

Mason, Arbor, Johnston, Mills, and others.

The Misses Harding gave

A VERY PLEASANT TEA

on Friday to a number of their girl friends. A picture-guessing competition kept everyone well occupied and amused during the afternoon. Very delicious tea was laid in the dining-room. Early spring flowers decorated the tables, and were lovely and fresh. Among those present were the Misses Edwin, Tolhurst, Denniston, Harcourt, Joseph, Nathan, Brandon, Johnston, Fell, Finch, and others.

The Wellington Garrison officers have issued invitations to their annual ball on Friday, July 10th.

OPHELIA.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee, June 29.

Haylock has been en fete this week. On Wednesday last the important function of

OPENING THE WATERWORKS

was performed by the member for the district, the Hon. C. H. Mills, with all due ceremony and eclat, in spite of many drawbacks in the shape of weather, flooded rivers, and landslips, which kept many invited guests away. As Mr Mills' time was limited, speeches and discourses were poured out pell-mell. Among the many toasts that of "Prosperity to Haylock" was responded to by a lady, Mrs W. Pickering, who claimed the privilege of reading her speech, having, as she said, no shirt cuffs to write her notes upon. A good many ladies were present at the smoke concert, an innovation for which the fashion was set at the Mayoral banquet lately held in Picton. During the evening there was also another interesting ceremony performed, when through the hands of Mr Mills, Messrs. Brownlee and Co. presented to the Town Board the title deeds of two sections, to be held in trust for ever as a recreation ground for the town. The title deeds of other adjoining sections were being prepared by Messrs. Brownlee and Co. also for presentation to the town. Mr Mills left early in the evening for Picton, en route for Wellington. The Blenheim Fire Brigade gave a display during the afternoon.

During his manifold duties, while in Haylock, the Hon. C. H. Mills unveiled a tablet erected in the school to the memory of Troupier W. Brownlee Smith, accidentally killed during the Boer War.

Another Borough School

CONCERT

was held in Picton on Thursday evening last in the Public Hall, and was a great success, every item going off well, especially those rendered by the little ones. The Soldiers Song, and the Pigeon House evoked much mirth. Outside talent was also requisitioned, and among the items was the old-fashioned but ever favourite "Huntingtower," sung by Mrs Fenton, of Wellington, and Mr D. McCormick, who sang it with much pathos and feeling. Other soloists were Messrs. Bridge, McIntosh, and Swanwick, all of whom received well-merited encores. A farce at the end of the programme was well carried out. The best of those taking part were de-

idedly Miss V. Fuller, as a cook, and Miss Roberts, parlourmaid, who wept, sobbed, and went into hysterics in most approved fashion, and set the audience off into shrieks of laughter. Others taking part in the farce were Misses L. and F. Fuller, Messrs. Brown and McIntosh (2).

Several deaths have occurred lately of old residents in Picton and Blenheim, and it is feared that few of the very oldest will be present at the Marlborough Jubilee a few years hence.

I am sorry to say that very bad accounts come in of the health of Mrs Barr, of the Ferry Hotel, Spring Creek. Her friends in Picton are taking her there to see what change will do.

Miss Greensill, of Picton, is still seriously ill in Wellington. Her friends were hoping to bring her home, but it is feared that it will be impossible to do so.

An afternoon tea was given by Mrs Philpotts, for Mrs H. Harris, who is staying with her. Among those present were Mrs and the Misses Philpotts (4), Mesdames Harris, Baillie, Richmond (Nelson), Riddell, Stow, Miss Harris, and Miss Seymour.

MIRANDA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, July 1.

One of the greatest musical treats we have had for a long time has been the Mark Hambourg concerts, which took place in the Canterbury Hall last week. The Messrs Mark and Boris Hambourg, with the piano and 'cello respectively, are true artists, and roused the audience night after night to a point reaching enthusiasm. Mr Lennuone (flute) is an old friend, and is far above any we have had to visit us; Miss Batchelor (soprano) is distinctly good. Among the various audiences have been Mrs and Miss Julius, Mr and Mrs H. M. Reeves, Dr. and Mrs Crooke, Mrs Denniston, Mr and Mrs W. Striuger, Mr and Mrs I. Gibbs, Professor and Miss Cook, Professor and Mrs Hunt, Mr and Mrs F. M. Wallace, Mrs. and Miss Wilding, Mr and Mrs Loughnan, Mrs Fox, Mr and Mrs H. D. and Miss Carter, Mr and Mrs Kinsey, Mr and Mrs Howring, Mr, Mrs and Miss Kohn, Mrs T. Garrard, Miss K. Young, Mr and Mrs Barkas, Misses Devenish Meares, Mr and Mrs F. Raphael, Mr and Mrs Bealey (Hororata), Misses Fairhurst, Grant, Freeman, Fodor, Louisson, the Hon C. and Mrs Louisson, Mr and Mrs W. Montgomery (Little River), Mr and Mrs A. Anderson, Mrs and Miss Kettle, Mr and Mrs Appleby, Mr and the Misses Way, etc., and several people from Timaru and other distant places.

