

THE PUBLISHER'S DESK.

Photographic Competitions.

The Publishers of THE NEW ZEALAND ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE have much pleasure in announcing that the Photographic Competition, which has been already referred to, is now open, and will close on June 30th, 1900. A prize of Two Pounds is offered for the best set of Six Photos of New Zealand Bush, Coastal, Lake, Mountain or River Scenery. A prize of One Pound for the best set of Three Types of New Zealand Beauties. A prize of One Pound for the best set of Three Photos of incidents connected with our New Zealand Troops preparing for, or leaving for service in South Africa.

Negatives must be the *bona fide* work of competitors, and the Photographs must not have been previously published.

Competitors may send in as many sets of photos as they please.

The title and name and address of competitor must be written on the foot of the back of the print.

Photographs should be addressed—"Photographic Competition, NEW ZEALAND ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE, Auckland."

A stamped envelope must be sent when the return of unsuccessful contributions is required.

The right of reproduction of successful photographs is reserved, and competitors are requested to state the price required for the reproduction of unsuccessful contributions.

The decision of the Editor, which will be final and without appeal, will be announced in the August issue of the MAGAZINE.

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Articles on the following subjects will shortly appear:—

LIFE IN JAPAN.—By the Rev. Gray Dixon, formerly Professor of English in the Imperial College of Engineering, Tokyo, Japan.

A NEW ZEALAND STUDIO.—By Allen Hutchinson.

WAR IN ITS MORAL ASPECTS.—By G. L. Peacocke.

THE INVASION OF WELLINGTON BY THE NGAPUHI LEAGUE IN 1817.—By Elsdon Best.

TROUT FISHING IN NEW ZEALAND (continued).—By "Sportsman."

LA CROSSE.—By F. W. Coombes.

Also Storiottes by the following Authors:—

"ANOTHER PRINCESS OF THULE."—By Miss W. Sherriff Bain.

"HIS UNLUCKY STAR."—By C. A. Wilkins.

"THE VALUE OF A MAORI DOG."—By H. M. Stowell.

"IN THE CHART ROOM."—By Fabian Bell.

"MY CHRISTMAS DINNER."—By Grace E. Grey.

"THAT WAY MADNESS LIES."—By Mary Herbert.

"TIM," A Story for Children.—By Nita Johnston.