Music and Drama.

BY THE PROMPTER.]

The reigning sensation at the Westminster Aquarium is a headforemost dive from an altitude of 115 feet into a tank 18 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 6 feet deep The daring diver is C. O. Peart, a young man some twenty-four years of age. Peart says that the reason he does not come into contact with the bottom is because directly he touches the water he lifts up his hands, brings his legs to-wards his face, and turns sharply on his back. When he springs off his little platform 115 feet above the water he leaps forward about 20 feet, descending head foremost into the centre of the tank, which, remember, is only 12 feet in width. Supposing he dived 2 feet outside the 12 feet arena! The act is said to be not so dangerous as it looks, but Peart can have it. I don't think many men would care about the contract.

The transformation scene at Drury Lane this year was to have been of a highly comprehensive character. arrangements provided for the inclusion of a snowstorm, the waits, a little child saying her prayers after having placed her stocking in readiness, Santa Claus bringing her many wonderful toys, then more snowstorm. Christmas puddings, etc., and finally a hurricane of harie-

quins, clowns, etc.

Mrs Kendal let out in breezy style to a San Francisco paper man who interviewed her. Business had been slack in 'Frisco, so she informed the interviewer that the city was a "jay town," and that "The Second Mrs Tauqueray," which had been adversely criticised as an unne-cessarily "steep" production, was the production, was the greatest religious moral play of the age, and one that would survive "long after the hills of San Francisco have been levelled to the ground." The irate artiste added, "I go through your city, not looking at the spittings on the pavement, but at your beautiful blue sky. Your audiences come to the theatre with never a look at the sky, but everyone looks at the spit." No doubt business was very bad, and Mrs Kendal must have been "riz," as the Yankees put it.

A decided Music-hall novelty was given at the London Royal recently. This was the realistic production of a "sermon-ette" sketch entitled "The Unbeliever." An agonised father is represented tending his dying child. It is conveyed that Death has recently snatched from him his beloved wife, and that this and the second blow impending have turned him to Atheism. The minister of a neighbouring church seeks to console the grief-stricken man, but is sternly ordered from the house. From a church close by the little sufferer's playmates are heard singing the hymn, "Call upon me in the day of trouble." The overwrought father, listening, is moved to tears and anon to prayer for strength to bear his sorrows. Presently he hears a feeble cry of "Father!" and, rising from his knees, he beholds his darling child restored to consciousness and stretching her little arms towards him. When the clergyman returns he finds the recent unbeliever bending over the child's bedside in thanksgiving. This playlet was istened to with rapt attention by a music hall audience, the members of which are generally held by clergymen to be utterly lost to any higher appetite than a feverish hunger for living pictures with a minimum of clothing on.

Some extraordinary scenes are said to have been witnessed in Dublin recently in connection with one of Henry Irving's dramatic season's. It was announced that the booking would open at 10 a.m., and when the office opened it is said that between one and two hundred ladies and gentlemen were soon engaged in a struggle that reminded spectators more of a football match than of anything else. One gentleman fainted and had to be carried out of the shop, ladies had to be rescued to save them from suffocation or injury, the box office was smashed by the pressure of the crowd, all the glass in it was broken, and, writes an eve-witness, "ultimately the semi circular top of the framework was pitched over the heads of those who were handing out tickets." Amongst the struggling crowd were a Lord Justice, a Member of Parliament, and four learned Q.C.'s. Could anything speak more eloquently of Irving's great popularity?

Weights, etc.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

HANDICAPS.

Dunedin Cup of 500 sovs, one mile and three quarters and 132 yards.

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	St. Valentin	e		7	10	Speedwell			6	7
	New Forest			7	10	Rancor			6	7
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POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

: ACCEPTANCES.

First Hurdles of 60 sovs, one mile and a half.—T Rose 10.12, Worth 10.7, Pomoana 9.11, Beauly 9.9.

Turanga Stakes of 200 sovs, one mile and a half.—Mahaki 10.4, Krina 7.13, Lord Raven 7.9, Hopmarket 6.12.

