

various affiliated clubs. It was ultimately decided that the amount should be levied pro rata on the membership of each club affiliated with the association. A letter was received from the Auckland branch of the Union Steam Ship Company, Ltd., stating that their Wellington office had advised them that they had been negotiating with Mr. G. E. Prince, of Wellington, with regard to a team of bowlers which it was proposed to send to England and that the Orient Steamship Company had promised a discount of 20 per cent. if the party numbered not less than 12. Some half-a-dozen bowlers had already booked, and it was hoped that others might be induced to make the tour. The company asked to be advised of the names of any bowlers proceeding from Auckland. Any bowler who intended going home should communicate with the secretary (Mr. G. B. Osmond) as soon as possible. An application was made by the Richmond Bowling Club, whose green is near that of the Grey Lynn Club, for affiliation to the Association. After considerable discussion, a motion was moved, "That the Richmond Club be affiliated." An amendment, "That in the opinion of this meeting there is not room for two clubs in the Grey Lynn district, and therefore the application be declined," was carried by 10 votes to three.

## ATHLETICS.

### THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The great event in athletic circles has been the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Championships held at Christchurch on Thursday and Saturday. The result of these are that Wellington won by 74½ points, Canterbury came second with 39½, Otago third with 25, and the ever invincible Auckland last with 9. Lack of space prevents any detailed description of the meeting, but the actual results were as follows:—

#### 100YDS FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

H. Henderson (Wellington) ..... 1  
R. Goodbehere (Wellington) ..... 2  
F. Bass (Otago) ..... 3  
W. Anderson (Canterbury) ..... 4  
Won by 2yds, Bass being 3yds behind Goodbehere. Time, 10 2-5s.

#### LONG JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

L. McKay (Wellington), 20ft 6½in ..... 1  
W. H. Pollock (Wellington), 20ft 4½in ..... 2  
C. L. Orbell (Canterbury), 20ft 2½in ..... 3  
The other competitors were: C. M. Gilray (Otago), R. J. Dansey (Otago), A. Halligan (Wellington), J. L. Anderson (Canterbury). The champion, G. P. Kedell (Otago), did not compete.

#### THREE-MILE WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.

A. E. M. Rowland (Canterbury) ..... 1  
P. H. Stubberfield (Canterbury) ..... 2  
H. E. Kerr (Wellington) also started, but was called off during the ninth lap on account of breaking from the walk. Won easily. Time 22m. 51s.

#### PUTTING THE 16LB WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

G. Thomassen (Wellington) 36ft 10in ..... 1  
L. McKay (Wellington), 36ft 8½in ..... 2  
W. C. Dethier (Canterbury), 35ft 3½in ..... 3  
T. O. O'Grady (Auckland), R. G. Rains (Canterbury), and A. Juriss (Canterbury) also competed.

#### ONE-MILE FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

H. G. Burk (Otago) ..... 1  
J. Bradbury (Wellington) ..... 2  
J. H. Prendeville (Wellington) ..... 3  
W. Gosling (Wellington) ..... 4  
C. S. McCully (Canterbury) and J. W. Moore (Canterbury) also started, but did not finish. Won by 15yds, Prendeville being about 25yds away. Time 4h 26s.

#### 120YDS HURDLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

A. Halligan (Wellington) ..... 1  
J. Anderson (Canterbury) ..... 2  
H. T. Cook (Wellington) ..... 3  
H. St. A. Murray (Canterbury) also started. Time, 16 2-5s. Won by six inches.

#### 440YDS FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

L. B. Webster (Wellington) ..... 1  
E. E. Fisher (Wellington) ..... 2  
H. G. Burk (Otago) ..... 3  
E. J. Williams (Wellington), J. Wilton (Wellington), also started. Time, 52 1-5s. Webster won comfortably.

#### ONE-MILE CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIP RELAY RACE.

open to teams of four men representing any one centre, each man to run 440yds.  
Canterbury Centre (Murray, Binns, Williams, Ellis) ..... 1  
Otago Centre (E. Williams, A. P. Campbell, G. Brown, A. Hoar) ..... 2  
Wellington Centre (Gosling, Pollon, Bradbury, Webster) ..... 3  
Won easily by several lengths. Otago just gained second place. Time, 3m 35 2-5s.

#### HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 5ft 7in.  
C. R. Orbell (Canterbury), 5ft 8½in ..... 1  
G. Thomassen (Wellington), 5ft 7½in ..... 2  
G. H. Dawes (Canterbury) and H. T. Cook (Wellington), 5ft 6in (equal) ..... 3  
A. Halligan (Wellington) also competed.

#### THREE-MILE FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 15h 20s.  
J. H. Prendeville (Wellington) ..... 1  
H. C. Murray (Otago) ..... 2  
S. W. Moore (Canterbury) ..... 3  
P. McCallum (Canterbury), C. H. McCully (Canterbury), P. Scott (Otago), and W. Gosling (Wellington) also started. Won easily. Time, 15m 24 2-5s.

#### ONE-MILE WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.

Present champion, A. Crichton (Dunedin); world's amateur record, G. E. Larney, 6m 26s, 1904; Australasian and New Zealand amateur record, 6m 27 2-5s, F. H. Creamer, A.A.A. and C.C., November, 1897; standard, 6m 50s.

A. E. M. Rowland (Canterbury) ..... 1  
P. H. Stubberfield (Canterbury) and S. L. Kerr (Wellington) also started. Kerr was disqualified. Time, 6m 46 2-5s.

#### HALF-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard 2m.  
H. C. Burk (Otago) ..... 1  
J. Bridbury (Wellington) ..... 2  
J. W. Ellis (Canterbury) ..... 3  
G. W. Brown (Otago), W. Gosling (Wellington), E. J. Williams (Wellington), and H. St. A. Murray (Canterbury) also started. Won easily. Time, 2m 0 2-5s.

#### 220YDS FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 22 4-5s.  
E. E. Fisher (Wellington) ..... 1  
H. Henderson (Wellington) ..... 2  
W. Anderson (Canterbury) ..... 3  
S. F. Bass (Otago) ..... 4  
F. E. Drake (Canterbury) and L. B. Webster (Wellington) also started. Time 23 2-5s.

#### 440YDS HURDLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 61s.  
H. S. A. Murray (Canterbury) ..... 1  
W. J. O'Kane (Otago) ..... 2  
T. S. Ruddock (Otago) ..... 3  
H. T. Cook (Wellington), C. L. Orbell (Canterbury), and J. Anderson (Canterbury) also started. Won by about 20yds.

#### THROWING 16lb HAMMER CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 130ft.  
J. Wallace, Auckland (127ft 1in) ..... 1  
T. O'Grady, Auckland (123ft 1in) ..... 2  
S. Baird, Canterbury (102ft 7in) ..... 3  
G. Murdoch (Wellington), J. Juriss (Canterbury), and J. Davie (Otago) also competed.

#### POLE JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 10ft.  
L. McKay, Wellington (9ft 6in) ..... 1  
J. McLachlan, Otago, and T. R. Overton, Otago (9ft 3in), equal ..... 2  
G. H. Davis (Canterbury), J. Davie (Otago), G. Balstone (Canterbury), and J. Wallace (Auckland), also competed. As a result of a jump off between McLachlan and Overton, the latter got second place.

#### THREE MILES HARRIER CHAMPIONSHIP.

Open to teams of five men representing any one centre.  
Otago Centre (Messrs H. G. Burk, H. C. Murray, A. Struthers, and P. Scott) ..... 1  
Canterbury Centre (C. S. McCully, W. S. Jones, F. R. Jones, H. Jones, and A. L. Jones) ..... 2

#### ONE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP RELAY RACE.

Teams of four, representing the affiliated club; each man to run 440yds.  
Wellington A. (Bright, Williams, Wilton and Fisher) ..... 1  
Pioneer A.B. and A. Club (Murray, Binns, Williams, and Ellis) ..... 2  
Canterbury College ..... 3  
Dunedin College Harriers also competed. Time, 3m 35 1-5s.  
A number of handicap events were also run off.

