TENNIS COURTS

are in full swing just now, as the weather is getting cooler.

Among the ladies who have been entertaining in this way are Mrs

Brandon, Mrs W. R. E. Brown, Mrs Tolhurat, Mrs Grace, Mrs

Johnston, and many others. The Thorndon courts are always

crowded, they are its splendid coachilden now.

OUR PROPLE.

Miss Lucy Williams (Hawke's Bay) is on a visit to Mrs T. C. Williams, also Miss Haddeld. Miss Pitt (Nelson is also here for a chort stay. Miss Williams has gone to the country for a few a chort stay. Miss Williams pass governdays.

Miss C. Elliott (Auckland), is staying with Mrs H. Elliott, ther

miss t, Elliot Lauckand, to saying with Art 1. Elliot, just and Mrs H. D. Bell have returned from their trip south. Mrs Heatwood, who was in Wellington some little time so, Miss Eastwood, of Lady Glasgow, has again come to New Zealand, this time for her boath, and is just now staying with Mrs L.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

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during the week were Mesdames W. D. Crawford, A. Crawford,
G. Mantell, Friend, W. Johnston, Barron, N. Reid, Baldwin, A.
Pearca, Joseph, G. Phillips, Kohn, Travers, Barclay, Parfut,
Gore, Morloon, Dirs, Collins, Rawson, Grace, Messre MacKenzie,
Fladlay, Henry, Purdy, the Misses Pearce, Grace, Gore, Russell
(Hawke's Bay), Friend, Bablington (Christoburch), Harding,
Barron, Izard, Johnston, Barclay, Reid, Quick, Ling, Pite, Campbell, Burns, Gillon, Luckie, Toxward, Elliott, Heywood, Trimnell,
Muir, Wilford, etc.

OPHELIA.

PICTON.

FEBRUARY 12.

DEAR BEE One of the most exciting

CRICKET MATCHES

ever played in Picton was played on Saturday between Picton and the redoubtable Koromiko Club. The match was played on Neison Square, and during the morning was notable only for the mistortunes of the Picton men, who all went out for twenty-six nevery chance of placing another learned in their crown of glory, when 'the mothers and the cousins and the sisters and the aunts' of Picton speared on the some. Then the Picton men resolved to do or die. They braced themselves together for the coming outsets, and the fests of agility and prowess they performed evolved rounds of appliance from every spectator. After making outsets, and the fests of agility and prowess they performed evolved rounds of appliance from every spectator. After making their second unnings closed, and the fest of activation for their second unnings, with the object of either topping the score or spinning out the time, Top the score! They would if they could, and their best players went in and slogged the ball in all directions making a big hole in the count. The faces of the 'mothers, and the cousins and the sants, lengthened visibly, but Jack Escon, our decided the count of the another lengthened visibly, but Jack Escon, our decided when the another is engineed visibly, but Jack Escon, our decided when the sants, lengthened visibly, but Jack Escon, our decides and out walked the battamen one after another, till time was almost up, the scores were almost even and the last man stood before the wickets. 'One more minute to time,' called out wickets and out walked the battamen one after another, till time was almost up, the scores were almost even and the last man stood before the wickets. 'One more minute to time,' called out wickets. For one brist mounts, there was dead silence on the first opponents, and declared it was the best match they had ever played.

PERSONAL,

Wise Clayton and her brother, consine of Mrs A. P. Seymourhave just arrived from England on a visit to their relations here. They seem to be enjoying the fun and treedom of colonial life. The Education Board have recommended the appointment of Mr H. Howard to the Tua Marlina School. Mr and Mrs Howards friends in Marlbrough hope to hear that the appointment has been confirmed by the committee. They will both be warmly welcomed back by their numerous friends and relations.

Mrs Fell and family, who have been camping out down the Sound welcomed back by their numerous friends and relations.

Mrs Fell and family, who have been camping out down the Sound to be away from civilisation. Mrs Fenwick and Miss Lavingstone joined them for a week.

