

ATHLETICS.

A CRICKET match played the other day on Nelson Square, Picton, between Renwick Town and Picton teams resulted in a victory for Picton by 63 runs. The local team are picking up heart again, owing in a measure to the indomitable energy and excellent play of Mr F. W. Andrews, who bats with a good old English style which might be copied with advantage by some of the other players. The individual scores were not brilliant on either side. W. Seymour alone attained double figures for the Renwickites, while for Picton D. France made the best score, 20. Andrews and Eason also distinguished themselves.

A SWIMMING contest eventuated in Picton Harbour last Thursday. The occasion was a 'life-saving competition' for a Queen's Medallion given by the Royal Humane Society of Australasia to any State school in the Australasian colonies which will hold a competition in any sea port town, the rules being—1st, to swim out and rescue a floating dummy and bring it to land; 2nd, to swim out and dive for a sunken dummy at a point indicated by a floating cork unattached; 3rd, to swim out, dive for and recover a dummy sunk in a spot not indicated. R. Ragh won each and every one of the competitions, Galbraith taking second in No. 3, and P. Maeshane second in one and two.

THE school sports at Cambridge Public School were held last Thursday in the Government paddock. Good prizes were offered to the boys and girls, and the number of entries for all the races were large. Great praise is due to those who helped to make the sports such a success, which they were undoubtedly in every respect.

THE Napier Bowling Tournament opened on Saturday. The weather was fine, and the green in splendid condition. So far I have only the telegraphic news ament the affair. Next week I hope to be able to give some additional particulars. In the first round Wellington defeated Napier by 135 to 17; Wanganni defeated Palmerston by 51 to 27; Auckland defeated Christchurch by 47 to 31. In the second round New Plymouth defeated Auckland by 64 to 55; Napier defeated Wanganni by 81 to 76; Wellington defeated Palmerston by 41 to 29; Christchurch defeated Wellington by 48 to 35. In the third round Wanganni defeated Wellington by 87 to 72; Napier defeated New Plymouth by 96 to 60; Auckland defeated Gisborne by 65 to 35. In the fourth round of the Inter-club Match Napier defeated Palmerston by 44 to 31; Christchurch defeated Gisborne by 23 to 12; Auckland defeated Wanganni by 68 to 44; New Plymouth defeated Wellington by 76 to 61.

IN the Champion Rink Tournament, Christchurch defeated Napier by 43 to 18; Napier defeated Wanganni by 18 to 17; Napier defeated Wellington by 20 to 15; Auckland defeated Napier by 25 to 22; Wanganni defeated Gisborne by 21 to 14; Napier defeated Auckland by 23 to 18. Napier (2nd rink) defeated Auckland by 28 to 9; Wellington defeated Napier by 30 to 8; Wellington defeated New Ply-

mouth by 26 to 15; Palmerston defeated Gisborne by 18 to 15; New Plymouth defeated Napier by 31 to 10. Second round: Napier defeated Wellington by 17 to 14; Napier (2nd team) defeated Wellington by 16 to 14; Napier (3rd team) defeated Wellington by 23 to 11; Christchurch defeated New Plymouth by 26 to 15; Wanganni defeated Napier by 32 to 19; Wellington defeated Wanganni by 20 to 18; Wellington defeated Palmerston by 40 to 7.

THE third round is not yet completed. There was a most exciting match between Christchurch and New Plymouth

that they defeated Wolverhampton Wanderers places them on a higher footing than ever. The match was played at Wolverhampton, in the presence of nearly 30,000 spectators. Villa won the toss, and elected to play up hill, Topham starting for the Wanderers. Play at once commenced fast and furious, the Wolves' right wing racing down, only to be pulled up by Baird. Villa then got away, Campbell's parting shot being a few inches wide. Play continued of a give-and-take character till a mistake between the Villa backs let in Topham, who scored the first goal for Wanderers at the end of eight minutes' play. Villa then played determinedly, but, although they rained shots in upon Rose, they could not score. Athersmith got in a fine shot from a centre, but Rose saved brilliantly, directly after stopping two grand shots from Campbell and Devey. Villa still continued on the aggressive, and finally, two minutes before interval, Campbell scored a good goal from a pass from Devey. The whistle blew at half time with the score standing one each. On the restart the Wolves commenced pressing, but failed to break through a stubborn defence. Villa then took up pressing,



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TOP ROW.—J. ARNITT, R. NEILL, W. GARDINER, W. STENSON, T. H. WILSON. MIDDLE ROW.—C. E. MACCORMICK, J. T. HOWLETT, J. N. FOWKE, R. J. YATES, C. S. H. MACINNIS. BOTTOM ROW.—L. MILLS, H. W. LAWSON, W. HAWKINS.

Great interest attached to the match, owing to the fact that Paul and Thompson, two of the most noted bowlers in the colony, met as skips of the New Plymouth and Christchurch teams respectively, scoring equal all through. At the last head just before Paul took his final shot, the score stood 19 each, when Paul, by a well-directed effort, placed one to the credit of New Plymouth, which thus won. Paul was carried shoulder high.

NEVER has association football been in higher favour at Home than at present. The excitement over the cup championship matches is intense. The Aston Villa Club seems to be a favourite for this season, and the latest news

their forwards playing a magnificent game, and finally, from a pass by Hodgetts, Devey scored their second goal. Wolves then got down, Topham shooting over the bar. Soon after some brilliant passing by the Villa forwards, who throughout played a grand game, enabled Athersmith to score a third goal, and, nothing further resulting, Aston Villa won by three goals to one.

JOSEPH DARBY, champion English jumper, is reported by the daily press to have accomplished very big things indeed at Wolverhampton the other day. He is credited by a local reporter with equalling G. W. Rowdon's ascribed record of clearing 6ft. 5 1/2 in., going at the tape or bar after two standing jumps. Further, he set to work to do the Howard-of-Bradford feat by jumping longwise over a billiard-table. Darby had room only for two stand spring jumps prior to taking off for the long leap. Without disputing the accuracy of measurements here quoted, one would be very delighted indeed to see the work oneself. When you read of his doing 6ft. with the greatest of ease, you begin to open your eyes. After that 6ft. 5 1/2 in. 'all out' doesn't seem so hard to swallow. Darby is really just the man to do it.

As to the billiard table trick, which, in the way it was exhibited, was a trifle out of order as a rival to poor old Howard's, Darby in two springing stand jumps would cover pretty nearly as much space as the Bradford wonder was allowed for his run at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. All the room he had to get up steam to fly the table longways was from the wall of the landing through the billiard saloon door. In his case, too, cushions and all were on. I believe I can be certain that at the Adelphi the table was as it would be for play, and all—practically all—the preparation made was by moving the gas-fittings from over it.

For his similar jump in the open, I think, but am not confident on the point, Howard went at either a regulation table properly fixed up, or, what would be much more awkward, with the led omitted. Anyway, I well recollect hearing in one try he went sideways, and came down not quite clear of the brasswork of the corner pocket, and so hurt himself. Yet he stuck to his undertaking, and at the next go did what he wanted.



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BOWLS.—AN ANXIOUS MOMENT.

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