

[By ORPHEUS.]

AUCKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY.—On the 27th ult., a packed house listened with manifest pleasure to the society's rendering of Weber's melodious mass in G and Sullivan's scholarly, if not very popular, "Prodigal Son." The performers, both instrumentalists and vocalists, mustered in large force, and quite surprised regular rehearsal attendants by the marked improvement displayed all round. The chorus sang crisply, and with good volume of tone, due observance of nuances being notable. The band played well, ensemble and tone being far in advance of the usual standard. Mrs Chambers (soprano) displayed purity of tone, facility of execution, and refined taste, but might be a little more emphatic in marcato points. Miss Gilfillan (contralto) manifestly suffered from nervousness, but, nevertheless, acquitted herself very well. She possesses greater volume of voice than she has yet produced. Mr Ferriday (tenor), although not quite so clear as usual, sang with vigour, intelligence, and effect. Mr Astley (baritone) has greatly improved since he undertook the parts, and scored a success. The ensemble singing of the quartettes was on the whole good, barring a few lapses in intonation. Herr Carl Schmitt conducted with care and vigour. Dr Cox rendered good service as leader of the band, Mr Yates as leader of the second violins, and Miss Harding as pianist and organist were steady and efficient as ever.

THE CHEVALIER DE KONTSKI.-On Thursday evening a large gathering crowded the City Hall to bid farewell to the distinguised veteran and thoroughly enjoyed a really excellent concert. Some thirty years ago, in London, the Chevalier and a great rival in the shape of Hans von Bulow created a stir in musical circles. They were both pianists of the vigorous school, and each had his army of "barrackers." to use a football term. Of the two the writer preferred de Kontski. Time has set his seal on the Chevalier, who is now a Nestor among pianists. His courtly and dignified presence fills the beholder with admiration. His powers are mellowed and improved, and nothing of his wonted fire and force is lost. Without, perhaps, being one of the greatest, he is undeniably a fine performer. His rendering of Beethoven, Chopin, Schumann, Mendelssohn, and morceaux from his own pen deservedly won enthusiastic plaudits. M. de Willimoff, undoubtedly the finest violinist Auckland has ever possessed as a resident, met with a success even more brilliant. He belongs to the right school, disdaining all tricks and petty artifices, and relying upon a broad pure tone, with but a rare use of the "closed shake" in his cantabile playing. His powers of feathering, double-stopping, arpeggios, and harmonies display a finished technique, but, like Apollo, he is not always bending his bow. His selections included morceaux by Wieniawski and Bazzini, with the inevitable encores. Madame Chambers' pure and true soprano was heard to great advantage in a couple of ballads by Tosti and Berthold Tours, for which she was recalled, but modestly declined encores. The Orchestral Union, ably conducted by Mr Towsey, was in its best form, rendering overtures and concert pieces with excellent tone, tune, and precision, and winning an encore for Eilenberg's "Mill in the Black ning an encore for Eilenberg's Forest, no slight compliment. M. de Willimoff, as leader, was a tower of strength, and Mr R. J. Yates led the second violins with his wonted steadiness and precision. All the accompaniments were admirably played by Mr Towsey.

Our local brass bands, while poseessing many talented performers, are not collectively nearly so good as they might be. Elsewhere, band contests do much to stimulate rivalry and to raise the standard of excellence. At the Floral Fete, to be held on the 28th inst, for the benefit of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, such a competitionproperly conducted-would serve a double pur-It would add to the attractions of the Fete and bring together in friendly rivalry our openair musicians. Perhaps, if not too late, the av to set on promoters suggestion.

