

brown-striped dress, vest embroidered with silver; Mrs G. Roberts, smoke-coloured cashmere with rich brocade front, and long sealskin jacket; Miss Kimbell, dark blue serge, straw hat to match with deep crimson wing. This is not by any means all the handsome dresses that were worn, but there was a richness about the costumes this autumn I have not noticed before. The materials are so handsome, and the embroideries in gold, silver or even in rich silk add so much to the style of the present day gown.

GIRLS' BOATING CLUB.

It is always gratifying to find kindness appreciated, and I am pleased to say the Girls' Boating Club were not un-mindful of the many little attentions of Mr and Mrs Worthy in their behalf, by inviting them to afternoon tea up the river on Wednesday, also Mr and Mrs Harrison, when a very pleasant time was spent.

DOLLY VALE

MARLBOROUGH.

DEAR BEE, APRIL 22. The Kenepuru Regatta on Easter Monday, though not the success it has hitherto been, was well-attended from the Picton side of the range, nearly all the inhabitants of the town being ferried across the Sound in Captain Fisk's steam launches and landed in Torea Bay, where only a low saddle divides Queen Charlotte Sound from the Pelorus Sound, and here in what is called The Portage, the Pelorus Sound people hold their annual regatta. The fearful weather we have had during the last fortnight accounts for the unusually small number of people from Blenheim, Havelock, and the Sounds generally. Amongst the happy picnic parties were Mr and Mrs Masfeld (of Manaroa), Mr and Mrs C. H. Mills (of Havelock), Mr and Mrs George Robinson (of Blenheim), Mr and Mrs H. C. Seymour, Mr and Mrs Rutherford, Mrs McNab, Mrs Beauchamp (of Anikiwa), and the Misses Speed, Masfeld, Beauchamp, Scott, Seymour, Welford, Hassell, Mellish, and many others. Everybody was well wrapped up, and prepared for rain, which has been coming down in a perfectly matter-of-course manner for the last fortnight.

Alas! for the camping-out expeditions, of which there were several parties down the Sound for the Easter holidays, with ammunition enough to clear the whole place of wild pigs for ever, and fishing tackle enough to catch all the fish in the Sounds. One party went without a tent, and the friends they left behind lamenting could not sleep at night for thinking of them, but the party knew the Sound people too well to have any fears in regard to rheumatism or influenza. Most of them returned to Picton on Monday night, having enjoyed themselves in spite of thunder, lightning, rain, and rude Boreas, laden with spoils from the deep, which they carried in triumph to Blenheim and presented to their less fortunate friends.

JEAN.

DUNEDIN.

DEAR BEE, APRIL 18. Rain, wind, and pitiless cold made Passion week even more sombre than usual. There would have been few frivolities in any case, but the weather damped even such as there were. A very cheery affair, notwithstanding, was

MRS REYNOLDS' MUSICAL PARTY,

at which a number of smart people were seen. It was a well-arranged, well-done affair, and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Velvet was much worn, and there were some very beautiful dresses. Mrs Reynolds herself was handsomely arrayed in black noiré trimmed with jet. Miss Reynolds, who was a most able assistant hostess, looked well in pale terra-cotta broché, and Miss Rachel Reynolds, in striped silk trimmed with white gauze, was admirably suited. Black velvet is always the handsomest wear for a woman who can carry it, and Miss Ritchie so gowned could not have been more handsomely dressed. Mrs Oliver, in rich grey silk with trimmings of steel fringe and embroidery, was smartly befrocked. Mrs Boyd affected pale blue silk trimmed with white chiffon, and Mrs Mackenzie, electric blue silk trimmed with pink chiffon; Mrs Handyside was in black with gold butterflies.

Miss Neil's lovely dress of pale sage green bengaline trimmed with twine-coloured fringe and jewelled embroidery, was universally admired. Miss Macneil, in a dull electric blue velvet gown, was seen to advantage; the bodice, of white striped gauze, was trimmed with bands of velvet *en saie*. Another *chic* costume was that of Miss Gillies—deep cream satin trimmed with pink and blue velvet and embroidered velvet. Pleasantly conspicuous was Mrs J. S. Thompson, in scarlet Liberty silk trimmed with black velvet. Mrs Leslie Reynolds, dull green silk, and Mrs Rose, brown velvet with brown and blue feather tips, were both becomingly gowned; Mrs Michie, wore white silk trimmed with green, and Mrs Batchelor a handsome dress of terra-cotta silk. Last, but by no means least Mrs E. C. Reynolds, wore a very handsome dress of buttercup striped broché. The musical items were excellent and were contributed by Mesdames Reynolds, Burns (Christchurch), Handyside, Rose, Gillies, E. C. Reynolds, Busck, Messrs H. Martin and E. C. Reynolds; Mr Stott contributing a bagpipe selection.

