

Archdeacon Willis and family are still away at St. Helier's Bay, the Rev. W. Lush, of Epiphany, Auckland, taking the duties here.

Mr Brooks, manager of the Bank of New Zealand, is away on his annual holiday, being relieved by Mr Woodward, from Auckland.

Previous to Mr Brooks' departure, he was presented with a handsome chair, as a slight token of esteem, from the teachers and scholars of the Trinity Presbyterian Sunday-school, of which he has been superintendent for the last 24 years.

Mr and Mrs Herrold, Miss Wright, and Miss Ethel Cave returned from Fiji last week. Mr and Mrs Herrold intending to make their future home in India.

ELSIE.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, January 23.

On Friday afternoon a team from the Waverley Tennis Club visited New Plymouth, but the day turned out miserably wet, so instead of the game being a pleasure it was hard work, as the balls were heavy and the grass slippery. Dainty afternoon tea was provided by a committee of ladies. Among those watching the game were: Mrs Corrigan, black tucked skirt, sac jacket, black and white hat; Miss Hilton, purple skirt, black sac jacket, cream hat; Mrs Christie (Wanganui), black skirt, white blouse, grey jacket; Miss Paul, grey; Miss Walker, blue and white blouse, dark skirt; Miss A. Walker, black skirt, grey jacket; Mrs Stadden, pale blue and white blouse, dark skirt, fawn jacket; Miss Roy, navy and pale blue costume; Mrs Hanna, blue and cream costume, hat as suit; Miss Hanna, white silk blouse with rose pink neck and waistbands, black skirt; Miss E. Hanna, dove blue and white silk blouse, dark skirt; her friend, wore black; Miss McKellar, black skirt,

grey jacket; Miss J. McKellar, pink blouse, dark skirt; Miss Tuke, black; Miss M. Tuke, white blouse, dark skirt; Miss Teata; Miss Read, pale blue skirt, white blouse; Miss Skedd, blue blouse, dark skirt; Mrs J. Wilson, black with scarlet hat; Mrs Edmunds, cream blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Braham, black costume relieved with white; Miss Hawken, pretty cream silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Webster, green and white blouse, black skirt; Miss L. Webster, pretty blue figured blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat; Miss Northcroft, black skirt, white embroidered muslin blouse; Miss Bedford, pink figured blouse with blue chon, dark skirt; Mrs Manmeyer, pink flowered muslin blouse, grey skirt; Miss George, red and white blouse, dark skirt; Miss W. George, navy blue costume; Mrs Morrison, blue and white blouse, black skirt; Mrs MacDiarmid, navy blue; Miss MacDiarmid, cream and pale blue blouse, black skirt; Miss Berry, pale green blouse, black skirt, grey jacket; etc.

NANCY LEE.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, January 22.

We were fortunate in having the most glorious weather for the holiday to-day, our 63rd Anniversary Day. There was just enough breeze for it to be perfect for yachting, and the regatta was greatly enjoyed by all taking part in it. The Union Company's steamer Penguin followed the races round the course, and was largely patronised by the public. The ferry boats running to the various seaside resorts were crowded with pleasure-seekers, and all appeared to have spent a delightful time in their various ways. It was, of course, an ideal day for the races, and there was a very large attendance. The lawn was looking brilliantly green, and was brightened by flowers and prettily-dressed ladies. Mr and Miss Harcourt entertained a number of friends at luncheon, among their

guests being several members of the English cricket team, who returned from the Wairarapa last night in order to be present at the races. Some of those I noticed on the course were—Mr and Mrs Duncan and Miss Duncan, Mr. Mrs and Miss Bell, Mr and Mrs A. Pearce, Mr and Mrs Moorehouse, Mr and Mrs H. Johnston, Mr and Mrs C. Pearce, Mr and Mrs F. Perry, Mr and Miss Coates, Mrs Abbott, Mr and Mrs Butler, Mr and Mrs Burnes, Mrs Collins, Mr and Mrs C. J. Johnston, the Misses Johnston, Mr and the Misses Fitzherbert, Mr and Miss Rawson, Mr and Mrs Crawford, Mrs and Miss Riddiford, Mr and Mrs Bob Levin, the Misses Fell, Higginson, Brandon, O'Connor, Skerrett, Kennedy, Fitzgerald, Abbott, Daniel and others.

A very enjoyable little dance was given by Mrs. Grace on Friday in honour of the visiting team of English cricketers. The rooms were all prettily decorated with flowers, and beautiful flowering pot plants were to be seen everywhere. The conservatory was a perfect picture, with its masses of lovely blooms. A delicious supper was laid in the dining-room. The table was arranged with numerous bowls and vases of pink ivy, geranium and maiden-hair fern. King played excellent music, and as the evening was not too warm, everyone was energetic and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Miss V. Rawson played a splendid extra. Mrs. Grace received in a handsome gown of black applique lace over black and white silk, the corsage finished with lovely lace and diamond ornaments; Miss Grace—who we were all pleased to see looking so much better, and able to dance—wore a soft pale blue crepe de chine gown, much shirred, and with white lace on the bodice, and a wreath of pink roses in her hair. Some of those present were Miss Johnston, wearing a striking gown of black and white, with handsome appliques of cream lace; Mrs. Walter Johnston had white brocade, with chiffon and lace bertac; Miss Duncan,

a handsome gown of pale pink glass, trimmed with lace and flowers; Mrs. H. Johnston, white satin, trimmed with sequins and chiffon and a pink sash; Miss Riddiford wore deep cream silk with lace and orange flowers; Miss Izard, a handsome white satin gown, trimmed with lace; Miss Fell, a blue brocade gown, with white lace; her sister wore white-merveilleux, with chiffon on the bodice; Miss Z. Johnston, soft white silk and lace; Miss Bell had a white crepe de chine gown, with trails of pink rosebuds; Miss L. Coleridge, white spotted net and lace; Miss Harcourt, in black satin, trimmed with white chiffon and lace; Miss Gore, a white-merveilleux gown, trimmed with chiffon and lace; Miss V. Rawson, in white chine silk, trimmed with ecru insertion and chiffon; the Misses H. Rawson wore soft white tulle gowns; Miss Higginson, white satin, with chiffon and mauve flowers; the Misses Fitzherbert, in pretty white silk and chiffon gowns; and Miss F. Brandon had yellow satin and chiffon. Among the English cricketers who were present were: Messrs. Warner, Whatman, Bosanquet, Dawson, Leatham and Johnston. Others present were: Messrs. Grace, Hill-Trevor, Duncan (2), Johnston (3), Latham, Higginson (3), Gore, Riddiford, Harcourt.

Lord Hawke's team were again entertained on Sunday, when they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bell at a luncheon at Lowry Bay. The weather was beautiful, and a most enjoyable time was spent. A ferry-boat conveyed the party from town at 10 o'clock, and returned late in the afternoon. Among those present besides the teams of cricketers were: Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. A. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pearce and the Misses Duncan, Johnston, Fell, Higginson, Gore, Fitzgerald, Harcourt, Brandon, Rawson and others.

The two last days of the cricket match attracted large crowds of enthusiastic people to the Basin Reserve. On Saturday there were be-

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