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HURDLES.-Hop Garden 11.8, T Rose 10.12, Zanzibar 10.11, Lord Raven 10.4, Glenora 10.2.

Sam 9.12, Liguite 9.8, Deceiver 9.0, Miss Bevan

9.0. WINTER OATS.—Three Star 11.9, The Sharper 11.2, Glauvena 10.11, Perkin 10.11, Strowan 10.11, Hopgarden 10.2, Zillah 9.8, Samoa 9.6,

Dangar 9.0.

Final Handicap. — Three Star 11.9, The Sharper 11.0, Strowan 11.0, Perkin 11.0, King Cannibal 10.12, Glauvena 10.6, Hukatere 10.0, Hop Garden 10.0, Zanzibar 10.0, Lord Raven 9.10, Zillah 9.5, Samoa 9.5, Goodshot 9.0.

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213 G.M.—Devon—Hopscotch—Bellicent
214 G.M.—Devon—Hopscotch—Bellicent
215 G.M.—Devon—Hopscotch—Bellicent
216 G.L.—Dresmidae—Gips Grand
216 G.L.—Dresmidae—Gips Grand
217 G.L.—Dresmidae—Gips Grand
218 G.M.—Straightire—Fire Straishapes—Striggent
219 J.O.S.—Hova—The Merry Boy—Lotion
20 A.R.—Valland—Anno-War
219 J.O.S.—Hova—The Merry Boy—Lotion
20 A.R.—Wallace—Mano-War
210 J.O.S.—Hova—The Merry Boy—Lotion
20 A.R.—Wallace—Jest Grand
217 G.S. H.—Grand—The Merry Boy—Lotion
218 J.G. —The Merry Boy—Lotion
220 A.R.—Trentham—Newhaven—Pompon
221 F.B.—Trentham—Newhaven—Pompon
222 F.B.—Trentham—Newhaven—Pompon
223 H.M.—Grand—The Blue—Findulis
223 H.M.—Con—Trine Blue—Findulis
224 H.M.—Prince Carbine—Bob Ray—Dauntless
225 F.B.—Trentham—Newhaven—Pompon
226 H.M.—Fines Carbine—Bob Ray—Dauntless
227 H.M.—Fines Carbine—Bob Ray—Dauntless
228 H.M.—Fines Carbine—Bob Ray—Dauntless
229 T.A.H.—Elswick—Wallace—Gullitri
23 J.R.—Bostom—Rector—Lorele
221 J.R.—Coli—True Blue—Mano-Grand
222 H.M.—Trentham—Newhaven—Anita
223 H.M.—Trentham—Vallace—Burolydon
224 H.S. A.—True Blue—Mano-Grand
225 H.S. A.—True Blue—Mano-Grand
226 H.S. A.—True Blue—Bano-Grand
227 J.C.M.—Trentham—Trentham—Bombshell
230 J.R.—Roedon—Roedon—Grand
231 J.R.—Chevaller—Straightire—Chaoss
232 J.M.—Wallace—Burolydon
233 J.D.—Hova—Wallace—Burolydon
234 J.R.—Chevaller—Straightire—Chaoss
237 J.C.M.—Trentham—Trentham—Bombshell
236 G.C.M.—Trentham—Trentham—Bombshell
237 J.C.M.—Trentham—Trentham—Bombshell
238 J.M.—Bellice H.M.—Roedon—Gipsy Grand
239 W.M.—Hopscotch—The Harvester—False Impression
230 M.R.—Procedon—Grand—Gipsy Grand
231 J.R.—Chevaller—Straightire—Chaoss
237 J.C.M.—Trentham—Horeler—Hopscotch—Trabled
238 J.M.—Devin—Pression—Gipsy Grand
239 J.M.—Devin—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
230 J.M.—Pression—Hopscotch—Gipsy Gran