WELTER HANDICAP of 40 sovs, one mile Perkin 11.7, Lord Raven 10.12, Pomoana 9.12, Barbelle 9.8, Flirtation 9.4, Duncan Grey, 9.0.

COUNTY STAKES of 40 sovs, one mile.—Porurus 7.13, Pekapu 7.8, Wool Queen 7.7, Flirtation 7.5, Derby 6.7.

FLYING HANDI AP of 80 sors, six furlongs.— Krina 8.3, King Cannibal 7.12, Hopmarket 7.8, Fidget 6.9, Forella 6.7.

SHORTS HANDICAP of 30 sovs, four furlongs.— Bacchus 8.10, True Blue 8.6, Lina 8.4, Herbert 7.10, Dandy 7.7, Sandfly 7.5, Queen Bess 6.10.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

WEIGHTS.

Anniversary Handicap, one mile.—Dream-ANNIVERSARY HANDIGAP, one inhie.—Dreamland 9.3, St Laura 8.7, Searchlight 8.0, Senator 7.11, Allan-a-Dale 7.10, Kalmea 7.10, Revolution 7.8, Spindrift 7.8, Von Tempsky 7.7, Georgie Sharp 7.6, Krina 7.6, King Wai 7.6, Nixie 7.5, King's Bowman 7.4, Planet 7.0, Porepo 7.0, Legislator 6.12, Review 6.10, Tuhitarata 6.7.

NURSERY HANDICAP, six furlongs .- Caribou 8.10, Heavenly Twin 8.8, Medicus 8.6, Spruce 7.4, Solitaire 7.2, Dissenter 7.9, St. John 7.0, Warnote 7.0, Black and Red 6.12.

HURDLE HANDICAP, two miles.—Roscius 12.10, Kapua 11.5, Clarence 11.2, Revolt 10.3, Sedition 9.3, Oddfellow 9.0, Auroa 9.0.

Welter Handloap, one mile and a quarter.

—Dreamland 11.0, Prairie Grass 10.10, Musket
10.4, Senator 10.0, Kalmea 10.0, Von Tempsky
9.7, Legislator 9.0, Tuhitarata 8.10, Review 8.7.

DISPOSAL HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Poinsettia 8.10, Tubitarata 8.3, Delusion 7.10, Parae

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP, three-quarters of a mile.—Saracen 9.6, St Laura 8.12, Spindrift 8.5, Britomarte 8.4, Searchlight 8.3, Kalmea 8.2, Georgie Sharp 8.0, Allan-a-Dale 8.0, Revolution 8.0, King Wai 7.11, Nixie 7.10, Krina 7.10, King's Bowman 7.8, Porepo 7.5, Salvo 7.0, Review 6.10.

First HACK HANDICAP, one mile and a fur-long. — Princess Cole 9.9, The Toad 9.7, Brookfield 9.4, The Friar 8.7, Umslopagaas 8.2, Penrose 8.0, Calcola II. 8.0, King's Own 7.12, The Miser 7.12, Dummy 7.12, Vivacious 7.11, Fresh Deal 7.10, Merryman 7.9, Swordfish 7.9, Springtime 7.9, Voltaire 7.8, Bush Boy 7.6, Kaahu 7.2, Bouquet 7.2, Vagrant 7.0, Dart 6.10, Scrap 6.10.

JANUARY HANDICAP, one mile and a furlong. North Atlantic, Allan-a-dale, Planet, Spindrift, Von Tempsky, Porepo, Golden Plover, Review, Musket, Revolution, Legislator, Kalmia, King Wai, St. Laura, Searchlight, Tuhitarata, Senator, Princess May.

METROPOLITAN HANDICAP, six furlongs.— Krina, King's Bowman, King Wai, Britomarte, Spindrift, Princess May, St. Laura, Saracen, Georgie Sharp, Porepo, Salvo, North Atlantic, Searchlight, Nixic.

