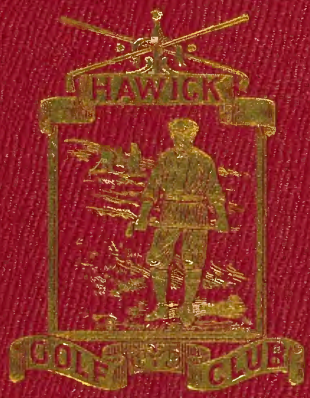
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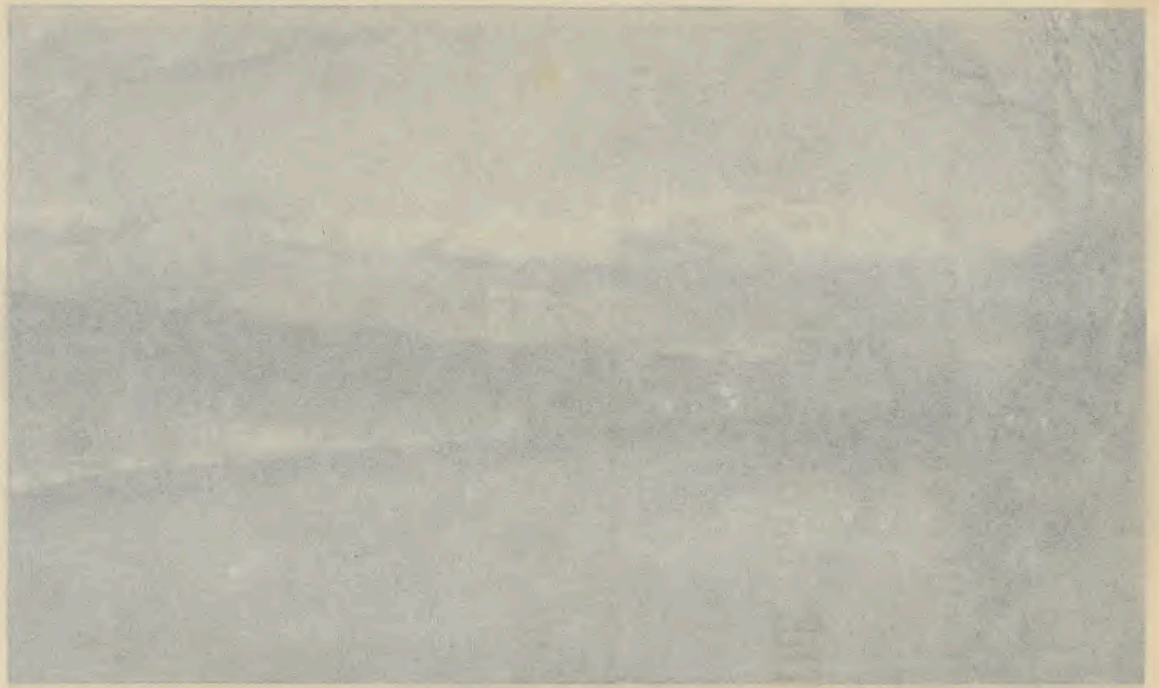

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NOTICE.

THE following Historical Sketch has been written at the request of the Council of the Hawick Golf Club by the Honorary Secretary, Mr James Barrie. It was not originally intended that the work should be of such an elaborate nature; but as investigations into the early history and doings of the Club proceeded, it was thought that the information contained in the sketch would be of interest, particularly to past and present members; while, with the Appendix, it is certain to be a useful book of reference. Mr Barrie has generously given his labour for nothing, and the Council have decided to devote the free proceeds of the sale of the work towards the extinction of the debt presently owing by the Club. The Council have to acknowledge their indebtedness to Mr Barrie for his work.

CHAS. M. PURDOM,
Captain.

PREFACE.

THE task of writing a Historical Sketch of the Hawick Golf Club, which I some time ago undertook on behalf of the Council of that Club, has been completed, and the result is to be found in the following pages. The work has not been easy, as the first minute book of the Club has unaccountably been lost, and some of the records that do exist have, I regret to say, not been very accurately kept. I have, therefore, had to glean information from outside and any available sources. Mainly have I been indebted to Mr Robert Purdom, Solicitor; Mr James Henderson, Woodside; Mr J. Manuel, Burgh Surveyor; Mr James Edgar, Printer and Publisher, who allowed me the use of the files of the *Hawick Express*; and others.

The Illustrations, other than those from the brush of the well-known artist, Mr Tom Scott,

the Club trophies, and the Plan of the Course, are from photographs by Mr J. E. D. Murray and others. The Cup and Medals are from drawings by Mr D. Hill, and the Plan of the Course is by Mr Manuel.

The sketch has, I am well aware, many and great imperfections, yet the facts mentioned, and extracts quoted, may prove of interest to all who are or were in any way associated with the Club, at least I trust they will. I have said little as to the nature of the game of Golf, or of its antiquity; nor have I attempted to prove the advantages of the game over other games—that I leave to more qualified writers.

Everyone worth knowing knows the ancient Burgh of Hawick, situated as it is on the banks of the silvery Teviot, in Roxburghshire, and nestling amongst the hills of bonnie Teviotdale, as a town of considerable importance, not only as regards its particular industry, viz., the manufacture of tweeds and hosiery, but also for the high place it takes in the athletic world. Few towns have so many advantages for outdoor recreation. There are numerous Football and Cricket Clubs, two Bowling Clubs, a Quoiting Club, a Cycling Club, a Curling Club, a Harriers' Club,

and last, but not least, a Golf Club. There was at one time a Tennis Club, but after being in existence a few years it was found not to be adequately supported, and was wound up in 1893. For some time, be it said, Tennis was very popular in Hawick, but Golf killed it, the early devotees of the former game latterly preferring the gentler, but none the less invigorating game, which is played with the "sticks and the wee bit gutty ba'." Long may it flourish in our good old town.

J. B.

August, 1898.

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FROM "GOUFIN'."

"Scotland may well be proud of her ancient game, by the charm of which king and courtier alike are led captive, and whose hardy sons, while seeking for fortune, have carried the national game far as the waves can bear the billows' foam."

IT is perhaps appropriate that before entering on the more important part of this work some particulars should be given concerning the game itself. That the game is a very ancient one is well known, and it seems also to have been a most popular one. In fact, Football and Golf appear to have been the principal forms of recreation in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, and were in these days prosecuted

with almost as much zest as is bestowed upon them to-day. Had it not been so there could have been little necessity for the Act which was passed by the Scottish Parliament in 1457, which provided that:—"Fute Ball and Golfe be utterly cryit downe, and nocht usit, and that the bowe merkis be maid at ilka paroche kirke a paire of buttis and schutting be usit ilk Sunday." In 1471 a further enactment was found necessary to the effect that the "Fute Ball and Golfe be abusit in tyme cumming, and the buttis made up and schuting usit." Again in 1491 it was "statute and ordained that in na place of the realme there be usit Fute Ball, Golfe, or other sik unprofitabill sportis." One must suppose from these various statutes that the attractions of the games mentioned were proving too great, and that, as a consequence, the then more important practice of archery was being neglected. In this connection it may not be generally known that the "buttis" for the practice of Archery in Hawick were placed at the East End of the Common Haugh near where Wilton Mills now stand, and who knows but that (indeed it is very probable) a considerable part of this same Haugh was used for the game of Golf at the same time. There are no records to support such a suggestion, but it would belie the traditions of our ancient Burgh were she not

to the front, and surely if the games of "Fute Ball" and "Golfe" were so much played elsewhere throughout Scotland, Hawick is not likely to have been behind. The Common Haugh as it was in the beginning of the fifteenth century, covering as it did a considerable area of suitable ground, would make an excellent course. The nature of the game will be best understood by a perusal of the Rules governing play, a copy of which will be found in the Appendix to this volume. Who invented it is not known, nor is it known exactly when the game was first played. The Act of 1457 above mentioned is the first recorded notice of its existence in Scotland. It belongs, evidently, to the family of "Bat and Ball," but more than this cannot with safety be affirmed. It is perhaps most closely associated with the game of Shinty, once a popular form of recreation in our country, and still practised in many districts. But there is a marked difference between the two, for whereas Shinty may properly be described as a game of force, Golf combines with force, skill. Though at first practically confined to Scotland, and still recognised as the national game of that country, Golf is now generally played not only by our near neighbours, the English, Welsh, and Irish in their own countries, but it is also to be found in many places on the Continent, in America,

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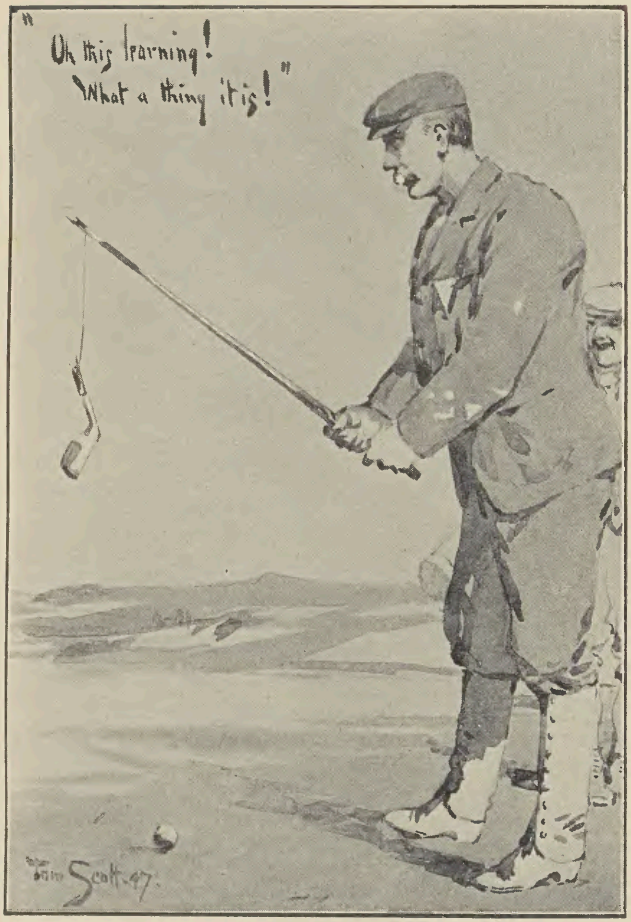

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their daily toil that it affords. "Charles I.," so says Chambers, "was much attached to the game, and on his visit to Scotland in 1641 was engaged in it on Leith Links when intimation was given him of the Rebellion in Ireland, whereupon he threw down his club and returned in great agitation to Holyrood House. The Duke of York, afterwards James II., also delighted in the game," as do many of the noted personalities of to-day.

The oldest existing Golf Club was founded by James I. at Blackheath in 1608. The oldest Scotch Club is the Honourable the Edinburgh Company of Golfers, whose minutes date back to 1744, whilst the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrew's, was founded in 1754, the rules of which (the latter), it may be mentioned, are adopted by nearly every existing Club. In fact the game, not only in Scotland, but throughout the world, is at present practically controlled by this parent Club.

St Andrew's is undoubtedly the Mecca of Golf, the links of which are at all times well patronised, yet throughout the country there are to be found links as good, if not better, than those of that ancient town. Nearly every player has his favourite links, and few like any better than the "home course," so say all Hawick players. "There are few better than ours."

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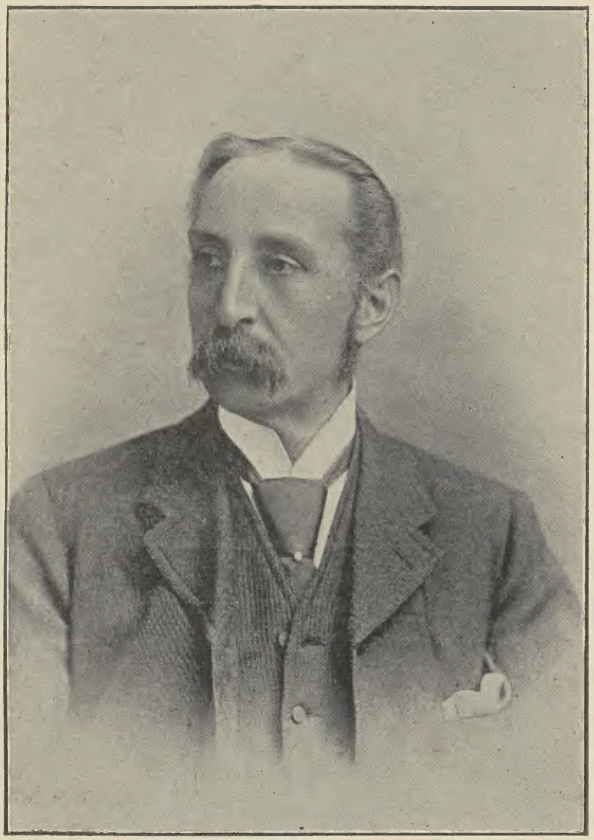

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accurate account of its doings during the first two years of its existence. The first notice I have found of "Golf" in Hawick was an advertisement which appeared in the local press of 11th August, 1877, in the following terms:—

"GOLF.

"All parties willing to support the introduction of this game to Hawick are requested to meet in Mr Purdom's office, National Bank, on Monday evening, at seven o'clock."

The meeting on Monday, 13th August, was attended by only three gentlemen, viz.:—Mr Robert Purdom himself, Mr Charles Taylor, Teacher; and Mr John Manuel, Burgh Surveyor; all men who knew and had played the game. Mr Taylor particularly, was then, and is still, a player of the first rank. These gentlemen resolved at once to secure ground for a course, and to form a Club without delay. A previous advertisement in similar terms had, I am informed, though I have been unable to trace it, been inserted by Mr Purdom, but on that occasion only Mr Taylor attended the meeting, and no steps were then taken to form a Club. Immediately after the above meeting application was made to the Town Council for the privilege of utilising a portion of the Vertish Hill as a course, and in the Minutes of that body of 16th August, 1877, the following appears:—"A

request by a proposed Golf Club for leave to play on the Vertish Hill was granted on the understanding that no damage would be done." The next notice that is taken of the game is a contributed paragraph, no doubt from the pen of the respected father of the Club, which appeared in the *Hawick Express* of 22nd September following, and which, though in part a repetition of what has been said, I quote in full.

"THE GAME OF GOLF.

"As a Club has been lately formed in Hawick for playing this game on the Vertish Hill a few words on the subject may not be out of place, for, although the game is very popular in many towns, it has never been played here before.

"Golf is a game of considerable antiquity in Scotland, at all events it was well known in the reign of James I., and it is a curious evidence of its great popularity that in the reign of James II. a statute was passed prohibiting the game on the ground that its being so much played interfered with the training for military purposes. For many years the game seems to have been peculiar to Scotland, but this century has seen its introduction to England, and large Clubs now exist at Liverpool, Wimbledon, and other places. Scotland is, however, the head-quarters of the game, and it is chiefly played at

the seaside, the links on sandy commons of short grass usually found there being best adapted for it. It is, however, played at a number of inland towns, such as Perth, Lanark, and Stirling, and Melrose* in our district, and there is no reason why it should not be played all over the country, all that is necessary being a large track of moor or short pasture diversified by whins, drains, knolls, and other irregularities of surface, which are known as hazards, and to avoid which is one of the points of the game.

"It may interest those unacquainted with the game if we explain that a series of small holes, say four inches in diameter, are formed in the turf about three or four hundred yards apart, and arranged in a course to suit the slopes of the ground. The players, who may be either two or four (two on each side), are each provided with several clubs of various shapes and sizes to be used according to the position in which the balls are found. The balls are of gutta-percha, and painted white to be easily seen, and on starting from each hole these are allowed to be lifted and placed so as to be struck to the best advantage, called teeing; but all other strokes must be played as the

* This seems to be an error, as the Melrose Club was not formed until 1880.

balls lie; and as this may be in a whin bush or water course, considerable dexterity and the use of the proper club are necessary to extricate them. Professional players and gentlemen frequenting the well-known golfing greens, such as Musselburgh, St Andrew's, Aberdeen, or Edinburgh (Bruntsfield Links), often use as many as eight or ten different clubs, but a capital game may be enjoyed with three, viz.:—a driver, for sending the ball a long distance when it lies in a good position; an iron, for getting the ball out of difficulties and hazards; and a putter, for playing the ball into the hole, the ground for a few yards round each hole being smoothed, and known as the putting green, and poles or flags are erected at each of these greens to guide the players. The players start from the same point, and the object is to drive the balls from one hole to another in the fewest possible strokes. The best players can drive a ball from the tee for a distance of 160 or 200 yards, but the way in which the short strokes, subsequently required to hole the ball, are played, is what tells most in favour of the player. The game is sometimes counted by holes, and sometimes by the strokes on the whole round.

"The Vertish Hill has been laid out with nine holes, and forms a delightful golfing course. The putting greens are rather rough as yet, but

this will be remedied in time. The Hawick Club has already 20 members, but, as it will require some more to be in full working order, we shall be glad if what we have said has the effect of creating an interest in the game and bringing out some new players. The game can be played nearly all the year round; it is not difficult to learn, and after a few rounds players generally acquire a strong liking for it; and this is not to be wondered at, as a more healthy exercise cannot be found. It is peculiarly well suited for those who find cricket or football too violent exercise, and on that account is often played by gentlemen well up in years, on some of the well-known greens it being no unusual thing to see players of sixty and upwards 'taking a round' with all the zest of youth. But although the game forms moderate exercise, it is by no means tame—a cool head, correct judgment of distance, and a strong arm being all necessary to good play. In conclusion, we wish the game of Golf every success in Hawick, and recommend it to old and young as a most healthful recreation; and, indeed, if the Golf Club does nothing else but induce more of the inhabitants to go out and enjoy the magnificent view and fresh breezes of the Vertish Hill, it will confer a great benefit on the town, this unequalled 'public park' being at present far too little appreciated."

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James Henderson, Manufacturer,
George Grier, Solicitor,
John A. Turnbull, Draper,
} *Committee.*
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OBJECTS OF CLUB, &c.

The Club was formed last year for the purpose of introducing this popular game in Hawick, and already numbers thirty members. A golfing course has been laid out on the Vertish Hill, which combines the pleasure of the game with the enjoyment of the finest views in the district.

ENTRY MONEY, &c.

The Entry Money has been fixed at 10s, and in future years it is hoped that only a small annual levy will be required to keep the ground in good order. The ground is, however, open to all players, and those wishing to learn, whether members of the Club or not. A set of golf clubs and balls may be had through any of the members, the cost being about £1.

DAYS OF MEETING, &c.

In order to ensure a sufficient number of Players, the Committee have fixed the following days for meetings of the Club on the ground (weather permitting), viz. :—

All the year round on Saturdays at 3 o'clock; from April till October on Wednesdays at 6 o'clock; on all other days and hours as players may arrange privately.

RULES, LENGTH OF COURSE, &c.

The game will be played according to the rules of the Royal Ancient Golf Club of St Andrew's, a copy of which can be seen on application to Secretary.

The Committee also recommend that an ordinary round or game shall consist of the present course of 11 holes; and that, where a longer game is desired, this should be played by going twice round the wood, making 15 holes in all.

Players will oblige by using the stiles, so as to preserve the fences.

Teeing on the putting greens or standing too much on these in damp weather should be carefully avoided.

It is understood that boys carrying clubs are entitled to twopence for the ordinary round, and threepence for the long round.

N.B.—Members are expected to introduce new members, and also to bring friends out to play when convenient, with the view of giving the game a secure footing in the town.

The Hawick Club is the oldest established on the Borders, the other Border Clubs, all of which with one exception are still to the fore, having been formed on the following dates:—

Melrose - - - - -	3rd April, 1880.
Selkirk - - - -	1883.
*Galashiels - - -	1885.
Innerleithen - - -	22nd September, 1886.
Kelso - - - - -	13th May, 1887.
Peebles - - - -	11th October, 1892.
Langholm - - -	13th October, 1892.
Jedburgh - - - -	14th November, 1892.
Newcastleton - - - -	1st June, 1894.
Torwoodlee (Galashiels) -	16th September, 1895.

The Club seems to have prospered in no small degree during the earlier months of its existence and the game was enjoyed by a goodly number, but the want of a Club-house was felt by players, particularly as they were obliged to carry their "implements of war" to and from the course each time they did battle, and on 5th June, 1878, the Club met to consider the question. At that meeting it was thought expedient to have a Club-house erected, and a committee was appointed further to deliberate upon the matter and report. The paragraph in the local press in which this information is given, adds—"This game is becoming popular here."

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* This Club ceased to exist on 3rd August, 1897, the funds, medals, and cup being handed over to the Torwoodlee Club.

Up to October of the same year only friendly matches between the members were played, and I have no doubt that these were as much enjoyed, if not more so, than the competitions which followed, and which enter so much into our Club life of to-day. Excepting our honoured founder, than the name of Watson none is more closely associated with the game of Golf in Hawick, and than Sir Renny Watson, Glasgow, and the first captain, Mr Robert F. Watson, few, if any, have proved greater friends to the Club, and have done so much for it as these gentlemen have. The first recorded gift to the Club was made by Sir Renny Watson (then Mr William Renny Watson), on 5th September, 1878, when he presented the handsome silver cup known as "The Renny Watson Cup." The presentation is reported in the local papers in the following terms:—

"HAWICK GOLF CLUB.—At a meeting of this Club on Thursday evening, a handsome silver challenge cup was presented by William Renny Watson, Esq., Engineer, Glasgow, to be played for annually. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr Watson, and it was arranged to hold the first competition on 12th October next, a committee being appointed to handicap the players. We understand that this game is becoming popular here, the Club having

already about 40 members. The cup may be seen in the window of Mr Black, stationer."

The competition for the cup, and the first of the Club, took place on the date fixed, viz., 12th October, 1878, and is, with the annual meeting and dinner reported in the *Express* of the following week thus:—

"HAWICK GOLF CLUB COMPETITION.

"A competition among the members of this Club for the silver cup lately presented, and other prizes, took place on the Vertish Hill on Saturday last in presence of a large turnout of spectators, including several ladies. The weather was fine and dry, but a strong westerly wind was rather against good scoring on the higher ground during the first half of the play. The Club has only been in existence about eighteen months, but the game is now popular, the Club having about 40 members. About 28 players took part in the competition, which consisted of two rounds of the course or 22 holes in all, and which commenced about eleven o'clock and finished about five. The players had all been handicapped, and a good deal of interest took place as to the effect this would have on the scores. There were only two scratch players in the competition, viz.:—Mr Taylor, teacher, Hawick; and Mr Rutherford, Crailing Tofts, both excellent exponents of the game, the

former having been trained at Musselburgh, and the latter at St Andrew's, the others being allowed strokes varying from 5 to 55. From the subjoined it will be seen that Mr Taylor and Mr Leitch tied for the cup, but the latter being allowed 5 strokes became the winner. Scores :—

J. Leitch - -	112 less 5—107	(Silver cup and medal)
J. A. Turnbull -	129 less 18—111	(Golf clubs)
C. Taylor - -	112 scratch 112	(Golf balls)
J. R. Stewart -	145 less 32—113	
R. Purdom - -	135 ,, 18—117	
W. Pitcairn- -	173 ,, 55—118	
J. Manuel - -	142 ,, 22—120	
T. L. Watson -	153 ,, 32—121	
G. M. Wilson -	168 ,, 44—124	
W. Rutherford -	125 scratch 125	
G. Lee- - -	143 less 18—125	
R. Turnbull -	151 ,, 22—129	
J. Henderson -	172 ,, 32—140	

Notwithstanding the high wind, some excellent scoring was made, several of the averages being about five strokes per hole, which is quite equal to recent scores for the medals and cups at St Andrew's, Prestwick, &c. The long driving of Rutherford, the effective short play of Taylor, and the steady play of Leitch (who did each round in 56), left nothing to be desired, while some of the younger members of the Club showed great improvement within the last six months. The ground was in capital order."

Many ladies and gentlemen who saw the game played for the first time in this competition, were inclined to the opinion that it was one more adapted for the older members of the community than for the younger generation. Certainly a mistaken idea, and one which, even those who at that time formed such views, have since seen reason to change them. The public do not, nowadays, as a rule, countenance our matches; in fact, there are very many in Hawick, be it said not to their credit, who have never yet seen the game played.

The report adds:—"After the competition about thirty of the members dined together in the Tower Hotel, under the presidency of Mr Robert F. Watson, manufacturer, captain of the Club, when a very pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by song and sentiment, and the presence of Davidson's string band. Apologies were intimated from General Scott, Captain Lockhart, and other members. After dinner, a business meeting was held, at which it was stated that after paying all preliminary expenses, there was a small balance in hand. General Scott, Hoscote, was re-elected hon. captain; Mr Watson, captain; Mr Purdom, secretary; and the committee were re-appointed. We understand that the game will be played all winter, the Club meeting on the ground on Saturdays about two o'clock.

The ground is open to all players whether members or not."

In connection with the above dinner the following items appear in the Treasurer's Ledger, and, with the exception of the cost of advertisement above quoted, were the first payments made by the Club. No comment is offered thereon:—

Oct. 21—Paid for music at dinner,		£1	0	0
Paid for champagne at dinner,	£1	0	0	
Refreshments to band and caddies,	0	5	0	
		£1	5	0

The terms upon which the privileges of the hill were enjoyed were reconsidered by the Town Council, on 19th December, 1878, and the resolution then arrived at was as follows:—

"The meeting resolved that the Golfing Club shall pay a nominal rent of 10s per annum for the privilege allowed them of playing Golf on the Vertish Hill and adjoining grass parks, so long as that privilege is granted. The first payment to be made at Whitsunday first and annually at that term thereafter, and further, that such privilege shall be exercised subject to such regulations as the Council may from time to time prescribe for the protection of the cattle or sheep grazing on said lands."

For these generous terms, no doubt, the Club at that time were, as the Club of to-day are, deeply grateful to the Town Council.

It would appear that the members did not continue play throughout the first two winters of the Club's existence, as on 8th March, 1879, a meeting, called by advertisement, was held on the Hill, when "owing to the top dressing of the ground the course was altered and other arrangements made for *resuming play for the season.*" A further meeting of the Club was held on 14th May thereafter, when very encouraging reports were submitted, the membership having risen to nearly 50, but apparently owing to the dilatoriness of the Council, a Club-house had not been obtained, and as the want of such a convenience was being the more felt, further steps were taken to procure one. The *Hawick Express* of the 17th May contains the following report of this meeting:—

"GOLF.—At a meeting of our Club on Wednesday evening, it was reported that this highly delightful game was being appreciated here, as the membership is now nearly 50. Every evening gentlemen are to be found on the ground, and on Saturday afternoons there are large attendances. A great drawback to the comfort of the members is the want of a Club-house; but it has now been resolved to take

steps to procure one. The course has been slightly altered, and will now consist of 13 instead of 11 holes."

In June thereafter the popular captain, Mr R. F. Watson, presented a handsome silver medal to the Club, a drawing of which is given in another portion of this volume. The first competition took place on Saturday, 28th June, at 2.30, it being a condition, wisely made by the Council at that time, though, it may possibly be, they had a selfish end in view, that "the course should consist of two rounds, the first round finishing, and the second beginning, at the third hole, so as to avoid playing the steep bank twice."

The official report of the competition, from the *Hawick Express* of 5th July, 1879, is given below, and will no doubt prove of interest as the first for the Watson Champion Medal:—

"HAWICK GOLF CLUB.

"Provost Watson, the captain of the Club, having presented a handsome champion medal to be competed for annually, the first competition took place last Saturday on the Vertish Hill. Owing to the boisterous weather, only 12 members competed. The course consisted of 23 holes, and notwithstanding the gale of wind and the long grass, the medal was

won by Mr Charles Taylor, teacher, with the very creditable score of 127, Mr J. A. Turnbull being second with 130. A handicap match was played at the same time, Mr Turnbull being first. The grass on the hill at this time of the year renders good play difficult. In future we believe, the medal will be played for in spring, and the cup in autumn, the ground being then in good condition. The following are the scores :—

C. Taylor - - - -	127	scratch	127 (medal)
J. A. Turnbull - - -	130	less	12--118 (1st prize)
G. Lee - - - - -	134	,,	12—122
W. Bennet - - - -	154	,,	32—122
T. L. Watson- - - -	156	,,	32—124
J. Manuel - - - -	150	,,	12—138
W. Purdom - - - -	174	,,	32—142
J. Henderson - - - -	178	,,	32—146
W. Pitcairn - - - -	186	,,	32—154

Messrs Grier, Elliot, and Hamilton retired; Messrs Lee and Bennet divided the 2nd and 3rd prizes."

On 16th August, 1879, a very interesting and most exciting game was played between the married and unmarried members of the Club, and is thus officially reported :—

"HAWICK GOLF CLUB.—A match, Married v. Single, was played on the Vertish Hill last Saturday, when six couples started. It was intended that two rounds of the green should be played, but the thick mist that covered the hill when the game began was quickly succeeded

by a heavy downpour, and only one round was completed. The wetness of the ground and the roughness of the grass made good play very difficult, yet some low totals were registered. The holder of the champion medal finished the round of 12 holes with the small score of 59. The result of the match was as follows:—

MARRIED.	*Holes.*	SINGLE.	*Holes.*
J. A. Turnbull	0	C. Taylor	5
J. Henderson	6	T. Laing	0
T. Watson	0	W. Diener	1
J. Manuel	0	G. Lee	3
J. Locke	0	G. M. Wilson	5
W. Pitcairn	7	A. Borthwick	0
Total	13	Total	14

The bachelors were thus victorious by a single hole."

