

spring, was called by those qualified to estimate these high matters, a great organiser rather than a great preacher. He has found a successor from across the Atlantic in the Rev. Dr. Pierson, not without a rather unseemly controversy, arising out of the very natural desire of a section in the church that the deceased pastor should be succeeded by one of his sons, and stimulated by the visit of one of these sons (from New Zealand), who proved to have many of his father's peculiarities, and who certainly showed no anxiety to avoid a 'call.' The proceedings did not terminate without a visit to the police station, and perhaps the person who comes out of the whole transaction with most credit is Dr. Pierson himself.

No, amid the distasteful echoes of the election courts, though it is pleasant to note that members of Parliament even when unseated, have been exonerated from all personal reprehension, the year has flickered to a close. Taking from us the greatest poet of the century, and the most popular of our younger princes, it would be impossible to pretend that it has given us anything very worthy in return. Certainly it has given, and could give us nothing which we would have willingly taken in exchange for these irreparable deprivations. But sombre as its prevailing hues have been, it is pleasant to be reminded that, after all, 1892 was a year of peace and of steady progress towards

'That which once was the far off horizon,
But which is now become the middle distance,'
with a fair hope that when we have reached it, it may
'In faithful promise be exceeded only
By that which shall have opened in the meantime
Into a new and glorious horizon.'

DR. SCOTT has returned from his trip to Europe. The names of Dr. Erson and Mrs Erson appear in the passenger list of the s.s. Talune from Melbourne, which is due in Auckland immediately.

CITY HALL. MISS ESSIIE CHEW'S FAREWELL CONCERT, Thursday, 23rd instant.

Tickets at Wildman and Lyell's, Box Office at Mr A. Eady's Music Store.

MAX O'REILLY. OPERA HOUSE, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, AND FOUR FOLLOWING EVENINGS.

'A stream of laughter from start to finish.'—'Melbourne Argus.'
'The most charming entertainer that ever visited these shores.'—'Catholic Times.'

THE FIVE FAMOUS COMEDY LECTURES will be given in the following order:—

- 1—JOHN BULL: THE ENGLISH AT HOME.
- 2—JONATHAN AND YANKEEDOM.
- 3—HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WOMAN.
- 4—SANDY: THE SCOT AT HOME.

*Max O'Reilly's entertainments are a joy and a pleasure. He is the most popular foreigner that ever visited the colonies.'

Prices: 4s, 2s 6d, and 1s. Transferable course tickets to reserved seats.
R. S. SMYTHE.



Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, February 9, 1893.

IT IS HEREBY NOTICED that Sections 1, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 27, 28, 36 and 37 of Block II, and 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 33 of Block III, and 1, 2, and 3 of Block V, Whangape Survey District, advertised to be opened for sale or selection on Wednesday, 22nd February, 1893, are withdrawn from sale or selection.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner Crown Lands.



District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 22nd December, 1892.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Town and suburban LANDS will be offered for sale by public auction, at the Land Office, Tauranga, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of March, 1893, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

TOWN OF OPOIKI.—Lots 148, 149, 235, of Section 1, each containing 1 rood; upset price, £7 10s each lot.

TAURANGA COUNTY, Maketu S.D., Block II, (suburban):

Lot 57, containing 12a 3r 30p; upset price £19	
Lot 58, .. 3a 0r 5p	£15 15s
Lot 59, .. 3a 0r 30p;	£9
Lot 60, .. 9a 3r 22p;	£50
Lot 61, .. 12a 2r 31p;	£39
Lot 62, .. 1a 1r 4p;	£43 10s

These lots are situated at Te Puke, on the main coach road near the township. Lot 60 will be offered subject to £15 for improvements, consisting of clearing, grassing, and fencing.

TERMS OF SALE:

One-fifth of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance with Crown grant fee of £1, within 30 days thereafter, otherwise the part of the purchase money paid by way of deposit shall be forfeited, and the contract for the sale of the land shall nevertheless be null and void.

There are no liens or restrictions incumbent on purchasers of lands at public auction.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

ATLETICS.

CRICKETERS had again a very pleasant day on Saturday, and notwithstanding the very heavy rain in the middle of the week the wickets were in good batting order. The grass, however, was terribly long, although the machine had been over it the day before. The machine is now almost useless, and a new one is an imperative necessity.

THE United v. Auckland match was the centre of interest, and it produced the best contest of the season, the former eventually suffering their first defeat by 9 runs. At the conclusion of the previous Saturday's play Auckland had scored 127, and United had lost 1 wicket for 9 runs.

WHEN the latter resumed their innings on Saturday wickets fell very rapidly at first, and 5 were down for 14 runs. Stenson and McPherson improved matters considerably, and the score was 45 when the former retired. The total, however, was nearly 52 for 8 wickets when MacCormick, who was last man, owing to Miller's absence, joined D. Hay. The United captain made a desperate effort to save the game and aided by Hay's steady play took the score to 118—an addition of 56 runs. At this stage, however, McCormick was caught at cover point and the match thus terminated in favour of Auckland. The losers were, no doubt, unlucky in not having Miller's service with the bat, but the good fielding of Auckland was a great factor in winning the match, several very good catches being made.

MACCORMICK, who had previously failed to come off this season, played a free and determined innings, scoring 40 out of the 56 made while he was in. He gave an easy chance of stumping about the middle of his innings.

D. HAY stone-walled with the coolness of a veteran and showed really capital defence, being not out at the finish with 13 to his credit.

S. MCPHERSON, as usual, showed himself a first-class batsman and his useful contribution of 21 was made in good form.

STEMSON rapidly put together 19, which included some fine hits, before he was splendidly caught by Arneil off his own bowling.

