Herrold (two), grey and fawn, respectively; Miss Kissling, Mrs Ledingham, black; Miss Ledingham, grey with fawn lace; Miss Maud Martin, navy and white veil; Miss Leighton, grey; Miss Larkins, black; Miss Sellers, navy skirt, blue blouse; Miss Rathbone, fawn; Miss Minitt, navy; Mrs Wilke, black, and her daughter, blue; Mrs H. P. Norton, dark green trimmed with cream lace; Miss Pearce, green; Miss Percival, white batiste muslin; Mrs Ware, grey holland; Miss — Whitelaw, grey; Miss Whistler, navy, canary blouse; Miss — Worsp, white serge; Mrs Reid, black; Mrs Reed (Koranarama), fawn; Miss Banks, navy skirt, white blouse; Miss Rita Tole, navy; Mrs Anenne, fawn; Mrs Hamner, black; Mrs (Major) George; Miss Edith Tanner, pretty light dress; Miss Seccombe, grey check; Mrs Owen, navy; Misses Tisdale, Mrs and Miss Upton, Mrs James Russell, royal blue velvet; and her two daughters looked pretty in sky blue with white vests; Miss Atkins, ciel blue crepon. Of course I have only been able to do a few who were present, as the rain made most of the spectators leave very early.

Miss Hilda Worsp is to be married next month, and I believe she is the recipient of some beautiful presents.

Miss Rennie Rookes is to be married in February, and will live at the Thames.

Mr, Mrs, and Miss Burns leave for a trip to the Old Country in March.

A MOUNT ALBERT RIDING PICNIC PARTY

to Nihatopu Falls took place last week. One of the party drove, so that the provisions could be carried without any trouble. The roads over the ranges are still in a very bad condition, owing to the wet season we have had. Luncheon was spread out in Mr McLeod's garden, the horses having been tied in the neighbouring paddock. After luncheon, to which ample justice was done, the party walked through the bush to the falls, which have a very great flow of water this year. Amongst the party were Mrs Kerr-Taylor, Mrs Gilmore, Misses Wilks, Ledingham, Kerr-Taylor (two), Sellers, Seccombe, Martin, Wright, Messrs Hazard, Kerr-Taylor, Gilmore, Martin, Colson, etc.

During the last fine moonlight evenings the Avondale folk have been getting up large moonlight riding parties, which have been very successful.

The heavy downpour of rain last Wednesday forced the Remuera Bowling Club, Manukau Road, to postpone their opening of the green until Wednesday, the 11th, at half-past three.

THE ORCHESTRAL AND CHAMBER CONCERT

by Mr S. Adams' pupils on Monday evening last was a great success. The Choral Hall was crowded from stage to gallery. Mr Adams conducted most ably. Miss Edith Whitelaw acted as leader, and Misses Essie Holland and S. Cruickshank as pianistes. There were about forty performers, and the various items were rendered with a vigour and skill that charmed the audience. Some of the dresses I noted were:—Mrs Porter, brown, brown toque with bunches of yellow polyanthuses; Mrs Lusher, black trimmed with white; Mrs Masefield, handsome black brocade; Mrs Dufaur, black with bands of sapphire blue veiled with black lace insertion; Mrs Beale, sea green blouse, dark skirt; Mrs T. W. Leys, black silk trimmed with lace, jet butterfly bonnet; Miss Torrance, pretty pink blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Biss, black gown, becoming heliotrope bonnet; Miss Biss, white blouse, Yankee hat; Miss Sloman, cream, black hat trimmed with white ribbon; Miss B. Devore looked pretty in a rose pink crepon blouse, dark skirt; Miss Whitson, pale pink; Mrs D. B. Cruickshank, mourning; Mrs Cruickshank, mourning; Mrs Douglas, shell-pink crepon finished with white lace; Mrs Crawshaw, black, full collar of heliotrope silk; Mrs Whitelaw, black gown, cascade of cream silk Maltese lace on bodice; Miss Miss B. Whitelaw, very pretty for-get-me-not blue *chiné* silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs (Dr.) King, mourning; Miss Owen, black; Miss Ada Owen, soft white muslin blouse, dark skirt; Miss Vaile, pale blue frock; Mrs Cox, brown velvet, brown bonnet with wreath of pale yellow roses; Mrs (Dr.) Knight, forget-me-not blue embossed crepon, black lace inserted, black merveilleux silk skirt; her two little daughters looked pretty in pink muslin; Miss L. Edmiston, pale blue blouse with straps and rosettes of blue ribbon, dark skirt; Miss N. Edmiston looked dainty in electric blue. Miss Bews, maize coloured silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Hay, white, jet bonnet; Miss Hart, white and pink pongee; Miss Kennedy, heliotrope; Miss Hewin, black; Miss Baxter, black serge skirt, pink blouse; etc., etc.

