

**BOWLING.**

The fine weather on Saturday last attracted a large number of bowlers to the different greens. The following are the scores:—

**GRAFTON CLUB.**

No. 1 Rink.—Prime, Ingall, Major Pirie, T. Rose (skip), 19, v. Ross, P. A. Phillips, Patterson, Dr. Hooper (skip), 18.

No. 2 Rink.—Dingle, Mennie, Edwards, Gorrie (skip), 19, v. Thornes, Haslett, Rev. Scott West, Ledingham (skip), 16.

No. 3 Rink.—Hegman, Towsey, Handcock, Lambert (skip), 11, v. Crawford, Perrett, James, Carlaw (skip), 26.

No. 4 Rink.—Woodhead, Moritzson, A. Myers, Butts (skip), 18, v. Allen, Squirrel, Michaels, Ellis (skip), 18.

No. 5 Rink.—Milroy, H. Thompson, Lawson, H. Campbell (skip), 17, v. W. S. Jones, Leser, Buttle, Miller (skip), 21.

No. 6 Rink.—Corner, Elliott, Capt. Harris, Spreckley (skip), 13, v. Ponsford, Rankin, Shackelford, Hosking (skip), 30.

No. 7 Rink.—Lewis, Shaw, Dr. Wilkins, Kirkwood (skip), 17, v. Beere, Mahoney, Steele, Winks (skip), 17.

No. 8 Rink.—Butler, J. J. Phillips, Dr. King, A. W. Thomson (skip), 19, v. Knight, Kayll, Rhodes, Cuff (skip), 20.

No. 9 Rink.—Ziman, Holland (skip), v. L. Myers, Langford (skip), 18.

The Match Committee of this Club has selected the following teams to play at the ensuing inter-club pennant matches:—Champion Rink: Handcock, Dingle, Carlaw, Lambert (skip). No. 2 Rink: Rev. Scott West, Mennie, James, Ledingham (skip). No. 3 Rink: Crawford, Towsey, Edwards, Gorrie (skip). Emergencies: Perrett, Haslett, Holland, Dr. Hooper.

**PONSONBY CLUB.**

No. 2 Rink.—A. J. Hurdall, J. Edmiston, D. B. McDonald, J. Buchanan (skip), 17, v. J. W. Stewart, C. Blomfield, W. J. Rees, R. Tudehope (skip), 23.

No. 3 Rink.—E. T. Hart, A. Carrick, J. Newell, A. Stewart (skip), 19, v. A. Coutts, W. J. Massey, J. H. Hudson, A. Littler (skip), 17.

No. 5 Rink.—J. C. Robinson, Joseph Becroft, J. H. Swales, J. Stinchbury (skip), 33, v. J. Gallaway, J. B. Massey, A. Sutherland, T. Watson (skip), 15.

Challenge Trophy.—The fourth contest for above took place on Saturday last, in the presence of a number of spectators. The game throughout was an up-to-date one, the teams sticking well together right through the contest, some really good play being displayed by both sides. The scores recorded are the smallest made for a 21 head game for some time. The result was as follows:—J. Hutchison, A. S. Russell, Jno. Becroft, J. Kirker (skip), 18, v. J. Blades (sub. for J. Court), D. Stewart, A. H. Brookes, H. Brookes (skip), 17.

**REMUERA CLUB.**

No. 1 Rink.—Major George, McKenzie, John Macky, F. W. Court (skip), 22, v. F. Hull, Colonel Dowell, H. King, J. Sinclair (skip), 13.

No. 2 Rink.—Lennox, Buddie, Gamble, Wright (skip), 16, v. Stevenson, Moore-Jones, Gordon, G. Heron (skip), 33.

No. 3 Rink.—Heriot, R. Hall, Coe, Dingwall (skip), 23, v. Sibbald, Ranson, Renon, Hardie (skip), 13.

No. 4 Rink.—Masfield, Clerk, G. Court, Laxon (skip), 25, v. Bruce, Brown, Ruddock, Holden (skip), 19.

No. 5 Rink.—Vaile, Finlayson, Ching, Rose (skip), 20, v. Welsh, Burton, Hutton, Arnold (skip), 21.

**NEWMARKET CLUB.**

No. 1 Rink.—Kent, Wilson, Southwell, Kilgour (skip), 16, v. Dunsha, Morgan, Holmes, G. H. Laurie (skip), 26.

No. 2 Rink.—Chevia, Simpson, Rev. Mitchell, Cahill (skip), 21, v. Frost, Bush, Darrach, Spooner (skip), 21.

**MOUNT EDEN CLUB.**

No. 1 Rink.—A. McMurtrie, J. Murdoch, D. Ferguson, S. G. Burns (skip), 12, v. J. Pooley, T. Jones, A. F. Hooper, C. G. Brookes (skip), 31.

