

concluded with the Forced Handicap of 10sovs, one mile, which furnished the best finish of the day, Avis, 8.12, and Herbert, 8.4, making a dead heat of it. Pekapu, 7.12, was third, and the other starters were Fitz James, 7.9, and Lady Florin, 6.10. The totalisator paid out 16s. on Avis and £4 7s. on Herbert.

Marton Jockey Club's Summer Meeting.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THIS Club held their gathering on Dec. 30, when the weather was really first-class and therefore the attendance was pretty numerous, and everything passed off without a hitch. The totalisator was worked by Messrs Hill and Poole, who put through the sum of £2313, and the way in which the machine was worked was really quite a treat to what it had been down the coast.

This is the first year that the Marton J.C. has included in its programme open events, and to judge by the support they received for these events I predict that the venture will be a most successful one. The ball opened with the Handicap Hack Hurdle Race, which was won by Defence 9.5, Hill; with Ben Lomond 10.12, T. Cameron, second. These were the only starters, and Ben Lomond fell at the last hurdle, leaving Defence to win as he liked. Time, 3min 48 2-5 sec; dividend, £2 3s. The Flying Handicap brought a field of six to the post, and resulted in an exciting finish, the verdict of the judge being a dead heat between Goodwood 8.3, McKeague, and Le Grand 8.3, Reed. Tramore 8.7, Brown; Perjuror 6.12, Schaffer; Omaha 6.7, Thurston; and Martonette 6.7, Pickering, also ran. Time, 1min 21sec; dividends, Le Grand 19s, Goodwood £2 2s. In the run off Goodwood won owing to Le Grand, who was going strongly, running off the course leaving Goodwood to win easily. Time, 1min 30sec; dividend, £2 14s. In the Open Flying, seven furlongs, Ngatioma 8.10, Brown, got home from Torpedo 9.4, Holmes, with Bloomsbury 6.10, Connop, third. Dingo 7.9, Reed; Rufus 7.0, Thurston; and Liberty 6.7, Kingan, also started. Ngatioma won with a bit to spare by a length. Time, 1min 37sec; dividend, £5 3s. The Hack Maiden was won by War Cry 9.0, McKeague, with Respond 8.13, Brown, second; and Outer 8.13, McCormick, third. Martonette 8.13, Reed; Wairau 8.13, Hall; Wakarua 8.11, Traynor; Hark 8.11, Schaffer; Neil Brennan 8.11, Morris; and Ravenswood 8.4, Collelo, also started. The race was a good one for the first half of the distance, but from that point it resulted in a match between the three placed horses, War Cry coming away at the distance post and winning by a length from Respond, who was half a length ahead of Outer. Time, 2min 6sec; dividend, £3.

The York Farm Hack Handicap, about one mile and a half, was contested by a field of four, Natatorial, 8.7, being top weight. Le Grand ran off the course when running well, and Eve won easily by a length from Tramore, with Natatorial a good third. Time, 2min 55sec; dividend, £2 17s.

The Marton Summer Handicap of 75 sovs, 1½ miles, brought out the following five:—Bay King 7.13, Paradox 7.10, Fleta 7.9, Cordelia 7.6, and Durus 7.0. Paradox and Cordelia made most of the running, and were together in front entering the straight with Bay King close handy. A slashing race home saw Cordelia win by a neck from Paradox, with Bay King a length away. Time, 2min 19sec; dividend, £3 17s. The winner is by Torpedo out of Ahua's dam Cornelia.

Respond, 10.9, won the Second Handicap Hack Hurdles, one mile and a distance, beating Quiz 7.0, second; Defence 10.2, third. Whitikarara 9.0, Active 9.0, and Gleaner 9.12 also ran. Respond won by a length. Time, 2min 17 1-5 sec; dividend, £2 4s.

The Forced Hack Handicap of 15 sovs, one mile and a distance, was won easily by two lengths by Eve 8.2, with Outer 6.9, second; and Natatorial 8.2, third. The time was 2min 13sec, and the dividend £1 16s.

