

SPORTS & PASTIMES.

GOLF.

Some good scores were made on the links of the Napier Golf Club last Saturday, when some of the members played the third round for the President's medal. W. Wood, jun., made the record of 18 holes in 88. The following are the scores:—

	Green.	Hop.	Net.
W. Wood, jun.	88	—	88
Morris	95	—	95
Fanning	116	—	116
Burke	121	25	96
Bullock	136	40	96
Matthias	97	—	97
A. Kennedy	102	5	97
C. D. Kennedy	103	5	98

Messrs Antill, Goudy, Jardine, P. S. McLean, and Tabuteau also played.

In spite of the heavy rain, which fell during the early part of the day, a great many golfers mustered at the Miramar Links (Wellington) on Saturday to witness the final round of the Ladies' Championship, the Boyle medal competition taking place at the same time, the scores counting for both competitions. As the weather cleared up during the afternoon the attendance increased, among those who rode out being Mrs Beddard, Miss Buller, Colonel Pole-Penton, and Mr Coates. The scores handed in were:—

BOYLE MEDAL.

Miss Cooper, 112; Mrs Lees, 108; Miss Dransfield, 134; Miss U. Williams, 139; Miss Rose, 110; Miss Morrah, 131.

FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mrs Lees, 108; Miss Rose, 110; Miss Cooper, 112. Miss G. Rose thus wins the championship, with the aggregate score of 325 points, Mrs Lees being second with 331 points, and Miss Cooper third with 351 points.

At the Hutt Golf Links, Miss L. Wilford won the Fitzherbert Shield, which carries with it the Ladies' Championship, and as she has now won it for two years in succession, it becomes her property, her score of 94 far eclipsing that of any of the other competitors, who were hopelessly out of it. The Riddiford Medal (12 holes) was also very easily won by Miss Wilford with the good score of 72.

Mrs Todd presented the runner-up of the Wellington Championship with a charming silver-topped scent bottle, Mrs Lees, of course, being the lucky recipient. The Boyle medal has to be played for three more times, the Misses Rose, Kebbell, Morrah, Cooper and U. Williams having been the winners so far.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Another unfortunate bicycle accident happened last week in Christchurch, Mrs George Bennett being the victim. She was cycling in one of the quietest streets, and in some unexplained way collided with a cart, the wheel of which passed right over her, bruising her shoulders very much, but no bones were broken. She is suffering a good deal from the shock and bruises, but progressing favourably.

Reynolds, the well-known Irish cyclist, has arrived in Adelaide. He competes in forthcoming events.

In a bicycle race between Palmerston North and Ashurst, Walter Freeman, junior, son of the caterer on the Wellington-Manawata Railway Company's line, received serious injuries owing to the collapse of the fork of his machine. He is in a precarious condition, and one side of his face is shockingly disfigured.

Mr and Mrs Ernest Preece left Christchurch on Sunday for Dunedin on their tandem, and by easy stages finished the journey on Wednesday, having had a delightful trip, covering 240 miles.

CONCERNING LADY CYCLISTS.

The following interesting incidents concerning lady patrons of the popular wheel are founded on facts. As many folk are aware, the Duchess of Connaught is an ardent cyclist, and may frequently be seen wheeling through the Western suburbs of the metropolis. One day, accosting a lady of title at one of the Drawing Rooms, she said, with affected seriousness, 'Now, Lady D—, will you tell me why you cut me so severely the other day?' In great amazement, Lady D— said, 'Indeed, madam, I did not cut you. You are mistaken; I should not dream of such a thing.' 'Well, you actually did cut me,' said the persistent Duchess with a pleasant smile. 'You were driving down the Brompton Road, going to Hurlingham, I presume, while I was riding a bicycle, and following an omnibus rather closely in order to avoid accidents.'

A novel wedding was recently celebrated at a fashionable seaside resort. The whole of the bridal party wheeled to the church on cycles. They were led by the bride and bridegroom who preceded them on a tandem safety, while next in the unique procession rode three bridesmaids and four gentlemen friends on safety cycles. In the rear rode the bride's parents on a tandem tricycle. After the marriage the blissful brace wheeled away on a cycling tour for their honeymoon.