Mr Jack Curtis, of Spreen Creek, has returned from England looking as well and jolly as ever, though he returns minus his right arm, which was taken out of the socket in a' London hostight arm, which was taken out of the socket in a' London hostight arm, which was taken out of the socket in a' London hostight arm, which was taken out of the socket in a' London hostight arm, which was taken out of the socket in a' London hostight arm, which was taken out of the socket in a' London has right arm, which was taken out of the socket in a' London has right arm, which was left the simple kitch of a gun. Operation after operation was perfor the simple kitch of a gun. Operation after operation was perfor the simple kitch of a gun. Operation after operation was uttimately advised to go Home, women worked his way Homs, writing with his left hand, found his rich relations, through whose influence he obtained admission to a good hespital where he was further mutilized, oured, and advised to return to New Zealand on account of the climate. He worked his way out as pursor, being far too independent to ask his relations for any abile specimen of the colonia we have working for a livelihood—as holds specimen of the colonia we have working for a livelihood—as holds specimen of the colonia pose of s

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DEAR BEE.

FEBRUARY 15.

This (Friday) afternoon, a small, but very

ENJOYABLE GARDEN PARTY

was given by Mrs Fisher (8t. Clair). Being a warm afternoon, the tea tables were temptingly arranged on the lawn, the refreshments being most acceptable. Bome very sectiling games of croquet and tennis were played during the afternoon. Amongst the ladies present were Mesdanes Lincott. Branson, Fotheringham, Webb, Spring, Kaye (Christcharch, Almer, Stronach, Shand, Ziele, the Misser Pisher, Fotheringham, Honger, Cargill, Ziele, Branson, Fraser, Gerdon, Edith Shand, Denny, Barron, Lucy Barron, etc., etc., On the same day, Mrs Morris gave

for Mrs Graham. The table was prettily decorated with red geratiums which contrasted well with the white china saters and maiden hair ferm. Those I remember as present were Mesdames Graham, Wright, Drive, Tolmie, Haggett, Ridings, Webster, and the Misses Morris.

On Saturday atternoon, a large and most

DELIGHTFUL GARDEN PARTY

was given by Mr and Mrs Sargood (Romanoff), in honour of Mrs and Miss Alexander (England). The Engineers band played several selections during the afternoon. The local bare has been also been also

was most delightful to dance to. Mrs Sargood, who received her guests on the lawn looked charming in pale heliotrope delaine with trimmings of heliotrope surah eitk, large black lace hat with heliotrope flewers. A few of the guests were firs Aloxander (England), in sage green cordurory cloth with trimmings of black insertion and white lace it was the same of black insertion and white lace it was the same of black insertion and white lace it was the same of black insertion and white lace it was the same of black insertion and white lace it was the same of black insertion and white lace it was the same of black insertion and white lace it was the same of black insertion and white lace it was the same of black with the same of the same of the same of black in the same of the sam

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE.

FERRITARY 14.

As I write the date it occurs to me what day it is, and I wonder is the postman as eagerly a looked-for person as he was ten or fitteen years ago, and I think not, but all of us are so clean swept out at Christinas time, we have not had time to recover, as good old St. Valentine and his sentimentality are forgotten. And perhaps it is a sign of the times, too. What would the New Woman feel like posting such a frivolity as a valentine when she has perhaps to speak at several meetings and inspect an institution or two before her work is done for the day? Heigh, ho!

We thought the sign of the times was not felt during the Opera season, but in the way of entertaining it most certainly is, as there is very little being done. Then a wave of mortaity seems to have rolled over us and taken a great many with it, leaving only mourning and sorrow behind, and added to that the weather never was more capricious. I don't think much of the tocum tenens in Wellington. It has been much worse since Captain Edwin left, and our tempers are becoming ruined.

On Wednesday Mrs C. Clark gave a

GARDEN PARTY AT 'THORRINGTON.

GARDEN PARTY AT 'THORRINGTON,'
their charming home in Colombo-street South, when everything, as usual, was most thoughtfully and beautifully arranged—
and refreshments of various kinds in the summer-houses and inviting nocks. The weather behaved porfectly until all the property of the

given by Mrs Studholme on Monday afternoon was only small in comparison to some of the large functions there, by resulty there is much more sociability than at a large one. Stead, Mrs R. Macdonald, the Misses Reeves, and one or others were there.

DEPARTURES.

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Mr and Mrs Chynoweth and children leave for England by the uext Frisco mall, and during their stay of five years in the colony Mrs Chynoweth has made many frends and been a very simple of the property of Mrs Chynoweth has made many frends and been a very simple of Mrs and Mrs F. Waymouth gave an afternoon test hat a few friends might meet her and say good-bye, amongst whom were Mrs Hare. Mrs and Miss McBeth, Mrs Cowper, Mrs C. H. Coxton, Mrs Martin, Miss Smith, Mrs Gordon, and several more.

