

GAYNDAH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE amusements during the Christmas week came off with the usual eclat. On the 26th and 27th instant the races took place, and the weather was delightful, the sun not being very oppressive considering the season of the year. A large concourse of people turned out to witness the sport. The picturesque course, with its soft and mossy bed, was taken advantage of, and the different groups squatted about had quite a gipsy appearance. The hilarity and laughter prevailing were decided indications of genuine enjoyment, and the great number of the fair sex, with their smiling and beaming faces, contributed no doubt a considerable share.

The racing commenced at half-past 11.

FIRST RACE.—The Maiden Plate of £10; heats, once round, weight for age. Entrance £1.

- Mr. R. Walker's Faugh-a-Ballagh, aged..... 1 1
- P. M'Cullum's Meteor, aged (owner) 2 2

Mr. Cornwall's Long Legs (4 yrs.), Mr. Price's Venom (aged), and Mr. George's Kate (aged) also ran.

SECOND RACE.—The Christmas Purse of £15, one mile and a distance; heats, weight for age. Entrance £1 10s.

- Mr. R. Walker's Topsy, 5 years (owner) 2 1
- Dougherty's Banquo, 5 years, (Cornwall)... ' 1 0
- F. G. Connolly's Dunbar, 4 years (Price) ... 3 2
- Lamond's Lightfoot, 5 years dr.

THIRD RACE.—The Bushman's Stakes of £7 10s., one mile and a distance, one event; weight for age; entrance 15s.

- Mr. P. M'Cullum's Meteor, aged (owner) 1
- Dougherty's Banquo, 5 years (Cornwall) 2
- George's Kate, aged..... 3

FOURTH RACE.—The Hack Race of £5, heats, once round, weight for age; entrance 5s.

Six horses started for this race, Mr. P. M'Cullum's Whalebone proving the successful one after running three heats.

FIFTH RACE.—The Hurry Skurry of £4, 1/4-mile heats, catch weights; entrance 4s.

Eight horses started, Mr. R. Walker's Orcust winning easily.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

FIRST RACE.—The Hurdle Race of £10, once round, over four leaps each 3 feet 6 inches, carrying 11 stone; heats. Entrance £1.

- Mr. F. G. Connolly's Dunlow (Price)..... 1

Mr. P. M'Cullum's Slasher, Mr. Edwards' Harkaway, Mr. Moreton's Australasia, and Wm. Price's were distanced.

SECOND RACE.—The Publicans' Purse of £10, twice round; walter weight for age; entrance £1.

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- Mr. Dougherty's Turk, aged (owner) 1

Mr. P. M'Cullum's Don, Mr. Edwards' Harkaway, and Mr. Moreton's Mosquito also ran.

THIRD RACE.—The Ladies' Purse of £7 10s., once round and a distance, one event; weight for age; entrance 15s.

- Mr. Lamond's Lightfoot, 5 years (Duggan) 1
- Dougherty's Banquo, 5 years (Cornwall) 0
- Wm. George's Rabby Burns, 4 years..... 0
- Cartwright's Broken Tail, aged 0

FOURTH RACE.—The Consolation Stakes of £5, once round, heats; weight for age; entrance 10s.

Six horses started for this race, in which Mr. Dougherty's Bonquo was the winner after running three heats, winning the last two.

FIFTH RACE.—The Hurry Skurry of £5, 1/4-mile heats, catch weights; entrance 5s.

Eight horses started for this race, Mr. Cornwall's Long Legs being the successful one.

SIXTH RACE.—The Forced Race for all winners during the Meet, £1 each with £5 added, to carry the heaviest weight they win under; heats.

- Mr. M'Cullum's Meteor, aged, 18st., (owner) 1
- Cornwall's Long Leg, 4 years, 8st. 5lbs. (black) 2
- Lamond's Lightfoot, 5 yrs, 8st 11lbs (Duggan) 3

R. Walker's Topsy (5 years), F. G. Connolly's Dunlow (aged), Mr. Dougherty's Turk (aged.)

Several private matches came off the next day, and in the afternoon in town a Blindfolded Wheelbarrow Race, a Sack Race, and a Foot Race.

These old English sports created a good deal of amusement. Every game of this sort tends to recall "Home, sweet Home;" and, by practising them, the bond which unites us to the mother-country is strengthened.

On the evening of the second day's

aces a Ball took place at Power's Hotel, in the new room which has lately been added to that commodious establishment. Dancing commenced about half-past ten o'clock, and was kept up without intermission till daylight. The cheery and smiling faces were such as to chase away all ill-humour and only help and contribute to the night's enjoyment. The whole affair was decidedly good.

This ended our Christmas amusements, marred by no accident to any person; but unfortunately a horse running in a private match broke its leg.

Gayndah, December 29, 1860.

(The following is a report of a meeting held in Gayndah on the 19th ultimo, deferred last week for want of space.—Ed.)

The Hon. B. J. Moreton, being called to the chair, stated that he thought the establishment of a newspaper in this (the Burnett) district was sadly wanting, as it must be apparent to all that the interests of the district were not represented as they ought to be. It would be the channel through which our wants would be made known to the Government and the country, and through which our rights would be defended; and he had not the slightest doubt but that Gayndah, and the Burnett, having always been successful in all public undertakings, would in this most noble project, evince the same spirit as they have hitherto done in all matters they have taken in hand. (Cheers.)

H. Edwards, Esq., quite concurred with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman. We had sufficient enterprise and ability in this most important district to establish and promote the welfare of a newspaper. He thought it desirable that steps should be immediately taken for executing such object, and proposed a resolution to that effect, which, being seconded by A. Walker, Esq., was carried by acclamation.

Thos. White, Esq., late of the *Wide Bay and Burnett Times*, was then called upon to express to the meeting the principles on which the new journal would be conducted.

This gentleman then came forward amidst cheers, and stated at length, and in very forcible and telling language, the principles on which the new journal would be conducted. He expatiated upon and cleared up one or two points which were put to him, and was listened to throughout with marked attention, being occasionally applauded.

F. O. Connolly, Esq., then said that all present had heard Mr. White's lucid statement, and if they had any questions to put to him no doubt that gentleman would be only too happy to answer them; but he thought at the same time Mr. White had sufficiently done so. (Hear, hear.) It was at the instigation of a great number of the Burnett people that Mr. White had been induced to come among them, and there could be no doubt as to the advantage a newspaper published in Gayndah would be to the Burnett, the Northern, and the Wide Bay districts, and all persons would do their utmost to forward the interests of this journal. (Hear, hear.) There

forward the interests of this journal. (Hear, hear.) There was influence and ability enough to protect and watch over their projected journal and their interests, and that he unhesitatingly could say would be done. (Cheers.) Sooner or later a newspaper must be established here, and they could not embrace a better opportunity than that now offered. (Hear, hear.)

A committee, consisting of the following gentleman, was then formed on the strength of Mr. Edwards' resolution to carry out the spirit of the meeting, and to accept those terms which the proprietor offered, viz: Messrs. Moreton and Brock, Western Wood, Alpin Cameron, G. and H. Elliott, A. Cameron, Power and Connolly, James Philipott, John Connolly, A. Walker, John Croker, Dr. Stevenson, Dr. Tymons, W. H. Green, R. W. Smith, Henry Edwards, Messrs. Kehet and Gill.

A vote of thanks being accorded to the Chairman, the meeting, which was certainly a most influential one, dispersed feeling highly gratified with the proceedings of the evening.