Beauty, Elvo, Ossian, Ruenalf II., Billall, Tartan, Demas, Chassepot, Lord Ullin's Daughter, Ganymedes, Ballark, Barr, Langwarrin.

Betting: 4 to 1 against Gladsome, 6 to 1 Demas, 8 to 1 Tartan and Murmur, 10 to 1 Wingaroon, 14 to 1 Acrasia and Emir, 20 to 1 Ossian, 33 to 100 to 1 the others.

Gladsome, Demas, Billall, Ruenalf II., and Ganymedes were prominent when the barrier lifted, and passing the judge's box the order was Demas, Gladsome, Highflyer, Elva, FitzGrafton, Billall, Sweet Nell, Ruenalf II., and Combat. At the mile post Demas led from Highflyer and Cherson, with Billall and Gladsome next together, followed by Murmur. Demas led along the back from Cherson, Highflyer, Billall, Antilles, Combat, and Gladsome. At the home turn Emir was in the van, with Acrasia, Gladsome, Sojourner, and Murmur as his immediate attendants. In the run up the straight Murmur cut down all opponents, and having all the best of it from the distance, he came on and won by three lengths from Acrasia, who was a length and a half in front of Emir, with Sojourner fourth. Time, 2.37¼.

The Oby Hurdle Race of 200sovs, two miles one furlong and 84 yards.—Mr S. Miller's gr g Blue Rock, aged, by Scots Grey, 9.2, 1; Seymour, 2; Kudes, 3. Blue Rock won easily. Time, 4.17¼.

The Gwyn Nursery Handicap of 300sovs, for two-year-olds, four furlongs and a half. —Mr J. Barnes' ch c Picturesque, by Mosjyn—Picture, 7.10, 1; Vibrate, 2; Murillo, 3. Twenty others ran. Picturesque won by a neck. Time, 53s.

The Wynna Steeplechase of 300sovs, two miles three furlongs and 80 yards.—Mr T. Donohue's b g Swivel, aged, by Swiveller—Marmion mare, 11.5, 1; Vancouver, 2; Cronje, 3. Eight others ran. Betting: 7 to 2 against Chester, 6 to 1 Shadhla, 6 to 1 Gothic, 7 to 1 Swivel. In an exciting finish Swivel won by a head. During the race Mr Alister Clark's horse Gothic fell, and as he was seriously injured it was deemed necessary to destroy him.

The Windsor Handicap of 300sovs, six furlongs.—Mr J. O'Brien's blk g Marine, aged, by Mainsail—Maluina, 8.7, 1; Baden-Powell, 2; Kilina, 3. Twenty others ran. Betting: 8 to 1 against Marine, 14 to 1 Baden-Powell. Marine won by half a length. Time, 1.17¼.

The Moora Welter Handicap of 200sovs, one mile.—Mr H. Hawkins' b g Purser, aged, by Sweet William—Stewardess, 9.11, 1; Romeo, 2; The Hawker, 3. Twelve others ran. Betting: 5 to 2 against The Hawker, 4 to 1 Purser. Purser won by four lengths. Time, 1.46.

ENGLISH RACING.

RESULT OF THE CESAREWITCH STAKES.

LONDON, October 12.

At the Newmarket second October meeting the following was the result of the principal event:—

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES, a sweepstake of 25sovs each, with 500sovs added. Two miles and a quarter.

Mr Horatio Bottomley's b h Wargrave, 6yrs, by Carbine—Warble 1
Sir James Miller's b f Roudeau, 4yrs, by Bay Ronald—Doremi 2
War Wolf, 5yrs, by Wolf's Crag—Annora 3

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Musical Examinations.

R.A.M. AND R.C.M. RESULTS.

The practical examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, London, England, were held in Auckland last week. A departure has been made this year, all the candidates being examined at one centre — the Masonic Hall — instead of at the various schools of music as formerly. The hon. local representative (Mr Hugh E. Cooper) has received from the examiner an interim report of results, which he has handed us for publication. The names of successful candidates in each division are given in alphabetical order, and are followed by the names of teachers.

