NELSON.

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 9.

The young folk had another merry evening at

MRS BOOTH'S

on Friday, when dancing was kept up with spirit until a late hour. Mrs Booth received her guests in the drawing-room gowned in cream broché, her niece, Miss Kate Hubbard, wearing a pretty cream corduroy with spray of red poppies. Among the guests were Miss K. Fell, who, a little bird whispers, was the belle, gowned in eau-de-Nil veiling with pretty embroidered corsage and accordion sleeves; Miss M. Blackett, pretty gown of pale pink crêpon; Miss Lily Humphreys, sea green veiling; Miss Vita Broad, soft white silk, prettily smocked; Miss Amy Edwards, cream veiling; her sister a similar gown; Miss Amy Kennedy, pale pink veiling; Miss Effie Perrin, white muslin, buttercup silk belt; Miss Eugenie Bunny, Empire gown of cream veiling with green ribbons; Miss Julia Tomlinson, white, pink sash and ruching; Miss May Preshaw, rose pink cashmere; Miss Marion Preslaw, buttercup frock; Miss Mabel Glasgow, cream and yellow gown; Miss Dolly Catley, rose pink; Misses Baillie, Moeller, Buckridge, Purkiss, Broad (two), Blackett, Fell, Collins, Hamilton, Tomlinson (two), Levien (two), Edwards, Corrigan, etc.

The same kind hostess had

A DANCE FOR THE GROWN-UP PEOPLE

on Saturday evening, when the verdict was that the dance at Mrs Booth's was most enjoyable. The hostess wore a similar gown to the previous evening. Among the guests were Miss Haddlestone, in a stylish Empire gown of green veiled with white lace; Miss E. Sealy, pale pink; her sister, Miss F. Sealy, bright red; Miss Jones, black lace, long cream cloak edged with cream feather trimming; her sister, Miss G. Jones, green frock; Miss Curtis, heliotrope; Miss Macdonald, pale pink; her sister, pale green; Mrs R. Kingdon, elegant gown of rich chocolate velvet with lovely lace on the skirt; Mrs L. Adams, black merveilleux; Miss Greenfield, pink, black velvet bands; Miss Mackay, sea green broché; Messrs Devenish, Macquarie, Marshall, Catley, Broad, Jones, Hamilton, Tomlinson, Johnson, Kingdon, L. Adams, and Dr. Roberts.

We have been having such a dose of wet weather lately. For a whole week we hardly saw the sun. However, at last it is fine, and we are having lovely warm days; in fact, it is really beginning to feel like spring.

THE STORM IN THE TEAPOT

re the School Committee and the Education Board is still brewing, or perhaps one might really say it has burst with all its fury over our quiet and orderly little town. The latest is the Committee have put temporary teachers in charge of the school, and when the master appointed by the Board put in an appearance, he was politely shown the door. The Education Board are taking a lawyer's advice about the matter, so that in one way the storm is still simmering, and possibly we shall soon have lively proceedings in the local Court.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Mr and Mrs Percy Adams and Miss Noel sailed by the Penguin from Nelson last Thursday en route for India and England, where they are going for a prolonged visit. Quite a number of friends assembled at the wharf to witness their departure—Mrs Watts, Misses C. Watts (Blenheim), Mrs A. Glasgow, Mrs Jack Sharp, Mrs Pitt, Mrs Binney, Mrs Mackay, Mrs Harris, Messrs A. Glasgow, Hamilton, Winton, C. Watts (Blenheim), and McLean. Mrs Adams was looking extremely well in a perfectly-fitting fleck tweed gown with long jacket, small hat to match.

Judge and Mrs Robinson arrived from Wellington last week with their family, and remain in Nelson now.

Judge and Mrs Kenny leave Nelson for Palmerston North tomorrow. During their stay in Nelson they have made many friends, who will miss them exceedingly.

Miss Johnson is at present in Nelson passing through from Greymouth. She is wearing an extremely pretty walking gown of pale grey tweed, with long jacket edged with fur, small black velvet toque.

The local footballers welcomed back their able representative in the late New Zealand team, Mr G. Harper, last Monday. A presentation is to be made to him at the end of the present week by members of the local union.

Two old Nelsonians have come to Nelson for a short holiday from Sydney, where they now reside. Messrs Nelson and Norman Levien—and right gladly their numerous old friends welcome them in their midst once more.

PHYLLIS.

NAPIER.

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 11.

