

afternoon, intending to go for a fortnight's cruise in the Marlborough Sounds, but met the full force of a northerly gale while endeavouring to enter Tory Channel. A tremendous sea was running, and the sails were all either torn or blown away, and the yacht in a helpless state. Early on Monday morning the steamer Wainui, bound from Picton to Wellington, fortunately appeared in sight, and in response to signals of distress, with great difficulty took her in tow, and brought her safely into Wellington, great difficulty being experienced in keeping her in the wake of the steamer owing to the tremendous sea running. Mr Jack's escape was a wonderful one, as on one occasion he was swept overboard, being with great difficulty rescued by Mr Kiniburgh, one of the crew, and, owing to most of the crew being prostrated with seasickness, Mr Jack had to be at the tiller the whole time, and he and the other occupants of the yacht, Messrs Kiniburgh, Alex. Wighton, and Robertson were much bruised and knocked about.

GOLF.

On Saturday, the 2nd, an American Tournament was begun at the Golf Links, Miramar, Wellington, by the lady golfers. In this competition each player meets every other player, and the winner of the greatest number of matches wins the tournament.

During the Easter holidays there was to be a competition among the lady players for a beautiful gold and pearl brooch, presented by Mr E. Pearce.

Mr Pryde was the winner of the St. Andrew's Cross Competition at the Hutt Links on Saturday last.

OPHELIA AND CLARISSA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, April 6.

The Art Gallery has been a standing dish this week. I think Lady Ranfurly's pictures are a great attraction at this Exhibition, and they certainly are worth the notice they get. In the evening there is the double attraction of music as well as the pictures. Amongst those present I have seen Mrs and Miss Wilding, Mr and Mrs Webb, Mrs and Miss Cowlishaw, Misses Gardner, Mr and Mrs Burns, Miss Davie, Mrs and Miss Graham, Mrs and Miss Russel, Mrs R. H. Rhodes, Misses Buckley, Garcia, Turner, Way, Hargreaves, Martin and others.

For the Easter holidays people are moving about a little. Mr and Mrs F. M. Wallace are staying with Mrs F. Jones, Culverden; Miss Isabel Martin has gone to Dunedin, and it is possible her mother and father will return with her and settle in Christchurch; Miss Reeve and Miss L. Murray-Aynsley have gone to Lake Heron to stay with Mrs Lascelles; Mrs Pat Campbell, Ilam, is looking forward to having a large house party for the Easter races, several guests coming from Wellington; Mr and Mrs Melville Jameson, and Mr and Miss Elworthy (Elmar) are at 'The Residence,' Armagh-street. Then the Volunteer Encampment is to be held this year at Sumner, and the residents are organising a gala, so the little town will be en fête, provided the elements are kind. We have had some bitter experiences in the matter of Easter weather, and have become suspicious of late years, though at one time it was looked forward to with almost certainty of perfect calm and sunshine.

Mr G. H. Turner (Australia), who met with such misfortune in the Akaroa coach accident, has recovered sufficiently to be moved up to Christchurch, and is progressing favourably. Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes are convalescent, but have gone to Sumner for a little change with their family.

DOLLY VALE.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee, March 31. R. H. B. SPORTS.

On the 12th instance, the School Sports were held at Robin Hood Bay, and, much to our disappointment, some of us were unable to attend, owing to the inclemency of the weather; but from all I can hear, the sports were, as on previous occasions, a marked success. I have had presented to me one of the programmes, which is very nicely got up, being orange coloured with black lettering, the colours to represent those of the

school. The successive races were as follows:—1st, Senior R.H.B. Handicap, E. Stace; 2nd Senior R.H.B. Handicap, L. Clouston; 3rd Senior R.H.B. Handicap, K. Stace; 1st Junior R.H.B. Handicap, K. Mackenzie and R. Mowat tied for first place; 2nd Junior R.H.B. Handicap, L. Mowat; 3rd Junior R.H.B. Handicap, F. Clouston. Senior Jumps, K. Stace. Junior Jumps, K. Mackenzie. 100 Yards Open Handicap, F. Chaytor (Miss Stace's prize, consisting of a volume of Longfellow's Poems). 100 Yards Blindfold Race, E. Stace (Mr Stace's prize). 220 Yards Consolation Race, C. Mackenzie.