The second annual competition for the Watson Cup and other prizes took place on Saturday, 18th October, 1879, at 12.30, the annual dinner being held in the Tower Hotel the same evening at 6.30—Provost Watson, captain of the Club, in the chair. Details of both are given in the following extract from the *Hawick Express* of 25th October:—

"HAWICK GOLF CLUB.

"This Club held their annual handicap competition for the silver challenge cup presented last year by Mr Watson, engineer, Glasgow. The Club, it may be mentioned, was

started about three years ago, and now embraces a membership of about 50. The weather on Saturday last was remarkably bright for the season, and the ground in capital order for playing. The match took place on the Vertish Hill, and was witnessed by a considerable number of onlookers, including a few ladies, who watched the proceedings with evident interest. Play began at 12.30 and finished about 5. The match was two rounds of the course, in all 23 holes. During the course of the afternoon some splendid play was made by several of the members. The "iron" play of Mr C. Taylor and others deserving notice. Mr Taylor and Mr Leitch (the holder of the cup), were the only scratch men who came forward. They played together, but before the close of the game Mr Leitch lost heart and stopped counting" (as many of us are too often inclined to do), "being considerably behind his opponent. Twelve couples started. On the whole the result was most creditable to the Club, Mr Taylor making the round with 114 strokes, being 1 fewer than 5 to each hole, which is considered good play on any course. Mr George Lee finished with 126, but being allowed 12, he tied with Mr Taylor for the cup. The tie will be played at 2.30 this afternoon (weather permitting), when the winner will receive the

cup, and the loser the golf clubs (2nd prize). The 3rd prize, golf balls, fell to Mr J. R. Stewart with the score of 132 with 15 of allowance. The following were a few of the best scores :—

C. Taylor	114	scratch	114
G. Lee	126	less 12	—114
J. R. Stewart	132	,, 15	—117
T. Laing	167	,, 46	—121
John Manuel	145	,, 23	—122
T. Carmichael	169	,, 46	—123
W. Pitcairn	160	,, 35	—125
J. A. Turnbull	135	,, 8	—127
Wr. Purdom	146	,, 15	—131
G. M. Wilson	154	,, 23	—131
John Oliver	167	,, 35	—132
R. Purdom	148	,, 15	—133

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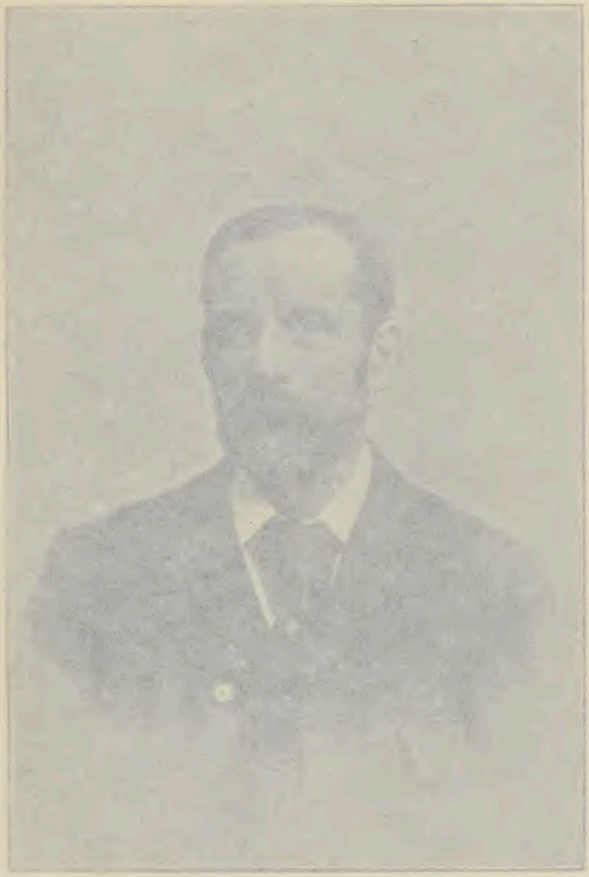

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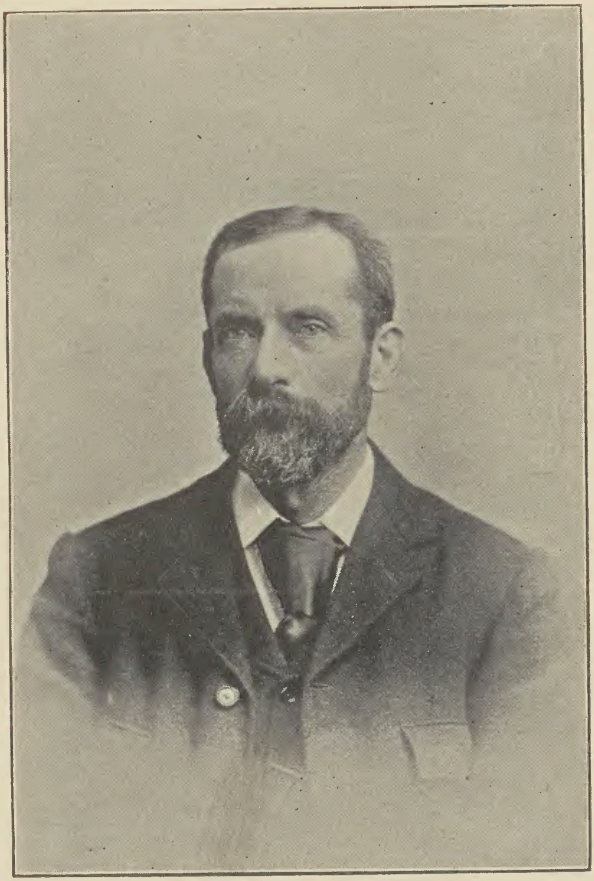

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In all the above reports it will be noticed that a round averaging 5 strokes a hole was then considered good play. I doubt if scratch players of the present day, even with greater distances between the holes, would be content with this. It must be kept in remembrance, however, that the game was played then under very different conditions to what exist at the present day. The course was rough and the greens were small and uneven, so that competitors had not the same chance of making good scores as they have now, and yet it is found that favourable comparisons are made with the performances of players of the first rank at St Andrew's, Prestwick, &c.

The first match played by the Club was with the Burgess, Edinburgh, which took place over the Musselburgh Links on 17th November, 1879, seven players aside, when the home team proved victorious by 30 holes. Details of the scores are not obtainable, but considering that they were opposed by crack players, the Hawick team are said to have given a pretty good account of themselves. No return match with this Club seems ever to have been played.

From the above date till 27th March, 1880, nothing more is heard of the Club, play being discontinued during the winter as in the previous year, but on the latter date

the *Hawick Express* again draws attention to the game in these terms:—

"GOLFING.—Now that the weather is so fine for outdoor recreations, the healthful and enjoyable pastime of Golfing on the Vertish Hill is being engaged in by members of the Club. During the past week or two some good games have been had, and a continuance of the delightful weather that has prevailed for some time will no doubt induce many to frequent the golfing course."

With the official report of the second annual competition for the champion medal presented by Mr R. F. Watson, which was held on 8th May of the same year, I conclude this part of my sketch.

"HAWICK GOLF CLUB.—The competition of this Club for the medal presented by Provost Watson, besides handicap prizes, came off on the Vertish Hill last Saturday. A considerable number of competitors entered, and the afternoon being specially fine, many witnessed the game with keen interest. Mr Taylor was the holder of the medal for last year. Mr Lee won the championship, showing some excellent play. A few of the best scores are subjoined:—

G. Lee - - -	120	allowed 10	(Medal and 1st prize)
J. A. Turnbull -	131	,, 10	(2nd prize)
J. Henderson - -	163	,, 40	(3rd prize)
C. Taylor - -	124	scratch	
J. Manuel - -	153	allowed 26	
G. M. Wilson- -	156	,, 26	

CHAPTER III.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

"It is essential, if success is to crown your efforts, that you should have equitable laws, and that they be administered with firmness."—R. P.

A copy of the original Rules of the Club is given in an earlier part of this volume (see p. 13). On 23rd August, 1882, Mr W. E. Lockhart, Branxholme, presented a copy of the Revised Rules of the St Andrew's Club to the Council, and these were at once adopted as the Rules of the Club. There was no formal Constitution, nor were there any Rules in existence regulating the management of the Club until 18th March, 1890, when a draft Constitution and Relative Rules which had been framed by a committee of the Council were passed. Whilst such Rules were not approved until the date mentioned, the then captain, secretary and treasurer, and green manager,

were appointed by the Council a committee "to frame Rules applicable to the payment of subscriptions, and also a set of Bye-laws for the management of the Club" on 24th June, 1884, a duty which was, on 4th August of the same year, devolved upon the secretary. No further mention of the matter, however, appears to have been made until 23rd April, 1889, when at a meeting of the Council Mr Fisher "referred to the desirability of having Bye-laws in regard to the Club, and after some conversation it was agreed that the committee formerly appointed should get them drawn up." The Constitution above referred to was the result of the labours of that committee. These were subsequently slightly altered. A copy of the present Constitution is appended.

With regard to the Rules for playing the game submitted by the Council, it may be mentioned that it took the Club two nights' laborious work to go over them, at the end of which time it was discovered that with one solitary exception, or rather addition, the Club had adopted the Rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club St Andrew's. I give the exception. "A ball lodging in cow droppings may be lifted out, cleaned or changed, and dropped behind without a penalty." This same subject was the source of much discussion and

dispute early in the Club's history, and at a meeting of the Council on 22nd November, 1882, matters had assumed such an acute form that it was decided to settle the question by a reference to Tom Morris. The veteran's decision is not given, but it may safely be assumed that it was in accordance with the Rule just mentioned. Latterly, instead of printing the whole Rules of the St Andrew's Club, our Club simply adopted them in their Constitution and allow each member to secure a copy for himself.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

Originally an Entry Money of 10/, and an Annual Subscription of a like sum was paid by every member. The first change was made on 17th August, 1881, when it was agreed to admit honorary members for an annual payment of 5/, such members to be as players in competitions with sister clubs but not in prize competitions, a Rule which still remains in force. On 9th April, 1885, a further Rule proposed by Mr Charles Taylor was passed in the following terms:—"That members of other Border Golf Clubs living beyond a radius of 5 miles be recognised as full members of the Club on payment of an Annual Subscription of 5/." This Rule was made specially for the benefit of Melrose players, a large number of whom were

members of the Club, but was afterwards rescinded. It was at one time, 16th October, 1880, indeed, proposed that the members of the Melrose Club be made honorary members of the Hawick club, but as the proposal met with some opposition it was departed from. Since 31st October, 1892, working men have been admitted members with all the privileges pertaining to ordinary members at an Annual Subscription of 5/. The application of the term "working man" is left to the decision of the Council. Members' sons under 15 years of age are admitted to the privileges of the Club-house and course on payment of an annual fee of 2/6, but they are not allowed to take part in any competitions of the Club. Visitors are asked to pay 2/6 per month, or 5/ for any period less than a year, but they too are not permitted to take part in Club competitions. Besides the above Subscriptions members, having boxes for their clubs in the house, pay a rent for these of 2/ if occupied by one, 3/ if there are two tenants, and 4/ if there are three.

CHAPTER IV.

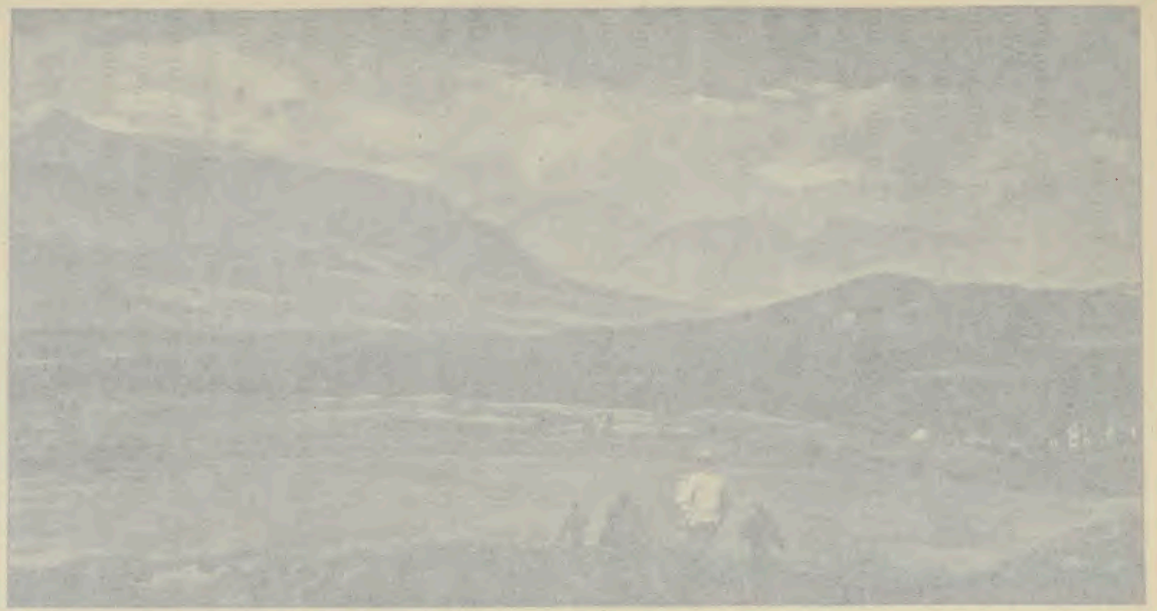
THE COURSE.

"Above our head the clear blue sky,
We bound the gowan'd sward o'er,
And as our balls fly far and high
Our bosoms glow with ardour."

FROM A GOLFING SONG.

The course is now an 18 hole one, and without doubt the finest on the Borders. Indeed, as an inland course, it will compare favourably with any in Scotland. It is situated on the Vertish Hill part of the estate owned by the Burgh (a portion of the old commonty), about a mile from the town. In approaching it from the town you pass through Drumlanrig Square, where stood the "Auld Mid Raw," the oldest part of the Ancient Burgh, and go close by the historic "Moat," of which strange

cone-shaped mound so much has been written and sung, and of which Hawick is so proud. From the summit of the Vertish a most extensive and delightful view of the surrounding country is obtained. In fact a finer view, go where you will, it will be difficult to get. It would require the pen of an artist to describe the magnificence of it. I can only give the more prominent features, and that but imperfectly. At your feet, to the north, lies the town from which the Club's name is taken, while further to the north and east you have in succession, letting the eye travel from north to east, the Eildons, Minto Hills, Minto Rocks and Castle, the rich and charming vale of Teviot, the Dunion, and Ruberslaw, more easterly you have ranges of the Cheviots, whilst, on the south, there is the valley of Slitrig, and beyond it, the hills at the top of that valley and those of Liddesdale raise their majestic heads. To the west again are the valleys of Teviot and Borthwick, and beyond them lies the grand rolling country ending, so far as the eye can reach, in the undulating hills of Ettrick and Yarrow. The country so viewed is one of great historic interest and teems with romance. The view, and the thoughts which it inspires, are thus beautifully described by an old friend and school companion, whose name I am not privileged to give, but to whom I acknowledge my indebtedness:—



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Up to the height! and view the hills around,
The storied hills where Freedom lifts her head,
A phœnix rising from the deathless dead
Of all this hallowed ground.
The sunlit peaks are crowned
With holier grandeur than the day's sun gives,
With tenderer beauty than the evening lends
From light unseen that yet the surer lives
Than that which fadeth when the long day ends.
Lo! where it gleams about the triple height
Of purple Eildons, watching by the grave
Of him whose poet eyes discerned the light
The hills and moorlands have
For those that love them, who their children are.
The storied hills! nor valley, height, nor pen
But speaks the past and breathes its tale again,
And songs of love and war,
Echoes of things afar,
And long-hushed tumults of the days that were.
Deep in the valley lies the clustering town,
Guarding the passes where the rivers meet,
Half-heard the distant clamour of the street
From where the Moat looks down,
And rears its ancient crown,
And cloud and sunshine chase with flying feet.
Huge, dark, and grim the couchant lion sleeps,
Dreaming of things the present never saw;
In regal majesty the rock-crowned steeps
Of lonely Ruberslaw
Lift up their face, whereon a glory rests
Of silent wrath among the peaceful hills,
That sleep quiescent, while their living breasts
Yield life and gladness to the countless rills
That leap to sunlight 'neath their fostering care.
The bounteous hills! A glimpse of far off men
Crosses the vision where the eyes behold
The ever-watchful peak of Skelfhill Pen—
A grim fierce story told,

Of the brave days of old,
The sheet of lead for bloody tyrant rolled!
All peaceful now! far-stretching crest on crest
They sweep in billows to the distant shore
Where mist-clad mountains mark the land possessed
By foemen, foes no more:
No longer drenched in gore
But bathed in gentle dew they keep untroubled rest.

A visitor writing on the same subject, says: "The task of getting to the top of the hill is toilsome to a degree, but once upon the top the magnificent panoramic view presented well repays the trouble of the ascent. The spectator is the centre of a glorious amphitheatre of hills. On all sides the well cultivated valleys form a charming contrast to the continuous chain of hill country, the whole forming a picture of imposing cultivated and wild beauty which no place in the kingdom can rival."

With such a varied prospect one never tires, rather do we admire it the more, and discover new beauties in it each visit. The air, too, is fresh and pure, and many Teries prefer an afternoon on the Vertish to a week at the seaside.

Reference has already been made to the terms upon which the use of the hill is granted to the Club, and these need not be repeated.

The course was originally laid out under the direction of the promoters of the Club—

Mr Purdom, Mr Manuel, and Mr Taylor—and consisted of 11 holes, 22 holes constituting a full round. Nearly all the greens then made are still in use, and the sketch of the course at the end of this volume, together with the following short description, will enable the reader to trace the variations that have taken place thereon.

The starting point, or first tee, is near the bottom corner of the hill close to the road leading from the town, and the first green, "The Thorntree," is placed at the side of the road, 204 yards southwards. This green was, as first used, situated at the foot of the hill near the quarry on the way to the second hole. From the tee to reach the second green, "The Mutton," which is close to the plantation also to the south, a steep hill, with a convenient bunker on the face, has to be negotiated, but beyond this there is no hazard. This green was formerly situated at the corner of the wood at the side of the footpath leading to the town's racecourse. In playing to the third, "The Burgess," a small, though tempting bunker, is apt to trap a fair drive, and a second heeled lands in the wood which runs alongside the line to this hole. This hole was at first placed just above the bunker in a very awkward position and "nasty country," but was soon transferred to the level ground at the foot of the hill, where it remained for many years before being placed in its present position

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obstacle is on the way to the eleventh, or "High." "The Fence" is also known by the name of "Fisher's Pocket," and the "High" as "Craw's Nest," such names being attached to them from the following rather remarkable incidents. On one occasion Mr Alexander Fisher was putting on "The Fence" green, when a ball played by Mr W. R. Ross in approaching from "The Gate," which was at the time the line the course took, landed right in the former's jacket pocket without his being aware of the fact. On Mr Ross coming up and not observing his ball on the green, he naturally asked Mr Fisher and his partner where it was. They asserted they had not seen it, but as this answer did not satisfy Mr Ross, matters were like assuming a serious aspect between the player and Mr Fisher when the ball was, to his amazement, discovered in the latter's pocket. The ball was thereupon removed from the pocket and dropped on the green near the spot where Mr Fisher was when it found its rest in his upper garment, and the game proceeded. It may, however, be mentioned that it remained, for some time, matter of dispute whether this proceeding was correct, or whether the ball should have been played from the pocket, and ultimately the matter was referred to "old Tom," who gave his opinion that the player had acted rightly in dropping it

on the green. On another occasion when approaching "The High," a ball played by Mr A. H. Craw seemed to land in close proximity to a tree at the corner of the wood. On coming up, however, it could nowhere be found, and the services of a neutral party had to be obtained, and by him, after much search, it was discovered safely lodged in the branches of the tree. "There it is," says the gentleman, "in a *Craw's* nest." The line to the "High" hole runs alongside a wood with a nasty ditch in front, so that a pulled ball is certain to be well punished. The green itself is a very tricky one, being on a considerable slope. The next hole, "The Herd's," is a short one, being reached with an iron. In going to the thirteenth or "Wood," the only caution to the player is to beware of the whins in front, and the wood to the left. The fourteenth, "The Gate," is one of the best, though it may seriously embarrass strangers. The tee shot is right over the corner of a wood with a fence and whins in front of the tee. A second fence requires negotiation before the green is reached. The fifteenth is "The Hill" hole. The sixteenth or "Well" hole should almost be reached with a drive, but a cluster of whins are conveniently placed on the left to catch a pulled ball. The next hole, "The Pit," is a short one. The drive is from a considerable height, the green being situated at the

foot of the "second" hill. If the drive be too strong the ball travels to the foot of the "first" hill, from which it is difficult to recover. A short easy pitch from the tee on the top of the "first" hill lands your ball on the "Home" green.

The following are the lengths of the various holes, and the scratch score for each as fixed by the Border Golfers' Association, an Institution to which reference is hereafter made:—

1. Thorntree	204	yards	4		2596	yards	46
2. Mutton	203	,,	4	11. High	203	,,	4
3. Burgess	306	,,	5	12. Herd's	145	,,	3
4. Hill	199	,,	5	13. Wood	250	,,	4
5. Nipknowes	358	,,	5	14. Gate	300	,,	5
6. St Leonard's	353	,,	6	15. Hill	236	,,	5
7. Quarry	183	,,	3	16. Well	206	,,	4
8. Dyke	340	,,	5	17. Pit	184	,,	4
9. Whitlaw	200	,,	4	18. Home	130	,,	3
10. Fence	250	,,	5				
	2596	yards	46		4250	yards	78

The only defect, if it can be called such, the course has, is the lack of hazards. There are too few bunkers, and so long as it is held on its present tenure this will remain somewhat of a drawback.

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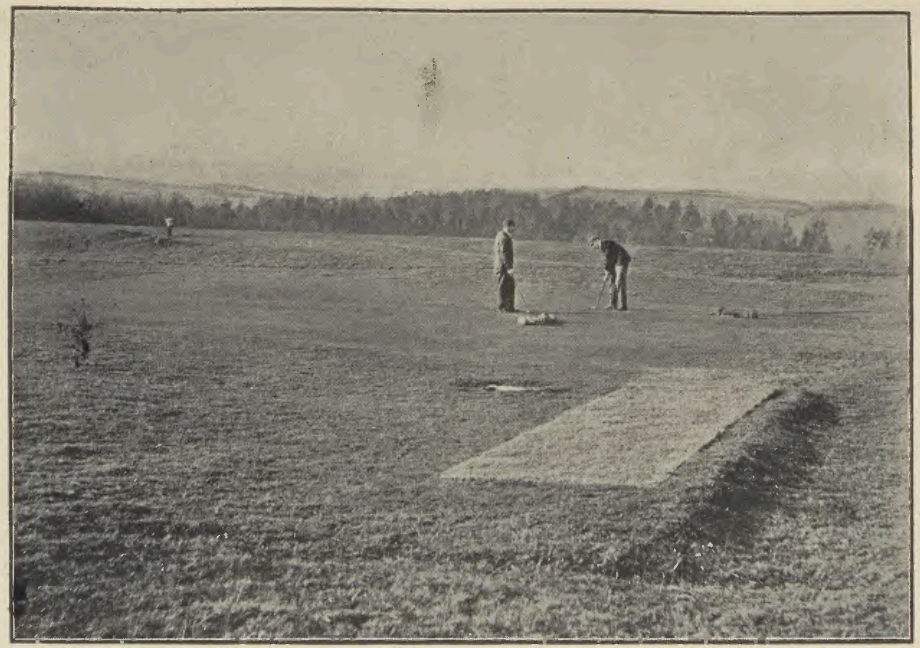

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At the annual dinner of the Club held on 14th October, 1882, Mr Renny Watson was present, and being dissatisfied with the condition of the course at that time, "to encourage the getting of the greens and teeing ground into a proper state," he generously offered to double any amount the members might subscribe privately to that end. The proposition was most enthusiastically received, and £8 5s subscribed right off. The total amount obtained was over £30, which was laid out in improvements on the course and greens. These improvements were carried out on the recommendation of Tom Dunn, a well-known professional player then resident in North Berwick, who visited the course on 13th February, 1883.

What formed the order of play for a number of years was first adopted on 30th September, 1884, and was as follows:—(1) "Thorntree," (2) "Mutton," (3) "Burgess," (4)

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The "Hill" hole does not seem to have been a favourite with the players at any time, and in 1886, at the half-yearly meeting of the Club on 21st April in that year, the "Father" of the Club proposed "that it be remitted to the Council to consider as to the alteration of the course, so as to avoid the 'Hill,' with powers." It was, however, found by the Council undesirable to adopt the suggestion in its entirety, but so far carried it out by removing the tee closer to the base of the hill. More than one player, it is hardly necessary to state, have come to grief at this hole, and have formed the strong conviction that "Golf is not a game worth playing"—a conviction which, however, disappears with the pleasant breezes met with on the summit. As many as 19 strokes have been taken to it, and on one occasion a prominent player would have beaten

that record had he had the courage to finish; but after hitting the ball 17 times, and finding that he was further from the hole than when he started from the tee, that the spectators, which his repeated efforts and forcible language (excusable on such occasions) had attracted to the spot, increased in number, and that their suppressed emotion was becoming unbearable—he finally picked up his ball, and turning one scathing glance on his audience, only one of whom could muster courage to express in somewhat doubtfully sympathetic tones the customary "Hard lines, old chap," he placed it in his pocket, and in this manner ultimately carried it up the hill. In driving to the same hole one well-known player and enthusiastic supporter of the Club slipped whilst about to drive, and, as a consequence, missed the ball. His partner in expressing his sympathy added the query, "Have you no nails in your boots?" "Oh aye," answers the first player, "a've nails, but they're oot."

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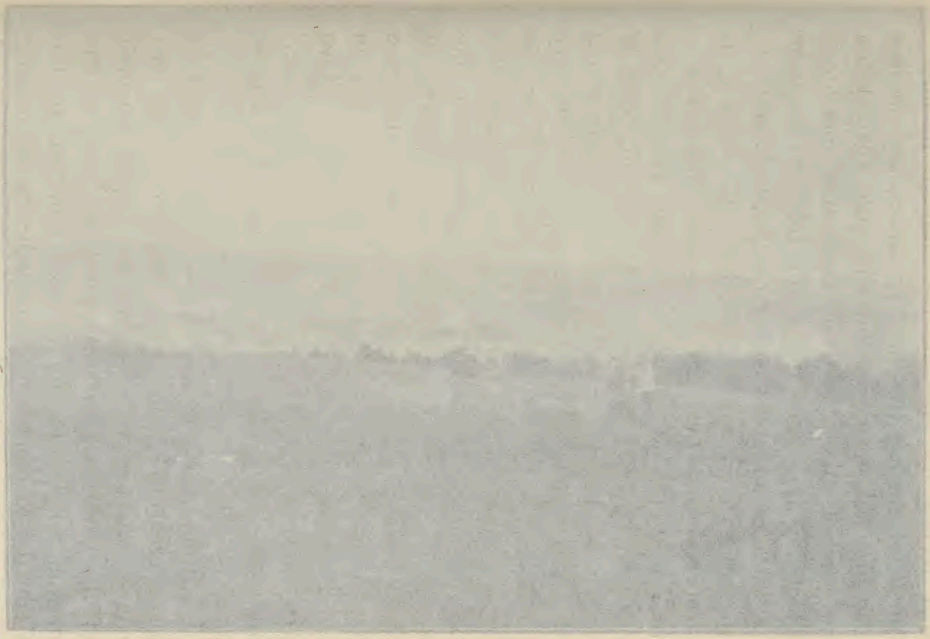

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for on 11th December following they submitted a plan of the new course to the Club, which was unanimously approved, and the Council authorised to proceed with the laying out of the same. This was completed in April of the next year, and the course, as now played, was formally opened at the annual spring competition held on 12th May, 1894. The grass on the extended course was at first found to be rough, but during the past two or three years it has been well cut, and an enjoyable game can now be had at any season. The older players find a great difference in the greens and course from what they experienced in the earlier days of the Club.

