

## BOWLING.

The Devonport Club having won the Edwin stars some time ago, seem determined to keep them. On Saturday they resisted an attack by a Mt. Albert four with Jenkins as skip, winning by 32 to 17.

A. Parsons has won the championship of the Ponsonby Club for the third year in succession.

### MOUNT EDEN V. GREY LYNN.

The Mount Eden-Grey Lynn inter-club match, played on Saturday, resulted as follows:—

#### GREY LYNN GREEN.

Mount Eden—McGregor, Esam, Traves, Ross (skip)—17, v. Grey Lynn—Ferguson, Buckley, Knight, G. Baildon (skip)—20.

Mount Eden—R. Walton, Gavin, Miller, Surman (skip)—18, v. Grey Lynn—Courtney, W. Baildon, sen., Parsons, Waddingham (skip)—11.

Mount Eden—Gatenby, Bartley, Wooller, Young, (skip)—19, v. Grey Lynn—Jno. Ferguson, Jenkins, Rich. W. Mills (skip)—21.

Mount Eden—Tattersall, Mackie, Tutt, Burns (skip)—22, v. Grey Lynn—Bruce, D. Buckley, W. Baildon, jun., Casey (skip)—29.

#### MOUNT EDEN GREEN.

Mount Eden—E. Walton, Davis, H. O. Brown, Hudson (skip)—21, v. Grey Lynn—Gwilliam, Burfoot, Pascoe, R. Waite (skip)—22.

Mount Eden—H. Jones, Gordon, Garland, Rankin (skip)—15, v. Grey Lynn—Buckley, James, Wilkinson, Swales (skip)—14.

Mount Eden—Braithwaite, Ferguson, Baker, Brookes (skip)—28, v. Grey Lynn—Rich. Smith, Volkner, T. Mills (skip)—14.

Mount Eden—A. W. Jones, Walker, Gill, Hooper (skip)—26, v. Grey Lynn—Campling, Richardson, Dimery, Jones (skip)—14.

Totals: Mount Eden, 194; Grey Lynn, 165. Majority for Mount Eden, 29.

First-year Game: Mount Eden—Lewis, Dickenson, Marshall, May (skip)—28, v. Grey Lynn—Wheeler, Brinsden, McKellar, Healey (skip)—17.

### ONEHUNGA V. DEVONPORT.

Owing in a measure to the bad fallures by Harrison and Matchell's rinks, Devonport suffered a substantial reverse at the hands of Onehunga. The games went as follows:—

#### ONEHUNGA GREEN.

Onehunga—Neilson, Yockney, Allen, H. Davies (skip)—13, v. Devonport—Gascoigne, Taylor, Broughton, Coltman (skip)—24.

Onehunga—Friar, Laird, Michaels, Wright (skip)—27, v. Devonport—Webster, Traves, Tapper, Mitchell (skip)—16.

Onehunga—W. Court, Vause, A. Brown, Clark (skip)—30, v. Erickson, Wyatt, Coombes, Harrison (skip)—12.

Onehunga—Mackay, Bray, George, James (skip)—16, v. Devonport—Raynes, Robson, Brookes, O'Loughlen (skip)—17.

#### DEVONPORT GREEN.

Onehunga—J. Kenny, W. Wright, Ramsey, F. Court (skip)—10, v. Devonport—Stevenson, Mays, Ifwerson, Harvey (skip)—27.

Onehunga—Sayes, C. W. Clark, Haslett, Neill (skip)—21, v. Devonport—McCallum, Cooper, Turner, Newell (skip)—18.

Onehunga—Jenkins, Noakes, Sutherland, McIntosh (skip)—30, v. Devonport—Butts, Hammond, Stewart, Ralfe (skip)—13.

Onehunga—Gallagher, Bassett, Schnauer, Bradley (skip)—20, v. Devonport—Myers, Oram, Fogerty, Eyre (skip)—19.

Totals: Onehunga, 167; Devonport, 146. Majority for Onehunga, 21.

