

LADIES' GOLF.

Red Cross Fund.

Previously acknowledged, £114 3s. 6d.; Auckland, £5; Hokitika, 15s.; Dannevirke, 10s.; Manawatu, £2 2s.; total, £122 10s. 6d.

Auckland.

The Red Cross monthly medal played by members of the Waitemata Ladies' Golf Club on August 16 resulted in a win for Miss Bray, with a score of 107-24-83. Other cards returned were those of Miss Newell, 110-21-89, and Mrs. Rodger, 126-35-91.

Hamilton.

The second round of the senior championship was played on Saturday, August 19. The weather conditions were not too good. The following are the results:—Miss J. Furze v. Miss Wilkinson, 5 and 3; Miss Cussen v. Miss Stevens, 4 and 3; Mrs. Miller v. Miss Z. Provis, 8 and 7; Miss Furze v. Miss Heywood, 8 and 6. Miss Brewis and Miss D. Mackay won their matches in the junior championship semi-final round.

The following were some of the visitors at golf on Saturday: Mesdames Therr, Furze, Coulthard, and Miss Hay. Mrs. Douglas, captain of the club, is away at Thames.

Wanganui.

The match for the August medal resulted in a tie between Miss Harper (21) and Miss Stevenson (24). The first round of the club championship is nearly finished. Those winning their matches are Mrs. Glasgow, Mrs. Grace, Miss Christie, Miss Cave, Miss Darley, and Miss Dymock, who had a very close game against Miss Hawken, the match finishing at the 20th hole.

It has been decided to hold a Patriotic Tournament in aid of war funds on September 5th and 6th. Medals will be given in lieu of prizes, the only exception being that the Helen Cowper Cup, which was presented to the club by Mrs. H. Oliver (nee Cowper), and which will be played for the first time. The following are the conditions of the Cup: To be held by the player making the best gross score during the season, not to be won outright, and to be open for competition during the open tournament.

Manawatu.

The Ladies' Golf Union medal matches were played on August 15th. Mrs. A. Seifert (102-15-87) was the winner in the Silver Medal section, and Mrs. Bendall (115-31-84) in the Bronze Medal grade.

The qualifying rounds for the senior local championship resulted in Mrs. Freeth, Mrs. A. Seifert, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Mellisop, Miss Moorah, Mrs. R. Abraham and Mrs. Warburton qualifying in that order. These players will be drawn for the match play rounds.

In the junior championship, played by stroke play over 14 holes, the first two rounds leave Mrs. Bendall (190), Miss Porter (195), Mrs. G. Seifert (206) and Miss Mollie Warburton (206) in the leading positions.

The entry fees for the championships, amounting to £2 2s., have been given to the L.G.U. Red Cross Golf Fund.

Dunedin.

The members of the Otago Ladies' Golf Club played the first round of the club championship on August 11th and the second on the 17th, and were fortunate in having two good days for the matches. Twenty-five players entered, which is very good in these days, when so much time is devoted to sewing meetings. The following eight players qualified on their two days' scores:—Miss Mill, 106, 93-199; Miss Theomin, 106, 95-201; Mrs. Sargood, 102, 100-202; Miss N. Glendinning, 98, 105-203; Miss A. Mill, 112, 96-208; Miss Fynmore, 105, 103-208; Miss Roberts, 102, 109-211; Miss I. Todd, 104, 107-211. The scores were considered good, as the links are still heavy in parts from the recent snowy weather. It is hoped that a fine spring will encourage regular play. The Red Cross match for this month was played in conjunction with the second qualifying round, and resulted in a win for Miss A. Mill, 96-24-72, which was the best nett score of the day, the player reducing her handicap thereby to 21. Members are playing on a shortened course still, the par being 78 instead of 81. The postponed medal match for the month will take place on August 29th.

"O'LEARY, V.C."

"O'Leary, V.C." Allen Doone's latest success which he will stage at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on Sat-

urday, is a drama written around the life of the hero who made himself famous by his wonderful deeds of bravery in France last year. Mr. Doone plays the double part of Richard Dale and O'Leary, V.C. Richard Dale, who is in the Army, has a sister whom he loves dearly. This sister Eily has been secretly married to Darcy O'Neill, also a soldier, the secrecy being rendered necessary by the terms of a will which forbids Darcy wedding before he reaches the age of 25. The third soldier, Captain Mc Nevin, is the villain of the piece, and the rival of Dale for the hand and heart of Mona Fitzpatrick.