PHYLLIS BROUNE.

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE, DECEMBER 5.

Mr and Mrs E. J. Reid and their family leave by the 'Ionic' next Thursday for England, where they intend to make a prolonged visit. The furniture is to be 'auctioned' on Tuesday.

The Government House domestics held their annual picnic at Lowry Bay last Thursday, an outing which is thoroughly appreciated by all.

THE POLO

players should certainly feel flattered by the sustained interest taken in their pastime by Lady Glasgow and her daughters, who drive out to the field every Saturday, and often preside tea in the shed. Last Saturday was no exception to this rule, Lady Augusta driving her beautifully-matched pair, which, in the stylish little phaeton, always excites general admiration. Lady Glasgow wore a cool summer gown of blue linen, with lemon silk vest, small jet bonnet trimmed with cowslips; Ladies Augusta and Alice Boyle wore serge costumes with blouses and sailor hats; Mrs R. Baldwin wore a light brown tailor ex tume with light vest; Mr and Mrs Baker were also there, and Mrs Beddard, who wore a very becoming dress of white drill with coloured blouse; Mrs Buddle; Mr Buller, Miss Cooper, in white; Mrs Alex. Crawford, Mrs Coates, Mr W. Johnston, Mrs Levin, Miss Medley in a brown holland costume with blue blouse; Mrs Mentenath, in blue crepon with vest and collar of blue silk shot with dull yellow; Mrs and Miss Misses Mezies. Miss Pearce in black crepon; Mr Pearce, Miss Salt in a dark-brown dress with light vest, straw hat to match; Miss Skerrett, in a cream serge coat and skirt with checked vest; her sister in a green costume; Mr Alan Scott, an enthusiast from Christchurch, and several others, not forgetting the Maori lady and gentlemen. Among the players were Messrs Baldwin, Buckley, Crawford, Cooper and Captain Preston.

On the links there were about forty players practising, as for a wonder there was no special match to be played. Misses Bell, Dransfield, Duncan, Fairchild, Grace, Gore, Hislop, Izard, Morrah, Williams, etc., etc., were on the ground, and tea there also cheered both actors and audience.

Miss Lee gave a very

PLEASANT TEA

to her girl friends on Saturday, the trousseau being on view, and calling forth general admiration. The tea table was very prettily decorated with white flowers, and laden with all kinds of dainty condiments. Mrs Lee wore a handsome black dress relieved from sombreness by touches of yellow silk and lace; Miss Lee wore a black skirt and pretty white blouse, made with the broad turned-down collar, and with lace insertion; her sister wore black with a pink and white blouse. There were a great number of fair guests present, but I shall only notice a few of them. Mrs Allan wore a stylish brown tweed costume with black hat; Miss Bodmin, in a pretty fresh costume of ochre-tinted drill trimmed with lace insertion, and a pale heliotrope blouse; Mrs Climie, a neat tweed costume, large black hat trimmed with exquisite roses; Miss Halse, grey tweed gown, black hat; Miss E. Halse looked well in a light drill dress with white blouse; Miss D. Hay ward wore black with sleeves and trimmings of electric blue, black hat; Miss Hamerton, a pretty holland costume; Mrs Heaton looked exceedingly well in a stylish costume of black and lilac; Miss Johnston, fawn tweed with red and white blouse, white hat with bows of red ribbon; Miss V. Johnston, in a very *chic* gown of white muslin with butter-coloured lace; Miss Lingard looked charming in a pretty blue blouse embroidered in white, and black skirt; Mrs Stansfield, brown holland with pink blouse; Miss Toxwood wore a striped costume of white and heliotrope, large black hat; Miss Willis, black with white cambric blouse, sailor hat.

