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LITTLE DANCE

was given by Mr and Mrs Wright at their residence, Auckland Point, last week. It was intended for the younger members of the family, but there was also a fair sprinking of the elders present. Innering was kept up with apirl, until a lake or rather early four intended to be supported by the property of the property of the elders present. In the property was a great feature of the evening, being of the most recherche description. Mrs Wright roceived her guests in rich black sitk and lace; Miss Wright were black velvet with green velvet alseves and berthe; Mas Julia Wright, cream veiling with henora velvet sleeves. Miss Gwen Wright, cream veiling with henora velvet sleeves. Miss Gwen Wright, cream veiling with henora velvet sleeves. Miss Gwen Mrse, Dancan, soft white slik; Miss M. Freshaw, yellow and brown, Missee Cachemaille (two), Itaker, Hveshaw, vellow and two). Corrigan, Tomilinson, Mackay, Woodward and a number of College boys.

The formal opening of the

The formal opening of the NEW CENTRAL SCHOOL took place on Monday afternoon. There were quite a number of eithens present, including the Bishop of Nelson and Mrs Mules, the Mayor and Mrs Trask, Judge and Mrs Robinson, Mesra Fell. Sharp, and the Reva J. H. Mackenzie, Evans, Kempthorne, Bond, and several of the city councillors. Owing to Mr Graham, M. H. R., being musble to leave Wellington, the opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor (Mr Trask), others speaking being the acting chairman of the Town School Committee, the Rev. J. H. Mackenzie, the Bishop of Nelson, and Messra Fell, Sharp, and Talbot.

MASONIC HALL,

owing to the prevailing epidemic of influenza, has been postponed until some time next month. The Football Bance, however, comes off on Friday and promises to be an immense success.

OUR PROPER.

OUR PEOPLE.

Mr Graham Vining, the organist of the Cathedral here, has gone to the Empire City for a well descrived holiday.

Miss Munro, of Blenheim, is at present in Nelson, the guest of Mrs Roger Kingdon,

Yet another

to record, this time at Mrs Hoger Kingdon's, and a very pleasant time was ejent by all lucky emough to be asked. The games were kept up with nuch spirit until about half-past ton, after which a most delictious and disinty supper was discussed. The players were Mr and Mrs Kingdon, Mr and Mrs Honotton, Dr. and Mrs Roberts, Mr and Mrs Theodore Glasgow, Mr and Mrs I. Adams, Mrs Binny, Miss Pitt, Mass Minro (Blenheim, Miss C. Jones, Miss Portor, Messers Pearce, E. Mackay, Luon, Withor, and Lewis, The first prizes fell to Mrs Thornton and Mr L. Adams, the boobies being Mrs Roberts and Mr E. Mackay.

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It everybody had his due the idle boy might be almost as celebrated as that well-known author, 'Anon.' For it is at least possible that there are several more or less close parallels to the incident of Humphrey Potter and the steam-engine. Little Humphrey was an attendant on Newcomen's engine—as port of link between the steam pump and our moders engine—and his duty was to open and close a valve. But Humphrey was an idle boy, and he saw that he could save binnelf the trouble of attending to his work by fixing a plug on a part of the engine that came to the place at the proper time by the general movements. He accordingly did so, and by his ingenuity thus made the important invention in Newcomen's engine known as the 'hand gear.' Humphrey Potter did nothing else that we know of; but Edison, who invented a contrivance similar in one respect to his, has followed up his success. When the great American inventor was a boy he was engaged as telegraphist at Shotford, in Canada. He was night operator, and he had to report 'six' every half-hour to the circuit manager. The object of this rule is obvious—it was to prevent an operator sleeping while on duty. But young Thomas rigged up a wheel with Morse characters cut in the circuit erence in such a way that, when turned by a creak, it would write the figure six and sign his office call. As the watchman undertook to turn the wheel, the youthful telegraph clerk could sleep with eafety when so disposed. Who can say what influence the little success of the automatic call had on Edison's future career? A few years later, while still a boy—for he was only seventeen—the famous inventor worked at Indianopolis, where he completed his first successful telegraph instrument. It was an automatic repeater—an instrument with transferred the writing from one telegraph line into another without the mid fine repeater an instrument of telegraphy by which four distinct messages, two in each direction, may pass simultaneously over a single wire. He did not perfect it,

Some amusing things happen at children's Sunday classes. Last Sunday one of the assistant teachers was endeavouring to impress upon the youthful mind the reasons why the sun could not have been created by man, and must therefore have been the work of God. 'What would happen to a man if he could get near the sun!' was saked by the teacher. A diministive urchin on the front row immediately piped up with: 'He'd get aun-burned.'

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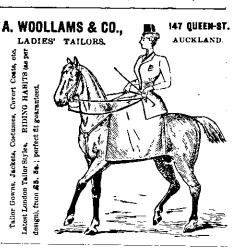
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