Summary:—

LOCAL CENTRE.

	Ex.	Pas.	Fail.
Advanced (5th) grade	5	2	3
Intermediate (4th) grade	6	6	0
LOCAL SCHOOL.			
Higher division (3rd grade)	24	23	1
Lower division (2nd grade)	22	21	1
Elementary division (1st grade)	28	24	4
Totals	85	76	9

LOCAL CENTRE.

Advanced (5th) Grade (formerly senior grade).—Passes: Piano—Helen MacGregor Hay (Mr J. F. Bennett), Beatrice L. Morland (Mr J. F. Bennett).

Intermediate (4th) Grade (formerly junior grade).—Honours: Piano—Daisy Evans (Mr J. F. Bennett). Passes: Piano—Annie Dawson (Mr W. H. Webbe), Mary R. LeBailly (Mr J. F. Bennett, Cicely C. LeBailly (Mr J. F. Bennett), Francis M. Moreton (Mr W. H. Webbe), Ruth A. Steadman (Mr J. F. Bennett).

LOCAL SCHOOL.

Higher Division (3rd grade).—Distinction: Violin—Ada B. Bennett (Herr Johan Wielaert). Piano—Linda Burfoot (Mr J. F. Bennett), Eunice M. Boynton (Miss J. E. Bridgewater), Gertude Bertram (Miss May Hutchison), Daisy Evans (Mr J. F. Bennett), Madge McLean (Mr H. Connell), Mary C. Saunders (Mr J. F. Bennett. Passes: Piano—Sylvia Andrews (Miss J. E. Bridgewater), Rosamond M. Brewer (Mr J. F. Bennett), Ruby Best (Mr J. F. Bennett), Marion Bedford (Mr W. H. Webbe), Leonard Chambers (Mr J. F. Bennett), Alice V. Chambers (Mr J. F. Bennett), Jessie Geddes Geddes (Mr J. F. Bennett), Alexander Geddes (Mr J. F. Bennett), Ivy Heath (Mr W. H. Webbe), Una V. Headdy (Mr J. F. Bennett), Annie J. Jenvons (Mr W. H. Webbe), Barbara R. Mandeno (Miss May Hutchison), Nereida Moses (Miss Edith M. Rhodes), Dorothy Nicol (Mr W. H. Webbe), May Roussel (Mr W. H. Webbe), Mary C. Saunders (Mr J. F. Bennett), Aimee M. Schenk (Mr W. H. Webbe).

Lower Division (2nd grade).—Distinction: Piano—Gladys Andreae (Mr H. Connell), Betty Grierson (Miss J. E. Bridgewater), Marion Wigg (Mr John Hartwell). Passes: Piano—Meta Barr (Miss Stevenson), Hilda C. Cooper (Mr J. F. Bennett), O'Donel Davis (Miss Stevenson), Francis W. Davidge (Mr W. H. Webbe), Pearl Fleming (Mr J. F. Bennett), Eileen Friar (Mr H. Connell), Algie Gifford (Mr W. H. Webbe), Clara Grant (Mr J. F. Bennett), Winifred R. Gow (Mr H. Connell), Frances Grierson (Mr H. Connell), Dorothy Henderson (Mr W. H. Webbe, Edith Henderson (Mr W. H. Webbe), Stella Heinhold (Mr H. Connell), Louie Holden (Miss Ockenden), Constance M. Knight (Mr H. Connell), Ruby Mackenzie (Mr J. F. Bennett), May Roussel (Mr W. H. Webbe), Clara Sloman (Mr H. Connell).

