PARNELL V. WEST END.

Men's A.—Grigson and P. Hanson (P.) beat Dr. Smith and Upton (W.E.), 6—4, 6—2, 6—4.

Ladies' B.—Misses Gudgeon and McCormick (P.) beat Misses Utting and Foote (W.E.), 6—2, 6—2, 6—3.

Combined A.—Miss Parsons and Cooke (P.) beat Miss Gray and J. Smith (W.E.), 6—3, 6—3, 6—3.

Ladies A.—Misses Cooke and Steele (P.) beat Miss Holland and Mrs. Earle (W.E.), 6—3, 6—0, 6—0.

Combined B.—Mrs. Manning and Goldie (W.E.) beat Miss Frater and Baker (P.), 6—2, 6—2, 3—6.

Men's B.—Quinell and Swainson (W.E.) beat Goldsmith and Simpson (P.), 5—6, 6—4, 8—6.

West End won ten sets to eight.

Second Grade.

DEVONPORT v. MOUNT ALBERT.

Men's A. — Robson and Rainger (D) beat Wilson and Parry (MA) — 6—3, 5—6, 7—5.

Men's B. — Whittaker and Brabant (D) beat E. Walker and G. Coles (MA) — 6—3, 6—4, 6—4.

Ladies' A. — Mrs Cooper and Miss Harvey (D) beat Mrs Beale and Mrs Garlick (MA) — 6—0, 6—0, 6—0.

Ladies' B. — Mrs McAra and Miss Stewart (D) beat Misses Hunt and Waymouth (MA) — 6—1, 6—3, 6—1.

Combined A. — Miss Philcox and T. Macky (D) beat Miss Parry and R. Gardner (MA) — 6—3, 6—4, 6—1.

Combined B. — Miss Batkin and Clay (MA) beat Miss Whitaker and B. Buddle (D) — 6—4, 6—1, 6—4.

Devonport won 17 sets and Mt. Albert 1.

REMUERA V. ONEHUNGA.

Ladies' A.—Misses Carnahan and Haslett (O) beat Misses Crowther and Barstow (R), 5—6, 6—1, 6—3.

Men's B.—Tonks and Duthie (R) beat Ewen and Ohison (O), 6—5, 1—6, 9—7.

Combined B.—Miss R. Taylor and Moore (O) beat Miss Perry and Ruddock (R), 3—6, 6—3, 6—0.

Men's A.—Dr. Bamford and S. A. Longuet (R) beat G. L. and R. Taylor (O), 6—3, 6—5, 6—0.

Ladies' B.—Miss Western and Mrs. Woodler (R) beat Misses Murray and McLauchlin (O), 6—1, 6—4, 6—3.

Combined A.—Miss Worrall and Richardson (O) beat Miss Reid and L. Longuet (R), 6—5, 4—6, 6—3.

Remuera won, 11 sets to 7.

Third Grade.

OTAHUHU V. UNIVERSITY

Men's A. L. Sheppard and W. Sheppard (O) beat Campbell and Scott (U), 6—3, 3—6, 8—6.

Combined A.—Mrs. Whitley and V. Morrin (O) beat Miss Harvey and Marshall (U), 4—6, 6—1, 6—1.

Ladies' B.—Misses Morrin and Whitley (O) beat the Misses Oliphant (U), 6—4, 6—5, 6—3.

Men's B.—Reynolds and Thorne (U) beat Page and Bond (O), 6—2, 6—2, 4—6.

Ladies' A.—Misses McGee and Graham (O) beat Misses Berriman and Oliver (U), 6—0, 6—0, 6—0.

Combined B.—Miss Carson and Sumner (O) beat Miss Freeman and Jones (U), 4—6, 6—4, 7—5.

Otahuhu won, 13 sets to 3.

CAMBRIDGE.

The local Club's ladder competitions are in progress just now. The matches up to date are as follows:—Roy Roberts beat L. Isherwood (challenger), 9—8; A. H. Nicoll beat L. Isherwood (challenger), 9—7; J. L. Foster beat K. Court (challenger), 9—3; J. L. Foster beat A. Richardson (challenger), 9—8; L. Isherwood beat J. L. Foster (challenger), 9—3; G. T. Simpson beat A. H. Nicoll (challenger), 9—5; A. J. Richardson beat K. M. Court (challenger), 9—0; V. Raynor beat C. Ruge (challenger), 9—3. Several other challenges are out, and will be played off in a few days.

GISBORNE.

The following are further results of the games played on the Gisborne Club's courts:—

Combined Doubles.—R. Willoch and Miss Bright beat Price and Mrs. Barlow; Dodgshun and Miss Davies beat Murray and Miss Pyke; Cowan and Mrs. Maude beat Burnand and Miss H. Black.

