

for the New Zealand Cup, as owing to his injury he is to be scratched for that event.

It is a pity that St. Hippo was not nominated for the Wanganui Derby, as he would have had an easy victory.

J. Green has arrived from Marlon with his charges, viz.—Sunbeam (by Natator—Sunshine, Bloomsbury, by Sou'wester—Glenavy, and Nell Brennan, by Torpedo—Escape. All of these horses are looking well, and should run well forward at the forthcoming meeting. The reason why they have come to town so early is because the Marlon course is too heavy to do fast work upon.

Lady Isabelle, the well-known hack, has also arrived in charge of T. Quinlivan.

King John (by King Cole—Wainui) Mr. Donald Fraser's Wanganui Derby candidate, is, I hear, in splendid condition, and is looked upon as likely to be returned the winner of the blue ribbon. He is to arrive on Monday next.

Mr. J. Paul's team of horses arrived back from the Hawke's Bay Meeting this morning, viz., Variety (runner up to St. Hippo in the Hawke's Bay Guineas), Westmere (by Escutcheon—Leonessa), who was successful in placing a race to his owner's credit, and Balfour, who ran unsuccessfully in the Maiden Plate. Mr. Paul generally manages to get a race with one of his string, no matter what meeting he goes to. Boulanger, the New Zealand Cup candidate, is now being sent along in his work, and will most probably go South within the next fortnight.

[BY WIRE.]

Wednesday.

Fraternite has struck his leg badly, and will be scratched for the Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting.

Coming Events.

[BY SIR LAUNCELOT.]

THE CAULFIELD CUP.

SATURDAY is the eventful Caulfield Cup day, fraught with hopes and anticipations to a many New Zealand backers. The final payment on Tuesday left 37 in, and among the defections I note the names of several, notably Trieste, who have been backed for a good bit of money in this colony.

In the last week's SPORTING REVIEW I commented on the chances of most of the prominent candidates and it is now necessary for me to make a final selection. Bungebah, 9.6, is now left at the head of the list, and anent his chance I will repeat what I wrote last week—that though he failed in the same race last year, I fancy he has with increased age developed staying powers, and will have to be reckoned with now. The 14lb penalty Fortunatus has incurred by winning the Toorak Handicap, brings him up into second place at 8.11. At his original handicap of 7.11 I thought he was well treated, but with 14lb more I am surprised to find that he has accepted, and I shall leave him out of my calculation. I don't care for La Tosca at 8.9 nor G'Naroo at 8.8. Those who read my last week's remarks will have seen that I had a very strong liking for Paris, 8.8, a partiality that I still retain; I take no notice of his running in the Caulfield Stakes on Saturday last. His market status for the Caulfield Cup is, at the time of writing, as good as that of any candidate engaged, and I firmly believe that whatever beats him will win. I thought Althotas' 14lb penalty for winning the A. J. C. Metropolitan would have frightened his owner out, but it has not done so. At the same weight as G'Naroo and Paris, I must pass him by. Annesley, 8.5, who won the Caulfield Guineas two years ago, will be one of the Ballarat sheet-anchors, and therefore should not be entirely disregarded, but he will have to show wonderful improvement in staying power as compared with his previous records, if he is to win now. Neither Spokesman, 8.4, nor Pigeontoe, 8.3, is any fancy of mine. I like Clonard at 8.2 a lot better, for with 11lb less he was third in last year's Caulfield Cup. Glenloth at the same weight is another I will have on my side. I don't like Enoch at 8.2, and still less does Titan, 8.0, who has lately been going from bad to worse, commend himself to me. Pygmalion, 8.0, would seem once more to have pleased his party judging by the tone of the betting market. His present weight is 5lb less than he had in the very same race two years back, when he was backed down to the position of first favourite,