Mr H. J. Stace acted as judge, Mr Haughey as starter, and Mr Harry Stace as time keeper. The secretary, Mr Edward Stace, is certainly to be congratulated upon his untiring energy in everything connected with the sports, and for the way in which he managed the boys.

As the day proved very cold, the idea of having luncheon outside was abandoned, and instead, about one o'clock visitors and competitors assembled in the large dining room at 'Robin Hood,' and needless to say, did full justice to the delicacies set before them. Mrs Stace, in a black gown relieved with white, proved an excellent hostess, and was ably assisted by Miss Stace, who wore a dark skirt, and pretty pink silk blouse. In conclusion I would like to say that Mr Chaytor, of Marshlands, has presented each of the boys at Robin Hood with a handsome bronze Jubilee Medal, which one and all will doubtless prize very much.—I am, etc.,

SHYLOCK.

BLLENHEIM.

Dear Bee, April 4. MARLBOROUGH RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

The weather last Wednesday and Thursday, on which the Autumn Meeting of the Marlborough Racing Club took place, was simply perfect, and in consequence the attendance was larger than has been the case for several years. Mr Bernard Ward's mare Tota won the Marlborough Hack Challenge Stakes, and was decorated with the blue ribbon, which was tied on by Mrs Cleghorn, wife of the President of the Racing Club, in front of the stand, amid much applause.

Among those present the first day were: Mrs Bright, who wore a brown tweed coat and skirt, sailor hat; Mrs Anderson, fawn jacket and skirt, white felt hat, edged with black, with upstanding black tips and red flowers under the brim; Mrs A. Ward, black dress, becoming black bonnet, touched with heliotrope; Mrs Goulter, black dress, heliotrope flowers in a pretty bonnet; Mrs Griffiths, navy dress, black bonnet brightened with pink flowers; Mrs F. Ward, black; Mrs Carey, brown dress, made with Russian blouse, brown Bond-street hat; Mrs Clifford, jacket and skirt of a chocolate tone, sailor hat with red band; Mrs Vavasour, cream serge jacket and skirt; Mrs Cleghorn, pale green dress, green floral toque; Mrs Teschamaker, black dress, fawn jacket, black felt hat; Mrs Howard, brown tweed, flecked with red, navy Bond-street hat; Mrs McIntosh, grey dress, trimmed with lustrous silk of the same shade, and handsome passementerie; Mrs Jackson, black dress flecked with cerise, the same colour brightening a black bonnet; Mrs A. Green, a perfectly-fitting navy dress strapped with black braid, becoming toque with red roses; Mrs Richardson, black satin skirt, blouse of shepherd's plaid silk, front of red frills, edged with narrow black velvet; Mrs Mills, chocolate jacket and skirt, black bonnet with yellow roses; Miss Ward, brown dress made with Eton jacket, front of cream accordion pleated chiffon; her two sisters were in dresses similarly made, but in green and navy blue; Miss Hilda Ward, grey dress brightened with red velvet; the Misses Harding both wore navy dresses and white silk fronts, sailor hats; Miss A. Williams, pale green skirt, myrtle green velvet blouse; Miss Burden (Woodville), cream serge dress, handsomely finished with green velvet; Miss Ethel Carey, black dress, with gold and black shot silk front, black Bond-street hat; Mrs Lucas, grey tweed; Mrs A. Mowat, navy blue jacket and skirt; Miss Bell, navy jacket and skirt, fawn vest, checked with light blue, Bond-street hat; Mrs J. Bell, grey dress, black hat; Mrs Monro, black; Miss Jackson (Hutt); Mrs Neville, black dress, handsome cloak of black and yellow; Miss Nev-

ille looked well in a navy jacket and skirt.

On the second day there were few who wore different dresses. Mrs Goulter wore navy jacket and skirt, Bond-street hat; Mrs G. Watta looked well in green, toque with red roses; Mrs Wright, navy Eton coat and skirt; Mrs McIntire, handsome black merve dress encrusted with jet, black bonnet with heliotrope flowers; Mrs Purser, black dress, handsomely trimmed, black bonnet touched with red; Mrs Mullen, dark green dress, vivid green toque; Mrs Clifford, dress of palest pink, waistband of light green; Mrs Black, navy jacket and skirt, sailor hat; Miss Waddy, black lustre, white satin trimming, veiled with black lace; Mrs Horton, navy dress, black bonnet with pink flowers; Miss B. Horton, grey tweed jacket, skirt and vest, sailor hat; etc., etc.

