wie, Fulton, Field, Biss, Pearce, Hanna, Gora, Butler, Richmond, Kight, Samuela, Rolleston, Tripp, Hector, Tripp, Higginson, villiams, Holmes, Hartman, Annon, Luckte, Hull, Blair, Derry, Cooper, Hodeon, Watkins, Johnston, Morrison, H. Rawson, Mantell, Biss, Harcley, and Dra. Adams, Fell. Mackenzie, Ewart, Martia, and many others, Extras were played by Mrs Samuels and Mr G. Kemp.

Mrs John Duncan gave a

#### YERY JOLLY DANCE

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VERY JOLLY DANCE

Last Tuesday night. There were about forty couples present. All
the rooms were very prettily decorated, farms and violets being
chiefly employed. An excellent champage supper was laid out
in the diang-room, and you may be sure was duly appreciated.
King, as sutual, played splendid dance muck, and the extras were
played by Miss Ducoas and the new with the man of the public of the played by Miss Ducoas and the extras were
played by Miss Ducoas. Miss Ducoan looked well in grey astin
trimmed with accordion chiffon. Among the guests were Lady
Augusta Boyle, who were pais yellow astin velled with spotted
net, and the tront of the corrage slightly trimmed with erru lace;
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shoulders with plak roses; Mrs Ian Duncan looked very well
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with chiffon and ruby velvet; Mrs Colline, beautiful gown of
amber slik brocaded with white flowers in a large design, fine
restriction of the course of the course of the played of the
velvet; Mrs H. Crawford, handsome white striped astin trimmed
with chiffon and ruby velvet; Mrs Colline, beautiful gown of
amber slik brocaded with white flowers in a large design, fine
lace trimmed with pale blue velvet and chiffon design with chiffon and
ruby velvet, were considered pretty. Mrs Loss, part blue slik
and corrules, was exceedingly pretty. Mrs Loss, part blue slik
with fichu and full sleeves of potunia satin redged with orifies
with sleaves, was exceedingly pretty. Mrs Loss, part blue slik
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which is being held in Thomas' Hall in sid of the Choral Festival Society. The opening corement was performed by the Premier, who was accompanied by Mrs and Miss Sediedo. Lady Glasgow wore a pale fawn costume, and magents bonnet trimmed with shaded tips to match and cream rosettes; Lady Augusta Boyle looked well in a slate grey jacket and skirt, white boat-shaped has with ribbon band; Lady Dorothy, near but skirt, white boat-shaped has white sailor hat; Lady Dorothy, near but sailor made costume, white sailor hat, Miss Ritchey, Miss Ritchey,

### **NELSON.**

has been the programme, and there does not seem any chance of our having a change yet awhile, for to-day has been one continual downpour; but we live in hope. In consequence of this weather colds are quite the tashiom—a fashiom with which we could very

colds are quite the Tashion—a Tashion with which we could very well disponse. Our small town, like many of its neighbours, has had its ghost scare. Terrible tales have reached our cars of this dreadful apparation, which was, of course, always seen at night (does a ghost ever appear in daylight), and never could be caught, even though the local police, assisted by parties of small boys, were hard at work each evening. Perhaps his ghostship thinks it best to retire into obscurity before he is forced to do so.

A POLITICAL EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

tor women has been formed here lately. Mrs A. Atkinson is elected President, and Mrs P. Cooks and Miss Crump Vice-president. The object of this Society is that we women folk may learn more about politics, and so know how to use our votes for the good of the country. The last fortuightly meeting was held on Friday evening, when Mrs A. Atkinson read a report and some hythose present.

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WAIMER RIFLES' ANNUAL BALL

was held in Baigent'. Hall, Wakefield, and proved a great encoes in every way. Sergeant-Cartain Pearless, who acted as M.C., had an arduous task, which he filled to everybody's satisfaction. A number of visitors from Nelson, Richmond, and neighbouring districts were present. Many handsome and pretty dresses were worn by ladies present; the uniforms of the men also added greatly to the scene. The supper arrangements and floor were perfect, and good music was supplied by Mr Martin's string band. PHYLLIS.

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JUNE 29.

DEAR BEE, JUNE 29.

On Wednesday evening over one hundred and thirty guests responded in person to the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs holbs at the Gaisty Theatre, where a

DANCE AND SOCIAL

was held in honour of Miss Annie Dolbel's birthday. The floor was in good condition, and an appetising supper was served, Mosern Newbould and Alien supplied excellent music, and during the ovening somes were contributed by Misses Parsons and Ridge-way, Messra Rugbes, Newbould, etc. The festivities issued till way, Mesers Hughes, Newbound, one 2 a.m.
Napier has been treated to a regulardownpour all the week and

