NELSON.

DEAR BEE, MARCH 4.

Last Saturday afternoon Judge and Mrs Robinson gave a

LARGE GARDEN PARTY

at 'Ronaki.' The day was beautifully fine, and warm enough to allow one to sit under the trees and admire the pretty view. Judge and Mrs Robinson received their guests in the large entrance hall. Delicious tea, cakes of all descriptions, and fruit were served in the dining-room, and also on tables out of doors. During the afternoon Mrs Howie sang two songs, which were listened to with much pleasure. Mrs Robinson wore a handsome gown, the skirt being of black silk, and the blouse of black silk with mauve spots trimmed with ribbons of the same colour, stylish bonnet to match; Miss Rowley, pretty pink muslin blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat. Amongst the many guests I noticed Mrs Miles, in black crepon, lace mantle, black bonnet with a touch of pink; Mrs Sclanders, pretty grey costume; Mrs Howie, black trimmed with black and white ribbons, black toque with white up-standing bows; Mrs Broad, grey and black striped silk lustre, black jet bonnet; Mrs Percy Adams, handsome grey silk, the bodice covered with black accordion pleated chiffon, large black hat with black ostrich feathers; Mrs Roberts, grey crepon, yoke and front of bodice of pale blue handsomely trimmed with steel passementerie, toque to match with pink roses; Mrs Kissling, flowered muslin trimmed with electric blue ribbons, large black hat; Mrs Cooke, pretty combination of black and white; Mrs J. Sharp, grey tweed skirt and jacket, white blouse, toque to match; Mrs Vining, black gown, delicate cream lace fichu, large black hat trimmed with green velvet and black ostrich tips; Mrs Renwick (Blenheim), black and grey striped silk lustre with black ribbon trimmings, black bonnet; Mrs L. Adams, light tweed with bodice of electric blue, toque to match; Mrs Bunny, navy cloth, yoke of silver grey, toque to match; Mrs Hanby, handsome black crepon; Mesdames Glasgow, Sealy, Blackett, Pitt and Cock all wore black; Miss Richmond, pretty black crepon gown with ecru lace collar, large black hat; Miss Bell, flowered chine silk, large hat trimmed with blue forgetme-nots; the Misses Fell (two) were similarly gowned in white pique with pretty white muslin fichus, black hats with upstanding bows of shot blue ribbon and blue cornflowers; Mrs Wood, fawn tweed, sailor hat; Miss Gribben, black and white striped zephyr gown, becoming white picture hat; Miss Webb-Bowen, fawn chine silk, toque trimmed with yellow ribbons; Miss Pitt, flowered silk with brown silk sleeves, toque to match with pretty pink roses; Miss Broad, white silk blouse trimmed with cream lace, black serge skirt, black hat; Miss Glasgow, grey silk with hat to match; Miss Sealy, pretty flowered silk blouse, black skirt, black toque with coloured flowers; Miss Poole looked well in black lustre; her sister in white with green trimmings; Miss A. Catley wore a stylish gown of light brown lustre, waistcoat of dark green silk, large collar of white muslin, boat-shaped hat; Miss M. Catley, white muslin blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat; Miss Boon, white; Miss Cuthbertson sailor hat, cream gown; Miss Gibson, blouse of white muslin over green, black crepon skirt, black hat; Miss Watt, light tweed trimmed with red, white straw toque also with red trimmings; Miss Marsden, heliotrope costume; Miss Raynor, grey tweed, yoke of ecru lace, toque to match with pink roses; Miss B. Atkinson, electric blue costume with large hat to match; Miss Heaps, pale green trimmed with ribbons of a darker shade, white lace hat with green poppies; Miss Tomlinson, white muslin, sailor hat; Miss Higgins, black costume with bonnet to match; Miss Jones looked well in black crepon with yoke of cream silk, black beefeater hat with black bows and white wings; Miss Wright, pink muslin blouse, dark skirt, large white hat. There were others present. Amongst the gentlemen were Messrs Sclanders, King, Duncan, Miles, Levien, Hanby, Raine, Howie, Preshaw, Browning, Blythe, De Castro, Trent, Cock, Pitt, Revs. Kempthorne and Chatterton, Dr. Roberts, etc., etc.

On Tuesday evening Mr and Mrs Roger Kingdon were

'AT HOME,'

when music, cards, and a new form of 'table turning' were indulged in, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present, who were Mesdames Oldham, Stafford, Percy Adams, Thornton, Roberts, J. Sharp, Misses Pitt (two), Curtis, Jones, Worsley, Oldham, Dr. Roberts, Messrs J. Sharp, Thornton, Oldham, Glasgow, Wither, Lunn, Percy Adamas, etc., etc.

OUR PEOPLE.

Miss Agatha Catley has returned home after a long visit of over two years to England.

