

[BY STONEWALLER.]

On Wednesday and Thursday, Nov.

18th and 19th the Australian cricketers were engaged at Invercargill in demonstrating to the Southland Eighteen that they had a lot to learn in cricket. Rain, however, had made the wicket very soft, and the matting had to be used. The Southland captain had the choice of innings, and sent the visitors in to bat, and after a pretty even exhibition throughout, the innings closed for 178 runs, a very good score under the circumstances. Darling, who by this time must be nearly at the top of the batting averages for all matches, made 31, and Kelly, the wicket-keeper, was top score with 36. Other double-figure scores were Trott 24, Eady 21, Jones 21, Hill 12, McKibbin, not out, 10. Gregory, who has either gone off in his batting or has ceased to take an interest in the game, which is, I believe, the real cause, only made 2. The Southland score in the first innings was a miserable array of single figures and duck-eggs. All were out for 42, and the top scorer of the side was Watson with 9, while six of the team failed to add to the total. Only two bowlers were tried, namely, Trumble and Eady. The former obtained the extraordinary average of 10 wickets for 13 runs, while Eady got 7 wickets for 25 runs. Southland did not do much better in the second innings, as they were all out for 67, and they were thus beaten by an innings and 69 runs. Trott and Mc-Kibbin were the bowlers who were given the opportunity of improving their averages. A lot of the local men essayed to hit Trott out of the ground, but they missed and were stumped, no fewer than six falling victims to the wicket-keeper's dexterity. Trott got 11 wickets for 30 runs, and McKibbin 4 for 19 runs. At the very end of the innings Gregory and Hill were put on to bowl. Gregory, who bowls a fast, fair, round-arm ball, had one over, and secured a wicket without a run being scored off him. Then young Hill went on, and six runs were scored off him, but off his fourth ball the last man was caught at point by Trott. Burns was the only double figure scorer for Southland, he making 18 runs, when he was out leg before wicket to McKibbin. After the match the Australians proceeded to give the spectators some value for the money they had paid at the gates, and in this they were successful to an eminent degree. They gave an exhibition innings against the eigteen, and instead of playing the careful game which has been so characteristic of their play in England they opened their shoulders and played with a freedom that was delightful to witness. In one hour and a half's play they ran up a total of 220 runs for the loss of six wickets, and then the peo-

ple went home satisfied. The Australians played their fourth match in New Zealand, against fifteen of Otago, on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday last. The Otago players are to be commended for their pluck in playing They wanted to see the Ausfifteen. tralians bat unhampered by a large field, and in that I think they were right, as, with an unusual crowd in the field, it is impossible for a batsman to show true cricket. If odds are necessary why not allow twenty-two men to bat and eleven to field. That idea is advocated by Dr. W. G. Grace. The weather was not all that could be desired for the Otago match, and the bowlers from the outset had the batsmen in difficulties. The Australians in the first innings made 130, and 99 of that total was made by three batsmen, namely, Iredale 34, Hill 34, and Trott 31. Fisher bowled splendidly, getting six wickets for 39 runs, and the Australians speak very highly of him; Downes, three for 42, also bowled well. Otago topped the Australian score by 14 runs, E. D. Spraggon making 36, while Downs and Clayton also played well. When the Australians were all got rid of for 95 in their second innings, it looked as if the Otago men had victory within their grasp, but the Australians now showed what they could do when really called upon. The wicket aided them in vet to hand.

the pinch of the game, and the Otago champions were all out for 64, the only double figures on their side being Liggins 25 and Rains 12. Trumble was by far the most destructive bowler for the Australians, and his bowling and batting in the second innings probably saved his Otago, though beaten, were not disgraced, and the Australians will remember that they have two first-class bowlers in Fisher and Downes.

It will be interesting to Australians to know that W. L. Murdoch has had something to do with the introduction to firstclass cricket of Prince Ranjitsinhji. Referring to the banquet given to the Prince the Sporting and Dramatic News of October 3rd remarks :- "No cricketer has been similarly honoured, but the fact that the Indian Prince has attained the highest aggregate of runs ever compiled by any batsman in England in one year -2,780, an average of 57.44 per innings -fully justified the distinction. K. S. Ranjitsinbji owes his introduction to first class class cricket to F. S. Jackson and W. L. Murdoch, and that he has deserved well of his sponsors all the world will admit. In reply to the able and witty speech, in which the Master of Trinity proposed his health, Prince Ranjisinghji reminded his friends that cricket was not only a splendid pastime, but it tended to bring about a good feeling between Her Majesty's subjects all over the globe. In fact, the dinner at And so it is. Cambridge is likely to cement still stronger the link which binds together England, India, Australia, Canada, and the outlying portions of the Empire.



[BY MURITAL.]

Referring to the defeat of Stanbury Gaudaur the London correspondent of the South African Licensed Victuallers' Gazette writes: - Experienced judges do not hesitate to say that the race was simply faked, and certainly one could hardly believe the evidence of one's own senses to see plodding along in the rear, a beaten man, apparently incapable of making an effort, the same sculler who only a few weeks before smothered Harding and covered the course at every point but the finish in the quickest time on record; and even then the whole distance, done in 21min 51sec, could have been compassed in less time had the Australian not taken matters easily at the finish. It is races such as the one under notice that have brought professional rowing into its present disrepute, and one cannot wonder that our present day watermen experience some difficulty in finding patrons. As Stanbury was well trained and perfectly fit, the old excuse of lack of training does not fit his case, and it would be well if some better explanation the in-and-out form were forthcoming.

