

The ladies' championship was won by Miss Beaton, who defeated Miss Nunnally after a good game.

F. L. Gordon beat W. Haara in the final for the men's championship, the lovely Bay native commencing badly.

A four-hall tennis match was played between the Napier Club and the visitors, was played, the Napier ladies winning by three games to nil.

The men's handball match resulted in N. L. Carr (Danevirke) finishing first, with Tuahine (Ranga), J. Strang, T. Cross and J. Beaton, son, all equal, next.

The ladies' handball match for ladies was won by Mrs. Bidwell and 2 to 1 to play, and Mrs. Jones was 2 up on Miss Binny.

The men's foursomes hockey match was won by J. Taraha and Kapi Taraha, 1 down.

The mixed foursomes hockey match was won by Miss Jardine and Mr. J. F. Jardine, 3 up.

FROM THE WAIRARAPA.

MASTERTON, Monday.

The Featherston Club's Handicap competition for men resulted as follows:—Mr Speedy, 94-2-32; Mr Fenwick, 93-3-55; Mr Foggo, 94-4-55.

The final round of the men's championship of the Masterton Golf Club played in J. A. Sellar beating Donald Donald by 1 up on the 20th hole.

In the first round for the ladies' championship, Miss E. Roberson won from Miss M. Taylor by 4 up and 2 to play, and Mrs. Jones was 2 up on Miss Binny.

POLO.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CAMBRIDGE CLUB.

CAMBRIDGE, Monday.

According to the balance sheet presented at the annual meeting of the Cambridge Club, held on Saturday evening, the club has a credit balance of £17. The club, while it is lacking some of the old hands, has some very good material coming forward, and the prospects are bright for the coming season.

BOWLING.

DUNEDIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Bowling Association was held at the Sports Club, the president (Mr J. M. Lennox) presiding over a very good attendance. Mr E. Egan, hon. secy., read the annual report and balance-sheet, which showed that last season's working had been very successful, and there was a balance in hand.

ATHLETICS.

AUCKLAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC AND CYCLE CLUB.

The annual meeting of members of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club was held last week in the rooms of the Sports Club, Mr C. E. MacCormick,

presided in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. Of those elected as members for the year were:—Mr G. Dunnet; president, Mr C. E. MacCormick; vice-presidents, Messrs Leo Myers, M. McLean, P. J. Gibson; hon. treasurer, Mr C. E. Palmer; management committee, Messrs H. G. Chevalier, G. Somers, E. J. G. F. Grenville, W. S. Dickey, M. Forsyth, L. Sheppard, D. Dacre; hon. auditor, Mr H. Jones. The position of hon. secretary was left in vacancy, Mr E. J. Gibson consenting to carry out the duties until an appointment was made.

TARANAKI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of delegates for the purpose of forming an athletic association for Taranaki was held at Stratford on September 22nd. The following delegates were in attendance:—Messrs Woods, Wanganui; Spurdie, Inghwood, Dewhurst, Egmont; Vardy; Riley, Rabon and Okato; Nare, Aomen's Association, Eltham; Clark, Nare; Pepperell, Bell Busck; Jennings, Wanganui; Waddy, Cook; Whiting, Meremere; Hawyer, Kivihi; Stratford; Taiti and Toko; Cathie, Te Kipi, Kaponga, and Eltham; Shanon, Patea. The chair was occupied by Mr H. H. Kivell. On the motion of Mr Spurdie it was decided to form the Taranaki Athletic and Cerebral Association. It was resolved to hold all cycling events under the New Zealand League of Wheelmen rules.

WELLINGTON AMATEUR CLUB.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The Wellington Amateur Athletic Club's cross-country championship has been held for the 23rd time. The incoming committee has been recommended to hold the spring meeting on November 23rd. Among the new members elected is H. Henderson, a New South Wales sprinter of repute.

THE AUSTRALIAN BOXERS.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The members of the amateur boxing team from New South Wales and Queensland, who have been competing in the Australasian competition, held at Christchurch, returned home yesterday by the Auckland. Members of the team speak in high terms of the hospitality shown them in this colony, and of the conduct of the contests.

T. R. ELLISON, a well-known ex-footballer and athlete, died on Saturday. Mr Ellison, who was a solicitor, took an active part in colonial football. He was a member of the native team which toured England in 1889. The team also played matches in Australia. Mr Ellison again visited Australia with the 1893 team, of which he was elected captain. He represented Wellington from about 1885 till 1893, when he retired from the game. He had since been a member of the selection committee of the Wellington rep. teams, and in one of these years he was appointed the sole selector. Mr Ellison also took a keen interest in golf.

HOCKEY.