but never fairly flattered his backers at any stage of the race, and finished out of a place. Inclining still as I did then to the opinion that a mile and a half is beyond his tether, I discard him for this year's Caulfield Cup. Forty Winks, 7.12, Pilot Boy, 7.11, and Litigant, 7.11, have no charms for me, and I am not at all enamoured of Hartington's chance at 7.9, even though he be the selected of the same stable which harbours Malvolio and Correze. Little Bernie, 7.9, has an outside chance, but I pass by the next seven that follow him in the list, viz., Theodore, 7.8; Malolo, 7.7; Swordbearer, 7.7; Hopetoun, 7.7; Yarran, 7.7; Leviathan, 7.6, and Norbert, 7.5. Malolo, it will be remembered, was rushed into the market as "real jam" when the weights appeared, but he has greatly declined in favour of late. He will carry a lot of Sydney money, but I cannot see enough in his past form in public to warrant my standing to him for a race of this description. Palliser, 7.4, cannot have a chance on his recent form, nor even, I might say, on the best race he ever gave us in New Zealand. Though Sternchaser, 7.3, broke his maidenhood the other day, and has since been well backed for this race, I will reiterate that he has never been any fancy of mine, and that I will not stand him now. I don't care for Alexander at 7.1, but E.K. at 7.0, is a good outsider I reckon. Dundas, 7.0, has been on a good many people's tongues for a long time, and was backed for last year's contest, but his form in public has not been anything of note, and I don't fancy him now. Below him I see nothing I like—no, not even Ulric, who has been heavily backed within the last few days, and is the only representative of the all-conquering "J. B. Clark" syndicate that is left in the race. Ulric's best public credential is his win in the Trial Stakes of a mile and a-quarter at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting the other day, but there was nothing wonderfully brilliant about that, and it was not good enough to make me regard him as a likely winner of the Caulfield Cup. To sum up finally, I take Bungebah, Paris, Clonard, Glenloth, Little Bernie and E.K. to be the best of those now left in, and to try and place them I shall put

PARIS	1
GLENLOTH	2
BUNGEBAH	3

with E.K. as a good "cock-boat."

MELBOURNE CUP.

THERE have been several scratchings for this race within the past few days, backers having particularly suffered by the withdrawal of Strathmore and Zalinski. The latter was eliminated on Saturday last, somewhat unexpectedly, though for 48 hours previously he was shuttlecocked about in the market in a very peculiar style. St. Blaise is another horse scratched that was somewhat fancied at one time. Nobody was surprised at Vogengang being scratched since the date of our last issue, for it was manifestly plain that he could not have had much time to get over there and prepare for the race, even if on paper his recent running had given him any chance. The latest scratchings in addition to those indicated above and those already chronicled in these columns are Fernando and Blarneystone.

Pending the result of the Caulfield Cup it is well for backers to "bide-a-wee" in their Melbourne Cup transactions, and therefore I shall not indulge in a lengthy "screed" as to why I fancy certain horses. I made a lengthy analysis of the handicap on its first appearance, my comments on the chances of the different competitors appearing in the SPORTING REVIEW of July 14. I then stated that the following horses were the ones from which I thought the winner of the Melbourne Cup of 1892 would come—Strathmore, Zalinski, Freedom, Correze, St. Albans II., G'Naroo, Forty Winks, Gresford, Steadfast, Ethelbert, Norbert, Meli, and Knight of the Garter, and I further said that if I knew Little Bernie were sound I would add him to the list. I have selected him for one of my Caulfield Cup outsiders, and if he wins that race he will get 14lb penalty, which will put him out of court. Ethelbert has, since I reviewed the Melbourne Cup handicap, incurred 14lb penalty, so I will discard him; Strathmore, Zalinski and Freedom are scratched, and I do not now fancy Norbert. Of the others I chose when the handicap appeared, I must still record a very strong liking for Correze, St. Albans II., G'Naroo, and Steadfast—the latter of whom looks like being the selected of the St. Albans' stable on the day, and if I have a special preference

for one of the quartette it is for St. Albans II. I shall have more to say on this subject next week after the decision of the Caulfield Cup.

