for lady byciclists, and let us trust that the days of blouses and vells for bycicling are gone by, finally and for always. Now I come to recall the doings of the week I begin to think we are not suffering so much from reaction after all. There has been nothing exciting, of course, but the fact of the H.M.S. 'Rapid' being still in port has given a little remnant of stimulus, so to speak, to more than one social gathering.

News of Mrs Otterson's

LITTLE RIVER PARTY

On Tuesday reached me too late for my letter last week. It ought to have been very jolly, but two slight mishaps seemed to have interfered somewhat with the enjoyment of the guests. Me Perry and the same and Me Itolieston tore his hand on a rusty mound. However, in spite, of accidents that the same and the same and

CROQUET GATHERING

at Riverlaw. Miss Murray-Aynsley wore white silk crepon and pretty picture hat; these lizzie Aynsley, soft white muslic and sailor hat. The garden, always gay and pretty, was looking particularly bright, and dainty refreshments (toa-cakes, chert-cup. fruit, etc., spread on various tables about the lawni added to the charm of the scene. There were many pretty dresses worn. Mrs H. Murray-Aynsley wore a holland coat and skirt, cream silk vest, the charm of the scene. There were many pretty dresses with boat-shaped hat; Mrs Lascelles, grey tweed with sailof hut, coue and tie of rose colour; Miss Leach, pretty blue and brown costume, cape and hat ra suite; Miss Lasch, pretty blue and brown costume, cape and hat ra suite; Miss A. Moorhouse, grey sipaca and steel trimming; Miss G. Thomson, pretty plue washing frace; Miss B. Campbell, vieux rose with lemon vest, black toque with poppies; Miss Guy, and some black silk and ict with violets and violet velvet in her large picture hat; Misses Tabart, Misses Harley, Messers Reeves, T. Gould, T. G. Thomson, Captain Greenstreet and many more gnests were present.

Miss L. Aynsley and Mrs Lascelles were the hostesses on Friday at the

GIRLS' HOATING CLUB.

Among the visitors were Misses Wilson (Culverdin', Miss Neil (Dunedin), Miss Baker (Napier), and Miss Mickie (Melbourne).

POLO

n Saturday was particularley well attended. Mrs Arthur Rhodes gave tea, and the play was capital between the Ashburton and Christchurch teams. Mr and Mrs Alister Clark, Mr and Mrs Heston Rhodes, Mr and Mrs Archer, Mrs and Missos Gerard, Mr and Missos Todhuntv. Hon, Mr and Mrs Farker were among the players and spectators on the ground. On Tuesday another match was played, not quite so well attended, but much appreciated by the few enthusies is when filled up. The Ashbur Falmerston North, for which they shortly leave.

Next week there will be concerts and more tennie parties to fell you about, that is, if this dreary rain ceases, which, judging from present appearances, it has not the slightest intention of doing.

PERSONAL.

Archdeacon and Mrs Thorpe have returned to Christohurch after a very pleasant stay in the Old Country.

Mr and Mrs Henry Wood leave shortly for a winter trip to Mrs and Mrs riems room to Sydney.

Mrs Turrell has returned from the Convalescent Home much improved in health.

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L. Jennings, which he greatly enjoyed.

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Miss Philips (Melbourne) is the guest of her aunt. Mrs Embling, at Opawa.

Mrs Guy Mannering has returned from the country looking much stronger for her taky in the mountains.

Miss Wilson (Culverdig) is the guest of Miss Malet at Merivale, and her sister. Miss Kathleen Wilson, is staying with Miss Russeell. Park Terrace.

Mrs John Baker and her daughter are staying at Okener with Mrs Neave prior to leaving for England shortly.

Miss Neil (Dunedin) is the guest of Miss Gould, Colombo-street North.

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DEAR BEE.

MARCH 14.