### CARLTON V. PONSONBY.

The inter-club match played on Saturday between Carlton and Ponsonby resulted in a very close fight, 24 teams being engaged. Carlton just won by the narrow margin of 5 points, owing chiefly to Laurie's big win.

#### PONSONBY GREEN.

Carlton—Dr. O'Neill, Gaudin, Backman, Rowe (skip)—17, v. Ponsonby—Clarke, Hodgson, Edmiston, Buchanan (skip)—17.

Carlton—Winks, Raynes, Heald, Cutler (skip)—19, v. Ponsonby—Millar, Dickenson, Smith, Gardiner (skip)—17.

Carlton—Sloman, Flower, Otter, Curteis (skip)—22, v. Ponsonby—Atkinson, C. Hemus, Oldham, Parsons (skip)—22.

Carlton—Kayli MacGregor, Badeley, Cahill (skip)—15, v. Ponsonby—Crowe, E. Darby, McLeod, Baddeley (skip)—21.

Carlton—Spiller, Frayling, McGregor, Laurie (skip)—36, v. Ponsonby—Gouk, Bagnall, Berofft, Hemus (skip)—8.

Carlton—Goldsmith, Cottle, White, Fletcher (skip)—11, v. Ponsonby—Casey, Harris, Wetherilt, Sneddon (skip)—26.

Totals: Carlton, 120; Ponsonby, 111.

#### CARLTON GREEN.

Carlton—Pollard, Edgecombe, Arey, Wrathall (skip)—20, v. Ponsonby—Roney, Robertson, Lee, Weld (skip)—17.

Carlton—Wade, Jaffrey, Carey, Holmes (skip)—15, v. Ponsonby—White, Leighton, Gorman, Watson (skip)—24.

Carlton—Southwell, Lamb, Livesay, Nixon (skip)—11, v. Ponsonby—Craig, Dewar, Martin, Crabtree (skip)—20.

Carlton—Cotterell, Carey, Murray, Kilgour (skip)—22, v. Ponsonby—Graham, Jones, Court, Quin (skip)—18.

Carlton—Schischka, Farmer, Kent, Watson (skip)—28, v. Ponsonby—Harkins, Wetherilt, Coutts, Langsford (skip)—13.

Carlton—Totman, Davis, Ronayne, Haresnape (skip)—17, v. Ponsonby—Reid, Burton, Wright, Stichbury (skip)—25.

Totals: Carlton, 113; Ponsonby, 117. Grand totals: Carlton, 233; Ponsonby, 228.

### AUCKLAND V. REMUERA.

No less than eleven teams from the Auckland Club visited Remuera on Saturday, and scored a decisive victory, the games resulting as follows:—

Auckland—Cameron, Thomas, Menzie, Gilmour (skip)—14, v. Remuera—Bodle, Somerfield, Shaldrick, Wooller (skip)—29.

Auckland—Elliott, Barnard, Thornes, Ledingham (skip)—25, v. Remuera—Ellis, Heron, Paterson, Dingwall (skip)—17.

Auckland—Mewburn, Carlaw, jun., James, Oliphant (skip)—25, v. Remuera—Lennox, Hood, Mahoney, Baxter (skip)—10.

Auckland—Diddams, Colthurst, Wilson, Dingle (skip)—36, v. Remuera—Headdley, Frater, Saunderson, Maxfield (skip)—12.

Auckland—B. Buttle, Keesing, G. Buttle, Lambert (skip)—29, v. Remuera—Hall, Stevenson, Ruddick, McLean (skip)—8.

Auckland—Plummer, Denniston, Binney, Crowhurst (skip)—19, v. Remuera—C. E. Scott, Smallbone, Anderson, Garland (skip)—14.

Auckland—McMaster, W. Gorrie, Brookes, Handcock (skip)—18, v. Remuera—Barstow, Mackay, Finlayson, Wilkinson (skip)—11.

Auckland—J. L. Holland, Robertson, Coldcutt, Osmond (skip)—16, v. Remuera—Spooner, Captain Clark, Menzies, the Rev. Beatty (skip)—17.

Auckland—Tudehope, Bush, J. J. Holland, Donald (skip)—15, v. Remuera—Robertson, Culling, Hanna, Hull (skip)—16.

