light blouse and dark skirt, large black velvet hat: Miss Bartieman, pale grey skirt, white mostin blouse, white satior hat with white wings; Miss Gwan Roberts, brown cloth coarme trimmed with terra cotta, broade, brown atraw hat with brown tulle and ribbon; Miss Boyd, blue muslin blouse, white straw satior hat; Miss F, Rattray, sage green dress trimmed with white satin and sleek best blouses, and little the sating and straw hat straw sating and sleek best blouses and kitch trams with pink roses; Niss Siss, blue blouses striped with white, annul satior hat; wiss La. Siss, blue blouse striped with white, annul satior hat; wiss La. MacLaren, blue and white striped shirt, dark skir; small brown straw hat trimmed with comflowers; Miss E. MacLaren, pale pink blouse, coarse white straw hat trimmed with mulberry coloured ribbon; Miss flatcheide, gray spotted costume with pink blouse, which was very tastefully decorated with the tastabla, which was very tastefully decorated with the tastabla, which was very tastefully decorated with the contact which the satisfies and sweets of all descriptions, which was done ample justice to by everybody.

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PALMERSTON NORTH.

MARCH 24.

There have been various little gaioties in honour of polo visitors. On Thursday evening Mrs Lienel Abraham e a very successful little

DINNER PARTY

at her pretty residence. To Renara. The table was nicely decorated with roses and ferms. Among the guests were Mr and Mrs Rister Clark Christchurch, Mand Her Strang (Foxton), Mrs and Mrs Watron (Gleborne), Mus Keiller (Rangitiken), and Mesers Wilson, Henna and Williamson.
On Saturday evening the members of the Manawatu Club catertained the genilemen visitors at a smoke concert at the Manawatu Club. A most enjoyable evening was apent by all present. Mesers Morro, Clark, Crupp, Etkington, Kennedy, Grant, Baker and Abraham contributed songs, Mr Cohen a violin Solo, Mr Gunter a pisacorter solo, and Mr Barraud a recitation. Toasts, 'The Queen,' 'Polo Association,' Guests,' National Sports,' Competing Teams,' were given and responded to in the usual hearty manner.

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POLO TOURNAMENT.

On the third day Priday there were some very pretty dresses to be seen on the Grand-stand. Mrs Fitzherbert were a handsome black silk coatume with bodies of pais green silk covered with black lace, black jet bonnet trimmed with pick velvet and white bodies of pais green silk covered with black lace, black jet bonnet trimmed with pick velvet and white bodies of pais and the pretty black chiffon hat with shot, green ribbon; Mrs G. Fotts, green a segs skirt, pretty olive silk bodies of man of the pretty black chiffon hat with shot, green ribbon; Mrs G. Fotts, green a segs skirt, pretty olive silk bodies of miss. Wait, green a segs skirt, pretty olive silk bodies of miss. Wait, green a segs skirt, pretty olive silk bodies of the silk with pick roses and black feathers; Mrs Norman Codice, pretty floral toque; Mrs Baldwin, beautifully ditting tailor-made navy blue citch costume trimmed with black braid, very nextly bluck hat; Miss Richies, black skirt, very pretty pick black hat with silks Richies black skirt, very pretty black hat; Miss Richies, black skirt, very pretty blue hat sake his pretty black skirt, were pretty pretty place and the pretty of the skirt were pretty pretty place and the pretty of the skirt were pretty pretty black and the pretty of the skirt were pretty pretty black and the pretty of the skirt were pretty pretty black and the pretty of the skirt were pretty pretty black and the pretty of the skirt were pretty pretty black and white strings in the skirt pretty white musin with black spots black said skirt pretty black and white strings silk blouse, white said with white flat and brown ribbon; Miss Else McLennan, pale blue costume, pretty black hat; Miss Ada McLennan, pale blue costume, pretty black hat; Miss Ada McLennan, pale blue costume, pretty black hat; Miss Ada McLe

striped silk blouse, large black hat with white feathers; Mrs Hamilton, pretty brown costume, hat to match; etc.

SYMKHANA SPORTS.

Hamilton, printy brown contume, hat to match; etc.