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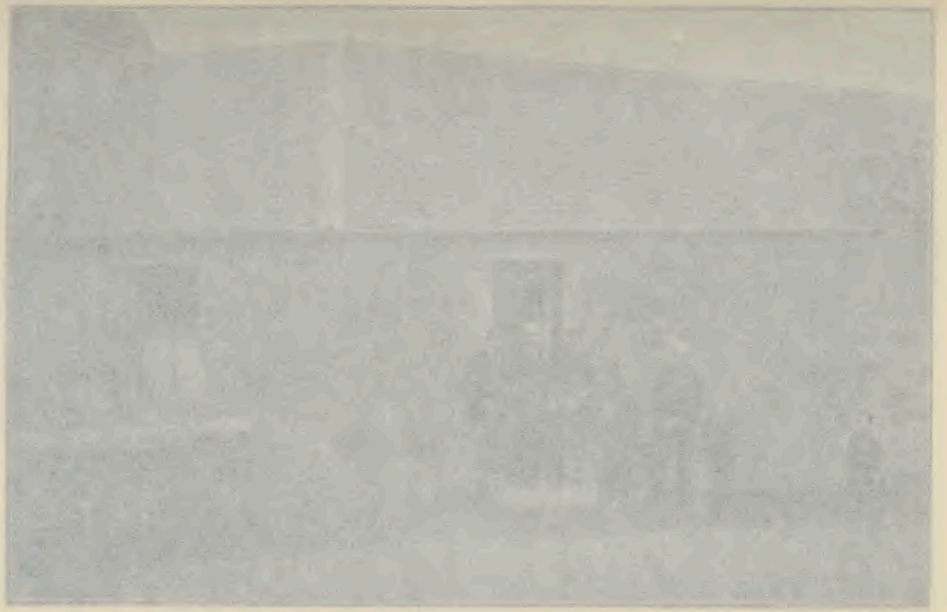

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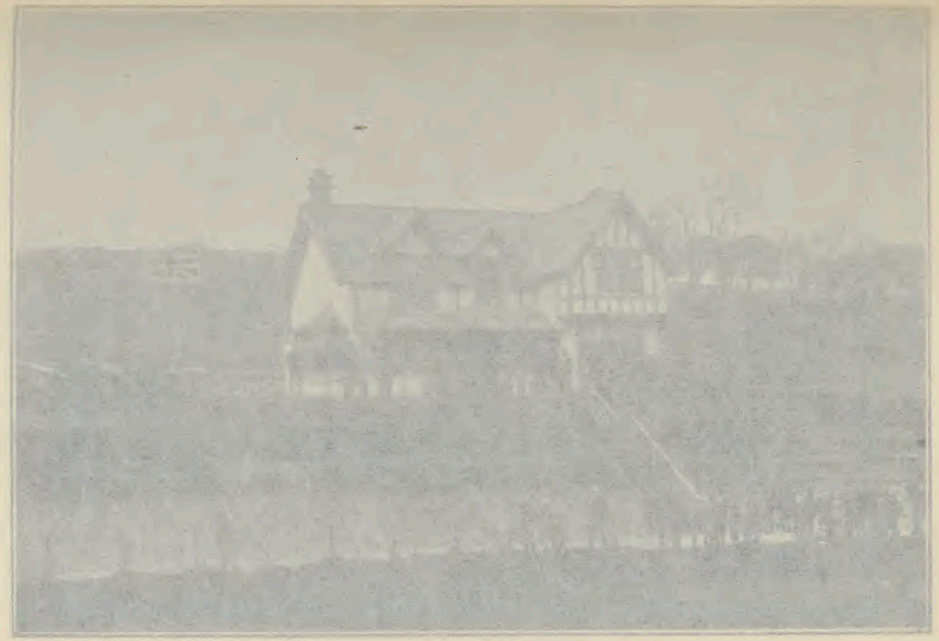
back part of the house. This does not appear to have been done, for, at the annual meeting in October, 1885, reference was again made to the want of accommodation, and it was remitted to the Council to "enquire into a possible feu, the terms, probable expense, how the funds were to be raised, and to report." The Council, at their first meeting afterwards, appointed a small committee to make the requisite enquiries. This Committee lost no time, and on 10th November they reported to the Council that the proprietor of the then Club-house had agreed to considerably enlarge it, by extending the breadth 5 ft., at his own expense, and without charging any additional rent, which, it may be mentioned, was then £4. The Club approved of the proposed enlargement on 17th November, and the improvement was forthwith carried out.

On 21st October, 1889, the Council expressed their opinion that a "new house" would be necessary, but took no action. At the half-yearly meeting of the Club, however, held on 29th April, 1890, it was moved by Mr Pitcairn, and agreed to, "that action be now taken towards securing better accommodation," and a committee was appointed to make enquiries and report. This committee first considered the expediency of enlarging the old house, and approached the landlord on the

subject. He was agreeable, and plans were at once prepared, but when these were submitted to him he suggested such modifications as rendered it, in the opinion of the committee, undesirable to proceed further. They then made enquiries as to the cost of a new house, and the conversion of existing premises to their requirements; and ultimately recommended to a meeting of the Club held on 25th February, 1891, that a new house be erected on ground which could have been obtained on feu from Mr John Oliver, in the field opposite the ladies' first teeing green, at a moderate rate. The proposal was, however, strongly opposed, and the committee were obliged to give up the idea. They again approached the landlord and ultimately he agreed to further enlarge the house, charging an additional rent of £3, or £7 in all, and this was soon thereafter completed.

With the large increase of membership which took place shortly afterwards, however, the old premises, even as extended, were found to be completely inadequate for the requirements of the Club, and the captain, Mr R. G. Laidlaw, at the annual meeting held on 18th October, 1893, suggested that, with the assistance of the Ladies' Club, a bazaar should be got up, and the proceeds devoted to the erection of a new Club-house for the accommodation of the



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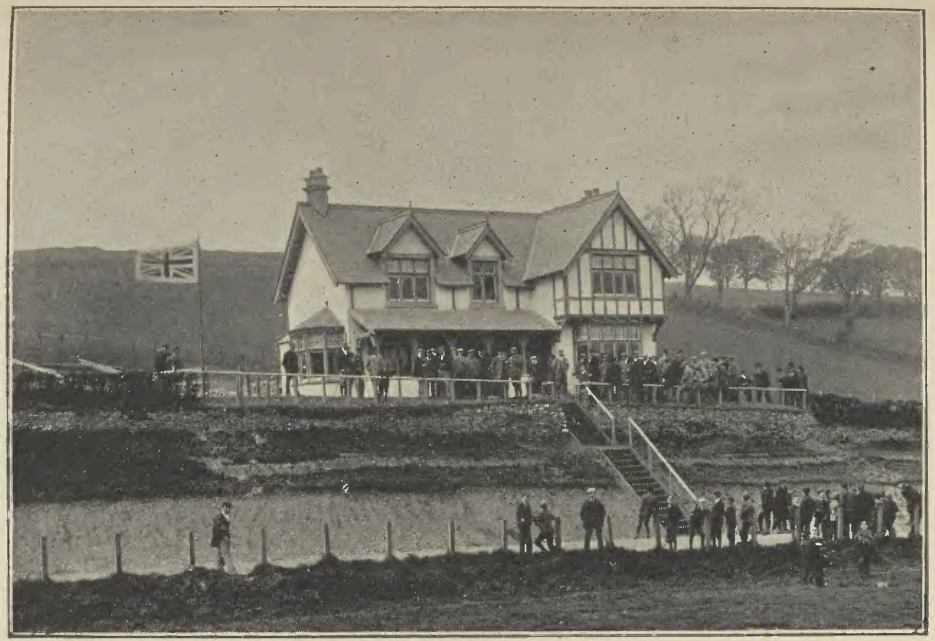

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members of both Clubs. The bazaar was heartily taken up by both ladies and gentlemen, and was successfully carried through in April, 1894. A Club-house was thereafter erected on ground on the right-hand side of the public road leading to Nipknowes, feued to the Club by his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch at the exceptionally low rate of £10 per acre. The ground feued extends to over quarter of an acre, and is well laid out. The house has a splendid situation, standing on a fair elevation facing the hill, and commands an excellent and extensive view. It is of Swiss style, and consists of Club-room for the Ladies' Club, Club-room for the Hawick Golf Club, both on the ground floor, and a house for the keeper on the first floor. There is also a shelter provided for the caddies. Altogether the house is one with which the Hawick Golf Club has reason to be pleased. It was opened on 24th May, 1895, in presence of a large gathering of members and friends, by the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalkeith, Mrs Laidlaw, Hazelwood, presenting him, in name of both Clubs, with a silver key on the occasion. A cake and wine banquet followed, presided over by Mr R. F. Watson, hon. president of the Club.

Apropos of the Club-house, a friend of an ex-captain, who had heard a good deal about it, expressed the desire to visit it recently, which he did in company with the ex-captain. Being

a Golfer himself, he thought when he was there he would like to play a hole or two, his rig out —tall hat, morning coat, &c.—in no way deterring him, and the ex-captain wishing to gratify his desire, they proceeded to the first teeing green. But alas for the hat! The ground was a bit greasy, his boots were unsuitable, the stranger slipped, off toppled the hat, and on top of it down dropped its owner. That gentleman, it is hardly necessary to say, has no very pleasant recollection of his visit to the Vertish.

CHAPTER VI.

MEMBERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, ETC.

"If ye but manage well, success will follow."—A. F.

MEMBERSHIP.

The original members, so far as has been ascertained, numbered 13, and at the end of the first year of the Club's existence there had been added 27, making the total membership 40, which on 18th May, 1880, had further increased to 46. The next record we have is at the annual meeting of the Club on 9th October, 1882, when the number is given at 65; 4 being honorary.

At the annual meeting held in October, 1883, it had decreased to 59, and in October, 1887, it had further gone down to 48. In the same month 1888, it stood at 54, and in 1889, it had again gone back to 52. In the latter year special efforts were made to increase

the membership, and circulars in praise of the course were issued to a large number of gentlemen in the town and district. The following table shows the progress of the Club from that date.

Date.	*Ordinary.*	*Working Men.*	*Honorary.*	*Total.*
October 1890	58	—	6	64
,, 1891	64	—	6	70
,, 1892	78	—	6	84
,, 1893	114	not given separately	15	119
,, 1894	158	not given separately	10	168
,, 1895	174	not given separately	16	190
,, 1896	137	46	17	200
,, 1897	147	45	20	212

This compares favourably with other Border Clubs, the membership of each of which, at the date of publication, is as follows:—Selkirk, 170; Peebles, 160; Torwoodlee, 108, exclusive of ladies and boys; Jedburgh, 100; Melrose, 90; Newcastleton, 80; Langholm, 74, exclusive of ladies; Innerleithen, 60; and Kelso, 60.

A list of members from the date of the formation of the Club is appended, but its correctness is not guaranteed. Unfortunately, the secretaries have not kept very accurate records of the admission and resignation of members.

FINANCIAL.

For the information of readers I reproduce a copy of the last balance sheet of the Club, which shows the present financial position. It was as follows:—

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS

OF

THE HAWICK GOLF CLUB,

FOR YEAR 1896-97.

Income.

1.	Balance from last year ...		£25 2 7½		
2.	Subscriptions...		102 8 6		
	Arrears ...	£8 1 0			
3.	Entry Money, Monthly and Bombay Medals		8 19 0		
4.	Entry Money, Tuesday Medals		2 16 6		
5.	Entry Money, Spring and Autumn Competitions ..		4 7 0		
6.	Entry Money, Foursome and Hole Competitions ...		2 7 6		
7.	Arrears of Subscriptions for 1896 paid		13 6 0		
8.	Bank Interest		0 2 9		
9.	Dr. Balance		18 2 10		
				£177 12 8½	

Expenditure.

1.	Prizes	£23 7 4		
2.	Rent and Taxes	31 2 9½		
3.	Green-keeper's Wage and Upkeep of Course ...	73 7 8½		
4.	Upkeep of House	18 15 0		
5.	Printing and Advertising ...	9 7 11		
6.	Expenses at Matches ...	1 16 6		
7.	Sundries	19 15 5½		
			£177 12 8½	

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets.

Club-house (portion belonging to Club) and Fittings	£400	0	0
Shelter and House for Lawn Mower	3	0	0
Horse Lawn Mower	20	0	0
4 Lawn Mowers	4	17	6
6 Rollers	3	5	0
Stobs, Straining Posts, Wire, Wire Netting, &c.	3	6	7
Flags and Discs	2	2	0
Sundry Utensils	3	10	0
	£440	1	1

Liabilities.

Account for Horse Lawn Mower and ordinary Mower	£23	7	6
Account for Stobs, Paling, &c.	8	1	7
Balance at debit of Ordinary Account	18	2	10
Balance in favour of Club	390	9	2
	£440	1	1

CADDIES' FUND ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Payment by 70 Caddies	£1	15	0
Fines	0	1	2
Surplus from Sports, 1897	0	19	11
	£2	16	1

Payments.

Repayments, 24 Caddies				£0	12	0
Sundry Payment				0	0	2
Balance in Savings Bank	£2	1	0			
,, Secretary's hands	0	2	11			
				2	3	11
				£2	16	1

JAMES J. OLIVER, Hon. Treasurer.

HAWICK, 12th October, 1897.

For many years after the start the Club barely managed to keep the balance on the right side; now we find the expenditure exceeds the income, but we think that with an increased membership, and a little economy on the part of the Council, this can in future be avoided. In the first year of the Club's existence the total income was £33 2s 6d, the expenditure being £34 18s 9d. In 1879 the income had fallen to £18 17s 6d, the entry money payable during the first year being not then exigible, the expenditure being £16 16s 11d. In 1880 the income barely balanced the expenditure, but in 1882 the Club's finances are said to have been in a satisfactory state. In 1886 the income only amounted to £20 17s 6d, while the expenditure had risen to £27 10s 11d. No important improvement took place until 1890, when for the year closing in October of that year, the income had jumped up to £40 7s 9d, the expenditure being £49 15s 5d. Since then the income has gradually increased, but unfortunately the expenditure has grown also. Particularly has this been the case during the last two years, though it may be explained that in 1896 a sum of over £70 was spent on the house and furnishings, which sum was taken from the ordinary Club funds. The following is a record of income and expenditure for the years from 1890 to the present date:—

		INCOME.	EXPENDITURE.
For year ending October,	1891	£53 15 5	£45 12 0
,, ,,	1892	52 12 3	44 12 6
,, ,,	1893	88 11 2	60 8 7
,, ,,	1894	116 6 4	91 10 4
,, ,,	1895	118 3 8	95 0 1
,, ,,	1896	122 3 7	178 19 9½
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Besides the above-mentioned sums, it may be stated that during the last four years nearly £150 has been raised by special subscription, and spent on the course and house.

That the Council have at times, if not always, exercised the strictest economy will be admitted when it is stated that at a meeting held on 5th June, 1884, the members divided on a question of printing and issuing a post card to the members of the Club, then numbering 60, and it was ultimately agreed (the casting vote of the chairman, Mr Taylor, deciding the question) not to send them, "on the ground that the financial position of the Club could not afford it!"

CLUB MEETINGS AND ANNUAL DINNER AND SUPPER.

The Club has, ever since its institution, held two business meetings each year, one in the spring and one in the autumn, at both of which general business is transacted, and the work of the Council reviewed and criticised. At

he latter meeting the office-bearers for the ensuing year are elected. At one time the Club held their autumn competition, the annual meeting, and a dinner on the same date, but this was found to be too much, and the annual meeting and dinner, which by that time had degenerated into a supper, was held in 1884 on a different day than the competition. The last dinner was held on 13th October, 1883, eight gentlemen only being present, viz.:—Messrs R. Purdom, James Henderson, Charles Taylor, A. H. Craw, A. T. Dall, John Paton, A. T. Simson, and W. Pennycook. The practice of having the competition and meeting on different days ruled until 1896, when the supper was held two or three nights after the annual meeting, a most desirable change. The "suppers" of nowadays are most enjoyable, and are well attended, but it is said by some of the older members that they fall short in splendour and in enthusiasm of the happy dinners of long ago. Others, however, have a different opinion. It is interesting to compare the toast list of 1880 (the first mentioned in the minutes of the Club), with that of 1897.

TOAST LIST, 1880.

"Prosperity to the Club," Mr JOHN AITKEN, Photographer.
"Health to the Town Council and Magistrates,"
Mr JAMES HENDERSON.
Reply—PROVOST WATSON.

"The Cup-holder," - - - - Mr CHARLES TAYLOR.
Reply—Mr G. M. WILSON.
"The Ladies," - - - - - -Mr T. L. WATSON.
Reply—Mr GRIER.
"Unsuccessful Competitors," - - Mr ELLIOT OLIVER.
Other toasts—"The Retiring Captain," "The New Captain," "The Donor of the Cup," "The Treasurer," "The Secretary," and "The Croupier."

TOAST LIST, 1897.

"Queen and Royal Family," Mr CHAIRMAN (J. S. TURNER).
"Navy, Army, Reserve, and Police Forces,"
TREASURER LAWSON.
Reply—CAPTAIN HADDON.

Presentation of Prizes.

"Prize Winners," - - - - - - - CHAIRMAN.
Reply—Mr JAMES BARRIE.
"Town and Trade of Hawick," - - - Dr MAIR.
Reply—Mr W. P. SCOTT.
"Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council,"
Mr ANDREW SCOTT.
Reply—PROVOST MITCHELL.
"Sir Renny Watson and Donors of Prizes,"
Mr JOHN MACDONALD.
Reply—Mr W. F. DIENER.
"Hawick Golf Club," - - - PROVOST MITCHELL.
Reply—CHAIRMAN.
"New Captain," - - - - - - -Mr A. LAING.
Reply—Mr C. M. PURDOM.
"The Press," - - - - - - - BAILIE DECHAN.
Reply—Mr VAIR.
"The Ladies," - - - - - - - - Dr BARRIE.
Reply—Mr A. R. OLIVER.
"Host and Hostess," - - - - Mr GOULDING.
Reply—Mr KENNEDY.
"Chairman," - - - - - -Mr JAMES BARRIE.
Reply—Mr J. S. TURNER.

HANDICAPS AND HANDICAPPING.

Handicapping is the most difficult task set to a committee of a Golf Club. It has at least been found so in Hawick. The handicaps were at first fixed by the committee according to the knowledge the members possessed of the players' proficiency, a custom which continued in force until 10th February, 1887, when a hard and fast system was adopted, which regulated the reduction of, but made no provision for the increase of a player's handicap after it had been once fixed by the Council. In 1890, however, power was given to the Council to revise all handicaps twice each year. The above system was carried out with some variations until the spring of 1895, when it was amended and elaborated by the Council, and the new Rules then framed were passed by the Club on 23rd May, in the same year. These were acted upon until October, 1897, when the Border Golfers' Association, of which the Hawick Club is a member, passed Rules which must be enforced by each Club forming that Association. A copy of these Rules is appended.

It seems at all times to have been matter of special difficulty to handicap members who did not take part regularly in ordinary Club competitions, such as medal competitions. Such players, on entering for the spring or autumn

competitions, were at one time obliged to play from scratch if they had not taken part in at least two of the medal competitions in the six months previous to either. I don't know that the rule proved a great success, at anyrate it was rescinded in 1891, having been in operation from 8th October, 1888.

In the early days of the Club the maximum handicap was 60; that was when the course extended to 23 holes. When it was reduced to 18 holes the maximum was fixed at 36, and this remained until 3rd October, 1886, when it was still further reduced to 27. It was again reduced to 22 on 3rd October, 1887, but was raised the following year again to 27, at which it yet remains.

SCORES AND SCORING.

In reading over the records of the Hawick Golf Club one cannot but be struck by the improvement which has taken place in the play. In the first few years of the Club's existence an average of 5 strokes per hole was considered exceptionally good, nowadays a scratch player counts his round from fours instead of fives, and considers he has played a "middling game" if his average is $4\frac{1}{2}$. Whilst it must be borne in mind that the course has in recent days been greatly improved, and the conditions of play made

somewhat better, it must also be remembered that it has been considerably lengthened.

The best scratch score made in a competition when the course played was one of 22 holes was 112, made by Mr Leitch and Mr Taylor on 12th October, 1878. The record for the 23 hole course was 111, made by Mr Taylor on 29th October, 1881.

The largest score recorded in the minute books was made by a well-known member of the Club shortly afterwards, viz., on 27th May, 1882, in a monthly medal competition. It is recorded thus:—"A.....r F.....r, 255—60—195," or slightly over an average of 11 per hole. It is, however, due to the player to say that "there was rather a stiff breeze, which tended to make large scores." The perseverance and patience, but particularly the arithmetical ability of Mr A.....r F.....r's partner are to be admired. Two ladies are said to hold the record for the largest number of strokes taken to a single hole, having halved the fifth or "Nipknowes" in 32!

Shortly after the round was reduced to one of 18 holes, in 1882, Mr Fernie, Dumfries, established a record of 76, which was not beaten for a considerable time. On May 21st, 1887, Mr Walter Rutherford, a golfer of note on the Borders, whose name has previously appeared in this sketch, in playing in a match against

Selkirk, did the 18 holes in 77 (38 and 39), and established an amateur record. Smaller scores were afterwards made, but not in Club matches or competitions, and it was not until 2nd June, 1894, that this record was reduced, Mr James Barrie accomplishing the round on that date in 76. The new course was opened on 12th May, 1894, and the lowest scratch score that day was 85, made by Mr James Barrie. The honour was not long in being wrested from him, however, for on the 26th of the same month Mr G. P. Ross had an 81. On 1st September Mr Barrie again came to the front with 79, and this remained the record of the course until 1st June, 1895, when the same player reduced his previous best round to 76. This score was equalled by him on 3rd, and by Mr J. S. Turner on 6th August, following. On 13th June, 1896, in playing against Mortonhall Mr Barrie did still better, returning a card of 74 (39 for the first 9 holes, and 35 for the second), and on 19th August following, playing for the Bombay medal, he had a 75, which remains a record in a Club competition, though it was equalled by him in the autumn competition, 1897, when he secured the silver cup. Mr J. S. Turner has the honour of holding the record in match play, for in playing against the secretary on 25th May, 1897, he accomplished the round in 73, though, it may be mentioned, that the first and third holes

were then shorter, the ordinary greens not being in use. The details of the best four scores are as follows:—

Mr Barrie, 13th June, 1896—4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 3, 5, 5, 4, 5, 3, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 4—74.

Mr Turner, 25th May, 1897—3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3—73.

Mr Barrie, 19th August, 1896—4, 3, 6, 3, 6, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 3—75.

Mr Barrie, 9th October, 1897—2, 5, 5, 4, 6, 5, 4, 5, 5, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 3, 3—75.

Many of the holes have been taken in *one*. On 17th May, 1894, Mr J. S. Turner playing in the Bombay medal competition had the "Pit" in 1, and the performance was repeated by Mr W. W. Forsyth on the 27th of the same month, and by Mr G. P. Ross on 7th March, 1896. On 20th March, 1896, Mr W. B. Sime had the "Herd's" in 1, and Mr G. H. Wilson holed out at the "Well" in his drive from the tee. The "Quarry" has also been holed from the tee shot. Taking the lowest recorded figures for each hole the round would work out as follows:

Out:—2, 3, 3, 2, 3, 4, 1, 3, 2—23
In:—3, 2, 1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2—17—40

It is not generally known that it was previously the custom when there was an odd player in competitions, that such player went round by himself. Here is an instance as recorded in the minutes of the Council, held on 2nd September, 1886. "As the winner of

the Bombay medal on 17th August played the round by himself, *keeping his own score*, it was agreed that in future this be not allowed, and that the odd man play with the last couple to start."

The scratch score of the course was fixed on 27th October, 1886, at 85, which was reduced on 12th October, 1891, to 83, and again on 22nd May, 1895, to 80. At the annual meeting in October, 1895, it was fixed at 75, but this was found to be too low, and it was shortly afterwards raised to 78, at which it has been fixed by the Border Golfers' Association. The above will show more clearly than anything the great improvement that has taken place in the play.

For some years prizes have been given to the lowest average scorers in 10 medal competitions, and it is interesting to note the scores with which these prizes have been won.

1889-90, the winning scores were—90·2, 91·7, 92·3, 93·3.
1890-91, ,, ,, 84, 87·1, 88, 88·4, 90·1.
1891-92, ,, ,, 86·9, 89·5, 93, 93·6, 97·7.
1892-93, ,, ,, 82¾, 84⅔, 85, 86½, 86 5-12ths, 87¾.
1893-94, the winning scores were—83, 83, 83, 83·6, 84·3, 85·3.
1894-95, the winning scores were—83·4, 84, 84·1, 85·2, 85·9, 87·9.
1895-96, the winning scores were—80·4, 80·8, 81, 82 5, 82·6, 82·9.
1896-97, the winning scores were—78·7, 79·1, 79·2, 79·6, 79·6, 79·9.

CHAPTER VII.

OFFICIALS—PAST AND PRESENT.

"In truth, a goodly company."

Captains.

The Club undoubtedly owes its present satisfactory position, at least to a very large extent, to the work of its officials. They have been fortunate in securing men to fill the office of captain who have shown themselves enthusiastic and energetic in the discharge of their duties, and who, one and all, have used their utmost endeavour to promote the interests of the Club. It must be matter of satisfaction to these gentlemen now to find that their labours have not been in vain. The following is a complete list of the captains since the formation of the Club, and will prove of interest:—

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Hon. President and Hon. Vice-Presidents.

At a meeting of the Council held on 29th October, 1883, it was suggested for the first time, that the Club should elect an honorary president, which suggestion met with unanimous approval, and Sir W. F. A. Elliot of Stobs was appointed. How long Sir William held this office is not known, but the next hon. president was not elected until 4th October, 1892, when the first captain of the Club, Mr Robert F. Watson, was nominated, and unanimously appointed. Mr James Henderson, the second captain, was, at the same meeting, elected hon. vice-president. No change in these offices was made until 13th October, 1896, when Mr Robert Purdom was appointed a vice-president with Mr Henderson. All three gentlemen still hold office.

Secretary and Treasurer.

None the less fortunate has the Club been in the selection of its other officials. Primarily it is indebted to the excellent efforts of the founder of the Club, Mr Robert Purdom, who is really responsible for a great measure of the success the Club has enjoyed. He not only started the Club, but he laboured indefatigably

to ensure its success until that was attained. The work of Mr Purdom as hon. secretary and treasurer, cannot be too highly praised, and the hearty thanks of the Club are due to him therefor. He acted in that capacity from its formation until 18th May, 1880, when owing to pressure of business he resigned the joint office. On the earnest solicitation of the committee, however, he agreed to continue to act as treasurer, and Mr Charles Taylor, teacher, was appointed secretary.

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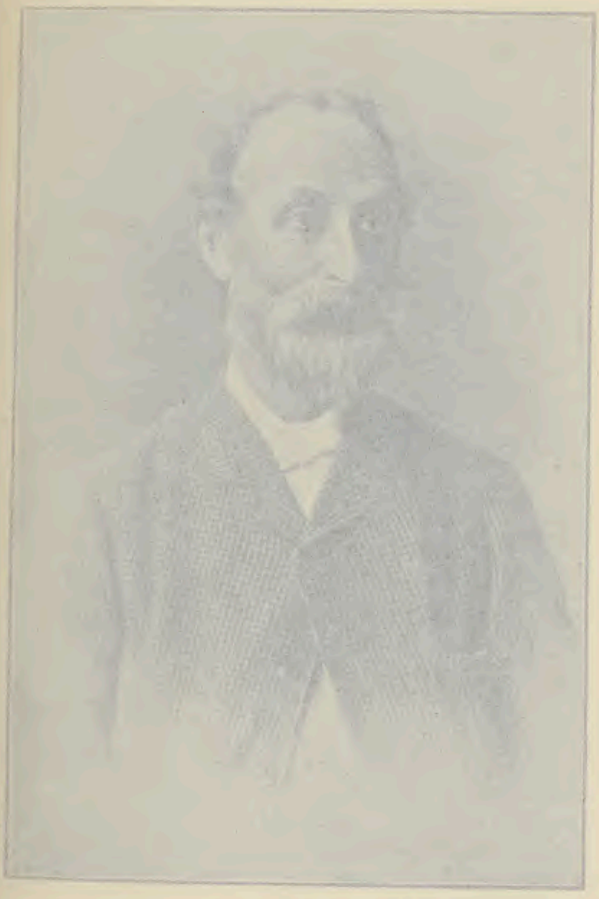

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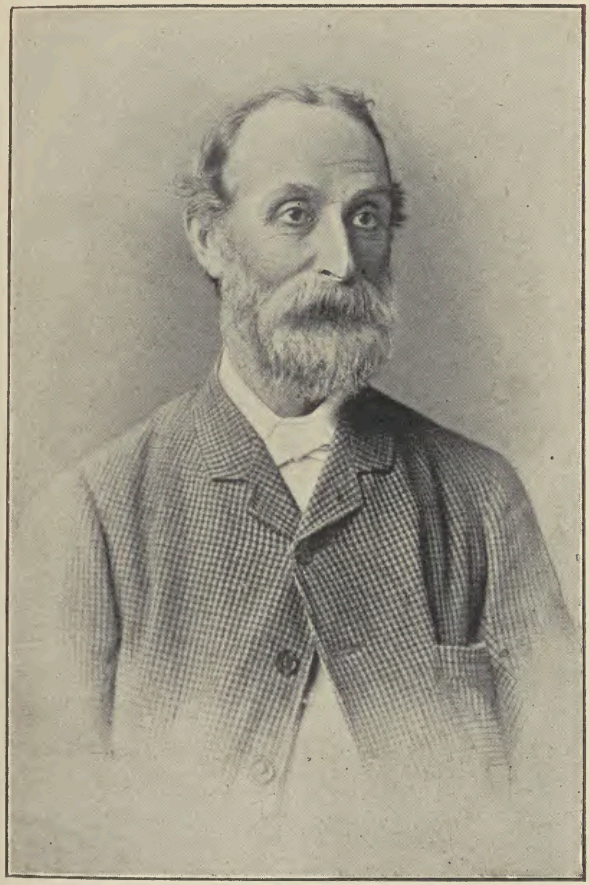

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He was a regular attender at all the competitions and meetings of the Club, and I find that the annual supper held on 6th October, 1891, was the first he had missed since it was instituted. His health at that time, which accounts for his absence, was anything but good, and a motion, of hearty and sincere sympathy with him was proposed by the captain, Dr Barrie, and passed at that meeting. He continued his membership, and retained his interest in the Club, but he never recovered his health, and died on 6th April, 1894,. In referring to his death, the captain, Mr Hume, at a meeting of the Council held shortly afterwards, said of him:—"He had been an enthusiastic member, a hard working secretary, and a good captain. He had served the Club well, had given all the schemes for its promotion his sympathy and help, and at all times had its best interests at heart. His genial and kindly presence would be missed from the hill and from the various meetings of the Club, but his memory would remain with the members."

