

**PROMINENT SPORTING MEN.**

**MR JOHN MARSHALL.**

[BY ATLAS.]

The subject of our sketch this week is Mr John Marshall, a gentleman who has enjoyed a long and honourable career both as a sportsman and a business man in our midst. Mr Marshall is purely an Auckland, for he was born in Auckland. His boyhood days were spent here, and the only occasion on which he has been absent from New Zealand, has been when he has paid visits for pleasure to Australia, England, and America. Mr Marshall is in the prime of life, and lately has not been absent so much from his home as in his younger days, when he took a delight in visiting Melbourne to participate in the excitement of witnessing contests for the Melbourne Cup on famed Flemington, and on still more famed Epsom in 1877 he had the pleasure of seeing Lord Fal-mouth's Blair Athol colt Silvio win the Blue Riband of the English turf, the most coveted classic trophy of the year. It was not, however, until the season 1883 that we found Mr Marshall taking an active part on the turf as an owner, and his debut in that season was of such a successful nature that the head of a less level minded man would have been turned, and bear in mind he was then only a young man. His early successes as well as his reverses were borne with that quiet unassuming demeanour that has characterised him through life, and has with his other sterling qualities made him so generally esteemed by a circle of friends not confined to New Zealand. It was with that grand mare Necklace that he made his debut in 1883. Necklace, as most of our readers know, was bred by the New Zealand Stud Company in 1881, and is by Musket out of Locket. Considering the great breeding of this mare it is no wonder that she could race. We all know what Musket was, and on the dam's side she inherited the Stockwell blood from her sire Thunderbolt, himself a great English performer. Nowadays Necklace would have cost Mr Marshall more than the 150 guineas he paid for her as a two-year-old. In the A.R.O. Nursery Stakes she was opposed by those undoubtedly great horses Krupp, Fusilier, Trenton, and four others, and this we think was the first time—at any rate it was amongst the first times—that the all black of Mr Marshall graced the turf. They were in the van on the back of Necklace that day, just as they were in the van on the back of Auld Reekie at Takapuna on Saturday last, while they have been carried many times to victories honourably won since 1883 in both Australia and New Zealand. Necklace's victory in the Nursery Stakes was a big surprise to the general public, the good thing being participated in only by Mr John Marshall and a few of his cronies, who drew the three or four hundred pounds invested on the machine, wrapped it in a handkerchief, and divided it under the shades of an adjacent tree in Maori fashion. Those were merry merry days when our notions were perhaps happier than now. Necklace's success was continued at the autumn meeting when she won the Mares' Produce Stakes beating Krupp, Carbineer and others by three lengths. She ran the six furlongs in 1min 17½sec, but the going was not so fast then as now, and the fact that she had show Mr Marshall 1min 16sec in a trial before the race is an indication that she could have done much better if she had been wanted. That the public had experienced an eye opener in the Nursery Handicap is shown by the fact that in the Mares' Produce Stakes the dividend was only £3 8s, and Mr Marshall and his friends did not require a handkerchief as in the first race to carry away their gains. Another great performance which Mr Marshall remembers with pleasure and pride is when, at the same meeting, Necklace ran a dead heat with Krupp beating Woodnymph and four others in the Ellerslie Plate. On that occasion the filly carried 9st 4lbs while her colt opponent had 8lbs less. The pair did not run the race off, but divided. Without following the history of Mr Marshall's mare too closely, it will probably suffice to give a summary of her subsequent performances. As a three-year-old she ran second in the Auckland Derby; won the Tradesman's Plate and the Publican's Purse at the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting. As a four-year-old she won the Newmarket Handicap at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting, cutting out the six furlongs in 1min 14½sec; the Dunedin J.C. Handicap; the Forbury Handicap; second in Dunedin Cup; won Dunedin Railway Stakes; as well as several other events at Hawke's Bay and elsewhere. Rather a funny story is told of one of Necklace's defeats. She was engaged in a Shorts Handicap, won by Koala, and it is stated that the horse himself started the race, as he kicked the starter, who dropped the flag, and the field went off without Necklace. Necklace is now one of the dams at Wellington Park, she having become the property of Mr Morrin, and has given to the turf such horses as Swordbelt, Miss Letty, Collette, and Cravat. During Necklace's career the "all black" of Mr Marshall was successfully carried by such horses as Dorringer, Thunderbolt, and Turquoise. Thunderbolt is a younger brother of Necklace, and was bought for 300 guineas by Mr Marshall out of a number of youngsters that the Stud Company had selected to send to Australia for sale. This was a lucrative venture, and Thunderbolt's early success shows that Mr Marshall is not a bad judge, as his two-year-old career was one of unbroken success. He was sold for £1750 to go to Australia to be prepared for the classic three-year-old events, but things did not go right with him. He is now doing stud duty in South Australia, and gives promise of achieving great distinction as a sire. During his two-year-old career he beat Foulshot every time he met him, and Mr Marshall won the other two year-old races with Derringer. At the Autumn Meeting of 1884 the "all black" was conspicuously successful, as with the aid of Necklace, Thunderbolt, and Derringer Mr Marshall annexed no less than seven races. About this time Mr Marshall had bought Turquoise from the well known bookmaker, Mr

