

Mr. Cook's old chestnut horse The Yeoman is in active work again at Flemington, and his legs now appear as clean as ever. The Yeoman proved himself a racehorse when he got third to Mentor and Tradition in the Melbourne Cup, and he will, in all probability, yet win a good race.

GATLING'S record, so far, has been a very unlucky one, for he has only started three times and on each occasion has acted as runner-up. Second to Titan in the First Foal Stakes, second to Gibraltar in the Second Foal Stakes and A. J. C. Derby, is a good, but unremunerative record.

THE Musket blood was again in evidence at the A. J. C. Meeting. Gatling, the Nordenfeldt—Petroleuse colt, was only beaten by a short head in the Derby, and acted as runner up in the Second Foal Stakes, while the illustrious Carbine appropriated the Spring Stakes and the Craven Plate. Prelude, by Martini-Henri—Phillina, placed two more victories to the credit of her owner.

THE sensational colt Marvel does not appear to have figured in any of the events at the A. J. C. Meeting. Everyone who has seen the son of Marvellous and La Belle describes him as a magnificent racehorse, and when the money is on, I should think it would be good business to follow it. "Augur," speaking in the above connection, writes:—"A friend, who is a good judge, writing from Sydney, tells me that Marvel is almost certain to win one of the big handicaps of the Spring."

MR. J. B. WILLIAMSON has been very unlucky with his horses this season. Last week I mentioned in our columns the death of the hunter Kairuna, and now I have to chronicle the death of a far more valuable inmate of the stable in the two-year-old colt by Sword Dance out of Elfin. He succumbed on Saturday night, after a week's illness, to an attack of inflammation of the lungs and dropsy. The youngster in question was beautifully bred, and had already been tried a very speedy customer. His dam, Elfin, is an own-sister to the phenomenon Martini-Henri. Mr. E. D. Halstead, the veterinary surgeon, was in attendance on the colt, but although every effort was made he was unable to bring him round. All sportsmen will agree with me in wishing "J. B." a turn of fortune's wheel.

LAST week the New Zealand Stud Company had the misfortune to lose the brood mare Realisation, by death. Realisation was bred in England by Mr. Ellam, and imported to Victoria by Messrs. Finlay, and was purchased together with My Idea in 1880 by Major George, and imported to New Zealand. In 1882 Major George sold the mare to the Stud Company. Realisation never performed herself, but is well known as the dam of Result, Wapiti, Maxim, and several others. One of her daughters, Mr. G. G. Stead's three-year-old filly Liquidation, is engaged in the New Zealand Cup, and Mr. W. R. Wilson has a two-year-old filly, by Nordenfeldt out of the old matron, which he has named "Coin." Realisation was got by Vespasian out of Hopeful Duchess, by the Flying Dutchman out of Espoir, by Liverpool out of Esperance, by Lapdog. She died from internal hemorrhage after foaling.

THERE are two colts engaged in the V. R. C. Derby which I feel satisfied have quite as good a chance of annexing the much coveted prize as either Gibraltar, Gatling or Whimberel. I refer to The Admiral and Correze. The Admiral's performances last season were superior to those of any horse of his age, with the exception perhaps of the flying Titan. He is reported to be doing excellent work on his owner's private training track, and as he will be ridden by Tom Hales it is certain that he will have a strong following on the day. Correze I am informed, is being specially prepared for the V. R. C. Derby and Melbourne Cup, and as he is one of the fastest and gamest colts that was ever saddled up, he may be expected to figure prominently in both events. He is by Newminster out of Ouida, by Stockholm, out of Pauline. If in the same form this Spring as he was last, the best of them will have to look to their laurels.

WAIKATO HUNT CLUB RACES.

THE annual gathering of the Waikato Hunt Club on Saturday last was held at Hautapu, and proved highly satisfactory. The weather was all that could be desired, and consequently the attendance at this, the first meeting of the season, was large. Mr. L. Cussens officiated as judge, Mr. C. J. Storey as starter, Mr. A. Bach as clerk of the scales, and Mr. T. Brown as clerk of the course. Mr. Turnbull's black gelding Costley, by Hercules out of Sportsman's dam, pulled off the three principal events, winning each time pretty easily. He was capitally handled by his owner who was warmly congratulated on his success. Lonely won the Maiden Plate and Ladies' Bracelet, but a protest was lodged in each case against his owner receiving the stakes, owing to the gelding having run at an unregistered meeting. The stewards decided to refer the point for decision to the Metropolitan Club. Details of the racing are as follows:—