No. 2 Rink.—A. M. Newman, A. Robins, L. Andrews, R. R. Ross (skip), 24, v. S. F. Benton, O. B. Brown, A. Wooliams, H. N. Garland (skip), 16.

No. 3 Rink.—H. B. Simpson, F. S. Ballin, S. Gray, H. H. 'I'law (skip), 24, v. Captain Moller, F. James, D. B. Miller, G. B. Thwaites (skip), 16.

**DEVONPORT CLUB.**

No. 1 Rink.—H. McCallum, J. W. Harrison, A. Harvey, R. Eagleton (skip), 30, v. G. H. Brookes, T. Stewart, M. Niccol, C. Craigmile (skip), 16.

No. 2 Rink.—E. Glenister, 18, v. F. S. Malcolm, 16.

No. 3 Rink.—J. Taylor, S. Vaile, H. Niccol, Capt. Symms (skip), 23, v. R. Mitchell, S. Twentyman, F. E. Phipps, Capt. Best (skip), 10.

No. 4 Rink.—McCallum, Stewart, Harvey, Harrison (skip), 22, v. Brookes, Craigmile, Eagleton, Niccol (skip), 21.

The following players were elected to represent the Club at the Champion Four and pennant matches:—Messrs McCallum, Harrison, Harvey, Eagleton, Brookes, Stewart, Niccol, and Craigmile.

The challenge for the Auckland Bowling Association's pairs buckles from H. W. Brookes and R. Ballantyne, also from F. S. Malcolm and W. B. Eyre, went by default to the holders, M. McCallum and R. Eagleton.

**PARNELL CLUB.**

Dr. Laisley, A. Wright, J. L. Scott, H. C. Haselden (skip), 25, v. S. Von Sturmer, H. E. May, G. H. Purchas, E. A. Mackenzie (skip), 11.

In the handicap singles for Mr Mackenzie's pair of bowls, Mr T. Cottle played Mr. H. W. Churton with the following results:—Cottle: 23, 23, 25; Churton, 26, 14, 15.



← and Drama.

The following is the programme for the opening day (To-morrow, Thursday) of the Auckland Exhibition:—After the National Anthem has been rendered by the choir and orchestra, the Primate will deliver a prayer. This will be followed by the 'Old Hundredth,' by choir and orchestra, and the President's address, and the Governor's speech, after which will come the 'Hallelujah Chorus.' An organ solo, 'Zadok, the Priest,' from Handel's Coronation Anthem, will conclude this part of the proceedings. In the evening will be given the grand opening concert of the Exhibition, Sullivan's 'Golden Legend.' Professor Carl Schmitt will conduct, and Mr Arthur Towsey preside at the organ. The soloists on the occasion will be Miss Large, Madame du Rieu, Mr J. W. Ryan, Mr John W. Hill and Mr John Prouse. There will be an orchestra of fifty instrumentalists and a choir of 200 voices.

On Friday evening a free concert will be given in the Exhibition Concert Hall. On Tuesday evening 'The Creation' will be given in the Exhibition Concert Hall, and will be open to visitors to the Exhibition without extra payment.

This day (Wednesday) week Mr A. Towsey will give an afternoon organ recital from 3.30 to 4.30 in the Exhibition Concert Hall.

Harmston's Circus is doing good business in the South. The Perriers were recently in Wellington. The Knight-Ferrar Company will open in Wellington on Boxing Night.

Dante expects to be back in this colony next January. He will probably open in Christchurch on the 31st of that month.

'Prospero,' the dramatic critic of the Canterbury 'Weekly Press,' gives qualified praise to the Pollards' production of 'The French Maid.' The piece, however, proved immensely popular in Christchurch.

Arrangements are well forward for the opening next week in Auckland of the Amateur Opera season. First-class performances of 'The Mikado' and 'The Gondoliers' are promised.

Mr Williamson expects to be able to produce the Maori comic opera in Melbourne or Sydney early next year.

Mr Harry Rickards' variety company have been playing to excellent business in Adelaide. The season closed ten days ago, when it was expected arrangements would be completed for sending the company to New Zealand. The members of the company will join a steamer at Melbourne.

Amongst the plays which Mr Williamson contemplates introducing to Australia next year (says the Sydney

'Daily Telegraph') is Gillette's American war drama 'Secret Service.' This is the piece which attained such remarkable prominence in America and afterwards at the Adelphi in London. It occupies quite a distinct position from one point of view especially, and that is that the amount of detail in the play is infinite, a circumstance which, of course, makes its production no light undertaking. This was the piece, it will probably be remembered, that the late Mr William Terriss was playing in at the time he was murdered. Another new play in the repertoire for the next dramatic season will probably be Mr Wilson Barrett's dramatised version of Mr Hall Caine's book, 'The Christian.' A suddenly revived interest in dramatic versions of Dumas' 'The Three Musketeers' is reflected here, and is very likely to result in the Knight-Ferrar Company playing a dramatisation of it in Australia. Two plays built on this novel are running in London now, Mr Bellow appearing (as d'Artagnan) in one, and Mrs Potter (as Miladi) in another. The book has long been a favourite one with American dramatists, however, and in the Republic Mr George Fawcett Rowe earned a great reputation as the Gascon d'Artagnan. It is just possible that Mr Williamson, if he decides on encouraging the 'Musketeers' boom, will use an American version.

