

Roberta, sea foam green silk; Miss Webster, very handsome yellow brocade, with train and sleeves of corded silk; Miss Dickson (Sydney), crushed straw berry velvet with large butterfly emeralds covered with white lace; Miss Begg, white silk; Miss Gwen Roberts, green velvet with white trimmings; Miss Nellie Reid (Ridgeway), pure white satin, beautifully made; Miss Rose, pale pink silk, bodice prettily trimmed with fine-coloured lace; Miss Maude, similar white silk; Miss Ulrich, heliotrope, crepon, bodice completely covered with apricot chiffon; Miss Williams, grey green Liberty silk, large sleeves of pink silk; Miss Lily Roberts, white corded silk and lace; Miss Noble, cream, blue, pink, and white, with sleeves of green shot velvet; Miss Fraser (Brough-Boucault), pale blue brocade, beautiful bead pascamerite to match on the front of the bodice; Miss Lily MacLaren, yellow and white; Miss Ethel MacLaren, pink merveilleux; Miss Edith Shand, black and white; Miss Macacsey, lovely black satin, bodice completely covered with jet; Miss L. Mackerras, white silk, bodice prettily trimmed with pearl pascamerite; Miss Shand, white silk covered with yellow net, and trimmings of yellow velvet; Miss Edith Shand, white brocade and white merveilleux; Miss Batigade, sage green silk with trimmings of pink silk; Miss Matson, black velvet with large sleeves of black satin; Miss MacLaren, cream silk; Miss Bell MacLaren, pink merveilleux; Miss Jessie Scott, black; Miss Fanny Fitzroy, old gold satin; Miss Wright, dainty pink surah silk.

On Saturday night the Brough-Boucault Company brought their

THEATRE SEASON

to a close with the witty and charming comedy 'Nobe.' The house was packed to excess both up and down stairs. Flowers seemed in great abundance, for during the evening the Company presented a show of bouquets, and the ladies were invited to play Mr Brough stepped forward, and in a few well-chosen words, thanked the people for the very cordial reception that they had met with both socially and professionally in Dunedin.

AILEEN.

NAPIER.

DEAR BEE,

DECEMBER 3.

The cricket match

LAW VERSUS BANKS AND INSURANCE

attracted a fair number of spectators. Law won easily. Mrs and Miss Troutbeck, assisted by Mrs and Miss Gordon, and Mr and Mrs. kindly provided afternoon tea, which was duly appreciated. Amongst the many present were Mrs Frank Logan and the Misses Cotterill (two), Miss G. Jago, Miss McKay, Miss Blythe, Mrs George Whitmore, Mrs Courtney Brown, Mrs and Miss Anderson, Mrs J. W. Carline, Miss Begg, the Misses Hitchings, Mrs E. R. Nicholls, etc., etc.

PERSONALITIES

Mrs and Miss Tugood (nee Miss Tylee) have arrived in New Zealand from Home, and no doubt will shortly be here as they have several relations in Napier, and many friends. Lady Whitmore and Mrs Dixon have returned from Rotorua. Miss Mary Halfour has gone to Dunedin for a visit. Miss Herrick is visiting in Otago. Mrs and Miss Gordon, and Mr and Mrs. kindly provided afternoon tea, which was duly appreciated. Amongst the many present were Mrs Frank Logan and the Misses Cotterill (two), Miss G. Jago, Miss McKay, Miss Blythe, Mrs George Whitmore, Mrs Courtney Brown, Mrs and Miss Anderson, Mrs J. W. Carline, Miss Begg, the Misses Hitchings, Mrs E. R. Nicholls, etc., etc.

PIANO RECITAL

at the Dresden Company's warehouse. The audience was a select one, it being by invitation that all were present. Miss Watson proved herself equal to the performance of her interpretation of Mendelssohn's concerto in A minor. The Rev. Mr Patterson, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was presented at a social evening with a handsome black gown. Mr J. Cramer made the presentation on behalf of the ladies of the congregation.