Mrs Gore has returned to town, much improved in health after her visit to Napier.

Miss Friend has also returned from Christchurch.

I hear that Miss Lilian Izard will probably go Home with Mr and Mrs E. J. Reid, but this is only a rumour.

The 'Liederkranz' held their

THIRD 'AT HOME'

a few days ago. The conductress, Madame Mertz, still wields the baton in able, undisputed authority, and the Society makes marked progress towards the higher planes of musical culture. Miss Ross and Miss Parsons take the leading positions, and worthily have they been so placed. The Countess of Glasgow takes a special interest in this Society, and attended the 'At Home' accompanied by her daughters and Captain Preston. His Excellency the Governor also extended his patronage. The stage was artistically draped with crimson curtains, forming a bold background for the graceful arrangement of ferns and palms, and prominent in the fore rested a silver harp wreathed in glossy ivy tendrils. Madame Mertz was handsomely gowned in black satin with berthe of white lace; Miss Ross wore a perfectly fitting dress of black merveilleux, the bodice being of pretty pink silk trimmed with cream lace; Miss Parsons, in a pretty and becoming white dress, with deep frill of lace on the bodice; her sister wore a simple dress of white, with black sash and bows; Lady Glasgow wore a rich brocaded gown, and long opera cloak lined with pink and edged with feather trimming; Lady Augusta Boyle wore white silk with delicate pompadour silk revers and panel; Lady Dorothy Boyle, white embroidered muslin with lace; Mrs Butt, black brocade and lace; Miss Cooper, black velvet, white lace fichu; Miss Fairchild, black, pale yellow silk bodice; Miss Hamerton wore a white gown with chiffon; Miss Pearce, black silk veiled in lace; Mrs Levin, black silk, jet trimmings; Lady Stout, black lace dress with jet; Mrs and Miss Barber, Mrs Courtney, Mrs Castendyke, Miss Dransfield, Misses Gibson, Mrs Hume, Miss Kebie, Mrs McGregor, Mrs Mee, Mrs Parker, Mrs Reid, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Ritchie; Miss Rose, Miss Ross, Mrs Swainson, etc., etc.

Mrs Patterson's

DRAMATIC RECITATION

evening was a marked success. The entertainment was in aid of the Society for prevention of cruelty to animals, and the general interest taken in this movement was manifested by the large attendance on Wednesday evening. Mr Paterson himself is always good, and always wins warm applause. He was in splendid form the other night, and his pieces all went with a spirit and zest that could not fail to carry his audience with him. Miss L. Watson also established her fame as a stirring and sympathetic reciter, and Miss Holmes was loudly clapped for her rendering of 'The Faithful Lovers.' His Excellency the Governor and Lady Glasgow were present, and their daughters, Lady Augusta, Lady Alice, and Lady Dorothy Boyle, also Major Elliott. Others there were Miss Burnes, in black with bodice of pale blue silk with collar of cream guipure lace; Miss Douglas, Mrs and Miss Duthie, Mr and Miss Gore, Miss Hamilton, Mr and Miss Kirkcaldie, Misses Liddle, Mr Lingard and his daughters, Mr and Miss Mason, Misses Newton, Misses Patterson, Paton, etc., etc.

MEYE.

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE, DECEMBER 7.

Mr Talfis Trimnell, of Wellington, gave

TWO ORGAN RECITALS

last week. The cathedral was well filled, the soloists, respectively, being Messrs March and Reeves. Mr Trimnell gives great praise to the organ.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs Helmore gave a large

'AT HOME.'