Mrs Renwick is paying a round of visits amongst her friends, who are all delighted to see her again.

Miss Higgins is giving up her position at the Girls' College after Easter. She will be very much missed.

PHYLLIS.

NAPIER.

DEAR BEE, MARCH 2.

Captain Forster, Clerk of the Court, was the recipient of two presentations prior to his removal to Dunedin. Mr Turnbull, S.M., on behalf of those connected with the Courts and Police Department, presented a marble clock with silver plate, engraved, and also asked his acceptance of a silver watch and chain to be given to his son Frank. Captain Forster feelingly replied. Later in the afternoon a number of leading townsmen assembled at the Criterion Hotel for the purpose of bidding farewell to Captain Forster and presenting him with an address and purse of sovereigns. Mrs Forster and the young members of the family have gone to Dunedin, and Miss Forster has gone to Auckland to stay with her sister, Mrs Gooch.

A pleasant

SOCIAL

was held at Stuart's Hall on Thursday, and about a hundred guests spent the hours in music and dancing most agreeably. Miss Denholm was servering her connection as headmistress of the school, and during the evening she was called upon to receive a handsome cut glass cruet and sugar basin, silver mounted, subscribed for by the school children and parents. All those who spoke bore testimony to the sterling qualities of the young lady, whose work has always received favourable comment from the inspector.

The representative

INTERPROVINCIAL CRICKET MATCH

against Wellington has been the event of the week, and ideal weather was vouchsafed to this fixture. The pitch, I hear, was A. 1., and if the visitors were pleased, I hear they were, we are content. It is a pity the match was unfinished, but our representatives made a bold stand, and the play of Messrs Lusk (captain), Ludbrook, Staite, and Bruce calls for special comment. The Association generously allowed ladies free, and everyone could partake of afternoon tea *gratis* so the inducements to attend were great. Mesdames Logan and Sainsbury presided over the tea table on Friday afternoon, assisted by Misses Cotterill and Locke. Mrs H. Lusk, assisted by Misses Rees and Heath, dispensed tea on Saturday to the thirsty multitude. It was impossible to see every one on the ground, but I have jotted down those who came within my gaze.

DRESSES WORN AT WELLINGTON V. HAWKE'S BAY CRICKET MATCH.

Mrs G. Morris, handsome black crepon with satin blouse and cream lace collarette; Misses Dymock, crepon skirt, one wearing a green surah blouse, and her sister a blue; Mrs Fairfax Fenwick, black and white blouse and white skirt, sailor hat, pretty white parasol; Mrs J. H. Coleman wore the richest costume on the lawn: it consisted of a Gobelin blue and black striped silk crepon trimmed with moire black lace and satin ribbon, dainty bonnet with pink roses; Miss Watt, pink crepon, white hat and quills; Mrs Nairn, black; Mrs J. W. Carlile, black with orange brown velvet; Mrs East, white; Miss Peake, white muslin; Mrs Lowry North, tweed skirt, blue brocaded blouse; Miss Lowry, grey crepon; Miss A. Lowry, biscuit crepon with blue, stylish toque with blue satin ribbon; Mrs H. Smith, black crepon, picture hat; Mrs F. Gordon, white pique; Miss H. Tanner, pretty white costume with black sash; Mrs Kinross White, a blue figured pongee with white silk and insertion bodice; the Misses Lyndon, light gowns; Mrs H. B. Lusk, white pique, white sailor hat with tulle and wings; Miss May Rees (Gisborne), stylish blue with black moire sleeves and revers, picture hat; Mrs G. Marshall, tailor-made gown; her sister, Miss Cole, in green beige and cream lace; Mrs E. Crowley, green with white silk and black trimming, large cream hat with black wings; Miss Seale, pink; Mrs H. Gifford looked well in white with black ribbons; Miss Hitchings, white pique; Miss Una Hitchings, blue and white striped costume, stylish hat with buckle and violets; Miss Heywood (Wellington), a white pin spot muslin, with large black hat with roses; Mrs A. Gore, blue gingham; Miss Gore (Wellington), crepon skirt, pretty blouse; Miss Mason, dark blue; Mrs Bowen, cream crepon; Mrs Davis Canning, crepon skirt, brown cape; Lady Whitmore, black satin with stylish chiffon cape, bonnet with forget-me-nots; Mrs Dixon, black; Mrs A. Kennedy, grey with lace collarette, white chip hat with feathers; her sister wore dark skirt and blouse; Mrs Hartley, black crepon and jet; Miss Begg, cream crepon; Mrs Milne Thomson, fawn costume; Mrs Wenley, grey alpaca, with toque of black and red roses; her sister, Miss White, in fawn and pink; Miss Wallace, fawn skirt and blouse; Miss Locke, blue muslin, white hat; Miss Cotterill, terra cotta tweed and bonnet; Mrs Moeller; Miss McVay, grey and black check; Miss Jago, blue alpaca; Miss Ludbrook, striped coat and skirt; Miss Williams, white sprigged muslin; Mrs Williams, white; Mrs Claud Cato, brown well-fitting tweed; Mrs I. Cato, fawn costume; Miss Peacock, dark skirt, light blouse; Miss Michie, grey; Mrs Logan, handsome grey brocade; Miss May Neal, white; Miss Kiel, grey skirt and light blouse; Miss Vennell, dark skirt and white blouse; Miss Mackenzie, pink; Miss Glendinning, black mourning gown; Miss Roach, white; Mrs Sainsbury, black crepon, and bonnet; Miss Balfour, navy blue.