On Wednesday Mrs McGowan gave a

LARGE AFTERNOON TEA

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for Miss Hobertson and Miss McKenzie, who leave shortly for kngiand. The dainty tea was served in the dining-room. The tables were decorated with yellow flowers in white vases with pretty auburn leaves and red berries scattered carelessly amongst them. Mrs McGowan wore a pretty blouse of pale green slik trimmed with black chiffon and jet, black crepon skirt. Yar Williams, black sergedress, black toque. Mrs Morris, black crepon dress, bonnet of sanburnt tack, bonnet of black chiffon with white flowers: Mrs Sale, blue fancy tweed, black straw hat with quills: Mrs Brent, grey tweed costume, large black and white straw hat, black feather tips, and red roses; Mrs Batchelor, light brown dress trimmed with pale yellow, boundt to match: Mrs Scott, black dress, velvet hat with black feathers; Mrs Mrs Dain blue sleeves of slik and handsome Maitese lace falling over them; Mrs Cameron, black crepon dress, slik cloak, pretty bonnet with mauve flowers; Miss Lily MacLaren, black dress rimmed with blue, slice hat, with black wings; Miss Mary Williams, black serge dress, white salier hat; Miss Hopertson, black and white checked tweed, black valvet hat, Wils Helen Williams, black, small toque with black wings; Miss Mary Williams, black serge dress, white salier hat; Miss Hopertson, black and white checked tweed, black valvet hat, Miss McGouzie, black in and white checked tweed, black valvet hat, Miss McGouzie, black and white checked typic and white serge dress, white salier hat; Miss Hopertson, black and white checked typic where the subject toque with pink roses; Misse Morris, grey tweeds trimmed with slik, white hat; Miss Haggitt, black, let bound with checked the bat with pink roses; Misses Morris, grey tweeds trimmed with slik, white hat; Miss Haggitt, black, let bound with each pink checked.

THE AUTUMN PLOWER SHOW

was held in the Garrison Hall, but did not prove nearly so good as usus! Many of the exhibita looked quite past their best. The grapes and apples, which were very fire, deserved much praise. On Thursday, although the weather was very roid and miserable, a large number of people went out to Anderson's Hay to Mrs Williams!

AT HOME.

Tonnis and croquet were the pastimes indulged in. The delicious tea and cakes helped one to forget all about the wintry weather prevailing. AILEEN.

PICTON.

DEAR BEE.

MARCH 10

On Wednesday inst the Anglican Sunday-school held their

ANNUAL PETE

at Pars. Captain Baillie kindly lending his grounds for that purpose. All the world and his wife not forgetting the children, fourneyed out by train bent on pleasure. The affair was voted for most successful one ever held in the district, all denominations joining in heartily, testifying to the seteem in which if a set of the set of all sorts were entered tho with spirit till to a time. Old and young joined in the games, and helped to make a really jolly time for the children. The machine, with Mr and Mrs Sedgwirk, worked indefatigably, and to attend to the want of so many was not an easy task. All sorts of fourny races were included to the set of the children of the set of

CRICKET MATCHES.

The one on Friday against Koromiko was won by the latter club by flive runs, and was not rery interesting to us, but the one on Saturday played against our own club flive Watchish ands us feel very much elated indeed, and wish that our cricketers had distinguished themselves earlier in the Season of the dield, carried his betout with the une and the season of the field, carried his betout with the me and of the season of the dield, gave afternoon test out the lated looking on at the match at her residence in Nelson Square. Needless to say it was much appreciated,

A. P. Seymonr had a pleasant little gathering of friends at

AFTERNOON TEA

on Monday at 'Penrose House' to meet her sister, Mrs Pasley, who is here on a visit from Gishorne. Some of those present were Mrs Duckworth, Mrs Scott, Mrs Baillie, Mrs Fell, Mrs Linton, etc., etc.

ond THINGS.

The circular received by the Chanpionship Regatia Committee Them the Wellington Rowing Clubs or the winning fours going to Amount the Wellington Rowing Clubs or the winning fours going to Amount the State of the Wellington Rowing Clubs or the Wellington Rowing Clubs or the Wellington Rowing Clubs or Rowing Richardson, who so expably coached the Seymour crew last year, it coach them. It is rather late to begin, but it is always better late than never. Mr Fortescue Seymour has already arrived from Christchurch, and his brothers will be here next week. Mr J. Maclaine, who was bow oar last year and the weakest in the Seymour combination, is, so those in the know any, the strongest of the team this season, so it will take something to beat them. Out that in the single sculle is planed on to Mr Hugh McCormick, of Watamonga, our own athlete.

Watamonga, our own athlete. Or a Allen, and A. Scott returned from Lyntesfield last week, having enjoyed themselves immensely. Miss Nellie Allen has returned to Christchurch to continue her studies at the University.

The Misses Philipotis and Western's marty returned home on Saturday, looking all the better for camping out.

Mr Chaytor is, as everybody is glad to know, getting about again after his accident, and Mr Gard, who is at Rotorua, is receiving much benefit from the baths.

Mrs Rotle, or Karort, Wellington, who has been staying at the Mrs Potla, of Karort, Wellington, "The Grove, during the past fortsicht, returns to Wellington, who has been staying at the highest fill) score of the season in the cup matches, boasts that as yet he has never failed in making a 'century' in any season since he blossomed forth into a full-blown cricketer. Some seasons, he says, he has made four 'centuries."

