

MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC.

[By ZITHER.]

THE CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT.

[This report was crowded out of our last issue.—ED. S.R.]

THE Auckland Choral Society gave their fourth concert of the season on Tuesday night before a very large and fashionable assemblage. The works chosen for performance on this occasion were entirely new to the members, and consisted of Sir Sterndale Bennett's oratorio "The Woman of Samaria," and Sir John Stainer's sacred cantata "The Daughter of Jairus." In the former work the soloists selected were Miss Battley (soprano), Miss Featon (contralto), Mr. A. L. Edwards (tenor), Mr. Archdale Taylor (bass). From the outset it could be seen that Herr Schmitt had worked up the forces under his command to a highly creditable degree of proficiency. The choruses were perhaps the best items, being rendered with much spirit throughout, and due attention paid to the marks of expression, giving an effect which has rarely been equalled at the society's concerts. The first chorus, "Blessed be the Lord God," possessing as it does some very rich harmony, was faultlessly sung, the different parts being more than usually well balanced. Another number, in which the chorus particularly distinguished themselves, was the beautiful hymn "Abide with me," which has a devotional air which is decidedly attractive. Miss Battley, who made her *debut* at the Choral Society's Concerts, acquitted herself fairly well. She was very nervous, and inclined to sing too much into her book, but after her first effort appeared to better advantage. She sang correctly, but in the solo, "Art Thou Greater," was far too anxious to get to the end. The recitative, "Come see a man," was more acceptable. Miss Featon was another *debutante* at these concerts. She has a rich contralto voice, and sung the music allotted her with a good deal of expression, and created a favourable impression. In the beautiful aria, "O Lord! Thou Hast Searched Me Out and Known Me," she infused a lot of devotional feeling into her singing and at once enlisted the sympathies of the audience, who applauded her loudly at the conclusion. With more experience this young lady will undoubtedly be an acquisition to musical circles, and Herr Schmitt is to be congratulated on having brought out such a promising pupil. The recitatives, with which the work abounded, were sung most correctly by Miss Featon. There is only one tenor solo throughout the work, and this, "His Salvation is Nigh Them That Fear Him," was excellently sung by Mr. A. L. Edwards, who has seldom appeared to better advantage. On concluding he was applauded. Mr. Archdale Taylor did not appear at his best. His singing lacked that vigour with which it is usually characterized, and he appeared hoarse. His most successful solo was "Whosoever Drinketh." The quartette (which is unaccompanied), "God is a Spirit," was without doubt the gem of the evening. The harmony is very beautiful, and while the four soloists were rendering the number a deathlike silence prevailed amongst the audience, who, on its conclusion, received it with marked satisfaction. In "The Daughter of Jairus," which formed the second portion of the programme, the soloists were Miss Bleazard (soprano), Mr. W. Martin (tenor), and Mr. A. C. McLean (bass). The music throughout is, like all Stainer's music, decidedly "churchy." Miss Bleazard, as usual, sang with characteristic good taste, her rendering of the pathetic air, "But When Jesus Had Put Them All Out," being faultlessly sung. She also appeared with Mr. W. Martin in the beautiful duet "Love Divine," when both singers were heard to great advantage, their voices blending admirably. Mr. W. Martin sang the inspiring song "My Hope is in the Everlasting" with great expression, and was warmly applauded. Mr. A. C. McLean was entrusted with the bass solos, but he was not a success. His voice lacked cultivation, and he sang without any attention to expression. The choruses, as in the first half of the concert, were pleasing in the extreme. In "Awake Thou That Sleepest" the full forces under Herr Schmitt's baton were brought into play, and never has the chorus sung with more vigour or the orchestra played with better judgement. The wailing chorus, by the lady performers only, had a very pleasing effect, the oboe solo at the commencement being well

played by Mr. Clough. The final chorus brought to a conclusion the most successful concert that the Choral Society have given this season, and too much praise cannot be awarded the conductor for the evident pains he had taken to bring the performance to such a successful issue.

Some melancholy relics of Beethoven have been added to the Beethoven Museum at Bonn—four of the ear-trumpets which the great composer used during his last years, when deafness made his life miserable.



TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 1890.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 80 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race or steeplechase exceeding 10 sovs. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov.; no acceptance. Distance 1½ miles.

DEVONPORT HANDICAP of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 1 sov. Distance 5½ furlongs.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs. Nomination ½ sov.; acceptance 1 sov. Distance 1 mile.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 1 sov. Distance 1½ miles.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP of 75 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 2 sovs. Distance 1½ miles.

SELLING RACE of 30 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st.; four years 9st. 12lb.; five, six and aged 10st. 4lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 50 sovs. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs., allowed 7lb.; if for 30 sovs., 14lb.; if for 20 sovs., 21lb.; if for 10 sovs., 28lb.; if for nil, 42lb. Nomination 1 sov. on the night of General Entry. Distance 6½ furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs., second horse to receive 2 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 2 sovs. Distance about 3½ miles.

SPRING HANDICAP of 45 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 1 sov. Distance 6 furlongs.

NOMINATIONS for Handicap Maiden Hurdles, Handicap Maiden Plate, Devonport Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Handicap Steeplechase, Spring Handicap, and St. Andrew's Handicap close on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS to appear FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th.

ACCEPTANCES and General Entries close FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, at 9 p.m.

SUMMER MEETING, 1892.