HANDICAP HUNT CLUB HURDLES of 20 sovs. Distance 1 mile, over 6 flights of hurdles. Gentlemen riders.
Mr. J. Turnbull's blk g Costley, aged, 10st 12lb (owner) 1
Mr. C. Weal's blk g Dick Turpin, aged, 12st 4lb (Mr. A. J. Storey) 2
Mr. H. Windsor's br m Yum Yum, 5 yrs, 10st 12lb (Mr. W. Windsor) 3

Also ran: Peter, 11st 11lb; Fisherboy, 10st 12lb; Glencoe, 10st 10lb, Ledbury, 10st 4lb; and Young Performer, 10st 4lb. Dick Turpin led most of the way, but Costley went up to him at the home turn, and, taking the lead, won easily. Ledbury, Yum Yum, Glencoe, and Peter ran off at the second jump, but Yum Yum, being persevered with, secured third place. Time, 3 min. 30 sec. Dividend (10s. tickets, only one on the winner), £16 13s.

HANDICAP MAIDEN RACE of 15 sovs. Once round course.
Mr. W. F. Dixon's b g Lonely, aged, 8st (H. Weal) 1
Mr. J. Brown's b g Contempt, 5 years, 8st (Browne) 2
Mr. P. Jones' b g Bob, aged, 8st 7lb (Lindsay) 3

Also ran: Lupin, 8st 2lb; Ilma, 7st 12lb; Helen McGregor, 7st 12lb; Patch, 7st 10lb; and Mistake, 7st 10lb. Bob led for half the journey, when Lonely and Contempt challenged, the former winning by a length. Time 1 min. 57 sec. Dividend, £3 2s.

HANDICAP WAIKATO HUNT CLUB STEEPLECHASE of 30 sovs. Distance, about 3 miles. Gentlemen riders.
Mr. J. Turnbull's blk g Costley, aged, 10st 4lb (owner) 1
Mr. R. Henwood's b g Muscatelle, aged, 10st (owner) 2
Mr. W. Cowley's g g Peter, aged, 11st 7lb (Walker) 3

Also ran: Dick Turpin, 11st 3lb; Fisherboy, 10st 7lb; Glencoe, 10st 4lb; and Marmion, 10st 0lb. Dick Turpin led the field the first time round, but refused the fence into the road, and Costley and Muscatelle then made a forward move, the former jumping well, and finally winning by several lengths. Time, 7 min. 36 sec. Dividend £2.

LADIES' BRACELET of 15 sovs. 1 mile and a distance. Gentleman riders.
Miss Henwood's b g Lonely, aged, 10st 7lb (R. Henwood) 1
Mrs. H. Windsor's br m Yum Yum, 5 years, 12st (W. Windsor) 2

Also ran: Glencoe, 11st 0lb; Dick Turpin, 11st 0lb; Miss Rigg, 10st 4lb; Fisherboy, 10st 0lb; and Patch, 10st 0lb. Won easily. Time, 2 min. 13 sec. No totalisator dividend was paid, pending the result of the protest mentioned above.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE of 20 sovs. About 2½ miles
Mr. J. Turnbull's blk g Costley, aged, 12st 10lb (owner) 1
Mr. P. Jones' b g Bob, aged, 9st 7lb (owner) 2
Mr. R. Henwood's b g Muscatelle, aged, 10st (owner) 3

Also ran: Peter, Ledbury, and Young Performer. Costley won again with comparative ease. Time, 5 min. 33 sec. Dividend, £1 4s.

SETTLERS' RACE of 10 sovs. 1 mile.
Mr. J. R. Ellison's ch m Lady Marion (Scarborough) 1
Mr. J. McGlashan's ch g Lupin (Mason) 2

Eight horses ran. Lady Marion led from start to finish, winning easily. Time, 2 min. 5 sec. Dividend, £3 18s.

We have received a poem from "Musket." If the writer will conform to our rule and give his name and address (not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith) we shall be happy to insert his contribution.

It is currently reported in the Australian papers that Mr. Joseph Bennett's horses, including the promising three-year-old colt, King William, by Nordenfeldt out of Pulchra, are likely to be sent to Melbourne to take part in the V. R. C. Meeting.—*Sportsman.*

THE A. J. C. MEETING.

FOURTH DAY.

THE MEMBERS' HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, with 200 sovs. added. One mile and a furlong.
Mr. V. Dowling's b f Prelude, 3 yrs., by Martini-Henri—Phillina, 8st 9lb 1
Mr. W. E. Royd's b c Cobham, 3 yrs., by Grand Flaneur—Belle of Cobham, 8st 2lb 2
—Venapa, 6st 9lb 3
Eleven started. Won by a length. Time, 1m. 57s.

