He was as good as his word. He and his wife and a cluster of awkward shuffling stableboys strewed the Mendowfield pews, and heard Little Mary Higgins' prayed for with the utmost reverence. Early on Monday morning the vicar set out to eail \$4. Mr. Higgins. In the stable yard he met an impulsive young mm with a fresh complexion and an air of irrepressible cheerfulness.

Its shook the vicar varmely by the hand. "How do? Hope you're decent. My name's Mendowfield better the way, that you have the stable properties and its awfully sporting of you pray for her, you know. She seems all right, this morning. Jolly glad, too, for he's torum in the Appleton Sinkes on Wednesday."

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And now the vicar always insists on a hirth certificate or some other means of

AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN COM-MITTEE,

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A meeting of the Auckland Metropolitan Committee was held on Monday, Mr II. T. Gorne preducts the designation of the Auckland Metropolitan The designation of the Auckland Received the designation of the Auckland Rocket of the Martanata Racing Club on Percy Walsh, while the designating the Martanata Racing Club was endorsed, and the term increased from three to six months. The appeal by the owners of Master Soult the Auckland Racing Club Committee to pay the stakes in the Bailway Handleap. to the owner of Hoyal Soult was dismissed. Licenses were granted as follows: — Trainers: E. Brockelsby and W. J. Bowden, Jockeys: A. Holden, John Pereval, and F. Tutchen, The following programmes were passed: — Whakaine Racing Club, March 17; Walpu Racing Club, March 24; Rotorna Jackey Club, Feb. 17 and 18; Auckland Trotting Club, March 24; Rotorna Jackey Club, Feb. 17 and 18; Auckland Trotting Club, The property of the Auckland Racing Club, March 24; Rotorna Jackey Club, Feb. 17 and 18; Auckland Trotting Club, March 17; Walpu Racing Club, March 24; Rotorna Jackey Club, Feb. 17 and 18; Auckland Trotting Club, The Marginette of the Auckland Racing Club, March 24; Rotorna Jackey Club, Feb. 18; Auckland Cropany: To M. Mellows, chestnut filly, 1yr, by Sir Laddomardes were cubmitted and the following transfers were cubmitted to the following transfers were cubmitted

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

CHRISTCHERCH. Friday.

The chief sporting event of this week has been the Ashburton Troiting Club's summer meeting, which was held yesterday and to-day. The meeting was generally successful to the control of the cont CHRISTCHERCH, Friday

t the Riccarton horses that are cu-Wingatui have left for the scene of

+ + + WANGANUI AUTUMN MEETING.

WANGANUI, Friday.

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The following weights have been de-clared by Mr George Morse for the Wanga-bul Jockey Chib's autumn meeting:—
Westmere Hurdle Race.—Exmoor 11.12, Lyrist 11.12, Luil 11.9, Aorangi 11.7, Navier 11.1, Leonardo 10.10, Stayboy 10.6, Master

Donglas 10.0, Maidi 10.6, Commander 10.0, Showman 9.8, Paparachi 9.7, Don Carles 9.7, Tonderghie 9.5, Prospector 9.5, Coy 9.2, Monarque 9.2, Scency 9.0, Okalhau 9.0, Waimaria 9.0, Moose 9.0, The Stripper 9.0, Tauira 9.0, Payforth, Hurdle Race.—Stayboy 11.9, Orno Carles 10.11, Autora 10.7, Moose 9.10, Grenade 9.10, Eldorado 9.5, Mikotahi 9.4, Whimper 9.3, Rosegrove 9.3, Tauira 9.3, Chase Mab 9.3, Taupo 9.0, Waimaria 9.0, Carlyle 9.0, Montague 9.0, The Stripper 9.0, Juvenile Handleap.—Gold Lace 0.3, Chase Mab 9.3, Taulra 9.3, Chase 10.3, Morrisonte 8.3, Xiophose 8.3, Fast 12, Cox 12, Morrisonte 8.3, Xiophose 8.3, Fast 12, Cox 12, Subdue 4.0, Stevards Handleap.—Crucinetta 9.0, Sir Frisco 8.13, Master Delayal 8.13, Manian 1.3, Golden Engle 7.12, Tan San 7.11, Gold Lace 7.11, Gloudlin 7.10, Strawards Handleap.—Greinetta 7.7, Arc Light 7.6, Ecloque 7.6, Morlarty 7.5, Belario 7.2, Florilla 7.0, Immolation 7.0, Sestondate 6.0, Monduly 6.12, Flingot 6.11, Lochicla 6.0, Petric Hack Handleap.—Ecloque 9.2,

