

first innings closed for 45 runs, and with two wickets down for 14 and one player absent the Saints continued their play on Saturday last. The innings closed for 59 runs, of which Airey contributed 21, Dacre 13, and Robertson 11. In their second innings Roller Mills were all out for 49, Lees contributing 28 by good cricket. All Saints requiring 35 runs to win again took the wickets, but want of time prevented the innings being completed. The latter were therefore successful on the first innings by 14 runs. For the winners Mackie, Crooks and Langford all bowled well, while for Roller Mills Todds secured six wickets for 22 runs.

Belmont A. defeated North Shore II. by 8 runs on the first innings, and Parrell III. had a victory over Wanderers II. in a similar manner by 58 runs.

The second junior championship will be practically decided on Saturday next by the result of the All Saints-Belmont A. contest. So far neither team has encountered defeat, and great interest is being taken in the coming match. I incline to the belief that the trundlers of the former team will prove more destructive than any the latter has yet met, and for this reason I fancy All Saints will have the honour of securing this season's second junior championship.

By the defeat of Belmont on Saturday and the success of Wanderers I., the latter club has won the first junior championship. The Wanderers have been most enthusiastic throughout the whole season, and I congratulate the club upon its success.

**Athletics.**

The third carnival of the North Shore Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club, which takes place on Saturday next, promises to be most successful. Splendid entries have been received for all the events, and as a great many competitors have kept in training since the last carnival of the Auckland Club some rather good performances are expected. The handicaps have been framed by Mr C. Waters, who in the majority of events appears to have given satisfaction. The first event upon the programme is the One Mile Walk, in which A. F. Burton concedes a limit start of 200 yards. At the Auckland meeting Cossar and Creamer had each 240 yards from Burton, but in this event the scratch man meets them on 60 yards better terms. This certainly gives Burton a chance, but I have great doubts whether he can beat them. McAffer, who gained some notoriety in March last, is now upon the same mark with Cossar and Creamer, although at the previous meeting he conceded each of them 20 yards start. That this is an error will, I think, be shown by the result of the contest should McAffer be allowed to start. The four men mentioned appear to me to hold the remaining competitors perfectly safe, and I expect them to finish—McAffer 1, Creamer 2, Cossar 3.

High Jump Handicap.—Hall, the scratch man, has shown his ability to get over 5 feet 4 1/2 inches, and I think on Saturday will clear 5 feet 5 inches. J. Hume and E. T. Laurie, who each receive 1 inch, divided honours for the High Jump Championship at Auckland some few years back, with a leap of 5 feet 3 inches. Hume has done little or no jumping since and Laurie has not improved. C. O. Laurie, 4 inches, and A. A. Martin, 6 inches, each have a chance. My selection is—Hall, scr. 1; E. T. Laurie, 1in., 2; A. A. Martin, 6in., 3.

Hop, Step and Jump.—With his handicap of 4 feet I expect Roberts to clear over 45 feet, which distance should win. Jones 4 feet and Gaudin scratch should fill second and third places respectively.

300 Yards Hurdles.—P. Brodie, 16 yards; T. Roberts, scratch, 2; G. G. Bullock, 25 yards; or A. A. Martin, 20 yards, 3.

100 Yards Maiden.—If F. J. Wilson on the 6 yards mark is identical with F. F. Wilson, who competes at the carnivals of the Auckland Club, I will look no further for the winner. If such is not the case I like best the chances of W. H. Morton, 4 yards, W. Draffin, 7 yards, and F. Burgess, 10 yards, in that order.

75 Yards Handicap.—For this event C. Weston is scratch man, and has to concede a limit of 8 yards. Weston is our cleverest runner in getting off his mark, and if in form on Saturday will be very adjacent when the tape is reached. W. Francis, 5 1/2 yards, has shown by the way he annexed the 1/2 mile event at the Auckland sports that he has pace, and for this event he is on a handy mark. I expect Weston, Hesketh, 2 yards, Warner 4 1/2 yards, W. Rhodes, 5 yards, Francis, 5 1/2 yards, and Wilson, 6 yards to contest

the final, and for a place tip I like Weston 1, Francis 2, W. Rhodes 3.

1000 Yards.—For this Roberts, scratch, is badly treated, and has no chance. Parker, 30 yards, Frost, 60 yards, and H. Goldwater, 50 yards, appear the most likely men to win.

120 Yards Handicap.—My choice is W. Boyd, 7 1/2 yards; J. Waters, 8 yards, 2; G. Bullock, 5 yards, 3.

300 Yards Handicap.—Weston, scratch; Rhodes and Jones, 8 yards; Bullock, 10 yards; Farquhar, Francis and Walters, 14 yards, appear the most likely competitors to reach the final, which I think will result—Bullock 1, Francis 2, Walters 3.

