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THE PONSONRY "AT HOMES."

These popular re-mions have been resumed for the season, the inaugural dance taking place last Friday evening, when a gay assemblage spent a most enjoyable time. These functions have now been of annual recurrence for 27 years, and the gathering last week was a further testimony to their popularity. Dancing was kept up till a little after 12 o'clock, the music being supplied by Mr Burke's excellent orchestra, which rendered with taste a varied programme of well-known airs. Much credit is due to the Committee—Mr and Mrs Dufaur, Mr and Mrs Hanna, Mr and Mrs Dufaur, Mr and Mrs Littler—and their energetic secretary, Mr Richter, for the success of the evening. An excellent light supper was purveyed on the stage and was greatly appreciated. Mrs Devore wore a rich black satin with long sleeves of light green, white and black plaid velvet; Mrs J. R. Hanna, black satin, rose pink cape with silk braid encrustations; Mrs Littler, handsome yellow moire and satin stripe with vandyked tunic edged with white lace insertion, and lace flounces on skirt; Mrs Crāwshaw, black silk with transparent etc.
THE PONSONBY "AT HOMES."

black net sleeves; Mrs Bell, black sllk; Miss Bevore was in a Nil green bro-caded satin, trimmed with black velvet, cream lace bolero, black velvet ribbon straps, caught with steel buckles round arms, formed the sleeves; this toilette suited the fair wearer admirably; Miss Hanna looked pretty in white silk with flounce on skirt inserted with lace, cerise velvet rouleaux round edge of corsage and butterfly bow in coiffure; Mrs Oxley, white silk and lace; Mrs Parr, who looked very pretty in black satin with shirred pink chiffon V in front of corsage and cream lace encrustations at each side, brought her sister (Miss Maud Murray), who was much admired in a lovely white satin; her corsage was swathed with white and silver spangled tuile and folus across the arms, a long tulle stole end edged with silk friuge falling from the shoulders to the hem of the skirt; Mrs Metcalf, black brocade evening gown, the hodice finished with black net with white chenille spots; Miss Metcalf wore a pretry white satin, deep flounce on skirt inserted with white hace; Mrs T. Mahoney was attired in white satin with yellow satin corsage adorned with posies of violets; her niece (Miss Sheath), a charming debutante, wore white satin with white silk blonde lace on low neek, and a cascade down one side of her skirt, and lilies of the valley in her hair; Miss Mabel MacIndoe looked exceedingly well in a heliotrope figured taffeta, trimmed with black lace. Miss Morrin was dainty in white silk, made with a pointed taffeta, trimmed with black after. Mrs Dufaur looked extremely well in black satin with deep Eunire frill from square - ent corsage of black and silver spangled net; Miss C. Haszard was pretty in white with daffodil yellow mousetine de soie puffed round low corsage, and a spray of cream and yellow roses on shoulder; Miss Kennedy, white silk with cluster of pink roses; Miss Oxley was graceful in white with white satin swathed bodice; Mrs W. Morpeth, white silk with cluster of pink roses; Miss Oxley was graceful in white with white satin

frock was much admired, the tunic was vandyked and trimmed with lace. was much animred, the lunic was vandyked and trimmed with lace, white mousseline de sole fichu; Miss Rees Geeorge wore black velvet with white Marie Antoinette fichu; Miss Haven, white silk; Miss Stephenson, white silk; Miss Bach, white silk, draped with net; Miss Martin, white chenille spotted net overskirt over white silk; Miss Campbell, white silk, tucked hodice; Miss Raynes, handsome rose pink surah silk, white lace flounce on skirt; Miss Bell, yellow silk; Miss—Bell, white silk; Messrs Hanna, Dufaur, Littler, Richter, Benzonic, Leys, Foster, V. Maschield, Vaile, Hanna, Morpeth, Martin, Dignan, Winks, ele.

#### NAPIER.

Dear Bee.

June 22.

St. Andrew's Hall, the Spit, was crowded with visitors on Wednesday afternoon, when the Denn of Waiappu opened a sale of work in aid of the fonds of St. Andrew's Church. The hall presented a bright appearance, and the stalls were literally groaning with charming collections of saleable articles. The purchasers were numerous. Plain and fancy needle-work was a feature at several of the stalls, and went off with rapidity, notably at the two which were held conjointly by Mesdanes Thompson, Saunders, and Sims, and the Misses Creagh, Fabling, Saunders, and Weaver. The arrangements for tea were extremely well carried out, tea and fancy cakes of all descriptions were supplied, and everything was of the best. Musical selections were given at intervals by Mesdames Antill Adlen, and Reynolds, and it was remarked on all sides "What a cheerful bazaar it is," thanks to the excellent management and the friends who liberally supported it.

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The winter evening lectures at the Athenaeum continue to retain their popularity. On Tuesday evening last Miss Hodge, of Hastings, discoursed on the English essayists of the early part of the century, namely Lamb, De Quincey, Hazlitt, and Hunt. She illustrated her lecture with quotations from the works of these famous men, which were listened to with the

deepest interest by a large and ap-preciative audience.

The charming dance given by Mrs P. S. McLean, at her residence on the Bluff Hill, on the 15th inst., was quite one of the pleasantest of this season's one of the pieusamyco-centertainments. About sixty guests were present, and dancing to excellent music was kept up until a late hour. Some of those present were the Misses Cotterill, Heath, Cornford, Dixon (9), Burke, Seale, Hovell, Wood, Kettle, Messes Jones, Brabant, Stuart, Wood, Dinwiddie, Charlton, Parker, Clarke, Cornford, Cutterill, Dixon, etc.

MARJORIE.

### HASTINGS.

June 23.

Deer Bee,

Some energetic workers for the Indian Famine Fund gave a successful concert to an appreciative audience on the 15th inst. in the public hall, Clive. Mrs Grabam and the Misses Burns. Hilingworth, McPherson, Bissell, Neagle, Arrow, and King were the lady vocalists, and the Misses McPherson appeared together in a vocal duet, "Lâfe's Dream is O'er," Miss Florence McPherson singing later, "Scarlet and Blue." Mr D. O'Connell, Mr McIntosh, and Mr W. Davidson were also happy in their vocal selections, the last-named being humorous were decidedly entertaining. Vocal solos by Mr Sims, those for the pianoforte by Miss Burns, and a saulor's hornpipe by Mr F. Cushing, are likewise worthy of commendation. Messrs Cushing, Edin, Millier, Sims and Taylor displayed great dramatic abilities in a comedicta, entitled "A Private Lunatic Asylum."

Mr Hugh Campbell presided at the annual concert on the 14th lost, at the Pukahu Hall, which was filled by an audience who evidently came prepared to enjoy the well selected programme such as those who imagnizate it always provide. Miss Nellic Tucker sang with great effect "Hearts and Homes," which was encored. Mr M. Brandon gave "He Is Not Dead Yet;" he also took part in the duet "How Can You Tell I'm this?" with Mr J. Brandon, Miss Kate Hamilton sang "Britannia, Pride of the Ocean," and "Hark, the

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