LUNCHEON PARTIES.

Mrs Spence gave a luncheon party on Friday. Among those present were Mesdames John Roberts, Oliver, E. C. Reynolds, C. Kettle, Burns, Grierson, Michie, and Handyside.

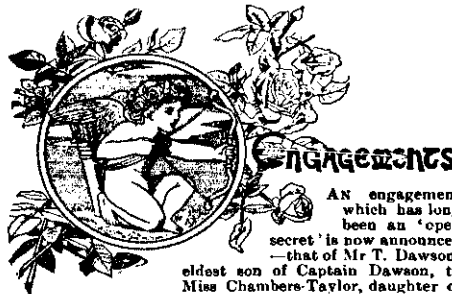
Mrs Siewright gave a delightful dance, at which all the well-known faces were present.

I have no parties to tell you of this week, but next week hope to have some.

MAUDE.

FOR Invalids and Delicate Children, AULSEBROOK'S ARROWROOT and TEA BISCUITS are unsurpassed.—(ADVT.)

FLAG BRAND PICKLES and SAUCE cannot be equalled HAWTHARD BROS., Manufacturers, Christchurch.—(ADVT.)



Albert. Congratulations have already been pouring in on the young couple.

ANOTHER engagement is that of Miss E. Stewart, of Argyle-street, Ponsonby, daughter of the late Mr Andrew Stewart, to Mr T. Brown.



MISS JOHNSTONE, of Ponsonby, was the other day united in the holy bonds of matrimony to her cousin, Mr Eric Holman, who came over from Melbourne for his bride. The ceremony took place in All Saints' Church, the Rev. W. Calder officiating. The bride looked exceedingly well in a fawnish grey travelling dress and pretty little bonnet to match, and carried a very beautiful bridal bouquet. She was attended by five bridesmaids—Misses Mand Davies and Whitelaw (Whangarei), and three little girls. The first couple wore tasteful wine-coloured gowns and fawn hats trimmed with wine colour, and carried pretty bouquets. The three children were very pretty frocks alike of pale blue veiling and each carried a lovely basket of flowers. Mr Lang, a gentleman who is touring the colonies, acted as best man. A reception was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's mother, Ring Terrace, where the many pretty presents were displayed and duly admired. The honeymoon will be spent at Orewa, near Waiveru, after which the newly-wedded couple leave for their future home in Melbourne.

VERY considerable interest was manifested at the Thames in the nuptials of Mr Ernest F. Adams, M.E., eldest son of Mr Jas. Adams, B.A., Principal of the Thames High School, to Miss H. M. Hall, second daughter of Mr J. W. Hall. Long before the time fixed for the ceremony St George's Church was crowded with the many interested friends of the young couple, who were both well known and highly esteemed. The Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan was the officiating clergyman. The bride was given away by her father, and looked exceedingly pretty in a handsome bridal gown of white cashmere made with long train, and trimmed with lace, ribbon, and orange blossoms, wreath of orange blossoms and tulle veil. She also carried a lovely bouquet, the gift of Miss Gillespie, Parawai, who also made and presented the bridesmaid's bouquets. The attendant bridesmaids were the Misses Hall and Adams, wearing tasteful costumes alike of sea-green nun's veiling, finished with pale pink ribbons and gloves, dainty hats of pale green chiffon trimmed with pink heath. Mr J. Christie (jun.) and Mr W. B. Hall attended the bridegroom in the capacity of groomsmen. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party were entertained at a sumptuous wedding breakfast by Mr and Mrs Hall, and in the evening a large and very enjoyable party was given in St. George's Schoolroom, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The newly-wedded couple, after receiving the congratulations of their friends, left by the Rotomahana for Auckland.

