

The Chairman of the meeting, Dr. Coughtrey, a vice-president of the Union, and J. H. Chapman, hon. treasurer of the same body, said that if the motion was carried they would resign, and that had probably a deterrent effect, as the card was pricked before the meeting, and at least ten delegates were found to be in favour of the establishment of Cup matches. The officers of the Union for this season are—Mr James Allen, president; Messrs R. Chisholm, J. H. Morrison, D. A. Jolly, and Dr. Coughtrey, vice-presidents; Mr F. Horne, hon. secretary; Mr J. Chapman, hon. treasurer; and Messrs F. Stilling, J. R. Montgomery, R. Martin, J. B. Waters, W. D. Milne, and W. Wyinka, committee.

THE match between Gordon II. and Auckland II. last Saturday to decide who should hold the Junior Cup for the season attracted a good deal of interest, and quite a 'big crowd' were present. Auckland had not quite their strongest team, several prominent men, notably Harkness, Gaudin, and Taylor being absent, whilst on the other hand they played Howard, who is one of the best first eleven men, and played with success to the end of their season.

AUCKLAND started batting first, but could only manage to put up the small total of 32, for which Coff was principally responsible, and practically saving this side. His placing was, as the saying goes, to a 'hair.' Kelly and Kenderline shared the bowling honours for the opposing side. Gordon only having 32 to get, everybody thought it would prove a very tame affair, and nobody was prepared for the surprise that followed. Kelly and Graham started to the bowling of Seccombe and Howard. Kelly was dismissed at 3, and then a general rot appeared to set in, nobody appeared able to make a stand at all, and the last wicket fell for the paltry total of 28, 4 runs behind. The match is now in a very interesting state, each side having another innings. It will be concluded next Saturday week, owing to the Northern Amateur Athletic Club having engaged the ground for next Saturday.

THE less that is said anent individual play on both sides the better. Howard's bowling was execrable, but the Gordon batting was worse. Bell played with considerable 'side,' but very little else, and spooned in a way which no excuse could justify. Kissing missed slow full pitchers to leg with a consistency which might have been amusing had it not been exasperating, and the running was lazy in the extreme. Altogether it is a long time since so sorry a display has been seen in the Domain.

THERE was no regular encampment this year at Christchurch, but several volunteer companies were under canvas in different parts. Men do not seem as if they like to give up their camp out. At Sumner the City Guards and Richmond Rifles pitched their tents, and in spite of the rain and getting one of their tents blown down enjoyed the life. The Flying Column of Mounted Rifles left town in charge of Lieutenant Palairat. They camped at Birdling's Flat, and had a sham fight in Buchanan's Valley against Captain Martin's squad, finally reaching Akaroa, having had a wet march a great part of the time. Some members of the Christchurch and College Rifle Corps, camped at Port Levy on Messrs Fleming's property, had some practice and an encounter with the Mounted Rifles, who had marched round from Akaroa to take them unawares, but who were surrounded instead and had to surrender.

THE fishing season seems to have been a splendid one. The Orari, Tengawai, and Waiti are all well-stocked with trout, etc. The sportsmen of the surrounding districts have thoroughly enjoyed the season, which is now over. I have heard of some very good hauls, and Mr Mendelson, of Timaru, is especially to be congratulated on his good fortune. His record is somewhere over four hundred fish, some of them very large ones, weighing over 9lbs.

SPORTS and races in connection with the Auckland Polo Club were carried out at Potter's Grounds, Epsom, on Saturday afternoon. There were also representatives from the Takapuna Polo Club. There was a fair attendance, especially of ladies, who were afforded some little amusement by various members of the clubs. Mr R. Garrett acted as judge and clerk of the scales, and Mr Geo. Cutts was tarter. The bending competition was the first on the programme. It was won by Mr A. McKellar's Mona. The second event was the polo ball race. The ball was hit from the post to a flagpole 150 yards distant and back to the winning post. Mr Wansborough's Snuff won rather easily. Seven others competed. The cup race, distance four furlongs, was won by Mr Wansborough's b m Rangiora, 12st. 2lb., ridden by the owner, who won very easily, with Mr Colgrove's Duchess second, and Mr Stewart's Coquette third, the owners riding.

IN the cigar and umbrella race each competitor had to light a cigar, open his umbrella before starting, and carry them throughout the race. This caused considerable amusement, and resulted in Mr Stewart's Pepita winning. The hurdle race of six furlongs was won by Mr Stewart's Coquette rather easily. Mr Gilmore, who was riding his horse Kiwi, had a nasty spill before coming to the first hurdle. Coquette also won the steeplechase after a very exciting race with Maria, who when ridden at top came down at the double jump in the strait. Mr Wansborough's mare Rangiora won the ladies' bracelet, nominated by Miss B. Goodson. The compulsory race for all ponies that had run during the day, except the winners of the hurdles and cup races, was easily won by Mr Colgrove's Duchess.

THE sports should certainly have been far better attended than they were. For fun pure and simple the affair was far and away the greatest success that has been achieved in the north for a very long while. The number of spills was phenomenal. The fun commenced in the hurdle race, when Mr H. Brett came a cropper in the preliminary canter. He was not hurt, however, and was soon in the pigskin again. After going about 150 yards in the same race Mr Gilmore appeared to have had enough, and rolled off his pony, to the detriment of his superlative 'get up.' His face was bruised rather badly, and the rider retired. Not so his horse, however. That plucky little animal continued the race with great spirit, taking the hurdles in fine style till the last, when it came a regular crumpler, standing straight on its head for quite an appreciable time. The roars of laughter which followed the catastrophe were very nearly having a melancholy termination, for Stewart and Daveny were riding so close behind the acrobatic equine that a nasty spill for both was only just averted.

