

Delayed Letters.

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

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEB, FEBRUARY 6.

Sad to relate, I have very little news for you this week. This seems to be the general outcry just now—the dullness of times. I suppose at this time of the year we can hardly expect any gaiety. Williamson and Musgrove's Comic Opera Company open their season here on Monday night, so that will help to liven up a little. It is really a pleasure to see the interest Lady Glasgow takes in any society she has to do with.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

especially, of which she was the originator, and the members of which have now increased to nearly four hundred in Wellington alone. Lady Glasgow was pleased to invite all the members of the Union to an entertainment which took place at Government House last Tuesday afternoon, and which was a great success, fully three hundred mothers being present. The first part of the afternoon was spent in the garden, where refreshments were to be had in a large tent. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the ballroom, which was fitted with chairs. Lady Glasgow then gave a short address. The Bishop of Salisbury also spoke, after which a very excellent little programme of music was gone through, those taking part in it being the Ladies Boyle, who played an instrumental trio, Madame Metz, Miss Williams, and Mr W. A. Day, and a recitation was cleverly given by Mrs A. S. Patterson.

LADY GLASGOW AND PARTY

left by the early train on Saturday for their trip up North. Times will be duller than ever now they have gone for Lady Glasgow was always very good in entertaining in a small way as well as on a larger scale. The Government House party will be quite missed from the Point, and on Saturday afternoon we have got so used to seeing them there taking a great interest in the game. One of the cottages at Lowry Bay has been taken for the Hon. Jack and Allen Boyle and their servants. Mrs Godfrey, who is from Sydney, she is at present a guest of her aunt, Lady Pendergast.

OPHELIA.

NELSON.

DEAR BEB, FEBRUARY 6.

The chief item of this week is the delightful

GARDEN PARTY

given by the Bishop of Nelson and Mrs Mules, at Blisbopdale, last Saturday afternoon. Being one of our real Nelson summer days, every one who could do so, went there by way up to Blisbopdale, and by four o'clock a pretty and brilliant scene was to be noted on the wide terrace and about the grounds. A great number of smart gowns were worn, and every one seemed to be having an enjoyable time. Mrs Mules, with all the power to entertain their guests, and were ably assisted by Miss and Master Mules. Appetising little tea tables were laid in different parts of the garden, and were presided over by the Misses Fell (two), Oldham, Cressey, Mules, Hunter-Brown, etc. During the afternoon the ladies from the Melanesian yacht sang some choruses. Some of the more energetic of the guests played tennis. Those present were the Bishop of Wellington and Mrs Wallis, the latter wearing a becoming gown of blue flowered silk and straw hat; Bishop Salisbury, the Bishops of Dunedin, Waitapu, Christchurch, and Auckland, besides numerous clergymen. Amongst the ladies were Mrs Glasgow, in a handsome black silk gown, stylish bonnet; Mrs Bell, black silk, neat and green bonnet; Mrs Robinson, black silk grenadine, jet bonnet; Mrs Pitt, steel grey satin, jet bonnet; Mrs Percy Adams, pretty grey and black striped silk, large black hat; Mrs H. Kingston, green gown, pink waistcoat, jet bonnet; Mrs L. Adams, white costume, large white picture hat; Mrs Fell, grey surah with passementerie trimming, chic little bonnet; Mrs Richmond, rich grey surah, grey and pink bonnet; Mrs Littlejohn, a becoming gown of tweed, made plainly, and trimmed with black moire and Mrs Broad, pretty black and white tweed trimmed with black moire, black bonnet with touch of yellow; Mrs Seafie, black gown with yoke of heliotrope veiled with large black hat; Mrs Cook, pretty cherry flowered delaine, forget-me-not bonnet; Miss Cressey, checked tweed gown, white hat; Misses Fell (two), in becoming blue crepon gowns with white insertion trimming, forget-me-not bonnets; Miss Browning, white tulle coat and skirt, rose pink waistcoat, large black hat; Miss Heaps, pale yellow crepon coat and skirt, white blouse, pretty white hat; Miss D. Atkinson, yellow crepon with brown waistcoat, brown hat; Miss L. Atkinson, white tulle coat and skirt, white surah electric blue silk, pretty black hat; Miss A. Bell, stylish gown of palest grey crepon, with black moire and jet, chic little hat with row of rosettes under the brim; Miss F. Kinsling (Auckland) chic, exceedingly well in pale blue silk, with white surah full sleeves and underskirt, burnt straw hat; Miss Hunter-Brown, bright pink crepon, large hat; Miss W. Hunter-Brown, fawn tweed, large black hat; Miss Marsden, tweed gown, gold bonnet; Miss Gibson, looked charming in butter muslin trimmed with black moire, black hat; Miss McCulloch looked pretty in white spotted muslin, large white hat; Miss Jones, black skirt, heliotrope silk bonnet; Miss Huddleston, black and white muslin, black hat; Miss Canley, fawn dirt costume, sailor hat; Miss Ledger, grey and black gown, pretty boat-shaped hat; her sister wore a pretty black and white muslin; Miss G. Pitt, soft white silk, becoming hat, trimmed with hattercock; Miss Glasch, grey, soft black and white silk, pretty and stylish hat; Miss Davidson, bright yellow crepon trimmed with black insertion; Miss McEae (Richmond), checked tweed gown, white hat; Miss H. Saxton (Belfast), chic crepon, white hat; Mrs Mules received her guests on the terrace, and wore a black flowered gown, lace mantle, and jet bonnet.

