

LADIES' GOLF.

The English Championship.

Auckland.

MISS GRANT SUTTIE WINS.

It is not often that a match takes so long to be decided as that of the final for the President's trophy. Miss Jean Richmond and Miss M. Alison tied in the final; then they played a second time and tied; a third time with like result; but on the fourth trial Miss Richmond won 3 up and 2 to play. The prize was a lovely travelling clock.

The Captain's prize, the conditions of which were four Medal rounds, the three best to count, was finished on Monday, 27th. This match has created great interest, and has been the means of getting a large number of scores in, and several players have gained handicaps. Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield (Captain) presented the prize (a lovely silver jewel box) to the lucky winner.

The result of the captain's prize is as follows: Miss H. Buckland's three best scores totalled 256, handicap 29 (winner); Miss M. McLean (second) 262, handicap 38; Miss K. Clark, 263, handicap, 32.

Wellington.

A team of four ladies from the Wellington Club went up to the Otaki links on June 8th. The result was a draw, each club winning two games.

On June 21st a match was played between the Hutt and Wellington, at Here-taunga. Wellington won five games and the Hutt one, and in foursomes in the afternoon Wellington won all three matches.

WELLINGTON V. HUTT.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

Wellington defeated Hutt to-day by 9 games to 3. The detailed results are as follows, Wellington players being mentioned first in each instance—Duncan beat Balneavis, Abbott beat Kidston, Reid lost to Kirk, Hales lost to Callender, Clark beat Climie, Dalziel beat Hurst, Lees beat Allan, Didsbury lost to Abbott, Gore beat Hudson, Pearce beat Wagg, Rawson beat Manning, Kirkby beat Purdie.

THE GOVERNOR AT HERETAUNGA.

His Excellency the Governor, who is a keen and enthusiastic golfer, visited the Heretaunga links to-day, and played a round with Captain Shannon, A.D.C.

Christchurch.

At the Shirley links last week the final of the match for Mrs. Rhodes' prize was played between Mrs. Donald and Miss Phyllis Anderson. After a close run, Miss Anderson beat her opponent on the seventeenth green.

At the Hagley Park links the ladies' monthly medal handicap was played last week. Mrs. Wilfred Hall won in the first grade, and Miss Robinson in the second.

A handicap bogey match, played on the Shirley Links on June 17th, was won by Miss Cowlishaw. In the junior division Mrs J. E. Donald and Mrs Arthur Sims tied for first place.

On Friday, 19th, the final of a match for a prize given by Mrs Arthur Rhodes was played, in which Miss Phyllis Anderson beat Mrs J. E. Donald by a very small margin.

This week the club championship of the C.L.G.C. will be started. The following is the draw for the first round:—Miss Cowlishaw plays Mrs Symons, Miss Harley plays Miss Rutherford, Miss Crockett-Wilson plays Miss Sims, Mrs Cowlishaw plays Miss Symes, Mrs Borthwick plays Mrs Donald, Mrs Hill plays Miss Wood, Miss N. Campbell plays Mrs Day, Miss C. Humphrys a bye.

Intending visitors to Christchurch for the golf tournament in August will be interested to hear that extensive addi-

The 18th L.G.U. championship meeting was brought to a happy conclusion in far-off, peaceful Devonshire on the beautiful links of Westward Ho. On Monday morning, May 2, the stroke competition immediately preceding the championship was held. It was a fine morning for scoring, and early starters had the best of the weather, for as the day advanced the wind got up, until long before the last couples neared the home green a gale was blowing. Prophets in their own country prophesied a possible 85 as the winning score, but early in the day they were falsified, for the fine young Bromborough player, Miss G. Ravenscroft, brought in a beautiful 84, made up thus: Out, 6 5 4 5 6 4 5 3 6—44; in, 5 4 4 3 3 6 4—40; total 84. Soon after this that renowned score player, Mrs. F. W. Brown, handed in 88, and these two remained the leading returns. Quite late in the afternoon, in the full force of the gale, Miss May Leitch (a fine left-handed player, who only wants steadiness—the outcome of practice—to become a first-class golfer) gave in her card of 89—every whit as fine a performance as Miss Ravenscroft's, being compiled when the gale was at its worst. Appended are the twelve leading scores:

Miss Ravenscroft (Bromborough) ..	84
Mrs. F. W. Brown (Wimbledon) ..	88
Miss D. M. Jenkins (Troy) ..	90
Miss Ida Kyle (St. Rule) ..	90
Miss A. Glover (Elie and Earls-ferry) ..	91
Miss Violet Hezlet (Royal Portrush) ..	91
Miss Cecil Leitch (Carlisle and Sil-loth) ..	91
Miss Florence Hezlet (Royal Port-rush) ..	92
Mrs. Gavin (Burnham Beeches) ..	92
Miss Temple (Westward Ho) ..	93
Miss Hunter (Ashford Manor) ..	93
Miss Heming Johnson (Limpfield) ..	94
Miss L. Moore (Olton) ..	94

tions have been made to the Shirley Golf house, the ladies' quarters having been considerably enlarged.

