

449: Rabelais was obtained by Mr Lyell for £26.

The race for the Handicap Steeplechase of 40sovs; about three miles, brought a trio to the post, viz., Chester, Long Roper, and Potentate, the other two named on the programme, Lonely and Skittles, being withdrawn. Chester, who was made favourite, led when the flag fell but Long Roper and Potentate were not far behind him. The jump past the course proper saw Long Roper go to the front; but Hickey quickly collared him, and kept Chester in front until the back of the grandstand was passed for the second time, when Rae again took the lead. In negotiating an obstacle at the back of the course Chester blundered, and was put out of the running, and Rae, by good horsemanship, beat Potentate in a struggle up the straight. The time for the race was given at 5min 3sec; which shows the distance was very much 'about' three miles. The horses should have taken the sweep around the back of the grandstand for the third time, whereas they only rounded it twice. Dividend, £3 1s.

There were four scratchings for the Handicap Flying Stakes of 20sovs, six furlongs, viz., St. Kilda, Ingorina, Gay Deceiver, and Vieux Rose. The field was thus left at Annabelle 8.4 (inc. 7lb penalty); Warrior 7.3, Cupid 7.3, Decoy 6.9, Resurrection 6.7, Acacia 6.7. Annabelle's win in the Spring Handicap sent the money on her, and she left the post a warm favourite. The hedge hid the start from view, but Annabelle was the first to show up, with Warrior and Acacia close on her quarter. Rounding the home turn the field was pretty well bunched together, but in the run up the straight Annabelle and Acacia had matters to themselves, and an opportune rush by the latter gave her a half length victory over Mr Burke's mare. Warrior was third. No time was recorded. Dividend, £3 19s.

There were ten starters for the Handicap Pony Race of 20sovs, five furlongs. Rodney was favourite, but Romeo at 7.12 was voted a good thing by many, and Mr Greenwood's pony consequently had a big following. He had the race in hand from start to finish, and was never headed. Bob was second and Red Rose third. Dividend, £4 10s.

Maid of Erin was scratched for the Welter Handicap of 20sovs, one mile, which concluded the day's sport. The starters were Glaucus, Belmont, Warrior, Minnie, Acacia, and Alf. The Waikato mare Minnie was favourite, but although she made a good race, Acacia came with a rattie at the finish and won by a length. Minnie was second and Warrior third. Dividend, £3 16s.

The Betting Market.

MR H. ELLISON supplies the latest quotations for the Auckland Cup and Steeplechase as follows:—

AUCKLAND CUP.

- 3 to 1 agst Rosefeldt
- 5 — 1 — Skirmisher
- 5 — 1 — Dilemma
- 7 — 1 — The Workman
- 10 — 1 — Browne Alice
- 10 — 1 — Ida
- 12 — 1 — Thame
- 14 — 1 — Pegasus

AUCKLAND STEEPLCHASE.

- 2 to 1 agst Despised
- 3 — 1 — Waterbury
- 5 — 1 — Mangere
- 10 — 1 — Fishmonger and others

CUP AND STEEPLCHASE.

- 10 to 1 agst Rosefeldt and Despised
- 10 — 1 — Rosefeldt and Waterbury
- 15-20 — 1 — Rosefeldt and the others
- 50 — 3 — The Workman and Despised
- 100 — 7 — Skirmisher and Despised
- 100 — 7 — Dilemma and Despised
- 100 — 7 — Bigand and Despised

Apremont was at the head of the winning sires at the recent D.J.C. Meeting. Out of the £3026 14s given in stakes his get claimed £516 15s. Vanguard was second with £38 14s, and then follows Trofoil £318 5s, Feve £209, St. Leger £190, Cadogan £152, Perkin Warbeck II. £142 10s, Le Loup £123 10s, Albany £114, Nulli Secundus £95, Duntroon, Gorton and Betrayer £85 10s each, Dunlop £76, Hiko £57, Foul Shot and Hotspur £47 10s each, Burlington £39 18s, Wapiti £34 4s, Richmond £28 10s, Creswick £20 18s, St. George and Stonyhurst £19 each, Winchester and Chainshot £9 10s each.



DRURY RACING CLUB.

ACCEPTANCES for all declared handicaps and NOMINATIONS for Maiden Plate and Novel Race, close with the Secretary, or Mr HAY, SPORTING REVIEW, on FRIDAY, December 15th.

