

ATHLETICS.

Three la crosse matches and two Association football matches were played in Auckland on Saturday. The most exciting event was the football contest in the Junior Cup Competition between the Tabernacle A team and St. John's College, the result of which placed the Tabernacle team practically in possession of the cup. Another event of great importance to junior la crosse players was the contest in which the Grafton B team defeated the City B by four goals to three, and thus made themselves winners of the cup. In the other two la crosse matches, which did not disturb the "balance of power" in the Cup Competition, Parnell Seniors beat North Shore by nine goals to two, and Eden and Epsom secured a victory over the winners of the Senior Cup (Grafton A) by two goals to one. The remaining event was a senior football match, in which the Y.M.C.A. team beat the United team by five goals to none.

CRICKET.

THE AUSTRALIANS IN ENGLAND.

MATCH AGAINST GLOUCESTER.

AUSTRALIANS WIN BY AN INNINGS AND 222 RUNS.

GLOUCESTER—First Innings.

Wrathall, c Howell, b Noble.....	24
Troupe, b Hopkins	23
Brownlee, c Jones, b Armstrong.....	21
Langdon, b Jones	14
Jessop, st Kelly, b Armstrong.....	13
Sewell, b Jones	6
Board, c Howell, b Jones.....	0
Brown, lbw, b Armstrong.....	6
Huggins, c Noble, b Armstrong.....	6
Paish, not out.....	18
Roberts, c Kelly, b Howell.....	17
Extras.....	7
Total.....	155

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Armstrong, 4 wickets for 51; Jones, 2 for 56; Howell, 2 for 28; Hopkins, 1 for 13.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM—First Innings.

Trumper, c Jessop, b Roberts.....	92
Duff, b Brownlee.....	60
Noble, b Wrathall.....	100
Hill, c Board, b Wrathall.....	123
Hopkins, not out.....	105
Armstrong, b Brown.....	35
Darling, not out.....	13
Sundries.....	15
Total for five wickets.....	345

Bowling analysis: Roberts, one wicket for 78 runs; Paish, none for 144; Huggins, none for 137; Brown, one for 78; Brownlee, one for 21; Langdon, none for 33; Wrathall, two for 49.

GLOUCESTER—Second Innings.

Troup, c Kelly, b Jones.....	0
Wrathall, b Howell.....	5
Jessop, b Jones.....	21
Langdon, b Howell.....	23
Sewell, c Hill, b Armstrong.....	35
Brownlee, b Jones.....	1
Board, c Hopkins, b Armstrong.....	36
Brown, c Trumper, b Armstrong.....	6
Huggins, c Noble, b Duff.....	17
Paish, not out.....	10
Roberts, c Duff, b Hill.....	3
Sundries.....	11
Total.....	168

Bowling analysis: Jones, three wickets for 67; Howell, two for 42; Armstrong, three for 13; Hopkins, none for 22; Duff, one for 0; Hill, one for 4.

MATCH AGAINST SOMERSET.

A DRAWN GAME.

SOMERSET—First Innings.

Palairat, c Gregory, b Saunders.....	42
Braund, c Trumble, b Saunders.....	44
Lewis, c Kelly, b Saunders.....	36
Robson, c Noble, b Jones.....	13
Wood, c Kelly, b Jones.....	8
Martyn, b Trumble.....	52
Gill, lbw, b Saunders.....	10
Johnson, b Jones.....	0
Hardy, c Trumper, b Saunders.....	20
Newton, b Armstrong.....	20
Cranfield, not out.....	1
Sundries.....	14
Total.....	272

AUSTRALIANS—First Innings.

Trumper, c Hardy, b Gill.....	5
Duff, c and b Gill.....	183
Darling, c Palairat, b Robson.....	20
Noble, c and b Braund.....	53
Gregory, c Newton, b Gill.....	0
Hopkins, c Braund, b Palairat.....	52
Armstrong, b Gill.....	18
Kelly, b Gill.....	7
Trumble, b Braund.....	1
Jones, b Braund.....	1
Saunders, not out.....	2
Sundries.....	9
Total.....	346

BOWLING ANALYSIS:

Cranfield, nil for 65; Gill, five for 80; Robson, one for 56; Braund, three for 80; Palairat, one for 27; Hardy, nil for 21.

SOMERSET SECOND INNINGS.

Braund, b Jones.....	90
Palairat, b Jones.....	6
Lewis, run out.....	11
Robson, b Hopkins.....	4
Woods, lbw, b Hopkins.....	30
Martyn, c Hopkins, b Jones.....	25
Gill, c Hopkins, b Trumble.....	27
Johnson, c Saunders, b Hopkins.....	62
Hardy, c and b Trumper.....	17
Newton, not out.....	21
Cranfield, b Jones.....	5
Sundries.....	17
Total.....	315

Bowling analysis: Jones took four wickets for 104 runs; Saunders, none for 42; Armstrong, none for 18; Trumble one for 59; Hopkins, three for 46; Trumper, one for 70.

