TURF NOTES.

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The late James Goater used to tell a most amusing incident that occurred to him on the first occasion of his wearing Lord Portamouth's colours (writes "Thormenhy". Very many years ago, at Oxford races, Lord Portsmouth's trainer went to Goater and asked him if he was engaged for the acut race, as, if not, he would like him to ride one of his lordship's. Jem, who had not a mount, gladly accepted the offer, weighed out, and ultimately won, after a grand display of jockeyship on his part. Some little time afterwards, whilst Goater was talking to a friend, Lord Portsmouth came up to him and said: "Goater, you rode an excellent race, and I am much pleased."

an excellent race, and a man homeouse an excellent race, and a tan man present persons of Lord P.'s peculiarities to wear old and worn-out clothes) to interrupt lime curtly replied, "Oh, yes, glad you think so," and resumed his couversation, to the great horror of his friend, who, knowing Lord Portsmouth, was simply dumbfounded, and frautically endeavoured by facial signs to make Goater attend to him, which Jem did not understand. Continuing, Lord Portsmouth said, "I must make you a present, Goater, for winning." Jem, scarcely turning towards him, an swered, "Never mind, old chan; glad you won a bit on It. It is lordship, who, by then, had quite grasped the stuntion, walked away, exploding with languater, which am way, expending with languater, chercyon Goater's friend immediately and thought the stuntion, wonder on for That's Lord when telling this, wonnd up by saying, "I didn't want a Turkish bath to make me sweat then." Jem, who did not know his lordship by

Recently in England the stewards of the Jockey Chub had a case before them regarding starting price betting, and in this connection an English writer says:—As showing the difficulties that sometimes arise, a well known starting price bettor has stated a case on which be asks for a decision. A cumulative bet, taking in three races, was looked. The theory of the thing is that the money won on the first race shall be put on the second, and if that comes off the whole lot is to go on the third. The first event came off all right, and the second race also was in favour of the backer. Before the third event could be delicted the winner of the second race was objected until second with the control of the second race was objected the winner of the second race was overruled, would be the position of the bookmaker in connection with the third event, supposing that, in the long ruo, the objection to the winner of the second race was overruled, and the third horse wen? In this case the trable event was brought off by the backer, and, on the face of it, be would be entitled to his money. This, however, would be a wong decision, and on that point we have no doubt whatever. As a matter of fact, there was no money to go on the first hor he second race was determined. The objection not being disposed of in time, not his own money, intending to pit in the condition of the second until the objection was overruled in his favour. Until that was done he would have no money to receive, and consequently would not be said to have won the second until the objection was overruled in his favour. Until that was done he would have no money to receive, and consequently would not be said to have won the would have no money to receive, and consequently would not be in a position to put the winnings over the two races on the third. With the objection decided in his favour, the bookmaker would be liable over the two races only, and would have to pay over those two. The blocker would he retired to have one way or the other. The backer would be en

Mr Tattersail, in a letter to "Horses and Hounds," has many interesting reminiscences of Persimmon. He says.—"In making a few remarks before offering the first lot at the Wolferton Sale, I alluded to the success of horses and stock bred by His Majesty at many shows, and ventured to suggest that from what I had seen at the Saudringham Stud it was not impronable that the Royal colours might shortly be curried to victory in the Derby. I frequently saw Persimmon all through his career in training and afterwards at the stud, and I look on him and Ormonde as the two best horses and fluest which I have seen win the Derby.

"I consider the loss of Persimmon, the strandest-looking stalling in England, with the highest quality, a loss on which every sportsman sympathicas heartily with His Majesty, as the greatest possible calamity to the Turf in these days, when so few owners are patriotic enough—even if rick enough—to keep their best horses in England.
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and Marsh had brought the borse to the post at Ascot looking absolutely inagnificout after a most searching preparations. This, followed by his race for the Cun, which he won in such spiendid style, and his work he won in such spiendid style, and his work before the Eclipse Stakes, in which he ran so gamely, in spite of his action being short quite settled the question whether he could run again; so there was no chauce of a match wift Gaitee dore.

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TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

(By Telegraph .-- Own Correspondent.)

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A large number of the Riccarton-trained horses that took part at the CJC. Easter meeting are being kept up to the collect in view of the Christchurch R.C., North Otago, and Asbburton R.C. meetings, all of which take place in the course of the next few weeks. Spleudid support has been received for the Cambridge of the next few weeks. Spleudid support has been received for the Cambridge of the next few weeks. Spleudid support has been received for the Cambridge of the Mellington meeting hardly come up to expectations. The only Riccarton-trained reps. likely to take part in the Thompson Handleap are Cross Battery and Strangem, while Sea King will probably contest the Italiway Handleap. Cross Battery ran a really good race in the Yaddurst Welter on the second day of the C.J.C. meeting, really sood race in the Yaddurst Welter on the second day of the C.J.C. meeting, the sea of them gallop in any event make the best of them gallop in any event make the best of them gallop in any event make, both in size and quality.

Contender, which was purchased by Mr. Rutherford after the C.J.C. meeting, is now under the charge of Bridges.