On Wednesday (25th) the washer was a very disagreeable in the meening but cleared up in the atternoon, when there was a large attendance despite the high wind blowing. A great number of the ladies were the same dresses as on previous days. Mrs G. Gould looked well in navy bite serge, striped black and white vext. preity black hat with black and white ribbon; Mrs A. Clark, lovely black repos gown; Mrs H. Rhodes, dark skirt, and the common the common that the common that the common that mrs the containe, said or hat; Miss C. Randolph, never blue serge trimmed with fur; Mrs Brandon, fawn tweed, sailor hat; Miss Kelly, black serges costume; Miss Toward, black creons skirt musling black serges costume; Miss Toward, black creons skirt musling black serges costume; Miss Toward, black creons skirt musling black serges costume; Miss Toward, black creons skirt musling black serges costume; Miss Toward, black creons skirt musling black serges costume; Miss Toward, black creons skirt musling black serges costume; Miss Toward, black creons skirt musling black creons, hodies trimmed with pais blue silk, but to match; Miss Mrs Mrs D. Macinities becoming brown tailor-made costume; Miss France (Ranguitsell, pretty grey costume trimmed with green should be tailed to make costume; Mrs D. Riddiford, lovely black creon dress; Miss Streag, red shot silk dress, lovely olive green mantle trimmed with fur; Mrs It. S. Abraham, becoming navy blue taile made costume; Mrs D. Riddiford, lovely black creon dress; Miss Streag, red shot silk dress, lovely polive green mantle trimmed with fur; Mrs It. S. Abraham, becoming the kind of the silk brown velvet, callor hat, Mrs Elzherbert, who will be serge skirmen; Mrs Rich

MARCH 28. THE COUNTIES' BALL

ment evest; Mrs H. Waldegrave, brown contume, etc.

DEAR BEE,

THE COUNTIES BALL

held on Tuesday night in the Theatre Royal was a very successful affair. It was really got up for the entertainment of visitors here during the pole tournament, and a word of praise is due to the goes, notably among the latter Mesdames Fitzherbert, Macintire, L. Abraham, R. S. Abraham, and Stanford, with a bevy of fair assistants. The decorations were most artistic, consisting of the various colours of the Polo Clubs, relieved with cabbagi trees, palms, tof and rapp. The dress circle was carpeted and made front of the circle was draped with pink and green the Manawatu colours, and the sides, respectively, one with Manawatu colours, and the sides, respectively, one with orange and white, the Ranglitic colours, and the other with red, white, and blue, the Christchurch colours. A splead cold, white, and blue, the Christchurch colours. A splead cold, white, and blue, the Christchurch colours, and the other with red, white, and all that could be desired. The tables were prettily decorated with crinkled paper, and corresponded to the different colours of the Polo Clubs, and Marguerite daisies. There were some lovely dresses worm, but it was impossible to see all a very hand some cream brocade and lovely dismond ornaments; Mrs Strang, handsome cream brocade with side panish of lovely ment of the circle with the chiffon. Mrs Stanford, black velvet; Mrs A. Skerman, blue; Mrs Homan, white satin, Mss Hitchings (tehndaret), very protty white sith trimmed with white chiffon; Mrs Stanford, black velvet; Mrs A. Skerman, blue; Mrs Homan, white satin, Mss Hitchings (tehndaret), very protty white satin, in Mss Hitchings (tehndaret), very protty white satin trimmed with white chiffon; Mrs Stanford, black velve; Mrs A. Skerman, blue; Mrs Homan, white satin, Mss Eliot, pretty white satin white satin, Mss Eliotrope velve relieved with a light provided and amber chrysanthenums; Miss Chambers, retty heliotrope sating and print provided with the provided

CISBORNE.

There seems very little in the way of galety to chronicle this week. TENNIS

at the Club's Courts last Saturday as usual attracted a good many players and speciators. Amongst the ladies present were. Mr

Gudgeon, wearing a pretty costume of grey and black; her daughter looked well in a flowered mustin; Miss G. Crawford wors a well ittling black gown; Miss Wetson, mustin bloose, brown selfs, fawn hat trimmed with abot silk; Miss Newton, blue bloose, brown selfs, sallor hat; Miss Passey, light bloose and skirt; Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks. The Menisal Company of the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks. The Menisal Company of the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks. The Menisal Company of the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks. The Menisal Company of the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks. The Menisal Company of the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks. The Menisal Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks and the Country of the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue from the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks and her Country of the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue from the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks and her form of the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks and her form of the Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue frocks. The Misses E. and M. Williamson, blue

CHILDREN'S DANCE.

which all the little ones seemed to enjoy thoroughly. Mr Fergusson (who, by the bye, has decided to remain in Poverty Bay for the winted and fir Cromble did all they could to assist in amusing all Mr Cromble's fronds will be pleased to hear that he is one of the lucky shareholders in the new Juliet mine at Coolgarding one who knows Mr Cromble will. I am sure, grudge him his good fortune, as his many sterling qualities have made him as great a favourite in Globorne as he is in the neighbourhood of his sheen station at the Mahia.

