

Kennel and Field.

(By "Tui.")

The dog, in life the firmest friend,
The first to welcome, foremost to defend.
—Byron.

WHISPERS OF THE FANCY.

It is in recognition of the increasing interest in kennel matters that this column is included in the "Graphic." Items of interest, such as whelpings, importation of pedigree stock, dates of shows, schedules, photographs, and performances in the field, will receive notice if addressed to "Tui," Kennel and Field Column, "N.Z. Graphic."

Owners of bull terriers should keep a sharp eye on their dogs if visiting Northcote. Quite recently three fanciers had their dogs stolen from them. One of them was a particularly good specimen of the breed, having won prizes at several shows during last season.

Mr Kimber, of Pitt-street, has purchased an Irish terrier from the kennels of Mr Robt. McCollonch, Wai-pawa, N.B., and expects it to arrive during the present week.

Irishman will be an improved class at the next A.K.C. show, as several new purchases have arrived since the August exhibition, and are promising show dogs.

Mr W. J. White, of Auckland, has a nice litter of Irish terrier puppies.

Fox terriers, though a big class generally at the local shows, are not, with a few exceptions, a good type of dog. The exceptions are owned by gentlemen who have been for the past few years endeavouring to produce quality in the breed, as well as supplying a good dog for general use. The prices obtained here for them are not encouraging to breeders.

Wire Hairs are very attractive, and I am glad to hear of a brace of them being in the kennels of a gentleman in the suburbs of Auckland. They are taking a great position in the English terrier world.

The Sky and Scottish terriers belonging to the Reid Bros., of Motu-tapu, are looking well, and should be in form by August.

Mr Govey, breeder of Airedale terriers, has disposed of one of his dog puppies to an Auckland gentleman. The pup is by Hobson Test ex Lassie, and is a fine terrier.

Mr D. C. Ingram has received an offer from a Southern gentleman, who is acting for a Sydney resident, for the purchase of his well-known Airedale bitch Champion Bena of Fernland. The offer is not likely to be accepted. Champion Bena of Fernland is the only champion Airedale in New Zealand, and has won 11 firsts and 8 special prizes, and 3 championships.

An Auckland gentleman has purchased the Airedale Terrier King Hector from Mr Connop, of Napier. This dog took first honours in open class for dogs at the Auckland Show of 1898.

COLLIES.

Fanciers will regret to learn that Mr G. Road is giving up the fancy, and is disposing of his stock. Last week he sold his handsome collie, Dick Seddon, to Mr Pearce, of this city. This dog has had a successful career on the show bench, and it is to be hoped the change of ownership will not prevent his again competing at the local show.

St. Cecilia is a decided gain to the collie fancy, and the owner is to be commended for his enterprise in acquiring her. This bitch, it will be remembered, shared premier honours with Boneke Ariki at the Championship Show held in Auckland last August. She is 14 years of age, and is by Champion Herdwick—Martha.

HERE AND THERE.

It is to be regretted that the popular Secretary of the A.K.C. is giving up breeding setters. Mr Parry has, since his connection with the fancy, imported first-class stock and improved the quality of setters generally.

It is to be hoped that the proper authorities in Auckland will see their way to prevent the cruelty exercised in destroying dogs collected off the streets. Up-to-date Corporations have a lethal chamber for the extinction of useless dogs, but our local body is neither that by name or proceeding. I shall later enter into the method of destroying dogs as adopted in Auckland and in other cities.

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Music & Drama

The Pollards have been as fortunate in their revivals in Auckland as they were in "The Geisha," "The Gay Parisienne" and "The French Maid" ran last week to good houses, and on Monday and Tuesday "Olivette," Audran's popular work was successfully produced. To-night (Wednesday) and to-morrow "Paul Jones," always a favourite with Aucklanders, will be given, and on Friday "The Geisha" will again be staged for the last time. Saturday will be the final night of the season, and to celebrate it a grand matinee performance will take place.

It took only twenty weeks to build the new Tivoli in Sydney. Considering the size of the place and the high-class finish the building was probably put up, as was claimed, in record time.

Mr Walter Bentley intends touring the United States with an American Company.

The Auckland Liedertafel give the first concert of the present season in the Choral Hall on Friday next. The following ladies and gentlemen will appear for the first time in connection with the Liedertafel:—Miss Annie Taylor, Miss Mary Laing, Mr T. St. L. Tonar and Mr P. Denton. An attractive programme, including many new songs, is announced.

