

## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

## WELLINGTON-AUCKLAND MATCH.

IT must be admitted that in his sketches of this match the artist, being on this occasion an Auckland, has put affairs—so far as the weather was concerned—in a decidedly favourable light. When this was pointed out by the editor, he was reminded by the artist that though the majority of the match was played 'midst hail, rain, thunder and lightning, yet during the first ten minutes' play the sun shone brilliantly, and did so again on at least two brief occasions in the afternoon. 'Why should I give the place away to strangers?' he queried. You can't argue with a patriot of his stamp, and it is certainly true there were one or two intervals in the deluge. The gate, too— But let that pass.

## A CORRECTION.

We have received the following letter, and are glad by publishing it to correct an error. Our correspondent says:—'In looking at your issue of 1st instant yesterday I noticed at page 199 a very good reproduction of a first class photograph of Standish and Preece's, of Christchurch. It consists of a group of the golfers present at the Championship Tournament in July at Christchurch. I observe you have put underneath the group the information that it represents the Christchurch Golf Club. This is quite a mistake, and you will oblige if you will rectify the matter in your next issue. Out of twenty-nine players there are seventeen belong to the Otago Golf Club (Dunedin), four to the Hutt Golf Club (Wellington), one to the North Otago Golf Club (Oamaru), and the remaining seven belong to the Christchurch Golf Club.' We thank this correspondent for the kindly and courteous offer at the end of his letter which is not published for lack of space.

The picture given of the lady champion Golf player of New Zealand and a group of the ladies who foregathered in Christchurch on that occasion will doubtless interest Golfing readers. No further allusion need be made to the tournament. That subject is pretty well talked and written out.

## AUCKLAND AMUSEMENTS.

## THE JUVENILE OPERA COMPANY.

FOR those who love pretty scenery and gorgeous dresses there is a treat in store wherever the pantomime 'Ali Baba' is produced by the Juvenile Opera Company. No prettier, and indeed no more dazzling spectacle, has been seen here since 'Aladdin' was staged by the same Company. If anything, the present production is richer in dressing than its predecessor. The whole Company is honestly greatly improved. The voices which were worn with hard work on the last visit are entirely revived, and in one or two cases so greatly improved that the owners will scarcely be recognised. Miss Marion Mitchell is tuneful as of yore, and Miss Beatty has advanced enormously. Her stage presence is remarkably fine, and she has now a pleasant and exceedingly powerful voice. Messrs Alf. Stevens and H. Quealy seem up to form, though the latter is perhaps scarcely so funny in 'Ali Baba' as he has been on previous occasions. The male 'star' this time is without any doubt at all Master C. Stephens—brother of 'Alf.' The 'nipper,' as this youngster is called in the play bill, is particularly smart and clever, and his singing 'brings down the house.' 'Just as good as any you have got,' is a capital song—sung with surprising character by this exceedingly small actor. The march of the Forty Thieves is worthy of a visit alone. The drilling of the children reflects infinite credit on Mr Tom Pollard, who may indeed be congratulated on the entire production. We should certainly not have objected to a slightly smarter dialogue, and there is occasionally just a trifle too much horse play humour. These objections are, however, not important. Children appear to enjoy the rough and tumble gambols of Quealy and Co., and after all, if we grown-ups have the spectacle, we should not grudge laughter at the inno-

cent fooling which we are no longer unsophisticated enough to enjoy.

'BULBO,' the new opera by Mr Harrison, forms the subject of much conjectural conversation. Those who have heard the music declare it must cause a *furor*. The work will be shortly produced, and will surely succeed, if, as we

14th instant. A successful evening is anticipated, as the committee is a strong one, and the dance is well advertised.

THE list of attractions advertised for Professor James benefit at the Columbia Rink in Auckland is surely enough to ensure an enormous attendance. The prizes to be distributed are exceedingly handsome, and it is certain there will be no favoritism in the awards, as the public themselves are to be the judges. The prizes to be distributed are as follows:—Ladies: Most handsome dress, pair electro plated jam spoons, butter knife and case; most original dress, pair electro plated and pearl butter knives and case; most graceful lady skater, electro-plated bread fork and case. Gentlemen: Most handsome dress, shaving companion complete; most original dress, gold horse shoe scarf pin; one dozen photos and opal by Wrigglesworth and Binns for the gentleman who causes the most amusement during the evening. The programme is lengthy and varied, and provides something to interest every taste. The Maypole dance by limelight will certainly be very well worth seeing. It was a very pretty sight even without the headed attraction of the said limelight. The trick and fancy skating is always interesting and can scarcely fail to be so on this occasion. Seating accommodation will, moreover, be supplied. Amongst other attractions may be mentioned statue act on skates by Professors James and Faust and pupils, with limelight effect; triple burlesque skating and bicycle act by Professor Faust; competition for most graceful lady skater; grand march with limelight effect. Skating from 7.30 to 11.



Standish and Preece, photo. Christchurch.

MRS WILDER, LADY GOLF CHAMPION OF NEW ZEALAND.

hear on unprejudiced authority, the music is light and pretty, and the dialogue smart and up to date.

## PONSONBY 'AT HOME.'

The fifth monthly 'At Home' takes place on Friday, the

size of all our New Zealand owners put together. What price, for instance, could not have been commanded for the nails—gold plated as above—which Carbine wore when he got home in the Melbourne Cup on that never-to-be-forgotten occasion?



Standish and Preece, photo. Christchurch.

GROUP OF LADIES AT THE RECENT LADIES' GOLF TOURNAMENT, CHCH.