serge with black braid, hat to match; Mrs John Conolly (Blenheim), navy blue costume, bates suite: Miss S. Gard, cardinal serge with black velvet, picture shat; Mrs Allen, black cashmers trimmed with velvet, bonnet with plak crown and jot sigrette; Miss Nors Allen, navy blue braided costume, hat to match: Mrs Duncan, black silk gows with velvet dolman, black bonnet with Blacs; Miss Puncan, navy blue dress with white vest, loque to match; Mrs W. J. Haillee, black silk, lace mentle, and pr. tty bonnet; Miss Picher (Wellington), green costume frimmed with handsome dolman, and pretty bonnet. Mrs. black silk, wich handsome dolman, and pretty bonnet, with pale blue flowers; Mrs Fuller, black silk braided doiman, and pretty bonnet with pale blue flowers; Mrs Fuller, black silk braided doiman, and pretty bonnet with pale blue flowers; Mrs Fuller, black silk braided doiman, and pretty bonnet with pale blue flowers; Mrs Fuller, black silk braided doiman, and bonnet with feathers; Miss R Greensill, black cashmere with handsome black dofman, and bonnet with feathers; Miss R Greensill, block cashmere with handsome black doman, and bonnet with feathers; Miss R Greensill, brown cashmere trimmed with old gold, hat to match; Mrs Sedgewick, myrtle green dress, with silk vest, and pretty bonnet.

Bridge velocity, myrtle green dress, with silk vost, and pretty bonnet. The DANCE IN THE FUBLIC HAIL, given by Mr and Miss Greensill, in homour of Miss Sybii Greensill's marriage to Mr H. J. Howard, was one of the most successful functions ever held in Picton. The host and hostess received their guests on the stage, the front part being arranged as a drawing-room, whilst the back of the stage was turned into a supper-room and enclosed with some of the moves ble scenery, which at supper time formed cosy corners, where sweet nothings were whisperned laden with all sorts of delightful things in the way be sweet, a till, and more substantial dishes, and was greatly admired for the artistic arrangement of the decorations. In the centre was a Chinese jar of suppleack sprays laden with berries, the sprays falling over piles of fruit, autumn tinted strawberry leaves did duty for foliage and flowers too, though there was a considerable high glass dish filled with was done for the subsection of the lade. The hall was very prettily decorated too with lycopodium wreaths crossing from corner to corner, a bunch of holly boding the centre together; wreaths of the same heautiful creeper stratched across the stage and finished off the projection at the lower sond of the hall; branches of gigi hung gracefully over other greenery between the flags, which were practify drappd wherever the Dayses of the projection of the bunches of gigi hung gracefully over other greenery between the flags, which were practify drappd wherever the Dayses of the projection of the bunches of gigi hung gracefully over other greenery between the flags, which were practify drappd wherever the Dayses of the projection o

greenerf between the flage, which were prettily draped wherever there was room, and velled sing coroers where tired people could sli out a dance if they wished so to do.

THE DRESSES.

The Misses Greensill and Miss Howard were their bridesmaid's dresses described elsewhere; Miss Ethol Greensill, 'coming out' in hers, was much admired as a debutant as well for her pretty whom trouble and ill-health has keen way more in hes S. Gardt gatherings hitherto, came 'out' in a very pretty dress of cream reiling with a cream satth bodies and pretty lace, and was much admired too; Miss Linton looked particularly well in black lace with pink satin ribbon; Miss Pilote, in black velvet with white lace, looked very distinguished; Miss M. Seymour, in black lace lace, looked very distinguished; Miss M. Seymour, in black lace coisage; Mrs John Mowat, a simple but elegant dress of plack hace; Miss Bessie Greensill, a prettily made frock of cream veiling with bands of cream ribbon edged with deep yellow high upon the skirt, sleeves, and bodies; Mrs Rutherford, black and pale blue; Mrs Millington, a charming costume of black silk and carries one black silk; Miss Duncan, cream veiling; Miss Howseld, Silk; Miss Duncan, cream veiling; Miss Howseld, Silk; Miss Duncan, cream veiling; Miss N. Allen, tomato red lustre made in the Empire style. There were also present Mrs Scott, Mrs Allen, Mrs Waddy, Fell, Krany, Seymoun, Philpotts, Western, Linton, Greensill, and Messer, Paleyet, Hong, Rutherford, Speed, Connily, Mowat, Waddy, Fell, Arrowsmith, Andrews, Western, Philpotts, etc. The music was minply splendid, Mr Arthur Fodon presiding at the piano; Miss Pilcher and Miss Greensill playing the extras. Miss Pilcher, who is a member of the Wellington Order of Mrs Greensill, Mrs Hong, Rutherford, Speed, Connily, Mowat, Waddy, Fell, Arrowsmith, Andrews, Western, Philpotts, etc. The music was member of the Wellington Order of presiding at the piano; Miss Pilcher and Miss Greensill playing the extras. Miss Pilcher, who is a member of the Wellington

