

after several speeches by the Rev. S. Osborne, Mr. MacDiarmid, and Mr. Mackenzie expressing their high appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Strauchon and family's good qualities and helpful services in relation to church and Sunday-school, Mr. MacDiarmid presented Miss Nellie Strauchon, on behalf of the teachers in the latter, with a handsome silver dressing-case mirror as a recognition of her services as teacher. A happy evening was passed, and the meeting concluded with refreshments tastefully supplied and enjoyed, and the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne." Amongst those present were:—Mrs. Strauchon, heliotrope blouse, white lace collarette, dark skirt; Mrs. McKenzie, cream silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs. Osborne, grey silk; Mrs. Paul looked charming in a pale blue tucked silk blouse, black silk skirt; Mrs. Copeland, black; Miss MacDiarmid, white, blue silk tie; Miss Nixon, white blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Nixon, black; Mrs. Northcroft, black; Mrs. Gilmour, blue silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Patterson, black; Miss Partridge, white blouse, black skirt; Miss Brennan, blue blouse, holland skirt; Mrs. Avery, black and white; Miss Avery, pink and white; Mrs. Partridge, blue and white; Mrs. Quilliam, black; Mrs. Kerr, black, point lace collarette; Miss Kerr, white; Mrs. Fraser, black silk; Mrs. Nathan, green blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Corney, black; Miss Beale, white silk; Mrs. Clarke, cerise blouse, dark skirt; Miss Strauchon, white; Miss Brasch, white; Mrs. Bullard; Mrs. Ambridge; Mrs. Campbell; Miss Betts; Miss Hall, white; Mrs. Tribe, black; Mrs. Hall, cream blouse, dark skirt; Miss Clarke, white muslin over pink blouse, black skirt; Miss W. Strauchon, flowered muslin; Miss M. McKenzie, blue and white silk blouse, tawny skirt; Miss Crawford; Miss Quilliam, white; Miss Brewster, white blouse, black skirt.

NANCY LEE.

## NELSON.

Dear Bee,

March 2.

Amongst the audience at the Boston Concert Company's evening, given here on Friday, I noticed the following:—The Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Chatterton, the latter wearing an evening dress of black silk and lace; Mr and Mrs C. G. Fell, the latter wearing black evening dress; Mrs Kingdon, deep red silk evening blouse, finished with black lace; Mrs E. Lewis, pink silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs Burnes, black evening dress; Mrs Houliker, black net over bright green silk; Miss Houliker, pale blue; Mrs J. Sharp, black silk and lace; Mrs de Castro, dark green velvet, lace fichu; Mr and Mrs Booth; Mr and Mrs Allen, the latter wearing black; Mrs Baigent, bright pink silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs and Miss Heaps; Mrs and Miss A. Bell; Mr and Mrs H. Cock; Mrs and Miss Levien; Mrs A. Glasgow, black; Miss Mabel Glasgow, light pink silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs and Miss Duff; Mrs and the Misses Gibbs (2); Mr and Mrs Lemmer, the latter wearing black evening dress; Miss M. Mackay, pretty blouse of bright red silk, black skirt; Miss Robertson, red gown, finished with black lace; Miss Rutherford (Marlborough), white; Miss Leslie, rose pink silk blouse, black skirt; Misses Edwards (3), wore white; Miss Browning (Stoke), black evening dress, full vest of scarlet silk; Miss Hunter Brown, black finished with white lace; her sister wore green silk; Miss Buchanan, looked well in cream; Misses Grubb, Richmond, Stevens, Maginnity (2), Kempthorne, Sealy, Gribben, Fell, Cohen, Johnson (Wellington), M. Bunny, Gibson, Bathem, Cock (2), Bell, Corrigan, Judge and Mrs Robinson, Mrs and Miss Greenfield, Mrs Satchel; Messrs. Kingdon, Burnes, de Castro, Gibbs, King, Duncan, Coney, Houliker, L. Levien, R. Hamilton, Renwick, Chaytor, Cock,

Major, Preshaw (Reefton), Dr. H. Gibbs, and others.

On the receipt of the cable announcing the losses sustained by the Seventh Contingent flags were hoisted at half-mast, and as the sad news spread gloom was felt throughout the city. There are no Nelson names among the casualties, but to the bereaved relatives of the fallen, and to the anxious kin of the wounded, we extend our sincere sympathy and condolence.

PHYLLIS.

## INTERVIEWING A BABY.

## AN ENFIELD EPISODE.

For the first time in my life, writes a reporter in a contemporary, I was told off by the chief to interview a baby, who by reason of certain vicissitudes had become the heroine of the day.

The "baby" was a pleasant-faced little girl of three and a half, and although she showed a lively interest in the proceedings, I subsequently found it necessary to interview her



by deputy in the shape of her mother, Mrs M. J. Jones, of Enfield, near Oamaru. Concerning the various vicissitudes through which little Ethel has passed, Mrs Jones said:—"She has already had more than her share of sorrows, for when she was only six months old she became fearfully ill, due either to teething or vaccination. Later on congestion of the lungs resulted and was followed by consumption of the

bowels. By this time she was quite emaciated and despite the skilled treatment of two doctors she continued to decline; the doctors advised an operation but neither my husband nor I would consent and at last we were told that Ethel could not last more than a few months. The pain in her stomach must have been excruciating, for she had hardly any sleep at all and we had to sit up night after night with her. At this stage we read of some cures effected in children's cases by Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people. The full details and addresses were available and being convinced of their truthfulness, we purchased some pills for a baby who was little more than a year old when we began giving them to her. When she had taken the contents of two boxes the stomach pains had lessened so much that she was able to sleep soundly. She took to her food again and it appeared to nourish her. From that time we could see her improving week after week, and after using several more boxes she regained perfect health. You can see to-day how strong and happy she is."

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