"THE GONDOLIERS."-To beat the record is always a joyful achievement, and none the less when the record happens to be one's own. staging, at least, the Auckland Amateur Opera Club may justly claim in their latest production to have surpassed anything yet done. Two levels sets from the talented brush of Herr Vanner march charm all eyes with splendid composition breadth, harmony of colour, and accuracy of detail. The costumes (by Mr Queree and the Misses Reid) are a brilliant success, and. when grouped, remind one of Mr Goldie's magnificent heds of flowers in the Albert Park in brightest bloom. In the dresses both of principals and chorus, lady spectators especially will enjoy a continuous feast of beauty. Herr Carl Schmitt has under his able baton an efficient band of more than a dozen performers, including instrumentalists of high calibre, such as Mesers Eady, Jackson. Yates, Hunter, Ellyett, etc., etc. Mr Archdale Tayler's patient and skilful training is displayed in the precision of grouping, movements, and business, and the conductor may well be proud of his pupils from a musical point of view. Miss Carrie Knight merits high praise for the neat

reserved for next week. Meantime it must suffice to point out some of the most striking features in a really brilliant performance. Allow ance must of course be made for "a first nighter, and for a minor lapse or two in the words, which will disappear after one or two more performances. But there are spots even upon the sun and the eyes of the packed and enthusiastic audience were so dazzled and delighted that the slight blemishes passed almost unnoticed. To compress in a few lines some of the plums, the overture is brilliantly rendered; the rose chorus prettily grouped and sung; Marco and Guiseppe (Abel Rowe and Tracey Hall) rendered with spirit; the Duke's (W. Archdale Taylor) martial song capital; duet, Casilda (Mrs Hopkins) and Luiz (Robin Hay), encored; also Don Albambra's (George Warren) "No Possible Doubt Whatever"; the quintette; Tessa's (Miss Lily Thomson) "When a Merry Maiden"; Gienetta's (Miss Carrie Knight) "Kind Sir" (all in the first act). In the second act, Guiseppe's "Rising Early Marco's "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes"; Don Alhambra's song, "Up Goes the Price of Shoddy"; the Duchess' song (Miss Ethel Armstrong) and "Highly Delighted" duct with the Duke; the cachuca and the gavotte, both capitally danced with splendid limelight effects. So complete and brilliant a production not only deserves but must command success.

NOMINATIONS.

WELLINGTON EXHIBITION RACE MEETING

FIRST DAY.

NOVEMBER HANDICAP, one mile.—Seabreeze, The Miser, Blarney, Douglas, Martyrdom, Salute, Revolution, Orion's Belt, Sea Serpent, Strathbraan, Leda, St. Laura, Kingsman, Rip Van Winkle, Porepo, Marino.

EXHIBITION HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter. -The Possible, Slaiden, Flaneur, The Miser, The Shrew, Rangipuhi, Barshot, Douglas, Defiance, Trentalto, Daredevil, Dauntless, Mahaki, Bona Fide, Ngatuere, Lorelei, King's Bowman, Golden Ployer, Strathbraan, Leda, Lotion, Epaulet, Uniform, Pompom, St. Laura, Acone, Armilla, Rip Van Winkle, Cour de Lion, Erraud Boy,

HURDLE HANDICAP, two miles.—Solitaire, Rangipai, Austral, Billy, Docility, Napoleon, Tally-ho, Kauri Gum, Bush Girl, Timothy, Conscript, Kapua.

SHORTS HANDICAP, five furlongs .-- Sedgebrook, Seabreeze, Torpina, Tutanekai, darshot, Daring, Dauntless, Bona Fide, Revolution, Volitaire, Bijou, Swordbelt, Flying Shot, Mist, Gold Cup,

FIRST WELTER HANDICAP, one mile and a furlong.—Rainbow, Slaiden, Cheque, Sylvanus, Salute, Bona Fide, Ebor II., Golden Plover, Lotion, Kingsman, Porepo, Sabreur, Marino, Silver Spec.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Sedgebrook, The Shrew, Torpina, Tutanekai, Blarney, Daunt-less, Daredevil, Solitaire, Mahaki, Umslopagase, King's Bowman, Volitaire, Orion's Belt, Sea Serpent, Swordbelt, Flying Shot, Mist, St. Acone, Woodstock, Rip Van Winkle, Errand Boy, Waiuku.

