indiscriminate and ill-regulated play. This was the principal reason why the Honourable Company struck their tents and pitched lower down the Firth; and it was owing to the disappearance of this club from Musselburgh, together with the considerable outlay which they annually spent on the green, that the links fell into a wretched condition of neglect. The Town Council did nothing to look after the course, though, from the fact that it was a public common, and probably the sole attraction of the town to visitors, one would have expected an enlightened corporation, and especially a Scottish corporation, to keep a vigilant eye on the maintenance of a recreation ground from which the inhabitants as a whole derived so much profit in hard cash. Matters, however, were allowed to drift aimlessly forward; the Town Council could not be got to move; footballers kicked into a bare, muddy patch one of the finest putting-greens in front of the club-houses; the whins, which were once one of the finest hazards in the middle of the course, have absolutely disappeared beyond redemption; the bunkers were torn and neglected, and the sand has blown out of some of them half over the course; and generally the green has fallen into such a state as to veritably become the golfer's by-word.

After a time the Town Council, in response to some energetic prodding by golfers in the district and in Edinburgh, awoke to the serious aspect of the situation. As the result of much laborious incubation, the council, with the assistance of the local clubs, framed a series of by-laws for the regulation of Golf, the most important being the charge of 6d. a day to every non-resident golfer not a member of the clubs contributing to the upkeep of the green, a halfpenny for a starting ticket at the first tee, and the licensing of the caddies. There was a stormy outcry by some local golfers at the prospect of having to pay 2s. a week green money, and the mutterings of the caddies were both loud and deep. In the end, however, the by-laws went before Sheriff Blair in the Edinburgh Sheriff Court for confirmation, the need for the regulations being based on the powers conferred on the local authorities by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act of 1892, with reference to public recreation grounds. For nearly two months those by-laws have been the subject of legal discussion before the Sheriff, who has not hesitated once or twice to apply the alembic of his criticism to their weak points.

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The advocate appearing for the Musselburgh magistrates and council sought to establish the administrative necessity of the by-laws owing to the large increase in the number of players who were not burghesses of the burgh, and that if something was not done to regulate play and preserve Golf as one of the attractions of Musselburgh, revenue and trade might be seriously affected. The curious point of the learned gentleman's argument, however, was wherein he sought to establish the utterly untenable distinction between burghesses of the burgh as players and members of the outside public. The general public, it was gravely argued, had no right to play Golf on Musselburgh Links, though the ground was common land; and following logically upon the claim to create this distinction between "inside" golfers and "outside" was the proclamation of a differentiated tariff charge for the right to play Golf. The inhabitants of Musselburgh "who played Golf," were to pay 2s. a year; the general public 7s. 6d. a year, 2s. 6d. a month, or 6d. a day. Pressed by the Sheriff as to what section of the Act empowered the Town Council to charge money for the playing of Golf on a public common, the learned advocate admitted that no such authority was given; it was simply a reasonable method of providing ways and means in order that Golf should continue to be played at Musselburgh.

The advocate appearing for the Musselburgh golfers, who objected to the imposition of a charge, maintained that the inhabitants had a right to play on the links free of charge; a public recreation ground could not be alienated by a Town Council, and the right of the inhabitants to use it could not be restricted by a money charge. It was argued, however, that the Edinburgh golfers were in a different category. A charge might be levied upon them; so that the attitude of the Musselburgh golfer in relation to outsiders might be rendered thus:—"Come and play upon our links, and pay for the privilege of doing so. Your money will keep them in playing order for us as well as for yourselves. The links more than ever will be the primary attraction of the town; but you, the outside public, shall pay for their upkeep, while we, the inhabitants, most deeply interested in their welfare, shall do nothing to help." After taking a fortnight to consider the point the Town Council adopted the view that the golfing inhabitants of Musselburgh could not be charged the proposed fee; and accordingly they amended the suggested by-law by eliminating the charge on the Musselburgh player, while adhering to the tax on the outside public, and the Golf Clubs of the town.

On Monday January 15th, Sheriff Blair gave his decision, and disallowed the proposed charges for Golf, both at Musselburgh and the Braids. The learned gentleman holds that the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act of 1892, under which the petitions were presented, does not confer the power of making such charges as were proposed. Sheriff Blair's decision is undoubtedly sound, and over the country it will have a good effect; for in other places preparations were being made to levy similar charges. While the public are thus protected in their rights, it does not follow that at Musselburgh and the Braids there should not be decency and order on the greens from start to finish. The Magistrates can ensure the proper regulation of play by proper by-laws, although prevented from making charges. The talk of amending the 1892 Act, and getting Parliamentary sanction for such charges, ought at once to be given up.

The marvel is that so bad a case was so gravely argued. Here are the possessors of one of the classic Golf Greens of Scotland, the play upon which has made the town famous as a school of professionals, and the existence of which has done so much to enhance the general revenue of the town, so inept and so wanting in public spirit that they will not face the problem in the only rational way in which it ought to be faced. The links have done more for Musselburgh, probably, than any other town on the East Coast of Scotland; but, ignoring the source of wealth lying at its very door, the Town Council has been adding its poor head how to devise some scheme by which the burden of the up-keep of the links should be thrown on the general public, to the relief of

the inhabitants—the people most interested in their preservation. Fortunately their attempt has not succeeded; but if they had looked at the question a little more broadly, they ought to have seen that a general assessment was the proper remedy, seeing that the up-keep of the links is for the common good of the inhabitants. Had they boldly made this proposal, and adopted suitable regulations for play, while cordially welcoming all comers, then they might have husbanded these useless lawyers' charges, and done a good deal with the money, aided by the subscriptions of the local clubs, to put this fine playing ground in such a condition as to hinder it from becoming a by-word and a disgrace among Scottish golfers.

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The silver Golf club, which the Corporation of Edinburgh has presented to the old Burgess Golfing Society, to take the place of the one which, a hundred years ago, was presented by the then Corporation to the society, and which has got overlaid by the silver balls presented by each year's captain, is now on view at Messrs. Smith and Sons, the makers, 18, Princes Street. The club is modelled from a full-sized driver, and is fixed on an elegant oak stand. It weighs 40 oz.

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For the weekly half-holiday players the Hawick Golf Club has provided a neat silver medal, with the burgh arms and Golf clubs raised in gilt on one side, the other for winners' names.

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That queen of golfing counties, East Lothian, is fortunate in having no fewer than three local papers to give a weekly account of all the matches that are played over the various greens, and such other minor matters that happen to be of interest. The oldest of these is the *Haddington Courier*, with which the Croal family has always been identified. Every member of this family seems to be on the side of Golf. The senior Mr. Croal may yet be seen enjoying a hearty foursome at times. The present *Courier* editor, Mr. J. G. Croal, has lately come well to the front in local competitions; his brother, Mr. J. G. Croal, is a popular member of committee at Furzedown, and as *Scotsman* correspondent, is always read with interest by Northern golfers, to see what is doing in the South. (Why, of late, is he so silent?) Then the able writer of the *Scotsman* Golf reports is another member of the family, Mr. W. Croal. This county paper has just come out in beautiful new type, and we have seen nothing neater or better in the way of newspapers, and heartily we congratulate the enterprising firm. In this new type number we notice a few extracts from GOLF, and are glad to see them in such beautiful garniture. Unlike many other papers we could name, the *Courier* does us justice in naming our paper as its authority for interesting items of information, which others too often fail to do.

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Mr. T. T. Gray, who topped the list at the Royal Musselburgh meeting with 82, seems to be in good form. Only recently he made a fine 77 over Musselburgh at the meeting of the New Club. He should have been an easy winner at the Handsel Monday competition at Luffness on Monday, but he started with 6 to the first hole, and 7 to the second, and when after a steady round he was retrieving this bad beginning, he unfortunately took 6 to the seventeenth, and 5 to the last hole, thus running up 89.

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No one grudged the honour at Luffness to the Rev. W. Proudfoot, of Haddington, especially as his friends knew that lately he had come through a severe illness. The score—86, was not startling—Mr. Proudfoot himself can beat it any day—but the greens were very "baugh," and some of the teeing-grounds, notably the first, were execrable. Mr. Proudfoot has only recently entered the club, so that he has made a good start.

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How many more Golf leases are to be entered into in the Luffness and Gullane district? The alleged proprietors of what are called "commons" seem just now to have "leases" on the brain. No doubt it is the outcome of the Golf madness that is

so common. At the Luffness meeting on Monday, a lease was before the committee, as one member expressed it, to constitute the club game-keepers of the place. What becomes of Mr. Hope, of Luffness, when the Luffness Club agree to take a lease from the proprietors of Dirleton and Gullane?

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"I think," writes Pegasus, "that Lord Wolseley and Mr. Oscar Wilde both did well to refuse dining with the Thirteen Club, for the members thereof, it appears to me, 'do protest too much.' It does no harm to any one to cherish a few 'superstitions' so-called. Life would not be worth living if all were matter-of-fact, and nothing to come and go upon. At Golf I have my superstitions, but I know there is something in them. I would never think of 'lofting' over my caddie to a blind hole, not because I differ from you, Mr. Editor, on the legality of that operation, or because Mr. Mure-Fergusson's vision of the caddie's funeral bill is before me, or because of a lost hole penalty; I would simply think I was 'lost' myself if I did such a thing, so queer and 'eerie' is my feeling. Then, I don't know what others think, but I never like to win the first hole in a match. I am sure to lose if I do this, and no Thirteen Club man will ever convince me to the contrary."

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According to one of those interesting gentlemen whose duty it is from day to day to supply to the patrons of provincial newspapers epistolary pabulum in the way of Parliamentary and other gossip, one of the Chancery Judges has become so enamoured of Golf that he has cleared the tables out of his billiard-room, and during his leisure moments, with cleek in hand, his judgship may be seen practising on this miniature Golf link (*sic.*). Instead of *Kekewich*, we may now call the said judge *Cleekbewitched*.