MR BARNETT'S FINAL CONCERT

was attended largely, as indeed the programme merited. He was assisted by the Liederafel, and Messrs Humphries and Dreker and Davidson. Mr Barnett never was heard to better advantage, and was most successful in playing so many delightful items. Amongst the many there were Mr and Mrs P. S. McLean and Miss Lowry, Mr and Mrs Coleman and the Misses Watts, Mrs G. Moore, Mr and Mrs Troutbeck, Mr and Mrs N. Little, Mrs and Miss Gordon, Mrs and Miss Hildridge, Mrs and Miss Heath, Miss White, Mrs and Miss Cornford, Mr and the Misses Lyndon, Mr and Mrs Jardine, Mr and Mrs F. Logan, Misses Cotterill, Mr and Mrs Bridges, Mrs P. Williams, Mrs Macfarlane, Mr and Mrs Turnbull, Mr and Mrs Kinross, White, etc.

GLADYS.

NELSON.

DEAR BEE,

DECEMBER 5.

Last Friday being a bank holiday here, some of the gentlemen got up a

PICNIC TO CABLE BAY.

where an enjoyable day was spent at tennis and wandering on the sea shore, etc. We left town about half-past ten o'clock, and reaching our destination about twelve, after an enjoyable drive. Mr and Mrs Thompson entertained us all most hospitably with delicious afternoon tea and dainty cakes. A day at the Bay is always a treat, and much enjoyed by town folk, and this one proved no exception to the rule, and we all returned home tired but having had a thoroughly good time. The party consisted of Mrs Thornton and Mrs Blomfield (Auckland), Misses Levien, Meddings (Christchurch), Broad, Jones, and Pitt, Messrs Thornton, Jones, Lunn, and Patterson.

On Saturday a number of us went down to the town

TENNIS CLUB

expecting to see the finale of the ladies' tournament, which was to have been played off that afternoon. But we were doomed to disappointment, so many members turned up who wanted to have a game that the Committee decided to postpone the matches for another afternoon. There was a great deal of grumbling, and it certainly would be far wiser if some matches of interest were always arranged for Saturday afternoon, as most of the honorary members decidedly object to looking on at a number of beginners practising, which is really what it amounted to.

On Wednesday afternoon quite a large number of people assembled at the new tennis courts to witness the game of

LIVING WHIST

by a number of ladies, gentlemen, and children in aid of the Tennis Club. Four tents had been erected in which the different cards were dealt, the clubs in one, the spades in another, diamonds and hearts being in the two other. The performance began by the hearts, diamonds, spades, and clubs marching round, and then the court cards danced a Gavotte. The band helped to liven the proceedings by their music; they also danced. The performance was given by four gentlemen played—Messrs Burnes, Macquarrie, Magnin, and Dr. Cresney—and as they named the cards they wanted the two heralds led them to their places. After the game the Gavotte was again danced by a march band. Miss Huddleston who trained all the performers was loudly applauded at the end, and she certainly deserved it. They all went through their parts admirably, and besides giving pleasure to such a number of people, benefited the funds of the Club. The ladies who played the performance were Mrs Burns, as queen of diamonds; Miss Pitt, queen of clubs; Miss Robinson, queen of spades; Miss K. Fell, queen of hearts. These ladies were all gowned in black velvet, with lace and powdered hair, and their heads adorned with gold crowns, and long white veils, and extremely well they all looked, the costume being a most becoming one. The aces were: Miss Cresney, ace of hearts; Miss Fell, ace of diamonds; Miss Leggett, ace of clubs; Miss Robinson, ace of spades. They all wore pure white gowns with long capes, and pretty velvet Marie Stuart caps. The gentlemen were Mr Hinson, king of diamonds; Mr Waller, king of clubs; Mr Macdonald, king of spades; Mr Marjotbank, king of hearts; Mr. Poole, knave of spades; Mr Washbourne, knave of diamonds; Mr Squire, knave of clubs; Mr Gilbert, knave of hearts. The Herald was Mr De Castro and Mr Lunn. The other cards were

all taken by children, who all looked very sweet in pure white dresses and drawn muslin hats. Each queen had a little page, who carried her train for her, and they were attired in faultless suits. The whole performance must have cost endless time and trouble to work up, and a great credit is due to all the energetic ones who undertook it, and more especially Miss Huddleston. During the afternoon tea and other dainties to be had on the small party of three, and a number patronised the tea tent, which was presided over by Mrs A. Glasgow and Mrs J. Sharp.