Owing to the glorious weather, it was diverted from the original musical intention into more of a garden party, though some good music was given by Mesdames Walding, Vernon, Haslam, Burns, Westmacott, Misses Gay, Helmore, Malet, and others. Mrs Helmore was gowned in a rich brown satin with passementerie trimming; Miss Helmore wore a grey dress shot with mauve; Miss E. Helmore, pink and white Madras muslin, chiffon trimmings; Mrs Pitman, elegant grey silk crepon, white and gold embroidered bodice, grey bonnet; Miss Reeves, pale green skirt, scarlet blouse veiled in black chiffon, picture hat; Mrs Lascelles, covert coating costume, toque with blue rosettes; Mrs G. Gould, cool green and white costume of alpaca and silk, large white and green hat; Mrs Burns, elegant vieux rose dress trimmed with black chiffon; Mrs Secretan, black ottoman silk gown, jet bonnet, feather boa; Mrs Lomax-Smith, pale grey, blue and pink shot silk bodice; Mrs Stevens, handsome black costume, blue trimmed bonnet; Miss Campbell, Mrs J. Williams, Mesdames Gould, C. Clark, Mathias, Brotham, Wynn-Williams, Denniston, Reeves, Malety, Scott, Babington, Burges, Julius, Metson, Macdonald, Cotterill, Stead, Misses Campbell, Cowlishaw, Beswick, Tolhurst, Williams, Aynsley, Mathias and others.

At the opening of

THE BOATING SEASON

on Friday, Mrs Lascelles and Miss Aynsley were hostesses, and all had a gay time as usual. Many visitors were present, as the day was fine at last.

AT POLO

on Saturday a good game was witnessed. Mr B. Lane provided tea, which was dispensed by Mrs G. Gould. Amongst those present were the Hon. Mr and Mrs Parker, Mesdames Hall, Cotterill, Babington, Archer, Otterson, Misses Baldwin, Cowlishaw, Gerald, Palmer, Williams, Friend, Ronaldson, Blakiston, Rolleston.

Miss Ethel Atkinson, niece of Sir. H. Atkinson, is about to settle here. She has just returned, having finished her education in London and Leipsic as a teacher of music.

Mrs Bruges has returned from Melbourne and Sydney.

The Misses Kilgour (Auckland) are staying with Mrs Little (Fendalton).

Mrs Marshall (Wanganui) is staying with Mrs Russell at Salisbury.

All are delighted at Mr Beswick's election as Mayor.

The Brough and Boucicault Company opened to a splendid house on Wednesday.

DOLLY VALE.

DUNEDIN.

DEAR BEE, DECEMBER 7.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss A. Coughtery (St. Clair) gave a very

PLEASANT AFTERNOON TEA.

Owing to the fearful weather very few girls turned up; in fact, I may safely say that nearly all present were St. Clair people. The tea-table was prettily decorated with roses, amidst sweets and cakes of the most delicious kind.

The same day Mrs J. Allen gave a large

LUNCHEON

for the Rev. Haskett Smith at her residence, 'Arana.' For some time past this gentleman has been lecturing here upon the Holy Land.

ANOTHER LUNCHEON PARTY

was given on Thursday by Mrs Fergus (Royal Terrace), as a farewell to two brides elect, viz., Miss Ramsay and Miss Moodie, who are to be shortly married. Some of those I remember present were Mesdames Fergus, J. Allen, Finch, Sargood, Cameron, H. MacNeil, Misses Ramsay, Moodie, Fergus, Rutherford, etc.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week the

ANNUAL GUILD SALE

for All Saints' Church debt was held in the Parish schoolroom. Between ninety and one hundred pounds was made for two days, which, I think, considering all the sales that have been going on lately, is very good. Songs, *tableau circuits*, recitations, short plays, etc., were given during both evenings.

On Friday Miss A. Bartleman gave a small luncheon party for Miss Nellie Ramsay. The table was simply one mass of roses. Those flowers seem to be the chief decorations now. Miss Bartleman wore electric blue spotted cloth, black serge skirt; Miss Ramsay, black serge jacket and skirt, small white sailor hat; Miss C. Ramsay also wore black jacket and skirt with sailor hat; Miss R. Neill, stylish fawn checked tweed, magenta velvet toque; Miss Ulrich, holland blouse, blue crepon skirt, white sailor hat; Miss Roberts, new black crepon dress, large black lace hat trimmed with pink carnations and feathers etc.; Miss G. Webster, olive green serge trimmed with red velvet, large black velvet hat with feathers; Miss A. Shand, stylish tweed, black hat.