The weather was perfect on Saturday for the

POINT TO POINT STEEPLECHASE,

which took place at Templeton, and was won by Messrs Elworthy Bros. horse Swagger. A large number drove out, amongst them being Mr, Mrs and Miss Stead, Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, Mr and Mrs J. D. Hall, Miss M. Elworthy, Mr and Mrs Boyle, Mr and Mrs Wood, Mr and Miss Clarkson, Mr and Miss Bassett, Mrs and Miss Kettle, Mr and Mrs H. Cotterill, Mr and Miss Winter, Mr and Mrs Ranald Macdonald, Misses Ned-

will, Thomas, Martin, Wilson, Messrs G. Palmer, K. Allen, etc.

The students at Canterbury College were

ALLOWED TO RUN WILD

on Friday for the old-time Capping Day, and every one knows what tricks and noises they indulge in. The hall was filled with friends. Miss Jeannie Black received many hearty congratulations on obtaining the degree of Bachelor of Music. Four young ladies obtained their B.A. degree. Misses Wilding (whose scholarship in French and English took highest marks in the colony), Siewwright, K. Turnbull, and Herriot. In the evening an entertainment took place, followed by a dance, which was very largely attended, and passed off most successfully. I forgot to say the medals won at the Auckland Tournament by the students were presented by Mrs Blunt after the capping ceremony.

A surprise

EUCHRE PARTY

visited Mrs van Asch at Sumner on Saturday evening, when about fifty were present, twelve tables being in use. Among the party were Mr and Mrs Jennings, Mr and Mrs F. Pratt, Mr and Mrs Stevens, Mr and Mrs Collins, Mr and the Misses Pender, Miss Monek, Mr and Mrs P. Hockley, Misses Preston (3), Selby, Buddle, Deacon, Messrs Hill-Fisher, Preston (2), van Asch (2), and others. A most enjoyable evening was spent, Mrs Hockley winning first prize, and a dainty supper was provided.

Mrs John Anderson gave a charming afternoon tea and musical last week at her residence, Arnagh-street West. Mrs Burnes, Mrs Worsley, the Misses Cook (2), and M. Devenish-Meares contributed some delightful items. Among the guests were Mrs Andrew and Miss Anderson, Mrs and Miss Elworthy, Mrs Julius, Mrs J. Gould, Mrs Bowen, Mrs Wilding, Mrs Denniston, Mrs Reeves, and a few others.

Mrs Waymouth again had a most enjoyable walking party on Saturday, the day being lovely, and a glorious view from the hill-top. About twenty joined in it.

Nurse Wiggins, of the Christchurch Hospital, met with a very serious accident on Friday at Sumner. She was visiting her mother for a few hours, and was on the boat landing at the Cave Rock, where she slipped and fell, striking her side as she fell on to the sand below, causing internal injuries of a somewhat serious nature. Much sympathy is felt for Nurse Wiggins, as she was on the point of going up for her last examination, and had been working very hard.

(Delayed in transmission.)

Dear Bee, June 24.

On Thursday afternoon the members of the newly-formed Walking Club were "At Home" at the Art Gallery. A goodly number of invitations had been issued, and the visitors were received by Mrs Denniston (the President), Miss Siewwright, and Miss Fletcher. Four of the members wore the regulation "dress"—Misses Siewwright, Fletcher, D. Meares, and A. Chulmondely. The costumes were all of cloth and short, some very short—eight inches from the ground. This certainly has the effect of making the feet appear to have come a long way below the bottom of the skirt—unnecessarily so for comfort.

A paper was read by Miss Siewwright on the advantages or benefits of hill-climbing. Gentlemen are also invited to join the Club, and they propose having a picnic afternoon tea by taking the "billy," which we all love. Miss Katie Young played a piano solo, Mrs Burnes, Miss Graham, and Mr W. A. Bowring sang some charming songs during the afternoon, and tea was handed round. Mrs Denniston wore a brown and white flecked cloth with white bands; Mrs Julius (Vice-president) wore black costume and lace vest, handsome ermine furs; Mrs W. Reece (Vice-president), black coat and skirt, white lace revers, toque to match; Mrs (Dr.) Jennings, red cloth gown with black glaze bands, picture hat and feathers; Mrs Stead, black cloth gown, white toque, and handsome ermine furs; Miss Stead, dark blue serge and large white collar; Mrs Wilding, brown cloth coat and skirt, cream silk

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