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**HOW GREAT MEN
PLAY.****Golf and Tennis Their Chief
Recreations.****LAUDER'S "WEE
GUTTY BA'."**

Golf and tennis are the predominant recreations of famous people.

This sidelight on character follows an industrious dip into the annals of that essential work of reference, "Who's Who," whose issue for 1927 contains some 32,000 biographies.

The preference of some of our great men, as indicated by themselves, are not, however, always what might be expected. Earl Balfour, associated by most people with golf, insists that he likes motoring and tennis.

The Earl of Birkenhead, like the Prime Minister, is now too serious to state any recreations, but everybody knows how keen he is on tennis, swimming, and hunting.

Mr. Baldwin one would at once credit with a passion for the classics and the countryside.

Prefers Tigers.

It is not everybody's opportunity, as it is that of the Maharaja of Baroda, to bracket tiger hunting as a recreation along with tennis and billiards. In this his temperament is clearly opposed to that of Mr. Bernard Shaw, who confesses that his recreations are "anything except sport."

Sir Auster Chamberlain, like his famous father, has no relaxations of which he desires to boast; but his brother, Sir Neville, likes shooting and golf.

Mr. H. G. Wells votes for cricket, shooting, tennis and rowing. Years ago he was an enthusiastic cyclist. Mr. Le Gallienne, the Merseyside poet, now resident in the States, still gives "cycling" as his pastime, preferring to travel with quiet and exercise rather than be conveyed with noise by a motor-car.

Mr. Birrell Hunts Books.

Mr. Augustine Birrell, who has just passed his 77th birthday, insists that "book hunting" is his recreation; Mr. Ramsay MacDonald prefers golf and walking; Philip Laszlo, the artist, is among the large army of golfers; while Mr. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, places cricket first.

It might be imagined that Earl Beatty has no recreations, but as he belongs to the Turf Club and is a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron, his tastes can be inferred.

Matania, the artist, has the longest list, with "fencing, painting, historical study, reconstruction of old Roman furniture and dresses, music, the guitar, piano, and modelling."

At the Dog and Duck.

The most curious recreation is given by that writer of perfect English, and author of "The Bowmen," Arthur Machen. His is given as "The Dog and Duck"—which is an inn where literary men of London do gather.

Harry Lauder spends his leisure in "Trying to hit a wee gutty ba', trying to catch salmon and trout, motoring, and shooting."

Senator Marconi likes hunting, cycling, and motoring; Miss F. Tennyson Jesse, yachting—which explains why she can write a fine novel of the sea; Kapp, the artist, prefers tramping and music; and Coulson Kernahan is satisfied with "his pipe and his tyke."

Mr. Leonard Merrick, who is known as "the novelists' novelist," reciprocates the sentiment by admitting that his recreations are "music, reading other persons' novels, and seeing other persons' plays."