TAKAPUNA STAKES [for now two-year-olds] of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. For three-year-olds. Colts 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings 8st. 7lb. The winner of any race [including handicaps] of 100 sovs. to carry 5lbs. extra; of twice 100 sovs., or once 200 sovs., 7lbs. extra; of twice 200 sovs., or 300 sovs. or more, 10lbs. extra. Maidens having started once allowed 3lbs.; twice, 5lbs.; three times 7lbs. Those got by sires or out of mares that have never produced a winner at date of final payment allowed 7lbs. Nominations, with 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, November 7th, 1890; 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, August 7th, 1891, and 2 sovs. on night of General Entry. Distance 1 mile 1¼ furlongs.

ANNIVERSARY STAKES [for now yearlings] of 160 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings 8st. 7lb. Winner of any race of 50 sovs. to carry 5lbs. extra; or 100 sovs., 7lbs. extra; or 200 sovs. or more, 10lb. extra. Maidens to be allowed 7lb. Those got by sires, or out of mares that have never produced a winner at date of final payment allowed 7lb. Nominations, with 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, January 9th, 1891; 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, August 7th, 1891; and 2 sovs. by 9 p.m. on night of General Entry. Distance 6 furlongs.

SUMMER MEETING, 1893.

TAKAPUNA STAKES [for now yearlings] of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. For three-year-olds. Colts 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings 8st. 7lb. The winner of any race [including handicap] of 100 sovs. to carry 5lb. extra; of twice 100 sovs., or once 200 sovs., 7lb. extra; of twice 200 sovs., or 300 sovs. or more, 10lb. extra. Maidens having started once allowed 3lb.; twice, 5lb.; three times, 7lb. Those got by sires or out of mares that have never produced a winner at date of final payment allowed 7lb. Nominations, with 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, January 9th, 1891; 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, August 7th, 1891; and 2 sovs. on night of General Entry. Distance 1 mile 1¼ furlongs.

All Entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Devonport, Auckland, or at Mr. W. Adams' Office, Durham-street East, Auckland. All races to be run under the A.R.C. new rules.

R. WYNYARD, SECRETARY.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

The ANNUAL RACE MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER, on the ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE.

HARRY H. HAYR,
Hon. Sec.

PAKURANGA RACING CLUB.

The Annual Race Meeting of the above Club will be held on the Otahuhu Racecourse, on Saturday, 22nd November, 1890.

Full particulars in future issue.

RICHARD WILLIAMS,
Hon. Secretary.

MRS. DUNNE,

DRAPER, ETC.,

KARANGAHAPE ROAD,

AUCKLAND.



SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING

To be held on the CLAUDELANDS RACECOURSE, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1890.

PROGRAMME.

Passed by the Auckland Racing Club.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 25 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of more than £25 at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, about 1 mile.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs. Over 8 flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 2 miles.

SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP (Handicap), of 115 sovs. First horse £100, second horse £10, third horse £5. The winner of any race of the advertised value of £50 after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb. extra; of two such races, 10lb. extra. Nomination, £2; acceptance, £3. Distance, 1¼ miles.

NOVEL RACE of 25 sovs. Winner to become the absolute property of the Club; to be sold immediately after the race, and half the proceeds to go to second horse. Weight for age. Entry, 25s. Distance, 7 furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs. £5 out of stakes to go to second horse. Nomination, 25s; acceptance, 35s. Distance, about 3 miles.

TRADESMAN'S PLATE (Handicap) of 35 sovs. Winner of the South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb. extra; winner of any other race after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb. extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 1¼ miles.

SELLING HURDLES of 20 sovs. Over 6 flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Four-year-olds to carry 11st. 7lb.; 5yrs., 12st. 5lb.; 6yrs. and aged, 12st. 11lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for £50. If entered to be sold for £40, allowed 7lb.; if for £30, 14lb.; if for £20, 21lb.; if for £10, 28lb.; if for nil, 35lb. Half the proceeds over selling price to go to second horse. Entry, 20s. Distance, 1¼ miles.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Winner of South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb. extra. Winner of Tradesman's Plate to carry 7lb. extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, 6 furlongs.

CONDITIONS.

Nominations for Christmas Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, South Auckland Cup, Handicap Steeplechase, Tradesman's Plate Handicap, and Flying Stakes Handicap to be made to the Secretary, Hamilton, before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26th.

Weights to appear on or about Wednesday, December 3rd.

Acceptances to be declared before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th.

Nominations for Novel Race and Selling Hurdles to be made to the Secretary before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th, day of general entry.

Mr. H. H. Hayr, of Auckland, is authorised to receive nominations, etc.

WAIKATO PRODUCE STAKES, 1892-93 (for now foals got in the Counties of Raglan, Waipa, Waikato and Piako), of 60 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each, 1 sov. ft., or no liability if declared by 8 o'clock p.m. on the night of general entry for the Summer Meeting, 1892; the second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings, 8st. 5lb. The forfeit (1 sov.) to be declared and paid to the Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stakes. Nomination, with 10s. 6d., to be made to the Secretary on or before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th, 1890. Distance, 6 furlongs.

G. H. CARTER, Hon. Sec.

TO HORSE OWNERS AND TRAINERS.

TOMMY HODSON

(the well-known jockey)

is prepared to accept engagements for the coming season; Can ride 6st. 12lb. if necessary at 4 days notice.

Address communication to
M. J. MOORE, Victoria Street, Auckland

CRICKET! CRICKET! CRICKET!

Splendid Assortment of BALLS, LEG GUARDS, WICKETS, GLOVES, and PATENT-HANDLED BATS.

Great Variety at J. MUMFORD'S, High Street.

T. YATES,

(Member of Tattersall's)

SPORTING AND COMMISSION AGENT,

Hairdresser and Tobacconist.

KARANGAHAPE ROAD, NEWTON.

MARKET PRICES OBTAINABLE.