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T. H. DAVIES.—The business of Mr. T. H. Davies, House Decorator and Painter (Telephone 857), 68 and 70 Colombo Road, Sydenham, has of late years rapidly increased, and has taken its place as a leading establishment in the painting and decorating trade in Christchurch. Starting in a most unostentatious manner about sixteen years ago, Mr. Davies was content to keep in the background for a number of years, but strict attention to his numerous customers had made his workmanship famous, and during the past few years the new business has rapidly assumed such proportions that considerable trouble has been experienced in keeping pace with the demand. He employs the largest permanent staff in the trade—of any one New Zealand establishment in the same line—and in the