in the George Hotel on Tuesday evening, to which the bridegroomelect was invited, when a beautiful silver sugar basin and tongs
were presented to him, on behalf of the o'd club, who phenix-like
arose from their own ashes for the purpose of testifying to their
esteem for an old member of their club, through whose qualities
selected for an old member of their club, through whose qualities
to their share were guined. The preventation was insuffied. To
Mr and Mrs. H. J. Howard, from the Waltoh Football Club.
Still another

EUCHRE PARTY

at Mrs Allen's residence, the first prizes being won by Miss K. Seymour and Mr J. Greensill, and the boobies by Miss Waddy and Mr W. Hsillie. Others present were Mrs Seymour, Misses Fell, E. Waddy, Linton, Millington, Scott, Greensill, Allen, Mrs McNab, and Messers Baillie, Fox, Greensill, Rawle, and S. Allen. The game was stopped at an early hour, on account of the coming festivities at the wedding, in which all were interested, but the craze has caught on properly, and others are to be held shortly.

NAPIER.

DEAR BEE, The long-talked of

JULY 6.

CHRISTY MINSTREL PERFORMANCE

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came off last Wednesday, and never has there been such a novel and successful perform nec here before. Now-1-tays to be up to date everything has to be staged well and something novel introduced into programmes to make them attractive, or else the reduced into programmes to make them attractive, or else the reduced into programmes to make them attractive, or else the reduced into programmes to make them attractive, or else the reduced into programmes to make them attractive, or else the reduced into programmes to make them attractive, or else the reduced into programmes to make them attractive, or else the reduced and especially must have gladdened the energetic secretary of the Atheneum, Mr Dinwiddle, as the funds were to go to that popular institution. Well, MrC. Kennedy as the host of the bunga, wand Messres Swan, Sayers, Sterrock, Dean, Martin, Hughes, Raynor, Percy, Pope, Davidson, and Nicholis, as the dusky brethren, deserve the grastate credit for the way one from the ordinary chair business, and taking the form of the garden of a squatter's business, and taking the form of the garden of a squatter's business, and taking the form of the garden of a squatter's business, and taking the form of the garden of a squatter's business, and taking the form of the garden of a squatter's business, and taking the form of stage as regarded the portormers, but the secon to end to the scene into a certiable fairy bower. The curtain rose to an empty stage as regarded the portormers, but the secon itself was warmly applicated. In and, and the hand garden has been according the scene into a certiable fairy bower. The curtain rose to an empty applicated the scene into a certiable fairy bower. The curtain rose to an empty applicated the scene into a certiable fairy bower. The second with interface and the scene into a certification of the programme and finish their sing song in the garden, as It was such a giorious night. At this the orchestra struck up a pretty chorus, and all the livers brook

gracefully on a step latder clad in white garments and carrying a lighted lantern, and pathetically looking upwards! Full limelight effects secompanied this tableau while the invisible chorus sang Scott Gatty's 'Good Night,' Amongst those present

IN THE CIRCLE

I observed Mrs Spencer H, Gollan, black slik with cardinal operaclock, handsome diamond ornaments; Mrs J, W, Carlie, old rose
clock, handsome diamond ornaments; Mrs J, W, Carlie, old rose
with yellow satio sleeves; Mrs George Marantall, black and pais
blue; Miss Hobbs, black skirt, old rose blue; Miss Wiss
illumedini, paie blue; Miss Giondonning, cardinal; Mrs Logan,
black and white; Miss G, Cotterlil, pretty pink silk blouse, black
kkirt; Miss Maggio Anderson, cream silk with yellow liberty
sash; Mrs Dawilson, black; Miss Wille, dark costume; Miss
cardan, pink Bayes, black; Miss Wille, dark costume; Miss
cardan, pink Miss Mag Dixon, black; Miss Lacellos, black sand
bline; Mrs de Lisle, black; Miss Wille, dark costume; Miss
cardan, pink Miss Miss Dixon, black; Miss Lacellos, black skirt,
with bandsome opera clock; Miss Minna Chapman, pale pink
blouse and black skirt; Miss Miller, pretty black evening dress;
ber sister, in pink; Mrs John Close, black silt; Mrs Tunes, pretty
white evening dress; the Misses Sutton, in dark dresses; Mrs
William Anderson also wore a dark costume; Mrs Suder, black;
etc.