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Lady Colin Campbell has been lecturing in Glasgow on "The Art of Living." "Take your delights moderately," was her ladyship's counsel. It is a good one for golfers. "Out of form" is very often just the result of over-golfing, and all authorities say that even Golf can be overdone.

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"Who's Who in 1894" gives us a list of all the oldest in the way of Dukes, Barons, Cabinet Ministers, Bishops, &c., and the youngest ditto. But will anybody tell us who is the oldest golfer alive? It would be interesting to know. The youngest golfer is of course the last male child that has appeared, for without doubt he will be duly "teethed on a Golf-club handle," caned with a hickory-shaft, and, finally, be entered for the Championship.

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Mr. J. B. Maclachlan, first assistant in the Public School, North Berwick, has been appointed head-master of Sandford Public School, Strathaven, Lanarkshire. Mr. Maclachlan is a keen golfer, and we hope to hear of him at the Lanark and Crawford competitions in future. He acted for some time as secretary of the Bass Rock Club, and some time since he was the recipient of a testimonial from the members of the club in recognition of his efficient and painstaking service.

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Mr. Gladstone is not the only prominent visitor just now at Biarritz—certainly not the one in whom golfers take most interest. Mr. Charles Hutchings and Mr. Horace Hutchinson are just now conspicuous figures on the Golf links at Biarritz. Great is the trouble of Basque-speaking caddie boys over the similar names of those players. The caddie boy does not speak such undiluted Basque at Biarritz as at St. Jean de Luz. At

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the latter place they decline to comprehend golfer's French, which is quite serviceable at Biarritz. On the whole, the attraction for the Biarritz golfer to journey over to St. Jean de Luz is not comparable to the temptation of the St. Jean de Luzite to go to Biarritz.

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The Biarritz links are better—of eighteen holes instead of nine—and the place offers greater general attractions. On the other hand, there are more golfers at Biarritz—many times—than at St. Jean. If all St. Jean were to come and play Golf at Biarritz no one would know anything about it; but if all Biarritz went to play Golf at St. Jean they would think that Wellington had come back with his Peninsular army. In this way the courtesies of the clubs perhaps balance each other.

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Biarritz has a good pair who should be bad to beat if a four-some match against Pau be played in the hope of revenge for the beating which Messrs. Boreel and Low, for Pau, gave Messrs. Hambro and Hutchinson, for Biarritz, last year. Mr. J. R. Hutchison would probably take Mr. Low's place, and the complications of the names commencing in "Hutch" become yet more severe on the French caddie.

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The Canterbury Golf Club is doing well. Members are rapidly joining. The course is a very sporting one, some of the holes being particularly fine tee shots. There is no inland links to which nature has been more kind, or that lends itself more to the game. The greens are very passable now, and fairly large, but the lies still require a lot of attention and money spent on them. The links are beautifully situated on elevated ground, overlooking the ancient city and cathedral, the latter only a little over a quarter of a mile distant from the nearest hole; in fact, the course is unique in respect of its close proximity to the town and its natural advantages.

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The eighteen hole course of the Royal Norwich Golf Club is now ready, and will be formally opened on Thursday, February 1st, when Bernard Sayers, Douglas Rolland, Dick Kelly, and Willie Aveston (of Cromer) will play an exhibition game—singles in the morning (11.15), and a foursome (Sayers and Kelly *v.* Rolland and Aveston) in the afternoon (2.15). It is rather amusing that the columns of GOLF have lately been the battle-ground of "Indignant Pros." and others, fighting over the respective merits (mainly) of Douglas Rolland and Bernard Sayers, and the title of "finest golfer in the world." This exhibition game at Norwich and the fresh light it will probably throw upon the problem, will be somewhat in the nature of a golfing event (seeing that Rolland and Sayers so seldom meet), and as many of the readers of GOLF might wish to see the match, we are asked to say that if they write to the secretary, Mr. Campbell Steward, or Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar, a ticket will be willingly forwarded.

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Dr. Browne, R.N., who has been attached to the Royal Naval Hospital, Great Yarmouth, since 1880, has been promoted to the rank of Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, and is to be at once appointed to the important charge of the Naval Hospital at Bermuda. His successor at Yarmouth is Dr. John Nelson, fleet surgeon, at present serving on H.M.S. *Rodney* at Gibraltar. It is to Dr. Browne that Yarmouth owes the initiation, and, to a very great extent, the development of its splendid Golf club.

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The Christmas meeting of the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club, which had to be postponed on account of the snow, will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 9th and 10th. The extraordinary general meeting, which had to be adjourned, will be held at the club-house, at Brancaster, at 1.45 p.m., on Friday, February 9th.

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It is probably inevitable that as Golf spreads all over the world, ill-informed writers, not even possessing a glimmering knowledge of the game, should arise to illuminate the mental darkness of their fellows. From time to time we have given a

few examples of Yankee wisdom on Golf, and how the game is played. But the following extract beats anything we have yet seen from America. A book is being published just now entitled, "The Standard Dictionary of the English Language," and the title-page sets forth that it has been based "upon original plans, prepared by more than two hundred specialists and other scholars, under the supervision of Isaac K. Funk, D.D., and several others." It will thus be seen that the publication is one of more than ordinary gravity, because the dictionary is "designed to give, in complete and accurate statement, in the light of the most recent advances in knowledge, and in the readiest form for popular use, the meaning, orthography, pronunciation, and etymology of all the words, and the idiomatic phrases in the speech and literature of the English-speaking peoples." Here then is one of the above "specialist's" description of Golf:—"A Scottish game played with a gutta-percha ball and clubs resembling hockey-sticks. A series of holes is made in the ground from one hundred to two hundred yards apart, usually on the circumference of a circle, sometimes half-a-mile or more in diameter, and a ball is driven into one after the other by each player, each having his own ball and set of clubs. . . . The player who drives his ball from one hole to another in the fewest strokes wins a point, and the player who makes most points wins." It should be added, perhaps, that among the clubs figured in the accompanying illustration appears one called a "cleik," a form of spelling which is new to us, and even more objectionable than the American usage of "labor," "honor," and "favor," found in the same pages. But we have all to live and learn.

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The members of the Norbury Golf Club have been playing for the past few months on their links, which are close to Norbury Station on the L. B. & S. C. Railway. The course, laid out by Tom Dunn, is at present arranged for nine holes, which could be added to when required, and should afford excellent sport. The number of members is limited to 100 for the present. Club-rooms are at Dursley, Norbury. Mr. A. W. Macfarlane, 34, Kempshott Road, Streatham, is the hon. secretary.

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The members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club have arranged a thirty-six hole match between Rolland and Taylor, of Winchester, to be played at St. Anne's, on Saturday, February 3rd.

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Dr. J. G. McPherson sends us this note:—"Two volumes have come into my hands together by a strange coincidence—"The Christian Ethic" and "Stories of Golf," both from the pen of Professor Knight, of St. Andrews. This will surely satisfy the critic in the *Spectator* who considered Golf as demoralising to students. I cannot help directing attention to the following point in "The Christian Ethic" in its relation to gambling: "Christianity is not hostile to any kind or form of sport, except to what is intrinsically cruel. That hunting and horse-racing, that deer-stalking, salmon-fishing, or grouse-shooting are inconsistent with the Christian Ethic has no warrant—either in reason or in experience. That one should devote his leisure to such things as Golf (mentioned first!) or tennis, or cricket, or billiards, is no more to be condemned than that another should spend his leisure in riding or driving, in long country walks, in hill-climbing or in gardening. . . . When we come to gambling and betting, however, we are in a different moral region altogether; and without affirming categorically that these things are disallowed by the Christian Ethic, it may be said that they are discouraged by it. It is said that it adds an interest to a game of whist, or of Golf, if there is a considerable stake dependent on it; and also that it makes a player play his very best. The latter may sometimes be the case; but, if so, its root or ground is selfish; and it would certainly be a higher stage, in the moral development of the race, if *all* games were played from the interest involved in them, rather than from any collateral gain dependent upon them." This I heartily endorse; I am so delighted to have a professor of moral philosophy writing in this way. But, then, he is a keen golfer, and tells his golfing stories admirably."



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Is it allowable for one of a foursome to tell his partner to intentionally miss the ball, so as to get the stroke at a difficult place himself? Rule 4 says: "Any movement of the club which is intended to strike the ball is a stroke"; therefore, if admittedly it was not intended to strike the ball, may not the opponents claim that the inferior player must play again, and honestly endeavour to hit the ball? Should not persons resorting to such practices in a competition be disqualified?

I am, Sir, &c.,
WEST DORSET.

[Such an expedient has been, and is, often resorted to in foursome play. As a stroke has to be counted all the same, we do not see how the opponents can be prejudiced. Dr. McPherson, in his admirable little book on "Golf and Golfers," page 43, tells us that when the celebrated professional, Allan Robertson, "had a bad player for his partner, he would either make his duffer putt the ball forward near the bunker, or miss the ball altogether"; and old Hugh Philp used to do the same, victory in some cases resulting from the strategy. Playing the first hole at St. Andrews, a weak player has often been counselled to miss the second shot across the Burn for fear of scuffling into it, and in order that the strong player should be able to carry over and get on the green in 3. We do not defend the tactics as being the best or highest form of Golf; but, as no rule is infringed thereby, the side which plays one or two more simply takes the risk of losing the hole, or, at the best, getting a half. The tactics are legitimate enough, and, in the lexicon of the Scottish caddie, are compendiously described as "playin' wi' yer heid."—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should feel much obliged if you would settle the following question: A ball lies in water in a cart-rut. Can a player in match play lift and drop behind under a penalty of one stroke, or is he forced to play the ball out of the water with the alternative of losing the hole. There is no local rule as to casual water on these links.

I am Sir, &c.,
A. F. W.

[On Southern inland greens it is usual to lift and drop behind. At Wimbledon and Tooting, for example, the rules provide that if the ball lies in water in a hazard it may be lifted and dropped behind, losing a stroke. The rule works quite satisfactorily.—ED.]

