

reverently laid to rest in the Purewa Cemetery on the 25th June, 1893, in the midst of a large attendance of personal friends and citizens. The New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association, of which deceased had been President since its formation in January, 1890, was represented by the Secretary, while the Auckland Swimming Club, of which he was a foundation Vice-President, was represented by the Captain, Mr. John Baker, and Mr. Creeth, ex-Secretary.

Sir William was a psychrolute swimmer of great enthusiasm, invariably attending the galas of the Auckland Swimming Club, and when travelling throughout the colony it was his constant habit to visit the baths of the principal cities. When close on eighty years of age, the active old gentleman made the ascent of Mount Egmont, but soon after had the misfortune to be attacked by *la grippe*, from which he never completely recovered. However, such was his confidence, that some three weeks prior to his death he expressed to the writer his expectation, on the approach of summer, of being able to resume his daily practice at the Albert Street Baths, where it was one of the features of that establishment to see the venerable octogenarian knight take his "headers" in the most courageous manner, winter and summer alike. He has now passed on in the silent stream which floats to eternity, and has gained the "swimmer's rest."

At two stages of his career, the life of Sir William Fox was preserved to New Zealand by his ability to swim. Once in the early days, when making an exploration of the West Coast of the South Island (then *terra incognita*) in company with Brunner and others, his swimming knowledge saved him

from being carried helplessly on in the river, since called the Brunner; and again, in 1857 at St. Thomas', in the West Indies, his ability in that direction enabled him to emerge unharmed from an overwhelming tidal wave (the sequel to a hurricane), measuring fully one hundred feet from cradle to crest, and in which both he and Lady (then Mrs.) Fox had been submerged.

Sir Robert Stout was elected to the presidential position rendered vacant by the death of Sir William Fox. Some twenty years ago Sir Robert was a member of the Lerwick Swimming Club in the Shetland Archipelago, north of Great Britain. Sir Robert takes a kindly interest in swimming, and Lady Stout also is a fair swimmer. Swimmers are indebted to Sir Robert for inducing the Hon. the Minister for Education to order five hundred copies of the Association Annual (Quinquennial edition) to distribute among the primary schools.

Of new features in the Annual for 1892-93, the most noticeable are: "An Outline of Association Publications," "Prefatory Observations," "Illustration of Sir Robert Stout" (frontispiece), "Sir William Fox," "Mr. Arthur Francis," "The Association Medal," "The Water Polo Banner," a fancy sketch, "A Feet-first Plunge Performance," "Rules Completely Codified with Marginal Analysis," "New Conditions for Championship Events," "Additional Rules for Rescue Competitions," "Specimen Score-sheet for Water Polo Championship Competitions," "New Forms for Division Lists and Entries," "Memoirette of Sir William Fox," "Chatty 'Strokes'," "Club Races," "Biographical Sketch of Mr. Arthur Francis," "Description of the Association Medal," "An Honours List," and "Notable Forthcoming Fixtures."

