

## EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

## FOXTON RACING CLUB.

To-day (Thursday), March 24, nominations due

WOODVILLE DISTRICT JOCKEY CLUB (Hacks).  
Acceptances are due for the above to-morrow (Friday), March 25.

## AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

Friday, March 25, by 10 p.m., Mr. H. H. Hayr, secretary, will receive nominations at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW for the  
Maiden Plate Handicap of 25sovs, 1 mile, 10s.  
Handicap Hurdles of 45sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.  
Avondale Cup Handicap of 50sovs, 1½ miles, 1sov.  
Handicap Pony Race of 20sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 7-furlongs, 10s.  
Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 30sovs, about 2½ miles, 10s.  
Handicap Novel Race of 20sovs, 5 furlongs, 10s.  
Handicap Steeplechase of 50sovs, about 3 miles, 1sov.  
Flying Stakes Handicap of 25sovs, 5 furlongs, 10s.

## AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

Friday, March 25, Mr. C. F. Mark will receive nominations up to 10 p.m., at the office of the Club, Durham-street, for the following events:—

Maiden Trot Handicap of 50sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.  
Flying Stakes Handicap of 35sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 5 furlongs, 10s.  
Easter Handicap Trot of 130sovs, 2½ miles, 2sovs.  
Autumn Handicap of 60sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 7 furlongs, 10s.  
Harness Handicap Trot of 50sovs, 3 miles, 1sov.  
Handicap Hurdles of 40sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 1½ miles, 1sov.  
Electric Handicap Trot of 50sovs, 1 mile, 1sov

## DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

To-morrow (Friday), March 25, by 10 p.m., Mr. Sydney James, secretary, receives nominations at Dunedin, for the following events:—  
Birthday Handicap of 35sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.  
Provincial Handicap of 30sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

## OXFORD RACES.

Wednesday, March 30th, nominations due.

## HELENSVILLE RACING CLUB.

Saturday, March 26, by 10 p.m., acceptances are due with the secretary, Mr. S. J. Moncrieff, Helensville, or Mr. E. D. Halstead, c/o Mr. W. Adams, Durham-street, Auckland, for the following events:—

Handicap Maiden Plate of 20 sovs., 1 mile, 10s.  
Handicap Hack Race of 10 sovs., 1 mile, 5s.  
Helensville Cup of 50 sovs., 1½ miles, 30s.  
Handicap Novel Race of 15 sovs., 1 mile, 10s.  
Handicap Hurdle Race of 25 sovs., 1½ miles, 15s.  
Handicap Flying Stakes of 20 sovs., ¼ mile, 10s.

## PATEA RACING CLUB.

Saturday, March 26th, nominations due.

## TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

Saturday, March 26th, by 10 p.m., Mr. Robt. G. Bauchope, hon. secretary, receives acceptances for the following at the White Hart Hotel, New Plymouth:—

Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap of 250 sovs., 1½ miles, 2 sovs.  
Welter Handicap of 50 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.  
Flying Handicap of 60 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.  
Ladies' Bracelet of 60 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.  
First Handicap Hack Race of 30 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.  
First Handicap Hurdle Race of 30 sovs., 1½ mile, 1 sov.

Also on Wednesday, March 30th, at 10 p.m.:—  
Final payment Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap of 3 sovs.

Thursday, March 31st, by 10 p.m., acceptances for the

Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 30 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.  
Grandstand Handicap of 70 sovs., 7 furlongs, 2 sovs.  
Autumn Handicap of 130 sovs., 1½ miles, 3 sovs.  
Second Handicap Hack Race of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Nomination for

Farewell Handicap of 40 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.

## CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, secretary, receives nominations for the following events up till 10 p.m. on Friday, April 1st:—

The Christchurch Hurdles of 100 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.  
Epsom Welter Handicap of 100 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.  
Russley Stakes of 100 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov.  
Sockburn Handicap of 100 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.  
Peerswick Hurdles of 75 sovs., once round and a distance, 1 sov.  
Autumn Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov.

Templeton Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.  
Addington Plate of 75 sovs., 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

Also acceptances for the

Great Easter Handicap of 500 sovs., 7 furlongs, 3 sovs.  
Great Autumn Handicap of 500 sovs., 1½ miles, 3 sovs.

And further payments for the  
Champagne Stakes of 300 sovs., 5 sovs.  
Challenge Stakes of 300 sovs., 7 furlongs, 3 sovs.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND R.C.

Friday, April 1st, by 9 p.m., nominations close with the hon. secretary, Mr. G. H. Carter, Hamilton, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, for the following events:—

Galloway Handicap of 20 sovs., for 14.2 ponies, 6 furlongs, 10s.  
Handicap Hurdles of 35 sovs, 2 miles, 15s.  
Autumn Handicap of 55 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov  
Welter Handicap of 25 sovs., 1 mile, 10s.  
Handicap Steeplechase of 55 sovs., about 3 miles, 1sov.  
Claudelands Handicap of 35 sovs., 1 mile, 15s.  
Flying Stakes Handicap of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs, 10s.

## EGMONT R.C.

Saturday, April 2nd, by 9 p.m., Mr. A. G. Brett, secretary, Hawera, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, SPORTING REVIEW office, will receive nominations of 3 sovs. for stallions for the Sires Hack Produce Stakes of 200 sovs., for three-year-olds now foals.

## JOTTINGS FROM WELLINGTON.

(BY PROTEUS.)

WELLINGTON, March 18.