7.2. Flottila 7.0. Immolation 7.0. Sectordate 6.0. Mendin 6.12, Flingot 6.11, Lochicla 6.0.

Petric Hack Handleap.—Ecogue 9.2. Courier 9.9. Miss Mischief 8.9. Walat 8.7. Te Kalurangi 8.6. Clemora 8.2. Burton 19.0. Awku 7.10 Men 19.0. Handleap 19.0. Handleap 19.0. Lass 7.3. Seawind 7.2. Ukraine 7.4. Shannon Lass 7.3. Seawind 7.2. Ukraine 7.4. Rangkapuka 7.0. Stevens 7.9. Toanga 7.9. Red Wing 7.0. Manin 7.9. Muse 7.0. Bell Amie 7.0. Vinca 7.0.

Wirtton Hack Handleap.—Mendip 9.0. Mallet 8.11. Perolina 8.10. Astraca 8.7. Clemora 8.1. North East 7.12. Flirst Mate 7.3. Homora 8.1. North East 7.12. Flirst Mate 7.3. Lianwern 7.2. Recention 7.3. Led 7.2. Lianwern 7.2. Recention 7.3. Parable 7.4. Anemone 7.3. Parable 7.4. Mendio 7.0. Sylvin Maid 7.0. Dennis 7.9. Newport 7.0. Doine 7.0.

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ROTORUA RACES.

FIRST DAY.

ROTORUA. Wednesday.

The first day of the Rotroux Joekey Club's necting, which was held to-day, proved, very successful. The day was warm, and the course was in good order, while there was an attendance of about 109 persons. The races were well fought out and 'close fulshes were the rule. The results were:—

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ROTORUA, Thursday.

There was fine weather for the second day's inecting of the Botocun Rucing Club, and the attendance was but little short of that of the first day. The fields were not so large, but the race were well contested, and the finishes close. The results were—Second lurdles—Waimutt. 9.4, 1; Melton Hall, 9.8, 2; Lady Ellen, 9.2, 3. Also started: Anna Lombard, 41.10; All Fours, 9.0. Anna Lombard fell at the first burdle. Time, 3.25–25.

President's Handicap—Azoff, 8.5, 1; Discoverer, 8.0, 2; Frontine, 9.3, 3. Also started: Jim, 6.10; Flying Soult, 6.10. Time, 1.3.

1.3.
Arawa Park Handleup, Hacremat, 7.7,
1; Prince Leo, 7.0, 2. Time, 1.19.
Toutists Handleup, Hiscoverer, 8.0, 1;
Mighty Atom. 8.8, 2; Rosewood, 8.0, 3.
Time, 54s.
Second Hack Handleup, Master Paul.

Time, 548.
Second, Hack, Handicap, Master Paul, 95-01, Weka, 8.6, 2; Handicap, S. 3. Also started; Katugaroa, 7.3.
Second Welter: Tabina, 7.11, 1; Dainty, 8.2, 2; Haeremai, 9.3, 3, Time, 1.35, 8.7, 1; Azoff, 8.5, 63to everweight), 2; Manapouri, 9.2, 3.

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WOODVILLE MEETING,

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WOODVILLE, Wednesday,
The autumn meeting of the Woodville
Jockey Cith commenced to-day in the weather. The sum of £7490 was pur through
the totalisator, which is a decrease of
£1324 compared with the corresponding day
ast year. Eight bookmakers were licensed.
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Malden Plate.—Waipanul 1, Projectile 2,
Seraphie 3, Seratched; Booke,
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County Hack Handleap of 75sovs, six furlangs.—Kelso I, Swallow 2, Klimmerlan 3, Wan comfortably by two tengths.