A great number of townspeople left Gisborne for the Waimata Hall last night, where a

CONCERT AND DANCE

was to be held. Most of those from town stayed all night at the station homesteads in the valley, and returned to town this normag. Mr William Ken way. I believe, originated the idea of helding a series of these entertainments during the summer, and they have all proved most accessful.

Mrs Willock is wearing a smart contune of brown can vas, small sailor hat; Miss Willia looks well in an electric bine costume, becoming hat; Miss Willia looks well in an electric bine costume, becoming hat; Miss Adair I noticed the other day looking very pretty in dark gown, lace collarate and cuffs; wiss M. Handelmonks chie in a light bines, days kitr and sailor hat; she also carries a small white waiking stick.

Mr Mann bas returned from Auckland, and looks much better for his trip.

Mr and Mrs H. N. Watson have been staying in Palmerston North during the Polo Tournament.

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DEAR BEE,

MARCH 24.

The Misses Greensill had another of their very jolly TEX AND TRANS

parties on Wednesday last. As pural lately, the weather did not look at all promising. Still, a fair number turned up to do justice at the dainty yiands and delicious tes served out under the trees surrounding the tennis ground. Some capital games were played too, and the lookers on enjoyed themselves as well as the players. Miss May Greensill looked very pretty in a French grey cashmere skirl, cream silk blouses smocked with yellow silk; Miss Billed Andrews looked elegant in an English tailor-made checked gream tweed costume, yellow silk bloue, white sailor hat with black volvet band; Mrs H. Dobson wore a fashionable white sputted white prices with pair ones; made checked gream white picture hat; Mrs Seely, black gown, with small bonned rimmed with pair pins rowes; Mrs Laelet, black and stripe Greensill two, Sodgwick, W. Bailtie, etc.

Mrs Bedgwick's

AFTERNOON

on Friday was well attended. Among those present were Mrs Duckworth, Miss Duckworth, and Miss Harper (England), Mes-dames H. C. Seymour, J. Greenalli, Seely, Allen, Scott, Baille, Philpott, Miss Howard, etc., etc., Most of the party evolved into a bee, and did good work for the forthcoming barner at

er. the evening Mr Buick, the member for Marlborough, gave

AN ADDRESS

to the electors on politics in general. He also presented the M.H.R. medal won by Master Christopher Seely for the highest number of marks gained by boys in the town schools of Mariborough. The intedal is a very handsome silver star with a gold centre bearing inscription and date, and Master Seely's win is a very popular one here. Consternation fell upon us when Mr Bulck informed us that we were likely to be wiped out as a borough—that is, unless the electors rise in a body to protest.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

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The Seymour crew, who are all old Picton boys, arrived in town on Wednesday with their new Chapper boat and their independent of the Chapper boat in the Chapper

at Kills hay, housing the Harris, of Kills Hay, is staying with Mr and the ausses state in the Harris, of Kills Hay, is staying with Mr and the care of Mr It. On Saturday the Tua Marina Schools, under the care of Mr It. Howard, came into town by train and proceeded down the Sound as far as Torea in the ss., "Torea." Some of the children had never been in a train or on board a steamer before. They were in high spirits when they left the Picton station for home again, cheering the Government for the cheap fares, Captain Fisk, their teachers, and everybody.

JEAN,

BLENHEIM.

DEAR BEE.

MARCH 18.

We are quite gay just now, for yesterday being SL Patrick's Day, the

HUBERNIAN SPORTS

were held on the Crinkot Ground and largely attended, and the concert last night went off very successfully. The Marlborough Racing Club held their

AUTUMN HACK MEETING TO-DAY,

and the whole affair was a great success and the management deserve great credit. The races were promptly rim, but the fields were large, and the stater seemed inexperienced. The course were large, and the stater seemed inexperienced. The course was very hard, and the day very close and warm, which tried the choses a great deal. The big dividend of the day was won by 1r. Closher, and the wind paid over \$10, and the wine was a position of the product of