Miss Florence Young, who used to be, with Williamson and Musgrove's Royal Comic Opera Company, intends to take a year's tuition from Marchesi.

Mr Ben Fuller is going Home in search of novelties for the colony, and will probably visit the Paris Exhibition to see what wonders he can pick up for Maoriand.

Mr P. R. Dix, of the Auckland Gaiety Company, is giving a benefit next Friday in aid of the fund now being raised to send Mr E. Reynolds to represent New Zealand at the World's Cycling Championships, which take place in Paris in August next.

Experienced critics report that Mr Hill's opera, "Lady Dolly," recently produced in Sydney, would, with a better libretto, have a big future before it in capable hands.

The Rev. Chas. Clark gave a return season in Christchurch last week, being assisted by Miss Amy Murphy and Mrs Fanny Howie.

Carl Hertz is contemplating another Australasian tour under Mr Edwin Geach's management.

Mr Walter Bentley and his company opened in Wellington on Monday, the initial piece being the famous and evergreen "Silver King."

During the performance of "Dr. Bill" at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening, says the Christchurch "Times," one of the actors had a narrow escape from poisoning. In the second act, where Mr De Chateau, who portrayed the character of Firmman, is supposed to faint, the lady who took the part of Firmman's wife endeavoured to administer smelling salts to him while he was lying on the sofa. Unfortunately Mr De Chateau's mouth was open, and as the stopper was out of the bottle he swallowed a portion of the contents. He immediately sprang from the sofa and left the stage, much to the surprise of the audience, who were unaware of what had happened. The curtain was quickly dropped, and in a few seconds Mr Bentley went to the front and asked if there was a doctor among the audience, stating that Mr De Chateau was in agony. After remedies had been used, how-

ever, the actor speedily recovered, and was able to go on to Wellington with the company.

The opera season at Covent Garden, London, begins on the 14th May this year, and will close on July 30th. Herr Mottl has arranged to conduct two special cycles of "Der Ring des Nibelungen," which will be a feature of the season.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Wellington Opera House Company, Mr Martin Kennedy took exception to the balance-sheet, and said that he found that the proposal to pay a dividend was, on the balance-sheet, distinctly against the law. They were only allowed to pay dividends out of profits, and they were paying it out of capital. If anything went wrong later on they would be liable to be prosecuted for that. They were still £4368 short of their capital, and until that was restored, in his opinion they would find they could not pay a dividend. The chairman said that the question had been submitted to solicitors, and the form of balance-sheet altered to meet the case. What was being done was done on the advice of their solicitors. If the income exceeded the expenditure they were justified in disposing of the amount of the year's surplus in the shape of a dividend. They at one time attempted to extinguish the debit balance by reducing the value of the shares. Preliminary steps were taken by the company, but afterwards they were advised that it would require some dealings in the Supreme Court, and they were advised to alter the balance-sheet to the form in which it now is.

The "New Zealand Times," speaking of the new cyclorama in Wellington which depicts the relief of Ladysmith, says:—"The foreground of this large model is occupied by the camp of General White's army on the outskirts of Ladysmith, with here and there ugly-looking kopjes, an occasional farm-house, and at the back of all the hills in the occupation of the Boer forces. The enemy have just re-commenced shelling with their 'Long Tom,' and a 'call to arms' having been sounded, the British troops may be seen in all directions running to join their various companies. Some have taken up their positions on and behind the neighbouring hillocks. The two naval guns from H.M.S. Powerful are seen in action in the foreground, while on one side is a line of ambulance waggons wending their way from the line of fire to the hospital, which, by the way, it will be remembered, was shelled by the Boers. The cyclorama is the work of that well-known scenic artist, Mr Claude White, assisted by Mr H. Fitzherbert. Both deserve credit for the enterprise and skill they have exhibited.

Clement Scott and Ellen Terry have both found the severities of the American winter too much for them and been very ill. The truth is English folk over forty run a great risk in spending January and February in the States. So do elderly Australians facing an English winter like this has been. To tell the honest truth no colonial visitor "globe-trotting" should reach England before the 30th of April, nor remain beyond October 1st. This applies specially to those afflicted with weak throats or chests.

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