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and to be postponed till Saturday. The trains were all delayed
greatly to the inconvenience of country folk who had perforce to
remain in town. Saturday broke fine and a most successful
meeting was the result of the postponement; The air was very
rolld and fure and thick wraps were decidedly not in use silbough
announced a winter meeting. The lucky winner of the handoone
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given to Mr. Langley Shaw, who rode the winning horse. The
course was looking very green although a trifle heavy in the

going but no accidents marred the sport. The let day the attendance of ladies was large and the following included some of the acceptance of ladies was large and the following included some of the edged with beaver, rod velvet beefeater crown, brown quill. Mrs. Coleman, black aerge, gold braided west, black bonnet with pink roses and steel ornaments. Miss Watt, heliotrope cloth, collarette of velvet, fur boa and mnff. toque of heliotrope flewers and black quills; Mrs Wm. Bidwill, smart gown of black fancy orepon with pink collection of the liberty point liberty, voltee of black astin edged with lace; seque to mad skirt, pretty forst toque with glack fabbon and green velvet ribbon. Ars Mo Vay, who tred and brown serge, red velvet bodice, black bonnet. Mrs Kenwicke neatly fitting black serge contume, the bodice having three bor. Pleats bock and front, white velvet toque with black feather tips. Miss G. Watt, bottle green cloth trimmed with velvet and sequence edging, black velvet hat with black feather than pink roses. Mrs Russell, black velvet hat with black feather than find front to the control of the control of

Last Wednesday afternoon Mrs Parker gays an enjoyable afternoon tee for Miss Louie Sutton, who is to be married on July let to Mr Stuart, the guests being mostly young ladies.

On Friday Mrs Logan gays a very successful

DANCE AT 'RANGIORA,'

on Friday Mrs Logan gave a very successful when the arrangements were perfect, and the whole affair capitally managed. The drawing-room made a charming room for dancing, with its French windows opening on to the verandahs, the manicishelf was decorated with white camellins, and the music was supplied by Miss Manoy, who, as usual, played splendidy. Supper was laid in the morning-room. The table looked didy. Supper was laid in the morning-room. The table looked datures. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till an early hour next morning. Mrs Logan received in a handsome black sik gown with becoming bodice of accordion pleated chiffon; the Misses Chapman Sydney, who were staying in the house, wore yellow sik with flowers; Mrs Carlie tooked very well in a rich yellow sik with flowers; Mrs Carlie tooked very well in a rich yellow sik with flowers; Mrs Carlie tooked very well in a rich yellow sik with flowers; Mrs Carlie tooked very well in a rich yellow sik with soffee lace: Mrs Fenwick, white atlia with grey feather trimming; Miss Witkins, white silk bloues and heliotrope silk skirt; Miss Rhodes, white cashmere with satin revers; Miss Watt, yellow scriped chine silk; Miss Gertrude Watt pale blue chine silk; Miss Dymock, white silk accordion plaited blouss, black silk skirt; Miss Balfour, black, with yellow; Miss Wilson, white silk and lace; Miss Balfour, black, with yellow; Miss Wilson, white silk with pale blue ribbons; Miss Spencer, white the part of the par

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## DUNEDIN.

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Last Wednesday Mrs Michie (Bank of New Zealand)

VERY PLEASANT LUNCHEON PARTY.

The table looked extremely pretty, being decorated with orange and olive green ribbons tied into large bows. The flowers, which were prettily arranged, were orange and terra cotta chrysanthemums. Those present, besides Mrs Michie and her sister, were Mies LeCren. Mesdames Haggitt, Sale, Webster, Cutten. Shand, McGowan, Graham, MacLean, Jackson, and Miss Cutten, Shand, Cutten, On Thursday

ANOTHER LUNCH

was given by Mrs Bargood (Romanoff, this time for girla. Mrs Sargood wore a charming tes gown of blue crepon with front and Sargood wore a charming tes gown of blue crepon with front and service was a charming tes gown of blue crepon with front and long ends caught with brilliant buckies completed welvet was the long ends caught with brilliant buckies completed welvet was the table of the completed with the cautellesse of real moss arranged round vases of beautiful yellow chrysanthenuma. Those present were Miss MacLean, in green tweed costume: Miss Nevill, blue cloth trimmed with black satin and fur; Miss Shand, gobelin blue crepon, esputietts of white satin edged with passementeris; Miss Bardeman, cigar brown lustre prettily trimmed with yellow silk, brown cip hat trimmed with buttereups and with yellow silk, brown cip hat trimmed with buttereups and trimmings of gobelin blue velveteen, black hat with white ostrich tips; Miss Macassoy, brown citoh coetume prettily trimmed with moss green velvet, edged with passementerie, large green and brown velvet hat; Miss Scott, Miss Nolll, etc., etc.