Ambolse, which changed hands recently, has joined W. McDonald's team.

Amougst the most recent additions to the Chokebore string are three rising two-year-olds that have just been broken in by H. Thomson. They are a brother to Glotheater. Whirly and has been recommissioned, and she being prepared by W. L'hue, while Millionate, which recently found a new owner the control of the C.R. Grigg, is under Q. Marthews Charge. C. N. Grigg, is under Q. Marthews Charge. The model of Marthews Charge. The miles of Saturday through his own delay.

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Some really fine sport was witnessed on the concluding day of the N.Z. Motropolytom needing, but the track, after the fourthern needing, but the track, after the fourthern to which it had been subjected earlier in the week, was bardly at its best. Though there was a shrinkage of £3890 in "foot" freeipits for the meeting, no less than £724 was collected in bookmakers' fees, so that the club will come out of its liabilities with a good profit.

Scaweed, a greatly improved son of General Lincoln, put down two better favourites in Exchequer and Imperial Girl in the Halswell Handicap, while Lady Clare and Al Franz showed that he is by far the best two-year-old seen this year, by compassing a mile in 2.20. This was accomplished in securing the purse of £30 hung up by the table best deld of the meeting from a

securing the purse of £50 hung up by the club for any two-year-old breaking 2.32 to the mile.

The best field of the meeting, from a quality point of view, contested the Champion Handicap, a race open only to horses capable of doing 4.38 or better. Advance and Florin, two favourites, ran disappointingly, for the former was evidently not in acting humour, and Florin tired badly after going a mile and three-quarters. Half-way through the second mile Verax took charge, and from this out had matters all his own way, winning comfortably in 4.46, from Lord Elmo and Master Poole. It was an excellent performance on the part of the winner, while Lord Elmo was the only one of the others to do himself instice.

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Too Soon, an Otago-nwied mare, by Goston, which had performed wretchedly on the second day, when made a stanneh frountle, went in much more attractive style in the High Class Handicap, which she won easily from Place Alert and King Cole. The latter are a pair of really cool three-year-oids, but so far both have been unlicky in their essays.

Redefulle effected a surrorise by outting down several better fancied candidates in the Wilkin Handicap and by getting to the end of two miles in 4.45 on a slowish track, been seen the meeting was that of O.7 M in the Reseding will Handicap and by getting to the precision was that of O.7 M in the Reseding well Handicap.

on arrange improved on any of his former showings.

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Another little-fancied candidate, in Rosenicath, prevailed in the Protiers' Handicap, but it was only after a most interesting consensuit Moodland Whisper and allies Viller and the stranged some. The control of the second which we have the front at the war, and let nothing else get near thin. He is owned by the popular as attawoman, Miss J. Britton, who is a keen second the second which we have the second continuous and the second control of the letter, and the Needle felt, and though the little right with the head of the popular as K. Smith who had the mount on the latter, injured his shoulder and broke his wrist.

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Cannie Chiel, which won the C.J.C. Midsummer Haudicap and other important events in Sir G. Cifford's colours, has been engaged in some of the minor events at the North Otigo meeting. It was thought that the Colours of the other colours, has been in his tight year, had bidden adicu to the race tracks.

The connections of Sea King were condent of that colours ability to account for Thompson Handicap, and backed him to win a big stake. He was also supported with Cross Battery in the Rathway Handicap, a lot of money being content about the double of the C.J.C. Exter meeting. Sea King registered a great mile gallop, sea King registered a great mile gallop, and the double of the C.J.C. He was also supported with cross Battery in the Rathway Handicap, sea King registered a great mile gallop, had little weight with those wine back hims of ferely for the Thompson Handicap, lea King was bred by Mr J. B. Reid, of Canowle, and is about the smartest of Sant Hard's stock racing.

Stratagen ran a very fair race in the Thompson Handicap, and turned the tables on both Zimmernman and Signor, which insided in front of her in the Great Authum Handicap. Husbandman, which was passed on to Mr. Signor, which inside of in front of her in the Great Authum Handicap, the Washandman, which was passed on to Mr. House of the Mr. In the Contrary to expectations, never appeared to hold a winning chance. It was thought certain that he would at teast beat Glenculloch, but such was not the case. Diabolo, which so unexpectedly prevailed, was bred at Eldersile stud, and as a year-ling hecame the property of a Christchmeth to the Allery of Stakes, but unfortunately was taken out when the forfeits seen with the land of the North Island Challenge Stakes, but unfortunately was taken out when the forfeits even man at the compass.

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Of the other Riccarton trained horses that raced at Trentham on Wednesday, Clancadar area a fair race in the Walweth Handleap, but the same cannot be said of All Guns, The Libyan and Cross Battery in their respective engagements. All Guns cost his present owner \$490, and £100 out of his first win, consequently the bolk of the stakes attached to the C.J.C. Final Handleap goes to Sheehan, who bred, and formerly raced the coil.