A small musical party was given on Friday evening by Miss Matthews at the High School. Misses Wallace, Spencer, Hall, and McHarg were present.

Mrs (Colonel) Fox is staying with Captain and Mrs Russell.

GLADYS

MR HERBERT FOUNTAIN, Invercargill, late of Auckland Postal Department, is engaged to Miss Alice Edmonds, of this city.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ISABEL MURCHISON.—I hope you will see this acknowledgment of your kind contribution. Have you any more of that sort in your fertile brain? If so, I hope you will let us have the benefit of them.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR GIESEN TO MISS E. C. KNOWLES.

A FASHIONABLE and pretty wedding was celebrated at St. John's Anglican Church last month when Miss Emma Constance Knowles, second daughter of Mr H. H. Knowles, of 'Makino,' Feilding, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mr Walter Baxendale, fourth son of Mr Edward Giesen, also of Feilding.

THE ceremony took place at two o'clock in the afternoon, and for some time before that hour a large number of friends and onlookers congregated at the church, which, it may be mentioned, had been very prettily decorated by a number of friends of the bride. Amongst other decorations was a large arch of evergreens interspersed with marguerite daisies, which was erected at the steps of the chancel. By the time the bridal party arrived the church was filled, there being present a very large number of friends and relations of both families, who are well known and much respected in the district.

THE bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, looked very pretty in a handsome costume of white surah silk trimmed with chiffon and caught with sprays of myrtle, with the orthodox veil and orange-blossom; she carried an exquisite shower bouquet of white roses and myrtle, relieved with maiden hair ferns.

SHE was attended by six bridesmaids, namely, her three sisters, Miss and the Misses Ethel and Nina Knowles, Miss Giesen, Miss Lockett, and Miss Macarthur. These were followed by two pretty little children—Master Leonard Leary, dressed in an old English court dress of black velvet and lace, and Miss Ida Carey in a very pretty blue crepon dress. The bridesmaids all wore exceedingly pretty dresses of cream crepon trimmed with gold-coloured silk, with hats to match, and each carried shower bouquets of marguerite daisies, and wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr P. Giesen acted as best man.

THE service was full choral, as both bride and bridegroom were members of St. John's Choir. The Rev. Iunis Jones conducted the impressive marriage ceremony. The 'Wedding March' was played by Miss Goodbehere, who presided at the organ. As the bridal party left the vestry they were preceded down the aisle and along the carpeted pathway to the gate by the two dear little children, who strewed flowers before the happy couple.

THE guests—considerably over one hundred in number—were hospitably entertained at 'Birnam,' Mount Stewart, the future home of Mr and Mrs Walter Giesen, by the parents of the bride and bridegroom, and two or three hours were most enjoyably spent in the pretty grounds surrounding the residence. A very pretty picture was that when all the guests were assembled on the lawn to drink the health of the bride and bridegroom, which was proposed by Mr C. L. Maclean in his happy and humorous manner. The toast was responded to by the bridegroom in a neat little speech. A photograph of the wedding-party was then taken, and shortly after 5 o'clock Mr and Mrs Giesen left for Palmerston, accompanied by showers of rice, flowers, and leather, and hearty good wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

MRS GIESEN wore a travelling dress of fawn poplin trimmed with shot silk, hat to match.

THE following is a list of wedding presents, which were both valuable and handsome:—