How Australian Boxers score in America.

THE American correspondent of the Melbourne Sportsman writing from San Francisco on December 10 says:—

Again I have to chronicle the achievements of lads from the Land of the Kangaroo. Four battles of significance has been fought in America since my last,

and four Australians have secured the winners' ends—a Christmas box as it were—from their American friends. Burge, Barron, Dawson, and the incomparable Barrier champion, Joe Goddard, have been the lucky ones. Such boxers as the above reflect credit upon their chosen profession. They are no sluggards, as they are always willing and ready to make engagements pugilistically—not theatrically, like their American brethren. Joe Goddard's decisive victory over Maher was no surprise here, as his San Francisco friends think him without a peer. Joe's winnings since his advent in this country have been over £3,000 in purses, and he bids fair to secure the American championship at an early date.

Doc O'Connell, who met George Dawson at the C.A.C., 8th December, is a native of Boston, aged 24 years, 5ft. 7in. high, and mills at 10st. He is one of the civillest and most gentlemanly boxers ever seen here, and has made hosts of friends during his sojourn in our midst. Dawson defeated O'Connell in the 20th round. Dawson did not show up to his old form in previous battles. O'Connell really fought but one round, the eleventh. He appeared in the ring and fought in a light jersey—a very rare occurrence here, and which set many sports thinking he donned above garment to hide his condition. O'Connell fought the same kind of a dropping fight as did Dawson when he met Gallagher that is, in a measure, as O'Connell dropped suspiciously oftener than Dawson did when meeting the hard-hitting boy from Haywards. There is nothing special to commend in this mill, as it was a complete walk-over for the clever Australian. The purse was £600; the loser's end £50. Dawson will now fly at bigger purses, and probably will be matched in New Orleans clubs against Ryan or McAuliffe Dawson escaped without a mark. O'Connell was badly punished.

Jim Hall arrived in New York from London on 7th December. He looked hale and hearty, and was met by hundreds of his sporting friends. "Is your match with Fitzsimmons an assured fact?" was asked the clever Australian. "Yes," he answered; "I am going to fight this conceited fool at all hazards. I have signed, and he cannot crawl this time. The date of the match will be early in March, and the purse £8,000." In regard to "Chawley" Mitchell, Hall says he will come to America after his two months' sentence is up, and has authorised him to act as his match-maker in his proposed go with Corbett. Jim does not say whether his match with Bob is at catch weights or at 11st 6lb. The latter is most probable. This match looks like an assured fact at present writing, but some time ago, at Minneapolis, it looked even more assured, and still did not take place. The leading sporting authorities of America seem to favor Hall. Hall, it is well known, has not been living the regular life a successful athlete should, and it is thought his close intimacy with "Chawley" has not tended to wean him from a "series of rosy pleasures." Fitzsimmons is dead broke; his theatrical venture is a failure, and he must fight to live. Bob has taken good care of himself, and has not a fondness for "a rosy life." John L. now weighs 267lb.; this is more than he ever weighed.

Jim Burge's brilliant victory over the renowned Billie Mahan was a surprise to the friends of the latter. Jim, in encountering a sprinter like Billie Lavigne, did not show to advantage, and had it been his fortune to have met a man like Mahan on his debut here (who, though defeated, is not disgraced), he would now have been milling for large purses. Jim gave Billie his quietus in the twenty-sixth round, when he drove his left hand into Mahan's stomach, and hit him with the right on the point. Jim refused £600 to fake the fight, and thereby has made hosts of friends. The purse was £160; £20 to loser. Jim weighed but 9.4; Mahan, 10.0. Jim trained but a few days, under the able mentorship of Jack Hall. He had not a mark on him after the contest. Mahan was a sorry spectacle. Jim's friends want to match him against any 10.0 man in the world, Dawson especially.

