afternoon to her friends, when Mrs J. D. Hall, Mrs H. Wood, Misses Wynn-Williams, Bullock, Cowlishaw and Reeves were

Misses By The Misses of Misses (Wellington, who are, unfortunately, soon to leave us now, The Hon. Mrs Parker, Mrs Stead, Mrs Lascelles, Misses Arphies, Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, and others spent a very pleasant time.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs Ranald Macdoneld gave a small afternoon in house of Mrs Brough. Talk, music, tes, and cake only passed the time all too quotify, while the lady in whose only passed the time all too quotify, while the lady in whose her—Mrs and Miss Campbell, Miss Henry, Miss Guy, and many more.

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On Thursday avening Miss Mellish's dance was a great success.

Miss Mellish were a handsome plum coloured striped exis and
velvet gown, and lovely flowers; Mrs Mellish, a rich black gown:

Misses Banders (Almorah), Miss Boswich, Mrs J. D. Kall, Miss
Gerard, Mis Mauda, Mrs H. Wood, Messer Turrell, Wood (two),
Beswick, Becket, Neave Itwo, were among those present. The
large empty room make an excellent ball-room, and with good
floor, music, and a dainty supper, a most onloyable evening was
anont.

spent. The Hon. Mrs Parker gave tea at Polo on Saturday, when quits a crowd smembled in spite of the doubtful day. There was some got d sport, though not very fast play on account of the ground, and it was not as old as an east wind usually leads one to expect. Mr and Mrs G. Gould, Mr and Mrs R. H. Rhodes, Mr and Mrs Lascelles, Mr and Mrs B. Wand and Mrs R. H. Octorill, Misses Ronalds, Gerard, and Harris were among the numerous spectators.

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On Monday Mrs Macdonald, Gloucester-street West, gave an 'At Home' in honour of Mrs Brough. Mr Brough, Miss Faber and Mrs and Mrs Titheradge were also present. Among the other guests were Mr and Mrs Hanald Macdonald. Dr. and Mrs Symes, Miss Davie. Mr and Mrs Wynn-Williams. Capt. Garcia, Judge and Mrs Denniston. Mr and Mrs H. Wells, Misses Williams (Weilington), Mr and Mrs A. Boyle, Mr and Mrs Wason, and many more. Some good music, merry chat, tee and delicious strawberries and cream combined to make up a delightful after-noon.

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Mrs Sanders, Riccarton, gave a lawn party on Tuesday for tennis, croquel, etc. General and Missee Fulton, Dr. and Miss Nedwill, Mrs and Miss Mollish were among those who restored to the other of the control of

DOLLY VALE.

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opened their season on the new contrix. These courts are situated
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locking lovely, so beautifully green, and so bright with the gowns
of the lady players. A pavilion had been erected, and tea presided
over by Mrs Mackay, Missee Huddlestone and K. Fell, which was
much appreciated by all those present, among whom were Mrs De
Castro, in becoming gown of black crepon with corrange of pink
silk, dainty toque; Mrs Pitt, black gown and mantle, black and
pink bonnet; Mrs A. Gagow, black skirt, becoming pink blouse,
black hat; Mrs Burnes, handsome gown of black orepon with
cream satin corrange, large black pleture hat with pink tones; Mrs
J. Sharp, black and white check occume, skylish black tograe;
Mrs Burne, black and white check occume, skylish black tograe;
Mrs Burne, black and white check occume, skylish black tograe;
Mrs Burne, black and straw toque with blue cornflowers; Mrs
Mackay, black silk and jet gown, jot bonnet; Mrs Preshaw,
flowered delaine, bonnet with blue cornflowers; Mrs Roberts, fine
groy crepen with pale blue chiffon and steel passermenerie, skylish
toque with blue forget-me-nois; Mrs L. Adams, cool white gown,
allor hat; Mrs Robinson, black striped gown, pretty bonnet;
Miss Hardidestone, black skirk, black and white blouse, black
tograe, Misses R. and Write Mark skirk, night blouse, sailor
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hat; Mrs Wob-Bowen, dark skirk, light blouse, sailor hat;
Miss nagenta roses). On Monday evening a very enjoyable

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### DUNEDIN.

DEAR BEE, On Tuesday a very

DECEMBER 14.