On Sunday, our distinguished visitor

DR. WORDSWORTH.

Bishop of Salisbury, preached an eloquent sermon to a crowded congregation in the Cathedral in the morning, and in the evening the Bishop of Christchurch again filled the Cathedral.

THE THEATRE

is occupied for three nights by the Pollard Lilliputian Opera Company. They have had very fair houses so far, but the General Synod which will close now, somewhat interferes with the attendance at the theatre.

OUR PEOPLE.

All the wanderers are home again once more. Miss Gibson, Miss Gilbert, and Miss... of this week, and all seem to have thoroughly enjoyed their holidays. Mr Gibson, the new assistant master at the boys' College, has also arrived, and already seems to be very popular with the boys. Mrs Watta returned from her trip to the States. Her son, Mr O. Watta, came with her, and is staying at 'Molrose'. The Bishop of Nelson and Mrs Mules entertained the members of the General Synod at a garden party last Saturday, and Mrs Richmond and Mr and Mrs Melanesians entertain them in a like manner next Saturday at the 'Cliffs', and we hear rumours of a third garden party for the week after next, so we are quite gay.

PHYLIS.

HINTS ON HAIR.

FALLING OF THE HAIR is one of the most common troubles. The hair comes out sometimes in spots, but usually there is a general thinning out all over the head, the hair becoming dry and brittle, breaking off and splitting at the end. This annoying ailment is almost always indicative of one or two things: either a lack of nourishment or else a hot, feverish condition of the scalp. The treatment then must depend on the general condition of your health. If you are in a weak, debilitated state, or if you are suffering from long-continued or severe nervous mental strain you must overcome these conditions before you can expect any improvement in your hair. Or, on the other hand, if you are in a plethoric state, full blooded, with feverish symptoms, and a sensation of heat in the head, dry, hot skin, etc., you must likewise correct this tendency before you can have healthy growing hair. In either case tone the system by tonics, good food and plenty of rest and sleep; avoid hair restoratives, hair tonics, etc., and take flowers of sulphur in small doses (say a quarter of a teaspoonful twice a day in a little milk). Stimulate the roots of the hair by frequent and long-continued use of a soft brush; clip off the split ends, and keep the scalp clean. There is nothing better for washing the head than tepid water and Castile soap, to which has been added a tablespoonful of alcohol, cologne or bay rum.

In nearly every instance, thorough brushing will keep the hair soft, tractable and glossy, but if it is very stubborn and you think you must have a dressing I advise the use of either of the following as safe—the last one especially is clean and cool, and free from greasiness, being really a fluid neutral soap. It is the very best dressing for children's hair that can be used. Remember that any hair dressing should be used sparingly and well brushed in. Take of castor oil four fluid ounces, alcohol two fluid ounces, add any perfume you like and shake well; or bay rum eight fluid ounces, glycerine two fluid ounces; or pure sweet oil six fluid ounces and lime-water two fluid ounces. Shake well every time it is used.

FRUIT STAINS.

SOME THAT WILL COME OUT AND OTHERS THAT CANNOT BE REMOVED.

As the fruit season waxes it becomes burdensome to keep napery spotless. Who has not beheld with dismay one's favourite damask hopelessly discoloured with peach, cherry and berry stains? Some suggestions may be of assistance in remedying the mishap. In the first place do not wash the linen before applying other remedies. To do so sets the stain almost indelibly, and it then has to pass through all stages until time and the laundry leave but a pale yellow reminder, which consumption does not follow usually until the fabric is threadbare. For berry stains have some one hold the cloth so that it sags a little and pour absolutely boiling water through the spot; rub well. If this fails, light a bit of sulphur and hold under the wet spot—a lighted match will answer; and the sulphurous gas usually does the work, the stain gradually disappearing. But there are some that will not 'out'—peach stains, for example. Then you must have recourse to salts of lemon, which is good, but apt to leave a hole in lieu of the stain. By extreme carelessness in its use, however, it will not do such dire damage. Take a sunny day for the task; first moisten the spot and then rub on a very little of the salts of lemon; lay the linen in the sun for two or three minutes and then wash thoroughly with soap and warm water. Success nearly always follows. Other stains, like iron rust, are more easily removed. After washing the article squeeze lemon juice on the spots and then cover thickly with salt. Lay in the sun all day, wash, and if the rust is not entirely removed repeat the application. This is equally good for ink stains.

AN INFANT PRODIGY.

A WONDERFUL child is at present on view in Berlin; though scarcely two years old this mite can read fluently, not merely printed matter, but manuscript, and that whether the Gothic or the Latin character be employed. This small prodigy began to exhibit a taste for literature towards the end of his first year, without being in the least pushed or incited thereto by his parents, who are ordinary illiterate folk. He commenced by asking the meaning of the inscriptions beneath pictures, and proceeded thence to the titles of books exposed in shop windows. When a number of movable letters are given him he arranges them into words, and even sentences, and will then pronounce the result in a tone of voice in no way differing from that of any other infant of the same age, a circumstance which adds immensely to the quaint effect produced by the spectacle of such immature erudition.

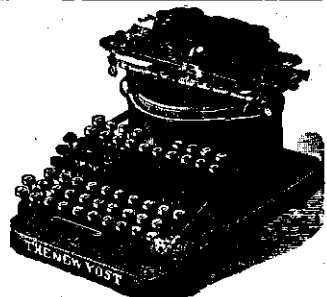
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