

of the faint-hearted have given up in despair. A bill has been given to the discretion by the appearance on rollers of Lord and Lady Plunket and a party from Government House.

OPHELIA.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee, July 25.
The jumble sale held in Wesley Hall last week was a distinct success. The exhibition of "living" Royal Academy pictures elicited so much praise that those ladies and gentlemen taking part in it have been asked to repeat it, and they will do so shortly.

Exhibition matters are progressing favourably, and the buildings in Seymour Square are growing apace. We are anticipating a wonderful success for our show, especially as children are in everything, and, of course, that draws the parents.

Marlborough is infected with a craze for agitating, the last agitation being for a new railway station, as the present one is a disgrace to the colony.

The Catholic social, held in St. Patrick's Hall on Wednesday, was an unqualified success. The management is to be commended for providing such pleasant evenings for the people.

Another church social, in the Pieton Anglican Sunday school, took place on Wednesday and was largely attended. The following programme was rendered:—Pianoforte solo, Miss Speed; song, "Sweet Belle Malone," Miss Nicoll; recitation, "Murphy Shall Not Sing Tonight," Mr. A. Perrano, encore "The Engineer's Story," song, "Ben Bolt," Miss Mathews; "The Hazel Dell," Misses Williams; violin solo, Miss Fuller; song, "Swanee River," Masters Jackson and Mathews; cornet solo, Mr. Avery; "I Sat Beside the Streamlet," Mrs. Riddell; duet, "Juanita," Miss and Master Edwards; recitation, Master A. Jones; song, "The Fisherman and his Child," Miss Fredericks; "Anchored," Mr. C. H. Williams. There were also several gramophone selections by Mr. G. Blizzard.

Mr and Mrs Riddell gave a large pro-

gressive euchre party at their residence, Pieton, on Monday, and it was greatly enjoyed. Mrs Riddell received in a pretty pale blue silk and lace gown. Her sister, Miss J. Seymour, who was assisting her, wore a black skirt and pale blue satin bodice trimmed with lace. Mrs Allen wore black merveilleux and white lace; Mrs Mitchell, white lace over pale blue and long blue ribbons; Mrs Le Cocq, black silk and lace; Mrs G. Philpotts, black trimmed with red; Mrs Cracroft, black relieved with white silk; Mrs Greensill, black skirt and white silk blouse; Mrs Fell, black silk and lace; Mrs Williams, black silk and white lace stole; Mrs Wolff, black with pink; Miss Seymour, soft white silk trimmed with lace and transparent sleeves of sequin net; Miss E. M. Allen, black broche with guipure trimming; Miss Chaytor, white silk with insertion and lace; Miss M. Chaytor (Nelson), black skirt and white silk blouse; Miss B. Allen, black skirt and white silk blouse; Miss B. Greensill, black skirt and flowered yellow silk blouse; Miss E. Greensill, black skirt and white silk blouse; Miss N. Greensill, black skirt and white silk blouse; Miss Richmond (Nelson), black skirt and heliotrope silk blouse; Miss Philpotts, black skirt and yellow silk blouse; Miss A. Philpotts, white silk; Miss E. Philpotts, black skirt and blue satin blouse; Miss Macalister, black skirt and white silk blouse; Miss Roberts, white; Miss Millington, black relieved with white; Miss Western, black skirt, blue silk blouse with cream lace coatee. For a wonder a good number of men were present, including Messrs Riddell, Rodney, Wilkin, Mitchell, Madison, Le Cocq, Nicoll, Philpotts, Greensill, Cracroft, Western, Fell, Chaytor, Wolff, Williams and Dr. Redman. After euchre came supper, then the drawing-room was cleared for dancing. The dining-room was made attractive with fortune-telling and table-turning. So gaily did the table skip about that even the dancers gave up their entrancing amusement to look at its fantastic evolutions.

A private dance is to be held on Thursday in the Foresters' Hall, and a "geographical tea" at Miss Chaytor's, Waitakara, on Friday.

MIRANDA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, July 27.

There is absolutely nothing of a frivolous nature going on in our town. There are meetings on "Child Life Preservation" and "No License, No Liquor," and though the latter cannot be called a dry subject, so complicated are the arguments that to me, when I have waded through a column or two, I fancy the brewer or publican to be arguing in favour of prohibition. So then I try something else, and meet war news. Well, I can admire the clever, plucky little Japs, and hope the Russian bullies will be made to go back to their own country and stay there.

But we are going to be gay, that is, if we all survive influenza and other ills till the 10th August. Lord and Lady Plunket and suite will be with us for Grand National, when, beside the races, there are to be two balls and a Savage Club ladies' evening.

A very pleasant Progressive Euchre Party was given last week for Miss Cook, who is leaving for Sydney. Mrs Cook, Mrs Robinson, and Mrs Johnston were hostesses, and among the guests were the Misses Louison (2), Prins, Meredith-Kaye, Milson, Graham, Dovenish-Mearns, Thomas, Robinson, Fulton, Saxton, Messrs Barkas, Fulton, Moore, Anderson, Graham, Thomas, Deacon, Adams, Milson, Webb, and several others. Miss M. Louison won the first prize, a silver-mounted scent bottle, and Miss Louison second, a silver button hook.

Miss Fodor had an afternoon last Friday at Girton College, to say good-bye to her friends before leaving on a visit to Auckland.

Mrs Pratt, senr., gave a large Afternoon Tea on Tuesday at her residence, Worcester-street West, to say good-bye to Mrs Alfred Pratt, who has been spending the greater part of the winter with her husband's parents. Mrs Alfred Pratt and family leave for Wellington this week, en route for their home at Waitotara.

Mrs H. C. Satchell has sold her house in Brown's road, St. Alban's, which is now so much too large for her, and moved to Springfield road. Before settling down

there she will spend a month in Nelson, leaving the children with friends.

Mrs George Gerard gave a delightful Children's Party at her residence, Featherston, last week. She was assisted by the Misses Gerard, and several grown up friends helped to keep the children amused.

Dr. and Mrs Chilton have moved into their new home "Llanmaes," Hereford-street, which Dr. Chilton has recently purchased from Dr. Graham Campbell. Dr. and Mrs Chilton have many hobbies, and as gardening is one of them, it will be a great pleasure to dig and delve in one of their own.

The news of the death of Mr Murchison, of Lake Coleridge, which was cabled out from England last week, came as a great shock to his many friends in Christchurch. Mr Murchison went home a few months ago for medical advice, and was accompanied by Mrs and Miss Murchison. The greatest sympathy is felt for them in their sudden bereavement.

I regret to say there is very little improvement in Mr. Alex. Anderson's health, and Mr A. Garrick, of Park Terrace, is also lying dangerously ill.

Mr W. Rollitt (Mayor of Summer) has had to resign his position owing to ill-health, and has been ordered complete rest and change. He has gone for the present to Albury, South Canterbury.

DOLLY VALE.

The miser sat amongst his gold,
"I would not part," he said.
"With half a guinea, tho' my life
Were to be forfeited."
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"Take 'all' I've got," he cried, but give
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