

blouse, black skirt; Miss Willie, white silk blouse trimmed with scalloped frills of silk, black silk skirt; Miss C. Willis, very pale pink silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs. John Hally, black silk, with silk Maltese collar; Mrs. Polworth, black canvas voile trimmed with black lace and insertion; Miss Margery, tussore silk blouse, with lace yoke on bodice and pale blue ribbon interlaced, hip yoke of lace to match on skirt; Miss Skeet, black silk blouse, black skirt; Miss R. Skeet, white silk frock much tucked and inserted with lace; Miss Souter (Auckland), a very dainty white silk blouse with lace yoke and very much tucked; Miss K. Souter, white silk frock trimmed with insertion; Miss Buckland, white silk blouse trimmed with tucking and Paris lace insertion; Miss Campbell (Wanganui), very pretty white silk frock; Miss Gwynneth, black silk with cream motifs and black silk applique; Miss Clarke, pink broche silk blouse, trimmed with pink ribbon, velvet black skirt. Among the gentlemen were Mr. Brooks, Captain Young, Messrs. Clarke (2), Maddison, Buckland, Wallace.

ELSIE.

WANGANUI.

Dear Bee, April 1.
On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Arthur Nixon gave

A MOST DELIGHTFUL CHILDREN'S PARTY.

Her picturesque residence at Sedgbrooke was an ideal place for the little ones, who thoroughly enjoyed their games, scrambles and rides on the donkey. Amongst those present were the Misses Nixon, Brookfield, Hols, Dodgshun, Blundell, Stevenson, Cutfield, Jones (2), H. Nixons (3), Fairburn, Forde, Anderson, Heywood, Millward, Tredwell, Baddeley, Humphreys, Fox, Greenwood, Clissold, Masters Nixon, Whitcombe, Kissling, Jones, Millward, Bramley and others.

Last week a party of Mr and Mrs H. Holes' friends went up the Wanganui River and had afternoon tea with them. The oil launch left town about ten in the morning, returning at seven. The party landed at Kaiwhaike for lunch, arriving at Mrs Holes's in time for tea. Amongst those on board were Mr and Mrs Cecil Wray, Mr and Mrs Pattle-Izett, Mr and Mrs Fairburn, Mr and Mrs J. Mason, Mr and Mrs A. Atkins, Misses McDonnell (2), Dodgshun, Aitken, Messrs Hardwick, Harold and Wood.

Last week Mrs Basil Taylor gave A "BEE" AFTERNON TEA

for Miss Jessie Griffiths, who is to be married this month. Every guest brought some useful present, such as dusters, tea towels, sweeping caps, etc. Amongst those present were Meadames Taylor, John Stevenson and Brookfield, Misses Griffiths, Taylor (2), Young, Harcastle, Brabant, Jones and many others.

Next week, Lent being over, there are to be two dances—one on Tuesday, 5th, a farewell to Mrs and the Misses McDonnell, who are leaving Wanganui this month and intend to reside in Wel-

lington; and on the 8th Mrs H. Nixon is giving a dance at her charming residence at Sedgbrooke, so we shall be quite gay. It seems rather early in the year for dances, but even now the nights are becoming quite cool.

Miss Knight, of Dannevirke, who has been visiting friends in Wanganui, has returned to her home.

HUIA.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, March 31.

Last week the Misses Mee gave A LARGE KITCHEN TEA

in honour of Miss Pownall, whose marriage is to take place shortly to Mr Oscar Kember. The hostesses were gowned alike in grey voile skirts, white Oriental satin blouses, and lace peleries. Miss Pownall wore a black voile with deep collar of Paris net, and a black picture hat. Among the guests were Mrs B. Wilson, wearing grey tweed and a smart black toque; the Misses Kirkcaldie, in white voile dresses and black hats; Mrs Eichelbaum, grey-blue voile; Mrs Lester, black voile skirt and ivory silk blouse; Miss May Seddon, biscuit-voile and smart blue hat; Miss Ida Blundell, navy tailor-made and blue hat; Miss M. Blundell, blue voile; Miss McDonald, black canvas voile, pelierine collar of net and lace; Miss R. Richardson, white voile and red hat; Miss Holmwood, white serge; Miss Shannon, pale green; Miss Barnett, grey tweed and black hat; Miss Honey, fawn voile; Miss Honey, white canvas cloth; Misses Richardson, white voile dresses and smart hats; Miss Trankell, black lace inserted with lace; Miss Montgomerie, pale pink delaine; and Miss R. Young, pale brown hopsack and dark brown velvet hat.

A warm sunny afternoon, band music, afternoon tea, and an interesting sports meeting to watch, made things very pleasant for the spectators at the

WELLINGTON AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB'S AUTUMN SPORTS.

