

Delayed Letters.

(The following letters were too late to appear in our last issue)

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE, JANUARY 30.

I am glad to say that THE RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE COUNTESS OF GLASGOW.

which was postponed on Friday, the 18th, took place on last Thursday night from nine o'clock to eleven. We were very sorry that Lord Glasgow was still unable to be present, not having quite recovered from his late illness. However, it is my pleasure to report that he is much better now, and was able to leave by the Te Anau on Monday night for the Bay. Here I am letting my pen run on without telling you about the reception. Lady Glasgow received with Lady Augusta Boyle, and wore her lovely sage green and pink striped broadened gown trimmed with lace, and her diamond ornaments. Lady Augusta wore a pretty pink satin gown with lace on the low corsage; Lady Dorothy was in white and pink, and bronze shoes and stockings. Bishop and Mrs Wallis were among those present, the latter looking charming in her wedding robe of lovely white satin, trained and trimmed with lace, and she wore a pearl necklace. Others present were Sir James and Lady Frederic, the latter wearing a handsome black trained gown relieved with white lace; Mrs Julius (Christchurch), the latter wearing rich black satin; Mrs Rhodes (The Grange) wore black satin trimmed with jet and lace, and diamond ornaments; Mrs (Judge) Richmond, handsome black broadened gown; Mrs Pymont, black and white lace; Mrs Goring, lovely cream satin made with a train and trimmed with lace and ribbons; Mrs Werry, black gown trimmed with red and steel embroidery; Mrs Barron, black velvet and jet; Miss Barron, pale blue satin gown with a black and white lace; Mrs T. G. White, lovely gown of golden brown brocade trimmed with beads and lace; Miss Williams wore one of the prettiest gowns in the room; it was of pale blue silk much trimmed with white lace; Mrs W. Johnson, Mrs Harding, Mrs Whitall, Mrs Heala, Mrs red and brown leaves, and part of the bodice and sleeves were of claret shaded velvet trimmed with jet; Mrs Duncan wore black silk trimmed with white lace; Mrs (Dr) Newman's gown was composed of dark and light brocade; Mrs H. Crawford, deep yellow striped silk gown with biscuit lace; Mrs Alec Crawford, pale lemon silk and white lace frills; Mrs Menzies wore black and white; Miss Menzies, blue silk gown with butter colour lace; Mrs Baldwin wore her pretty gown of white satin and lace, and carried a beautiful bouquet of roses; Mrs Stowe; Mrs Stowe, a pretty sky blue silk gown with white lace; Miss Harding also wore blue; Miss Pearce, black gown relieved with red; Mrs Quick, black silk and jet gown; Miss Quick, a becoming gown of pale pink and blue, and pink flowers on the shoulders; Mrs (Dr) Fell wore lovely cream brocade; Mrs Mealey, Mrs L. W. Wilson; Mrs Suckling-Barron, a pretty white silk gown; Mrs Harding, Mrs Whitall, Mrs Heala, Mrs Meyer, in black silk; Miss Tuckey also wore all black; Miss Hatfield, the Bishop of Salisbury, Bishop Cowie (Auckland), Bishop Neville (Dunedin), Bishop Miles (Nelson), and several more whom I cannot remember. Mrs and Captain Clayton were in attendance, and the Hon. James Boyle was also helping to entertain.

There was not nearly such a large attendance of ladies on the RACECOURSE AT THE HUTT