SECOND DAY.

PETONE HANDICAP, one mile.—The Possible, Ebor II., Seabreeze, Revolution, The Miser, Orion's Belt, Blarney, Douglas, Martyrdom, Trentalto, Salute, Kingsman, Golden Plover, Sea Serpent, Leda, Gold Cup, St. Laura, Rip Winkle, Porepo, Marino.

PEARCE HANDICAP, one mile and a furlong .-Rainbow, The Possible, Flaneur, The Shrew, Tutanekai, Rangipuhi, Barshot, Douglas, Trentalto, Dauntless, Daredevil, Martyrdom, Mahaki, Ngatuere, Lorelei, King's Bowman, Orion's Belt. Golden Plover, Strathbraan, Leda, Lotion, Epaulet. Uniform, Pompom, St. Laura, Acone, Cour de Lion, Errand Boy. Wainku.

HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and a half. Solitaire, Rangipai, Billy, Revolution, Docility, Napoleon, Tully-Ho. Kauri Gum, Bush Girl, Timothy, Conscript, Kapua II.

WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Slaiden, Cheque, Torpina. Bona Fide, Ebor II., Revolution Sea Serpent, Flying Shot, Lotion, Sabreur, Marino, Silver Spec, Sylvanus.

HUTT PARK SPRING HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Sedgebrook, Seabreeze, The Miser, The Shrew, Torpina, Tutanekai, Blarney, Dauntless, Daredevil, Solitaire, Mahaki, Salute Umslopagass, King's Bowman, Orion's Belt, Swordbelt, Strathbraan, Mist, Lotion, Pompom, St. Laura, Acone, Woodstock, Armilla, Rip Van

St. Laura, Acone, Woodstock, Armita, hip van Winkle, Cœur de Lion, Poreno, Waiuku. WAIWETU HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Sedgebrook, Cheque. Torpina, Barshot, Bona Fide, Umslopogans King's Bowman, Voltaire, Bijou, Swordbelt. Flying Shot, Mist, Gold Cup, St. Laura, Armilla, Daring, Dauntless, Errand Boy, Vine Wei. King Wai.

WELLINGTON SUMMER MEETING.

WELLINGTON CUP, one mile and a half .- The Shrew, The Possible, Dalliance, Merry Maid, Ranngipuhi, Black and Red, Barshot, Douglas, Defiance, Daredevil, Mars, Trentalto, Target, Mahaki, Lord Roslyn, Euroclydon, Bona Fide, Ngatuere, Lorelei, King's Bowman, Struthbraan, Leda, Mist, Quiltiri, Bellicent, Epunlet, Uniform, Man-o'-War, Skirmisher. Pompom, St. Laura, Acone, Woodstock, Panoply, Voltigeur, Casket, Three Star, Lady Zerland, Saracen, St. Paul, Cœur de Lion. St. Clements, Silver Spec.

RACING CLUB HANDICAP one mile and a quarter.—The Possible Dalliance, The Shrew, Merry Maid, Rangipuhi, Black and Red, Barshot, Douglas, Dauntless, Defiance, Trentalto, Mars, Daredevil, Target, Mabaki, Lord Roslyn, Eurocluder Roslyn, Eurochider Roslyn, Eurochider Roslyn, Edward Roslyn, Eurochider Roslyn, Eurochider Roslyn, Edward Roslyn, Eurochider Roslyn, Edward R and eloquent terpsichorean work, while Mr Mackie's limelight effects could not well be bettered. With such factors, success becomes a mathematical certainty. As the Sporting Re-view goes to press to-day (Wednesday), a full criticism of the individual performers must be

Panoply, Voltigeur, Casket, Missfire, Lady Zetland, Saracen, Three Star, St. Paul, Cœur de Lion, St. Clements, Doris, Silver Spec.