The Premier and his party were there in force, greatly interested in affairs, as Mr Tom Seddon was competing in several events, and many other Ministerial folk were present. Lady Ward looked charming in a black cloth gown and a long sealskin coat, her hat of shaded red roses, worn with a deep blue veil; Mrs Seddon was in black canvas with touches of mauve, the latter colour being repeated in her bonnet; Miss Seddon wore bright blue, stitched and strapped with white; Miss M. Seddon, champagne cloth with touches of mauve; Mrs Newman (who presented the prizes) had a neat navy serge tailor-made, with a smart white vest with Oriental embroidery, black toque; Mrs Simeon, ivory guipure over ray-pleated pink chiffon, much founced, hat of shaded rose velvet; Mrs Burnett, sealskin coat and black cloth dress; Miss Burnett, floral green muslin; Mrs Mills, black brocade; one daughter was in ivory voile, and the other in pale blue silk with a big pale blue hat; Miss Fitzgerald wore white silk; Miss Harcourt, pink crash; and Miss Hoggard, white voile; Mrs Rudman had a fur coat

over her ivory cloth dress; Miss Darling was in pale blue and a black hat; Miss Wix's pale green voile was very much gauged, the yoke was of Paris net; her sister was in blue; Mrs Runcie, black canvas; Miss N. Runcie was in pale blue voile with a deep stole collar and ends of ermine and velvet; Miss Blackett, dark blue cloth and blue and white hat; Miss — Blackett, grey tweed strapped with black velvet; Miss Stafford, white voile skirt, coat edged with black velvet, red hat; Miss E. Stafford, grey-blue tweed; Mrs May (H.M.s. Penguin), dark blue tailor-made and black hat; Mrs Maclean (H.M.s. Penguin), grey voile skirt and ivory silk blouse, with insertion; Mrs Gurr (Hawke's Bay), brown tweed and covert coat; Miss Otterson, navy serge and covert coat; Miss Stuart, grey tweed; Miss L. Brandon, white silk blouse and black skirt, hat with violets.

During the recent stay in port of H.M.s. Penguin a very

DIVERTING CRICKET MATCH

was played between a team from the warship and a team of girls. The game was played at Day's Bay, and the weather was absolutely perfect. Quite a number of people crossed the harbour to witness the match, which was thoroughly enjoyed by players and spectators, though unfortunately it was left unfinished. The usual conditions were imposed on the men, who had to bat with one hand, field with the left only, but they received great assistance from the only lady member of their team (Mrs. McLean, wife of Dr. McLean, of H.M.s. Penguin), who not only bowled well, but compiled a really good score before she had to retire. Among the girls playing were Misses Simpson (captain), Seed, Macintosh, Edwin, Stuart, Fulton, Miles, Morrah, and Rawson. The spectators included Mrs. and Misses Stuart Mrs. and Miss Edwin, Mrs. Fulton, Misses Stafford, Mrs. and Miss Miles, Miss Hislop, Miss Butt, Miss Watson, Mrs. Walters (H.M.s. Penguin), Mrs. Jeeffcoat. After the match Captain Dawson and the officers of H.M.s. Penguin entertained the players to tea on board, and a very jolly afternoon was brought to a merry conclusion.

In connection with the big fire at Kempthorne and Prosser's, it turns out now that the 40 barrels of methylated spirits which the firemen so gallantly defended from the flames contained nothing more dangerous than vinegar and other harmless substances. It speaks well for the brigade that its members carried out their orders in face of the imminent risk of a terrible death, but it is sad to think that their heroic efforts only resulted in watering the vinegar.

It is with very deep regret that I have to record the death of Mr. Geo. H. Bethune, which occurred on Tuesday last. It is only a little over three months ago that he returned from an extensive trip round the world, which appeared to have very much improved his health; but the benefit was only temporary, and after a month's severe illness he finally succumbed to an attack of heart disease. Besides being head of the much respected firm of J. H. Bethune and Co., the late Mr. Geo. Bethune was an indefatigable and in-

valuable member of many public bodies, and was for a long period captain of the Star Boating Club. An upright, able and honourable man, the death of George Bethune leaves Wellington the poorer, and heartfelt sympathy is universally felt for his relations in their grief.

OPHELIA.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee, March 29.

Gradually the news of the losses sustained by our settlers comes in, and we fear that the consequence will be a time of depression for all business people, farmers, runholders, etc., and consequently for us all. Lent, of course, adds its quota of depression, and very little is going on.

Great disappointment is felt that the s.s. Ayshire, the largest steamer which as yet has visited our port, was not allowed to come up to the wharf, so that our inland excursionists might visit the boat, but the powers that be in the person of the harbour-master, decreed otherwise, fearing, no doubt, that the structure doing duty for a wharf

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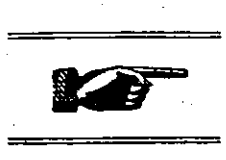
Mr. George Fountain, of Mt. Torrens, So. Australia, sends his photograph and this interesting letter:

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