

Mr and Mrs Stringer, Mr and Mrs Snow, Mrs Higgins, Messrs Garrick, Gibson, Kinsey, Messrs Turner, Wood, P. Stuart, Perry, Beere, Deamer, McDougall, and some others.
The same evening Mrs W. Lake gave

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL KITCHER PARTY,
a very merry time being spent, the tables of cards performers playing fast and furiously. Mrs F. Pratt and Mr E. Deacon were the top scorers. Mrs Lake looked exceedingly well in black silk and velvet with large white chiffon bow; Mrs C. B. Shank, black silk with high collar, white lace, black and white, and black and white; Mrs Croxton, black and maize; Mrs E. Deacon, black silk with prettily gathered terra cotta silk blouse; Mrs J. M. Batham, black silk and coral pink silk blouse; Mrs R. Brown, black silk and white; Mrs W. Wood, black and white; Mrs Lacey, black and white; Mrs Pratt, black and terra cotta; Miss Mitchell (Dundedin), pretty pale blue silk trimmed with white lace; Miss Berkeley, pale blue silk trimmed with velvet and lace; Miss Wood, black silk and net with apricot sash; Miss Croxton, cashmere with silk embroidered trimming. Among the gentlemen were Messrs Batham, Brown, Shank, Wood, Deacon, Garrard, Macbeth, Pratt, Croxton and Lake. The supper table was very prettily laid, the many delicacies being much appreciated after the vigorous play.
Mrs E. Deacon gave a

LARGE AFTERNOON TEA
the same afternoon, and her numerous guests spent a very pleasant time.
Mrs Meeson entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening at her residence, Fendalton.

MUSIC, RECITATIONS, AND CARDS
formed the round of the evening, which passed so quickly we were amazed at the late hour we took our departure. Mr Alper's recitation, "The Vulgar Boy," was indeed funny, and was much enjoyed by all. Mr Van Haast sang two very good comic songs, the Misses Meeson sang and played, also Messrs Corbett and Manning. Mr and Mrs Harner were there, the latter wearing a pretty black and pink dress; Mrs Denniston, a combination of brown and blue; Miss Turton in similar colours; Miss Lucy Leau, a pretty black dress; Mrs Higgins, who is on a visit to Mrs Meeson, a striking heliotrope satin trimmed with black velvet; the Misses Meeson wore black and red and with yellow. Messrs Deamer, Wood, Wilson, and Dr Black were also present.

PERSONALITIES.
Mrs Rhodes left for the South last week en route for Melbourne, where she pays a visit to her daughter, Mrs Albert Clarke. Mr and Mrs Westera are about to take up their residence in Lyttelton. We shall miss them from Christchurch, though they are not far removed from us.

We are looking forward to our gaieties of next week with much pleasure, the first break after so many months of retirement, and only hope for fine weather. There are two day races—The Grand National on the 9th, the Hunt Club Races on the 11th, the Trotting Meeting on the 10th, the ball in aid of the Nurses' Home, and a Circarella Dance. Mr Wallace's fourth concert takes place to-night—a week earlier in consequence of these festivities.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.
Mr Harman and Mrs Harris beat Mr Maxwell and Miss Turton. The final match was played last Friday afternoon. It was a perfect afternoon for tennis, and a great number of people watched the contest with great interest, the losers playing a very good game all through. Mr Harman played really well, in fact, I think at times he forgot he was playing a combined match. However, he certainly did his best to win the tournament for his partner, which he did by four points. The match was Mr Harman and Mrs George Harris against Mr Von Haast and Mrs George Humphreys.

A ladies' double is being got up now, and there promises to be a good many entries. The status handicaps are also out, and several matches have been played, so altogether the tennis courts are in full swing.

DOLLY VALE.

PICTON.

DEAR BEE, JULY 31.
On Wednesday last Mrs Allen gave another **PROGRESSIVE EUCHEE PARTY,** which, as usual, was very enjoyable, though King Influenza claimed some 'adorers,' and kept them away. The fun was immense all the evening, and came to a climax when the prize medals were opened, and checked articles suggestive of the welcome visitor, in the shape of a hem-stitched handkerchief, a bottle of extract of eucalyptus, a Waterbury watch to note the hours of loneliness, and a picture book to amuse the patient during convalescence. Miss Ethel Seymour and Mr A. Scott won the first prizes. Miss Isabel Seymour and Mr Rita, the boobies. The other young people present were the Misses Linton, Duncan, Milington, Milington, White, Messrs Fox, Barillie, White, Greenhill, Rawie, and Allen. The party adjourned for supper at 11 p.m., after which the fun commenced again with renewed vigour till 1.30 a.m.
On Thursday evening

MISS BESSIE DOYLE
wrote our hearts away, and charmed our senses, with her smiling face and her diddle. The audience in the Public Hall was not large as it might have been but for influenza and rude Boreas, which kept many away, but it was undoubtedly an appreciative and enthusiastic audience, and our small company had to respond to recall after recall for each of their numbers.

