MR KELSO'S RETURN.

Mr W. Kelso, the well-known Australian trainer, has recently returned from a trip to England, and the following humorous description by "Boondi" in the Referee will prove interesting to those of our readers who are acquainted with the gentleman:—Welcome to William Kelso, who, after many "moving adventures by flood and field," has returned to the scene of his many triumphs, looking about two points younger than even "Young Billy" himself. "William, We Have Missed You," was the song the poor punters sang when William landed, and with some show of reason, too, for whenever it was the Orville's stable's "day out" pork chops and tomate sauce were to be found on the backer's breakfast table for a month after. On the English turf William found much to admire (the pretty duchesses in particular-in a strictly platonic way, of course) and much to blame, and I can imagine how "Sweet William" sat up and stared when he was asked to plank down 50s for the proud privilege of entering the Epsom paddock on Derby Day, and being allowed to roost on a slab seat formed after the style of those supplied by an Australian dog and monkey circus. Some of the races might as well be run at midnight in the middle of the Never-Never country, for all that the bulk of the English spectators can see of them, while other flutters are over before the people seem to be aware that the starter's flag has fallen. Our William mentioned those and about a thousand other defects to the English Looker Club the arman and about a thousand other defects to the English lish Jockey Club, the members of which seemed to be greatly depressed at the distinguished visitor's displeasure, and begged him not to mention the matter until the Fashoda trouble was settled for fear of capsizing that shaky article known as the peace of Europe.

Amongst Mr Kelso's pleasant recollection of down under" was his introduction by Joe Thompson to the Prince of Wales. The Prince was delighted with the Australian Beau Brum-mell's appearance, and said he would give a fiver if he had it to spare (which he hadn't) to know who was William's tailor. "Barring myself," said Albert Edward, "you are the most tastefully dressed man on the course; in fact, your superb presence has been quite a revelation to the Court circle, for most of us had an idea that the only things Australians favored in the way of clothes were a 'possum rug and three cockatoo feathers tied over the left ear." Some light refreshments were then partaken of at William's expense, after which his Royal Highness opened a small leather bag and wanted to initiate the stranger into a lovely little game; one that a father could play with his son, and the son with the father; but at a wink from Joe Thompson William took the alarm and declared he had promised his pious old Sunday school teacher to never play a game of chance of any description whatever, and he was determined to keep his word. "But this isn't a game of chance at all," said the Prince. isn't a game of chance at all," said the Frince.
"You haven't got Buckley's chance, my dearboy; you put your money here and—" "Not much," exclaimed William; "anyway, there's Lily Langtry going past with Merman, and I promised Ter. Daley I'd see what she was like in case he ever thought of matrimony."
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William's candid opinion of the Lily is that she was evidently "good goods" at one time, although her understandings were always dickey, but she has gone very much "off" of late, and it is doubtful if she would stand another course of matrimonial training. The practice great to Clear matrimonial training. The praise given to Cleo patra—"Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety."—celdom applies to English beauties, and it is somewhat countral if the "Lily" was ever quite the peerless dame she was cracked up to be. She was always too cold and unemotional, and of late years her greed of gold has left lines on her once lovely face that should never be seen except on a vulture-like "ponam" of a shent-per shenter. Like the Prince, the "Lily" was delighted with the ever-youthful Squire of Orville Lodge, and on parting she said, Squire of Orville Lodge, and on parting she said, with a smile sweet enough to coar a shark from pork, "I had no idea they raised such handsome men in Australia. How sad to think we never met before. And you so young and artless!" William says that at this critical juncture he began to blush so fiercely that his "mustivy" caught fire in three places, and in wild alarm he man home and hid under his had for fear a ran home and hid under his bed for fear a countess might chase him down and make him a prisoner for life in her castle. On the whole, our William seems to have had a high old time, and certainly no one deserved it more

Turf Records.

MASTERTON RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Considering the wet weather that prevailed, the attendance was satisfactory at the above fixture. Speculation was fairly brisk and some interesting racing was witnessed. Results:—

HAUK HURDLE HANDICAP of 35 sove; second horse 5 sove from the stake. One mile and a half.

from the stake. One mile and a half.

230 Mrs W. Butler's b g Tangahoe, by Natator—
Beauty Bright, 9.0, Higgins ... 1

89 Mr K. McKenzie's b g Bikoline, 10.4, Rose 2

88 Mr C. B. Pharaxyn's b m Taleteller, 9.4, MoLachlan ... 3

Other startor—30 Slippery.
Won by a length. Time, 2min 59 3-5sec. Dividends, £112s and 16s.

MAIDEN HACK BACE of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile,

the state. One fine.

249 Mr W. Cameron's b g Waingawa, by Voltigeur—
First Water, S.13, Neary

67 Mr F. Armstrong's b g Royal Ascot, S.13, Rebinson 2
15 Mr J. Mecara's b c Dumdum, S.2, Lane. 3
Other starters—5 Fontinalis, 31 Kahinau, 2 Kenmore, 14
Urgent, 77 Art Jewel, 14 Natella.