GOLF IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As the Otago Golf Club has just brought off an open tournament, the first of the kind, I think, in the Australasian Colonies, I thought perhaps you would care to put some notice of it in your paper to which we are subscribers. Our club has about forty-six members, is eighteen months old, and has a

ladies' club in conjunction with it. The office-bearers are: Mr. C. R. Howden (captain), an old Westward Ho! man; committee, Dr. Brown, Mr. J. R. Scott, and Mr. G. Todd (a capital golfer of seventy-eight summers); and Mr. F. J. Stilling, hon. secretary and treasurer.

I may say that the links are much admired by visitors, who describe them as quite a sporting course. There are fifteen holes, with plenty of hazards. We have a club-housekeeper who always has plenty of material, so visitors out here can always rely on a game.

By the way, we had eighty-two entries for the tournament events.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand,
December 4th, 1893.
F. J. STILLING,
Hon. Sec. & Treasurer,
Otago Golf Club.

P.S.—There are also Golf Clubs in existence in Christchurch and Wellington.

GOLF AT HYERES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—If any of your golfing readers meditate wintering in the Riviera, they might do worse than give these links a trial. The climate is delightful, and the links, though only established three years, are really very fair. The greens are small, but as a rule true—made for the most part of earth rolled smooth—and there are plenty of banks, ditches, streams, and rushes to afford hazards. Of the nine holes only one can be reached in one stroke; four others require two fine strokes, and the rest are ordinary drive and iron. There is a Scotch professional.

I am, Sir, &c.,
F. J. PATTON.

Hyères, Jan. 17th.

MR. HILTON AND THE BLIND HOLE CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In crediting me with the authorship of the article in a Midland journal on what may be termed the great "Move Off" controversy, which the writer of "Tee Shots" in last week's GOLF has been pleased to so adversely criticise, an honour has been conferred upon me which, unfortunately, or, perhaps taking into consideration the tenor of the criticism, I may say fortunately, I cannot rightfully lay claim to. Any views I have had the temerity to express in a Northern daily, to the pages of which I have the pleasure of contributing a weekly article, were made, not *longo intervallo*, but almost immediately the controversy commenced.

Without in any way wishing to combat the opinion of those who have naturally had a much wider experience of the rules and etiquette of the game than I can possibly lay claim to, I may say that I have always in the past been led to believe in, and thoroughly concur with, the opinion expressed by Mr. Everard that after the caddie has once shown the direct line to the hole, it is the etiquette of the game for him to move away. But as we live to learn, particularly as to the possibilities of construing golfing rules and etiquette, I may, on some future occasion, be prevailed upon to come over to what the Editor of GOLF is pleased to term "our side"; but, in the meanwhile, I am quite satisfied to remain on the safe side of both rules and etiquette, and thereby not belie my early teaching. As regards the writer's contention with regard to Mr. Ball and myself employing the use of a caddie over that dreaded hill called the "Maiden" at Sandwich, I may state, for his own information, that the individual in question was placed there by the committee of the club, and, I should say, much more as a guardian for the safety of the couple in front than as a means of gauging the line to the hole.

Again, I cannot see how the question of guide flags affects the matter at all, as I was always under the impression that

they were placed with the double object of giving a stranger an idea as to the correct line and locality of the hole, and thereby placing him somewhat on an equality with an opponent who has a better knowledge of the ground over which they are playing, and also to give all and every an idea on which green, or which portion of the green, the hole is actually placed, whilst they also fulfil a desirable mission in the fact of still being useful, when approaching the hole, to those who have been fortunate enough to keep on the correct line, whilst those who have somewhat strayed to either right or left have perforce to dispense with their kindly assistance.

I have been drawn into this controversy rather unwillingly, and my only hope is that the Editor will view my remarks in a more charitable spirit than he has displayed to my unfortunate *confère*, whose burden has been unwittingly placed on my shoulders, and that he will give me the credit of having founded my views in common sense and reason, which he denied to my fellow-obstructionist of last week.

I am, Sir, &c.,
HAROLD H. HILTON.

Formby, January 20th.

GOLF AT WEYMOUTH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am sorry to inform "Inquirer" that there is no Golf at Weymouth, which is otherwise such a charming place for a short stay. There is a select but inhospitable club at Upwey, four miles, where visitors are not permitted to play, and I believe there are a few holes at Portland, two and a-half miles, but this I only have on hearsay.

I am, Sir, &c.,
GOLFER.

MOLES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—My experience in mole-catching may be of some use to Mr. South.

He must buy some traps from his ironmonger at from 4s. to 8s. a dozen. These should be buried in the earth for several days before using, as moles have a wonderfully acute sense of smell, and in setting or changing his traps, I advise him to use gloves for a similar reason.

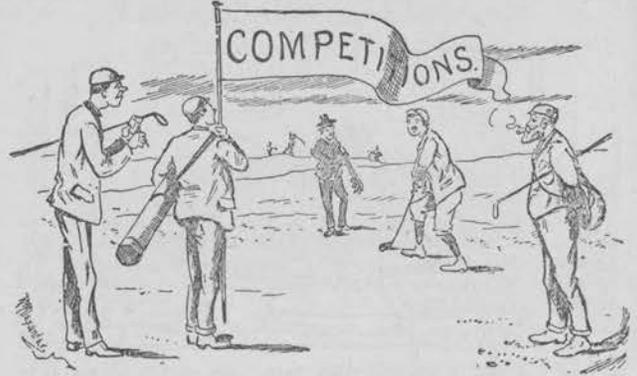
The chief difficulty is where to set the traps. If he can find the run that leads to the water-supply, he is pretty safe to catch something; but, in any case, if he will procure a "mole-spud" and probe the ground between two heaps (not where the heaps abound, but in the main runs) he will soon find the difference between an old and a fresh run. Then he can use the spud to dig a hole for the trap, covering in with earth and turf and marking the spot in some way. There is some fun and interest in mole-trapping, but it requires much patience, and Mr. South may find it more profitable to hire out the job to some old man. I have heard of moles being shot with a rifle at very early dawn, and also of dogs being trained to catch them.

I am, Sir, &c.
H. M. B.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. H. ROLLOND.—There is no rule against it, and the practice is quite legitimate.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.—Berens monthly medal, Saturday, January 20th:—Mr. S. S. Schultz, 90, less 4=86; Mr. A. C. Sandeman, 109, less 18=91; Major Edwardes, 111, less 20=91; Mr. H. T. Ross, 102, less 10=92; Mr. R. E. Campbell, 108 less 16=92; Mr. R. S. Greenhill, 116, less 20=96; Mr. A. B. Akroyd, 117, less 20=97. Thirty players entered. Snow prevented play on the first Saturday in the month.



ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The first competition was played on Saturday by the above club for the monthly cup for 1894. There was a heavy wind blowing, which made play difficult, and rendered the scoring high. The player who returned the best score was Mr. J. A. Marigold. Scores as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. A. Marigold	97 14 83	Mr. H. H. Wright	102 9 93
Mr. O. Airy	94 5 89	Rev. Dr. R. Wilson	105 12 93
Rev. G. W. Barnard	95 6 89	Mr. J. W. Burman	103 10 93
Mr. A. G. Tonks	96 6 90	Mr. C. T. Wade	111 16 95
Dr. R. M. Simon	107 17 90	Mr. H. H. Margetts	117 20 97
Mr. A. E. Wilson-		Mr. F. W. Lindner	117 18 99
Browne	98 5 93		

BEDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, January 13th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. R. Barker	106 30 76	Mr. E. Buck	104 20 84
Mr. H. E. Tredcroft	89 12 77	Col. C. L. Heathcote	108 20 88
Col. C. E. Harenc	97 18 79	Mr. G. Clark	120 30 90
Mr. J. H. Boyd Thom-		Mr. S. Fielder	109 18 91
son	100 20 80	Rev. G. F. Aphorpe	110 18 92
Mr. S. Fuller	95 12 83	Mr. T. B. Forsyth	103 10 93
Col. F. W. Grant	105 22 83	Mr. E. A. Holmested	127 30 97

All others over 100 net, or no return.

Ladies' monthly medal was not played for owing to snow.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

Though the weather was mostly fine on Saturday, the links were in too soft a condition for good average scoring. A fair number of players went out to take part in the first of three competitions (under handicap) for a valuable prize given by Mr. W. J. Drewett. The three winners will play off under special handicaps against "bogey." Mr. G. D. S. Crowther secured a win by a single point under Mr. H. H. Hilton, who took the first optional sweep, the second falling to Mr. Shatwell, the hon. secretary. The cards below 100 net were:—Mr. G. D. S. Crowther, 83, plus 1=84; Mr. H. H. Hilton, 76, plus 9=85; Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell, 102, less 10=92; Mr. J. E. Pearson, 95, less 2=93; Mr. G. F. Pearson, 97, less 4=93; Mr. F. W. H. Campbell, 122, less 25=97; Mr. W. J. Drewett, 112, less 15=97; Mr. J. S. Remer, 114, less 17=97; Mr. F. Baker, 110, less 11=99.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, January 13th.—Mr. A. Pontifex, 91, less 12=79; Mr. H. Sladen, 97, less 16=81; Rev. G. S. Rogers, 106, less 20=86; Mr. Haviland, 95, less 7=88; Major Fryer, 99, less 10=89; Hon. R. Tollemache, 114, less 23=91; Mr. A. H. Cooper, 108, less 16=92; Mr. H. F. Harvey, 107, less 15=92; Mr. C. E. B. Hewitt, 108, less 14=94. Other returns over 100 net.

CANTERBURY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, January 17th.—Scores:—Mr. C. Igglesden, 98, less 20=78; Mr. T. Winch, 93, less 6=87; Mr. E. S. London, 119, less 30=89; Dr. B. C. Manly, 95, less 4=91; Mr. A. J. Macfarlane, 107, less 10=97; Mr. S. H. Oyler, 110, less 8=102. Capt. Frith, Rev. T. Field, Col. Reeves, Mr. W. Smith, and Rev. G. Gray also competed.