A SHOCKING fatality occurred about 5 o'clock on Monday morning when the Moturoa Hotel, at the breakwater in New Plymouth, was burned to the ground. The loss of the property is nothing compared to the fact that two lives were lost in the conflagration. Captain Turner, master of the New Plymouth Harbour Dredge, and Mr William Drader, an expert at the Petroleum Company's Works, both being boarders in the hotel, were burned to death. They were both evidently suffocated in their sleep, and thus suffered a painless death. On the following afternoon the remains of the poor victims were buried in the Te Henui cemetery. The cortege was long and representative, showing the esteem in which the deceased were held in the district. Mr Drader, being a member of the Egmont Lodge of Masons, was accorded a Masonic burial. Preceding the hearse marched the members of the craft, and next to the hearse came a carriage containing Mr Samuel (Chairman of Directors), Major Parris (director), Mr H. Shepherd (secretary of the Petroleum Company), and Mr O. Carrington. Next came a carriage containing Messrs H. McLister, C. Menzies, C. Webberley, and J. Gilbanks, the deceased's fellow employees in the Petroleum Works. The pall-bearers were Bros. T. Blanckett, S. W. G. Blanckett, J. W. Wainwright, B. Weale, W. Jury, J. W. and E. Sole, S.D. The hearse containing Captain Turner's remains came in order after a few other carriages. The pall-bearers were Messrs J. Fraser, T. Inch, G. Connet, Brokenshire, Lindsay, and W. Vile, members of the Harbour Board staff, to which the late Captain Turner was attached. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Garland, and Bro. J. Asher, P.M., gave the impressive Masonic service. The coffins were covered with wreaths.

Another of the pioneer settlers of New Plymouth has passed away to that bourne whence no traveller returns in the person of Mrs Mary Ann Grylls, who died at her residence, St. Aubyn-street, on Friday, having attained the venerable age of 87. Mrs Grylls and her husband came from the south of England, and were among the earliest pioneers to settle in Taranaki. The deceased lady, who was widely known and greatly respected by a large circle of friends, leaves behind her five daughters and two sons, all settled in this district, and numerous grand and great grandchildren. The daughters are Mesdames J. Jury, T. Leedom, W. Cottier, W. Black, and Jas. Loveridge, and the sons Messrs J. Grylls, and R. Grylls, the well-known host of the Oakura Hotel.

Another of the old Christchurch identities passed away last week at St. Alban's—Mrs Frances Caverhill, who has only survived her husband since April last. Mrs Caverhill arrived in the Colony in 1850 in one of the first four ships—the 'Cressy.' Mrs Caverhill was married in 1852, and accompanied her husband to the well-known Motunau station, and afterwards to Hawkeswood and Highfield, where during her residence many acts of hospitality and kindness were shown to high and low, rich and poor. She leaves four sons and three daughters, and a very large circle of sorrowing friends.

Mr James Sinclair, one of the first settlers in Blenheim, and commonly known as the 'Father of Blenheim,' has just passed away at the age of 79. From the earliest days of the province he was intimately connected with all movements of a public nature, and was a member of the Provincial Council until the abolition of provinces in 1879. Mrs Sinclair predeceased him by two years. He leaves a grown-up family, consisting of four sons—Messrs James, John, William, and David Sinclair; and one daughter—Mrs Sutherland McAlister.