I wonder if the Rarere crew enjoyed their cruise on Sunday. Rather annoying to be piled up on the sandspit off the North Shore all day. Moral: Don't try to sail over a sand bank with a deepkeeler, more especially when a red buoy is moored on the edge of that bank to

It is a pity more is not done by the local rowing authorities to encourage sculling here. If I remember right there was only one event for first-class scullers last season-the Marshall Cup-and that can scarcely be called a first-class affair, seeing that it is for juniors.

The programme of the great aquatic event of the year -the Auckland Regatta will be found in our advertising col umns. As is well known, this carnival eventuates on January 29th, and as a lot of the old-time enthusiasm seems to have been revived, the regatta of 1897 promises to be a great success. There are about twenty events on the programme.

They tell me the 5-rater Ida is sailing much better this season, and the altera tions to her keel has considerably increased her speed.

Te Uira, the Auckland built 30-footer, was beaten in her first race at Melbourne on Saturday last, but no particulars are



NOTHING of any moment has taken place on the local share market during the present week, stocks maintaining previous quotations. The Waihi return was looked forward to as likely to cause a flutter in the surrounding investments, but it had little or no effect locally. It should, however, do us considerable good at Home, for the rise in these shares is bound to bring out an enquiry for the adjoining properties. The returns from all the leading mines this month are likely to be much above the average, and should cause a general improvement.

NEW ALBURNIA.-Don't wait too long or you will lose your chance. These shares have seen their lowest.

WAIPURU.-Wait for further development be-

fore investing. PURU CONSOLIDATED .- This is given to me as

a strong tip. I am afraid to recommend it to my readers, as the stock is well up in price already. If you buy, don't hold too long.

VICTORIA.—As good as gold and likely to con-

Alpha.—Don't be afraid to sell if you have a fair price offered. You will buy much cheaper before long.

ASTEROID.—Not up to much.
GRACE DARLING.—There must be some hitch in the negotiations at present being carried on for the flotation of this property, else the shares would not be at the present figure. The property is a good one, so holders need have no fear of any temporary difficulty.

IVANHOE .- A small parcel of these shares sold at auction at 9d, which is about the lowest they are likely to see. The position of this mine and also that of the IMPERIAL warrants better prices being paid for the stock.

ADELAIDE.—High enough at present.

Cambria.—One of the steadiest stock on the market, and safe enough to buy at anything under 2s 6d.

NEW WHAU AND CLUNES.—Still hanging fire. Flotation, however, is almost certain, and therefore it is wise to buy at present quotations.

Golden Points.—There has been little busi-

ness in this and other Tapu stocks during the past week. The Sheridan return, which will be known in a few days, should, however, cause a revival, and Golden Points and Golden Horns will be the chief stocks affected.

HAZELBANK. -- My remarks last week about this stock have already been justified, and there are now buyers at 6s 2d. Buy at present prices, and don't worry if there should be a slight decline. The shares are really worth the money.

KING SOLOMON. - Not a success as a gold-

MOANATAIRI.-English order caused a slight movement in this stock. Holders should be slow

Moanatairi North and Extended.—Heavy business during the week, due to the fact that the properties will shortly be taken over by an English syndicate. Buy whilst you can get them

KOMATA TRIUMPH .- Steady demand for this stock at 1s 1d and 1s 2d. Good for an early rise. PANDORA.—Very low at present.

RISING SUN.—This is said to be one of the best properties in Owharoa. The company is at present operating on lodes, which assays prove to be more than payable. Buy a few and put them

Talisman.—I cannot account for the great fluctuation in the price of this stock. Admitted on all sides to be one of the best of country investments, it is strange holders have so little confidence. It is quite safe to buy at 15s.

WAIHI PINNACLES .- Sell out while you are able. A company of this kind, with two or three hundred thousand shares, is not one of the best to invest in.

WAIHI SILVERTON.—The heavy drop in this stock has caused much comment. can glean, it is now at its legitimate value. It is safe to buy at about 25s.

WAITEKAURI UNITED. - Last sales in this stock took place at 8s, at which figure they are n looking at.

WOODSTOCK.—The developments which have taken place in this mine during the past three months fully warrant the price paid for shares Will see better prices still.

BUNKER's HILL.—After advancing to 6s 1d these shares receded to 5s, at which price they can now be obtained. As good news is daily expected from the mine, the shares are worth securing at anything under that figure.

COROMANDEL FREEHOLD PROPRIETARY.—Re-

ports from London state that flotation is assured. Wait for further news before purchasing.
HACHAKI NORTH.—One of the best invest-

ments on the board. NEW GALCONDA AND WELCOME FIND.—Cheap

enough at present prices.

Carnage.—Not worth paying the call on. MATURANGI.—Quite high enough. There are buyers at 2s 6d, but no one seems anxious to sell. If you have any let a few go.

EMPIRE .- It will be hard to give them away

In the match between Southland and the Australians, Giffen and Jones stood out After the Queenslanders have visited

New Zealand they will probably go home by way of Melbourne. The Melbourne Cricket Club has offered them the ground free of cost.



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