Wellington Stakes, four furlongs.—Gold Leaf, Te Kapo, Belle Clair, Blazer, Rehua, Dauntless, Daredevil, Daunt, Valiant, Full Moon, Osmanie, Forest Rose, Britannia, Rabone, Dotterel, Bijou, Murmur, Girofla, Mist, Bavaria, Ocean, Uniform, Multiform, Beauty Sleep. filly by Chainshot—Psyche, Marquis of Zetland, St. Paul, Alionora, St. Crispin, Derring Shot, colt by Chainshot-Retina.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

DUNEDIN CUP, one mile and three-quarters.-Euroclydon, Skirmisher, Bellicent, Lady Zetland, Barmby, Double Event, Aldershot, Black and Red, Culverin, Quiltiri, Plotter, Casket, Lord Roslyn, Epaulet, Saracen, Bisley, Hippomenes.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP, seven furlongs .- Aldershot, Jane Eyre, Wakawatea, Bay Bell, colt by Artillery — Tangi, Bizaare, Barmby, Plotter, Arline, Rancor, Emmeline, Heather Bell, Belle, Arquebus, Clair, Quiltiri, Warrington, Miss Orwell, Missfire, Darnigella, Lord Roslyn, Skirmisher, St. Ouida, Bisley, Saracen, Marlin, Cannonshot, Victim.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP, one mile and a half. Euroclydon, Lord Roslyn, Epaulet, Saracen, Bisley, Plotter, Aldershot, Skirmisher, Bellicent, Lady Zetland, Barmby, Double Event, Emmeline, Black and Red, Culverin, Quiltiri, Hippomenes, Casket.

FORBURY HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter. Euroclydon, Lord Roslyn, Bay Bell, Culverin, Quiltiri, Hippomenes, Casket, Aldershot, Heather Bell, Black and Red, Saracen, Bisley, Plotter, Missfire, Musket, Skirmisher, colt by Artillery-Tangi, Lady Zetland, Barmby, Cannonshot.

HANDICAPS.

OTAKI RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

TRIAT. HANDICAP, six furlongs. -- Stockade 8.10, Bush Girl 8.10, Marina 8.4, Milford 8.3, Lord Lyon 7.13, Little Jack 7.7, The Archer 7.7, Zeph 7.7, Gairloch 7.7, Te Kapa 7.7, Marewarangai 7.7, Maatan 7.0, Beitch 7.0, Slavin 7.0.

OTAKI SPRING HANDICAP, one mile and a - Princess Cole 9.7, Indian Shot 8.9. First Result 8.8, Maid Marian 8.8, King's Own 8.6, Hillstone 7.12, Marina 7.5, The Guardsman 7.5, Milford 7.4, Tu Kingi 7.0, Steel Shot 7.0.

Welter Handicap, seven furlongs.—Maid Marian 10.12, Opai 10.7, Langdale 10.5, Stockade 10.5, Gaspard 10.0, Milford 9.8, Venture 9.2, Annie 9.2, Tu Kingi 9.2, Little Jack 9.0, Marewarangai 9.0, Britannia 9.0, The Archer 9.0, Prohibition 9.0.

HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and sixty-five chains.—Rossall 11.9, Halcione 10.9, Bush Girl 10.8, Venture 9.13, Black Dust 9.9, Bohemian 9.3. Pluto 9.3.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs. - Indian Shot 8.13, First Result 8.0, Hillstone 8.5, Roll Call 8.4, Langdale 8.2, Gaspard 7.13, Milford 7.6, Steelshot 7.0. Dormant 7.0.

NOVEMBER HANDICAP, one mile. — Princess Cole 9.9 Indian Shot 8.12, First Result 8.10, Opai 8.5, Marina 7.9, The Guardsman 7.9, Steel Shot 7.3, Maatua 6.10.

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SECOND SPRING MEETING.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 80 sovs. One mile. AUCKLAND GUINEAS of 150 sovs. One mile.