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DEAR BEE, The opening of the

MARCH 11.

kiosk. The new tea rooms, has been quite the event of the week. The two young ladies who have made the venture are Miss Kayl and Miss Vennell, both Wellingstonians. After a great deal of trouble and delay thrac two ladies eventually decided on takin t for their Kiosk the old meseum room in the Atheneum and the contraction of the fact, quite a transformation scene the room presents with its art green papering. Japanese screens, tables, photographs, flowers, and protty crinkled paper on the tables, to say nothing of the fragrant tea and delicious home-made scones and fresh cakes in abundance. The crockery and silver is all of the best, and Miss Kayll and Miss Vennell wear very becoming uniforms of blue drill with spotless aprons. It is a great success from the article point of view, and all hope that it may prove to be so pecuniarily, to repay these young ladies for their efforts to please one and sall. There was a fashionable attendance the day I was present.

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every Saturday and Wednesday attracts a number of ladies and gentlemen, amongst the general frequenters being Mr and Mrs G. Wenley, Mr and Mrs G. Morris, Mr and Misses Buchanan, the Misses Dymock, Mrs Fairfax Fenwick, Miss Watt, Miss Ormond, Mr and Mrs F. S. McLean, Mr and Mrs R. D. McLean, Messrs C. D. Kennedy, McLeod, Asheroft, McHard, and Greenwood.

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was played at the Napler Park Grounds on Saturday, and the game was very interesting. Afternoon tea was given by Mr. J. Cethia Hughes, who takes a keen interest in this fascinating game. Amongst the mary process were Mrs Ike Cato, Misses Bennet, Dacre, Heywood, Smith, Humphries, Russell, Heelop, Hamita, Bower, and Rhodes. The latter two were riding, and looked well on their respective mounts.

THE JUNIOR CLUB'S SOCIAL

was a great success, due principally to the united efforts of Messrs Falknor and Shirley. The evening quickly passed away with songs, sectuations, and unlimited coffee and cake. The latter was supplied and dispensed by Miss Faulknor and Miss Shirley, and the performers were Messre Cuthbert, Leigh, Mitchell, Clarks, Edwards and Grainger.

ANOTHER SOCIAL

I have to tell you of—this one in connection with the Port Pres-byterian Church, at which Mise and Master Redward sang a duct, and Mrs Conner and the Misess Redward, Robertson, and Larkin also played some pleasing selections on the plane.

HITHER AND THITHER.

Miss May Rees, from Glaborne, has returned to her home. Mrs Charles Ewen passed through Napier on route for New

Mrs Charles Ewen passed through Napier on route for New Plymouth.
Miss Heath has gone to Gisborne for a few weeks.
Mrs Lanauze has gone South to vielt friends.
Messar Ribeon and Trotter are contemplating giving up sheep farming and trying their luck at the Collardie gildfields.
Miss Hilds Hitchings has gone on a vielt to the reduce the Mrs Dewes and Miss Rhodes has a vielt to the reduce the Mrs Dewes and Miss Rhodes has a vielt to the reduce the Mrs Dewes and Mrs Rhodes has a vielt to the reduce the Mrs Dewes and Mrs Rhodes has a vielt to the reduce the Mrs Rhodes has a vielt to the reduce the Mrs Rhodes has a vielt ber relations at Hasting Mr and Mrs G. Tannerl every since the death of hor tunband left last week for her former home in Timaru. After a short visit there Mrs Lang proceeds to Australia for a prolonged visit.

Mr and Mrs W. Baddeley, have returned from their honeymoon

tour to Rotorus. Mrs Baddeler is wearing a stylish gown of checked material, with black and white cape, and small beanet. Miss Ruth Foster is the guest of Mr and Mrs Turnbull. Miss Gleadow, from Melbourne, is visiting her relations at Port

shuriri. Miss Roach is staying with Miss May Nosle for a few days, Dr. Emily Hyder is lecturing here. GLADYS

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE.

MARCH 12

The equadron has sailed away again, as they alwaydo, going with a stately rignity not to be initiaten by the sea craft
of more ordinary description. Various parties were given in their
honour, chiefly in the garden, or round the dinner tables. See
luncheon party. Loughes varied the monetony by a delightful
luncheon party.

Uncheon party,
I hear that the Wellington Cricket Club talks of opening the dancing season by an invitation ball sometime next month.

There is also a rumour of a

which will probably not take place till the beginning of August, when the championship meeting is to be held here. The idea was suggested as a subscription hall to raise funds for Improvements on the links and section of a caretaker's house, but this was quickly squashed, and the ladics strongly arked the preference of giving an invitation ball to entertain our golling visitors who come to take part in the championship strife.

I regret to learn that hir. Anson has been very ill, and returned the companies of the strip of the strip

Mr and Mrs Paul Hunter are in own staying Maxwell.

Mrs Gibson is having a large cuchre party this evening, which promises to be a great success. It is given in honour of Mrs Gibson's nicees, who are paying her a visit.

