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## P R E F A C E.

IN compiling the "Golfers' Referee" the intention is in no way to introduce new readings of the Rules of Golf as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. These laws stand, and let us hope they will for generations yet to come stand, as the code under which the game is played. On pages 69 to 77 the Rules are printed in full, both match and medal play, and every golfer is supposed to have studied these laws, and laid to heart their injunctions.

It has been found in practice, though, that many questions have arisen over the interpretation of certain rules, or upon which no rule directly bears, and these points give occasion to much argument and troubling of mind. The endeavour, then, has been in the "Golfers' Referee" to deal with such questions. The task has not been a light one. It has been said: "Oh that mine enemy would give an opinion on a point of the rules!"—and it may just be added that I have carefully refrained from

giving an opinion on any subject, but have contented myself by comparing and submitting the opinions of recognised golfing authorities. I have been guided by decisions given from time to time by the Green Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, and by the Editors of the golfing journals; and by opinions which have been sent forth by such well-known players as Willie Park, jun., Mr Horace Hutchinson, Mr H. H. Hilton, Mr Laidlaw Purves, and other leading golfers. I have again to observe, however, that no notice has been taken in the "Referee" of points which a reference to the St Andrews Rules will at once clearly elucidate.

As in Golf new questions are continually cropping up requiring solution, I shall be pleased to hear from correspondents with any suggestions for after use.

THE EDITOR.

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