What's in a name? Nothing, 'tis said. Yet Mr Craw on one occasion felt somewhat annoyed at a reference to the black-feathered tribe bearing a name similar to his own. He and the late Mr Thomson, grocer, a most "pernickety" player, one whom the slightest movement or noise would set on edge, were having a friendly game.

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Mr Craw, no doubt, had experience of it, not easy to obtain an audience of players after a game to the harrowing details of the would be reciter, for as a rule each one is simply bursting with impatience to relate his own woes, and explain the reasons of his own failure, or dilate upon the excellency of his game.

At the annual meeting of the Club held on 15th October, 1895, the following motion was brought forward by Mr R. Purdom, and, in the absence of Mr Barrie, passed with enthusiasm, viz.:—"That in recognition of the large amount of extra work entailed on Mr James Barrie, hon. secretary, by the recent bazaar and erection of a Club-house, and also as a mark of the Club's high appreciation of his services as hon. secretary, this annual meeting of Hawick Golf Club hereby elect him a life member of the Club." As a result of this motion, and carrying out the further resolutions of the Club passed at that time, Mr Barrie was entertained to supper in the Tower Hotel on 13th December following, and presented with a card of life membership and a handsome revolving bookcase, containing the works of all the poets "who were worth knowing." The gathering was large and representative, many others than golfers being present to do honour to the guest of the evening. Mr John Macdonald, captain, occupied the chair, the

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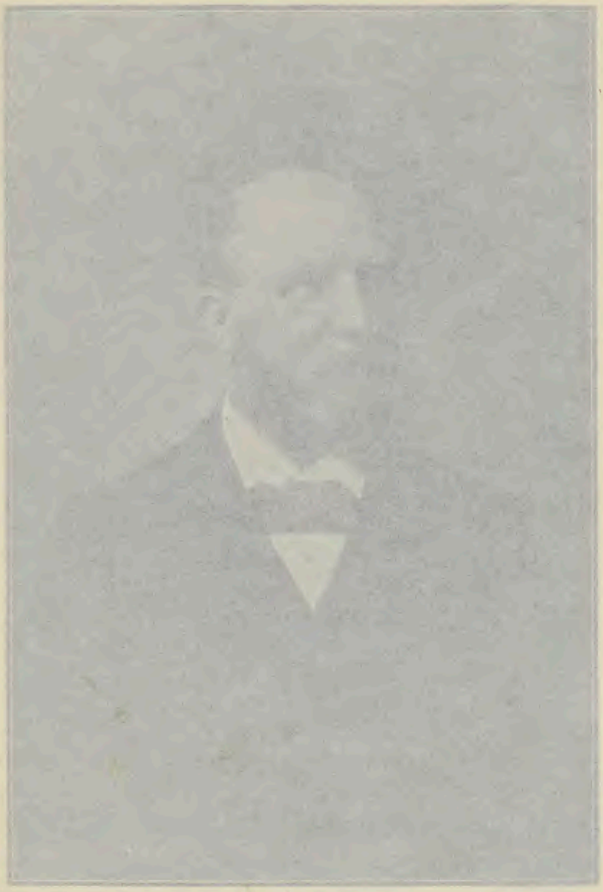

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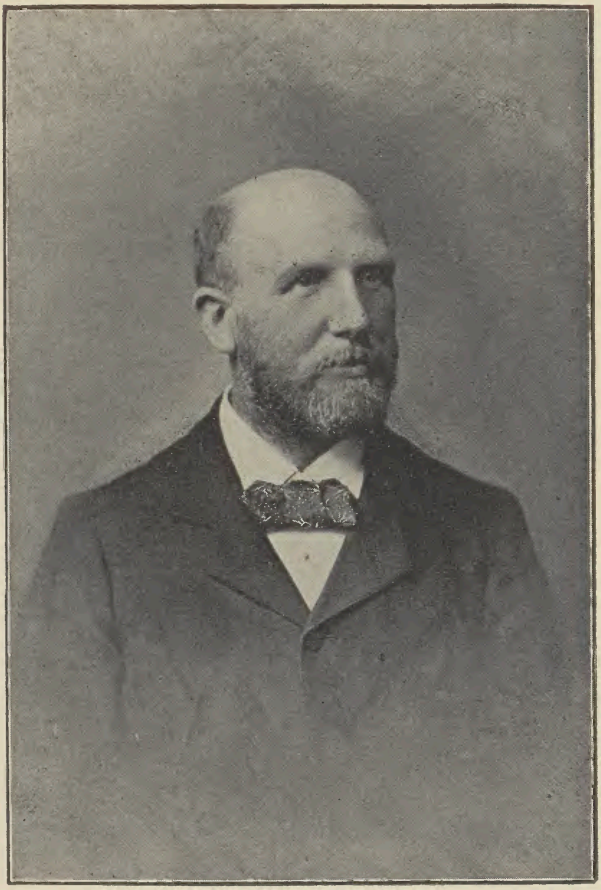

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Green Manager.

The first green manager was appointed on 13th October, 1883, viz.—Mr James Henderson. He was then a member of Council, but continued in office after his retiral from that body in October, 1884. Mr Henderson resigned on 11th June, 1888, and the office was allowed to lapse for a time. It was, however, renewed in October following, when the captain, Mr A. H. Craw, was appointed. In July, 1886, Mr John Paton, however, seems to have been discharging the duties, as in the minutes of that time he is described as occupying the post. He does not appear to have held the position long, as on 4th October the "veteran" Mr P. Cruickshank, better known perhaps as "Peter," was elected to the office. Mr Cruickshank acted with much acceptance until June, 1895, when he was appointed Club-house keeper. This necessitated his retiral, and Mr W. W. Forsyth was chosen by the Council to fill the vacancy, but he resigned on 7th April, 1896, in favour of

Mr A..N. Eckford, who still holds office. It is right to mention that after October, 1887, by resolution of the Club, the green manager became *ex-officio* a member of Council.

Chaplain.

The first chaplain, the late Rev. John Thomson, Rosalee, was elected on 12th October, 1880, and held office until 14th October, 1882, when the Rev. A. H. Dinwiddie was appointed. Mr Dinwiddie appears to have retained the office until 29th October, 1883, on which date the Rev. Douglas Powell Ware was elected by the Council. Mr Ware resigned in 1884, since which time the Club seems to have been without this official. Knowing the propensity of golfers in general to use—well—improper language, it seems a pity that this office should be allowed to remain vacant, as the very fact that there was a chaplain attached to the Club might have a restraining influence on players, and prevent them using the immoderate language we so often hear about. There is, however, a good deal of sympathy with players shown even by members of the ministerial profession, at least in special circumstances, as the following incident proves. Some years ago a prominent member of the Club was engaged in a friendly game over our course with the Rev. A..... B..... All had gone well until the players

reached the twelfth green. So far it had been a close and even game, the reverend gentleman leading by one hole. In playing to the next hole, however, the layman pulled his ball rather from the tee, and it landed in the whins to the left. It was a difficult shot to get clear, and the player failed. After two ineffectual attempts he was beginning to lose his temper, a common occurrence in such circumstances; his lips seemed to move yet he spoke not. The minister, who had meantime been looking on in calm enjoyment, saw the change come over his opponent's countenance, and anticipating his apparent desire, at once remarked—"If an aith'll relieve ye, dinna mind me."

It is astonishing how many players are habitually guilty of so "relieving their feelings." They hear others, they acquire the habit, and by and bye it so grows on them that it gets to be part and parcel of their game. A gentleman aware of his failing no doubt, but anxious to hide it from strangers, was playing in the autumn competition of the Border Golfers' Association, held at Hawick in October, 1897. He was making a "fearful mess of it" playing to the sixth hole, and he proceeded, thinking himself at a safe distance from his partner, to relieve himself by the utterance of a string of discreditable oaths. His partner had, however,

without his being observed, drawn within range of hearing, on seeing which the player at once came forward, saying:—"Did ye hear mei sweerin'?" "I did," replied his partner. "Then," says the stranger, "for ony sake dinna tell onybody. A'm the beadle o' the pairsh kirk at ————, and if it was kent aw micht loss ma job."

When Golfers lose their tempers in playing the game they are very often guilty of extremely silly actions. Some are in the habit of pitching the club after the ball when a bad stroke is played, others like to beat the erring clubs against something more substantial than "thin air," and proceed to dig up the turf with it or hammer the stobs in the fences, found on the course, more firmly into the ground, usually to the detriment of the club; whilst others vent their displeasure on the balls, driving them hither and thither without any intention of thereafter seeking their whereabouts. But all to no purpose. The game is not improved by such acts, and the player practising them, more often than not, feels ashamed of his folly. A prominent member so regarded himself recently. Playing over the wood he had a good drive, but his second was trapped in the fence. This was too much for him, and walking up to the place where his ball was he deliberately smashed his club over

the nearest post. Then realising what he had done he turned to his partner with the remark —"I say, you won't tell anyone about this." The latter promised, but it seems the story was too good to keep.

Would a chaplain remedy, or help to remedy, this state of matters? Let us try, if anyone can be found to accept the position.

The Council.

A list of members of the first Council or, as it was then called, Committee, will be found on page 13. For the seasons 1878-79 and 1879-80, I unfortunately cannot give the names of the members, but since then the following is a complete list of gentlemen who have served on the "Board," exclusive of the captain, secretary, treasurer, and green manager, who are *ex-officio* members of Council, the last named since October, 1887.

SEASON 1880-81.

James Henderson, ex-Captain.	Tom Carmichael.
T. Lindsay Watson.	A. H. Craw.
John Manuel.	H. S. Moffatt.

SEASON 1881-82.

J. A. Turnbull, ex-Captain.	G. Murray Wilson.
James Henderson.	W. S. Alexander.
John Manuel.	George Lee.

SEASON 1882-83.

T. Lindsay Watson, ex-Captain.	John Manuel.
J. A. Turnbull.	D. Turnbull.
James Henderson.	Dr Barrie.

SEASON 1883-84.

Robert Purdom, ex-Captain.	J. L. Turnbull.
James Henderson.	*W. S. Alexander.
J. A. Turnbull.	John Paton.

* Resigned 1st April, 1884; Walter Rutherford being appointed.

SEASON 1884-85.

Charles Taylor, ex-Captain.	John Paton.
J. L. Turnbull.	William Pitcairn.
Alexander Fisher.	Dr Penman.

SEASON 1885-86.

Charles Taylor.	*A. P. Innes.
Robert Purdom.	Rev. A. H. Dinwiddie.
John Paton.	Dr Barrie.

* Resigned 26th October, 1885; Robert Simpson elected.

SEASON 1886-87.

A. H. Craw, ex-Captain.	P. Cruickshank.
Dr Barrie.	W. R. Ross.
John Paton.	W. Pitcairn.

SEASON 1887-88.

Alex Fisher, ex-Captain.	John Macdonald.
Dr Barrie.	R. G. Laidlaw.
James Henderson.	

SEASON 1888-89.

Robert Purdom, ex-Captain.	Walter Hume.
A. H. Craw.	Rev. W. Burnett.
Dr Barrie.	

SEASON 1889-90.

*A. T. Dall, ex-Captain.	John Reyburn.
Walter Hume.	J. L. Turnbull.
James Barrie.	

* Resigned 25th March, 1890; John Hodgson appointed.

Dr Barrie appointed on same date to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Treasurer, Mr Paton.

Mr Craw having on 13th June, 1890, resigned the office of Secretary, Robert Michie elected. Mr Michie declined to act, and Mr Craw was re-elected a member of Council on 26th August following.

SEASON 1890-91.

William Pitcairn, ex-Captain.
Robert Thompson.
W. R. Ross.
T. Carmichael.
James Scott.

SEASON 1891-92.

Dr Barrie, ex-Captain.
William Pitcairn.
Robert Thompson.
W. R. Ross.
James Scott.

SEASON 1892-93.

Dr Barrie.
W. R. Ross.
James Scott.
Walter Hume.
T. Carmichael.

SEASON 1893-94.

R. G. Laidlaw, ex-Captain.
*J. R. Purdom.
W. W. Forsyth.
†T. Carmichael.
‡J. F. Williamson.

* Resigned 23rd October, 1893; G. P. Ross elected.
† Resigned 26th February, 1894; J. S. Turner appointed.
‡ Resigned 9th April, 1894; Dr Mair appointed.

SEASON 1894-95.

Walter Hume, ex-Captain.
*G. P. Ross.
Dr Mair.
J. S. Turner.
†W. W. Forsyth.

* Resigned 7th January, 1895; James Purves elected. James Purves resigned 22nd April, 1895; W. J. Weir elected.
† Mr Forsyth having been elected green manager, Dr Barrie appointed on 17th June, 1895.

SEASON 1895-96.

James Scott, ex-Captain.
Dr Mair.
*W. J. Weir.
J. S. Turner.
Dr Barrie.

* Resigned 3rd February, 1896; A. N. Eckford appointed.

SEASON 1896-97.

John Macdonald, ex-Captain.	Dr Barrie.
James Scott.	M. Goulding.
Dr Mair.	

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J. S. Turner, ex-Captain.	M. Goulding.
John Macdonald.	A. Leyden.
Dr Barrie.	

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CHAPTER VIII.

COMPETITIONS.

"All honour to him who wins the prize."

OPEN COMPETITION.

The first, and indeed only, *open* amateur competition that has taken place over the Hawick course, came off on 8th October, 1881. It was originally intended to engage two professionals to play an exhibition game; but the terms of those asked—viz., Bob Ferguson and Ben Sayers—were considered too high, and the open competition decided upon as a substitute. The prizes offered were—1st, a gold ornament, costing £2 2s; 2nd, a set of clubs; 3rd, a dozen balls. Many well-known players took part, including Mr A. M. Ross, Burgess; Mr T. R. Pinkerton, Viewforth; Mr Marcus J. Brown, Royal Musselburgh; and Mr Gregor M'Gregor, Burgess. The contest attracted a

large number of spectators, who watched the game with keen interest. There were in all 16 competitors, and the first prize was won by Mr A. M. Ross with a score of 89, Mr Charles Taylor being second with 93, and Mr T. R. Pinkerton third with 95. A round of 18 holes was played. The competition, unfortunately, resulted in financial loss, which was borne by the committee.

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"handicap stroke," and the winner has his name engraved on it. Since 1896 a gold medal has been awarded to the winner of the cup. The following is a list of winners and their scores :—

Date.	Number of Entries.	Name of Winner.	Score.
1878, Oct. 12	28	J. Leitch	112 less 5—107
1879, ,, 14	24	Charles Taylor	114 scratch 114
1880, ,, 16	14	G. M. Wilson	140 less 30—110
1881, ,, 15	16	W. Rutherford	115 ,, 3—112
1882, ,, 14	28	John Paton	95 ,, 9— 86
1883, ,, 13	24	W. S. Alexander	97 ,, 15— 82
1884, ,, 18	25	John Macdonald	117 ,, 36— 81
1885, ,, 17	20	Robert Simpson	109 ,, 27— 82
1886, ,, 2	19	T. D. C. Smith	94 ,, 6— 88
1887, ,, 1	28	G. P. Ross	101 ,, 27— 74
1888, ,, 6	26	G. P. Ross	91 ,, 13— 78
1889, ,, 12	19	James J. Oliver	100 ,, 12— 88
1890, ,, 4	30	T. Carmichael	107 ,, 18— 89
1891, ,, 3	22	James Purves	95 ,, 8— 87
1892, ,, 1	26	J. S. Turner	89 ,, 8— 81
1893, ,, 14	45	Clarence R. Ross	95 ,, 27— 68
1894, ,, 13	61	Dr Robert Mair	91 ,, 16— 75
1895, ,, 12	74	Michael Goulding	98 ,, 18— 80
1896, ,, 10	51	Alex. Macdonald	112 ,, 27— 85
1897, ,, 9	64	James Barrie	75 scratch 75

N.B.—The first competition took place when the course was 22 holes, the following three when it consisted of 23 holes; thereafter 1882 the course played has consisted of 18 holes.

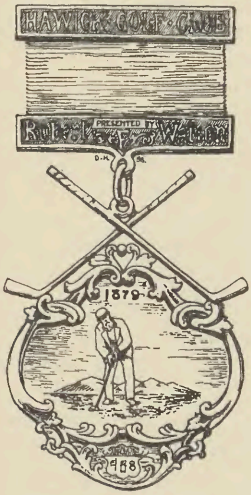
The second handicap and best scratch scores in these competitions were as follows :—

Year.	2nd Handicap Winner.	Score.	Winner of Scratch Prize.	Score.
1878	J. A. Turnbull	129 less 18—111	J. Leitch	112
1879	G. Lee	126 ,, 12—114	C. Taylor	114
1880	Alex. Thomson	175 ,, 60—115		
1881	John Manuel	140 ,, 25—115	W. Rutherford	115
1882	Dr Barrie	113 ,, 25— 88	W. Rutherford	87
1883	Alex. Thomson	120 ,, 36— 84	W. Rutherford	88
1884	W. R. Ross	120 ,, 30— 90	C. Taylor	94
1885	C. Taylor	81 plus 3— 84	C. Taylor	81
1886	W. Pitcairn	107 less 18— 89	W. Rutherford	91
1887	R. Simpson	101 ,, 18— 83	Dr Penman and W. Rutherford	86
1888	J. Orr, jr.	106 ,, 22— 84	A. T. Dall	86
1889	A. Fisher	94 ,, 5— 89	A. Fisher	94
1890	G. P. Ross	92 ,, 1— 91	James Barrie	89
1891	Dr Barrie	95 ,, 5— 90	James Barrie	90
1892	J. F. Williamson	112 ,, 27— 95	James Barrie	88
1893	A. Turnbull	89 ,, 13— 76	James Barrie	79
1894	R. Douglas	91 ,, 15— 76	James Barrie	82
1895	J. B. Sime	106 ,, 24— 82	Dr Barrie	87
1896	A. N. Eckford	100 ,, 15— 85	J. S. Turner	87
1897	R. Stirling	105 ,, 27— 78	James Barrie	75

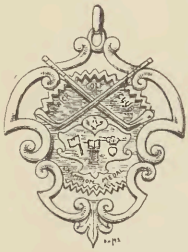
(2) Champion Medal.

This medal, a handsome silver one, which was presented by the first captain of the Club, Mr Robert F. Watson, manufacturer, bears the following inscription:—"Hawick Golf Club—Champion medal, presented by Robert F. Watson, 1879." It also has engraved on it the Hawick coat of arms, and the names of all the winners. It is awarded to the player with the best scratch score in the spring competition of the Club. It may thus be regarded as the

"blue ribbon" of the Club, and is eagerly striven for amongst the more prominent players. Few games, however, possess so many uncertainties as Golf, and it has happened more than once that, to the disappointment of the scratch men, the winners have been found in the persons of players who can hardly be said to be of the



Champion Medal.



Gold Medal.

first rank. All the more honour to them. As in the case of the Renny Watson Cup, a gold medal has also since 1896 been awarded to the winner each year, thus adding materially to the value of the prize. The following is a list of the winners, with their scores:—

Date.	Number of Entries.	Name of Winner.	Score.
1879, June 28	12	Charles Taylor	127
1880, May 8	—	George L. Lee	120
1881, April 23	—	George L. Lee	124
1882, ,, 29	12	Walter Rutherford	108
1883, ,, 28	22	Walter Rutherford	89
1884, ,, 19	18	Charles Taylor	86
1885, May 9	14	Charles Taylor	89
1886, April 17	21	Dr Penman	98
1887, ,, 23	25	Walter Rutherford	92
1888, ,, 21	26	Walter Rutherford	83
1889, ,, 20	—	A. H. Craw	94
1890, ,, 26	18	George Philip Ross	87
1891, ,, 25	24	George Philip Ross	78
1892, ,, 23	27	G. H. Douglas	89
1893, ,, 29	32	Thomas Buckham	89
1894, May 12	40	James Barrie	89
1895, ,, 21	51	J. S. Turner	80
1896, ,, 5	53	George Philip Ross	82
1897, April 24	37	James Barrie	77
1898, ,, 30	38	H. L. Purdom	81

N.B.—The first three competitions were played over the course of 23 holes, the remainder over the course of 18 holes.

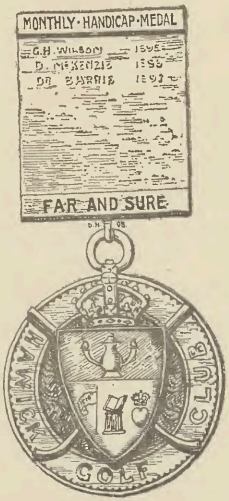
In connection with the competition for the champion medal there is also a handicap competition, the first prize winners of which have been as follows:—

1879—J. A. Turnbull - -	130 less 12	118
1880—George L. Lee - -	120 ,, 10	110
1881—W. S. Alexander - -		110
1882—W. E. Lockhart - -	155 ,, 60	95
1883—William Bennet - -	89 ,, 4	85
1884—John Paton - - -	91 ,, 18	73

1885—A. H. Craw - - -	103 less	12—	91
1886—Frank Wilson - -	104 ,,	20—	84
1887—Dr Penman - - -	93 ,,	3—	90
1888—William Kennedy - -	100 ,,	18—	82
1889—William Pitcairn - -	103 ,,	16—	87
1890—G. H. Douglas - -	92 ,,	6—	86
1891—J. S. Turner - - -	103 ,,	25—	78
1892—John Rule - - -	101 ,,	27—	74
1893—J. E. Turnbull - -	98 ,,	27—	71
1894—J. J. Rennie - - -	93 ,,	20—	73
1895—John Reid - - -	103 ,,	27—	76
1896—F. W. Rennie - -	95 ,,	24—	71
1897—G. S. Waugh - - -	97 ,,	23—	74
1898—William Miller - -	89 ,,	19—	70

(3) Monthly Medal.

"For the purpose of giving an impetus to the game, it has been resolved," says the *Hawick Express* of 15th May, 1880, "by the Hawick Golf Club to obtain a silver medal to be played for monthly, handicapped. The medal is a good-sized handsome silver one, and it is expected will bring out a large number of players at the first competition." It is subsequently described in the same journal as "a silver one with a gold



Monthly Medal.

centre-piece with the burgh arms neatly engraved upon it and surrounded by a crown. It is suitably inscribed, and enclosed in a morocco case." This, then, is the origin of the Hawick monthly medal, the result of the competitions for which figure so prominently in the press of to-day. The first competition was held on 22nd May, 1880, and the following is the result:—

1.	James Henderson, captain - -	113 nett
2.	Charles Taylor - - - -	114 scratch
3.	G. M. Wilson - - - -	121 nett
4.	W. F. Diener - - - -	127 ,,
5.	John Manuel - - - -	128 ,,
6.	A. H. Craw - - - -	132 ,,
7.	William Pitcairn - - -	137 ,,
8.	G. Lee - - - - -	140 scratch

It was agreed by the committee when the medal was purchased that 6d be levied on each competitor, at each competition, to provide two prizes for the most frequent holders during twelve months; any player winning the medal two times in succession, or three times in all, to have his name engraved on it. The first name engraved on it is that of Mr Charles Taylor, who won it twice in succession—viz, on 28th August and 25th September, 1880. Mr A. H. Craw, however, whose name appears second on it, won it thrice in succession—viz., on 30th October and 27th November, 1880, and 12th March, 1881. Mr Craw claimed that his name

should be engraved on the medal twice, having won it, as he expressed it, "twice twice" in succession—30th October and 27th November, 1880, being the first "twice"; and 27th November, 1880, and 12th March, 1881, being the second "twice." The Council of that time, however, did not see their way to accept Mr Craw's contention. Mr Taylor's is also the third name, he having won the medal again twice in succession—viz., on 27th August and 24th September, 1881. Then comes the name of Mr John Manuel, who won it on 28th January and 4th March, 1882. Shortly afterwards it was arranged that the most frequent winner of the medal during the year should have his name engraved on it, and this condition applies still. At the same time (9th November, 1882), it was agreed to give a prize of two balls to the winner of the medal each time, and one ball to the second—a condition which is also, under certain restrictions, still in force. The following are the winners of this medal for the various seasons since :—

Season 1882-83—J. A. Turnbull, after a tie with W. Bennet, who won it twice each.

Season 1883-84—Dr Penman, who won it three times.

Season 1884-85—Charles Taylor, who won it twice.

Season 1885-86—Dr Barrie, who won it twice, after a tie with P. Cruickshank, A. T. Dall, and Dr Penman.

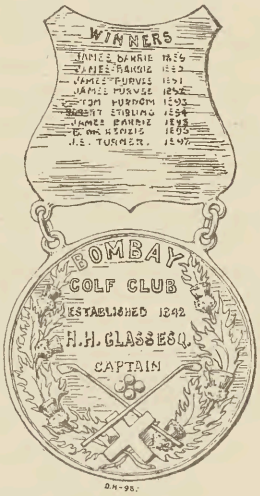
Season 1886-87—A. T. Dall, who won it twice, after a tie with Dr Barrie.

Season 1887-88—Walter Hume, who won it thrice.
Season 1888-89—John Hodgson, who won it four times.
Season 1889-90—George H. Douglas, who won it thrice.
Season 1890-91—James Scott, who won it thrice, after a tie with Thomas Hodgson.
Season 1891-92—Thomas Buckham, who won it thrice, after a tie with J. W. Glenny.
Season 1892-93—J. F. Williamson, after a tie with eleven players.
Season 1893-94—W. P. Scott, who won it thrice.
Season 1894-95—G. H. Wilson, who won it twice, after a tie with D. M'Kenzie
Season 1895-96—D. M'Kenzie, who won it twice, after a tie with William Inglis, A. Leyden, and J. F. Williamson.
Season 1896-97—Dr Barrie, after a tie with M. Goulding, who won it twice each.

(4) *Bombay Medal.*

To younger members of the Club it must be matter of interest to know under what circumstances the Bombay Medal was presented to the Club. They are as follows:—On Christmas morning, 1882, Mr Robert Purdom received from his friend Mr Thomas Lang, grandson of the Rev. Mr Cochrane at one time parish minister of Hawick, the Indian Secretary of the Standard Assurance Company, then resident in Bombay, and a member of the Bombay Golf Club, a card with various golfing caricatures thereon. Mr Purdom in acknowledging the card, at the same time challenged the Bombay Club, through his friend, to a match,

the match to be played on the two greens the same day and at same hour, the same number of players of course representing each Club, and the scores of the different players of each Club being at once forwarded to the secretary of the other, and the result determined. A novel proposal indeed! In reply to this challenge the hon. secretary of the Bombay Club, Mr F. C. Macrae, wrote as follows:—"Mr Thomas Lang has handed me the appropriate Christmas card you sent him, but I regret the Committee of our Club do not see how a match can be satisfactorily arranged as suggested. To show you, however, how they appreciate your sporting offer, they desire me to inform you that a silver medal is in preparation for presentation to your Club." The kind offer was accepted, and the medal arrived in due course. It was at first arranged to play it as a quarterly handicap medal, and the first competition took place on 28th April following, when it was won by Mr Bennet with a score of 89 less 4—85. It was



Bombay Medal.

continued to be played quarterly until 30th October, 1884, when it was decided to have it competed for monthly with an optional sweepstake. It was competed for under these conditions until 25th October, 1888, on which date the Council decided that the same conditions as applied to the Monthly Medal should apply to it, the most frequent winner during the season having his name engraved on it. Since then the following gentlemen have proved the winners for the various years mentioned :—

Season 1888-89—James Barrie, who won it four times.
Season 1889-90—James Barrie, who won it four times.
Season 1890-91—James Purves, who won it four times.
Season 1891-92—James Purves, who won it thrice.
Season 1892-93—Tom Purdom, who won it thrice.
Season 1893-94—Robert Stirling, who won it twice.
Season 1894-95—James Barrie, who won it four times.
Season 1895-96—D. M'Kenzie, who won it twice, after a tie with Gideon Wilson.
Season 1896-97—J. S. Turner, who won it twice.