Tresident's Handleap of 100sovs, seven furlangs.—With arrival 1, Berengaria 2, Inc. 1,30-2.5, White Handleap of 75sovs, offentle.—Scater 1, Mildiana 3, Windage 3, Woally half a length. Time, 1,30.

Telephone Handleap of 100sovs, Gye furlangs.—Sunbounet 1, Axite 2, Lerd Soult 3, A good race. Time, 1,2.

SECOND DAY.

WOODVILLE, Thursday

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Delightful weather was experienced for the concluding day of the Woodville Jockey. Club's autumn meeting. The attendance was very satisfactory, but not quite so large as the previous day. The sum of 18280 was put through the totalisator, making a total of £13,710 for the meeting, a decrease of £3331 compared with the corresponding meeting last year. Six of the control of the corresponding meeting last year. Six Sections Meeting the satisfactor of £300. The results we days amounted to £300. The results we days amounted to £300. The results we day a feeting full and kinimerian. Won by a tength. Hucker of Theorems, 10.13, 1; Reaman, 9.5, 2; Rosegrove; 9.13, 3. The only starters. Won by three lengths. Ballance Hack Welter of Theorems, seven forlongs, Aberbrothock 1, Midura 2, Notorious 3. Aberbeythock took charge after the start, and won easily by two lengths.

Autumn Handleap of Hoseove, one mile and a diseauee -Sandstream 1. Merrie

Addum Handleap of 150sovs, one mile taid a distance.—Sandstream 1, Merrie Rose 2, Moloch 3, Before reaching the traight Sandstream drew away, and was not afterwards headed, whomen easily by three lengths. Thuc, 1.55 3-5.

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furlongs.—Genuine 1, Swallow 2, Hydraulie 3, Genuine won by a short head. Time, 12, 15.
Shorts Handleap of 100sovs, five furlongs.—VI 1, Kareo 2, Lochiel 3. Won by half a length in the excellent time of 1.1.
Hack Scurry of 5500s.—Waimarimarie 1, Kinmerian 2, Valentine 3, An exciting Jacc, won by a neck. Time, 22 Stin. 1, Maharie 1, Time, 1, Ti ·, ··· + + +

N.Z. METROPOLITAN TROTTING CLUB'S MEETING

SECOND DAY.

CHRISTCHURCH, Sunday,

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The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's Pebruary meeting was concluded to day; in fine weather. The attendance was good, and speculation brisk. The totalisator investments were £8002 19, making a total of £14,123 10, for the meeting, as against £13,165 10, last year. The results were:

against £13,165 10½ hast year. The results were:
Improvers' Handfeap of 110sovs, one mile and a half.—Marie Corelli, 148, 1; Bonification, 168, 2; Milljood, 68, 3, Won easily by three lengths. Time, 3,45.
Ladies' Bracelet Handfeap, of 00sovs, one mile and a half.—Ned Egam, ser., 1; Classic, 58, 2; Maori Child, 68; 3. Won by 50 yerds, Time, 3,50 4-5.
Zeatandia Handfeap of 250sovs, two miles.—Hell Car, 158, 1; Derringcotte, 188, 2; Lord, Elmo, seratch, 3. Won by eight lengths. Time, 4,46 3-6 126covs, two miles.—Bulbararine, 88, 1; Turk, 178, 2; Previous, 178, 3. Won by eight lengths. Time, 4,48 2-5.

—Submarine, 8s, 1; Turk, 17s, 2; Previous, 17s, 3, Won by eight lengths, Time, 4.28 2.5.

Summer Handleap of 150sovs, two miles, Havelock, 12s, 1; Marietfa Huon, 34s, 2; Weifure, 16s, 3, Wou by a length; Time, 5.2 3.5.

Sportsmen's Handleap of 120sovs, one mile, Terra Nova, 1s, 1; Ren Hur, 6s, 0.2 1.2 1, 3, 4 Won by four lengths. Time, 2.2 1, 3, 4 Won by four lengths, Time, 2.4 1, 4 Won by four lengths, 15 Month of 120sovs, one mile and a half,—Mayoutneen, 13s, 3, Won by a length, Time, 3.3 3.5.

