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DEAR BEE,

You will have to exercise a little patience this week eading my long letter, as I have such an amount of galety to te about. This week is the

CARNIVAL WEEK OF HAWKE'S BAY,

and the festivitles are generally as numerous as those of Cup week in Christchurch. Before mentioning the racca, I have several other functions to jut down, the first of which is the

DRUM AND FIFE HAND BALL

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held at Mesers Wenley and Lanauze's new wool store at Port, Aburiri, the attendance at which was phenomenal, it being celimated that fully 1,500 persons were present. You will be surprised at this number being able to be under one roof, but as the building is 166 feet in length and 80 freet wide, you will perceive the practicability of it. The derivations were superior every and benner to pick. In the derivations were superior every and benner to pick. In the suidide was a large raised dais for the land stand, and like all the walls it was profusely decrated. The land stand, and like all the walls it was profusely decrated. The new Band looked extremely near in their uniforms of navy blue sailor costumes and white braid. After the first polks and grand march, when His Worship the Mayor (Mr G. H. Swan) ied out with Mrs Wenley, followed by Mr Wenley and Mrs Swan, the City and Garrison Bands took their place and played inspiriting music till the find took their place and played inspiriting music till the find took their place and played inspiriting music till the find took their place and played store the more than the fort. The the band, and Captain Tonkin suitably responded. Anny diesses were very numerous, and the scene was one to be remembered when dancing was in full swing, the excellent lighting effects added greatly to the billilancy of the scene. The catering was equal to all emergencies, and the heat of waiters and waiters were kept busy in supplying all the demands of hungry dancers. The tables were tastefully arranged. The next occasion on which the public wit have a chance to Port gharrit Lawn Tennis and Howling Club hold a large ball. Over a thousand people will be present, including His kaxcellency the Geveror and suite, and the captains and officers of H.M.S. Hingarooms and fooldfinch now in port.

At 'Ashridge,' Taradale, the beautiful residence of Mr and Mrs Henry Williams, a

PROGRESSIVE RUCHRE PARTY

was held on Thursday evening. A private drag started from town at 7 nm, and it was one a m. before the merry party reached the Post. Office. Seven tables were used, and the guest included Mr and Mrs. W. Finch, Mrs. J. McVay, Mrs. George White, Misses Williams. Smith Itwo, White (Poranganan), Hobbs, M. Kennedy, Foster, Roach, Messrs White, Hughes, Cato, Todd, Maginutly, Riely, Javidson, etc. A great many of the laddes and gentlemen contributed songs and instrumental selections after the prizes were distributed. A re-herche supper was served, and the moonlight drive home was thoroughly enjoyed.

CHURCH PARADE

on Sunday was largely attended and the additional interest of the presence of His Excellar by the Governor and party, as well as the fact of two warships being in port added greatly to the scene, Lady Giasgow were a grey silk with stylin shoulder cape of veivet, and bonnet i Lady Alice Boyle in green silk, and large hat

ith yellow flowers. True Hawke's Bay spring weather prevailed on the two days of

THE JOCKEY CLUB MEETING-

clear cloudless sky, bright sun with the air so beautifully mild that the lightest of musin frocks worn seemed appropos to the occasion. The course looked perfection, especially at luncheon time in the members carriage paddock, when large groups of six williams a large groups of the occasion. The course looked perfection, especially at luncheon time in the members carriage paddock. The street of the colory were present, ioniding Lord and Lady Glasgow and suite, who arrived in Hastings by train, and were driven thence to the course, whore they were received at the lawn entrance by Captain Russell, the President of the Club. Everyone seemed to have come prepared to enjoy his or herself. Of course a few went away wiser and sadder with heavy hearts and lightened purses, the more ancessful ones coupratubled themselves on their superior segucity. I invested all my spare coims—and they are few enough at present—in sweeptakes in the wild hope of making a small fortune, but I lost everything, and came back wondering what any one could see in races, but no doubt at the next opportunity given me I shall be present on the course. The city band discoursed enlivening selections during the day, and during luncheon hour took up their stand on the inner lawn.