On 25th November another Australian proved a victor, his opponent being the coloured man, Bob Dobbs, one of America's best 9.12 men. Barron had decidedly the worst of the first round, but pulled himself together in the second, and knocked the coloured man, with the long record, dead to the world by a well-directed right-hand blow on the point. This occurred in the California Athletic Club, and Barron received £180; loser, £20. The weight was 9.12.

Turf Topics.

[By "SIR LAUNCELOT."]

The Melbourne mail to hand yesterday brought news of the death of three thoroughbred stallions Boz, Sir Edmund and Nicholas. Boz, who was by Bosworth (brother to Richmond) out of Hypatia, was the best known of the trio, especially after his second to Churchill in the Newmarket Handicap, when he had the crusher of 10.1 on his back. Previous to that he won the Caulfield Cup, the Coburg Stakes at the V.R.C. Spring Meeting also fell to him, and he ran second with 9.2 in the Bagot Handicap. Boz was well patronized at the stud this season, so his loss is all the more regrettable. Sir Edmund was an imported son of the English Derby winner Lord Lyon and the Pyrrhus I. mare Olympias. The third 'obituary' to chronicle is that of Nicholas, by Robinson Crusoe out of Dagmar, whose stock have not yet had time to bring him into prominence, but as he stood at Sir Thomas Elder's stud for a bit we may look for something good that has sprung from his loins to distinguish themselves very soon. On his dam's side he traced back to St. Hippo's dam, for Dagmar was out of Nightlight and so was Lamorna, the granddam of St. Hippo.

In alluding to the death of Sylvia "Terlinga" says:—"She began her stud career by giving the Turf Goldsborough. The fame of the family and his own good looks caused this colt to realise 600 guineas as a yearling. When as the Sylvia colt he finished behind the £30 Miss Milly for the Maribymong Plate, which Dagmar won, those who scorn the idea of any good coming out of a high-priced yearling were delighted, but Goldsborough lived to prove himself worth all the rest of that field put together. As a five-year-old his victory in the Metropolitan, under 9.2, and his third in the Melbourne Cup, under 9.9, were great performances. Robin Hood was the next 'Sylvia colt,' and he won the V.R.C. Derby and the A.J.C. St. Leger from Richmond, but in the latter race I believe Jellett's colt could not have lost but for being interfered with by a mounted trooper. The collision resulted in Hales being almost unseated and losing one of his irons. Robin Hood's career was brought to a close when the City of Adelaide was wrecked coming round from Sydney, and Sylvia's next colt was Gloucester—a failure. Then came Martini-Henry, who won the V.R.C. Derby and Cup, and would have left the turf with the credit of being a very high-class three-year-old if Le Grand had not happened to be foaled in the same season. Martini was invincible in the spring, but when Le Grand met him in the autumn Mr. Wallace's big colt was the master. Silver Prince was the only other colt Sylvia foaled. He was fast, but as far as Australia was concerned he did nothing to assist the reputation of the family. As a mother of mares Sylvia was—well, almost a failure. None of her fillies did much good on the turf. Perhaps some of them will be successful at the stud. In Wood Nymph Mr. Wilson owns a mare who looks good enough for anything. In estimating her value at the stud Sylvia must be awarded a very high place if only on account of Goldsborough, Robin Hood, and Martini-Henry. Can another mare in Australia be pointed as the dam of three such horses?"

The Auckland Racing Club's committee, at a meeting on Friday, appointed the Club's secretary, Mr W. Percival, to represent them at the Conference to be held in Wellington next week. The disqualification of R. Donovan was removed, as also that of Mr A. McKinnon's horse Leroy. W. E. Munro was suspended for leaving his employer, Mr Walters, without due notice.

Mr T. Morrin has purchased from Mr D. O'Brien the brood mares Lady Walmsley, by Musket—Mersey; Moonray, by Apremont—Luna; Rose and Black, by Apremont—En Avant; Hazel, by Nordenfeldt—Ouida; and Rubina, by Kingsborough—Etiquette. Lady Walmsley is the only living sister of Carbine.

