AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 1.

We all enjoyed the last

REMUERA SOCIAL UNION

immensely. What with it and the Parnell galeties we have at least one dance a week to look forward to. I noted some pretty dresses for your special delectation. Mrs Frank Walker was smartly gowned in apricot silk covered with black lace; Mrs Cotter, handsome black silk with black and white tartan sleeves and trimmings; Mrs Hope Lewis, steel grey velveteen relieved with white lace; Miss Hilda Lewis, bouton d'or Liberty silk trimmed with tulle; Mrs Hanna, grey silk with black lace sleeves and trimming; Miss Ruby Jackson, black lace with cerise green sleeves; Miss Jackson, pale pink crepon, and brown velvet bands on skirt, and velvet bebé sleeves; Miss Banks, black velvet en traine, with orange bébé sleeves and frill round bodice and edging on skirt on suite; Mrs Archie Clarke looked very well in a handsome brocaded silk, beautifully made and finished; Mrs Isidor Alexander, white brocaded silk; Miss Flora Alexander, Mexican blue cashmere Empire gown; Miss Thomas (Papatoitoi), maize-coloured crepon with sleeves, tabs, and edgings of brown velvet; Miss Lyell, black lace with bouton d'or Watteau back and trimmings; Miss Lily Hamlin, green electric nun's veiling with pink sleeves and trimmings; Miss Wylde-Brown, cream crepon, pink velvet bebé sleeves and frill round bodice; her sister wore a similar dress of cream with Bordeaux velvet; Mrs Jackson (H.M.S. Katoomba), lovely white silk, with yellow chiffon flounce on skirt, and frill and sleeves of chiffon; Mrs Ireland, shot green silk with black lace flounce on skirt and trimmings; Miss Lily Ireland, white silk; Miss Ettie Ireland, white nun's veiling; Mrs Walker (Ellerslie), black, with trimming bouton d'or opera cloak; Miss Gypsy Walker, pretty pale pink cashmere; Miss Hesketh, slate grey silk relieved with white, and her sister was much admired in white; Mrs Skeats, black, and her daughter was pretty in white; Mrs Gould, black lace with ruby velvet sleeves; Miss Gould, black lace with yellow ribbons; Miss F. Binney, black lace; Miss Walker (Parnell), fawn cashmere, terre bebé sleeves of velvet; Mrs Bews (Mount Roskill), crimson Liberty silk; Miss Hewes, cardinal tussore silk; Mrs Churton, black lace, pretty blue opera cape; Miss Stevenson (Gleaholm) looked nice in white crepon with pink ribbons, and her sister, a cream crepon with blue silk sleeves, and Empire sash; Miss Hague Smith, white; Miss Amy Taylor, white silk with orange ruchings round bodice and also on skirt; Miss Davidson, white nun's veiling with blue Watteau back and trimmings en suite; Miss Emily Firth, yellow ochre coloured silk; Miss Mary Firth, Nil silk with pink sleeves and frill; Miss Phillips, Gaulois grey cashmere, black velvet sleeves; Mrs Nashelski, black; Miss Nashelski, stylish black with old gold trimmings; Miss Ada Dixon, white tartatan; Miss Power, very handsome gown of mignonette green velvet, en traine; Miss Burstill, fawn silk with terra velvet trimmings; Miss Whewell, white crepon with grey silk sleeves and Empire sash, epaulettes of Mechlin lace; Miss Johnstone, white silk with bands of emerald green velvet, zouave jacket en suite; Miss Thomas (Remuera), white tulle; Miss Howard, pale pink nun's veiling; Miss Gorrie, brown velvet gown relieved with white lace; Miss Mary Gorrie, shot pink and blue silk covered with some gauzy material; Miss Dunnett, grey silk with new green velvet trimmings; Miss Percival, white crepon with pink velvet sleeves; Mrs Hunter, spuice coloured brocaded silk; Miss Kilgour, yellow silk, covered with chiffon; Miss Dudley, white brocaded silk; Miss Von Sturmer, black velvet; Miss Thorpe, white cashmere, and her sister, a cardinal satin; Miss Rosa Bull looked remarkably well in white crepon; Miss Ethel Bull, rose coral silk covered with tulle; Miss O'Brien, spuice skirt and trimmings, a bodice of a lighter shade; Mrs Arthur Taylor, cream crepon with pink bebe sleeves, pink edgings on skirt; Miss (W. F.) Buckland, mode grey with velvet of a darker hue; Miss Lewis (Ponsonby), black lace, red opera cape; Miss Baiger (Mount Eden) was fascinating in maize coloured Liberty silk. Amongst the gentlemen present were Messrs F. Dixon, Heywood, Phillips, Gilmore, Goodhue, Keesing, Wagstaff, Minitt, Bell, Noakes, Wynyard (two), Horton (two), Hulme, Clarke, Arch, Clarke, Watkis, Von Sturmer, Cotter, Skoates, Alec Walker, Upfil, Bush, Masefield, Brook-Smith, Greenaway, Stevenson, etc.