on Thursday as there was on the preceding Tuesday, but of course there are always a great many more people on Cup Day. It was also beautifully done on the second day, perhaps a trifle too warm, but one can hardly expect anything else in the height of summer. There were some very pretty gowns worn. Those that struck me as being particularly so were worn by Mrs Alec Crawford, whose gown was of narrow green and black striped silk material; the bodice was covered with black chiffon, and the bodice of her gown almost to the waist looked most effective; the small bonnet was also of this color lace and ornamented with velvet rosettes; Mrs H. D. Crawford looked nice and cool in a white duck braided costume, cream hat with a black ribbon; the Misses Krull wore a black and yellow costume; Miss Johnston, white muslin gown figured with green and trimmed with wide white lace, small burnt straw hat trimmed with black satin and pink flowers; her sister wore a white duck costume, and vest of bright green and pink; Miss Tolhurst, white gown, black hat trimmed with jet and ribbons; Miss Mealey, black gown with a cross-over front of silk, large black and cream straw hat with bow of broad deep cream ribbon; the Misses Krull wore dressed, alike in pretty, butcher blue and white striped skirt, jackets, and waistcoats, white shirt fronts, and blue ties, white sailor hats with black bands; the Misses Gore wore cream holland costume, black blouses, black hats with pink roses; Mrs A. Pearce, and Mrs (Dr) Collins wore very similar costumes of hazel brown skirts and jackets, blue blouses, and large hats trimmed with black and blue flowers; Miss A. Bennett, drab tweed skirt and jacket, black and white, and black and white gown was of pale green and white broadened material prettily trimmed with narrow jet, green straw hat with magenta roses; her sister wore a pretty gown of pale blue washing crepon trim with white lace; Mrs W. Johnson, in a brown and gold costume; Miss Keblett, pretty pale bluish grey gown trimmed with white cloth and braid, black hat trimmed with tips and pink roses; Mrs (Dr) Purdy (Ruth), looked nice and cool in a white embroidered gown, black hat trimmed with white lace. There, I think that is all I can remember. Some of the ladies wore the same costumes as worn on the first day, so of course I have omitted to describe them again.

The large social gathering given at the Drill-shed on Saturday night for the purpose of welcoming our new Bishop and Mrs Wallis to Wellington was a huge success, and every thing went off well. The usually bare Drill-shed was beautifully decorated with flags, greenery, and draperies all colours. There were several speeches made by Archdeacon Fancourt, Bishop of Salisbury, Bishop Wilson, and, of course, Bishop Wallis; Mr Seddon also spoke.

Lady Glasgow, Lady Augusta Boyle, the Hon. J. Boyle, and Captain Clayton were present at the first production of the 'New Boy,' at the Opera House on Monday night, and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the fun. There was a very crowded house.

NELSON.

DEAR BEE, JANUARY 30

The Theatre was again well filled when 'A Night On' was performed by THE WILLIAMSON AND MUSGROVE COMEDY COMPANY last Friday evening. They are some good actors that their performing for more than two nights in Nelson was a rare treat. But who dares to say, on an occasion the public did not show their appreciation of talent, and on Saturday the clever Company played to a very poor house. Among others during the season I noticed Mrs Glasgow, in black with dainty cap; Miss Glasgow, pretty pink silk blouse; Miss R. Glasgow, pure white frock; Mrs Percy Adams, rose pink and black blouse; Mrs L. Adams, white gown; Mrs Cooke, pretty evening blouse of pale pink with white lace; Mrs A. Glasgow, Mrs R. Kingston, Miss Lovien, Miss Broad, Misses Edwards (two), Mrs Macquarrie, Mrs Soafie, Mrs Thorn-ton, etc.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs Robinson gave a delightful PICNIC to a number of small children. The spot chosen was Mackay's

Bluff, where a very jolly time was spent by all, and numberless were the regrets when the time came for a start to be made for town.

Being their holidays, of course numerous pleasant parties are being given to the children. Mrs Henry Edwards entertained them at an enjoyable

GARDEN PARTY

on Tuesday, when the time went all too quickly in tennis, games, etc., interspersed with numberless dainties in the way of refreshments.

Mr Ledger entertained them in a similar way on Wednesday afternoon at her pretty residence.

'THE WALTONS.'

Quite a number of children went out from town to the party, and all declares they had a lovely time. The thirteenth session of the

GENERAL SYNOD

opened in Nelson on Thursday, January 31st. A large number of clergymen have come. Bishop Wilson of Malabar, arrived on the Mission yacht. He is the guest of Bishop and Mrs Miles. On Saturday afternoon, the 2nd February, all the members of the Synod are to be entertained by the Bishop of Nelson and Mrs Miles at a grand party at his house. It is to be a grand affair, and to tell you of some smart gowns. At present the weather is decidedly threatening.

OUR PEOPLE.

Miss Pritt is at present in Wellington. Nearly all the camping out parties have returned to town, in fact, most of the holiday makers are in our midst once more, the schools have reopened, and the colleges begin on Monday, so that it is a grand season for it. It is to be a grand affair, and to tell you of some smart gowns. At present the weather is decidedly threatening.

Mrs Fell and her family came home to-day, and all look to have thoroughly enjoyed their annual trip to Totoranui. Miss Higgs and Miss Oliver both returned from Christchurch looking like the cat that ate the canary.