A large number of Auckland "sports" left Auckland yesterday, and others leave to-day, to assist at the Wellington Racing Club's meeting. Among them were Messrs. W. Percival and Mr J. O. Evett, the secretary and handicapper of the A.R.C.; Mr H. H. Hayr, the owner of Fishmonger; Mr D. McLeod, the Auckland metallurgian; Mr Morrison of the Royal Mail Hotel, Auckland; Mr W. Adams and Mr C. F. Mark, the secretary of the Auckland Trotting Club, and Mr T. McEwen of the City Buffet. It is evident that Auckland will be well represented at Wellington next week. Friend Lyon will find a good representative gathering at the Hutt, I hope.

Impulse has been scratched for the Takapuna Cup.

There was a very large crowd on the wharf on Monday to see St. Hippo and The Dancer shipped for Sydney by the s.s. Warrimoo. Special accommodation had been provided for them, and they were put on board safely. Incline strongly to the opinion that St. Hippo will annex the V.R.C. and A.J.C. St. Legers, and that he will take a power of beating in the Australian Cup. I think he has the fortune to go to Australia in a year when the three-year-olds are not a very brilliant lot. I also think The Dancer will win a short race or two before he has been over there long. The pair were accompanied by Abertaff, a three-year-old daughter of St. Leger and Crown Jewel's half sister Aimee, who may be found useful to some Australian for pony racing.

Dan McLeod at Wellington Summer Meeting Monday and Wednesday.

"Takaro," the Maori remedy for all diseases of horses, cattle, dogs, etc., is rapidly pushing its way to the front. In addition to the batch of testimonials mentioned in these columns last week, its agents send me others from Messrs. Smith & McKewen, of the Tramway Stables, Dunedin; Messrs. D and J. Bacon, Queen's Livery Stables, Dunedin (by special appointment to Lord Onslow); Messrs. J. Gibson & Co., Dunedin; Mr J. Bray, Manager Invercargill Tramway Co.; Messrs. J. Duthie & Co., the well-known railway carriers; and Mr H. Tetford, owner of the steeplechaser Aparima.

F. Whiting will be plying his pencil at the Takapuna Meeting on Saturday and Monday week.

The nominations for the Great Northern Derby and Foal Stakes of 1894-5 closed on Friday, but the lists are not available for publication till the conformation of some entries by telegram.

The trotter Rarus was sold the other day to a local syndicate, and Billy Edwards who is to have charge of him took him Southwards on Monday. His sale was effected through the agency of Mr. H. Walsh of the Greyhound stables, who acted as commissioner in the matter for Mr. F. N. Jones of Nelson. The price paid was, I am given to understand, 120 gns. Rarus will be raced at the Wellington Trotting Club's meeting on Saturday, and will then in all probability go on to Christchurch for the Lancaster Park gathering.

The local trotter Coronella has changed hands, Mr. W. Paul, the owner of Mangare, having given 65 gns. for her, and she is now in Stennings' hands. That trainer has also got Clyde to work on.

The Nordenfeldt—Erycina horse Cambria carried 8.6 to the front in the Farm Handicap, five furlongs, at Warwick Farm (Sydney) on the 29th ult. Even money was bet on him, and he got home by a short head from Sting 7.1, behind whom was nine others. Florence, who was recently sold out of J. Kean's stable, was unplaced with 7.7 in the Flying Handicap, five furlongs. The Nordenfeldt—Tres Deuce filly Tresfeldt carried 7.10 into third place behind Streak of Light, 8.0, and Euroka, 7.5, in the Warwick Handicap, seven furlongs, in which Signess, 8.0, was unplaced.

At a sale of blood stock held in Melbourne on the 3rd inst. the New Zealand-bred pony Missele fetched 80s, Mr E. J. Bon being the purchaser. Of Mr Greenaway's horses Tarcoola went to Mr J. Cripps for 310s; the two-year-old Richway by Richmond—Gratitude to Mr J. Munro for 100s, and the two-year-old Malabar, by Newminster—Embassy, to Mr J. Gove for 190s.