ONSLow TROTTING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

THE Onslow Trotting Club's Spring Meeting will be brought off at the usual rendezvous at Potter's Paddock, Epsom, on Saturday, the first race starting at 1.15 p.m. The Club have hardly received as good acceptances as they deserved, but nevertheless there are enough nags left in the various events to justify the opinion that there will be a good day's sport. Anyway it will alone be worth a journey to the convincing ground to see Rarus extending himself again. The champion has been accepted with in both the Onslow Trot and the Wheel Race, and there are altogether ten acceptors for the former and eight for the latter. There are twelve left in the Maiden Trot, thirteen in the Maiden Pony Race, four in the Onslow Stakes, eight in the Huia Trot, and half-a-dozen in the Hurdle Race. As my *confrere* "Pegasus" is more acquainted with the merits of the various competitors than I am, by reason of my short residence in Auckland, I have delegated to him the task of putting the readers of the SPORTING REVIEW on the "right track," which he has endeavoured to do in another column of this issue.

The Club have agreed to add a new race to the programme with a very laudable intention. It will take the shape—*vide* advertisement in another column—of the Benefit Sweepstakes of 150v each, to go to the first horse, the second to save his stake, the totalisator proceeds to go to the Whangarei Disaster Fund. It will be open to trotters in either saddle or harness, and nominations will close to-morrow night at nine o'clock. The distance is a mile and a-half.

An extra attraction during the progress of the day's sport will be an exhibition of trotting by Mr. G. S. Budge's recently imported American stallion Albert Victor.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB'S SPRING.

FOLLOWING on the Onslow Trotting Club's gathering we have that of the Pakuranga Hunt Club on Saturday week, the 22nd inst. The members' races on the programme have not attracted as many entries as expected, but the open events filled well. There were nine entered for the Tally-ho Steeplechase, 10 for the Hunt Club Cup, 8 for the Members' Hurdles, 8 for the Ladies' Bracelet, 19 for the Flying Handicap, 18 for the Open Handicap, and 15 for the Open Hurdles. His Excellency the Governor and suite will be present at the meeting.

Mr. E. D. Halstead and Lieutenant-Colonel Dawson were punctual with their adjustments on Tuesday, and they have made such good handicaps that I anticipate a large acceptance to-morrow night. Of course there are some blots to be found, and one is that Defamer has received more than he was entitled to, for his win in the principal event at the Waikato Hunt Club's Meeting was nothing wonderful. He has been made a "chopping block" of in the whole four races he was entered for. Taking the events in the order in which they appear on the programme, I will first of all deal with the Hunt Club Cup, where Defamer and Hurricane have the thumper of 13.7. From what I know of those engaged I take Tommy at 11.12, and Bachelor at 11.7, to be the best. The Open Hurdles takes a lot of picking, and it is useless to go through the list in detail before the acceptances appear. Fishmonger has rightly earned his position at the head of the list, and 11.4 is just a weight he will be suited by at a mile and three-quarters. The handicappers have been slightly more lenient to Marquis of Tewkesbury than was Mr. Evett, for they make Fishmonger give him 4lb, whereas with a quarter of a mile more to go Mr. Evett asks the Marquis to give Fishmonger 11b. Belmont, on the other hand, has been raised a bit as compared with Mr. Evett's estimate of him, and yet at 10.12 he is far from badly dealt by. Lower down in the list those I like best are Ika Vuka, 9.10, Megoulet, 9.7, and Te Ata, 9.7, and this trio will probably be Fishmonger's most dangerous opponents on the day. But I shall stand to the little son of Izaak Walton to beat them all.

For the Members' Hurdles I like Yarraman and Tommy best, but the owner of the former may prefer his chance

in the Open Hurdles. Tommy's owner has again no cause of complaint in the Tally-ho Steeplechase, and Maritana and he may have the finish between them. The Open Flying Handicap of five furlongs is a puzzle that takes some solution, and should produce a capital field. It will be particularly interesting to note how Marquis of Tewkesbury, after his running at the "illegitimate" game at Eilerslie, acquits himself over a sprint course like this. At 7.10 he is about in his proper place, but there are others whose prospects I much prefer. Two of these are Stamford, 8.2, and His Worship, 7.5, but the top weight Yattaghan may perhaps after all, if dressed in her best, be the one most worth relying upon on the day.

The daughter of Nordenfeldt and Yattacy is also at the head of the poll in the Open Handicap of a mile, and here again, I like His Worship. Tit and Lottie also commend themselves to me, but of the whole lot I prefer Ida at 8.8. The Ladies' Bracelet will so much depend on the previous races in which the hunting division have taken part that I need not discuss it.

