

place down the amphitheatre, but unfortunately it was somewhat interfered with by the heavy rain which set in. Mr. C. E. S. Gillies won with a fine drive of 226 yards.

Taking the golf throughout the meeting there was not much to enthuse about. Many of the competitors showed very good form, several exhibited fitful flashes of brilliancy, but the only exceptionally good round was Mr. Duncan's fine finish for the championship in 76. To finish ten holes up on Bogey, who had not previously been beaten, was undoubtedly a fine performance, and it will be some little time before his figures are lowered.

Of the local players Messrs. C. E. S. and



MISS GILLIES,

Lady Champion of New Zealand.

H. T. Gillies, W. B. Colbeck, A. B. Lawrence and J. L. R. Bloomfield showed very good form in the various events. Mr. C. E. S. Gillies' play in the championship,

for a golfer of his calibre, was certainly very weak, especially on the greens, but in the approaching and putting, driving and other events, he figured prominently, although his play generally through the green was not equal to that high standard which we expect of him. I was disappointed that he did not meet Mr. Duncan in the final, as I had looked forward to the event with much interest, as likely to provide us with an exposition of the game worthy of the occasion. In connection with Mr. Gillies' non-success on the green, I should mention that he told me that he has had a recurrence of the peculiar trouble in his right wrist which militated so much against him at the Australian meeting. It seems to affect his direction, and the manner in which he missed practically certain putts was almost as distressing to an onlooker as it must have been to him.

The Auckland Golf Club has only recently had completed its new club house on its private property adjoining the links, and the fine accommodation provided for members and visitors assisted materially to make the meeting the pronounced success it was. A short time prior to the meeting the links were in a very backward state, but the Committee worked wonders, and the result was that the course on the opening day was in very good condition. The visitors, many of whom have seen the finest courses in the world, were loud in their praises of the Cornwall Park Links from a scenic as well as a golfing point of view, and one of them, who ought to know, went so far as to say that in time he believed it would be the most perfect course in the world.

I cannot conclude this article without a word of recognition to Mr. C. E. S. Gillies, Hon. Secretary of the Auckland Golf Club, for his indefatigable efforts in connection with the meeting. Everyone who has had to do with tournaments knows what a good secretary means to a meeting like this, and I cannot say more than that no sports tournament which I have ever attended ran more smoothly.