

CRICKET.

THE AWARD OF HONOUR.

The Mayor of Auckland has presented each of the team which won the Plunket Shield with a gold medal. In making the presentation, Mr. Myers said the victory had placed Auckland in the front in senior cricket in the Dominion.

NORTH SHORE DO WELL AGAINST PARNELL.

The eighth round of the District Cup Championship was commenced on Saturday. Considering that the wickets were in good order and the afternoon fine, the batting was particularly bad.

GRAFTON SHOULD BEAT CITY.

City batted first in the match against Grafton, and against weak bowling did badly. Hemus, as usual, top-scored, making 35, but the display by the others was feeble.

A BAD START BY PONSONBY.

Ponsonby led off against Eden, but the batsmen could do nothing against Relf, whose "good-bye" performance was the taking of seven wickets for 35 runs.

A GREAT SCORE BY WELLINGTON OLD BOYS.

The Wellington cricket championships were continued on Saturday. Old Boys, in their first innings, made 509, and Midlands, in their first innings, scored 56 for three wickets.

THE GAME IN DUNEDIN.

At Dunedin, the cricket matches were continued on Saturday in fine weather. Carisbrook B defeated Carisbrook A by 54 runs on the first innings.

CHRISTCHURCH CRICKET.

The seventh round of the various competitions was brought to a conclusion on Saturday, when the weather was fine and the wickets good. The results were:—West Christchurch, 320 and 32 for one wicket, beat Riccarton, 292 and 57.

A CLERICAL CHAMPION.

The Rev. E. F. Waddy has completed 1000 runs for New South Wales in representative cricket, averaging 43 runs per innings.

WONDERFUL!

A phenomenal individual performance took place on Saturday, February 22, in a match at Balmain, Sydney. N. Gillies scored 125 out of 179, and secured all ten wickets for 29, out of 76, besides performing the hat-trick, for Balmain Earlsbrae v. Rozelle, the former being the leading "B" grade, and the latter the leading "A" grade in the Balmain and District Association's competition.

LEFT-HANDED BATSMEN.

The left-handers have achieved no little success against the Englishmen this season (writes "Not Out" in the "Referee"), as indeed is generally the case in the first-class matches out here. H. Moses was a veritable thorn in the path of the English professional teams of twenty years ago, when great bowlers were not so scarce and wickets did not last as they do now.

J. Darling and C. Hill, each great in his own way, are difficult types of left-handers. The former has a not unusual grip, but Clem Hill in this respect is a law unto himself. He grips firmly with the hand very low, and an unusual space between the hands; it helps him in some of his characteristic and practically unique on-side shots.

Amongst the younger left-handers, V. Ransford has an easy, natural grip of the bat. M. H. Blaxland takes a higher grip than Ransford, yet not so high as Bardsley.

Clem Hill has scored 160, 104, 87, 61; V. Ransford, 102, 54, 51, 44, 33; and W. Bardsley 108 and 19 against the Englishmen.

AMONG THE JUNIORS.

Grafton II. scored 274 against Eden A, D. Hill playing a splendid innings of 107, Robinson getting 90. Eden lost two wickets for 44.

Parnell A made 226 against Eden B, who lost seven wickets for 39.

Parnell B made 68 to City's 133 for nine wickets.

ATHLETICS.

THE AUSTRALASIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

NEW ZEALAND VICTORIOUS.

SOME GREAT PERFORMANCES.

The annual Australasian championships took place at Hobart on Saturday and Monday. There was an excellent attendance on the first day, but a lesser one on Monday. Some of the performances registered, notably in the pole vault and 440yds Hurdles, were very fine indeed.

100YDS CHAMPIONSHIP. Barker (N.S.W.) 1, Morgan (T.) 2, Fay (Q.) 3. Won by six inches. Time, 10 1-5s.

ONE MILE WALK CHAMPIONSHIP. Kerr (N.Z.) 1, Stubberfield (N.Z.) 2, Smith (N.S.W.) 3. Won by 10yds. Time, 7m. 23 3-5s.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP. Orbell, 5ft 10in (N.Z.) 1, Maher, 5ft 9in (Q.) 2, Scott, 5ft 8in (N.S.W.) 3.

ONE MILE RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP. Clemes (T.) 1, Burrows (V.) 2, Retford (N.S.W.) 3, Sharp (N.Z.) 4. Won by less than a foot. Time, 4m. 38s.

120YDS HURDLE CHAMPIONSHIP. Stewart (N.S.W.) \*, Davis (V.) \*, Murray (N.Z.) 3. A dead heat twice. Time, 16 1-5s, and 16 2-5s.

PUTTING SHOT CHAMPIONSHIP. O'Reilly, 38ft 10in (N.S.W.) 1, Kearney, 35ft 1in (Q.) 2, Maher, 34ft 9in (V.) 3.

440YDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Barker (N.S.W.) 1, Davis (V.) 2, Fisher (N.Z.) 3. Won easily by 10yds, with 3yds between second and third. Time, 51s.

ONE MILE WALK HANDICAP.

Ford (T.), 30s. 1, Rose (T.), 20s. 2, Stubberfield (N.Z.), 10s. 3. Won easily, 15yds between second and third. Time, 8m. 4s.

THREE MILES RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sharp (N.Z.) 1, Clemes (T.) 2, Blake (V.) 3. Won by 1 1/2yds. Time, 15m. 36s.

POLE JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

McKay (N.Z.), 11ft 1in 1, Frawley (Q.), 11ft 2 1/2in 2. McKay beat the Australasian record by 3/4in, held by Hori Eruera, of Auckland, N.Z.

THREE MILE WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.

Kerr (N.Z.) 1, Stubberfield (N.Z.) 2. Time, 23m, 55 3-5s.

220YDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Barker (N.S.W.) 1, Morgan (V.) 2, Fay (Q.) 3. Fay and Morgan dead-heated for second place, but in the run-off Morgan beat Fay. Time, 22 3-5s.

THROWING HAMMER CHAMPIONSHIP.

Kearney (Q.), 125ft 7in 1, O'Reilly (N.S.W.), 124ft 11in 2, Frawley (Q.) 3.

BROAD JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

Davis (V.), 20ft 9in 1, Barker (N.S.W.), 20ft 2 1/2in 2, McKay (N.Z.), 19ft 10 1/2in 3.

880YDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Trembath (N.Z.) 1, Barker (N.S.W.) 2, Fisher (N.Z.) 3. Won by four yards. Time, 2m. 1-3s.

440YDS HURDLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Murray (N.Z.) 1, Davis (V.) 2, Stewart (N.S.W.) 3. Time, 59 2-5s. Equals Australasian record, held by G. W. Smith, of Auckland, N.Z., and only 1-5s, outside world's record, held by G. Shaw, of England.

330YDS HANDICAP.

Wise (T.) 1, Parke (N.S.W.) 2, Gregory (N.S.W.) 3. Won by a foot. Time, 33 1-5s.

MILE HANDICAP.

Smith (N.S.W.) 1, Morgan (T.) 2. Time, 4m. 40 4-5s.

NEW ZEALAND UNION CONFERENCE AT NEW PLYMOUTH.

The New Zealand Athletic Union's conference commenced at New Plymouth on Thursday, delegates being present from every centre in the Dominion. Mr. George Woods (president) said the new Gaming Act had abolished proprietary athletic gatherings.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

NAPIER V. FIAT.

There is a likelihood of some very fast motor-racing being seen on the Brooklands track shortly, owing to the fact that the F.I.A.T. Motor Co., of Italy, has accepted the broadcast challenge of Messrs. S. F. Edge and Co., of England, to race the Napier cars, of certain horse-powers, and over certain distances, against all-comers.

A BIG TRACK.

A scheme is on foot in America to build a motor-racing track—a duplicate of that at Brooklands, England—only better, of course. Its location is to be near Philadelphia, and it will be two miles in circumference, with a width of 100ft ordinarily, and 125ft at the turns, which will be banked to an angle of 30deg. A company, known

as the American Motordrome Incorp., has been formed, with a capital of £100,000, and has secured a tract of land some 200 acres in extent. It is proposed to build the track proper of cinders and cement, and, "if matters progress satisfactorily," it is to be opened in June next.

THE MELBOURNE-TO-ADELAIDE RECORD.

Having placed the Melbourne-to-Sydney motor record in a very safe place, Messrs. C. B. Kellow and H. B. James intend shortly to reduce the best motor time from Melbourne to Adelaide if it is at all possible (says the "Australasian.") The record at present stands at 28h. 40min., but as the distance is shorter than the Sydney route, the motorists believe they can materially reduce the figures.

ROUND THE WORLD RACE.

A cablegram states that the contestants in the great motor race around the world from New York to Paris (17,000 miles) are as follows:—Godard, 30 h.p. Motobloc (French); Pons, 15 h.p. Sizaire-Nandin (French); St. Chaffray, 30 h.p. De Dion (French); Sirtori, 28-40 h.p. Zust (Italian); Mass, 40 h.p. Portos (German); and Roberts, on a 60 h.p. Thomas (American).

Considerable disappointment will be felt owing to the absence of Prince Scipio Borghese's name from amongst the list of starters. The winner of the Pekin-Paris contest entered for the Round the World Race, and it was assumed that he would be a starter. His absence will rob the event of a lot of interest.

DUNLOP HOSE advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman and a man with a hose. Text includes 'DUNLOP HOSE IS ALWAYS RELIABLE Does Not Kink or Burst and Lasts for Years. Specify "DUNLOP" Brands. OBTAINABLE ALL LEADING STORES. Section Posted on Application. THE DUNLOP RUBBER CO. Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane, and Christchurch, N.Z.'