DANIEL MAHER, Hon. Sec.

All-round Sport

By "BLOCKER."

Cricket.

THE chatter about the late interprovincial match has almost subsided, and wielders of the willow devoted a few evenings to practice last week preparatory to the continuation of the championship contests of last Saturday. The weather man frowned for some time during the morning, and it looked at one time as if there would be no cricket for the fifth time in succession, but with the exception of one shower which drove the players to the pavilion, there was not much to complain of in the shape of the weather.

Great interest was shown in the Gordon—Parnell match, and when King and Nicholson were piling on the runs, there was a good deal of excitement shown, and seeing the bad start that the Parnellites had made, King's innings—49—proved invaluable to his side. He made his runs in his usual vigorous style. Nicholson, 22, also showed fine cricket for his runs, and was unfortunate in being given out leg before wicket. Grierson, 18, also played well for his runs, and batted with more freedom than he did last season. Probably being relieved from the cares of a captainship had something to do with it. None of the others did much in the scoring line, with the exception of Mills, 11, he and Holle, the two first batsmen, taking the edge off the bowling, which at the start was exceptionally good. Kallender put on tremendous pace at times with a good length, and he was ably supported by Gould, whose return to something like his old form was very gratifying to both players and spectators. With 149 to win, Gordon made a bad start, losing two wickets for 19, Kallender and Williams, the former being given out to a very doubtful catch, while the latter was splendidly caught at point by Holle. The fielding of the Parnell men was very fine, and should they keep it up next Saturday, Gordon will find it very hard to get the required runs. Kenderdine's fine performance with the ball was in striking contrast to the action of the committee in omitting his name from the players in the opening Cup match.

In the United—Auckland match the popular 'Jack' Arneil played a fine innings for 38, his play reminding us of 'Jack's' palmy days. It is a matter of regret that he and Gardiner could not get away for the Southern tour. London got 33, but a lot of his strokes were very uppish, and this player should, I think, play with more care. R. Neil also batted very nicely, but does not seem to get the runs his careful play deserves. In the bowling Stenson seems to have got back to something like his old form, many of the overs he sent down being very warm. The fielding on both sides was very fine, and an interesting finish may be anticipated.

Coursing Notes.

MR. O. R. WISE, of Oamaru, has either leased or made presents to the following gentlemen in the North Island:—Mr T. McCready brd bitch by Carbine—Effie Deans; Mr T. Broadwood, bk and brd and white bitches by Carbine out of Effie Deans and Lady Zetland. Brd and white puppy bitch, eleven months old, by Carbine—Winter Rose, and rd w bitch pup by Carbine, out of Lady Zetland, to Mr T. Rowe, of Te Aroha, and brd and white bitch pup, by Carbine—Bantam, to Mr G. Hope, of Napier. Effie Deans is by Bordeaux—Bab, by Donald (winner of the English Waterloo), out of Hinemoa by Contango—Annie McPherson. Hinemoa is own sister to Highlander and Herzegovina, two of the best greyhounds of their time in England. Bantam is by Melfort, out of Castanette. Melfort was imported from England and was one of the best dogs that ever run in Australia. Lady Zetland is by Obstacle out of Water Babs. Obstacle is by Crichepe Lynn (imp.), out of Hinemoa (imp.). Water Babs is by Market-day out of Water Lily, by Totara Echo, who is own sister to Echo and Rockwood. The latter is sire of Brewer, the sire of Bess Morley and other winners, so it will be seen that the pups are the best bred in New Zealand.

There will be over 100 dogs paid for in the final payments for the Challenge Stakes, which will be worth about £200 to the winner. A possible victor could be backed to win £500 at a good price, as the field at present is 100 to 6 and 100 to 10 for outsiders. It will be a

regular representative stake, as there will be dogs from all parts of New Zealand and perhaps some from Melbourne and Sydney, for Mr J. Jerome, one of the oldest and best coursing men New Zealand ever had, is back again, and states that if he stays in New Zealand he will nominate three or four representatives.

