

rooms; coffee was served in one and tea in the other. Both tables were prettily decorated with baskets of yellow primroses. The mantelpieces in both rooms had a number of high specimen vases placed on them, which were filled with Japanese chrysanthemums. Dishes of most delicious sweetmeats were all about the house, and seemed to be most heartily partaken of. The cakes were of the highest order; they were too good to describe. Mrs Sargood received her guests in the hall. She wore a most becoming tea-gown of smoke-coloured cashmere, with full front of rose pink China silk with pieces of pale blue flowered silk hanging loosely down the sides, high Medici collar of pink edged with astrachan of same colour. Those present were Mrs Finker, in astrachan cloth costume, white satin waistcoat, large black velvet hat with feathers; Mrs Gallaway, navy blue serge costume; Mrs Hockin, black; Mrs Royce, black satin, full front of white satin covered with lace, tiny black bonnet with flowers and jet; Miss MacLean, heliotrope sarah silk blouse, black crepon skirt; Miss Wright, black crepon costume, black hat with blue ribbons; Miss Royce, brown tweed costume, heliotrope straw hat with flowers; Miss E. Royce, maroon cloth, green hat with roses. Numbers of others were present, but there was far too much of a crush to see what dresses were worn.

On the same day Mrs Ritchie gave

A SMALL AFTERNOON

for Mrs Brough, Miss Temple, and the Misses Hardy. There were not a great number of people present. Music was kept going the whole afternoon.

In the evening Misses Shand gave

A SMALL RUCHER PARTY

for Miss Handyside. There were six tables. The top prizes were won by Miss Graham and Mr G. Sise. The boobies were Mr C. Cook and Miss Handyside. Those present were Miss Handyside, in white silk trimmed with lace; Miss Bartleman, pink, with flowers; Miss E. Ulrich, prune velvet gown; Miss G. Webster; Miss Webster, green velvet blouse, black skirt; Miss Gillies (Oamaru), terra-cotta silk covered with black lace; Miss Sise, pink brocade; Miss Shand, black velvet; Miss L. Shand, heliotrope silk; Miss A. Shand, yellow silk blouse, black skirt. Among the gentlemen were Messrs Law, MacLean, Macdonald, Haggitt, Morris, Richardson, Catten, Cook, and G. Sise.

On Thursday evening the Brough Company brought their season here to a close with 'Dandy Dick.' Mrs Brough was presented with an illuminated address and a diamond bangle.

ALLEN.

NELSON.

DEAR BEE,

On Wednesday evening a very pleasant

SOCIAL

was held in the Provincial Hall in connection with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The musical part of the programme was most enjoyable. Those who assisted were Mesdames Howie and Burns, the Misses Larkins, Scott (two), Messrs Light (two), Corrigan, and others. The hall was artistically decorated with ferns and flags. Delicious refreshments were served, and then the floor was soon cleared for dancing, which was kept up with great spirit to the strains of Martin's band.

On Saturday evening another meeting of the

GIRLS' CLUB

was held at the Girls' College. The usual programme was somewhat changed, music giving way to a lecture by Mr J. W. Joynt, Principal of the Boys' College, which he illustrated with most beautiful limelight views. The entertainment was much enjoyed by all present, but it is regretted that so few of the past pupils were able to attend. Some of those present were the Misses Gibson, Gibben, Watt, Catley, Browning, Harris, Perrin, Catley, Blackett, Honiker, Rowley, Robinson, Fell, Norman, Enwright, Fair, West, Long, and many others.

PHYLIS.

