is indeed a lucky breeder to breed two such horses as Dante and Troubadour. I know breeders who have been trying for years to breed a big, upstanding horse, but fate seems to be against them. Marionette, a three-year-old bay filly by Forester Ata (Somnus-Wairuareka), therefore fullsister to the Napier owned Maid Marion, com-

peted at the meeting. She is fairly well grown, and shows quality, but is deficient in substance.

The yearling filly by Somnus—Lady Artist (full-sister to The Artist) did not long survive Mr S. M. Baker's sale in Wanganui, as a week or so after the sale Mr David Scott, of Rangitikei, who purchased the filly at the sale, found her dead in one of his paddocks. She appeared lively enough the evening previous, but no post mortem was held, so it is not known what she died of.

Mr John Green, of Crofton, informs me that everything was satisfactorily arranged in Auckland re the sale of Gipsy Prince.

Rossall, the winner of the First Hack Race at Feilding, was lame the next morning, consequently could not be started on the second day.

The Manawatu Cup has only tempted fourteen nominators this year. The minor races have filled fairly well, so that if the acceptances for the Cup should be meagre there will be sufficient sport provided by the other races, including the hack events.

I would have liked to have seen a larger acceptance than seven for the Ashurst Guineas, to be decided at the end of this mouth. On paper Jack Tar looks the best of the seven, although Straybird and His Lordship have pace, and Flying Shot's sister, Marvellous, may be equal to



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NORTH ISLAND TROTTING ASSOCIA-TION OF N.Z.

PALMERSTON NORTH, March 24th, 1896. To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW. Auckland.

DRAR SIE,-I beg to inform you that your paper has been appointed the OFFICIAL CALENDAR for the North Island Trotting Association of New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,

C. C. MILES, Secretary N.I.T.A. of N.Z.

CALENDAR.

December 19, Saturday; 28, Monday; 30, Wednesday— Anckland T.C. Summer January 21, Thursday—Johnsonville and Hutt County Trotting Club Summer

NUMINATIONS.

January 6—Johnsonville and Hutt County T.C. Summer HANDICAPS.

December 22—Auckland T.C. Summer December 28—Auckland T.C. Summer December 28—Auckland T.C. Summer January 11—Johnsonville and Hutt County T.C. Summer

ACCEPTANCES.

December 24—Auckland T.C. Summer December 29—Auckland T.C. Summer Jnnuary 18—Johnsonville and Hutt County T.C. Summer

TROTTING RECORDS.

NEW ZEALAND.

Saddle, Yum Yum, 2min 271sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894; harness, Rita, 2min 30sec, Lancaster Park, April, 1895. 3—Saddle, Commotion, 3min 57sec, Timaru, Sep-

14 miles—Saddle, Commotion, 3min 57sec, Timaru, September, 1895.
2 miles—Saddle, Rita, 4min 584sec, Lancaster Park, November, 1895; harness, Rita, 5min 7sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.
24 miles Wizard, 6min 38 3-5sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; barness, Berlin Abdallah, 6min 37sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.
3 miles—Saddle, Spider, 7min 59sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, specification, 7min 354sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894.
4 miles—Harness, Specification, 10min 47sec, Lancaster Park, July, 1894.

AUSTRALIAN.

mile—Harness, Fritz, 2min 14 4-5sec, March 4, Moonee Valley, in Inter-Colonial Free-for-all Trot.
 miles—Harness, Mystery, 4min 56\u00e4sec, in match against Osterley.
 miles—Harness, Osterley, 7min 30\u00e4sec.

AMERICAN (IN HARNESS). 1 mile—Robert R. Gentry, 2min †sec, September 24, 1896 2 miles—Greenlander, 4min 32sec, October, 1893. 8 miles—Nightingale, 6min 55 sec. October, 1893.

AMERICAN PACING.