Vallance, who has since been drowned. Vallance thought that Turquoise was a good horse, but he went a little wrong in his preparation for a big Ellerslie event. Vallance's loss was Mr Marshall's gain, as he afterwards won several good races. After winning some big races in the North, Mr Marshall took Turquoise as far South as Dunedin with Necklace, and the handicapper thought so much of him that in the Stewards' Handicap he was asked to carry 10st. Little Adam Byers was his jockey then, and as the modest little chap in those days only weighed 6st 7lb he had to be loaded up with lead. Necklace and Lochiel were in the race, and Mr Marshall did not give Turquoise a hope. Necklace was his fancy, and he gave the stable commissioner £25 to put on the mare. The commissioner strongly advised a division of the money, £20 on Necklace and £5 on Turquoise, but our friend was obdurate, and thought that dead-weight lead was just as much as Turquoise and his tiny jockey were entitled to carry. Therefore all the £25 went on Necklace, and the only instructions the little Adam of those days got was to "get away with Lochiel and win if you can." Good instructions these, although open, but it is certain that the level-headed owner thought that the brilliant Necklace would cut the pair down at the finish. For once he had reckoned without taking into consideration what might happen at the post. In those days the starting was by flag, and the horses were kept prancing round the starter for upwards of an hour, by which time Necklace was in a lather of foam, and when the flag fell it was found that little Adam had got away as well as Lochiel. The innocent youth was probably in better condition in those days than he is now. Be that as it may he rode a great race for a youngster and won the stake for his owner, who had not backed his horse for a dollar. All the same Mr Marshall was proud of the win, and to the present day speaks in the most kindly terms of little Adam because he was "such a modest

while the performances of Pearl Shell stamped her as a perfect pearl. True she was defeated in the V.R.C. Derby—that famous Derby in which the Hon. James White's Ensign beat New Zealand's pride, Carbine, through the superior horsemanship of the best jockey that Australia has produced, Tommy Hales. When the serious end of the journey came, Pearl Shell was going so well that the watchful public proclaimed her victory, but the brilliant Carbine cut her down, and Mick O'Brien, with the filly's Oaks prospects in his eye, did not persevere. It was just then that Hales came with that famous rush on Ensign, which ended in Carbine's defeat and Melos getting third place, a position which Mick O'Brien afterwards stated would have been Pearl Shell's if he had chosen to persevere. Mick O'Brien was a splendid judge as well as jockey, and he afterwards had the satisfaction of riding the beautiful New Zealand filly to victory in the V.R.O. and A.J.C. Oaks. These are classic victories that any owner, even if he hailed from England or America, would be proud of, and it is not surprising to find that our own Auckland sportsman, in his quiet way, was proud of the achievement, and by way of showing his appreciation of the services of Mick O'Brien, who had ridden both Pearl Shell and Necklet in their engagements, he not only liberally subsidised the honest and talented jockey, but presented him with Braemar. It was after this that O'Brien formed one of the syndicate that paid the big price for the disappointing Tradition, sold at the same time that Mr Dan. O'Brien parted with Carbine at a smaller figure to Mr Donald Wallace. Heigh, ho! These recollections are both pleasant and sad. Sad because poor Mick has long since passed away. As good a jockey and as honest a lad as ever lived. After Pearl Shell's time Mr Marshall visited America for pleasure, and on his return still interested himself in sport and has bred several racehorses. But we are getting into space. Suffice it to say that at the present time he owns Auld Reekie,