Ladies' Doubles.—Mrs. Burke and Miss H. Sherratt beat Mrs. Maude and Mrs. Gover; Misses Davies beat Misses Bright and Agnew-Brown; Mrs Barlow and Miss McCredie beat Misses Murray and Coleman; Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Adair beat Misses Black.

Men's Doubles. — Coleman and Sheppard beat Burnard and Brabant; Buseke and Adair beat Murray and Coote; Dodgshun and Cowan beat R. Willoch and Evans; Bull and Simson beat Ruby and Schierning; Burke and Adair beat Coleman and Sheppard; Bull and Simson beat Dodgshun and Cowan.

Men's Singles.—Cowan beat J. Graham; Gover beat Brabant; Schierning beat Simson; Price beat W. L. Coleman; R. Willoch beat Evans; Adair beat Ruby; Sheppard beat Burnard; Murray beat Bennett; Schierning beat Price.

Ladies' Singles.—Miss Bright beat Miss K. Sherratt; Mrs. Maude beat Miss H. Sherratt; Mrs. Gover beat Mrs. Adair; Mrs. Crawford beat Mrs. Barlow; Miss McCredit beat Miss Pyke; Mrs. Burke beat Miss H. Black; Miss Bright beat Miss Agnew-Brown; Miss McCredit beat Mrs. Crawford.

In the second round of the Men's Doubles at the Whatatupoko Club's courts, Bull and Curtis beat Matthews and H. Barker, but owing to the inclement weather all other matches were postponed for a week.

By WHALEBONE.

FIXTURES.

Dec. 23, 26 and 27—Manawatu B.C. Summer
Dec. 26—Porangahau R.C. Annual
Dec. 26 and 27—Thames J.C. Summer
Dec. 26 and 27—Dunedin J.C. Summer
Dec. 26 and 27—Taranaki J.C. Christmas
Dec. 26 and 27—Reefton J.C. Midsummer
Dec. 26, 29, and Jan. 2 and 3 — Auckland R.C. Summer
Dec. 27, 31, Jan. 7 — A.T.C. Summer
Dec. 28—Ashburst-Pohangina R.C. Annual
Dec. 31 and Jan. 2 — Greymouth J.C. Midsummer
Jan. 2 and 3—Rangitikei R.C. Summer
Jan. 2 and 3—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
Jan. 2 and 3—Stratford R.C. Summer
Jan. 2—Wyndham R.C. Annual
Jan. 2 and 3—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
Jan. 2 and 3—Vincent J.C. Annual
Jan. 3 and 4—Southland R.C. Summer
Jan. 21 and 22—Foxton R.C. Annual
Jan. 21.—Papakura R.C. Annual
Jan. 28, 30, Feb. 4.—Takapuna J.C. Summer
Feb. 2—Karioi J.C. Annual
Feb. 2 and 3—Gisborne R.C. Summer
Feb. 11, 15, 18.—Otahuhu T.C. Summer

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J.J.K., Ohakune. — The maker calls the score, the other side doubles. Any player on the maker's side can re-double, and this can go on indefinitely.

J.C., Newton. — Culprit has won the Stepniak Stakes, C.J.C. Welcome Stakes, Irwell Handicap, and Electric Plate.

The gelding Prophet is to be ridden in the Auckland Cup by L. Morris.

Provocation has been scratched for all engagements at the Manawatu meeting.

The San Fran mare Mary Ann is now an inmate of P. Conway's stable at Ellerslie.

The Soult mare, Princess Soult, is being indulged in a spell.

There are now nearly 200 racehorses in training in Holland.

Mr. T. Cunningham has purchased the Obligado filly, Oboe, from her late owner.

The Auckland horseman, C. Brown, has been engaged to ride John in the Auckland Cup.

F. Stenning is handling an exceptionally well-grown two-year-old colt by Monoform — Lady Athol.

H. Gray, who rode Bridge to victory in the N.Z. Cup, is to have the mount on the son of Merriwee in the Auckland Cup.

Bootle was scratched for all engagements at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting at 11.40 last Wednesday.

Mr. Wallace, of Mangere, has disposed of the filly by Wairiki from Leo Delaval to an Australian buyer.

Mark Ryan has made a good recovery from his recent accident, and was riding work again on Saturday morning.

Mr. S. Pitt, owner of Red Lupin, writes from Stratford that the statement that he had refused an offer of 500gs for the son of Lupin is incorrect.

How many times after an apprentice has had his first ride does he ride the race over again to the other "kids" in the stable?

The bookmakers will be operating on two days of the Takapuna J.C. Summer Meeting, and then "the place that knew them once will know them no more."

Consequent on his good gallop on Thursday morning, Palsano has shortened in price for the Auckland Cup. It takes very little to make a horse favourite nowadays.

The Regel gelding Regalu has been physicked since the Takapuna meeting, and has been having an easy time of it in consequence.

