

as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Watson. Mrs. Watson was Miss Alice Macpherson, of Dunedin.

Miss Eileen Sibald is at present staying with relatives at Wimbledon.

There passed away on the 24th August, at Broadstairs, Beatrice May Lillian, daughter of Beatrice and Harry E. Melitus, late of Dunedin, in her tenth year.

Mr. Scott, of Messrs. Scott Bros., of Wellington, leaves for America tomorrow, on his way back to New Zealand.

Mrs. C. Gawith, of Masterton, and her family have visited the North of England, Scotland, Ireland, and the Continent since they arrived, and now are settled in London for a time.

Mr. Russell, son of Sir William Russell, of Fluxmore station, Hawke's Bay, returns to New Zealand next month.

Mr. Fred. W. Thompson, of Christchurch, who came over here for a trip for the benefit of his health, already feels much better. He arrived here a week ago, and is staying with an aunt atournemouth. Later he goes on to stay with Mr. W. T. Charlewood (late of Christchurch), at Bideford, in Devon, where he hopes to get good golf and fishing. He then goes on to stay with his brother, who is the vicar of Weston-Super-Mare, then to stay with the Rev. D. West at Stroud, in Gloucestershire, and to his old school at Bury, St. Edmunds, before staying with Mr. Acton Adams (of New Zealand) in Surrey. Later follow visits to Scotland, Ireland, and Paris. Then Mr. Thompson returns to London for a course of post graduate study at the Royal Dental Hospital, before leaving for Philadelphia and Canada, and so home, where he expects to arrive about March or April next.

Miss Crystal, of Wellington, has been travelling with Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean and their family in the United Kingdom and Ireland, and is going to the Continent for a fortnight at the end of September. She later goes to Ireland again, and sails by the *Athenic* for New Zealand on November 7th.

Mr. H. F. von Haast, of the well-known Wellington legal firm of Messrs. Meek and von Haast, who is holiday-making at Home with Mrs. von Haast, returned to London a few days ago after a sojourn in Wiltshire with his brother, Mr. George von Haast, and a round of visits to friends in Scotland, including Sir George Younger, the Unionist Whip, whose home is at Leckie, in Stirlingshire. Whilst in Scotland, Mr. and Mrs. von Haast did the round of the Trossachs, and paid visits to some of the principal centres of scenic and historic interest. Mr. and Mrs. von Haast are leaving London again shortly on a visit to friends at Southsea, after which they will repair to the Continent, where they expect to remain till the early days of November. As at present arranged, they will leave for New Zealand by the *Corinthian*, which sails from London on December 5th.

As at present arranged, Lord and Lady Liverpool will leave England for New Zealand by the *P.* and *O.* Malwa, which sails from London on November 1st. The Governor-elect has not yet decided where he will join the steamer, but in all probability he and Lady Liverpool will proceed overland to Marseilles. It is understood that Lord Liverpool will take out about twenty servants, in addition to his staff, appointments to which are, it appears, only made subject to the approval of the King. Lord Liverpool has, I understand, submitted his nominations to His Majesty, but the names of the gentlemen favoured by the Governor-elect are not at present available. Lord Liverpool's departure for the Dominion is to be made the occasion of a New Zealanders' reunion in London, but no definite steps in connection with his farewell will be taken till the Hon. Thomas Mackenzie arrives home to take up his duties as High Commissioner. In all probability the usual valedictory banquet will be abandoned in favour of a reception by the High Commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Banks, of Auckland, have spent the last two months touring England and Scotland, and leave by the *Cameroon* for New York, bound for British Columbia, where Mr. Banks is to manage a group of mines on behalf of a Scottish firm. While they were staying in Mr. Holthouse's country residence in Carham at the end of June an attempt was made by suffragettes to fire the house. Luckily the fire did not spread past the gateway door.

Mr. Donald McLean, of Wellington, who for some months past has been touring England, Ireland, and Scotland with

his wife and two daughters, made an interesting trip to the isolated island of St. Kilda while in Scotland recently, and also took part last Saturday in the historic gathering of the Clan McLean in the island of Mull to celebrate the mighty pleasure that the reacquisition of Castle Duart, the ancient stronghold of the clan, that has been in strange hands for 220 years, has given the Maclean race. At this gathering, when McLeans from the United States, Canada, Germany, Holland, and New Zealand (and Kaid Sir Harry MacLean, of Morocco fame) took part in the ancient rites and rejoicings, Mr. McLean represented New Zealand. Mr. and Mrs. McLean and their family will be in London till September 24, when they sail for America and Canada. They hope to arrive in Wellington in Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Robertson and Miss Susan Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spelding, of Auckland, are all staying at Beckenham, in Kent.

