EASTER GAIETIES.

AUCKLAND.

HE Easter Tuesday races of the Auckland Racing Club autumn meeting were as successful as on the prior day. His Excellency the Earl of Glasgow, Countees of Glasgow, the ladies Augusta and Alice Royle were present, attended by Captain Preston and Major Ellot. The steeplechase came off without any accident, I am glad to asy. The prettiest and the most stylich gowns worn on the lawn were those of the ladies Augusta and Alice Boyle. The Countess of Basgow wore a very handsome old gold check shot silk, the sleeves and bodice of Blasshot silk, finished with a fichu of cream lace, dainty bonnet of lace and ribbona to match, very striking paraxio of a darker hee of most stylish gowns worn on the lawn were those of the ladies Augusta and Alloe Boyle. The Countess of Glasgow were a very handsome old gold check shot silk, the sleeves and bodies of Ilias shot silk, finished with a fichu of cream lace, dainty bonnet of lace and ribbons to match, very striking parasol of a darker hue of ilitas lined with buttercup; the ladies Augusta and Alloe Hoyle wore very stylish siate grey crepons with bodiess of dove-coloured shot silk, deep cream lace trimmings hung round the shoulder of the control ribbons at the back, terre carnation adorned the front, cream veils with black spots flaished these recherche contumers. Whe Dawson (wife of the President of the Club were a black crepon with cream flowered silk bodies, cream recherche contumers, Whr. Buwson, wife of the President of the Club wore a black crepon with cream flowered silk bodies, cream recherche contumers, with a supplied the continuous of the club work of the continuous of the club work of the

DUNEDIN.

On Friday, April 10th, Miss Lily Ethel MacLaren gave a large atteneon tea as a fareweal to Miss Cameron. The table looked exceedingly preity and effective, the few flowers which were on the heart arranged to perfection. After delicious tea, coffee, and cakes had been done ample justice to the guests all adjourned to the drawing-room, where music was kept going all the afternoon. Miss Cameron sang several soles, sies a duet with Miss Ethel MacLaren entry the appreciated. Misses E. Shand, I. Shand, and I. Roberts ama pretty songs, and the Misses Gavin and Roberts played pianoforte soles in great style and finish. Miss MacLaren wore a smart black crepon finished with yoke and bows of shot silk: Miss E. MacLaren, Buc China silk blouse; Miss K. MacLaren, Gobelia blue merveilleux blouse, black offion round the neck; the Macassey, Shand, Morris, Batchelor, Hodgkins, Miss MacLaren, Swebster, Graham, Nell, and many others. Several married ladies were also present—Meedanes Postlethwaite, Misses, Misse

The same evening Mrs Robert Gillies (Trandt House), who has lately returned from England, gave a small suchre party, which was followed by a dance. Everybody was delighted to see the hostess and family back again, but regret that it is for so short a time, as they intend taking up their residence in Auckland. The lovely house was charmingly decorated with poty blants and palms. The dancing room was festooned with beily. The table was

most artistically arranged with terra cotta cacit and dabitas, and branch silver candiesticks. Mrs Gillies wors a handsome gown of silver grey sain slaborately trimmed with steel beading and realized; Miss Gillies, white bengains with heavy real lace on the bodice. The top prizes were won by Miss Stote Webster and Mr C. Bartenan, the booby prizes by Miss Gillies, and Mr Enstace Macassey. Miss Webster wore a dataty blue musiling with bunches of pink roses; Miss C. Webster, pile pink crepon that the state of the state of

Urich, Roberts, Morris, C. Morris, Cheeseman, Macassey, and Chappey.

The same evening Mrs J. M. Ritchie (Halvrside) gave a large impromptu dance for h r cousin, Miss Cameron, who also is leaving for England immediately. The table decorations were very simple, being heautiful pale pink geraniums and branch silver candissticks. Mrs Ritchie was becomingly gowned in black silk; Mrs Colluthous, stylish black satin lavishly trimmed with red velvel and jet; the Misses Cameron, black silk, large spaniellets or pale blue satin edged with crewn lace; Misses Maclets of pale blue satin edged with crewn lace; Misses Maclets, Stylish black, Stylish black satin lavishly trimmed with red velvel and feel with the same stylish black satin lavishly trimmed with Macles, L. Roberta, Roberta, Ulrich, Hartleman, S. Bartleman, Maclesen, Tremain, and many others were present. Also Messars Ritchie, Colquboun, Morris, C. Morris, Roberta, Chappey, Williams, Kettle, Cheeseman, Tapley, Graham, Marshall, Sleigh, Neil, Monassey, E. Macassey, Cutten, F. Cutten, Haggitt, D. Haggitt, Wright, etc.

WELLINGTON.