Amongst the winners at the recent Kensington (Sydney) meeting was Ind Coope, which is returned as by Explosion — Lactitia.

The St. Clement's mare St Maria wrenched her fetlock while competing at the recent Te Awamutu meeting, and is to be treated to a lengthy spell.

The Napier-owned Kopu still retains his position as favourite for the Auckland Cup, and is going on as well at Ellerslie as his best friends could wish.

After being passed in at auction last Friday, the gelding Michaeloff was disposed of privately for 35gns, at which figure he should be a cheap horse.

The St. Paul gelding Tapekaha was brought from the South by the Rarawa last week, and has gone back into his old quarters at T. A. Williams'.

One half the light-weight jockeys riding horses nowadays are afraid of their lives on their mounts, and this is probably why there is so much unreliable running.

The Menschikoff gelding, Michaeloff, is being trained at Ellerslie by his new owner, the gentleman who runs under the assumed name of Mr. H. Sydney.

It is reported in the South that the Monaco gelding Te Arai is to be taken across to Australia to compete in the V.R.C. Grand National. Te Arai is stated to be in the best of health.

The last of Soult's progeny made its appearance at Glenora Park this week, when Clodete, by Seaton Delaval—La Cloche, foaled a colt to the defunct son of St. Simon.

It is reported that the Multiform colt, Sunburnt, after fulfilling his engagement in the Palmerston North Stakes, is to be brought to Auckland to contest the Royal Stakes.

The fact that the bookmaker ceases to exist after January 31 has caused all the small clubs to endeavour to get their meetings over before that date, and it will be difficult to prevent clashing.

The latest English mail to hand brings word of the death of Captain Hope Johnstone, who had the honour of riding the first winner which carried the late King Edward VII.'s colours.

Space at Ellerslie for visiting horses is at present at a premium, and in order to accommodate his friends, the Green Lane trainer, John Rae, has been compelled to erect half a dozen new boxes.

The ex-Auckland horse, Aimwell, which has been something of a disappointment, has again changed hands, and is now owned by Mrs. Higgott, wife of the well-known Hutt trainer.

It transpires that Provocation showed signs of having jarred one of his tendons after winning the Feilding Stakes, and although he was not actually lame, Mr. Bidwill did not deem it advisable to work him, and he was struck out of all his immediate engagements. Mr. Bidwill's colt, Ovation, of which great things were expected, has developed strangles, so it will be seen that the Wairarapa sportsman's bad luck still sticks to him.

Coincidences are frequent in racing, and the latest in this connection is the performance of Luxton on Tuesday morning. Luxton is trained by J. Chaafe, jr., who had a similar experience with Prophet, exactly twelve months ago, when the Son of St. Paul left the track at the same place as Luxton did on Tuesday. As was the case with Luxton's rider, the boy on Prophet also escaped with a shaking, while the horse was also unhurt.

Would murder under the following conditions be justified? A well-known sport rushed up to a punter, who had a fair amount about Bridge for the Auckland Cup, and said: "Hello! Have you heard Mr. Watt is not starting Bridge in the Cup?" "Oh lor'" said the crestfallen punter, "how's that?" "Charlie O'Connor is starting him," replied the sport, and then he hurried away, and still lives to work his joke on to punters with an inquisitive turn of mind.

Southern owners are finding some difficulty in making satisfactory arrangements for the conveying of their horses northward for the A.R.C. Summer Meeting, and the consequence is that the visitors are very slow in putting in an appearance at Ellerslie this year. To the ordinary layman, it would appear that it would pay the Railway Department to run a special horse train from Wellington and Napier to Auckland, but evidently the authorities are not of that way of thinking, as no move has been made in that direction.

At the last meeting of the Hawke's Bay Metropolitan Committee, the chairman, Mr. G. Hunter, drew the attention of the committee to a statement made by Mr. Ross, M.P. for Pahiatua, in the discussion upon the petition of Mrs. Treweek, of Palmerston North, in regard to the payment of the dividend on three totalisator tickets, which she claimed to have purchased on a winning horse at the Woodville Jockey Club's February Meeting. Mr. Ross stated that the Metropolitan Committee was primarily responsible for having wrongly advised the Woodville Club. No advice was given to the Woodville Club by the Metropolitan Committee, who had no power under the rules to give advice, even had it been asked for. Further than this, the Metropolitan Committee had no power to vary or review any decision given by a country club in any dispute or question affecting the payment of totalisator dividends, the Rules of Racing providing that the decision of stewards shall in all such cases be final. It was to be regretted, the committee thought, that Mr. Ross should have made an inaccurate statement reflecting upon the Metropolitan Committee without having made himself acquainted with the Rules of Racing or the facts of the case.

