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SWIMMING.

Thames Carnival.

The Thames Swimming Club's annual sports took place on Saturday afternoon at the public baths, and were a decided success.

50yds Club Handicap.—Alley 1, Fleming 2, 100yds Breast-stroke Race.—Horton (Auckland) 1, Mulvihill (Auckland) 2.

100yds Boys' Race.—Brownlee 1, Melrose 2, Neat Dive.—Mathews (Auckland), 100yds Open Handicap.—O'Hare (Auckland) 1, Stewart (Auckland) 2.

50yds Boys' Race.—Bovalind (Auckland) 1, Baylton 2, Corfu Dive.—Sommerhill, 50yds Open.—Mulvihill (Auckland) 1, Murray (Auckland) 2.

Submarine Race.—Horton (Auckland) 1, Lamson 2, Relay Race.—Waiteuata A 1, Waiteuata B 2.

The water polo match was won by Waiteuata from Thames by 3 goals to 1.

VOLUNTEER NOTES.

(By Rifleman.)

The Gordon Rifles commenced the annual competition for the company's championship, "The Abbott Shield," on Saturday, the ranges being 200 and 500 yards.

No. 1 Natives continued the weekly shooting competitions at Penrose on Saturday night. The company will hold their annual meeting on a fortnight's time, when the various trophies won this season will be presented to the winners.

The following appointments and promotions have been made: Lieut. G. A. C. O. Captain Kayvetta's old corps.—Lieut. Greenough to be Captain; C.S.M. C. Hill, Lieutenant; Sergt. J. Hill, C.S.M.; Corporal Hartman, Sergeant; Corporal Morrisson, Sergeant; Bombardier Harvey, Corporal; Gunner Duncan, Bombardier; Gunner Palmer, Bombardier; Gunner Seely, Bombardier.

The following letter, which I have received from an enthusiastic scout, shows that we owe more than we thought to these intrepid young adjuncts to the army for the splendid manner in which order was kept along the line on Monday evening:—"The All Saints' Troop of my Scouts, under Scoutmaster J. D. Campbell, assisted by Scoutmasters Busk, Eason, and Dunn, V.M.C.A., paraded to welcome Lord Kitchener, and were given a position on the right-hand side of Shortland-street, opposite the Star Office. When the crowd began to break through as his Lordship's carriage approached, the troop formed ranks by extending their staves, and were thus able to keep a portion of the crowd in check. The scoutmasters were afterwards congratulated on how well the sports performed their work."

With the closing of the volunteer year our annual fall review with keen satisfaction the wonderful enthusiasm and interest that has been taken in the volunteer movement by our fellow citizens during the past twelve months. Looking at the No. 1 Natives' parade on Monday night, when 52 men were lined up for inspection by the adjutant of the battalion, Captain Cummings, it was pleasing to note the scrupulous cleanliness, uniformity of the men, and when one goes back three or four years, when the company was on the point of disbanding through lack of members, he would not fail to appreciate the untiring perseverance of the old members, who are mostly responsible for the present prosperity of the company. The No. 1 Natives have never had a more successful year, and were never on a more sound footing. This company, through the careful management by the commander, Captain M. N. Atkinson, combined with the general support of all ranks, has justified itself as one of the most efficient infantry corps in the Dominion.

SOUTH ISLAND COMPETITIONS. AGGREGATE EVENTS.

The third day's shooting at the South Island Rifle Association's meeting was completed last week.

KING'S MATCH. Open to the 24 highest aggregate scorers in the Canterbury, Otago, and Southland matches. Ten shots at 200 yards. Scores made at the range to be added to aggregate of three previous matches. First prize, South Island championship to be held for one year, gold medal and £8. Total prize, £25.

Sergt. A. H. Wells (Southland Mounted Rifles), aggregate 211, 44 at 50yds, total 255; Sergt. McVetty (Canterbury), 208, 48, 254; Lieut. W. Wood (Canterbury), 205, 40, 245; Lieut. Sandford (Christchurch City Guards), 202, 48, 250; Sergt. Steadman (Canterbury Engineers), 203, 47, 250; Lieut. Gee (Lincoln Rifles), 203, 49, 252; Lieut. Henry (Christchurch Defence Rifle Club), 207, 41, 248; Rifleman Thimble (Lincoln Defence Rifle Club), 203, 44, 247; Rifleman Dunlop (Christchurch Defence Rifle Club), 205, 42, 247; Rifleman White (Lincoln Defence Rifle Club), 205, 40, 245;

Rifleman Reynolds (Christchurch), 203, 41-244; Sergt. Steenson (Queen's Rifles, Oamaru), 208, 38-244; Pte. J. Jack (Lincoln Defence Rifle Club), 203, 42-243; President C. Craw (Christchurch), 202, 41-243; Rifleman Hay (Kororua), 201, 41-242; Pte. Flaherty (Greymouth Rifles), 201, 40-241; Captain King (Lincoln Rifles), 204, 37-241; Corp. Munro (Murchison Mounted Rifles), 210, 31-241; Sergt. Major Evans (Canterbury Engineers), 205, 35-240; Pte. Barkie (City Rifles), 205, 34-239; Rifleman York (Waikato Defence Rifle Club), 203, 31-234; Rifleman Kenzie (Christchurch Defence Rifle Club), 202, 30-232; Captain Sotheman (Greymouth Rifles), 201, 22-220; Sergt. Nelson (Highland Rifles), 203, 27-210.