FABILIONABLE THEATRICALS

took place at Frimley, Hastings, last Tuesday. The piece selected was Tom Cobb, and the following ladies and gentlemen assisted was Tom Cobb, and the following ladies and gentlemen assisted to the following ladies and Williams. The cestames of the ladies were appropriate and much admired, and one and all acquitted themselves well. For the following doors being opened, there was any amount of room, light refershments were served, and dancing indulged in after the following the following the following ladies and dancing indulged in after Russell, Williams, Nelson, Isale, Lowry, Johnstone, Spencer, Russell, Williams, Nelson, Seale, Lowry, Johnstone, Spencer, Russell, Williams, Nelson, Seale, Lowry, Johnstone, Spencer, Coming ann output, and the Missell with Miss Hunter, from Poranghau, is on a visit to Mrs W. Frazer, of the Bank of New South Wales.

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Miss Herrick, who has just returned from England, is staying with Miss Ormond,

Miss Maitland from Dunedin is visiting teneral and the particle.

Mrs Barkor, from Wairarapa, is staying at Hastinga.

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Mrs And Mrs George Morris have returned from Dunedin.

Miss Carrie Sutton has gone to stay with her sister, Mrs A. V.

Macdonald, in Auckland, for some time.

Mrs Fred Parker, who was unfortunate enough to be burnt out at the Bank of New South Waies, in Gisborne, is visiting Mrs W.

Parker till the new premises of the Bank are completed in Gis
with black bat. ke looks well in a stylish gown of red hopsack with black bat. ke looks well in a stylish gown of red hopsack with black bat. ke looks well in a stylish gown of red hopsack

Miss Fraser (Ducedin) is on a visit to Mrs Waiter Tahuteau,

Lady Whitmore and Mrs Dixon are at the Blues' for the winter.

winter.
Mrs and the Misser King (Auckland) are at the Masonic for a a few weeks.

WELLINGTON.

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given by the Wellington Leidertafel. A number of part songs were given under the direction of Mr. Parker, and some otherstall worse given under the direction of Mr. Parker, hand some otherstall worse given under the direction of Mr. Parker, he homosed worse them being a Romance by Mr. It. Parker, the conductor, which received an unusually large share of applause. The humming chorus, with Mr. Murrell taking the soio if The Last Rose of Summer! was very qualnt and pretty, and 'Franklyn's Dogge was extremely well sung. Mr. Whitall sang a soio, 'Medge,' fairly well, and Mr. Stringer gave 'The Evening Song,' but was not at capabilities. Soloists are still the great want in this Society. There are just one or two among the members who are in every way acceptable to the audience, but it is impossible to have the same soloists at each concert, and others of interior voice and culture take their turn, and often with immentable results. The partsinging continues to improve steadily, and the orchestia is a great Hoyd, and a quartet by Massra Hickson. Wratt, Whitall, and Waters completed an enjoyable programme. His Excellency the Governor arrived punctually at eighth o'clock, and was received by the Vice-president, Mr. Ed., Penree, and Mr. T. Ritchey, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Tothurest, the accound Vice-president, being unable to attend through ilineas. Lord Glasgow was accompanied by the Contract of the string of the string white muelin, and a cream and pink opera cloak; Miss Hotroyd, in rose pink silk and lace; and Captain Clayton. In the audience were Miss Pearce, in cream; Mrs. H. Crawford; Mrs. Brown, a grey cloak with Arghanic Clayton. In the audience were Miss Pearce, in Cream; Mrs. H. Crawford; Mrs. Bowled, in grey silk with bright pink velvet sicerys; Mrs. Richery wore black with moir sleeves; Miss Richer, a white cloak bound with fur. Miss Grapour cloak enhanced and with a still pink feature, white and grey cloak bound with silks

on the same evening, many of the gueste going to the Leidertafet concert first. There were about rixty guests, and deading was kept up until past midnight, the floor, supper, music, etc., being of the best. The decorations, which includes a large number of camelias, were much admired. Mos Collins were a presty dress of cream silk trimmed with white lace, and the Lotlins was present helping to entertain. Among the guests were Mr and Mrs Charce, Mrs arbur Fesres, Mr E. Foarce, Miss Lenros, Mr and Mrs C. Poarce, Mrs etchros, of the Masses with the state of the series of the first of the Masses with the state of the session, but there are a great many more to follow, for during the next ten days or saw are to be entertained at dances given by Mrs Johnston Stewart ist Government Husses, Mrs G. Hutchlson, Mrs 19r. Purely, the star loating Club, and Mrs R. Pharaxyo, and there are rumours of several other dances to follow, besidies entertainments of various other kinds, so that we shall have no lack of amusement for some time to come.

