

phries, black; Miss Humphries, cream nun's veiling; Mrs Perrin; Mrs Chikls (Motueka Valley) looked well in grey; Mrs Vining, brown, with large collar of cream lace; Mrs Pogson, black, with white lace fichu; Miss Pogson, light blouse, black skirt; Mrs Lightfoot; Miss Lightfoot, pink muslin; Miss King, evening dress of deep red silk; Miss Browning looked remarkably well in a black evening dress, with sleeves and yoke of bright apricot silk, which suited the wearer well; Miss Woolcombe (Timaru), evening blouse of light blue silk, black skirt; Miss Trix Atkinson, black silk; Miss Hayter, green cashmere; Miss Gibson, electric blue silk blouse, skirt to match; Miss Rochfort, white pique; Miss Gibbs, white, relieved with green; Miss N. Gibbs also wore white; Miss Duff, black silk, with jet trimmings; the Misses Moore (2) wore white; Miss Haskie, black, with fichu of white muslin and lace; the Misses E. Kempthorne, Phyllis Fell, M. Robinson, Melhuish, Talbot, and many others.

Much sympathy is felt with Mr and Mrs W. H. Turner, whose pretty residence at Clifton Terrace, about five miles from town, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday evening. How the fire originated is a mystery. The family were in the dining-room till shortly after seven p.m., when Mr C. Turner went into the passage, and there noticed a flare, and on stepping outside found that the upper part of the house was on fire. As the flames had obtained a strong hold, there was no hope of saving any portion of the building, which, though an old one,

was in excellent condition. A very few articles of furniture and some books were saved, but the rest of the contents were consumed, the only clothing saved being that worn by the occupants. It was falling heavily at the time of the fire, and a more miserable night in which to be deprived of a home can scarcely be imagined. There was no insurance, and Mr Turner is a very heavy loser.

PHYLLIS.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee,

April 12.

A surprise party was got up by Mrs Marks and Mrs Jack Matson on Thursday night. All the guests arrived at Mrs Louissou's, in Gloucester street, at a quarter to eight p.m. The hostess was much surprised, but in a very short time the dining-room was cleared ready for dancing, supper was set in another room, and at 8.30 p.m. dancing began with great spirit, and kept up till 2 a.m.

Mrs Louissou wore a handsome black satin; Mrs Marks, a black corded silk; Mrs Jack Matson also wore black; Miss Cook, a pretty yellow silk; Miss B. Louissou, a blue bengaline; Miss McLean, white glaze silk dress; Miss McClathie, pink silk; Miss L. Louissou, white muslin, with lovely insertion over blue silk; her sister, a similar frock over pink silk; Miss Nelson (Sydney), black satin; Miss Graham, pink; Messrs Graham, Reid, Frankish (2), Louissou, Haskins, H. Henderson, etc., etc.

A farewell concert to Mrs Westmcott takes place on Thursday night, and promises to be a great success.

Dr. and Mrs Palmer left for Sydney on Friday last, and with them Mrs Lee and Mrs Ogle, the former being far from well; but we all hope to hear a good report from Dr. Palmer on his return back to Christchurch.

DOLLY VALE.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee,

April 13.

News is, I am sorry to say, scarce again this week, but I will describe to you some very smart walking costumes I have noticed being worn lately. Mrs W. Turnbull is wearing a neat blue serge skirt, fawn tailor-made jacket, and cornflower blue straw hat trimmed with flowers and velvet to match; Mrs A. Brandon, black Eton costume and stylish black hat trimmed with scarlet velvet and white ospreys; Mrs Colonel Penton, fawn tailor-made costume and black toque trimmed with pink roses; Mrs Newman, very well made blue serge costume and black and magenta toque; Mrs Gore is wearing a black silk gown trimmed with black and white check silk, and becoming bonnet to match; Mrs Harry Gore, blue cloth tailor-made suit, and white sailor hat with scarlet band; Mrs Dr. Martin, blue tailor-made costume with revers of lace, blue straw hat trimmed with tips and lace wings; Miss Simpson is wearing a very stylish grey tweed costume, and with it she wears

a becoming 'pink toque' with jet crown; Mrs Marchbanks, dark tailor-made suit and scarlet toque; Miss Toxward, black Eton braided costume and becoming black and white feathered hat; Mrs Crawford, fawn gown effectively trimmed with salmon pink velvet, black and white hat with wings; Mrs C. Johnston, black Russian costume, black straw hat with scarlet wings in front and black ospreys; Mrs Collins looks very nice in a black and white costume; the Misses Hislop are wearing blue tailor-made costumes and white sailor hats; etc.

The Globe Watch Co., of Sydney, notify in this issue that in order to introduce their business into every household throughout Australia they guarantee to give away a solid silver stop watch to every reader complying with some very easy conditions. For further particulars see advertisement, which will be found in another column.



Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, April 12, 1899.

