

From India' is not a play with an ascetic moral, but it is not without its lesson. It teaches the element of success in the role of priest or prophet consists chiefly in the gullibility of humanity. Augustus Frederick Dressler, like some more illustrious predecessors, became a wizard and seer in spite of himself, and the facility manifested in seeing the marvels which were not perceptible to himself surpassed even the alleged imaginative fertility of the lover when contemplating the non-existent virtues of his adored one. Mr Olly Deering was well suited as the self-made Erasmus Chignell, an old gentleman from Sheffield, fired with a vain ambition to get into society, and Mr Cyril Keightley, his son, did justice to the part. The other members of the Company, Messrs Ilms Phillips, Fred Cumbernour, Carden Wilson, Albert Whelan, W. J. Beresford, Miss Lena Busch, Miss Lila More, Mrs Edouin Bryer, and Miss Minna Phillips, all acted very creditably. Indeed, the fact that the production in New Zealand is under the direction of Messrs Williamson and Musgrove is guarantee enough that all the members of the Company are equal to their work, and the scenic appointments are up to date.

SOCIETY ON DITS.

THAT the Countess of Ranfurly takes a great interest in scientific and art subjects. She, with a party from Government House, was present at Sir James Hector's lecture in the Wellington Art Gallery, the subject being 'Antarctic Exploration.' The lecture was excellent. If Mr Frank R. Stockton had heard it, he might have gained some hints for his fantastic Polar exploration story now running in 'Harper's Magazine.'

That the Speaker of the Legislative Council, the Hon. H. J. Miller, entertained His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber on the evening of Monday, 1st of November, at a dinner. The members of the Council will be present.

That teachers of the Pieton Anglican Sunday-school are getting up a garden party, Christmas tree, and other 'draws,' in aid of the school funds.

That Mr Bolland, M.H.R. for Waitemata, gave his ultimatum at the Charitable Aid Conference, Wellington, lately:—'I won't agree to the appointment of any more Government inspectors. Every third man you meet is a Government inspector, and it is said that if they all got a coat of luminous paint they would make the night as light as the day.'

That Miss Teed, of New Plymouth, gave a very enjoyable musical evening on October 20.

That the Poverty Bay Rowing Club presented their well-known sculler, Mr Rees Jones, with a match-box and handsome sleeve-links on his departure for Wellington.

That on Thursday evening the New Plymouth Golf Club's closing season's ball, held in the Foresters' Hall, attracted a number of invited guests, and was more especially intended for the enjoyment of the unmarried portion of the members, who, needless to say, fulfilled that expectation to the utmost.

That a Parliamentary dinner was given by Lord Ranfurly on Wednesday night. The following received invitations:—Hons. W. J. Hall-Jones (M.H.R.) and J. Carroll (M.H.R.), the Hon. R. H. J. Reeves, W. Kelly, W. H. Reynolds, J. Rigg, J. Scotland, J. Kerr, L. Walker, R. Rolleston, W. Swainson, G. Jones, T. Kelly, W. Jennings, G. Harris (M.L.C.'s), Sir Robert Stout, Messrs M. S. J. MacKenzie, R. D. McLean, W. Symes, C. Parata, H. Kainau, J. Bolland, H. Brown, G. Carson, H. A. Field, G. Fisher, M. Giffender, W. Herries, J. Holland, J. Hutchison, C. Lewis, R. M. McKenzie, J. A. Miller, T. E. Taylor, J. O'Meara, R. Monk, and R. Moore (M.H.R.'s), Messrs Fison, Friend, and Willis.

That the bridge over the Waikawa (Pieton) River was washed away by the last fresh, and the lady missionaries who intend to hold Sunday-school at the pnh will have to wait, unless the Government re-build it. The bridge was only built a short time ago, but everybody who saw it prophesied its speedy destruction, so slight—only stones placed upon each other—were its approaches.

That Mrs Edwards gave a large afternoon tea on Friday in Wellington.

That many hope that the present variable weather will wear itself out before Saturday, when the Marlborough Tennis Club will open for the season at Blenheim.

That Constable R. Oliphant, of Auckland, was presented at the meeting of the City Council last week with the Humane Society's Medal for saving life.

That the Hibernian Band intend to hold a social in Blenheim next Wednesday in aid of the uniform fund.

That the Auckland School Children's Jubilee Address to the Queen was presented to His Excellency the Governor last Wednesday for transmission to England. Lord Ranfurly greatly admired the address.