I was lucky enough to receive an invitation to the lecture on

HISTORIC LONDON AT THE COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

It was rather formidable, entering between two rows of professors and masters, who received us most courteously, friends and strangers alike. The lecture was interesting, and I think a description of the dresses would be rather out of place, seeing that many of the audience were students; indeed they were the *raison d'etre* of the whole proceedings. There were present of the staff Mesdames Wallace, Hanitain, Blades, and Morrison, also, as visitors, Mrs Cuthbertson, Mr and Mrs Lippiatt, Mr and Mrs Sloman, Mrs Wilke, Miss Wilks and Miss Latham, Mrs Basley, Miss Brown, the Misses (Henry) Smith, Mr Herbert Noakes, and many others whose names I cannot recall.

Property is going up here.

IN SYMONDS-STREET

last week the residence of the late Sir William Fox was bought by Mr P. A. Edmiston for £1,420. It will be convenient for him to live so near the Choral Hall.

DRESSES WORN AT 'AS YOU LIKE IT,' IN ST. SEPULCHRE'S SCHOOLROOM.

Miss W. Dudley as Rosalind, wore a long black tunic reaching to the knees, steel belt, sword sleeves slashed with yellow, black and yellow cap; in the last part of the play, she wore a white bridal dress, silver braided, and wreathed with orange blossoms. Miss Pierce (Orlando), long green tunic, with belt and sword, white ruffle, white cloak, red and white plumed cap; Miss Purchas (Phebe) looked charming in black velvet bodice, cream delaine over dark red skirt, large hat trimmed with poppies and wheat; Miss Preece (Celia), poppy-crowned hat, black velvet bodice with white lace handkerchief and front, red and blue skirt, silver crook covered with flowers; Miss May Sloman, as Hymen, was an illusion of yellow; Miss W. Picken (Oliver), blue tunic, dark red cloak, blue cap with long white feather; Miss Bedlington (Silvius), black tunic, fur-lined cloak of red, red cap; Miss Picken (Duke), scarlet tunic, black cloak, red cap relieved with old gold. Among the audience I noticed Miss Lawson, stylish brown tweed with silk trimmings, hat to match; Miss Muldrun, grey cashmere, black hat with white feathers; Mrs Bell, stylish fawn cape trimmed with beaver, black velvet toque; Mrs Dacre, handsome brown plush-striped mantle, black bonnet relieved with red; Miss V. Dacre, grey costume, black jacket, black hat trimmed with rose pink; Miss Batger, fawn dress, black beaver-trimmed jacket, black hat; Miss Freda Marsden, olive green dress, with sleeves and trimmings of green braid; Miss Garland, brown dress, black jacket, and pretty brown velvet trimmed hat; Miss A. Clark, navy costume, hat to match; Miss D. Dudley, dark green; Miss Snell, a combination of black and red; Mrs Connell, all black; Mrs J. Hay, red dress, black bonnet; Mrs Coates, one of the singers, wore a pretty black evening dress.