The Hon. Maurice Baring, a son of the second Baron Revelstoke, is on his way to New Zealand.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Furly, of Auckland, have this week been visiting the horse show in Dublin, as did also Mr. and Mrs. Mack, of Wellington.

Major-General Robley, who sustained severe injuries a few weeks back, as a result of being run down by a motor car, has now been able to leave hospital, and is in his chambers at St. James' again.

Lady Findlay, wife of the late Attorney-General of New Zealand, who arrived here a few weeks ago with her three sons, has booked a return passage by the *Malwa* in November. Her two younger sons she has placed in a school in England, and Mr. Wilfrid Findlay will also remain behind and continue his studies here.

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Myers, of Auckland, who have been holiday-making in Southwold, have been unable to get away from there owing to the floods which have entailed the stoppage of the railway service. Several bridges round about the district have been washed away.

Mr. L. Hahn, junior partner of the firm of Kahn Bros., Auckland, left Auckland on an extensive business tour by the *s.s. Marana*, via Vancouver, and afterwards travelled through Switzerland, France and Germany, and is now settled in London for an indefinite time to act as buyer for his firm.

As a pleasant interlude to his labours amid the turmoil round the Chinese Constitution melting pot, Dr. George Ernest Morrison, the Peking correspondent of the "Times," whose appointment as political adviser of the President of the Chinese Republic was announced a few weeks ago, was married last Monday at Emmanuel Church, South Croydon. The bride was Miss Jennie Wark Robin, a charming young lady of 22, who first met Dr. Morrison in Peking, and who is said to be a New Zealander by birth. Miss Robin returned to England a few weeks ago, and Dr. Morrison on being appointed to his present post secured a short leave and returned to Europe, making the journey in fifteen days. The marriage took place in Emmanuel Church, South Croydon, but so well had the secret been kept that only a dozen people were present at the marriage, which was by special license. The service was conducted by the Rev. B. N. Phillips, the vicar of the parish. The bride, who looked very youthful compared with the bridegroom, there being some 30 years' difference in their ages, was married in her travelling dress, which was of blue material, and the ceremony was of the quietest possible description. Those present included the bride's parents, the bridegroom's mother, and Sir John McLeavy Brown, and a very few other relatives and friends. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Robert Robin, of "Wendyneye," Lismore Road, South Croydon. The bride said good-bye to her parents in the vestry, and the couple then left for their honeymoon, which will be spent travelling on the Continent, whence they go to China, where Dr. Morrison has to take up the duties of his new post in Peking in October. In such work as that which Dr. Morrison is about to take up it is particularly ill for man to live alone. Mrs. Morrison knows China well, and is thus qualified in every way to prove a helpmeet for her distinguished husband.

On the Golf Links

This paper has been appointed the official organ of the Ladies' Golf Union, New Zealand branch.

Secretaries of ladies' golf clubs are invited to forward official notices, hand-cups and alterations, results of competitions and other matters of interest, to reach the publishing office not later than the Saturday prior to the date of publication.

AUCKLAND.

(Special Correspondent.)

Auckland Club Championship

THE final of the Club Championship between W. B. Colbeck and J. C. Burns is to be played on Saturday, and promises to be very close. Last year, when these two players met, the game went to the 36th green before Burns was the winner. Burns is rapidly getting into form, and Colbeck, judging from his display in the semi-final, is playing as well as ever. In the semi-final Colbeck was at his best in all departments of the game, his driving being a feature. Out in 40, which could easily have been 38, as on two occasions he took the safe course when he had good chances of holing in a stroke less, 18 more strokes took him to the 13th and the game was over. He eased up a bit after this, and finished the round in about 80. The new greens, including a new temporary one at the third, are all in use now and provide considerable variety.

Men's Foursome.