**Our Illustrations.**

The illustrations which ornament our pages this week should be of widespread interest. The stage is well represented with reproductions of photographs of Miss Billie Howarde, Miss Georgie Devoe, Mr Robert Henry, and Mr Chas. Fanning. Miss Billie Howarde has, since her last visit to Auckland in October last, created a most favorable impression during the southern tour of the Henry Dramatic Company. In the cities and big towns of the colony her acting has been characterised as bright, sparkling, and vivacious by the critics, and the public have shown their appreciation by thronging the theatres at every performance. Mr Robert Henry is so well-known that there is no need to extol his merits here. Aucklanders have this week had the opportunity of witnessing his excellent work in "Shamrock and Thistle" and "Under Two Flags." The capital photographs of Miss Billie Howarde and Mr Robt. Henry, from which our illustrations are reproduced, were taken by Mr Squire, of Hawera. The pictures of Miss Georgie Devoe and Mr Charles Fanning, who are now starting with the Gaiety Company at the City Hall, are admirable portraits of these mirth-provoking comedians, and must be appreciated by our readers. The Fannings are great favorites here, and their popularity will no doubt extend throughout the colony.

It was only a few weeks ago that we referred in terms of praise to Mr R. G. Bauchope, the popular and energetic secretary of the Taranaki Jockey Club. Now it is our sad duty to chronicle his sudden demise from heart disease on Sunday night. Mr Bauchope was for ten years the secretary of the Taranaki Jockey Club, and during his tenure of office the club has prospered exceedingly. His painfully sudden death comes as a blow to all his friends, to whom we tender our sincere condolences.

We also reproduce pictures of Mr A. A. Ambridge, the well-known secretary of the Bell Block Racing Club; of Mr Stan Humphries, who has recently been elected secretary of the Taranaki Rugby Football Union; of Mr J. C. Booth's three-year old St. Jack, by St. Leger—Balista; and a picture of the Takapuna totalisator house.

Mr John Marshall's portrait is also given in this issue, and full particulars of this genial sportsman's career will be found in another part of the paper.

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youngster." Mr G. G. Stead was nonplussed by his defeat, and little Adam was as proud as his employer, and, it is said, paraphrased the Scottish bard by repeating "Lochiel, Lochiel, beware of the day when Turquoise shall meet thee in battle array." Lochiel, however, since then has done mightier things than Turquoise, and the name of the bonnie son of Prince Charlie is very properly a household word in Australia. Mr Marshall is identified with Pearl Shell, one of the most beautiful mares that New Zealand has produced. She was by Musket out of Pearl Ash, and, therefore, full sister to Industry, who has produced such giants of the turf as Gaulus and The Gaffer, two Melbourne Cup winners. Pearl Shell carried the Marshall "all black" to victory here, and was then taken to Victoria, and the writer well remembers the sensation she created there. She was a symmetrical mare, with one of the most luxuriant tails that a horse could hope to be blessed with, especially in a fly-infested country. What a boon would such a tail prove to the cattle drovers' horses on the Barcoo. In the rich Ascot Vale Stakes she just suffered defeat at the hands of the Hon. James White's speedy Volley, but she was carrying a 14lb penalty, otherwise the result might have been different. The severe task set her in that race seemed to knock her out for the time, and she finished out of a place in the Sires' Produce Stakes, which most people expected to see her win. Mr Marshall was not discouraged with these defeats, but left her with Tom Lamond—now Alderman Tom Lamond, of Waterloo, Sydney—to be trained for her three-year-old career, and returning to Auckland Mr Marshall paid a good price for Necklet (the full sister to Necklace and Thunderbolt) and took her over with Braemar to Australia. The turf records show how eminently successful our Auckland sportsman was in his invasion of Australia. He won the rich Maribyrnong Plate with Necklet,

who won at Takapuna, as well as Coalscuttle, her dam. Auld Reekie was Coalscuttle's first foal. This year Mr Jack Chaafe has a promising yearling filly out of the same dam by St. Leger in charge, and if she carries the "all black" to victory as others have done in the past the public will not regret it, as Mr Marshall's representatives are always out to win. Cannongate is another of Mr Marshall's property, and at the last Sylvia Park sales he bought a fine-looking colt by Seaton Delaval out of Leocante. This colt brought the top price of the sale and has since been added to the list, a process that was rendered necessary by his precocious nature. He is now in the hands of Mr Marshall's trainer (the veteran Jack Chaafe) and is full of promise. The turf has received substantial support from Mr Marshall outside his position as an owner. He was an active officer of the club that ran at Henderson's Mill, and for several years was a committeeman of the Auckland Club, and for one year was the treasurer of that important institution. For three years Mr Marshall has been president of the Auckland Athletic Club and has also been president of the Auckland Regatta Committee, the Northern Rowing Association, and Auckland Rowing Club; patron of the Auckland Swimming Club, as well as vice-president of a number of other athletic bodies. It will thus be seen that the domain of sport owes much to our respected citizen, Mr John Marshall.

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