THE St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Hill-street, Wellington, was thronged with people on Easter Monday afternoon, when Miss Brunetta Lucie Cemino, third daughter of Mr Salvatore Cemino (so well known in musical circles), was married to Mr Edmund P. Bunny, brother of Mr Arthur Bunny, of Masterton, Wairarapa, and fifth son of the late Mr Henry Bunny, of Featherston. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful bridal gown of thick soft white corded silk, trained, and trimmed with chiffon, and carried a lovely bouquet, and wore her gift from the bridegroom—a turquoise and pearl bracelet set in gold. She was attended by two bridesmaids—Miss Marguerite Cemino, sister of the bride, and Miss Maude Bunny, of Featherston, sister of the bridegroom, who were both dressed alike in pretty pale green soft silk gowns, simply made, and wore large hats to match, and each wore a diamond and pearl brooch, gifts from the bridegroom. Out of compliment to the bride (whose father has been a benefactor to the Institution) eight of the orphans of St. Joseph's Orphanage attended and strewed the aisle with flowers as the wedding party left the

cathedral, and another compliment was played by Mr Robert Parker, organist of St. Paul's who played the 'Wedding March' at the conclusion of the ceremony. The large party adjourned to the house of the bride's father, where the beautiful presents were seen and the wedding breakfast served, and after the young couple had received the congratulations of their friends they left for the honeymoon, the bride wearing a pretty dark tweed travelling dress bound with fur, and small hat to match. Among the guests were Miss Cemino, sister of the bride, Mr E. J. Riddiford, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Mr Broad, of Nelson, nephew of the bridegroom. Mr Arthur Bunny officiated as best man, and the service was conducted by His Grace Archbishop Rodwood, assisted by the Rev. Fathers McKenna, Power, and McNamara. Upon their return Mr and Mrs Bunny intend residing at the Hutt, Wellington.

I HEAR Miss Maude Kimbell will not return to New Zealand. Her engagement is announced to Mr Fortune, of Liverpool, a partner in the firm of Balfour, Williams and Co., of that city. Rumour has it that Mr, Mrs and Miss Kimbell are likely soon to visit England and be present at the marriage.

THERE was a large gathering at St. Sepulchre's to witness the wedding of Miss Julia Garland, daughter of Mr H. N. Garland, to Mr Burgoyne Heather. The families have been in Auckland so long, and there were so many relations to be invited, that the wedding guests were strictly confined to the family circle and its outlying branches. The bride looked exceedingly well in a pretty grey travelling dress.

IN THE LOOKING-GLASS.

THE most striking dress on the lawn at the Auckland Easter Races was worn by a Dunedin girl, Miss McClean. It was of bright red silk, and the wearer completed her stylish costume by a white felt hat, in which red ribbon played a prominent part, slightly subdued by a white feather.

MISS WILSON (Whangarei), who is the guest of Mrs Upton, Shelly Beach, during her stay in Auckland, looks exceedingly nice in a well fitting dark green cloth gown, and large black hat.

MISS BRADLEY, daughter of Mr F. Bradley, Northern Wairoa, is spending a short holiday with Miss Harding, Mangawhare.

MR AND MRS HART and their daughter have returned to Timaru. *On dit* that Miss Hart is not to be with Timaruvians for long.

MRS BARTON is down from Whangarei on a visit to her mother, Mrs Stevens, Remuera. She is looking as pretty as ever, and was frocked in a stylish fawn gown with large spots, and light fawn hat trimmed with flowers and foliage.

AMONGST the young-looking matrons at the Auckland Easter Race Meeting none looked fairer than Mrs A. Kerr-Taylor. Her dress was of navy blue, the jacket of plush, and a most fascinating little black hat with red tips crowned her bonny face.

MRS BAUME, who has been visiting friends in Dunedin, returns to Auckland this week.

MR AND MRS ROBERT RHODES have returned to Timaru from their trip to England, both looking very well. Since their return they have been spending some time in the North Island.

MR AND MRS W. BLOOMFIELD 'The Pines,' Auckland, are away at Gisborne.

THREE ladies who were present at Mrs Walter Tabuteau's large afternoon tea in Napier were much admired. Miss Handlin looked very pretty in her new autumn costume; Mrs Eustace Fulton and Mrs Vickerman (from Hastings) were the other two whose stylish costumes attracted attention.



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