

## NELSON.

Dear Bee, December 17.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Fell gave a most enjoyable

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at her residence, "St. John's," for Miss Kathleen Fell, whom everyone is glad to welcome back after her visit to England, and also for her niece, who is on a visit here from England. The chief feature of the afternoon was Miss E. Fell's singing, which was very charming. She sang quite a number of short, dainty little songs, most being quite new to her hearers, and all were greatly appreciated. Miss Webb-Bowen played all her accompaniments, and Miss Edith Kempthorne played a solo.

Mrs. Fell received her guests in a very handsome gown of sage green broche satin; Miss Kathleen Fell looked very sweet in a soft white silk trimmed gown daintily trimmed with torchon lace and insertion; Miss Fell (England) was admired in a pretty blue covered muslin with silk stripes effectively trimmed with lace; the Misses P. and S. Fell, and Doris Lightfoot, who assisted with the tea, all wore pretty white muslin frocks. Amongst the guests were Mrs. Atkinson, black; Miss Ruth Atkinson, blue grey costume, black hat; Mrs. Adams, wedgewood blue canvas over white silk, small black hat with pink roses at the side; Mrs. Andrew, black and white silk, pink flowered muslin vest, black hat with pink trimmings; Baroness Von Bützingen, black costume trimmed with black satin ribbon, black and white toque; Miss Browning, white pique skirt, muslin blouse over pink, large black hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs. Burne, mauve costume, hat en suite; Miss Bunney, heliotrope muslin, white and heliotrope hat; Mrs. Chatterton, light grey silk, black chiffon hat with black feathers; Mrs. Coote (Feilding), stylish gown of grey voile, large Leghorn hat with black and white feathers; Miss Cook, dark grey costume, black and pink toque; Miss M. Cook, pink muslin, hat en suite; Miss Cuthbertson, white; Miss Burnett, blue; Mrs. de Castro, black canvas over rose pink, pink toque; Miss Duff,

white, large white hat; Miss Edwards, blue silk blouse, black skirt, white chiffon hat; Miss Fillett, light costume, sailor hat; Mrs. Glasgow, black; Miss Glasgow, grey costume, smart hat with red and pink roses; Mrs. A. Grace, stylish costume of grey, small white hat relieved with black velvet; Miss Gribben, bright pink muslin, black hat with pink and green ribbons; Misses Gibbs (2) wore white; Mrs. Hudson, dark blue foulard trimmed with cream lace, bonnet to match; Miss Huddleston, powder blue costume, black hat; Miss Heaps, becoming grey cashmere, white lace yoke, grey hat to match; Mrs. Harris, black; Miss Hunter Brown, smart navy costume, becoming hat to match; Mrs. Houker, dark blue foulard, black and pink toque; Miss Houker, white; Mrs. F. Hamilton, black skirt, ecru lace bodice, large hat with pink trimmings; Miss Harris, black, bonnet en suite; Miss G. Jones, light costume, Leghorn hat with cream roses; Miss Nina Jones, fawn; Miss Edith Kempthorne, white muslin, white hat with pink roses; Miss King, Miss Lubéki, fawn costume relieved with red; Mrs. Lightfoot, black; Mrs. Lemmer, cigar brown costume, hat en suite; Mrs. A. Mackay; Miss Marsden, black silk with yoke and sleeves of white satin veiled with black lace, hat to match; Mrs. Magninity, black silk, smart bonnet relieved with green; Miss Oldham, smoke grey silk, large black hat; Miss Poole, light muslin; Mrs. Patterson, black, deep lace fichu, large black hat; Miss Pitt, soft white silk and lace, large white hat with violets beneath brim; Misses Freshaw (2), grey costumes, becoming white hats; Miss Payne (England), grey costume relieved with deep yellow, small black hat; Miss Ferrer, smart grey muslin, hat en suite; Miss Rochfort, light muslin, sailor hat; Mrs. Robertson, black; Mrs. Roberts, black costume, large hat en suite; Mrs. Stephens (Port), smart grey costume, chic hat; Miss Stevens, white embroidered muslin over green, white hat with green bows; Miss Smith (Wellington), white; Miss Sealy, light muslin, large black hat; Miss F. Sealy, pink muslin, chiffon hat to match; Miss Tendall, black, cream lace schu, hat en suite; Miss Tomkinson, pretty flowered muslin, white hat with pink flowers; Mrs. Vining, black and white costume; Mrs. Watts, black silk, bonnet en suite; Mrs. Charles Watts, black relieved

