

PICTON.

DEAR BEE,

NOVEMBER 20.

The Wairarapa wreck is yet too recent a calamity to be readily forgotten, especially by travellers, and there was quite a SCENE ON BOARD THE ROTORUA

Last Monday night during the trip between Picton and Nelson. A gale, a fog, and very heavy seas met the steamer outside the entrance to the sound, and many of the passengers, I am told, fairly lost their heads, the women insisting on having life-belts on, and some of the male passengers the boats being blown off the terrible rocks. The boat at last anchored at Long Island, and there the panic was increased by the fact of the anchor dragging, and nothing would appease the terrified passengers till they were assured of the steamer's return to Picton. The captain, who had returned and report, knowing from recent events how anxious everybody would be if they did not arrive at their destination. On Tuesday morning they made a fresh start, and I am glad to chronicle their safe arrival.

Miss Scott invited all her young friends on Tuesday evening to an OLD-FASHIONED EVENING PARTY

To meet Miss Turner, who was staying with friends in Picton. The young people, however, did not know how to begin to be old-fashioned, and so after a few attempts to look prim and sedate, someone proposed the inevitable euchre, and four tables were in full operation. The party continued till a late hour, and the prizes had to be original, too. Miss Mary Seymour winning a packet of washing blue, and Mr Fox a huge cake of best blacking. It was proposed that he should take up a stand on the wharf on New Year's Day, and blacken the feet of the passers by the sea-side for the benefit of one of the institutions which require so much hard work from the ladies of the town to keep going. Dr. and Mrs Scott were as merry as the young people, and kept the fun going till the others were Mrs Allen, Miss Turner, Mr and Mrs Duncan, the Misses Mary, Kitty, and Isabel Seymour, Mr James Greenhill, and Miss B. Greenhill, Miss Nora Allen, Messrs W. and T. Ballie.

The Excelsior Society went

to Shakespear Bay on Friday, but had to return early in the day on account of the weather, which set in 'disagreeable-like,' as it generally does when picnic parties visit that spot. Some beautiful botanical specimens were brought home—found on the track; and the Society finished the year by giving

A SOCIAL

in the large schoolroom in the evening. A merry young party congregated, and a pleasant evening was spent, with the usual dances, games, songs, and charades, the whole being under the supervision of the teachers, and all present giving sixpence each towards the school fund.

Mrs Andrews gave an

AFTERNOON TEA

on Monday for old friends to meet Mrs Ennor, whose stay among us is limited. Only a few adventurous ladies braved the elements, but those few did full justice to the delicious tea and cakes provided for their delectation. Mrs Andrews was wearing a gown of dark red merino; Mrs Ennor, black skirt and shot silk blouse made with the new Bedouin sleeves; Mrs Allen was in black cashmere trimmed with broche; Mrs Fall, prime cashmere and small jet bonnet; Mrs Fenwick, navy skirt and zouava with shot silk skirt; Mrs Duncan, stylish navy costume with pale blue silk vest.

The Misses Philpotts gave a

PROGRESSIVE EUCHEE PARTY

at Ascham on Monday evening. Miss K. Seymour and Mr A. Western gaining the first prizes. Miss Redwood and Mr F. Western the boobies. Miss Philpotts wore a navy skirt, with a deep yellow blouse trimmed with black lace; Miss S. Philpotts, cream velvet; Miss M. Philpotts, pink skirt, cream blouse; Mrs Fenwick, dark skirt and red blouse; Mrs C. Western, black satin; Miss A. Scott, dark skirt and pink blouse; Miss Millington, red dress; Miss M. Seymour, dark skirt, blue blouse; Miss K. Seymour, red striped silk frock trimmed with cream lace; Miss Nora Allen, navy skirt, dented cable costume; Miss I. Seymour, dark skirt, pink blouse; Miss Linton, brown heather tweed; Miss Muriel Linton, pink crepon; Miss Western, cream satin stripe dress with navy satin zouava; Miss Fio. Western, fawn silk frock; Miss B. Greenhill, dark dress; Miss Fell, red; Miss Mildred Fell, navy skirt, white blouse; Miss Ethel Greenhill, dark skirt, white blouse; Miss Redwood, black skirt, white blouse; Miss Edna in black; Mrs Fenwick, Western, Sesia, Baidie, J. Greenhill, G. Hodson, and Fox.

OUR CRICKETERS.