I am hurrying at the rate of knots to send along an account of the

CINDERELLA DANCE

before it gets too late. I never enjoyed myself so much. Mrs and Miss Hamlin I was glad to see among others. This is their first appearance since their return from Auckland. They are both looking remarkably well. Miss Hamlin looked one of the best in the room; she wore a lovely gown, which I will tell you about directly. Mrs Logan was at the dance, and Mesdames Bowen, Hamlin, Kettle, Sheath, Glendinning, Burns, and numbers of other married ladies, and the Misses Hitchings, Farquhar, Dunedin, Lascelles, Pencock, Rhodes, Baker, Stone, Luke, Hamlin, Taylor, Cotterill, and many more. Miss Logan was not present, she being still in Christchurch, where I believe she is putting in a very good time. The Misses Lascelles Hamlin, and Baker looked the best of the girls. Miss Lascelles wore a very lovely yellow surah gown, sleeves of sage green plush. There was also a little plush on the bodice, and exquisite lace. Miss Hamlin's gown was a dream. It was composed of pale sea green silk, bigot sleeves of pale pink, pale pink sash, an exquisite pale pink silk chiffon deep frill on berthe, which fluffed about as the wearer danced, and looked very soft and pretty. Miss Baker looked so nice in black, with bright pink sleeves; Miss Taylor wore white, very simply made; Miss Rhodes, a pretty yellow gown, touched up with white; Miss Florence Sutton, heliotrope. Liberty silk; Misses Tuke, terra-cotta gown; Miss Hitchings, very becoming cream and brown gown; Miss Hilda looked well in pink; Mrs Kettle, black gown with beautiful lace wings and berthe; Mrs Logan, a simple white gown; Mrs Hamlin, black; Mrs Sheath, yellow satin with red silk sleeves; Mrs Bowen looked very nice in a brown gown with blue trimmings; the Misses Farquhar, (from Dunedin) looked very stylish; Miss Pencock looked well, but I haven't time to tell you more gowns, but have picked out those I remember best. Our next dance will be the Football Ball, fancy dress. We are all looking forward to it.

EUCHRE.

Mrs Balfour, Bank of New Zealand, gave a delightful euchre party, about thirty guests being present, who all enjoyed the evening immensely. Mrs Carlile was there, also Mesdames Hamlin, Fraser, James McLean, Thompson, Sainsbury, Headley, Burns, Cornford, and the Misses Hitchings, Lascelles, Hamlin, Rhodes, Hawke, and numbers more. Mrs Balfour looked very nice in a black gown; Mrs Hamlin wore black; Mrs Fraser, black and yellow; Mrs Sainsbury, exquisite dark heliotrope brocaded silk gown; Mrs Thompson, a lovely gown. These euchre parties are the life and soul of Napier. I don't know what we should do without them. Next week Mrs Cornford is giving one, and Mrs Fraser, Bank of New South Wales, gives one on the same evening, which is rather a pity, as I fear they will clash.

OUR PEOPLE.

Dr. and Mrs Thompson, who have recently arrived in Napier and intend to settle here, are relatives of Mr Headley. Mrs Thompson looks very stylish in town in a pretty tailor-made English gown, hat en suite.

Miss Hayward has returned to Wellington. Miss U. and Miss K. Hitchings are also in the Empire City, but I don't fancy there is much going on there as everyone is down with measles.

The Misses Farquhar (Dunedin) are at present in Napier, and have put up at the Masonic Hotel.

Mr and Mrs Burns, and Dr. and Mrs Thompson are unable to obtain houses, so have to put up at a hotel. This looks as if our pretty town were putting on a spurt.

Mrs Von Dadelzen has gone to Hastings for a time to stay with Mrs Beamish. From latest accounts I hear she is much better but very weak.

Mr and Mrs William Nelson, of Tomoana, are said to be on their way out to New Zealand again. It seems no time since they left here. Miss Nelson and Miss Eva remain at Home.

DEATH.

I am very sorry to have to tell you of the death of Mrs Lyndon, who has been a sufferer for some considerable time, and has had a long and painful illness. Very great sympathy is felt for Mr Lyndon and his family, some of whom are quite young. Mrs Lyndon was buried yesterday, a great number of friends following the remains of the deceased lady to the grave. Dean Hovell read the service in a most impressive manner.

STREET GOWNS.

Miss de Pelichet wears a white muslin skirt, grey blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Horace Baker is wearing a very smart English gown, grey tweed, very wide skirt, wings of black and white check, bonnet to match.

GLADYS.

[I am sorry that despite your care your letter arrived a couple of hours after we had gone to press.—LADY EDITOR.]

BLENHEIM.

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 8.