with white, toque to match; Mrs. Wruitt, smart grey costume, chic hat to match; Miss Webb-Bowen, green muslin, hat trimmed with pink; Miss Wattiss, white muslin and lace, large black hat.

The same evening Mrs. Kingdon gave a small but enjoyable

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at her charming residence, when music and dancing were the chief amusements, and a very merry evening was spent. Mrs. Kingdon wore a handsome and becoming gown of black satin with transparent sleeves; Miss Turner (Wanganui), her guest, looked well in blue satin. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Dr. and Mrs. Roberts, Misses Harris (2), Blackett, Jones, Webb-Bowen (2), Smith, Tomkinson, Heaps, Trolove, Sealy, Mr. and Mrs. Booth, Messrs Tomkinson (2), L. Leven, A. Adams, Blackett, Oldham, Muir, Kadell, and others.

That grand oratorio

## "THE MESSIAH"

was performed by the Harmonic Society in St. John's Wesleyan Church on Thursday evening. The large building was well filled in every part, and the beautiful music was listened to with great enjoyment. The effective organ passages were well played by Miss Nina Moore, and helped considerably in the successful rendering of the work. Herr Lemmer, the conductor, is to be congratulated on the general improvement of the chorus singing, which was quite a feature of the performance. The soloists were Mr. John Rose, of Blenheim, tenor; Mr. A. C. Magninity, bass; Miss Kathleen Fell, soprano; and Miss Clarice Hunt, alto. All were in good voice and sang well, especially Miss Hunt, whose beautiful voice seems especially suited to oratorio music.

## PHYLLIS.

## BLENHEIM.

Dear Bee, December 14.  
For the second time since Judge Edwards has taken his circuit, he was presented with a pair of white gloves, to denote the absence of crime from

the calendar. It is a strange custom, and one wonders what is done with these emblems.

Before the dispersal of the pupils attending the High School for the Christmas vacation, there was a meeting of the relatives and friends of the pupils, several members of the Board of Governors, as well as the Mayor, Mr. McCartney, who presided in the absence of Mr. A. P. Seymour, and Dr. Innes, to witness the distribution of prizes. A special prize was given by Mrs. Innes for the best cake, which was won by K. Buckhurst, the prize for scones being won by a boy named Litchfield. Mrs. Rogers acted as judge of cakes and scones.

A prize is each year offered for the best essay, written by a Borough school child, on the "Agricultural Show," and this year the first was awarded to Miss E. Hilliard, the second to C. White, Inspector Smith acting as judge.

On Wednesday evening a large number of friends met in Wesley Hall, to welcome Mr. and Mrs. J. Crump, who have come from their missionary labours in New Britain, to spend a year's furlough in New Zealand. The hall was decorated with flowers and foliage, and draped with flags. In a large monogram of flowers, placed at the head of the hall, the initials of the guests of the evening were intertwined, and the pretty, quaint names of their three children were placed at intervals on the walls. The Rev. Mr. Keall was chairman. Mr. A. J. Litchfield wrote regretting his inability to be present, owing to illness, but expressing his sympathy with the feeling which prompted this evidence of good feeling towards Mr. and Mrs. Crump. A handsome illuminated address of welcome was presented by Mr. E. H. Punney, to Mr. Crump, who thanked him briefly, but promised on some future occasion to give a description of the manners and customs of the people among whom he had been working. During the evening songs were sung by Mrs. T. Davies, Mrs. A. J. Litchfield, the Misses Curnow and Paine, and Messrs. Birch and Paine. Before dispersing a bountiful repast was partaken of, the viands being arranged on the tables in a most tempting manner. FRIDA.

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