The Judge's Bay annual regatta was held last Saturday, and proved an entire success. The weather conditions were fairly satisfactory, although at times the water was a little lumpy for the rowing events. The starting of the sailing events caused some heartburning owing to several boats being left behind through their not being ready at the appointed time. Mr Graham, the starter, contended that he was perfectly within his rights in despatching the boats which were ready at the advertised time. He certainly has that right, but it was questionable policy to be so particular, especially when his exactness meant robbing the events of half their interest. The results were as follows:—Yachts and fishing boats (centreboard 4-rating and under)—Mabel 1, Waimare 2. Yachts, 7 ton rating and under—Anahera 1, Ngaru 2. Keel yachts, 3-rating and under—Gloriana 1, Corina 2, Rogue 3. Open sailing boats, 18ft and under—Bit o' Blue 1, Mabel 2. Maiden gigs (under ten stone)—St. George's 1, North Shore 2, Auckland 3. Maiden whaleboats—Waitemata 1. Senior gigs—Auckland 1, City 2. Ladies' pair-oar—Misses Smith, 1; Misses Clare and Payne, 2. Greasy boom—J. Hull, 1. Junior gigs (under 10st)—Auckland, 1. Maiden gigs—Waitemata, 1; Auckland, 2; City, 3. Junior gigs—St. George's, 1; Manukau, 2.

WELLINGTON JOTTINGS.

[By "PROTEUS."]

AIDED by a fine afternoon the Wellington Amateur Athletic Club were enabled to bring their tenth annual gathering to a successful termination. The events were started to time. The track was carefully laid out by W. Frith, and its condition has never before been approached on the Basin Reserve. A notable acquisition to the above ground is a paling fence extending north and southward past the pavilion. The benefit of this erection was easily discerned on Saturday, as it was more effective in keeping the spectators back than the old style of roped enclosure. The running was excellent, and competition keen. W. F. Larkin, of Auckland, succeeded in annexing the 100yds Maiden Race in 10 2-5 sec, and also the 100yds Handicap in the same time with 5yds start. Ross Gore, the New Zealand Amateur Champion Long Jumper, won the Long Jump with 20ft 7 1/2 in, which is an inch and a half better than the standard. O. McCormick put the 16lb shot 37 feet, thus topping the Club's standard by two feet. The most exciting event of the proceedings was the Mile Flat, which resulted in a dead heat between Morpeth, of the Wellington Harriers Club, and F. Angell. Morpeth's time from scratch was 4min 42 2-5 secs, the standard time for that distance being 4min 45sec. Mr Batkin acted as starter, and got the fields away in his usual proficient manner.

The following is a summary of the gathering:—

- 100yds Maiden.—Larkin 1, Manifold 2, Bullock 3. Time, 10 2-5sec.
- 100yds Handicap.—Larkin 1, Marter 2, Pearman 3. Time, 10 2-5sec.
- Half-mile Handicap.—S. Dix, 70yds, 1; G. N. Goldie, 30yds, 2; D. M'Kay, 40yds, 3. Time, 1min 59sec.
- 120yds Junior Handicap.—Bullock 1, Marter 2, Manifold 3. Time, 12 4-5sec.
- One Mile Bicycle Handicap.—T. M. Lucy, scr, 1; J. M'Quistan, 30yds, 2; L. T. Herbert, 35yds, 3. Time, 3min 6 2-5sec.
- High Jump Handicap.—H. E. Morraty, 5ft 4in (including a handicap of 6in), 1; R. Cameron, 5ft 3in (including 4in handicap), 2. G. Astall, of Wairarapa Amateur Athletic Club, retired at 4ft 10in, whilst D. C. Ingram preceded him. The light during this contest was very defective, the competitors being unable to judge their take off properly.
- One Mile Walk Handicap.—W. Talbot, 70yds, 1. Four others started. Adams, scratch man, was looked upon as the winner, but he gave at three-quarter distance, whilst Fuller was disqualified 60yds from home for breaking. Time, 7min 24 2-5sec.
- 120yds Hurdle Handicap.—W. H. Grant, scr, 1; R. Gore, owes 8yds, 2; G. F. Johnson, owes 5yds, 3. There was about two yards separating the three men at the finish. Time 18 3-5sec.
- Mile Handicap.—C. D. Morpeth, scr, and F. Angell, 30yds, dead heat; A. Palmer, 50yds, 2. Time, 4min 42 1/2sec.
- 250yds Handicap.—Final heat: Fay 1, W. T. Wynard 2, Stuart 3. Time, 27 3-5sec.
- Two Mile Bicycle Race Handicap.—T. M. Lucy, scr, 1; J. M'Quistan, 60yds, and L. T. Herbert, 80yds, dead heat for second. Lucy won as he liked; in fact he was playing with his rivals throughout the race. Time, 6min 39 1-5sec.