Nga Motu.

A club has been donated to the ladies of the Ngamotu Club by F. G. Hood, the Auckland professional for the best aggregate of two 18-hole medal rounds.

The competition for Mrs. Weston's cup was finished, and this year the trophy will be held by Miss Brewster, who defeated Miss Bewley in the final last Thursday. The semi-finals resulted as follows:—Miss Bewley beat Miss Read, Miss Brewster beat Miss Blundell. Final—Miss Brewster beat Miss Bewley.

Cambridge.

The prize of a guinea, given by Mr. J. Phillips, for a lady's prize, was won by Miss Lunnon with a net score of 47; Miss Brooks being runner-up with 51.

The monthly medal matches were started on Wednesday, and will be finished on Saturday. On Wednesday Miss Lunnon put in the best card for the ladies, and for the men Mr. Middleton and Mr. Priestley tied.

Napier.

Saturday week was bitterly cold, with occasional showers, but notwithstanding these drawbacks a number of lady members played in the second round for the captain's trophy at Waiohiki. The following were the best cards handed in:—Miss Meg Hindmarsh, hcp. 5, 4 down; Miss Hindmarsh, sec; 6; Mrs. Snodgrass, 6, 6; Mrs. Moore, 7, 6; Miss Chapman, 5, 7.

Hastings.

On Tuesday week the ladies of the Hastings Golf Club played a nine-hole stroke match for a trophy presented by Mrs. McKibbin. The following is the result:—Miss Burr, gross 65, handicap 22, net 43; Mrs Murray, 50—7—49; Miss T. Baird, 54—5—49; Mrs C. Cato, 57—4—53; Mrs Hulse, 74—20—54; Mrs F. Tipping, 77—20—57; Miss M. Smith, 79—20—59; Mrs Banks, 73—14—59; Mrs Pinekey, 75—14—61; Mrs Boyers, 83—22—61.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss Grant Suttie beat Mrs. Tamworth by 7 and 6.
Miss Moore beat Miss Neill Fraser by 2 and 1.

The semi-finals attracted large crowds. First out were Mrs. Tamworth and Miss Grant Suttie, but it was soon evident that Mrs. Tamworth would not survive the round. She was 4 down at the seventh, and putted badly throughout. Miss Grant Suttie, on the other hand, played steady, sound golf, and stood 4 up at the turn, out in these figures: 5 6 4 5 4 4 4 6—44; while Mrs. Tamworth's approximate score out was 40. After this Miss Grant Suttie never missed an opportunity, and eventually entered the final by 7 and 6. On the other hand, the match behind, between Miss Neill Fraser and Miss Moore was very closely contested. The later, won the first hole, and lost the two next; she won the fifth and sixth, where Miss N. Fraser was bunkered; but the match was square at the turn. The tenth and eleventh were halved. After that Miss Moore played perfect golf. At the fourteenth she stood 2 up, but lost the sixteenth. A perfect 5 at the long difficult seventeenth, however, gave her the match by 2 to 1.

FINAL.

Miss E. Grant Suttie beat Miss L. Moore by 6 and 4.

The final was witnessed by about 800 people. The wind was very strong, but brilliant sunshine prevailed. After her hard fight in the morning Miss Moore seemed tired, and her play was not as good as in the morning. Bad luck at the start, too, disheartened her, whereas Miss Grant Suttie played almost faultless golf, and led by 4 up at the turn. She increased this to 5 at the eleventh, having run the bunker guarding the green. Miss Moore secured her only win at the 12th, but the long thirteenth in the teeth of the wind was too much for the Olton player, and a piece of luck at the fourteenth, where her sliced ball just lay clear of the rushes, gave Miss Grant Suttie the championship by 6 and 4. She thoroughly deserved her win, having encountered and beaten Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford, Mrs. C. F. Richardson (who stood 2 up and 4 to go), Miss Temple, and Miss Ida Kyle, Miss Neill Fraser, and Miss Moore (who, by the by, holds the title of Midlands Champion for the 3rd year in succession).

At the conclusion of play, the prizes and trophies were presented by Lord Churston, and a heartily accorded and applauded vote of thanks to Miss Issette-Pearson was a clear indication of the appreciation all felt for her arduous gratuitous work.