Mrs Tilly, senior, has returned from Wanganil, Mrs MacArtney is staying with Mrs Duccan, Uplands.

THE EXHIBITION OF SKETCHES

in the Academy of Pino Arts Gallery was opened by Sir Robert Stout on Saturday afternoon, and was very well attended in spite of the many attractions out of doors. The exhibition itself is well worth a visit, and has drawn numbers of people each day. Among those present at the opening were Missa Hornes, Missas Lingard, Mrs Mason, Misses Mason, Mr and Mrs Millward, Miss Parsons, Mrs Byneset, Miss Banson, stone grey coat and the stilk, with lace mantle: Miss Mason, stone grey coat and black silk, with lace mantle: Miss Mason, stone grey coat and she will be supplied to the story of the stilk, soft silk vest of deep purple, small black bonnet with roses; Miss Shand, white muslin dress with lace insertion, large hat covered with roses; tit.

THE SPORTS AT THE BASIN RESERVE

on Saturday was very successful, and being the and bright, there were great crowds on the ground during the afternoon. There is one thing about the aports which is nearly always good, and that is the ea and cakes. I heard them particularly praised on Naturday. Everyone seems to appreciate a cup of tea so after atting in the air for so long.

DEAR BEE.

MARCH 13

DEAR BEE,

The annual exhibition of the Wellington Art Club was opened last Saturday sifternoon by Sir Ichbert Stout, when there was a very good stiendance. Tea and nice cakes were handed round during the afternoon, and were duly appreciated, a life size portrait of Mr D. M. Luckie, painted by Mr J. Nairn, was attracting a good deal of attention, and was voied by all to be a speaking ikeness. Lady Stout was present on this occasion, and looked very nice indeed in a marron shot slik dross with flowers to match ber gown. Others were Mr W. Erngen, who was wearing a stylish bottle green and black flyured gown, annual burnt straw toque with black tips; her sister. Miss Moorhouse, were a cream musiin gown, large black hat with flowers; Mrs Gorige, pretty pick and white flyured musin gown, informed with white lace, small jet bonnet with wreaths of tiny pin flowers; Countess of Albans were a handsome black gown, large flowers; Countess of Albans were a handsome black gown large drown was used to the country of the sister were a pretty very pale biscuit coloured gown trimmed with dark groen velvet, large hat with cream roses; her sister were a pretty very pale biscuit coloured gown trimmed with lace and insertion, large cream hat; Mrs Collins looked nice in cream numbin, black hat with flowers; Mrs Michael with cream roses; her sister were a pretty very pale biscuit coloured gown trimmed with lace and insertion, large cream hat; Mrs Collins looked nice in cream numbin, black hat with flowers; Mrs Michael with cream roses; her sister were a pretty very pale biscuit coloured gown trimmed with acc and insertion, large train hat; Mrs Collins looked nice in cream numbin, black hat with flowers; Mrs Rollins looked nice in cream numbin, black hat with flowers; Mrs Rollins looked nice in cream numbin, black hat with flowers; Mrs Rollins looked nice in cream numbin, black hat with nice with cream probable the probable of the lace and become with sink lowers, Mrs and Mrs Prouse. Drown turned with sink lowers in the sister were wh

FIRST MATINGE

in Mr Hill's music room on the top storey of the Exchange Hall on Wednesday. The concert, though Brut-class, was only fairly well attended, but I feel sure when it is better known that the above-mentioned artists intend giving these delightful little concerts once a fortnight, the authorics will increase as wall they should. Among those present on this occasion I noticed Mrs. Medley, Mrs. Pynsent, Mrs. Boring, Mrs. and Miss. Ross, Mrs. Leckle, Mrs. Mrs. Hurnett, Mrs. Martin, Countess d'Albans, the Misses Holt, Sprott, Daniell, loughas, Lingard, Pickering, Williams, etc.

Some of those who drave out to Pole on Saturday were Mr and Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, the Misses Koper, Misses Hooper, Misses Hooper, Mrs. Heddiard, the Misses Koper, Mrs. Heddiard, Che Misses Koper, Mrs.

THE GERMAN COURT SINGERS

gave a farewell concert in the Kechange Hall last hight, when there was a very large audience. The Company was as-stated by Madame Merz and Mr Alfred Hill, who gave great pleasure by his viola playing, and was loudly encored, as indeed were all the lemm on the programme. Madame Von Vahsol was wearing a lovely pale pink and white breeade gown, trained and trimmed with lace and handsome bead embroidery; Miss-Failer were a becoming black view to war with a spray of scariot flowers on one shoulder. Madamo Merz black satin relieved with white lare: Morther Merz and Merz black satin relieved with white lare: Mr. the sating the programment of the mercanic relief of