COUNTY LOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, January 11th.—Mr. T. Gilroy (scratch), 80; Mr. T. W. Browne, 92, less 10=82; Mr. G. H. Pentland, 99, less 9=90; Mr. G. H. Daly, 110, less 20=90; Mr. J. V. Byrne, 103, less 12=91; Mr. J. B. Kelly, 137, less 40=97. Several other players were over 100 net, or made no returns.

CHESTERFORD PARK GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, January 15th.

Ladies:—Miss Taylor, 79, less 23=56; Mrs. Williams, 87, less 21=66; Mrs. Wentworth Stanley, 88, less 19=69; Mrs. A. Shafto Barthropp, 79, less 10=69; Miss E. W. Tuke, 100, less 28=72; Mrs. Waterhouse, 88, less 15=73; Mrs. Smith, 92, less 15=77; Miss Rockolds, 104, less 25=79; Mrs. Bellingham, 99, less 18=81; Miss F. Burgess, 123, less 30=93. Miss Tuke, and Miss Burrell made no return.

Gentlemen:—The Rev. E. F. A. Hext, 111, less 30=81; Mr. R. Burrell, 136, less 34=102 (winner of the medal); Mr. Burrell, 173, less 45=128. Mr. Wentworth Stanley, Mr. H. Green, The Rev. W. B. Bliss, Mr. W. Adams, Mr. Pickersgill Cunliffe, and The Rev. T. F. Williams, made no return.

COTON HILL GOLF CLUB, STAFFORD.

The following play has taken place this week:—January 13th, Christie silver handicap medal.—Miss Dorothy Hewson, 81, less 35=46; Dr. R. W. Hewson (scratch), 51; Master R. Hewson, 72, less 21=51; Miss D—, 92 less 30=62; Attendant H. Horton, 64, less 2=62; Dr. L. H. Liston (scratch), 63.

January 15th, Hewson scratch medal.—Dr. R. W. Hewson, 116; Attendant H. Horton, 117; Attendant A. Robinson, 119; Master R. Hewson, 130; Master W. Ridge, 131; Dr. L. H. Liston, 138; Mr. H—, 143.

January 16th, Monthly bronze medal.—Master W. Ridge, 138, less 26=112; Dr. R. W. Hewson (scratch), 117; Miss D—, 182, less 60=122; Miss Dorothy Hewson, 183, less 60=123; Attendant A. Robinson, 145, less 8=137; Mr. Redfern, 153, less 12=141; Dr. L. H. H. Liston, 153, less 4=149.

COTSWOLD v. CHELTENHAM.

The return match was played on the links of the latter club at Cleeve Hill, on Thursday the 18th inst., and resulted in a very exciting match—a tie. Scores:—

CHELTENHAM.		COTSWOLD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. M. Taylor	0	Lady M. Scott	15
Mr. C. Tillard	0	Hon. O. Scott	1
Mr. G. H. Logan	0	Mr. H. E. Rose	5
Colonel Willoughby	0	The Earl of Eldon	1
Mr. A. A. Bourne	2	Hon. M. Scott	0
Mr. G. W. Blathwaite	0	Hon. D. Scott	0
Mr. F. W. Butt	2	Colonel W. Wynter	0
Mr. W. M. Baker	12	Captain C. A. Becker	0
Mr. F. D. Longe	6	Mr. W. W. Stenson	0
	22		22

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

Club monthly handicap prize.—The monthly competition for the club handicap prize was played at Newcastle on the 20th inst. The weather was fine and bracing, but the strong wind tended to keep the scoring rather high. Mr. G. S. Clarke came in an easy winner with a net score of 93. The following are the net scores of under 100 returned:—Mr. G. S. Clarke, 103, less 10=93; Mr. C. R. Topping, 109, less 12=97; Mr. J. MacCormac, 112, less 14=98; Mr. F. W. Finlay, 126, less 28=98.

DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

Strutt challenge trophy and monthly medal. The first competition of the year took place, on Saturday last, on the Osmaston Park Links. There was a good muster of members, but owing to heavy rain and high wind the majority either did not start at all or abandoned play before completing the round, the following being the only scores handed in:—Mr. T. C. Jeffrey, 97, less 10=87; Dr. Bruce, 100, less 10=90; Mr. R. Harvey, 110, less 20=90; Dr. Vaudrey, 102, less 8=94; Mr. H. M. Gray, 111, less 15=96; Mr. J. N. Nutt, 115, less 15=100; Dr. Macphail, 110, less 9=101; Mr. A. L. Upstone, 135, less 20=115.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The above club held their third winter meeting on Saturday last, when, for the first time, the competition was played over the full course of eighteen holes. The greens of the new nine holes are not as yet in very good condition, having all been laid since September last. The round is also considerably lengthened; owing to this and also to the unfavourable weather, a strong south-west gale with heavy rain, the scores returned were much higher than usual. The following were the best returns made:—Mr. G. Hicks, 107, less 16=91; Mr. R. W. Hutton, 93, less 1=92; Mr. G. C. Greenwell, 95, less 3=92; Mr.

G. Lees, 109, less 16=93; Mr. E. Hutton, 102, less 8=94; Mr. E. G. Hutton, 99, less 3=96; Mr. F. C. Norris, 106, less 10=96; Mr. J. C. Midwood, 110, less 12=98; Mr. C. D. Milne, 109, less 9=100. The remainder were over 100 net or made no returns.

Mr. Hicks put in a win for the winter medal and took the first sweepstakes, the second being divided between Messrs. R. W. Hutton and G. C. Greenwell.

ELTHAM GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal ("Bogey"), Saturday, 20th January.—Mr. A. S. Johnstone, 3 down (winner); Mr. H. Paine, jun., 6 down (winner of first sweepstake); Lieut. H. Chamberlain, 7 down; Mr. Evan M. Prothero, 8 down, and Mr. C. Frean, 8 down (winners of second and third sweepstakes); Mr. H. T. Selby, 8 down; Mr. J. G. Anderson, 8 down; Mr. A. Poynder, 8 down; Mr. A. B. Hutchings, 9 down; Mr. W. F. Whetstone, 9 down; Mr. A. J. Brown, 9 down; Mr. H. Simson, 10 down; Mr. A. Marshall, 10 down; Mr. A. Tapp, 10 down; Mr. F. G. Bampfyld, 10 down; Mr. W. C. Anderson, 11 down; Mr. W. A. Adam, 11 down; Mr. C. A. Hutton, 16 down. Ground heavy after recent rain. Very windy.

ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Two prizes were competed for on January 13th, kindly presented by Mrs. Archie Keen. The first was a very pretty brooch, composed of two golf clubs; the second, a silver-mounted scent bottle. Mrs. Keen proving the winner of the first prize, kindly offered it for competition again on January 20th, when it was won by Mrs. Laird. Mrs. Stokes was the winner of the second prize, on January 13th.

January 13th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Archie Keen	88	6	82	Mrs. Laird	104	13	91
Mrs. Stokes	88	5	83	Miss M.A. Richardson	104	8	96
Miss Hamilton	87	3	84	Miss A. Richardson	104	7	97
Miss Ronaldson	103	17	86	Miss Richardson	107	6	101
Mrs. McArthur	100	13	87	Mrs. Schacht	119	16	103
Miss V. Fraser	105	18	87	Mrs. Johnston	120	17	103
Miss May Fraser	105	17	88	Miss Hunter	124	12	112
Miss Loveless	97	6	91				

January 20th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Laird	94	13	81	Mrs. Johnston	112	17	95
Miss May Fraser	101	17	84	Miss Loveless	102	6	96
Miss M.A. Richardson	95	8	87	Mrs. Archie Keen	103	6	97
Miss A. Richardson	102	7	95				

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly competition for an optional subscription prize took place over the links at Freshfield on Saturday. In the morning when the winning score was made, the weather was very boisterous, but Mr. A. L. Payne had the advantage of a long handicap, and won with a net score of 78. Twenty-one couples competed, and twenty-four players were either over 100, or made no return. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. L. Payne	108	30	78	Mr. J. H. Crocker	107	16	91
Mr. J. Raffles Brooke	100	16	84	Mr. G. W. Harris	108	16	92
Mr. W. Potter	87	1	86	Mr. J. S. Beauford	98	4	94
Mr. W. T. Rowley	94	7	87	Mr. P. S. McCulloch	100	6	94
Mr. W. F. Chadwick	96	8	88	Mr. H. H. Hilton	85	+10	95
Mr. A. B. Rowley,				Mr. G. F. Smith	94	+2	96
junr.	98	10	88	Mr. J. E. Pearson	97	1	96
Mr. F. H. Smith	97	8	89	Mr. J. B. Fortune	104	6	98
Mr. E. Hewer	91	scr.	91	M. P. Musgrave	108	10	98
Mr. M. Rollo	99	8	91				

GLAMORGANSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

A match was played between the above club and the Clifton Club (eight a side), over the links at Penarth, on Saturday, the 20th instant, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—

CLIFTON.			GLAMORGANSHIRE.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. Broke	0	Mr. J. Hunter	6		
Mr. James	0	Mr. R. Price	6		
Mr. Castle	0	Mr. C. B. Stoddart	1		
Mr. McPherson	0	Mr. T. M. Barlow	1		
Mr. H. Broke	0	Mr. H. J. Simpson	6		
Mr. Barstow	0	Mr. F. Milburn	6		
Colonel Methuen	0	Mr. W. H. M. Tucker	12		
Mr. Martin	0	Mr. R. H. T. A. Rickards	5		
Total	0	Total	43		

The professionals of each club played a match which ended in a half after very interesting play on both sides.

HEADINGLEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
* Mr. H.E.O'Dwyer	95	20	75	Mr. H. T. Eddison.	103	16	87
Mr. W. C. Mayo	93	16	77	Mr. A. Smithells	113	24	89
Mr. G. Walker	106	26	80	Mr. C. Kirkby	125	34	91
Mr. H. M. Manley	103	22	81	Mr. H. S. Baines	118	24	94
Mr. H. J. Palmer	116	34	82	Mr. T. Nunneley	129	34	95
Mr. T. Kiach	106	22	84	Mr. A. E. Kirk	121	24	97
Mr. R. G. Emsley	108	24	84	Mr. J. D. Cormack.	114	16	98
Mr. W. Thompson	103	18	85				

* Winner.

Five others made no returns.

ILFRACOMBE GOLF CLUB.

Gold and silver medals handicap. Twice round nine holes. Score:—
Mr. Stabb, jun., 103, less 8=95; Mr. Guilding, 132, less 30=102; Miss Pedder, 143, less 40=103; Mr. Boalfield, 110, less 6=104; Mr. Stabb, 137, less 28=109; Mr. Little, 116, less 4=112; Mr. H. Lewis, 152, less 30=122; Mr. H. Dickenson, 136, less 12=124; Mr. S. Lynne, 154, less 30=124; Mr. Nairne, jun., 176, less 30=146. No return from others.

Foursomes.—Mr. Boalfield and Miss Pedder (scratch), 128; Mr. Stabb, jun., and Miss Dawson (scratch), 131; Mr. Stabb and Mr. H. Lewis, 153, less 20=137; Mr. Guilding and Mr. S. Lynne, 166, less 15=151. No return from others.

LEICESTER v. CHARNWOOD FOREST.

Played on Saturday, January 15th:—

LEICESTER.		Holes.	CHARNWOOD FOREST.		Holes.
Mr. A. Lorrimer	...	0	Rev. H. Hampson	...	0
Mr. E. W. Beale	...	0	Mr. G. P. Braund	...	0
Mr. J. A. Corah	...	0	Mr. Trevor B. Jones	...	1
Mr. E. A. Thompson	...	11	Mr. A. H. Holbeche	...	0
Mr. H. K. B. Richardson	...	15	Mr. C. H. Rome	...	0
		26			1

Leicester won by 25 holes.

MID-SURREY GOLF CLUB.

Senior medal, January 20th.—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. M.M.G. Neill...	98	18	80	Mr. G. K. Hext	98	9	89
†Mr. J. G. Wylie	90	5	85	Mr. C. S. Cole	105	14	91
Mr. W. P. Bowyer	99	14	85	Mr. C. E. Allen	104	13	91
Mr. J. Clapp	99	14	85	Mr. A. Ritchie	99	8	91
Mr. S. F. Higgins	95	8	87	Mr. F. E. Gripper	110	18	92
Mr. J. S. Worthington	100	13	87	Mr. C. A. Gosnell	100	8	92
Mr. T. C. Fox	102	14	88	Mr. A. Radford	108	14	94
Mr. Percy Read	103	14	89	Mr. A. Roberts	114	15	99

* Senior medal and first sweepstakes. † Prize for best gross score.

And others over 100, or no returns.

Junior medal, January 20th.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. W. J. Bowyer	112	27	85	Mr. T. A. Evans	117	27	90
Mr. J. S. Hazeon	110	24	86	†Mr. H. Tomlinson	116	24	92
Mr. H. E. Edenborough	111	22	89	Capt. H. H. Botcher,			
Mr. W. Wallington	111	21	90	R.N.	119	22	97

* Junior medal. † Second prize and sweepstakes.

And others over 100, or no returns.

NEWCASTLE (COUNTY DOWN).

LOW SCORING BY MR. F. G. TAIT.

Record-making in winter is not a matter of frequent occurrence, and when such a task is accomplished upon a blustering day, such as was last Saturday at Newcastle, the brilliant achievement is well deserving of being chronicled. Mr. F. G. Tait has already distinguished himself by establishing the record of the County Down green at 76. That score, however, was made upon the old course, which was shorter a good deal than the course upon which the Championship was played last September. The present course, longer still, is the longest which the Newcastle green has yet had, and those who know the course will understand this when it is said that the Punch Bowl hole has been abolished, and a new putting-green made some 150 yards beyond it. This not only lengthens this hole, but it also adds to the length of the next hole—the fourteenth—by about the same distance, giving a good 300 yards, or perhaps more, to the entire length of the round. This long

course has now had a record made for it which will, no doubt, keep for some time. Mr. Tait, who had been playing a few games last week over the green of the County Down Golf Club, again settling the point to which the golfer's ambition may aspire. In the forenoon of Saturday Mr. Tait played a match with Mr. G. Combe, one of the best of Irish players. The handicap was fixed at a third, and the match proved a good one, Mr. Combe being only disposed of at the last hole, notwithstanding that Mr. Tait was dormy 4. This was the rubber, Mr. Tait and Mr. Combe having during the week won a match each at the same odds. In the afternoon of Saturday a three-ball match was played with Mr. Combe and Mr. J. MacCormac, and Mr. Tait treated them, and those who were lucky enough to follow the match, to a display of Golf rarely seen in this country. Beginning with a 5, at the first hole he got down at the second in 3. The third and fourth needed 5 each, and then two 3's were obtained. The seventh took 6, and the eighth and ninth, each in 4, brought Mr. Tait out in the grand figure of 38. Turning, and facing the wind, which merely seemed to steady Mr. Tait's extraordinary driving, the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth holes were got in 4 each; the thirteenth, the new hole, Mr. Tait nobbled in 3; but the fourteenth required 5, a similar figure being necessary for the next. Then came a 3 at the Matterhorn—a 4 at Donard and with 70 as his total, and 17 holes behind him great interest began to grow when it was seen that Mr. Tait was about to gratify the public taste in these record-loving days. With a fine tee-shot Mr. Tait was nearly half-way to the green, and here he hit one of his best and was up: unfortunately, however, his ball lay in trouble, and the mashie had to be requisitioned—yet when Mr. Tait was down in 6 the record was a *fait accompli*.

The detailed figures of this wonderful performance read:—

Out,	5	3	5	5	3	3	6	4	4=38	} Total 76.
Home,	4	4	4	3	5	5	3	4	6=38	

No doubt there was a strong wind coming home, dead ahead, for most of the way, but this seemed to make little difference to this grand player. The course, on the other hand, is in excellent order and the putting greens, with the exception of the fifth and sixth, which are newly laid, could not be better. The hue and verdure of the short, crisp grass indicating May rather than January. Mr. Tait expressed himself greatly pleased with the course, and it was no doubt dear to the heart of Mr. MacCormac—the Director of the links—to see such a splendid performance accomplished in mid-winter upon the green on which he has spent so much time and trouble, and which, all through the trying season, he has nursed with almost a parent's care.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, December 25th, 1893, mixed foursomes under handicap 2. "Colonel Bogey," with 1s. sweepstakes, took place, with the following result:—Miss Whieldon and Mr. Hatherell (10), 4 up; Miss Humphreys and Mr. F. H. Latham (12), 1 up; Miss Chambers and Mr. Hickman (8), 3 down; Miss Gibsone and Mr. K. Gibsone (12), 3 down; Miss Middleton and Gen. Dandridge (6), 4 down; Miss Edmann and Mr. T. Dawkins (7), 5 down; Miss Dawkins and Mr. J. Dawkins (6), 6 down; Miss Clarke and Mr. R. Clarke (6), 7 down; Mrs. Hickman and Rev. Ward (11), 8 down; Miss A. Dawkins and Mr. R. Galton (4), 10 down.

Monthly silver medal, Monday, January 15th.—Miss Humphreys, 91, less 17=74; Miss Whieldon, 93, less 17=76; Miss Chambers, 98, less 13=85; Miss Middleton, 93, less 7=86.

OTAGO GOLF CLUB (NEW ZEALAND).

The tournament promoted by the Otago Golf Club was begun on December 1st, at 10 o'clock, at the links at Roslyn, and continued till after the 6th. The meeting was a great success, the weather, more particularly in the forenoon, making the game most enjoyable. The green was in capital order, and there being very little, if any, wind, some good scoring was the order of the day. So far as concerns the Open Championship, for which there was an entry of sixteen, one Canterbury man and three Otago men are left to fight it out. The Ladies' event, which was played in the afternoon, attracted a large crowd of visitors, and also had sixteen starters—the event being won by a Christchurch lady, Mrs. Lomax-Smith, who, playing from scratch, made the capital round of 109; this score deservedly winning the Championship and handicap prizes. Miss Kate Rattray, with a handicap of four strokes, worthily represented the local players by handing in a card of 118, less 4=114. Miss W. Scott, a very promising young Dunedin player of thirteen summers, was third with 128, less 6=122. The Otago ladies' Golf Club kindly dispensed afternoon tea to players and visitors.

First round.—Mr. Wilder (Christchurch) met Mr. Rose (Otago), and after a close fight the round ended in Mr. Rose being 1 hole to the good; Dr. Ogston (Otago) played with Mr. W. Macgregor, and at the end of the 18 holes there was a tie, and after a most exciting

match Mr. Macgregor won at the nineteenth-hole; Dr. Brown (Otago) met Mr. Charlewood (Christchurch), and, curiously enough, also had to play 19 holes before he could claim a victory, after a desperate fight; Mr. D. Hood (Otago), the club greenkeeper, met Mr. Fowle (Otago), and playing a capital game won by 9 up and 8 to play; Mr. Park (Otago) met Dr. Gosset (Christchurch), Mr. Park was leading till near the finish, when the Christchurch man pulled himself together and eventually won by 2 up; Mr. George Todd, jun. (Otago) met Mr. Lees (Otago). This was another close match, and was only won by Mr. Todd at the last hole; Mr. D. A. Brydone (North Otago), the one gentleman with sufficient enterprise to come down and represent his club, met Mr. Somerville (Otago). After a game struggle on the part of Mr. Brydone, who halved five holes in succession, Mr. Somerville eventually won by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. Scott (Otago) was fortunate enough to get a bye against Mr. H. MacNeil, jun. (absent).