Here are the names of a few I noticed in the crowd:—Miss Huddleston was looking very cool, becomingly attired in white spotted muslin with black ribbon belt and streamers, large black hat trimmed with chiffon; Mrs A. Glasgow, black skirt, pretty shot silk blouse, large black and gold hat; Mrs J. Sharp, white muslin with small black spots, black hat; Mrs Waite, handsome silk gown and mantle, becoming little black bonnet with pink roses; Mrs Percy Adams looked stylish in black and white striped silk with black chiffon prettily draped on the corsage, large black hat with plumes; Mrs Rennie, grey and black gown, black bonnet; Mrs J. O'Hara, black silk gown, pretty little bonnet; Mrs Coote, becoming fawn gown trimmed with shot silk, black and pink hat; Mrs Thornton, in checked tailor-made tweed gown, with chic little red hat, was much admired; Mrs Roberts wore bright green muslin with black velvet revers, green chiffon hat with pink roses; Mrs Bunny, black and green; Mrs Mackay, black gown, small black bonnet; Mrs T. Glasgow, tailor-made black coat and skirt, sailor hat; Mrs Cressey, Mrs Pitt, Mrs Ward (Wellington); Mrs Ledger wore black with handsome moire mantle; Mrs H. Kingdon, green cashmere with pretty bright green silk waistcoat, jet bonnet; Mrs Hudson was looking very well in black gown handsomely trimmed with moire, wide silk ruffles, jetted in black lace, jet bonnet; Mrs Bloomfield (Auckland), white China silk gown with embroidered corsage, large feather hat; Mrs Bell, grey and black gown, green bonnet; Mrs Fell, black serge skirt and jacket, green bonnet; Misses Saxton (two), Misses McLean, Harris, Moore, Jones, Miss Meddings (Christchurch), tweed gown, bright pink waistcoat, black hat; Miss Levien, very becoming grey and black gown, pretty floppy black hat; Miss Higning, becoming black gown with green bonnet; Miss Gibson, Miss Gibben, Mrs Bealy; Mrs L. Adams; Miss McCulloch was looking extremely graceful in soft white gown, pretty white hat with large blue silk bow; Miss Broad, yellow hopsack trimmed with white insertion, large black hat with yellow flowers; Miss Currie, bright pink gown, black hat; Miss Evans, white crepon, sailor hat; Miss M. Duff, black skirt, pretty white blouse trimmed with black lace insertion, sailor hat; Mrs Duff; Mrs Leggett, Miss Rowick, pretty shot gown with white gaiters, white bonnet; Miss Marsden, tweed costume, stylish bonnet; Mrs Macquarrie, black gown trimmed with corded silk, jet bonnet; Mrs Tomlison, Mrs Broad, Mrs Blackett, Mrs Ferrindal, Mrs Wood, black gown, with pretty brown hat and spray of roses; Miss Kinsling, fawn robe trimmed with black lace, fawn and black hat; Miss Mackay, cool looking white spotted muslin, with heliotrope hat; and many more I was unable to see.

PHYLIS.

NOTICE TO OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENTS.

There will be no Society Gossip for a fortnight from next week, as there is little going on excepting social family gatherings, which are of slight outside interest. So correspondents, who kindly contribute occasionally, are requested not to do so for that time.—BEE.

MARRIAGES.