(5) "*Tuesday*" *Medal.*

On 13th November, 1893, a memorial was presented to the Council, signed by 33 members of the Club, who found difficulty in taking part in competitions on Saturdays, asking approval of certain suggestions made for holding competitions on Tuesday afternoons. It was considered, and the following resolution passed :—"That it is the unanimous opinion of the Council that the Tuesday afternoon players should be

considered, and while they cannot approve of the suggestions made, they are willing to purchase a medal to be played for every Tuesday afternoon on conditions similar to those regulating the present medal competitions, with the exception that only one prize be given to the player with the best average in say 12 competitions." The medal was at once purchased, and the first competition took place on 26th December, with the following result:—

Tuesday Medal.

1.	James Purves	91	less 6	85
2.	W. F. Diener	117	,, 27	90
3.	M. Goulding	111	,, 14	97
4.	A. N. Eckford	127	,, 0	127

In the first year 32 competitions took place, Mr James Purves being the winner with 8 firsts to his credit. He also won the average prize. The second year it was to have been played for fortnightly, but only 15 competitions took place, and the winner was found in Mr W. J. Weir, who secured it 4 times. In October, 1895, it was resolved to play for this medal on

exactly the same conditions as the "Monthly" and "Bombay," and since then the following have been the winners :—

Season 1895-96—A. N. Eckford, after a tie with G. P. Ross and W. Inglis, who won it twice each.

Season 1896-97—M. M'Call, after a tie with John Reid, who also won it twice each.

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS.

Besides the foregoing, which may be termed the ordinary Club competitions, the Club have held many special competitions too numerous to mention. I will, however, refer shortly to the principal of these. The first was for a set of clubs presented by Mr James Henderson, the second captain, and a good friend to the Club, and took place in June, 1881. The conditions were as follows:—"To be played on Wednesday, 1st June, and Saturday, the 4th, 13 holes each day—the best of the combined scores after the deduction of the handicap allowance to win. Ten players to start in first half or no game. Play to begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and 3 p.m. on Saturday." Mr J. A. Turnbull and Mr Charles Taylor tied for the prize, the former with 138 less 5—133, and the latter with 133 nett. But as 26 holes had been played, and the allowances had been arranged for 23 holes, Mr Turnbull

claimed a fraction of a stroke for the extra holes played. After consulting Tom Morris, Mr A. M. Ross, and another, however, the Council did not accept Mr Turnbull's view, and ordered the tie to be played. It was won by Mr Taylor with a score of 123.

In September, 1887, a handsome gold medal was presented to the Club by Mrs Laidlaw, Hazelwood, which was played for by holes, under handicap conditions; and after many exciting tussles, won by Mr P. Cruickshank on 9th April, 1888, Mr A. H. Craw being second.

The next handicap hole competition was played in July, 1891, for prizes presented by Mr William Robson, when Messrs G. P. Ross and J. Barrie divided first honours.

For prizes presented by Dr Barrie and Mr Forsyth, another handicap hole competition was held in the spring of 1892, with the following result:—1, Mr John Rule; 2, Mr R. Michie; 3 and 4, Messrs W. Hume and John Hodgson divided.

A handsome etching, "Well-known Golfers," was presented by Mr A. Kyle, picture framer, also in 1892, and was played for by strokes, the best of 3 out of 4 competitions counting. Mr J. S. Turner won it with an average of $82\frac{2}{3}$, Dr Barrie being second with $85\frac{1}{3}$.

Two beautiful prizes were given by the captain (Mr R. G. Laidlaw) and Mrs Laidlaw, for the best average scores in 12 medal and other stroke competitions, for each of the seasons 1891-92 and 1892-93. Mr James Barrie was first in 1891-92 with an average of 87 5-12ths, Dr Barrie being second with $89\frac{1}{6}$. In 1892-93 Mr G. H. Wilson was first with $82\frac{3}{4}$, Mr Tom Purdom carrying off the second prize with $84\frac{2}{3}$.

Handicap hole competitions seem to have been greatly in favour, for still another was held in August and the succeeding month of 1893, for prizes presented by the hon. president, vice-president, and founder of the Club; and was won by Mr James Barrie from scratch; 2, Mr C. J. Glenny (3); 3, Dr Barrie (2); 4, Mr T. H. M'Lellan (5).

At the annual meeting held in October, 1894, Mr James Ferguson, Leeds, a native of the town, presented a gold medal to the Club. This was competed for by strokes (handicap), and was won by Mr G. P. Ross with an average in 3 competitions of $83\frac{2}{3}$.

For prizes presented by Mr A. S. Lawson and the hon. secretary, played for by holes (handicap) in April, 1895, the hon. secretary, Mr James Barrie (scratch) was first; 2, Mr W. J. Weir (2); 3, Mr James Scott (5); 4, Mr R. G. Laidlaw (2).

SOME PROMINENT PLAYERS, 1898.

Two beautiful prizes were given by the captain (Mr R. G. Laidlaw) and Mrs Laidlaw for the best average scores in 12 medal and other stroke competitions, for each of the seasons 1891-92 and 1892-93. Mr James Barrie won first in 1891-92 with an average of 87·5 (5), Dr Barrie being second with 89 (5) and Mr G. H. Wilson was first with 87 (5), Mr John Purdom carrying off the second prize with 84[illegible].

Handicap hole competitions seem to have been greatly in favour, for still another was held in August and the succeeding month of 189[illegible] for prizes presented by the hon. president, vice-president, and founder of the Club; at [illegible] Mr James Barrie from scratch [illegible] 2, Mr C. [illegible] Glenny (3); 3, Dr Barrie (2); 4, Mr [illegible] M'Lellan (5).

At the annual meeting held in October 1894, Mr James Ferguson, Leeds, a native of the town, presented a gold medal to the Club. This was competed for by strokes (handicap) and was won by Mr G. P. Ross with an average of [illegible] (4 [illegible]).

The prizes presented by Mr A. S. Laws and the hon. secretary, played for by hole (handicap) on April, 1895, the hon. secretary, Mr James Barrie (scratch) was first; 2, Mr W. J. Young (3); 3, Mr James Scott (5); 4, R. G. Laidlaw (2).

SOME PROMINENT PLAYERS, 1898.

The first foursome (handicap) competition was played in August, 1894, and was won by Messrs W. J. Weir and R. Hume.

An interesting mixed foursome competition took place during the summer of 1895, and resulted in a win for Miss Laidlaw and Mr J. S. Turner, Miss Nichol and Mr J. Barrie being second, and Mr and Mrs G. P. Ross third.

The most important competition on handicap terms, partly stroke and partly hole, was held in the spring of 1896, the prizes played for embracing a handsome clock presented by a lady, a travelling bag presented by Mr J. J. Oliver, and others. Three stroke competitions were held, the sixteen players with the best average in these playing off by holes for the prizes, which were won as follows:—1, Mr William Inglis; 2, Mr Walter Hume; 3, Mr D. M'Kenzie; 4, Mr J. S. Crozier.

A second foursome competition (handicap) for prizes presented by the late Bailie Park and others was held shortly afterwards, and was won by Dr Barrie and Mr W. F. Diener, Messrs G. P. Ross and R. Domingo being second.

A gold medal presented by a member was played for in the spring of 1897 (handicap stroke), the best three out of six competitions counting. It was won by Mr W. F. Diener with an average of $78\frac{2}{3}$, Mr G. S. Waugh being second with 80.

A foursome competition for prizes presented by the captain (Mr J. S. Turner) and secretary, and a hole competition for prizes presented by Messrs W. P. Scott, Diener, Eckford, and another (both handicap) were played during the summer of 1897, and were won—the former by Messrs A. S. Williams and Alexander Inglis; and the latter by Mr D. M'Kenzie; 2, Mr Alexander Inglis; 3, Mr J. S. Turner; 4, Mr M. M'Call.

The first handicap bogey competition was held on 13th November, 1897, and proved very interesting. The result was as follows:—1, Mr C. M. Purdom (captain), all even; 2, Mr J. Barrie, 2 down; 3, Dr Barrie, 5 down.

BOYS' MEDAL.

At the annual meeting held on 14th October, 1883, a silver medal was presented to the Club by Mr Robert Purdom, the then captain, to be competed for as the Council directed. The competitions arranged by the Council were very successful for a time, but the interest of the boys began to wane latterly, and about the end of 1885 the competitions were discontinued. It is noteworthy that of the boys who took part in these competitions only one afterwards became a member of the Club—Mr G. H. Douglas; but

when he did join he proved by his play that he had profited by his early start. At the meeting of the Club held on 21st April, 1888, on the motion of Mr Cruickshank, Mr Purdom consenting, it was agreed that it be made a

CHALLENGE MEDAL.

The first recorded match took place on 10th June, 1889, between Mr Cruickshank and Mr Craw, when the former won by 5 holes. Numerous games followed, but in 1890 it got into the hands of a gentleman who, so far as we are aware, still holds it. No matches have been played for seven years.

CHAPTER IX.

INTER-CLUB AND CLUB MATCHES.

"*The harder matched, the greater victory.*"
SHAKESPEARE.

INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

The Club has engaged in a large number of matches since its formation—99 in all; and on the whole has done well, winning 63 and losing 36. The most exciting matches were those with Melrose on 22nd October, 1881; Selkirk on 13th August, 1887; the same Club on 28th March, 1891, and Melrose on October 22, 1892, when there was only one hole between the teams. The weather conditions have not always favoured the players in these games. On 11th June, 1887, a match with Selkirk on their course had to be stopped owing to a severe thunderstorm, only half a round, or rather nine holes, having been played, when the Hawick players were 2 down.

When the match was concluded, however, on 13th August, Hawick scored a victory by a narrow majority. Other matches have been played in rain, hail, and snow; and many of the members have not too pleasant recollections of certain Melrose, Langholm, and Selkirk matches which were played under very adverse weather conditions. Matches between Clubs forming the Border Golfers' Association are now fixed at the annual meeting of the Association in March, but unfortunately the arrangements then made are not always kept. A vexed question with the Council has always been how and to what extent visiting teams ought to be entertained. It was customary in the first matches played to entertain the strangers to dinner, the home players themselves bearing the greater part of the cost. Now, as a rule, and following the example of other Border Clubs, only light refreshments are dispensed.

The following is a complete list of the matches played, with an abstract thereof, the season being from October till October:—

SEASON 1879-80.

Nov. 12—Lost to Burgess at Musselburgh, by 30 holes.

SEASON 1880-81.

Nov. 10—Lost to Dalkeith at Musselburgh, scoring 2 to 27.
June 4—Beat Melrose at Melrose, by 33 to 22.
Sept. 29—Lost to Dalkeith at Hawick, scoring 6 to 18.

SEASON 1881-82.

Oct. 22—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 23 to 22.
Mar. 18—Beat Melrose at Melrose, by 25 to 15.
June 3—Lost to Melrose at Hawick, scoring 13 to 21.
June 23—Beat Carlisle at Hawick, by 75 to 0.
Sept. 2—Beat Dumfries at Dumfries, by 43 to 13.

SEASON 1882-83.

Nov. 9—Lost to Dalkeith at Musselburgh, scoring 19 to 23.
May 5—Beat Melrose at Melrose, by 20 to 5.
May 10—Beat Dumfries at Hawick, by 47 to 6.
June 30—Lost to Tyneside at Hawick, scoring 12 to 14.
July 14—Lost to Glasgow at Hawick, scoring 2 to 57.

SEASON 1883-84.

Nov. 10—Lost to Glasgow at Glasgow, scoring 2 to 59.
Nov. 24—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 69 to 10.
Aug. 14—Beat Musselburgh (scratch) at Hawick, by 22 to 0.
Sept. 13—Beat Selkirk at Selkirk, by 30 to 7.

SEASON 1884-85.

Nov. 1—Lost to Melrose at Melrose, scoring 14 to 25.
June 18—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 44 to 10.
July 27—Beat Portobello at Hawick, by 22 to 10.
Sept. 26—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 11 to 27.

SEASON 1885-86.

Oct. 24—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 38 to 5.
Nov. 14—Lost to Melrose at Melrose, scoring 11 to 18.
July 25—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 21 to 14.
Sept. 11—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 15 to 28.

SEASON 1886-87.

April 30—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 22 to 17.
May 21—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 58 to 10.
Aug. 13—Beat Selkirk at Selkirk, by 22 to 21.
Oct. 8—Beat Innerleithen at Hawick, by 54 to 6.

PLAYERS IN MATCH BETWEEN NEWCASTLE AND HAWICK
WITH CADDIES.

PLAYED AT HAWICK, 30th JUNE, 1894.

SEASON 1881-82.

Oct. 29—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 23 to 22.
Nov. 19—Beat Melrose at Melrose, by 25 to 15.
Jan. 3—Lost to Melrose at Hawick, scoring 13 to 21.
Jan. 23—Beat Carlisle at Hawick, by 75 to 0.
Apr. 2—Beat Dumfries at Dumfries, by 43 to 13.

SEASON 1882-83.

Oct. 9—Lost to Dalkeith at Musselburgh, scoring 19 to 23.
Nov. 2—Beat Melrose at Melrose, by 20 to 5.
Nov. 16—Beat Dumfries at Hawick, by 47 to 6.
Apr. 21—Lost to Tyneside at Hawick, scoring 12 to 14.
Oct. 14—Lost to Glasgow at Hawick, scoring 2 to 57.

SEASON 1883-84.

Nov. 10—Lost to Glasgow at Glasgow, scoring 2 to 59.
Sep. 29—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 69 to 10.
Nov. 10—Beat Musselburgh (second) at Hawick, by 22 to [illegible]
Dec. 22—Beat Selkirk at Selkirk, by 30 to 7.

SEASON 1884-85.

Nov. [illegible]—Lost to Melrose at Melrose, scoring 14 to 25.
Nov. [illegible]—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 44 to 10.
Feb. [illegible]—Beat Dumfries at Hawick, by 22 to 10.
Apr. [illegible]—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 11 to 27.

SEASON 1885-86.

Oct. [illegible]—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 38 to 5.
Nov. [illegible]—Lost to Melrose at Melrose, scoring 11 to 18.
Dec. [illegible]—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 21 to 14.
Apr. [illegible]—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 15 to 28.

SEASON 1886-87.

Nov. [illegible]—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 22 to 17.
Nov. [illegible]—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 58 to 10.
Dec. [illegible]—Beat Selkirk at Selkirk, by 22 to 21.
Oct. [illegible]—Beat Innerleithen at Hawick, by 54 to 6.

PLAYERS IN MATCH BETWEEN NEWCASTLE AND HAWICK
WITH CADDIES,

PLAYED AT HAWICK, 30TH JUNE, 1883.

SEASON 1887-88.

Mar. 31—Lost to Kelso at Kelso, scoring 12 to 51.
May 5—Beat Innerleithen at Innerleithen, by 26 to 22.
May 12—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 27 to 20.
May 26—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 51 to 7.
June 16—Beat Kelso at Hawick, by 43 to 13.
Aug. 25—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 7 to 38.
Oct. 13—Lost to Innerleithen at Hawick, scoring 3 to 23.

SEASON 1888-89.

April 27—Lost to Kelso at Kelso, scoring 24 to 38.
June 22—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 23 to 22.
Aug. 24—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 8 to 85.

SEASON 1889-90.

Mar. 29—Beat Kelso at Hawick, by 24 to 18.
April 5—Lost to Melrose at Hawick, scoring 7 to 20.
Sept. 13—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 10 to 48.

SEASON 1890-91.

Feb. 14—Lost to Melrose at Melrose, scoring 17 to 20.
Feb. 21—Lost to Kelso at Kelso, scoring 3 to 37.
Mar. 21—Lost to Innerleithen at Innerleithen, scoring 6 to 26.
Mar. 24—Beat Galashiels at Galashiels, by 35 to 14.
Mar. 28—Lost to Selkirk at Hawick, scoring 22 to 23.
May 23—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 23 to 7.
May 26—Beat Galashiels at Hawick, by 65 to 3.
June 23—Beat Kelso at Hawick, by 25 to 1.

SEASON 1891-92.

Mar. 19—Lost to Kelso at Kelso, scoring 0 to 61.
April 9—Lost to Selkirk at Hawick, scoring 12 to 26.
April 16—Beat Kelso at Hawick by 24 to 6.
Sept. 20—Beat (with scratch team) Teviothead at Teviothead, by 57 to 0.
Sept. 24—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 6 to 50.

SEASON 1892-93.

Oct. 8—Beat Innerleithen at Hawick, by 33 to 8.
Oct. 22—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 16 to 15.
Mar. 25—Lost to Melrose at Melrose, scoring 14 to 34.
April 5—Lost to Galashiels at Galashiels, scoring 12 to 42.
April 18—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 1 to 42.
May 6—Beat Innerleithen at Innerleithen, by 23 to 7.
May 27—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 34 to 10.
July 22—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 48 to 9.
July 29—Beat Langholm at Langholm, by 47 to 0.
Sept. 1—Beat Langholm at Hawick, by 66 to 0.
Sept. 9—Beat (with scratch team) Teviothead at Hawick, by 41 to 0.

SEASON 1893-94.

Mar. 10—Beat Galashiels at Hawick, by 33 to 7.
Mar. 17—Beat Melrose at Melrose, by 19 to 9.
Mar. 24—Beat Kelso at Kelso, by 28 to 7.
Mar. 29—Beat Jedburgh at Jedburgh, by 31 to 6.
May 19—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 22 to 50.
June 23—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 40 to 2.
June 30—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 23 to 18.
July 28—Beat Langholm at Langholm, by 39 to 2.
Sept. 22—Beat Langholm at Hawick, by 61 to 0.

SEASON 1894-95.

April 16—Lost to Galashiels at Galashiels, scoring 9 to 14.
May 11—Lost to Melrose at Melrose, scoring 7 to 14.
July 6—Beat Jedburgh at Hawick, by 61 to 0.
July 20—Beat Langholm at Hawick, by 34 to 9.
Sept. 28—Beat Langholm at Langholm, by 28 to 10.

SEASON 1895-96.

Mar. 28—Beat Langholm at Hawick, by 41 to 9.
May 16—Beat Jedburgh at Jedburgh, by 34 to 18.
May 30—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 34 to 2.
June 20—Lost (with scratch team) to Newcastleton at Newcastleton, scoring 27 to 32.
June 27—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 20 to 59.
Sept. 26—Beat Langholm at Langholm, by 35 to 19.

J. S. Turner. J. Barrie. Barrie Lawson (one-player). T. Buckham.
G. H. Wilson. R. G. Laidlaw (Capt.). De Barrie. J. W. Gibson.
Jas. Scott. C. J. Gibney. Walter Dods.

HAWICK PLAYERS IN MATCH WITH INNERLEITHEN,

PLAYED AT INNERLEITHEN, 6TH MAY, 1893.

SEASON 1892-93.

[illegible] 7—Beat Innerleithen at Hawick, by 33 to 8.
[illegible] 21—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 16 to 15.
[illegible] 22—Lost to Melrose at Melrose, scoring 14 to 34.
[illegible] 1—Lost to Galashiels at Galashiels, scoring 12 to 42.
[illegible] 10—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 1 to 42.
[illegible] 15—Beat Innerleithen at Innerleithen, by 23 to 7.
[illegible] 5—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 34 to 10.
[illegible] 12—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 48 to 9.
[illegible] 26—Beat Langholm at Langholm, by 47 to 0.
Sept. 1—Beat Langholm at Hawick, by 66 to 0.
[illegible] 9—Beat (with scratch team) Teviothead at Hawick, by 41 to 0.

SEASON 1893-94.

[illegible] 10—Beat Galashiels at Hawick, by 33 to 7.
[illegible] 17—Beat Melrose at Melrose, by 19 to 9.
[illegible] 24—Beat Kelso at Kelso, by 28 to 7.
[illegible] 29—Beat Jedburgh at Jedburgh, by 31 to 6.
May 19—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 22 to 50.
June 23—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 40 to 2.
June 30—Beat Selkirk at Hawick, by 23 to 18.
July 28—Beat Langholm at Langholm, by 39 to 2.
Sept. 22—Beat Langholm at Hawick, by 61 to 0.

SEASON 1894-95.

April 16—Lost to Galashiels at Galashiels, scoring 9 to 14.
May 11—Lost to Melrose at Melrose, scoring 7 to 14.
June 6—Beat Jedburgh at Hawick, by 61 to 0.
July 20—Beat Langholm at Hawick, by 34 to 9.
Sept. 28—Beat Langholm at Langholm, by 28 to 10.

SEASON 1895-96.

[illegible] 28—Beat Langholm at Hawick, by 41 to 9.
May 16—Beat Jedburgh at Jedburgh, by 34 to 18.
May 30—Beat Melrose at Hawick, by 34 to 2.
June 20—Lost (with scratch team) to Newcastleton at Newcastleton, scoring 27 to 32.
June 27—Lost to Selkirk at Selkirk, scoring 20 to 59.
Sept. 26—Beat Langholm at Langholm, by 35 to 19.

J. S. Turner. J. Barrie. Bailie Lawson (non-player). T. Buckham.
G. H. Wilson. R. G. Laidlaw (Capt.). Dr Barrie. J. W. Glenny.
Jas. Scott. C. J. Glenny Walter Hume.

HAWICK PLAYERS IN MATCH WITH INNERLEITHEN,
PLAYED AT INNERLEITHEN, 6th MAY, 1893.

SEASON 1896-97.

April 17—Beat Jedburgh at Hawick, by 29 to 10.
May 22—Beat Melrose at Melrose, by 19 to 15.
May 29—Beat Peebles County at Hawick by 33 to 18.
June 26—Lost to Selkirk at Hawick, scoring 32 to 36.
July 10—Beat Carlisle and Silloth at Silloth, by 28 to 22.
July 24—Beat Torwoodlee at Galashiels, by 36 to 11.
Aug. 28—Beat Newcastleton at Hawick, by 71 to 1.
Sept. 11—Beat Torwoodlee at Hawick, by 91 to 1.

SEASON 1897-98.

April 23—Lost to Innerleithen at Innerleithen, scoring 8 to 23.
May 14—Beat Newcastleton at Hawick, by 45 to 3.
May 21—Beat Jedburgh at Jedburgh, by 21 to 17.
May 28—Beat Newcastleton at Newcastleton, by 27 to 9.

ABSTRACT OF MATCHES PLAYED.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Scoring		
Melrose	22	15	7	549	holes to	315
Selkirk	21	9	12	462	,,	643
Kelso	9	5	4	183	,,	232
Langholm	8	8	0	351	,,	49
Innerleithen	7	4	3	153	,,	115
Galashiels	5	3	2	154	,,	80
Jedburgh	5	5	0	176	,,	51
Newcastleton	4	3	1	170	,,	45
Dalkeith	3	0	3	27	,,	68
Carlisle	2	2	0	103	,,	22
Dumfries	2	2	0	90	,,	19
Glasgow	2	0	2	4	,,	116
Teviothead	2	2	0	98	,,	0
Torwoodlee	2	2	0	127	,,	12
Burgess, Edinburgh	1	0	1	0	,,	30
Tyneside	1	0	1	12	,,	14
Portobello	1	1	0	22	,,	10
Musselburgh (scratch)	1	1	0	22	,,	0
Peebles County	1	1	0	33	,,	18
	99	63	36	2736	,,	1839

It was in one of these matches that a very observant Hawick player detected an attempt to cheat by a player in the opposing team. After driving over the wood to the "Gate" hole, the observant player and his opponent, on reaching the brow of the hill, found that the stranger playing in front of them had lost his ball. Search was made for a time, but without success, and then the observant player saw the stranger do a would-be smart trick. Having secured a ball out of his bag, he popped it down the inside of his trousers, there being thus less chance of the fraud being discovered. Immediately the ball had reached the ground the stranger acquainted his partner of the recovery of the ball, saying—"Oh, here it is," and was thereafter proceeding to play. "Na, na," says the observant player who had approached, "jist pit the ba' in your pocket again. Its a vera cunning trick pittin' it doon your trooser leg, but it'll no dae for the Hawick players." The stranger, though he gave up the hole, protested, assuring those present that there must have been a hole in his trouser pocket.

A rather remarkable incident occurred in a match with Kelso, which resulted in the death of an unfortunate squirrel. The late Mr W. R. Ross in driving to the last hole heeled his ball badly, and it landed in a wood to the left of the course. By the side of the

ball when it was found was the dead body of a squirrel, which had, undoubtedly, been killed by the stroke.

Cows have a strange liking for new balls, and once a ball is laid hold of by one of these animals they are not easily induced to give up their tough fare. Often balls have been picked up in this way and never recovered, but a Hawick player in a match with a Border Club played over the Hawick course managed with the assistance of a cow and his Caddie to secure the "Wood" hole from his opponent. The ball was quietly picked up by a cow, which happened to be grazing close to the spot where the ball landed from the tee shot, and, I daresay, on the suggestion of the Caddie, thereafter wended its way to the green, where it was made to disgorge close to the hole, enabling the player to hole out in 2.

The genial tenant of St Leonard's has informed the writer that he has nearly a cart load of balls, taken from the mouths of his cows on getting them housed at night!

CLUB MATCHES.

Many interesting matches have at various times been played between members, *e.g.*, Married v. Single, East v. West, Hawick v. Wilton, &c., one of the most notable of which

was a match between Married and Single, played on 4th June, 1883, with the following result:—Married, 20; Single, 23. "Strawberry and cream" matches were at one time common, the strawberries being dispensed at the "High" hole; but it having been found that the last players came in for but a poor share, a protest was lodged, and as a result the matches were discontinued. This was in 1885. Some exceedingly close and exciting matches were played between Hawick and Wilton in 1886-87, the results of which were as follows:—

1886, June 8—	Hawick - -	10	Wilton - -	6
1886, June 22—	,, - -	14	,, - -	5
1886, Nov. 27—	,, - -	12	,, - -	12
1887, April 9—	,, - -	21	,, - -	21
1887, April 16—	,, - -	12	,, - -	15
1887, Sept. 10—	,, - -	20	,, - -	13

From 1887 until 1894 Club matches do not seem to have been much in favour, but in that and the following three years they were greatly in vogue, and many enjoyable games were played. Evidence of the existence of "other Clubs," not Golf, in Hawick (the town is said to be notorious for such), is given in the records of the Club, as they show that several games were played between "Border" Club and Rest of Hawick Golf Club, and "Teviotdale" Club and Rest of Club, &c.

In recent days a match which excited a great amount of interest was played between married and single members on 31st July, 1897, when the married players proved victorious by 30 to 18.

CHAPTER X.

CADDIES.

"Whilst trotting caddie follows fast behind,
Prepared with ready hand the "tees" to lay;
With nicest eye the devious ball to find,
And of the going game each player to remind."

The Club has ever since its formation experienced some difficulty in securing a body of good Caddies. Those obtained are generally schoolboys, and as soon as they leave school and get into employment they desert the Vertish for the more exciting perhaps, but less paying, to them at least, sports of Football, Cricket, &c. A good, civil, well-trained Caddie is, as an old player recently remarked, half the game, and to get such has been the desire and aim of the Hawick Golf Club for some years. With this object in view a scheme of registration was formulated by the secretary and passed by the Council on 12th September, 1894. Under this

scheme Caddies who desire to be registered apply to the secretary, who submits the application to a small committee. If passed the Caddie deposits 6d, and obtains a badge (which he *must* wear when employed or seeking employment), and his name, age, and address are entered in the register kept for the purpose. The deposit is repaid to the Caddie on his returning the badge, unless he has been guilty of some misdemeanour. This system has been found to work exceedingly well; the Caddies have improved much, both in their work and in their conduct, and a player can generally depend on getting a reliable boy if he is possessed of the badge. For the further encouragement of the boys, sports are held by the Club each year, when many very valuable prizes are competed for. These sports are looked forward to for a considerable period, and when they do come off are taken part in with the greatest zest and earnestness by nearly every Caddie.

The tariff when the Club was formed was 2d for a round of 11 holes, and 3d for a "long" round. When the course was reduced to 18 holes the fee was fixed at 4d, but in competitions 6d was usually given. The rules for registration provide that the tariff for each full round shall be 6d, or 3d per hour for registered Caddies; non-registered Caddies getting 4d for each full round or 2d per hour.