Mr J. Alexander's b c St. Gordon, by St. Leger—Bragela Messrs Alison Bros.' ch c Nestor, by St. Leger—Tamora Mr J. Chaafe's br c Antares, by Castor—Hilda Mr J. Chaafe's b c St. Paul, by St. Leger—Satanella Mr S. C. Caulton's bf Porangi Potae, by Castor—Madeap Mr T. Morrin's bf Edith Cureton, by Castor—Frailty HANDICAP HURDLES of 80 sovs. One mile and

three-quarters. st ib.
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Decoration ...
Lady Cuisine...
Anniversary ...
Peerless ...
Joan of Arc ... Waiuku ... Errand Boy ... The Sharper ... St. Elmo ... Lufra The Flirt ur 130 so quarter, st lb 8 7 One mile and a CITY HANDICAP of 130 sovs. Waiorongamai

... 8 7 ... 8 4 ... 7 6 ... 7 2 St. Paul ... Panoply ... Perasus ... Lady Marion ... PONY HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Seven furlongs. Silkworm Leona ... Fidget .. Archduke

Haria ... Merry Maid ... Korowai

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Partan Jeanie
Fair Nell
sovs. Kit Pearl II. ... Fuying Handicap of 80 sovs. Six furlongs, st lb St. Clements ... Nestor

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Waiuku ...
Folly ...
Bonnie Blue ...
Errand Boy ...
Antares ...
St. Elmo ...
Retaliation ...
Tufra ... Swordfish ... Edith Cureton Lillie
Lady Anna
The Flirt
Porangi Potae
Frontignac

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP, a handicap of 1,500 sovs; second horse to receive 200 sovs, and the third horse 100 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

Mr H. Craig's ch h Euroclydon, 4yrs, by Gorton-Lady Gertrude

Mrs J. Lennard's br h Fabulist, 4yrs, by Fabulous —Inisthona ...
Mr M. Hobbs' b m Lady Zetland, aged, by Perkin
Warbeck II.—Forget-me-not ...
Mr R. Allan's br h Saracen, aged, by St. George—
Fair Nell

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Mr S. H. Gollan's b h The Possible, 6yrs, by Nordenfeldt—Realisation 8 5
Mr Wi Pere's br h Mahaki, 6yrs, by Ingomar— Speculation Mr J. Y. Collins' ch m Lorelei, 5yrs, by Cruiser—

Laurel Mr H. Vallance's rn m Culverin, 5yrs, by Son of a Gun-Roseneath 8 0
Mr V. Harris' br g Quiltiri, 4yrs, by Quilt-Waitiri 7 13
"Mr F. Moeller's br m The Shrew, 5yrs, by Nordenfeldt—Bianca 7 13
Mr B. Curtis' b h Casket. 5yrs, by Castor—Bangle... 7 12
Mr G. G. Stead's br f Bellicent, 4yrs, by Maxim—

Enid ... 7
Mr J. Paul's b g Pompom, Syrs, by Wapiti—Legera 7
Mr T. Connop's ch g Lotion, 5yrs, by Sou'-wester—
Liniment ... 7
Mr G. Williams' b h Man-o'-War, 5yrs, by Nelson
—Muskerina

—Muskerina Mr H. Goodman's b h Aldershot, 6yrs, by Foulshot -Anterina ...
†Mr T. Morrin's be Day Star, 3yrs, by Castor-Cissy
Mr S. J. Mercer's br h Black and Bed, 4yrs, by Maxim—Aqualate Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e Deflance, 3yrs, by Dreadnought—Legacy Mr G. G. Stead's br c Epaulet, 3yrs, by Medallion—

Mr E. Hankins' b h Captive, aged, by Captivator-Markins' of Captive, ages, by Captive of Maid of Honour