The town club journeyed to Havelock on Saturday to try conclusions with the redoubtable knights of the willow pattern there. The day was bad enough to damp the ardour of the most energetic. Nevertheless they went, they saw, and they conquered, and returned in triumph—if rather damp—with grateful recollections of their hospitable reception at Havelock. The country club (Koromiko) played the Wairarua, in Blenheim. They, too, came home triumphant, having won the match by one innings and 16 runs. So far the Koromiko Club have not lost a single match. The Neel Family, who are farming in the valley, keep up their reputation as top-notch cricketers.

JEAN.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

MR AND MRS S. Y. COLLINS celebrated their golden wedding recently at their residence, 'Trevisky,' Maunuka Road, Parnell, surrounded by a large circle of relations. Mr and Mrs Collins were the recipients of some very handsome presents, including a very valuable epergne of silver and crystal with a suitable inscription on a silver shield, 'Presented to S. Y. and R. Collins by their children, on their golden wedding, October 30th, 1894.'

MR AND MRS COLLINS arrived in the colony on January 29th (Anniversary Day), 1860, with their family, the issue of the marriage being eight sons, six of whom are married, and four daughters, two married and two deceased, and thirty grandchildren. We have much pleasure in wishing the elderly couple every happiness, and hope they will live a great many years to enjoy that peace which they have so justly earned, and still continue in robust health and bask in the sunshine of old age.

DINNER was served at 4 p.m., the evening being devoted to music and dancing, Mrs Collins dancing the Lancers with her eldest grandson, Mr Collins with one of his grandchildren.

CANNING—FANNIN.

A FASHIONABLE wedding in high life was celebrated at the Cathedral, Napier, on Tuesday. It was strictly private, taking place at the early hour of eight, so that the outside world did not see much of it. The bride was Miss Edith

Fannin, eldest daughter of Mr George Fannin, and the bridegroom was the popular cricketer, Mr Chas. Canning, youngest son of Mrs J. D. Canning, of Napier, and nephew of Mrs G. Moore, also of Napier.

THE happy pair left amidst the congratulations of the few present at the breakfast for their future home, Petane, where Mr Canning has provided for his bride everything that can possibly be wished for.

THE bride looked exceedingly well in a delicate shade of grey, hat *en suite*.

MR BARNETT played the strains of the 'Wedding March' as the happy pair left the vestry.

RAVEN—SCULLY.

ON Wednesday last a pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, the contracting parties being Mr H. Fenton Raven, of Palmerston North, and Miss Gertrude Scully, youngest daughter of the late Major Scully.

THE bride looked charming in a dress of Gobelin blue trimmed with a contrast of silk, and a pretty lace straw hat trimmed with velvet ribbon and wreaths of forget-me-not. Her bouquet was quite a work of art, and was arranged by Miss Speight.

THERE were three bridesmaids in attendance—Miss Ivy Hill (first bridesmaid), and Miss Russie Fraser were attired in very pretty costumes of crepon with silver trimmings, and large Leghorn hats trimmed with lace and silk. The third bridesmaid, little Baby Lang, was dressed in cream llama, embroidered in silk, and Dutch bonnet to match. She carried a tiny basket of flowers. The bride and her attendants were the recipients of handsome gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr J. T. Bosworth discharged the onerous duties of groomsmen.

AFTER the ceremony the happy pair drove to the residence of Mr Thomas Hill, Upper Queen-street, where afternoon tea was served to a large number of friends who had assembled to offer their congratulations to the newly married couple. Amongst those present I noticed:

Mrs Lang, cream flowered delaine dress; Mrs H. Howard, cream and heliotrope delaine, proper to match; Mrs Fraser, black silk relieved with heliotrope; Mrs John Beale, black satin; Mrs Kilgour, stylish brown silk; Mrs Brown, fawn costume; Mrs Howard, son, delaine dress, and handsome lace cloak, black lace bonnet relieved with heliotrope; Mrs E. Mahoney, white drill, and very pretty black lace fly-away hat relieved with white roses; Miss Laird, pretty pale blue gown; Miss Kilgour, tweed gown; Miss Nellie Kilgour, black and green dress (looked very stylish); Miss Hill, blue and white trimmings with black watered silk (very pretty); Miss Clara Hill, pretty white muslin; Mrs (Dr.) Bedford, pale blue relieved with black lace; Miss Ellen Hill, corn-flower blue frock.

MR AND MRS RAVEN left town by the afternoon train for Ellerslie *en route* for the South, where they intend spending their honeymoon. In the evening a most enjoyable impromptu dance was given by Mr Hill. Miss Hill was a very charming hostess, and entertained her guests in a pleasing manner. The presents were both handsome and numerous.