JEAN.

A correspondent from whom we shall be glad to hear again, kindly furnishes us with the following account of some Picton festivities:—

DEAR BEE,
Some of the Blenheim bachelors came down on Friday evening, and gave the ladies here a

MOST DELIGHTFUL DANCE
in the Volunteer Hall, which had been prettily decorated with flags and evergreens for the occasion. The floor was in perfect order and the music excellent, which all helped to make the dance the jolliest of all the jolly dances ever held in Picton. The bachelors are to be congratulated on their success. They made excellent hosts for their guests, and were long remembered for the comfort and enjoyment of all present; and when it came to a close at 2.30 a.m. all seemed surprised to find the time had flown so quickly, and that it was a thing of the past instead of a pleasure to come, although it is said it will be long remembered and talked over by those who were present. Mrs Fell (who was the only chaperone, owing to so many of the married ladies being down with the influenza), looked charming in a handsome black silk gown with black velvet sleeves; Miss (A.) J. Seymour looked well in black velvet; Miss Sophie Phillips wore white, yellow silk sleeves; Miss Scott, black; Miss Fell, white, gold sash; Miss Mitchell, Fell also wore white with white lace and ribbons; Miss Greenhill, pink; Miss Ethel Greenhill, white; Miss Mary Seymour, pale green silk; Miss Isabel Seymour, white, dark green sash; Miss Marie Phillips, heliotrope; Miss Waddy, black; Miss Ella Waddy, white. Among the Blenheim gentlemen were Messrs Howe, S. Hodson, Hoyg, J. H. Smith, White, F. W. Dunn, Waddy, Harper (Christchurch). The Picton gentlemen present were Messrs W. Phillips, A. Phillips, A. Scott, J. W. Greenhill, and the officers from the ship Mataura, now in port.

PERSONAL.

We are pleased to see Mr Alfred Scott back again looking so much better after his previous illness. We have had quite a lot of sickness in our little township lately; nearly every body has been a victim to influenza, and many cases there have been three or four down at once, but I am happy to say they are all slowly recovering.

BERYL.

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Mr C. W. NICOLL, one of the inspectors of the Colonial Bank, at present in Auckland, is engaged to Miss Pookes, of New Plymouth.

The engagement is announced of Miss Edith Sealey, of Nelson, and Mr Clarence Turner, of Papanui.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

ANGUS—PATERSON.

A CHARMING little ceremony took place on Wednesday at the residence of Mr and Mrs John Paterson, Curran-street Ponsonby, Auckland, when Miss Jeanie Paterson, the eldest unmarried daughter, was united in 'holy matrimony' to Mr Robert Angus, of Cooke and Sons, Wellington.

The bride looked lovely in a gown of pale heliotrope silk trimmed with cream Hooniton lace. Long cream suede gloves and a beautiful bouquet of snowdrops and maiden-hair fern finished with streamers of white silk ribbon, and tipped with tiny sprays of white heath, completed a charming costume. Her sisters, Misses Mary and Jessie Paterson, wore becoming bridesmaids' dresses of cream cashmere and gold, and gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom, also lovely bouquets of snowdrops and fern tied with cream silk ribbons.

MR 'HORRIE' CRAMMOND, the ever-popular with both sexes, and more particularly the fair, made an ideal best man, while Mr J. Paterson, brother of the bride, acted as groomsmen. The ceremony, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Scott West, who had succumbed to influenza, was performed by the Rev. G. B. Monro, of St. Luke's Church, Kemerer. At its conclusion the numerous friends and relatives assembled were entertained at a *recherche* repast, and toasting and merriment were indulged in for the remainder of the afternoon, during which the happy young couple departed amidst showers of rice and good wishes to spend their honeymoon at Rotorua.

The bride's travelling costume was a handsome myrtle green shot with crimson, cape to match, bordered with beaver fur, and dainty toque of green shot with crimson and beaver.

The wedding presents were both numerous and costly, showing in what high esteem the young couple are held by their large circle of friends. Mr and Mrs Angus leave this week for Wellington, their future home.

SHALLCRASS—NICHOLO.