HERE, THERE, AND ELSEWHERE

I have noted some striking costumes. Mrs Devore in black cashmere and becoming black bonnet; Miss Devore looks well in mode grey; Mrs Dargaville, stylish navy serge, red vest, toque with lovely red ostrich feather; Mrs Dignan, brown costume; Mrs Ching, stylish tabac gown; Mrs Arthur Bull, black silk, sealskin dolman, bonnet with yellow tips; Miss Ethel Bull, brown plaid gown with brown velvet bébé sleeves, Empire sash and vest, brown flop hat with velvet and quills to match; Miss Elliot, navy with fawn trimmings; Mrs Renton, stylish dark dress; Mrs Scott (Onehunga), blue serge, with hat to match; Mrs Isaacs, black (mourning); Miss Rookes, navy serge with blue collar, and blue band round gem hat; Miss Maud Wilkins, black cashmere, pink bodice with large sleeves; Mrs Humphrey Haines, steel grey trimmed with fur *en suite*, small hat; Mrs Walker (Parnell), pretty grey plaid costume; Miss K. Chambers looks pretty in a tailor-made navy serge, small hat *en suite*; Miss Dolly Davis, very stylish shot red and green silk, green velvet bebé sleeves and trimmings, black hat trimmed with velvet *en suite* and a dash of white to relieve; Miss Amy Banks, navy serge, red Tartan sleeves and Empire belt, gem hat with band of Tartan ribbon; Miss Thorpe, brown cashmere with bands of velvet on skirt, velvet bebé sleeves, flop hat with feathers *en suite*; Mrs Thorpe, black cashmere, with long Tudor cape; Miss Dunnet, stylish brown gown, flop felt hat with long drooping ostrich feathers; Miss Thomas (Papatoitoi), brown cashmere with edgings of fur, brown hat with pink feather; Miss Hay, navy serge, crimson blouse, navy zouave jacket, jampot hat with band of crimson ribbon; Miss Jones, navy skirt, brown blouse, brown crinkley hat with ribbons *en suite*; Mrs (Dr.) Hews (Otahuhu), fawn stripe with brown velvet trimmings; Miss Stevenson (Remuera), brown tweed gown, hat *en suite* relieved with pink; Miss Walker (Ellerslie), navy serge, brown fur boa, navy hat with velvet bow; Miss Nathan (Karangahape Road), brown gown, velvet toque *en suite*; Mrs Kingswell, brown plaid Cheviot tweed, fur pelerine, black hat with feathers and velvet strings; Mrs Hull, navy serge, buff Tudor cape with fox fur, flat jampot hat with red bow; Mrs Thomas Morrin, navy serge with mignonette green spots, black hat with feathers of mignonette green; Mrs Brigham looks well in black gown (mourning), black cloth redingote with fur, black bonnet; Miss Brigham, black cashmere, small black hat; Mrs Goodhue, navy serge, fur pelerine, black straw hat with navy ribbons; Miss Lawford, black; Mrs Younghusband, navy serge, band of black braid on edge of skirt, fox fur boa, black gem; Mrs J. Roach looks nice in black (mourning); Miss Flossie White, navy serge, with yellow ribbons in hat; Mrs Angus Gordon, fawn plaid, long sealskin redingote, black lace hat with small white daisies; Mrs Knight, black cashmere with fox fur trimming, fawn Tudor cape with black ribbons, black bonnet; Mrs Hope Lewis, navy serge with fox fur, navy toque with touch of orange velvet, fur pelerine; Miss Hilda Lewis, brown cashmere, buff Tudor cape, picture hat with velvet strings; Miss Fenton, black (mourning); Misses Kensington, navy serges, black redingotes, small black hats; Miss White, green cashmere, white nun's veiling bodice.

DRESSES AT HERR ZIMMERMANN'S SECOND GRAND CHAMBER CONCERT.

The lady accompanists and lady singers were gowned as following:—Miss L. Warren, white cashmere with bands of orange trimmings; Miss A. Rimmer, simple white gown with Tartan plaid sash; Miss Reeves, black velvet corselet skirt *en traine* with rose coral Liberty silk blouse; Miss Flora Thorpe, stylish white nun's veiling *en traine*; Mrs Kilgour, crimson satin with deep fawn lace, crimson bow in hair; Miss Lorrigan, white silk trimmed with lace and Lizard green velvet sleeves; her sister wore a Nihiliste red silk with velvet sleeves and waistband *en suite*. Among the audience were Mrs H. Tewsley, black relieved with heliotrope; Mrs Seigner, black silk with a touch of red; and her niece was simply gowned in white; Miss Thorpe, pink; Miss Kissling, black; Mrs Mahoney, white cashmere with pink opera cape; Mrs E. Buchanan, cream silk; Miss Harding, white nun's veiling; Mrs Isidor Alexander, beige with brown velvet; Miss Cora Alexander, brown; Mrs H. Walker (O'Rorke-street), black cashmere; Miss Amy Taylor, black; Mrs Walker (Parnell), black gown with red plush dolman; Miss Kilgour, scarlet dress and plush cape *en suite*; Miss R. Kilgour, blue silk with pink cape; Mrs Gould, light ruby; Miss Spiers, black lace, yellow sleeve cuffs and yoke; Miss O'Brien, brown; Miss Johnson, dark gown.

Owing to pressure on our space, a Papakura letter is held over until next week.