GILMORE—KERR-TAYLOR.

A VERY quiet little wedding was solemnized the other day in St. Andrew's Church, Epsom (Auckland), between Miss Adeline Violet Howard Kerr-Taylor, daughter of the late Allan Kerr-Taylor, of Alberton, and grand-daughter of the late General Taylor, H.M.E.I.S., and Alfred Edward Gilmore, son of M. S. Gilmore (late Bengal Civil Service), of Twickenham, Middlesex.

THE ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. E. Gillam, and only the immediate relations were present, as the hour was an extremely early one to enable the happy pair to leave for Waikato and the Hot Lakes by the first train.

THE bride, who was given away by her mother, Mrs A. Kerr Taylor, looked very pretty in her appropriate travelling costume, and is the recipient of hearty good wishes for her future happiness.

HE KNEW THE OLD ORGAN.

A CURIOUS story of a canine musical ear is told of a London organ-grinder's dog. The organ-grinder was blind and aged, and the dog led him about. One night, after a hard day's work, the old man and his faithful companion lay down to sleep with the organ beside them. They slept soundly, and when they awoke the organ was gone.

They were in despair. Their means of earning a living was gone. But the dog led the old man through the streets where he had been accustomed to play, and persons who had given him alms before continued to befriend him, so that the loss of the organ proved not so bad, after all.

Weeks went by. One day the old man heard a hand-organ played a few feet from him. It reminded him of his lost instrument, but he paid no special attention to it. Hand-organs were common in London, and he heard them often.

Not so the dog. He showed signs of great excitement, barked violently, and led his master in the direction of the organ.

He sprang at the robber's throat, dragged him away from the stolen organ, and led his master eagerly up to it with expressions of delight.

(two), Catley, McDonald, De Castro, Scaife, Percy Adams, J. Pitt, Patterson, Gibbs, Smith, Hilson, Jones, Pearce, Marjoribanks and Hudson.

On Saturday evening Mrs Renwick gave

A LITTLE IMPROMPTU DANCE

only about twelve people being invited, but they had a remarkably good time, and enjoyed themselves as much as on the previous evening. Besides Mrs Renwick and Misses Henwick and Robertson there were also present Miss Lovien, Miss Cunningham (Christchurch), Miss Pitt, Miss Freshaw, Messrs Patterson, Broad, Lamb, Hill, Jones and Pitt.

Last Monday evening a very successful

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT

was given in the Theatre Royal in aid of the Wairarapa Relief Fund. A large audience were present, and the proceeds amounted to a substantial sum for the fund. The first part of the programme consisted of a concert, in which the Nelson Orchestral Society, conducted by Mr Balling, took part, assisted by the following ladies and gentlemen—Mrs Walker, Miss Dugdale, Miss Lucas, Messrs Balling, Rose, Keason, and Mr. Cressley. The second part was a performance of the trial scene in the 'Merchant of Venice,' by the Nelson College Dramatic Club. This was well played and staged. In the audience were Mrs Cressley, Mrs and Miss Pitt, Mrs and Miss Gibson, Miss Gibbs, Mrs Henwick, Mrs Freshaw, Miss Robertson, Miss Duff, Mrs and Miss Cuthbertson, Miss Huddleston, etc.

On Tuesday the exhibition of

SKETCHES BY THE BISHOPDALE CLUB

was well attended both afternoon and evening. The room was rather small, and at times was so overcrowded it was almost impossible to see the paintings. During the afternoon tea and refreshments, which were served by the members of the Club, and much appreciated by those present. Some excellent work was shown by Mrs Cooke (nee Miss Morgan), and by Miss Nina Jones. Other exhibitors are Mrs Toles, Misses Harris (two), Seal, Tunley, Bauffeld and Talbot. There were a few exhibitors from Wellington, and a good many from Christchurch.

SPRING FLOWER SHOW

of the Nelson Horticultural Society was opened in the Provincial Hall. The Mayor, Mr Trask, performed the opening ceremony by special request. In his speech he congratulated the Society upon the successful show, it being one of the best he had ever seen in Nelson.