The Ashburton County Rocing Club has decided to make considerable improvements in the course and its conveniences. A new totalisator house has been erected, portions of the enclosure having been aspinalted, and other improvements made at a cost of \$230.

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Petrovna is rising ten years old, and, considering that she has been raced every season since she was three years old, the daughter of Stepiniak retained her soundness and pace remarkably well doring the past winter. It is understood she could have broved a bargain at thin figure.

Amongst the two-year-olds occupying boxes at Yaldburst yet to make their racing debuts are Coroniform (by Multiform-licel Fauctt), Enaby (Royal Artillery-Stressa), La Champaign (by Multiform-Pichem), So Franco (by Menschiskoff-Classy), and light by Multiform-Bellicent).

With the death of Mr Sieud it is quite on the cards that the Yaldburst stable will be broken up, and its limates, as well as the stallbors and brood mares at Grassley,

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Record cultries have been received for the Plumpton Park Trotling Chub's meeting, which takes place at the end of this month. Two ladies' bracelets sevents have drawn forty-seven nonlinations each. Owing to the emission of placed performance in Australia in Ard Partick's entry for the last Tahuna Park Trotling Chub's meeting, as the result of a protest that the horse has been disqualified for the race which he was on the first flay of the meet-

for the list Tahman Park Trotting Clinb's meeting, as the result of a protest that the horse has been disqualified for the race which he won on the first day of the meeting, and the sakes go to Lady Clair, which the won on the first day of the meeting, and the sakes go to Lady Clair, which the Committee of the

helped unterfally to raise the atomitmi of the Dominion thoroughbreds. It was in 1887 that Mr. R. J. Muson became resoucht ed with Mr. Stead as tentus became resoucht most of the chief races deviations the Ecoloud, as well as many in Australia, but been secured by their representatives, which here secured by their representatives will be Pauland. The deceased sportamin's func-il, which took place to-day, was one of the largest and most thoroughly expresentative ever seen in Christelpisch.

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The annual meeting of the Pakuranga Hunt Club was held at Messys. A. Burkland and Sons' offices on Priday task. Mr. H. T. Gorrie presided, but there was only a sandi attendance of members. The report stated that the hunting season was a particularly bad one, the huntsman was a particularly bad one. The huntsman is the forest and weather. There were 19 days' hunting in the Auckland discussions, both for seen and weather. There were 19 days' hunting in the Auckland discussions, both for seen and work of the condition of the c

the kennels, 32 couple more than contract number.

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The election of officers resulted: Master, Mr. H. T. Gorrie; deputy master, the matter of appointing a deputy-master from time to time was left in the hands of the master; auditor, Mr. R. E. Isaacs; treasurer. Mr. J. H. Datton; secretary, Mr. R. P. Kinlock; committee, Sir Robert Lockbart, Messrs. Wynard, H. O. Nolan, W. Bloomleid, und Dalton.

The opening meeting was fixed for Saturday, the 9th May, at the Mt. Roskid School.

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The balance-sheet showed the receipts for the year to be £407 19/5, and the expendi-ture £314 0/8, leaving a credit balance of £93 18/9.

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The assets, including cash in the bank, 293 8/3, were £986 17/3, and the imbilities 2390 7/1, leaving a surplus of £537 19/2.
The sports' meeting resulted in the small loss of 7/6.

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AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The concluding day's racing in connection with the Avondale Jockey Club's Astrono Meeting took place of Arondale on Saturday last. The weather was fine, and there was a large attendance, who were rewarded with some interesting racing as a result of Mr. Wynynd's adjustments. Mr. C. O'Connor was again successful with his despitches, while the general conduct of the meeting by the various officials under the guidance of the accelery (Mr. H. H. H. Hayr) left absolutely nothing to be desired.

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Speculation throughout the afternoon was declededly brisk, the muchines, under the management of Mr. J. E. Cooke, handling the sum of 18683 10, which is an adversars of 240-10, on the corresponding dup, the sum of 18683 10, which is an exceeded from the opening day, gives a total of £4205 10, for the gathering, a decrease from tast year of £427 10. Against the decrease, however, has to be added the fees received from the bookmakers, 21 mying for licenses on the opening day, and 16 on the concluding day, a sum or £488 10, so that the financial result is highly satisfactory.

The stewards commenced inquiries into two complaints, one for alleged interferance, and the other for breach of contract, both of which were adjourned till a future date.

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MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDIES, of 70sovs; distance, if mile.

Mr. C. Hendry's b g Landlock, aged, by Flintlack—Decamband, 10.2 (Hickton) 1 Mr. H. Deston's b g Montigo, Gyrs, 10.3 (Julian) Mr. J. Hannon's ch m Miss Crispin, 5708

FLYING HANDICAP of 80sovs. Four furlongs.

W. C. Iting's bg Mighty Atom, Syrs, 7-12 (Whittnhee)
J. Furc's bf Htylish, Syrs, 8-12 (Greenwood)
T. Italier's br & Mighty, Syrs, 7-9 (Porder)

Also started: Black and Gold, 89; Hat-dane, 8.2; Lucio, 8.0; Noteorini, 7.12; Lady,