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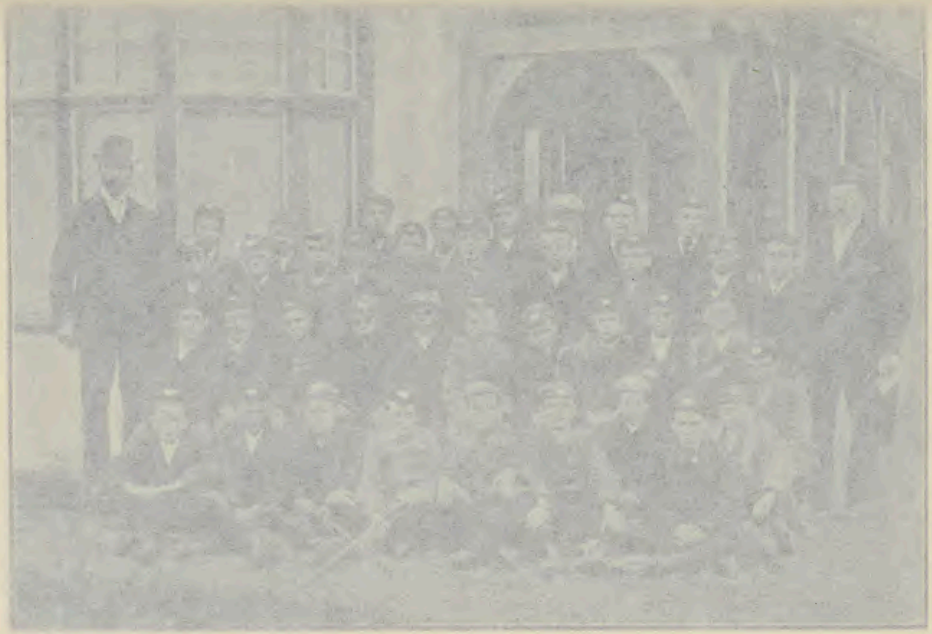

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He put the query anxiously to a Caddie standing by, who to his disappointment readily answered, "Na, that's no yours, that's Freddie's ba'."

Some Caddies "stick up" for their employers, and are even said to go the length of "backing" their favourite. Quite recently on a member making an extra good shot to the last hole the two Caddies employed were seen to be in earnest conversation. Thereafter one of them approached the player and remarked—"A'll bet ye a shilling ye canna dae that again." Little "Crow," a well-known and active, though diminutive Caddie, was asked one day on the hill what time it would be. After looking earnestly at his questioner for a time, feeling the while diligently in all his pockets, he replied:—"Man, a've left ma watch at hame." The same Caddie was carrying for a well-known gentleman on a cold, bleak day in December, when Caddies are inclined to keep their hands in their pockets. On going to the sixth tee the gentleman remarked—"Come on, boy; get some sand," on which "Crow" said to his fellow-Caddie—"Fancy! asking for sand on a day like this." He was rather a smart boy, too, who remarked when a player, who in trying it, inadvertently put the head of his club through a window of the Club-house, "That's holed in one." But what is to be said of the Caddie who had the misfortune to be rather severely injured by a

ball struck by his employer, an ex-captain of the Club. After having his wound dressed he was compensated by a handsome donation from the player. He seemed surprised, and having first critically and in a self-satisfied manner examined the coin placed in his hand, then looked up and said :—" Whan wull ye bei oot again ? Wull ye bei oot the morn ? "

CHAPTER XI.

LADIES' CLUB AND BAZAAR.

Who set on foot this grand bazaar,
And used their influence near and far,
That nothing its success might mar?—
The Ladies.

LADIES' CLUB.

Golf was confined to the male members of the community in Hawick until the latter part of 1892. At that time the "craze" was at its head, and it extended to the ladies of Hawick. It is well for the Hawick Golf Club too that it did so, for they have been greatly benefited by having the Ladies' Club associated with their own, particularly with regard to the bazaar held in 1894, and which is hereafter referred to. At first, however, the Hawick Golf Club hardly behaved in a very gallant manner to the ladies responsible for the formation of their Club, as when the matter first came before the

Council on 14th November, 1892, it was disposed of in the following terms:—"The desirability of laying out a ladies' course was also discussed, but it was considered better that nothing should be done unless and until the ladies approached the Club on the question." The ladies were not, however, long in broaching the subject to the Club, and at the next meeting of the Council, held on 22nd December following, a letter was read from Mrs Laing, Springbank, intimating the formation of a Club, and asking that a course should be laid out for them. This was done, the ladies paying an annual subscription of 5/ each. The Hawick Golf Club had no say in the management of the Ladies' Club, and whilst they laid out the course for them they would do nothing further, and guarded themselves thus:—"The Council are willing to do everything in their power to promote the success of a Ladies' Club, but this Club must be put to no expense in the matter. The Council reserve the right to close the course whenever they find that the subscriptions do not cover the cost of upkeep." This arrangement was not satisfactory to the ladies, and in July, 1893, on their again approaching the Council, it was arranged that they should pay an annual sum for the upkeep of the course instead of allowing the Hawick Golf Club to collect their subscriptions. The subscription for the first year was fixed at £5,

(which, by the way, the ladies asked should be refunded, but their request was not granted); but since the Club-house, which contains separate accommodation for the ladies, was erected, and additional greens made, the annual charge has been raised to £11.

Some people have hinted, most ungallantly, that the ladies started Golf, and chose the Vertish for their course, in order to be near the gentlemen; and whilst the suggestion has not the slightest foundation, the opinion yet prevails amongst the Rosebank residenters that such was the case. One of these worthy individuals recently remarked to a young lady who was making her way to the hill on a forenoon not long ago—"Ye're fer ower sune oot the day. There's nae men oot yet."

The first president of the Club was Mrs John T. Laing, Springbank, now of Linden Park, the hon. secretary and treasurer being Mrs Hamilton, Elm House. Mrs Laing thereafter held office as hon. president, but she retired in 1898, and Mrs Laidlaw, Hazelwood, was elected to that office. Miss Shiel, Loan, is the present captain, having held office for two years. Mrs Hamilton holds office as hon. treasurer, and Mr James Barrie, assisted by Miss Burnett, Beaconsfield Terrace, as hon. secretary. The present membership of the Club is about 60.

BAZAAR.

Reference has already been made to the bazaar which was held in April, 1894, the objects of which are sufficiently set out in the official handbook, from which the following is taken:—

"Owing to the formation of a Ladies' Golf Club a short time ago, and the great increase which has recently taken place in the membership of the Hawick Golf Club, the accommodation provided by the present Club-house has been found entirely inadequate. It has also been a great drawback to the Hawick course that it has only been one of 12 holes, necessitating 6 of these being played over twice to complete the round, and thereby causing much inconvenience to players. It has, therefore, been decided to erect a new Club-house of a size sufficient to meet the requirements of members of both Clubs, to extend the course to one of 18 holes, and to improve and extend the ladies' course.

"Since the formation of the Club its only source of revenue has been the subscriptions of its members, the income seldom doing more than meeting the annual expenditure. The members, therefore, confidently appeal to the public to support them in their undertaking, on the ground that the game is one worthy of encouragement, and that it is an object directly intended for the benefit of the community."

Under the management of a large committee, of which Mr R. G. Laidlaw, a former popular captain of the Club, was chairman, the bazaar was well patronised and proved a great success. The Exchange Hall, in which it was held, was artistically fitted up to represent a street in Cairo. It was opened on the first day (19th April) by the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalkeith, Mr R. F. Watson, hon. president, acting as chairman. On the second day the opening ceremony was performed by Sir Renny Watson, an old member of the Club, Mr James Henderson, hon. vice-president, discharging the duties of chairman; and on the third day it was opened by Thomas Shaw, Esq., Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General for Scotland, Provost Barrie acting as chairman, The stallholders and their energetic assistants, to whom the two Clubs were greatly indebted, wrought well, and on the Saturday night it was found that the total drawings amounted to £871 17s 4d. The actual sum realised, however, was only £697 2s 5d, the cost of the prizes in a large drawing on art union principles which took place, besides the ordinary expenses, having to be deducted. The bazaar, besides being a great financial success, was also a most enjoyable one, the entertainments provided being of a superior character. Particularly enjoyable amongst these may be mentioned

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CHAPTER XII.

BORDER CHALLENGE TROPHY.

A victory is twice itself,
When the achiever brings home full honours.
SHAKESPEARE.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Club held in April, 1886, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to, "That the Border Clubs should be written to, asking them to join in obtaining some form of trophy to be played for annually, the trophy to be kept for one year by the winning Club." This was accordingly done, but no definite action was taken until early in 1890. In that year a handsome "Shield" was purchased by the Hawick, Melrose, Selkirk, Innerleithen, and Kelso Clubs. The conditions of play were that each Club be represented by 10 players, and that the competitions take place over the courses of the different Clubs mentioned as

fixed by ballot, the shield to be held by the winning Club for one year, and becoming the property of the Club first winning it thrice. The first competition was held at Hawick on 19th April, 1890, when the teams were placed in the following order :—

1.	Selkirk, total - - -	920
2.	Hawick, total - - -	937
3.	Melrose, total - - -	973
4.	Innerleithen, total - -	979
5.	Kelso, total - - -	996

In the second competition which took place at Innerleithen, Selkirk was again first, Innerleithen being second, Melrose third, Hawick fourth, and Kelso a second time last. The last competition was held at Melrose on 30th April, 1892, when Selkirk for the third time in succession gained first honours, and so secured the trophy for good. The scores were :—

1.	Selkirk, total - - -	932
2.	Melrose, total - - -	952
3.	Hawick, total - - -	973
4.	Innerleithen, total - -	986
5.	Kelso, total - - -	1006

All that the Hawick Club received was a photograph of the shield, kindly presented by the Selkirk Club, and which is still carefully preserved.

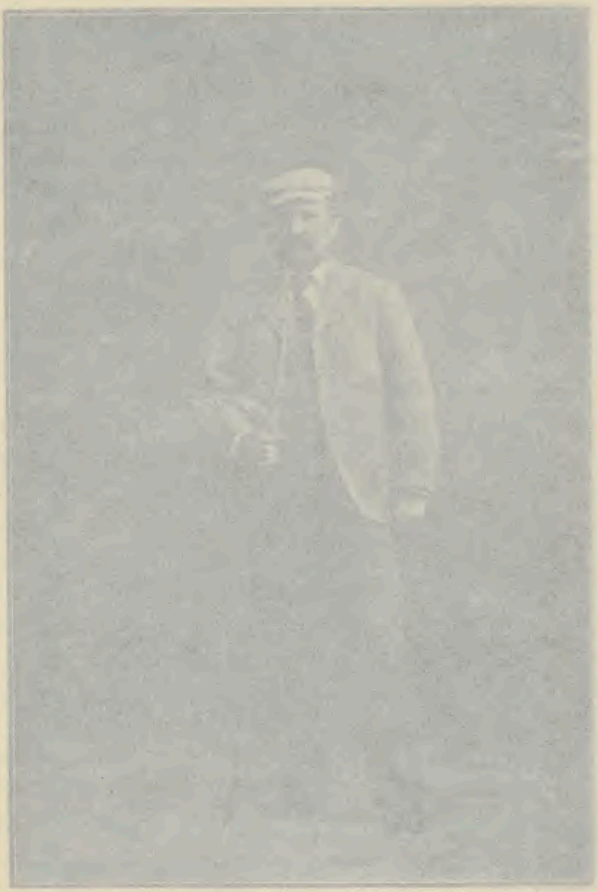
It was felt by many that the competitions for the trophy had served a useful end in bringing players of different Clubs together

and testing their ability, and the Hawick Club set themselves the task of providing a suitable substitute. The matter was first mentioned by Mr A. Fisher at the annual meeting of the Club in October, 1892, when he suggested the holding of a Border tournament. This, however, it was thought by the Council, would be taking too much responsibility upon their shoulders, and it was suggested that the other Clubs be asked to join in the movement. On going into details, difficulties arose, and to get over them it was considered that arrangements for the competitions proposed to be held could be best made and carried out by an Association comprising the Border Clubs. Rules for such an Association were therefore framed and laid before the other Clubs on 2nd March, 1893, and on that date

THE BORDER GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION

was formed, the original members being Hawick, Melrose, Selkirk, Galashiels, Kelso, Innerleithen, and Peebles. Jedburgh was admitted to membership on 15th March, 1894; West Linton on 26th March, 1895; and Torwoodlee, Galashiels, on 10th March, 1897. Galashiels resigned on 23rd September, 1897. The objects of the Association, which was the first of the kind started in Scotland, are best shown in the Rules, a copy of which, as recently amended, is appended. The

first president of the Association was Mr Walter Rutherford, then of Kelso, a former captain of the Hawick Golf Club, the hon. secretary and treasurer being Mr James Barrie, Hawick. Mr Rutherford was succeeded as president by Mr Walter Hume, Hawick, who held office in 1894. Mr John Dickson, Melrose, was elected to the office in 1895; Mr D. C. Alexander, Selkirk, in 1896; Mr Andrew Robertson, Innerleithen, in 1897; and Mr Allan Stevenson, Kelso, in 1898. The first honorary president was Sir Charles Tennant, who was elected on 26th March, 1895, and he still holds that office. Captain Cunningham, Leithen House, Innerleithen, and Captain Pringle, R.N., Torwoodlee, are the present hon. vice-presidents. The Association have held 11 competitions, which have been well attended, thus giving proof that it is supported by the Clubs forming it, and is attaining the purpose for which it was instituted. There have been 2 competitions held over the Hawick course, viz., on 6th October, 1894, and 2nd October, 1897, at the former of which there were 126, and at the latter 123 entries. The Hawick players were on both occasions pretty successful, particularly in the last, when they carried off no fewer than 10 of the 12 prizes offered. The following is a complete list of the competitions held :—



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1894,	April 28,	at Innerleithen -	99 ,,
,,	Oct. 6,	at Hawick - -	126 ,,
1895,	April 27,	at Melrose - -	117 ,,
,,	Oct. 5,	at Peebles - -	117 ,,
1896,	April 18,	at Jedburgh - -	121 ,,
,,	Oct. 3,	at Selkirk - -	103 ,,
1897,	April 10,	at Kelso - -	110 ,,
,,	Oct. 2,	at Hawick - -	123 ,,
1898,	May 7,	at Innerleithen -	131 ,,

The championship medal has been won by the following gentlemen :—

	Scores.	Total.
1893—T. D. C. Smith, Kelso - -	93 and 89	182
1894—Charles Todd, Hawick - -	80 and 83	163
1895—Andrew Robertson, Innerleithen	84 and 88	172
1896—John Hardie, Selkirk - -	86 and 85	171
1897—Walter Rutherford, Jedburgh -	87 and 84	171

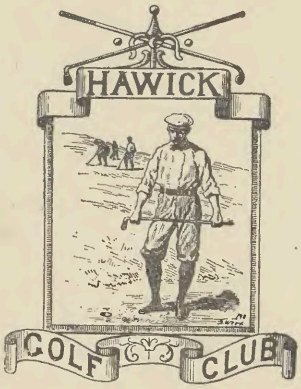
CHAPTER XIII.

GENERAL.

The Club's colour, as originally chosen, was "scarlet," but this may be said to have degenerated into one of many hues, a veritable Joseph's coat in fact, for on the hill you find all the colours under the sun being worn. Some members, be it acknowledged, stick to the bright red jacket, others wear their coats for such a length of time that it is difficult to trace either the original colour, or even the original garment, while others prefer a butcher's plain killing jacket for ease and comfort, but the majority use up their old coats when pursuing the royal and ancient game.

The above is a copy of the original "crest" of the Club, which was adopted in November,

1880, and was in use until recently. It is not very elegant, is now a little out of fashion, and has with advantage been changed in recent days. The Council have now adopted as their "crest" the appended, which is from a drawing by Mr Frank Wood.



Few of the members know the source from which the Club flag, which is brought out on all special occasions, was obtained. It was presented by the Club's founder on 26th August, 1882, and was first used at the opening of the Dodburn Waterworks shortly afterwards. It has no connection with the Common-Riding flag! though the Club are loyal enough to exhibit it at the annual and time-honoured festival.

As has already been mentioned, the Club enjoy the privilege of utilising the Vertish for a Golf course on payment of the nominal rent of 10/ per annum. The present Town Council are not, however, unanimous in the grant of the hill on such favourable terms to the Club, and on 26th May, 1894, it was moved that the rent be raised to £10. The motion was, however, defeated by

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Mr P. Cruickshank, "the veteran," was appointed to the office of Club-house keeper in January, 1885, and entered on his duties in May following. He now also occupies the post of green-keeper. An amusing photograph of the veteran and a well-known and popular player is reproduced in this volume.

On the suggestion of Mr John Macdonald, the then captain, a visitor's book was placed in the Club-house in January, 1896, since which time, as this book shows, the course has been patronised by a large number of strangers, all of whom are at one in their unbounded praise of the course and greens. The most noted visitor has been Mr Thomas Shaw, Q.C., M.P., who on 31st December, 1896, played round with the hon. secretary, having as their opponents Mr J. S. Turner and Mr M. Goulding.

After a close and exciting match, the game finished all even. The course has also been visited by Mr W. B. Taylor, ex-Irish champion, and many other players of note.

By the kind permission of the author, I am enabled to quote an excellent poem illustrative of a despondent yet hopeful golfer, by the Rev. George Davidson, Allars U.P. Manse, a prominent player of no mean ability, who unfortunately for Hawick and the Hawick Golf Club has recently left the town, having been elected pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Adelaide. It is taken from "Hawick Songs and Song Writers" before referred to, and with this I conclude:—

I'LL NEVER PLAY GOLF ANY MORE.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast."—*Pope.*

I have climbed the Loan a hundred times
  On the way to Vertish Hill;
The caddies I've met by St Mary's chimes,
  And engaged them with right goodwill.
But now, alas! 'tis a hope that is past,
  The game's a perfect bore;
The strain on my brain can no longer last—
  I'll never play *golf* any more.

I've a scarlet coat and all the rest,
  I can polish my irons bright;
I can swing my club with infinite zest
  In my bedroom by candle light.
But whenever I take my way to the Hill,
  And face the actual ball,
My nerve, my strength, and my fancied skill
  Get a shock beyond recall.

I dreamed of taking tremendous drives,
  And of reaching the green in one,
Going the round in "fours" and "fives,"
  Till the eighteen holes were done.
But now I have no heart for dreams,
  My limbs are aching sore;
The silliest game, to me, it seems,
  Is golf—and I'll play no more.

I've watched crack hands drive off from the tee,
  With envious eyes and soul;
They drove a long ball and they laughed with glee,
  And in "two" lay close to the hole.
But *I* can't do it; my ball won't fly;
  I've tried it so often before;
Could I do it but once, I would gladly die,
  And *never* play golf any more!

To have my praise as a golfer sung,
  I've started with wild desire;
My cleek I have swung till lip and tongue
  Were bitten and hot as fire.
I lifted the clods and I missed the ball,
  And I hoarsely yelled out "Fore!"
And now my sweetness is turned to gall—
  I'll never *play* golf any more.

I've scattered the balls like winter's hail,
  In bunker and burn and grass;
Up to the knees, and with anger pale,
  I have plunged through the wild morass.
And few of those balls have I ever found,
  I started with quite a store;
But as long as I live, another round
  At golf—*I'll* never play more.

I've smashed my clubs that looked so grand,
  Brassey and bulger and spoon;
Only the shafts are left in my hand,
  And the heads have gone up to the moon.

I've ploughed the ground with furious sound,
  As I tried to reduce my score ;
On every spot my mark may be found,
  But I'll never play golf any more.

From Vertish Hill I've ta'en my last view
  Of the landscape, in sorrowful mood ;
To the greens and the glades I have murmured "Adieu!"
  And replaced all the turf I could.
Yet who knows? Perhaps to-morrow I'll stand
  With hope in my heart as of yore,
With a ball at the tee, and a bulger in hand,
  Just to try the old game *once more!*

APPENDIX.

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LIST OF ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB SINCE ITS FORMATION.

N.B.—Those marked with an asterisk (*) have been re-admitted at a subsequent date.

The original members so far as ascertained were:—

Robert Purdom, solicitor.
Charles Taylor, teacher, transferred to hon. member, 24th June, 1886.
*John Manuel, burgh surveyor, resigned 1881.
George Grier, solicitor.
James Henderson, hosiery manufacturer.
George Lee, warehouseman, left 1887.
Walter Rutherford, farmer, Crailing Tofts, resigned 1888.
Alexander Reside, tweed agent, London, resigned 1882.
A. R. Turnbull, dyer, Mansfield, resigned 1882.
J. A. Turnbull, draper, Howegate, resigned 1897.
Robert F. Watson, manufacturer.
T. Lindsay Watson, manufacturer.
W. R. Watson, engineer, Glasgow, resigned 1884.

In 1879 the following gentlemen had been added to the membership :—

W. S. Alexander, manufacturer, Heronhill, resigned 1st April, 1884.
A. Borthwick, tweed merchant, Union Street, resigned 1882.
*Tom Carmichael, Bridge House, resigned 1884.,
James R. Carmichael, solicitor, Bridge House, resigned 1881.
A. H. Craw, printer, Wilton Hill, died 6th April, 1894.
*W. F. Diener, tweed merchant, Bourtree Place, resigned 1881.
J. T. S. Elliot, Wolfelee. resigned 1891.
Andrew Ewen, manufacturer, Millbank, resigned 1881.
James Hobkirk, farmer, Broadhaugh, resigned 1881.
William Hobkirk, joiner, Allars Crescent, resigned 1881.
Robert Hogg, manufacturer, North Bridge Street, resigned 1885.
Robert Hamilton, commercial traveller, resigned 1881.
*T. A. Laing, manufacturer, Slitrig House, resigned 1884.
*P. A. Laing, manufacturer, Slitrig House, resigned 1885.
*John T. Laing, manufacturer, Springbank, resigned 1881.
W. E. Lockhart, Branxholme, resigned 1886.
H. S. Moffatt, manufacturer, resigned 25th October, 1882.
*A. R. Oliver, Thornwood, resigned 1881.
*William Pitcairn, teacher, Buccleuch School, resigned 1891.
Walter Purdom, farmer, Easter Wooden, Roxburgh, resigned 1881.
John Richardson, manufacturer, Galashiels, resigned 1882.
*James Renwick, hosiery manufacturer, resigned 1881.
James Stewart, Wilton Manse, resigned 1881.
James Stewart, estate clerk, Branxholm, resigned 23rd May, 1883.
Tom Smith, manufacturer, Selkirk, resigned 14th October, 1885.

Rev. John Thomson, Rosalee, resigned 14th October, 1882.
Alexander Thomson, grocer, 6 Howegate, resigned 1888.
David Turnbull, Briery-yards, resigned 1888.
*G. M. Wilson, manufacturer, Ladylaw, resigned 1885.

At 18th May, 1880, the following additional names appear in the first official list of members extant:—

Tom Cathrae, coal agent, resigned 1881.
Thomas Dall, resigned 14th October, 1881.
*Luke Greenwood, manufacturer, resigned 1883.
*J. Locke, manufacturer, Selkirk, resigned 1881.
J. R. Marshall, manufacturer, Selkirk, resigned 1881
*John Oliver, solicitor, Borthaugh, resigned 25th October, 1882.
J. J. Richardson, 4 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, resigned 1881.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1881.	
April 16	*A. K. Innes, tweed merchant, resigned 1881.
June 24	James Orr, postmaster, resigned 1884.
	Charles J. Grieve, Branxholme Park, resigned 1885.
	Thomas Usher, Courthill, resigned October, 1896.
Oct. 14	John J. Vernon, dentist, resigned 1885.
Nov. 21	Robert Michie, Ella Bank.
1882.	
March 4	Alexander Fisher, Wilton Hill, resigned 1895.
	William Bennett, bank clerk, resigned 1887.
	William Pennycook, Melrose, resigned 1884.
March 30	A. T. Dall, bank accountant, Hawick, resigned 25th March, 1890.
April 29	*Thomas Maben, chemist, resigned 1884.
	*John Paton, law clerk, resigned 28th January, 1890.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1882.	
May 22	Dr Grierson, Melrose, resigned 1886.
	John Freer, solicitor, Melrose, resigned 1884.
	Thomas S. Bogie, Melrose, resigned 1884.
	Dr Barrie, Hawick.
	J. L. Turnbull, commercial traveller, resigned 6th April, 1891.
June 3	A. T. Simson, Melrose, resigned 1883.
	D. Wylie, Hawick, resigned 1885.
June 13	William Aitchison, Brieryhill, resigned 1883.
June 24	Rev. A. H. Dinwiddie, Hawick, resigned 1887.
	A. E. Scougall, Melrose, resigned 1883.
July 24	James Scott, seedsman.
Aug. 23	John Turnbull, grocer, High Street.
Aug. 26	Rev. Stewart Burns, St Mary's Church, resigned 1884.
Oct. 25	T. D. C. Smith, Kelso, resigned 1886.
Nov. 1	Frank T. Robertson, Melrose, resigned 1883.
1883.	
April 21	Rev. Douglas Powell Ware, The Parsonage, resigned 1884.
	*John R. Purdom, law clerk, resigned 1884.
	*Charles M. Purdom, law clerk, resigned 1887.
April 28	John Henderson, Minto Kaimes, resigned 1883.
May 23	William Turnbull, Tower Knowe, resigned 1885.
	William Kennedy, Crown Hotel.
	Dr Penman, Bridge Street, resigned 1889.
July 9	John Forgan, clubmaker, resigned 1883.
Oct. 3	A. P. Innes, manufacturer, died 9th May, 1889.
	A. W. Kerr, Commercial Bank, resigned 1884.
Nov. 16	Robert Burnet, shoemaker, resigned 1886.
	Robert Thompson, baker.
	George Wilson, printer, resigned 1885.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1884.	
April 19	John Macdonald, superintendent of police.
	Frank Wilson, Beaconsfield Terrace.
	John Campbell, Royal Bank, left 1885.
	Robert Simpson, drysalter, transferred to hon. member 1890.
May 6	Rev. W. Vassie, Newcastleton, resigned 1885.
June 24	W. R. Ross, chemist, High Street, died 9th January, 1895.
Oct. 6	*Adam Grant, musicseller, resigned 1888.
Oct. 20	John Paterson, ironmonger, resigned 1885.
	W. M. Taylor, Wilton Hill, resigned 14th September, 1891.
	Peter Cruickshank, cabinetmaker.
1885.	
Oct. 22	R. A. Davidson, tobacconist, resigned 1886.
	William Morrison, publisher, left 1890.
1886.	
Feb. 19	W. S. Irving, teacher, resigned 1889.
April 24	*Rev. George Davidson, Allars Manse, resigned 1891.
	Rev. Thomas Cockburn, Rillmount, resigned 1886.
Oct. 4	R. G. Laidlaw, Hazelwood.
Oct. 27	J. A. Henderson, grocer.
1887.	
Feb. 10	James Reyburn, hosiery manufacturer, resigned 5th October, 1896.
	John Reyburn, hosiery manufacturer, resigned 19th September, 1894.
	*James Renwick, hosiery manufacturer, resigned 1888.
	W. M. Syme, solicitor, resigned 1891

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1887.	
Aug. 4	—James Rodgers, mill manager.
	*James Glendinning, teacher, resigned 1888.
	*G. P. Ross, chemist, resigned July, 1891.
	Walter Hume, teacher.
Sept. 14	—*James Orr, jr., clerk, Post Office, resigned 1889.
	J. H. Miller, clerk, Dalkeith Place, resigned 1891.
Oct. 3	—R. T. Greenwood, Roadhead, resigned 1888.
1888.	
Feb. 4	—Rev. W. Burnett, St John's, resigned 1889.
March 10	—Rev. John Gordon, Slitrig Crescent, resigned 1890.
	Samuel Fingland, manufacturer, resigned 1891.
June 25	—Alexander Purves, Imperial Hotel, resigned 1892.