That the Garrison Band will hold a Garden Party in Blenheim on November 9th.

That Captain Spence of the Brunner, is to be transferred to the Corinna, and Mr Shaw, chief officer of the Wainui, who is under orders to proceed to headquarters, will, it is understood, have charge of the Brunner. Captain Gibb came over from Australia by the Monowai to take command of the Talune. Messrs Westwood (chief engineer of the Mawhera), Young (third engineer of the Poherna) and Jordan (late second officer of the Onah, who came over by the Monowai from Sydney) are under orders to go on to Dunedin for instructions. Mr Rochfort, second officer of the Wainui, is promoted a step, while Mr Dawson, formerly of the Flora, has joined the Wainui as second officer.

That a special trip was made up the river at Wanganui on the occasion of the extension of the steam river service. The trip extended over two days, reaching the mouth of the Tangarika tributary. Several members of the House of Representatives were present. This now opens up about 650,000 acres. Wanganui will be rapidly going ahead.

That a Maori Princess, supposed to be Tono Marenau, daughter of King Paul, or Lumumonosas, is in search of a white man for a husband, who must be of good character, good habits, etc., and who will, therefore, help her to raise the status of the Maori race. The Mayor of Auckland, Mr Dignam, is now trying to find the princess, as an English suitor, now resident in America, has appeared for the hand of the dusky maiden.

That the question is being raised in Wanganui whether the present outbreak there of typhoid fever is due to the peculiar Chinese methods of forcing vegetables. This is a serious matter, and requires careful attention on the part of the health authorities of all New Zealand cities.

That the members of the old Pieton Tennis Club—defunct for the want of a court—have received a cordial invitation from the Blenheim club to attend the opening of the latter's court on Saturday next.

That Lady Douglas has worked very hard in getting up an entertainment which is to take place on Wednesday next in the Opera House in aid of the Boys' Club in connection with St. Paul's Church, Wellington. I hear that tickets are selling rapidly.

That a good deal of excitement was caused in Pieton this week when it became known that an old Pieton boy—now in the Telegraph Office, Wellington—was one of the lucky pair who drew 'Amberite' in Tattersall's Sweep. Heaps of congratulations were sent him.

That the Synod, in Christchurch, opened on Tuesday, and the town is full of clergy. The Bishop gave his opening address after evening service at the Cathedral on Tuesday night, which has become the usual thing now, enabling a very much greater number to hear it.

That large and very smart afternoon teas have been given during the week by Messdames MacKenzie, Pynsent, and Edwards, and several informal little dances have taken place, with the object of practising the 'Washington Post,' two of the most enjoyable having been given by Mrs Williams and Mrs Travers.

MARRIAGES.

RAINGER—BRETT.—On September 6, at St. Peter's, Takapuna, by the Rev. H. S. Davis, William Joseph Rainger, of Parnell, to Ada Amelia, eldest daughter of H. Brett, of Takapuna.



The engagement has been announced in Wellington between Miss Alice Cameron (Masterton) to Mr Gordon Johnston, eldest son of the Hon. W. Johnston.

Miss Jessie Davies, of Wellington, is engaged to Mr W. G. Russell, Napier.

Miss Elliott, of Ellerslie, is engaged to Mr Claud Purchas, son of Dr. Purchas, of Auckland.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR WIGMORE TO MISS HOWARD.

ON Wednesday, 29th September, Miss Bertha Clemond Howard, a daughter of Mr A. G. Howard, one of Auckland's pioneer settlers, was married to Mr Robert Wigmore, of Mercury Bay, youngest son of the late Mr Robert Wigmore, J.P., M. Inst. C.E., at St. Sepulchre's Church, Auckland.

The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Dudley. By the courteous permission of Mr Rice, Organist of St. Sepulchre's, the 'Wedding March' was played by Mrs Edward Wigmore, R.A.M., London.

The bride was attended by her sisters, and Mr R. W. Swindley and Capt. E. Wigmore, late 8th E.Y.R., a cousin of the bridegroom, acted as groomsmen.

After the ceremony a very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of the bride's parents, the newly-married couple going on a trip to the Hot Lakes.

GADDUM—REYNOLDS.

The marriage of Mr F. E. Gaddum, of Mahia, with Miss Margaret Reynolds, eldest daughter of Mr R. J. Reynolds, of Childers Road, Gisborne, was celebrated last Monday in Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne.

The service was fully Choral, and the church was beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns for the occasion.