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320 R. W.—Gaulus —Hopscotch—Mahaki
321 H.H.—Hova —Wallace—Gipsy Grand
322 H.H.—Coil—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
323 H.H.—Coil—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
324 H.H.—Coil—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
325 H.H.—Newhaven—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
325 H.H.—Newhaven—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
326 H.L.—Trentham—Delaware—Fabulist
327 H.L.—Chevalier—Loyalty—Euroclydon
328 H.F.C.—True Blue—Concussion—Captive
329 H.F.C.—True Blue—Concussion—Captive
330 R.P.K.—Newhaven—Newhaven—Gipsy Grand
331 J.M.P.McN.—Marusa—Trentham—Anita
332 J.M.P.McN.—Wanitas—Nada—Fabulist
333 J.H.—Hopscotch—Wallace—Fabulist
334 C.B.—Trentham—Hopscotch—Gipsy Grand
335 C.B.—Bloodshot—Hopscotch—Gipsy Grand
336 J.J.R.—Hortensius—Elswick—Euroclydon
337 H.M.B.—Miraculum—Mahee—Captive
339 C.S.G.—Daifigured—Toreador—Fabulist
341 J.McL.—Ronda—Devor—Fabulist
341 J.McL.—Ronda—Devor—Fabulist
342 L.J.—Vanitas—Trentham—Fabulist
343 L.J.—Vanitas—Trentham—Fabulist
344 M.H.J.—Vanitas—Trentham—Culverin
345 A.J.C.—Trentmoor—Hopscotch—Gipsy Grand
346 C.C.—Trentmoor—Hopscotch—Gipsy Grand
346 C.C.—Trentmoor—Hopscotch—Gipsy Grand
347 C.C.—Trentmoor—Hopscotch—Gipsy Grand
348 J.M.H.—Bradford—Destiny—Fabulist
349 J.M.H.—Bradford—Destiny—Tabulist
351 B.W.—Daivas—Principle—False Impression
348 J.M.H.—Bradford—Destiny—Tabulist
352 J.F.—Wallant—Loyalty—Lady Zetland
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WELCOME TO THE REV. L. M. ISITT.

A WELCOME this reverend gentleman was

held on the evening of June 24th The welcome was given by the members attending the prohibition convention sitting in Wellington. Judging by the reports of the meeting which appear in the local papers, Mr Isitt, in the matter of slang. scurrility, and all uncharitableness, cast his notorious Bradford speech into an impenetrable darkness. The burlesque was intensified by the flattery ladled out to the guest of the evening by some of the speakers, and made more ridiculous by Mr Isitt's assertion relative to the a sence of the Mayor of Wellington, which was not only in the worst possible taste, but also extremely unfair to an absent man, who, had he been present, would have given the rev. gentleman such a castigation for his malevolent remarks as Mr George Fisher alone To outsiders the administer. can farce was made all the more " screaming' by Mr Isitt saying that he was surprised at the "cordial and sympathetic manner in which he had been received by the people of Wellington," Just as if every person, including the rev. gentleman himself. was not fully aware that the meeting would be cordial and enthusias-Spurious as the cordiality may be, and fictitious as the burst of enthusiasm in all probability was, we do not consider it was any honour to have a direct reference made to our journal, but judging from the report which refers to us, the rev. gentleman appeared to feel keenly our remarks relative to the hope that he would enjoy his visit to England, and remain there. We regret exceedingly that our expressed hope did not obtain realisation, and we say without the slightest hesitation that if it cost this colony one thousand pounds per annum to contribute to that enjoyment and keep him in the Mother Country the best interest of economy would be conserved, and a large contribution to the peace and tranquility of the colony would be assured by such a national monetary contribution to such a slang-using agitor. We wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not fear the rev. gentleman as a power capable of upsetting the rights of vested interests which have been firmly established under the existing law. We only desire his absence from this colony because we admit that his presence is a disturbing element, and capable of being extremely mischievous, and mischievous only; and as it would pay the country to get rid and weasels by voting a large sum for their total extermination, so it would be profitable in the interest of peace, truth, and justice, to vote a large sum to get rid of the gentleman to whom we are making such pointed allusion. In the course of his speech Mr Isitt compared himself inferentially to Mr Gladstone, by saying, like that great statesman, he would be "as harsh and uncompromising as truth." We have heard a comparison between a rearing lion and a crawling insect, but as comparisons are odious we shall pursue them no further, except to say that during his whole life, as a great statesman, Mr Gladstone denounced any policy which went in the direction of robbery or spoliation, and surely nothing could possibly show the line of demarcation more clearly which divides a states man from an agitator who, in our opinion, abrogates the fine principles of justice and righteousness in his every utterance, and in daily life and conduct. In choice