PHYLLIS BROUNE.

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE, JULY 27.

Society in Wellington is in a deplorable condition just now, owing to the severe epidemic of measles. Almost every other house is invaded, and those who are not afflicted are busily engaged in nursing their friends. There have been several severe illnesses resulting from them, and anything in the shape of amusement has not been thought of this week. The Hon. Allan Boyle is one of the latest victims, and as very few of the inmates of Government House have had them, the whole party is being kept isolated.

There were several parties on the *tapis* for this week, but of course they have been effectually stopped as most of

L THE INTENDING GUESTS ARE STRICKEN WITH THE MEASLES,

and as the form appears to be a severe one, the attacks generally last a fortnight.

Just imagine a whole week without gaiety, and during the season too. Why, it is an almost unheard-of occurrence. Even

A CHAMBER CONCERT

which was being arranged for by Mr Tallis Trimnell and Mr Parker, has had to be postponed in consequence of the illness of some of the instrumentalists. These two gentlemen have arranged for a series of chamber concerts during the winter, to be held in the Art Gallery once a fortnight, the programme to consist entirely of classical music, both vocal and instrumental.

AT THE COUNTESS OF GLASGOW'S AFTERNOON RECEPTION,

among the guests were Lady Prendergast in a handsome black plush cloak and black bonnet with scarlet tips; Mrs L. Reid wore a dark tweed gown, fur victorine, and black hat with yellow velvet wings; Mrs Wardrop, a handsome fawn cloak and hat to match trimmed with pink; Mr and Mrs Acland; Miss R. Acland, dark tweed, long black jacket and large black hat, the bows lined with yellow; Mr and Mrs Whittall, the latter wearing a handsome moss green gown, the wide skirt bound with darker bands of velvet, bear boa and large green velvet hat with shaded green tips; the Hon. Ed. Richardson; Mrs Richardson, in a handsome black costume and fur boa; and a lady friend who was with her wore a handsome lilac gown spotted with white, a long fawn boa, and brown hat with magenta flowers; Mrs Newman, a stylish fawn coat, the capes edged with black and bonnet to match; Mrs Oliver, Gobelin blue, and cape of black silk and jet, bonnet with blue feather; Mrs C. Johnston, a handsome tabac brown cloth mantle, the capes edged with beaver, and bonnet to match; Mr and Mrs Maxwell, the latter in a sealskin coat; Mrs Harding, black plush mantle and black jet bonnet with pink buds round the front; Miss Harding, brown costume and brown and blue hat; Mrs Rhodes, a handsome black gown and plush mantle and mauve bonnet; Miss Rhodes, dark Gobelin trimmed with beaver, brown hat with fur tails; Miss Moorhouse, a pretty brown costume trimmed with pale blue and red, and brown hat with rosettes under the brim of scarlet and pale blue velvet; Miss H. Moorhouse, a blue and white checked gown with Swiss belt of blue silk and gold braiding and hat to match; Mr and Mrs Morrah, the Misses Morrah, Miss Noake, a brown costume and sealskin jacket; Mrs Biss, a brown cloth costume, a light brown jacket and brown velvet hat with feathers; Captain and Mrs Barclay, the latter in black and black and scarlet bonnet; Miss Barclay, fawn trimmed with green velvet and boa; Miss Barclay, a grey mottled tweed edged with velvet; Miss Chayter, dark blue with white yoke and trimming, and black feather hat; Miss Henry, black, with vest of pink, black and pink hat; Mrs Joseph, a handsome black merveilleux with large puffed sleeves and black bonnet; Miss Joseph, a tobacco brown tweed and large cream velvet hat with brown and cream feathers; Mr and Miss Wilson, the latter in blue serge and black hat *en suite*; Mr and Miss Quick, the latter in bottle green cloth with cape to match bound with fur, feather hat; Mr and Mrs Hardy, Rev. Mr Ogg, Rev. Mr Waters, Mr Bethune, Dr. Harding, Mr and Mrs Jack, Mr and Miss Young, Mrs Morrison, Mr and Mrs Powles, Miss Powles, Mrs and Miss Vennell, Miss Greenwood, Miss Jolly, the Misses Williams, Mrs Hislop, Miss Hutton, Miss Johnston, Col. Fox, Mrs Beere, Hon. and Miss Miller, Capt. and Mrs Fraser, Mrs and Miss Mason, and many others.

INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR A DANCE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

next Thursday, so it is to be hoped all the patients will have recovered from the measles and be able to attend.

OPHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE, JULY 27.

It is well we have a few kind friends left and a few houses exempt from measles. I have never known a winter season so deadly dull as this. Like the faithful Mariana, I am patience personified waiting for something to turn up, but nothing has with the exception of the gale Captain Edwin promised us. There are doleful accounts in this morning from the country north and south, of chimneys and fences down, roofs of houses stripped, and huge trees toppled over tearing up tons of earth with them, while old buildings and sheds were knocked over like packs of cards. Strange to say we scarcely felt a puff of wind in town, and it is somewhat surprising to hear of so much damage. The nor'-wester has also brought in the Spanish warship, Nautilus, and though very little English is spoken by those on board, there are to be some festivities exchanged, and there will doubtless be a little fun and not a few mistakes in attempting to exchange thoughts. The ball to-morrow evening in that pretty Council Chamber of the old Provincial Building promises to be a brilliant one, and I hope to have some new gowns to describe.

On Wednesday Mrs Westland, Chilcombe, Fendalton, had a choice little

DINNER PARTY,

followed by a dance, which was a really enjoyable evening—a good floor, Fleming's music, and the daintiest of suppers. We all felt the time could not possibly have sped so fast when the drag was announced to return to town. Among the guests were Mr and Mrs Archer, Mr and Miss Stack, Mr and Miss Lean, Misses Gerrard, Graham, Meeson, Black, Clarke, Neave, Norton, Withnell, Messrs Ridings, Harman, Corbett, Manning, Collins, Ollivier, Gordon, and others.

DRESSES AT THE CHAMBER CONCERT.

Miss Rich looked very nice in dark velvet trimmed with fur, and Miss Beath, a dark green silk with cream puff sleeves. Among the numerous and fashionable audience were Mr and Mrs Heaton Rhodes, the latter wearing a lovely cloak; Mrs Rhind in black relieved with yellow; Mrs Westmacott in bright red silk trimmed with black lace; Mrs A. Anderson in pale blue and chiffon; Mrs Vernon in fawn and brown; Mrs Bruges, a becoming black gown; Mr and Mrs Bowron, the Misses Ronalds, Wynn-Williams, Nedwill, Colonel and Miss Lean, Judge Denniston, Mrs Melland (Dunedin), Mrs F. Thompson in green gown; Mrs Gibbs, black silk, and lovely electric cloak with feather trimming; Professor and Mrs Cook, Mrs Ollivier, Mr and Mrs Rochfort Snow, Mrs Bowen and party, Mrs G. F. Martin, Mr and Miss Cowlishaw, Mr and Mrs Graham Greenwood, Mr and Mrs Westland, Mr and Mrs Wigram, Mrs and Miss Moorhouse, Capt. and Mrs Gorsia, Mrs Fenwick, Mrs and Miss Buller, Mr and Misses Kaye, Mr and Mrs Tyre, Mr and Mrs Chynoweth, the latter in a pretty cream dress; Mr and Mrs H. Carter, the latter in a handsome brown merveilleux with floral design, white cloak trimmed with fur; Mr and Mrs Garrick, Mr and Mrs Harley, Mrs Rich, Mr and Miss Raphael, Mrs and Miss Carr, Mr F. Pratt and Mrs Lewin, Miss Kempthorne, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Worthy, Misses Deamer, Heywood, Todhunter, Mrs and the Misses Meares, Mr and Mrs Appleby, and many others.

The match for the Captain's medal of the Ladies' Golf Club has been postponed for a week, but practising goes on apace.

DOLLY VALE.

DUNEDIN.

DEAR BEE, JULY 25.

There was nothing to say last week, and so I spared you the infliction of trying to say it, but this week there is more news. For one thing the weather has been better, and people have been able to get about. On several days there has been quite a promise of spring.

A large

EVENING AT MRS MACKENZIE'S

was very much enjoyed. There was some excellent music, Mrs Stilling giving a piano solo, Miss M. Maitland contributing a violin solo, and Miss K. Rattray a solo on the 'cello.' Miss K. Mills sang, Mrs Mills playing her accompaniment. Mrs Mills and Mrs Williams sang a duet together, the Misses Cargill gave an original dialogue, and Mrs Hosking also gave an interesting reading.

AT MRS JAMES MILLS' IMPROMPTU DANCE,

Among the guests were Mrs Lindo Ferguson, Misses Cargill, Miss F. Spence, Miss Dymock, the Misses Rattray, Miss Wardrop, Miss E. M. Maclaren, Miss A. Roberts, Miss E. Roberts, Miss Reid, and Miss C. Reid.