Bridegroom to bride, carriage and opossum rug; Mrs H. Knowles, silver fish knife and fork; Mr H. Knowles, silver cruet; Mrs Giesen, cheque; Mr Giesen, cheque; Mr and Mrs Herbert Knowles, afternoon tea service; Mr and Mrs Arthur Knowles, tray cloth; Miss Knowles, work basket; Miss Ethel Knowles, silver jam spoon and set dish mats; Miss Nina Knowles, wall ornament; Miss Irene Knowles, toast rack; Mr E. Knowles, jam dishes; Mr J. Knowles, bracket; Messrs E. P. and H. Giesen and Miss Giesen, silver spoons, forks and knives; Mr and Mrs J. P. Leary, tea service; Mrs R. Leary, brass fire irons; Mr Maclean, gold and pearl horseshoe bangle; Mr and Mrs Kirton, silver salt cellars and pepper pot; Mrs Macarthur, cushion; Miss Macarthur, worked nightdress bag; Misses L. and M. Macarthur, trays and tray cloths; Mr and Mrs Richmond, afternoon tea trays; Mrs Aldrich, handsome Japanese vase; Miss Aldrich, cake stand; Mr and Mrs Barton, basket chair; Mr and Mrs Owen, carved foot-stool; Members of Polo Club, silver-mounted carvers and silver fish knife and fork; Mrs Percy Clark, silver tea-pot; Mr Carty, silver and glass jam dish; Mrs Beattie, brush and comb bag and handkerchief sachet; Mr and Mrs Hemington Jones, set of jugs; Miss Fry, cushion; Mr and Mrs C. Armstrong, silver and pearl butter knife; Miss Bagnall, silver bread fork; Mr and Mrs J. C. Hill, picture; Mr Percy Giesen, picture; Mrs Robertson, hand-painted tambourine; Miss M. Lockett, fire screen; Miss A. and J. Lockett, Venetian water jug; Mrs Lockett, church service; Miss J. Clarke, wall ornament; Mr and Mrs Carey, carved emu egg candle shades; Mr, Mrs, and Miss Greenwood, cheese dish; Mr and Mrs James Stevens, silver and pearl jam spoon; Mr A. Jack, breakfast cruet; Mr and Miss R. Holmes, silver and glass fruit stand; Mr and Mrs J. Fisher, Japanese hot water kettle; Mr and Mrs E. J. Allan, salad bowl and silver servers; Miss K. Holden, worked toilet bags; Miss A. Wilks, Japanese bowls; Mrs Gregory, Japanese bowl; Miss Macarthur, cup and saucer; Mrs and Misses Burnell, pair vases; Mr F. Burnell, Japanese cabinet; Miss Gieson, water colour picture; Mrs Stuart, and Mr Sherwell, photo frames and ornaments; Mr and Mrs W. Nicholls, mincing machine; Dr. and Mrs Sorley, pair pictures; Mrs S. Gordbehere, night dress and brush and comb bags; Miss Goodbehere, silver butter knife; Miss E. Goodbehere, glass basket; Miss Dyer, tray cloth; Mr and Mrs Lethbridge, ivory and silver serviette rings; Mr Judkins, Venetian pitcher; Mr and Mrs Curtis, album; Miss McCulloch, plush wall pocket; Mr and Mrs C. Giesen, cheque; Miss N. Young, picture; Mrs C. Hill, Doulton jug; Master G. Hill, silver bread fork; Mrs Mountford, wall bracket; Mr O. Pleasants, wall bracket and mirror; Mr F. Saxon, silver bread fork; Miss Saxon, tray cloth; Mrs L. Holden, bronze tea kettle; Miss Gregory, fancy work.

FOR CHARITY'S SAKE.—In many of the smoking or coffee rooms of the English hotels, especially in large cities, there is on the mantel a box for contributions to some charity. On the top is a card on which is inscribed: 'Please give a penny, and it will thank you.' Drop a penny in the slot, and up comes another card, 'Thank you, sir,' is printed. It pleases the half-befuddled cheap swells immensely, for even automatic politeness has its effect.

TO THE DEAF.—A Gentleman who cured himself of Deafness and Noises in the Head after fourteen years' suffering, will gladly send full particulars of the remedy post free.—Address, H. CLIFTON, Norfolk House, Norfolk Street, Strand, London, England.—(Advt.)

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 8th February, 1896.

THE undermentioned clumps of dead timber, situated in the Puhipuhi State Forest, will be offered for sale by Public Auction at this office, on Tuesday, 7th April, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.:

Lot.	Number of trees.	Approximate number of feet.	Upset Price. £	s	d.
		Kauri.			
1.	243	485,000	182	5	0
2.	575	2,147,000	806	2	6
3.	586	2,053,000	773	12	6
4.	281	556,000	208	10	0
5.	796	4,776,000	1,791	0	0
6.	559	1,118,000	419	5	0
7.	161	483,000	181	2	6
		Totara.			
8.	28	—	28	0	0
9.	42	—	42	0	0
11.	82	—	82	0	0
12.	42	—	42	0	0

CONDITIONS OF SALE.—One half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, the balance to be paid within twelve months. Timber to be removed within three years from date of sale. Plans can be seen and obtained at this office, at the County Office, Whangarei, and Post Offices Whangarei, Hikurangi and Kawakawa.

The railway rate for carriage of kauri timber from Whakapara to Whangarei, will be 1s 3d per 100 superficial feet.

G. BHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.