Won easily. Time, Imin 52 jsec. Dividends, £1 123
and 184.

and 18s.

MASTERTON Our of 125 sovs : second horse 15 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

153 Mr J. Cress br g Ruamahunga, by Voltigeur— Lillian, 8.13, McPherson

158 Mr W. J. Jorgensen's br h Strathbraan, 8.2, Armstrong

79 Mr K. McKenzie's b g Nero, 7.0, G. Reid . . 3 Other starters—199 Hillstone, 182 King's Bowman. Won by half a length, Time, 2min, 18 2-5sec. Divi-dends, £2 1s and £1 1s.

DECEMBER HACK HANDICAP of 45 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

Publicans' Handicap of 45 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

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27 Mr J Cress' br m Ben Varrey, by Vanguard—
Caller Herrin, 8.5, McPuersen . . . 1
31 Mr W. E. Corlett's Sir Agnes, 8.1, Donnelly . . 2
69 Mr A. Rore's blk g Hillstone, 8.11, Herd
Other starters—272 Coin, 128 War Note, 122 Voltaire,
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 19 3-5sec, Dividencs, £27 12s and £8 8s.

LADIES' BRACKLET of 40 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

Won by half a length. Time, 2min 54sec. Dividends, £2 11s and £17s.

FLYING HACK HANDICAP of 35 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

Mr M. Mitchell's b f Langtry, by The Henchman, 6.7, Mr R. Knox's b g Waingawa, 7.5, McPherson. 2
Mr R. Knox's b g Waingawa, 7.5, McPherson. 2
Mr A. Rore's b g Hotu, 7.12, Armstrong 3
Other starters—Gold Cup, Lady Agnes, Russley Belle, Rosette, Miss Betty, Royal Ascot, and Urgent.
Won by a length. Time, 1min 20sec. Dividends, £8 5s

Won by and £5.7s SECOND DAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9.

The weather was again fine, and the sum of £3002 was passed through the machine. Results:—

OPAKI HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 30 sovs; sechorse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

196 Mr W. Corlett's ch g Master Jack, by Master
Agnes—Premier mare, aged, 10.3, Walden ... 1
37 Mr C. B. Pharazyn's t m Taleteller, 6yrs, 9.4 ... 2
Other starter—123 Bikoline, 10.13.
Won by half a length. Time, 3min 5sec. Dividend, £1 13s.

SCURRY HAUE HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Four furlongs.

from the stake. Four furlongs.

109 Mr J. Williamson's b m Ethel, by Natator, aged,
7.0, Reid
299 Mr K. McKenzie's b g Te Taiaba, 4yrs, 9.8, Ayers 2
41 Mr R. Koor's Waingawa, 8.10, Neary
3 Other starters—49 Christmas Eve, 9.5; 60 Lady Agnes.
8.11; 15 Napoleon 8 2; 6 Laitere, 7.8; 22 Miss Betty, 7.8;
24 Royal Ascot, 7.0; 20 Kynoch, 7.0; 18 Rescue, 7.0.
Won by a length, the same distance between second and third. Time, 51 1-5sec. Dividend, £5 9s.
The dividend was paid out, but the stakes are being withheld pending enquiries into the antecedents of the winner.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (open) of 80 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a furloog.

TRADESMEN'S HACK HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second hors 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

231 Mr A. Rore's be Ejector, by Catesby—Zealandia, 4yrs, 75, Price 115 Mr J. N. Reed's b g Derringcotte, syrs. 8 8, Mc-

230 Mr Armstrong's b h Saltatorial, 5yrs, 8.8, inc. 31b over. Barry ... Won by a length. Time, 2min 19 3-5sec. Dividend,

STEWARDS' HANDICAP (open) of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

69 Mr J. Cress' br m Ben Varrey, by Vanguard—
Caller Herrin' 69rs, 9.0, McFherson ... 1
178 Mr W. S. Corlett's ch g Sir Agnes, 69rs, 8.3, Dontelly
10 Mr W. A. Donald's b g Voltaire, aged, 7.0, Reed. 3
Other starters—118 King's Bowman, 9.12; 37 Coin, 8.9;
69 Strathbran, 5.3; 26 Warnote, 8.0.
Won by a length. Time, 1min 20seo. Dividend, £6 14s.

Rescue, 8.7.

Ejector won by a length, Derringcotte third half a length away. A protest against the winner for interference being uppeld Waingawa was declared the winner. Time, 1min fusec. Dividend, £2 17s.

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 35 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

168 Mr A. Rore's br g Hotu, by Foulshot—Westlind,

Ayrs, 7.11, Armstrong

25 Mr J. Macara's b m Russley Belie, 6vrs, 7.10, Bath

211 Mr M. Mitchell's b f Langtry, 4yrs, 7.13, Price ... 3

Other starters—26 Gold Cub, 9.5; 22 Te Taiaha, 8.13;

7 Vivacious, 7.8.

Won by a length. Time, 1min 20sec. Dividend, £3.