The third of Miss Seymour's Assembly dances came off last Friday evening (Arbour Day), and you may judge

HOW POPULAR THESE DANCES ARE

when I tell you that more than forty were present, in spite of the pouring rain, which kept many intending guests at home. A very pleasant evening was spent. The music and floor were all that could be wished, and the supper, as usual, was excellent, the table being most tastefully arranged with pink Liberty silk and yellow and white jonquils. Miss Seymour looked well in black with white lace upstanding frills; Mrs Richardson was charming in black silk and lace, with wreaths of pink roses prettily arranged round the corsage, sleeves, and skirt; Mrs Cleghorn was much admired in terra-cotta striped velvet and silk; Miss Waddy (Picton) looked very pretty in heliotrope silk, and so did Miss Worthington, in old rose and olive plush sleeves and frills; Mrs Ferguson wore very handsome and well-made prune velvet; Miss Ferguson was handsome in a becoming gown of pink satin covered with a new kind of net; Miss B. Horton looked particularly well in black with canary velvet sleeves and frill; Miss Weber was pretty in pink with dark red velvet sleeves; the Misses Philpotts (Picton) were greatly admired in pretty white gowns; Miss K. Seymour, and Miss I Seymour (Picton) wore cream and white, and looked very nice; Miss F. Smith was pretty in pink with lovely natural flowers and a wreath of violets becomingly arranged round her coiled hair; Miss B. Smith looked well in white and pink sash; Miss James (Auckland), pale blue with lace; Miss M. Maxwell-Brown wore black silk and lace, with becoming yellow velvet sleeves and frill and yellow roses; Miss Pitt (Nelson), well cut white bengaline; Miss A. Pasley, pale yellow silk, with deeper yellow puffed sleeves, Empire belt and frills; Mrs Greenfield, red and black; Mrs McIntosh, white satin and yellow velvet; Mrs Powell, grey silk; Miss Carey, apricot. Messrs Young, McNaughton, Powell, Seymour (three), Dunn (two), Hodson (two), Wynn-Williams (Manaroa), White, Smith, McLean, E. Conolly, E. Pasley, Wichell Dixon, W. Carey, etc., were present.

Last Wednesday a

VERY SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT

was given in the Marlborough Town Hall in aid of the St. Luke's Church organ fund. The hall was crowded, and the entertainment was repeated the following night, when in spite of the bad weather there was a good attendance, the fund benefiting to the extent of over £10, which, considering that the admission was only 1s, children 6d, was very satisfactory to the promoters. Mr and Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Hiley and Miss E. Chaytor, who were ably assisted by Mesdames Thompson, Earp, Misses Matthews (two), March (three), Chaytor (two), Morrin (two), Gaire, Hall, Martyn, Curtis, and Messrs Matthews (two), Turner, Chaytor, Curtis, Carter, Jones, etc., etc. The musical tableau, 'The Three Old Maids of Lee,' was perhaps the gem of the programme, and when the three young and fair maids at the verse, 'There Were Three Old Maids of Lee,' suddenly turned round and displayed three ancient hags with hideous masks, cap frills, and all, they fairly brought down the house. 'Where are You Going to, My Pretty Maid?' and 'Little Miss Muffet' (tiny Miss Frances Chaytor) were much appreciated, and Mrs Jarley's Waxworks, with Mrs C. Earp as 'Mrs Jarley' and Mr Reynolds as 'Peter,' were very amusing.

SINCERITY.

HASTINGS.

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 11.

Mr A. Deans has just arrived from England. He was not in time to attend the last hunt. His friends are all glad to see him out again. He and Mr Stewart Bridge are going to live together at Ashcott. I believe Mr Henry Bridge will live in his own house a little distance away.

GENTLEMEN'S STREET SUITS.

Do you know, Bee, I think it is hardly fair that we women should always have our gowns singled out and praised, and that the men, who really take pains to look very nice as a rule, never have a word of praise. Now I am going to put in a word for them, and tell you how they look just to encourage them a little. Mr Muir, the manager of the Bank of New Zealand, looks very nice in a light grey suit, small grey cap, and sometimes he wears a wide-a-wake (grey felt); Mr A. C. Lewis is much admired in a dark grey suit, small hard bitter hat; Mr C. A. Loughnan wears a brown checked tweed suit, brown hard bitter hat; Mr Jack Allan, grey trousers, black coat, hard bitter hat, blue tie; Mr C. Howard, grey suit, hard bitter hat; Judge Butler, grey trousers, black coat, black hat; Mr A. L. D. Fraser always looks very spick and span; he generally wears a dark suit, dark hat; Mr J. A. Fraser looks very neat in a dark suit, light covert coat, black hard bitter hat; Mr H. Williams, brown knicker-bockers, light coat, small grey hat (very becoming); Mr Fitzroy, light grey suit, brown hat; Mr H. Thatcwaite is always most exceedingly neat; he generally wears a grey suit, sometimes black coat, and grey wide-a-wake hat.

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