Final Handleap of 135sovs, one mile,—15 Month of 12 Mont

+ + + TROTTING RECORD BROKEN.

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ASHBURTON, Thursday.

In the Allerton Handicap at the Ashburton, Trotting Cubb's summer meeting today, Mr. W., Tapp's Dick Fly quiver, M. Edwards, broke the Amstralasian record for one mile and a half, doing the record for one mile and a half, doing the record to Edwards. The rich presented and a latter of the Edwards. The previous record was 3.28. 12 5 9+ + ±

HUNTLY RACES.

HUNFLY, Saturday,

The Huntly Racing Club's meeting was held to-day in fine weather, and there were about 760 present. Results are as following Francisco, and the second for present. Results are as following Francisco, seven fortiones. Leonorite 8.10, 1; 81. Cyren, 7.10, 22. Those two were in the van throughout, and Leonorite Mabilion Plate, six furtiones. Francisco, 100 presents of the present of the first present present of the first present

Smaintells Handlen, four furlouge.—Lady French 95, 1; Cantala, 8.8, 2; Lady Wearel, 77, 3. Secretary fronting, Fronta, and Weke, A fone fined misin, 613, 1; Alder-Maiden Weller.—Frankein, 613, 1; Alder-

tle, Zinna, Kupnarangi, Newnham, Sig-started, Frantien wen casily, Flying Handleap, Frontino, 8.3, 1; Gobles Gen. 7.3, 2; Cantata 8.5, 3, Seratched; Rarata, Doma, Apolinaris, Star, and Lady, Wexsel. Five started. A good finish, Twentysme bookmakers were licensed at the meeting at a fee of 42 code.

4 + 4 AUSTRALIAN RACING.

V.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING, ...

The following is a list of the borses left in the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup at the V.R.C. autumn meeting:—
Newmarket Handicap, six furlongs.—
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Solithic 0.11, Lord Carlyon 9.9, Scotland 9.9, Scotland 19.1, Lord Carlyon 9.9, Scotland 19.2, Keth 9.7, Moton 9.2, Prophecy 8.13, Lord 19.2, Keth 9.7, Moton 9.2, Prophecy 8.13, Lord 19.2, Lord 19.3, Lord 19.2, Lord 19.2, Lord 19.2, Lord 19.2, Lord 19.2, Lord 19.3, Lord 19.3, Lord 19.3, Lord 19.2, Lord 19

MELBOURNE, February 18.

The Victoria Amateur Turf Club opened their meeting at Caulfield today. The following were the results of the principal

following were the tesults of the principal events:

The Rand Cup of 300says, one mile and three furlongs: H. W. Morron's Gellgnite, it leven Time, 2: Yabba Gabba, 3. Efficient started, Gellemite won by a leagth and a quarter. Time, 2:223.

The Oakleigh Plate of 1098sors, five furlongs and a half, J. Johnson's Irishman, I; Salvin, by Maltster-Gaillarddh, 2: Aurthers, by Tom Cringle Hard Hit, 3. Eighteen started. Irishman won easily by five lengths. Time, 1.8.

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MELBOURNE, February 20.

MELISUURNE, Pebruary 20.

The V.A.P.C. Drought D in automa meeting to a conclusion at 1 aniheld to-day. With a strong field of 21 horses saddled up to measure strides in the Paturity Staket, the weight-forage event was invosted with the utmost interest, and the contest that eventuated was in keeping with the unportance of the vultable race. Honomrs restel with the Auckland-bred Souttine and the performance for which the son of Soult was responsible was such as to call up at the first penalty.

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THE NEWMARKET HANDICAL

SYDNEY, this day Motor has been scratched for the New-market Handicap.

RETURNED HERS TOO.

Willie-And so you quarrelled?

Warley-Yes; she sent back all my presents. And what do you suppose I did?

Willie - Can't guess.

that Picken and the a half-dozen boxes of face powder, with a note explaining that I'd taken about that much home of my coat since Pil known ber.