Lately we have bad nothing but rain. All the Easter holidays were spoilt. Be had was the weather that most people stayed indoors by the fire instead of enjoying their holidays as they had Mrs T.C. Williams gave a small dance on Wednesday, which seemed to have been very much enjoyed by those present. Mrs Williams received in a handsome black satin gown trimmed with lace; Miss E. Williams, act white silk trimmed with chiffon. Among the guests were Mrs J. N. Williams, Mrs E. J. State of the seemen which were the self-stay of the s

two). Barker, tudiford, and the Messix Johnston, Cooper, Boller, Prace, Webster, Bymock, Turbbull, Tripp, Anson, Gore, Duncan, Paster and Cooper, Buller, Bull

CHRISTCHURCH.

We have been very badly treated by the clerk of the weather, and the Easter holidays one looks forward to as the last speil before King Winter sets in were completely spoiled by incessant rain. We really have a grievance, because it is usually our beat time of yoar as a rule, but I must leave the disagreeable subject, see the conduction meetings were much damped, and railed control of the conduction of the pretty rendezvous—Otarama—sadly neglected.

The ancred concert at night in the Tuam street Hall given by the Dunedin Orchestral Society, was exceedingly good and much appreciated by those present, and who quite made up in onthusisem for the coolness of the elements. Mrs Coumbs (wife of the conductor) was presented with a lovely bounged, and Mr Honning.

Madame Venosta's fine singing was remembered by many here, and she met with a very hearty reception. Miss K Hisney and Mr Jugo, the other soloists, were also very successful. The second concert on Saturday evening was even better than the first, and the visit of the Dunedin Orchestral Society remains a pleasant memory to us, and I am ours they will return feeling Dunedin is memory to us, and I am ours they will return feeling Dunedin is memory to us, and I am ours they will return feeling Dunedin is memory to us, and I am ours they will return feeling Dunedin is more square courts presenting a lively appearance in the atternoon, though the ladies matches were put off till Monday. Dr. Nedwill, President of the Cub, with the Misses Nedwill provide it he atternoon tea, which was as 'comforting and refreshing' as any Epps Coocs or any other condition, Wilding, Wallace, Cooke, Harris, Burnes, W. Ollivier, R. Harman, Misses Lean, Westeurs, Marchant, Menell (Dunedin, Rattray (Dunedin), Menelland, Menelland,

Bracle cloth costume, red vest braided in black, black and red bonnet; Mrs Benniston, brown cloth costume, bonnet with plan superys; Mrs Babington, fancy cloth, vest braided in gold, brown charlest blue dress, fawn covert cost, brown hat with short probability blue dress, fawn covert cost, brown hat with short plan and quilla; Mrs Peacock, royal blue gown and black Thibst for, small black velvet toque; Mrs Wharton (Amuri, black skirt, and blouse of Tribly velvet; Mrs J. D. Hall, dark grey gown, brown cape, black hat with white wings; Mrs G. Gould, which beaver pompons; Mrs P. Campbell, black conturne, the coque relieved with green short thoons; Mrs Wilder, blue cloth costume, black velvet toque with bright plank rosettes; Mrs C. Cook, tweed dress triumed with beaver, black velvet toque with bright plank rosettes; Mrs C. Cook, tweed dress triumed with beaver, black velvet dress with char ribbon bow; Mrs G. Roberts, black crepon, black astrachan cape lined with red, black and red bonnet; Mrs Harderson, navy conturne, bonnet with the rib min bow; Mrs G. Roberts, black crepon, black astrachan cape lined with red, black and red bonnet; Mrs Macdonaid, shot costume with Indian work of the min bear of the short with pale blue; Mrs K. Wacdonaid, shot costume with Indian work on, blue dress with gold and white vest, black velvet toque relieved with gold; Mrs Murray, Aynaley, black brocaste, black and white bonnet. Mrs Owen Cox, black with black and gold hat; Mrs Wason, navy costume, blue and white striped vest, black velvet hat with feathers; Miss N. Roeves with very rich black velvet hat with feathers; Miss N. Roeves, blue cloth with poler silk trimming, hat to match; Misses Tabart (three), Way, Helmore, Cowilshaw, Graham, Miss N. Roeves, blue cloth with poler silk trimming, hat to match; Misses Tabart (three), Way, Helmore, Cowilshaw, Graham, Miss N. Roeves, blue cloth with polers like with gold and white hat; Misses Fulton, grey skirts and coats; and coats and salve that; Misses Fulton, grey skirts and coats; and salv

PICTON.

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H.M.S. 'Rapid' arrived in port on Thursday night, and everybody hoped they would stay till after Faster Monday and brighten up our proceedings with their gay uniforms, but like everything else this unfortunate year we were doomed to be disappointed, and though the Mayor (Mr Groensil) selled and interest the control of the con