The death of Mr Lionel L. Harris, which took place at his residence on Wellington Terrace on August 6th, has deprived Wellington of one of its most prominent and useful citizens. The deceased gentleman was born in Liverpool in 1851, his father dying shortly after his birth. At the age of two he and his mother sailed for New South Wales, where he afterwards began his career in the drapery trade, but hearing of the great gold rush on the West Coast of New Zealand, he abandoned his business in order to try his luck on the goldfields, and his experiences in the early days there, although not crowned with success, were very varied and exciting. Not meeting with success, he returned to New South Wales, but only for a brief period, as he left again shortly after for Kalkoura, Marlborough, and after storekeeping for a time there, he went to the Canter-

bury district. In 1875, he came to Wellington, starting business as a financier, and has remained in the city ever since, taking great interest in all public affairs, having been a member of the City Council, where his great financial experience proved invaluable to the Finance Committee, a Hospital Trustee, a member of the Charitable Aid Board, Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee for many years, in which position he did much to improve that body, and Chairman of Directors of the New Zealand Times Company. He was also President of the Wellington Hebrew congregation for several years. The great respect in which Mr Harris was held by all classes of the community, in private as well as in business life, was evidenced by the very large attendance at his funeral, which took place on Monday morning last at 10 o'clock. The Fire Brigade acted as pall-bearers, the members of the City Council attending in a body. The interment took place at the Karori Cemetery, the Rev. H. Van Staveren officiating at the graveside. In addition to many lovely wreaths sent by private friends, beautiful wreaths were also sent by the Hospital trustees and officials, the Evening Post proprietors, the Underwriters' Association, the members of the Central Club, commercial and practical staff New Zealand Times and New Zealand Mail, the directors of the New Zealand Times Company, and the literary staff of the Times and Mail. Mrs Harris, who was a daughter of Mr Isaac Phillips, has also received a very large number of telegrams and letters expressive of deep sympathy in her sad bereavement.

Very great regret was felt in Wellington at the somewhat sudden death of Mrs Swainson, which took place at her residence in Fitzherbert Terrace last Tuesday. The deceased lady had for many years conducted a private school at Thorndon, and was universally loved and esteemed. A very large number of her old pupils attended her funeral, and a large congregation assembled at St. Paul's pro-Cathedral to attend the choral service sung in connection with the funeral before the interment at Karori Cemetery. The choir sang Spohr's well-known anthem, 'Blest are the Departed,' the solo parts being feelingly sung by Miss Campbell, Dr. Fyffe, and Mr John Prouse, the accompanying service being conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Fancourt and the Rev. T. H. Sprott.

Information was received in Napier last Friday of the death of Mr Matthew Miller, who had gone for a holiday to Waituna West, near Feilding, and while jumping a horse over a log was thrown. His neck was broken, and in a few minutes he was dead. Deceased was the second son of the late Mr M. R. Miller, of Napier, and was in the office of Messrs Williams and Kettle. He was only twenty years of age, and will be greatly missed. The deepest sympathy is felt for his mother and family in their trouble. The 'Dead March' from Saul was played in the Cathedral on Sunday night, and the Dean of Waiapu made feeling references to his untimely death. As the deceased was a member of the F Battery, he was accorded a military funeral, which took place on Tuesday last.

Very largely attended indeed was the funeral of the late Mr Robert McCullough, J.P., of Ardmore. It took place at Papakura Cemetery, and the service was conducted by the Rev. T. Norrie, both in the house and at the grave, where friends from Ardmore, Auckland, Clevedon, Remuera, Papakura, Papakura Valley, and Papaitoihi had assembled. The deceased was greatly respected, dying at the advanced age of 69 years. He leaves a widow, four daughters—one of whom is married—and three sons.

News has been received from England of the death of Mrs Mary Steadman Aldis, wife of Mr William Steadman Aldis, formerly professor of mathematics in the Auckland University College. They went Home for the sake of the lady's health, but unfortunately she was in no wise benefited by the change, but, after a long and painful illness, died on June 25th at Stone-in-Oxney, Kent. Mrs Aldis was the eldest daughter of the late Rev. W. Robinson, of Cambridge, England, and had a number of friends and acquaintances in Auckland. An Auckland gentleman thus writes of her:—'I felt the highest esteem for her, and for the independent and outspoken way in which she expressed and vindicated her opinions, as well as for her admirable style of writing English. I know of few writers whose style is more lucid, more forcible, and also more concise. Well, her troubles and controversies are all over now, and most sincerely do I say *requiescat in pace!*'

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