On Friday evening Mrs J. M. Ritchie (Balwraid) gave a

VERY DELIGHTFUL DANCE

for Miss Cunningham (Christchurch), who is at present staying with her. Being race week, there were a great many strangers present, especially gentlemen. Some pretty dresses were worn by Mrs Ritchie, in a handsome yellow corded silk daintily trimmed white chiffon; Mrs Davie, white satin covered with black grenadine, heavily trimmed with jet and lace; Mrs Kettle, white satin trimmed with white lace; Mrs Neill, handsome black brocade; Mrs Lintott, red satin covered with black lace; Miss Cunningham (Christchurch), yellow merveilleux with chiffon; Miss Cameron (Scotland), pale blue nun's veiling, bodice frilled with chiffon; Miss Faber (Brough and Boucicault Company) elegant white satin; Miss Rattray, blue corded silk epaulettes of green velvet edged with passementerie; Miss G. Rattray, pale pink surah, bodice covered with white chiffon; Miss Shand, sea foam green surah silk trimmed with green passementerie; Miss Webster, yellow brocade smartly trimmed with yellow corded silk and real lace; Miss S. Webster, heliotrope surah silk, epaulettes of black chiffon and jet trimmings; Miss A. Cargill, black lace dress relieved with red satin ribbon; Miss Sise, pale pink surah, large sleeves of green seraphane; Miss M. Sise, stylish white brocade; Miss Neill, white satin covered with white flowered net; Miss E. Ulrich, plum-coloured velvet; Miss Hardy, dainty biscuit-coloured broche banded with wide gold braid; Miss K. Hardy (Brough and Boucicault Company), stylish white silk; Miss Gibson, white satin covered with white net and trimmed with pale blue velvet; Miss Wright, gray satin with dainty fichu of cream lace; Miss Roberts, orange-coloured nun's veiling, unique epaulettes covered with real Honiton lace; Miss M. Reynolds, rose pink *glace* silk, large angel sleeves; Miss Graham, black satin; Miss S. Graham, white striped crepon, white satin sleeves; Miss Harding (Wellington), handsome blue corded silk; Miss F. Harding, white striped muslin; Miss Roberts, pale blue corded silk lavishly trimmed with white satin and silver braid; Miss C. Reid, pink surah silk, the bodice lavishly trimmed with chiffon; Miss N. Reid, white brocade; Miss B. MacLean, apricot corded silk; Messrs Ritchie, Mills, Pasco, Clowes (Sydney), Stott (Wellington), Brent, Royse, Webster, Tapley, Harris, Cheeseman, Hunter, Reynolds, Morris, C. Morris, Sise, Reid, J. Reid, Maitland, Cutten, E. Cutten, Gould (Christchurch), Warren (Napier), Duncan (Wellington), MacBain (Wellington), Hodgkins, Wright, Cameron, Hunter, MacLean (Christchurch), and a great many others too numerous to mention.

Saturday, the last day of

THE RACES,

the weather was simply perfect; but nevertheless, not nearly so many stylish dresses were worn as on Cup day. Some I noticed were Mrs Bothemley, white satin bodice covered with black chiffon, black satin skirt, stylish bonnet; Mrs Johnstone (Berwick), white satin veiled with white chiffon and trimmed with jet, smart black toque with white flowers; Mrs Kettle, navy blue costume, black chip toque with bunches of yellow cowslips; Mrs Brough, dark blue costume, white waistcoat; Mrs Sise, black figured cloth, small floral bonnet; Miss Buller (Wellington), yellow silk covered with flounces of white spotted muslin, large black hat with yellow roses; Miss Mills, grey checked tweed, black lace hat; Miss Cunningham (Christchurch), strawberry silk bodice covered with black chiffon, black crepon skirt and cape, small black toque trimmed with green shot ribbon; Miss Faber (Brough and Boucicault Company), stylish black crepon, ostrich feather boa, large black lace hat with bunches of pink poppies; Miss Temple (Brough and Boucicault Company), fawn costume, sailor hat; Miss Sise, white piqué, small white sailor hat; Miss Webster, blue chene silk blouse, black crepon skirt and cape, dainty floral toque; Miss K. Stephenson, yellow flowered silk, large black lace hat; Miss Hardy, grey checked silk blouse, black chip hat; Miss K. Hardy (Brough and Boucicault Company), yellow silk blouse trimmed with black insertion, sailor hat.