Auckland—Ziman, Gresham, Carlaw, Taylor (skip)—26, v. Remuera—McCallum, Baker, Gamble, Hegman (skip)—14.

Auckland—Colebrook, G. C. Gorrie, Morgan, Rylie (skip)—35, v. Remuera—Currie, Pollard, A. Wallace, Price (skip)—14.

Totals: Auckland, 259; Remuera, 152.

### WHEN SILENCE IS GOLDEN.

The following remarks by "Boomerang" in Melbourne "Punch" apply with equal force to Auckland bowlers and are well worth repeating:—

In spite of all that has been said and written about the duties of players in various positions, it would seem as though the old ideas still prevail, viz., that there are three third men and four skippers in every rink. It is not an uncommon thing to see the "reins of government" completely taken out of the hands of the captain by the third man, and the captain himself, in order to see things go on smoothly, allowing his individuality to disappear. When the players change ends we see the leader meet the skip half-way up the green and suggest something; then the third man, as soon as he gets to the jack end, deems it his duty to "sit" over the other end and tell the other man what he must do. Then again the same third man, if he agrees that the hand or the shot selected is the correct one, says nothing till the second bowl. He suddenly discovers then, without any alteration to the bowls, that there is something nobody

else has seen before, and a dialogue begins, while the other two listen, and either agree entirely or attempt to gag the third man. The leader will screw up his face and by gestures at the back of the end—where the third man can't see him—tell the skipper "not to do anything of the kind," or, if he is a man of advanced ideas himself, he will shout, "We've everything behind!" or something else.

Now, there's no doubt that all this is done unthinkingly, and the players have the same object in view as the skip, viz., that of winning the game, but it must not be forgotten that the captain has been making a study of the end from the first bowl, and he has certain ideas that he desires to carry into effect when he changes. He might be a player who is clever at trailing the jack into a bunch, or one who is effective at blocking. He might have discovered his opponents' weak hand, or he may see the possibility of the enemy getting a bunch or taking him out and lying half-a-dozen if he does not draw a second. But what is the use of all his thoughts and all his generalship if he is a weak man, always ready to allow someone else to run the show for him, and display to the visitors how incapable he is to be in charge.

Nothing looks better, and nothing works better, than to see captain and third man consult when they cross, quietly, and without fuss. Nothing looks worse, however, than to see a third man, after playing his own two bowls, go to the other end and immediately take possession, and, as is very often the case, insist that such-and-such a shot be played. A rink should be worked as noiselessly and with as little demonstration as possible, from the leader's first bowl up to the last from the skip.

As previously pointed out these things are done without thought, but there is no reason why it should continue. Third men should walk to the other end, look, and say nothing. If the end is so changed that they consider the captain is not in a position to know, then they should direct accordingly. It is a common mistake made by thirds to suppose that after the skip has made a stroke and not altered anything, that they are at liberty to say something like this: "Look here Jack, come round here; you can do this!" or "I wouldn't play that way if I were you!" etc. etc. The day is surely not far distant when a rink will be worked entirely by signs. As things are now, the leader has only to call out, when the skip trails the jack a little: "Good shot, Bill; now we're four," and the opposition third man looks at them, and tells his skip in turn that such is the case, whereas he might not have said anything. Captains neither like going against their men, nor arguing the point, but when they do it must not be forgotten that it is their right, and the whole solution is in the hands of the three men in the rink themselves, particularly the third. The club appoints a man captain, and if he is inferior to his third man and has to be led by him in the matches the club will soon alter things, and put the third where the captain was. Another aspect is that there are so many different temperaments with men. Some are upset by arguments on the mat, others do not improve by being kept waiting, while others feel "small" by having to be told, though make no outward complaint. Third men, I am sure, will take these hints in the spirit that they are written, and help to advance, not deteriorate.

## ATHLETICS.

I was of the impression (says the same writer) that the 13 miles "Marathon" race in Auckland was the shortest "Marathon" on record until reading a Vancouver paper which refers to a 5 4-5 miles road race (won by H. Johnson in 31min 12 1/2sec) as a "Marathon." I suppose in time we shall be treated to a 100yds "Marathon"!