Bishop Julius of Christchurch, is at present in Nelson, and a guest of Mr and Mrs Scandlers. The Bishop of Salisbury, and Bishop Wallis and his wife are the guests of the Bishop of Nelson and Mrs Miles.

PHYLIS.

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE, JANUARY 31.

As so often happens with us, we have two good things playing together or none at all. The

OPERA AND FITZGERALD'S CIRCUS

were both open last week, and the latter has a wonderful power of attraction for adults as well as juveniles, and has been getting immense audiences. But the circus now has too much trapeze business and wild animal show to be comfortable, though the horses seem more intelligent and better trained than ever, and are a great delight alone. The Opera Company has suffered somewhat no doubt from this rival attraction, but neither to all appearances from the reported deplorably low state of our coffers. We shall wake up to find ourselves much poorer at the close of the season probably, but have laughed and enjoyed oneself so heartily in worth, well, almost going without a new frock. In the 'Mountebanks' the fun of the piece rests with Laurie and Miss Nash, and they certainly were irresistibly funny in 'Put a Penny in the Slot.' Miss Nellie Stewart has not so much to do, but she is so bright and her singing is always good. Miss Young is excellent in her character as so old, old woman. Among the crowded audience I noticed Mr and Mrs P. Campbell, Mr and Mrs Stead, the Hon. E. W. Parker, Mr and Mrs Alan Scott, Mr and Mrs Rhind, Mrs Millton and Mr F. Anderson, Mr and Mrs R. Macdonald, Mr and Mrs Otterson, Mr and Mrs H. Nelson, Mrs and Miss Cunningham, Mr and Mrs Boyle, Mr Mrs, and the Misses Cowlishaw, Mr C. G. Cook, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Len, Mrs Ogilvie, Mrs G. Harris, Mr and Mrs C. Clark, Mr and Mrs C. H. Croxton and Miss Croxton, Mr and Misses Ainger, Mr and Mrs Greenwood (Teitoldale), Mr and Mrs F. W. Thompson, Mr and Mrs R. D. Thomson, Mr and Mrs C. G. Cook, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Len, Mrs Ogilvie, Misses Gibson (two), Mr and Mrs Appleby, and others.

The approaching tournament adds much interest to the

POLO MATCHES.

and in spite of the great heat some fierce games were fought on the polo ground at Hagley Park on Saturday afternoon. Mrs Stead provided the ever welcome cup of tea, and she must have been very heavily taxed, for it was a scorching afternoon. Among the onlookers were Mrs Heaton Rhodes, Mrs G. Rhodes, Mrs Pearce, Mrs C. G. Cook, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Len, Mrs Ogilvie, Mrs Jansellie, Mrs Pyne, Mrs Scott, Misses Tabari, Reece, Campbell, etc.

PERSONAL.

Miss Fleaher (of Wellington) with her sister is at present staying with Mrs C. Cook. She has been studying singing in Melbourne

for two years, and I hear is greatly improved. With her beautiful voice and great love of the art if she only had the opportunity she might yet make a name for herself.

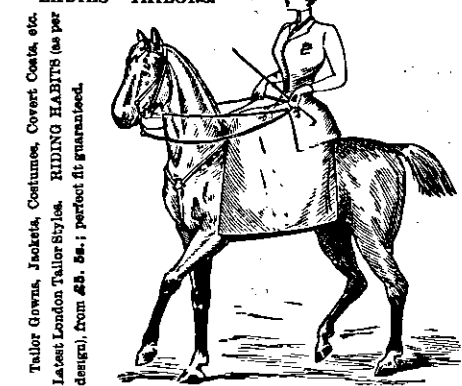
Mrs J. Baker from Wellington has been visiting Mrs Neave, Okeover, Riccarton, and will later go to Horsley Downs to Mr and Mrs Lanco.

Mrs Howard (nee Miss Bullock) is over from Sydney visiting her people, and at present staying with her sister, Mrs Henry Wood, Riccarton. Mr and Mrs Bullock have moved out into the country a short distance in the Paparua direction.

Mr and Mrs F. M. Wallace returned from the Southern Lakes this week, but unfortunately Mrs Wallace has been confined to the couch the whole time, having it was thought sprained her foot just before leaving Christchurch, but now to find on her return there is a small bone broken.

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