SMART LUNCHEON

was given by Mrs Jowitt (Cavershem) for Miss Ramssy and Miss Moodle. Mrs Jowitt was most becomingly gowned to pale hims corded cloth, the bodies overed with gream serophese and prettily trimmed with oream ribbon; Miss Roberts, stylish black corpon trimmed with statu ribbon; large black lace hat with black catrich tips and pink sath ribbon rosettes; Miss Moodle, shelictrope blone, smart floral toque; Miss Cameron, Hobelin blue dioth continue; Miss Reunsy, sunart black jacket and skirk, white sallor hat; Miss Stephenson, black cropon, large black and four distance of the property of the same of the same of the property of the same of the property of the same of the sa

Coughtney, black serge costume, buff waistonat; Miss Ulrich, bine shirt, black skirt; Miss L. Mackerras, white skirt, smart white sailor hat; Miss Macassey, bright pink blouse, sailor hat. The table was daintily decorated with high specimen vases filled with white daises and exquisite pink lvy geranium; white crepon paper was twisted in and out between the vases.

PAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA

FARTWELL APTERNOON TEA,
was given by the Misses Shand (University Buildings) for Miss
Ramsay and Miss Moodle on Wednesday afternoon. The table
was most uniquely decorated with wild twire, any as marmost uniquely decorated with wild twire, any as marmost uniquely decorated with wild twire, and the second
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# SMALL MUSICAL EVENING

sa a farewell to Miss Rameay. Large bowls of ro-ses formed a charming centrenices to the supper table. Songs were sung by the Misses Roberts and Shand, Messrs Pasoce, Ramsay, Macassey, and T. Macassey, Dianoforts solos were ollayed by Miss Mackenzie (Geraldine). Mrs Macassey wore a black ells stotted with white, Miss Macassey, black greenadine prettily trimmed with green silk: Miss Ramsay, black greenadine prettily trimmed with green silk and deep cream lace; Miss Ramsay, black greenadine silk: Miss Mackenzie (Geraldine), blick velveteen blues silk: Miss K. Willich, black silk skirt, cream silk blouse banded with block velvet skirt, blue alik blouse trimmed with white lace; Miss R. Willich, black welvet skirt, blue alik blouse trimmed with silk trimmed with white lace; Miss Ramsay, datay white silk trimmed with white lace; Miss Ranad, black crepon skirt, smart carear con ded silk blouse; Miss R. Shand, black velvet banded with jet; Miss Tolhurst (Wellington), simple white silk dintily trimmed with white lace; Miss R. Shand, black velvet banded with jet; Miss Tolhurst (Wellington), simple white silk dintily trimmed with white lace; Mosses Macassey, three; Pasoce, Roberts, Chaffey, Morris, Cheeseman, Ramsay, Monlove, work of the silk of

AT HOME

for her daughter, Jessie, who is to be married next week. The table was prettily decorated with field flowers and white crepon paper. In one of the rooms Miss Moodie's numerous wedding-precents were displayed, which are both hand-ome and neeful. On Wednesday Mrs Sale (Cuivereity Buildings) slao had.

#### SMALL AFTERNOON TEA

for Miss LeCren (Timaru). On Friday afternoon Miss Roberts (Little Bourne) gave a most successful. AFTERNOON TEA

for Miss Ramsay. The table was simply one mass of poppies daisles, and greenery, etc. In the centre of the table was a large silver bown also filled with poppies. The drawing-room looked acceedingly pretty. The mantelpiece was decentred with vases exceedingly pretty. The mantelpiece was decentred with vases were the constant of the constant with vases were the constant with vases were blaced in introduced the constant with vases with one of the constant with the constant with