A GIRLS' AFTERNOON

was given by the Misses Spence for the purpose of saying good bye to the Misses Cargill. There were about forty present, and a good deal of music was indulged in. Miss Gwen Roberts played, Miss R. Reynolds contributed songs, so also did Miss Lulu Roberts.

LARGE AT HOME.

Mrs Boyd, the hostess, wore a very handsome yellow silk covered with black lace; Mrs Mills, one of the guests, looked nice in black silk, the bodice trimmed with jet; Mrs H. Mackenzie, green silk with pink silk ruching and sleeves; Mrs Lindo Ferguson, black silk striped with pink and heliotrope straps of ribbon on the bodice; Mrs Williams, yellow silk, the front being covered with black lace; Mrs Rattray, handsome black velvet; Mrs Hosking, yellow and white striped silk; Miss Reid, stylish black velvet; Miss Williams, pretty covered with black lace; Miss M. Williams pretty white and yellow; Miss R. Maitland, white cashmere, silk trimmings, large sleeves of silk; Miss P. Gibson, pale pink trimmed with bebe ribbons of green; Miss Reynolds, pale pink silk covered with black lace; Miss Maclaren, old rose Liberty silk with large silk sleeves; Miss F. Rattray, white covered with black lace; Miss Gilkison, red brocho silk; Miss A. Roberts, yellow and black; Miss Ogelvie, pale pink Bengaline with white lace; Miss E. Maclaren, pale blue with narrow black ribbon velvet trimmings.

A FAREWELL.

A large 'At Home' was given as a farewell by Mr and the Misses Cargill. Mrs Mills looked very well in a stylish costume of black silk, the bodice being made of Indian silk with a black velvet zouave, heliotrope velvet hat; Mrs Lindo Ferguson, stylish red and shot velvet; black velvet sleeves and trimmings; Mrs Reid, black velvet cloak and bonnet; Miss Cargill, grey tweed, with white waistcoat; Miss I. Cargill, neat blue serge; Mrs H. Mackenzie, black and white tweed with jacket to match, black and white hat; Miss Wardrop, dark blue trimmed with narrow bands of black velvet, black hat; Miss F. Rattray, black dress with yoke and sleeves of green velvet; Miss J. Rattray, brown cashmere with sleeves of brown velvet, large brown hat; Miss F. Spence, electric blue cloth; Miss E. Gilkison, blue serge braided with black, pink hat; Mrs Bell, brown cloth with blue and brown bonnet; Miss R. Webster, checked tweed with sleeves and yoke of grey velvet braided with black; the Misses Roberts, dark blue dresses braided with black.

MAUDE.

NELSON.

DEAR BEE, JULY 26.

Among others present at the two performances of the

NILE-STREET EAST AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

were Mrs Hudson, black silk; Mrs Thornton, black lace, green silk yoke and puffed sleeves; Mrs Howie, rich black satin and lace; Mrs Hamilton, black evening dress; Miss Meddings (Christchurch), lovely gown of pale pink cashmere and broche silk; Miss Gribben, black lace over green silk, a most becoming gown, and made *à l'Empire*; Miss Gibson, black lace, pink ribbons; Miss Rochfort, black evening dress; Miss Wooldridge (Tinakori), heliotrope and black evening dress; Miss Morrison (Masterton), cream cashmere; Miss Porter (Bisborne), cream gown, long creamy cloak; Miss Ledger, black velvet skirt, black and gold corsage; Miss E. Edwards, brown tweed; Miss Hamilton, fawn gown.

At Mr and Mrs Jack Sharpe

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE

last Tuesday evening there were present Mr and Mrs Percy Adams, Mrs C. Watts (Blenheim), Mr and Mrs Sharp, Mr and Mrs R. Kinaston, Mr and Mrs Booth, Mr and Mrs Pitt, Mr and Miss Jones, Mrs and Miss Mackay, Dr. and Miss Roberts, Mr Fox, Mr Garrott, Miss Pitt.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Mrs Watts returned from Blenheim on Tuesday, and Mrs Binney is again in Nelson after her visit to the Hutt.

Mr McLean, who has been away for the last eighteen months, is also in our midst once more, and although welcoming him we shall all greatly miss Mr Fox, the popular railway manager, who has been relieving Mr McLean.

PHYLLIS.