I am glad the Auckland Club have seen fit to play a foursome this season. I have always been an advocate of this style of game, and after seeing the result of the Wellington fourball match am more in favour than ever. The foursome does not meet with approval because it is a difficult game. An extraordinary result in a fourball was brought under my notice recently. Duncan and Mayo were pitted against two practically unknown professionals, Risebro and Dumble, at Sheringham. Duncan had rounds of 72-74, Mayo 77-73, Risebro 79-78, Dumble 76-77, yet the two latter were never once down, and eventually won 1 up. The fourball match offers a premium to the erratic player, while the foursome is fatal to that gentleman. Risebro and Dumble were fortunate, in that when one player did badly the other did not follow suit, so in each round their best ball was 71. Duncan and Mayo played so well together, that at 21 holes out of 36 their scores were identical.

How and When to Practice.

If H. Hilton, several times Amateur Champion of England, has been giving advice to golfers recently, and I think his ideas might be of use to New Zealand golfers, so have been tempted to reproduce them.

"The true secret of successful golf is accurate iron-play," he says. "A man cannot be a really first-class player unless he is more or less a master of all manner of iron clubs. Deadly accurate approaching will make up for many defects in wooden club play, and, in consequence, it is the iron clubs above any other with which a player should practise."

"He should be able to regulate the swing of the club much as he pleases. Now there are two natural shots with an iron club: one is with a full, free swing, hitting the ball much as one would hit it with a wooden club; the other is the short, jerky species of approach shot which is played with a comparatively stiff wrist and forearm."

"The type, if presented with an approach to play, will employ either one or other of these methods; they are the natural strokes with an iron club. There are many other forms of iron shots, however, which are the result of development: the strokes which lie in between the full shot and the stiff-wristed approach; they are the keynote to successful approaching, and are also the most difficult strokes in the game thoroughly to master. They represent the secret of being able to control the club on the upward swing to any length the player may wish to use."

"I do not think that it comes naturally to any golfer to play these half and three-quarter swing iron shots; they are,

to my mind, the result of after development, and I know one or two amateur players who have risen to prominence without ever mastering them in any way. Yet when these men come to really serious competitions their lack of such knowledge invariably proves their undoing. To be a successful first-class player, a man must have a comprehensive knowledge of the correct manner in which to play these half and three-quarter strokes. I speak somewhat feelingly on the subject, as I served a long apprenticeship in the art of learning how to control the club in the upward swing."

"A player may play himself quite stale by continually practising with wooden clubs, and there is really no necessity of doing so, but with iron clubs it is a different matter. To my mind a player cannot practise too much with them, and the more he practises the shots in the playing of which he is admittedly weak, the better for him."

The Most Essential Shot.

"Although it is advisable that a player should have good command of every class of iron shot, there is really only one of these shots that is absolutely essential, the playing of which he should have at his finger-ends, and that is the lofting approach. It is a class of shot which can be adapted in some form or other to every approach which a player is called upon to negotiate. The power to play the low, running approach is often an extremely useful asset for a player to have in his bag, as there are occasions when the playing of such a stroke is a much safer procedure than attempting to manipulate the shot by the aid of the high-lofted ball."

"But there are many occasions when it is quite impossible to play this running approach. On the other hand, there is hardly an approach to be found which cannot be played by lofting the ball into the air with spin imparted to it. In consequence, it is absolutely necessary that a player who wishes to make his mark should have a certain degree of mastery over this stroke. He must be in possession of the knowledge of how to pitch a ball up to the hole, and at the same time impart at least a fair degree of spin to it; it is the most useful stroke in the game."

"The man who is a master of this shot need have no fear as to his approaching; he can employ this class of shot for literally every approach he is called upon to play. A very efficacious method to employ in the task of mastering this shot is to take out an iron club which has a more or less straight face, and try to play comparatively short pitching approaches with it over a comparatively high obstacle. The result may not be altogether satisfactory to the executant, in that he may find that more failures than successes come his way, but by degrees he will become quite proficient in getting the ball to rise quickly with a straight-faced iron."

"On the other hand the fruit that this somewhat unusual form of practice bears is in the fact that it is teaching the player the art of imparting spin to the ball; and when he comes to play the shot with a lofted club he will find that there is not the slightest difficulty in giving the ball almost as much spin as he wishes to. After practising with a straight-faced club, the playing of the shot with a normal approaching iron will appear simplicity itself."

"In conclusion: when practising it is not wise to keep playing the same class of shot for too long a period, particularly if it is one which requires any degree of physical force in the playing thereof, as there is more physical strain in the making of a stroke at golf than one is apt to imagine, by the experience he has of playing in matches where there is a rest between strokes, and consequently the player does not realise the strain."

Foursomes at Middlemore.

The men's foursomes on Saturday were won by H. Horton and Dargaville, 92—