Putting 16lb Shot.—G. F. Johnstone, 37ft 4in (including handicap 3ft 4in), 1; O. McCormack, scr, 2, 3ft.

Long Jump Handicap.—R. Gore, scr, 20ft 7 1/2 in, 1; F. Fownall (1st), 19ft 9 1/2 in, 2.

Two Mile Handicap.—H. Palmer, 70yds, 1; A. J. Abbott, 225yds, 2; R. Wallace, 130yds, 3. Won comfortably. Time, 10min 35 4-5sec.

Three Mile Bicycle Handicap.—T. M. Lucy, scr, 1; J. M'Quistan, 70yds, 2; D. Brand, 145yds, 3. Lucy again won as he liked. Time, 10min 10sec.

Ladies' Bracelet, 440yds Handicap.—W. T. Wynard, 5yds, 1; A. M. Stuart, 7yds, 2; G. G. Bullock, 15yds, 3. Won by 2 yards. Time, 52 4-5 sec.

Music, Drama.

By "PROMPTER."

THE Bland Holt season terminated last week, and the popular actor-manager and his talented wife left by steamer on Friday for Tasmania, where arrangements have been made for a Christmas tour. Mr Walter Howe did not leave with the company, as he has made arrangements with Mr W. B. Spong, the Australian scenic artist, to undertake a dramatic tour through New Zealand. Miss Hilda Spong, a very graceful and promising actress, will play leading lady parts, and Mr Howe will, of course, play the masculine leads. Mr Harry Norman, who left by a later boat than Mr Holt, continues with that gentleman as stage manager, but before he rejoins his principal Mr Norman will take a life engagement with a Sydney young lady. Mr Howe's parts will be taken in Tasmania by Mr Cosgrove, a young Sydney actor of great ability.

ON Boxing Night the Myra-Kemble dramatic season will commence at the Opera House, and I can confidently foretell a successful season. Miss Kemble has a good company with her, an excellent leading man (Mr Edward Sass), an overflowing repertoire of sterling plays, and an energetic and capable advance agent and business manager (Mr Allan Hamilton). With these advantages, and a Christmas season, there is every reason why the Auckland tour should be a complete success. The leading lady of this company has a reputation well known in New Zealand, and her principal support, Mr Sass, will be found to be a sterling and accomplished actor. With the exception of Mr Titheradge Mr Sass stands above all his comrades of the Australian stage, and his name was long and favourably known on the London boards before he journeyed out to the colonies. In a letter received last week from Mr Allan Hamilton he tells me that the programme will be changed every alternate night during the season, and that the plays presented will include the farcical comedies 'A White Lie,' 'Our Flat,' 'The Librarian,' 'Dr. Bill,' and 'Jane'; Pinero's powerful play 'The Profligate,' Broughton's drama 'Peer of the Realm,' and 'Pauline Blanchard,' &c.

MR. FULLER was greeted by a full house when he returned to St. James' Hall last Wednesday evening, and the programme presented at the 31st Popular Concert proved to be quite to the taste of the audience. Herr Zimmermann made his reappearance at these concerts, and was accorded a hearty welcome, both his violin solos being redemanded, Mr Fuller was in capital voice, and gave a finished rendering of Adams' beautiful song 'The Holy City,' and in response to an imperative encore the artist replied with the minstrel song 'Jenny with the light brown hair.' Mr Fuller was recalled for his second solo and gave Dibden's 'Farewell, my trim built wherry.' Mr E. L. Lees was in bad voice, and was hardly successful in his efforts. Miss Warren and Mrs Kilgour contributed solos to the satisfaction of the audience, and Mr Hawksworth Brown made his second appearance as an elocutionist, and was the reverse of successful. As usual Miss Brabazon's piano solos were greatly enjoyed. For last night's concert a fair programme was arranged, and another good attendance was experienced.

OWING to the threatening nature of the weather last Sunday afternoon the excursion on the Eagle was not so well attended as the preceding ones, but when the good weather fairly sets in these enjoyable trips, arranged by Mr Fuller, should enjoy a large share of patronage.

ON Monday evening last the members of the Young Ladies' Orchestra gave a most enjoyable concert in the Choral Hall, and showed by their intelligent and capable interpretations of the various