The Rev. Canon Webb officiated. Messrs Crombie, Graham, Guthrie Smith, and G. Reynolds acted as groomsmen, and there were five bridesmaids, the Misses Nora Reynolds, R. Reynolds, C. Reynolds, May Rees and Sherratt. Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March' was played by Mr T. C. Webb, the organist, at the conclusion of the ceremony.

MR QUARTERMAINE TO MISS TASKER.

The marriage of Miss Alice Tasker, Secretary to the Wellington Women's Democratic Union, to Mr A. G. Quartermaine, formerly of New Plymouth, created much interest in Wellington.

The wedding ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, 'Irembridge,' Wallace Street. She looked extremely well in her travelling dress, which was a dark blue face cloth. Her bouquet—a shower one—was very artistic.

Miss Annie Tasker, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr C. Price (Wellington) was best man.

The bridegroom gave the bridesmaid a beautiful gold brooch with topaz and pearl.

Amongst the many wedding gifts was a marble drawing-room clock from the Women's Democratic Union, with which Miss Tasker was extremely popular.

Mr and Mrs Quartermaine have gone to live in Nelson.

MR W. P. GARNER TO MISS M. SEFTON.

The first wedding celebrated in the new Anglican Church, at Tataranimaka (Paranaki) was when Mr Walter P. Garner, manager of the Pungarehu Co-operative Butter Factory, was married to Miss Mary Sefton, second daughter of Mr J. Sefton, of Okara.

The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion with white flow-

ers and ferns, and although the weather was most unpropitious, the rain falling steadily the whole day, there was a large attendance to witness the ceremony.

The Rev. H. Mason was the officiating clergyman.

The bride, who was very prettily dressed, entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr J. Sefton, and was accompanied by her sister, Miss Harriet Sefton, who was her bridesmaid, the bridegroom's man being Mr Bradley, of Rahoitu.

The bride was given away by her brother.

This being the first wedding in St. Peter's Church, the newly-wedded pair were presented with a family Bible, very handsomely bound.

After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the residence of Mr James Sefton, where the wedding breakfast had been prepared, to which the minister and a few friends had been invited. The health of the bride and bridegroom was drunk and suitably responded to by Mr Garner.

The bride received a large number of useful as well as ornamental presents, which were greatly admired by her friends.

In the evening Mr and Mrs Garner left for their home at Pungarehu, carrying with them the good wishes of all for their future happiness.



AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, October 25.

The weather was so extremely unpromising on Friday that we made up our minds it would be quite impossible to enjoy any of the pre-arranged, and in many cases postponed, outdoor functions to which we were looking forward. The North Shore Bowling Green decided to defer their opening, as the gale blowing on Thursday and Friday seemed by no means to have exhausted its energy. However, matters weatherly changed for the better on Saturday forenoon, and the afternoon found us all in the best of spirits, thoroughly prepared to engage in the mimic warfare of bowls, or croquet, or even to risk our lives in a boat or on a bicycle.

AUCKLAND BOWLING GREEN

presented a very attractive appearance, and a smart and stylish crowd assembled to witness the skill of these veteran performers on the green. The President's opening speech was a very happy one, and elicited a good deal of laughter. The Club cheered nobly when the desirability for such demonstration was pointed out. But I am only concerned here with frocks and frippons, so will hurry on to them. First a word about the tea. This was given by the wife of the President, Mrs W. A. Thompson, and by Mrs Gorrie. The table looked chic, the Club's colours being displayed in the snowy white cloth, on which red and blue crumpled paper was tastefully arranged, and kept in place by various vases of flowers. Mrs Gorrie was not present, but Mrs Kingswell and the Misses Thompson and Gorrie were fully equal to their important duties as hostesses on such a pleasant occasion. There was an excellent band, and there were plenty of seats on which to sit and enjoy the delicious afternoon tea and cakes of every appetising variety. The Club's colours were deftly arranged over the ladies' croquet pavilion. Mrs W. A. Thompson looked well in black crepon, striped black and white silk vest, black jetted bonnet with purple iridescent-edged velvet and butterscup-coloured flower; Miss Thompson, fawn skirt, lilac and cream lace blouse, chic hat; Miss Gorrie, dark skirt, narrow green-striped blouse, white hat; Mrs Kingswell, navy coat and skirt over a drab vest, brown toque relieved with salmon roses; Miss Ireland was a study in violet in stripes and patterns mixed with white, violet velvet under hat brim; Miss