on, Mr and Mrs Winks, Mr and Miss Winks, Mr and Mrs W. on, Mr and Mrs H. F. Windsor, Mr D. Wansborough, Mr Mrs Whitner, Mostra P. and D. Wood (Christchurch), Mr W. ton, Mr D. White, Mrs Young.

## CHRISTCHURCH!

DEAR REE.

MARCH, 16

There has been such a great deal going on the last few days that really I do not know what to tell you about first. The chief attraction for most people, I fancy, were the Polo matches, the finish to the week being the sports and races held at the reaccourse. There was a tremendous crowd of ladies looking on, especially the second day, most of them personal friends or relations of the men taking part in the matches. It was really very pleasant sitting in the cool shade of the pines which grow all round the old show grounds, sipping delicious tea, and eating dainty cream-sandwiches and other cakes, and at the same time to be looking on at one of the most exciting of all sports that it is possible to watch. I saw Mrs Alan Scott, who looked remarkably well in a lovely gown of electric blue alk, with bands of black lace and velvet ribbon coming over the shoulder and down the back, and also in lengths down the akirt; Mrs Wilder was wearing a spotted blue silk with pretry white embroidery; Mrs E. C. T. Stevens wore a soft fawn cloth, long black lace mantle, black bonnet with pink roses; Mrs Pyne was in black, with a pretry black hat trimmed with white roses; Hon. Mrs Parker was in a beautifully embroidered tassore ailk, nat of same shade of silk and pink velvet and ribbon; Miss Amy Rhodes was in a flowered delaine of a mauve shade, with ribbon velvet of a deeper shade on bodice and skirt; her sister wore white, as did also the Misses Wynn-Williams, Hutton, Reeves, Cowlishaw, Palmer, and Mrs Otterson; Miss M. Tabart looked very nice in a grey tailor-made gown, large steel chateriane; Mrs Rhind had on a tasteful gown of black and heliotrope, bonnet to correspond; Mrs A. Templer, of Rangiora, was in fawn cloth, black bonnet, pink flowers; Miss Crossby was in spink dress trimmed with broad gold brand, hat of fancy straw with ribbon and flowers; Mrs Ranald Macdonald was in white, large white hat and feathers.

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Mrs G. G. Stead gave a large garden-party at her residence on the Papanni Road, which was thoroughly enjoyed by about one hundred and twenty guesta. She is such a capital hosters, and her entertainments in consequence always pass off most successfully. Very few girls or men took their racquets for tennis, so those that did had some capital sets on the good lawn provided for them. I saw moet of our local pole players, as well as the visitors on the grounds. I really have not room to tell you about any of the gowns worn, out will confine myself to giving you the names of a few of the gnests. I noticed Mrs Umningham and her daughter, Mrs Tabart and her daughters, Mrs Cowlishaw, Mrs Palmer, Mrs F. Lance, Miss Lance, Miss Robison, Mrs Archer, Ars F. Kobison, Mrs Templer, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Campbell, the Misses Campbell, Clark, Loughnan, Reeves, Rhodes, Helmore, Matson, Thomas, and many more.