THE WAIPA R.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15.

The annual meeting, held on Thursday last, was favored by fine weather and a good attendance. Following are the resu ts:

HANDICAP HURDLES of 15 covs. About two miles.

MAIDEN PLATE of 10 sovs. One mile

TR AWAMUTU CUP of 20 soys. One mile and a half.

Mr L. Harris' Rangiuru, by Cap-a-pie—Duchess, 87, Gillespie
Mr R. Teddy's br m Maungakawa, 90, Teddy...
Mr R. Hannon's oh m Winnie, 8.5, Berry
Other starter—Try Flake, 8.12.
Won bard held by five or six lengths.

HANDIGAP TROT of 5 acvs. Twice round the course.
Mr W. J. Hunter's b h Laddie, 20sec, G. McCann
Mr J. Teddy's Otars, 20sec, M. S. Laurie
Mr W. McMillan's Native Cat, 15sec, owner
About transv started. About twenty started. Won easily.

KIHIKIHI PLATE of 10 sovs. One mile and a distance. Mr L. Harris' br g Cavalier, by Cuirassier—Clio, 9.5.
Gillespie 1.
Mr A. Watson's b m Honesty, 7.12, Berry
Mr W. Rae's b g Recruit, 8.10, Teddy
Other statters—Gold Medal, 7.7; Cumberland, 7.7.
Won by a couple of lengths. Mr W. Searaneke's ch g Hauhau, 9.0.. Mr W. Epiha's b m Orena, 10.12 Mr W. Searaneke's b m Captain, 8.7...

Won easily. HANDICAP FLYING STAKES of 7 sovs. Six furlougs.

Mr R. Teddy's Maungakawa, by Muskapeer—Maungatautari, 9.5, Teddy

Mr L. Harris' Rangiuru, 9.9, inc. 7fb penalty, Gillespie 2

Mr R. Hannon's en m Winnie, 8.12, Berry 3

Other starters—Nithmount, 8.5; Lynette, 8.0; Donnybrook, 8.0.

Won by a couple of lengths.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

RACES AT PARAWAI.

ON MONDAY and TUESDAY, December 26th and 27th, a SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Cambridge at 7.25 a.m., Frankell Junction 8.5. Hamilton West 8.14, Morrinsville 9.0, Te Aroha 9.55, Paeroa 10.33, arriving Thames at

Special will return, leaving Thames at 6.30 p.m., and will stop where required both ways.

Excursion fares as previously advertised. On December 26th and 27th the usual 8.25 a.m. train Cambridge to Frankton Junction will run an hour earlier than usual.

BY ORDER.



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AUCKLAND BACES.

MONDAY AND THUBSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH AND 29TH :-

RAINS will leave Auckland for Racecourse Platform every few minutes from 10,30 a.m to 2.10 p.m., returning as required from 4.30 p.m. up till 15 minutes after the last race.

A train will leave Racecourse Platform for Onehunga at 6.5 p.m.

FARES:

Auckland or Newmarket to Racecourse Platform and return (including admission to

Auckland or Newmarket to Racecourse Platform and return (rail only) Racecourse to Auckland or Newmarket

Reserved Cars for Ladies. MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH :-

The usual 4 p.m. Auckland train will not leave Helensville till 5.10 p.m., Henderson 6.25, Auckland arrive 7.26 p.m.

Morning and evening trains will run between Helensville and Kaukapakapa as on Fridays and Saturdays. A special train will leave Auckland for One-

hunga at at 11 15 p.m., same as on Saturdays.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, AND THURSDAY, **DECEMBER 29TH** :-

The usual 3.55 p.m. Auckland train will not leave Onehunga till 4.20 p.m.
The usual 4.15 p.m. Mercer train will not leave

Auckland till 5.30 p m., Racecourse 6.5, Mercer

arrive 8.35 p.m.

The usual 5.20 p.m. Onehunga train will not leave Auckland till 5.30 p.m., Racecourse 6.5, Onehunga arrive 6.27 p.m.

A special train will leave Auckland for Otahuhu

at 12.30 p.m., returning leaving Otahuhu at 1.10 p.m.

The usual 11.5 a.m. Auckland to Helensville, The usual 11.5 a.m. Auckland to Helensville, 12.30 p.m. Helensville to Auckland; 12.50 p.m. Auckland to Mercer, 9.0 a.m. Mercer to Auckland, 5.0 p.m. Auckland to Penrose, 5.45 Penrose to Otahuhu, and the 6.35 p.m. Otahuhu to Pen-YOSE WILL NOT RUN.

The Auckland Goods Shed will be closed on December 26th and 27th.

Goods and live stock traffic will be suspended at all stations on December 26th.

NOTICE TO SETTLEBS :-

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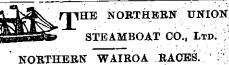
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