On the previous Saturday svening the

GLEE CLUB

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Held its opening mosting at Mr Ogston's, High-street. Mr A. A.
Finch is to be conductor this year, and it is to be hoped that it will
be as great a success as it has been in former years. Mrs Ogston
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kirt become the black of the black state of the bodics covered with black apangled chiffon; Mrs Michle,
bodics covered with black apangled chiffon; Mrs Michle,
black slik: Mrs Stilling; Mrs Theomin; Miss Busck, blue and
white striped slik blouse, black cit kikirt; Miss Gether; Miss Itaktray, green slik blouse, dark skirt; Miss G. Rattray, paic green
slik; Miss Maitland, white crepon; Miss Cutten, black slik;
Miss Johastone; Miss Roberts, pale yellow orepon with yoke of
sulpure lace; Miss L. Roberts, tora cotts velvet blone, black
velvet skirt; Miss E. Urich, plum-coloured velvet; Miss Reynolds, black slik: Miss M. Reynolds, yellow slik blouse, dark
skirt; Dr. Osston, Mosers Sargood, MacLesa, Guily, Branson,
Hogg, Oldham, and Ramsay.

On Monday evening the ladles'

#### BAVAGE CLUB

met at Mre Sale's (University Buildings). Mrs Melland was chairwoman for the evening. One of the chief performance of the evening was a hornplpe danced by Miss Elsis Bell, who were meet becoming sallor costume and areal sallor one. Miss De

Salamos gave a very interesting sketch of the Meissen potteries, and Miss Cumins, a clever recitation from Dickens. The musical steme consists of a planoforte due to by the Missen Rattray, and a vocal duet by Mrs Weodhouse and Miss R. Raynolds. Miss Olive Turton, did some Indian club exercises in splendid style. Those present were Mrs Sale, Mesdames Cook, Bell, Jackson, J. Allen, Melland, Woodhouse, Stilling, Shand, Postiethweite, Desniston, Missen Wimperis, Browning, Webster, Bartieman, S. quantitation, Missen Wimperis, Browning, Webster, Bartieman, S. quantitation, S. B. B. Briver, E. Uritch, Bathquan, F. Quantitation, Roberts, L. Roberts, E. Neill, F. Rattray, R. Rattray, E. Shand, L. Shand, Cargill, Mordeck foamaru, Forde, R. Reynolds, Rodgkins, L. Maclaren, and many others.

On Thursday a large

PANCY DRESS BALL

was given by the Beth's Committee in the Public Hullat Commart.
The hall was meat tastefully decorated with greenery and panapas
grams. Some of the costumes were extremely excity and very
effective. Mrs MacMeater, Red Cross Nurse: Mrs Whitzea,
Powder and Patches; Mrs de Latour, La Vivandiere: Mrs Dennieflow, Lady of Nineteenth Century; Mirs Bottomley (Duncille), Gipsy;
Mrs Bulleid, French Bonne: Mrs Cross), Duchessof Kent; Mrs Lee,
Flower Girl; Miss Murdock, Marguerite; Miss T. Murdock, Chef;
Miss Newton, Sweeter Seventy; Miss N. Newton, Sweet Seventeen: Miss Menior, Lady of Bitsteenth Coatury; Miss Webster
(Duncelin), Lady Biossington; Miss G. Webster (Duncelin),
Lady Biossington; Miss G. Webster (Duncelin),
Armstrong, Night; Miss Moss, Japanese Lady, Miss A.
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Armstrong, Mrs Telfer, Turobadovr; Mr Hood, Joekey;
Mr Broad, General Santarou; Mr E. P. Lee, Idle Jack; Mr W.
Orumitt, Rob Roy; Mr W. Wylle, Court costume; Mr A. C.
Gretter, All Babe, Mr J. Bucher, Orlean Societies; Mr A. C.
Creagh, French Waterman; Mr F. Nowton, A. Negative; Mr G.
Joues, Hoarding; Mr H. Teechemaker, Anglo-Indian costume;
Mr Proctor: Barrister; Mr Ridding, Problibitionist Lecture; Mr D.
Johnstone, Naval Bandeman; Mr Dennison, Arry; Mr MacLean, Highlander; and Dr. de Latour, Brigade Sargeos.

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The most important function this week was the

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MASONIC BALL

on Wednesday. The weather, instead of improving, got worse, but that did not prevent the assemblage of a great number of guesta. No doubt had the weather been more propilions there guesta, No doubt had the weather been more propilions there impossible, for the ballroom was quite crowded as it was. The impossible, for the ballroom was quite crowded as it was. The foor was in splendid condition, and Vaninni's crhestra supplied excellent music. The extras were played by Miss Player, Miss Ferrguoe, Miss Praper, Mesers Stratford and Corrie. On account of the Masonic hosts being delayed by the business of installation, the Masonic hosts being delayed by the business of installation of the Masonic hosts being delayed by the business of installation of the Masonic hosts being delayed by the business of installation affair, the last dance not being over till after 4 o'clock. All the arrangements were perfect. The dressing and waiting rooms for the ladies were in the adjacent hotel, a covered passage way admitting to the ballroom, which was delayed to the second of the control of the second of the second of the control of the second of the sec

The ingenuity of some men is almost incredible. It is said that in one year 6,050 dogs were destroyed in and around Sydney. The bodies were contracted for by a man, who boiled them down; the solid part was bought by poultry farmers, and helped to supply the market with fresh eggs; the liquor called 'soup,' was used by the Chinamen for forcing lettuce and celery; and the ist and oil used as the groundwork for the several hair-