The 18th L.G.U. Championship is a thing of the past. One notable feature was that the winner of the Championship (Miss E. Grant Suttie) was not in the first thirteen of the stroke competition which preceded the Championship, and the runner-up (Miss Moore) was thirteenth on the list. Miss Grant Suttie won most of her matches by a narrow margin. In the fourth round, playing against Miss I. Kyle, Miss Grant Suttie had a grim struggle, the match being taken to the home hole; here her ball ran through the bunker and jumped out of the burn. Miss Grant Suttie thus won by one hole. In the fifth round Miss Grant Suttie defeated Mrs. Nicholson 2 and 1. Mrs. Nicholson put up a fine fight, and was only one down at the sixteenth; going to the seventeenth, she was bunkered, but after recovering she laid her approach practically dead; Miss Grant Suttie, however, holed a putt across the green, winning the hole and the match. In the semi-finals Miss Grant Suttie won handsomely, defeating Mrs. Tamworth 7 and 6; and the final against Miss L. Moore 6 and 4. Miss Grant Suttie's club is Sunningdale. Miss Issette Pearson defeated Mrs. Hezlet by one up, and in the second round beat Miss Bryan by one hole. In the third round Miss Pearson was defeated by Miss D. Barker, 3 and 2. Miss V. Hezlet survived until the fifth round, when she was defeated by Miss Neil Fraser by 4 and 3.

Much interest was taken in the match between the sisters Kyle, recalling similar meetings between the Hezlets and Orrs. Both have perfect style, and the elder game was a treat to watch. The elder sister (the Scottish champion) was 3 down at the ninth, and was level at the thirteenth. The younger, however, played the remaining holes perfectly, and gained a victory one hole from home.

Miss Bertha Thompson, an ex-champion, was put out in the second round by Miss Temple of Westward Ho, by 3 and 1.

Miss E. Leitch was another disappointment. She has been playing such splendid golf of late that her chance for the championship was considered very good, and yet she was put out in the first

Dr. Webb's Narrow Escape.

The Rev. Aquila Webb, pastor of Warren Memorial Church, who is one of the faithful at the Louisville golf links, U.S.A., tells the following, which will be of interest to golfers and others as well:—

"Saturday morning I gave Judge John Baskin a dozen golf balls that I had reserved. Yesterday morning I missed him from his accustomed place in the church. Where was Judge Baskin? As I thought over his absence it suddenly occurred to me that he was trying those new balls.

"After dinner I decided I would go out to the club and see if he was there. Sure enough, there was the genial and smiling Judge with the implements of war and subjugation.

"Now, Judge! You are not going to play golf on Sunday? I said.

"Sure, Doctor! Come and join me. What is the use of preaching against Sunday golf until you have tried it for yourself. You should be able to speak from experience on Sunday amusements, and not always be theorising. There are about a dozen good fellows on the course. Come along."

"The Judge is such a splendid fellow, the course in such good condition, and the love of the game so strong that I finally yielded, though I refused to put on the glad rags with which golfers usually besock themselves.

"I must say I felt a little peculiar as we went to the first tee. I teed up my ball and made the stroke. The ball sailed away like a bird and landed on the putting green not three feet from the hole. The fever was on and I began to feel more natural. The putt was true, and I had a two with bogey saved.

"As we played on, hole after hole, discussing the ethics of Sunday games, I was only concerned that my parishioners should not see me in the act. It would be much easier to explain my motive afterward.

"As fate would have it, we met several of my members as we came down from the tenth driving tee. But they had seen me drive into the punch bowl and hole out in three, and I saw they were greatly pleased with my skill.

"Occasionally as we plodded on I would have a sickening feeling somewhat after the manner of a boy smoking his first cigar. But a long drive, a good putt, or lofting well out of a bunker helped my conscience when I was wavering and on the point of giving up.

"The Judge was the picture of satisfaction, and seemed to enjoy the fact that I was beating him nearly every hole. My ambition has been to make the course in less than ninety, and here I was coming to the eighteenth hole with eighty-four.

"Just as I had placed my ball ready to drive the last hole, I heard a familiar voice yell 'Fore!' Before I had a chance to move, a hard driven ball hit me on my right elbow and my arm fell helpless to my side. It all came over me like a flash: 'Sunday golf! What I deserve!'

"Daniel O'Sullivan had driven one of his long low shots of over 200 yards on the seventh hole, and I was the victim. Mr O'Sullivan, genial and lovable gentleman that he is, came hurrying forward with such a sorrowful look and such tender words that I regretted the accident more on his account than on my own.

"Poor Judge Baskin was the picture of despair. We all knew that I could not preach at night, and then the people would be saying: 'Serves him right for playing golf on Sunday. Wonder what his church will say about it?'

"No one can imagine my feelings. The pain in my arm was growing almost unbearable and my conscience was crying out like the clangor of a great, high bell.

"Just at the most critical moment, when I felt that I could not bear the pain and disgrace, I heard my little daughter say: 'Father! Father! What is the matter?' The dream was over. I opened my eyes and smiled. Then smiled again. My arm was a little numb, but I was able to preach at night."

round by Miss Hemming Johnson (Limpfield) by one hole.

The Ladies' Golf Union has decided to hold next year's championship at Portrush. The Union now consists of 300 clubs.

Players engaged in county championships are in future to be allowed expenses