Elementary Division (1st grade).—Distinction: Piano—Dorothy Cardno (Mr J. F. Bennett), Elsie W. Edmiston (Mr J. F. Bennett), Pearl Fleming (Mr J. F. Bennett), Leonard Leary (Mr W. H. Webbe), Kathleen C. Macky (Mr J. F. Bennett), Daphne W. Slade (Mr J. F. Bennett), Mary C. Saunders (Mr J. F. Bennett), Jeannie D. Wright (Mr J. F. Bennett). Passes: Piano—Eric B. Andreae (Mr H. Connell), Margaret Baildon (Mr J. F. Bennett), Hilda C. Cooper (Mr J. F. Bennett), Clarence Logan Curtis (Mr J. F. Bennett), Kathleen Mary Curtis (Mr J. F. Bennett), Elizabeth C. Evans (Miss Estelle Davis), John Nelmes Hines (Mr W. H. Webbe), Mabel Leys (Mr H. Connell), Alison MacKenzie (Miss Russell), Daisy McWilliams (Mr H. Connell), Dora Philips (Mr H. Connell), Adeline E. Rylance (Mr J. F. Bennett), Madge Ruddock (Mr H. Connell), Edith Salmon (Miss M. L. Webb), Beatrice V. Tucker (Mr J. F. Bennett).

Pleasure and Duty.

At the missionary meeting held in the Choral Hall, Auckland, last week, Bishop Neligan quoted some very striking figures for the purpose of contrasting the sacrifices made by the general public for pleasure with those that they make for more serious and important objects. The Bishop's statistics are quite sufficiently impressive to prove his case without any exaggeration; so that we need not hesitate to point out that the figures he has given as to the totalisator investments are misleading. At the last summer meeting of the Auckland Racing Club the gross amount put through the totalisator is officially given at nearly £70,000. But everybody knows that most of this money is turned over several times; and the most liberal estimate that we believe can be made for the total sum actually expended in this way is from £12,000 to £15,000. The Auckland Cup, we understand, usually attracts more investors than any other race here; in fact, we may reasonably infer that a majority of those who back horses during the meeting put something into the "machine" for the Cup. On last year's Cup the total investment was £5000; and this fact may serve to indicate that the figures quoted from the "machine" returns for one day or for the whole meeting do not really represent the actual investment of more than 25 or 30 per cent. of the nominal total. However, admitting all this, as we have said, Bishop Neligan's case is sufficiently strong. It is undeniable that the four days' racing at Ellerslie at the year's end costs the community for gambling alone far more than is paid to the Anglican clergy of the diocese for looking after the moral and spiritual interests of the community for a whole year. Nor does the amount put through the totalisator represent anything like the total sum expended either by the public or the promoters of the sport. The prizes given by the Auckland Racing Club at the Summer meeting are worth over £9000, which is about eight times as much as the Auckland diocese gave for Home, Maori and Foreign Missions for the whole of last year. Nor did the Bishop confine his comparisons to one field of sport alone. The annual income of the Auckland Rugby Union, as Bishop Neligan showed, is far more than the Church expends on any one of its missions for the year. These facts are not calculated to impress us with any strong sense of our devotion to the religious and philanthropic objects which the work of the Christian Church in all its forms represents amongst us. No doubt the statistics of other religious bodies here would reveal the same startling contrast; and it reflects very little credit on the moral or intellectual condition of the community that it should be so. Excessive devotion to pleasure is always calculated to demoralise either the individual or the society that it infects; and gambling more than any other vice speedily corrodes away the habits of industry and self-reliance, which are the only stable foundation for a strong and sane personal or national character. As to the totalisator, it is somewhat remarkable that people should persist in putting money time after time into the "machine" with the certain knowledge that they lose 10 per cent. of it on each bet, which means 50 or 60 per cent. of it for the average gambler at every race meeting. But the follies of gambling do not need any illustration from us; and we can only hope that Bishop Neligan's vigorous denunciation of its evils may encourage the community to devote a little more energy to worthy objects and a little less time and money to pastimes which even when they do not demoralise should never be permitted to exclude all the most important considerations in life.

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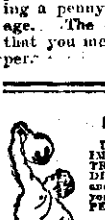

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