The following gentleman appear to have been admitted members during 1888, but no record of their admission exists :—

L. O. Telfer, Northcote Street, resigned 1889.
James J. Oliver, solicitor.
John Marshall, 8 Union Street, resigned 15th December, 1890.
John Hodgson, teacher, Dovecote Street, resigned 1893.
Adam Rule, dyer, North Bridge Street, died 31st December, 1893.
D. T. Hardie, Eastfield Mills, resigned 7th January, 1895.
John Rule, Allars Crescent, transferred to hon. member 1895.
James Barrie, solicitor.
Colin Jardine, 31 High Street, resigned 11th February, 1891.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1889.	
June 4	Thomas Carmichael, Craigmore, resigned 9th April 1894.
	L. Walker, Buccleuch Temperance Hotel, resigned 1889.
	Alexander Chisholm, 23 Lothian Street, resigned 31st March, 1891.
Oct. 21	W. W. Forsyth, grocer, left 1897.
	Dr Lorraine, North Bridge Street, elected hon. member 1894.
1890.	
April 8	G. H. Douglas, teacher, resigned 22nd December, 1893.
April 22	Thomas Maben, chemist.
April 29	Dr Mair, Oliver Crescent.
	Robert C. Fraser, Buccleuch Place, left 1897.
May 14	John T. Dodd, Riccarton, resigned 28th January, 1893.
June 4	John Turnbull, jr., Bank House.
	James Purves, Bridge Hotel, resigned 22nd April, 1895.
	W. B. Sime, manufacturer.
	J. E. Turnbull, Ormiston.
Aug. 26	Dr Wade, Bridge Street, resigned 1892.
Sept. 26	G. H. Wilson, Deanfield.
	J. W. Glenny, Bucklands.
Oct. 3	Thomas Hodgson, teacher, transferred to hon. member 1893.
Oct. 7	Robert K. Burnet, watchmaker, resigned 5th June, 1894.
	C. J. Glenny, Bucklands.
	J. R. M'Gee, I.R. Officer, left 1891.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1890.	
Oct. 14	J. B. Cowan, Commercial Bank, transferred to hon. member 28th January, 1893.
	J. P. Alison, architect.
	James S. Turner, Beaconsfield Terrace.
1891.	
Feb. 11	James W. A. Gibb, Primrose Cottage, resigned 23rd October, 1896.
	A. S. Williams, teacher.
	W. A. Innes, The Firs.
Mar. 31	William Robson, solicitor, resigned 4th December, 1893.
	Alex. Morrison, Bridge Street.
	Dr Bannerman, Bridge Street.
April 28	Adam Laing, solicitor.
June 10	Robert Pringle, Rillmount.
	William Dalgleish, clerk, resigned 19th September, 1894.
	Tom Henderson, Woodside.
July 2	James Paisley, ironmonger.
	Tom Ker, commercial traveller.
Sept. 4	J. F. Williamson, manufacturer.
Oct. 22	M. Goulding, I.R. Officer.
	John R. Purdom, solicitor.
	William Turner, Beaconsfield Terrace, died 30th August, 1894.
1892.	
Feb. 15	Thomas Buckham, Havelock Street, left 1893.
April 22	E. D. Paton, Sinton Parkhead, resigned 7th January, 1895.
	Rev. A. M. Thomson, St. John's, resigned 1894.
	J. Laurie, teacher.
May 6	James Hill, machinist, Allars Bank, resigned 13th October, 1893.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1892.	
May 6	—Robert Hume, warehouseman, Gladstone Street.
June 7	—Andrew Haddon, solicitor.
	Rev. Charles Allan, East Bank, transferred to hon. member, 1895.
	Walter Smail, spinner, resigned 1893.
July 6	—George Gibson, 13 Wilton Place, resigned 1893.
	G. P. Ross, chemist.
Sept. 21	—John Orr, clerk, Wilton Hill, resigned 13th November, 1893.
	Robert Laidlaw, 10 Wellogate Place, resigned 1896.
	David Mackay, 2 Waverley Cottages, resigned 1893.
	John J. Rennie, jr., Wilton Hill.
Oct. 4	—John Oliver, solicitor, Borthaugh.
	P. A. Laing, Balcary.
	T. H. M'Lellan, teacher.
	Robert Stirling, teacher.
Oct. 10	—Robert Domingo, *Advertiser* Office.
	Adam Grant, musicseller.
	*Tom Purdom, Westwood, resigned 25th January, 1895.
Nov. 14	—John Bulman, National Bank, resigned 4th May, 1897.
	C. M. Purdom, National Bank.
	Douglas Oliver, Thornwood, resigned 22nd December, 1893.
	*Robert Simpson, 47 High Street, resigned 25th March, 1895.
	Rev. J. Stuart, Kirkton, resigned 1896.
Dec. 22	—J. B. Sime, Ivybank.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1893.	
Jan. 28	Robert Barron, draper, High Street, resigned 1893.
April 13	G. A. Robinson, photographer, resigned 19th September, 1894.
	John Jardine, grocer.
	John Barclay, Royal Bar.
	William Rutherford, Queen's Head, resigned 13th October, 1893.
	W. Lindsay Watson, Leaburn, resigned 18th October, 1897.
May 2	James Renwick. senr., hosiery manufacturer, resigned 17th May, 1897.
	James Renwick, jr., hosiery manufacturer.
	Jamieson, 47 High Street, left 1893.
July 7	J. L. Hood, manufacturer.
	L. D. Wigan, Chisholme, resigned 11th November, 1895.
	James Currie, Marlfield, resigned 7th January, 1895.
	Walter Wight, 58 High Street.
	George Miller, 10 Waverley Terrace.
	Rev. W. C. Millar, Wellington Church, resigned 19th September, 1894.
	W. F. Diener, Bridge Street.
	Thomas Evans, photographer, resigned 19th September, 1894.
	Thomas Scott, Thorterdykes.
Aug. 9	F. W. Smith, mill foreman, resigned 4th August, 1896.
	Robert Grieve, Branxholme Braes.
	C. R. Ross, 48 High Street, resigned 1894.
	W. J. Weir, hatter, High Street, resigned 3rd February, 1896.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1893.	
Aug. 26	Adam Turnbull, teacher (1), resigned 7th April, 1896.
	A. H. Drummond, Sandbed.
	James Blair, Wilton Hill, resigned 6th July, 1896.
	Thomas Scott, commercial traveller.
	William K. Barron, draper, High Street, resigned 1894.
	James Turnbull, Ormiston.
	Thomas A. Laing, Netherwood.
Sept. 28	G. M. Wilson, Kilmeny, resigned 25th January, 1895.
	Dr Peterkin, Elm House, resigned 1895.
	Frank Wood, artist, transferred to hon. member 25th January, 1895.
	George Brydon, grocer.
Oct. 13	Robert Grierson, Whitchesters, resigned 25th January, 1895.
Oct. 18	James Edgar, *Express* Office.
	Gideon Wilson, manufacturer.
	D. M'Kenzie, clothier.
	W. M. Davidson, clothier, resigned 25th January, 1895.
	Archibald Glen, draper, left 1895.
	William Telfer, blacksmith.
	D. Forbes, The Emporium, left 1894.
	William Aimers, joiner, resigned 6th July, 1896.
	A. N. Eckford, grocer.
Oct. 23	W. P. Scott, hosiery manufacturer.
	Robert Douglas, 4 Beaconsfield Terrace, resigned 7th January, 1895.
	Alexander Macdonald, 13 Oliver Crescent.
Nov. 13	Frank Fenwick, Tower Hotel, resigned 25th March, 1895.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1893.	
Nov. 13	W. T. Armour, stockbroker, Edinburgh.
	William Pitcairn, teacher.
	T. H. Armstrong, solicitor.
Dec. 4	Henry Bissett, draper, resigned 7th January, 1895.
Dec. 11	J. T. Vair, *News* Office.
Dec. 22	James Marchbank, Wellington Street, resigned 1895.
	J. D. Kirkland, solicitor, resigned 7th January, 1895.
	Andrew Renwick, draper, resigned 25th January, 1895.
1894.	
Feb. 26	Colonel Graham, Minto Kaimes, resigned 1894.
	A. Hastie, draper, resigned 3rd February, 1896.
April 9	James Scott, Langholm, resigned 1895.
	A. J. Craig, Langholm, resigned 1895.
	Charles Todd, Carlisle, resigned 1896.
May 8	Robert Reid, Buccleuch Hotel, resigned 4th May, 1897.
	D. O. Drummond, Sandbed, resigned 28th March, 1898.
	A. F. Macnee, teacher, resigned 1894.
	George J. Smith, clerk, resigned 4th May, 1897.
	James Shiel, designer.
	Andrew Gilroy, Howegate, resigned 1895.
	George Darling, grocer.
	A. J. Robertson, Salmon Inn.
May 15	J. D. Pringle, Langlands.
	James Shiel, 2 Loan.
	Tom Grieve, plumber.
	William R. Wilson, manufacturer.
	John M'Nairn, jr., Gladstone Street.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1894.	
May 15	James Reid, 5 Beaconsfield Terrace.
	Tom Law, Slitrig Crescent, resigned 6th July, 1896.
	John Rennie, sen., Wilton Hill.
	Robert Scott, Drumlanrig Square, resigned 1894.
	Thomas Scott, baker.
	Walter Lawson, Beaconsfield Terrace, resigned September, 1896.
	James Shiel, bank clerk, resigned 1897.
June 5	Walter Rennie, Wilton Hill.
	Robert Wilson, Beaconsfield Terrace.
July 12	John Scott, 21 Bridge Street.
	George Macdonald, 9 Havelock Street, resigned 7th September, 1896.
	Joseph Stothart, 9 Bridge Street.
Sept. 12	A. Beattie, grocer, High Street, resigned 1895.
	T. G. Murray, watchmaker.
	J. T. Laing, manufacturer.
	G. Washington Gray, manufacturer.
Oct. 4	Thomas Shiel, hatter.
	William Hutton, butcher, resigned 25th March, 1895.
	James Marr, butcher, left 1895.
	John A. Laing, Netherwood.
Oct. 12	John Reid, butcher.
Oct. 18	R. Symington, tobacconist, resigned 1895.
	R. S. Craig, advocate, Edinburgh.
	Abram Kerr, clothier, transferred to hon. member 1894.
1895.	
Jan. 7	James Clark, Buccleuch Street.
	John Paton, solicitor.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1895.	
Jan. 7	James Scott, Buccleuch Street.
	Andrew Graham, Wilton Hill.
	James Scott, Wellfield.
	Robert Simpson, merchant.
March 9	George Cairns, Dalkeith Place.
	David Gillis, teacher.
	W. T. Martin, 7 Havelock Street, left 1896.
	Rev. William Brown, St John's.
March 25	Adam Turnbull, teacher (2).
	John Proctor, Lockhart Place, left 1897.
	Thomas Reid, butcher.
April 29	George Moncrieff, Stobs Castle, resigned 7th February, 1898.
	Harry Moncrieff, Stobs Castle, resigned 7th February, 1898.
May 20	J. S. Crozier, 45 Loan.
	William Inglis, 4 Ladylaw Place.
June 17	James Orr, jr., Wilton Hill, resigned 11th January, 1897.
	Alexander Harvey, teacher, Minto, resigned 21st October, 1897.
	G. M. Skea, teacher, Cogsmill, resigned 4th August, 1896.
	John Dalton, Exchange Bar, resigned 1st June, 1896.
	John M'Dougall, Victoria Hotel, died 21st March, 1898.
	Harry Innes, The Firs.
	John A. Moffat, grocer.
	Charles Ballantyne, grocer.
	F. W. Rennie, Wilton Hill.
	Adam Grant, jr., Bridge Street.
July 17	W. Scott Elliot, Teviot Lodge.

Date of Admission.	Name Address, &c.
1895.	
July 17	—Adam Leyden, Summerfield.
	Robert Leyden, Summerfield, resigned 1st June, 1896.
July 31	—Alexander Innes, The Firs.
Sept. 6	—N. Kennedy, Dakers Place, resigned 6th July, 1896.
	Rev. David Cathels, The Manse.
Sept. 19	—Alexander Kyle, Commercial Road, resigned 7th December, 1896.
Oct. 1	—Andrew Henderson, stationer, Bridge Street, resigned 6th July, 1896.
	Edward Lennie, 51 High Street.
	R. T. Work, 51 High Street.
	W. R. Thomson, grocer, Union Street.
Oct. 11	—William Davidson, jr., 6 Oliver Crescent.
Oct. 25	—G. B. Miller, 11 Bourtree Place, left 1897.
	W. Douglas Duns, Ellabank, left 1895.
	David Grant, 56 High Street, left 1897.
Dec. 2	—Dr Selby, Elm House, resigned 1897.
1896.	
Feb. 3	—G. S. M'Nairn, librarian.
	William Irving, Kirkstile.
	J. George Luff, Central Hotel, resigned 15th February, 1897.
	J. Fyfe Jamieson, Cavers.
March 2	—Michael Graham, Silver Street.
	Charles Scott, 5 Buccleuch Street, left 1896.
	A. Steedman, manufacturer.
April 7	—Walter S. Smith, Glasgow.
	William Graham, Myreslawgreen.
	G. C. Glenny, Bucklands.
April 20	—James Johnstone, 27 High Street, resigned 11th January, 1897.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1896.	
April 20	M. M'Call, bank agent.
	John Manuel, jr., Elmbank.
May 4	T. C. Dickson, teacher, resigned 4th May, 1897.
	George Davidson, 8 Sandbed.
	J. Anderson, 10 Ettrick Terrace.
	Robert Aitken, chemist.
	D. S. Turner, Beaconsfield Terrace, resigned September, 1896.
May 8	T. M. Brodie, Wilton Hill.
May 25	Adam Ormiston, Plough Inn, transferred to hon. member 7th September, 1896.
	Alexander Inglis, 14 Bridge Street.
	Rev. J. Stuart, Kirkton, resigned 1898.
June 1	J. J. Jamieson, Royal Bank, resigned 7th February, 1898.
	John Bonsor, Buccleuch Street.
	James Bonsor, jr., Buccleuch Street.
July 6	Thomas Brydon, baker.
	George Scott, chemist.
	John Manuel, sen., surveyor.
Aug. 4	Dr Murray, Sandbed, resigned 7th February, 1898.
	H. M. Duncan, 55 Loan.
Sept. 7	J. W. Chapman, shoemaker.
Oct. 5	A. H. Ridgeway, 10 Lothian Street, resigned 7th February, 1898.
	A. Couper, 27 High Street.
	William Rae, teacher.
	Walter Hume, grocer.
Oct. 13	Findlay Purdom, Borthaugh.
	Philip Russell, Oliver Place.
Oct. 23	Errington Thomson, 11 Slitrig Crescent.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1897.	
Jan. 11	—Thomas Scott, 4 Buccleuch Street.
March 15	—Peter Scott, hosiery manufacturer.
	James Bonsor, hosiery manufacturer.
	William Beattie, 9 Drumlanrig Square.
April 8	—Alexander Mitchell, Oliver Crescent.
	William Nichol, 1 Slitrig Crescent.
	John Nichol, 1 Slitrig Crescent.
April 27	—J. Geddes, clerk, B.L. Co. Bank, resigned 27th April, 1898.
	William Wilson, Station Hotel.
	William Miller, clerk.
May 4	—Robert Scott, butcher, High Street.
	Walter Brunskill, Darlington.
May 17	—A. C. Inglis, Bridge Street.
	Thomas Gladstone, Garfield Street.
	J. Tulloch, clerk, B.L. Co. Bank.
	Tom Purdom, Westwood.
	Robert Ballantyne, East Middle.
	Robert Renwick, Station Buildings.
June 7	—Bertram Cockburn, Orrock Manse.
July 6	—A. A. Paterson, Buccleuch Street.
Aug. 17	—Dr Adamson, Elm House.
Sept. 6	—John Constable, teacher.
	Harry L. Purdom, Westwood.
Oct. 4	—J. S. Reyner, National Bank.
	Andrew Kennedy, Crown Hotel.
	Alexander Porter, chief constable, Jedburgh.
	A. K. Innes, Lindisfarne.
Oct. 12	—Robert Davidson, chemist.
	Thomas Mitchell, 20 Lothian Street.
	Mungo Tait, 4 Earl Street.
	Thomas Tait, 4 Earl Street.
	Thomas Laidlaw, 15 Trinity Street.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1897.	
Oct. 12	James Elliot, teacher, Bourtree Bank.
	George Brown, clerk, Oliver Crescent.
	John Douglas, Langlands Bank.
	George Brodie, Wilton Lodge.
	James Elliot, law clerk, Lynnwood Cottages.
Oct. 18	Valentine Fisher, 5 Rinkvale Cottages.
	Robert Anderson, manufacturer.
	Alexander Jardine, jr., painter.
Dec. 6	William Linton, designer, Howlands Mill.
1898.	
Jan. 4	W. D. Grieve, Lynnwood.
	Ebenezer Rutherford, 11 Gladstone Street.
Feb. 7	John Baillie, 25 Beaconsfield Terrace.
	R. M. Virtue, fruiterer.
	Clement Rennie, Wilton Hill.
April 27	James Locke, Brieryhill.
May 30	Robin Purdom, Westwood.
	A. Brodie, Wilton Hill.
	Tom Wilson, Ladylaw.
	Rev. Charles Brownlie, Oakbank.
June 20	Robert Thomson, 35 Bridge Street.
	George Graham, Beechwood.
	Thomson, commercial traveller.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

1881.

Sept. 27—Frank Robertson, Melrose, made ordinary member 1st November, 1882.

Nov. 21—A. Hart, Dalkeith, resigned 1889.

John Cruickshank, Edinburgh, resigned 1882.

1882.

March 18—Mr Thexton, Edinburgh, resigned 1883.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1886.	
	*Alexander Harvey, Schoolhouse, Minto (exact date not known), resigned 1887.
March	—Charles Prentice, Edinburgh, resigned 1886.
June 24	—Charles Taylor, 32 Mayfield Road, Edinburgh, resigned 1888.
	James Rutherford, Oliver Crescent (exact date of admission unknown), resigned 1886.
	Robert Turnbull, National Bank, Glasgow, resigned 1889.
1887.	
Oct. 3	—Rev. A. Galloway, Minto, resigned 1888.
1890.	
March 25	—A. T. Dall, accountant, resigned 21st September, 1892.
	*Robert Simpson, drysalter, resigned 1892.
Aug. 26	—J. Glendinning, teacher, Leven, resigned 1893.
1891.	
July 2	—Alexander Scott, clerk, resigned 3rd February, 1896.
1893.	
Jan. 28	—J. B. Cowan, Commercial Bank.
May 2	—A. S. Lawson, jeweller.
Sept. 28	—Rev. George Davidson, M.A., Allars Manse.
	Thomas Hodgson, teacher.
1894.	
April 9	—James Orr, jr., clerk Post Office, resigned 1895.
May 8	—James Rodger, Minto, resigned 5th October, 1896.
	L. Greenwood, manufacturer, resigned 8th April, 1897.
	Walter Hume, grocer, transferred to ordinary member 1896.
	Dr Lorraine, Bridge Street.

Date of Admission.	Name, Address, &c.
1894.	
Oct. 18	J. E. D. Murray, photographer, elected hon. life member in recognition of services.
	A. W. Kerr, clothier.
1895.	
Jan. 7	A. R. Oliver, Thornwood.
	A. K. Innes, Lindisfarne, transferred to ordinary member 4th October, 1897.
	Rev. Charles Allan, M.A., East Bank.
Jan. 25	Frank Wood, artist.
	John Rule, inspector of poor, died 20th November, 1897.
April 22	William Rae, teacher, elected ordinary member 5th October, 1896.
June 17	T. A. Robson, Wilton Hill, resigned 6th July, 1896.
	Bailie Dechan, Bridge Street.
1896.	
May 4	Walter Brunskill, Darlington, elected ordinary member 4th May, 1897.
Sept. 7	Adam Ormiston, Plough Inn.
Oct. 13	W. Todd Elder, V.S., resigned 4th January, 1898.
1897.	
Jan. 1	Alexander Jolly, 4 Buccleuch Street, resigned 7th February, 1898.
April 8	John Simpson, Rosevale Cottages.
April 27	Chris. J. Lewis, Holly Cottage, Lenton, Notts.
Oct. 12	Alexander Young, commercial traveller.
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April 27	Dr Wilson, Weensland Road.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE HAWICK GOLF CLUB.

I.—The Club shall be called "THE HAWICK GOLF CLUB."

II.—The Committee of Management shall consist of a Captain, ex-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, and five ordinary Members, one Member of Committee to be appointed Green Manager. One third of the Committee shall retire annually by rotation, and shall not be eligible for re-election for one year except as Secretary, Treasurer, or Green Manager. Five Members to form a quorum.

III.—The Captain shall preside at all meetings, and in his absence his place shall be filled by the ex-Captain or the Senior Member of Committee present. The Chairman shall have a deliberative and casting vote. The Captain shall be convener; but Special General Meetings may be called on a requisition to the Secretary, stating the matter to be brought up, signed by six or more members.

IV.—The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Club at their Ordinary and Special Meetings. He shall also keep a record of all competitions and matches, and take charge generally of the papers, books, and other records of the Club.

V.—The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys due to and by the Club.

VI.—The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in October, when the Office-Bearers and Members of Committee for the ensuing year shall be elected, and a duly audited statement of the Club's financial affairs submitted to the meeting. At this meeting the Secretary shall also give his annual report of the general affairs of the Club.

VII.—The Committee shall, subject to the control of a general meeting, be vested with the entire management of the Club, and shall have all powers necessary for the full and efficient conduct of its affairs, including power to make bye-laws.

VIII.—Any vacancy occurring in the Committee during the year shall be filled up by the Committee, the Members so elected only to hold office till the Annual Meeting, when his election must be confirmed or another Member appointed in his place.

IX.—There shall be no voting by proxy at any of the meetings of the Club.

X.—Members shall consist of two classes, Ordinary and Honorary. For Ordinary Members there shall be an Annual Subscription of 10s, with the exception of Working Men, whose Annual Subscription shall be 5s, payable in advance on 1st January or at the date of admission. In addition to the above, Members who have Boxes in the Club-house shall pay a rent of 2s per annum. No Member can transfer his Box to another Member without the consent of the Secretary. Honorary Members shall pay an Annual Subscription of 5s. They shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club, nor are they eligible to play for any medal or prize, but they shall have all the privileges of the Club-house and Golf Course.

XI.—Candidates shall be nominated for membership by two Members of the Club, and the names, designation, and addresses of the Candidates shall be intimated to the Secretary. The election shall be in the hands of the Committee, who shall deal with nominations at their first meeting, and shall determine who are entitled to be admitted as working men.

XII.—Any Member wishing to withdraw from the Club must so intimate to the Secretary in writing not later than 1st January, otherwise he shall be liable for the Subscription of the following year.

XIII.—On the admission of a new member the Secretary shall intimate the same to him, furnishing him with a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Club, and requesting him to pay the amount of his Annual Subscription; but should his election take place after the 1st day of October, the Subscription for the current year shall not be charged.

XIV.—Any Member failing to pay his Annual Subscription (due 1st January) before the 1st day of May shall be written to by the Secretary, and, if the Subscription be not paid on or before the 1st day of September, he shall be deprived of the privileges of the Club until his Subscription be paid.

XV.—Any Member acting in a way that the Club may think objectionable may be expelled by a majority of two-thirds of an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.

XVI.—Competitions for Medals and Prizes shall be played under the Rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrews.

XVII.—The foregoing Rules shall be subject to alteration or addition at any Annual General Meeting in October. Notice of the proposed alterations or additions must be given in writing to the Secretary,

who shall post the same in the Club Room at least twenty days before the Annual Meeting.

XVIII.—New Rules and Bye-Laws shall be sufficiently intimated to the Members by being posted up in the Club-house.

Visitors can enjoy the privileges of the House and Course for a month on payment of 2s 6d, or for any period less than a year on payment of 5s.

It is the duty of every Golfer to replace or see replaced any portion of Turf which may have been cut out by the act of playing; and Members are particularly enjoined not to kick holes in the ground when they are making tees.

BYE-LAWS REGULATING HANDICAPPING:

Adopted by the Committee of the Border Golfers' Association at Meeting held on 21st October, 1897, and ordered to be acted upon by each Club forming the Association.

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1. The Handicapping of Members shall be in the hands of the Committee of each Club.

2. No Member of a Club shall receive a Handicap until he has played in at least two Medal or other Stroke Competitions in that Club and returned his score in each.

3. In fixing the Handicaps of Members for the first time, the Committee shall take into account not only the scores returned, but also any information obtained by them.

4. The Scratch Scores of the various Courses of the Clubs forming the Association have been fixed as follows:

Hawick ...	78	Kelso ...	84	Jedburgh ...	88
Melrose ...	78	Innerleithen	78	Torwoodlee ...	78
Selkirk... ...	78	Peebles ...	78	West Linton	76

5. The Maximum Handicap allowed shall not exceed 27.

6. The Handicaps for Medal and other Stroke Competitions will be revised by the Committee of each

Club not later than 1st April and 1st September in each year.

7. In revising the Handicaps the three best recorded scores of each Member in Medal or other Stroke Competitions in the previous six months should be taken, and the difference between the scratch score and the average gross would be the player's Handicap, but the Committee shall have power to deal specially with any Handicap at any time.

8. Where the Member has not taken part in three Medal or other Stroke Competitions in the six months immediately preceding the revision, his Handicap will be fixed by the Committee as they think best.

9. During the season the following regulations will be enforced in Medal and other Stroke Competitions:—

(1.) *Players* whose net scores are under the scratch score shall be penalised to the extent of half the number they are under that figure (fractions not to count).

(2.) The *winners* shall be further penalised as follows:—

(*a*) Where the winning score *is* the scratch score of the Club or *under*. If his Handicap be 9 or under, to the extent of 1; if it be between 10 and 18 inclusive, to the extent of 2; and if above 18, to the extent of 3.

(*b*) Where the winning score is *above* the scratch score. If his Handicap be 9 or under, no penalty; if it be between 10 and 18 both inclusive, to the extent of 1; and above 18, to the extent of 2.

(3.) All *players* who do not return their cards will be penalised to the extent of 1.

CONDITIONS OF HANDICAP MEDALS.

Entry Money, 6d. When more than six compete, the winner of each Medal to receive Two Balls, the second One Ball. When six or five compete, the winner and second to receive One Ball each; when under five and over two, the winner only to receive One Ball; when only two compete, no Balls are given. At the end of the year Prizes will be given to the six lowest average scorers in Eight Competitions of Monthly, Bombay, and Tuesday Medals combined.

Table showing at what Holes Strokes are to be taken in Handicap Hole Competitions.

1	5																	
2	5	14																
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15	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17			
16	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18		
17	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	
18	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE BORDER GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association shall be called the Border Golfers' Association, and shall be composed of Border Golf Clubs.

2. The Committee of Management of the Association shall consist of two Representatives from each of the Clubs forming it; a President, and Secretary and Treasurer, to hold office for one year, being appointed from their number. Five Members of Committee to form a Quorum.

3. The Committee of Management shall be vested with the entire management of the Association, and shall have all powers necessary for the full and efficient conduct of its affairs.

4. Each Club joining the Association shall pay an Annual Subscription of £1 1s, payable in advance on the 1st of April, and the further sum of one shilling for each Member of such Club entering for each Competition.

5. The admission of Clubs to the Association will be in the hands of the Committee of Management.

6. The Association shall hold a series of Scratch and Handicap Competitions confined to *bona fide*

Members of the Clubs forming it, and who have been for at least three months of the year resident in the Counties of Roxburgh, Selkirk, or Peebles, in spring and autumn of each year, on the following conditions:—

(1.) The Competitions shall be played over the Greens of the various Clubs forming the Association in such order as may be fixed by the Committee of Management.

(2.) The entry money for each player shall be 2s 6d for each Competition.

(3.) All Entries to the Competitions of the Association must be made to the Secretary of the Club to which players belong, and shall be submitted by him to the Club's Committee, who shall revise the player's Handicaps, paying particular attention to the Handicaps of those who have not been taking part in Club Competitions, the revised Handicaps to be forwarded to the Association's Secretary ten clear days before the Competitions of the Association.

(4.) The Association reserves power to itself to fix all Handicaps.

(5.) The Handicap Competitions shall be divided into three classes. The first class shall embrace players with Handicaps up to and including 6; the second class, players whose Handicaps are between 7 and 15 inclusive; and the third class, players whose Handicaps are 16 and upwards.

(6.) There shall be one Scratch Prize, which will be awarded to the player with the lowest aggregate score in the two Competitions in each year; and 12 Handicap Prizes in each Competition, 4 in each class. The value of

the Prizes will be fixed by the Committee of Management.

(7.) The Competitors in each class shall play together in the order of Handicap, the order of start being fixed by ballot.

(8.) Any other arrangements necessary for carrying out the Competitions shall be left in the hands of the President and Secretary, and the Captain and Secretary of the Club over whose Course they take place.

(9.) The rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrews, shall be observed in the Competitions, recognition being made of any special rules of the Club over whose Course they are being played, so far as approved of by the Committee of Management.

(10.) All disputes shall be referred to the Committee of Management, whose decision shall be final.

7. Any Club wishing to withdraw from the Association must so intimate to the Secretary in writing not later than 1st March, otherwise it shall be liable for the Subscription of the following year.

8. The Committee of Management shall meet annually in March, when the Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the year will be submitted, and a President and Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year appointed.

9. The Secretary shall have power to arrange matches for the Association with other Clubs.

10. The foregoing Rules shall be subject to alteration or addition at any annual meeting of the Committee of Management in March. Notice of the proposed alterations or additions must be given in writing, at least twenty days before the annual

meeting, to the Secretary, who shall transmit a copy to the Secretaries of each of the Clubs forming the Association.

BYE-LAWS.

1. That, as far as possible, one match be played between each of the Clubs forming the Association each year (Innerleithen and Peebles being recognised as one Club, playing as Peebles County).

2. That the matches be arranged at the annual meeting of the Committee of the Association held in March.

3. That in such matches each Club be represented by at least ten players.

4. That no gentleman be allowed to play for more than one Club.

5. That in all such matches the Rules of the Club over whose green the match is being played be observed.

RULES OF THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB, ST ANDREW'S.

1. The Game of Golf is played by two or more sides, each playing its own ball. A side may consist of one or more persons.

2. The game consists in each side playing a ball from a tee into a hole by successive strokes, and the hole is won by the side holing its ball in the fewest strokes, except as otherwise provided for in the Rules. If two sides hole out in the same number of strokes, the hole is halved.

3. The teeing ground shall be indicated by two marks placed in a line at right angles to the course, and the player shall not tee in front of, nor on either side of, these marks, nor more than two club lengths behind them. A ball played from outside the limits of the teeing ground, as thus defined, may be recalled by the opposite side.

The hole shall be 4¼ inches in diameter, and at least 4 inches deep.

4. The ball must be fairly struck at, and not pushed, scraped, or spooned, under penalty of the loss of the hole. Any movement of the club which is intended to strike the ball is a stroke.

5. The game commences by each side playing a ball from the first teeing ground. In a match with two or more on a side, the partners shall strike off alternately from the tees, and shall strike alternately during the play of the hole.

The players who are to strike against each other shall be named at starting, and shall continue in the same order during the match.