AILEEN.

PICTON.

DEAR BEE, DECEMBER 3.

The Presbyterians organised a very successful

TEA MEETING

for Wednesday, which was, as usual, largely supported by residents of the town, who are all appreciative of the particular Presbyterian brew. The ladies presiding at the tables were Mesdames Smith, Lloyd, Oxley, Peek (two), Bragg, etc., and Misses Allsworth, Lloyd (three), Smith (three), Fuller (two), McCormack (two), etc. Among the crowd present I noticed the Revs. Allsworth, Hobb, and McKenzie (Nelson), Mrs Allsworth, Mr and Mrs McIntyre, Mesdames Allen, Seely, Younger, McNeill, H. Godfrey, Miles, etc., etc. During the evening some capital speeches were made, the Rev. McKenzie ending up an amusing and instructive speech by hoping that the Picton ladies might be long 'kippered' to dispense tea and earn the needful for the Presbyterian church. Some pretty anthems were sung, Mrs McNab, Mrs Atkinson, and Miss Eyes assisting the choir. The soloists were Miss Smith, 'Ring out Sweet Bells'; Mrs Atkinson, 'When Sparrows Build'; and a duet, 'Tired,' by Miss Maggie Lloyd and Mr James, which were all well rendered.

THE READING SOCIETY

met in the Institute on Friday, where Mr Howard gave a short disquisition on the life and character of Lamb, and read the essay on 'Roast Pig.' An instructive and amusing evening was spent, those present being Rev. A. H. and Mrs Sedgwick, Mr and Mrs McIntyre, Mr and Mrs C. C. Howard, Mrs and Miss Nora Allen, Mrs and Miss A. Seely, Mrs and Miss K. Seymour, Mrs Macshane, Mrs Speed, Misses Jackson, Hay, Balfour, Millington, Ruth Seely, Captain Cummings and Master C. Seely.

THE CRICKET MATCH,

girls v. boys, eventuated on Friday after several postponements. Hardly anyone knew that the much-talked-of affair was to 'come off' there and then. There were no umpires, and no referees, so of course the 'broomsticks'—good big solid stumps!—winning arrangements—won by over a hundred runs. There was no afternoon tea either, very few spectators, and no excitement, no protests, and no nothing, so it has to be played over again when Mr Rutherford returns from Christchurch.

A more interesting

CRICKET MATCH

was played on Saturday between the Wairau and Koroniko Clubs, which resulted in a win for the Wairau's. Mr Crawshaw (Wairau) was the hero of the occasion, staying in for a whole innings, and carrying out his bat at the end. The scoring was very poor, but the Wairau's fielding was perfect, and the Koroniko men had little chance against such plucky opponents. A new bowler (Mr Scott) appeared on the field, who is expected to give the Waitohi's a trundling when they and the Wairau's meet later on.

Mr and Mrs Rutherford and Miss Speed left last Thursday to drive overland to Christchurch. With the lovely summer weather which has at last set in, station life, and Christchurch galeties, they are sure to have a good time.

The Picton Masons are sending out invitations for a grand social to be held on the 20th of December to celebrate the installation of the new Worshipful Master.

The Misses Greensill have issued invitations for a large afternoon tea and tennis on Wednesday.

JEAN.

NELSON.

DEAR BEE, DECEMBER 4.

Last Thursday the

NELSON AGRICULTURAL SHOW

was held in Richmond Park, and proved on immense success. It