600 Yards Handicap.—C. Weston, 5 yards, 1; Roberts, scratch, 2; Francis, 20 yards, 3.

**NORTH SHORE A.A. AND CYCLE CLUB'S HANDICAPS.**

ONE MILE WALK.—A. F. Burton scratch, F. H. Creamer 50yds, J. Burfoot 120yds, A. Jackson 120yds, A. J. Pople 140yds, E. E. Bow 160yds, W. H. Rush 150yds, J. Dickey 160yds, C. McAffer, P. White, A. J. Richards, D. Wilson, H. N. Cossar, and A. A. Creamer 180yds, A. E. Tilly 190yds, G. W. Smith, and A. T. Firth 200yds.

HIGH JUMP.—R. J. Hall scratch, J. Hume 1in, E. T. Laurie 1in, J. Knott, M. McSweeney and C. C. Laurie 4in, A. A. Martin 6in.

HOP, STEP, AND JUMP.—F. Gaudin scratch, A. Smith 9in, E. C. Brown, J. Hume 2ft, R. J. Hall, T. Roberts, A. Jones 4ft, P. Brodie, F. Poland, W. H. Martin, E. T. Laurie 5ft, J. Knott, F. W. Thomas 6ft, C. C. Laurie 7ft.

300 YARDS HURDLES.—T. Roberts scr, W. H. Martin 5yds, H. B. J. Bull 6yds, J. Hume, P. Brodie, E. T. Laurie 16yds, A. A. Martin 20yds, W. C. Rhodes 20yds, G. G. Bullock 25yds.

100 YARDS MAIDEN HANDICAP.—F. Murphy scr, A. Johnson 1yd, A. A. Martin 2yds, G. Blandford 3yds, W. H. Morton 4yds, G. E. Rhodes 5yds, A. Clarke, H. Schmidt, F. J. Wilson, H. B. Willis 6yds, P. Thomson, G. Osmond, W. H. Draffin 7yds, E. J. Edwards, J. Fairweather 8yds, R. Elmsore 9yds, L. Beedell, F. Burgess 10yds.

75 YARDS.—C. Weston, G. A. Holder scr, C. Hesketh, A. Jones 2yds, G. Blandford 4yds, G. Warner, A. Smith 4 1/2yds, W. C. Rhodes, H. W. Boyd, G. E. Rhodes 5yds, J. Waters, H. Goldwater, W. G. Owen, W. Francis 5 1/2yds, A. A. Martin, F. J. Wilson, H. B. Willis, T. C. Murphy 6yds, W. Draffin, F. Ballin 7yds, J. Fairweather 8yds.

1000 YARDS.—T. Roberts scratch, A. A. Davis 5yds, G. Bradburn 20yds, E. C. Brown 25yds, A. E. Parker 30yds, A. Dacre, M. O'Connor 35yds, R. McCullough 40yds, H. Goldwater, F. W. Thomas 50yds, M. McSweeney, G. S. Frost 60yds, W. Connelly, A. Olney 70yds, A. J. Richards 80yds, G. Bridgeman 100yds.

120 YARDS HANDICAP.—C. Weston, G. A. Holder scratch, C. Hesketh, A. Jones 3yds, H. B. J. Bull, G. G. Bullock 5yds, G. Warner, J. Reid 6yds, W. H. Francis, H. W. Boyd 7 1/2yds, W. C. Rhodes, R. J. Hall, J. Waters, A. Clarke 8yds, C. F. Allan, A. A. Martin, W. G. Owen, G. E. Rhodes, H. Goldwater 9yds, T. C. Murphy, H. B. Willis, W. Morton, W. Draffin 10yds, F. Ballin 11yds.

300YDS HANDICAP.—C. Weston, G. A. Holder, scratch, H. J. Bull 5yds, W. C. Rhodes, A. Jones 8yds, G. G. Bullock 10yds, F. Murphy, A. Johnston 12yds, W. Farquhar, W. H. Francis, J. Waters 14yds, H. Goldwater, W. Draffin 20yds, P. Thomson, C. F. F. Allan 22yds, G. Osmond, J. Fairweather, T. C. D. Murphy 25yds.

600YDS HANDICAP.—W. Farquhar, T. Roberts, H. Bull scratch, C. Weston 5yds, G. Bradburn 14yds, A. Johnson 16yds, E. Brown 19yds, A. Parker, F. Murphy, W. Francis 20yds, J. W. Burgess 22yds, P. Thomson 25yds, M. McSweeney, R. Cromwell, R. McCullough, G. S. Frost, H. Goldwater, W. Harvey 30yds, H. J. Schmidt 40yds.