Second round.—Mr. Rose beat Mr. Macgregor by 2 holes; Dr. Brown had another close victory against Mr. D. Hood, having to play an extra hole to win; Dr. Gosset, after an exciting game, in which no less than 11 holes were halved, beat Mr. George Todd, jun., by 1 hole; Mr. Somerville secured a victory over Mr. J. R. Scott by 2 up and 1 to play.

Semi-final.—Mr. Rose beat Dr. Brown by 5 up and 4 to play; Dr. Gosset (Christchurch) met Mr. J. Somerville (Otago). Mr. Somerville, who is not very long out from the old country, is a very capable player, hailing from Leven, while his opponent is an old and prominent player from Westward Ho! but who has had very little chance of regular practice for some time. In the early part of the round both players were very nervous and short with their putts. After a finely played match Mr. Somerville, playing with great steadiness, won by 2 up and 1 to play.

Final.—Mr. Somerville beat Mr. H. Rose by 6 up and 4 to play. The Champion, who has played on most of the Scotch links, but chiefly at Edinburgh, is undoubtedly a strong player, and Mr. Rose, who is comparatively speaking a novice at the game, would, we are sure, be the first to admit that he was over-matched on this occasion, though he made a very fair fight of it.

In the afternoon the men's handicap event was played, there being the large number of twenty-six starters. The game was played by strokes under handicap, and resulted in a win for Mr. Herbert Park, playing from scratch, with a round of 83—admittedly a fine performance. Dr. Gosset, who put him out in the Championship round, was close on his heels with 85, also scratch; and Mr. G. Todd, jun., whom the doctor had also put out in the open event, after a close struggle, was once more in the doctor's neighbourhood with 90, less 2=88. Then came Mr. D. Hood, also with two strokes handicap, with 91, less 2=89, followed by Mr. J. R. Scott, playing from scratch, with 91. With the exception of Dr. Brown, 98, less 2=96, Mr. Somerville was the only other competitor to make a gross return of under 100. Owing 4, he went round in 93, leaving him with 97. The members of the Otago Club also competed in this round for the club's Bruntsfield gold medal, which is played for every year from scratch. This, of course, Mr. Park appropriated.

During the round Mr. Lees (4 strokes) and Mr. Macgregor (4 strokes) played off their tie for the club's St. Andrew's cross, and, singularly enough, tied once more with 102 net, and must play again.

The "Bogey" competition was played under handicap, but the only player out of twenty men that could do anything against the "Colonel" was Mr. Somerville, who beat him by a hole—playing from scratch. Dr. Gosset (also scratch) was 3 holes down, Mr. Melland (12 strokes), was 4 down, and Mr. J. O. Kettle (9 strokes) was 5 down.

The match between the ladies' clubs attracted quite an assemblage, the play being followed with great interest. Before the last pair came in the match was a tie—and great interest was shown as they came to the last hole—the players being Mrs. Wigram (Christchurch), and Mrs. Stilling (Otago). The latter, however, soon put the matter at rest by holing out a putt in fine style, and handed in a card showing eight holes to the good—the local ladies thus winning the event by eight holes, amidst great enthusiasm. The following are the results:—

CHRISTCHURCH LADIES.		OTAGO LADIES.	
Holes.		Holes	
Mrs. Boyle	0	Mrs. Ogston	7
Mrs. Wigram	0	Mrs. Stilling	8
Mrs. Wilder	4	Miss K. Rattray	0
Mrs. Lomax Smith	3	Mrs. Melland	0
	7		15

At the conclusion of the tournament the trophies were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Stilling. Before this was done, Mr. Howden, the captain of the club, addressing the company present, said that it was his pleasant duty to congratulate them all on the success of the first Championship meeting of the royal and ancient

game held in the colony. Was it not, he asked, a subject of congratulation, not only to them as golfers, but to the whole community, that such a health-giving and wholesome recreation should be established on their shores? No one, he thought, who had been present during the meeting and seen the brilliant gathering could doubt that the game was now fully established. (Applause.) He said he must congratulate Mr. Somerville, the Champion, who had played a grand game.

Mr. Somerville, stepping forward, said he would like to say a few words on behalf of the competitors. He begged to say, in the first place, that he had seen a good many tournaments in Scotland during the last few years, but he did not recollect a more successful one than the present. He desired also, on behalf of his fellow-competitors, to thank Mr. Stilling (the honorary secretary) and the committee of the club for the courtesy and consideration that had been extended to them all.

The proceedings then came to a close.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Weekly handicap, Friday, January 19th:—Mr. G. Lubbock, 92, less 17=75; Mr. R. B. Townshend, 97, less 20=77; Mr. F. H. Stewart, (scratch) 80; Mr. C. W. W. Surrudge, 87, less 7=80; Mr. H. Nicholls, 85, less 4=81; Mr. G. R. Bardswell, 105, less 22=83; Mr. N. R. Stone, 107, less 15=92. Twenty-five entries; no return from the rest.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, the 20th, was the monthly medal competition. About a dozen members entered. The weather, however, proved too strong for good scoring, and a heavy storm about midday destroyed the hopes of the majority. Only three cards were returned, with the following results:—Mr. A. Waldy, 96, less 12=84; Sir H. G. Bergne, 107, less 18=89; Mr. A. E. Bateman, 115, less 20=95.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The January medal competition, postponed on account of the snow, was held on Saturday last. Over twenty players were out, and the best score returned was that of Mr. Browne, one of the oldest members of the club. Scores:—Mr. F. P. Browne, 98, less 14=84; Mr. C. H. Trew, 97, less 12=85; Mr. L. Horner, 90, less 2=88; Mr. W. Figg, 113, less 24=89; Mr. W. W. Dymond, 104, less 14=90; Mr. C. A. Malone, 118, less 27=91; Mr. W. B. Avery, 108, less 16=92; Mr. T. H. D. Berridge, 113, less 17=96; Mr. W. J. Dyer, 117, less 18=99. Remainder over 100 net, or no returns.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The following are the results of the quarterly meeting, which took place on Saturday, January 20th:—

Class I., handicaps of 12 and under:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Sidney Kemp	96	10 86	Mr. H. Hawkins	108	10 98
Mr. J. G. Fowle	94	6 88	Mr. A. W. Good	111	12 99
Mr. R. O. J. Dalmeyer	96	7 89	Mr. J. Gould-Smith	102	2 100
Capt. R. L. Cowper			Mr. E. A. Read	102	2 100
Coles	90	scr. 90	Mr. Ernest Flint	110	10 100
Mr. F. Hands	103	12 91	Mr. J. W. James	110	10 100
Capt. L. Peskett	103	12 91	Mr. H. Parker	109	9 100
Mr. Charles J. Fox	104	12 92	Mr. H. E. Fisher	111	9 102
Mr. S. R. Bastard	95	1 94	Mr. Geo. Whitley	115	11 104
Mr. G. H. Swinstead	101	7 94	Mr. Chas. W. Cooke	117	12 105
Mr. W. E. Hall	103	8 95	Mr. John Walker	118	12 106
Mr. J. W. M. Guy	109	12 97	Mr. G. F. Ruck	121	12 109
Mr. A. A. Hannay	106	8 98	Mr. B. G. Fabian	125	10 115

Class II., handicaps over 12:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Geo. Percy Cox	105	18 87	Mr. T. Fisher Cald-		
Mr. C. Webb	106	16 90	well	119	18 101
Mr. J. Godwin	114	18 96	Mr. W. Challice	119	18 101
Mr. J. O. Millidge,			Mr. F. H. Swinstead	116	14 102
jun.	111	14 97	Mr. J. Latham, jun.	121	18 103
Mr. G. H. Gordon	115	18 97	Mr. A. L. Foley	120	16 104
Mr. J. Hax	115	16 99	Mr. G. T. B. Cobbett	122	18 104
Rev. Ewart Baxter	117	18 99	Mr. E. A. Cox	127	22 105
M. J. F. Anderson	116	16 100	Mr. A. Lindley	126	16 110
Mr. Edward Swain	117	16 101	Mr. D. C. Leek	130	20 110

CUMBRÆ CLUB—LADIES' COMPETITION.—The monthly competition for the gold medal presented by Mr. John Taylor took place on the 15th inst. at Millport, in splendid golfing weather. The course, owing to the heavy rains of last week, was somewhat soft, but was in very fair condition. The following was the result:—Miss Barclay, 124, less 20=104; Miss Davidson, 109, less 5=104 (tied for medal); Miss Ross (scratch), 107; Miss Henry, 109, less 2=107.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

A competition for a valuable cup, cigarette box, and cigarette case, kindly presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lehmann, commenced on Tuesday, the 2nd January, but owing to frost and snow was postponed till the 10th, when it was recommenced, and terminated on the 13th January, with the following result:—

First Tie.—Major Scott, R.A., giving 5½ up, beat Mr. G. Pipon; Capt. Robin, giving 6 up, beat Mr. J. M. Martin; Rev. H. W. Yorke, playing level, beat Col. P. Robin; Mr. H. A. Berryman, receiving 5½ up, beat Mr. H. G. H. Spencer; Mr. G. Robertson, playing level, beat Mr. H. P. H. Spencer; Mr. A. F. G. Brown, receiving 2 up, beat Mr. R. C. Hodder; Mr. H. E. Atkinson, giving 3 up, beat Mr. W. Field; Mr. T. W. Barker, giving 5 up, beat Mr. W. B. Brodrick; Gen. Fellows, receiving 4 up, beat Mr. M. Nixon; Col. Mackenzie, giving 5½ up, beat Mr. Dr. Labey; Mr. C. H. Spence, receiving ½ up, beat Col. Mayne (retired); Mr. T. Ramsbotham, receiving 3 up, beat Mr. J. Alexander; Mr. D. Turnbull, giving ½ up, beat Mr. W. H. Monckton (retired); Mr. A. Critchley Salmonson, receiving 3 up, beat Captain Fairlie; Mr. A. G. Robertson, receiving 1 up, beat Col. Wylie (retired); Capt. Gardiner, R.N., playing level, beat Capt. Palmes.