"SAN TOY."

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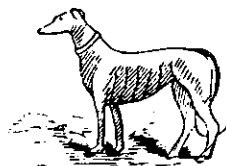
(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, August 21.

Congratulations to all concerned in the production of the musical comedy "San Toy," which was staged at the Grand Opera House on Saturday evening for a season of seven nights. Since its inception the society has done several good things, but the climax was reached with the production of "San Toy." It is some fifteen years since "San Toy" was last played in Wellington, and then by a J. C. Williamson company, which included such sterling artistes as Miss Rose Musgrove, Miss Lillian Digges, Mr. Fred Graham, and others, and it is no exaggeration to say that last Saturday evening's performance was in many ways equal to that of the professional one. "San Toy," with its dainty music and vivid Eastern colouring, has a coherent plot, a logical sequence of situations, and musical numbers in sympathy with them. The cast selected for the present production was just about as strong as the committee of the society could get, and it was fully endorsed by the continuous outbursts of applause given by an audience that packed the house to the doors. Every leading musical number and dance had to be repeated. Miss Helen Gardner, as San Toy, gave a winsome and attractive study of the part, acting and singing with grace and charm. This clever little lady had an onerous burden cast upon her by the too exacting demand for encores. Miss Ann Sullivan, as Poppy Preston, has made wonderful improvement in stage deportment since her appearance in "Les Cloches de Corneville," and gave a delightful interpretation of the part. Her performance throughout was one of natural grace, whilst her rendering of the music allotted to her was done in finished style. Miss Isabel Wilford, as Dudley, scored a distinct success. Miss Wilford is not gifted with a very strong voice, but she knows how to use it to the best advantage. Her acting from start to finish proves that she is a comedienne to her finger-tips, whilst her dancing was really excellent. Miss Marie Fix, as Ko Fan, captain of the Emperor's Guards, had not much scope to show her abilities, but scored well in what little she had to do. Mr. V. R. Meredith, as Captain Bobby Preston, gave a clean-cut performance of the part, his acting and singing being of a high order. Mr. Charles Moore, as Lieutenant Harvey Tucker, played the character with the necessary alertness of a young British officer. Mr. Norman Aitken was anything but a distinct success as Sir Bingo Preston. Mr. W. W. Crawford's performance of the part of Yen How was one full of dignified merit, whilst he sang well. Mr. Herbert F. Wood gave a clever study of the student Fo Hop. His fine tenor voice was heard to great advantage in the concerted numbers. Mr. Alva Shaw made an ideal Emperor, both as regards acting and make-up, whilst Mr. Zante Wood, as Sing Hi, the Master of Ceremonies, was excellent. Mr. A. W. Newton in the part of Li, the secretary to Yen How, was seen to great advantage, though at times he got away from the "pidgin" English, but with the worries of stage manager and a first performance it was quite excusable for a slight lapse. Mr. Newton seems to have an unlimited resource of comedy, and kept the audience merry with his vagaries and quaint humour. The minor roles in the cast were all well played. The musical items which were received with most favour were: "It's Nice to be a Boy Sometimes," "Petals of the Plum Tree," and "Somebody," by Miss Helen Gardner; "The Ladies' Maid," and "Rhoda," by Miss Isabel Wilford; "A Posy From Over the Sea," by Miss Ann Sullivan; "Six Little Wives," "I Mean to Introduce it into China," Mr.

W. W. Crawford; "Lotus Land," "One in the World," Mr. Meredith; "A Chinese Love Song," Mr. Herbert F. Wood; and "China Sojourn," by Mr. Newton.

"San Toy" was produced by that astute pastmaster in the art, Mr. Tom Pollard, and it speaks volumes for his untiring perseverance and energy that the performance was such a success. It might also be mentioned that in all his theatrical experience Mr. Pollard had never witnessed a performance of "San Toy," and only had the score to work on. Most of the producers nowadays have always full sets of models to work on. In the present instance Mr. Pollard had to work the whole thing out for himself. The scenery for the two acts was specially painted by Mr. W. Beck. The orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. Bernard Page, were in fine form, and helped materially to enhance the performance. The dresses worn were all designed by Mrs. James Hannah, and were of a gorgeous order, the colour scheme being well thought out.



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