

gave away the prizes for the year's work. She wore a black silk dress, with chemise of white tacked silk, and bonnet trimmed with pink; Mrs Lowry also wore black relieved with white chiffon, and a bonnet to match; Mrs T. Cross was in navy blue, braided with white, and she had a pretty toque composed of cornflowers; Mrs Nation wore black and pale pink flowered muslin; Mrs North was in electric blue; Mrs Davis Canning looked well in black and white, and her large black hat was trimmed with feathers; Mrs Waterhouse had a fawn coat and skirt, and red roses in her black bonnet; Mrs Morrison was entirely in black, as was Mrs W. Nelson; Mrs Lanzaux wore a black silk costume; Miss Page was also in black silk relieved with white lace, and a white chip hat with pink roses; Mrs Nantes, dainty lottie of pink glace silk, black brocade skirt, and large black hat adorned with plumes; Miss Dale, black, with heliotrope flowers in her bonnet; Mrs Frazer, pretty pale grey dress, and large hat to match; Miss Hodges had a China silk dress trimmed with pale blue; Miss Far-right, white pique, sailor hat; Miss Lowry was in fawn with velvet revers, and had trimmed with feathers; Miss Seale wore pink muslin; the Misses Maud and Cecil Williams had dainty costumes of pale grey, made with flon jackets and soft white silk vests, large white hats with white ostrich feathers; Miss Kitty Williams, white pique; Miss Fitzroy, black and white striped coat and skirt, white chip hat; Miss Louie Fitzroy had a similar costume; Miss Giblin, grass lawn dress trimmed with gauze lace over pale blue, hat to match trimmed with blue flowers; Miss Marjorie Giblin also wore a grass lawn costume with a pale green silk yoke, and a green and fawn hat; Miss Muriel Looking, holland coat and skirt, sailor hat; Miss Large, heliotrope and white flowered muslin; Miss Flora McLean had a dainty white muslin and insertion dress over a pale green slip; Miss Millar, pink zephyr; Miss Quartley, heliotrope and white. All the school girls wore white muslin dresses, and red and white bands (the school colours) on their sailor hats. Tea and cakes were liberally dispensed, and before and after the distribution of prizes, the drill, with Indian clubs, dumb bells, balls, etc., was given by the girls.

At an interesting entertainment on the following evening, also by Miss Hodge's pupils, at St. Matthew's Schoolroom, the performance was given of an operetta. The dialogue was brightly written, and created much amusement, and the music was of a pleasing nature. The characters were well played throughout. The operetta was preceded by a Waxwork Carnival, which was very amusing. The pleasant evening's entertainment concluded with a dance.

DOROTHY.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, December 21.  
Mr G. W. Williamson's pupils gave a successful concert at St. John's Schoolroom on the 17th inst. The musical programme contained several interesting numbers. Miss Roulston and Miss Knowles sang some pretty songs—"For All Eternity" by Mascagni, and Macfarren's "By the Lime Trees." Miss Ellingworth, another promising pupil of Mr Williamson's, displayed a fine soprano voice, and good winging method, in "Thou Art So Near," and Mr George Cotterill's rendering of a scene and aria from "Lucenia; Borgia" was greatly admired. Miss Mary McLean gave a pianoforte solo, "Grand Scotch Fantasia" (Jules de Strain), with great feeling and taste. Others who contributed to the success of the evening were the Misses Truda Goldsmith, Maud Sweetapple, Dulcie Kennedy, May Williams, Cora Fanning, Irene Clare, Marjorie Amey, Dolly Robinson, Vera Humphries, and Master Bryan Craig. Amongst the audience were Mesdames Turnbull, Howell, Goldsmith, Hall, Rutherford, James McLean, etc.

Miss May G. W. Louden gave a matinee musicale on the 26th inst at the Athenaeum Hall. Miss Louden has a refined execution, which was shown to advantage by pianoforte solos, "Storm Rondo" (Steibelt), "Torch Dance" (Ed. Corrales), "Andante and Rondo Capriccioso" (Mendelssohn), "March Funebre" (Chopin). The re-

callist was Mr E. H. (Cane, who sang "Life" (Hummel), and "Nasareth" (Rossini), accompanied by Mr R. M. Houslow. These items were both highly applauded.

Some of those who have been present at the various breakings up of the different schools during the week are:—Mrs Turnbull, wearing a handsome black and green dress, and black bonnet with pink roses; Mrs Goldsmith, in a fawn dress trimmed with silk to match; Mrs Hill, grey; Mrs F. W. Williams, pretty black and white costume; Miss Louden, pretty grass lawn dress relieved with pale blue, and a pale blue hat; Mrs Knight, handsome black silk; Miss Spencer, chocolate colour; Mrs Coraford, black, red roses in her bonnet; Mrs Looking, dark green; Mrs Coleman, black silk, white yoke, bonnet to match; Miss Coleman, white muslin, white chip hat; Mrs De Lisle, pretty grey costume, black hat with plumes; Mrs Bowen, soft blue silk; Mrs C. McLean, brown.