LEEFE—WHITCOMBE.—On November 17, at the residence of Mrs and Miss Gordon, Napier, by the Rev. Mr the Rev. J. B. Watkin, Henry Rwbank Leefe, H.E.M. Commissioner for Rotorua, to Katherine Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Charles Douglas Whitcombe, Foreign Secretary to the Tongan Government, formerly Commissioner of Crown Lands, and Sheriff for Tararangi N.Z.

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TO A WILD ROSE.

WILD rose at night, When sets the sun, thy petals sink to rest, Folded as though in prayer against thy breast In sweet delight.

Then shadows creep Across the moss-grown moor, and with a sigh The wind comes dreaming from a cloudless sky Upon thy sleep.

To me thou art The perfect model of transient joy; The first fair love that charms the growing boy, And stirs his heart.

I would forget The long ago when first I saw thy face, Upturned and lovely with a perfumed grace That haunts me yet.

It mirrored then A thousand thoughts, each from a placid calm Which threw its image with a throbbing charm That glowed again.

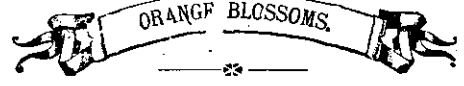
Thou hopes are dead, As in their last embrace thy red leaves close— It is the hidden, not the perfect rose, That bears its head.

And in the past The dreams that were awrapt within the cloud Of ripper thought; and that to which we bowed Is gone at last.



Adair, of Gisborne. The wedding will take place in about six months' time.

The wedding of Miss Leefe and Mr Pleener, manager of the V.U.P., Tonga, will take place in January.



FISHER—COCKS.

An exceedingly pretty wedding took place at St. Saviour's Church, Sydenham, Christchurch, when Miss Mercy Cocks, was married to Mr Fisher. The Bishop of Christchurch performed the ceremony assisted by the Rev. W. Scott.

The bride looked extremely well in a soft white figured silk, with a pretty tulle veil and orange blossoms.

She was attended by her four sisters, who wore cream crepon dresses with black silk sashes, and large black picture hats trimmed with black and cream silk. They wore

handsome gold bracelets, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was attended by Mr Charles Clark, jan.

AFTER the ceremony the guests were entertained at Mrs Cocks' residence, where Mr and Mrs Fisher's health was drunk and all happiness wished them. The bride's travelling dress was a pretty tweed, with hat to match. The presents were both numerous and costly.

THE description of the wedding of Miss Walker and Mr Barter is postponed till next week in order to allow their photographs to appear at the same time.

WAYTE—ORMISTON.

ON Wednesday, November 21st, at 2.30 p.m., a quiet but nevertheless interesting ceremony took place at the residence of Mrs Ormiston, Carlton Gore Road, in the marriage of Miss Susie Ormiston to Mr T. E. Wayte, of Tauranga, and late of Carlton Gore Road, only the relatives of the bride and bridegroom being present.

THE bride looked very pretty in a dress of soft cream material, tastefully trimmed with silk and lace of the same shade, and accompanied by the usual wreath and veil.

THE bridesmaids—the Misses Clare and Rose Ormiston, sisters of the bride—were also attired in becoming cream costumes prettily trimmed with moss green plush.

THE bride was given away by her brother, Mr E. N. Ormiston, Mr A. A. White acting as best man, and Mr A. Yeoman as second groomsmen, the Rev. L. Hudson of Devonport, being the officiating clergyman.

AFTER partaking of a most recherche afternoon tea, the guests assembled in the garden to bid God speed to the happy pair on their departure to embark on their journey to their future home at Tauranga, and many were the heartily expressed wishes that their voyage thither, as well as their journey together in the longer voyage of life, may be over smiling sunny seas.

THE wedding presents, which were numerous and valuable, included a beautiful pair of silver 'salts' from the teachers of the Napier-street School, where the bride had been for several years assistant teacher. This was accompanied by an address, which will be greatly prized by Mrs T. E. Wayte, as it expresses how highly she was esteemed by those with whom she was daily brought in contact, and their sincere regret at her departure from their midst.

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