

black; Mrs J. Stewart, brown tweed with green velvet trimming; Miss Murray, navy blue jacket and skirt, navy blue hat trimmed with white; Mrs J. Ker, dark dress, brown plush cape, bonnet to match; Mrs Munro, brown tweed, brown bonnet; Mrs Carrick, black; Mrs J. Mackay; Mrs T. Mackay; Mrs Ettrick, grey costume, black hat; Miss Rattray, black; Mrs (Captain) Anderson, black and heliotrope, bonnet to match; Mrs Brown, pale green, shot silk sleeves, bonnet to match; Mrs Leys, brown dress, brown plush cape trimmed with fur, black velvet hat with feathers and pink flowers; Mrs Matthew Clark, fawn tweed costume, small black hat; Mrs Peacock, dark purple-coloured costume, black cape and bonnet; Miss Gray, stylish black skirt and coat, black sailor hat; Miss B. Whitelaw, brown tweed, brown cape, brown straw hat to match; Miss B. Stewart, fawn tweed; Mrs T. L. Murray, black; Miss A. Young, grey trimmed with turquoise velvet, black sailor hat; Mrs Chapman, black; Mrs Houston; Mrs Bodle.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

HAMILTON.

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 7.

THE CLUB EUCHERE PARTY,

presided over by the Misses Newell, McPherson, Holloway, Atkinson, and Carey, came off at 'The Cottage' on Friday, 6th inst., and was most enjoyable. The luxury of a cheerful fire (impossible at the hall) was greatly appreciated. Mrs Hume was the fortunate winner of the first lady's prize—a pretty tea-pot—and Mr Davy, first gentlemen—a case for whist packs. Miss C. Wallnut and Miss Holloway who played as gentleman) won the boobies, the former winning a dainty china toast rack, the latter a mug.

The whist party (Club) came off at Mr Hume's on Monday evening.

A large number of reserved seats are booked for 'Caste' on Tuesday evening.

ZILLA.

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 5.

The loss of the 'Tasmania' has, of course, been the absorbing topic of the week here, and great excitement prevailed in Wellington when the news of the wreck was received in town, the office of Messrs Huddart, Parker and Co., being besieged by the anxious relatives and friends of those on board. The splendid behaviour of the women under the terrible strain they were subjected to until they were safely placed on *terra firma*, and the perfect discipline which prevailed on board after the ill-fated vessel struck, are the bright spots in the terrible tragedy; and the chivalrous conduct of all the men on board, and especially that of the stewardesses and stewards (most of whom, alas! perished after nobly doing their duty), is, indeed, pleasant reading after the gruesome stories related of the behaviour of the men during the recent terrible fire in Paris. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives generally; also for those made widows and orphans by the sad disaster, the Huddart, Parker Co., and for Captain McGee, who is deservedly one of our most popular captains, in the loss of the vessel.

In view, I suppose, of all the impending festivities in connection with the arrival of our new Governor, there has been quite a lull in our social festivities since I last wrote, afternoon teas and golf having been our only dissipation. One of the most pleasant of the

AFTERNOON TEAS

was given by Mrs MacKenzie at her residence in Tinakori Road last Friday, for her niece, Miss McPherson, who is visiting her, when she entertained her many girl friends, by whom the delicious sweets, fruit salads, and cakes were greatly appreciated. During the afternoon, Miss Pharaayn and Miss Lucy Tolhurst sang, and Miss McPherson played very sweetly. Tea was laid in the dining-room, the table being decorated with pink and white camellias. Mrs McPherson wore a fawn crepon gown, the bodice trimmed with white lace and silk; Miss McPherson, crushed strawberry gown, the bodice finished with shot silk to match and deep collar of lace. Others present were Miss Tolhurst, in fawn trimmed with heliotrope silk, toque; Miss Lucy Tolhurst, electric blue costume, with toque of shot ribbon bows and pink roses; Miss Coleridge, navy blue costume, white sailor hat; her sister, slate grey braided costume, black velvet hat with quills and shot ribbon; Miss Hilda Williams, light fawn covert coating costume, white sailor hat with blue band; Miss Cooper, tweed tailor-made costume, black sailor hat; Miss Grace, neat blue serge jacket and skirt, green straw hat with violets and ribbons; Miss Pharaayn, French grey costume trimmed with velvet, black hat and feathers; Miss Ackland, black costume; Miss Wardell (Masterton), black jacket and skirt, black felt hat with wings; Miss L. Izard, blue tailor-made costume, white felt boat-shaped hat with black tips at the side; etc., etc.