### LARGE AFTERNOON TEA

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as a farewell to Miss Ramsay, who is leaving us very shortly to
take up her residence at the Thames. The table decorations were
table forming the letter N, which is the common place of Miss
Ramsay's christian name. After tea the guests returned into
the drawing-room, where music was kept going until late in the
afternoon. Songs were sung by the Misses Roberts, Reynolds.
E. Shand, and it. Shand, and planoforts color were tastefully
rendered by Misses Branson, Urich, Roberts, and Fraser, Miss
mera, neat silk crepon skirt; Miss E. Ulrich, stylish pate blue
blouse, large collar and cuffs of red velvet, electric blue skirt,
mera, neat silk crepon skirt; Miss E. Ulrich, stylish pate blue
blouse, large collar and cuffs of red velvet, electric blue skirt,
Amonget the guests stylish gowns were worn by Miss Ramsay, neat
black cloth jacket and skirt, white sallor hat; Miss Woster,
stylish fawn tailor-made jacket, and skirt, yellow straw toque
skirt, pink straw hat trimmed with black satin ribbon; Miss
E. Webster, green cordured cloth, yoke of bright red velvet,
banded with jet, large black hat; Miss Macasyes, stylish scalksin
jacket, pink straw hat trimmed with black satin ribbon; Miss
Roberts, black corded slik blouss, black and white checked skirt;
Miss Belle Maclean, neat brown cloth, large slawns of Gobebrown serge, bright blue shot silk yoke, white sallor hat; Miss
Shand, smart green tweed, large black hat trimmed with oornrlowers; Miss E. Shand, black jacket and skirt, white waletooat;
Miss E. Shand, Miss Todd, Miss I. Mackerran, blue serge trimmed
with black corded slik; Miss Duolo, Miss Black, Miss Sie, Miss
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with blow corded slick; Miss Duolo, Miss Black, Miss Sie, Miss
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# LARGE EUCHRE PARTY

to the Misses Harding (Wellingston), who are to bid farewell to Dunesin nast week. The top prizes were won by Miss K. Neill and Mr Kettle, and the boobles were Miss L. MacLeron and Mr T. Haggitt. The table looked extremely pretly with high specimen vases filled with soarlet geranlums, white desices, and grass. Mrs Graham wore a handsome black silk; Miss Graham, royal blue silk trimmed with blonde lace; Miss B Graham, black velvet, rose pink ribbons; Miss Harding, blee pink broade; Miss Ersham, black broade skirt and seleves, write broade bodiue. Those present were Misses K. Neill, Webster, G. Webier L. MacLettray, E. Bhand, M. Wright, and Reynolds, Messes Gaham, Sise, Kettle, Webster, Sleve wright, Royse, Cheeneman, Haggitt, T. Haggitt, Morris, C. Morris, Williams, E. Williams, Pascoe, P. Wright, Ulrich, and others.

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### A COOD CHURCHMEM.

STRUGGLING PASTOR: 'Nearly all she congregation have subscribed liberally for the building fund, and I feel sure that I also have your hearty co-operation. How much will

you \_\_\_.

Mis Leader: 'Let me see. Oh, I am the only member who has a carriage. I think.'
S'ruggling Pastor: 'Yes; the rest are poor.'
Mrs Leader: 'Well, I will drive round and collect the subscriptions.'

### OF HUMAN KIND.

No criminal is altogether hardened; springs of kindliness and feeling for his fellow-beings still exist within his nature, if one could but find them. The author of Secrets of the Prison House' tells a true story of a French convict at Toulon.

Among the free labourers, who work side by side with the prisoners, was an Italian who always treated them with great kindliness, and became in consequence very much beloved. One day, however, the Italian seemed to be much depressed, and he confided to his fellowlabourers the fact that he was terribly in want of money. Not many days after, one of the convicts escaped, sought the Italian out at his home, and said to him:

'Now I give myself up to you. My capture will bring you a reward of a hundred france, and that will help you out of your difficulties,'

For a long time the Italian refused to take advantage of the fugitive's self-sacrifice, but at length he yielded and led back the prisoner.

The wife of a well-known journalist was roused one night, when she was alone in the house, by sounds which convinced her that burglars must be below. The courageous old lady rose and went down-stairs into the dining-room, where she found a man in the act of rifling the sideboard. He promptly knocked her down, but as soon as she could recover herself she got up and quietly took a seat. Then she addressed the burglar.

I suppose you have been driven to these evil courses. by want, she said; 'but why add cowardly violence toyour crime? You see I am an old woman-old enough to be your mother. Is your mother still alive? Do you remember her? What would you say or do to a man who struck her in the face and knocked her down?

Her words had a marked effect on the housebreaker. He was evidently moved to the heart.

'I'm sorry, ma'am,' he said, 'and I'm ashamed of what I'm doing. I won't take anything belonging to-you except this five-pound note. But I really am in desperate straits, and I want money badly.'

He emptied his pockets of the silver he had taken, but with the full consent of the old lady made off with the five pounds. Some time afterward an envelope reached her, addressed in a strange hand, and in it was a fivepound note.