Second Tie.—Major Scott, R.A., giving 7½ up, beat Rev. W. B. Holland; Capt. Robin, giving 5½ up, beat Rev. H. W. Yorke; Mr. G. Robertson, giving 4 up, beat Mr. H. A. Berryman; Mr. H. E. Atkinson, giving 4 up, beat Mr. A. F. G. Brown; Mr. T. W. Barker, giving 4 up, beat Gen. Fellows; Col. Mackenzie, giving 1 up, beat Mr. C. H. Spence; Mr. D. Turnbull, receiving 1½ up, beat Mr. T. Ramsbotham; Mr. A. Critchley Salmonson, giving ½ up, beat Mr. A. G. Robertson (retired).

Third Tie.—Major Scott, R.A., giving 7½ up, beat Capt. Gardner, R.N.; Mr. G. Robertson, receiving 2 up, beat Capt. Robin; Mr. H. E. Atkinson, giving 1 up, beat Mr. T. W. Barker; Col. Mackenzie, giving 4 up, beat Mr. D. Turnbull.

Fourth Tie.—Major Scott, R.A., giving 5½ up, beat Mr. A. Critchley Salmonson; Mr. H. E. Atkinson, giving 2 up, beat Mr. G. Robertson.

Fifth Tie.—Mr. H. E. Atkinson, giving ½ up, beat Col. Mackenzie (winner of third prize).

Final Tie.—Mr. H. E. Atkinson (winner of cup), receiving 1½ up, beat Major Scott, R.A. (winner of second prize).

Mr. T. W. Barker's prize, Saturday, January 13th. Scores:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
* Mr. H. A. Berryman ...	103 18 85	Col. Mackenzie ... 96 3 93
* Mr. W. H. Monckton ...	101 15 86	Capt. Palmes ... 111 18 93
Mr. T. W. Barker ...	93 5 88	Mr. H. P. H. Spencer 101 7 94
Mr. H. E. Atkinson ...	94 2 92	Mr. W. S. Lawson . 108 12 96
Capt. Robin ...	95 2 93	Mr. C. W. Corbett . 110 14 96
		Mr. A. F. G. Brown 112 13 99
		Dr. Hodder ... 114 14 100

* Divided sweepstakes.

Ten players made no returns.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, January 15th, a competition took place among the junior members for a clock, kindly presented by Mrs. Parratt, and for Golf balls. The winner was Miss Eva Parratt, who sent in a very creditable net score of 81. E. Harding came in second, his return, 83, being far the best gross score. Scores:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
* Miss Eva Parratt ...	101 20 81	A. J. Christie ... 114 8 106
† E. Harding ...	83 scr. 83	R. G. Saunders ... 119 12 107
† John Mitchell ...	108 24 84	Miss A. V. Saunders 137 25 112
C. Stokoe ...	101 12 89	Claude Gaitskell ... 119 6 113
G. Parratt ...	107 18 89	T. Langton Clarke . 125 12 113
M. G. Christie ...	96 6 90	Miss Kinmond ... 156 26 130
J. M. Wall ...	102 12 90	James Mitchell ... 167 26 141
D. R. H. Dennis-Browne ...	102 4 98	Miss G. Morris ... 171 26 145

* Winner of clock.

† Winners of balls.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—On Saturday the members of St. Nicholas competed for the Wilson handicap medal, when, despite a pretty strong breeze from the south-west and occasional showers, there was a fair muster of players. The cards showed the following result for the game of eighteen holes:—Mr. D. Moore, 104, less 24=80; Mr. James Andrew, 82; Mr. W. E. Giles, 92, less 6=86; Mr. W. Macfarlane, 92, less 4=88; Mr. D. Fergusson, 106, less 12=94; Mr. A. Y. Peattie, 108, less 14=94; Mr. H. E. Peattie, 103, less 8=95. On the home journey Mr. Andrew had the last nine holes in 33, thus—4 3 4 4 4 4 4 3 3=33.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

Club cup.—The first competition for this year's club cup took place on the Seaton Links on Saturday last. The weather was fine, but a strong south-west wind blew over the links, which rendered the scoring somewhat high. Nineteen competitors took part in the competition, which resulted in Mr. R. Elliott securing a first win for the cup with a score of 102, less 21=81. But for one hole, the first, Mr. Elliott's card showed very steady play. Mr. G. Newby was second with a gross score of 96, the best on merit of the day. Scores:—Mr. R. Elliott, 102, less 21=81; Mr. G. Newby, 96, less 9=87; Mr. D. H. Trechmann, 104, less 12=92; Mr. S. Strover, 108, less 16=92; Mr. S. Walker, 103, less 10=93; Mr. G. Pyman, jun., 105, less 10=95; Mr. H. Simpson, 107, less 10=97; Mr. C. Cooper, 109, less 9=100; Mr. W. Ropner, 121, less 21=100. Ten other competitors retired.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The usual monthly competition for the above cup was held at Lindrick, on the 18th, 19th, and 20th inst. The weather on the first two days was favourable from a golfing point of view, but unfortunately for the large majority of members who turned out on Saturday, a gale of wind was blowing right across the course, making low scoring difficult. Twenty-one cards were taken out. The following is the result:—Mr. J. M. Hay, 124, less 50=74; Mr. W. A. Milner, 114, less 20=94; Mr. A. Thompson, 122, less 28=94; Mr. R. Leader, 126, less 30=96; Mr. W. Robinson, 130, less 30=100. The rest were over 100, or made no return.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 20th inst., the annual general meeting was held, the Rev. J. N. F. Ewen, one of the vice-presidents, presiding. The following officers were re-elected:—Captain, Mr. J. B. Gooding; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. R. Grubbe; hon. secretary, Mr. D. R. Gooding. Messrs. S. W. Woollett and C. J. Waller, retiring from the committee by rotation, were re-elected, and Mr. W. Whytock, elected to fill a vacancy. The accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1893, were presented, showing the finances of the club to be in a satisfactory condition.

On the same day a "Bogey" competition was played, Mr. C. J. Waller taking first place with 3 down.

STEVENAGE GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' and gentlemen's foursome, played on January 20th. First prizes, presented by Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Stagg.—Mr. Young and Mrs. Smith (scratch), 114; Mr. C. F. G. Hervey and Miss K. Jowitt, 134, less 15=119; Mr. T. Cash and Mrs. Young (scratch), 127; Mr. P. Dunn and Miss Stagg, 147, less 18=129; Mr. Robinson and Miss G. Thomson, 158, less 27=131; Mr. G. S. Ward and Miss Buttanshaw, 155, less 24=131; Mr. Smith and Mrs. Standing, 160, less 24=136; Mr. Barclay and Miss L. Thompson, 155, less 18=137; Mr. Oakeshott and Miss C. Gainsford, 188, less 36=152; Mr. C. Standing and Miss E. Thompson, 194, less 18=176.

WEST CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly cup took place at Siddick on Saturday, January 13th, Mr. D. Fraser was the winner of the cup with a net score of 109; subjoined are the scores:—Mr. C. Fraser, 119, less 10=109; Mr. R. S. U. Thompson, 127, less 17=110; Mr. C. A. Thompson, 127, less 15=112; Mr. W. L. Fletcher, 138, less 20=118; Mr. H. Thompson, 145, less 25=120; Mr. Alfred Hine, junr, 137, less 15=122; Mr. Robert, Simpson, 145, less 15=130; Mr. J. W. Wilson, 152, less 18=134. Mr. G. A. Lightfoot, Mr. J. L. Smith, and Dr. Highet, no return.

WEST MIDDLESEX GOLF CLUB.

Medal competition held on the new links at Southall on Saturday, January 18th:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. S. Chick ...	94 9 85	Mr. B. W. Willett ... 127 22 105
Mr. Hal Ludlow ...	105 14 91	Mr. E. B. Ellington 127 18 109
Mr. J. Hardie ...	118 18 100	Mr. F. Carver ... 112 2 110
Mr. W. Jackson ...	108 7 101	Mr. A. J. Davies ... 127 14 113
Mr. W. S. Hargreaves ...	110 8 102	Mr. A. G. Low ... 135 15 120
Mr. H. E. Pegg ...	116 14 102	Mr. G. W. C. Prance 143 14 129
Mr. F. B. Becken ...	116 13 103	Mr. Percy Barlow ... 126 } Not
Mr. G. E. S. Fryer 120 15 105		Mr. Alfred Burr ... 128 } Hcpd.
		Mr. G. Heywood ... 148 }

WEST LINTON CLUB.—The Martin medal, played for on fine, newly sanded greens, in fairly favourable weather, resulted as follows:—Mr. John Mowbray (scratch), 91; Mr. R. Miller, 95, less 4=91 (tie).