During the day numbers visited the show. Among others were Mrs Trask in flowered delaine, black and yellow bonnet; Miss Trask, white drill, pretty guipure antique cape, large hair bows, and a pretty white crepon, large black hat with sprays of violets; Mrs Bunny, black crepon with green silk stripes veiled with black lace on the corsage, black and green bonnet; Mrs L. Adams, grey skirt, spotted blousier hat; Mrs Bloomfield, fawn coat and skirt, pretty *chic* bonnet with green veils; Miss Bell, blue serge, bonnet *en suite*; Miss Broad, flecked tweed coat and skirt with striped waistcoat, large brown hat with brown roses; Mrs Robertson, pretty grey crepon with black lace frills on the corsage, large white hat; Mrs Sharp, pink gown, with grey felt hat covered with lovely grey feathers; Miss Bonnington (Christchurch), black and white gown, pretty floral jacket, her hair done in a very stylish manner; Mrs. . . . pretty hat to match; Miss Gribben, dark blue drill costume, large black hat; Miss Watt, pretty black jacket, sailor hat; Miss Webb-Howen, check skirt and jacket, sailor hat; Miss Jones, black skirt and zouava, heliotrope blouse, large black hat; Miss Freshaw, brown costume, sailor hat.

OUR PEOPLE.

Mr Broad left last Sunday for Dunedin. A number of his friends assembled to the wharf to see him off. He will be very much missed in Nelson.

Miss Cunningham returned to Christchurch last week. Mr Bonnington, his son, and two daughters are in Nelson at present. The latter were accompanied by their mother.

Miss Broad returned home from Wellington on Tuesday after having spent a pleasant time.

Mr Thornton and Mr Luna came home again on Monday, and are both looking all the better for their trip.

PHYLLIS.

NAPIER.

DEAR BEE,

NOVEMBER 18.

THE NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

'St. Patrick's,' was opened on Sunday. The music was especially good. Haydn's First Mass being chosen. There was a full choir and orchestra. An 'Ave Maria' was beautifully sung by the Misses Boves and St. Clair, and Messrs J. B. Loughnan and A. P. Sheath. The offertories during the day amounted to over £200.

THE NAPIER LEDEBTAEVEL

gave their second concert on Thursday evening. Their part songs were beautifully done, while Mr Maughan Barnett's piano solo in itself was worth going a long way to hear.

Mr A. J. Clouston, of the Wairarapa, and who is well known throughout New Zealand, sang, 'If With All Your Hearts' in the Napier Cathedral on Sunday evening with excellent taste. There was a large congregation present in spite of it being a very wet night.

JOTTINGS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE.

Mr and Mrs J. Close and Mr and Mrs J. McVay have returned from Christchurch.

Mrs Charles Naira and family have returned from England by the Gothic, and are staying at the Masonic Hotel. Mr Farmer, Mrs Spencer Gollan's father, is also here.

Mr Kerr, manager of the Union Bank, looks much better for his trip to Sydney and Melbourne.

STYLISH STREET DRESSES

have been worn by the *bon ton* lately, amongst them being Miss A. St. Hill in electric blue cambric; Mrs Walter Tabuteau, pale pink cambric; Mrs Davidson, pretty blue gingham, relieved with black and white insertion; Mrs P. McLean, pink crepon; Miss S. Hughes, neat half-mourning costume of grey with black silk; Miss Howthorn, silver grey, *chic* strawberry bonnet with black streamers; Miss E. W. White, black and tarian silk blouse; Miss Locke, fawn and brown; Mrs Courtney Bowen, well-fitting black and white checked tweed, stylish black hat with feathers; Mrs A. Keeles, black serge dress; Mrs Maughan Barnett, Mrs. . . . Miss Kinross White, fawn dress.

AFTERNOON RECITAL.

was as usual most enjoyable. Owing to a counter attraction the audience was not so numerous as the programme merited. Mr Barnett gave quite a dozen pieces, amongst them being several compositions of his own. The following were a few of the many present—Mr and Mrs James Coleman, Mrs Russell, Mrs and Miss Ormond, Mr and Mrs Gibbs, Mrs and Mrs Jardine, Mr and Mrs Tanner, and the Misses Williams, Watt, Matthews, Cotterill, etc.

HELPING HANDS

held a most successful bazaar the same afternoon at Mrs Clarke's residence. The many hands who have worked during the year must have been more than pleased to see how crowned with success their efforts were. Very reasonable prices were put on all the things, consequently they were saleable. Amongst the many who were Mrs Clarke, Mrs and the Misses Williams, Mrs and Miss Mountford, Mrs and Miss Hylth, Miss Beatrice Humphries, Mrs Margoulion, Mrs Provis, Miss Suka. Afternoon tea was obtainable, and was voted delicious.

GLADYS.