F. McMannin has gone into new stables at Ellerslie. He got an accession to his string on Friday, when he purchased Belmont for 150 gns. He now has that horse, Fishmonger, King Canibal, and St. Clements in hand, and I am sorry to record that he has, for a time, at least, lost the services of the last-named useful sprinter. St. Clements took control of the boy that was riding him on Tuesday, and galloping across the railway line only by a narrow squeak escaped being run over by a passing train, and then he got his foot entangled in one of those little footways that cross the railway track, and hurt himself so badly that he will not be able to carry silk for some time to come. Those railway gates in the neighbourhood of Ellerslie when left open as they sometimes are, are likely to furnish direful sources of accidents.

By advertisement in another column it is announced that the privileges of the Takapuna races will be submitted to auction by Messrs D. Tonks & Co., to-morrow at noon.

St. Simon heads the list of successful English sires during the past season, with the gigantic total of £55,995, but although this is the largest amount credited to any sire for several years past, it falls short of the record of Stockwell for 1866. Bend Or comes second in the list with £17,896 13s, while Ormonde, although only represented by three winners, is a good third with £16,049 5s.

When the Canterbury sportsman, Mr "H. Horsford," decided to disperse his stud of thoroughbreds, about three years ago, he sent them to Sydney to be sold. Among them was the stallion Cadogan, who was sold to go to Queensland. I notice that at Brisbane the other day a yearling colt got by him out of Grey Gown's dam Grey Esperance fetched 260s. He goes into the stable of H. Walsh, who is at the head of his profession in Queensland. The Queensland correspondent of the Sydney Referee says that "the colt is a very beautiful one, far handsomer and more promising than Grey Gown at the same age, but it is questionable whether Cadogan will nick with old Grey Esperance like Vespasian did." I may remark that Cadogan, though somewhat on the small side, was a horse of exquisite quality.

The name of the trotter Yum Yum, whom Mr Craig, just prior to his departure for Sydney, sold to Mr Budge, appears among the nominations for the Lancaster Park (Christchurch) Trotting Club's Meeting to be held on Saturday next.

Nordenfeldt's sister Beryl died the other day at Mr W. R. Wilson's stud farm. She was the dam of the colt belonging to Mr Gollan that is shortly to be shipped over to Melbourne. Curlew, the dam of Whimbrel (whom Mr D. O'Brien had a bit of bad luck with) died at St. Albans about the same time.

Sultan won the Selling Hurdle Race of 70 sovs, 1½ miles, at Epsom (Melbourne) on the 7th inst., beating Stampede, 10.1, and Jean, 10.2. And what is more, he easily lowered the odds of 2 to 1 laid on Jean. He is reported to have taken command half a mile from home, winning easily by two lengths. He was bought in for 25 sovs (!). And this is what a Dunedin Cup winner has come to. Alas! At the same meeting Namoa, 7.12, was once more seen out, ridden by P. White, in the Epsom Handicap, 5½ furlongs, but though she ran well up to the home turn she finished unplaced behind Lysia, 6.7. Commotion, 9.11, was unplaced in the Steeplechase behind Egyptus, 7.8; and Renata, 6.13 fared no better in the Mordialloc Handicap, one mile.

Highborn followed up his victory in the Indian Viceroy's Cup, mentioned in these columns the other day, by landing the Dhurbhunga Cup, in which he carried 10.0 and won easily. The old black, according to the last Indian papers, did not do well on landing, and a suspicious leg necessitated his trainer resorting to swimming exercise.

Paddy, 8.5, ran second to Rattler II., 7.7, in the Flying Handicap at Mentone (Melbourne) on the 10th inst. Sultan, 11.0, was unplaced in the Hurdles, and Alcinous, 7.8, was also beaten out of a place in the Mentone Handicap, one mile and a furlong.

Though she is still in a bad way, Marvel's sister Wanganella, who fell in a race at Randwick and received a serious injury to one of her shoulders, is doing well. At first it was thought that her leg was broken, but such is not the case. She was still in slings, though, when the last Sydney mail left.