ISLANDS BY MR. HALSE.

Morioris—						
${f Men}$	•••					60
\mathbf{Women}	•••	•••				47
\mathbf{Boys}		• • • •				4
Girls		•••	•••			2
						 113
Maoris-						
Men		•••				130
Women						129
\mathbf{Boys}						46
\mathbf{Girls}	•••	•••	•••			34
77.10						339
Half-castes—						
\mathbf{Men}	•••		•••	•••		4
\mathbf{W} omen		•••	•••			4
\mathbf{Boys}	•••	•••	•••			9
\mathbf{G} irls	• • •	•••				3
1	3.5 4.00	~ ~.				20
Kanakas	Men (So	outh Sea Isl	anders.)	•••	•••	4
						4
				m-4-1		470
				Total	476	

In October, 1861, the Native population was estimated at 590, since that date 21 Natives have returned to New Zealand, and 93 have died. The striking part of these figures is the small remnant of Morioris, and the almost total absence of children to balance the lossess which have been sustained, indicating very forcibly that these people will soon be unregistered in the Census Statistics of this country.

I regret that I was unable to visit Owenga, a small village, where some thirty Morioris reside. I am told this is an open roadstead about two miles to the North of Cape Tournier on the South-east corner of the Island, and that boats can land in fine weather. He who is not pressed for time, and wishes to obtain a correct history of these poor people, might by passing a few evenings amongst them, collect important and touching information which their Maori conquerers would hardly wish to be disclosed.

On the 13th April, the "St. Kilda" left Waitangi, met with average weather, and arrived in Wellington on the evening of the 16th, after an absence of twenty-four days.

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RETURN of the EUROPEAN POPULATION on the CHATHAM ISLANDS, on 1st April, 1867.

		ADULTS.		CHILDREN.		TOTALS.		GENERAL
		М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	Totals.
Residing on the Main Island,-							ŀ	
English	• • •	34	16	8	15	42	31	
Germans	•••	4	2	6		10	2	
Americans, U.S		3				3		
Danes		2				2		
Portuguese		$egin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1 \end{array}$]		2		
Spaniards		1				1		
Chinese		1 1	1			1	1	
New Holland (Half-caste)						1	• • • •	
American Negro		1				1		
Norwegian	•••	1				1		
		50	19	14	15	64	34	98
Residing on Pitt's Island,—								
English		4	4	1	1	5	5	
Germans		î	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	3	4	
			5	3	4	8	9	17