On Tuesday Mrs H. R. Webb gave a luncheon party for Mrs Chynoweth, and a few more good-byes were said.

MERIVALE PARISH GATHERING

this year took the form of a garden party in the lovely garden and grounds at Elmwood, permission being kindly given by Mr R. H. Rhodes, and which proved an immense success, the day being all that could be desired. Afternoon as was provided in charge of Mr Jas. Freeman, a band stationed on the lawn gave the festive sound, and two is was for creating and two for tenning gave ample amusement, with the delight of comming through an exquisite ferniery and greenhouse. Most of the parishioners attended, and those who did not may be sorry for a whole year, with the hope it may be repeated next.

Christchurch rersus Fiji, was very poorly attended, the adver-tised native costume not being so great an attraction as really good cricket. The vicitors were very easily disposed of, though some are remarkably fine-looking men.

The 'New Boy' arrives this week, and he must be very good indeed to take Miss Nash's and Lauris place, for the sounds of their mirth-provoking nonsense is still ringing in my head.

DOLLY VALE.

NELSON.

DEAR BER,

FEBRUARY 13.

A very enjoyable time was spent last Saturday after-"THE CLIPPS,"

when Mrs Richmond and Mr and Mrs Schinders entertained their friends and the numerous visitors who are here for the Synod as garden party. 'The Cliffs' is an ideal rather the summer of the summer and the numerous visitors was designed and the summer of t

GENERAL SYNOD.

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by all the fair sex in Nelson lately. The subject under discussion has been Women's Franchise, that is, sir John Hall brought in a Bill to allow women to vote at parish meetings. However, after a long and animated debate, the second reading of the bill was lost, nearly all the Bishops and clergy voting against it, while most of the laity were in favour of it. The Gallery was filled by numbers of the fair sex, who watched the proceedings with great interest.

A cricket match which has excited a great deal of interest was played in the Park yesterday and to-day between

NELSON V. FIJI.

the local cricketers being beaten, much to our disappointment, the only one to distinguish himself being Broad, who made i? and 80 by sterling good cricket. A number of people witnessed the match yesterday. In the evening the visiting seam were entertained by his Worship the Mayor and Mrs Trask, and spent a pleasant time. A number of the local cricketers were also present.

OUR PROPLE.

Mr and Mrs Burnes leave to-day for Dunedin for a three weeks'

Mr and Mrs Burnes leave to day for Duneau for a burne wowa-trip.

Miss Meddings returns to Christchurch to-day, having had a good time in Nelson.

Mrs Wallis, the wife of the new Bishop of Wellington. left Nelson last week for a short trip to the West Coast. She was ac-companied by Dr. Wordsworth, the Bishop of Sallsborry. They both return again this week. Bishop and Mrs Julius and guests of Mr and Mrs Sclanders, the Primate and Bishop Wallis being at Bishopdale, and Bishop Neville at Judge Robinsons.

PHYLLIA

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Miss Kemp, eldest daughter of Dr. Kemp (who for many years had a large practice in Wellington, but is now resid-ing near London), is engaged to Professor MacPherson, one of the Professors of the Royal Academy of Music, London.

A Christchurch engagement just announced is that of Miss Hutton and Mr Lance Lane.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR A. E. KIGHT TO MISS EDITH BROWN,

HE wedding of Miss Elith Brown, daughter of Mr W. R. E. Brown, of Wellington, to Mr A. E. Kight, followed closely upon the announcement of their engagement. Owing to the bridegroom being removed from New Zealand and having to leave on Friday morning, the marriage was quietly celebrated the previous afternoon in St. Paul's Church, at two o'clock, only the family being

THE bride was dressed in a bluish grey gown with oream broidered waistcoat, cream tie, and hat with upstanding bows. Mrs Brown was in black silk, jet and lace mantle, floral bonnet.

A SMALL reception from 8 to 10 p.m. was held as a farewell to the bride, whose health was proposed by Count d'Albans (French consul), at supper. The happy pair drove away at ten o'clock midst showers of rice, etc. They travel overland to Auckland, thence to China. Among those present were Mesdames E. Brown, Williams, Isard, Heaphy, Goring, the Misses Medley, Izard, Campbell, Dodley, Malcolm, etc.