1 mile—Joe Patchen, 2min 3sec, Aug. 21; John R. Gentry 2min 33sec. 2 miles—Defiance, 4min 47sec, September, 1872. 3 miles—Joe Jefferson, 7min 33sec, November, 1891.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

The summer meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club will be opened on Saturday, at Potter's Paddock, and if the weather remains fine the Paddock, and if the weather remains fine the club should achieve a success of a pronounced nature. The liberal nature of the programme certainly deserves encouragement, both by the owners of horses and by the public. The going at Potter's Paddock is pretty hard just now, but that will exactly suit the trotters, and there should be a good exhibition during the afternoon.

Mr Marks, has made complete assumpments for Mr Marke has made complete arrangements for the convenience of the patrons of the meeting. Good fields have accepted for each event, a fact

which tends to show that the handicapper (Mr Knight) has done his work faithfully and well, and the task, therefore, of anticipating the judge's decision is no easy one. The following indica-tions may supply one or two place-getters:—

Pony Cup Handicap.—MARIA or ROMEO. Maiden Pony Handicap. - TOPSAIL. December Handicap.—GERMINA or KIT. Telephone Handicap.—Rodney or Germina Handicap Maiden Hurdles.-THE DOVE.

Handicap Maiden Trot.—OKOROIRE or MICK

Handicap Maiden Trot (Harness).—RUTENE. Epson Trot Handicap. - Duke C or The

The following are the acceptances :-

PONY CUP HANDICAP of 70 sovs, one mile. The Dove 9.6, Reil 9.2, Romeo 9.2, Bit o' Fashion 9.0, Sneak 8.6. Pica 8.6, Fauntleroy 8.4, Lulu 8.0, Topsail 7.12, Topsy 7.12, Penguin 7.10, Target 7.6, Vortie 7.6, Siwash 7.6, Honor Bright 7.2, Maria 7.0, Effic 7.0.

MAIDEN PONY HANDICAP of 20 sovs, six and a half furlongs.—Topsail 8.10, Lulu 8.4, Penguin 8.4, Siwash 8.2, Topsy 8.0, Single Barrel 7.10, Cyclops 7.7, Honor Bright 7.6, Target 7.5, Vortie 7.5, Stanson 7.5, Myrtle 7.5, Lady Walms ley 7.5, Lady Howitzer 7 5, Little Belle 6.12.

DECEMBER HANDICAP of 35 sovs, six furlongs and a half.—Bit o' Fashion 9.2, Kit 9.2, Cupid 8.12, Sneak 8.6, Germina 8.6, Lulu 8.4, Topsy 8.0, Effic 7.0, Muria 7.0.

TELEPHONE HANDICAP of 30 sovs, five furlongs -Rodney 10.10, Romeo 9.8, Cupid 9.0, Germina 8.8, Single Barrel 7.10, Cyclops 7.10, Disgrace 7.10, Hope 7.10, Sulky 7.2, Little Belle 6.10.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 25 sovs, one mile.—The Dove 10.8, Frisco 10.0, Vortic 9.8, Quail 9.6, Kaipara 9.0, Penguin 9.0.

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP of 25 sovs, two miles.—Lusitania scr, Doone 20sec, Hero 20sec, Tom 20sec, Leo 20sec, Violet 20sec, Bendigo 28sec, Okoroire 28-ec, Mick Power 28sec, Rocket II. 28sec, Hazelwood 28sec.

FIRST HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT (harness) of 25 sovs, two miles.—Waihinepai scr, Lusitania 5sec, Rutene 18sec, Woodbine 25sec, Belle Brandon 25sec, Deceiver 25sec, Wallace D. 25sec, Okoroiri 30sec, Hazelwood 30sec.

EPSOM TROT HANDIGAP (harness) of 40 sovs, two miles.—Duke C. scr, Little Ben 7sec, Waihinepai 7sec, Ike 10sec, Lusitania 12sec, Rutene The Judge 30sec, Belle Brandon 3Jsec, Sandfly

NOTES.

By FRITZ.