The player who shall play first on each side shall be named by his own side.

In case of failure to agree, it shall be settled by lot or toss which side shall have the option of leading.

6. If a player shall play when his partner should have done so, his side shall lose the hole, except in the case of the tee shot, when the stroke may be recalled at the option of the opponents.

7. The side winning a hole shall lead in starting for the next hole, and may recall the opponent's stroke should he play out of order. This privilege is called the "honour." On starting for a new match, the winner of the long match in the previous round is entitled to the "honour." Should the first match have been halved, the winner of the last hole gained is entitled to the "honour."

8. One round of the Links—generally 18 holes—is a match, unless otherwise agreed upon. The match is won by the side which gets more holes ahead than there remain holes to be played, or by the side winning the last hole when the match was all even at the second last hole. If both sides have won the same number, it is a halved match.

9. After the balls are struck from the tee, the ball furthest from the hole to which the parties are playing shall be played first, except as otherwise

provided for in the Rules. Should the wrong side play first, the opponent may recall the stroke before his side has played.

10. Unless with the opponent's consent, a ball struck from the tee shall not be changed, touched, or moved before the hole is played out, under the penalty of one stroke, except as otherwise provided for in the Rules.

11. In playing through the green, all *loose* impediments, within a club length of a ball which is not lying in or touching a hazard, may be removed, but loose impediments which are more than a club length from the ball shall not be removed under the penalty of one stroke.

12. Before striking at the ball, the player shall not move, bend, or break anything fixed or growing near the ball, except in the act of placing his feet on the ground for the purpose of addressing the ball, and in soling his club to address the ball, under the penalty of the loss of the hole, except as provided for in Rule 18.

13. A ball stuck fast in wet ground or sand may be taken out and replaced loosely in the hole which it has made.

14. When a ball lies in or touches a hazard, the club shall not touch the ground, nor shall anything be touched or moved before the player strikes at the ball, except that the player may place his feet firmly on the ground for the purpose of addressing the ball, under the penalty of the loss of the hole. But if in the backward or in the downward swing, any grass, bent, whin, or other growing substance, or the side of a bunker, a wall, paling, or other immovable obstacle be touched, no penalty shall be incurred.

15. A "hazard" shall be any bunker of whatever nature—water, sand, loose earth, mole hills, paths, roads

or railways, whins, bushes, rushes, rabbit scrapes, fences, ditches, or anything which is not the ordinary green of the course, except sand blown on to the grass by wind, or sprinkled on grass for the preservation of the Links, or snow or ice, or bare patches on the course.

16. A player or a player's caddie shall not press down or remove any irregularities of surface near the ball, except at the teeing ground, under the penalty of the loss of the hole.

17. If any vessel, wheelbarrow, tool, roller, grass-cutter, box, or other similar obstruction has been placed upon the course, such obstruction may be removed. A ball lying on or touching such obstruction, or on clothes, or nets, or on ground under repair or temporarily covered up or opened, may be lifted and dropped at the nearest point of the course, but a ball lifted in a hazard shall be dropped in the hazard. A ball lying in a golf hole or flag hole may be lifted and dropped not more than a club length behind such hole.

10. When a ball is completely covered with fog, bent, whine, &c., only so much thereof shall be set aside as that the player shall have a view of his ball before he plays, whether in a line with the hole or otherwise.

19. When a ball is to be dropped, the player shall drop it. He shall front the hole, stand erect behind the hazard, keep the spot from which the ball was lifted (or in the case of running water, the spot at which it entered) in a line between him and the hole, and drop the ball behind him from his head, standing as far behind the hazard as he may please.

20. When the balls in play lie within six inches of each other—measured from their nearest points—

the ball nearer the hole shall be lifted until the other is played, and shall then be replaced as nearly as possible in its original position. Should the ball further from the hole be accidentally moved in so doing, it shall be replaced. Should the lie of the lifted ball be altered by the opponent in playing, it may be placed in a lie near to, and as nearly as possible similar to, that from which it was lifted.

21. If the ball lie or be lost in water, the player may drop a ball, under the penalty of one stroke.

22. Whatever happens by accident to a ball *in motion*, such as its being deflected or stopped by any agency outside the match, or by the forecaddie, is a "rub of the green," and the ball shall be played from where it lies. Should a ball lodge in anything moving, such ball, or if it cannot be recovered, another ball shall be dropped as nearly as possible at the spot where the object was when the ball lodged in it. But if a ball *at rest* be displaced by any agency outside the match, the player shall drop it or another ball as nearly as possible at the spot where it lay. On the putting green the ball may be replaced by hand.

23. If the player's ball strike, or be accidentally moved by an opponent or an opponent's caddie or clubs, the opponent loses the hole.

24. If the player's ball strike, or be stopped by himself or his partner, or either of their caddies or clubs, or if, while in the act of playing, the player strike the ball twice, his side loses the hole.

25. If the player when not making a stroke, or his partner or either of their caddies touch their side's ball, except at the tee, so as to move it, or by touching anything cause it to move, the penalty is one stroke.

26. A ball is considered to have been moved if it leave its original position in the least degree and stop

in another; but if a player touch his ball and thereby cause it to oscillate, without causing it to leave its original position, it is not moved in the sense of Rule 25.

27. A player's side loses a stroke if he play the opponent's ball, unless (1) the opponent then play the player's ball, whereby the penalty is cancelled, and the hole must be played out with the balls thus exchanged, or (2) the mistake occur through wrong information given by the opponent, in which case the mistake, if discovered before the opponent has played, must be rectified by placing a ball as nearly as possible where the opponent's ball lay.

If it be discovered before either side has struck off at the tee that one side has played out the previous hole with the ball of a party not engaged in the match, that side loses that hole.

28. If a ball be lost, the player's side loses the hole. A ball shall be held as lost if it be not found within five minutes after the search is begun.

29. A ball must be played wherever it lies, or the hole be given up, except as otherwise provided for in the Rules.

30. The term "Putting Green" shall mean the ground within 20 yards of the hole, excepting hazards.

31. All loose impediments may be removed from the putting green, except the opponent's ball when at a greater distance from the player's than six inches.

32. In a match of three or more sides, a ball in any degree lying between the player and the hole must be lifted, or, if on the putting green, holed out.

33. When the ball is on the putting green, no mark shall be placed, nor line drawn as a guide. The line to the hole may be pointed out, but the person doing so may not touch the ground with the hand or club.

The player may have his own or his partner's caddie to stand at the hole, but none of the players or their caddies may move so as to shield the ball from, or expose it to, the wind.

The penalty for any breach of this Rule is the loss of the hole.

34. The player or his caddie may remove (but not press down) sand, earth, worm casts or snow lying around the hole or on the line of his put. This shall be done by brushing lightly with the hand only across the put and not along it. Dung may be removed to a side by an iron club, but the club must not be laid with more than its own weight upon the ground. The putting line must not be touched by club, hand, or foot, except as above authorised, or immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it, under the penalty of the loss of the hole.

35. Either side is entitled to have the flag-stick removed when approaching the hole. If the ball rest against the flag-stick when in the hole, the player shall be entitled to remove the stick, and, if the ball fall in, it shall be considered as holed out in the previous stroke.

36. A player shall not play until the opponent's ball shall have ceased to roll, under the penalty of one stroke. Should the player's ball knock in the opponent's ball, the latter shall be counted as holed out in the previous stroke. If, in playing, the player's ball displace the opponent's ball, the opponent shall have the option of replacing it.

37. A player shall not ask for advice, nor be knowingly advised about the game by word, look, or gesture from anyone except his own caddie, or his partner or partner's caddie, under the penalty of the loss of the hole.

38. If a ball split into separate pieces, another ball may be put down where the largest portion lies, or if two pieces are apparently of equal size, it may be put where either piece lies at the option of the player. If a ball crack or become unplayable, the player may change it on intimating to his opponent his intention to do so.

39. A penalty stroke shall not be counted the stroke of a player, and shall not affect the rotation of play.

40. Should any dispute arise on any point, the players shall have the right of determining the party or parties to whom the dispute shall be referred, but should they not agree, either party may refer it to the Green Committee of the Green where the dispute occurs, and their decision shall be final. Should the dispute not be covered by the Rules of Golf, the arbiters must decide it by equity.

SPECIAL RULES FOR MEDAL PLAY.

1. In Club competitions, the competitor doing the stipulated course in fewest strokes shall be the winner.

2. If the lowest score be made by two or more competitors, the ties shall be decided by another round to be played on the same day, or in the event of the Green Committee determining that it is impossible to play another round on that day, then on the following day.

3. New holes shall be made for the Medal Round, and thereafter no member shall play any stroke on a putting green before competing.

4. The scores shall be kept by a special marker, or by the competitors noting each other's scores. The scores marked shall be checked at the finish of each hole. On completion of the course, the score of the player shall be signed by the person keeping the score and handed to the Secretary.

5. If a ball be lost, the player shall return as nearly as possible to the spot where the ball was struck, tee another ball, and lose a stroke. If the lost ball be found before he has struck the other ball, the first shall continue in play.

6. If the player's ball strike himself, or his clubs or caddie, or if, in the act of playing, the player strike the ball twice, the penalty shall be one stroke.

7. If a competitor's ball strike the other player, or his clubs or caddie, it is a "rub of the green," and the ball shall be played from where it lies.

8. A ball may, under a penalty of two strokes, be lifted out of a difficulty of any description, and be teed behind same.

9. All balls shall be holed out, and when play is on the putting green, the flag shall be removed, and the competitor whose ball is nearest the hole shall have the option of holing out first, or of lifting his ball, if it be in such a position that it might, if left, give an advantage to the other competitor. Throughout the green a competitor can have the other competitor's ball lifted, if he find that it interferes with his stroke.

10. A competitor may not play with a professional, and he may not receive advice from anyone but his caddie.

A forecaddie may be employed.

11. Competitors may not discontinue play because of bad weather.

12. The penalty for a breach of any Rule shall be disqualification.

13. Any dispute regarding the play shall be determined by the Green Committee.

14. The ordinary Rules of Golf, so far as they are not at variance with these Special Rules, shall apply to Medal Play.

ETIQUETTE OF GOLF.

The following customs belong to the established Etiquette of Golf, and should be observed by all Golfers.

1. No player, caddie, or onlooker should move or talk during a stroke.

2. No player should play from the tee until the party in front have played their second strokes and are out of range, nor play to the putting green till the party in front have holed out and moved away.

3. The player who leads from the tee should be allowed to play before his opponent tees his ball.

4. Players who have holed out should not try their puts over again when other players are following them.

5. Players looking for a lost ball must allow any other match coming up to pass them.

6. A party playing three or more balls must allow a two-ball match to pass them.

7. A party playing a shorter round must allow a two-ball match playing the whole round to pass them.

8. A player should not put at the hole when the flag is in it.

9. The reckoning of the strokes is kept by the terms "the odd," "two more," "three more," &c., and "one off three," "one off two," "the like." The reckoning of the holes is kept by the terms—so many "holes up" or "all even," and so many "to play."

10. Turf cut or displaced by a stroke in playing should be at once replaced.

DECISIONS OF THE RULES OF GOLF COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB.

Since their appointment in September last by the Royal and Ancient Club the Rules of the Golf Committee (which consists of members of the Club, and now constitutes the final court of appeal so far as points in the Rules are concerned) have held three meetings, their last sitting having just taken place at St Andrew's. In all eighteen cases have been disposed of by them during the last six months, and their decisions on the more important of these, given in the form of question and answer, are as follows:—

Q.—A and B play a foursome against C and D. Without anyone detecting the error, they take three-fourths instead of three-eights of the difference in handicaps as the number of holes at which a stroke is allowed. Playing so, C and D win at the fourteenth by six up and four to play, whereas, had they played on the proper basis of three-eighths, they would have been dormy four. Was the win valid?

A.—In the circumstances, stated the match must stand as it was played.

Q.—Point referring to Rule 11 of Medal Play. Playing a monthly handicap on a nine-hole course, two couples after playing the first round entered the golf

house to see if a threatened shower of rain would pass over. While they were there a third couple came up and teed for the second round, and seeing the two couples in the golf house they claimed that they should be disqualified under the Rule. The two couples subsequently played, and handed in cards which were objected to.

A.—Assuming that the green was clear at the time the couples in question finished their first round, the committee are of opinion that they are disqualified.

Q.—A and B are playing a single. In putting at the first hole, A strikes B's ball. Should B replace his ball at once, or wait until A has played again?

A.—A should replace his ball at once or not at all. In a rider, the committee say that B should replace his ball at once or not at all, except when A's ball occupies the exact position which was formerly occupied by B's ball, in which case B should play first.

Q.—On coming up to a ball struck from the tee, it is found on a patch of grass within a bunker. Is that a hazard?

A.—If the grass in the bunker is of a permanent nature, it would not be a hazard.

Q.—In medal play, a competitor's ball lay in a hole made by the green keeper with a hole cutter. There was no intention to fill up the hole, the turf taken from it being used to repair the green elsewhere. The competitor states that it was possible to play the ball. He, however, elected to lift and drop, holding that he was entitled to do so, under Rule 17, without penalty. Was he right, or should the ball have been teed under penalty of two strokes?

A.—The competitor was entitled to lift without a penalty.

Q.—Rule 27 says that unless the opponent then play the player's ball. A maintains that if the mistake be discovered before the opponent plays, the player must bring back his opponent's ball and replace it, and lose a stroke. A's opponent maintains that the words of the Rule quoted give him the option either of playing his opponent's ball (knowing it to be so), or of recalling the ball with the penalty of one stroke. Which is right?

A.—The custom would be that the opponent whose ball was played by mistake drops another ball from the spot where the ball was played, and the player who made the mistake is penalised one stroke, each player thereafter continuing to play his own ball. The committee adds a rider to the effect that there is no doubt that Rule 27 is not quite clear, and that it is now under consideration of the committee.

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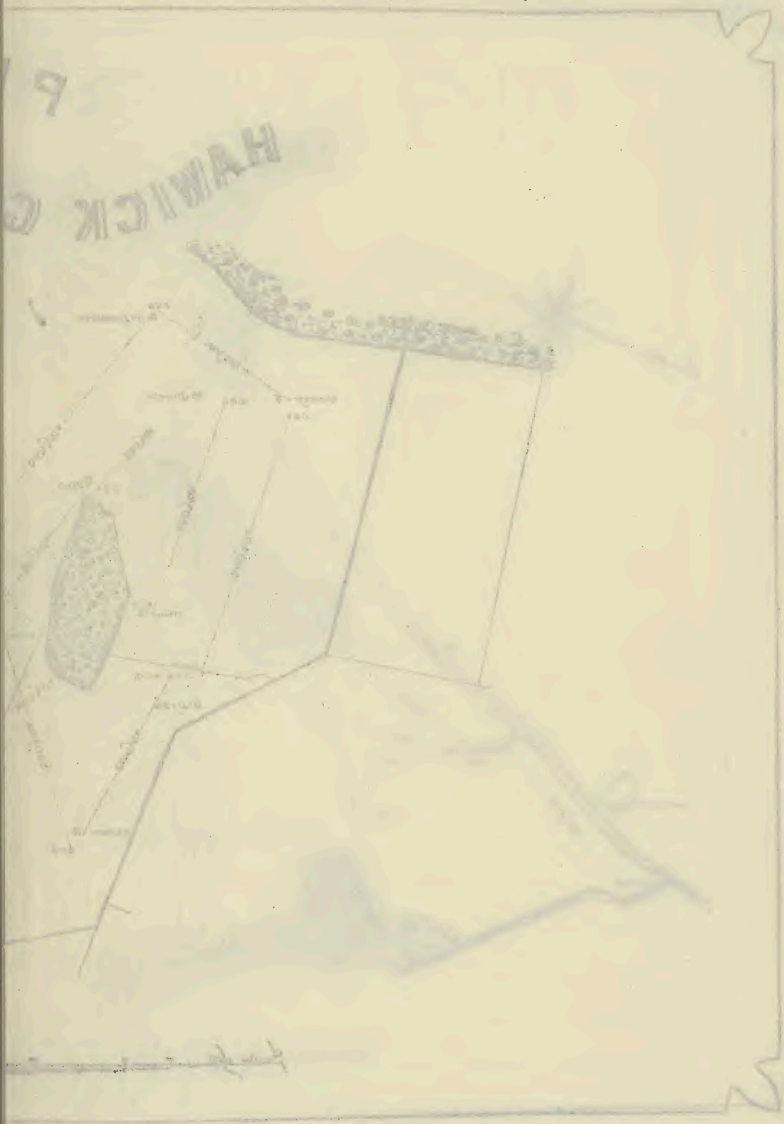

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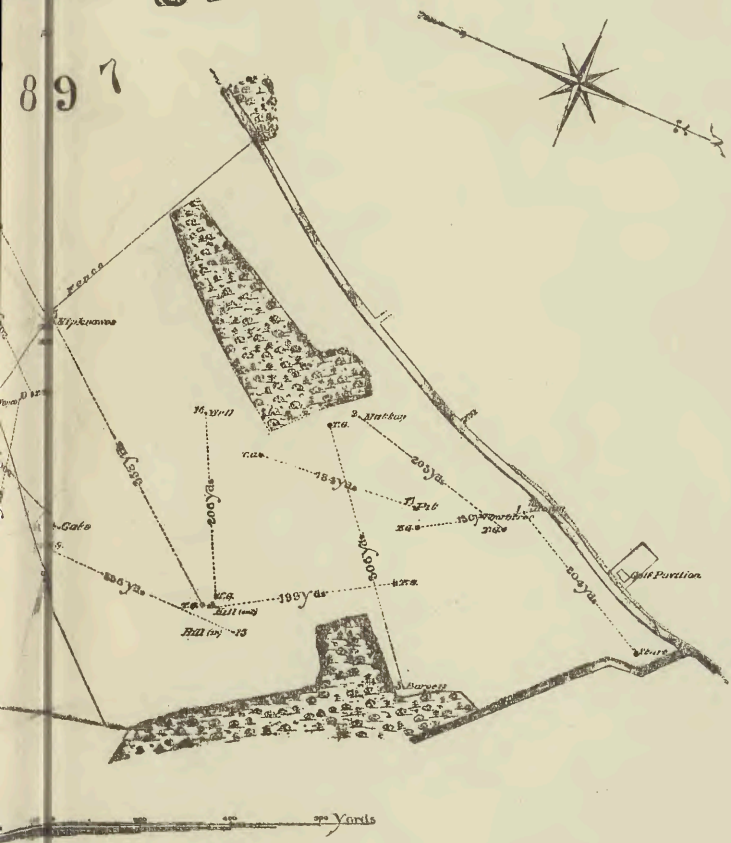

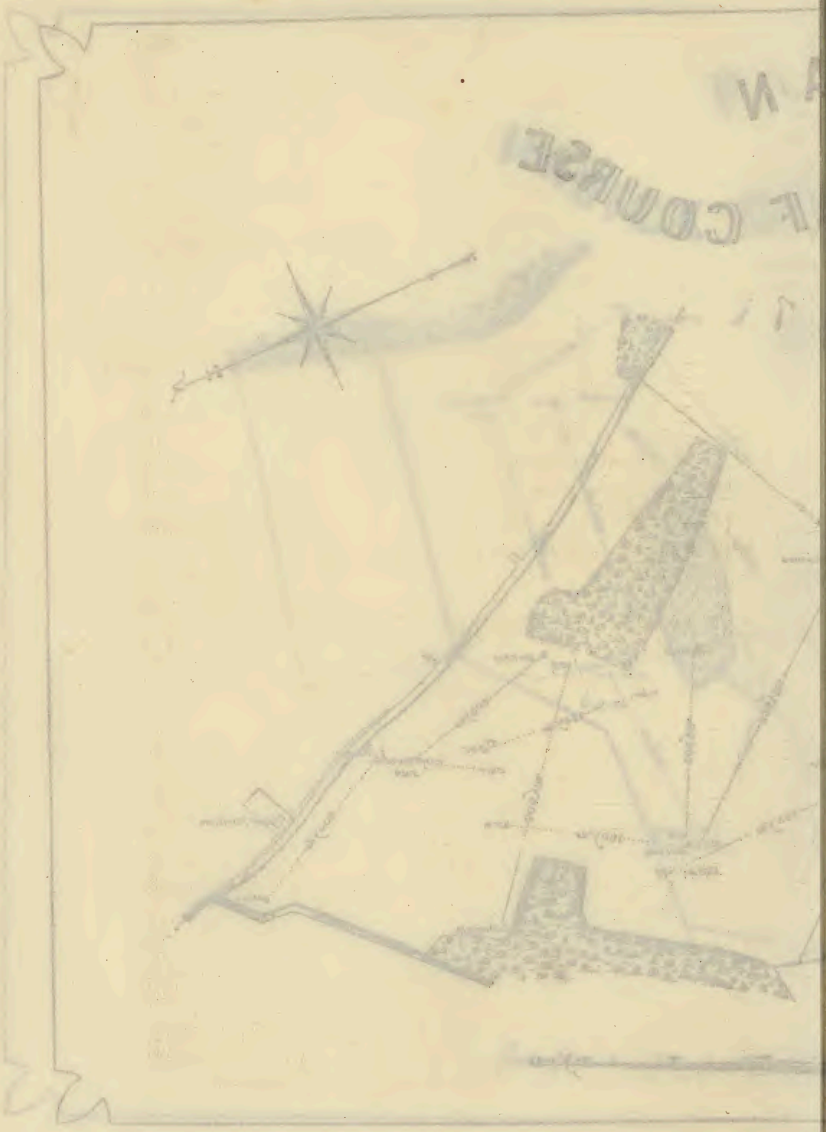

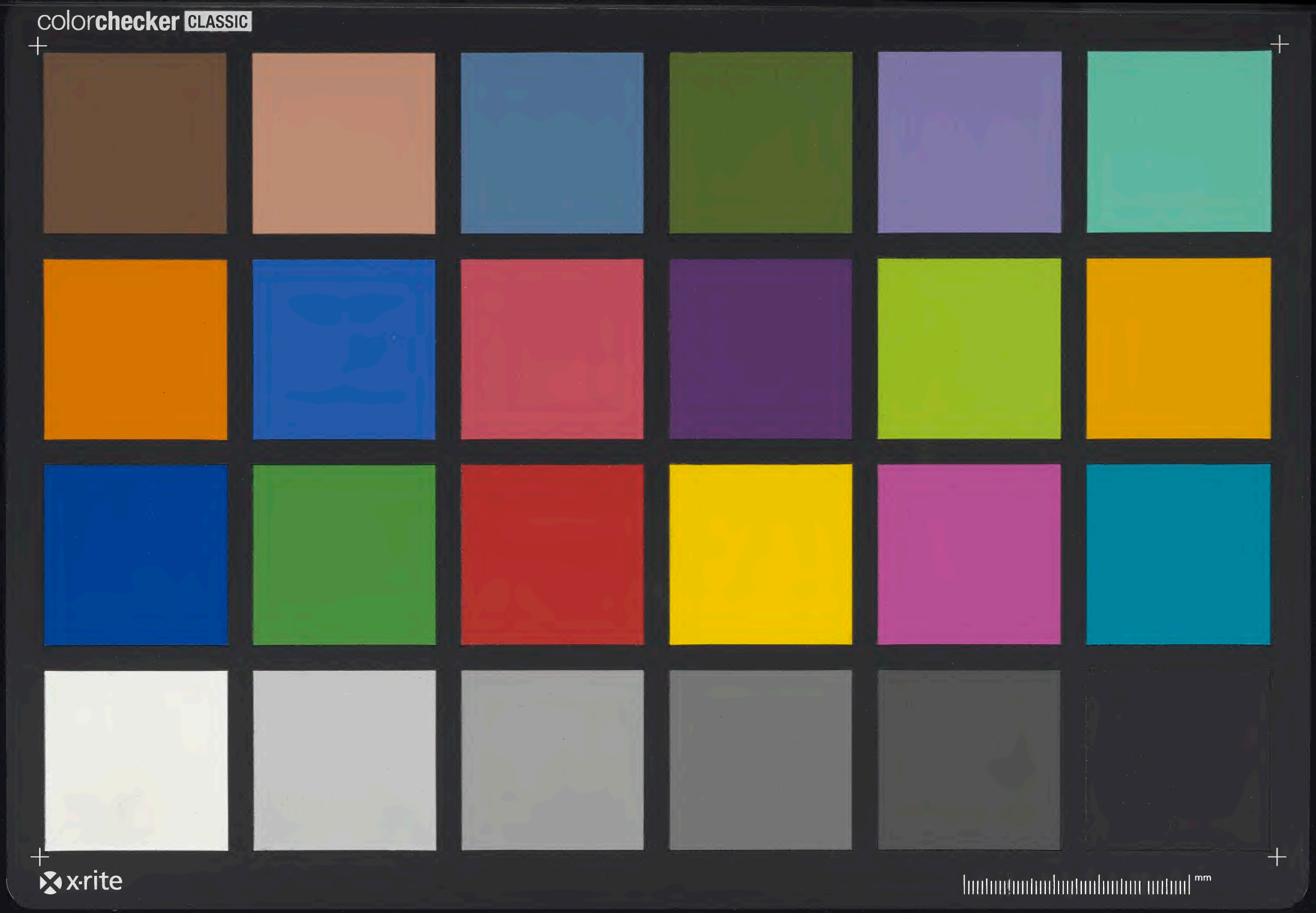
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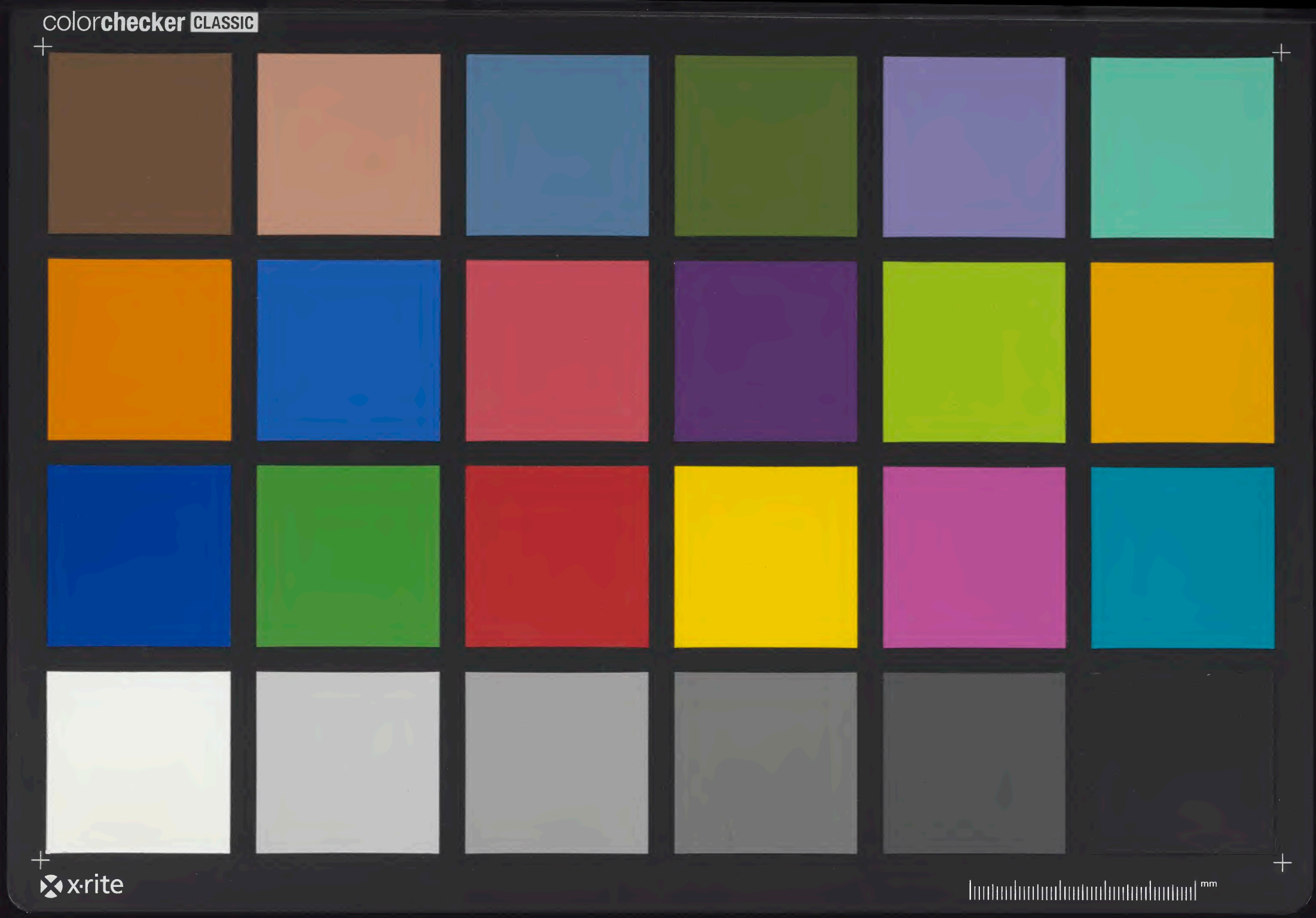
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