Lieut. Gee wins Messrs Jones and Sons' gold medal for the highest aggregate at 500 yards in the Canterbury and Otago matches. Sergt. Steenson wins the Stead cup for the highest aggregate by a competitor under 21 years in the Canterbury, Otago, and Southland matches. The Ashburton High School wins the D.L.C. trophy for the winning team in the defence cadets' teams' match.

CHESS.

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Answers to Correspondents.

A.G.F.—Thanks for score of game. J.W.—The King may not (Castle)—(1) If either the King or the Castling Rook has been previously moved. (2) If there be any Piece on the rank between the King and the Castling Rook. (3) If the King be attacked or in check at the time; or if either of his squares of movement be commanded by an adverse force. In other words, Castles must be the first move of both King and Rook; the line between them must be clear—no capture may be made; the King must neither be in check nor go into check, nor pass a square commanded by the enemy. But the Castling Rook may move out of attack, and may also cross an adversely commanded square.

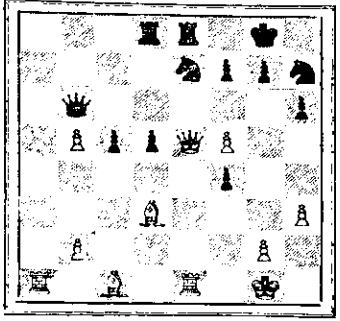
J.W.W.—Thanks for communication. Am sending you S. S. Blackburne's book about Problems, etc., being the second prize won by you in solving tourney.

G. COLE.—Will be pleased to hear from you again.

Position No. 31.

The grand old Blackburne, touring in Scotland, and playing simultaneously at Glasgow, had the following ending against Mr. W. Gibson, one of Scotland's champions. Note the accuracy of play, the grasp of complicated combination, the profundity of idea displayed by the veteran, and then, reflecting alike on the efflux of his years and strenuous chess career, you will wonder that so much intellectuality remains.

Black (Mr. W. Gibson).



White (Mr. J. H. Blackburne). 1. R-R6 Q-Kt 2. QxQ RxQ 3. BxP R-Kt2 4. P.Kt6 Kt-R3 5. B-QKt5 R-Q5 6. B-R4 P-B5 7. R-R7 RxP 8. KtRxKt RxP 9. RxP P-B6 10. RxP, ch K-R 11. B-K5 R-Kt8, ch 12. K-R2 P-B7

And White mates in three moves.

World's Championship.

The first of the ten games played in the recent match between Dr. Lasker and Karl Schlechter:—

RUY LOPEZ.

White. Black. Schlechter. Lasker. 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 3. B-Kt5 P-Q3 4. Castles B-Q2 5. P-Q4 PxP 6. R-K sq B-K2 7. KtXP Castles 8. Kt-QB3 PxB 9. BxKt R-K sq 10. B-Kt5 P-KR3 11. Q-B3 Kt-R2 12. B-R4 QxB 13. BxB 14. QR-Q sq Kt-B sq 15. P-Kt3 Kt-Kt3 16. Q-Kt3 Q-K4 17. QxQ PxQ 18. P-KB3 K-B2 19. Kt-Q4) K2 P-R4 20. Kt-QKt3 KR-QKt sq 21. Kt-B sq B-K3 22. Kt-Q3 P-QB4 23. Kt-Kt2 Kt-K4 24. Kt-Q5 R-Kt2 25. R-K3 Kt-B3 26. R-B3 P-Kt3 27. P-QR4 P-B4 28. Kt-K3 R-K sq 29. Kt(K3)-B4 R-R2 30. R-K sq BxKt 31. K-B3 Kt-K4 32. Kt-K3 PxB 33. P-Kt3 R-KR sq 34. PxP PxP 35. P-KKt3 K-B2 36. P-KB4 R-Kt2 37. Kt-Q5 ch P-QB5 38. Kt-Kt2 R-QKt5 39. K-Kt2 RxBP 40. PxP PxQP 41. P-QB5 K-B3 42. PxQP Kt-K4 43. R-B7 ch K-K4 44. Kt-Q5ch K-R3 45. P-R4 ch R-B sq 46. Kt-K7 R-B2 47. R-Q sq K-R2 48. RxBch Kt-Kt3 49. R-K6 RxBt 50. R(Kt6)-QB6 RxBt 51. R(Kt6)-QB6 RxBt 52. RxB ch K-Kt3 53. R-B6 ch K-Kt2 54. K-B3 R-K5 55. R-B5 K-B3 56. RxBP R-QB5 57. R-R6 ch K-K4 58. R-R5 ch K-B3 59. R-R6 ch K-K4 60. R-R5 ch K-B3 61. R-R2 R-B6 ch 62. R-Kt2 K-B3 63. K-Kt2 R-B3 64. K-R3 RxB 65. R-Kt8 K-Kt5 66. R-Kt6 ch R-B5 67. P-R5 K-R2 68. P-R6 ch R-QR5 69. R-KB6

Drawn game.