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The Counters of Glasgow was gowned exquisitely in shot green and black becoade with ciel blue sprigs and point de venis lace collar, blue bands on corsage, striking bonnet of blue and green flowers arranged in an artistic mode, parasol ra swife; Lady Alice Boyle was much admired in pale blue silk with bodice of a peachy what of helpiotrope, picture hat of cream straw thickly adorned with blue flowers, large white voil; Mis Russell was prettily gowned in each end check sike block with the flowers, large white voil; Mis Russell, black sike, Miss Russell was prettily gowned in each end check sike block in the pretty of the pretty of the content of the black help black chilfon and jet pentants, chic bonnet with heliotrope flowers; Miss Watt, pale like springed slik with ruche at hem of lias slik; the bodice was of a deeper shade veiled in fine black net, pretty large white ohlp hat with cream feathers and like common veil spitted in black; Miss Gerrunde Vatt, adove grey and pine pretty large white ohlp hat with cream feathers and like moses and black plumes; Mrs Germond, black and heliotrope; Miss Ormond, black pretty large white ohlp hat with cream feathers and like with some and black plumes; Mrs Germond, black and heliotrope; Miss Ormond, black prettyle with the satin front and jet epaulettes, black bonnet and white bands, black hat; Mrs Johnston (Wellington), black mervelleux, with white satin front and jet epaulettes, black bonnet and white sagrette, handsome cape edged with wide black alons. Mrs Percy Haidwin (Wellington), cream mervelibux, brockede slat selections in the same shade with season and white selections and square collar edged with wide back lace; Mrs Percy Haidwin (Wellington), cream mervelibux, brockede slat selections in the selection of the sele

black feathers; Mrs Arthur Carlyon, tweed finished with velvet; Mrs Herman, cream delaine, picture hat; Mrs Dixon, black crepon, chiffon cape, jet bonnet; Mrs Longhaan, fawn and green alls; Mrs Shaw, black, Gobelin blue sleeves; Mrs Hold, black alls; Miss Webster, green and black crepon, the bodice of activation of the state of

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Lady Glasgow wore a very handsome poarl grey corded silk panel of grey and white striped surah, becoming shoulder cape of black ribbed silk with frill of rich lace and jet, light bonnt with pink flowers and green leaves; Lady Alice Royle looked very refreshing and simple in a white drill cottune, saller hat with white band, white gloves and shoes to match; Mrs Joe Rhodes Springhill looked well in a sylish steel-coloured grown, pretty betty and the same course in the white band, white gloves and shoes to match; Mrs Joe Rhodes Springhill looked well in a sylish steel-coloured grown, pretty betty and the same colour blue silk bloues, handsome shoulder cape of fawn cloth appell at the side showing an underskirt of velvets of the same colour, blue silk bloues, handsome shoulder cape of fawn cloth applique, with accordion killed frill of terra cotta shot silk, black jet bonnet with pink flowers; Mrs Maurios Mason, fawn and pink costume, bonnet to match; Miss Actmond, brown tweed, Gobeline blue hat; Miss Cormond, dwith electric blue ribbon; Miss Miller, protty dress of Franch grey crepon, epauletres lined with pink, becoming toque of grey with pink flowers and cream lace; Mrs Lan Riddiford (Wairarapa, black broche silk costume with white satin front covered in black jetted tulle, black jet bonnet with bluek with white satin front covered in black jetted tulle, black jet bonnet with bluek and white the king his checked silk with lace spaulettees of black, ribbon waletbelt and ends, small straw coloured toque with black chiffon bows; Miss Dymock, black sarge skirt and black Liberty silk blues. large bishop sleaves, picture hat of black with pink gwars, pink oregon trimmed with lace; Mrs Faulknor, black coetume; Miss Byrnock, black serge skirt and black Liberty silk blues. large bishop sleaves, picture hat of black with pink gwars, pink oregon trimmed with lace; Mrs Faulknor, black coetume; Miss Bardour, black and pink bonnet; Miss bornous till shaw, and the coetume; silk shaw, pently week; with pink flowers

