

NELSON.

Dear Bee, April 30.
The Nelson Jockey Club was particularly unfortunate this year in the weather experienced for its

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, which was held at Richmond Park on Wednesday and Thursday. Heavy showers fell each day, and the day previous there was quite a deluge, so that the grounds were in a very muddy state, which had a serious effect on the attendance. The entries for the various races were more than usually numerous, and the fields were the largest seen on the course for many years past. Had the elements only been propitious, the meeting would, no doubt, have been most successful. The racing, however, was good, most of the placed horses came in close together, and some of the finishes were very exciting. There were very few ladies on the ground, and the general appearance of the course was a striking contrast from that of other meetings, when fine weather was enjoyed. All the pretty new autumn frocks had to be left at home, and the ever-useful coat and skirt was worn instead. Some who were present were, Mrs Mackay, Mrs (Dr.) Roberts, Mrs Percy Adams, Mrs George Watts (Blenheim), Mrs Sweet, Mrs W. Trolove (Blenheim), Mrs Jack Sharp, Mrs C. Watts, Mrs Burnes, Mrs Stephens, Miss Aggie Bell, Mrs and the Misses McKee, Mrs Douglas, etc.

On Friday Mrs Houlker gave one of her enjoyable evenings for young people.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE AND MUSIC being the chief amusement, and was greatly enjoyed by all. Miss Phyllis Fell and Mr C. Levien won the first euchre prizes, and Miss Maginnity and Mr Gerald Fell gained the other prizes. Amongst those present were the Misses Kempthorne, Maginnity, M. Glasgow, Harris (2), Phyllis, Fell, Buchanan, Robinson, Dodson, M. Mackay and Clifford; Messrs Houlker (three), Levien, Fell (two), N. Adams, Watts, Heaps, Maginnity, Kempthorne, Clifford, Hamilton (two), and others.

The first **SOCIAL EVENING**

In connection with the newly-formed Old College Girls' Association, was held at the Girls' College on Saturday evening and proved most successful in every way. The large Lecture Room was converted, for the time being, into a well furnished drawing-room, and prettily decorated with ferns and flowers. There were about sixty present, who all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Songs were sung by Mrs Roberts, Miss F. Webb-Bowen, and Miss Houlker, pianoforte solo by Miss E. Kempthorne, a violin duet by the Misses Atkinson and Shone, recitations by Miss Burford and Miss Elsie Moore, and a most interesting reading was given by Miss Gribben. Delicious refreshments were handed round by the committee, to whom the success of the evening is in a great measure due, and before going home all joined hands and sang, "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the Queen," with great vigour. Miss Gibson, the President of the Club, wore a becoming blouse of pink satin, finished with lace, black satin skirt; Miss Gribben, pink nun's veiling; Miss Graham, blue blouse, white lace fichu, black skirt; the Misses Webb-Bowen (2), smart evening blouses, dark skirts; Miss Levien, grey silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Mules, scarlet blouse, white chiffon fichu; the Misses Sealy (2), muslin and lace; the Misses Sealy (2), silk evening blouses, black skirts; Miss Holloway, grey silk finished with ruby velvet; Miss Houlker, electric silk blouse with trimmings of rich lace, black skirt; Mrs Roberts, pretty blouse of light blue silk; Mrs Childs looked well in grey; Mrs Grace, grey cashmere. Others present were Mrs Kissing, Mrs Bryant, the Misses Harris, Pogson, Gibbs, Wright (2), Moore (2), Trent (2), Day, Blackett, Glasgow, Ledger, Dodson, Edwards (2), Atkinson, Shone, Preshaw, Tendall (Wanganui), Talbot, Hubbard, Perrin, McEae, Dann, Trolove, Livesay (2), Pearce, and many others.

PHYLIS.

PICTON.

Dear Bee, April 27.
Previous to Mr H. Wilmot's departure from Cullensville, to take the position of second master in the Blenheim Borough School, he was entertained at a

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given by the residents of the—at one time—"Golden Valley" of Mahakipawa. Mr Wilmot was the recipient of many good wishes, which were presented in a more practical form in a purse of sovereigns. The cricketers presented him with a bat, suitably inscribed, and the parents of his late pupils got up an illuminated address, and other tokens of goodwill with which to speed their parting friend and give him pleasant memories of his sojourn among them. Mr John Duncan, of "The Grove," made the presentations.

THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS

have passed over in a very quiet, not to say tame, manner this year. In Picton the old Committee sailed in without any opposition whatever.

The Foresters hold their

ANNUAL DINNER

at Oxley's Hotel next Wednesday, but as they are not sufficiently enlightened to invite ladies to their function there will be no report of the proceedings from a feminine point of view.

The Picton Girls' Khaki Contingent are giving

A DANCE.

next week. The programme is to be an original one, beginning with "The Grand March to Mafeking" and the "Baden-Powell Barn Dance," etc., etc.

Letters have been received from some of our absent boys. Mr George Seale is doing well as a mechanical engineer in Western Australia, and Mr A. Western writes from South Africa full accounts of all his doings there. Other Marlborough boys write also, and keep us posted up in matters martial. Lieutenant D'Arcy Chaytor is ill with fever, but as he is being well looked after, his friends are not unduly anxious.

JEAN.

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, May 8.
The opening of the Bazaar in connection with Knox Church, Parnell, took place on Thursday afternoon last in the Choral Hall. The hall was gaily decorated with a profusion of flowers, nikau palms, festoons of lyopodium, and other greenery, and also streamers of gray hunting, which transformed the hall into a most attractive place, and when the public began to arrive in large numbers and wander round the laden stalls, which lined the sides and end, the scene was a very busy and animated one. His Excellency the Governor, Lord Ranfurly, who had kindly consented to open the bazaar, arrived at 3 p.m., attended by the Hon. Charles Hill-Trevor, and was conducted to the platform by the Rev. Hugh Kelly, minister of Knox Church, and the office bearers, while Mr J. F. Bennett, the church organist, played the "National Anthem." There was a large attendance of the public. After the Doxology had been sung, a prayer was said by the Rev. R. E. Macnicol. The Rev. Hugh Kelly made a short address. Then His Excellency with a few remarks, opened the bazaar. Following are the stalls and the names of those in charge:—Art Stall; Mrs Ross (in charge), Miss Flockton, Miss Daisy Thomson, Miss Hattie Ross, Miss Kelly, Miss Ross, Flower Stall; Mrs Young (in charge), Miss Young, Miss Gilmore, Miss A. Ross, Miss Haslett, Miss Jessie Brook, Miss Heythorn. Refreshment Stall; Mrs Grant (in charge), Mrs Gilmore, Mrs Haslett, Mrs Bevis, Miss Keir, Misses Grant, Miss B. Ross, Miss M. Muller, Miss Cardno, Miss Gilmer, Sweets Stall; Miss Bell (in charge), Miss H. R. Bell, Miss Armstrong, Young Ladies' Guild Stall; Miss Moore (in charge), Miss Reid, Miss M. Robinson, Miss Thomas, Mrs Jenkins, Fish Pond; Miss L. Grant (in charge), Miss Hosking, Miss Jessie Brett, Singer Machine Stall; Miss Sayers (in charge), Produce Stall; Mrs Percy (in charge), Mrs Brook, Organ Stall; Mrs Maxwell (in charge), Mrs Bennett, Miss F. Maxwell, Miss M. Maxwell, Miss Rylie, Miss F. Taylor, Miss Watt, Crinkled

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