Interesting match took place on Auckland's grounds on Saturday between the India Ladies and the Auckland's 1st team, and resulted in a draw, both sides scoring five goals. The boys, who assembled in fancy dress, played a good dashing game, and doubtless would have scored more but for the impediment of their costumes. All the girls played well, the Misses Gordon, Smith, and McCreedy did the scoring for Te Hahi, and the Messrs Young, Culpan, and Japan for the boys. Mr E. Madsen officiated as referee, and gave satisfaction.

INTERPROVINCIAL FIFTEEN FOOTBALL.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The interprovincial hockey match, Manawatu v. Wellington, arranged for Saturday afternoon, had to be abandoned, as Manawatu found itself unable to get a team together. This is the third successive interprovincial fixture that has fallen through this season.

CRICKET.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Given fine weather, the cricket season will be opened next Saturday, and the championship matches start the following week.

The Austral Club has been admitted to the senior grade, making seven teams competing for senior honours this season.

MASTERTON, Monday.

The cricket season will probably open within a month. The Park Committee are improving the ground, and two pitches have been made on the Oval, thus enabling two matches to be played at the same time.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

MINIATURE ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

In the few spare moments of his very busy days Bishop Lenihan has lately put together a very ingenious miniature electric railway, of which we give a photograph taken at Bishop's House, Ponsonby. The cars are exact models of those in use in America for passenger and freight traffic, and the line consists of 100 ft of track. The power is generated from a series of dry cells and Fuller batteries, and to allow these to recuperate, a hand dynamo, having a laminated toothed iron armature and six section commutator is brought into use. This is capable of giving from 10 to 20 volts and one to two amperes on this circuit, but it will exceed this latter figure considerably on a short circuit. As the cars move on the track they light up small incandescent lamps and ring electrical bells at various connecting points. Bishop Lenihan intends to lend this beautifully finished model to the Gisborne community for exhibition at the forthcoming Roman Catholic bazaar, and then give it to the Marist Brothers' College, Auckland, so that the students may gain an insight into its working and learn something about the fascinating study of electricity. The fittings of the model were supplied to Bishop Lenihan by the Carlisle and Finch Company, Cincinnati, through Messrs. E. Partridge and Co., Auckland.

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Anything which will minister to the happiness, comfort and proper upbringing of such children who have been deprived of domestic attention and parental love and solitude cannot appeal to the responsible in vain. Many excellent institutions are doing capital work in all parts of the colony, but none is more strenuous in endeavour, none more plucky under adverse circumstances, and none more useful, than the little home for waifs and strays conducted by Sister Cecil, Parnell, Auckland. Though conducted under the auspices of the Anglican Church, the Home receives, we understand, little or no direct aid from church funds, and may be said to be so far uncolonial that, providing there is room, assistance is as freely offered to one creed as to another. No one can visit the Home, which is open to the inspection of those interested, without being struck by the really fine training of the children. The discipline is there; but so is the love;

and the children are perfectly and completely happy, and have a faith and respect for the Sister in charge which is as obvious as it is deep-seated and sincere; and which, therefore, to the child lover is altogether satisfying and beautiful. The Home, which is spotlessly clean throughout, and conducted with rigorous economy, is completely without any regular or assured income, and has till now relied solely on voluntary contributions in money and in kind. The attention of Parliament is, however, being drawn to the justice of its claim for a share of public funds on the pound for pound basis, and doubtless soon affairs will be set on a better basis in this respect. But regular funds from the benevolent are urgently wanted. Huge charitable institutions in England, such as Dr. Barnardo's Homes, have appealed for help here, and not, one is glad to say, in vain. But, after all, our first duty lies at our own doors. And it may be said with confidence that here is an institution to which help may be freely and trustingly devoted. Any sort of assistance is valued. No contribution, however small, is unworthy of gratitude and cordial thanks. A sale of work to be opened by Mrs Neligan (wife of the Anglican Bishop) takes place this week, and should be well patronised, and in the meantime, and afterwards, queries will be answered and donations acknowledged by Sister Cecil at the Home, or by Bishop Neligan, of Auckland.

THE MAKING GORGE BRIDGE, STRATFORD.

On page 37 we give some illustrations of the suspension bridge over the Making Gorge, Stratford, which has just been completed. The bridge, which is on the Stanley road, spans a gully nearly 1000 ft deep. This has hitherto been traversed by means of a crude and wire rope, a very primitive means of conveyance, that was totally inadequate for the growing requirements of the district. The substitution of a substantial viaduct that carries wheeled traffic is an improvement greatly appreciated by the settlers. The structure was erected by the firm of John Burns and Co., Ltd., of Auckland, under the superintendence of Mr. J. R. Mackay, civil engineer, Stratford, and is a fine specimen of a steel wire suspension bridge.

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