Hon. G. McLean's b c Lord Rosslyn, Syrs, by St. Clair – Lady Emma

Dr. J. Reed's br g Voltigeur, 5yrs, by Tim Whiffler

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Mr C. E. Major's blk m Crimson Streak, 5yrs, by
Nordenfeldt—Hipporina 6
*Including 3lb penalty. †Including 5lb penalty. STEWARDS' HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Umslopogaas...
Belle Clair
Reveille ...
Daredevil ...
St. Ouida ...
Aldershot ...
Remorse II. ... Acone St. Laura ... King's Bowman Vanilla ... Skirmisher ... Dauntless 8 0 ... 7 10 ... 7 9 ... 7 ... 7 ... 7 ... 7 Quiltiri ...
Quiltiri ...
Warrington ...
Bisley ...
Armilla ...
Firefly ...
Cannonshot ... Pitch and Toss Tutanekai ... Lord Rosslyn... Arquebus ... St. Florent ... Bizaare ... 7 7 Marquis of Zetland... 7 7 CURRAGH HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About three miles st lb 11 6

st 10 11 6 Kingswood ... 11 4 Dundonald ... 10 13 Vagabond ... 10 7 Undesirable Bill ... 10 7 Te Kooti 11 6 Kobin ... Clarence Timothy CANTERBURY CUP. Two miles and a quarter. Day Star Epaulet Deflance Fabulist Euroclydon

TARATAHI-CARTERTON SPRING MEETING.

Lady Zetland

Culverin

Lord Rosslyn

HACK HURDLES.-Much Ado 11.5, Oddfellow 11 5, Makomako 10.10, Bird 10.0, Sa Lib 9.12, Bull's Eye 9.9, Silent Friend 9.7, La Grippe 9.0, Young Matai 9.0.

HACK FLYING. - Sir Agnes 9.11, On Dit 8.9, Napoleon 8.0, Vaseline 7.11, Laitere 7.10, Meadow 7.8, Miner 7.8, Cuirasina 7.7, Winnie 7.7, Goulburn 7.7, Blue and White 7.7, Miss Annie 7.7, Try Luck 7.7.

OPEN RAILWAY HANDICAP.—Strathbraan 9.4, Sea Serpent 8.3, Voltaire 8.1, Porepo 7.7, Bona Fide 7.7, No Wonder 7.6, King Wai 7.0.

TARATAHI HACK HANDICAP.—Sir Agnes 9.2, Springtime 8.6, On Dit 8.1, Vaseline 7.10, Miner 7.7. Guardfish 7.2. Goulburn 7.0. In the Swim 7.0. Fontinalis 7.0.

PRINCE OF WALRS HANDICAP. - Senator 8.5, Sea Serpent 8.3, Revolution 8.0, Bona Fide 7.8, Porepo 7.6. Warnote 7.0.

BIRTHDAY HACK WRLTER. - Crescent 10.7, Napoleon 10.0, Much Ado 10.0, Silent Friend 10.0, Laitere 9.7, Rudini 9.7, Nero 9.2, Woodmere 9.2, Bull's Eye 9.0, Cuirassina 8.13, Mould 8.10, Blue and White 8.7, Kia-Ora 8.7, Master Hume 8.7. Winnie 8.7.

WAIRARAPA HACK GUINEAS.

Br c Derringshot, by Derringer-Makura B c Derringcotte, by Derringer-Mascotte B c Laltatorial, by Remington-Premier-Ruby mare

B g Whario, by Piscatorious—Polly B g Challenger, by The Dauphin—Caller Herrin
B f Mizpah, by Lord Mandeville—Clymenus

mare Br f Cavet, by Remington-Minnie Palmer B f Roseleaf, by Master Agnes—Lise Ch f Lady Agnes, by Master Agnes—Premier

mare Reputation



N.Z.R.

RACE MEETING AT ELLERSLIE

On November 7th and 9th Trains will run from Auckland to the Racecourse as below: 10.45, 11.15, 11.30 a.m.; 12.0, 12.37, 1.10, and 2.10 p.m. Returning at 4.30, 5.0, 5.35, and immediately after the last race.

Reserved Cars for Ladies.

FARES :- Auckland or Newmarket to Racecourse and back, 2s, including admission to course; ditto, 1s, rail only: Racecourse to Auckland, 1s. Tickets only available for day of issue.

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