THE ladies' bracelet was 'immense.' Wansboro's horse reemed bent on dancing a hornpipe on his hind legs to the discomfiture of the doughty rider, who turned perceptibly pale. Smiles of encouragement from the grand-stand, however, restored the blood to his cheek, and he rode cleverly and won easily. In this event the conditions were:—Competitors to start with ribbons, gallop to one furlong post and back, dismount at hurdles, lead ponies up to the nominators, and let them thread needles, re-mount, and again gallop round one furlong post. Competitors to gallop round post from right to left, and must finish with needle threaded. As may be imagined, it was tremendously exciting, and vastly entertaining.



HIS LATEST PHOTO.

SIR GEORGE GREY ON HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

AMONGST the numerous other things which Sir George Grey undertook on his eightieth birthday was to be photographed. The picture obtained by Mr Hanna in the garden is an excellent one, as may be seen above. Mr Hanna has suffered so much at the hands of pirates that this picture has been copyrighted.

IN the steeple Stewart, Gay, and Francis led, Wansboro' and 'Jimmy' Daveny bringing up the rear very finely. Stewart took the first stone wall beautifully, but Daveny got a cropper. Perhaps his horse mistook the wall for a shadow for it failed to rise. At the first double jump Stewart and Francis rose together, the latter was pulling hard, and his horse didn't rise, so he also came a neat cropper. Stewart's riding in both hurdles and steeplechase was much admired by the ladies. He certainly went straight, and made no mistake except rather rushing his horse at the last hurdle, and nearly coming down. Rangiora was undoubtedly the best horse on the flat, and his rider, Wansboro', gained repeated applause. He divided the honours of the day with Stewart, both winning three races.

THE great bowling tournament is over. Never before were there so many visitors in Napier. The hotels have been full to overflowing, and must have been doing a roaring trade this last week. Visitors from all parts put in an appearance on the green, and very pretty the scene was, enhanced by the gay gowns of the gentler sex. The weather was certainly not as good as it might have been, and again it might have been worse, but it was a pity the rain didn't hold off for another week, as it made things slightly damp. Notwithstanding this everyone had a right good time, and all who were present, will long remember the bowling tournament of 1892. The familiar faces and forms of Messrs Lyndon and Balfour were much missed, and many were the inquiries made about them. The former gentleman was too unwell to be present. The latter had gone to Taupo to try and get rid of unpleasant rheumatic pains and aches. Mrs Balfour and the Misses Balfour graced the ground with their presence, and helped with the tea, together with a number of other ladies. Tea was provided in a pavilion, and most acceptable it was. It would be quite impossible to give the names of all who were on the ground, but apparently the whole of Napier turned out.

WITH regard to the play it was excellent all round, especially in the 'Champion Fours' matches, when Chris church came out best. The most keenly-contested matches were those between Wellington and Auckland, and Napier and Wanganui. Napier pulled off, owing to a lucky drive of Ashton's, who was carried shoulder high round the green by his delighted colleagues. Napier was beaten by Auckland in the 'Champion Fours.' Play was continued on Tuesday and Wednesday, a large number of people attending each day. At the close of the proceedings Mrs McVay presented the prizes to the lucky winners. In the champion rink tournament the first prize was won by the New Plymouth team. The local men did very well indeed, and would no doubt have done better had the weather been warmer. As it was the cold numbed their hands.

AMONGST those of the fair sex who looked remarkably well were Mesdames Balfour, Tabuteau, Hoadley, McLean, Logan, Hamlin, Herman and the Misses Hitchings, Balfour, Hamlin, Rhodes, Locke, Williams, Hobbs, Bryson, and several others.

A SMOKE concert and supper was held in the evening in the Theatre Royal, a number of ladies being in the dress circle. Mr J. McVay was vice-chairman, Mr C. D. Barrard occupied the chair. A number of toasts were proposed, amongst them being 'The Winning Teams,' 'Success to Bowling,' 'The Visitors,' 'The Northern Bowling Association of New Zealand,' and 'The Ladies,' which was responded to by Mr Morley in a very humorous speech. Songs were sung at intervals and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A number of the local men, and some of the fair sex also, proceeded to the station to see the last of the visitors, and many were the wishes expressed that a large number would meet in Auckland, next Easter, where the next tournament is to be held.

CRICKET down South is a thing of the past. The first football match was played on Saturday between the Melrose and Napier clubs, and ended in a win for Napier by 3 points to nil. The ground was very sloppy, owing to the recent rains. Mr A. Irees (of Auckland), played up very well, as did also Messrs Percy, Bowes, and Elliot.

IN the High School tennis tournaments decided at Napier some little while back, Bamford, in the first round, beat Thompson, Wood beat Pritchard, Parsons beat Balharry, and Severn beat Ashcroft. In the second round Bamford beat Parsons, and Wood beat Severn. In the third round Wood beat Bamford. The match was most interesting, Wood and Bamford having a great tussle for the championship.