ONE MILE NOVICE BICYCLE HANDICAP.—P. Smith scratch, A. J. Simmelhag 30yds, W. W. Phipps 65yds, H. J. Schmidt 80yds, W. J. Evers 100yds.

TWO MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.—H. Surman scratch, W. Pilkington 50yds, G. Henning 65yds, P. Smith 100yds, A. Coubrough 140yds, A. E. Smith 160yds, A. T. Firth 200yds, A. J. Simmelhag 240yds, T. A. Patterson 300yds, W. W. Phipps 330yds, H. J. Schmidt 340yds.

FIVE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.—H. Surman scratch, W. Pilkington 130yds, G. Henning 180yds, P. Smith 200yds, A. Coubrough 350yds, A. E. Smith 380yds, A. T. Firth 440yds, A. J. Simmelhag 530yds, T. A. Patterson 690yds, W. W. Phipps 760yds, H. J. Schmidt 780yds.

CHAS. WATERS, Handicapper.

A special general meeting of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club takes place to-morrow night at the British Hotel. The meeting is, I understand, convened by requisition on the part of members to inquire into an alleged loss of £120 in connection with the recent School Championship Sports. The committee, I believe, admit that a loss has been sustained, but maintain that the object in view justified their experiment, and that their action was moreover in accordance with one of the first rules of the club. The members (or at least some of them) are naturally annoyed at the loss of so large an amount, but have adopted the constitutional means for holding an enquiry. So far everything is taking its proper course, and each party will have an opportunity of stating its respective case. It is to be sincerely hoped that the gentlemen who take part in the debate, which is sure to follow, will not allow either their enthusiasm or excitable dispositions to run away with their com-

mon sense. To pretend that there is unanimity between the management and members of the club would be simply trifling with a self-evident truth, and the slightest kindling of the spark of discontent which manifestly exists, might result in blowing up the whole affair. It is to be hoped that a well-conducted meeting will to-morrow night effect a thorough and amicable understanding between the management and members of the most popular athletic institution in New Zealand. McAffer's case will, I believe, also be dealt with.

**Cycling.**

My anticipations for the 'cycle events to be run in connection with the North Shore Athletic Carnival are as follow:—

One Mile Novice.—W. W. Phipps, 65yds, 1; A. J. Simmelhag, 30yds, 2; P. Smith, scratch, 3.

Two Mile Handicap.—This is certainly a badly framed handicap. In a 1 1/2 mile handicap which Surman won at the Auckland, he gave the following starts: Pilkington, 75yds (unplaced); Henning, 80yds (third). With a half mile further to go, Pilkington is now brought back to 50yds, and Henning to 65yds. A. E. Smith had 70 yards, and is now on the 180 yards mark, while P. Smith who had 130 yards and failed to get a place, is brought back to 100 yards. The handicapper has evidently got mixed up with the two Smiths. In the previous race Firth had 100 yards and Coubrough 120. Both were unplaced, yet Coubrough is now on the 140 and Firth on the 200yds mark. Simmelhag had 300 yards and was beaten by Surman in 1 1/2 miles, yet he has now only 240 yards in 2 miles. Phipps conceded Patterson 10 yards in 1 1/2 miles, both were unplaced, and Phipps has now 30 yards from Patterson. Unless the handicapper rejoices in the possession of some knowledge not generally enjoyed, I fail to see how either Pilkington, Henning, P. Smith or Simmelhag have a possible chance. Surman, Firth or Phipps should win.

Five-miles Handicap.—I will select A. E. Smith, 380yds, 1; A. F. Firth, 440yds, 2; Surman, scratch, 3.

The three Auckland cyclists, Messrs. Surman, Pilkington and Henning, who visited Napier to assist at the Autumn Meeting of the Wanderers bicycle sports, have no reason to complain of their trip. In the two-mile scratch event our men filled the three places in the order in which their names are written above. In the one and a half mile handicap, with a start of 50 yards, Pilkington romped home in the fast time of 3min 53sec. It is interesting to note the advantage which a cinder track possesses over a grass track for recording fast times. With a start of 75 yards at the recent Auckland carnival Pilkington was unable to place himself in a "go" over the same distance, the time being 4min 24 3-5sec. In the five-mile team race (three aside) the Auckland contingent were again successful. Surman finished first, followed by Pilkington and Henning, thus scoring 15 points. Gay, Bissell and Cowell, the Napier representatives, secured second, fourth, and sixth places respectively, and gained 6 points. Surman also started from scratch in the five-mile bicycle handicap (for roadster machines scaling 32lb and over), but could get no nearer than fourth. His time for the complete distance was 15min 17sec.