A most delightful

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

was given by Miss Bayer and Miss Richmond on Friday evening last, the *piece de resistance* being a very pretty play, the 'Lucy Page,' which was very well acted by the Misses Holmes, Sprott, McTavish, Coleridge, Trengar, Burnes, and others. The play was followed by some very pretty skirt dancing, which was much enjoyed by the many guests present, among whom were Messdames Rawson, Burnes, Travers and Richmond, the Misses Coleridge, Wilkins, Kennedy, Swainson, and Atkinson, and Dr. Rawson, Rev. Mr Sprott, and Messrs Atkinson, Fitzgerald, Rolleston, and Dr. Pollen.

As it was too rough for the 'Tutenkai' to leave Sydney until yesterday afternoon, she will not be due in Wellington until Tuesday morning, so all the observances and the holiday announced for Monday will have

to be prolonged until Tuesday. The conversation to be held in the Parliamentary Buildings takes place on the 18th, and promises to be most successful, and the Garrison Ball is to be held on the following night at the Drill Shed, and will, from all accounts, be one of the most brilliant balls ever given in Wellington, a very large number of ladies being on the Committee, and they are all working most indefatigably to ensure its success. As the weather has been so unpleasant all this week, we are hoping it will clear up and be fine by Tuesday; but there is no knowing what our surprisingly unforeseen climate has in store for us, especially at this time of the year.

A very jolly little

PROGRESSIVE EUCHERE PARTY

was given by Miss Izard on Thursday evening in honour of Miss Hay, from South Canterbury, who is at present staying with Mrs Izard. After very keen competition the prizes were won by Miss Zoe Johnston and Miss Keblell.

CLARISSA.

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 6.
Great excitement prevailed among the juvenile community on Friday evening, when Mrs G. Robertson gave a

VERY LARGE CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS DANCE

in the Masonic Hall, which was charmingly decorated with greenery and flags for the occasion. The supper-table was very artistically decorated with foliage plants, and white and rose-coloured camellias. During the evening a flashlight photograph of all the children in a group was taken, and at the end the children gave three cheers for their host and hostess. Mrs Robertson received in a black satin gown with lace frills and jet ornaments; her little daughter, Edith, was sweetly dressed as a Shepherdess in pink and blue figured frock with the usual large hat and crook; the Masters C. and W. Robertson were a Neapolitan and Page, respectively. Among the prettiest and most characteristic were Master Wrigglesworth, as Bubbles; Miss M. Blundell, as Juliet; Miss R. Page, La Cigale; Master Beere, Eighteenth Century costume; Miss T. Hanna, Old English Lady; Master Batham, Mulctee; Miss R. Simpson, Starlight; her sister went as Grass; Miss E. Blundell, La Belle France; Master Bichelbaum, Uncle Sam; Miss Gladys Faulk, Shamrock; Miss H. Farmer and Master W. Blundell represented Princess and Prince Charming; Miss J. Levi, Kate Greenaway; Miss B. Miles, Fancy Ball; Miss G. Collins, 'A Little Lady in Green'; Master Hales, an Archer; Miss Berta Gibson, Highland costume; Miss Farmer, Dragon Fly; Master H. Focke, Robinson Crusoe (excellent); Masters D. and H. Young, Sailor Boys; Miss Didsbury, Tambourine Girl; Miss Ethel Holmes, Gipsy Queen; Master H. Blundell, John Bull. Also present were Misses Wheeler, Marshall, Ashbolt, Redward, V. Farmer, J. Blundell, Alport, Collins, Reid, Brandon, Rhind, Focke, Miles, Frouse, Dunlop, Hislop, Smith, Grant, and Masters Rhind, Hislop, Lawson, Williams, Simpson, Bannister, etc.

OPHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 4.