"Mazeppa," in the Otago Witness, states that some of the trotters at the late meeting at Forbury were audaciously stiff. He charges the stewards with a neglect of duty, and asserts that if the scandals are repeated and acts of roping are allowed to pass unchallenged, trotting events will have to be abandoned altogether. There is no doubt a large amount of truth in what "Mazeppa" states, as in trotting, owners somehow too frequently trot with the only object in view of getting a better handicap. The consequence is that trotting, which, with a fair percentage of triers, should be an interesting and frequently exciting sport, falls into disrepute with the public. The liberal prizes offered by the Auckland Club should bring out more triers than usual, and, if it does, there should be a trotting revival. At any rate I have every confidence that the Auckland stewards will do their duty and not allow barefaced stiffening to go unchallenged as "Mazeppa" alleges the Dunedin stewards did.

The sale of privileges in connection with the Auckland Trotting Club's Meeting resulted as follows:—Publican's booth, Mr J. Donovan, £95; refreshment stall, Mrs Glover, £10; race cards, Scott Printing Co., £74; gates, Mr Lang, £155.

Mr G. Bennett, secretary of the Johnsonville and Hut! County Trotting Club, has an attractive programme for the summer meeting, to be held on Thursday, January 21. Nine events have been provided for, the chief of which will be the Johnsonville and Hutt County Trotting Club's Handi cap of 60 sovs, two miles. The Dash Handicap of 30 sovs, one mile, and the Trial Handicap of 25 Novs, two miles, are other items that should be worth annexing. Nominations close on Wednesday, January 6, and handicaps are promised for January 11; acceptance fall due on January 18.

John R. Gentry failed, on October 28, to break his wonderful record for the mile of 2min 18ec. He, however, covered the mile in 2min 34sec. Concluding as this does the public performance of John R. Gentry for the year, it is interesting to note that he has made ten starts, five times in races and an equal number of times against time. He lost his first three races and won the last two. He reversed this order in his time performances, reducing his record in each of his first three attempts, and failing in the last two at Terre Hante and at Belmont. He has eleven heats to his credit for the year, the slowest in 2min 5\(^a_4\)see, and averaging 2min 3 3-11sec.

The editor has received a letter from "An Advocate of True Sport" in Wellington, which he has handed to me. The writer states:—"I would like, through your columns, to draw the attention of the North Island Trotting Association to the fact that the Wellington Trotting Club at their recent meeting totally disregarded the disqualification passed by the Johnsonville and Hutt County Trotting Club upon two men, subsequently endorsed by the North Island Trotting Association. Both these persons were allowed access to all the enclosures of the Wellington Club's last meeting at Mirama. The Hawke's Bay Trotting Club, at their last meeting, told one of these men quietly he had better leave the ground to save unpleasantness, which he did, and surely a club that prides itself upon its purity, as the W.T.C. does, would have only been acting in the best interests of the sport had they taken similar action." This letter speaks for itself.



[By Orpheus.]

THE ORCHESTRAL UNION gave an interesting concert last Thursday evening, and I was much amused at the conflict of criticism evoked. There is no doubt the brass was rather too prominent at times—a colonial fault which the best of conductors can with difficulty restrain. The oboe was excellent, in fact the wood-wind generally, except that the bassoon might have been more emphatic at times. The violincellos were hardworked and for the most part efficient, though just musical expression can still be aimed at by them. The first violins are ably led and did very fairly; the second violins can improve. The or combination of sounds which come to the lot of a good drummer to produce-seldom obtains praise, but, I think, deserves a share. "Ungarische Lustspiel" is always an attractive item, and was well rendered. Miss Tilly sings very creditably; "Good-bye" and "Bid Me to Love" were her songs; the latter was deservedly applauded; it suits her voice and manner admirably. The "Lenore" symphony demands more practice; the second violins were a little astray. In "Moses in Egypt" the orchestra evidently took a lively interest in the work ; the cornet and euphonium were at their best; the wood-wind did well; the flute might be rather more steady with advantage. Mr G. M. Reid usually selects good songs; I do not think "Love in the Rain" is equal to his standard. The concert suite by German was very successful; the orchestra played these items with perfect ability; the obos deserves special praise. The "Invitation a la Valse" wants more practice in particular passages; the conversational introduction should admit of better rendering by an orchestra than on the pianoforte, for which this work was written. I found fault with that and with the "Allegro Vivace." ' Language of Flowers" suite was most admirably interpreted; I think this suite proved what the Orchestral Union can do when they all work unanimously for effects which they thoroughly grasp. The "Lenore" symphony and "Tempo di Marcia" terminated a good and enjoyable con-