There is a correspondence proceeding in an English contemporary over the case of a troubled young lady who wants to know whether she is in honour bound to tell her fiancé that a certain number of her teeth, lost in a bicycle accident, has been replaced by the dentist.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

DEAR BEE,

THE SECOND ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 4.

was held in the Alexandra Hall on Wednesday night, August 4th, and was most enjoyable. The music, which was simply perfect, was rendered by Mr Garry's orchestra composed of four men, their names being Messrs McKinnon, Bain, Newell, J. Sturmy, and J. Garry. Among those there I noticed Mrs Bayly in black silk; Miss Tuke, white silk and black velvet; Miss Holdsworth, mauve and green; Mrs Berry, black; Miss Dalziel, white satin and scarlet; Miss Bramley looked stylish in green crepon and ribbons; Mrs Holdsworth, black velvet; Miss M. Hursthouse, green and pink; Miss B. Rennell, green and white; Miss McKellar, green and black; Mrs W. Bayly, handsome ivory satin; Miss — Rennell, a very pretty dress of green velvet trimmed with white satin and pink flowers; Miss Halcum, blue; Miss Arrow, pink; Miss Stuart, heliotrope and black; Miss Geynes, green and cream; Misses Fookes looked pretty in cream and blue; Miss Johnson, heliotrope; Mrs Meltrum, blue lustre; Miss Rawson, cream and yellow ribbons; Miss Hoby, yellow and black; Miss Saddler, cream and green; Miss Cunningham looked pretty in pink, with pink chiffon; Mrs Stanford, black velvet and silk; Miss Webster, cream; Miss Teed, a handsome blue and white satin; Miss Kirkby, cream and yellow, and carrying a handsome bouquet; Miss Glynes, cream; Mrs Holmes, handsome black satin trimmed with pale pink lace; Miss Rochford, black and pink; Miss Campbell, green velvet and cream ribbons; Miss Hoby, cream; Miss Armstrong, lavender velvet; Mrs Burgess, black and green; Miss Young, cream and green; Miss B. Bayly, pale yellow; Miss N. Hursthouse, cream; Miss Thomson, white silk; Mrs Taunton looked *distingued* in pink, with a handsome pink ostrich feather fan; Miss Knight, green and black; Miss B. Kirkby, cream; Mrs Penn, cream and chiffon; Mrs Manrison looked pretty in pink; Miss Hammerton, cream and scarlet; Mrs W. Shore, black and green; Miss Messenger, black figured velvet; Mrs Glasford, black satin and ivory white; Miss Berry, cream figured silk with lovely red roses; Miss Bedford, cream with pink satin and flowers; and Messrs Kerr, Burgess, Clarke, Taylor, Jay, Board, Main-gay, Teed, Rennell, Holmes, Holdsworth, Arden, Hatcher, Webster, Thomson, Penn, E. Clarke, Strouts, Hughes, Hoby (two), Carthew, Hursthouse, Taunton, W. Bayly, Parker, Bramley, Stocker, Wright, Noble, Stan-ford, McKellar, Standish, W. Shore, Tuke, Russell, H. Wright, Kemp, Lowe, Fookes, and Dalziel.

NANCY LEE.

BLenheim.

DEAR BEE,

Miss Horton's

AUGUST 3.

DANCE,

which took place last Wednesday, was an unqualified success, and though rain fell in the early part of the day, the sky had cleared by the evening, and dancers were enabled to gain the Good Templars' Hall without having anything worse to encounter than the inevitable mud. The supper was daintily and prettily set out in the back room, and one wondered at the profusion of spring flowers, narcissi and scarlet japonica alternating with variegated foliage with very attractive effect. Among the ladies present I noticed Miss Blanche Mills, who wore a pretty green dress; Miss Olive Mills, a cream dress, the corsage prettily adorned with violets; Miss Cotterell (Sydney), blue dress and white chiffon; Miss Johnston, pink silk veiled with striped gauze; Miss Simson, navy skirt, pink silk bodice with jet trimmings; Miss Fell (Ficton) wore a very pretty and becoming dress of white shimmering silk, sleeves of white satin, the square-cut bodice outlined with light green velvet; Miss Mildred Fell looked well in black velvet and white chiffon; Miss Pearce looked very nice in cream; Miss Powell was in white; Miss Garrard, pink; Miss Leslie (Motueka), green, made in Princess style; Miss E. Nosworthy, eau de Nil dress; Miss F. Nosworthy, pretty pale pink dress; Miss May Nosworthy, pink; Miss Mullen, grey skirt, pretty prismatic tinted chiffon trimming a vivid green blouse; Miss Millie Mullen wore palest yellow contrasting with emerald green velvet; Miss J. McCartney wore a very pretty pink Empire dress with jet ornamentations; Miss Kate McCartney, an artistic combina-