MR. WALTER BENTLEY'S company concluded its Wellington season last Saturday week, March 12th, with that charming comedy "David Garrick" and an abridged version of Shakespeare's comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew." The Opera House was filled in every part. Mr. Bentley, who enacted the rôle of David Garrick, played the part to perfection. His make-up was faultless, and his conception of that celebrated actor was touched with a marked degree of realism. Mr. Bentley's manner on the stage is always quiet and unassuming, and it is mainly due to this that he enacted the part of David Garrick with such brilliancy. Messrs. Lauchlan McGowan, Russell Crawford, Harry Hill, Charles Holloway, and A. E. Greenaway, who took respectively the parts of Ingot, Chivey, Smith, Brown and Jones, deserve great praise for the excellent manner in which they sustained their several impersonations. Miss Hansen, who represented the character of Ada, made a brilliant feature of the rôle. Her action and enunciation commended itself to the audience, who persisted in calling her before the curtain. Of the other characters little remains to be said, except that each contributed towards making the production of David Garrick a success in every detail. In Shakespeare's abridged version of the Taming of the Shrew, Mr. Bentley as Petruchio acted the rôle splendidly, and was ably assisted in the minor parts by the remaining members of the company. This company has had large audiences every evening, which speaks well for the pieces staged and for the actors who represented the various rôles.

MESSRS. H. MCCARDELL and O. Kreeft waited upon the Committee of the Wellington Cricket Association, at their meeting held last Tuesday evening, March 15th, as a deputation from the Amateur Athletic Club, and suggested that delegates should be appointed to join others from the various football and cricket clubs in waiting upon the County Council for the purpose of having a cinder track laid on the Basin Reserve. The Committee will hold a special general meeting next week to consider the proposal.

THE four-oared outrigger race for crews under 10st., between the Orientals and Wellington, came off last Monday evening, March 14th. Mr. O. Kempthorne, who officiated as starter, got the crews away together. After going a quarter of a mile the Orientals forged ahead and won easily by four lengths. This was the first race in New Zealand that the crews rowed in the boats specified by the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association to be used in future for maiden and junior gig races. There was a good deal of wagering over this event, the Wellingtons being slightly the favourites. The excellent form shown by the winners caused great surprise among the members of the Wellington Rowing Club, who fancied their crew "a good un." The race was for medals presented by Messrs. Littlejohn & Son and A. R. Hislop & Co. Mr. Tringham acted as judge.

## RANDOM RACING REMARKS.

[BY PEGASUS.]

The Papakura Racing Club had a "bit of bad luck" on their opening day, as from early morning up till ten o'clock it rained incessantly. The stewards therefore found it necessary to at once agree upon postponing their meeting. This was done, and it was decided to hold the races on Saturday, 26th inst. Putting them off until then was a wise course to pursue as the Papakura racecourse is easily softened, and never gets hard and baked, therefore this postponement will give time to evaporate the surplus moisture. I have not seen nor heard anything in the meantime to cause me to alter my opinions of the probable results of the different events as set forth in last week's issue.

For the benefit of readers I shall again repeat them, viz:—

Hurdles—Cloth of Gold or Stepper.  
Pony Race—Sepoy, Walter Scott, or Romeo.  
Cup—Pinfire or Capella 1, Leorina 2, Ida 3.  
Maiden—Tuna or Acacia.  
Steeple—Colonel or Mangere.  
Flying Stakes—Helen McGregor, Raglan, Acacia and Ida read best.

The Taranaki correspondent of the REVIEW had a par last week concerning the action of his Wanganui *confere* in taking him to task for criticising Mr. J. E. Henry's handicap for the First Hack Flat Race at the Egmont meeting. These two critics need not quarrel over the matter, but can very easily "agree to differ." I must say, however, that I look upon it as part of the duty of turf scribes to draw attention to every mistake that comes under their notice in racing and handicapping matters.

"Onlookers see the most of the game," and as Mr. Henry is only mortal and therefore *not* infallible, he is bound to make mistakes at some time or other as is the case with all handicappers. If he be wise he will only be too glad to benefit by the criticisms of the onlookers, and by this means improve his powers and capabilities. Personally, I can conscientiously congratulate that gentleman on the majority of his compilations. I shall hope also that he will accept all criticisms of his work in the spirit in which they are given, provided always they be true in fact and mild in tone. *Verb sap.*

The weights for the Sydney Gold Cup have appeared, but space precludes a review of the event in this issue. This two mile race is run on the 18th April next, so that next week will be soon enough to "commence operations" on the individual horses that are engaged. Meanwhile, however, I think, looking through them hurriedly, that the safest to trust are Highborn, Sir William, Zalinski, Freedom, Correze, Tirailleur, G'Naroo, Portsea, and Vespasia.

The latest conundrum is: "Why should the rider of Highborn in the Australian Cup have been called before the stewards for using bad language?" "Because he won the race and "did" Cuss den (Cusden)." The perpetrator of this should try again and then die.

## ON THE TOTALISATOR.

"NECESSITY is the mother of invention." Therefore, as the "ring" monopoly had gradually increased and become so oppressive it became a necessity to invent something to break down such a power. Thus do we find the invention and introduction of that machine—yept the totalisator. This machine, which *must* have been a great boon to "backers," has, nevertheless, worked slowly, silently, and surely into such a groove that it has now become almost as great a power within itself, and is now viewed with almost as much distrust as the betting ring was formerly. There is no doubt but that it has "broken the spell" retained by the "bookies" for so long a period, yet, like most reforms of old-standing institutions, there is always the aptitude in such cases of getting "out of the fryingpan into the fire." This, I think, has been the case with the totalisator, for we find that dishonest and unscrupulous persons have availed themselves of the machine to carry on their nefarious and dishonourable practices, and that, too, with less chance of detection than was the case when the "ring" held the reins of power. Previously the general