The proprietors of the Allendale Stock Farm, Menzone, recently dispatched their manager, Mr. Andrew Robertson, to America, for the purpose of purchasing trotting and thoroughbred stock. Mr. Robertson has bought about 20 trotters, including mares and stallions with blood which has up to now never been represented in Australia. There are, for instance, stallions and mares by Chimes, Ormonde, Jay Bird, Moko, Walnut Hall, Tod Mac and Boreal, prominent sires in the Stakes. The trotters have speed on both sides of their pedigrees. One of the lots purchased by Mr Robertson is a colt by Mazagan, by Martagon, from Maize, by Hampton. Mazagan, when in England, won the Goodwood Cup and the Jockey Club Cup, defeating Merman. A filly by Mazagan is also included in Mr. Robertson's purchases. She is out of Wild Rose, by the only American-bred English Derby winner, Iroquois. The shipment also includes several youngsters by Oddfellow, a son of Barcaldine and the flying Gebelminiss, by Roslercian. Among them are two full sisters to Berry Maid (winner of the Toboggan Handicap). Rubus, the dam of these fillies, was a famous performer. She descends from what is known in America as the Dance family, the imported ancestress of which was Galopade, by Catton. Others by Oddfellow purchased were the two-year-old filly Petronelle and her yearling full sister, both out of Pepita, by Hanover, from the English mare Peterville, by Peter. An American writer says: "What better could be asked for than a filly by a Matchem stallion out of a Herod mare, and she out of an Eclipse mare? I predict that at some future date Pepita's daughters by Oddfellow will found a family of their own in Australia, and that Australian breeders will thank their lucky stars that Mr. Robertson secured two fillies of this sort." Mr. Robertson also purchased what are described as two grand mares—Miss Sain and Hasty Agnes. Hasty Agnes won many races, and is by Mr. Belmont's sire, Hastings, who more than once headed the list of winning stallions in the States. Miss Sain ran a mile in 1.37 4-5, and is by imported Sain out of Miss Baker, dam of three good winners. Sain was by St. Serf out of The Task, by Barcaldine.

A meeting of the Auckland Metropolitan Committee was held on Tuesday, the Hon. E. Mitchelson presiding. The following licenses were granted:—Trainers: J. I. N. Mackenzie, M. McKinnon, C. J. Wyatt, E. Hillary. Jockeys: K. Campbell, G. Keenan, Percy Moore, Hy. Mitten, E. Hendrey, J. I. N. Mackenzie, J. W. Jennings, Jos. Williams. The following programmes were passed:—Matamata Racing Club, January 19; Bay of Plenty Jockey Club, January 30; Opotiki Jockey Club, February 15; South Auckland Racing Club, February 24 and 25. It was agreed to recommend the conference to allow the Thames Jockey Club to change their dates from December 26 and 27 to December 27 and 28. The Papakura Racing Club was granted permission to race on January 21 and the Te Puke Jockey Club on January 26. The Hourly Racing Club's programme for January 21 was passed, they to be allowed to change their date to January 28 if they so desire. The A.R.C. Committee met subsequently, when the following transfers were passed: From J. B. Reid: To D. O'Brien, bay filly, 1yr, by Bonniform—Cyre; H. Friedlander, brown colt, 1yr, by Charlemagne II. Nautiloid; G. D. Greenwood, bay colt, 1yr, by Charlemagne II.—Annabelle; G. D. Greenwood, bay filly, 1yr, by Charlemagne II.—Portia; W. G. and G. L. Stead, bay colt, 1yr, by Charlemagne II.—Ena; J. T. McBride, bay colt, 1yr, by St. Ambrose—Angele; D. Rutherford, bay or brown colt, 1yr, by Charlemagne II.—Senshell; L. C. Hazlett, bay or brown filly, 1yr, by Charlemagne II.—St. Regis; Mr. Highden, brown filly, 1yr, by Charlemagne II.—Watershoot; Fred. E. Davis, chestnut colt, by St. Ambrose—Decoy; John Buckley, bay colt, 1yr, by Charlemagne II.—Janet; A. Macfarlane, bay colt, 1yr, by Charlemagne II.—Castellina. From Sir George McLean: To James Smith, bay colt, 1yr, by Sarto—Kumuri; A. Macfarlane, bay colt, 1yr, by Sarto—Mist; H. D. Crowley, bay filly, 1yr, by Sarto—Ventoso; P. G. Dalgety, bay colt, 1yr, by Sarto—Tourmaline; D. Rutherford, brown colt, 1yr, by Sarto—Irisa. From J. B. Reid: To Hugh Friedlander, black filly, 1yr, by Stepniak—Miss Dalrymple; G. P. Donnelly, black colt, 1yr, by Stepniak—Madder; G. M. Aynsley, chestnut filly, 1yr, by St. Ambrose—Rosella; Alex. Boyle, chestnut filly, 1yr, by Stepniak