tion of pale blue and darker green; Miss Kate Sinclair, pretty pink dress trimmed with bands of ribbon of the same colour; Miss Muriel Sinclair, dark skirt, pale blue blouse; Miss Bertha Farmer, pale blue trimmed with gold passementerie and blue chiffon; Miss Clara Farmer, black skirt, pretty pink silk blouse; Miss Fiven, black skirt, salmon pink blouse with frills of chiffon; Misses Purser (two), cream dresses and aashes; Miss A. Horton wore a pale yellow dress; Miss Joe Horton, dark skirt, pretty cream blouse crossed in front and edged with gold passementerie; Miss MacLaine, dark skirt, pink bodice; Miss Rhoda Barnett, cream; Miss Horton wore cream, and very handsome crimson brocaded sash; Miss Essie Waddy was in yellow crepon; Miss Cecill Johnston, dark skirt, very pretty blue veiling blouse; Miss Smith, dark dress; Miss Bessie Smith, dark crimson dress; etc. Some of the gentlemen were Messrs Pullene, Mirams, G. Griffiths, Waddy, Pickering, J. Herries, Harris, H. Hodson, H. Horton, Mabin, H. Stowe, W. Ewart, MacShane (two), C. Simson, F. Mullen, Sugden, Eckford, etc., etc.

The interest in the

DREATING SOCIETY

is extending, and last Friday night there was a large audience, who had the pleasure of listening to an excellent debate on 'capital punishment,' Mr D. Sinclair affirming that it should be abolished, Mr L. Griffiths opposing. The subject was well debated, many taking part, but Miss Pearce was the only lady speaker, and what she said was to the point, any flaw in Mr Sinclair's argument being keenly commented upon. The Rev. Mr Baker, of Brightwater, Nelson, who had only arrived that day to take charge of the parish for a month, was an able and humorous chairman, and when at the conclusion of his summing up, the votes were taken, it was found that only six were in favour of the abolition of capital punishment. The subject for next Friday is 'Is not too much prominence given to Athletics, to the curtailment of mental exercises,' when Miss Pearce will open the debate, Mr Charles MacShane to oppose.

FRIDA.

NAPIER.

[This somewhat benighted letter has just reached us.]

DEAR BEE,

JULY 31.

During Record Reign week there was held in our little town one of the most

SUCCESSFUL BAZAARS

ever known in Hawke's Bay. The takings at that bazaar amounted to close upon £700, and considering the calamities which so lately visited our city, the promoters are to be congratulated on its decided success. The managers of each stall used their utmost endeavours to head the list of takings, and to the Scotch stall must be awarded the prize. This stall was managed by Mrs St. Clair, assisted by Mesdames Ryan, Keardon, and Robinson, Misses St. Clair, Pearcy, Comisky, and many others whose names I could not ascertain. The takings at this stall amounted to £182, being £40 more than any other stall. The centre piece of this (Scotch) stall was a large doll dressed as a bride, and called Victoria in honour of Her Majesty, whose Record Reign we were celebrating. The bride was standing in a large glass case, and was won by a very old gentleman. At the request of the stallholder he presented it to the eldest daughter of our worthy member, Mr D. D. McLean, M.H.R., and it is needless to say it will be very much appreciated, particularly as it came from the Scotch stall, our worthy member having come from that country. The beautiful and costly articles displayed for sale were too numerous to mention. In connection with this stall was an (Ascot) race game, which attracted a number of spectators, and too much praise cannot be given to Mr J. Fergusson for his valuable assistance during the bazaar, aided by Messrs Ryan, Smith, Shanly and many others. At the close of the bazaar Messrs J. Fergusson and C. Smith were presented by the Rev. Father Grogan, on behalf of Mrs St. Clair, with greenstone pendants mounted with gold in recognition of their valuable services.

DOLLY.

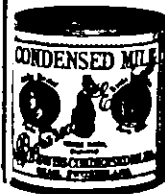
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