The privileges of the meeting will be sold by auction by Mr. D. Tonks to-morrow at noon.

Turf Topics.

[BY "SIR LAUNCELOT."]

The two-year old filly by Apremont—Tell Tale has been aptly christened *Busybody*. Will she prove anything like as illustrious as her namesake who won the One Thousand Guineas and Oaks? Tell Tale's stock can gallop, as witness Talebearer and Whisper, and I have heard good accounts of this two-year-old daughter of her's.

The veteran trainer E. Cutts seems to be fairly rushed with patronage this season, the latest addition to his string being Mr. H. Redwood's trio, King Harry, Upset, and a filly by King Cole out of the Puriri—Countess mare Contessa. Cutts' place at Chokebore Lodge is now so full that he has to keep eight of his charges at the Riccarton Hotel stables.

Mr. D. O'Brien, when he returned to Christchurch, was interviewed by "Castor," of the *Canterbury Times*. This reliable scribe says that Mr. O'Brien informed him that he was satisfied with the results of his trip, and that he will probably return to Australia in the autumn. Prior to that, however, he will offer the majority of his horses for sale, but if he is not successful in disposing of them he will take some of them with him. "Mr. O'Brien states that Florrie is very well, and that Freedom is recovering from the effects of a splint on his near hind leg. They are in Sydney in charge of J. Allsopp. He does not appear to hold a high opinion of the three-year-olds which he saw perform at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, but is inclined to think that Autonomy, like the majority of T. Payten's horses, had been hurried in his preparation, and he thinks that when well he is a good colt. He describes him as a really neat colt, but states that Camoola's looks are spoiled by lop ears. However, the A.J.C. Derby winner is a lovely mover, and will probably do better later on. He finds a good deal of likeness in Candour to Nelson, and states that he made a fruitless attempt to buy the son of Splendor last April. He thinks that Marvel's brother Blarneystone is the best looking three-year-old he has seen this spring, and believes him capable of better things later on. Of the other cracks Marvel was looking light and jaded, and Bungebah much bigger than usual. Mr. O'Brien journeyed up to Mr. Dangar's stud farm not long before he left, and there saw Welcome Jack. He states that the sire of Traducer had become affected in the wind, suffering, in fact, with a similar complaint to that which troubled his sire when he was brought down to Canterbury from Wanganui. Welcome Jack was not looking at all well, and Mr. O'Brien says that his stock are all rather light, though they gallop fast. While in Melbourne in August he saw I. Foulsham's horses looking really well. Foulsham has the two-year-old filly by Lochiel from Nonsense, which he says is very much on the small side. Just before Mr. O'Brien left Sydney Mr. S. Horden made an offer of 550gs for Florrie which, however, he declined."

Kapo, with 9.9, ran third to Lord Coxcomb, 10.0, and Stewpan, 10.0, in the Selling Hurdles, one mile and a-half, at Moonee Valley, on the 24th ult. He was entered to be sold for nil.

When Sir Modred and Cheviot were exported to America we found when too late what a loss we had sustained. Now with Betrayed dead, Idalium in America, and July in New South Wales, there is no son of Sir Modred and Idalia in this colony. There never was a filly by Traducer from Idalia foaled. After Traducer died Idalia was mated with King of Clubs, and produced Liverpool, who was sold the other day in New South Wales, where he is now at the stud. Idalia's next stud mate was Apremont, and to him she produced in three successive years Fair Nell, Enid and Ravenswing. All this trio could gallop, and judging by recent results they bid fair to achieve great fame at the stud. At the Geraldine meeting at the end of last month (a full report of which appears in our "Turf Record" in another page) Ravenswing's first foal Chaos ran second in the Cup and second in the Racing Club Handicap, which latter event was won by Fair Nell's first foal Saracen, while at Napier Geraint, who is out of Enid, won the Welcome Stakes, and was second to Westmere in the Nursery Handicap.

The New Zealand bred *Ægyptus* was sold at auction in Melbourne on Sept. 26, and fetched 165gs, being bought by Mr. A. Hyman. *Ægyptus*, who was originally taken over to Melbourne by the late W. Clifford, is a full brother to Reprisal, being by First King—Memphis.