YATES and Lynch who were expected to do most of the scoring entirely failed to come off, their joint efforts only producing five runs.

J. ARNEIL bowled with most success for Auckland, taking 3 wickets for 16 runs, whilst he caught Stenson off a very hot drive from his own bowling. R. Neill also took 3 wickets for something over 40 runs, and was responsible for 2 smart catches.

D. CLAYTON was tried when things were looking very bad for Auckland, and was successful in getting MacCormick caught off him.

HARKNESS got two good wickets early in the day, but was unsuccessful afterwards, and was bowled far too long.

THE Gordon-Onslow match proved very uninteresting. The Gordon innings ended for 257, Moresby and Kenderdine being absent. The Onslow batsmen failed to make any stand, and were dismissed for 29 and 52, Gordon winning by one innings and 176 runs. The extraordinary spectacle was witnessed in this match of several men batting in the second innings who did not bat in the first. No doubt this was good nature on the part of Gordon, but it is simply making a farce of the game.

LUNDON (12) was the only double figure scorer in Onslow's first innings, and Grierson and G. Robinson (11 each) were the chief contributors in the second.

J. V. KELLY performed a remarkable bowling feat in Onslow's first innings, capturing 8 wickets for only 19 runs.

W. HOWARD, after missing an easy catch, brought off two very difficult ones in the out-field.

THE Wanderer-Belmont Junior Match was a foregone conclusion for the former, who finally won by 67 runs on the first innings. Belmont scored 77 in their first innings, Wanderers having previously batted for 134. The latter in their second innings put up 138. The result of this match leave the Wanderers' Cricket Club winners of the First Junior Championship for the season, they having gone through the programme without losing a match. The

winners are to be congratulated on their fine record. Morrison fought hard for Belmont, taking out his bat for 27 after a good innings. He took 3 wickets in Wanderer's second innings.

A. MACDONALD, who formerly played for Auckland, made his first appearance for Belmont, and scored 16 in good style, while he dismissed 6 of the Wanderers in their second innings.

W. SMITH made the good score of 42 in Wanderers' second innings, and H. Thomas again batted well for 28.

J. MILLS was the most successful bowler for Wanderers last Saturday, and he disposed of 3 out of the last 4 wickets.

GORDON II. ran up 238 against Pitt-street Mutual, winning by 171 runs. Pitt-street scored 53 for 4 wickets in their second innings.

BIGLAND performed the unusual feat amongst juniors of scoring a century, his total being 109. Bigland, who is far too good to be playing junior cricket, played a fine innings for his runs. He was well seconded by R. D. Kelly, who scored 36 (not out) by very patient play. Crag 20 and Holdsworth 16 (not out) both batted well for Pitt-street.

PARNELL II. defeated Auckland II. in one innings, the latter collapsing in their second innings.

IN the Second Junior matches Grammar School just managed to beat Belmont II. The School had an advantage of 34 in the first innings, but Belmont ran up 109 for 3 wickets in their second innings which they then closed. The School, however, kept their wickets up till the bell rang and thus won in the first innings. Kydd (37), Cromwell (36), and Parker (34), all scored heavily for Belmont, while Turner 39 not out, and Sloman 14 did best for the winners.

ROLLER MILLS now lose for the Second Junior Championship, but should they lead their match with Belmont, these two and Grammar School will all tie for first place and will have to play off.

THE United v. Waitohi match, played in Picton on Wednesday, 8th February, resulted in an easy victory for Picton, who won by a whole innings, and some thirty or forty runs. Rutherford, who has been practising indefatigably of late to recover lost laurels, kept the United team running all over the field hunting the leather. He proved a complete sticker, and 'slogged' for 60 runs. The spectators became greatly excited, and had there been a bay-tree handy, the brows of the doughty champion of the willow would have been crowned by some of the ladies on the scene. The visiting team arrived early in the day, and left again by drag at 7 p.m. amidst the cheers of the Waitohis. A congregation of small boys gathered to see them off, and jubilantly stood on their heads and performed all sorts of acrobatic feats in delight at the result of the match.

THE Wairau and Koromiko match was played on Nelson Square, Picton, and went the way of all cricket victories of late, to the credit of the Wairaus. Great expectations were indulged in from the combined efforts of the Neal family, but the sequel went to show how fallacious are the hopes based upon uncertainty. The Wairaus ran up a score of 92 for their first innings, W. Carter wielding the willow for 45, and gaining applause all round. For the second innings the Wairaus made 68 runs, total 160; Cawte making 16 runs, and Webb 16 not out. The Koronikos' score for first innings was 46, and second innings 57, total 103; F. Neal getting highest score, with 17 runs. The pitch was in splendid condition, and the Wairau team had a good day's outing. They left for Blenheim at 8 p.m. in a drag.

A MATCH between Nelson and Marlborough representatives has been arranged for, the match to be played in Picton on Easter Monday.

THE Onehunga Tennis Club played off the first round of their tournament during the last fortnight. In the mixed doubles Miss A. Singleton and Mr V. Frost received a bye from Mrs Scott and Mr L. Suttie; Miss E. Bassett and Mr P. F. Battley were beaten by Mrs C. Frost and Mr C. Suttie; Miss A. Bassett and Mr B. Noakes were beaten by Mrs L. Frost and Mr L. Zioan; Miss E. Banks and Mr T. Bassett were beaten by Miss M. Barnes and Mr A. Elliott; Miss A. Banks and Mr M. Wynyard gave a bye to Miss M.