A very large

EURHE PARTY AND DANCE, given by Miss Rees and Miss Johnston in the Good Templars' Hall, on Friday evening, was a great success, and enjoyed by everybody. The first prizes—a Russian leather card case for the lady, and a cigarette case of the same fragrant leather for the gentleman—were won by Mrs Howard and Mr J. Mowat. The booby prizes—a child's flat iron and stand, and a packet of cigarettes—were annexed by Mrs Rogers and Mr T. Hughes. It would extend this letter too much to describe the toilettes worn, so I shall content myself with simply giving the names of those present. They were:—Mesdames Black, Monro, Cleghorn, Anderson, J. Mowat, J. Conolly, A. Mowat, Orr, Carey, A. Green, Lucas, McIntosh, Griffiths, McCallum, Thompson, Paul Doulin, Johnston, the Misses Jackson (Hutt), A. Williams, Bell, Ball, E. Bull, Speed (Picton), Chaytor (2), E. Carey, McRae (Nelson), B. Horton, L. Horne, Waddy, B. Farmer, Miss Burden, and Messrs G. Robinson, Thompson, Orr, Howard, Rogers, J. Conolly, A. Mowat, Greenfields, D. Chaytor, McIntosh, Stubbs, Kelsall, T. Hughes, Harris, Mirams, A. Green, McCallum, Bunting, H. Horton, Leonard Horne, Park, Black, Burden, Bull, A. MacShane, C. Carey, Dunn, Doulin, Lloyd, Dr. Cleghorn, Dr. Anderson, etc.

FRIDA.

NELSON.

Dear Bee, March 31. A GARDEN PARTY AND SALE OF WORK

in aid of the Melanesian, Maori, C.M.A., and other missionary organizations was held on Wednesday afternoon at 'Long Look-out,' the picturesque residence of Mr and Mrs Hunter Brown. Stalls were erected in different parts of the garden. Near the gate under an oak tree Mrs Patterson, the Misses Richmond, and Aggie Bell did a large business with sweets and cakes; this was a most attractive stall. The produce stall, consisting of poultry, game, fruit, jam, home-made bread, etc., etc., was presided over by Mrs Mirams and Miss Wood. Near the house afternoon tea was dispensed by the Misses Hunter Brown (2), and Mirams, who were kept very busy. The work stall was also in this vicinity, a table laden with useful and pretty articles, and held by Mrs Hunter Brown and Miss Humphries. There was also a stall of Maori and other curios, which were very quickly sold, held by Mrs Filleul. A museum, which was well worth seeing, was under the management of Miss Lucy Hunter Brown.

The afternoon was beautifully fine, and there were a large number present, amongst whom were noticed: Mrs Hunter Brown, black cashmere, with silk trimmings, bonnet to match; the Misses Hunter Brown (2), wore pretty white costumes, white hats; Miss L. Hunter Brown, grey, sailor hat; Mrs Filleul, handsome black costume, stylish bonnet relieved with pink roses; Mrs Mirams, white pique, sailor hat; Miss Mirams also wore white; Mrs Patterson, light costume, becoming black hat; Miss A. Bell, black crepon, with bolero of cream lace, small black hat with pink flowers; Miss Wood, white; Miss Richmond, grey coat and skirt, hat en suite; Miss Humphries, blue and white striped cambric, white straw hat. Mesdames Oldham (2), Turner, Wood, Richmond, Sclanders, Blundell, Kempthorne, Gully, Lee (Wellington), Mrs Richardson, coat and skirt of fawn covert coating, black hat with primrose ribbons; her sister, Miss Brabant (Auckland), looked pretty in