WILMSLOW GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, 13th, the competitions for the Boddington and Haworth cups took place. Mr. A. N. Cumming won the Boddington cup and memento, and the first sweepstakes; Captain Herapath won the Haworth cup and memento. Mr. J. D. Hobkirk took the second sweepstakes, and the third was divided between Messrs. J. Beaumont, C. W. Stoehr and W. R. R. Gemmell. The following were the best scores:—

Boddington cup.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. N. Cumming	90	5	85	Mr. P. Swanwick	105	10	95	
Mr. J. D. Hobkirk	99	10	89	Mr. A. H. Dixon	105	10	95	
Mr. J. Beaumont	101	10	91	Mr. V. Bellhouse	103	5	98	
Mr. J. A. Tweedale	97	5	92	Mr. A. W. Henry	109	10	99	
Mr. G. H. Shakerley	100	8	92					

Haworth cup.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Capt. Herapath	103	18	85	Mr. J. M. Astbury	121	25	96	
Mr. C. W. Stoehr	107	16	91	Mr. H. Lancashire	120	21	99	
Mr. W. R. R. Gemmell	109	18	91	Mr. T. S. Beaumont	124	25	99	

Twenty-two competitors returned no cards, or were over 99 net.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medals, Saturday, January 20th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Miss Helen Wilson	104	24	80	Miss N. Martyn	100	9	91
Miss Nellie Muir	88	7	81	Miss A. Tyrwhitt			
†Miss Gertrude Tee	96	15	81	Drake	101	10	91
†Mrs. Whitehead	98	17	81	Miss G. Glennie	102	10	92
Miss Issette Pearson	12	scr.	82	Miss M. E. Faithfull	122	28	94
Mrs. Meates	97	15	82	Mrs. N. R. Foster	111	14	97
Mrs. Dawson	98	16	82	Miss A. Harrison	117	20	97
Miss E. R. Faithfull	103	17	86	Miss Pascoe	104	6	98
Mrs. Fraser	93	6	87	Miss A. MacFarlan	117	19	98
Miss K. MacFarlan	106	18	88	Miss Bardswell	123	25	98
Miss A. Daun	113	25	88	Miss Ripley	125	25	100

The weather was decidedly against low scoring, and several members made no returns.

It has been decided to commence the spring meeting on Saturday, April 28th, and in future to have the prize meetings a fixture; the spring meeting commencing the last Saturday in April, and the autumn the second Saturday in October.

- * Winner of medal for handicaps over 18.
- † Tie for first medal and brooch.

WITHINGTON GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal competition of the above club was held on Saturday last. Owing to a very high wind good scores were difficult to obtain. The following were the best cards returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. E. Bayley	100	10	90	Mr. G. King	106	10	96
†Mr. J. M. Eaton	90	+2	92	Mr. A. Clegg	95	+2	97
†Mr. L. G. King	112	20	92	Mr. P. H. Schill	103	5	98
Mr. C. H. Schill	103	10	93	Mr. J. M. Leake	104	6	98
Mr. F. W. Lee	98	4	94	Mr. E. Ratcliffe	108	9	99
Mr. Z. A. Ward	106	10	96	Mr. H. E. Lees	107	8	99

- * Medal.
- † Divided sweepstake.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.—The first monthly competition for a silver cup presented to the Kenilworth club by Messrs. Ashford, the Golf-club makers, of Birmingham, took place on Saturday. Both ladies and gentlemen played against their respective "Bogeys." Score:—Mr. Fenton Latham and Mr. T. Day, each 7 down (tie to be played off); Mr. H. O'Leary, 8 down; Mr. W. Stead, 8 down; Mr. W. H. Mitchell, 9 down; Mr. T. Latham, 11 down; Mrs. O'Leary, 12 down. Mr. H. R. Hands, Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, and Mr. H. Smith-Turberville, no return.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the Cochrane cup took place on Friday and Saturday over the Coatham Links in fine weather, but with a boisterous wind on the Saturday, which made the outward journey very difficult. The winner was Mr. Slingsby Cradock with a net score of 85, and the scores were as follows:—Mr. Slingsby Cradock, 93, less 8=85; Mr. J. L. Scott, 97, less 8=89; Mr. J. F. Whitwell, 100, less 10=90; Mr. H. E. Cradock, 105, less 15=90; Mr. A. O. Cochrane, 111, less 20=91; Mr. R. M'Currah, 117, less 24=93; Mr. C. E. Scott, 102, less 8=94; Mr. W. Huddart, 116, less 18=98; Mr. J. Lambert, 116, less 18=98; Mr. W. Boshier, 124, less 24=100; Mr. W. F. Whitwell, 120, less 18=102. The others made no returns.

EDINBURGH CIVIL SERVICE GOLF CLUB.—A special general meeting of the recently formed Civil Service Golf Club was held in the Café Royal Hotel, Edinburgh, on January 11th, when the captain, Mr. James Anderson, of the Inland Revenue, presided over a good attendance. The principal business was the consideration of the committee's draft rules, and these were unanimously approved. The annual subscription was fixed at 7s. 6d., and it is proposed to hold five competitions in the year, three of these to be played on the Braids, and two on some other green within easy distance of the city, and these latter will probably be held on Bank Holidays. An endeavour will be made to obtain premises for a club-house in proximity to the Braids, which has been adopted as the home green of the club. The new organisation has met with a good deal of support throughout the service, and it is expected that the membership, which at present numbers over seventy, will be largely augmented during the coming season. The following office-bearers have been elected for the current year:—Captain, Mr. James Anderson (Inland Revenue); vice-captain, Mr. J. Macdonald (Accountant's Branch, G. P. O.); secretary, Mr. John T. Maxwell, (Board of Supervision); treasurer, Mr. D. M. Gavine (Inland Revenue); Members of Council, Messrs. G. W. Wight (Lunacy Board), W. Thom (Old Register House), A. Gunn (Excise), J. Davidson and J. McCormick (Postal Telegraphs), and J. Carmichael (Inland Revenue).

SEAFIELD CLUB.—The January competition for monthly medal and prizes was played over Leith links on Friday and Saturday. Thirty-nine members took part, and the following was the result:—1, Mr. Thos. Davidson, 90, less 15=75; 2 and 3 (tie)—Mr. A. Fraser, 95, less 14=81; Mr. H. Koerber, 97, less 16=81; Mr. G. H. Ridley, 95, less 14=81; Mr. R. J. Henderson, 83, less 2=81. Mr. R. J. Henderson recorded the lowest scratch score.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.—Gentlemen's handicap, January 17th:—Mr. M. M. Thomas, 100, less 18=82; Mr. C. Mathias, 104, less 20=84; Mr. D. Harrison, 120, less 26=94; Mr. O. W. Span, 121, less 26=95; Colonel Lloyd, 113, less 17=96; Mr. A. C. Evans, 108, less 9=99. Mr. H. Allen and Captain Dunn retired.

BEARSDEN CLUB.—The monthly competition among the senior members of this club for Captain Stewart's gold medal has resulted as follows:—Mr. William Anderson, jun., 98, less 6=92 (winner of medal). Next best scores were:—Mr. J. C. Walker, 98, less 4=94; and Mr. P. Russell, 114, less 18=96.

BASS ROCK GOLF CLUB.—The following matches have been played in the competition amongst the members of this club for the handicap trophies:—Mr. J. W. Earnshaw (6), beat Mr. D. Horsburgh (5); Mr. D. M. Jackson (scratch), beat Mr. A. Gow (10); Mr. J. Henderson (scratch), beat Mr. A. Hutchison (5); Mr. W. Merrilees (7), beat Mr. J. W. Greig (6); Mr. Earnshaw (6), beat Mr. J. Mann (4); Mr. James Glass (4), beat Mr. Gow (10); Mr. A. Hogg (5), beat Mr. G. S. Milne (8); Mr. J. D. Rattray (4), beat Mr. J. Elliot (6); Mr. D. Horsburgh (5), beat Mr. J. W. Greig (6); Mr. Hogg (5), beat Mr. Elliot (6); Mr. W. Merrilees (7), beat Mr. Gow (10); and Mr. Elliot (6), beat Mr. Earnshaw (6).

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.—The tenth monthly challenge cup competition took place on Saturday, the 20th inst., when the scores returned were:—Mr. W. O. S. Pell, 89, less 2=87; Mr. P. Colley, 108, less 18=90; Mr. E. C. Ransome, 119, less 24=95; Mr. G. R. Quilter, 102, less 3=99. No more cards returned.

TORQUAY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—On Friday, 19th inst., the monthly medal competition took place. The entries were very few owing to the unpropitious weather. Miss Wollen, 85, less 7=78; Miss Oldfield, 92, less 8=84; Miss Pemberton, 92, less 7=85; Miss K. Oldfield, 113, less 13=100. Miss E. Colhoun sent in no card.

WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition took place on Saturday, January 20th, in showery weather, with heavy greens. The cards returned were few, and Mr. D. L. Mackie was the winner. Results:—Mr. D. L. Mackie, 102, less 15=87; Mr. A. J. Stanfield, 102, less 10=92; Dr. J. Murray, 106, less 10=96; Mr. J. T. Hall, 111, less 14=97. No returns or over 100 net from ten others.

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.—The ladies of the above club played for their monthly medal on 20th inst. with the following result:—Miss Lizzie Winch, 93, less 8=85; Miss Gertrude Cunliffe, 105, less 12=93; Miss Murton, 105, less 12=93; Miss F. E. Cobb, 114, less 20=94; Miss Pound, 111, less 14=97; Mrs. Cumming, 107, less 8=99; Mrs. Upton, 120, less 21=99.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.—The medal competition resulted as follows:—Mr. H. Elliot Currey, 99, less 13=86; Mr. Wilfred Cundell, 106, less 15=91; Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt, 113, less 5=108; Rev. W. F. Eaton, 133, less 15=118. About half a dozen others made no return. Heavy squalls from the south-west, combined with the soft ground, made low scoring impossible.

TONBRIDGE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal and sweepstake competition was played on the 20th inst. The weather was highly favourable; but, owing to the recent rains, the course was rendered very heavy. The winner of the medal was Mr. J. W. Little, 62, less 15=47 (for nine holes); Mr. A. L. Bickmore, 66, less 8=58, winning the first sweepstake; and Mr. Geo Furley, 75, less 16=59, the second sweepstake.

FORFAR.—The competition for the Dunnichen medal, in connection with the Forfar Club, reached its final stages on Cuning Hill course, when Mr. Walter G. Laird (64) met Mr. James M. Findlay (69) in the semi-final round. Ultimately Mr. Laird won the match. The final tie was played between Mr. James Brodie (61) and Mr. Laird. The former won the medal by 1 hole, the scores being—Mr. Brodie, 81; Mr. Laird, 86.

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