THE STEEPLECHASE, a handicap sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each, with 400 sovs. added. About three miles.
Mr. W. R. Cortis's ch g Grafton, 10st 9lb (Longford) 1
Reuben, 9st 3lb 2
Marmion, 10st 7lb 3

Six horses started. Marmion led most of the way and looked like winning when he fell, but was remounted and finished third. Won by two lengths. Time, 7m. 35s.

THE WAVERLEY HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each, with 500 sovs. added. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. J. Burton's ns b h Claremont, 5 yrs., by Gemma di Vergy—Miss Emma, 6st 9lb 1
Mr. J. Abraham's b h Little Bernie, 4 yrs., by Cheviot—Myrtle, 8st 11lb 2
Mr. J. Chippendale's b m Ellerdale, 5 yrs., by Goldsborough—Ethel, 7st 4lb 3

Six horses started. Won by a length. Time, 3m. 6s.

THE RANDWICK PLATE, a sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each, with 650 sovs. added. Weight for age. Three miles.
Mr. W. Gannon's br h Melos, 5 yrs., by Goldsborough—Melody, 9st 7lb (Harris) 1
Mr. D. O'Brien's b c Whimberel, 3 yrs., by St. Alban's—Curlew, 6st 12lb (Vanderwarden) 2
Mr. T. Lamond's ch c Gresford, 3 yrs., by The Drummer—La Murette, 6st 12lb (Liddiard) 3

Five horses started. Whimberel cut out the running and led to the turn for home, when Melos, who was lying handy and had been fighting for his head, rushed up to Mr. O'Brien's colt, and passing him without much effort won by a length. Time, 5m. 36s.

THE FINAL HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, with 200 sovs. added. One mile and a quarter.
Mr. T. Brown's ch g Simon, aged, 7st 1
Mr. H. White's b h Antæus, 4 yrs., 8st 7lb 2
—Ernest, 8st 9lb 3

Twenty-one horses started. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 2m. 9½s.

THE SELLING PLATE of 200 sovs. Seven furlongs.
Trojan, 7st 10lb 1
Gaytime, 7st 5lb 2
Barraba, 7st 7lb 3

Won by a length. Time, 1m. 30½s.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

THE following nominations were received on Saturday by Mr. Sydney James, secretary of the Dunedin Jockey Club, for the principal events to be decided at that Club's Spring Meeting:—

OTAGO CUP of 500 sovs. One mile and three-quarters. Arnoel, Katinka, St. Andrew, Queen of Trumps, Crutchfield, Lord Aston, Freedom, St. Malo, Tit, Prime Warden, Occident, Mariner, Tempest, Medallion, Palliser, Liquidation, Milord, Dispute, Wolverine, Wayland, Merrie England.

FEDERAL HANDICAP of 200 sovs. Six furlongs.—Arnoel, Katinka, St. Andrew, Dryad, Alsace, Lord Aston, Red Cross, Heather Bell, Pique, Freedom, St. Malo, Hazel, Ben Trovato, Dragon, Prime Warden, Roadmetal, Tempest, Francotte, Mariner, Carronade, Moraine, Miss Anne, Apres Moi, Lady Mab, Wolverine, Wayland, Miss George, Silver Hair, Lady Belle, Dunville, Merrie England.

PRESIDENTS' HANDICAP of 300 sovs. One mile and a half.—Merrie England, Wayland, Wolverine, Cata-mount, Milord, Liquidation, Palliser, Medallion, Mariner, Tempest, Occident, Prime Warden, Tit, Ben Trovato, Hazel, St. Malo, Freedom, Pique, Lord Ashton, Crutchfield, Queen of Trumps, St. Andrew, Katinka, Arnoel.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP of 200 sovs. One mile and a quarter.—Katinka, Arnoel, Merrie England, Dryad, St. Andrew, Queen of Trumps, Medallion, Palliser, Carronade, Moraine, Crutchfield, Alsace, Lord Aston, Heather Bell, Pique, Freedom, St. Malo, Hazel, Ben Trovato, Mon Loup, Dragon, Prime Warden, Occident, Tempest, Mariner, Milord, Lady Mab, Cata-mount, Dispute, Wolverine, Wayland, Miss George, Dunville.

Major George is expected to arrive here from England about the last week in October. He is a passenger by the S.S. Coptic.

The Programme of the South Auckland Racing Club's Spring Meeting will be found in our advertising columns. The South Auckland Cup of 115 sovs. is the principal event on the programme. There is also a new item on the card in the shape of a Handicap Steeplechase of 60 sovs. which is sure to fill well. Nominations will close on November 26th.