It is so customary to speak of all weddings as pretty that one vainly sighs for a fresher and more expressive adjective to describe the exceedingly smart, and really very exceptionally pretty wedding which took place at the Bluff on the 4th July. The contracting parties were Mr Charles E. Shallcrass, one of the inspectors of the Colonial Bank, Dunedin, and Miss Elsie E. Nichol, eldest daughter of that well-known merchant, Mr Samuel Nichol, of Invercargill and the Bluff. Both bride and bridegroom being exceedingly popular in the Southern township, the wedding day saw the Bluff *en fete*. The shipping in the harbour were gay with flags, and the town itself decorated with bright-coloured bunting. At the Colonial Bank there was a special display, for right across the street from the Bank to a telegraph post hung a festoon of 'flags' of all nations', etc.

The Presbyterian Church, where the ceremony was conducted, is a new structure, and this was the first wedding held within its walls. Of the decoration it is impossible to speak in sufficiently eloquent terms without being accused of gushing. So profuse were the ferns and flowers, and so exquisite the taste with which they were arranged, that the woodwork was almost entirely hidden, and the effect produced happy in the extreme. So few persons have real ability in this direction that church decorations are often enough a disfigurement rather than an embellishment. In these, however, a very experienced hand had evidently been at work, and the decorations were neither stiff nor dragged, as is only too usual, but graceful, and in short altogether worthy of the admiration they excited. Miss Glen, of the Bluff, was, it is told us, responsible for them, and deserves the very greatest credit.

The bridal procession was, however, the main and chief object of interest and admiration, and, to say truth, it was one worth seeing. First came the bridesmaids in their pretty costumes. The bridegroom and his groomsmen were, it is scarcely necessary to state, already assembled. Following the bridesmaids came the bride leaning on her father's arm, and looking very sweet and pretty in a handsome bridal dress of rich white silk gracefully trimmed with chiffon. Needless to say, the inevitable orange blossoms and veil were worn, and besides these an exquisite coronet of pearls—a really beautiful piece of jewellery—the gift of the bridegroom.

The four bridesmaids who followed were very becomingly gowned and all alike, the dresses being a very delicate and effective combination of cream erpon and heliotrope silk, and large picture hats trimmed with watered silk and violet. They wore pretty pearl brooches, the gift of the bridegroom, who was also donor of the lovely bouquets carried. The names of the bridesmaids are—Miss Grace Tucker, Miss Ethel Kingwell, Miss Mary McLachlan, and the bride's little sister, Miss Louie Nichol.

The bride's page—a feature in smart weddings nowadays—was Master Lance Raymond, who looked exceedingly picturesque in an old-fashioned page costume of black velvet, lace collar and cuffs, and a large white hat with an ostrich plume. After the bride herself, this young gentleman was probably the most looked-at personage in the crowded church.

The bridegroom, Mr Chas. E. Shallcrass, was attended by Mr Henry, of the Colonial Bank, Dunedin, as best man, and by Mr J. Wales, Colonial Bank, and Mr Ernest Nichol, brother of the bride, as groomsmen.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr S. Nichol. Mrs Nichol, the bride's mother, wore a handsome gown of richest black brocaded silk relieved with dove coloured silk brocade, and a bonnet *en suite*. The bridegroom's sister, Mrs Kerr, wore black silk, and a very becoming hat to match.

OWING to a recent loss in the family, the wedding party was limited to relations, but at the gathering at the residence of the bride's parents the newly wedded pair were accorded a bright and enjoyable send-off. The huge wedding cake of four tiers was duly cut and partaken of, and an excellent wedding breakfast done ample justice to.

THERE was a complete absence of the formality which sometimes makes these functions dull. The speech-making was greatly enjoyed by all. 'The Bride and Bridegroom' was proposed in a very felicitous speech by the Rev. Mr Gardner. The bridegroom responded neatly and effectively, and concluded by proposing the bridesmaids in a few gallant sentences. The ladies did not respond themselves, as surely ladies should in these days of female suffrage, but 'put up' Mr Henry on their behalf, and certainly they could scarcely have done better. He made an excellent speech. 'Mr and Mrs Nichol' was proposed by Dr. Torrance, and was responded to by Mr S. Nichol. Mr Kerr proposed 'The Ladies,' and Mr Wales responded. The toasts were, needless to remark, all drunk with enthusiasm. They were, indeed, all accorded musical honours.

The bride and bridegroom left amid showers of rice and rose leaves, the bride wearing an exceedingly becoming travelling dress of fawn Amazon cloth trimmed with brown velvet and fur, and *chic* hat to match.

The lucky young couple were the recipients of a very large number of beautiful and costly wedding gifts.

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