JUVENILE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Spruce,

Caribou, Solitaire, Dissenter, St. John, Medicus, Black and Red, Heavenly Twin, Roseminster, War Note.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, one mile and one furlong.-Golden Plover, Review, Legislator, Tuhitarata, King Wai, Arius, Georgie Sharp, Planet, Revolution, Allan-a-dale, Senator, Von Tempsky,

SECOND HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and three quarters.—Same as First Hurdle Handicap.
SECOND HACK HANDICAP, one mile.—Penrose, Vagrant, Swordfish, The Friar, Brookfield, Princess Cole, The Miser, The Toad, Scrip, Bouquet, Dart, Merriman, Springtime, Waitere, King's Own, Umslopagaas, Flying Shot, Bushboy, Overseer, Dummy, Voltaire, Slaiden, Fresh Deal, Vivacious, Kaahu, Caloola II.

V.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

THE NEWMARKET HANDICAP, of 750 sovs Three-quarters of a mile.—Fortunatus, Carnage, Lady Love, Sylvia Park, Brokenhill, Kelp, Cor-onation, Caroline, Sara, Havoc, Steadfast, Nada, lady Love, Sylvia Park, Brokennin, Keip, Coronation, Caroline, Sara, Havoc, Steadfast, Nada, Bradford, Eureka, Pilatus, Lord Glasgow, Raymond, Panic, Warpaint, Erl King, Mischief, Maroon, Idolator, Britain, Elswick, Linburn, Anchor, Forward, Selim, Ilium, Emmaunanuc, Tassy, Silver Beet, Silvia, Capstan, Preston, Mysia, Esau, Traamoo, Gunboat, Carlton, Misdeal, Wolenia, Sternchaser, The Possible, Bessie Mc Carthy, Parramatta, Eumarrah, Eiridsford, Malachite, Destiny, Mostyn, J5, Baccorus, Rosebrook, Bererley, Barbarian, Traveller, Gaumaur, Roseleaf, Glenhuntly, Ladyheart, Tullamore, Malolo, Gaillardia, Disparity, Chiron, Barndance, Devon, Epi, Carrington, La Gloria, Twist, Merry Girl, Bruin, The Lover, Hova, Laundress, Damper, Bammarie, The Buccaneer, Fragment, Mainstay, Royal Master, Lord Richmond, Auntie, St Kilda, Mahaki, Ophir, Vanitas, Chanbeebce, Alameda, Mohican, Sir Oliver, Silverhill, Whakawatea, Truelove, All There, Bel Giorno, Milkmaid, Sunburst, Common, Pilotboy, Solanum, Elymos, Stanmore, Ruenalf. anum, Elymos, Stanmore, Ruenalf.

THE AUSTRALIAN CUP of 750 sovs. Two miles and a-quarter.—Patron, Palo Alto, Brokenhill, Apsley, Dunfish, Kronberg, Carnage, Havoc, Steadfast, Nada, Dreamland, Maroon, Idolator, Roburite, Wolf, Lucid, Preston, Carlton, Quiver, Sternchaser, The Possible, Bessie Mc Carthy, Bonnie Scotland, Decision, Lord Granville, Light Artillery, Cobbity, Destiny, Theodore, Glenhuntly, Devon, Foxtail, The Harvester, Strahan, Leap Year, Royal Master, Little Maid, Straightfire, Mahaki, Iolanthus, Wyvern, Ethelbert, Pilot Bov. Solanum. Donation. Ruenalf. THE AUSTRALIAN CUP of 750 sovs. bert, Pilot Boy, Solanum, Donation, Ruenalf.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

FLYING HANDICAP of 50 sovs, three-quarters of a mile.—Dissenter, Cheque, Johnny Faa, The Dancer, Stepfelt, Skirmisher, Nixie, Spindrift, Orion, Musket, Irish Twist, St. Clements, St. Laura, Ben Godfrey, Eve, Dreamland, Prioress, Soracius, King's Bowman, The Shrew, Waiuku,

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 soys, two miles and a distance.—Ebor, Revolt, Rangipai, Liberator, Bonovoree, Auroa, Sunbeam, Ingorina, Marechal Neil, Strike, Kapua, Eothen, The Hero, Belle, Strephon, Melinite.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs, two miles.—The same as First Handicap Hurdles.

WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs, one mile.— Ebor, Johnny Faa, Cheque, The Dancer, Cyrus, Monte Carlo, Bonovoree, Musket, Lottic, Yattenfeldt, Irish Twist, St Laura, Eve, Ben Godfrey, Dreamland, Prioress, The Screw, Senator, Pre-

Nursery Handicar of 80 sovs, five furlongs.

—Ngatura, Roseminster, First Result, Spruce,
Woodlander, Heavenly Twin, Medicus, Cannonball, Soracius, Ben Varey.

HARRISON MEMORIAL STAKES of 80 sovs, three quarters of a mile.—Dissenter, Cheque, Johnny-Fan, The Dancer, Stepfeldt, Nixie, Spindrift, Orion, Irish Twist, St Clements, Eve, St Laura, Prioress, King's Bowman, The Shrew, Waiuku,

TURAKINA JOCKEY CLUB HACK MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 30 sovs, one mile and a half.—Priscilla, Narrate, Kuramea, Kahurangi, I.O.U., Tuke, Nat, Vilda, Bloomvale, Outlaw, and Natatorial.

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FLYING HANDICAP of 35 sovs, six furlongs.—
Starlight, Huia, Omeo, Vagrant, Hotspur, Lorelei, Umslopagaas, Countess, Finesse, Allington, Tangaroa, Fireworks, Dawn, Shamrock, Tomboy, Nile, Armelia, and Papa.

TURAKINA J.C. HANDICAP of 70 sovs, one mile

and a half.—Taipari, Ascot Vale, Hotspur, Starlight, Secrecy, Bush Boy, Nile, Lorelei, Umslopagaas, Huia, Tuhiwai, Swift, and Finesse.

TELEGRAPH STAKES of 25 sovs, four furlongs. —Germina, Besant, Dawn, Countess, Napoleon, Omeo, Moata, Marama, Dutchman, Tararua, League, and Armelia.

WELTER HANDICAP of 20 sovs, one mile and a quarter. - Canard, Kauranga, Tuke, Huia, The Hero, Kahurangi, Rangikoa, Outlaw, and Hou-

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 30 sovs, one mile and works, Allington, Mutual, Newmarket, Marama, Umslopagaas, Taipari, Dutchman, Vagrant, Bush-

boy, Shamrock, Shadow, and Natatorial.

Final Handicar of 30 sovs, five furlongs.—
Rakipoai, Tararua, Lorelei, Tangaroa, Omeo, Countess, Tomboy, and Germina.

NORMANBY TROTTING CLUB'S SECOND MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

MAIDEN HANDICAP TROT (in saddle) of 15 sovs.—Patient. Jeannie, Cigarette, Grasshopper, Maori Jane, Starlight, Judge Clifton, Dan, T Flossie, The Moor, Mokoia, Mamarimo, Hazel, Tichborne, Haeremai, Gunshot, Bit o' Blue, Rangi, Toi, Daydawn, Ragman, Missing Link.

HANDICAP PONY TROT (in saddle) of 12 sovs. -Midget, Jeannie. Schoolboy, Maori Girl, Grass-hopper, Tommy, Eric, Toi, Yelly, Jet, Cob, Rewi, Biddy, Hazel, Haeremai, Sailor Boy II., Iki, Toby, Napi-nap, Squab.

SUMMER HANDICAP TROT (in barness) of 17 sovs.—Grenadier, The Turk, Carbine, Stockboy, Sailor Boy II., Butcher Boy, Acme, Flirt, Rag-man, Iolanthe, Maid of Killarney, Tichborne, Tinker, Comet, Eric, Bit o' Blue, Barmaid, Cyclone, The Moor.