**Music, Drama.**

BY THE PROMPTER.

POSTERS are out announcing the forthcoming production of Madame Favart by the Auckland Amateur Opera Club, and the opinion is freely expressed by those who have been attending rehearsals that the production of Offenbach's comic opera will be the best effort yet put forward by the Club. The opening performance will be given at the Opera House on Tuesday the 10th inst., and as the theatre has been engaged for a week the committee are evidently confident of a fair season. A strong chorus has been secured, and the principals are sufficiently versed in vocal and histrionic art to give creditable interpretations of their parts. The musical portion of the work is in the care of Herr Carl Schmitt, and as the management of the stage is in the capable hands of Mr Archdale Tayler, I am certain there will be no fault found in that department of the production. The box plan is now open at Wildman and Lyell's, and judging by the booking up to date there will be a bumper house on the opening night.

BROUGH AND BOUCICAULT have strengthened their company for the Sydney season by importing Mr Renouf, Mr Franklyn, and Miss Edith Ward from England.

MESSRS WILLIAMSON AND MUSGROVE are understood to have a new Gaiety Company under engagement for the next Christmas season in Melbourne. Arthur Roberts and Florrie St. John are to be the leading lights of the show.

FROM the *Bulletin*:—A certain juvenile, who is trying to be a leading juvenile, was once a hair dresser in Auckland. As a consequence he now owns the most beautiful hair-parting on the Australian stage.

MADAME CAMILLA URSO, the famous violiniste who visited New Zealand some fifteen years ago, has arranged to make a second Australian tour. Melbourne will be the opening scene, and the concerts are expected to commence about the middle of May. Signora Clementina de Vere Sapio accompanies Madame Urso as vocalist, and the lady's singing is stated to be as artistic as her name.

THE pantomime company have had a very successful season up to date at the Opera House, and on Saturday last their first change of programme was witnessed by a very large audience. The second attraction, Cinder Ellen Up Too Late, was every whit as attractive as Sinbad the Sailor, and the various songs and dances which are introduced during the progress of the burlesque are of the very latest. One of the best features of the show is the acrobatic act of the Connor Brothers, who are wonderful clever in their particular line of business. A new piece will be presented to-night.

THE noble Red Man has got into opera. A Bostonian has produced *The Ogallallas*, a romantic opera in three acts, the plot of which is as follows:—Edith, an Eastern maiden, is being escorted across the plains of the Far West by a party of scouts, headed by the famous Deadshot, when the whole party are ambuscaded and captured by the Ogallallas. After a period of danger Deadshot escapes with Edith from the noble savages, and hies him to the nearest frontier fort, where he, of course, marries the heroine.

THE talented violiniste, Miss Bessie Doyle, farewelled at the City Hall on Monday night last, and a splendid audience assembled to say goodbye to the fair artist. Needless to say Miss Doyle's several items were rapturously received, and she certainly merited the applause accorded her. The Auckland Young Ladies' Orchestra, "in special recognition of the occasion," performed Mascagni's famous intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*, and Miss Mildred Birch and Mr Mackenzie presented the vocal part of the programme.

UNTHAN, the armless man, startled New York recently, writes the *Spirit of the Times*, by driving a party of friends up Broadway and Fifth Avenue. He held the reins with one foot and the whip with the other, and seemed to have no difficulty in guiding and controlling the spirited team. Unthan courteously lifted his hat with his foot in response to the salutations of pedestrians, and whipped up his horses skillfully to get out of the way of the cable cars. A remarkable sight was afforded the passers by when Unthan held the reins and whip with one foot while he took out and lighted a cigarette with the other.

THE Howe-Spong company have been well received down South, and the success of the N.Z. tour is assured. In *A Grip Of Iron* Mr Walter Howe will be seen in a character far removed from his usual line of virtuous hero. He takes the part of Jagon, a strangling villain of the most sanguinary type, and judging by the Press notices he fills the bill admirably. Here is the opinion of one Southern critic:—"Mr Walter Howe impersonated Jagon, *alias* Simmonet, with masterly realism and force. It is a highly complex character, for, in addition to being a merciless criminal, asympathetic gentleman, and a cool, calculating villain, Simmonet has a strong human affection for his only daughter; but in his delineation of all these phases of real and simulated character Mr Howe has evidently a consistent conception of a true personality. It was a triumph of histrionic art as genuine as it is rare."