AUSTRALIANS—Second Innings.

Trumper, lbw, b Gill.....	5
Duff, not out.....	11
Total for one wicket.....	16

BOWLING.

AUCKLAND BOWLING CLUB.

The members of the Auckland Bowling Club held their annual meeting in the Pavilion, Grafton Rd., on Friday, when the president of the club, Mr A. M. Myers, presided over a large attendance. In the course of their report, read by the secretary, Mr W. Elliott, the committee recommended that in order to reduce the severe strain on the competitors for the championship, the match should consist of "three games of 21 balls each, the final winner of two games out of three to be the champion."

The following prizes were presented by the President:—President's and ex-President's prize for full rink; J. R. M. Stewart, cigarette case; Ballis, bat, silver-back brush; Wilson, new, with silver mount; Culpan (skip), electro-plated spirit kettle; Club Cup and Championship; W. Ledingham cup and gold badge; The Ehrenfried-Rose trophy; W. Elliot, exp. Vice-President's prize for pairs match; W. Lambert (skip), opera glasses and bag; W. Elliot, egg crane; Subscriptor's prizes: Mitford, pair bowls; White, silver cake dish; Garland, travelling bag; Carlw, (skip), silver cup; Mr. A. W. Thompson's prize for first year's players; J. H. Hooper, silver jug; Mr. B. James' prize for second and third year's players; W. O. Garland, dressing case; Mr. Mennie's prize for pairs match; J. Donald (skip) bowl; case; Plummer, bowl case; Mr. Gorrie's prize for pairs match; J. H. M. Stewart, silver cruet; J. M. Mennie (skip), walking stick; W. Ledingham's prize for president and ex-president; A. W. Thompson, silver cream and sugar stand; Mr G. A. Buttie's prize; Huddleston, toilet case; Mr P. Diphant's prize; W. Ledingham, silver stand; Stewart, Baxson and Co's prize for champion and ex-champion; A. Stewart, silver tray; Dr. King's prize, second prize for president and ex-president; W. Coleman, two pairs' room. The new list of officers was as follows: President, Mr A. M. Myers; vice-presidents, Mr W. Culpan and Mr W. Lambert; hon. secretary, Mr W. Elliott; assistant secretary, Mr J. Donald; hon. treasurer, Mr J. Carlw; auditor, Mr Jaa. Kayll; committee, Messrs J. Shackelford, R. Cameron, R. James, J. Mennie and H. C. Mitford. Main Committee, Messrs J. C. Culpan, W. Ledingham and J. Thompson. The following trophies were donated for the ensuing year:—A. Myers, trophy £4 4; first prize in match to be called Geo. Main Memorial; T. Freshman, second prize; A. Myers, £3 1/2, for full rink match; W. Culpan, £2 1/2 for singles; W. Lambert, £2 1/2, for runner-up in champion match; W. Coleman, £4 4 Geo. Main Memorial; A. W. Thompson, trophy for first year's players; W. Ledingham, £2 1/2, president's and vice-president's match; W. Elliott, £2 1/2, pairs match; Equitable Life Insurance Company, silver mounted bowls, singles match; Whitnate and Co., pair bowls, second prize; A. White, £2 1/2, six jack competition; J. W. Shackelford, pair silver mounted bowls for singles match.

Clarke's World-Famed Blood-Mixture.—The most searching Blood-Cleaner that surgery and medical skill have brought to light. Sufferers from Scour, Biliary Colic, Indigestion, Headache and Blood-Disease, Pimples and Sores of any kind are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Beware of cheap imitations everywhere. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

News of the Week.

CABLE ITEMS.

A violent earthquake has occurred in Venezuela.

The colonial Premiers were present at Lord Onslow's garden fete at Clarendon.

Mr Chamberlain was well enough to attend Mr Dalfoor's first Cabinet meeting.

Code and cypher telegrams will in future be admitted to all parts of South Africa.

The Sultan of Zanzibar (Hamud bin Mahomed bin Said) is dead. He had been Sultan since 1866.

The ladies of Capetown have presented Mrs Steyn with a purse of a thousand sovereigns.

The Imperial Coronation bazaar, in aid of a hospital for children, realised £29,000.

The warship Sparrow has left Sydney to search for the missing steamer Quiraing.

The newspapers on the Continent are cordial to Viscount Kitchener, and comment on his magnificent reception.