MARJORIE.

BLENHEIM.

Dear Bee, December 24.  
There seems to be little to tell you of except the concerts that formed the conclusion to the instruction given to their pupils by Mrs Lucas and Mr Cheek before their dispersal for the holidays. Mr Cheek's took place on Monday evening in the Presbyterian schoolroom, and the crowded state of the hall indicated the interest taken in the performers, and the pleasure anticipated. The instruments used were organ, violin, piano, flute and clarinet, which shows Mr Cheek's versatility as a teacher, for all the pupils acquitted themselves remarkably well. To the regret of those who prefer vocal to instrumental music, there was only one song, "The Raft" which was sung by Mr E. Powell very creditably. Mrs Lucas' breaking up entertainment took place in the same hall on Wednesday evening, and as programmes were provided the items and the performers were more readily distinguished. Miss Hammond, who has a powerful voice, which further instruction will develop and improve, sang "Beauty Sleep" and afterwards joined in the duet "Slowly and Softly Music Should Flow" with Miss Beaslie Smith, the latter also, in spite of nervousness, singing "An Evening Lullaby" pleasingly. The beautiful trio "Ti Prego" was sung by the Misses Jessica Horne and Brewer and Mr L. Griffith. Mrs Lucas sang "The Love Tide," and with Miss Brewer a duet. The Misses Violet and Mabel McIntosh, Belle Griffiths, Pritchard and Mary Lucas played piano solos and duets with precision and facility. A quartette, sung by the Misses Hammond and Brewer and Messrs Griffiths and L. Bartlett, and a solo and chorus, "Poor Wandering One," in which Miss Jessica Horne took the solo, were also on the programme.

Miss McLaurin's school broke up on Tuesday afternoon at her house in Maxwell Road, and matting and seats were placed under the trees for the parents and friends invited to witness the prize giving. The children were grouped on the verandah, which was draped with flags and decorated with foliage and flowers, and the smaller girls, crowned with wreaths of flowers and accompanied by Miss McLaurin on the piano, sang some pretty action songs. The elder girls and boys gave an exhibition of Indian club swinging, directed by Miss Mabin. Immediately afterwards the prizes were distributed by Archdeacon Grace to the pupils, but there were still left two mysterious parcels, which were found to be an exceedingly pretty vase given by the children to Miss McLaurin, and a pretty workbasket lined with green satin and furnished with silver thimble, a pair of scissors in a case, for Miss Mabin, who, to the regret of all, has resigned her position in the school in view of her approaching marriage. Afternoon tea and a delicious variety of cakes were handed round, the children waiting on their elders most attentively.

The Garrison Band concert held in Ewart's Hall last night was successful in every way. The selections by the band were most tastefully played, Mr Curry conducting, and the solo and quartette "When I Can Read My Title Clear," Miss E. Ross taking the solo, and solo and chorus "Nearer, My God, to Thee," Mr J. Ross taking the leading

part, were particularly enjoyed. Mrs Black, of Cheviot, who is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs Simpson, sang "The Holy City" charmingly, Mr J. Ross "St. Agnes' Eve" with expression and taste, and Mr R. A. Moore "Consider the Lilies."

Mrs Grace has gone to spend Christmas in Nelson with her mother, Mrs Colt.

Miss Beatrice Horton, who has been in the North Island for a considerable time, is visiting her home here once more, and her old friends are pleased to have an opportunity of seeing her again.

Mrs Mabin left for Nelson last Friday.

I must close this now, wishing you a pleasant Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

FRIDA.

NELSON.

Dear Bee, December 24.  
Every one is busy preparing for Christmas, in fact, very little else has been done this week. The weather so far is glorious, and promises to continue so all the holidays. Numbers of visitors are arriving in town, the steamers from Wellington and elsewhere are crowded each day with excursionists, who are delighted to have the opportunity of spending their holiday in picturesque Nelson.

STREET DRESSES.