A PRIVATE DANCE

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given by Mrs. Coleman in the Athenseum Hall was one of the smartest functions of the week. The decorations were lovely, especially the tree ferns. From the ceiling hung huge Japanese unbrellas and Chinese lenierns. The carpeted stafrase was an excellent lounging place, whilst others preferred the cosy and stage of the control of the

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came off in the Drill-shed. His Excellency the Governor, the Courtest of Glasgow and suite wate present, also officers from the Ringarooms and Goldfuch. The affair was a very successful one. Lady Glasgow looked charming in a dove grey slik richly trimmed with white lace, diamond ornaments; Lady Alice Boyle wore blue slik; Mrs Russell, black and yellow. Mrs Mine Thomson, black: Mrs Griffin, black; Mrs Naira, black: Mrs Wenley, black with yellow elevers; Mrs Lusk, white satin: Mrs Norris, plack and black: Mrs Gorone, blue velver: Miss Miller, white: Miss Fostick, lace: Mrs Goro, blue velver: Miss Miller, white: Miss Fostick, white: Miss Gorone, blue velver: Miss Briller, white: Miss Growne, white: Miss Williams, black: Miss Rameell, grey silk: Misses Watts, pompadour broades; Miss R. Hill, blue brocade; Misses Price (two), lebnon and plak: Miss Campbell, white: Misses Brymock, one in pick and green, the other in plak; Miss Baltour, yellow; Miss Butta, white; Miss Baltour, white; Miss Sutton, plak: Misses Marden, white; Miss Foster, black: Miss Shiney, blue velvet: Miss Locking, white: Miss Crome, white: Miss Nairn, white: Miss Williams, white; Miss Cotterill, yellow; Miss Binney, blue velvet: Miss Locking, white procade, Misses Misses Mishe, Collins, and Kettle, the Misses Baltour and Williams.

ACOMPLIMENTARY SUPPER.

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was given by the Hawke's Bay Club to the Governor and warship officers on Thursday from seven till ten.

For the

AGRICULTURAL SHOW

we had spring weather. On Fridey it was a gala day in Hastings, and there was a crowded altendance. Lady Giusgo w wore green and there was a crowded altendance. Lady Giusgo w wore green and there was a crowded altendance. Lady Giusgo w wore green in the secondary of the seconda

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DEAR BEE, Mrs Wallis gave a very large "AT HOME" AT BIBHOP'S COURT

on Tursday afternoon from 4 to 6 p.in. There were more propie present than I have ever seen at an afternoon reception before. Delicions tea, coffee, and cakes were served in the dining-room. The test-table was decorated with pots of hot house blooms, and looked vory pretty. Mer Waills received her guesta in an electric blue surah slik gown, with shot slik sleaves and revers; the bodice was prettilly trimmed with cere point less. Among those present I

noticed Mrs Annon, who were a dark serge jacket and shirt, prestry jet bonnest trimmen with peasing; Mrs Anchrort, black in Mrs Jimmed with passing; Mrs Jacker, black bonnest trimmed with with all like and itst. Mrs Jimmed with and the problem of the shirt of the problem of the with plant of the problem of the with plant of the problem of the mile like and itst. Mrs Jimmed with milenostics: Mrs Beil brown I alion-made contumbation of the milenostics of the problem of the milenostics of the milenostics

A LARGE GARDEN PARTY

was given by Mrs Tollurat on Wednesday atternoon from 3.30 to 6 o'clock. Unfortunately there was a high wind blowing, and to ward evening rain fell rather heavily, which put a stop to the dancing on the lawn and other outdoor amasements. However, dancing was indulged in with great spirit inside; is a large room prepared for the purpose. Mrs Tollurat received her guests in a handsome black silk gown trimmed with jet and chirole, jet bonnet with tips. Miss Tollurat wore a brown cloth gown trimmed with jet and chirole, jet of the state of the state