Here we are into August, and our greatest desire is now for fine weather until after the Grand National next week, or at least to escape a flood, which we might reasonably expect after our exceptionally dry winter. The ground would really be all the better for a little rain, being too hard and dry for every pursuit but cycling. As for farmers, gardeners, in the hunting field, etc., the ground is found very hard and unyielding, as Mr A. Boyle, unfortunately, has reason to know. During the hunt on Saturday his horse fell at one of the fences, and Mr Boyle sustained a fracture of the arm just above the wrist, but is progressing towards recovery now.

Mrs Buller gave a

CHARMING LITTLE LUNCHEON PARTY on Monday to a few friends, amongst whom were Mrs

Reeves, Mrs Wynn-Williams, Mrs MacDonald, Mrs Russell, Mrs Broham, Miss Tripp, and others, and a very agreeable time was spent.

THE LADIES' MUSICAL CLUB

met at Mrs Alan Scott's on Wednesday, at her residence, Windmill Road. A large number of members were present, including Mrs Burns, who, I am glad to say, has quite recovered from her recent indisposition, and took her share of the programme to everyone's great pleasure, with Mrs Alan Scott, Mrs Westmacott, Mrs Fyfe, Mrs Vernon, and Mrs Kitson. Mrs Stevens, Mrs Lascelles, and one or two more visitors were present, and a delicious afternoon tea dispensed.

The passion for dancing has much revived lately with the advent of 'akrit dancing,' 'Washington Post,' the Fascination Polka, and other novelties. Miss Walker, a lady from England, making a short stay in our midst, is passing her art on to our local professors, who are willing to take the benefit of her residence amongst us. The Misses Cox, always ready and up to date, give an evening on Saturday in the Art Gallery, which will no doubt, be largely patronized preparatory to the balls next week, as it is for the special purpose of being initiated into these new mysteries.

Mrs Pitman gives a juvenile fancy dress ball at her residence, Armagh-street, next week, and I have also heard a second one talked of.

The late dreadful news of the 'Tasmania' has created the deepest sympathy here, and of course in Auckland it must have so forcibly brought back the 'Wairarapa' calamity as to be intensely painful.

DOLLY VALE.

DUNEDIN.

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 9.

This week there has been a series of

SMALL ENTERTAINMENTS

given for Mr and Mrs Brough and their Company. On Saturday Mr and Mrs John Fraser (St. Clair) gave a small afternoon tea to meet Mr and Mrs Brough. The table was most charmingly decorated with pale yellow primroses and blush roses. Mr and Mrs Fraser received the guests in the drawing-room. Some of those present were Mr and Mrs Brough, Miss Temple, Mr McIntyre (Brough Company), Mr and Mrs Hockin, Mr and Mrs Woodhouse, Mr and Mrs A. Stronach, Mr Hart, Mrs Theomin, Mrs Williams, Messrs Sise, M. Sise, Kenyon, Ulrich, Williams, and Coughtrey, Messrs Hanlon, Marshall, Dr. Alexander, and others.

On Monday evening the usual meeting of the

LADIES' SAVAGE CLUB

was held at Mrs Farquhar's, William-street. Miss Rattray was in the chair, and had arranged a very excellent programme, but owing to the Brough Company being here, the attendance was very small, and so I will not particularise about the evening at all.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs Graham, Heriot Row, gave a large

MUSICAL 'AT HOME.'

The table looked pretty decorated with bowls of wall-flowers. Mrs Graham, with her daughter, Mrs Brown, (England), received the guests in the hall. Songs were contributed by Mrs Brown, Mrs Rose, Mrs Theomin, and several others. A few I remember there were Messdames Brough, Ritchie, Sale, Williams, Ulrich, Webster, Bartleman, Finch, Ogsten, Mill, Rose, Ramsay, Dowling, Macacsey, Shand, Royse, MacLean, Scott, Fraser, Rattray, Jeffrey, Sargood, Wright, Jones, Theomin, Hart, Bathgate, Gibson, Turton, Misses Graham, Bartleman, Gibbes (Oamaru), Temple, Webster, G. Webster, Handyside (Akiteo), Bathgate, Farquhar, Sise, M. Sise, Royse, K. Royse, Ulrich, Williams, Shand, E. Shand and Ramsay.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs Sargood ('Romanoff') gave a

VERY LARGE 'AT HOME.'

A string band played strains of delightful music in the recesses of the hall. One of the rooms had been set apart for the enjoyment of the guests. There were two tea-

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