and elegant diction Mr Isitt goes on to say that the prohibitionists were going to land "their five knuckles" on the very bridge of the nose of the liquor traffic, and then desired to have a "leg of mutton fist" to drive it home. This is metaphor with a vengeance, a simile Isittonian in its originality - not only clever, but capable of arousing the risibilities of an audience easily made mirthful. We were not surprised to find that the rev. gentleman traduced his fellow "clergy" the Old Country, and was it not again an exemplification of Mr Isitt's nature to refer to English ministers who differed with him in their line of thought and of action as "knock-kneed, swivel eved parsons," and further on to say that the English parsons had to be "continually tickled up." We have heard the rev. gentleman spoken of as an eloquent speaker, and perhaps he merits this testimony to a certain extent. We are certain, however, of one thing; that is of his ability to write a new slang dictionary, which would be instructive as show, ing the rev. gentleman's ability in one certain direction, but whether it would be literature that would be accepted as affording readers an intellectual entertainment of a high order is another phase of the question. We are in doubt as to whether or not we are doing the rev. gentleman too much honour by thus alluding to his public utterances. It was once said in the House that a certain member was not worth a righteous man's anger, and did not deserve his pity. We cannot positively assert that Mr Isitt comes under this category. In our next issue we shall refer to an interview which took-place and between the convention Premier.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LIQUOR ACT.

We have always contended that it was not in many ๑๑๑/๖ เอ โกเริ่ฐนิสทธิเรี alcoholic liquors consumed in this colo responsible for the evils attendant upon its jurious use, and we have no doubt but many of the fatal accidents which have resulted from intoxication, or the suicides which have taken place under the influence of delirium tremens or some other "phase of alcoholic insanity," can find its cause in the vile compounds which the unfortunates in the respective cases have imbibed, and not from having consumed good and pure alcohol. For these reasons we hail with satisfaction the appointment of experts whose duty it is to visit hotels with power to take samples of whatever liquor is exposed for sale, and we declare it to be a matter for equal gratification to realise that the present law has made provision for the imposition of a heavy penalty when a conviction is obtained against a publican who exposes or has in his possession poisonous compounds, instead of pure unadulterated liquors. We are quite willing to admit that in our large centres those engaged in the Trade are more "faithful to trust" than those who vend liquors a few years ago, and we have just been informed by a gentleman occupying a high position that, in the Borough of Invercargill, the liquors vended are so good as not only to give universal satisfaction, but also to obviate the disasters which have resulted from the use of baneful liquors in many parts of the colony. For these reasons it is almost unnecessary now for the inspector to devote much of his time and attention to the first-class hotels in our large centres. Another reason why this is so can be obtained from the fact that Trade competition at the present time is so keen in the ho'el business in our towns as to render it imperative to keep good liquor. We are given to understand that in each of our four cities it costs a large sum of money-which the country has to paythe purchase of samples for analysis. In fact, we have been credibly informed that, in one of the cities, the cost of obtaining these sample amounted in one month to over £100. If this is so, the public conclude we are paying too much for our whistle. Speaking of the character of our hotels to which we have alluded in this article, we are led to briefly consider the serious charge made against the management and control of the hotels in Wanganui. have ourselves been many times in Wanganui, and have taken particular notice of the character of the hotels in that nice little town, and we certainly came to the conclusion that the hotels then were admirably conducted, and were a credit to the "trade" of the colony. It was, therefore, a surprise to us to learn from the report of a prohibition convention, held recently in Wellington, that a Mr Carson (the proprietor or manager of a local paper) declared that there were not more than three hotels in the whole of Wanganui that are properly conducted. We trust the whole of the trade will combine to wipe out this 'outrage," and if Mr Carson again contests the Wanganui seat for the General Assembly, the hotel-keepers of Wanganui will take effective steps to be represented in Parliament by one not enpable of such an outrageous statement. It is probable that before the next issue of our paper the new Government Licensing Bill will be be-fore the House for consideration, and we shall watch the course of legislation and inform our

readers of its progress.