

SPORTS GAMES & PASTIMES



MR. H. W. POWNALL.

The gentleman, whose portrait heads this article, is a well-known member of the A.M.P. Society and is the local manager of the Wanganui branch of that institution. Apart from his qualities as a business man, he is keenly interested in sport, and it is in this capacity that he appears in our columns. Mr. Pownall made his first appearance on the running track in 1890, and since then he has competed in 35 finals, winning 12, being second 10 times, and 3 times third, which is not at all a bad record. His principal wins were: The Wellington Caledonian Society Amateur Handicap, the Friendly Society Bracelet, the Napier Wanderers Bicycle Club's Bracelet, and the President's Cup, at the Wellington Football Club's annual sports. As a member of the Wellington Star Boating Club he won several Club races, including the Junior Fours, Junior Sculls, Senior Fours (twice) and Senior Pairs. In Wanganui he appropriated the Junior Fours and at Nelson rowed second in the Champion race won by Canterbury. He has been

a member of the Wellington Football Club for 3 years and last year represented Wanganui. Mr. Pownall is popular in both business and sporting circles. He is still a young man, being only a shade over 26 years of age.

It is feared that unless more interest is shown in the Recess Club *re* the Blenheim match on New Years Day from a tennis point of view the trip is likely to prove a fiasco. Four of the strongest members have notified that they will be unable to go, but it is to be hoped that they will change their mind at the eleventh hour. Blenheim hospitality is proverbial and nothing but necessity should prevent a strong team going over to reverse their last year's defeat.

The crews for the Oriental Boating Club's Senior Pairs have been drawn as follows:—A. McAnally (bow) and E. Read (stroke), M. Madden and A. Clark, J. G. Stevens and A. Hill, J. Burke and J. Driscoll, W. Gleeson and G. Read. The heats will be rowed in the following

order: Driscoll v. Hill, G. Read v. A. Clark, E. Read taking the by. Entries are now being received for the Junior Sculls.

At a meeting of the committee of the New Zealand Amateur Association at Christchurch on Tuesday, the proposal of the Wairarapa Club to join with the Wellington Club in competing for the Championship banner was considered, and it was decided to point out that such a union was not permissible.

The match between the Wellington and Thorndon Bowling Clubs on Saturday was an eye-opener. Wellington's representatives were as good as any four rinks previously selected. The Thorndon men played up in splendid style, and for the first time put down the veterans to the tune of 12 points—Thorndon, 108; Wellington, 94. The young 'uns were naturally jubilant, but then, as Mr. G. S. Cooper happily put it, "every cock crows loudest on its own dung-hill." The old 'uns took the drubbing in good part, like all good players take defeat, but all the same many a silent vow was made to knock spots off the juniors.

Now that the crews are shortly to be picked to represent the local Clubs at the Championship and other Regattas it is our intention to devote more space to aquatic news, and we shall, each week, freely criticise the doings of the various crews, and hope by our pointing out their faults, to materially assist them in their training. Our crews have had to suffer a great deal in the past from want of efficient coaches, not that we have not got them amongst us, for we know of a number of varsity coaches in our midst, but either they have not been properly approached on the subject, or will not give up the necessary time to knock crews into shape.

It is now some years since the local Clubs showed up really well at the representative regattas, and as the entries for the Championship events at Picton, at Easter time, are likely to come from pretty well all parts of the colony, we trust the crews when finally selected will go in for a really steady and severe course of training, and remember that they are not only representing the Club of which they are members, but are going to represent the Empire City.

The final heat of the Star Boating Club's senior double sculls came off last Saturday afternoon, when A. G. Hume and E. L. Burnes easily defeated F. Pownall and H. L. Wiggins, by some two lengths. Pownall and Wiggins got the