Mr R. Coombes, President of the A.A.A. of Australasia, who has been attending the Championships at Christchurch, wires me that he will be unable to visit Auckland as intended. He leaves Wellington for Sydney by the Maheno on Friday.

The first of the series of Sheffield Handicaps took place at the new ground, Khyber Pass, and proved very successful. There were 67 acceptances, the result being as follows:—

#### SEMI-FINALS.

First heat: Stewart (10yds), 1. Also started—Kelsall (8yds), Hunt (6yds), McKean (11yds). Time 7 4-5s.  
Second heat: Kneebone (10yds), 1. Also started—Taylor, Purdy, MacDonald. Time 7 4-5s.  
Third heat: Kiho Newton (9yds), 1. Also started—Marriott, Davidson, Coles. Time 7 4-5s.  
Fourth heat: James (9yds), 1. Also started—Laing, Hogan, and Harper. Time 8s.

#### FINAL.

Kiho Newton, 9yds ..... 1  
H. Kneebone, 10yds ..... 2  
G. James, 9yds ..... 3  
H. C. Stewart, 10yds ..... 4  
The second handicap of the series took place last night after we went to press.

## FOOTBALL.

The South Africans have been praised on all sides in the English press on account of the fairness of their play (says the "Referee.") In innumerable instances writers infer that the New Zealanders were not so fair in their methods and not such good sportsmen. Even writers who had nothing but the most complimentary references to make of the New Zealanders while the latter were in the Old Country have become infected. Some of the writers are manifestly prejudiced, and have viewed things with a powerful magnifying glass. Our New Zealand football friends are well able to look after themselves on or off the field. At the same time they will be well advised to be scrupulously careful in the future in the matter of illegal interference, in order to prove to the onlooking myriads that they are not justly open to the criticism to which they have been subjected.

Of the South African, "Judex," in the London "Sportsman":—"If they have taught us nothing else the one great lesson of the tour would in itself justify the undertaking, provided always we are neither too dull nor too insularly self-sufficient to profit by example. They have shown us that the playing of Rugby football in its most up-to-date, bright, open, and attractive form need not entail the least degree of unfairness in any of its many forms, and that pace, pluck, and resolution are qualities which make the road to success even broader and

smoother than low cunning, unscrupulous cleverness, and those studied methods and movements necessitating some subtle breach of the rules or violation of their spirit which have placed some successful sides of the past in an unmerited niche of the temple of footer fame."

## CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

Prominence has been given lately in the columns of the daily press to the dust evil, and, of course, the motor car comes in for a large share of the blame (writes "Auto" in Melbourne "Punch.") It seems a waste of time pointing out that the epithet of "dust-creating motors" is not deserved, and is simply a verbal caper of doubtful sincerity on the part of irresponsible newspaper scribes. Lord Tennyson wrote that a straight-out lie can be met and defeated, but the lie built on a half-truth is far more difficult to fight. Because some motor cars in their rapid passage through the air do lift the dust from the roads and leave a cloud of dust behind them, it has been assumed by the public (and the delusion has been carefully fostered) that the motor cars "make" the dust. Nothing is further from the actual fact. The steel tyres on the wheels of horse-drawn vehicles and the steel shoes of horses cut the roads and cause the dust, which is merely "lifted" off the road by the suction caused by the fast-moving motor car. If there was no dust there would be none to be lifted by the car, for the tyres of a car cannot cut the roads to make dust. But, above all, faulty construction of roads brings the dust, and, given better roads, the evils of dust will be insignificant. Following their line of policy, the Automobile Club might profitably take some steps to investigate the dust-lifting propensities of motor cars, and thereby gain the goodwill of the public. It is recognised that a smooth, clear passage for the current of air passing under the body of a car moving at speed is the secret of success in keeping down the dust on the road. This is obtained by putting a shield made of metal or other material (linoleum is good) under the engine and gear-box, slightly curved at the front of the car, and by removing from the rear of the car such obstructions to the free draught of air as tool-boxes, silencers placed crosswise, and auxiliary tanks. Tool-boxes should be above the frame; silencers can be placed lengthwise; auxiliary tanks can be lifted and put

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