white and pink flowered muslin, becoming hat to match; Mrs Kiasling, powder blue and white cambric, small hat; Mrs Chatterton, coat and skirt of twine-coloured drill, bonnet en suite; Miss Gibson, dark green costume, Leghorn hat with pink flowers; Miss Field looked stylish in white muslin over buttercup, hat to match; Miss Rayner, mode grey costume, toque of pink and white; Mrs Renwick, black, bonnet of grey and red velvet; Mrs Robertson, all black; Miss Robertson, black silk, sailor hat; Miss Ollivier, black and white costume, hat en suite; Miss Leggett, black serge coat and skirt, large white hat with heliotrope trimmings; Miss Perrin, pink malin, large hat to match; Miss Webb, Bowen, pink and white cambric, large pink hat; Miss C. Jones, black, hat trimmed with bright green velvet; Miss Adams (Patea), blue muslin, black hat with pink chiffon; Miss Sealy, navy serge, sailor hat, her sister wore a green, frock, white hat; Miss K. Fell, sage, green, coat and skirt, small black hat; Miss Pearce, white muslin, over blue, hat en suite; Miss Lawrel, white pique; Miss Oldham, grey coat and skirt; Miss Miles, green, muslin, with lace trimmings, heliotrope straw hat with white roses; Miss Turner, white muslin, black hat; Miss Jagger, violet velvet blouse, black skirt, black hat, trimmed with black and white ribbons; Mrs A. Grace, stylish black costume, finished with ecru lace, hat en suite; Mrs Sealfie, black, with finings of green silk, toque to match; Mrs Robinson, black gown with heliotrope spots, bonnet; Mrs and Miss Poole, etc., etc.

April 5.

We have all been charmed during the last week with

MADAME AMY SHERWIN'S CONCERTS.

They were held in the Theatre Royal, five in number, including a sacred concert on Sunday evening. One longed to go to every one of them, but in these hard times that is impossible for most people, and if wishes could have taken us there the Theatre would have been packed each night. As it was it was fairly well filled, and the audiences were most enthusiastic, and seemed as though they could never tire of hearing Madame Sherwin's exquisite voice, but, then, who could? Miss Kitty Grindlay also established herself as a favourite at once by her pleasant manner and sweet voice. Amongst the audience of different nights were Mesdames Wood, A. Glasgow, Pitt, Percy Adams, Bunny, Mr and Mrs G. Richardson, Mr and Mrs Filleul, and Miss Filleul, Mr and Mrs A. Grace, Mr and Mrs Fell, the Misses Fell (3), Mrs, Mr and Miss Humphries, Mr and Miss Webb-Bowen, Mrs and the Misses Gibbs (3), Mr F. Gibbs, Mrs Watts, Mrs Sweet, Mrs and Miss Houker, the Misses Pitt, Sealy (2), Gibson, Gribben, Bunny, Pyke, Harris (2), Ledger (2), Broad, Atkinson, Jagger, Brabant (Auckland), Richmond, Aggie Bell, Heaps, Mrs and Miss Levien, Mr and Mrs Booth, the Rev. J.P. Kempthorne, Mr Joyn, and many others.

TENNIS.

Mrs Watts gave a most recherche afternoon tea at the Nelson Club's courts on Saturday afternoon; she was assisted by her daughters, Mrs Percy Adams, and Mrs Sweet, and Mrs C. Watta. During the afternoon Mrs Percy Adams, on behalf of the members of the club, presented Mr Lindo Levien with a handsome gold watch chain. Mr Levien has been the club's most energetic secretary for the past two or three years, and is now leaving for England to further his studies in dentistry. He will be much missed in Nelson, not only by tennis players, and all unite in wishing him bon voyage, and every success.

On Friday a half-holiday was granted to the pupils attending the Girls' College in order that the last rounds for the tennis championship should be played off. A large number of visitors were present, and afternoon tea was dispensed by Mrs Bain, ably assisted by the boarders. Miss Gibson wore white with green tie, sailor hat with green ribbon; Miss Gribben, white and green striped cambric, green chip hat en suite; Miss Pearce, grey costume, sailor hat; Miss Lawrel, white pique; Miss Catley, pink and white blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat; Mrs Bain, black; Mrs Littlejohn, black skirt, grey silk blouse, bonnet; Mrs Robinson, Mrs Preahaw, the Misses Preahaw, light cambric gowns; Miss Mirams, becoming pink