



Mr. Douglas with Robert T. Jones, Jr., in 1930, when Mr. Douglas was President of the USGA and Mr. Jones scored his "Grand Slam."

to hit a crude explosion shot or chip the ball cleanly, the stroke was a real test which has now practically disappeared from the game. The sand wedge tends to make all players equal when playing from a bunker.

In many other respects, some for the better and some, I'm afraid, for the worse, the game has changed as it has grown in popularity. But it still remains a game in which skill without sportsmanship is meaningless—and therefore it is still a game.

It is a game which has been good to me. I have been fortunate enough to have played in 15 Amateur Championships from 1897 to 1923 and to have won other championships. And I am most proud not of what I have won but of what I have been able to contribute—three years as President of the Metropolitan Golf Association, two years as President of the United States Golf Association, and four years as President of the United States Seniors' Golf Association.

PROPOSED BRITISH RULES

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, has distributed a draft of proposed revised Rules of Golf to interested parties prior to adoption. The revision, when and if adopted, will be the fifth, previous changes having been made in 1903, 1912, 1920 and 1934.

The policy of the R. and A. Committee, of which Bernard Darwin is chairman, has been to simplify the layout of the Rules and to clarify their interpretation, especially in instances which experience shows to have been most productive of questions, but to leave unaltered those Rules which have stood the test of time. In some cases, decisions have been incorporated in the Rules, so that a good deal of case law will become statute law. In this respect, the revision is similar to those made in the USGA Rules in 1946 and 1947, although the two codes will not be identical.

"Governing bodies at home and overseas were asked if they wished to retain the present 'stymie' rule, and if not, whether they preferred abolition, the adoption of the American rule, or the retention only of what is generally called the 'self-laid stymie,'" Mr. Darwin explains. "The replies showed a slight preponderance in favor of the present Rule.

"Various alterations were suggested, but there was a remarkable lack of unanimity in favor of any particular one. The Committee having therefore received nothing even approaching a definite mandate for change, propose to leave well alone.

"The most important change in layout is a regrouping of the Rules so that those for any point in match or medal play will now be found together. . . . The Etiquette of the Game now precedes the main text of the Rules on the ground that it is a golfer's first duty, even before he reads the Rules, to know the correct procedure on the Course."

Of particular interest to American golfers is the information that the Rule on Number of Clubs to be Carried has been made more definite as to replacement of a club becoming unfit for play; as proposed, it is now practically identical with the USGA 14-club Rule.