The last match for the Saville Cup resulted, of course, in the Cup again passing into the hands of the first Christ-church team, was certainly are head and shoulders above all the other competitors, either owing to their superior skill in the game, or to their having tetter ponies. Mrs Palmer presecued the Cup to the winners amid loud cheering. A great many people found their way out to our pretty raceourse to see what the pole ponies could do in the way of racing and hurdle-jumping. Some of the races were decidedly novel and amusing, particularly the cigar and umbrella up throughout the whole race was the winner. The tandem race, which sent everybody into fits of langhter. The man who lit his cigar first and kept the numbrelia up throughout the whole race was the winner. The tandem race was a very pretty sight, but must have been terrible to start, as the leaders would insist in turning round and staring their drivers in the face. Mr Geo same gentleman also won the Ladies' Bracelet, which was a moveley in its way. The lady in whose name the pony was entered had to be in readiness to thread a bodkin with a ribbon, and as you may imagine, great was the excitement when all these men dashed up to the hurdles at which the ladies were standing, and handed them the ribbon to thread as quickly as they possibly could. Another very pretty race was the polo ball race, which consisted in going a certain distance down the course and driving the uail along with you all the time. Mr B. Lane was by far the best, and won very easily. I must now tell you of some of the numerous people I saw on the course, and also of some of the dreesses, which were very thic. Hun. Mrs Parker was in a lovely gown of electric blue cashmere with edging of gold cord all round the skirt and bodice, bolero bodice edged with cord and yellow satin front, hat of blue and yellow (certainly a very striking combination, though rather too bright perhaps); Mrs A. Scott had on a stylish gown of broad grey and white stripe, grey hat with wnite bride; her sister, Mrs Tanner (from Napier), was in a dark cloth with bright yellow vest, dark flat hat, and yellow wing at the side; Mrs Cunningham, a lovely grey-blue silk, white satin vest, black and gold bonnet; Mrs R. Macdonald, a grey dress with lovely white silk lace pattern in stripes down the bodice and skirt; Miss Robison was in a grey lowed with pretty dark blue silk flawn velvet vest; Miss McCullich was in striped grey and white, black hat with grey birds; Mrs Dalgetty had on a pretty cream silk relieved with dark brown; Mrs Burns was in white; Mrs Hamer, in dark blue piped with gold cord; Mrs Wilder was in a lovely gown of blue silk made in the Directoire style, with vest, cutis, and coliar of white braided with gold; Mrs Lomax Smith was in China silk, with dark brown hat; Mrs Bolye wore an exquisite dress of shot silk covered with black lace; Miss Lance was in a grey blue tweed with red stripe. There were really too many pretty gowns for me

At one of our grand cricket matches, Wellington v. Canterbury, some excellent cricket was witnessed, Measar T. D. Harman and R. B. Mathias, for Canterbury, and Mesers Blacktock and Gore, for Wellington, being vociferously cheered as they passed the grand-stand after tremendously long innings. Aftermoon tes was provided by the club for spectators and players, and was dispensed on the first day by the Misses Harman, Gordon, and Cotterill, and on the second by the Misses Beswick and Helmore. Amongst

those I neticed in the stand were Mrs Wilding, who always takes a very keen interest in cricket, her husband being a good player himself; Mrs Harman, Mrs Wilthnall, Mrs Wiltock, Mrs Brugea, Mrs Condell, and Mrs T. Anderson, who looked very nice in a pretty green flowered delaine, green and pink bonnet; Miss Willis had on a charming gown of light fawn, with brown ribbon velves round the akirt and bodice; Mrs Bruges was wearing a pink cutton, and a transparent hat with flowers that were most marvellously fixed on; they looked indeed as if they had been thrown on, which gave the hat a very picturesque appearance.

## HASTINGS.

DEAR BEE.

MARCH 5

DEAR BEE,

I promised to tell you about Miss Beamish's marriage with Mr Jamieson, of 'Glenross.' Long before twelve o'clock, the hoar fixed for the wedding, numbers were waiting inside and outside our pretty little church for the bride to appear. Of course she is the centre attraction, attended by her bridesmaids. She looked so nice in a lovely thick white corded silk, so beantifully made, and so chaste-looking. The gown was made with a very long train. The bodice was prettily trimmed with exquisite chiffon. The bridal veil, orange bloesoms, etc., were very lovely. The bridal veil, orange bloesoms, etc., were very lovely. The bridesmaids wore white cashmere gowns very prettily made, and white veila. Miss Fanny Beamish was chief bridesmaid. The three other young girls were the Misses Wallsce, nieces of the tride. The Rev. J. Hobbs performed the cetemony. He was assisted by the Rev. C. L. Take. The service was most impressive. The church was not decorated, but over the altar these beantiful words were to be seen on a pale blue cloth: 'Jesus was called to the marriaga.' There were not very many people invited to the wedding. Amongst those who were there I noticed Lady Whitmore, wearing an extremely handsome black silk gown, black bonnet with liles of the valley; the Misses Lowry (2) wore very pretty cream delaines with pale blue trimmings, bonnets to match with pale blue with white vest; stylish hat; Mrs Harry Donnelly wore a stylish slate grey gown; her sister Miss Donnelly wore a fawn gown, salor hat; Miss Grimwood, black and white skirt, white blonse, white hat; a young lady with her looked well in white. A number of people drove out to Stonegrotfo (the residence of the bride's father) in the afternoon, where a very pleasant afternoon was spent in the lovely grounds adjoining the house. Mr and Mrs Jamieson left for 'Glernoss' about three o'clock. The bride looked extremely well in her going away gown of navy blue. Both the bride and bridegroon got well pelted with rise I am avera with them never hereivers and a The bride looked extremely well in her going away gown of navy blue. Both the bride and bridegroom got well pelted with rice. I am sure I wish them every happiness, and a long life to enjoy it.