IT is hereby notified that the Lease of the undermentioned Harbour Reserve will be submitted to auction at the Lands Office, Auckland, on FRIDAY, 12th May, at 11 a.m.

SECTION 9, BLOCK XIV, AWITU. Terms 14 years. Upset £2 10s. GERHARD MUELLER, Commissioner Crown Lands.

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(From the 'Adelaide Advertiser'.)

Many wonderful cures have been placed to the credit of Bile Beans for Biliousness, and we have now to chronicle the marvellous case of an old lady of eighty summers, who has suffered the most excruciating agony for the past forty years, and has been discharged from a hospital as incurable. Mrs Bridget M'Arney, the lady in question, resides at Gibson-street, Bowden, Adelaide, where a reporter of the Adelaide 'Advertiser' interviewed her a short time since. Mrs M'Arney is a typical daughter of the 'Emerald Isle.' She has lived at her present address for nearly nine years, and in the district for seventeen years, and is very widely known. 'Tell me the story of my illness?' she said, in response to a preliminary question. 'Certainly I will, with pleasure.'

'About forty years ago I became very ill. I suffered from severe pains in the head, chest, and stomach, and used to have bad fits of retching, and always, on getting up in the morning, had a bad taste in my mouth. I could not enjoy my food, and at last became so bad that I had to call in a doctor. He prescribed for me, and I continued taking the medicine, but it did me no good. I then called in another doctor, who told me that I was suffering from a disordered liver, and advised a change of climate as the only remedy. I tried other medicines, which did me no good, so I resolved to try the change of climate, and came out to South Australia. My health, however, did not improve, but, on the other hand, I gradually became worse, and often, when venturing a few yards from my house to get a little fresh air, fell down in the street, and had to be assisted to my home. I gradually became worse, and my friends took me to a hospital, but after the doctor had nearly physicked me to death they discharged me as incurable. When I left that institution I was so weak that my daughter had to assist—almost carry—me from the door to the tram, a distance of only a few yards. The doctors also told my daughter that I was not to be left alone, as I might be called away from this world at any moment.' 'To look at you now, Mrs M'Arney,' said the reporter, 'no one would think you had suffered a pain in your life!' 'That is just how I feel,' replied the old lady, cheerfully, 'and it is all through Bile Beans.' 'What induced you to try

Bile Beans, after the best doctors had failed?' 'Well, I will tell you: I saw a report in the paper of a person who had been cured by them, and resolved to try them myself. I obtained a box, and in about a week my health began to improve. I continued taking them until I had finished the first box, and then obtained two more, and before I had finished the third all pain had left me, my appetite had return-

ing, as I was expected to do, I can walk into Adelaide, a distance of about two miles—and after a short rest, return without feeling any the worse for it; and, what is more, I am now living by myself, and doing all my own work! All my relatives and many of the neighbours know—and will tell you—how bad I was before I took Bile Beans. If it had not been for this wonderful medicine I am quite sure

which time, until a few weeks ago, she has known her to be a great sufferer. She says:—

'She was taken to a hospital in Adelaide, and after being there for some time was discharged, looking quite as bad as when she went there. I have seen her many times during the past few weeks, and on each occasion have noticed a great improvement in her health—in fact, she is so well now that she does her work quite easily, and, what is more, takes a good long walk occasionally without feeling any the worse for it. Her recovery has astonished me, as when I saw her a day or two after she left the hospital, I did not think she would live to see the week out.'

Mrs C. J. Gliddon, of Gilbert-street, Bowden, states that she has known Mrs M'Arney for over five years, and knows well how she suffered during the whole of that time. She says: 'I was present when she was taken to a hospital in Adelaide, more dead than alive, and saw her immediately after she was discharged from the above institution as incurable. I know that she was advised as a last resource to try Bile Beans, and that after taking a few boxes she was completely cured. She tells me that she has not felt so well and strong for 30 years.'

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, Bridget M'Arney, of Gibson-street, Bowden, in the province of South Australia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the statement made by me to the representative of 'The Advertiser' re Bile Beans and my illness and recovery is perfectly true.

(Signed) BRIDGET M'ARNEY.

Declared and subscribed at Hindmarsh, in the province of South Australia, this ninth day of August, 1898, before me.

(Signed) H. HUNWICK, J.P.

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Yours faithfully,  
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ed, and I was able to sleep well, and, altogether, felt in splendid health.' 'Did you take any other kind of medicine during that time, Mrs M'Arney?' 'I took nothing whatever but the Bile Beans, and that is why I know that they alone cured me.' 'I must say you look well enough now,' said the reporter. 'Yes, and I feel well, too,' observed the old lady, 'and instead of

I would not be alive to-day to talk to you! I can assure you I will never be without a supply of those wonderful Bile Beans.' As the reporter wished the hale old lady good-bye it was impossible not to feel that the cure was, indeed, a marvellous one.

Margaret Carter, of 8th-street, Bowden, has known Mrs M'Arney for several years, during the whole of