'The Geisha' is to be the Christmas attraction at the Princess, Melbourne.

The Organ Recital given in St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Wellington, on Tuesday night by Mr Robert Parker, was enjoyed by a large number of people. The items for the evening's performance were as follows: Jules Grison's 'Grand Offertoire' in C minor, which was followed by the Adagio from Beethoven's 'Sonata Pathetique,' Chopin's 'Prelude' in B minor; Theo. Dubois's 'Offertoire' in D flat; and next came Sir John Stainers' 'Reverie' in A flat; H. M. Higgs' 'Pastorale' in G, and Sir Robert Stewart's 'Fantasia' in D. Two bass solos were well sung by Mr J. Prouse. It is hard to say which item was the most enjoyable, as each was so grand, and the recital was as successful as Mr Parker's always are.

There was a very good attendance on Monday night at the entertainment of the Auckland Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin Club, and the programme was an excellent one. The vice-regal party were present.

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**PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS**

His Excellency the Governor, the Countess of Ranfurly, Lady Constance Knox, Viscount Northland, Captain Alexander (private secretary to His Excellency), and Mr Garland, arrived in Auckland on Saturday evening. A special train conveyed them from Mercer, where they witnessed the Regatta. A formal welcome was tendered to the vice-regal party at the railway station by His Worship the Mayor (Mr Peter Dignan), the Town Clerk (Mr P. A. Phillips), and the city member (Mr J. J. Holland). The evening was beautifully fine and warm, and a drive to the top of Mt. Eden was welcomed as a pleasant change after the long train journey. A capital view of the surrounding country was obtained, and then the distinguished visitors returned to their present Auckland headquarters, the Star Hotel.

The vice-regal party were present at St. Paul's Church on Sunday morning for divine service, and in the evening the Countess of Ranfurly, attended by Captain Alexander, went to St. Matthew's Church for evensong.

On Monday there was a luncheon for the vice-regal party on board H.M.S. 'Tauranga,' and in the evening they honoured the Banjo, Guitar, and Mandolin Club with their presence at the concert in St. Benedict's Hall, conducted by Mr Arthur Towsey.

On Tuesday the foundation stone of Knox Church, Parnell, was arranged to be laid by His Excellency the Governor at Parnell in the afternoon, and in the evening Lord Ranfurly was to present the certificates to the pupils of St. John Ambulance Association in S. Benedict's Hall.

On Wednesday His Excellency will open the new Costley wards for the Children's Hospital; in the evening there is a concert (under vice-regal patronage) in aid of the funds of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This promises to be a good concert, and takes place in the Opera House.

On Thursday, the great event of the early summer for Auckland, the opening of the Exhibition, takes place. His Excellency the Governor will perform the ceremony, and in the evening the vice-regal party will attend the performance of the 'Golden Legend' in the Choral Hall in connection with the Exhibition.

Captain Wellesley, A.D.C., did not accompany the Vice-Regal party to Auckland, and has gone on a trout fishing excursion along the rivers in the Dannevirke district.

Miss Walker, the Secretary of the new Ladies' Club, has been working very assiduously to make the undertaking a success, and a large number of intending members have now given in their names. A meeting at which the final arrangements were made in connection with the formation of the club was held on Tuesday afternoon, November 29th, in the Masonic Hall, Princes-street.

The Premier and Mrs Seddon returned to Wellington from Palmerston on Tuesday last.

Miss Katie Young's numerous friends, both in New Zealand and abroad, will be pleased to see her name amongst the number of successful candidates for the Senior Practical Music Examination of Trinity College, held in Christchurch, by Dr. Edwards, a short time back. Miss Young, who is only 16 years of age, has now worked up her senior pass, but the number of marks gained has not yet been returned. Her first Theory Pass was obtained in 1894, and since then each year her musical examinations have always proved most satisfactory.

H.M.S. 'Tauranga' left Wellington on Thursday en route for Auckland, and while there will be placed in the Calypso Dock for a general overhaul; and the officers and crew will also take part in the opening of the Auckland Exhibition on the 1st.

Mrs. Musefield, 'Minnaron,' Pelorus Sound, has gone up to Blenheim from Picton, to act as one of the judges of home produce at the Agricultural Show, which is being held to-day.

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