A Victorian loan of a million at 3 per cent. is announced. The underwriters are issuing it at 96 1/2.

The appointment of Lord Hope-toun's successor will not be considered while Mr Chamberlain is incapacitated.

The estate of the late Mr Charles Marcus Wakefield, of Wellington, New Zealand, has been proved at £48,325.

M. Dumont and Sir Hiram Maxim will compete in an air-ship speed contest at St. Louis, Missouri, for £20,000.

The Transvaal Government will be considerably increased. The non-official element will be introduced during the first session.

An overcrowded steamer sank in the River Bege, and thirty people were drowned.

Pierpont Morgan's trust has offered the Austrian Council of Industry to build and run ships for the Austrian trade.

A powder magazine exploded in the Daly West mine, in Utah. Twenty-seven bodies were recovered and many men were terribly injured.

The Admiralty is placing contracts on the Clyde for ten high-speed scout-boats, smaller than the torpedo-boat destroyers.

Sir E. Barton says that Lord Hope-toun's valedictory letter to Mr Deakin marked his usual mood of feeling and sensibility.

The "Daily Mail" states that George Rowley, an Australian, aged 15, swam out to and rescued two ladies whose boat had capsized in the Avon.

Freight from New York to Natal is ten shillings a ton, and fourpence below the lowest intermediate freights from England.

Great Britain has offered to take over next year a number of warships which are in course of construction for the Chilean Government.

The Countess of De la Warr has obtained a decree nisi for dissolution of her marriage with Earl De la Warr.

The Drayton Grange has sailed from South Africa with the Commonwealth battalions and the Australian States troops.

Gates, who formed a maize corner in Chicago, under-estimated the supply, and has agreed to a settlement. The profits of the corner are now estimated at a million dollars.

Sir E. Barton has been informed that no Australians or members of over-sea contingents were implicated in the recent disturbances caused by ex-troopers at Durban.

It is reported that Sir Arthur Lawley, Governor of West Australia, has been appointed Deputy-Governor of the Transvaal.

M. Waldeck-Rousseau, ex-Premier of France, and his wife, who are touring, accepted an invitation and dined with the Kaiser aboard the Hohen-zollern at Odde, Norway.

Mr Seddon has conferred with the Austrian Ambassador, who complained that Austrians were treated differently in New Zealand to other aliens. Mr Seddon satisfied him that no distinction was made.

Mr Chamberlain sent a cheque for 50 guineas to the Charing Cross Hospital in token of his appreciation of the attention he received there on the occasion of his recent accident.

Sir E. Barton has made a reassuring statement concerning the drought in Australia, and corrected the alarmist impression that the whole continent was involved.

The "Standard" hints at the possibility of Lord Milner resigning, owing to differences with the Cabinet on the question of the suspension of the Cape Constitution.

It is denied that Turkey demands the recall of the British Consul at Basra, a town of Asiatic Turkey on the Euphrates, near the Persian Gulf. It is declared that accusations emanated from the rival Powers.

The strengthening of the British fleet in the Mediterranean is now complete. The number of ships has been increased 25 per cent., and the fighting strength has been increased 40 per cent.

The manager of the Zanzibar Company has informed the Shipping Subsidies Committee that Great Britain is losing five millions sterling annually owing to the want of direct steamers to East Africa.

George Smith, of Auckland, ran second in both the 120 yards and quarter-mile hurdles handicaps at Birmingham. He owed 16 yards in the former and started from scratch in the latter.

The British camp at Chalmette, New Orleans (where horses and mules were purchased during the war), is being re-opened for the shipment of horses, mules, and cattle to re-stock the Boer farms.

The Premier of New Zealand has conferred with Sir Spencer Walpole relative to a British-Australian cable from Honolulu to Fanning Island (to connect with the Pacific cable), and is hopeful that something will result.

Sir A. Lawley's appointment as Deputy-Governor of the Transvaal is intended to relieve the daily increasing strain which the Governorship of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony imposes on Lord Milner, independently of his duties as High Commissioner.

In reply to a telegram sent to South Africa the Premier has been informed that the men who served in the war should be allowed to return to that country if they were skilled artisans or experienced farmers.

Ex-President Steyn and his wife have sailed from Capetown. Mr Steyn (who is suffering from paralysis) is seeking medical advice in England.

Ex-President Steyn has developed enteric fever.

Cholera is raging in the river towns of Kwangai. Thirteen hundred deaths have occurred.

Cholera is spreading among the Chinese garrisons at Peking and Pao-tungfu; also in the interior.

Several deaths from cholera have occurred in the Forbidden City. The Dowager Empress is alarmed.