Mrs Burns, smart black (mourning) costume; Mrs Adams, blue foulard, lace yoke, small hat en suite; Miss Heaps, bright pink, sailor hat; Miss K. Fell, blue foulard, transparent yoke of lace, large burnt straw hat with black bows; Miss M. Fell (England), light flowered muslin, large hat to match; Miss Maud Harris, pretty white muslin; Miss Watkiss, black canvas over green silk, large black hat; Miss Lindsay, white; Miss Levien, white pique, sailor hat; Miss Richmond, heliotrope print, sailor hat with black band; Mrs Mirams, black and white check, black bonnet with pink; Miss Stevens, yellow silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Webb-Bowen, white pique skirt, pink blouse, sailor hat; Miss F. Webb-Bowen, dark blue foulard; Miss Clapcott, holland costume; Miss Mabel Atkinson, powder blue print; Miss Blackett, pink and white striped cambric, large sailor hat; Mrs Stephens, grey voile costume; Mrs Coote (Pelding), pink muslin, pink hat to match; Miss Hunkler, white pique.

PHYLLIS.

Miss Colonia in London.

CONFIDENCES TO HER COUSINS ACROSS THE SEAS.

LONDON, November 15.  
My Dear Cousins,  
We have welcomed the C.L.V.'s, given General Buller a rousing reception, and now we are enjoying a little rest from patriotic ecstasy until the arrival of Lord Roberts and our gallant colonials.

ERIN'S GIFT TO "BOBS."

The women of Ireland have decided to greet their victorious fellow-countryman on his return with something more substantial than the waving of handkerchiefs. At the suggestion of Lady Abercorn the gift of the Irish women to Lord Roberts will be a star of St. Patrick in diamonds. In heraldic language "the star consists of the cross of St. Patrick gules on a field argent, charged with a trefail, surrounded by a blue enamelled circle, containing the motto and date, and encircled by four greater and lesser rays of silver." The collar is beautiful in design. It is of gold, and composed of roses and harps alternately tied together with a knot of gold, and the roses are enamelled alternately, white leaves with red and red with white, and in the centre of the collar is an Imperial crown surmounting a harp of gold, from which hangs the badge of the Order, also of gold, surmounted with a wreath of abnrock or trefail, within which is a circle of blue enamel containing in gold letters the motto of the order, "Quis Separabit," and the date of the foundation of the Order, MDCX-

XXIII, and encircling the cross of St. Patrick gules, enamelled with a trefail wreath, each of its leaves charged with an Imperial crown or, upon a field argent. Lord Roberts, who was installed as a Knight of the Order in 1867, has already such a number of decorations that he will with difficulty find room for Erin's star. I wonder in what way you colonial girls are going to honour your commanders on their return?

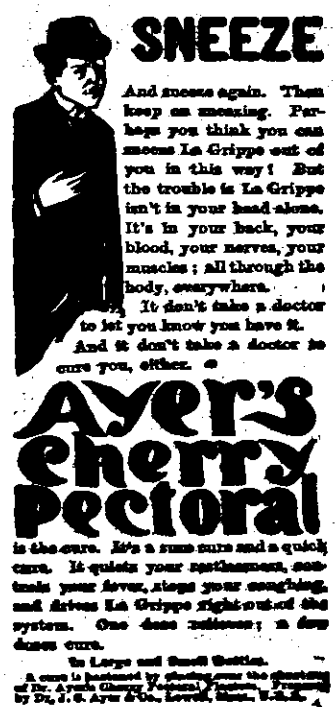
"CITY GIRLS" AND THE ENTERPRISE CLUB.

I hope, my dear, that you will not object to being called girls, as the "young ladies" of the city did. The Enterprise Club was not long since founded for their benefit with fine quarters in King William-street. It is managed by a strong finance guarantee committee of gentlemen, which includes the directors of the chief typewriter companies, who know how their clerks are apt to endeavour to satisfy the inner woman with only a cup of tea or a glass of milk and a bun. The actual control of the club is in the hands of a duly elected committee of the members. The club undertakes its own catering and provides a dainty and satisfying lunch in lieu of the somewhat meagre fare of the A.B.C.'s so frequented by lady clerks and typewriters. An article described the members of the new club as "city girls," whereupon one of them wrote to the offending journal an indignant protest, explaining that the club was not for "city girls" but for "ladies engaged in city offices." Verily this is a genteel age, as one of the haughty Primrose dames discovered the other day, when calling at a cottage to solicit the occupants vote she was told that "the gentleman you want is the sweep next door."

CONGRESS OF WOMEN WORKERS.

Since I last wrote the National Union of Women Workers has held its conference at Brighton under its president the Hon. Mrs A. T. Lyttelton, wife of the Bishop of Southampton. A number of well-known leaders among women workers attended, and the gathering was a smart, well-dressed one, proving to the other sex that to be a reformer in women's cause it is not necessary to be dowdy. Some very interesting papers were read and speeches made, but on the whole very little fresh ground was broken.

Mrs Humphry Ward gave a fascinating account of the scheme of instruction at the settlement in Tavistock Square for crippled and afflicted chil-



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