Patrick White, of Dublin, who recently finished second to the French runner, H. Saint-Yves, in the Edinburgh "Marathon" race, has gone to America, with a view of getting matches on against Longboat, Dorando, and Alfred Shrubbs.

The "Herald" will hold a "Marathon" race on March 27, and for it a big entry has been received.

As the result of the trials last week the execution of the A.A.A. and C.C. decided that nothing was shown good

enough to justify the expenditure of funds in sending any runners South to compete in the Championship meeting at Dunedin. J. Wallace will, however, represent Auckland in the field sports.

### A HARRIER CLUB FOR AUCKLAND.

At a meeting at the Sports' Club last week a harrier club was formed, and it will be known as the Auckland Harrier Club. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. T. B. O'Connor. vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Webber, Leo. M. Myers, A. Plugge, Fred. S. Ballin, Dr. Rayner, and the Hon. Geo. Fowlds; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Duthie; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. W. Shanahan; hon. auditor, Mr. P. R. Fraser; committee, Messrs. W. Keay, W. Wilshaw, G. N. Hill, J. F. Maguire, and L. J. Ornstein. The election of captain, deputy-captain, and three handicappers was left over until the first run. It was decided to hold the first club run on Saturday, April 17, from Onehunga across country to Mount Albert. The club starts with a membership of 30.

### AS OTHERS SEE US.

I hear (writes "Prodigal" of the Sydney "Referee") that the N.Z. Football Association (Soccer) has seceded from the N.Z. Sports Federation. If this be so then three powerful bodies have left—N.Z. Rugby Union, N.Z. Lawn Tennis Association, and N.Z. Football Association. The Federation will, in my opinion, collapse like a pricked bladder when the sportsmen of the Dominion seriously consider the Federation's decision in the case of Southland Caledonian Society v. N.Z. Athletic Union. Things appear to have come to a pretty pass in the cricket world when certain members of the Southland Caledonian Society are debarred from playing in an inter-provincial cricket match, not because they are not good citizens or respectable people, but because of some dispute between the Society and the Athletic Union. Personally I view the Federation's decision to bar out members of the Caledonian Society from participating in various branches of sport as something absolutely indefensible, in fact, outrageous. I counsel the Southland Caledonian Society to stand as firm as a rock, for the New Zealand public and Press will assuredly take a hand on their side when the seriousness of the case becomes fully realised. That the N.Z. Cricket Council should support the Federation in its attitude in this particular case astounds me.

## CRICKET.

The weather was dull on Saturday and the light bad, but the small amount of rain which fell had not impaired the wicket. North Shore met Eden Colts and winning the toss, remained in possession of the wickets all the afternoon, putting together the fine total of 283. Dacre got 74, Philson 60, Hadden 42, and Prime 39. As Eden Colts have lost the services of Relf they have little chance of saving the game.

City met Eden A. and with the prospect of an almost certain defeat staring them in the face, several of City's eleven were absent, and the game was somewhat of a farce. Eight batted, the total being 54. Eden A. put together 121 for two wickets, so have the game in hand. Cummings made 48 not out and Brown a similar total.

The match between University and Grafton is in an interesting stage. The Collegians put together 144, Robinson getting 54, Fawcett 32, and Ellis 22. Grafton have one wicket down for 28.

There was some very poor batting in the Ponsonby v. Parnell match. Parnell, batting one short, were all out for the poor total of 122, towards which Sale contributed 45 and A. Fairburn 21. Ponsonby's batting was much worse, six wickets falling for 21, Hutchings taking four for six.

### JUNIOR MATCHES.

Eden A. made 175 (Williams 78) against Parnell A.'s 10 for 2 wickets.

Grafton put together 142 (Horspool 73), only nine batting. North Shore B. lost 6 wickets for 68.

North Shore A. made 175 to Parnell B.'s 80 (batting two short).

At Wellington on Saturday Gas Company beat Old Boys on the first innings. Gas Company's first innings yielded 212, and Old Boys replied with