Dreihundert Schachpartien.

(By Dr. Tarrasch.)

Continued.

In the autumn of 1892, we find the doctor studying at the University of Halle, where the special temptations that beset him in Berlin were absent. He joined the Halle Chess Club, and when, in 1893, the date of the third Congress of the German Schachbund approached, he felt impelled to take part in it. He was successful, carrying off the first prize in the Hauptturnier, and thus winning the coveted title of "Chess Master," with the right to compete henceforth in "Master" Tournaments. His delight was unbounded but he had the good sense to eschew tournament play thereafter until he had secured his diploma as a Doctor of Medicine. This came in due course, and left him free to compete in the Hamburg Tourney of 1895, in which there were eighteen contestants, among them being Bird, Blackburne, Gunsberg, and Mason, from England. The excitement under which he laboured, and the rising exultation that swept him off his balance, stand out clearly in his narrative of this encounter: "I was all the more astonished, and finally almost dazed as I won nearly one game after another and stood, at the end of the first week's play, next to Mason, whose score was 7, while mine was 0 out of 8 games played. And in the second week the same thing happened to Wednesday, when I caught up to Mason, and we stood together at the top, with 9½ points each, closely followed by Blackburne, Gunsberg, Englisch, and Weiss. When next day I beat my dreaded rivals, it seemed almost certain, for

there were only three more rounds to play, that the first prize must fall to me. But my unexpected success had really intoxicated me. I could not explain it. I felt that I lived in a dream. My excitement was such that I could not maintain the continued attentiveness so necessary in tourney play. Hence Mackenzie defeated me in a very fine game. But in the next round I beat Schottlander, which brought me again to the top. In the penultimate round of this remarkable tourney, the position of the six leaders was as follows:—Tarrasch, 11½; Mason, Gunsberg, Englisch, and Weiss, 11; Blackburne, 10½ points. Thus in my last game, against Blackburne, I was playing for the first prize. This game, after a sound opening, I threw away by a gross blunder, due to time difficulties and agitation. Thus I took second place with Blackburne, Mason, Englisch, and Weiss, each of whom scored 11½ points, while Gunsberg, really primus inter pares, carried off the first prize by ½ a point more. I was delighted at the success and satisfied with my play. I had won eleven for the most part well-played games, had drawn only one—against Berger—and had lost five, not through lack of power, but through weaknesses arising from my age and temperament. Thus I lost to Englisch and Minevitz through respect for authority, against Gunsberg through carelessness in the opening, against Blackburne through lack of composure.

Wary optimism, such as is here revealed, which recognises a defeat, but to explain it away and to guard against its recurrence is a never-failing source of strength in a fighting man, "Beaten met" we seem to hear Dr. Tarrasch say. "Not at all, my dear fellow. You are just a stone against which I have tripped through a little carelessness in walking. You wait a moment while I ponder which is the particular weakness of mine responsible for it. You'll not trip me again, then."

Shortly afterwards, in 1886, he accepted a situation in an obscure industrial village in Bavaria, where he had no opportunity of indulging in his favourite game. However, to quote Heysse, "Musiggang ist aller Liebe Anfang"—it was Cupid this time who found work for idle hands to do—and in May, 1887, after a short courtship, he conducted his young wife to his new home in Nuremberg, where he had determined to settle down as a doctor on his own account. He had hardly had time to turn round in his new surroundings before an invitation reached him to take part in the Frankfurt tourney of 1887. There were 21 competitors, and Tarrasch had to be content to divide the fifth and sixth prizes with Berger. He says: "The chief reason why my success was so far below that of the Hamburg tournament lay in the fact that I had not grown accustomed to my new surroundings, and was in a state of mental perturbation. I could not concentrate my mind fully on chess, and often played abstractedly. If I played one game well, I was sure to play the next badly. It was not till my chances of a prize seemed to have vanished that I played with any degree of steadiness."

(To be continued.)

Notes.

The next quarterly meeting of the Council of the New Zealand Chess Association will take place in Wellington on Monday, 28th inst. Clubs having any business to bring forward are requested to notify their delegates.

At the Wellington Chess Club recently Messrs. Barnes, Fell, and Kelling, in consultation, played a "Danish Gambit" against Messrs. W. E. and J. Mason and P. Still, the latter combination resigning on the 19th move!

The suggested match to decide the tie left over from the Ostend tournament of 1907 between Dr. Bernstein and A. Rubinstein will probably now be abandoned in favour of a match between these two players for the championship of Russia. The gold medal forwarded to Russia by Mr. L. Hoffer, in whose charge it has been, will go to the winner of this match.

Writing on his championship against Herr Schlechter, after the third game in the match, Dr. Lasker says that Schlechter's style is quite different from that of his previous opponents, Steinitz, Marshall, Tarrasch, and Janowski, who had all a tendency to take the initiative, whereas the Austrian champion attaches more importance to safety. The gain must be clear and success certain before he will consent to remove his forces from