Mrs Izard, Miss Izard, Miss Datoy, Miss Buller, Mrs and Miss Mills (Function, all left last week on a trip to Fiji, and will be away some mooths. This is supposed to be the right time of year for the Islands, and the party should have a deligniful time. Mr Maughan Barnett gave his fort afternoon concert

AT THE ART GALLERY

last Monday, but it was not largely attended. His Excellency the Governor and a party from Government House were present in Prouse was the only vocalist, Mr. R. Parker accompanying. Mr Barnett's playing excited much enthusiasm among those who were present, and it is to be hoped that, a larger andrence will assent in the property of the last pr

A SMALL ROULETTE PARTY.

and last Wednesday there were two afternoon leas, one given by Mrs (Capt.) Edwin, and the other by Miss Doncan, Mrs Doncan being away. Many of the same people went first to one and then to the other, and, in spite of the bad weather, managed to enjoy half.

'AT HOME' AT COVERNMENT HOUSE, WELLINGTON.

RS JOHNSTON STEWART, Lady Glasgow's sister, who is acting as hostess at Government House during the absence of the Countess, gave her first reception last Tuesday afternoon from four till six, about a hundred invitations being issued for it. The weather was unfortunately bad, being wet all day and chilly, thus keeping many intending guests away. rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion, and the conservatory was also thrown open, afternoon tea being served in the dining room.

The Earl of Glasgow and Mrs Stewart stood at the entrance and received together, and Lady Augusta Boyle, Lady Alice Boyle, Miss Holroyd, and Captain Stewart, Major Elliott, and Captain Clayton were all helping. Mrs Stewart wore a pretty and simple gown of fawn and electric blue stripes, plainly made, and with collar and cuffs of electric blue velvet. Lady Augusta Boyle wore light biscuit veiling trimmed with brown braid; Lady Alice was in dark red, and Miss Holroyd, in black with a white duck

THE DRESSES.

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Lady Hector in a dark cloak bound with beaver, black bonnet; Miss Hector wore dark tweed; Mrs R. Pharaxyn, slate grey silk gown with a plastron of dull crinson velved, grey and crimson brown; Mr and the street of the control of the crimson brown and in over slot silk, but to match; grey and crimson brown muslin over slot silk, but to match; Mrs W. Jahmston, black, jet bonnet; Miss Ida Johnston, black, prattily trimmed with white striped with black black hat with white under the brim; Mrs Dowell, a short black velved and fur cloak, black bonnet with pink velvet; Mrs A. Pearce, a dark tweed and long jacket, black velvet hat with tips; Miss Pearce, pale terra-cotta, black welvet hat with just Mrs Pynsen, black benefit of well and long jacket, black velvet hat with tips; Mrs Pynsen, black benefit of well and may be benefit with pink velvet. Mrs Pynsen, black benefit of well and may be benefit with pink the Mrsses Huding, dark tweed gown, fur boas, and black hats with tips; Mrs Idudge) Richmond, a handsome black costume; Mrs Harding, a handsome black gown, fur boas, and black hats with tips; Mrs Idudge) Richmond, a handsome black costume; Mrs Harding, a black view mantle edged with feathers, black and scartet bonnet; Mrs Hardy, a black view mantle edged with feathers, black and scartet bonnet; Mrs Hardy, a black view mantle edged with feathers, black and scartet bonnet; Mrs Hardy, and scartet bonnet; Mrs Wrs W. Nathan, black, black and scartet bonnet; Mrs Hardy, black in the black hat trimmed with pink velvet; Mrs Travers, pale fawn specked tweed with a woke and sleeves of Gobelin blue silk, large black hat; Miss Coleridge, brown motifed tweed, black hat with blue velvet; Mrs Mollneuss, black, and black bonnet with pink velvet; Mrs Mollneuss, black, and black bonnet with bonnet trimmed; Mrs Maxwell, brown, blue silk vest, brown and blue hot; Mrs Hudelon, a levy black welvet with some pink bonnet with some pink bonnet with grown blue silk pr