## DUNEDIN.

DEAR BEB,

My letter this week will be almost wholly devoted to garden parties, for we have had four 'beanties.' The weather has been perfect, and this form of entertainment has been the most enjoyable imaginable.

Mrs Cutten gave a large garden party, which was much enjoyed in spite of the strong nor wester prevailing in the

afternoon. Among the guests were the Hon. R. and Mrs Oliver, Mrs W. H. Reyboldsand the Misses Reynolds, Mrs P. C. Neill, Miss Neill, Mrs Ogston, Mrs and Miss Morris, Mrs Riddings, Ursand the Misses Spence, Miss Rolands, Mrs and Miss Stephenson, Mrs and the Misses Dymock, the Misses Rattray, Mrs Joschim, Mrs Moors, Miss Macneil, Mrs and Miss Lirich, Mrs and Miss Kenyon, Mrs and Miss Lirich, Mrs and Miss Kenyon, Mrs and Miss Spence, Tolcaire, Mrs and Mrs Oliver at their residence, Tolcaire, Maori Hill. Their beautiful grounds looked their very best, courts being marked out for tenns in one part, and archery, seen for the first time in Dunedin, was going on in another part, and attracted the attention of numbers of the young people. An excellent band discoursed music in a far corner

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and Miss Dundon, Mr Wilson, Miss Wilson, Dr. and Mrs Ogston,
Mrs Allan, Holmes, Mr and Mrs Gallaway. Mrs Roll,
Miss Neill, Mrs Macmaster, Mrs and the Misses Stephenson, Mrs and the Misses Spence, Mr and Mrs Howell,
Mrs Veill, Mrs Macmaster, Mrs and the Misses Spence, Mr and Mrs Howel,
Mrs J. R. Jones, Mrs and the Misses Stephenson, Mrs and the Misses Mackerras, Mrs and Miss Scott, Mr and Mrs Chapman
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## NEW PLYMOUTH.

DEAR BEE.

MARCH 18.

Dear Bee.

J. haven't told you about Miss Molfatt's wedding. The Waitara streets were quite crowded with raily-dressed people on their way to pretty little St. John's, where the ceremony took place. The little church was beautifully decorated in bonour of the event, masses of snowy agapanthus and white lilies everywhere, and long trails of ivy as well. At the end of most of the seats, small, pretaily dressed endoren were standing, holding baskets of white roses, which they scattered before the bridal pair as they came out after the ceremony. We had ample time to admire the decorations, for the bride was late. She arrived in due course leaning on the arm of her step-father, Mr Freeling. She looked extermely well, and no wonder her bridegroom, Mr Lownsborough, looked proud of her. Her dress suited her aumirably. It was of white nun's veiling, simply made, very long, and edged with a full tuche round the bottom. Of course she wore the customary long tuile veil and orange blossom, and her bouquet was lovely. Her four bridesmaids (Miss Molfat and the Misses Freeling) also looked exceedingly well. They wore dresses of the palest blue nun's veiling, very prettily made, the bodices being draped very stylishly. The two elder bad sweet little bonnets of pale blue chiffon and ribbon, and the two younger had drawn hats of the same. All carried bouquets of white margnerites. Mr K. Molfatt was the best man, and the Rev. T. Baker performed the ceremony. The service was choral, the bride having been for some years a member of the cborr, and Mrs Baker played the 'Wedding March' as the bridal party left the enarch. After the ceremony Mrs and Mrs Freeling entertained a large number of friends at the breakfast, and many more at a ball in the evening. Several pretty dresses were worn at the wedding. Mrs Halloran, electric blue figured ponye sit, black lace bonnet; with pink velvet flowers; Mrs R. I. Matthews, cream muslin with a green spray, and white hat trimmed with chiffon and roses; Mrs Perry (inglewood), cream injured Chins si