NORMANBY HANDICAP TROT (in saddle) of 40 sovs.—Sloper, Jersey, Otakeho, Carbine, Conway, Maori Jane, Eric, Kentucky Wilks, Comet, Day-dawn, Deceiver, Cyclone, Missing Link, Midget, Grenadier, Maid of Kiliarney, Tinker, Stockboy, Sailor Boy II., Acme, Dan, Toi, Flossie, Barmaid, Dinah, Mokoia.

WAIHI HANDICAP TROT (in harness) of 20 sovs.—Jersey, Maid of Killarney, Tinker, Haeremai, Tommy, Acme, Kentucky Wilks, Daydawn, Barmaid, Iolanthe, Grenadier, Carbine, Stockboy, Comet, Sailor Boy II., Bit o' Blue, Flirt, Deceiver, Cyclone.

JOTTINGS FROM WELLINGTON.

The Pollards are again with us, this time producing "The Forty Thieves" Pantomime in a very satisfactory manner. The company opened in the Opera House on Boxing Night to one of the largest audiences ever gathered within that building. The old favourites were well received, and the piece altogether ran smoothly throughout

Besides the Pollards, the New Zealand Pantascape was on view at the Skating Rink, and attracted large crowds. The artist is Mr Thos. Nicholson.

Cyril Tyler, the boy soprano, is giving concerts at the Theatre Royal, and, despite counter - attractions, is doing

It is with a deep feeling of regret that I announce the death from brain fever of Mr William J. Morrison, of Blenheim. Poor Morrison was only confined to his bed three weeks before his death. He was champion high jumper of New Zea-land, and his record for this branch of sport still stands unrivalled in the Australasian Colonies. At the Hibernian sports held in Blenheim last St. Patrick's Day he cleared the bar at 5ft. 10in. In Feb. again was successful in a high jump contest, winning the event at the Druids' Sports in Nelson with a leap of 5ft. 9in. Great sympathy is felt for the family in their sad bereavement. The deceased was only twenty-three years of age.

The Caledonian Society's Sports were great success this year, although rain fell at intervals throughout the day. There were five amateur events on the programme, including two bicycle and three flat races. T. Herbert won both cycle races, the distances being four and five miles. In the sprint contests, O. McCormack (champion weight and ham-mer thrower) won the 100yds, receiving a start of six yards from P. J. Nathan. F. M. Harley got home in the 220yds race, with a start of 16yds. He also ran M. G. Dodwell close in the 440yds event, the latter just breasting the tape an inch in front of the latter.

Both Dodwell and Angell are rapidly coming into prominence as athletics. Although it is only about 18 months since Mr D. C. Ingram prepared them for their first races, Angell has twice beaten the N.Z. standard for three miles run and ran a dead heat with Morpeth from 30yds mark, when the latter beat the F.Z. standard time for the mile flat Dadwell won mile run easily last Amateur Sports. He has about 6 firsts, 14 seconds, 3 thirds, and 8 unplaced. Angell has competed in fourteen races, eight of which he won, secured two seconds, and was twice unplaced. These performances are not bad considering the youth of the athletes, neither of them being out of their teens. Angell is looked upon as a certainty for the championships to be run at Napier.
"Proteus."

The Melbourne Cup winner, Patron, has made his re-appearance on the Flemington training track, and report has it that nothing looks better than Mr Purches's bero. He has put on a lot of flesh and is said to look a better horse than he ever did. As it is believed that Portsea will not stand another preparation, Patron will be Mr Purches's only chance for the champion race. To win that great event last year with Portsea and score the following season with Patron would indeed be good business.

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BANKRUPTCY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND, NORTHERN DISTRICT.

In the matter of the Bankruptcy Act 1883, and of the Bankruptcy of JABEZ JOSEPH FITNESS, of Tokataka, Storekeeper.

Notice is hereby given that Jabez Joseph Fitness, trading as J. and J. Fitness, of Tokataka, storekeeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office on the 14th day of January, 1895, at 2.30 o'clock.

Dated this 4th day of January, 1895.

J. LAWSON, Official Assignee.