THE AUCKLAND BANJO, GUITAE, AND MAN-DOLIN CLUB.—At the City Hall, on Monday vening, the club, which is becoming a popular favourite, gave a charming entertainment. Successful efforts to please the eyes as well as the ears of the audience met with great approbation. The stage decoration was very tasteful. Mr E. Burke will make these instrumentalists welcome always if he can continue to obtain so good a selection of music specially adapted for this class of performance. I would suggest that some of the members would do well to introduce the zither also at these concerts. The overture was applauded, and the audience evidently thought they had come there to enjoy themselves and would not be disappointed. The marches and waltzes, which followed at intervals, were all well received. The tubephone duet, by Messrs Brown and Foster, was a novel item and took well. The songs were all appreciated. Mr Birdie Butler was heartily received, and also Mrs Everard. Mr Wynyard Joss is a highly competent performer on the mandolin, and "Scotia," played by him in conjunction with Mr Ct. Rowe (mandolin), Mr H. Fountain (banjo), and Messrs A. Foster and P. Fernandez (guitars), gave him an oppor-tunity of showing his skill in concerted music. He also gave "The Club March," composed by himself, on the mandolin, with accompaniment on the banjo by Mr H. Fountain; this item was very successful. "The Chinaman," a comic character song by Mr Brown, amused the audience considerably. Altogether the original tone created by the club's special instrumentalism is a pleasing change from the general programmes of concerts, and I look forward hopefully to hearing them when they again favour the public with an

OPERA HOUSE.—" The Broad Arrow" received a good interpretation from Mr Woods' company. I have only to say this much, in regard to the manner in which the class of sensational drama produced so far has been staged and acted, that the faults are to be imputed to the writers of these plays, and that if the taste of the public tended another way the actors who are now appearing before them are competent to represent sound drama and comedy. They are doing their best—and far better than some we know—to please the public, and have the capacity to act with even more zest in high-class drama, if it would take. They certainly make the most of what they have in hand, and give a polish to sensational matter wishout any vulgar gag. I am sorry the elements inside the theatre cast too much cold water on the intended performance of "Called to Arms" on Monday night, but I fully expect the audiences will be larger than they would otherwise have been, because there could be no surer guarantee of the realistic nature of the representation. It will not consist of supernumeraries agitating canvas to simulate the angry

ON DIT that Sims Reeves is really coming to New Zealand with his young family.

THE meeting of the French Literary Society, on Thursday evening last, was a satisfactory termination of this year's sittings. The society will recommence its instructive assemblies on Thursday evening, 28th January, 1897, at the Y M.O.A. rooms. The last programme for this year was diverse and interesting. The president (M. de

Montalk) conferred a medal, received from the Alliance Francaise in Paris, on Miss Macpherson, who recently attained the maximum percentage for proficiency in French. Dr Laishley read s sketch in French of his interview with President Grevy. The Misses Peacocke and Judith de Montalk gave a scene from "Betrand et Raton," Scribe's great drams on the subject of the career of Struensee. Mr Seth Smith read his translation in French of one of the amusing dialogues of Erasmus. Madame Gasquelle and M. de Montalk pleased their auditors with a rendering of the humorous scene from Moliere's "Tartuffe, and Madame Gasquelle charmingly read the inimitable philosophical lesson to M. Jourdain from "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," by the same dramatist. The president gave a poetical extract from A. de Musset. Mr M. R. Keesing read a selection from "La Mere de la Marquise," by Edmond About, the humor of which was greatly appreciated. The secretaryship was delegated to Mr M. R. Keesing, Mr W. J. Napier's illness having precluded him from attendance. All interested in French should enrol for the coming

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